

HIGH LEVEL SYSTEM DESIGN

3 part process for decentralized identity management:

- DID creation
- VC issuance
- VC verification.

The key components involved in these flows are:

- **Client (for Holder)**
- **Holder Wallet (8001)**
- **Resolver (8000)**
- **Issuer API (8003)**
- **Issuer Wallet (8002)**
- **Verifier (8004)**

DID Creation Flow Overview

- Client sends **POST /holder/did/create** request to **Holder Wallet**.

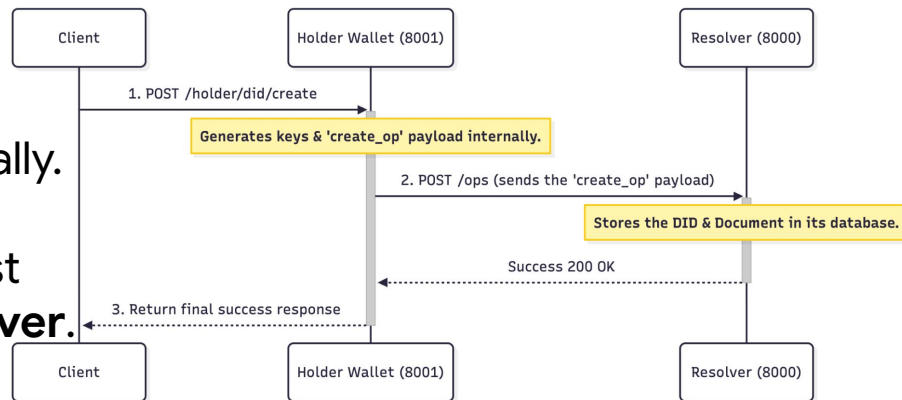
- Holder Wallet **generates key pairs** and creates the **create_op** payload internally.

- Holder Wallet sends **POST /ops** request (with the **create_op** payload) to **Resolver**.

- Resolver **stores the DID and DID Document** in its internal database.

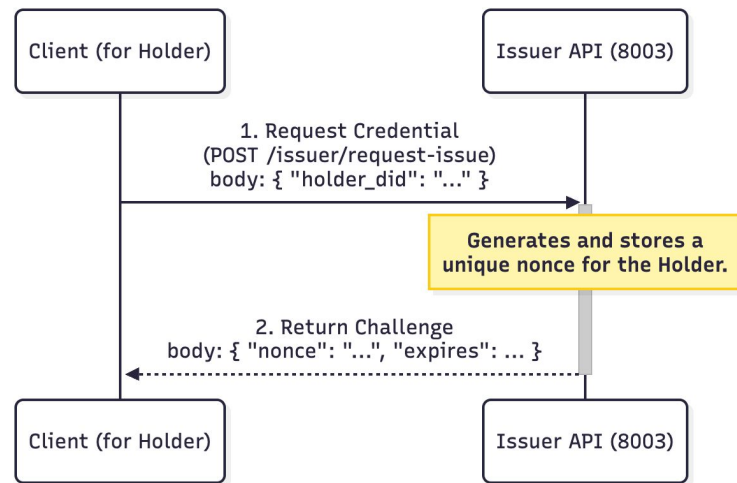
- Resolver responds with **200 OK (Success)** to Holder Wallet.

- Holder Wallet returns the **final success response** to the Client.



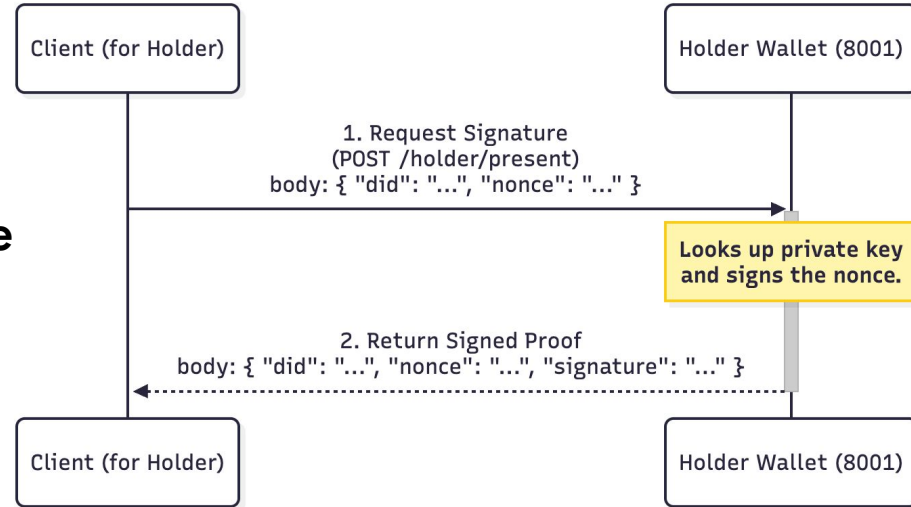
Credential Request Flow (Holder → Issuer)

- Client (on behalf of Holder) sends `POST /issuer/request-issue` (body includes the **Holder's DID**)
- **Issuer API (port 8003)**
 - **Generates a unique nonce** for the Holder.
 - Stores it internally with an expiry timestamp.
- Issuer returns the **challenge response** to the client:
`{ "nonce": "...", "expires": "..." }`



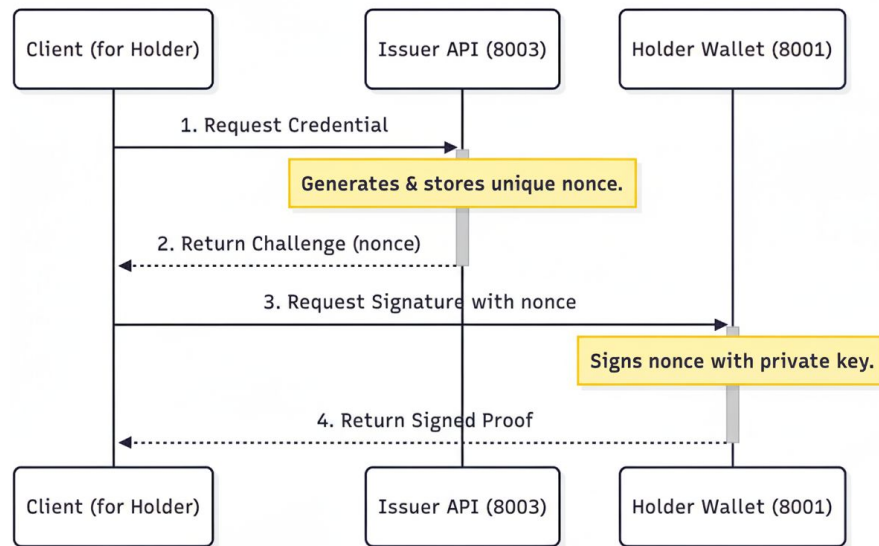
Signature (Proof of Possession) Flow

- Client sends **POST /holder/present** (body includes the **DID** and **nonce** received from Issuer).
- **Holder Wallet** retrieves the **private key** associated with the DID & **signs the nonce** to prove key ownership.
- Holder Wallet returns the **signed proof**
`{ "did": "...", "nonce": "...", "signature": "..." }`



Credential Request + Proof Flow

- Client sends **credential request** → `POST/issuer/request-issue`.
- **Issuer API generates & stores a unique nonce** for Holder & returns **nonce** to Client.
- Client forwards the **nonce** to **Holder Wallet** with a **signature request**.
- **Holder Wallet**
 - Looks up Holder's private key.
 - Signs the nonce to prove control of DID.
 - Returns the **signed proof**.
- Client sends the signed proof back to **Issuer API** for verification.



Verifiable Credential Issuance Flow

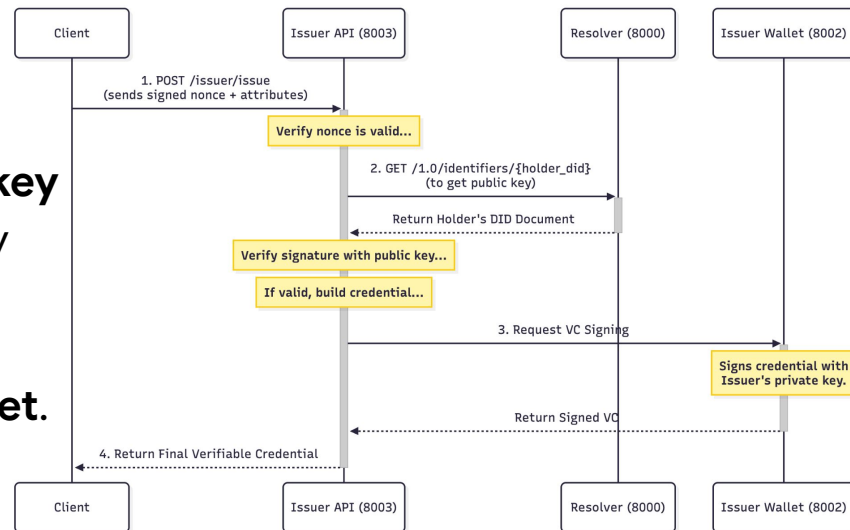
- Client sends **POST /issuer/issue** (includes **signed nonce + credential attributes**)

- Issuer API → Verifies nonce validity**

- **Resolving Holder's DID Doc** to get **pub key**
- **Verifies Holder's sign** using retrieved key
- If valid, **builds VC**

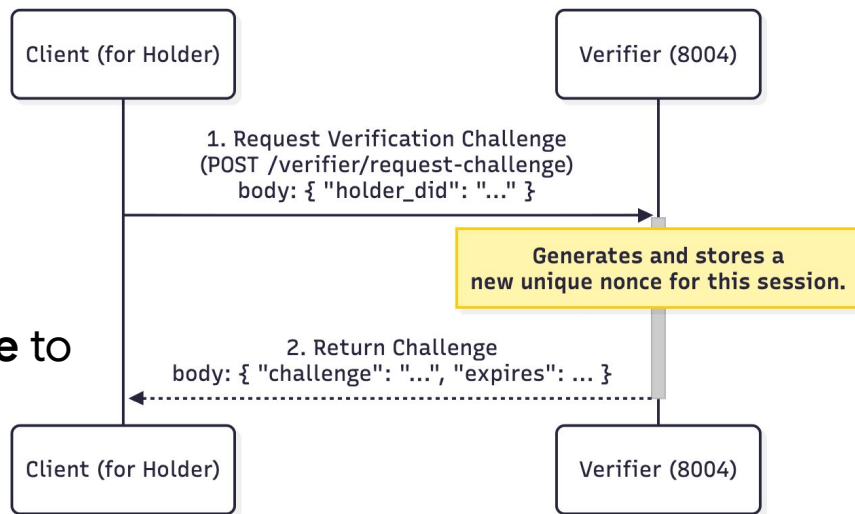
- Issuer requests **VC signing** from **Issuer Wallet**.
 - Wallet **signs cred** using **Issuer's pvt key**.

- Issuer API returns the **final signed VC** to the Client.



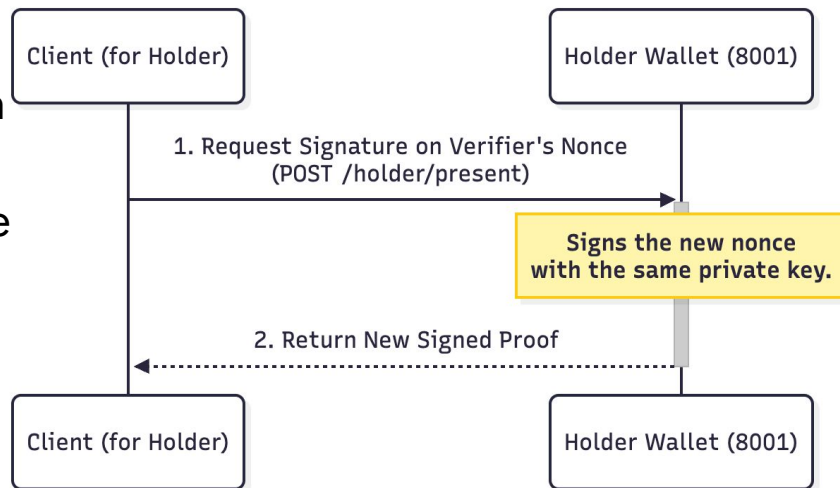
Verification Challenge Flow

- Client sends
`POST /verifier/request-challenge`
(body includes the **Holder's DID**)
- **Verifier API**
 - **Generates and stores a new unique nonce** for the verification session.
 - Returns the **challenge** and **expiry time** to the Client.



Proof of Ownership (Holder Signing Phase)

- Client sends
`POST /holder/present`
(body includes **Verifier's nonce**)
- **Holder Wallet**
 - **Looks up the private key** associated with the Holder's DID.
 - **Signs the verifier's nonce** using the same private key used during credential issuance.
- Wallet returns the **new signed proof** back to the Client:
`{ "did": "...", "nonce": "...", "signature": "..." }`



Verifiable Credential Validation Flow

- Client sends **POST /verify_presentation** (includes **VC + signed proof**).
- Verifier**
 - **Checks challenge validity**
 - Requests **Holder's DID Doc** from **Resolver** using **GET /1.0/identifiers/{holder_did}**.
 - **Verifies Holder's sign** on challenge using pub key
- Verifier fetches **Issuer's DID Doc** from Resolver using **GET /1.0/identifiers/{issuer_did}**.
 - **Verifies Issuer's signature** on the VC.
- If all checks pass, Verifier returns **Final Verification Result (Success)**.

