Working Group Charter

This Working Group Charter establishes the Scope and intellectual property terms used to develop the materials identified in this Working Group Charter for the Project. Only Project Steering Members, Associates, and Contributors that Joined the Working Group will be bound by its terms and be permitted to participate in this Working Group.

1. Working Group Name. **Claims and Credentials WG**

2. Working Group Scope.

   - **Claims & Credential Interoperable Formats:** Develop interoperable formats for broad adoption around Claim & Credential processes within SSI. These include
     - Static Payload Formats like: Verifiable Credential, Verifiable Presentation, CredentialSubject Schemas (building on top of the W3C formats - only if the extension is a requirement by DIF partners, see "out of scope")
     - Data formats that support the communication between one and more participants in regard to Credential processes. For Example: Credential Manifest (Requirements for Issuing a new Credential), Presentation Definition (Requirements for presenting existing proofs, (partial, verifiable) credentials and unverifiable data), Presentation Submission (Response format to a Presentation Definition).
     - Documentation of existing formats and protocols that are in use or under active development by existing SSI ecosystems and industry partners. Support in unifying migrating those to more interoperable formats / standards.
   - **Claims & Credential Taxonomies:** There is currently no coordinated effort to align the contexts used in the highly-flexible verifiable credentials format. For example, what is the best way to encode a KYC check, credit score, user consent, or proof of employment? There are indeed independent efforts such as Sovrin's Schemas and Overlays and education-focused efforts from Learning Machine, but to ensure true interoperability and ultimately broad market adoption of our standards we must begin early to invite participation from key industry stakeholders and vendors. Ideally, we will collaborate, reach an agreement on methodology, and produce concrete first drafts of industry-specific standards.

Out of scope

   - W3C-prescribed data formats: JSON-LD, jsonschema, VC format, etc. We will defer to the upstream W3C committees to decide the acceptable data formats, and in cases where they don't exist, we will make a best effort to coordinate with the W3C without slowing our own efforts.

3. Copyright Policy. Each Working Group must specify the copyright mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The copyright mode for this Working Group is.

   ■ Creative Commons Attribution 4.0, as set forth in Appendix A,
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4. Approved Deliverable Patent Licensing. Each Working Group must specify the patent mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The patent mode for this Working Group is:

   ■ W3C Mode, as set forth in Appendix A,

   The assurances provided in the selected patent mode are binding on the Working Group Participant's successors-in-interest. In addition, each Working Group Participant will include in any documents transferring ownership of patents subject to the assurance provisions sufficient to ensure that the commitments in the assurance are binding on the transferee, and that the transferee will similarly include appropriate provisions in the event of future transfers with the goal of binding each successor-in-interest.

5. <u>Source Code</u>. Working Group Participants contributing source code to this Working Group agree that those source code contributions are subject to the Developer Certificate of Origin version 1.1, available at http://developercertificate.org/, and the license indicated below. Source code may not be a required element of an Approved Deliverable specification.

    ■   Apache 2.0, available at http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html.

6. <u>Non-Working Group Participant Feedback and Participation</u>. Upon the Approval of the Working Group Participants, the Working Group can request feedback from and/or allow Non-Working Group Participant participation in a Working Group, subject to each Non-Working Group Participant executing the Feedback Agreement set forth in <u>DIF Feedback Agreement</u>

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