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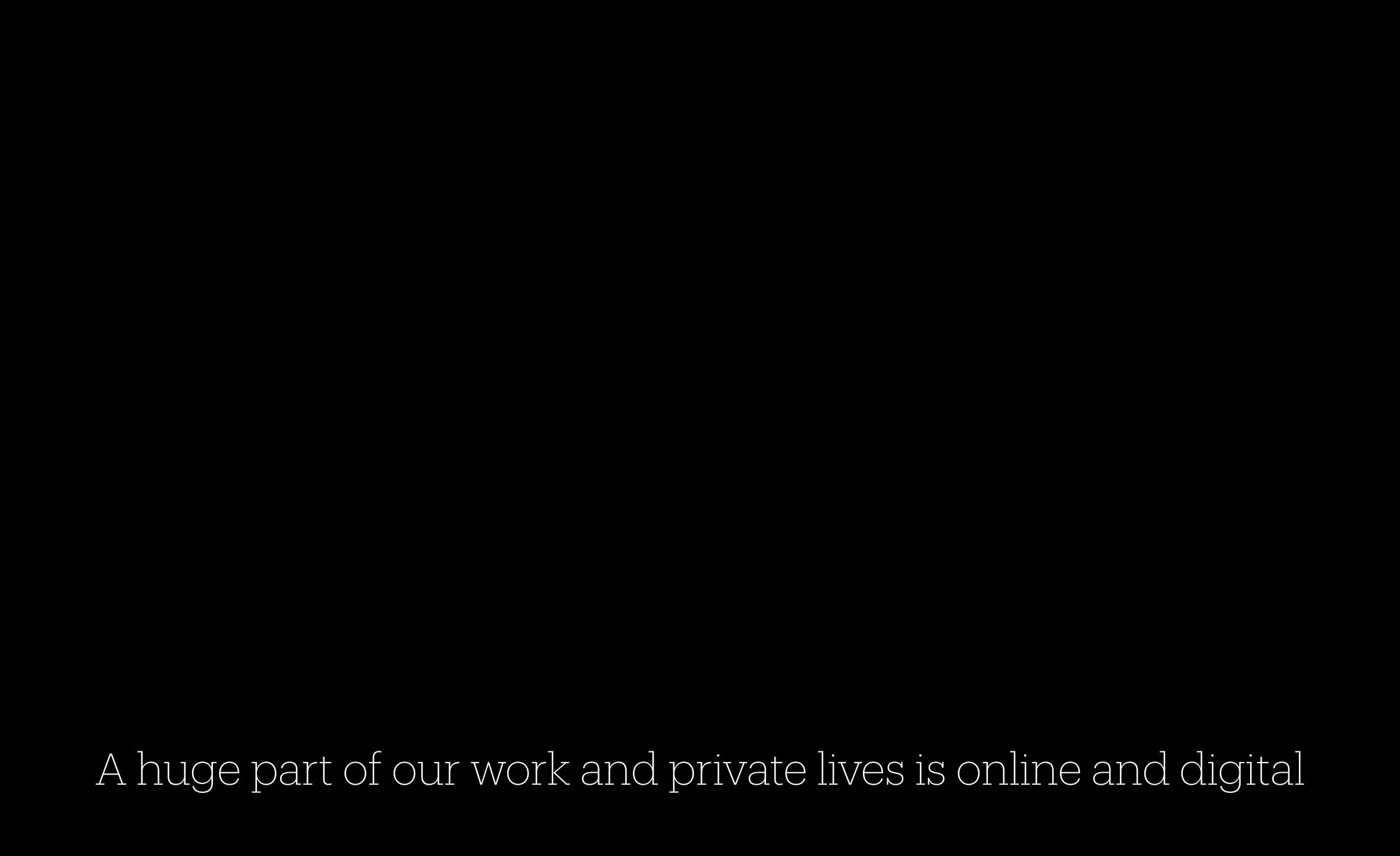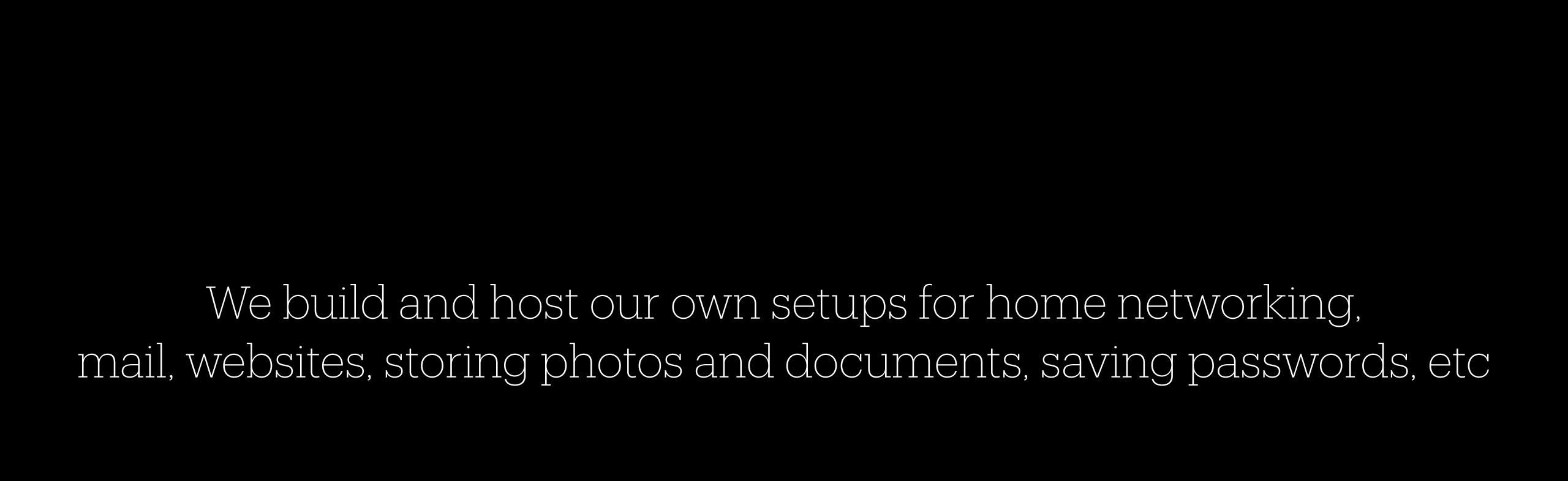
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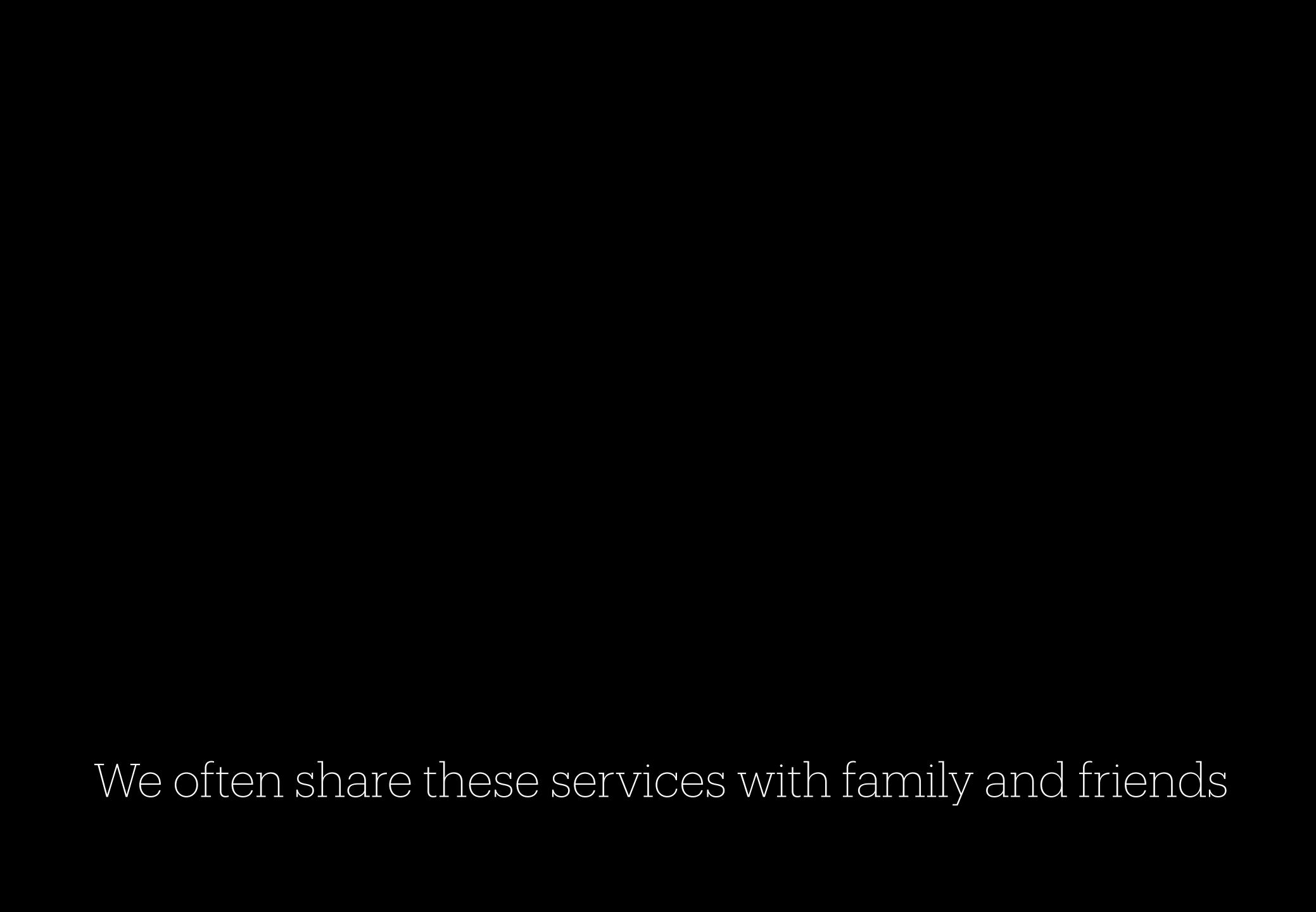
This talk is inspired by observations made after several people in the community passed away

A huge part of our work and private lives is online and digital

But in some aspects many of us are a bit different from most people

We build and host our own setups for home networking,
mail, websites, storing photos and documents, saving passwords, etc

This is a good thing!
It allows us to test, learn, share, and grow
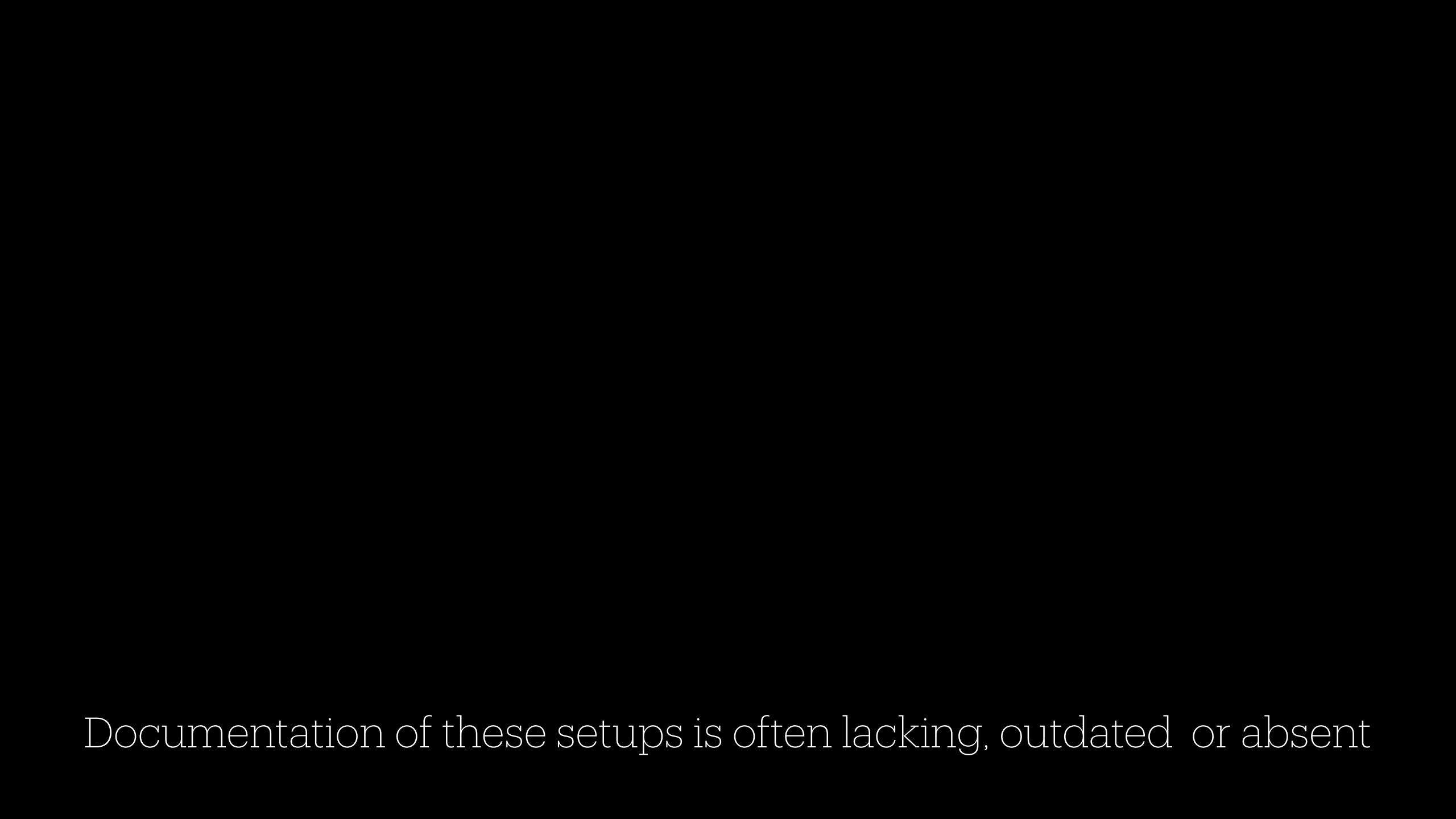
We often share these services with family and friends

We have online friends most relatives aren't aware of:
IRC, Discord, gaming, community projects

But what happens
when we're not here anymore?

Do relatives know who needs to be notified and invited?

We often use many passwords, strong crypto,
MFA, hardware tokens, passphrases, VPNs, ACLs

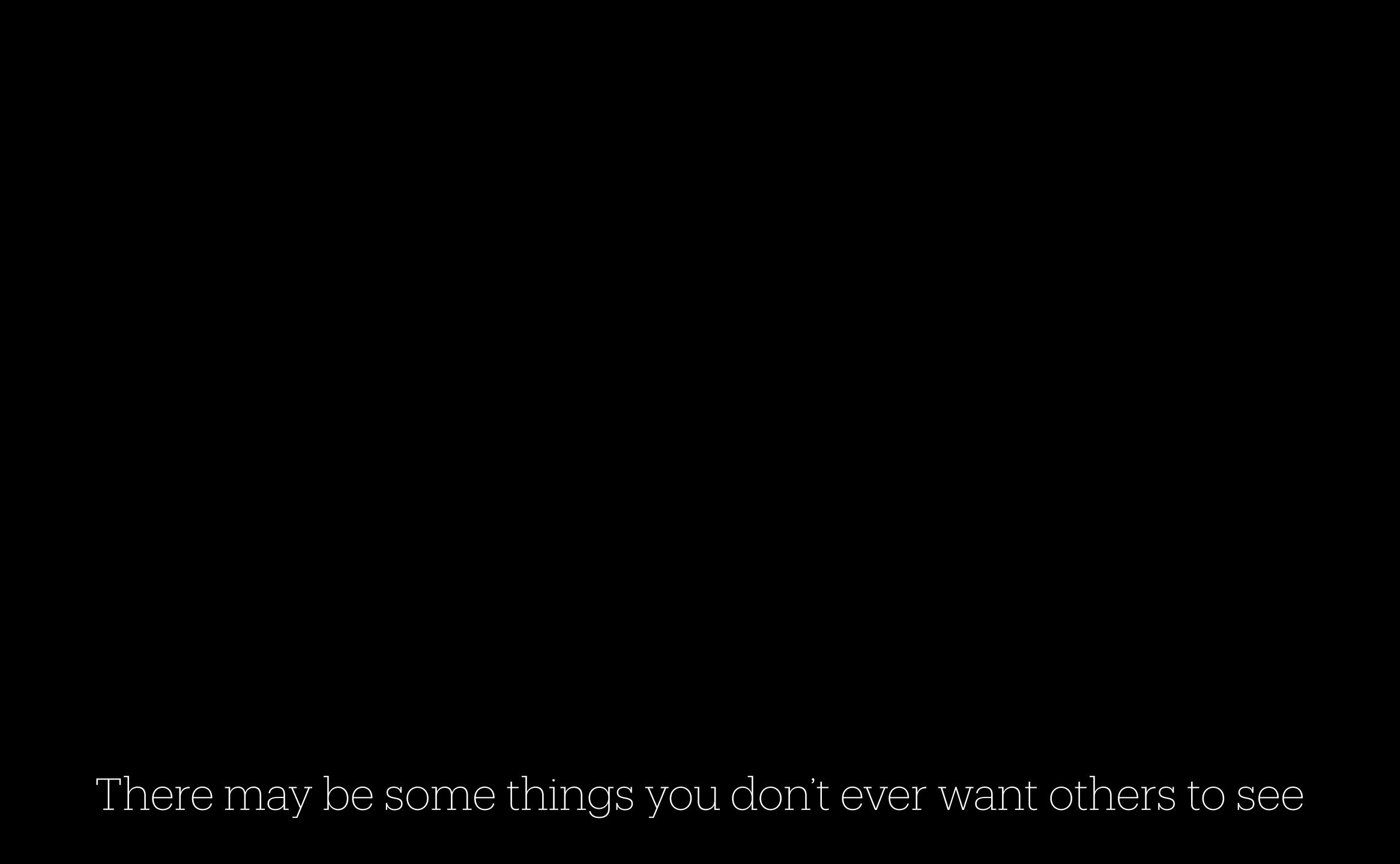Documentation of these setups is often lacking, outdated or absent

Relatives have no idea
where to start

And they often lack
knowledge and skills

Document important things
Tell relatives where to find this

Let people know who to reach out to
for technical help, and for informing other people

Write down which services you buy and why,
and what deals you have with friends and employers

There may be some things you don't ever want others to see

You may want to ensure people don't access
your personal things before they need to

Some applications and services offer options
to hand over access under specific circumstances

These measures are also useful when
your unavailability isn't permanent

There is no single solution that works for everyone
Pick what suits your situation and needs

Don't forget to update your documentation
when your setup changes!

And finally: please don't wait too long...

Thank you!