TrustVault: A privacy-first data wallet for the European Blockchain Services Infrastructure

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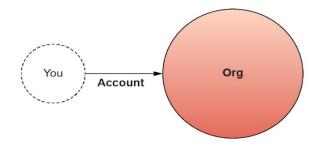
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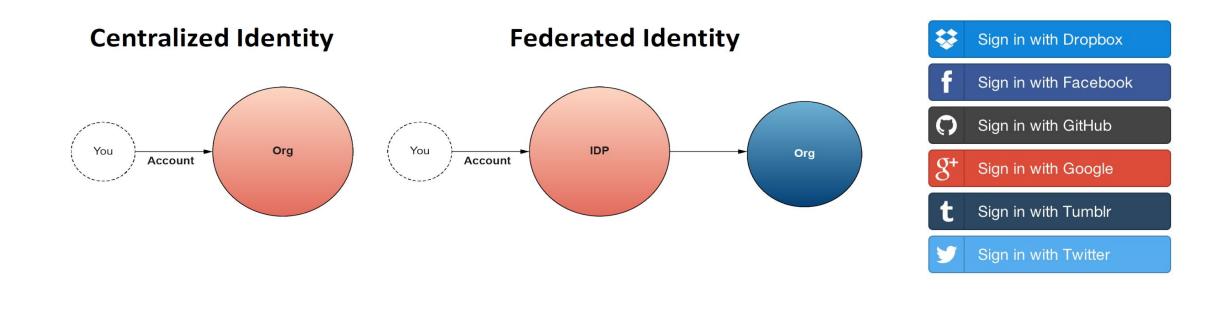
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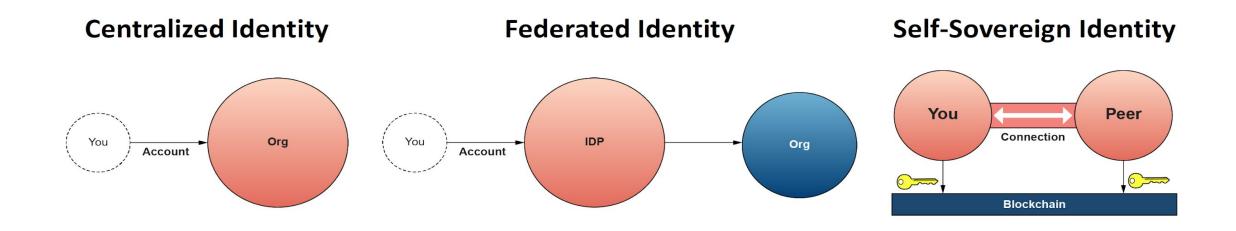
Centralized Identity













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 - Portability: identity must not be tied to a single service or provider.
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"Every time an App or website asks us to create a new digital identity or to easily log on via a big platform, we have no idea what happens to our data in reality."

> Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission



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The EU will pursue a human-centric, sustainable vision for digital society throughout the digital decade to empower citizens and businesses.



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- European Self-Sovereign Identity Framework
- Leverage blockchain technology: European Blockchain Services Infrastructure
- EU digital wallet on the app store





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What about my data?



Problem description

- Still reliant on Big Tech to store and host our data
- Hard to secure centralised applications
 - Large amount of data
 - Statistical analysis on metadata and interactions
- Not under your full control
 - Access control not enforced or not flexible
 - Censorship
- Not portable
 - Incentive to retain users & data
 - Data coupled to application

TUDelft

L. Pesonen, D. Eyers, and B. Jean, "Access control in decentralised publish/subscribe systems,"

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Problem description

A system with true data sovereignty requires the following properties:

- Decentralised data storage on device controlled by data owner
- Fine-grained and resolutely enforced access control
 - Verified authentication
 - Decentralised identity
- Data decoupled from applications

Bonus: plug into the societal infrastructure for identity

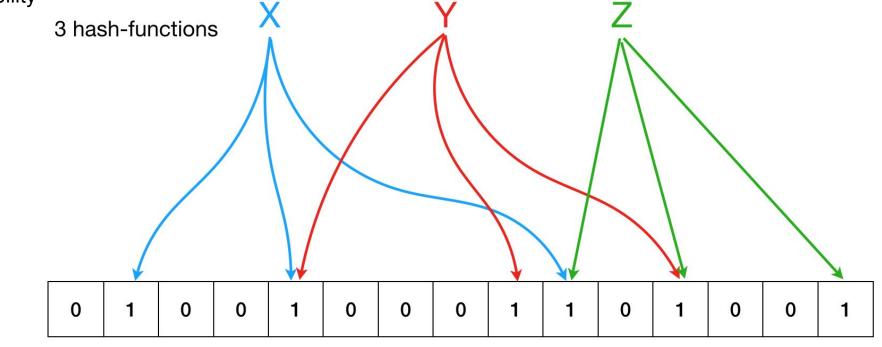
TrustVault: data wallet with attribute-based access control based on verifiable credentials from EBSI



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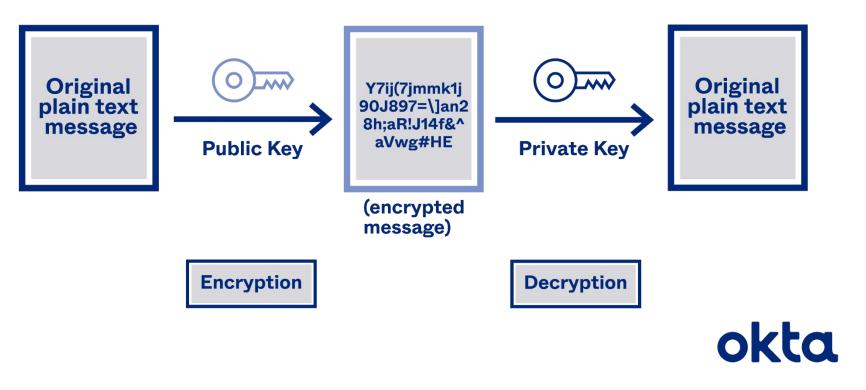
Bloom filters

- Space-saving randomised data structure
- Membership queries
- No false negatives
- small false positive possibility





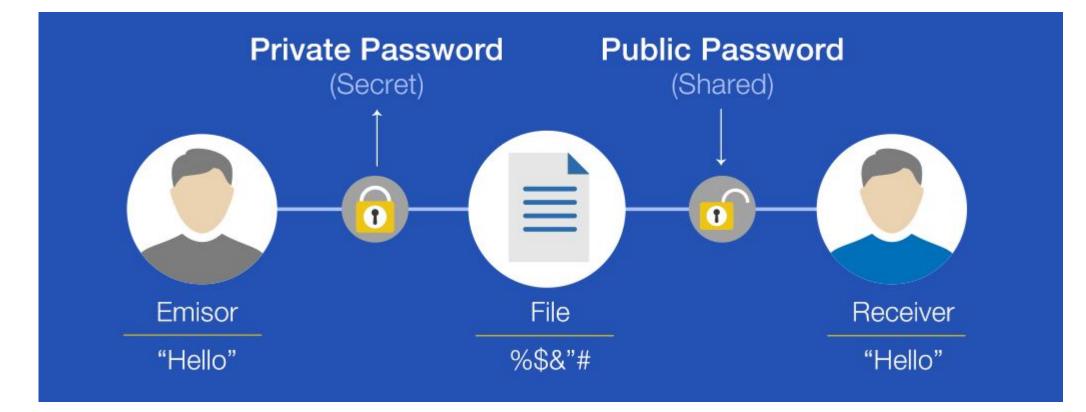
Public Key Cryptography



Confidentiality



Digital Signatures



Authenticity & Non-Repudiation



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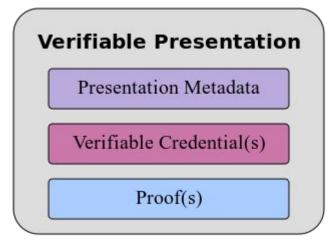






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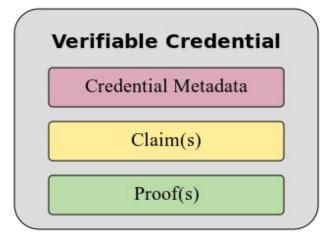


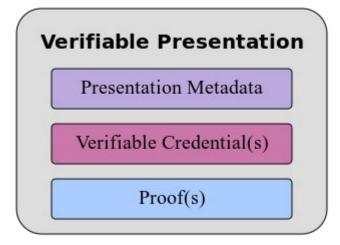




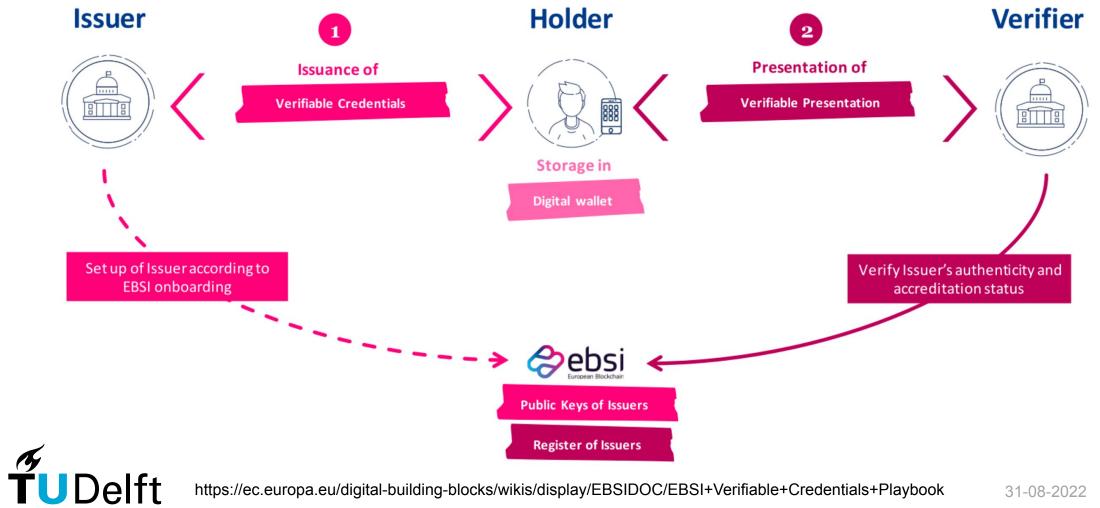


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- Verifiable Data Registry is the anchor of distributed trust





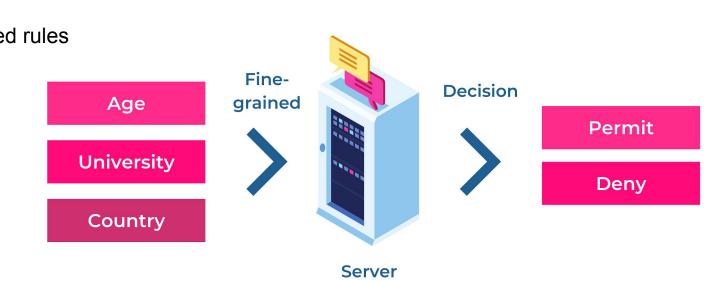




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Attribute-Based Access Control

- Control access to resources
- Fine-grained control
- Evaluate set of attributes against predefined rules
- Only limited by available attributes
- Requires verifiable attributes



Data

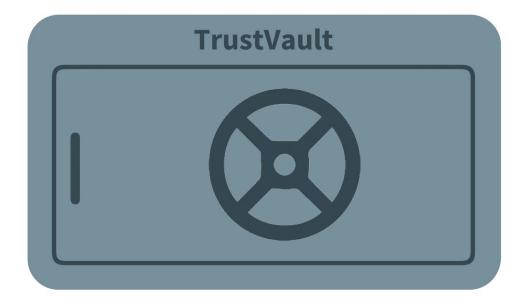


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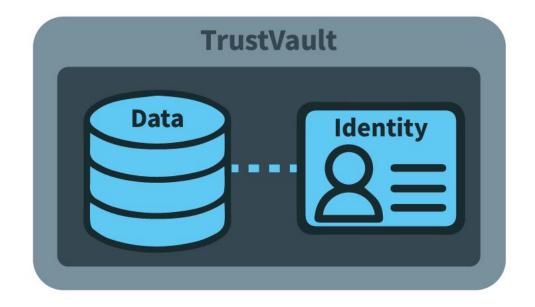
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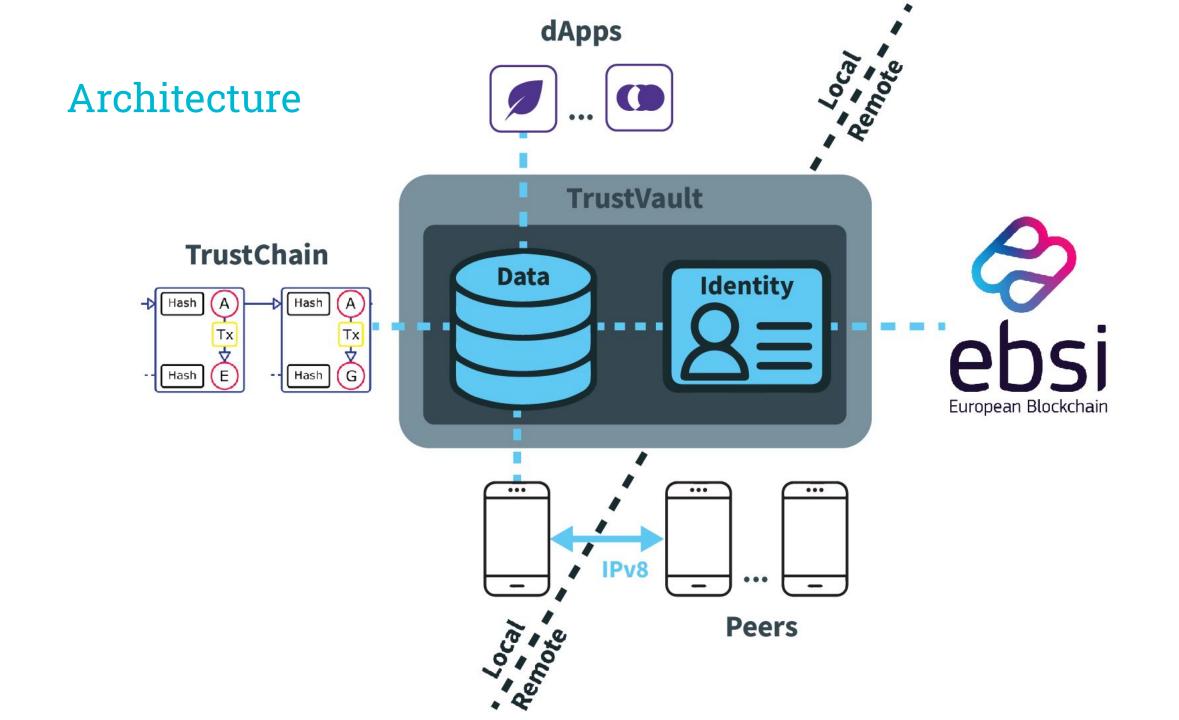
Architecture and Design

Architecture



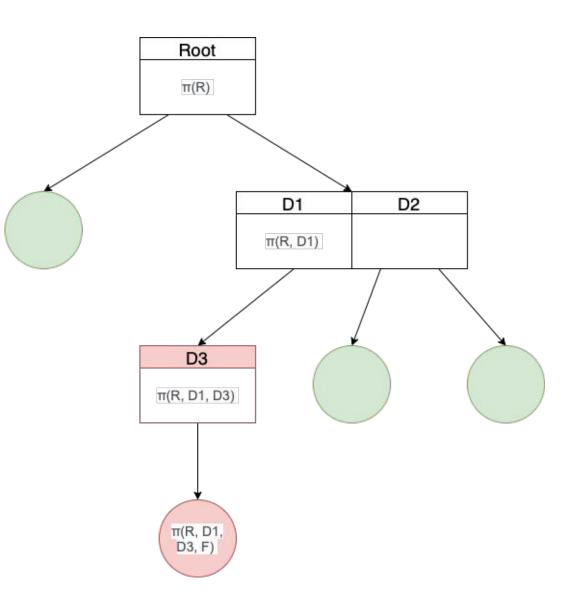
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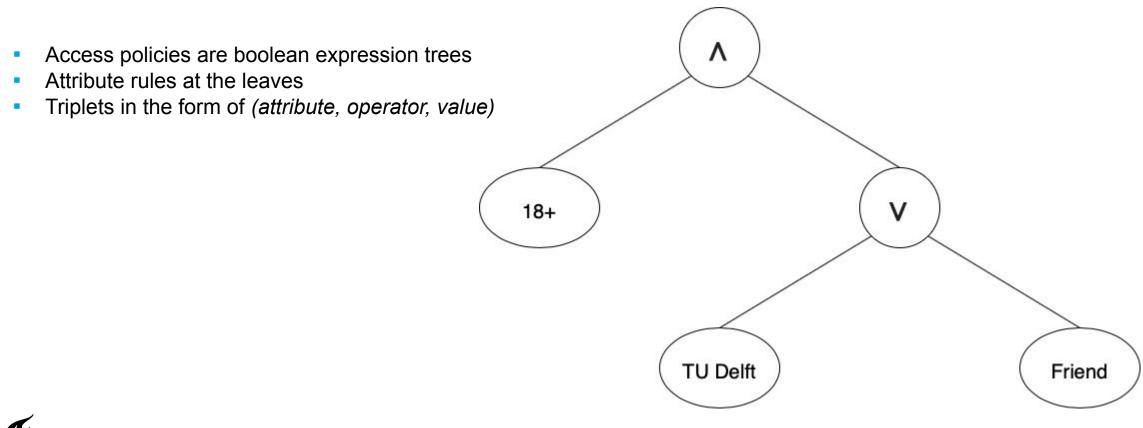
Data Vault Access Control

- Files and folders have associated access policy file
- Local policy *π*(*f*)
- Global policy $\Pi(f) = \pi(f) \land \Pi(P(f))$
- Satisfy every policy along the root path
- Minimal restrictions on the root folder
- Increasingly specific policies for sub-folders



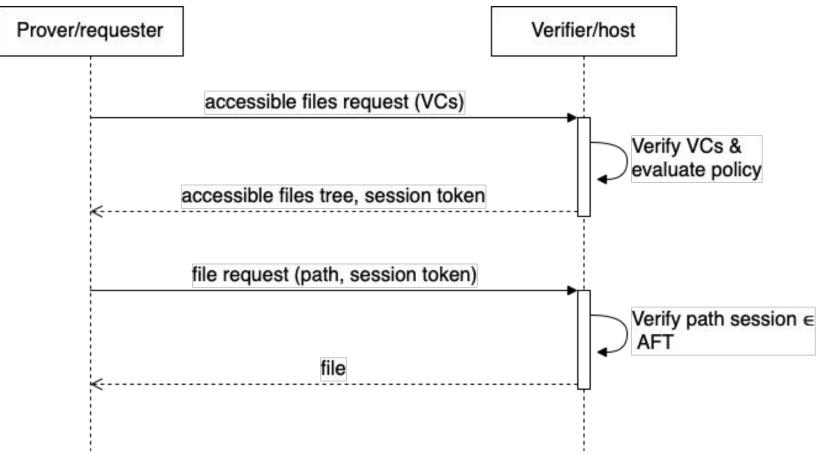


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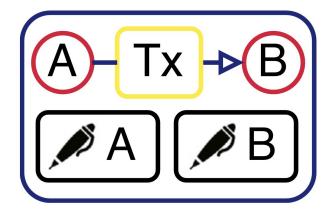
Self-issued credentials

- Access policy based on the issuer of a credential
- Similar to follow/friend request in traditional social networks
- Attributes that give context about the relationship



Tamper-proof access log

- Keep record of accessibleFilesRequests on-chain
- Bloom filter that contains all accessible files
- Transaction with session key and bloom filter sent to requester
- Both sender and recipient sign transactions in TrustChain
- Timestamped, tamper-proof and irrefutable record
- Audits or disputes





Data protection

- Data protected at rest
 - AES Counter mode encryption
 - Password required to unlock data vault
- End-to-end encryption using IPv8



Evaluation

Privacy +

- Self-hosted data
- Fine-grained access control on folder and file level
 - Mistakes in defining policies may end in unintentional disclosure
- Data minimisation: requesting only the minimum of information necessary
- Selective disclosure for the requester



Privacy -

- Peer identification by public key
 - Curious verifier can aggregate enough correlatable information over time
 - Not solved by having multiple DIDs
 - Network-Level Anonymity implemented in Python, not in Kotlin
- No private transactions on TrustChain
 - On-chain access logs are public for anyone to see



Security +

- Android internal file storage shielded from outside access
- Encryption at rest prevents unauthorised access even with physical access
- End-to-end encryption with message authentication
- IPv8 maintains p2p connection with changing physical addresses
- EBSI accreditation process for Trusted Issuers
 - Malicious, compromised or incompetent issuers could issue false credentials

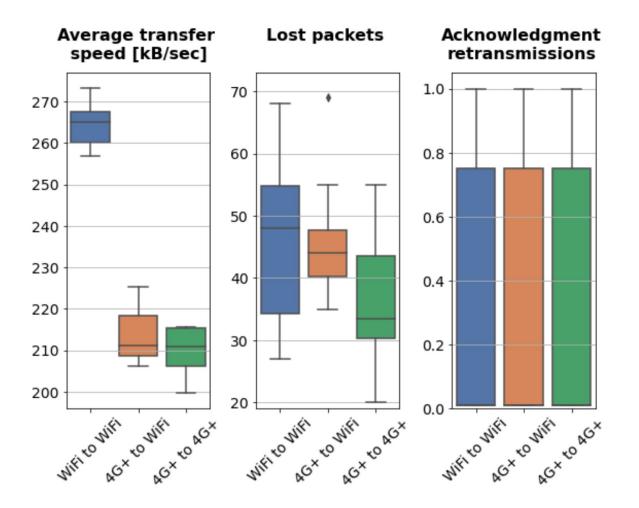


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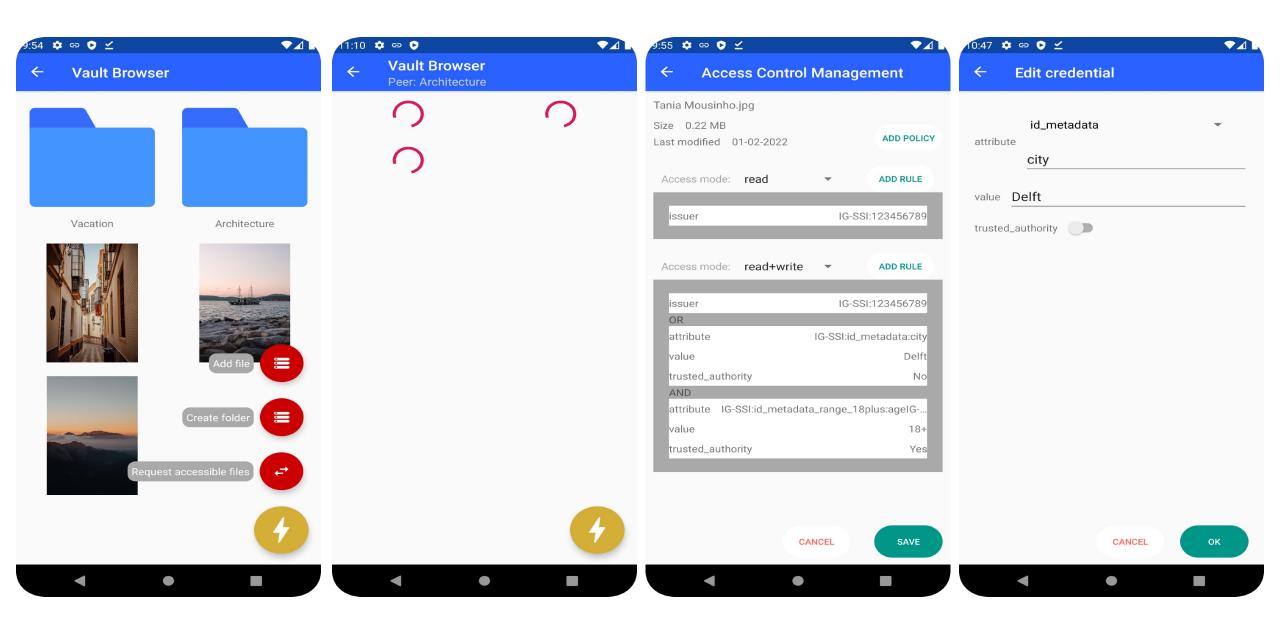
- EBSI Verifiable Data Registry not convincing in requirement of accuracy
 - Hosted API layer between user and blockchain that can corrupt read/writes
 - Single point of failure
- No redundancy
 - Mobile devices can go out of service
 - Data loss if there is no back-up



Performance



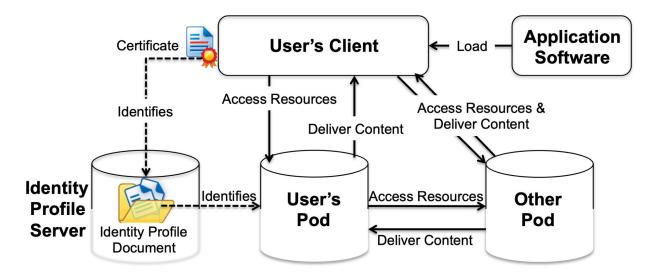




Related Work

Solid protocol

- Similar concept called pods
- Data decoupled from applications
- Focused on Linked Data and Semantic Web
- Access control based on WebID
 - Self asserted, unverified credentials





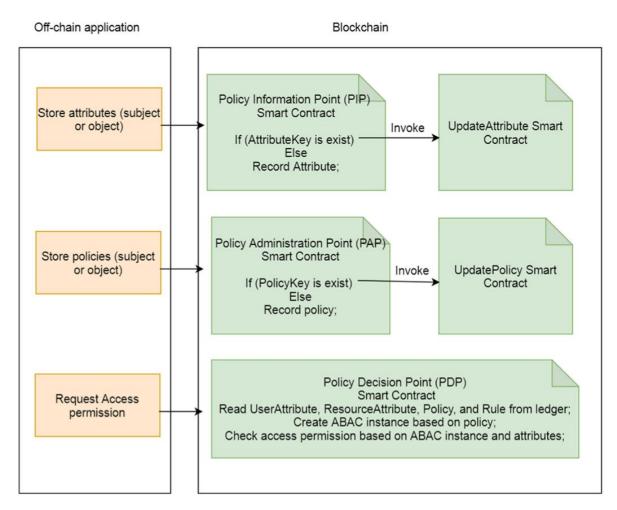
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DID based access control

- Similar access control scheme
- Centralised resources
- Closed off system
- No interoperability with other systems



Decentralised Attribute-Based Access Control





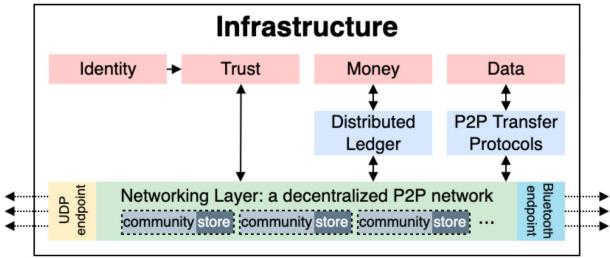
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Web3: A Decentralized Societal Infrastructure for Identity, Trust, Money, and Data

- Peer-to-peer sharing of data, money
- Uses SSI for trust between parties
- TrustVault provides platform for dApps to access data directly and autonomously with fine-grained access control



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Decentralised Attribute-Based Access Control

- Trusted execution of access policies
- Offload policy decision making to smart contracts
- Access requests are forwarded to the smart contracts
- Auditable access log
- Introduces latency with every request
- Costly to update policies and attributes



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Related work

- About a dozen digital wallet implementations in the process of becoming EBSI conformant. None incorporating secure data sharing.
- Purpose built ledgers for SSI like Sovrin and Ethereum Decentralised Identity provide more credential types.
- Anonymous Credentials and Zero Knowledge Proof Schemes like BBS+
 - Selective disclosure
 - Signature blinding
 - Private holder blinding
 - Predicate proofs



Conclussion

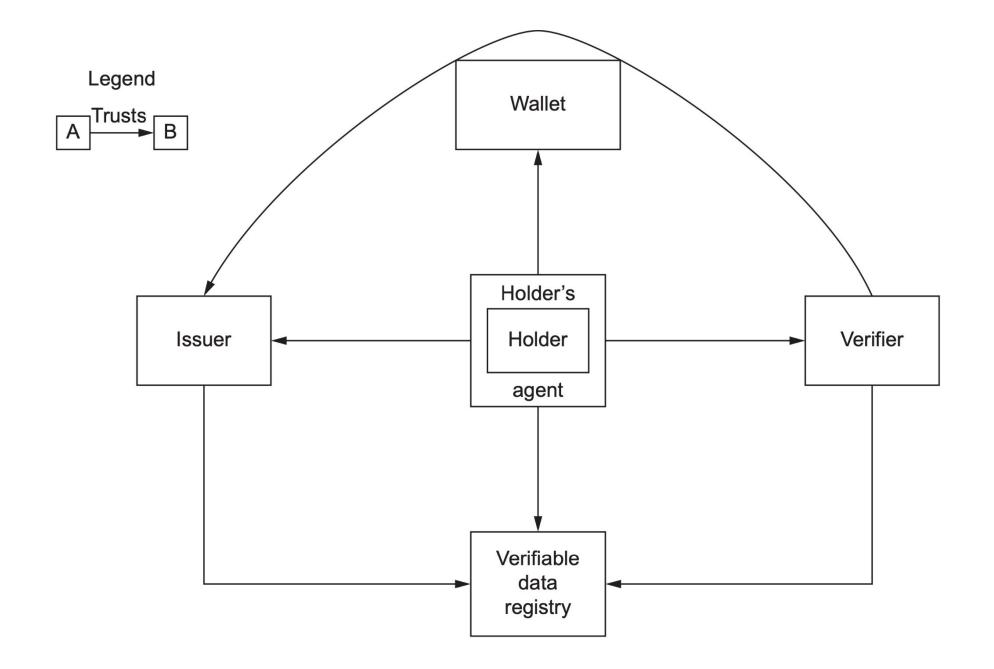
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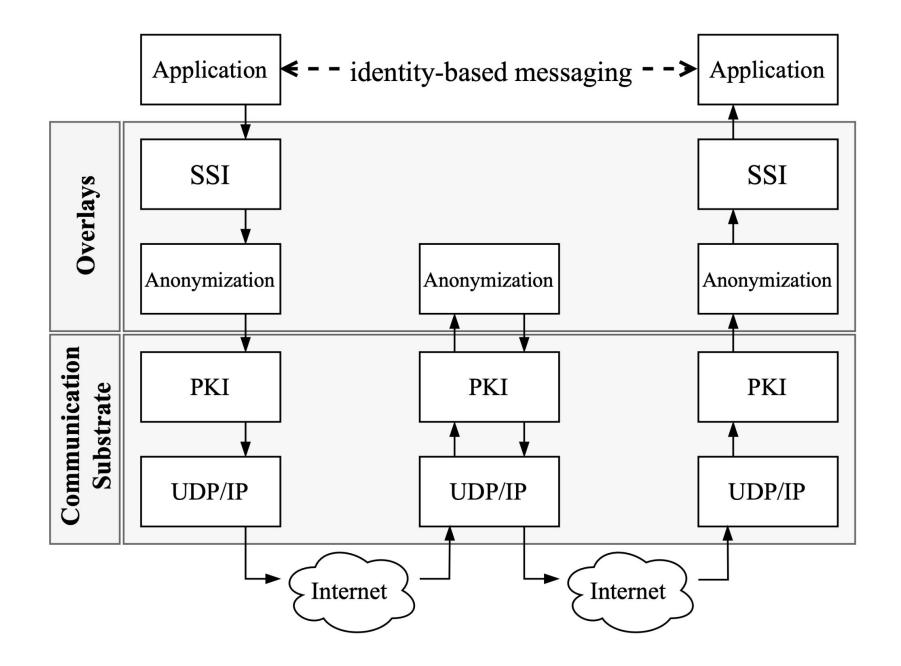
- TrustVault users are sovereign over identity and data
 - Secure, under user control and portable
- User data is stored locally, with fine-grained access control
- Build upon upcoming European Digital Identity Wallet
- EBSI is viable way of giving control to citizens
- Alternative for Big Tech
- Fair, competitive and transparent



Thanks for joining

Sharif Jacobino





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insertDidDocument

Call to build an unsigned transaction to insert a new DID Document.

Parameters:

- from: Ethereum address of the signer
- identifier: DID identifier (hexadecimal)
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- hashValue: hash of the canonicalized DID Document
- didVersionInfo: stringified JSON DID Document (hex-encoded)
- timestampData: data to be added to the timestamp (stringified JSON encoded in hexadecimal)
- didVersionMetadata: DID Document metadata (stringified JSON encoded in hexadecimal)
- Create a JSON-LD format DID Document compliant with W3C format (https://www.w3.org/TR/did-core/) and following ESSIF Model.
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- Encode in Base64url

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Dear Sharif Jacobino

Could you please provide more information and logs?

Thank you

Best Regards

EBSI Support Office

DETAILS

Subject

Issue with the website

User

Wallet provider

Company name/Organisation TU Delft

Description

We have been going through the wallet conformance testing steps but some apiâs (e.g. didregistry/v2/identifiers/{did}) has been timing out since last week, preventing us from advancing with the test program.

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Sharif Jacobino Just now

Hi, thanks for looking at the issue. The api's in question seem to be working again.

However, the users-onboarding/v1/authentication-responses api now returns an error it did not before without any change on my side {"title":"invalid_signature: Signature invalid for JWT","status":400,"type":"about:blank"}

2 days ago 12:30 PM

. Has there been any change there?

Your request status changed to: Waiting for customer 2 days ago 12:30 PM

Dear Sharif Jacobino

We fixed the issue. Could you please re-try WCT ?

Best Regards

EBSI Support office

Your request status changed to: Waiting for support 6 days ago 9:45 AM



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Simply trying out and api call on Swagger (https://api.conformance.intebsi.xyz/docs/? urls.primaryName=DID%20Registry%20API#/DID%20Documents/get-didregistry-v2-identifier) or doing a curl request (curl -X 'GET' \ 'https://api.conformance.intebsi.xyz/didregistry/v2/identifiers/did%3Aebsi%3AzsVGDm5zxnNgdEMenHm5yJ8' \ -H 'accept: application/did+Id+json') times out.

