Identity Management on Blockchain

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What is Identity?

Business Challenges

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What is Identity?

The Dimensions of our identity

1. Me as an individual:
   Identity: Unique traits associated with an individual; the owner of personal identification information.

2. How I am represented:
   Identity Renderings: Digital or physical (paper/plastic) instrument as defined by providers.

3. How I interact:
   Identity Interactions: Situational usage such as pay, identify, participate, enter.
How do you prove that you are you?

❖ In the real world?
❖ On the internet?
Business challenges
Enterprise today demands a new way of identity & authorization due to the following reasons:

- Hacker attacks are more due to centrally managed Identities.
- Central point of failure and multiple factor is overhead.
- Current approach is only based on Password control.
- Credentials are not controlled by the credential owners.
- Long term integrity of the identifier is questionable.
- More credentials are issued in the form of verify credentials.
Identity Journey

1. Centrally Managed
   - User Identity account owned by Organization.
     - User has no control on their own data.
     - User is powerless.
     - Power exists with centralized identity organization authority.

2. Federated Identity
   - Federated identity by many different organizations like Google, Facebook, etc.
     - User has no control on their own data.
     - User is powerless.
     - Power exists with federated identity organization authority. Federated identity organization authority has access and visibility into user usage patterns as well.

3. SSI model
   - Individuals own their own identity. Credentials stored on Wallet.
     - Users own their own credentials and stored in their digital wallet.
     - Users decide when and where they want to use them. That improves privacy.
     - Users are in control of when and with whom they share their information.

Organization centrally managed & controlled model

Shifting to user / individual control

Individual owned & controlled model
Self-sovereign identity (SSI) is a term used to describe the digital movement that recognizes an individual should own and control their identity without the intervening administrative authorities.

With SSI, the power to control personal data resides with the individual, and not an administrative third party granting or tracking access to these credentials.

You no longer have to give up control of personal information to dozens of databases each time you want to access new goods and services, with the risk of your identity being stolen by hackers.

In SSI, there are 3 personas – Issuer, Holder or Prover and Verifier.
Decentralized Identifiers (DID)

- DID is a globally unique identifier (e.g., UUID) that has no special cryptographic properties
- DIDs are fully under the control of the DID subject, independent from any centralized registry, identity provider, or certificate authority
- DIDs point to a DID document in the ledger. DID document describes verification methods (such as public keys) and services that can be used to interact with a DID controller
- DIDs can be Verinyms or Blinded
- Each DID is associated with one or more public keys created by the DID owner (and the owner holds the corresponding private keys), and one or more endpoints - addresses where messages can be delivered for that identity

DID W3C Link: https://www.w3.org/TR/did-core/
DID Document

- DIDs point to a DID document in the ledger.
- DID Document is a JSON-LD document describing the entity identified by the DID.
- DID document consists of:
  - The DID (for self description)
  - A set of cryptographic material (for verification)
  - A set of auth protocols (for authentication)
  - A set of service endpoints (for interaction)
  - Timestamps (for audit history)
  - Signature (for integrity)

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Credential Schema

- Credential Schema is the base semantic structure that describes the list of attributes which one particular Credential can contain.
- A Credential Schema can be created and saved in the Ledger by any Trust Anchor.
- Creating the schema will require DID of the schema issuer, name of the schema, version of the schema, list of schema attributes description.
Verifiable Credential (VC)

- Claim is a statement about a subject
- Credential is a set of one or more claims made by an issuer e.g. name, date of birth
- VCs are cryptographically created statements of one entity (Issuer) about another entity (Holder)
- VC provide minimum disclosure & zero-knowledge proofs
- VCs are all digital and under the owner’s control

W3C VC Data Model: https://www.w3.org/TR/vc-data-model/
W3C VC Implementation: https://www.w3.org/TR/vc-imp-guide/
Zero Knowledge Proof

- A Zero Knowledge Proof allows the prover to prove to the verifier that some or all of the data in a set of Claims is true without revealing any additional information, including the identity of the Prover.

- ZKPs are probabilistic and have different forms.

- The 3 properties of ZKP are:
  - Completeness: The verifier is convinced.
  - Soundness: If the prover cheats, the verifier will detect it.
  - Zero-knowledge: Did the verifier really learn nothing else?
Why Blockchain for Decentralized Identity

Blockchain technology is a catalyst for rebooting the web of trust vision by providing an infrastructure of identity and public exchange that is publicly accessible.

1. **Distributed**: No single point of failure as multiple organizations operate nodes in a permissioned way.
2. **No call back**: Verifiers never go back to issuers, instead they go to a globally distributed ledger to perform verification.
3. **Selective disclosure**: Fine granularity in sharing the pertinent information required to establish trust based on business policy.

**PII is NEVER stored on the Blockchain**
How does it work?

Verifiable Credential Workflow

1. Register proof of credential integrity and provenance

2. Issue credential

3. Present credential

4. Validate credential integrity and provenance

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Decentralized Identity Use Cases

- Secure Identity Verification.
- Healthcare Records.
- Supply chain management.
- Learning or Education credentials.
- Employment Records.
Thank you

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