Data Generator for SSI interactions

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Background and Problem Common use-cases of Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI) implementations involve interacting with Schema, Credential Definition and Proof Request data representations. Reading these is one thing, writing another. Writing a full proof request is relatively cumbersome, repetetive, and error-prone as they are often nested JSON objects or some data structure representation corallary. For general-purpose data there exist such libraries such as faker. Regularly, especially in a development context, a developer simply wants to create a mock or arbitrary proof request for testing purposes. This also implies creating mock schemas and credential definitions.

Proposed Solution In order to address the problem at hand one can create a data-generator that:

- 1. Can generate proofs/proof requests filled with 'random' but valid data
- $2.\,$ Can generate credentials and credential requests with 'random' but valid data

This can also be extended to be a general-purpose data-generator for Hyperledger Aries that is able produce mock data for any datatype used in interactions.

Research questions

- 1. How can such generator best be implemented?
- 2. What is the scope of such a generator?
- 3. How would the generator deal with JSON-LD data?
 - 1. For instance, should there be a common resource/server to provide such mock data? See also schema.org
- 4. What are the limitations of such generator?
 - 1. For instance, providing sensible values and comparators for attributes and predicates

Relevant Sources

- 1. JSON-LD
- 2. schema.org
- 3. faker
- 4. Hyperledger Aries Present Proof v2