



Local-first Data Lab

SOUPS 2026 Workshop on UX Patterns for Local-First Technologies



We invite designers, researchers, and practitioners working on privacy-enhancing technologies and local-first software to join us for a hands-on design workshop at SOUPS 2026.

What is this workshop?

We'll work in small groups to workshop and refine UX design patterns for local-first software: applications where data lives on the user's device, not a central server.



Pattern candidates will be drawn from the Decent Patterns library and from participants' own submitted challenges. Refined patterns will be published openly in the library.

Who should attend?

UX designers, HCI researchers, and privacy technologists with experience in any of:

- Local-first or offline-first software
- Decentralized or peer-to-peer applications
- End-to-end encrypted or zero-knowledge systems

No prior experience with design patterns is required.

How to participate

The workshop is open to all SOUPS attendees. To help plan groups and prepare pattern materials in advance, we ask participants to sign up before the event.

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