



ITU workshop on "DLT security, identity management and privacy"

# Decentralized Identity Management

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# Overview

- Introduction to Decentralized Identity management at SG 17
- Overview of Identity Evolution
- Decentralized Identity overview
- Digital Identity and Trust
- Accountable Digital Identity
- How can we increase Adoption
- Conclusions

# ITU-T SG 17 Identity Management

SG17 is “Parent” for Joint Coordination Activities (JCAs) on Identity management

- **Q10/17 manages JCA IDM**
- Q10/17 recently merged with Q9/17 to have **a combined questions on IdM and Telebiometric**

## **Q10/17 Identity management, telebiometrics architecture and mechanisms**

### **Motivation and Focus Biometric**

- Biometrics is gaining acceptance in identity verification/authentication in applications such as e-commerce, tele-medicine, and e-health.

### **Identity Management**

- Identity management (IdM) is essential for securing enterprises and consumer facing applications.
- Identity vetting, authentication are essential for on-line security
- Developing requirements, capabilities, and strategies for achieving interoperability between different IdM systems is essential.
- Impact of decentralization (Distributed Ledgers) on identity systems including wallet, W3C decentralized identifiers and W3C verifiable credentials.
- Develop mechanisms for IdM interoperability to include identifying and defining applicable profiles to minimize interoperability issues?
- What are the requirements to protect IdM systems from cyber-attacks?

## **Joint Coordination Activity on Identity Management (JCA-IdM)**

- Coordinates ITU-T identity management (IdM) work among
  - ITU-T Study groups and
  - External bodies
- Ensures ITU-T IdM work is well-coordinated between study groups, in particular with
  - SG2, SG13, SG15, SG16, and SG20.
- Analyzes IdM standardization items and publishes an roadmap with Q10/17
  - Maintains IdM roadmap and landscape document/WIKI.
- Acts as a point of contact within ITU-T and with other SDOs/Fora on IdM in order to avoid duplication of work
- In carrying out the JCA-IdM’s external collaboration role, representatives from other relevant recognized SDOs/Fora and regional/national organizations may be invited to join the JCA-IdM.



# IdM Coordination with other bodies





# Activities(2017-2021)

## Recommendations:

1. [X.1080.0 \(03/2017\)](#) Access control for telebiometrics data protection
2. [X.1080.1 \(05/2018\)](#) e-Health and world-wide telemedicines - Generic telecommunication protocol
3. [X.1093 \(11/2018\)](#) Telebiometric access control with smart ID cards
4. [X.1094 \(03/2019\)](#) Telebiometric authentication using biosignals
5. [X.1252 \(04/2021\)](#) Baseline identity management terms and definitions  
[Revised X.1252(04/2010)]
6. [X.1254 \(09/2020\)](#) Entity authentication assurance framework – ITU  
[Revised X.1254(09/2012)]
7. [X.1276 \(05/2018\)](#) Authentication step-up protocol and metadata Version 1.0
8. [X.1277 \(11/2018\)](#) Universal authentication framework
9. [X.1278 \(11/2018\)](#) Client to authenticator protocol/Universal 2-factor framework
10. [X.1279 \(09/2020\)](#) Framework of enhanced authentication using telebiometrics with anti-spoofing detection mechanisms

# Keeping up with Identity Management Trends

## Draft Recommendations:

- X.1250rev and X.1251rev: These Recommendations will be updated to cover current market trends
- X.gpwd: Threat Analysis and guidelines for securing password and password-less authentication solutions
- X.oob-sa: Framework for out-of-band server authentication using mobile devices
- X.pet\_auth: Entity authentication service for pet animals using telebiometrics
- X.srdidm : Security requirements for decentralized identity management systems using distributed ledger technology
- X.tas: Telebiometric authentication using speaker recognition
- Joint work:
  - Q14/17 to develop X.1403 “Security guidelines for using distributed ledger technology for decentralized identity management”

Collaboration with FIDO Alliance, two new specifications were adopted

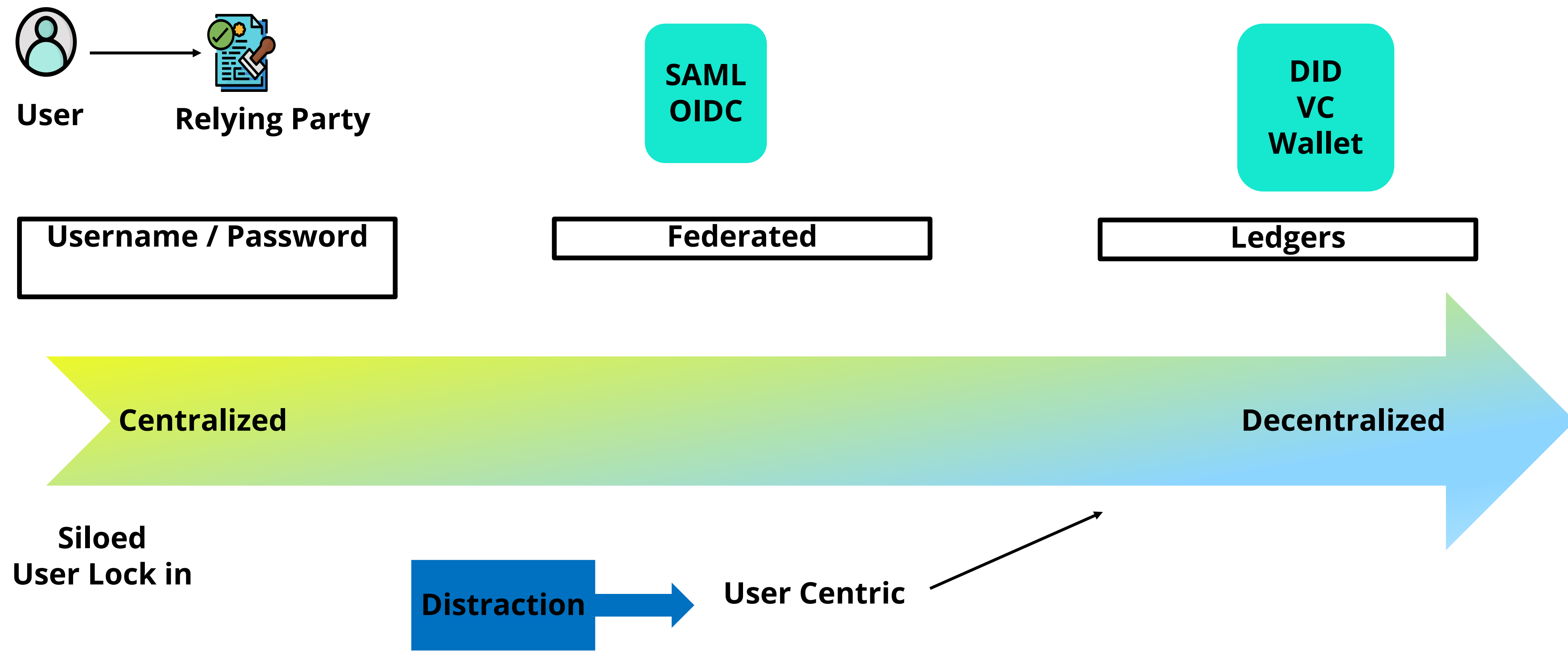
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Collaboration with OASIS Electronic Secure Authentication (ESAT) TC to help secure QR code-based authentication systems because many password-less authentication systems rely on the use of QR codes to eliminate the password.

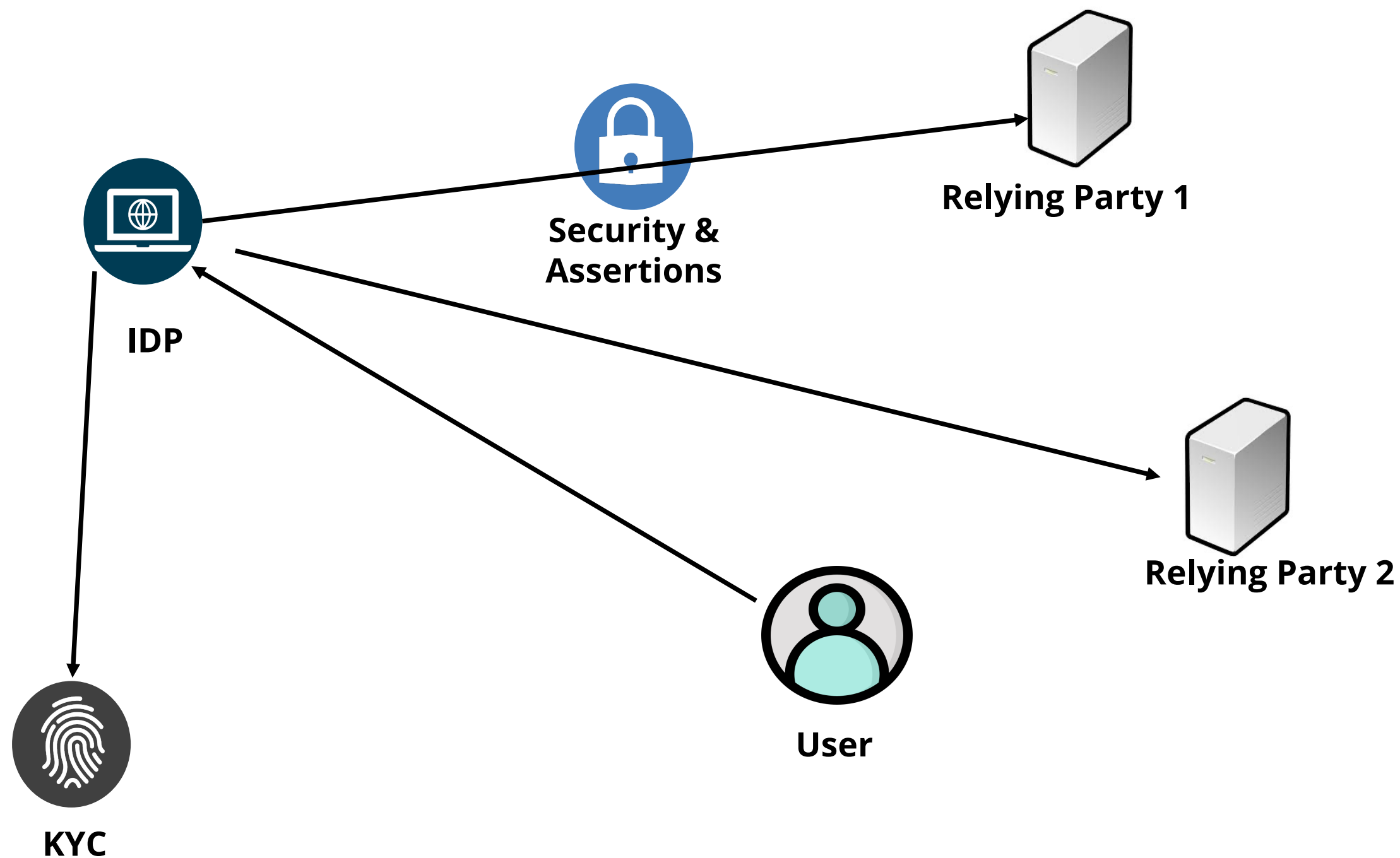
- OASIS ESAT TC published "**Secure QR Code Authentication Version 1.0 (SQRP)**" as OASIS Standard.

- Accountable Digital Identity Association, ADIA (<https://adiassociation.org/> )
- Global Assured Identity Network (GAIN <https://nat.sakimura.org/2021/09/14/announcing-gain/> )
- Trust Over IP (TOIP <https://trustoverip.org/> )
- Focus on Decentralized IdM systems
- Study Zero Knowledge solutions

# Overview of Identity Evolution



# Federated Identity



- Identity Data is control by multiple cooperating authorities with at least one IDsP
- SSO is enabled among participating entities
- Reduce reliance on multiple passwords
- KYC us Shared

- User benefits from reduced logon accounts
- Stronger authentication can be deployed since the effort is re-used
- Scalability is an issue
- User has limited input or control on how the trust relationships are formed
- User does not own their identity or their own data



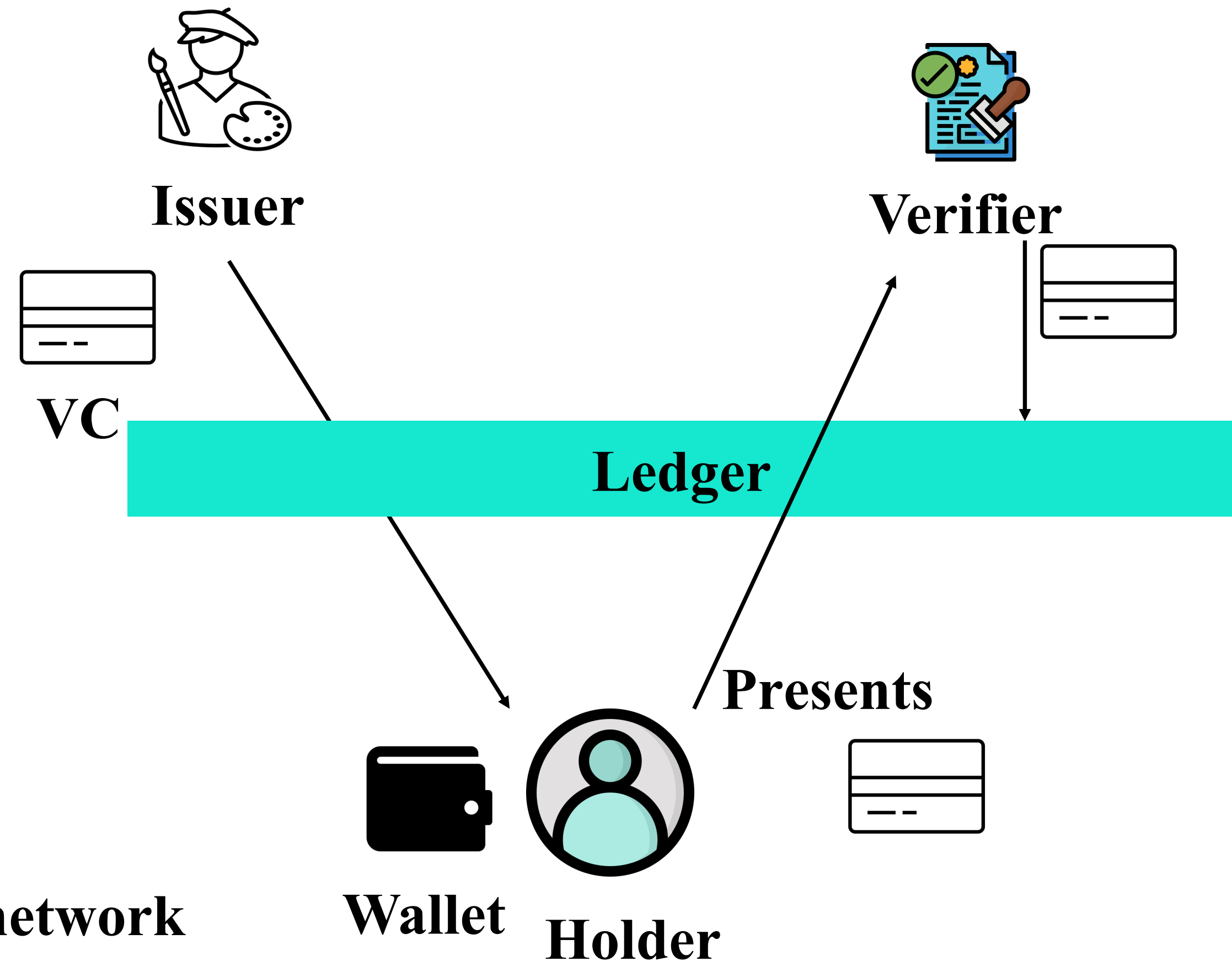
# Decentralized Identity

## Core Features

- PKI is the foundation of trust
- Network effect through the use of Ledgers
- Peer to peer model
- User present VC to Verifier
- Changes Trust relationships with user in focus

## Key Points

- PKI is central to decentralized identity
- Peer model shift focus from provider centric to network centric
- Peer model enables equal rights to all participants



# Bootstrapping Identity

## Identity Creation

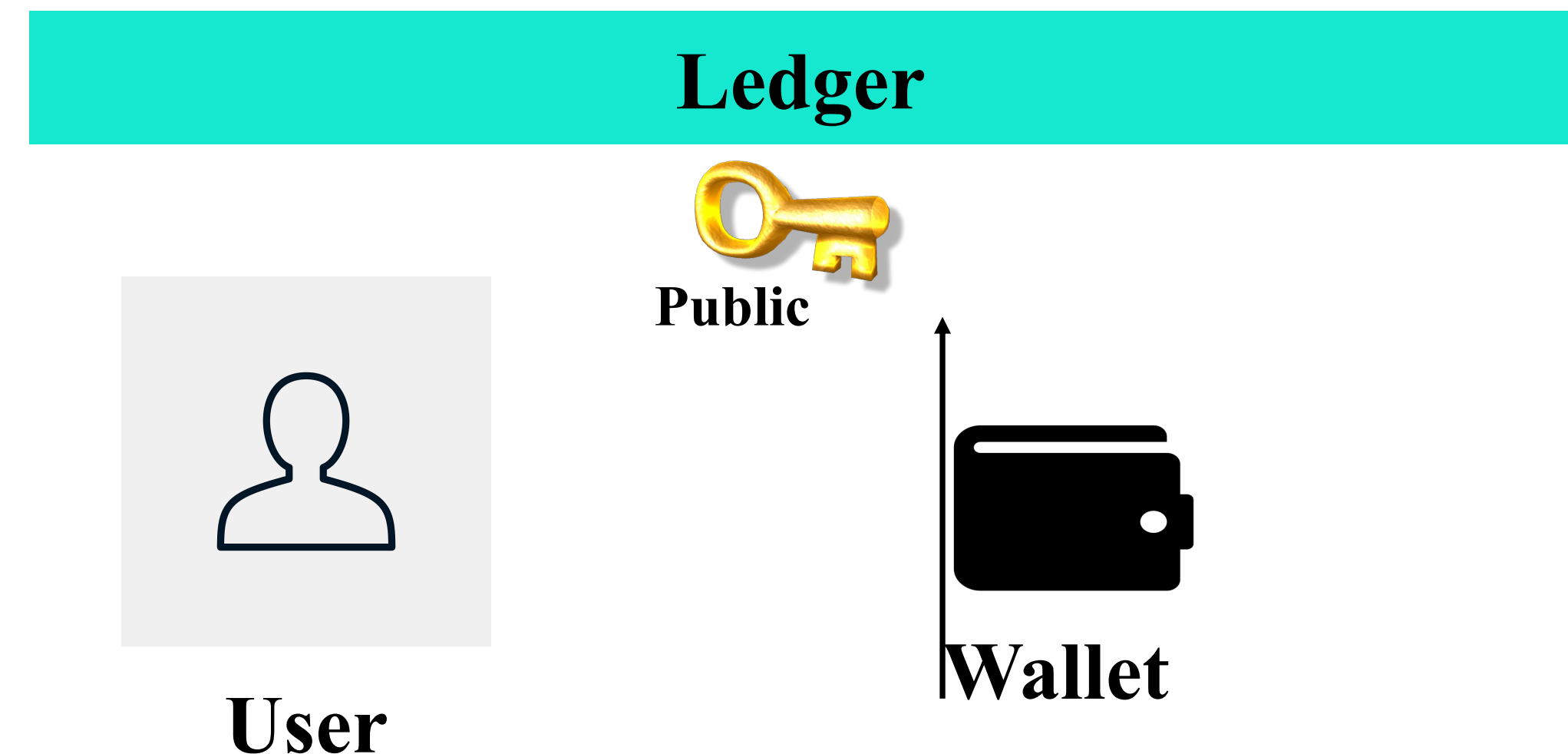
- **Self Asserted Identity**
- **Issuer**
- **Wallet claim a location on the ledger by generating an Identifier**
- **Generates Key Pair (Public/Private)**

## Wallets

- **Stores Verified Credentials**
- **Manage Identifiers and related keys**
- **Information published on ledge**
- **Credential exchange**
  - **No common standard yet**
- **Proof of possession at the presentation layer**

## Credential Verification

- **Requires a public key**

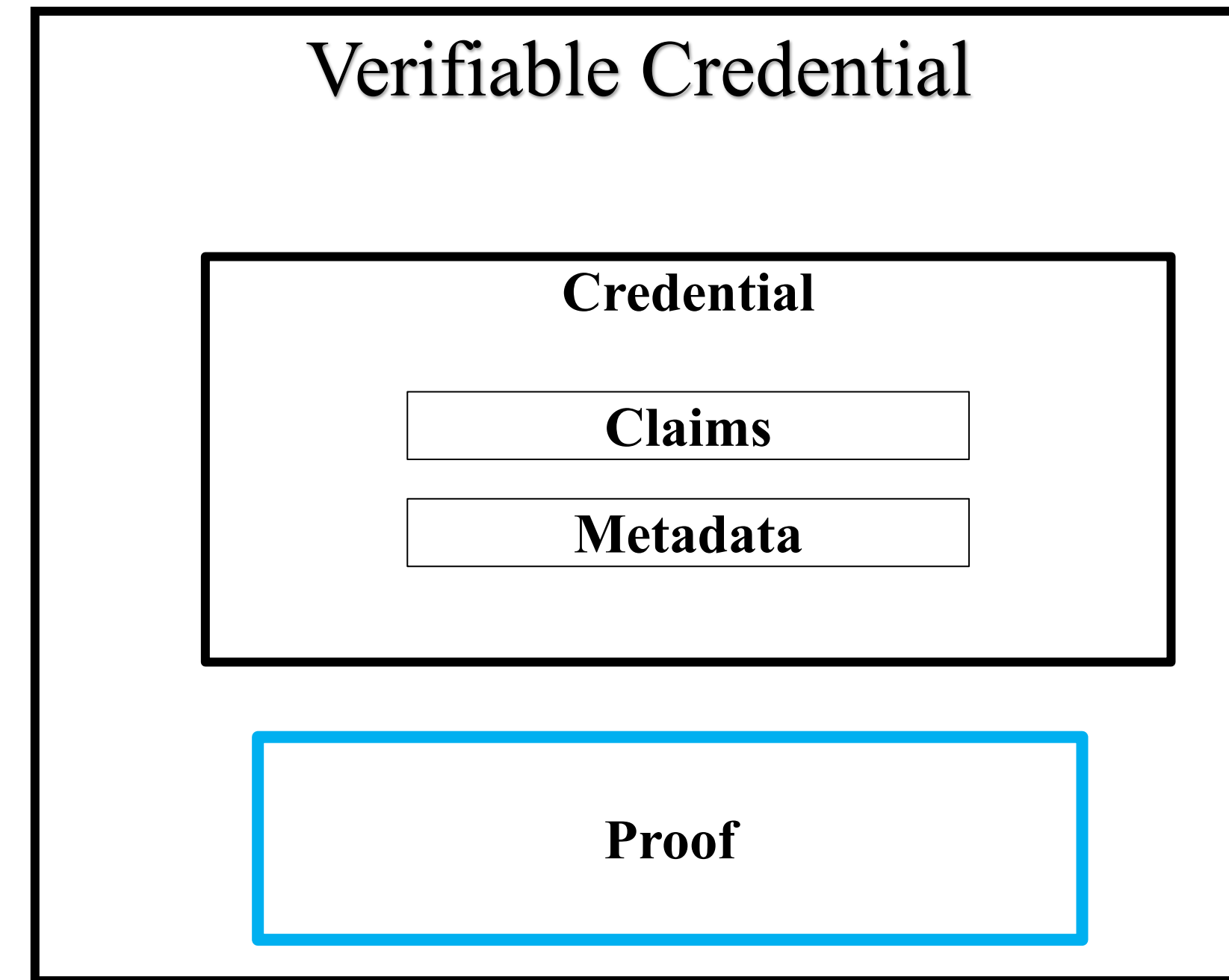


# Verifiable Credentials

- **Verifiable Credentials Data Model v1.1**
  - **W3C Recommendation 03 March 2022 ; <https://www.w3.org/TR/vc-data-model/>**
  - **Defines a “Credential” and a “Verifiable Credential”**

**A Credential is a set of one or more Claims with associated Credential Metadata**

- **Claim** is an assertion (or statement) made about a subject (a person)
  - claim: Abbie (subject) is authorized to operate a vehicle (assertion)
- **Credential Metadata** refers to metadata providing info about the credential itself
  - For example, who is the issuer, issuance and expiration dates
    - Credential metadata for Abbie’s driver’s license:
      - Issuer: Florida state DMV
      - Date of issuance: : May 21, 1921
      - Expiry: May 21 , 1999
- **Proof** : Crypto Signature



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**A verifiable presentation** is an endorsement of a subject at the time a verifiable credential is passed to a verifier



# Credential Verification is Challenging

1. Is the issuer valid
2. How can I trust that the credential is about the same individual
3. Do I know the connect of the claims, do they mean the same thing to me
4. Has the credential been revoked
5. Is the issuer reputable
6. Has the claim been tampered with?
7. How to compare the validity of a claim about an individual if multi claims are available from different issuers
8. Is the claim being presented by the rightful Owner?
9. How do I make sure that my info is kept private

**Trust / Governance ?**

# It is all about Trust

## Trust Differences Federation Vs Decentralized

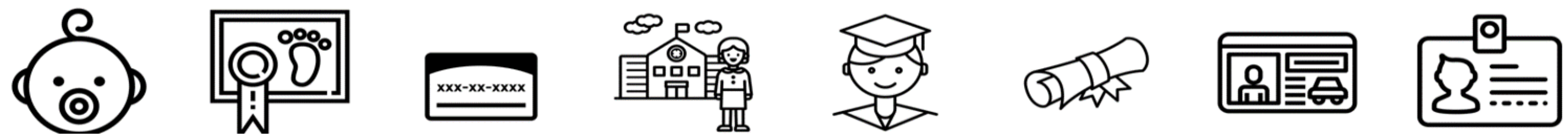
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# Quick Refresh On ADI Interchange



# Lifecycle of Identity In Real life



## Identity Creation



John Smith

**Birth Record**  
 Identity by - Parents  
 Certified by - Medical Facility  
 Issued by - Government

**Issued:**  
 Birth Certificate  
 SSN  
 Medical Records

## Student Life

**Based on Birth Cert**  
 Enrollment in Elementary  
 Enrollment in School  
 Enrollment in University

**Issued:**  
 Student ID  
 Progress reports  
 Diploma

## Adult Life

**Based on Birth Cert, Diploma, SSN**

**Created / Issued:**  
 Employee ID  
 Bank Account  
 Automobile Title  
 Real Estate Title  
 Medical Insurance  
 Health Records  
 ....

## Accountability

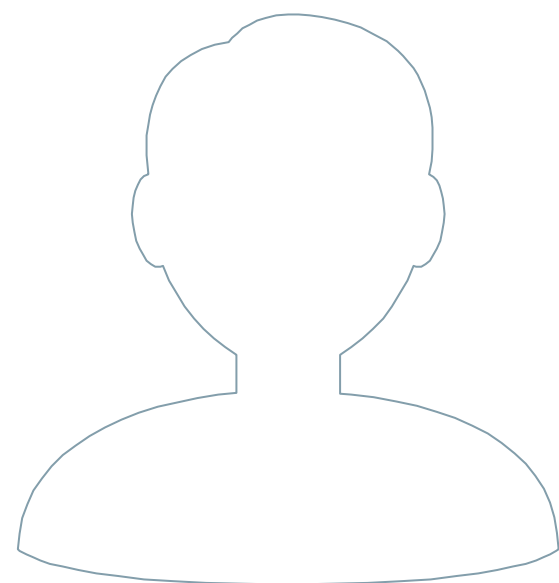
**Identity Created by Trusted People & Given to John**

Owned by John  
 Real person behind the Identity  
 John responsible for that Identity

# Solution

Unique **Digital Address** for every user

- Given by a trusted Issuer
- Bound to human attributes (Name, DOB, Country ID)
- Unlocked by FIDO authentication
- control various Identity and Data Disclosures while interacting with Digital Services in real time directly from Issuing sources



Digital Address: **John.doe@DTX**

*Fix the root cause, and stop treating the symptoms*





# 5 Core Principles of ADIA

We Do Not Own  
Personal Data



Personal ID Data Remains  
with Issuers Only



User's Consent for  
Data Disclosure



Issuers & Users  
Into the Value Chain



We Include All People  
in Digital Identity





# ADI Interchange architecture

## Issuers



- Place of employment
- Educational institution
- Financial institution
- Driver's license issuing authority
- Passport issuing authority
- Medical facility

**1** Create Digital Address

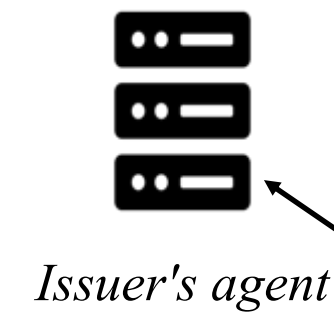
**2** Issue Verifiable Credential

### ✓ Easy integration for Issuer

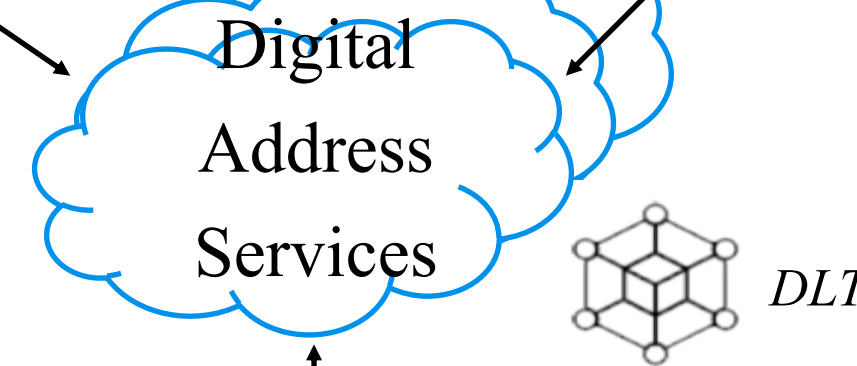
*API calls to create Verifiable Credential and publish to Digital Address*

## Directory Services

*(multiple regional directories for users, one global directory for entities)*



*Issuer's agent*



*FIDO*



*Digital address app or card*

## User

**4** Prove identity biometrically using Digital Address

**5** Provide consent to share Verifiable Credential\*

## Service Providers



- Digital retailer
- Healthcare provider
- Pharmacy
- Travel and transportation provider
- Prospective employer
- Insurer

**3** Request Verifiable Credential\*

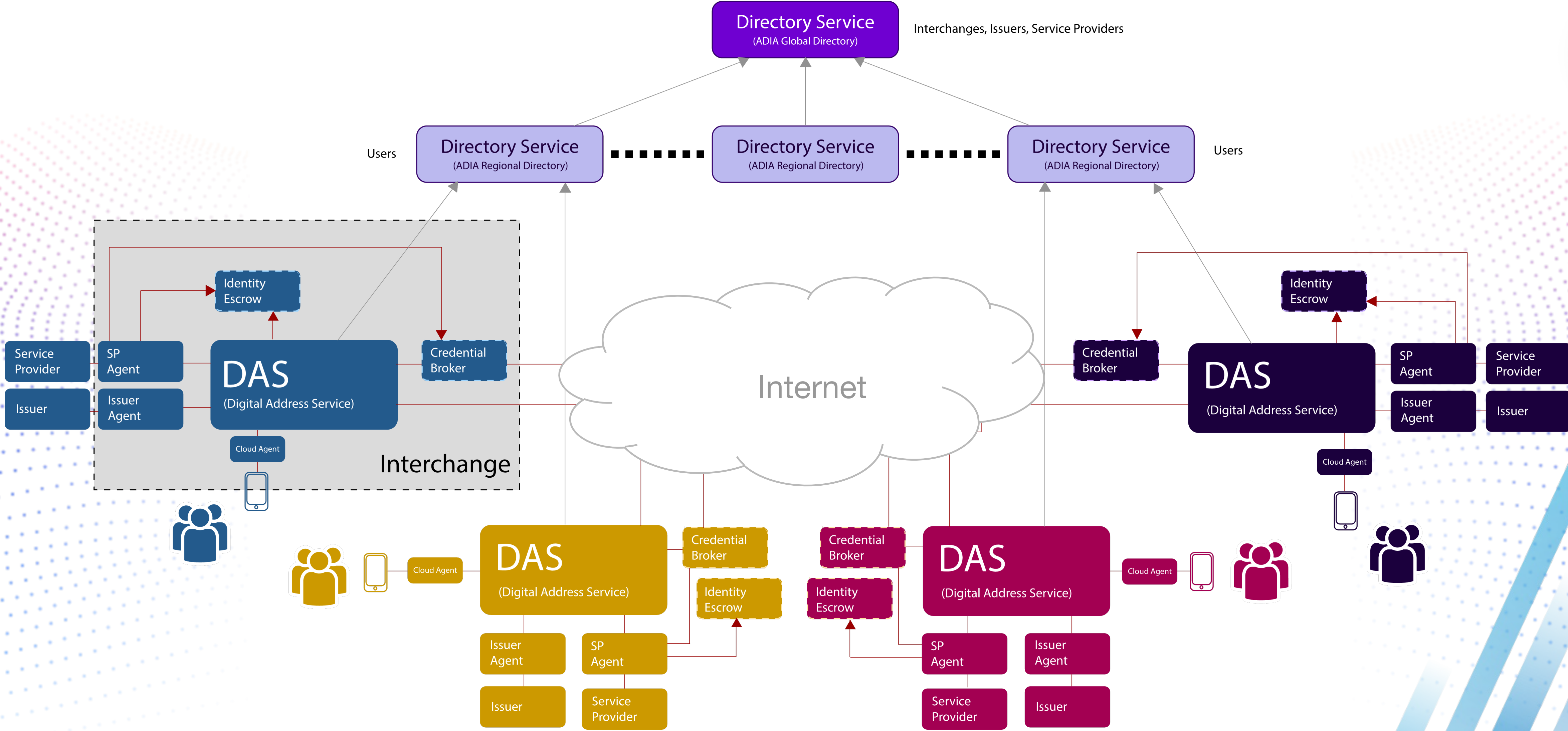
**6** Validate before providing services

### ✓ Easy integration for Service Provider

*API calls to request and view Verifiable Credential*

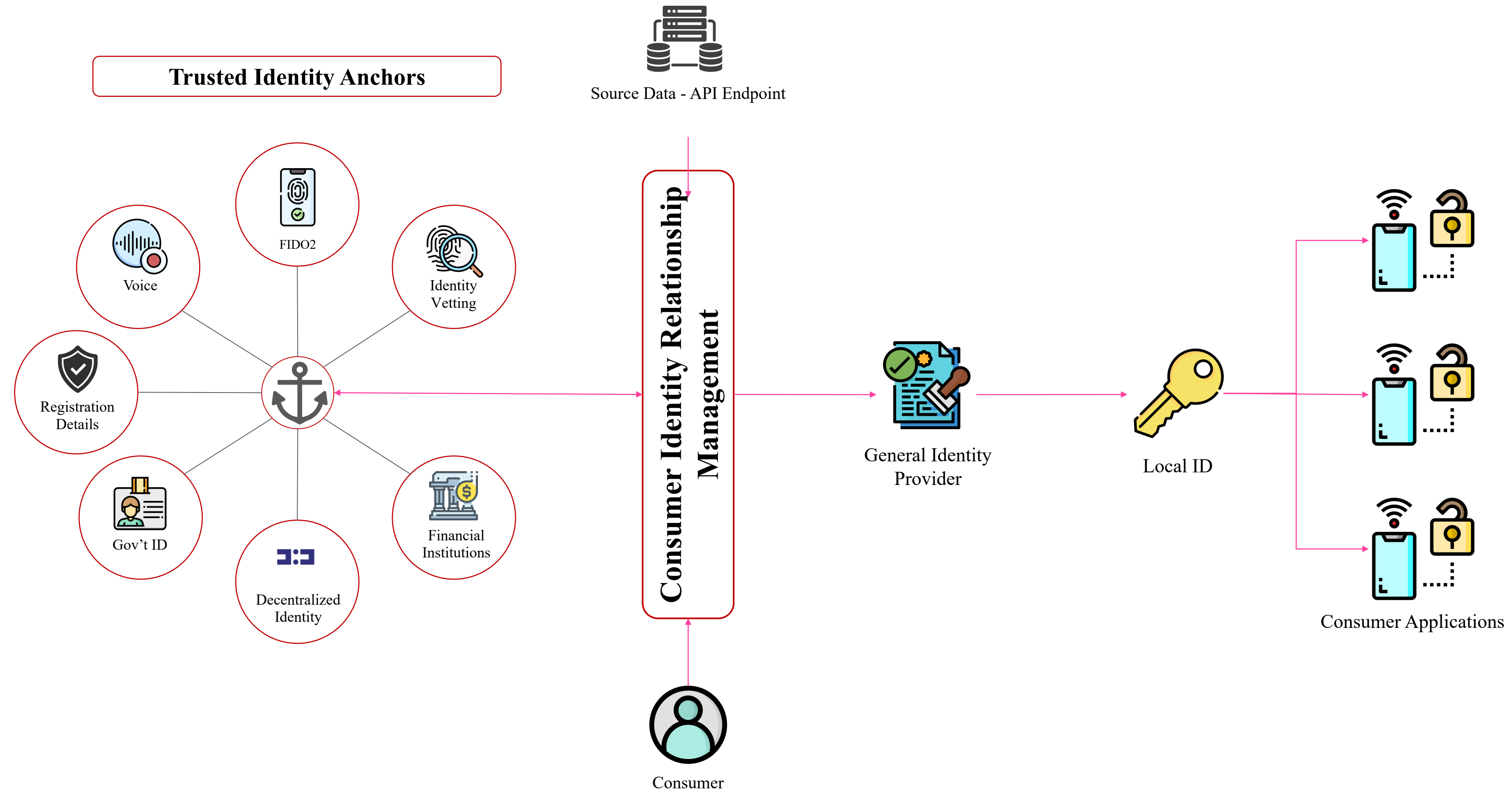
\* Could be a particular claim instead of an entire credential

# ADIA Ecosystem



# Adoption

## Investigate Decentralization Options for Consumer Identity Relationship Management Portal





# Q & A

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