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# Trust Approaches in Self-Sovereign Identity

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# Traditional Digital Identity

## Account Based

- Siloed Identity
- Federated Digital Identity
  - Single Sign-On (**SSO**)
    - Sign in as Google/Facebook

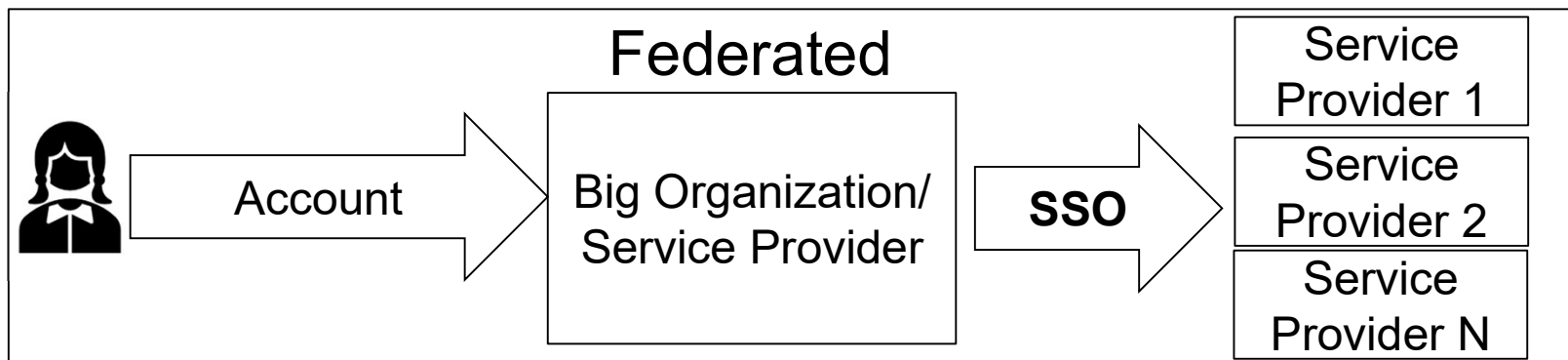
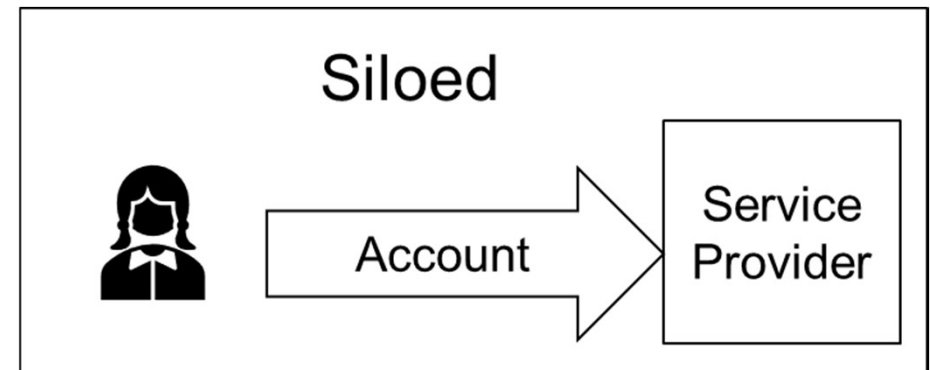


username

password

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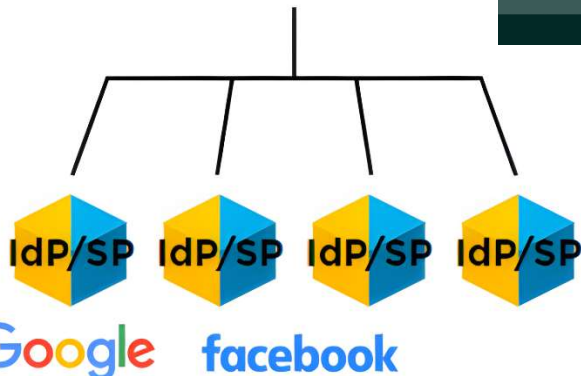


# Self Sovereign Identity (SSI)

## Traditional Digital Identity

- Absence of control
- Security
- Censorship
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Designed for humans

User

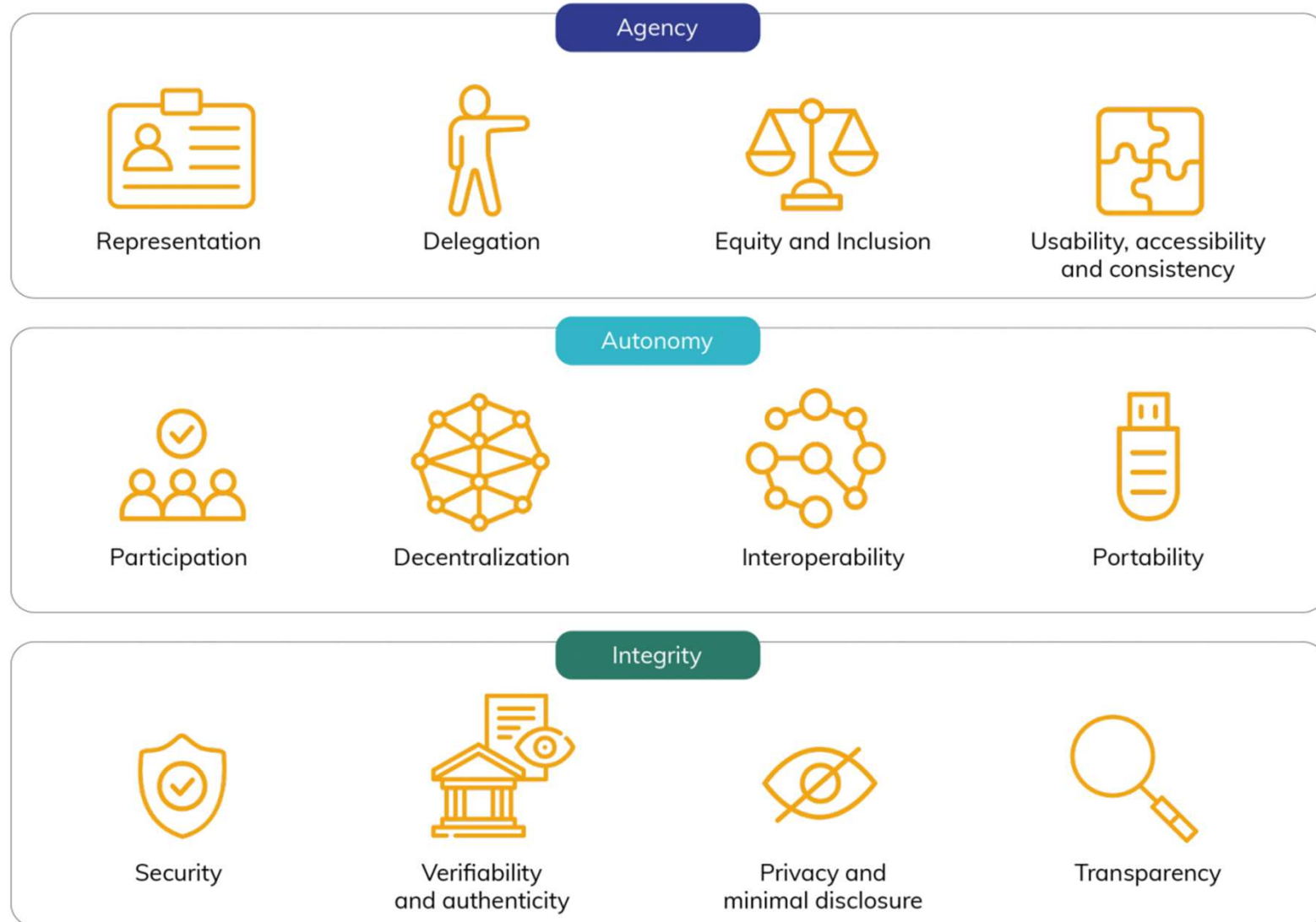


## Self Sovereign Identity



- From traditional to decentralized identity
- Portability and Sovereignty
- Verifiable Credentials

# 12 principles of SSI



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# Verifiable Credentials

## Privacy-Preserving Technology for Credentials

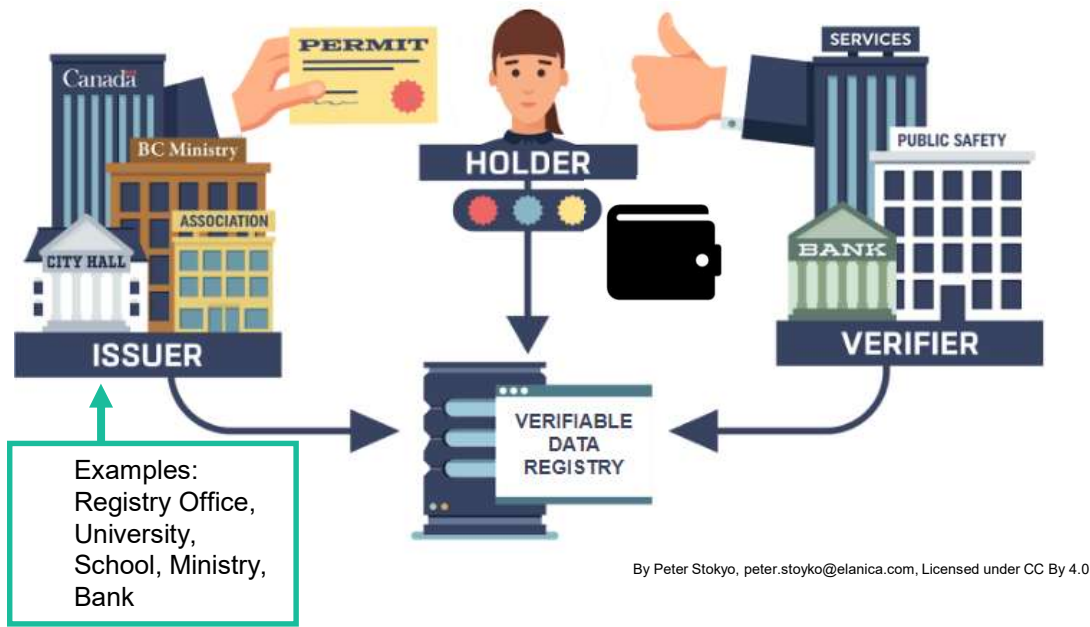
•Used for issuing, storing, and presenting:

- Education degrees
- Government-issued ID cards
- Shipping container manifests
- Certified product information
- Other machine-readable credentials



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# SSI specifications



Verifiable Credentials Data Model  
by W3C:

- Wallet
- Verifiable Credential (**VC**)
- Verifiable Presentation (**VP**)



From w3.org DID specification

Decentralized Identifiers:

- URI
- Human-readable
- Distributed Ledgers
  - (Blockchains :-)



# SSI implementations

Two major implementations  
for Verifiable Credential  
Data Model workflow:

- Veramo
- Hyperledger Indy/Aries

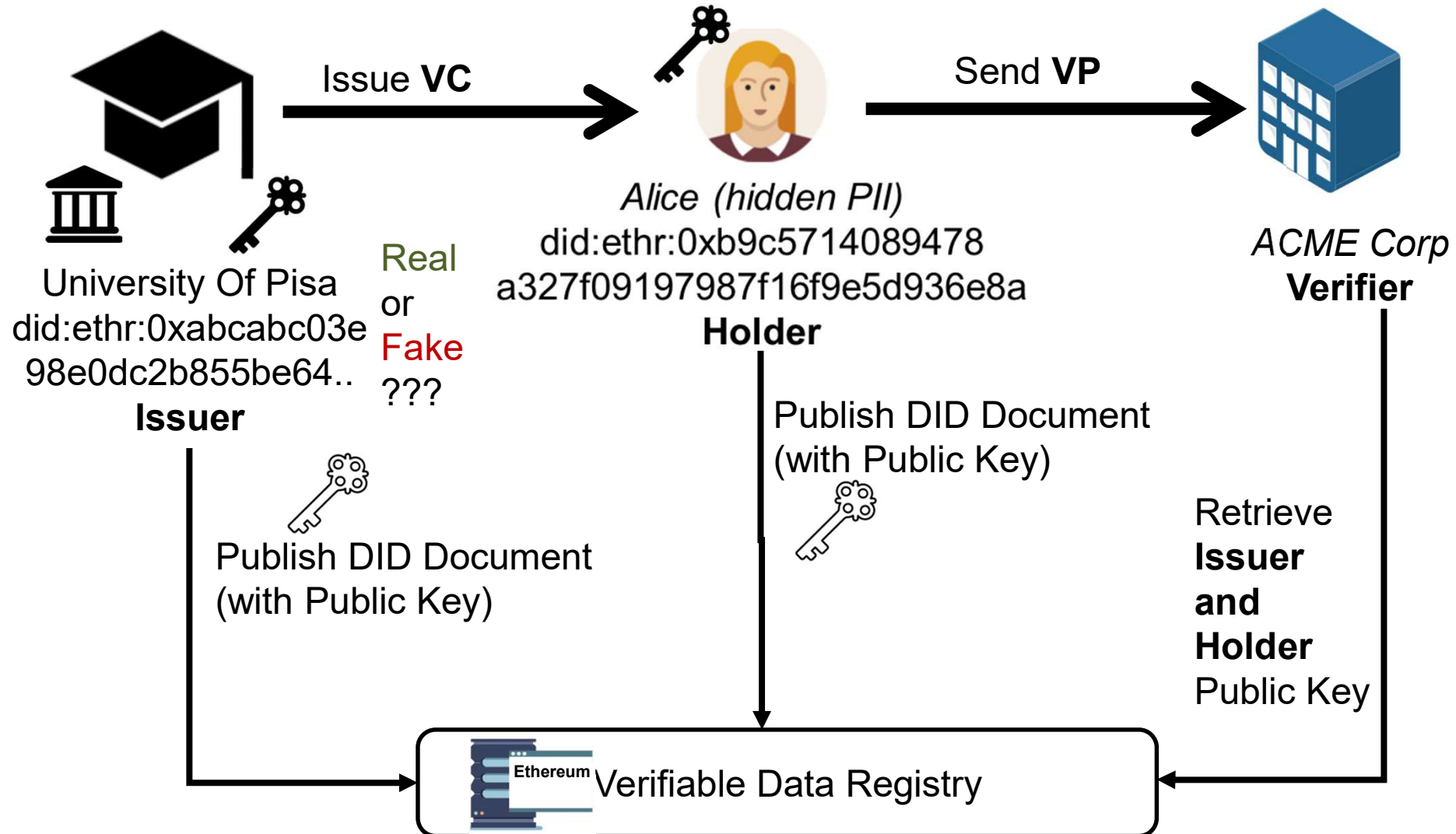


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[diddirectory.com](https://diddirectory.com)

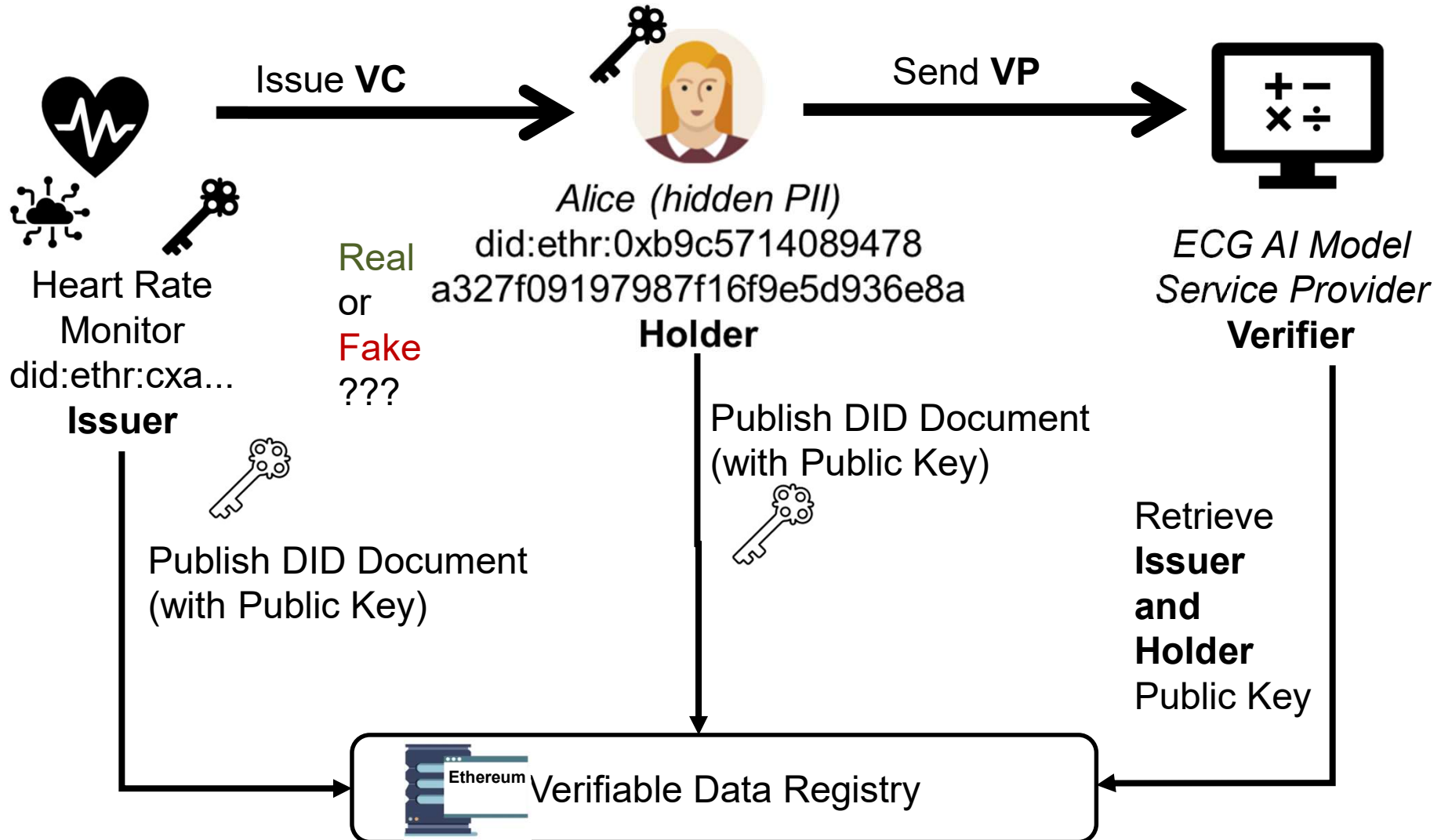
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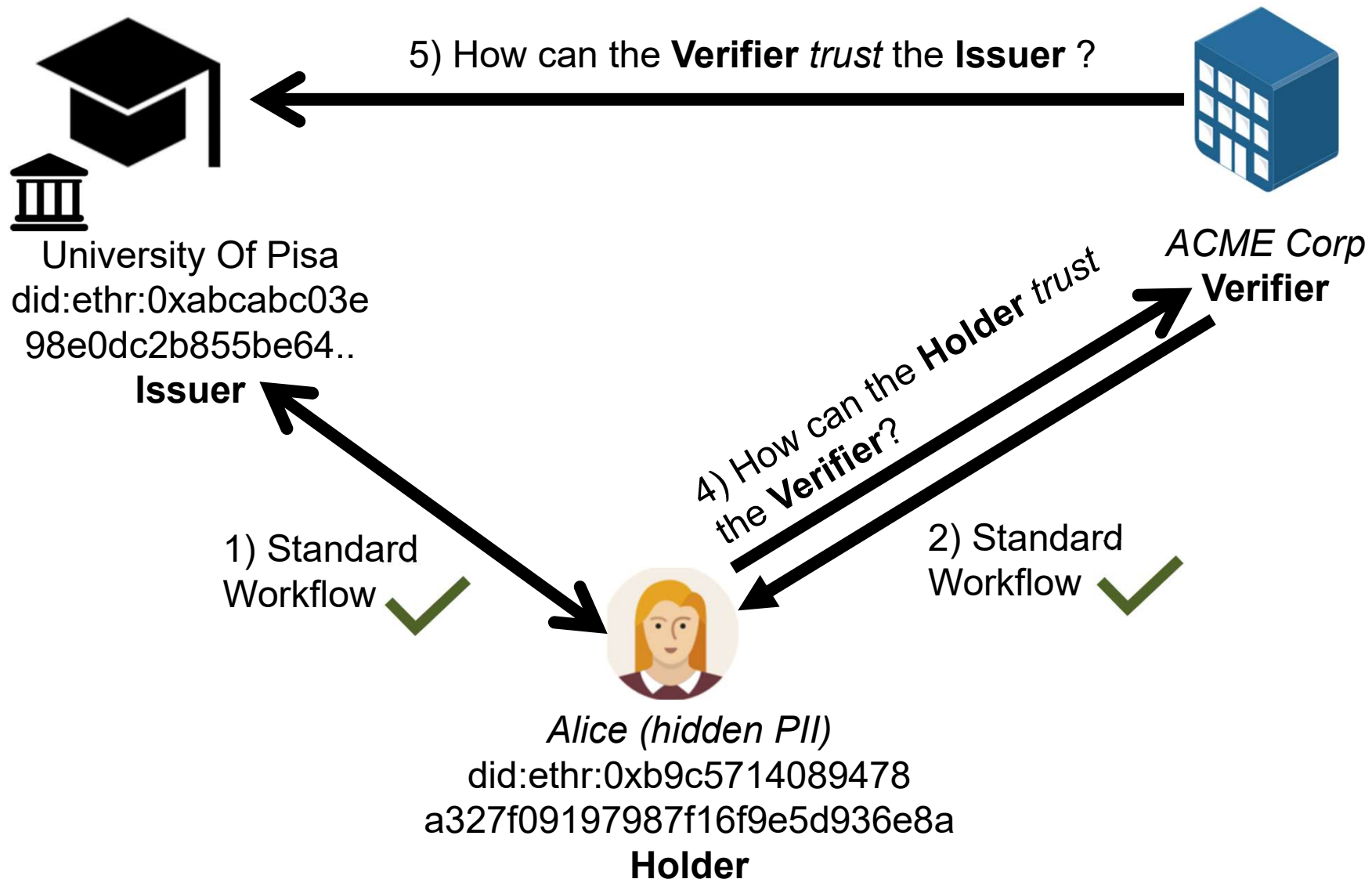
# Standard Workflow Use Case 1



# Standard Workflow Use Case 2



# What is 'Trust' in SSI?



# How can the Verifier Trust the Issuer ?



Solutions with different characteristics:

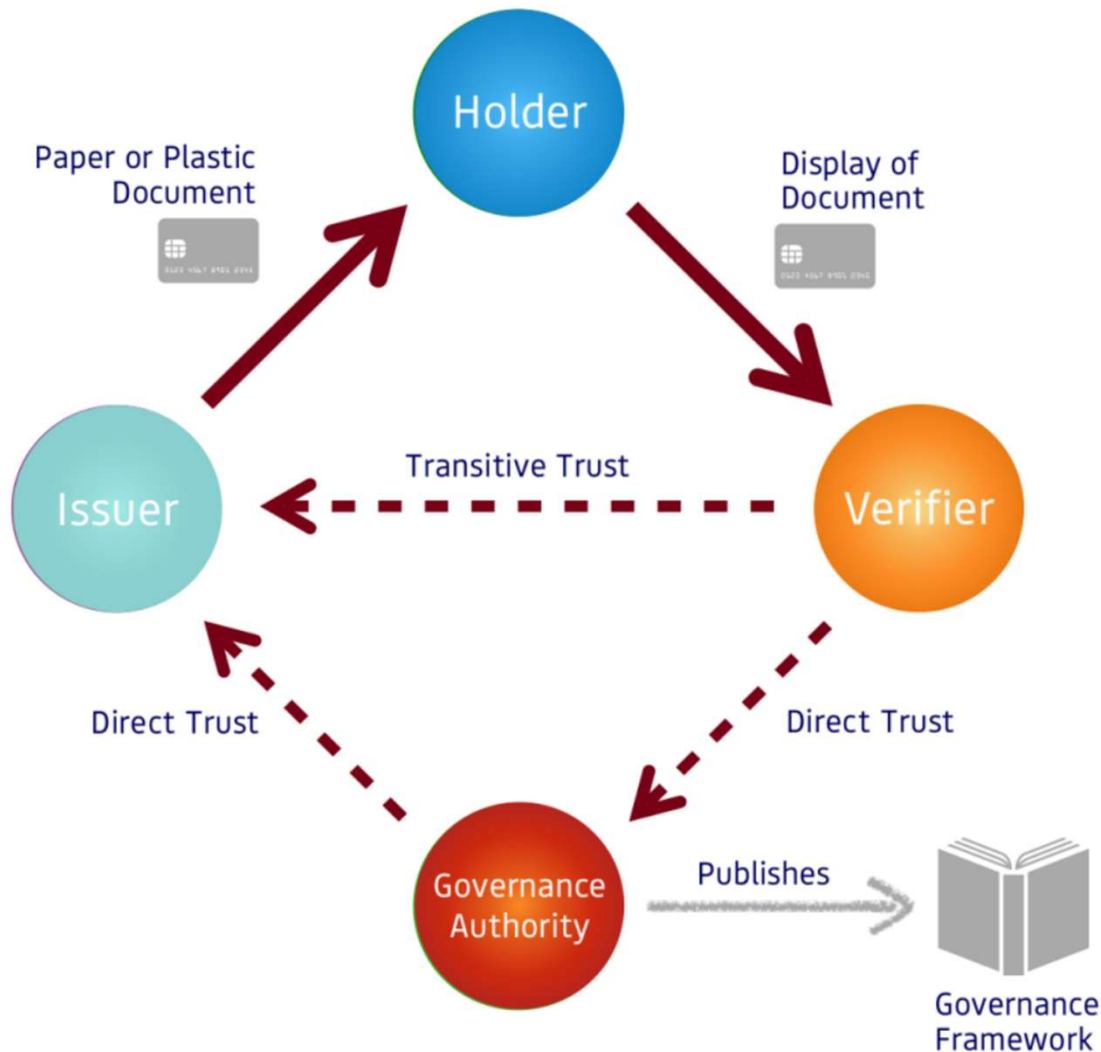
- Root Of Trust Solutions **RoT**
- Decentralized Solutions **DecS**
- Credential Based Solutions **CredBas**

# Trust Issues and Measurement

Verifier to Issuer

# Governance Framework Trust – Trust Diamond

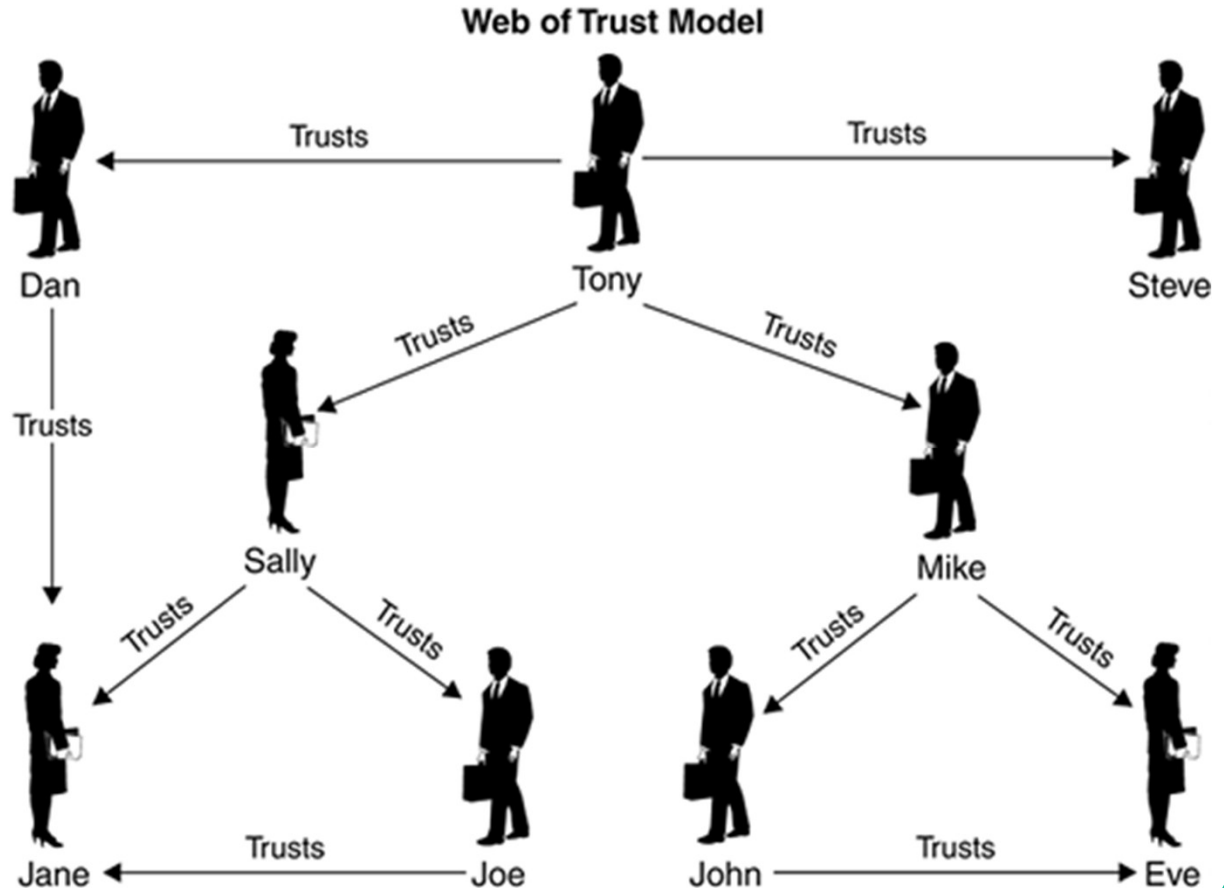
**RoT**



- Domain Specific
- Trust Registry
- Centralized according to Governance Framework

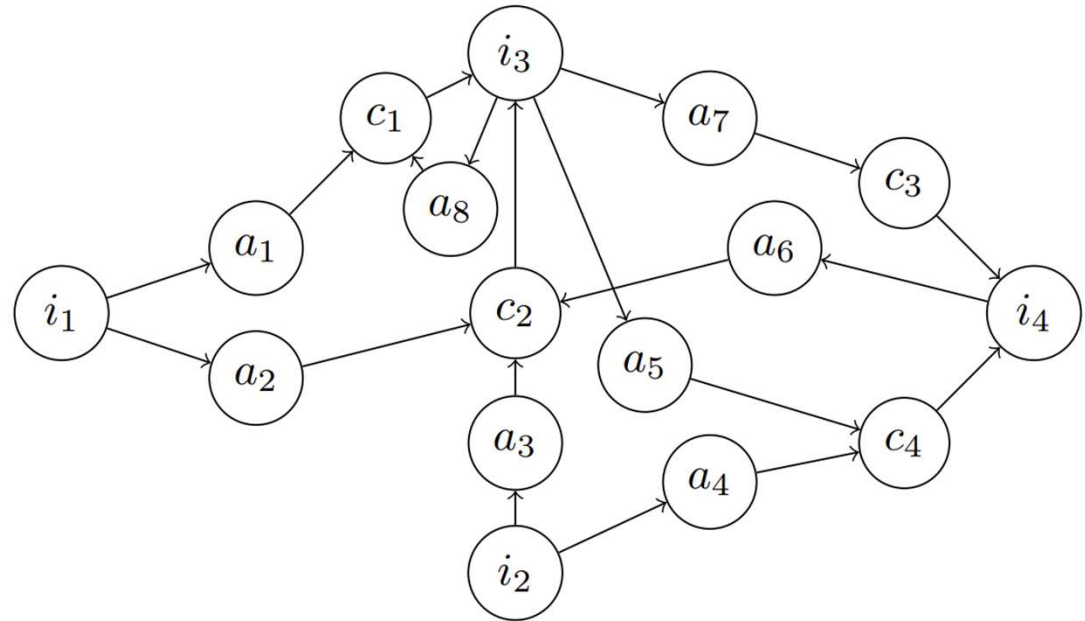
# Social Networks and Web Of Trust **DecS**

- No Governance Framework
- Based on Web Of Trust from Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)



# Credential-Based Quantifiable Trust **CredBas**

- $a_i$ : attestations (proofs)
- $c_n$ : claims (VCs)
- $i_n$ : identity
- Each identity has an initial list of trusted identities with a score





# Trust Frameworks

Verifier to Issuer

# Centralized Governance **RoT**

did:indy:0xabcabc0...

**Issuer**



- **Sovrin Governance Framework**, requires a Legal Entity Identifier
- Charges a Fee to register DID
- Blockchain is public **permissioned**
- Vendor Lock in

<https://sovrin.org/mainnet-endorser-did-application-form/>

Registers  
Issuer

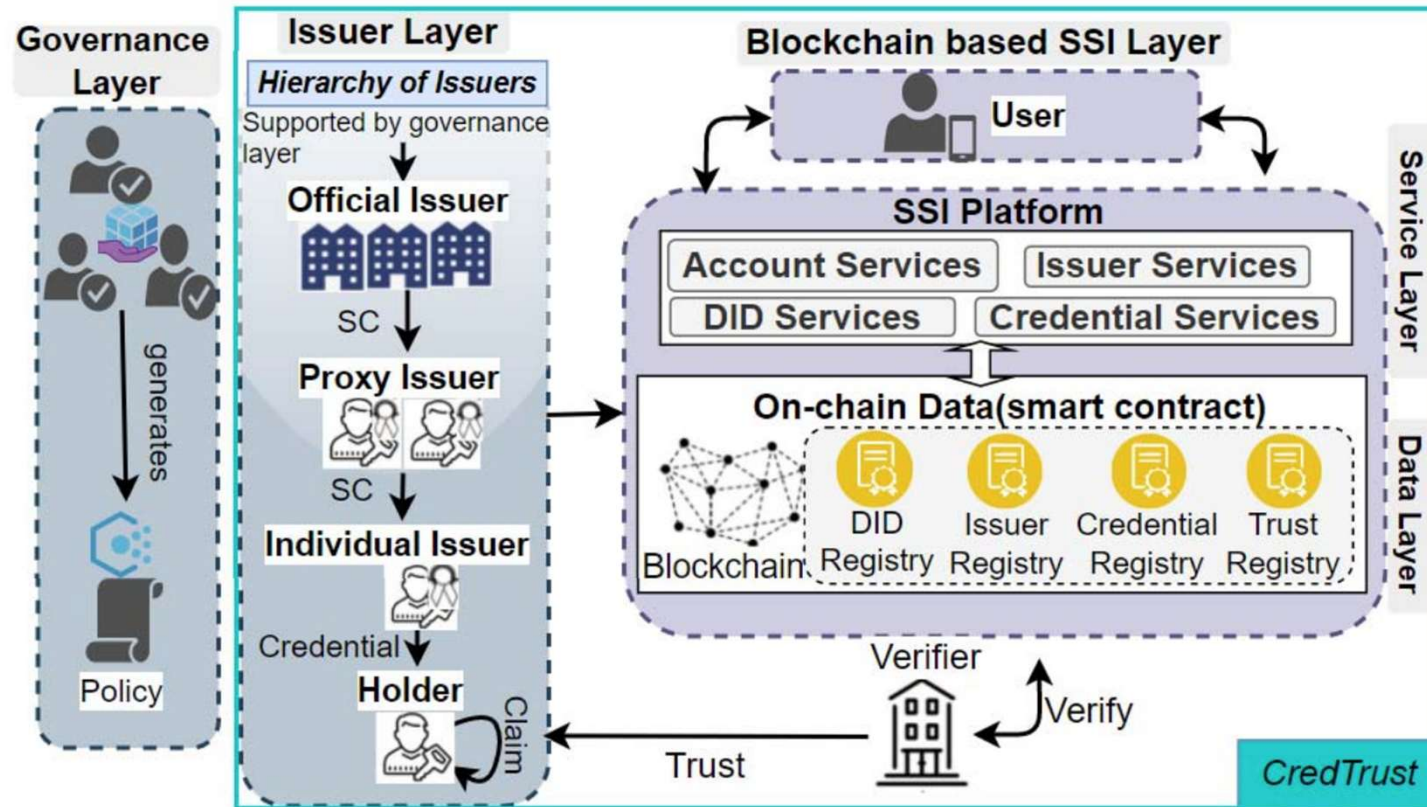
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# Credential-based Trust Framework: CredTrust I

## RoT + CredBas



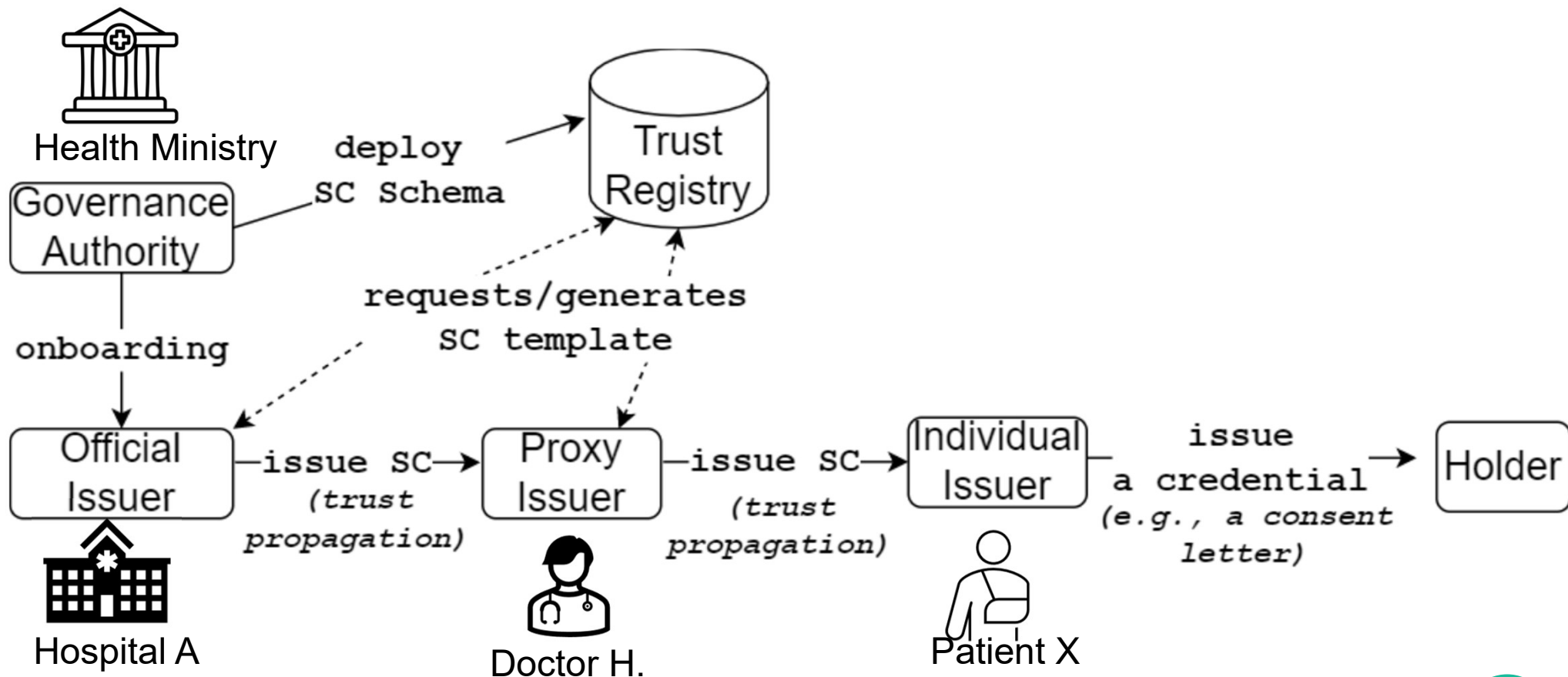
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# Credential-based Trust Framework: CredTrust II

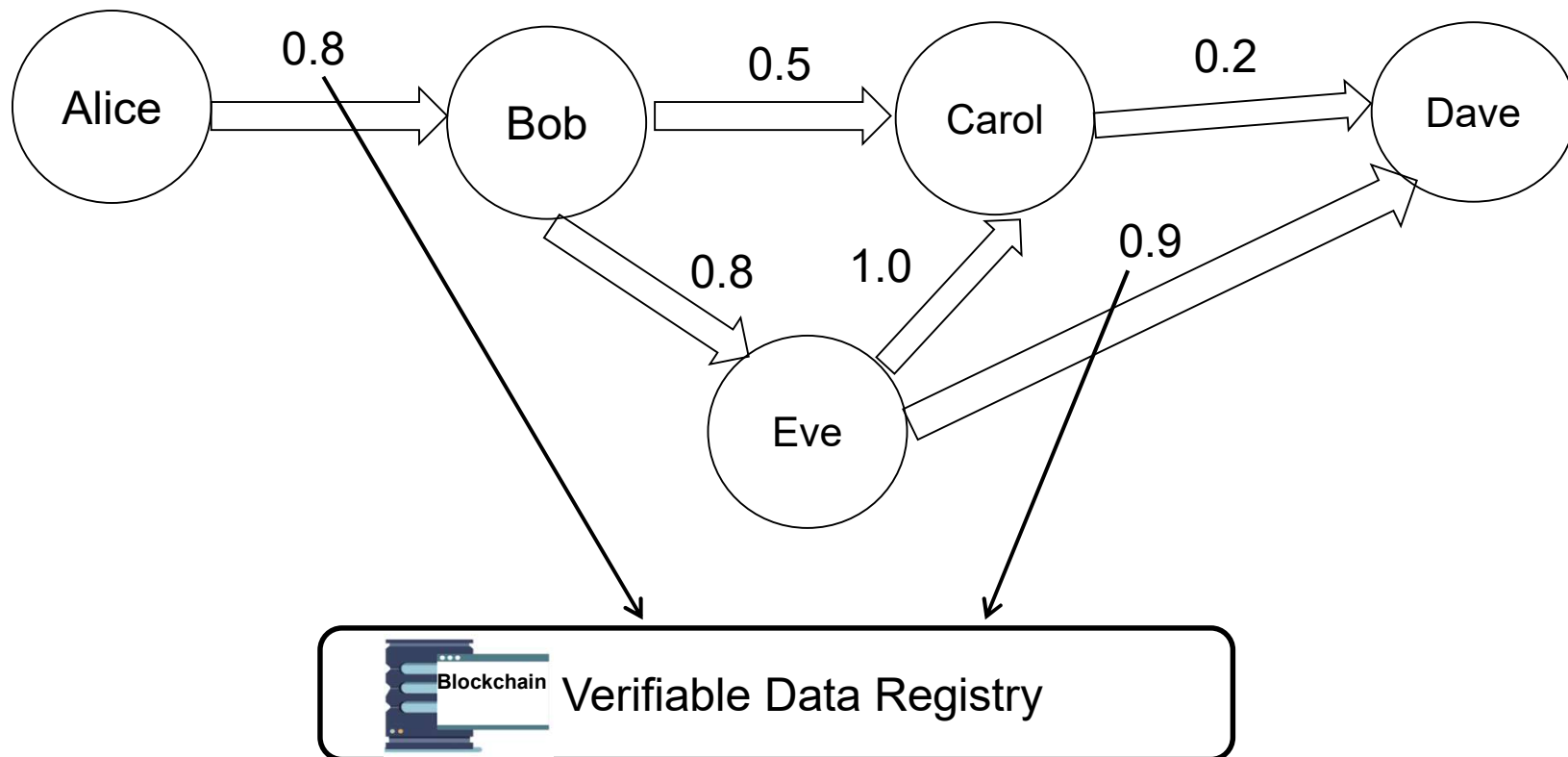
## RoT + CredBas

Supporting Credential (SC): specifies the delegated capabilities to an Issuer

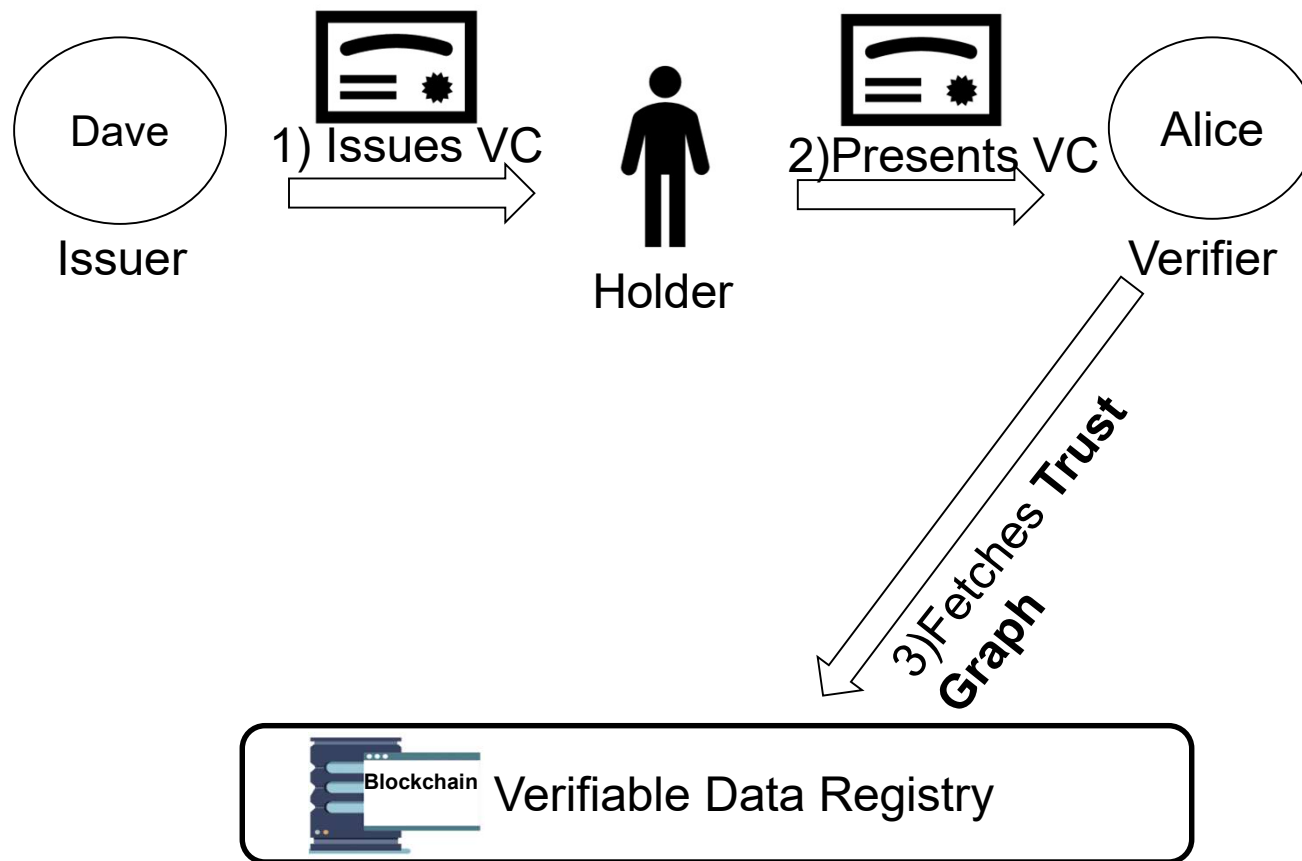


# Trust Relationships on Blockchain I **DecS**

Trust Scores between entities published on Blockchain

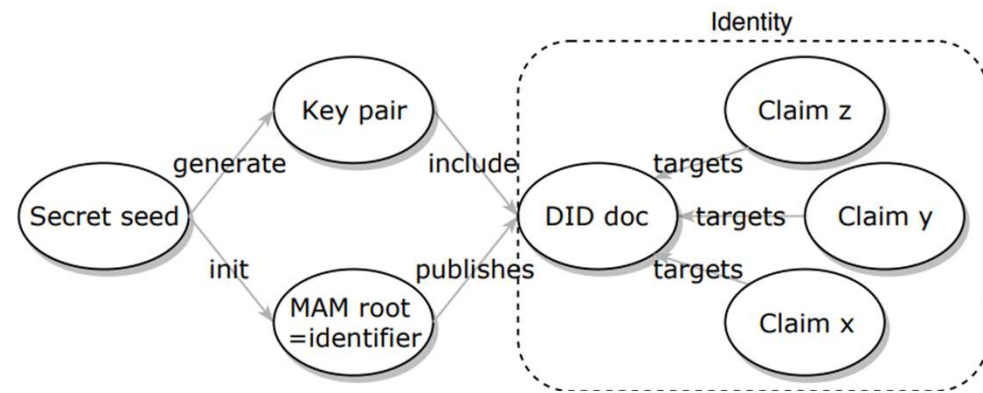
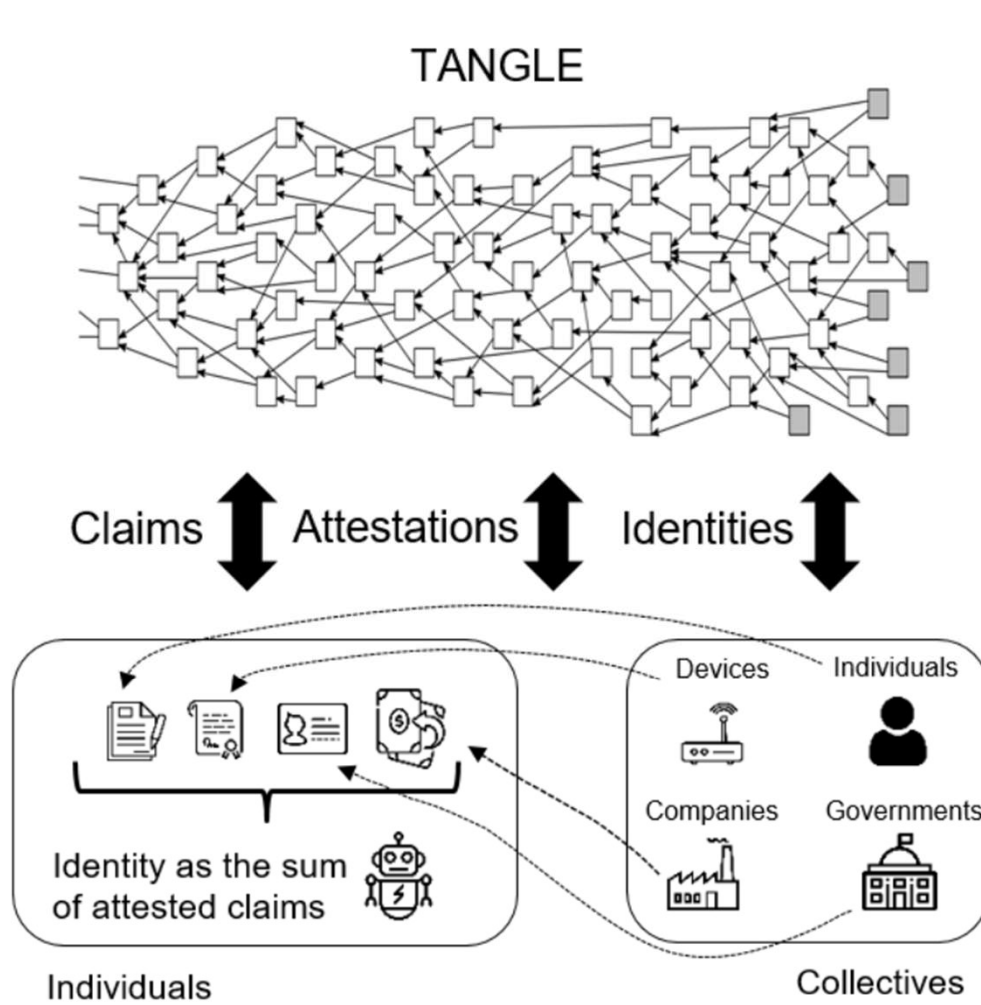


# Trust Relationships on Blockchain II **DecS**



- Calculate VC Trust Score based on:
  - Edges weight
  - Vertex distance
- Fits well on Online Social Networks

# IoT and Web Of Trust **CredBas**

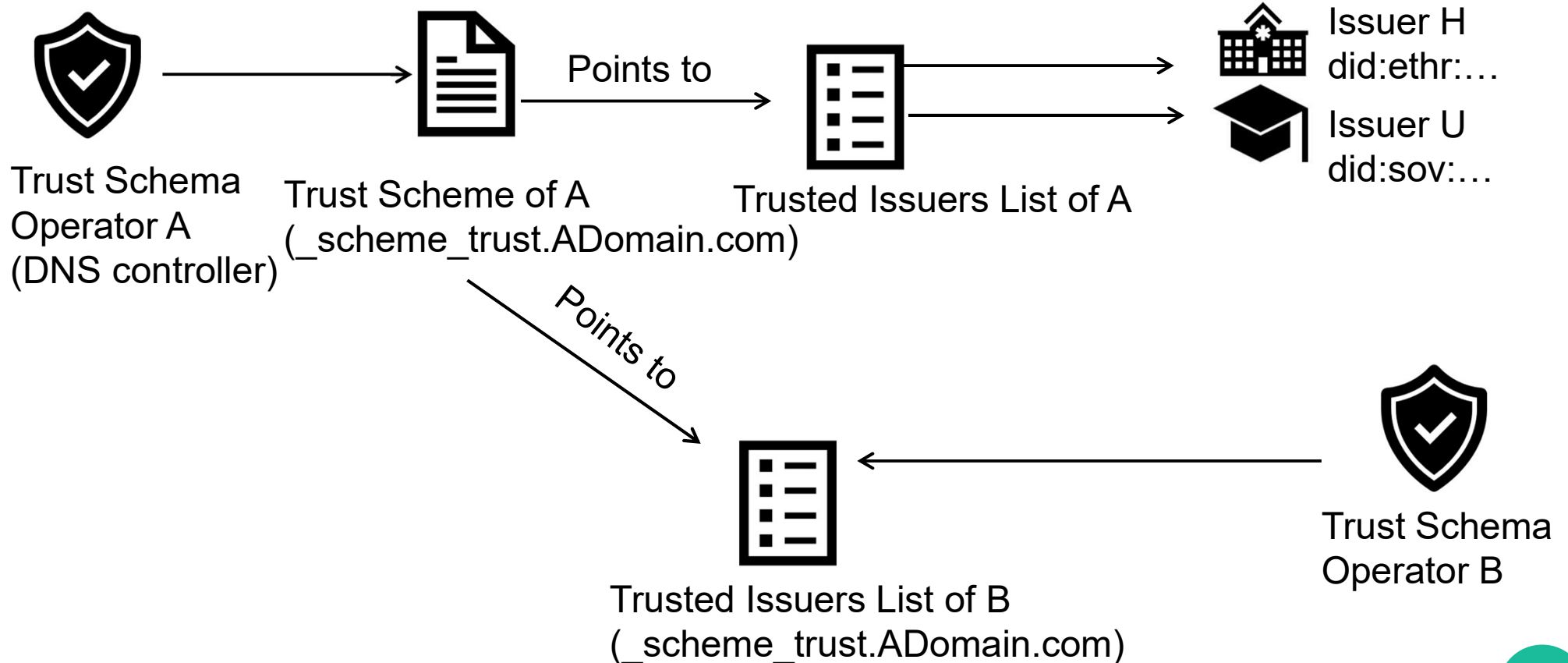


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# TRust mAnagement INfrastructure (TRAIN)

**RoT**

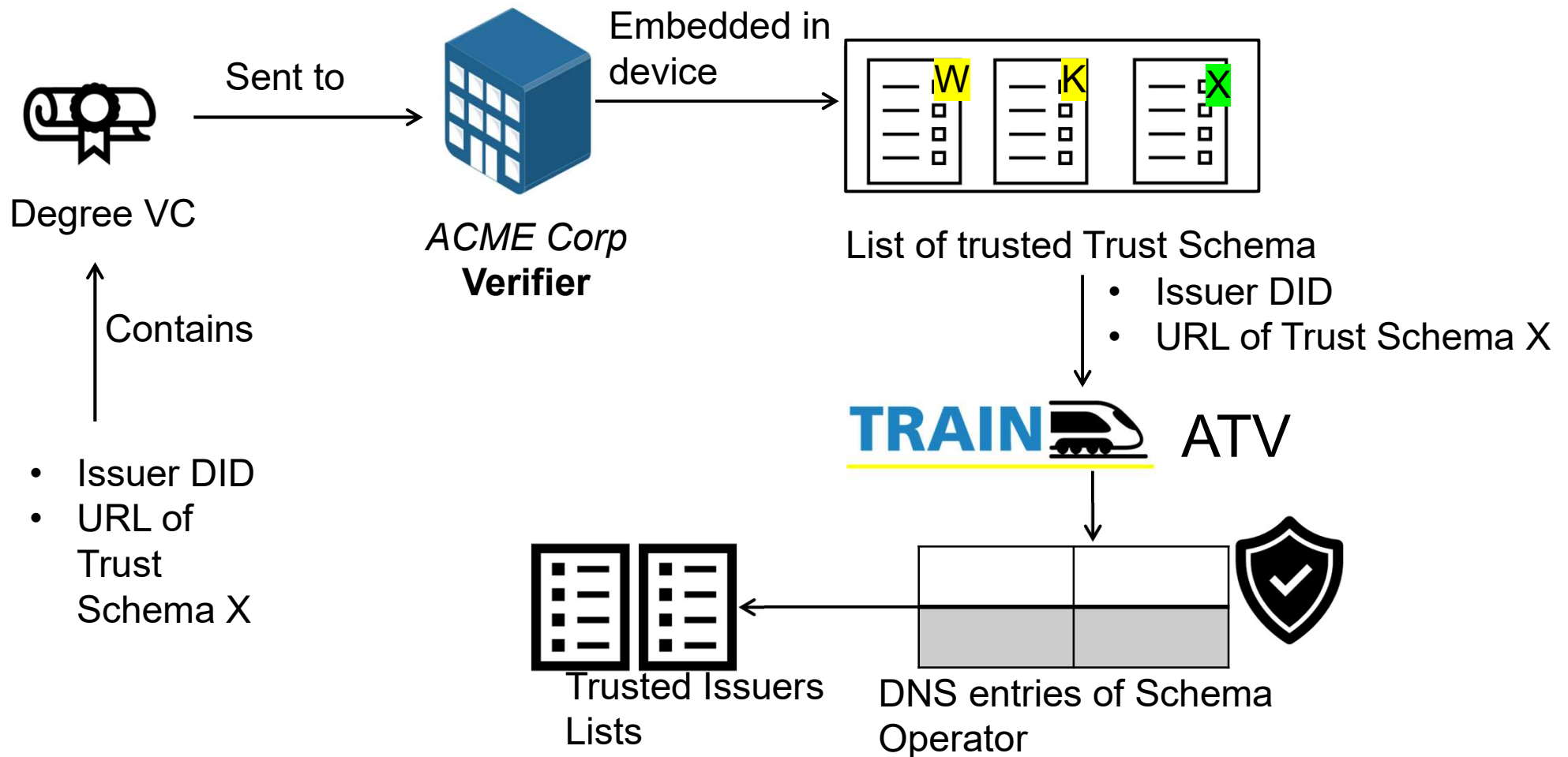
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# TRAIN Automatic Trust Verifier (ATV)

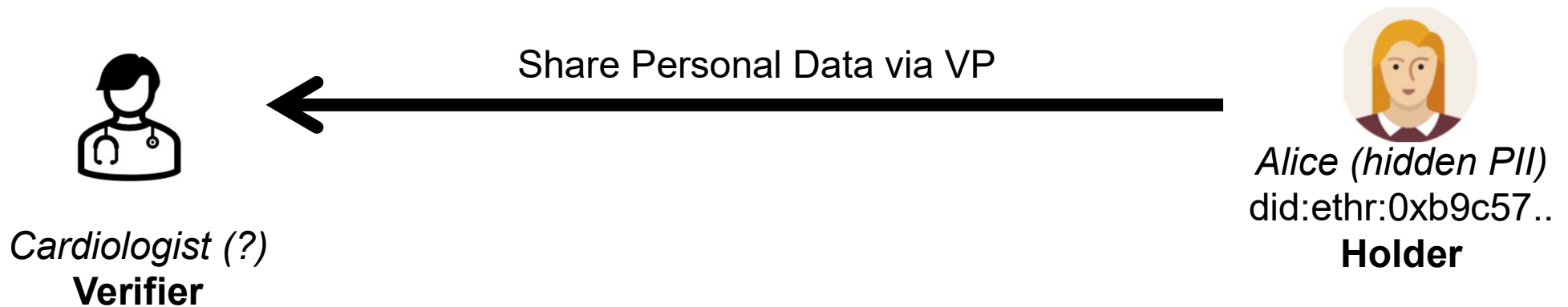
**RoT**



# Access Control to VC

Holder to Verifier

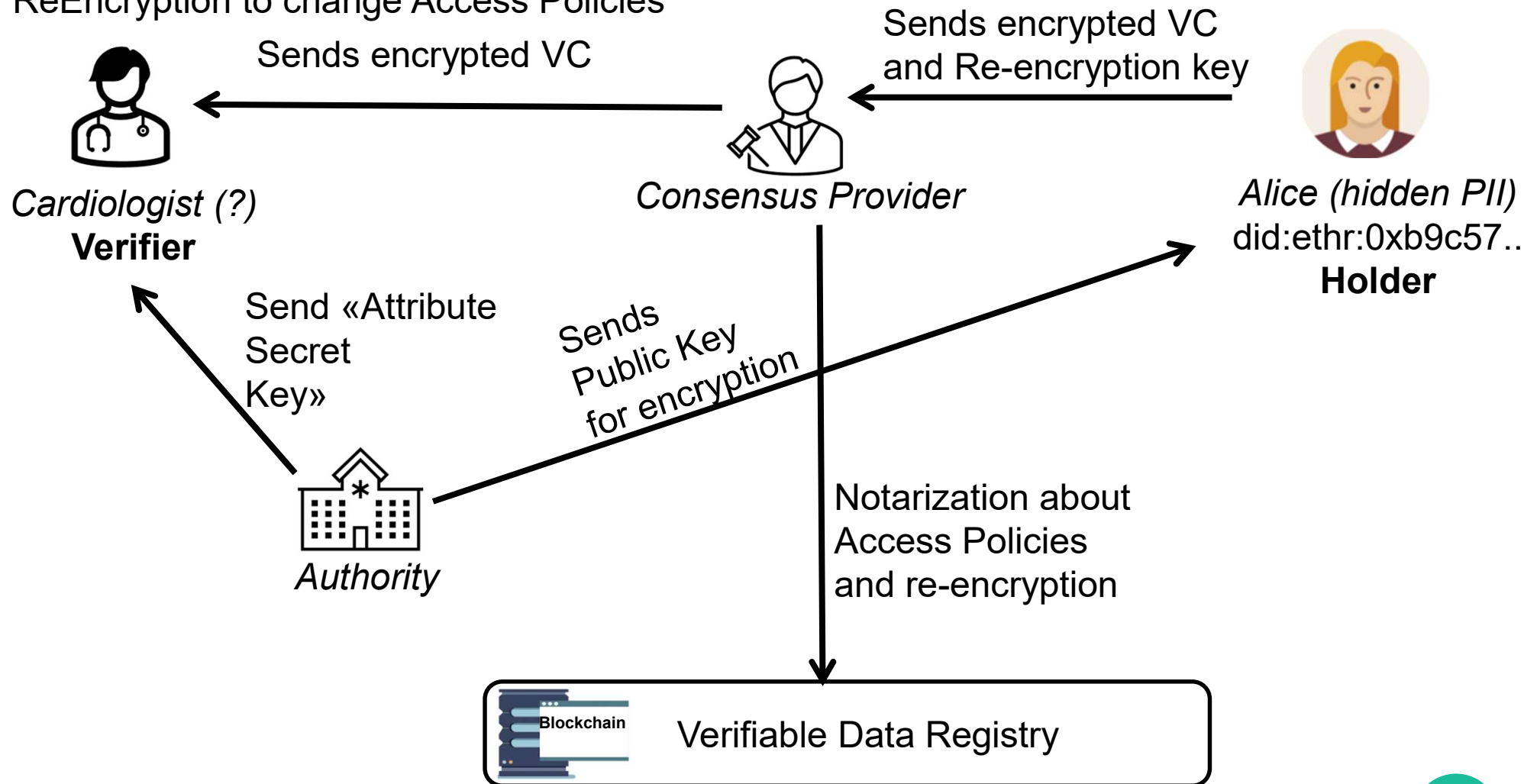
# How can the Holder Trust the Verifier ?



- Same solutions as before with Holder in the place of Verifier
- Capabilities Access Control

# Attribute-Based-Access Control to VCs

- CipherPolicy Attribute-Based Proxy Re-Encryption
- ReEncryption to change Access Policies



# Conclusions and Future Works

- Many possible approaches to establish Trust
  - Not a definitive one
  - Decide early on what kind of solution to choose when creating a SSI-based system
- ## -Future Works
- Guidelines to develop interoperable Governance Framework
  - Privacy Preserving Trust Registries
  - Selective Disclosure of Trust Ranking in Web Of Trust
  - Integration of SSI with Social Networks
  - Integration of SSI with Internet of Things

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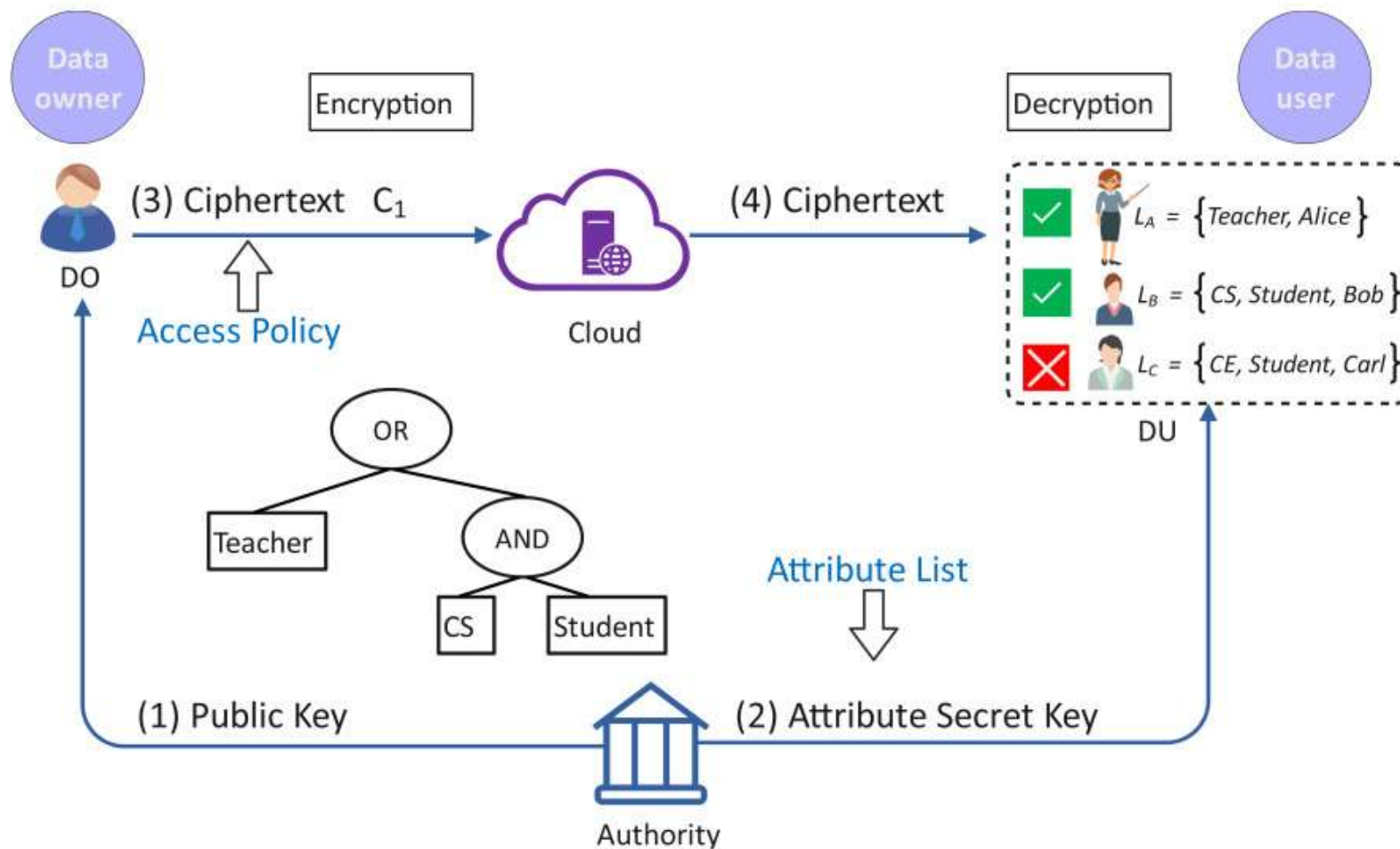
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# Thank you



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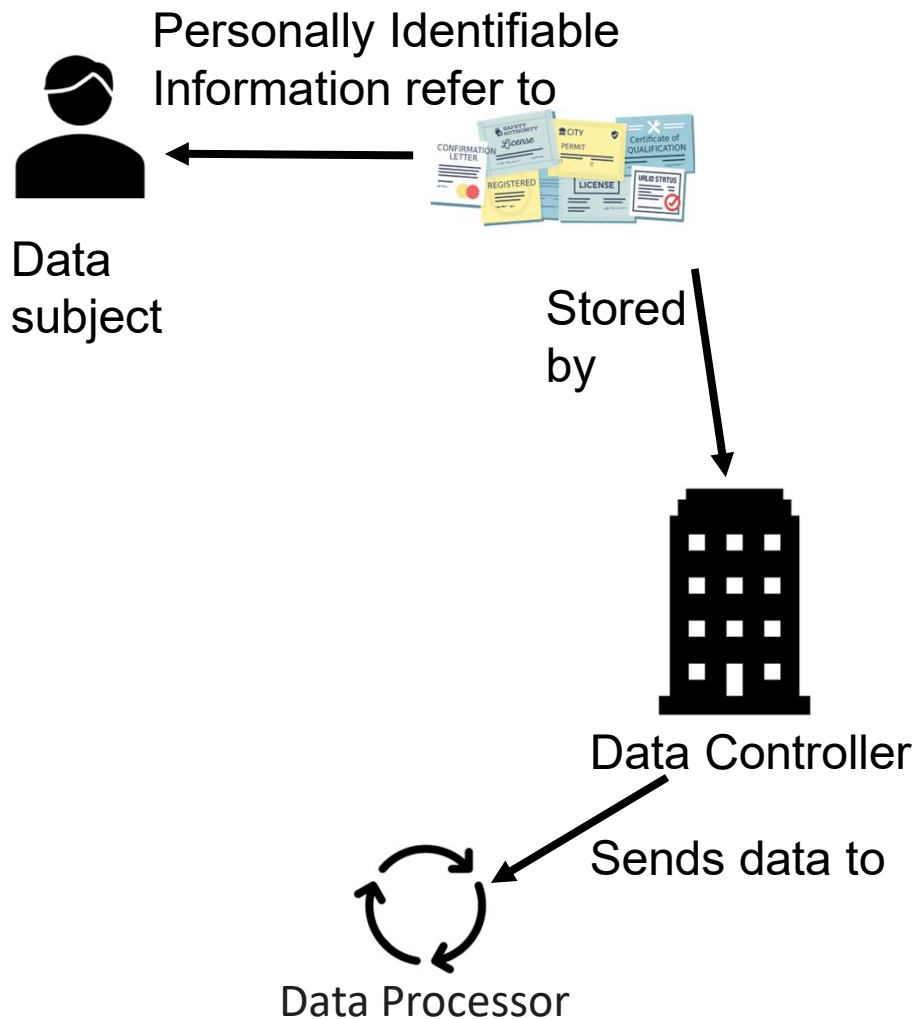
# Appendix 1





# GDPR, Identity and Sovereignty

## Traditional Digital Identity



## Self Sovereign Identity

