An introduction to
Decentralized Trust

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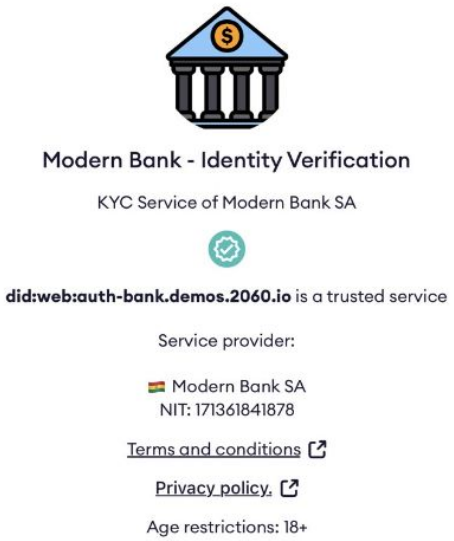
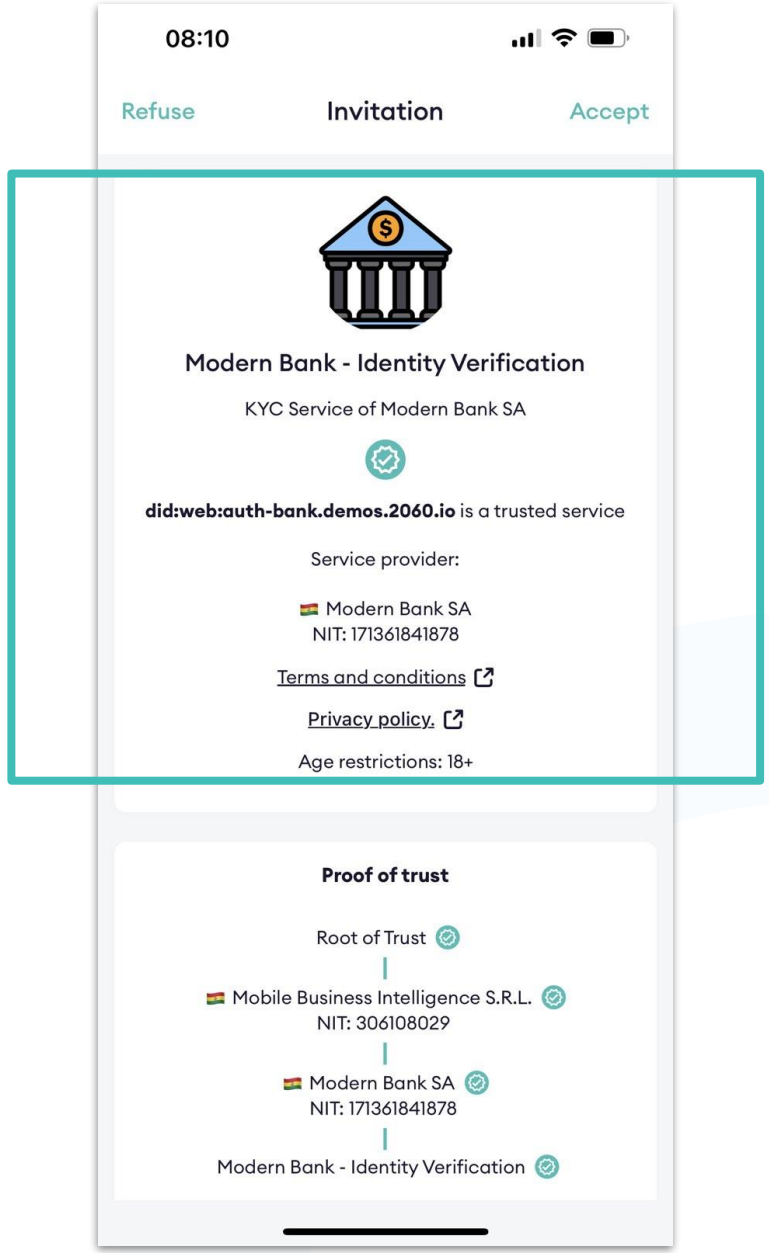
Decentralized Trust - Service

A **DT-S** is a service that:

- is able to identify itself with **Verifiable Credential(s) before** connecting to it;
- Is capable of resolving trust of peers that connect to it (**DT-S** and/or **DT-UA**) and drop untrustable connections.

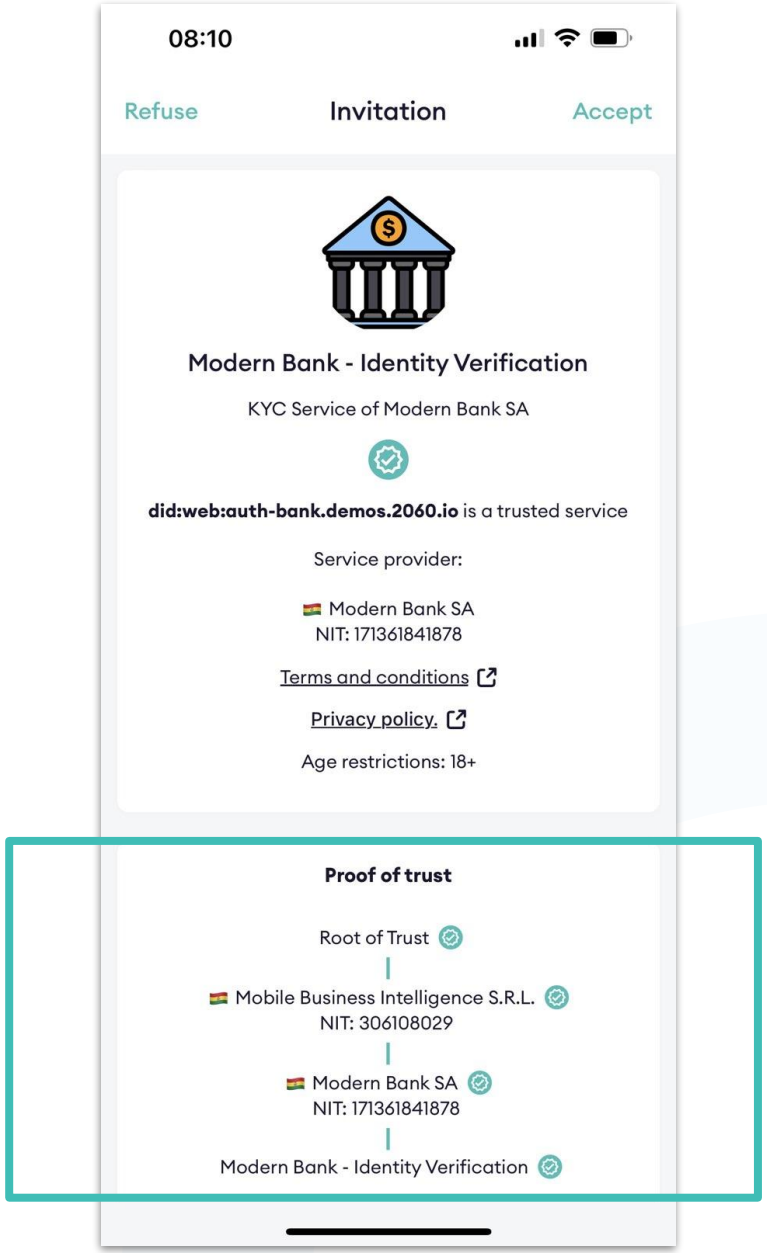




Decentralized Trust - User Agent

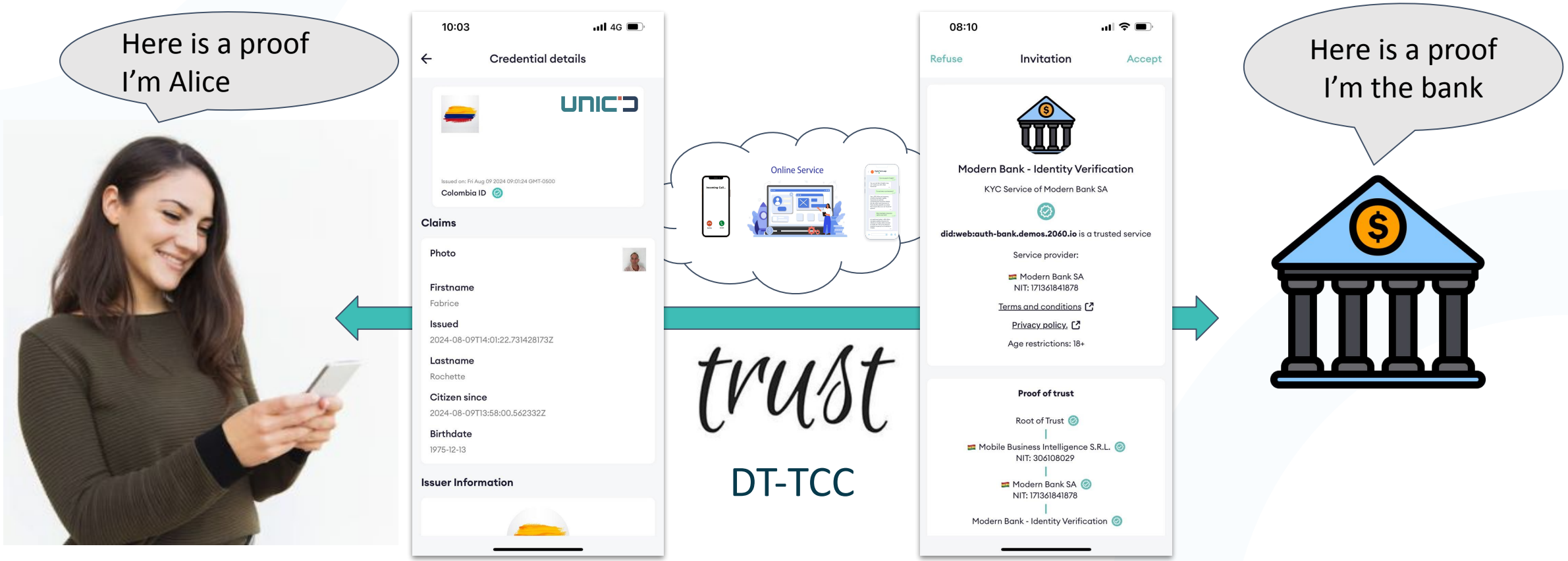
A **DT-UA** is a Mobile App, Browser, Wallet… that:

- is able to perform, when user wants to connect to a **DT-S/DT-UA**, a **Trust Resolution** and display a **Proof of Trust** of the peer **DT-S/DT-UA** to the user, so that user can **decide to connect or not**;
- is able to authenticate itself to peers (**DT-S** and/or **DT-UA**).



Decentralized Trust - Trustable Communication Channel

A persistent communication channel where **all participants** are **DT-S** and/or **DT-UA**.



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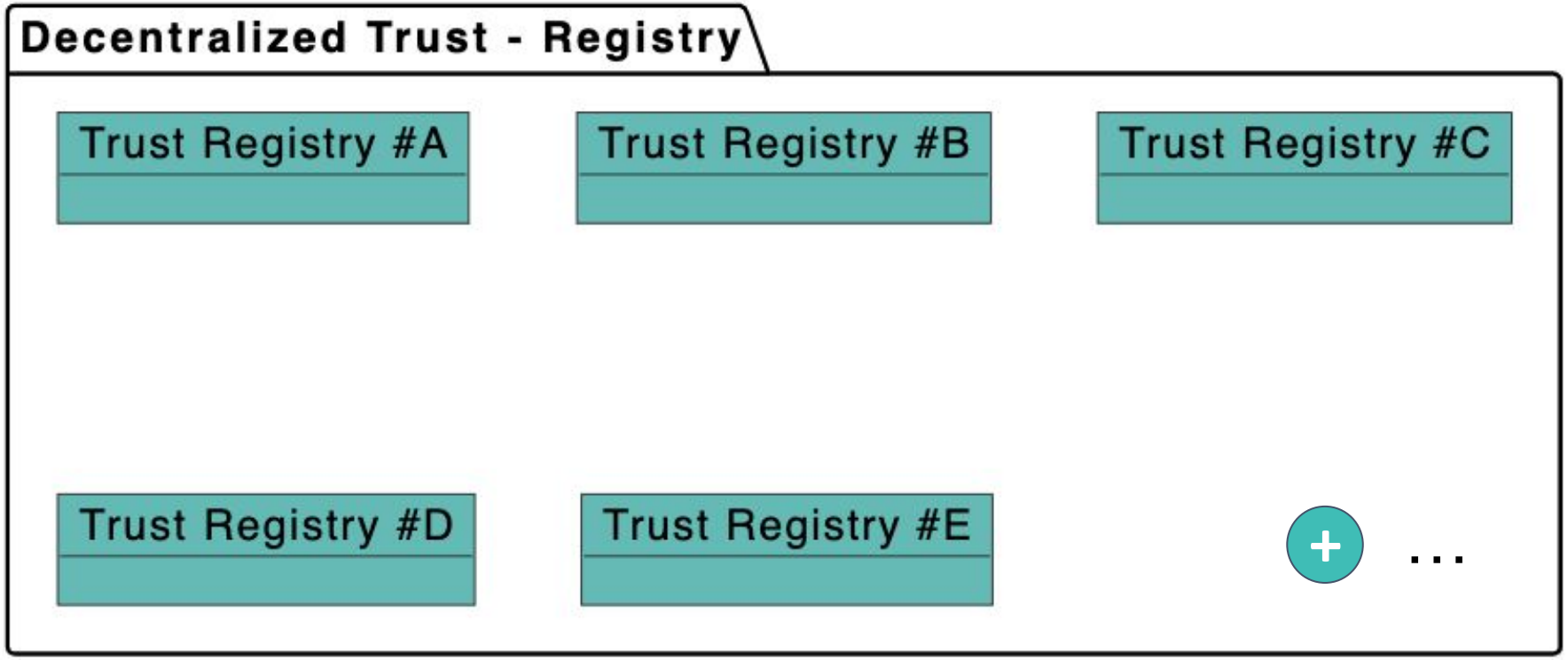
A DT-R is a public RoR (Registry of Registries)

Anyone can create a Trust Registry in a DT-R.



It's **Decentralized Trust - Registry**
Not **Decentralized - Trust Registry**

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In a **DT-R**, Each **Trust Registry** is identified by a **resolvable DID**, and provides, at least:

- **Governance Framework** document(s).
- Zero or more **Credential Schemas**.

A **DT-R** doesn't care about the DID methods used because DT resolution is performed outside the DT-R.

In a **DT-R**, you can use **any DID method**.

Note: DT-R may be presented in a separate session

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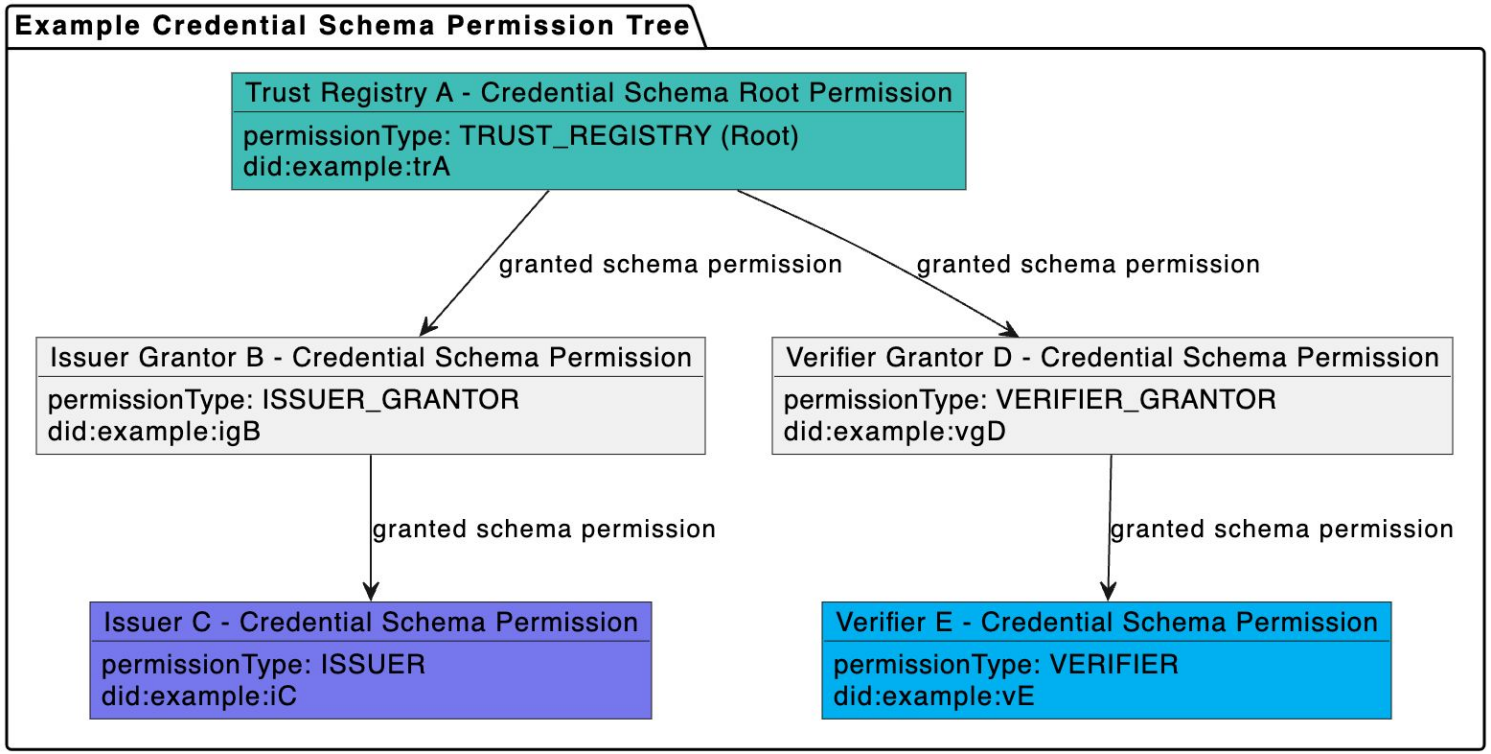
Each Credential Schema has its own Credential Schema Permission (CSP) tree

Credential Schema defines which Permission Types are allowed



Permission Type	Description
Trust Registry	Create and control Credential Schemas. Grant other roles.
Issuer Grantor	Grant Issuer permissions to candidate issuers
Verifier Grantor	Grant Verifier permissions to candidate verifiers
Issuer	Can issue credentials of this schema
Verifier	Can request presentation of credentials of this schema

Decentralized Trust - Essential Credential Schema

To resolve basic Trust using the **DT** paradigm, we simply need a **Trust Registry** with **4 basic credential schemas**: the **DT-ECS.**

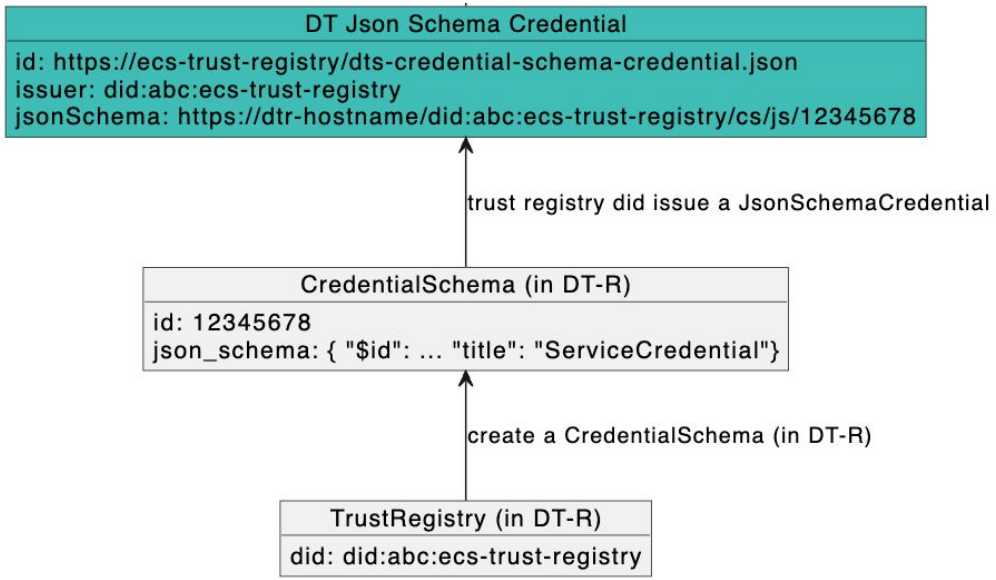
- Service
- Organization
- Person
- UserAgent

That’s enough to know **who is who** and perform **Trust Resolution**.

Decentralized Trust - Essential Credential Schema

From Json Schema to linked-vp of a Json Schema Credential

1. **DT-ECS** are created by **Trust Registry** did:abc:ecs-trust-registry as a **Json Schema** in a **DT-R**.
2. For each schema, **Trust Registry DID** issues a **Json Schema Credential** that point to the **Json Schema URI**.




```
{
  "@context": [
      "https://www.w3.org/ns/credentials/v2"
  ],
  "id": "https://ecs-trust-registry/dt-credential-schema-credential.json",
  "type": ["VerifiableCredential", "JsonSchemaCredential"],
  "issuer": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry",
  "issuanceDate": "2024-01-01T19:23:24Z",
  "credentialSchema": {
    "id": "https://w3c.github.io/vc-json-schema/schema/json-schema-credential-schema.json",
    "type": "JsonSchema",
    "digestSRI": "sha384-S57yQDg1MTzF56Oi9DbSQ14u7jBy0RDdx0YbeV7shwhCS88G8SCXeFq82PafhCrW"
  },
  "credentialSubject": {
    "id": "https://dtr-hostname/dtr/v1/cs/js/12345678",
    "type": "JsonSchema",
    "jsonSchema": {
      "$ref": "https://dtr-hostname/dtr/v1/cs/js/12345678"
    },
    "digestSRI": "sha384-ABCSGyugst67rs67rdbugsy0RDdx0YbeV7shwhCS88G8SCXeFq82PafhCeZ"
  }
}
```

Decentralized Trust - Essential Credential Schema

Trust Registry DID Document

3. **Trust Registry**
did:abc:ecs-trust-registry publishes the DT-ECS Json Schema Credentials as **linked-vps** in its **DID Document** as well as a **DT-R service entry**.

```
"service": [
  {
    "id": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry#dtr-essential-schemas-service-credential-schema-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://ecs-trust-registry/service-credential-schema-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry#dtr-essential-schemas-organization-credential-schema-credential"
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://ecs-trust-registry/org-credential-schema-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry#dtr-essential-schemas-person-credential-schema-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://ecs-trust-registry/person-credential-schema-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry#dtr-essential-schemas-user-agent-credential-schema-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://ecs-trust-registry/user-agent-credential-schema-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry#dtr-essential-schemas-trust-registry",
    "type": "DecentralizedTrustRegistry",
    "version": "1.0",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://dtr-hostname/dtr/v1/"]
  }

  ...
]
```

Decentralized Trust - Non Essential Schemas

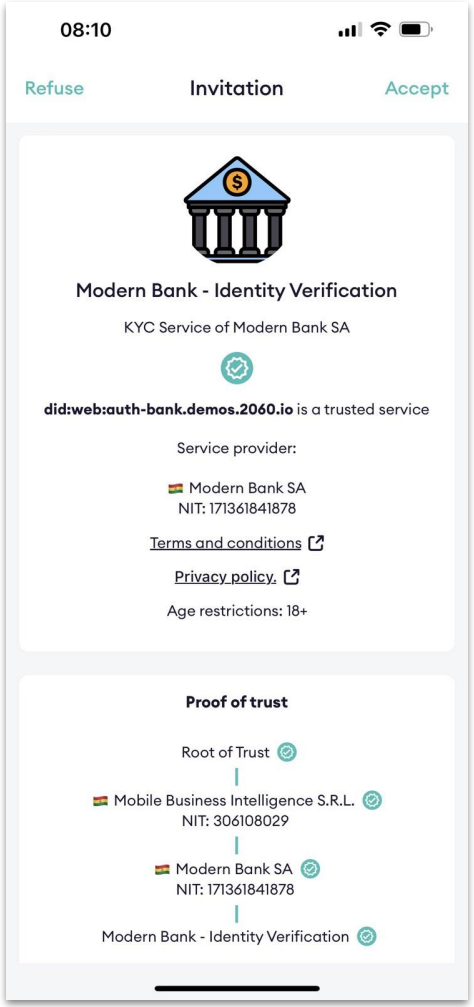
Of course Trust Resolution is not limited to **DT-ECS**. Anyone can create another **Trust Registry**, this one created a schema for DLs:

```
"service": [
  {
    "id": "did:abc:dl-trust-registry#dtr-schemas-driving-license-credential-schema-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://dl-trust-registry/driving-license-credential-schema-presentation.json
  },
  {
    "id": "did:abc:dl-trust-registry#dtr-schemas-trust-registry",
    "type": "DecentralizedTrustRegistry",
    "version": "1.0",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://dtr-hostname/dtr/v1/"]
  }
  ...
]
```

Decentralized Trust - DT Service

Now we have our ECSs, how a DT-S DID Document looks like?

```
"service": [
  {
    "id": "did:web:user-dts.gaiaid.io#dtr-essential-schemas-service-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://user-dts.gaiaid.io/service-credential-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:web:user-dts.gaiaid.io#dtr-essential-schemas-org-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://user-dts.gaiaid.io/org-credential-presentation.json"]
  },
  {
    "id": "did:web:user-dts.gaiaid.io#dtr-schemas-trademark-credential",
    "type": "LinkedVerifiablePresentation",
    "serviceEndpoint": ["https://user-dts.gaiaid.io/trademark-credential-presentation.json"]
  }
  ...
]
```



Something similar applies for DT-UAs.

Decentralized Trust - Trust Registry lists

Compliant DT-Ss and DT-UAs maintain a list of trusted DT-Rs

```
{
  decentralizedTrustRegistries: [
    {
      "name": "dtr-mainnet",
      "baseurl": "https://dtr-mainnet/dtr/v1",
      "version": "1"
      "production": true
    },
    {
      "name": "dtr-testnet",
      "baseurl": "https://dtr-testnet/dtr/v1",
      "version": "1"
      "production": false
    },
    {
      "name": "dtr-devnet",
      "baseurl": "https://dtr-devnet/dtr/v2",
      "version": "2"
      "production": false
    },
  ]
}
```

```
{
  essentialSchemaTrustRegistries: [
    {
      "tr": "did:abc:ecs-trust-registry",
      "dtr": "dtr-mainnet"
    },
    {
      "tr": "did:efg:ecs-trust-registry",
      "dtr": "dtr-testnet"
    }
  ]
}
```

Decentralized Trust - Trust Resolution

DT-UAs and DT-S query the DT-R to verify authorizations: Issuer

Example #1: check if issuer `did:example:service-credential-issuer` is (was) granted issuance of credentials from credential schema `12345678` to wallet_user_agent_did `did:example:wallet_user_agent` through user agent `did:example:user_agent` for country `fr` at datetime `2024-10-31T01:48:52Z` for session_id `09b6d2e1-684f-443a-94ae-f6bc3112b2e5`:

`POST /dtr/v1/csp/authorized_issuer`

```
{
  "issuer_did": "did:example:service-credential-issuer",
  "user_agent_did": "did:example:user_agent",
  "wallet_user_agent_did": "did:example:wallet_user_agent",
  "schema_id": "12345678",
  "country": "fr",
  "when": "2024-10-31T01:48:52Z",
  "session_id": "09b6d2e1-684f-443a-94ae-f6bc3112b2e5"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "status": "AUTHORIZED"
}
```

Decentralized Trust - Trust Resolution

DT-UAs and DT-S query the DT-R to verify authorizations: Verifier

Example #2: check if verifier `did:example:verifier` is (was) granted presentation request of a credential from credential schema `12345678` issued by issuer `did:example:service-credential-issuer` from wallet_user_agent_did `did:example:wallet_user_agent` through user agent `did:example:user_agent` for country `fr` at datetime `2024-10-31T01:48:52Z` for session_id `09b6d2e1-684f-443a-94ae-f6bc3112b2e5` and session_id `09b6d2e1-684f-443a-94ae-f6bc3112b2e5`:

`POST /dtr/v1/csp/authorized_verifier`

```
{
  "verifier_did": "did:example:verifier",
  "issuer_did": "did:example:service-credential-issuer",
  "user_agent_did": "did:example:user_agent",
  "wallet_user_agent_did": "did:example:wallet_user_agent",
  "schema_id": "12345678",
  "country": "fr",
  "when": "2024-10-31T01:48:52Z",
  "session_id": "09b6d2e1-684f-443a-94ae-f6bc3112b2e5"
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "status": "AUTHORIZED"
}
```

Decentralized Trust - Spec

Contributions? Discussions?

https://github.com/verana-labs/decentralized-trust-spec

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