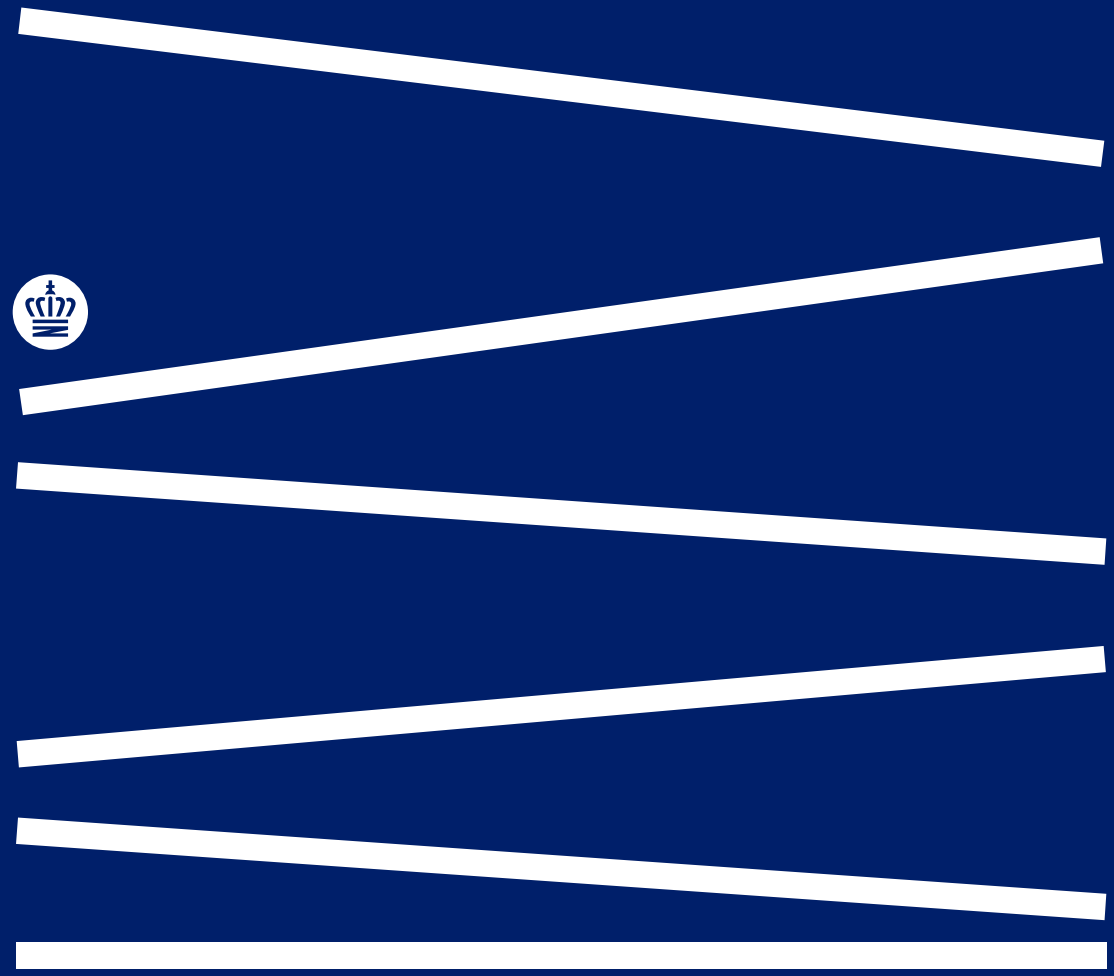
Use of technology, architecture to reduce risks

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Architecture as a panopticon

- A building so arranged that all parts of the interior are visible from a single point
- An area where everything is visible
- The feeling of being in a panopticon
- Glass surfaces; to see and be seen
- Possibility of permanent surveillance in the reading room by library guests, staff who passes by and reading room users
- The monitoring becomes so complete that it possibly does not need to be exercised

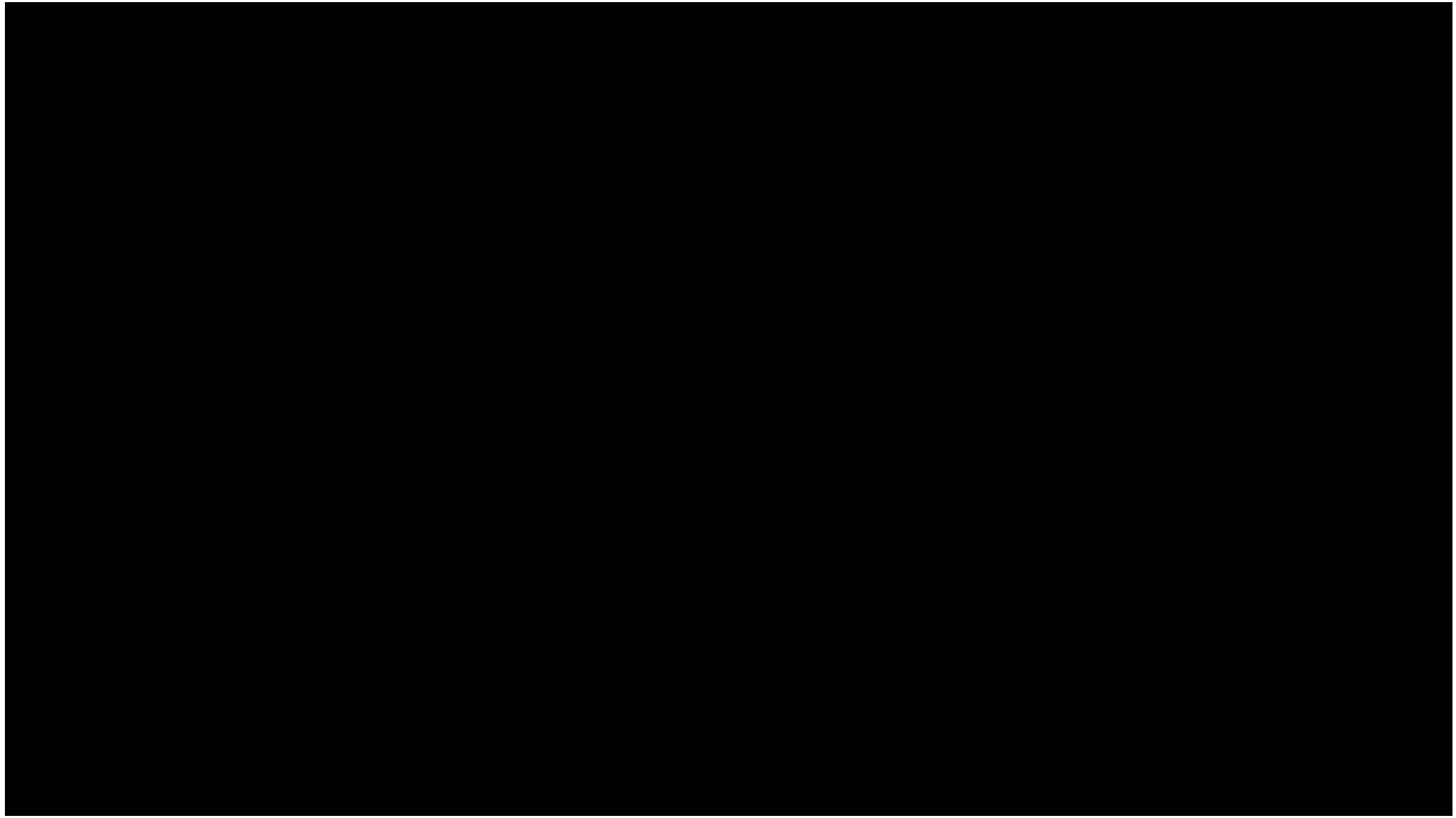


Use of technology

- Open glass facades
- Overlooking balconies
- Overlooking office areas
- Clean surfaces
- Transparency
- Light
- Avoid blind spots / pillars



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Other technologies

- CCTV (and the knowledge of it)
- Random seating (chosen by staff)
- Different security zones
- Staff placed in several directions
- Weighing
- Registering / showing ID
- Photograph users
- Descriptive catalogue posts



Is it safe?

- With all this in mind, how is it possible for a user to go under the radar in a reading room of a panopticon kind?
- Do we want a reading room of a panopticon kind?
- What is it like to work in a reading room of a panopticon kind (users and staff)?
- What does it do to us?

