# ZKLang – Implementation and Standardization

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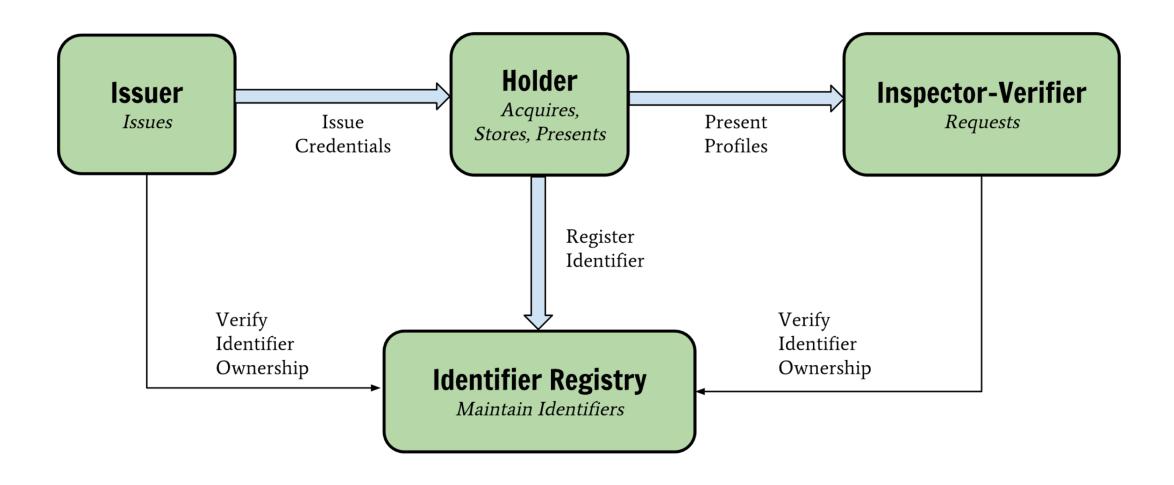
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## W3C Verifiable Claims (VC)

- An effort for standardizing protocols and languages for authentication and identity management
- Supports different levels of privacy preservation
- A holder collects credentials from different issuers
- A verifiable credential reveals multiple claims about the holder to service providers
- A claim can reveal different attributes (e.g., email address) or just facts (e.g., Older18) about the holder
- Revocation and Inspection are supported

#### W3C Verifiable Claims: Entities

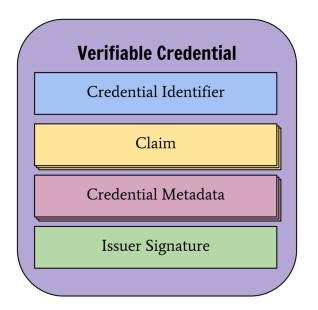


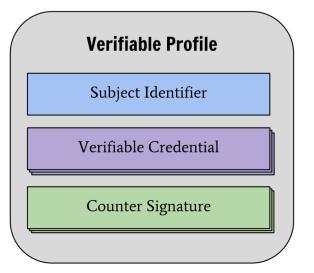
#### W3C Verifiable Claims: Data Model

• Claim Pat ageOver 21

Verifiable Credential

• Verifiable Profile





#### Cryptographic Protocols to Realize VC

We can use advanced crypto to get privacy-friendly VC

- Issuer signs subject's attributes using special type of signature (CL signature)
- Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proofs (NIZK) to generate verifiable credentials/profiles
- Verifiable Encryption to conditionally reveal attributes only to certain entities (revocation/auditability)

#### Example: Proving Knowledge of BBS+ Signature

PoK of Signature (A, e, s) on message m w.r.t. issuer public key  $y = {g'}^x$ 

• 
$$A' \leftarrow A^r$$

• 
$$\bar{A} \leftarrow A'^{-e} \cdot (g_1 \cdot h_0^s \cdot h_1^m)^r \qquad (=A'^x)$$

• 
$$d \leftarrow (g_1 \cdot h_0^s \cdot h_1^m)^r \cdot h_0^{r'}$$

$$SPK\left\{(m,e,s',r,r',r''): \frac{\bar{A}}{d} = A'^{-e} \cdot h_0^{r'} \land g_1 = d^{r''} \cdot h_0^{-s'} \cdot h_1^{-m}\right\}$$

Implementing even a simple verifiable claim results in a complicated NIZK statement and requires orchestration of different cryptographic building blocks

## Problem: Gap Between high-level W3C VC language and Complex Cryptographic Algorithms

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  "type": ["Credential", "ProofOfAgeCredential"],
  "issuer": "https://dmv.example.gov",
  "issued": "2010-01-01",
  "claim": {
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   "age0ver": 21
  "signature": {
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    "created": "2017-06-18T21:19:10Z",
    "creator": "https://example.com/jdoe/keys/1",
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    "signatureValue": "BavEll0/I1zpYw8XNi1bgVg/sCne04Jugez8RwDg/+
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   PRdW+gGsutPTLzvueMWmFhwYmfIFpbBu95t501+rSLHIEuujM/+PXr9Cky6Ed
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## Solution: ZKLang

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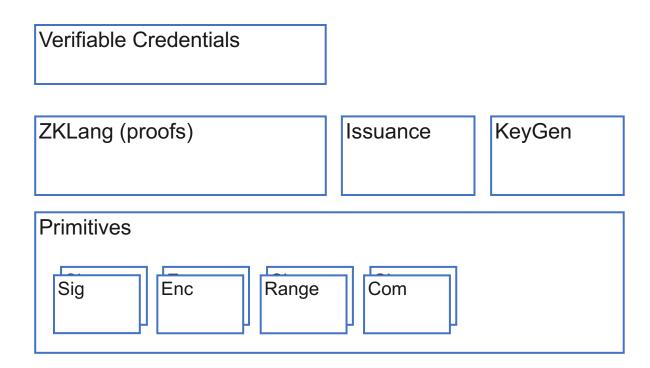
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#### Overview and Goal

- ZKLang: language mapping W3C verifiable claims to cryptographic algorithms
  - Prove claims in a privacy-preserving way (using ZKP)
  - Abstracts cryptographic algorithms
    - (mapping to crypto algorithms needs to be specified)
  - Translates verifiable claims
    - (mapping between verifiable claims and ZKLang needs to be specified)

Goal: define and implement ZKLang

#### Overview and Goal



#### ZKLang: Notation and Examples

• NIZK{(m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub>, m<sub>3</sub>)[m<sub>4</sub>]: Statement(constants, m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub>, m<sub>3</sub>, m<sub>4</sub>)}

Non Interactive Zero-knowledge proof of Knowledge (NIZK) statements:

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• (m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub>, ...) are hidden messages (encoded as integers);
      • [m<sub>4</sub>] are messages (attributes) that are revealed
• NIZK{ (m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub>, m<sub>3</sub>) [m<sub>4</sub>]: Credential(PK<sub>issuer</sub>, m<sub>1</sub>, m<sub>2</sub>, m<sub>3</sub>, m<sub>4</sub>) }

    possession of a credential

• NIZK{(m<sub>2</sub>): Interval(m<sub>2</sub>, constant, constant)}
                                                                                                            range proof

    verifiable encryption for auditing

• NIZK{(m<sub>3</sub>): Enc(PK<sub>auditor</sub>, ciphertext, m<sub>3</sub>)}
NIZK{(): Nym(PPK)}

    pseudonymous user public key

• NIZK{(): ScopeNym(PPK, scope)}

    nym, but unique per scope

• NIZK\{(m_1, m_2, m_3): Polyrel(m_1 = m_1 - 4m_2 + constant)\}

    linear relations
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#### ZKLang: Notation and Examples

#### Terms can be combined

- prove possession of a credential with four attributes issued by an issuer with Pk<sub>issuer</sub>,
- reveal attribute #4,
- verifiably encrypt attribute #3 under auditor's key PK<sub>auditor</sub>

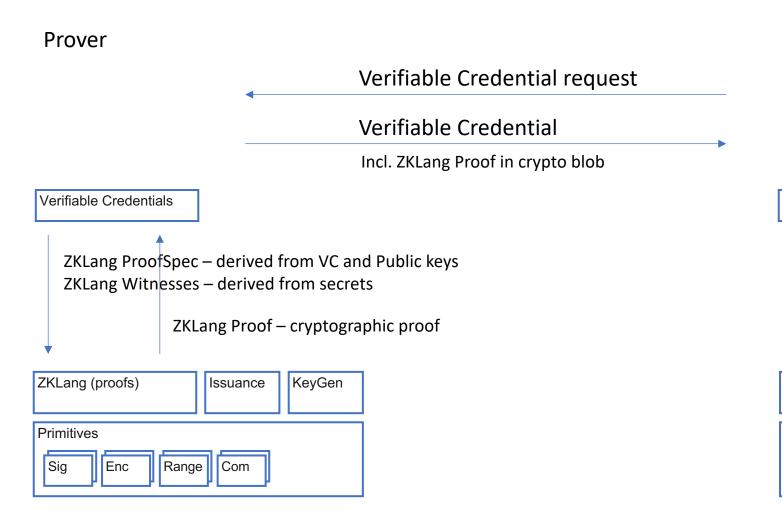
#### Mapping Verifiable Claims to ZKLang

- Map Issuer name to issuer public key (PK<sub>issuer</sub>)
- Map higher level data format (strings, dates, names, etc) to integers
- Translate predicates such as Over18 into Larger (today-m2, 18)
  - m<sub>2</sub> is an attribute that encodes the year of birth

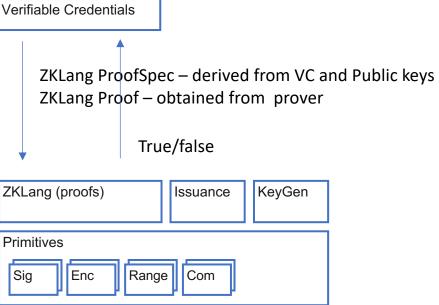
#### Mapping to Cryptographic algorithms

- Multiple options possible (RSA, ECC, DL)
  - Different cryptographic assumptions
  - Different implementations
- Different building blocks are realized in different groups
- Need to be carefully defined to allow for interoperability
- Signatures:
  - CL-signatures (RSA/ECC), U-Prove (Brands) signatures
- Range proofs:
  - Smaller/Larger can be realized in RSA groups

## **ZKLang Objects**



#### Verifier



#### JSON Objects for ZKLang (somewhat misformated)

```
ZKL-ProofSpec:{
                          "attributeCount": 10.
                          "disclosed": [{ "index": 3, "value": 500}, {"index": 9, "value": 20}],
                          "clauses": [ {"type": "Credential", "dataclauseData": { "pk": "<ipk1>", "attrs": [0, 1, 2, 3] },
                                      {"type": "Credential", "clauseData": { "pk": "<ipk2>","attrs": [0, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]} },
                                      {"type": "Interval", "clauseData": { "attrs": [2], "min": 6, "max": 10, "pk": "<rpk>}] }
ZKL-Witness:{
                          "attributeValues": ["av0","av1","av2","av3","av4","av5","av6","av7","av8"],
                          "clauseSecrets": [ "<cred1>", "<cred2>", "<enc randomness>", "<nym randomness>", null ] }
                          "chal": "<c>", "s": [s0, s1, s2, s4, s5, s6, s7, s8],
ZKL-Proof:{
                          "clauseOut": ["<out0>", "<out1>", "<out2>", "<out3>", "<out4>", "<out5>"],
                          "clauseProof": [ "<proof0>", "<proof1>", "<proof2>", "<proof3>", "<proof4>", "<proof5>" ]}
```

#### Next Steps

- Finishing ZKLang Spec
- Specify mapping to crypto
- Specify crypto algorithms
- Implement it...