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Sweating SysAdmins

## Rocket Science Responsibility



In a dim room buzzing with static, our fixer leaned in and asked: What if public institutions join the Fediverse?

The interviewee smiled. “Responsibility. They must own it. They hold the keys to their data’s secrets.”

“Imagine your space agency runs a Mastodon node. Rocket science isn’t a helpdesk ticket —experts must speak for their work.” They laughed. “You can’t dump moderation on a tired sysadmin.”

“Think 100K users, each with a server: Every community becomes its own governance stage —moderation as choreography, ownership as ritual, trust as currency.”

The talk ended fast. They were right. Indeed, the Fediverse feels electric and risky at the same time. If institutions join in, accountability won’t be dry policy: it will be an intense power play.

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