



Introduction to

Self-Sovereign Identity



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Nice to Meet You

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AGENDA

1. Two Tales: Self-Sovereign Identity
2. SSI: The Movement
3. SSI: The Technology
4. Pairing the Two: Uses & Applications
5. Where to Learn More & Get Involved
6. Audience Q&A



TWO PARTS

Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI)



The Movement



The Technology



SELF – SOVEREIGN IDENTITY

The Movement

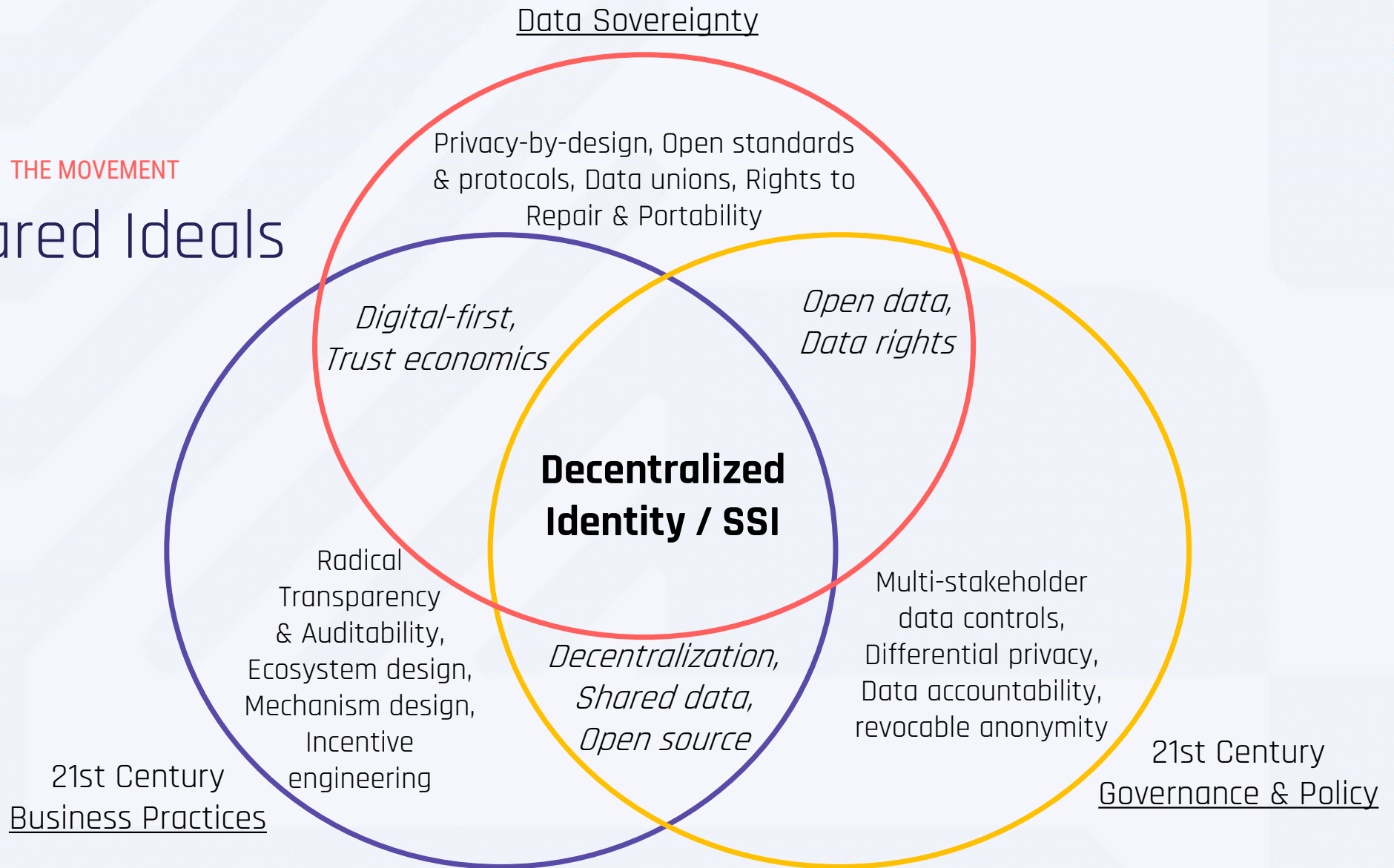
Influential writers and essayists:

- **Kim Cameron** ("Laws of Identity", 2005)
- **Doc Searls** (co-founded IIW in 2005 with...)
- **Kaliya Young** (...who gives this talk some years!)
- **Christopher Allen** (author of "10 principles" and of slide #6!)



THE MOVEMENT

Shared Ideals





TWO MAJOR TRACKS

Less Identity + Trustless Identity



*"Legally-Enabled
Self-Sovereign" Identity**

*Or more properly
"Trust Minimized" Identity*

Key characteristics:

- Minimum Disclosure
- Full Control
- Necessary Proofs
- Legally-Enabled

Key characteristics:

- Anonymity
- Web of Trust
- Censorship Resistance
- Defend Human Rights vs. Powerful Actors
(nation states, multi-national corps,
mafias, etc.)



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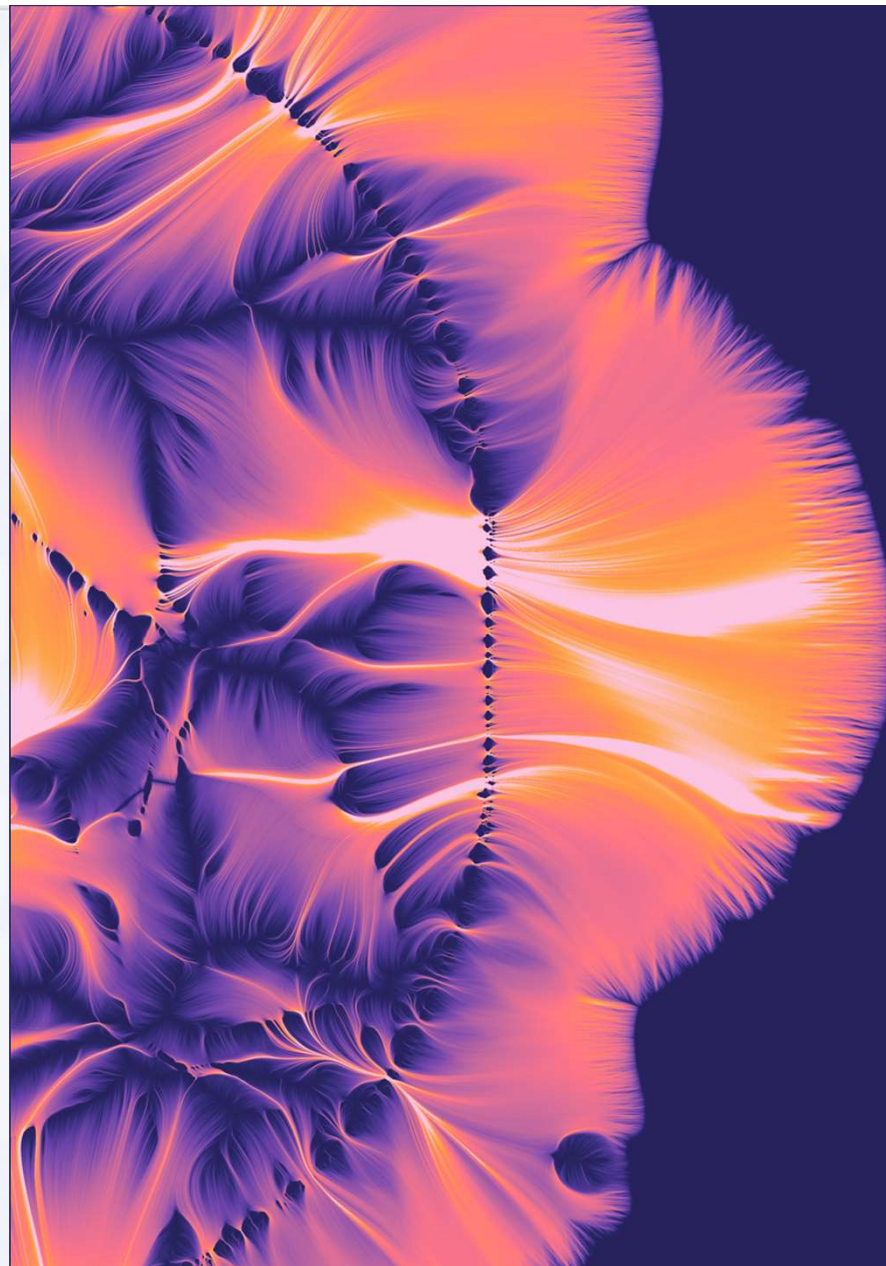


- Originally coined by Tim Bouma (@trbouma) <https://medium.com/@trbouma/less-identity-65f65d87f56b>
- See also Christopher Allen's [presentation](#) at Odyssey 2020



SELF – SOVEREIGN IDENTITY

The Technology





Identity is the gene of software applications.



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EXISTING WAY OF DOING THINGS

Centralized Identity

Our “identities” (assembling into “profiles”) are stored away on the servers of identity providers, which own the structure, the content, and the access rights to everything we do.

They lend us a key, but they can change the locks, or throw away the contents. We are but lowly subjects of the data barons.





EXISTING WAY OF DOING THINGS 2.0

Federated Identity

By linking together silos into a “federation,” managers of businesses, platforms and services can outsource the “ID checks” at the door, making them interchangeable and interoperable. Authentication is tricky business, and most relying parties are happy to offload this headache...

...onto ever more powerful middlemen who now hold richer, multi-silo identities on all of us in exchange for this convenience. Single-Sign On makes the data barons into data emperors.





PAST WAY OF DOING THINGS CAUSED

Today's Problems

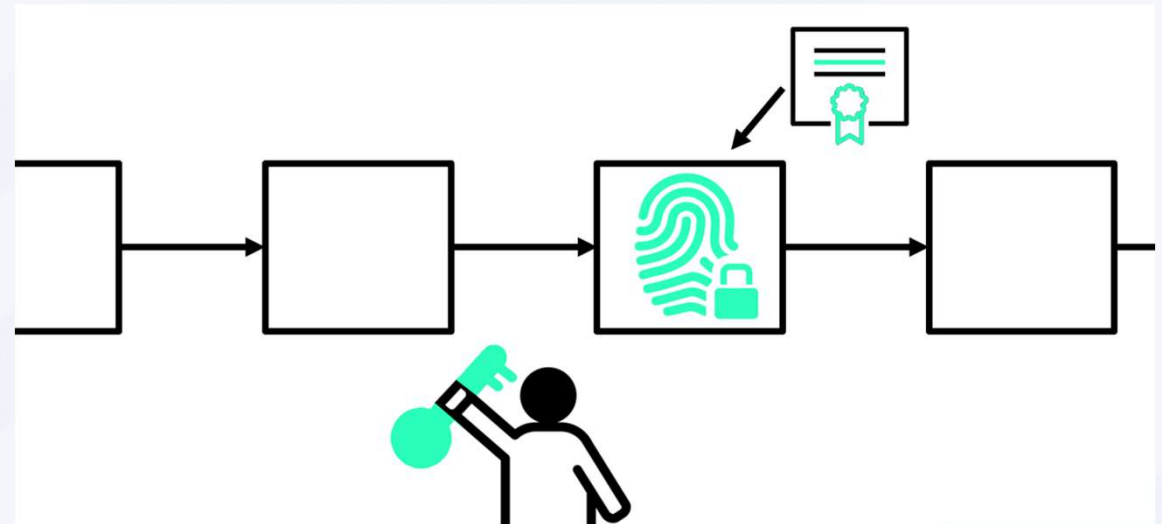
- Usage data collected to create detailed profiles with **all-or-nothing access**, often without any consent, much less **informed** consent
- Who **owns** user data & decides how it's used?
- Difficult to delegate or attenuate access or privileges dynamically or retroactively
- Users **can't control** how their data is secured or shared (or notified if there is a breach)
- Single points of failure and **honeypots** everywhere
- Usernames + Password databases are an attack surface
- **Data bloat:** businesses taking on liability for more data than they need
- There is no identity layer that persists across all systems
- Lacking data portability



WEB 3.0 WAY OF DOING THINGS

Decentralized Identity

Blockchains and DLTs aren't perfect, but they're the best way currently stable and production-ready for self-publishing and self-controlling the cryptographic keys for our identity. Some work (such as KERI and Sidetree) are pushing the envelope on other ways of decentralizing public key infrastructure.





SELF – SOVEREIGN IDENTITY

Tech Foundations

Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs): self-controlled, digital fingerprints assigned to people, entities, or things

Verifiable Credentials (VCs): Like “files” but with granular controls baked in. Timothy Ruff’s “shipping container” analogy is apt.

Resolvers (“Mini DNS”): can function as local namespaces (or not)

Secure Data Storage (“lockers/vaults”): Extend granular controls to underlying data
(new name being announced... tomorrow?)

Cutting-edge **Privacy-preserving Crypto**:
Zero-Knowledge, Differential Privacy, MPC, etc

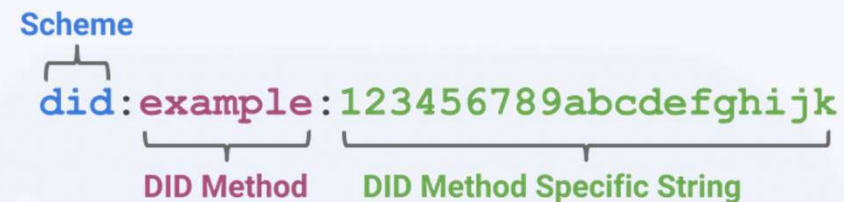
Wallets and/or Agents: Web interfaces beyond the “browser”/“app” paradigm



DEFINITION

Decentralized Identifiers

- A **Decentralized Identifier (DID)** is a new type of identifier that is *globally unique*, *resolvable* with high availability, and cryptographically *verifiable*.
- The purpose of the DID document is to describe the public keys, authentication protocols, and service endpoints necessary to bootstrap cryptographically-verifiable interactions with the identified entity.



```
{
  "@context": ["https://www.w3.org/2019/did/v1", "https://w3id.org/security/v1"],
  "id": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi",
  ...
  "publicKey": [{
    "id": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi#keys-1",
    "type": "RsaVerificationKey2018",
    "controller": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi",
    "publicKeyPem": "-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY...END PUBLIC KEY-----\r\n"
  }, {
    "id": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi#keys-2",
    "type": "Ed25519VerificationKey2018",
    "controller": "did:example:pqrstuvwxyz0987654321",
    "publicKeyBase58": "H3C2AVvLMv6gmMNam3uVAjZpfkcJCwDwnZn6z3wXmqPV"
  }, {
    "id": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi#keys-3",
    "type": "Secp256k1VerificationKey2018",
    "controller": "did:example:123456789abcdefghi",
    "publicKeyHex": "02b97c30de767f084ce3080168ee293053ba33b235d7116a3263d29f1450936b71"
  }],
  ...
}
```




DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

>70 DID Methods Today

Method Name	Status	DLT or Network	Authors	Link
did:abt:	PROVISIONAL	ABT Network	ArcBlock	ABT DID Method
did:btc:	PROVISIONAL	Bitcoin	Christopher Allen, Ryan Grant, Kim Hamilton Duffy	BTCR DID Method
did:stack:	PROVISIONAL	Bitcoin	Jude Nelson	Blockstack DID Method
did:erc725:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	Markus Sabadello, Fabian Vogelsteller, Peter Kolarov	erc725 DID Method
did:example:	PROVISIONAL	DID Specification	W3C Credentials Community Group	DID Specification
did:ipid:	PROVISIONAL	IPFS	TranSendX	IPID DID method
did:lfe:	PROVISIONAL	RChain	lfeID Foundation	lfeID DID Method
did:sov:	PROVISIONAL	Sovrin	Mike Lodder	Sovrin DID Method
did:uport:	DEPRECATED	Ethereum	uPort	
did:ethr:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	uPort	ETHR DID Method
did:v1:	PROVISIONAL	Veres One	Digital Bazaar	Veres One DID Method
did:com:	PROVISIONAL	commercio.network	Commercio Consortium	Commercio.network DID Method
did:dom:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	Dominode	
did:ont:	PROVISIONAL	Ontology	Ontology Foundation	Ontology DID Method
did:vvo:	PROVISIONAL	Vivvo	Vivvo Application Studios	Vivvo DID Method
did:aergo:	PROVISIONAL	Aergo	Blocko	Aergo DID Method
did:icon:	PROVISIONAL	ICON	ICONLOOP	ICON DID Method
did:iwt:	PROVISIONAL	InfoWallet	Raonsecure	InfoWallet DID Method
did:ockam:	PROVISIONAL	Ockam	Ockam	Ockam DID Method
did:ala:	PROVISIONAL	Alastria	Alastria National Blockchain Ecosystem	Alastria DID Method
did:op:	PROVISIONAL	Ocean Protocol	Ocean Protocol	Ocean Protocol DID Method
did:jilinc:	PROVISIONAL	JLINC Protocol	Victor Grey	JLINC Protocol DID Method

did:ion:	PROVISIONAL	Bitcoin	Various DIF contributors	ION DID Method
did:jolo:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	Jolocom	Jolocom DID Method
did:bryk:	PROVISIONAL	bryk	Marcos Allende, Sandra Murcia, Flavia Munhoso, Ruben Cessa	bryk DID Method
did:peer:	PROVISIONAL	peer	Daniel Hardman	peer DID Method
did:selfkey:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	SelfKey	SelfKey DID Method
did:meta:	PROVISIONAL	Metadium	Metadium Foundation	Metadium DID Method
did:tys:	PROVISIONAL	DID Specification	Chainyard	TYS DID Method
did:git:	PROVISIONAL	DID Specification	Internet Identity Workshop	Git DID Method
did:tangle:	PROVISIONAL	IOTA Tangle	BitLabs Co., Ltd.	TangleID DID Method
did:emtrust:	PROVISIONAL	Hyperledger Fabric	Halialabs Pte Ltd.	Emtrust DID Method
did:ttm:	PROVISIONAL	TMChain	Token.TM	TM DID Method
did:wik:	PROVISIONAL	Weelink Network	Weelink	Weelink DID Method
did:pistis:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	Andrea Taglia, Matteo Sinico	Pistis DID Method
did:holo:	PROVISIONAL	Holochain	Holo.Host	Holochain DID Method
did:web:	PROVISIONAL	Web	Oliver Terbu, Mike Xu, Dmitri Zagidulin, Amy Guy	Web DID Method
did:io:	PROVISIONAL	IoTeX	IoTeX Foundation	IoTeX DID Method
did:vaultie:	PROVISIONAL	Ethereum	Vaultie Inc.	Vaultie DID Method
did:moac:	PROVISIONAL	MOAC	MOAC Blockchain Tech, Inc.	MOAC DID Method
did:omni:	PROVISIONAL	OmniOne	OmniOne	OmniOne DID Method
did:work:	PROVISIONAL	Hyperledger Fabric	Workday, Inc.	Workday DID Method

did:vid:	PROVISIONAL	VP	VP Inc.	VP DID Method
did:ccp:	PROVISIONAL	Quorum	Baidu, Inc.	Cloud DID Method
did:jnctn:	PROVISIONAL	Jnctn Network	Jnctn Limited	JNCTN DID Method
did:evan:	PROVISIONAL	evan.network	evan GmbH	evan.network DID Method
did:elastos:	PROVISIONAL	Elastos ID Sidechain	Elastos Foundation	Elastos DID Method
did:kilt:	PROVISIONAL	KILT Blockchain	BOTLabs GmbH	KILT DID Method
did:elem:	PROVISIONAL	Element DID	Transmute	ELEM DID Method
did:github:	PROVISIONAL	GitHub	Transmute	GitHub DID Method
did:bid:	PROVISIONAL	bif	teleinfo caict	BIF DID Method
did:ptn:	PROVISIONAL	PalletOne	PalletOne	PalletOne DID Method
did:echo:	PROVISIONAL	Echo	Echo Technological Solutions LLC	Echo DID Method
did:trustbloc:	PROVISIONAL	Hyperledger Fabric	SecureKey	TrustBloc DID Method
did:san:	PROVISIONAL	SAN Cloudchain	YLZ Inc.	SAN DID Method

(Soon to be un:DID?)

<https://w3c-ccg.github.io/did-method-registry/>



DEFINITION

Verifiable Credentials

- A **verifiable credential (VC)** is a set of *tamper-evident* claims and metadata about real life achievements, qualifications, or attributes that includes a *cryptographic proof* about who issued it.
- Examples of verifiable credentials include digital employee identification cards, digital birth certificates, and digital educational certificates, authentication and authorization bearer tokens, logistics or shipping certifications.

```
{
  "@context": [
    "https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/v1",
    "https://www.w3.org/2018/credentials/examples/v1"
  ],
  "id": "http://example.gov/credentials/3732",
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "UniversityDegreeCredential"],
  "issuer": "https://example.edu",
  "issuanceDate": "2010-01-01T19:73:24Z",
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "did:example:ebfeb1f712ebc6f1c276e12ec21",
    "degree": {
      "type": "BachelorDegree",
      "name": "Bachelor of Science and Arts"
    }
  },
  "proof": {
    "type": "RsaSignature2018",
    "created": "2018-06-18T21:19:10Z",
    "proofPurpose": "assertionMethod",
    "verificationMethod": "https://example.com/jdoe/keys/1",
    "jws": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsImI2NCI6ZmFsc2UsImNyaXQiOlsiYjY0Il19..DJBmVvFAIC00nSGB6Tn0XKbbF9XrsaJZREWvR2a0NYTQQxnyXirtXnlewJMB\nBn2h9hfcGZrvnClb6PgWmukzFJ1IiH1dWgnDIS81BH-IxXnPkbUYDeySor4\nQU9MJxdVky5EL4HYbcIfwKj6X4LBQ2_ZHZIu1jdlcRzqHcsDF5KKylKc1TH\nn5VRWy5WhYg_gBnyWny8E6Qkrze53MR7OuAmmNJ1m1nN8SxDrg6a08L78J0-\nFbas50jAQz3c17GY8mVuDP0BIOVjMEghBlgl3n0i1ysxbRGhHLEK4s0KKbeR\nogZdgt1DkQxDFxxn41QWDw_mmMCjs9qxxg0zcZzqEJw"
  }
}
```



SO WHAT?

DIDs + VCs Can...

- Reduce database security risks and business process risks
- Give users increased to total **control** over their identity data and credentials
- Increased **data portability** and near-global scope (for reputation and history)
- Increase business efficiency through **streamlined onboarding & auditing**
 - Reduce fraud by confirming multiple data points
 - Streamline confirmation of compliance data/documentation
- **Increase trust** of any verified data that must be shared downstream, in a form more persistent than the legal persons involved
 - Key use cases: Drug trials, Compliance documents, Provenance data



FRAMEWORK FOR ADOPTION

1. Is **selective disclosure** or **privacy** a priority?
2. Is there high **coordination** burden?
3. Is **traceability** or **auditability** important?

Application Areas	
Chains of Custody Commercial + Defense Supply Chain Logistics Cold Chain (pharma to agriculture) Contract Management (Legal, HR, Real Estate) Software	Data Infrastructure & Governance Cloud roles + access management Microservices monitoring
Telco 5G + IoT Enablement Identity/Data-as-a-Service Anti-Fraud (verification + roaming)	Healthcare Insurance + Billing Verifiable Clinical data and/or Device data Patient-centric data sharing + management <i>DIF has a <u>discussion group</u> now!</i>



RESOURCES



Get Involved

Ideas

(2-10 years)



Incubation

(6-18 months)



Rebooting the Web
of Trust



HYPERLEDGER

Whitepapers, position
papers

Refinement

(1-3 years)



W3C Community Groups



Experiments, Specifications,
Pilots

Standardization

(~18-24 months)



World Wide Web Consortium



Standards

19

SLIDE CREDIT: HEATHER VESCENT @ THE PURPLE TORNADO



RESOURCES

Get Involved

SSI Architecture Stack & Community efforts

(Rouven Heck's presentation at #IIW30, updated by DIF Dept of Ed)

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Communications Project, 9/2020

'SSI - Architecture Stack

Verified Credentials /
Trusted Data
Storage & Exchange

DID Communication
(+ subprotocols)

DID resolution
(anchoring / registries)

W3 World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

CCG WIs

W3 VC WG

JSON Schema

Claims and Credentials WG

OCaps for LD

W3 VC Data Model

JWT VC

Presentation Exch

Credential Manifest

EDV

Secure Data Storage WG

ID Hubs

LD Proofs

CHAPI

DIDComm-JS (v2 draft)

JWM Proposal (IETF)

DIDComm v2 WG

DIDComm v1.0
(Aries RFCs)

DIDAuth WG

DID-SIOP

DID WG

W3 DID-Core Spec

Resolution

WebKMS

W3 DID Spec Registries

DID:Web

CCG DID:Key

DID:BTCR

lon

Sidetree WG

Well-Known DID

Element

KERI WI

Univ. Resolver

I&D WG

DID:Peer

Blockchains: Fabric, Indy
Ethereum (Besu), ...

Crypto Primitives: Ursa

Hyperledger (HL) Projects: Indy, Aries and Ursa (et al.)

Issue Credential, Presentation
Proof, and other VC Exch in the
 Aries RFCs

W3 Veres One Community Group (W3C)

Sovrin Foundation

Adjacent Tech- and Data-
Governance Organizations:

MyData.org

Trust Over IP

Kantara Initiative

Me2B Alliance

<https://github.com/decentralized-identity/decentralized-identity.github.io/blob/master/assets/ssi-architectural-stack--and--community-efforts-overview.pdf>



Knowledge Bases + Educational Materials

More educational diagrams and cheatsheets at <https://github.com/decentralized-identity/decentralized-identity.github.io/tree/master/assets/>

Primary Sources:

- W3C Credentials Community [Group](#)
- DIF Working Group [Records](#)
- Rebooting the Web of Trust [Conference](#), [Proceedings](#) & [Digests](#)
- Internet Identity Workshop ([You are here](#)) [Conf](#) & [Notes](#)

Secondary Sources & Commentaries:

- 2019 [IIW Intro to SSI Deck](#) by Heather Vescent + Karyl Fowler + Lucas Tétreault
- 2018 [IIW Intro to SSI Deck](#) by Heather Vescent + Kim Hamilton Duffy
- 2018 [IIW Intro to SSI Deck](#) by Drummond Reed +
- Infominer's Resources: <https://decentralized-id.com/>
- [The Purple Tornado](#) reports for US DHS (2019)
- [PSA](#) (Privacy, Surveillance, Anonymity) Podcast (Kaliya Young, Seth Goldstein)
- [SSIMeetup](#) Webinar series (Alex Preukschat)
- [Definitely Identity](#) podcast (Tim Bouma)
- [One World Identity](#) ("KNOW") Podcast
- MyData [Slack](#) and Conference series
- [CyberForge](#) (includes some great posts by Anil John, US DHS S&T)
- [Transmute TechTalk](#): On Enterprise Use + Integrations

Monographs:

- Comprehensive Guide to [Self Sovereign Identity \(2019\)](#) - Heather Vescent / Kaliya Young
- Spherity's [SSI 101 Series on Medium \(2020\)](#) - Juan Caballero
- [Self Sovereign Identity \(2021\)](#) - Alex Preukschat / Drummond Reed

Technical Resources:

- W3C DID [Specification](#) & Use Case [guidance](#)
- W3C VC Data Model [Specification](#)
- Digital Credential Consortium [whitepaper](#) (Kim Hamilton Duffy)
- Secure Data Storage Specification [WG](#) (DIF-W3C)
- Credential Handler API (CHAPI)
- [Universal Resolver](#) (Danube Tech)
- Trust Over IP [Foundation](#) (TBD)
- DIDcomm [WG](#) (DIF-HL Aries)
- [Aries](#) RFCs (Hyperledger)

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Thank You!

QUESTIONS?