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Federation for the Masses (Impact of Blockchain and FIDO)

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- MUST eliminate symmetric shared secrets
- Address poor user experiences and friction
- FIDO is a building block
 - complements federation solutions

Impact

- Identity binding is essential
- Strong identity proofing a must

Source FIDO





- Standards are catching up on mile one
- Mile two is getting more mature
 - Federation need improvement
 - No prior relationship
 - SAML: Dynamic AuthN/Z
 - OAuth, OIC dynamic end point
 - Blockchain Opportunity

- How about identity assurance?
 - Poorly deploying strong authentication is the same as weak authentication
- FIDO solves the PW problem but mandates better identity binding at the relaying part
- Proper Identity vetting/proofing becomes essential



Identity proofing and account recovery

Account Login Current Pain Points

- I forgot my password
- I cannot find/lost my phone
- I am locked out of my account

Account Recovery Options

- KBA (static and/or dynamic)
- Email account (compromised)
 - Password reset link
 - Or a new password
 - Enrolling back in FIDO

Identity Proofing

- Binding a FIDO authenticator to a user account on relying party requires performing an Identity vetting step
 - Trust anchor (aka Bootstrapping problem)
- Currently pre-established Authenticators are used as anchors of Trust (such as passwords)

Online identity proofing is challenging and still relies on something "you know"



Blockchain technology

- Blockchain distributed data store
- Public Key Cryptography (PKI)
- Peer to peer connected nodes

- Consensus mechanism (PoS, PoW, etc)
- Smart contracts

Permisionless

- Proof of work (PoW)
- Open node participation
- Weak(er) governance
 - Role of determined entities
- Performance
 - Mileage may vary

Permissioned

- Controlled participation
 - Authorized entities
- Improved Governance
- Entities are vetted
- Potentially faster consensus



Blockchain for identity v:

- Client acquire policy
- Client goes to Application
 Website to enrol
 - step requires tity Verification valent of KYC ion stage asserted attestations on nain e importantly FIDO a binding /een a device identity can be rted

- Blockchain does not hold individual identity
- - Individual identity data is stored off chain
 - Avoid storing private attributes on a public ledger (even when encrypted)
 - Stores references to data
 - Unive Originators retain control of their data
 - Toke Permission based system
 - Nodes on the network are known
 - Can be double permissioned based on mining protocols

For the client

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- No data about me without me
- No blanket permission (finer grained control)
 - Will know who can attest for their data
 - What data is being shared and for what purpose
 - Control for binding and unbinding an identity to a device
 - Unconsent support

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Going Forward

- Investigate a core consortium of trusted entities
- Share individual identity data attributes that all parties agree on exchange mechanisms, data structure, semantics and the context under which it is shared based on relationship and purpose
- Enable large scale trust and federation without the need of one to one relationship
- Global Federation capabilities
 - Dynamic SAML and OAuth
 - Improved Security and No need for prior negotiation
- Enable interoperable system of data exchange of healthcare records



Thank you

Questions



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