

# PRISM SCHEMA DEFINITION

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Prism VC Schema/Cred Definition: F8 <https://cardano.ideascale.com/c/idea/400403>

Goal — receive early feedback from developers.  
setup communication channels

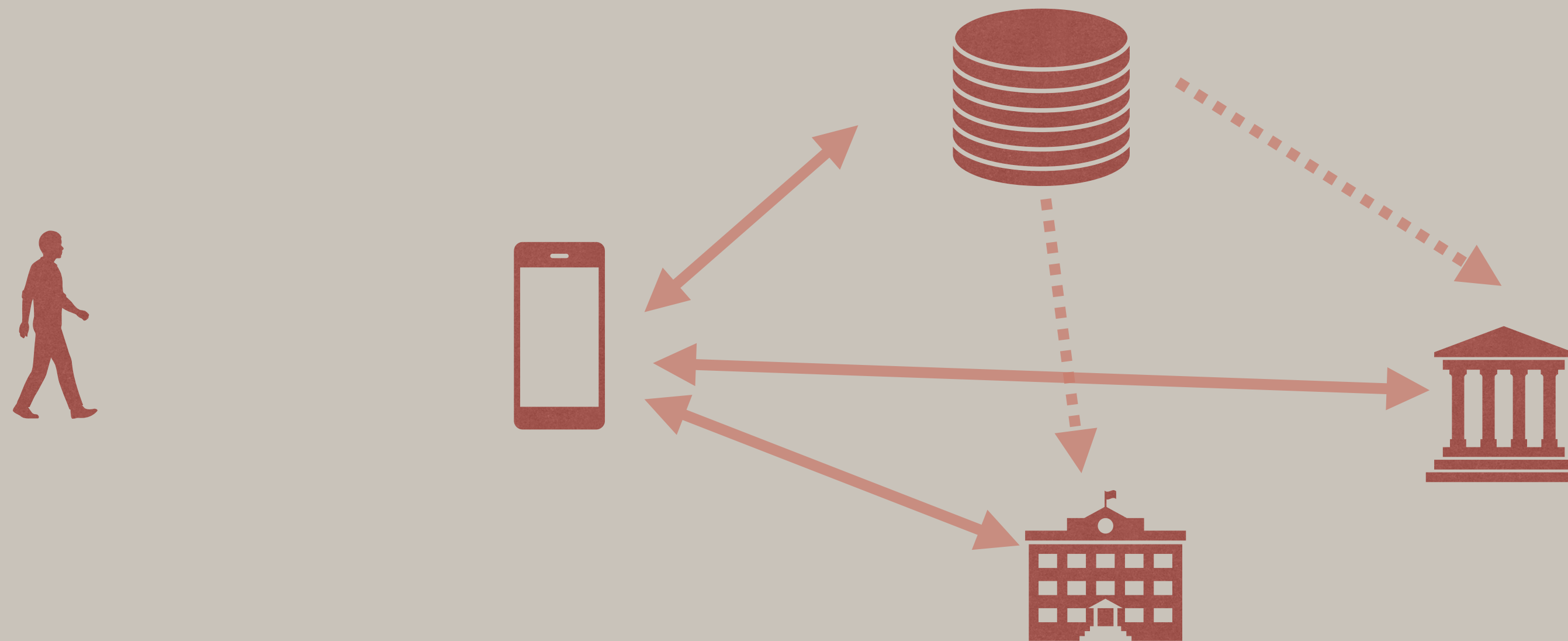
(Agenda = Frequently Asked Questions):

- What is a credential schema and why is it needed?
- Why can't we use existing JSON-LD Standard?
- What are similar generic schema standards?
- What do other SSI project use for the similar purposes?
- What properties (dimensions) we want to describe?

# - What is a credential schema and why is it needed?

```
{
  name: "Basic Passport Data",
  author: "did:prism:fe6f01c776514efa82c82a73fa00c0c91368ff.....",
  version: "1.0",
  trustRegistry: { type: "permissionless" },
  properties: {
    Country: { type: "string", enum: [ ...."" ], }
    names: { type: "object", properties:{
      "First Name": { type: string, maxLength: 50 },
      "Last Name" : { type: string, maxLength: 50 },
    }},
    namesInternational: { . .... }
    "passportId": { type: "string", indexable: true }
    "Credential Issue Date": { type: Date }
  }
  Uniqueness: ["Country","passportId"]
}
```

- What is a credential schema and why is it needed?
  - Contains semantic description of data inside credential.
  - Tools can use schema to load, verify and process credential.
  - Stored in public blockchain.
  - Can be retrieved from credential



- Typical scenario:
  - request credential by schema;
  - receive and verify credential;
  - verify that credential is issued by issuer from trust registry;
  - Do some custom processing, based on fields.

# - Why can't we use existing JSON-LD Standard?

## Verifiable credential data model.

- <https://json-ld.org/>
- <https://www.w3.org/TR/json-ld11/>

Schema = "context definition"

```
{
  "@context": {
    "Person": "http://www.w3.org/ns/person#Person",
    "alternativeName": {
      "@id": "http://purl.org/dc/terms/alternative",
      "@type": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"
    },
    "birthName": {
      "@id": "http://www.w3.org/ns/person#birthName",
      "@type": "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#string"
    },
    "citizenship": {
      "@id": "http://www.w3.org/ns/person#citizenship",
      "@type": "http://purl.org/dc/terms/Jurisdiction"
    },
  },
}
```

```
{
  "@context": "http://www.schema.org",
  "@type": "Person",
  "@id": "https://jay.holtslander.ca/#person",
  "name": "Jay Holtslander",
  "alternateName": "Jason Holtslander",
  "nationality": "Canadian",
  "birthPlace": {
    "@type": "Place",
    "address": {
      "@type": "PostalAddress",
      "addressLocality": "Vancouver",
      "addressRegion": "BC",
      "addressCountry": "Canada"
    }
  },
  "affiliation": [
    {
      "@type": "Organization",
      "name": "Jay Holtslander"
    }
  ]
}
```

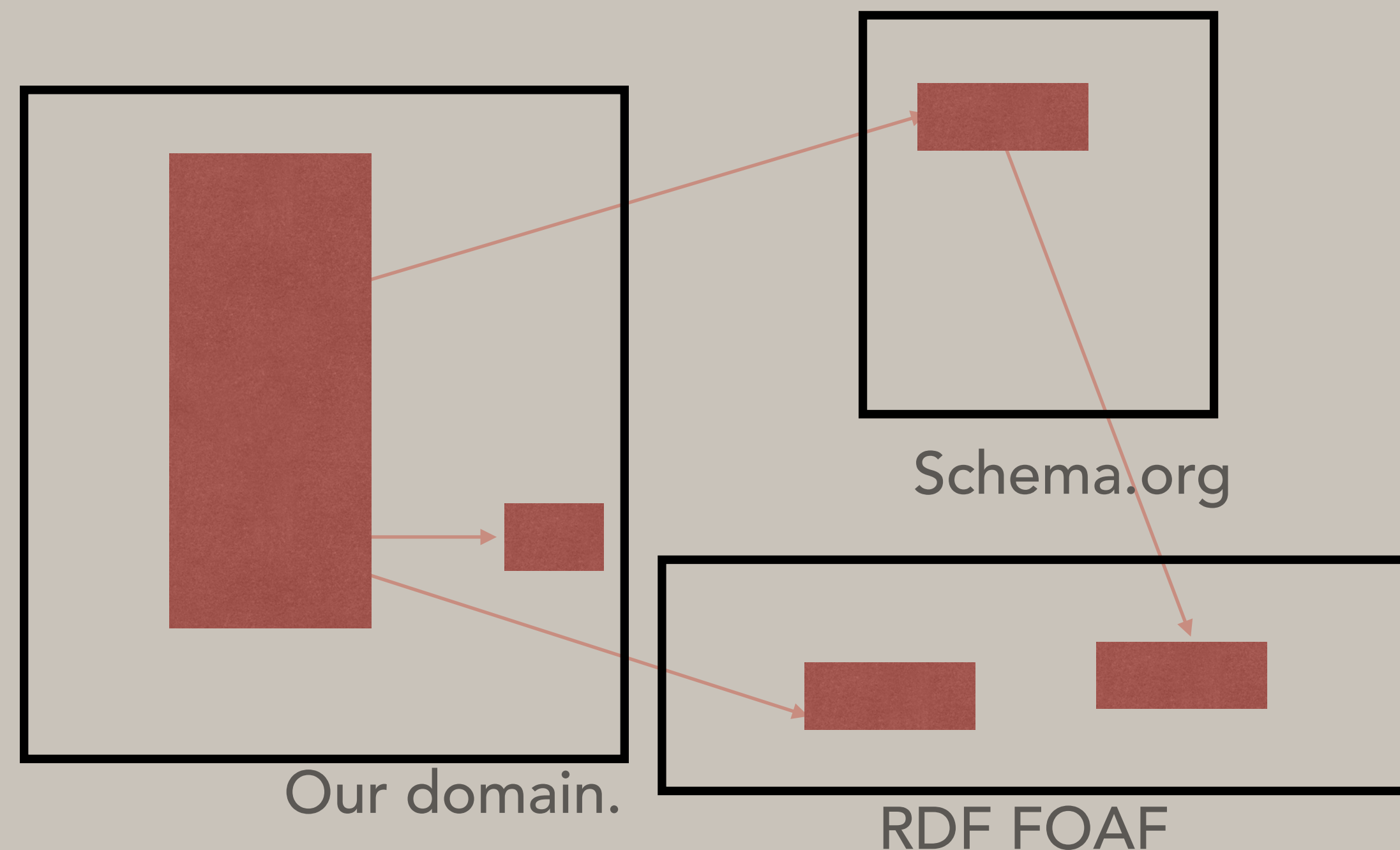
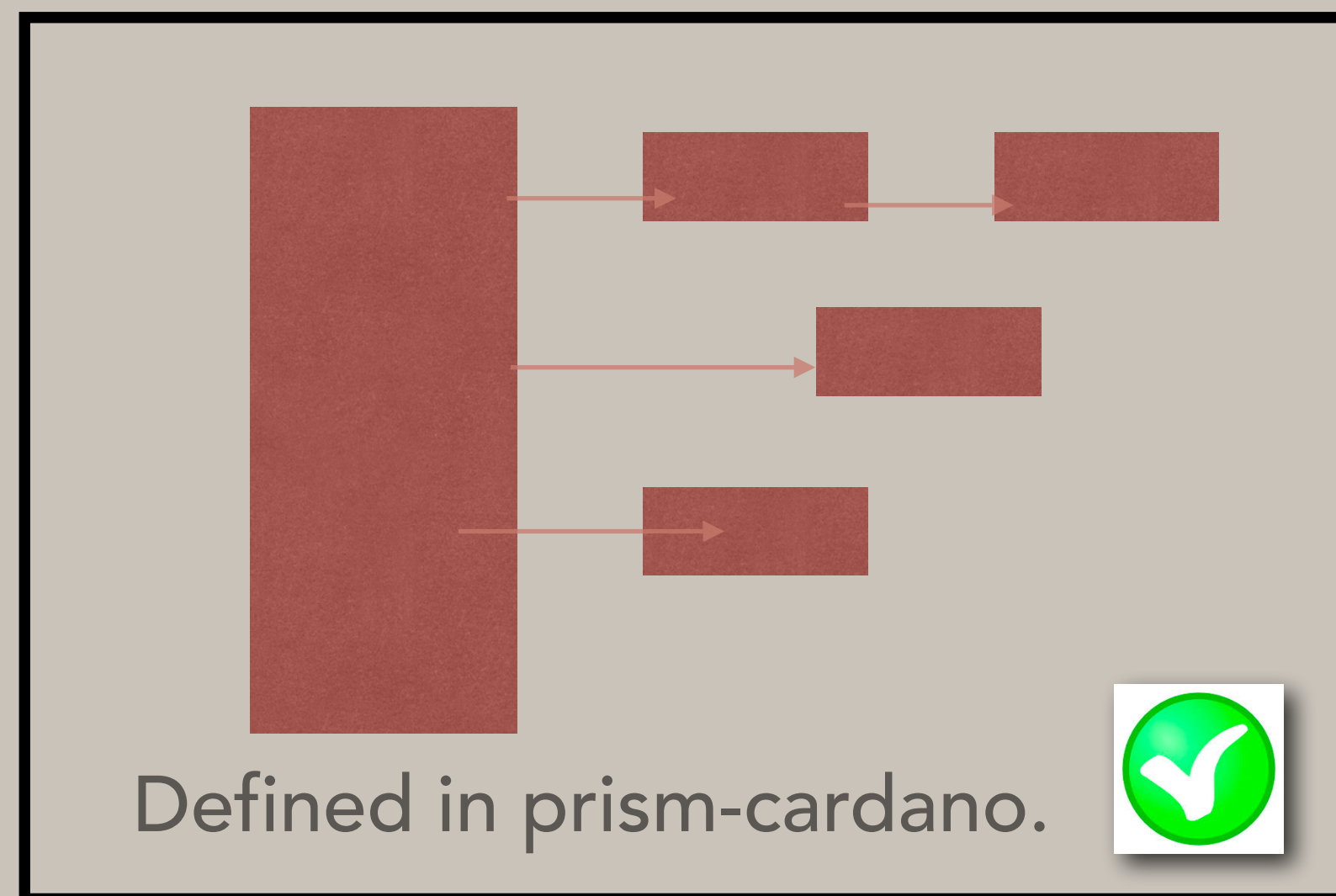


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  - Set of primitive types is not fixed.

Convention — all primitive types are defined in (schema.org, xmlns.org, etc)

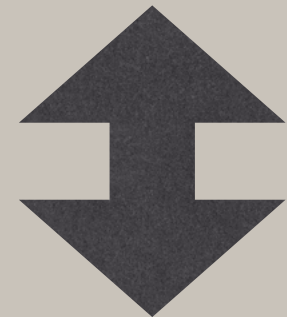
Big vocabularies.
  - Base model: JSON-LD defined on RDF which historically linked with XML ....

Complexity inherited from history



- But Verifiable Credential Data Model use JSON-LD ?
- If we want to support it, then we should map our model to json-ld @context and implement context resolver.

Prism Schema



Blockchain



Context  
Resolver

JSON-LD. @Context

- What are similar generic schema standards ?
- json\_schema: <https://json-schema.org/>
  - describe and verify any json.
  - based more on verification than semantics.

(We will use json\_schema for defining of our definitions,  
Full json\_schema is quite big)

# JSON SCHEMA

Exists standard for verifiable credentials:

<https://w3c-ccg.github.io/vc-json-schemas/v1/index.html>

```
{
  "type": "https://w3c-ccg.github.io/vc-json-schemas/schema/1.0/schema.json",
  "modelVersion": "1.0",
  "id": "did:ethr:rsk:0x8a32da624dd9fad8bf4f32d9456f374b60d9ad28;id=1eb2af6b-0dee-6090-cb55-0ed093f9b026;version=1.0",
  "name": "EmailCredentialSchema",
  "author": "did:ethr:rsk:0x8a32da624dd9fad8bf4f32d9456f374b60d9ad28",
  "authored": "2020-11-20T03:22:00-03:00",
  "schema": {
    "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
    "description": "Email",
    "type": "object",
    "properties": {
      "emailAddress": {
        "type": "string"
      }
    },
    "required": ["emailAddress"],
    "additionalProperties": true
  }
}
```

- metainformation.

- Set of required properties is a schema attribute ....

# JSON SCHEMA

Exists standard for verifiable credentials:

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- Set of supported datatypes is different in json-ld contexts and json\_schemas.
- Exists many tools, which allow to automatically display UI forms,
- Can be too verbose for inline definition [?] (from other side - actually used).  
Current approach: generate from smaller definition.  
(Want to hear options).

- What are similar generic schema standards ?

## JSON Type Definitions:

RFC 8927: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc8927/>

- Looks like stripped-down version of json\_schema.
- Main purpose: generate type definitions: <https://github.com/jsontypedef>
- Too minimal for our purpose [we need extra vocabulary for describing vc]

Can include this as subset [Discussion topic].

- What are similar generic schema standards ?

- IDL-s: (Interface Definition Language).

fragmented (exists many flavors)

- Created for binary serialisation.
    - Also usually define interfaces.
    - Nice to have as option
      - ( human-readable schema. )
    - For tooling json is better.

```
syntax "proto3"

message Person {
    string firstName = 1;
    string lastName = 2;
    int32 age = 3;
}
```

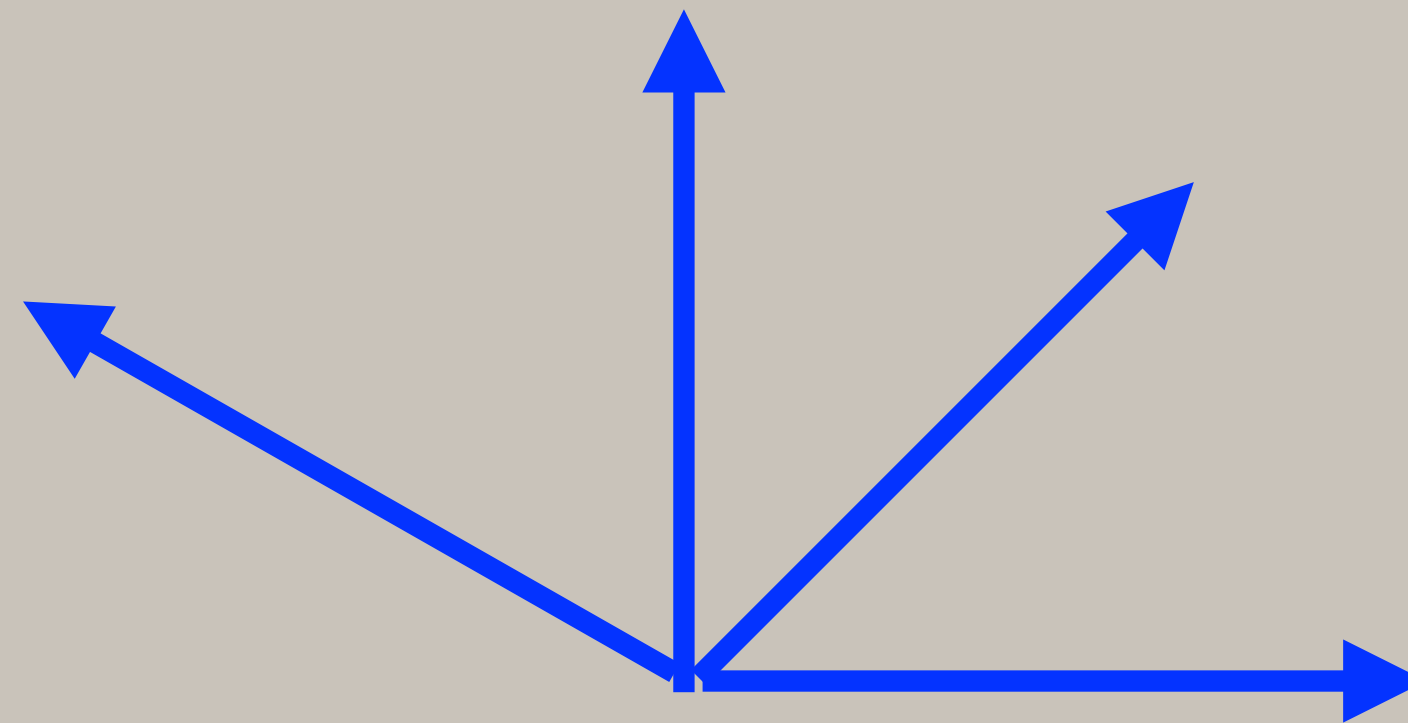
# - What other SSI project use for the similar purpose ?

- Indy: simple json with plain set of fields.
- Aries Rich Schema Object: JSON-LD context  
<https://github.com/hyperledger/aries-rfcs/blob/main/concepts/0250-rich-schemas/>
- KILT CTYPE: Subset of json\_schema.  
<https://docs.kilt.io/docs/concepts/credentials/ctypes>
- RSK.IO: json\_schema. <https://github.com/rksmart/vc-json-schemas>
- trinsic.id: json schema. <https://docs.trinsic.id/docs/issue-credentials>
- EBSI: json\_schema.  
<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-building-blocks/wikis/display/EBSIDOC/>
- Serto.Id: generated both json-ld context and json\_schema: <https://schemas.serto.id/>
- Some Eth-based projects IDL: EIP-1812 <https://eips.ethereum.org/EIPS/eip-1812>



# What we need in cardano-specific credentials schema:

- Axes. (Dimensions)
  - Public/Private, Transfer/Reveal restrictions, Verification Policy,
  - Structure for Verticals, Indexes, etc.
- Limitations.
  - Generation of json-ld, json\_schema, mapping to security signatures, etc ...

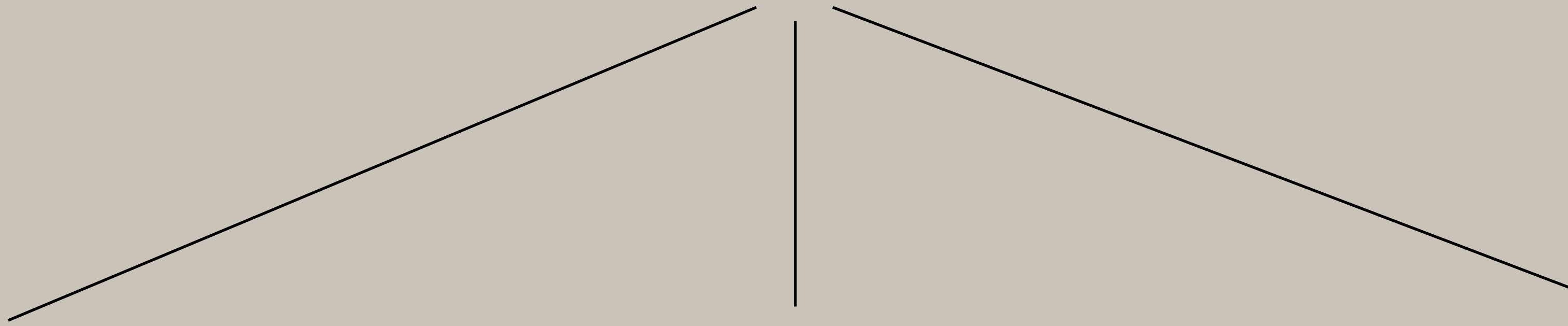


# Verification:

To be aware of limitations of common verification schemas, if ones will be available

- Simple: we have signature of a document and publish signature and merkle tree in blockchain.
  - What is currently implemented in PRISM.
- ZKP (zero knowledge predicate): we can ask a question about credential and receive proof in answer
  - Implementation schemas:
    - Camenish-Luchanska [Indy, Aries] Map selected attributes into array
    - Bulletproof (early) POC implementation - ( <https://github.com/MarcKloter/zkStrata> )
    - ZK-SNARK (microsoft) (early)  
<https://github.com/decentralized-identity/snark-credentials/blob/master/whitepaper.pdf>
- Selective disclose: we can ask a value of some subset of credentials data.
  - Implementation schemas:
    - BLS signatures. [W3C] <https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.05201>  
Mark subsets which signatures we want to aggregate

# Structure:



## MetaInfo:

- Name
- Version
- Trust Registry
- Author
- Domain Uniqueness

## Objects:

Map<String, Schema>

Array<Schema>

Properties - known names.

// Identifiers [name] or human-readable [type] .

// Locale-aware ?


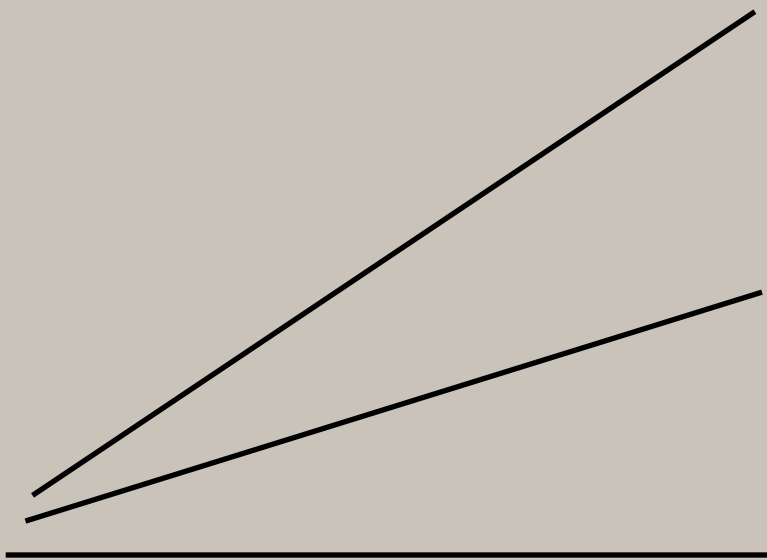
// Are we want to support nested objects mapping ?

// How we will support proofs limitations ?

## Primitives:

- String,
  - ValueId
- Number:
  - Integer
  - Decimal
  - Float
- Boolean
- Enum
- Date, Timestamp
  - Issuing date
  - Expire Date
- Duration
- ? - images, binary data

## MetaInfo:

- Id  Unique uri (not transaction id)
- Name
- Version
- Author
- Trust Registry 
  - Permission less (no trust registry)
  - One Issuer
  - Token-Curated
- Domain Uniqueness
  - set of fields, which should be unique in domain.

```
"name":  
"version": { "type": "string" },  
"description": { "type": "string" },  
"id": { "type": "string" },  
"author": { "$ref": "#/$defs/did" },  
"trustRegistry": {  
  "$ref": "#/$defs/trustRegistry"  
},  
"uniqueness": { "type": "array", "items": { "type": "string" } },  
},
```

Objects:

Map<String, Field>

Array<Field>

Field:

title

For human. (By default - property name)

fieldName

For code generation. (By default - property name)

description

contextUri

For json\_Id. (By default - standard mapping)

optional

disclosable

For BLS+ signatures.

comparable

indexable

For ZKP schemas.

unique

For 'search button' in tool.

For integrity control

## Primitives:

- String,
  - Valued
- Number:
  - Integer
  - Decimal
  - Float
- Boolean
- Enum

Multi-line  
Keyboard-hint

Special attribute

JSON SCHEMA

no Null

- Date, Timestamp.
  - Issuing date
  - Expire Date,
- ? - images, binary data

Additional

Special attribute

# Current Approach:

Light json-based metaschema.

GitHub: <https://github.com/zakaio/atala-prism-schema>

**Let's collaborate on GitHub project discussion forum and/or Astros #SSIAlliance slack chat**

Current activities:

Convert some examples from root-id interoperability catalog

json-ld and json\_schema mapping

Endpoint for publishing

Schema resolver



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Questions / Comments ?