

"Q10/17 Work on DLT Authentication"

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Identity management and telebiometrics architecture and mechanisms

Motivation

- While Biometrics is gaining acceptance in identity verification and authentication
- Biometric application systems present various challenges related to operational and technical data protection, reliability, and security of biometric data for biosafety and biosecurity applications
- IdM is a critical component in managing network security because it improves assurance for the nomadic, on-demand access to networks and services that endusers expect. Focus on
 - Strong authentication
 - DLT authentication and DIdM
 - Authentication Assurance
 - Passwordless Authentication



Draft Recommendation ITU-T X.Tec-idms

Scope

- This Recommendation develops techniques for the protection of identifiers as related to user data in distributed identity systems. This document focuses on the following:
 - analysis identification of a few relevant currently deployed solutions, supported use cases and risks and possible response methods related to exposing identity and user data,
 - methods and techniques for identifier un-linkability and deanonymization inference attacks,
 - guidelines and best practices to mitigate the identified risks.

Recommendation ITU-T X.1403

Scope

- This Recommendation provides an overview of using DLT for decentralized identity management. The scope of the work includes:
 - a brief overview of using distributed ledgers for the management of identity and identity data, and
 - Discussion on security benefits of decentralized identity, and
 - guidance concerning necessary controls that should be used to mitigate threats to identity data
- DLT provides an opportunity for development of decentralized identity management (DIdAm) solutions
 - means for managing of trust without a centralized authority thus avoiding any single point of failure
 - Centralized identity model
 - Federated identity model
 - Decentralized Identity model



DIdAm framework

Components of a DIdAm are:

- Decentralized identity owner
- Service providers (SP)
- Off ledger identity depository
- Identity systems that are based on DLT can be thought of as separate identity systems with different trust boundaries and cryptography keys.
- Therefore, the DIdAm must facilitate interactions across ledgers on behalf of the user





Threats and vulnerabilities

- Identity data management
 - CRUD
- DID key linkability
- DID key protection
- PII preserving techniques
- Vendor lock-in
- Identity-based attacks
- Communication network effects
- Identity data encryption
- Backup
- Smart contracts
- DLT certificate management



DID and VC Emergence

- Rapid development in the standardization of universal identifiers such as W3C DID [https://www.w3.org/TR/did-core/].
- A standard data model and representation format for cryptographically verifiable digital credentials as defined by the W3C DID specification [https://www.w3.org/TR/vc-data-model/].
- The resolution of W3C DID can be done in a manner that is analogues to the resolution of a URL
 - DID resolution does not require the use of a distributed ledger technology (DLT).
 - Resolution of a DID can be used in hybrid systems that include central and distributed non-DLT and DLT data systems.



PEER DID Status

- NIST Report "A Taxonomic Approach to Understanding Emerging Blockchain Identity Management Systems (<u>https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/CSWP/NIST.CSWP.01142020.pdf</u>)"
- ISO 2nd WD TR 23249 Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies Overview of existing DLT systems for identity management "



Traditional Identity Management

User-Centric Identity Management



Identity Management Roles



Daniel Hardman (Evernym) has been leading the work on it and presenting it at SSI Meetup meetings.



PEER DID

A DID has the following format:

"did:" + <did-method> + ":" + <method-specific-identifier>





Additional Recommendations

ITU-T X.1252Rev: Baseline identity management terms and definitions

- Added definitions of decentralized identity
- Updated Identity Model to include Decentralized models

ITU-T X.1254Rev: Entity authentication assurance framework

- Improvement on Authentication Assurance Framework
- Incorporated FIDO authentication
- True password-less Support

FIGI Security, Infrastructure and Trust Working Group (SIT WG)

- Report on Strong Authentication
- Report of eKYC
- ITU-T End point for FIDO Authentication

OASIS Electronic Secure Authentication (ESAT) TC (see <u>https://www.oasis-</u>

open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=esat)

• QR Code security



Q&A