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- New TC
- OASIS
- IDTrust Member Section

Challenge

- Customer onboarding processes require individuals to reshare identity attributes for each new organization with whom they interact

- This introduces delays and expense for both the customer and onboarding organization.

- Decentralized identity approaches offer the ability to address this, but the landscape is fragmented, making it difficult for verifiable credentials issued by different issuers to be verified by different verifiers.

Action

- Define a lightweight identity credential schema, based on the W3C Verifiable Credential (VC) standard, to enable individuals (VC subjects) to share their verified identity attestations across different platforms and services.
- This work assumes the following operational pattern:
  a. Issuer issues a VC that asserts the VC subject has passed checks of a defined business process (e.g., KYC)
  b. The VC subject presents the VC to a Relying Party (RP)
  c. The RP can choose (or not) to accept based on trust in issuer's processes

Deliverables

- **A standardized schema** can lead to more efficient, consistent, and secure digital identity ecosystem.
  - Encourages alignment among issuers
  - Improves interoperability and portability for subjects and RPs.
- Promote efficiency in customer onboarding and reduce proliferation of sensitive personal data where it is not needed.
- **Example**:
  - VC issuer issues a credential attesting that the VC subject has passed its KYC checks according to the United States jurisdiction, but does not include details of the checks
    - (e.g., names, addresses, etc. are omitted).
  - A relying party may choose to accept this credential based on trust in the issuer's process

Goals & non-goals

- Goals (in scope)
  - Establish a repeatable pattern for a VC schema that reduces PII
  - Enable a **minimal baseline** for interop
    - Simplify adoption and entry for RPs: consistent structure/semantics enable more rapid integration into existing processes
    - Additional claims can be stacked on top
  - Invite TC participants to determine what this baseline should be
    - End result will be put in public domain, (e.g. schema.org)
  - Work with OIDC identity assurance framework
- Non-goal (out of scope)
  - Is not opinionated and does not affect the rest of the decentralized identity technical stack
    - I.e., BYO transport protocols, issuance/exchange data models, authentication methods
  - Does not establish new trust/governance component

Example Use

- **Scenario**: Alice has completed KYC checks at her bank and seeks registration for an online service from a fintech company requiring KYC.
    - **Traditional Method**: Alice repeats the KYC process for the fintech company, disclosing sensitive personal information.
    - **Improvements enabled by VCs / decentralized identity generally:**
        - Alice's bank creates a credential confirming her KYC completion, without revealing sensitive details.
        - The fintech company (RP) accepts the credential, trusting the bank's processes.
    - **Problems**:
        - Potentially different schema, syntax, and semantics across N issuing banks.
        - Requirement data vary depending on jurisdiction, specific compliance requirements, etc
    - **Additional Improvements enabled by LVCSP approach:**
        - Baseline schema and pattern consistent across N issuing banks
        - Clarifies stackable, layered approach for issuers and RPs:
            - As a regulated entity, RP may need to collect PII from Alice.
            - However, the amount needed may be reduced (based on awareness of bank's processes, reputation, and terms, which is discoverable)
            - Additional identity claims can be provided as additional stacked or layered credentials, while still expediting onboarding.
    - **Benefits**: Speedier onboarding, minimized customer friction, and easier adoption for RPs

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Other Examples

1. Education:
   - Verification of academic degrees, certifications, and transcripts, enabling easier job application and cross-institution recognition.
   - Proof of enrollment for student discounts or other benefits.

2. Employment:
   - Validation of work experience, skills, and professional licenses, simplifying the recruitment process.
   - Verification of employment status for loan applications or rental agreements.

3. Healthcare:
   - Proof of vaccination status, enabling safer travel and access to venues or events.
   - Verification of medical qualifications and licenses for healthcare professionals.

4. Travel & Immigration:
   - Digital passports, expediting border control processes and reducing document forgery risks.
   - Proof of visa or residency status, streamlining immigration-related procedures.

5. Age Verification:
   - Confirmation of legal age for age-restricted products and services, such as alcohol, tobacco, or adult entertainment.

6. Membership & Subscriptions:
   - Verification of membership status for accessing restricted content or exclusive benefits, such as streaming services, online forums, or loyalty programs.

Related Work

- DHS, Silicon Valley Innovation Program (SVIP)
  - VC/DID Multi-Platform/Multi-Vendor Interoperability
- W3C, DIF
- OpenID
  - OpenID for Verifiable Credentials
  - OpenID for Verifiable Presentations
  - OpenID Connect for Identity Assurance
- Key Points
  - Interoperability vs Portability
  - Focus on both

Benefits of a standard VC schema

1. **Enhanced Trust in the adopters ecosystem**

   Online transactions will improve, fraud and financial losses will be reduced

2. **Enhanced Efficiency**

   Parsing VC with known security assurance streamlines online operations, reducing time and effort required to verify information and complete transactions

3. **Increased Interoperability**

   Businesses will be able to integrate their systems and exchange information with other organizations, independent from their technical infrastructure or platform
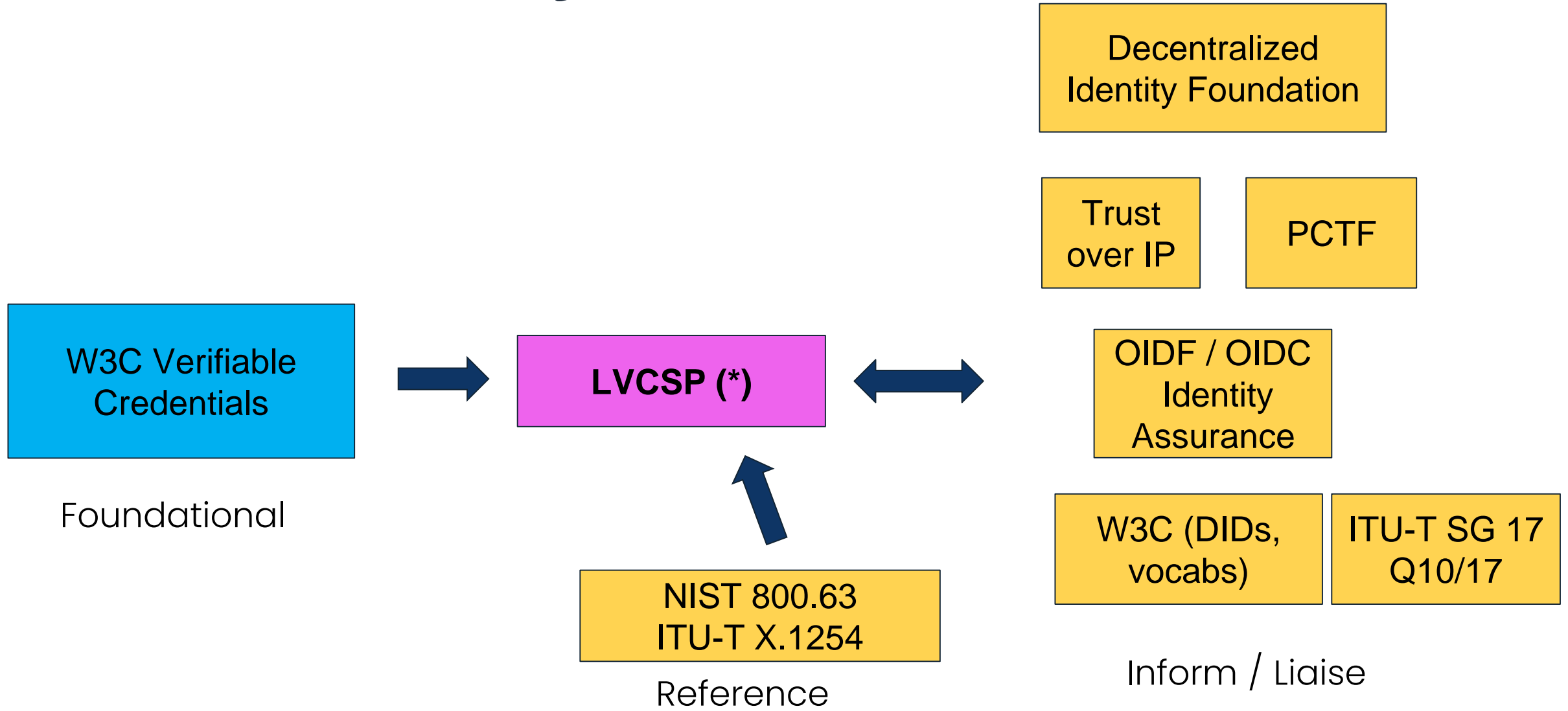
4. **Reduced Costs**

   Interoperability saves costs of managing many digital credentials within an RP

5. **Less user friction**

   Re-use credential across many RP transparently

Current Ecosystem

W3C Verifiable Credentials

Foundational

LVCSP (*)

NIST 800.63
ITU-T X.1254

Reference

Decentralized Identity Foundation

Trust over IP

PCTF

OIDF / OIDC Identity Assurance

W3C (DIDs, vocabs)

ITU-T SG 17 Q10/17

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Committed LVCSP TC Members

Target Timeline

Response to Comments Received
March 31

Call for Participation
May 12

First TC Meeting
June 8

Comments
Feedback
Questions

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Influence

Have your voice heard, your use cases addressed, and your requirements met.

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Get things done with support and oversight that result in fair, transparent, and productive collaboration.

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Be seen as one of the leaders--or be conspicuous by your absence

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- ✓ Involve an unlimited number of employees in any/all TCs

- ✓ Start new TCs

- ✓ Vote to approve all OASIS Standards

- ✓ Nominate, serve, and vote on OASIS Board of Directors

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Call to Action

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https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=lvcsp

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