

Distributed ledgers finally brought me a usable digital identity!



Richard Esplin

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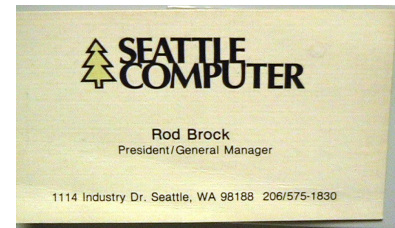
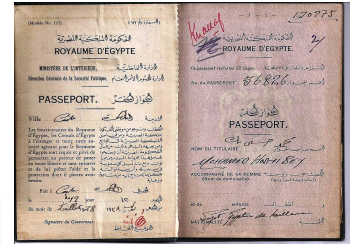
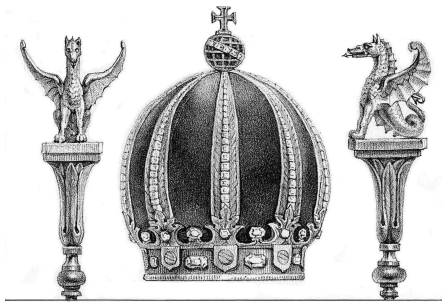
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Agenda

- What is self-sovereign identity
- Verifiable credentials
- Hyperledger Indy
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What is Self Sovereign Identity?

Carriers of Identity





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On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog" is an [adage](#) and [meme](#) about [Internet anonymity](#) which began as a [cartoon](#) caption by [Peter Steiner](#) and published by *The New Yorker* on July 5, 1993.^{[1][2]} The cartoon features two dogs: one sitting on a chair in front of a computer, speaking the caption to a second dog sitting on the floor listening to the first.^[3] As of 2011, the panel was the most reproduced cartoon from *The New Yorker*, and Steiner had earned over US\$50,000 from its reprinting.^{[1][4][5]}

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Peter Steiner's cartoon, as published in *The New Yorker*

Digital Identity

Sign in with Facebook



Sign in with Google+



Sign in with Twitter



Sign in with LinkedIn



Sign in with Amazon



AND INTRODUCED TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS



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Will Facebook be fined after hack attack?

By Zoe Kleinman
Technology reporter, BBC News

1 October 2018

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Following the revelation that up to 50 million Facebook accounts may have been accessed in an attack due to a weakness in the platform's code, many questions remain about the breach.

FACEBOOK

Facebook Could Face Up to \$1.63 Billion Fine for Latest Hack Under the GDPR



Tom McKay

Sunday 5:35pm • Filed to: GDPR



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Photo: Richard Drew (AP)

Facebook's stunning disclosure of a [massive hack on Friday](#) in which attackers gained access tokens to at least 50 million accounts—bypassing security measures and potentially giving them full control of both profiles and linked apps—has already stirred the threat of a \$1.63 billion dollar fine in the European Union, [according to the Wall Street Journal](#).

Ten Principles of Self-Sovereign Identity

1. Users must have an independent existence.
2. Users must **control their identities**.
3. Users must have access to their own data.
4. Systems and algorithms must be **transparent**.
5. Identities must be **long-lived**.
6. Information and services about identity must be **transportable**.
7. Identities should be as **widely used** as possible.
8. Users must agree to the use of their identity.
9. Disclosure of claims must be minimized.
10. The **rights of users** must be protected.

Christopher Allen, 2016

<http://www.lifewithalacrity.com/2016/04/the-path-to-self-sovereign-identity.html>

Also Known As

User-Centric Identity

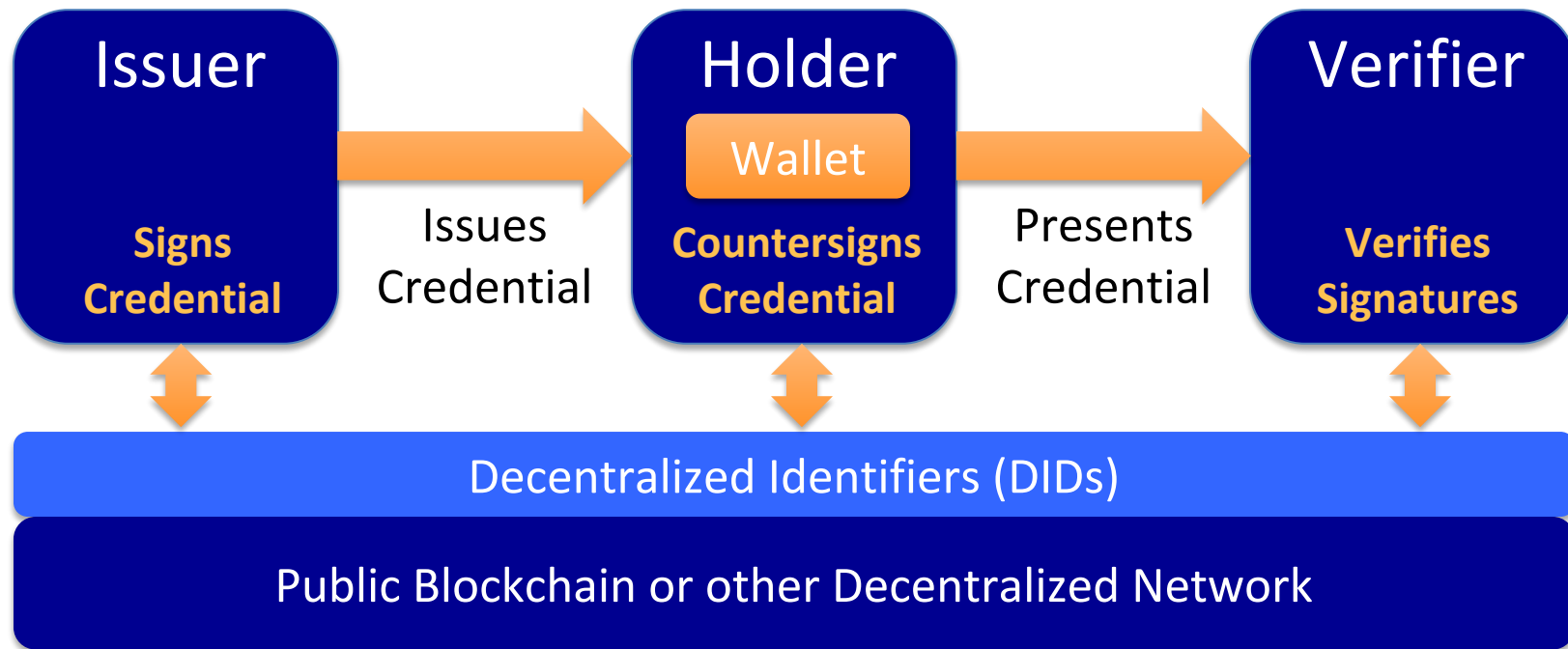
User-Controlled Identity

User-Owned Identity

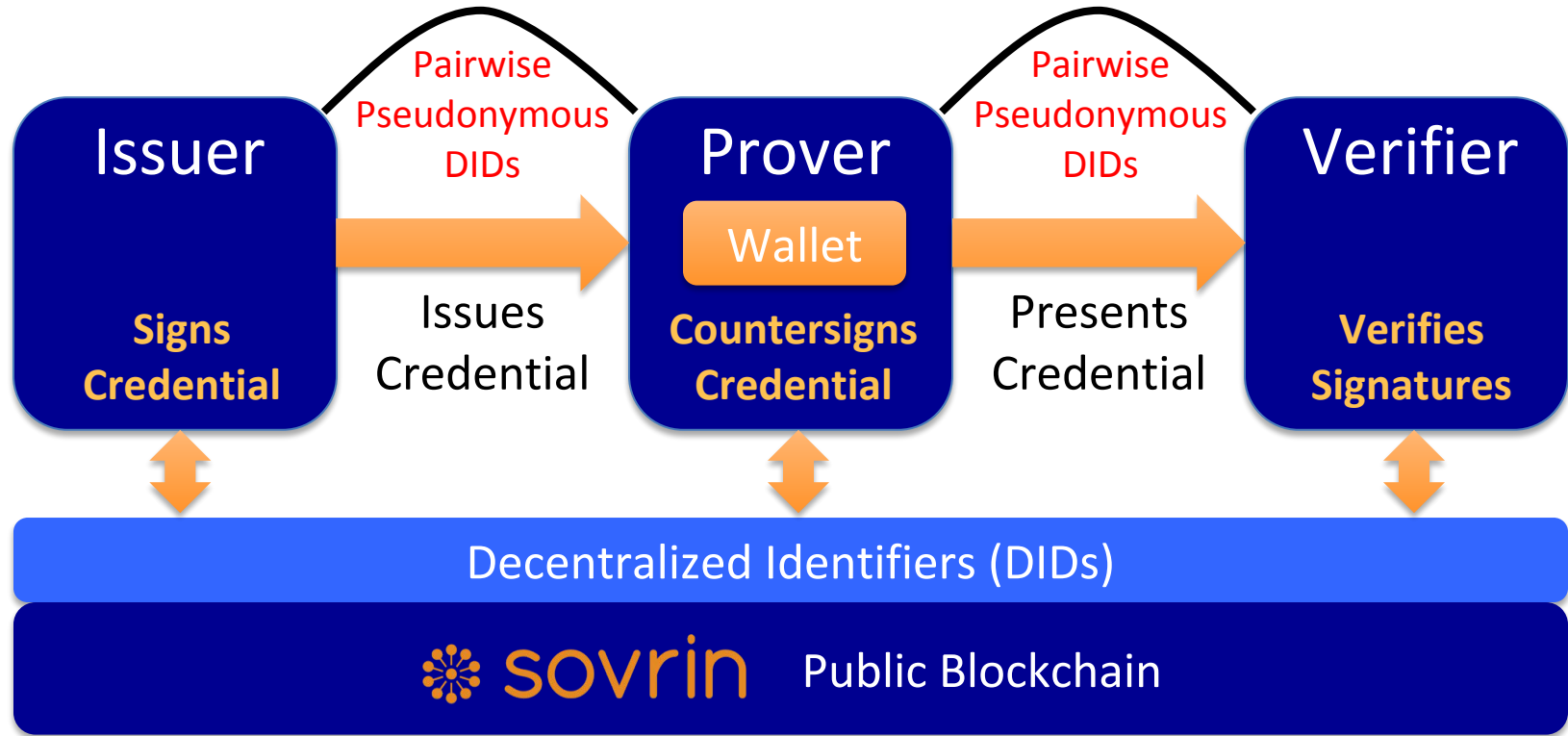
Bring Your Own Identity

Verifiable Credentials

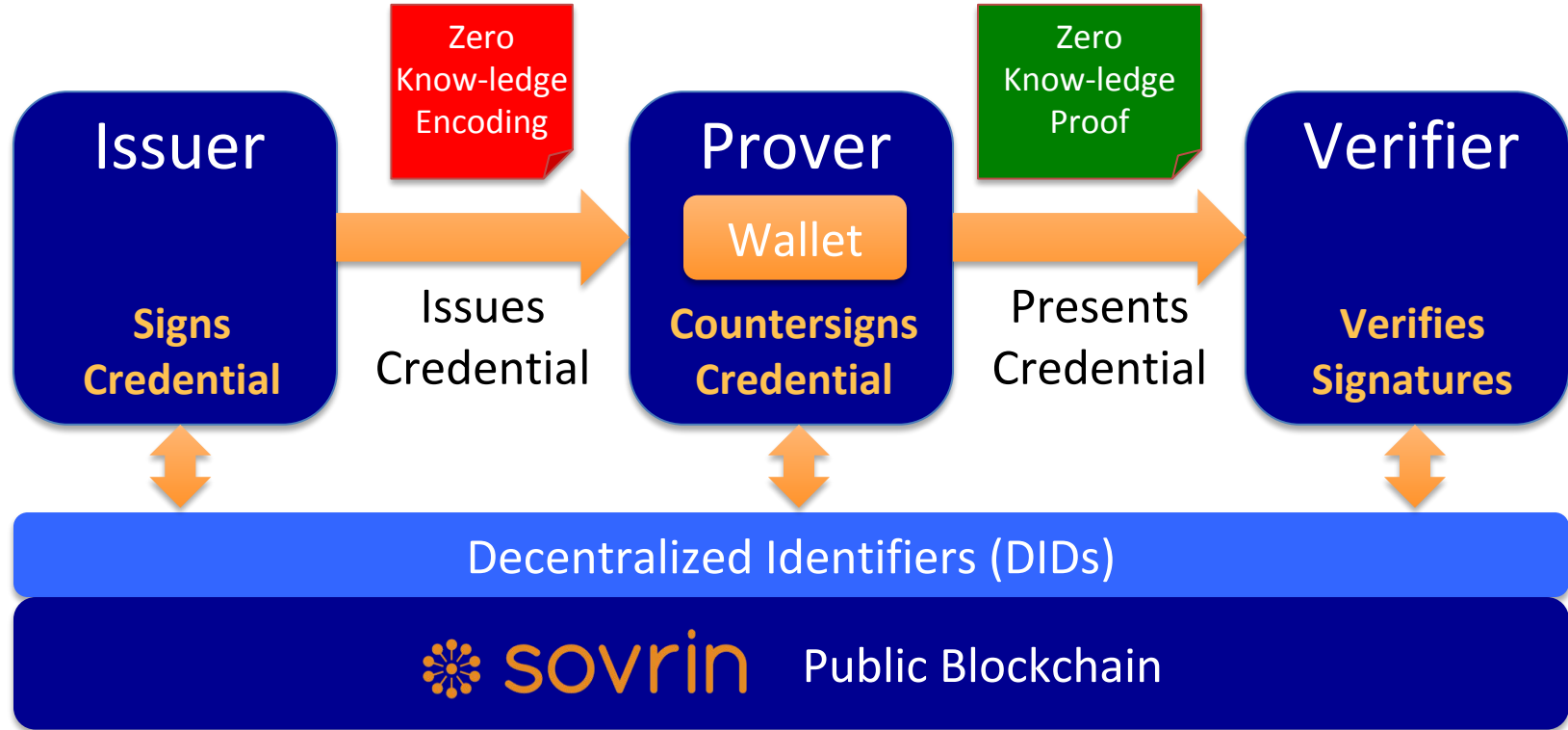
W3C Verifiable Credentials Ecosystem



Sovrin Verifiable Credentials Ecosystem



Sovrin Verifiable Credentials Ecosystem



Shopping for a tiger



Aaliyah's
International

Save a tiger;
make a friend!

Verify our
story!



Credential from:
Tiger Stewardship Advocates

Claim:
tigers distributed by
Aaliyah's International
are captive bred and not suitable
for reintroduction to the wild.

Inspection Date:
December 8, 2018

Inspection Number:
1576295029659

Connect to
finalize



Connecting to:

Aaliyah's International

Credential request:
Aaliyah's International

Would like:

- Proof of age
- Permit for owning an exotic species
- Proof of tiger handler training
- Certification of veterinary availability

Credential from:
Salt Lake City, Utah, United States

Claim:
Richard Esplin is permitted to possess an exotic species within our city.

Date: January 10, 2019

Credential from:
Utah State University

Claim:
Richard Esplin
completed the following classes

Computer Science (B)
Tiger Handling (C)
Ecology (C)
Wildlife Management (D)

Date: June 16, 2018

Credential from:
Utah Tiger Veterinarians

Claim:
Richard Esplin is a customer of our business in good standing.

Date: December 15, 2018

Credential from:
Utah Division of Motor Vehicles

Claim:
Richard Esplin is licensed to drive
Address, Birthdate, Restrictions ...

Issue Date: December 15, 2018

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

- Claim:
- Older than 18
Provided by: Utah Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Permit for owning an exotic species
Provided by: Salt Lake City, Utah, United States
 - Proof of tiger handler training
Provided by: Utah State University, United States
 - Certification of veterinary availability
Provided by: Utah Tiger Veterinarians

Your delivery will be
done by:
**Speedy Delivery
Incorporated**

Credential from:
Aaliyah's International

Claim:
an employee from
**Speedy Delivery
Incorporated**
may act on our behalf

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
an employee from
**Speedy Delivery
Incorporated**
may access a porch delivery
box in my possession.

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019



Update:
delivery service has
changed.

Your delivery will be
done by:
Advanced Delivery

January 28, 2019

Credential from:
Aaliyah's International

Claim:
an employee from
Speedy Delivery
Incorporated
may act on our behalf

Revoked

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Aaliyah's International

Claim:
an employee from
Advanced Delivery
may act on our behalf

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
an employee from
**Speedy Delivery
Incorporated**
may access a porch delivery
box in my possession.

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
an employee from
Advanced Delivery
may access a porch delivery
box in my possession.

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Aaliyah's International

Claim:
the following employee of
Advanced Delivery
is acting as our representative

Name:
Julio Valdez

Date range:
January 28, 2019
to
January 30, 2019



Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
a porch delivery box in my
possession accepted a package

From:
Julio Valdez
an employee of
Advanced Delivery
acting as a representative for
Aaliyah's International

Date:
January 29, 2019

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
Luciana Black
has access to a porch delivery box
in my possession

Number of times:
1

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019

Credential from:
Richard Esplin

Claim:
Luciana Black
has access to my front door

Number of times:
Unlimited

Date range:
January 16, 2019
to
January 31, 2019





Note:
The author does not
advocate household tiger
ownership.

No tigers were harmed in
the making of this story.

Purpose-Built Public Blockchain



Engineered solely for privacy-enhancing
self-sovereign identity

Global public utility that no single entity owns or
controls

Open source, open standards, open governance

Fast, efficient—based on Hyperledger Indy

Hyperledger Indy

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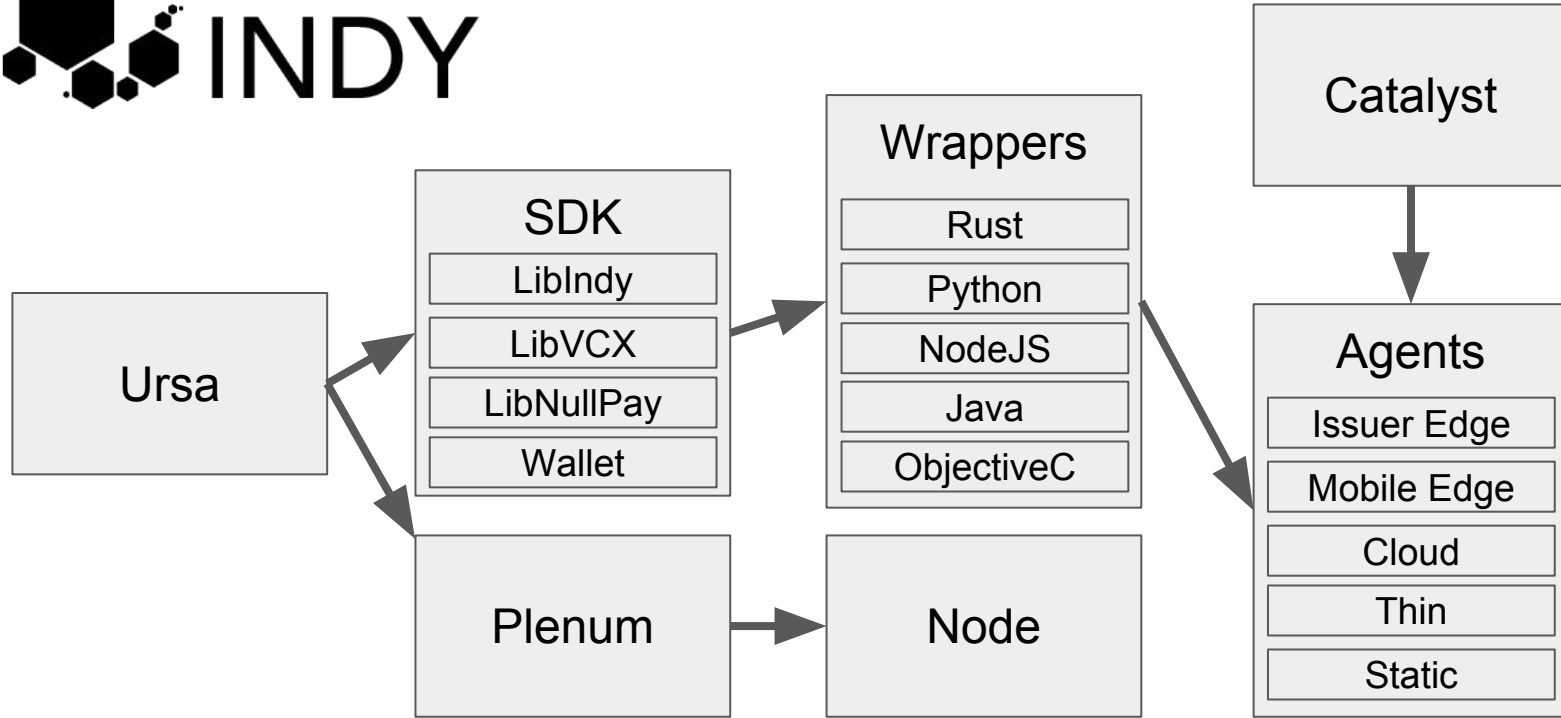


Public Permissioned Blockchain

Custom built for Identity

RBFT Consensus

Hyperledger Indy



The problem is correlation

Correlation = Linkability

Attribute based correlation

Identifier-based Correlation

Signature or Hash-based Correlation

Timing Inferences

Including if Multiple Parties Share Information (Collusion)

Ensuring privacy

The prover chooses when to disclose.

The prover selects what should be disclosed.

Don't share more attributes than necessary

Don't share with more precision than necessary

The verifier and the issuer do not communicate.

The prover can present to any verifier.

A proof can hold multiple credentials from multiple issuers.

A credential is anonymously revocable.

More Than Code

All blockchains are
governed—whether it
is **implicit** or **explicit**.

Creating Trust



Moral Pressure

Reputational Pressure

Institutional Pressure

Security Systems

Bruce Schneier, 2012

Liars and Outliers: Enabling the Trust that Society Needs to Thrive

The BLT

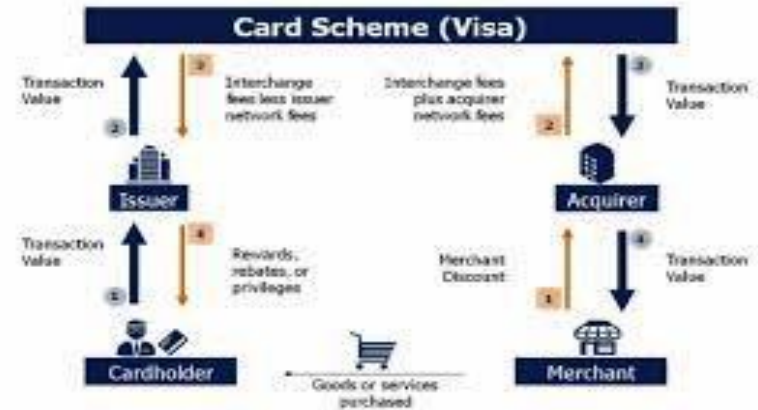


Business

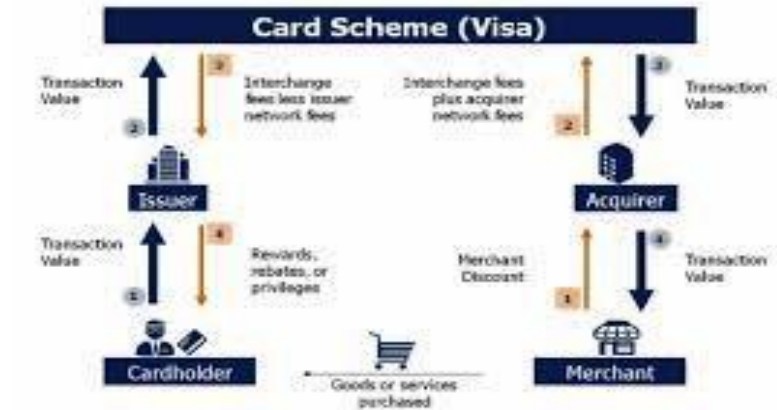
Legal

Technical

A credit card network relies on a trust framework to establish trust between the parties



The **trust** in any SSI digital credential will depend on the **trust framework** under which it is issued





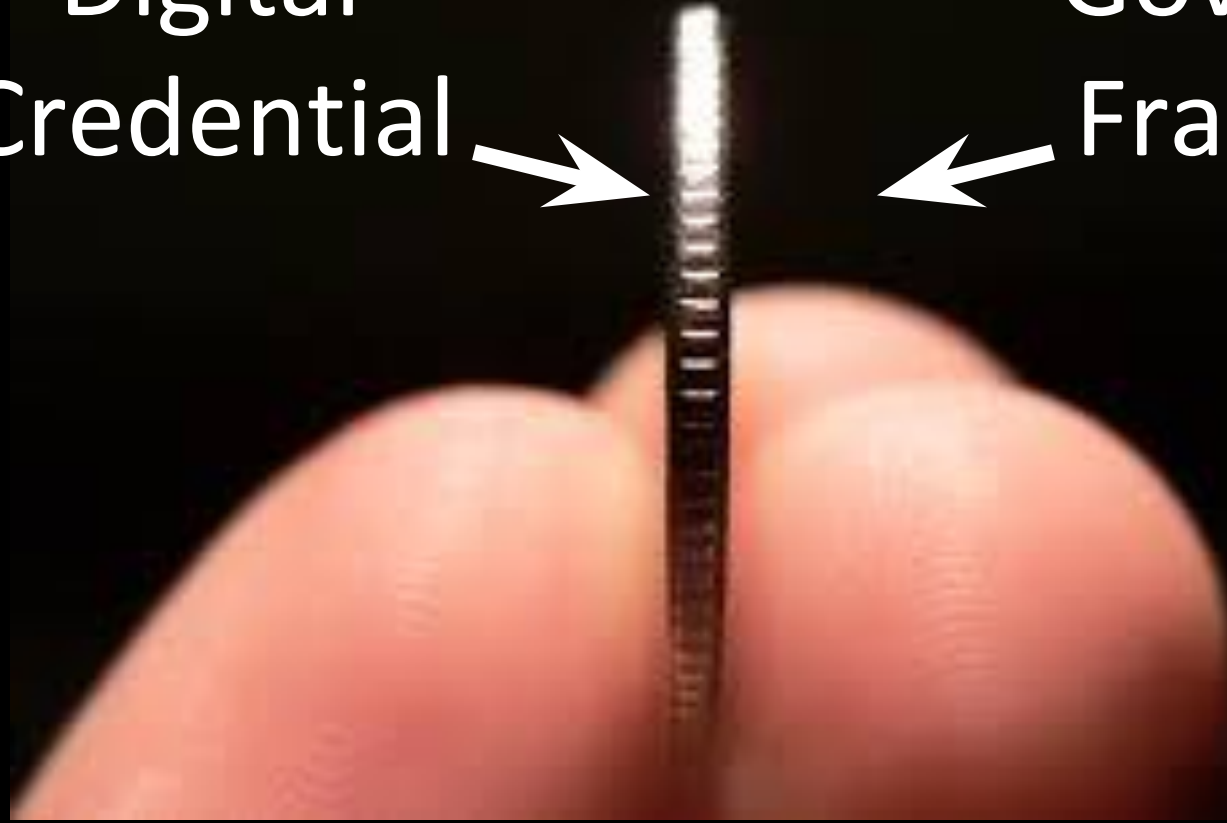
Every digital credential intended to serve **more than one issuer/verifier** needs a domain-specific governance framework.

It specifies **what issuers** will issue **what credentials** under **what policies** to achieve a community's trust objectives.

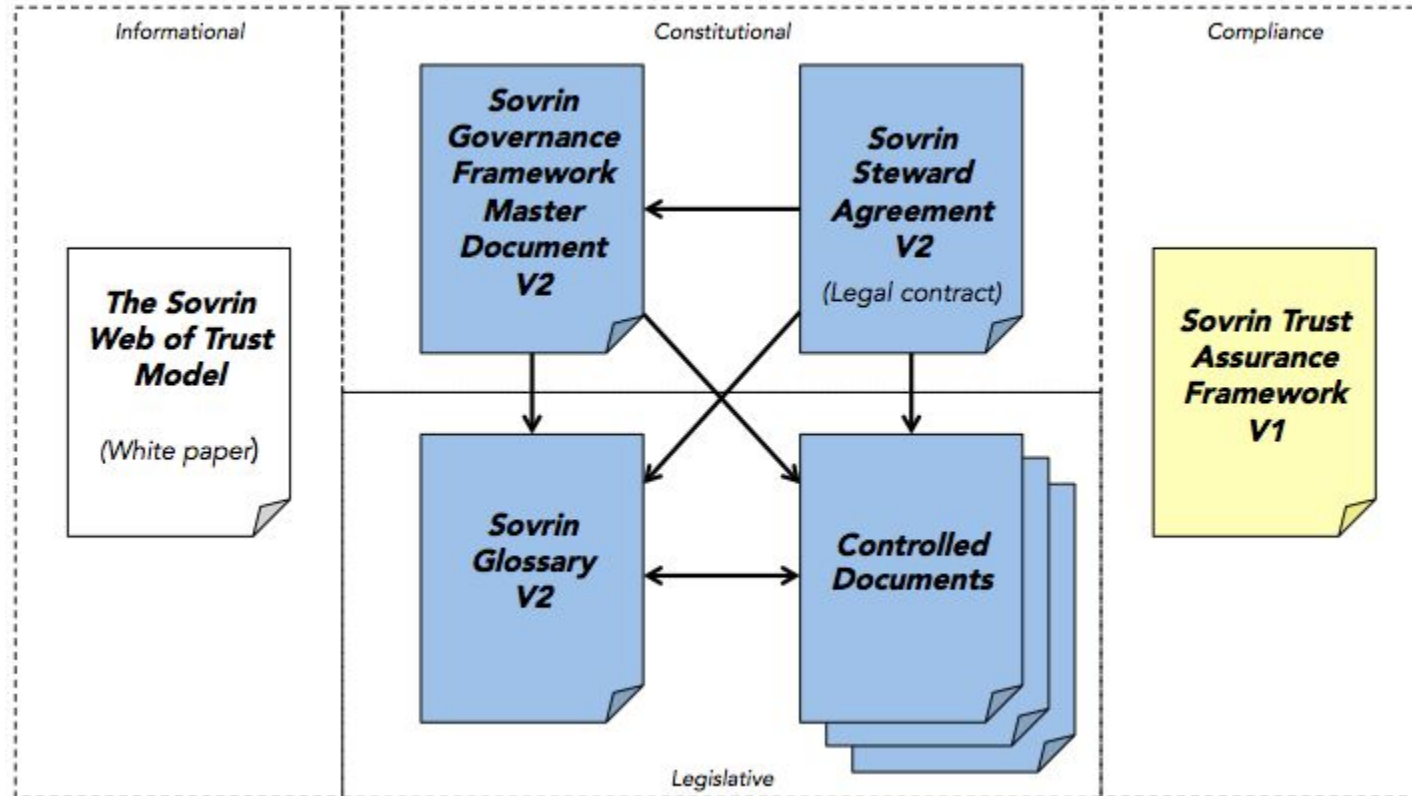
— Drummond Reed
Chief Trust Officer, Evernym

Digital
Credential →

← Governance
Framework



Sovrin Governance Framework



A Usable Digital Identity is Self-Sovereign

- Is built with open source and open standards
- Have a decentralized root of authority (blockchain)
- Keeps personal data off the public ledger
- Allows selective disclosure
- Resists correlation
- Exists within a trust framework