

Decentralization: Philosophy or Platform?

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Dictionary.com: Decentralize

- American Heritage Dictionary
 - “To distribute the administrative functions or powers of (a central authority) among several local authorities”
 - “To undergo redistribution or dispersal away from a central location or authority”
- Webster's
 - “To prevent from centralizing”
 - “To cause to withdraw from the center or place of concentration”
 - “To divide and distribute (what has been united or concentrated)”
- WordNet
 - “Withdrawn from a center or place of concentration”
 - “Especially having power or function dispersed from a central to local authorities”

“D-Centralization”

- “Device Centralization”
- Decentralization away from one category of computing Device towards another category of Device
- Examples
 - Mainframe devices to PC devices
 - Wired (or tethered) devices to Wireless devices
 - Smart devices (with large amounts of memory and storage) to Palm-size devices

Decentralization

- As a philosophy
 - Look at the literal meaning of “decentralize”:
distribution of function or power away from a central concentration of authority
- As a platform
 - *Device Centralization (or “D-Centralization”)*:
decentralization away from one category of computing Device towards another category of Device

Decentralization is about Both

- A new people-based philosophy or focus within the current computing ecosystem
- A new personal device-based movement from a computing platform perspective
- Implication: need to be very clear about the context in which Decentralization is being discussed

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