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Self-Sovereign Identity Solutions on RChain

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BLOCKCHAIN ADOPTION: COMPLETE PENETRATION

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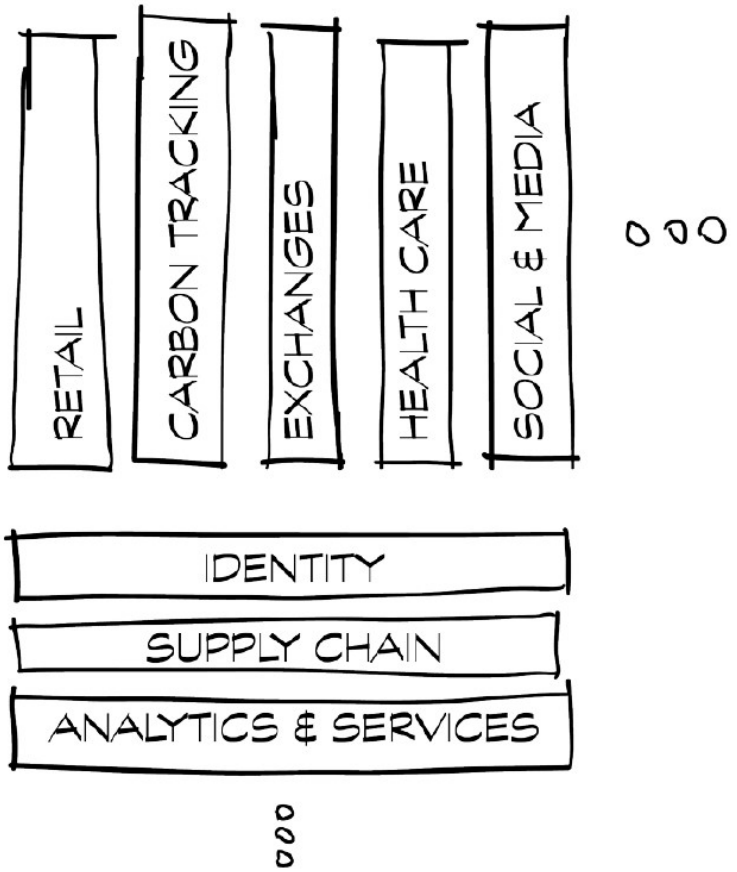
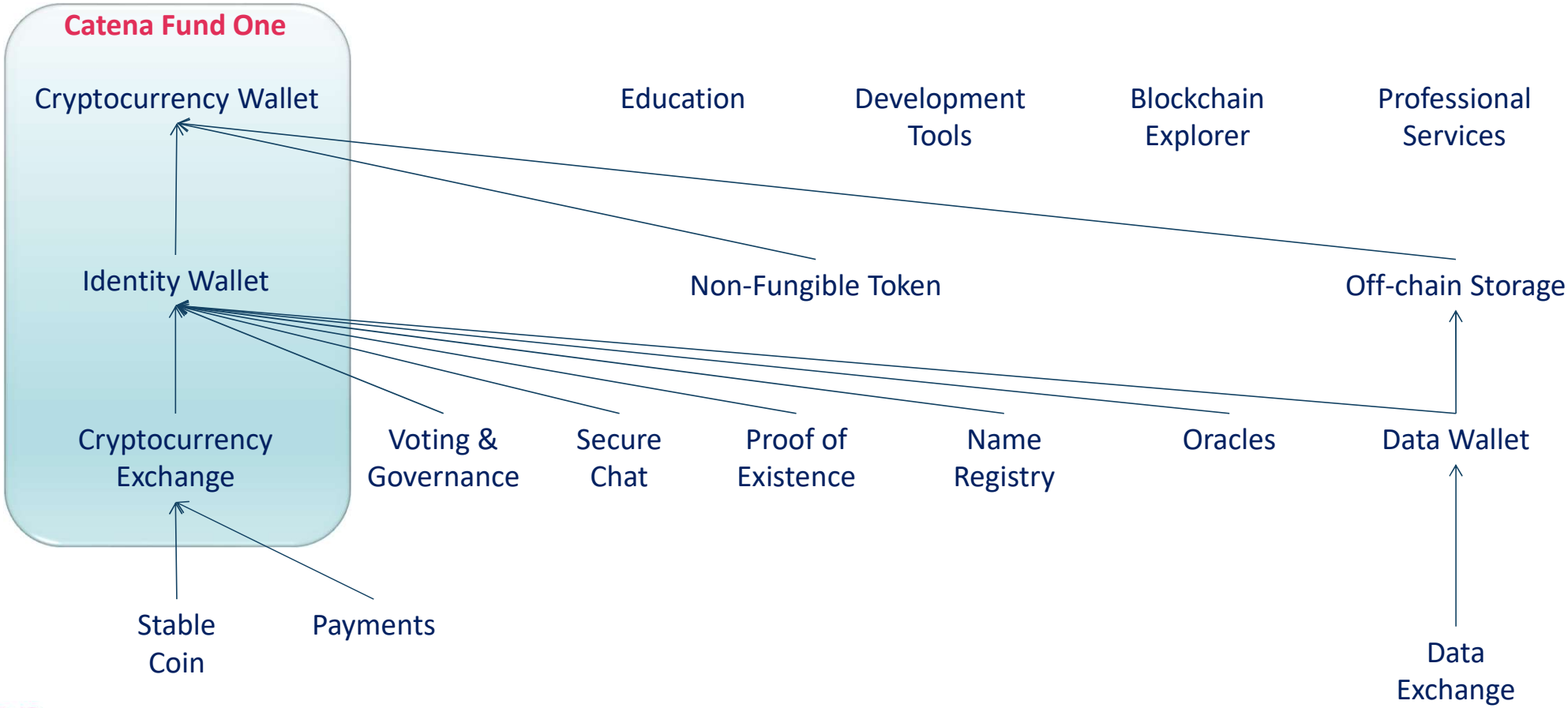


EACH VERTICAL MARKET BUILDS ON ONE BLOCKCHAIN

HORIZONTAL MARKETS MAY SUPPORT MULTIPLE BLOCKCHAINS

RChain Ecosystem:
Enabling Features and their Dependencies



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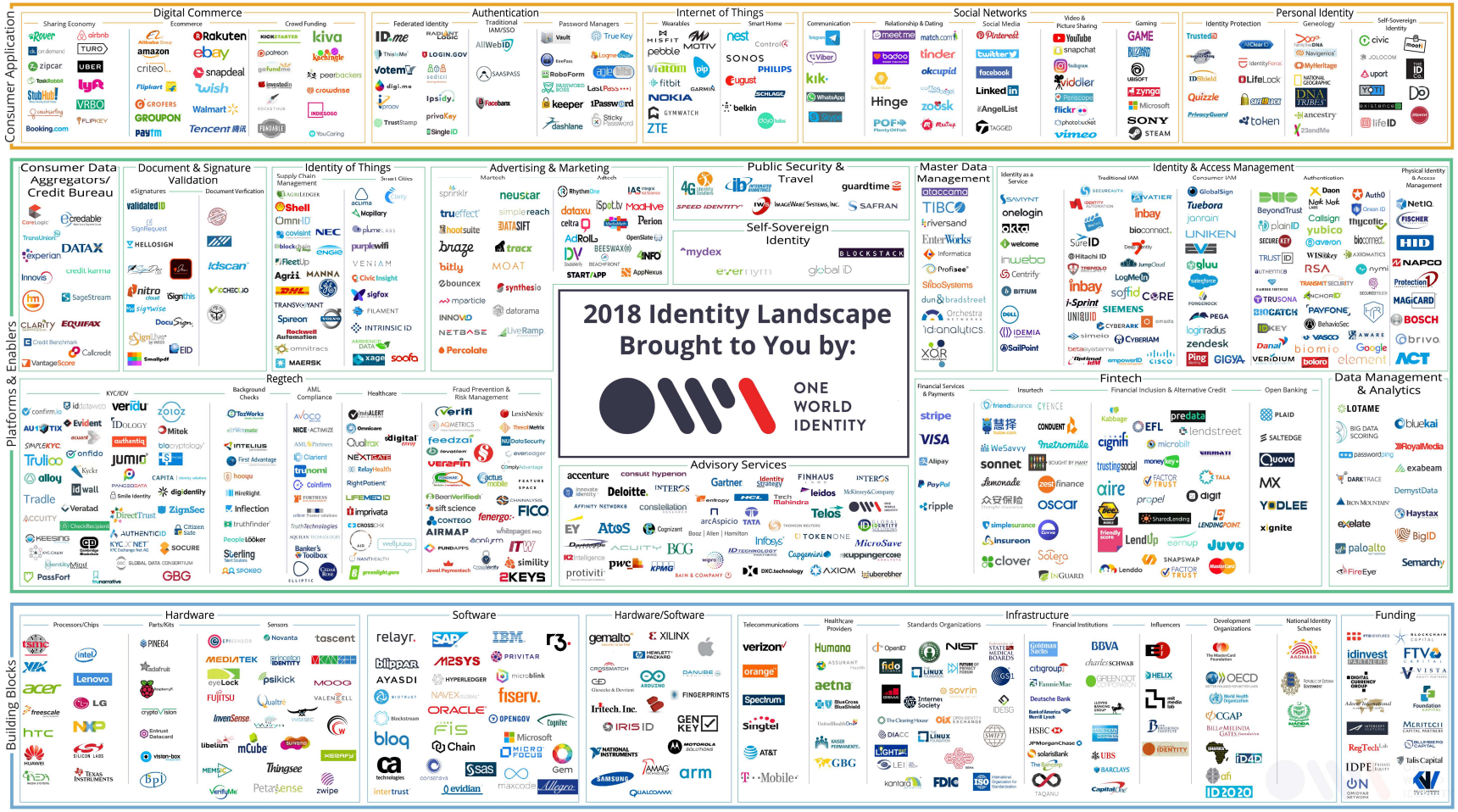
Many companies are focused on identity



Problems

- Popular authentication mechanisms used today are broken
  - Passwords, email, cell phone number, SSN, mother's maiden name, birthdate...
  - OAuth typically relies on you trusting large, centralized parties
  - Identities are easy to correlate, impersonate, attack
- Practices lead to loss of privacy, assets
- Systemic friction to productivity of enterprises
  - onboarding new customers
  - verifying credentials
  - resetting password
  - dealing with fraud
- GDPR compliance
- Opportunity to better address certain populations
  - Refugees / Homeless / Children / Guardianship

The hidden costs of our dysfunctional Internet identity infrastructure are staggering.

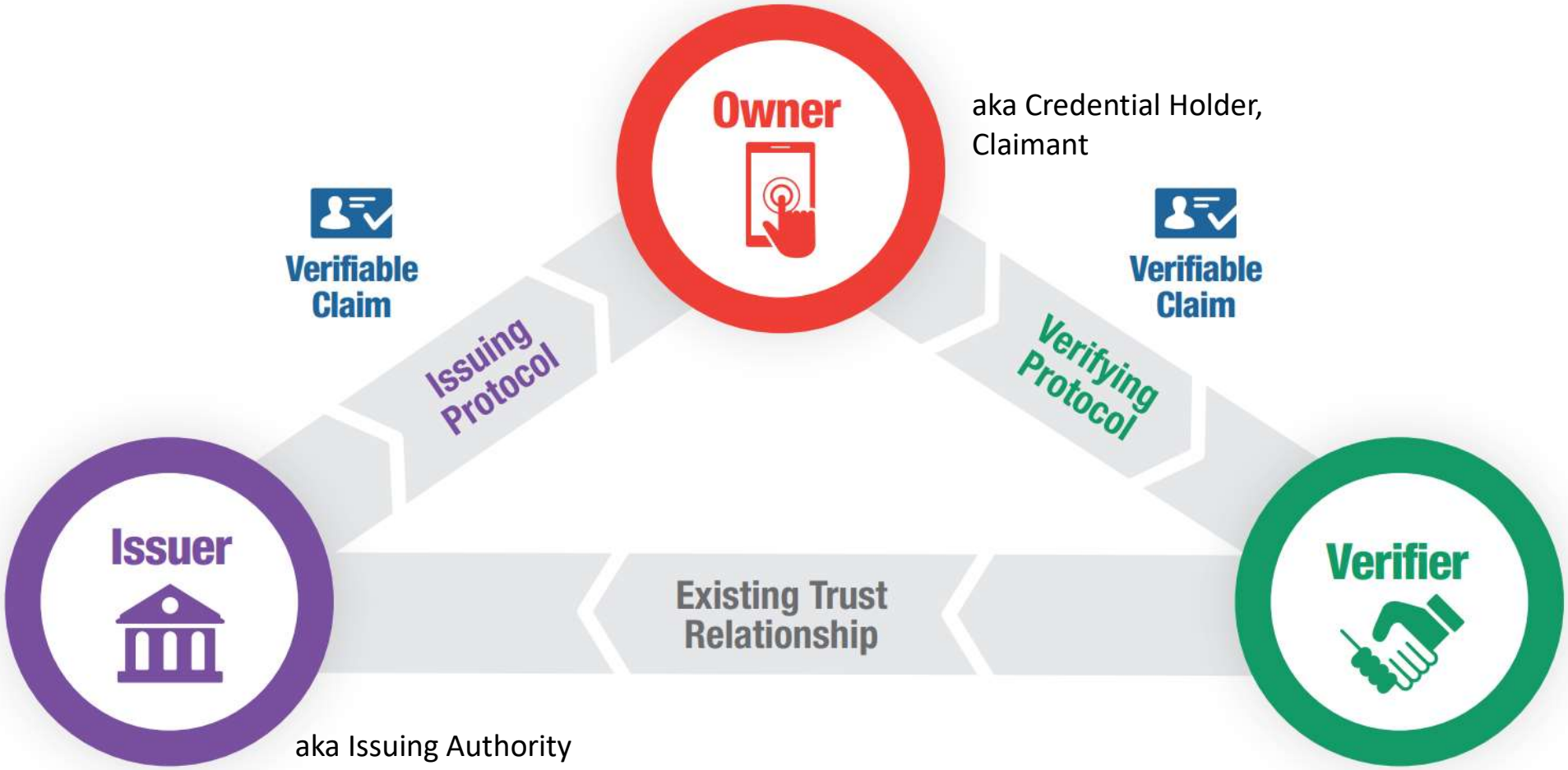
- **The 2017 Hiscox Cyber Readiness Report** estimates that cybercrime and data breaches currently cost the global economy **US $450 billion** per year.
- **The 2016 Cybersecurity Market Report** predicts cybercrime damages will cost the global economy a total of **US $6 trillion** by 2021.
- **The U.S. Public Interest Research Group estimates** consumers will have to directly shell out a collective **US $4.1 billion** to freeze their credit reports and prevent fraudsters from using personal information possibly exposed in the massive data breach at Equifax.[11]
- **IDG estimates that theft of trade secrets** costs every nation from 1 to 3 percent of their gross domestic product (GDP), for a total ranging from **US $749 billion to $2.2 trillion annually.**

From Sovrin Whitepaper

What is Digital Identity?

- Functionally, identity can be the sum of
  - **attributes associated to a person** (age, height, birth date, biometrics, etc),
  - **attributes accumulated over time** (medical information, preferences, communication metadata, etc), and
  - **designated attributes** (telephone number, email, Passport numbers, etc),
- but we can go beyond people and also talk about legal identities, identities of devices or assets, which are often linked to human identity.
- Identifier != Identity

Self Sovereign Identity — a guide to privacy for your digital identity with Blockchain, Alex Preukschat



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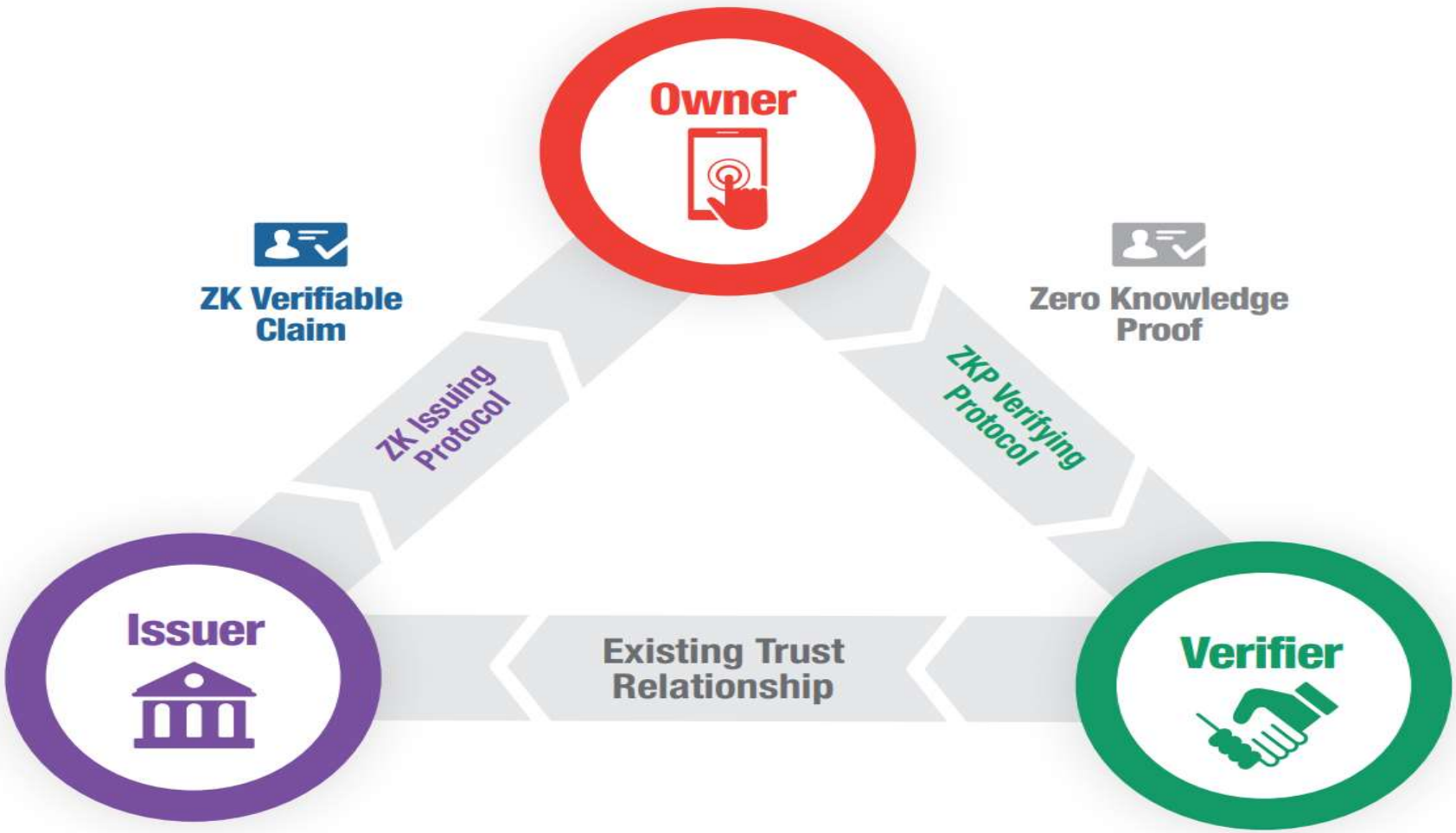

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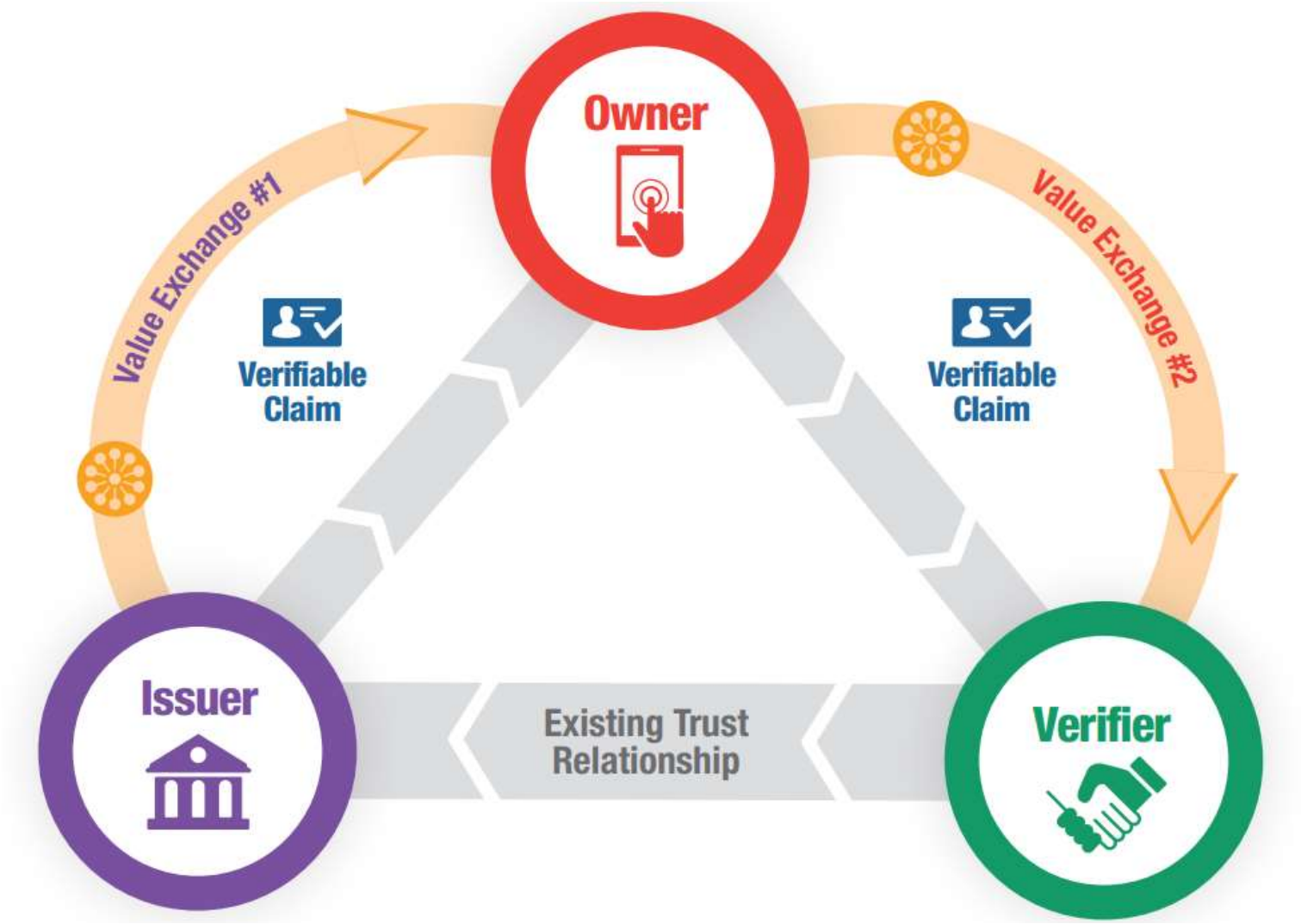

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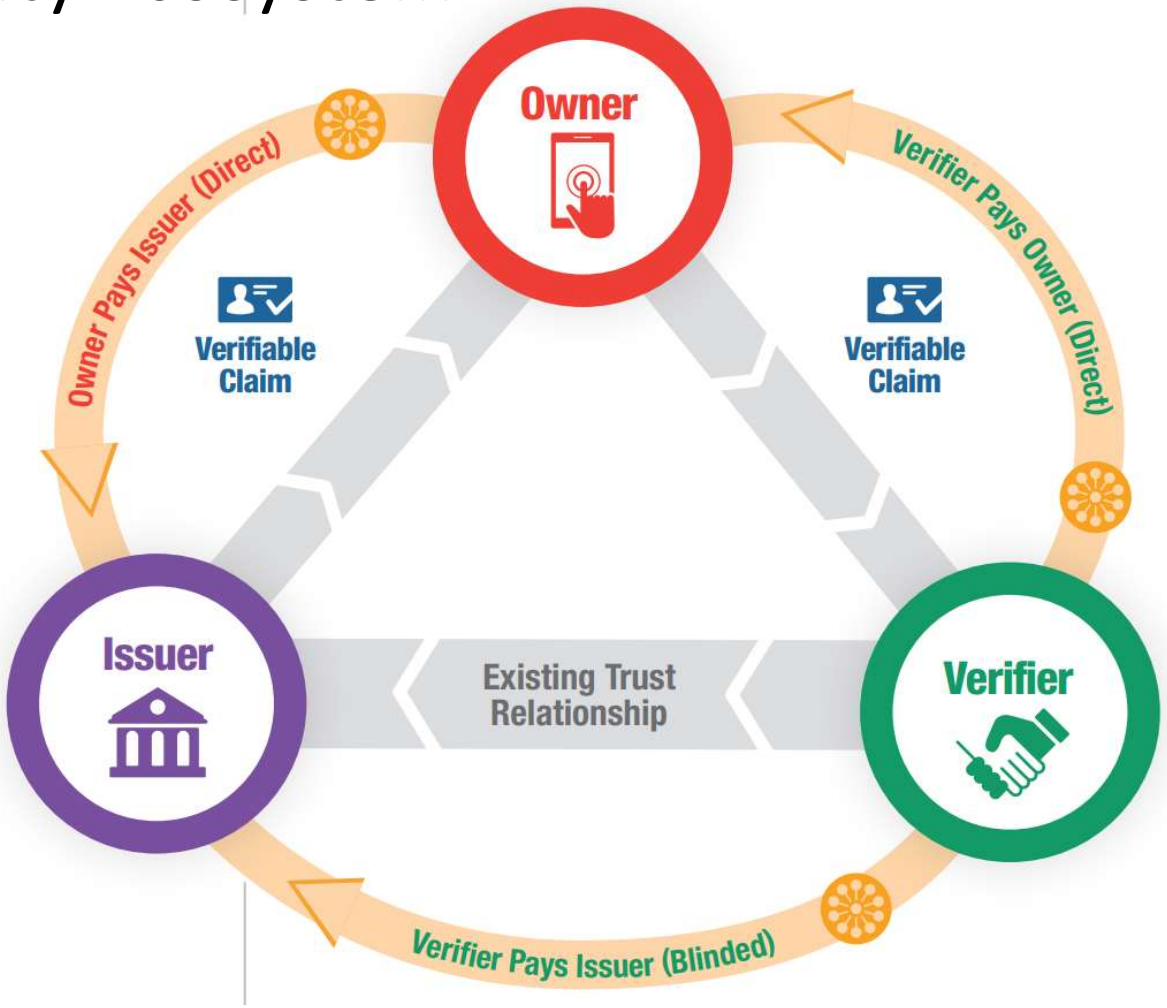
Identity Ecosystem



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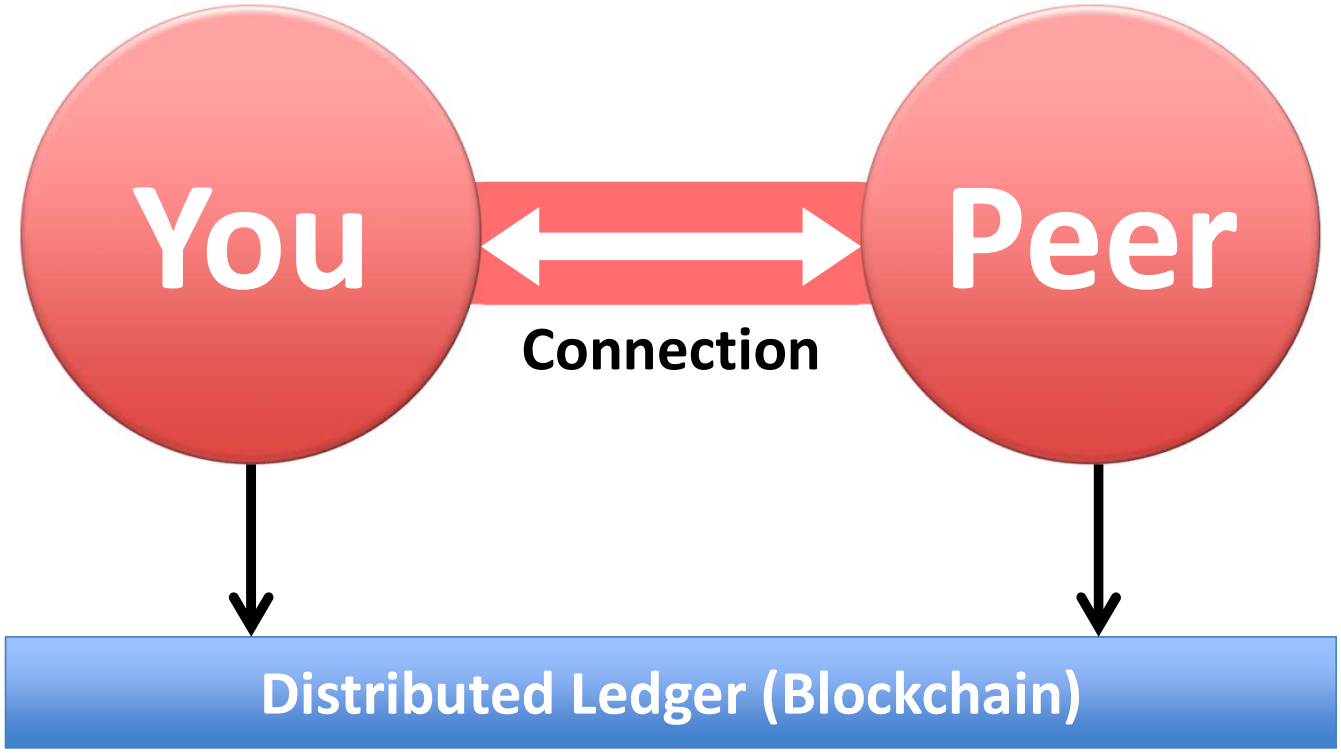
Self-Sovereign Identity Model



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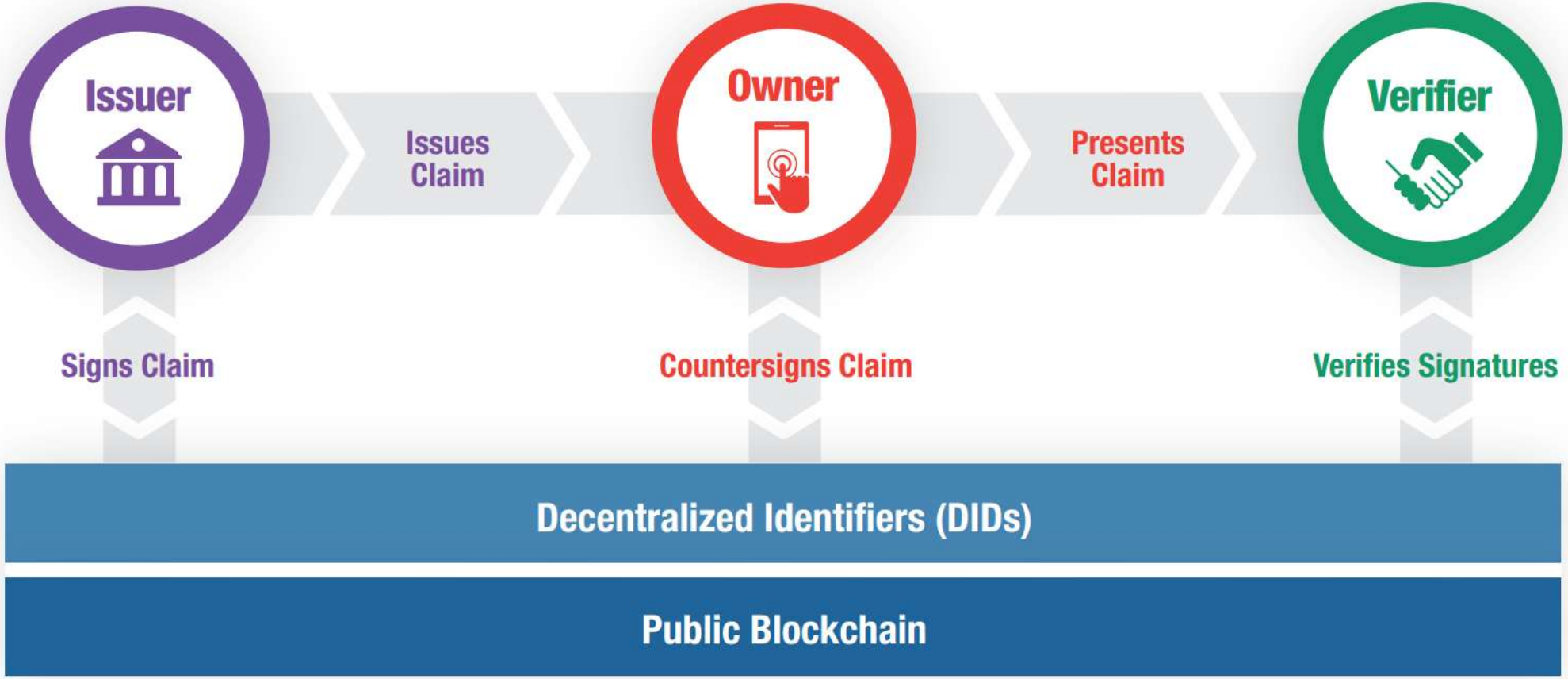
- You and each peer have multiple **personas**!
- Pairs of personas can form Peer-to-Peer connections
- Symmetrically Encrypted – “a private VPN”



Typically on-chain:
- DIDs with associated addresses, validity
- Revocations of claims

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Business benefits of blockchain-based IAM

- **Improved AuthN** and **AuthZ mechanism** ("what you have and are" + "what others know")
- **Trust score of identity ledger** increases with quantity and quality (e.g., credit bureaus, trusted authorities) of peers on blockchain

- **Reduced time and effort to manage access rights** by reducing the need for centrally managed identity governance and administration solutions.
- **Reduced need to maintain identities** in a directory or identity data warehouse

- **Improved auditability** of identities due to distributed, open nature of identity ledgers

- **Improve service-level agreements related to user onboarding** (days instead of months) for third-party access
- **Utilize payment networks** to establish **identities**
- **Fault tolerance** and **elastic scaling** because each node in the blockchain can consume the self-contained assertion

- **Fewer passwords** to remember
- **Improved digital experience** through unified identity experience and improved app store ratings
- **Interoperability** with Internet of Connected Things

What's in your wallet?

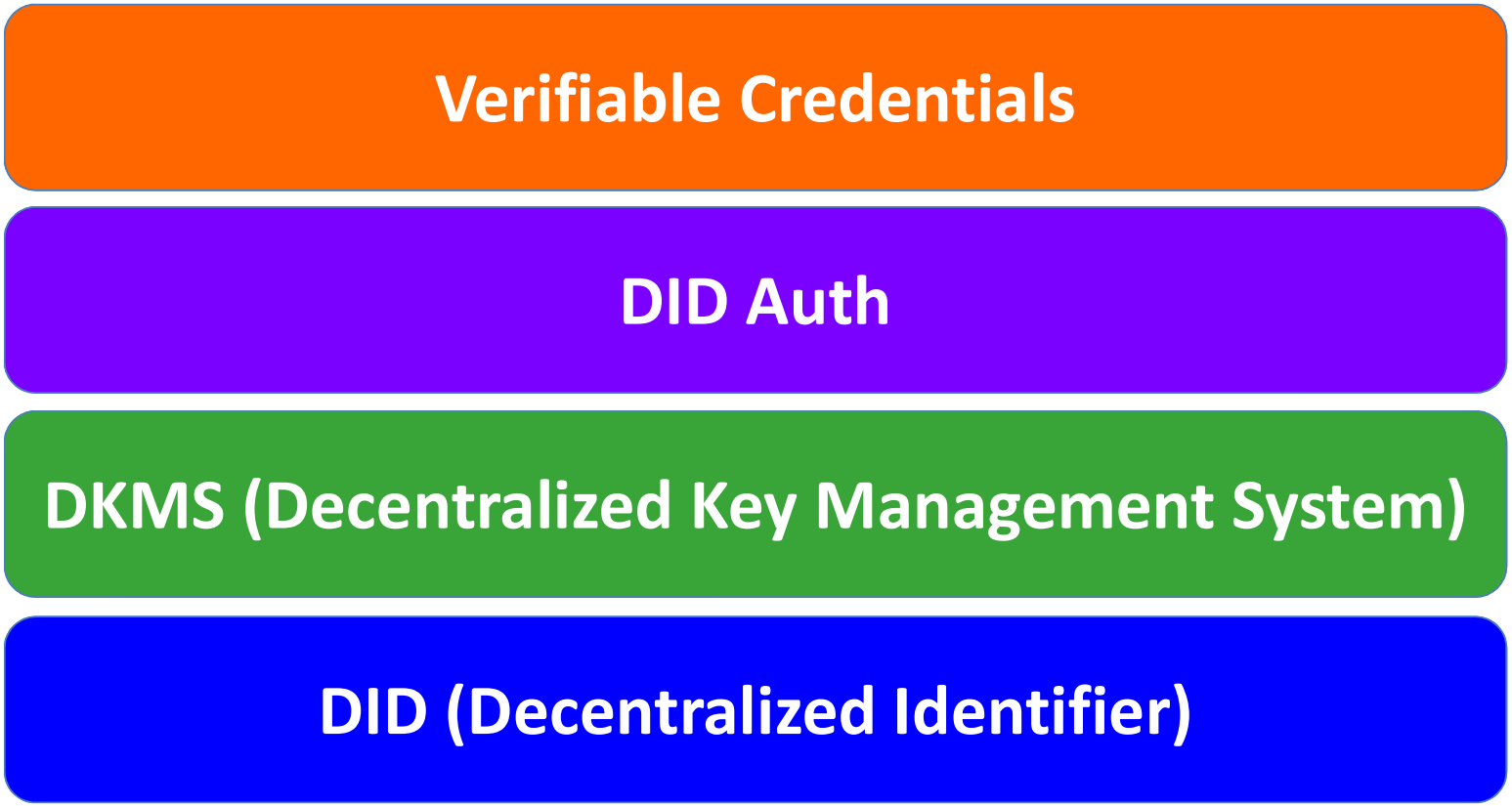
Key Management and Signing
- Private Keys
- Sign Tx's
- Key rotation
- HD
- Storage backup, recovery
- Social backup, recovery
- Integrations
  - Hardware
  - Browsers
  - Browsers Add-Ins
  - Key Management Services

Cryptocurrency Wallet
- Send, Receive, History
- Accounts, Aliases
- Integrations
  - Blockchain (Tx's)
  - Explorers (history, details)
  - Exchanges (price, exchange)
  - Fiat Money Services (buy, sell)

Identity Wallet
- Credentials, Claims, Verification, Revocation
- Personas and connections
- Pass around keys/tokens
- Integrations
  - Blockchain (DIDs, Public Attestations, Revocations)
  - DID Resolvers, DID Auth

Data Wallet / Personal Information Manager / Personal Data Service
- Private data
- Storage backup, recovery
- Integrations
  - Personal Data Exchanges (PDXx)
  - Markets (e.g. opt-in advertising)

Four Emerging Open Standards for SSI



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Working Group for SSI (sponsored by Pithia)

- Members
  - LifeID, NuID, Sovrin, Trusted Key, Verif-y, Dynas Yunas
- Support interoperability across Identity Wallets, Protocols
  - Track and Contribute to Emerging Standards
    - DIF DID, RWOT DKMS, RWOT DID Auth, W3C Verifiable Claims (Credentials)
  - Support exchange of verifiable claims
    - Zero Knowledge Proofs
    - Claims Exchange Protocol
- For RChain:
  - Identify requirements for core platform
  - Assure design of DID format, implementation of a DID resolver
  - Collaborate on identity protocols, interfaces
  - Create reference implementation smart contracts

Identity App Requirements for RChain Platform

- Multiple ECDSAs
  - ✓ secp256k1: used on Bitcoin and Ethereum
  - ☐ secp256r1 (aka prime256): native on iPhone and Android
- ☐ Low or zero correlation between DID transactions and Cryptocurrency transactions
  - Context: Service creates a DID for User and stores it on blockchain. How is the payment kept anonymous, so the service and the user is not correlated?
  - Ability to transfer cryptocurrency and crypto-token anonymously, shielding sender's address.
  - Requires Zero Knowledge Proofs at core layer?

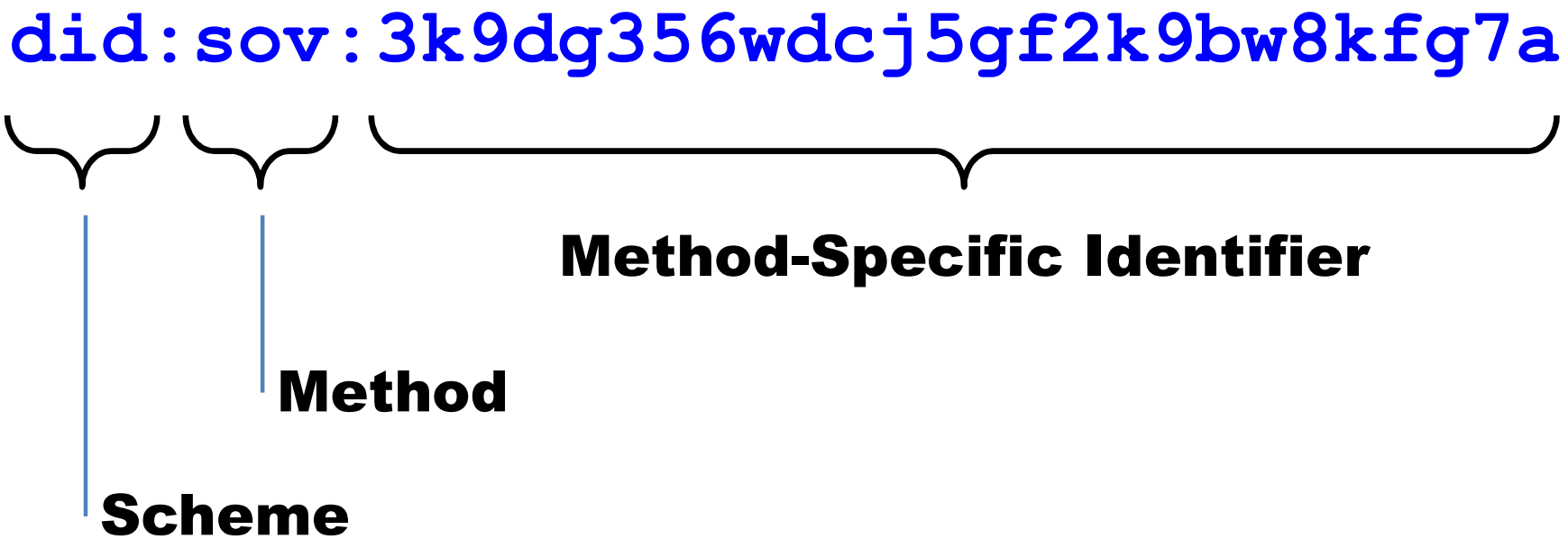
lifeID

Your identity, for life!

Q&A

Decentralized Identifiers (DIDs)

DID Syntax (W3C)



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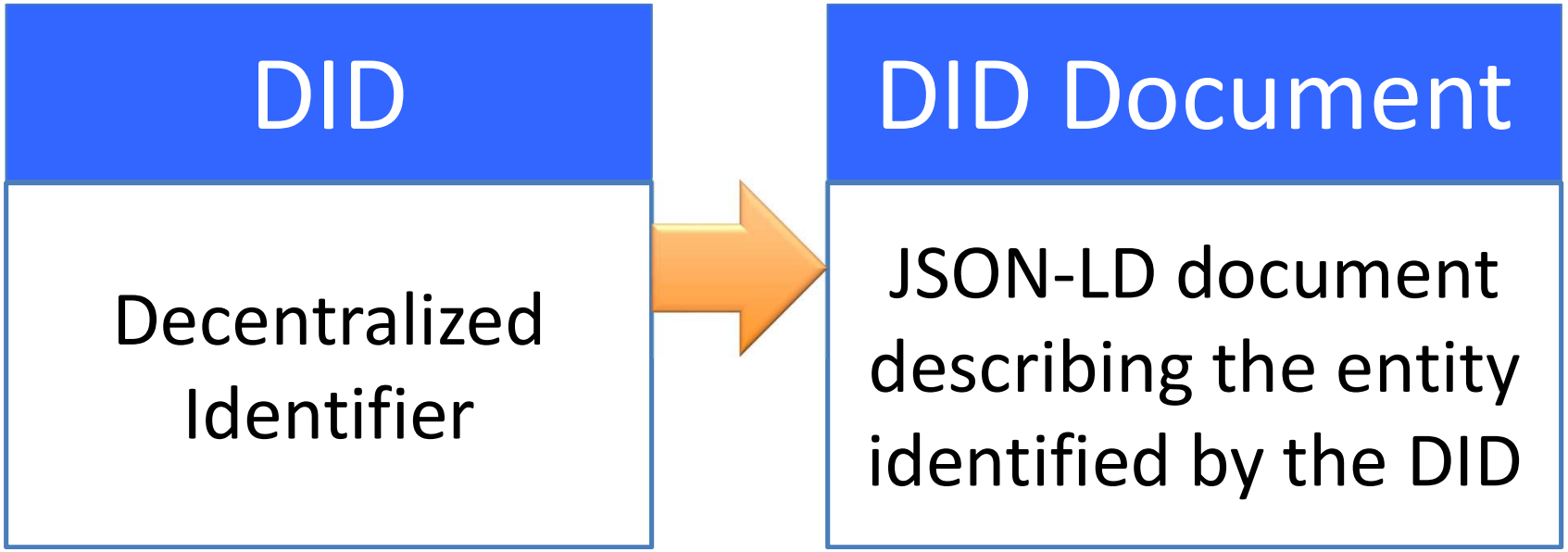
{ “Key”: “Value” }



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The standard elements of a DID doc

1. **DID** (for self-description)
2. **Set of public keys** (for verification)
3. Set of auth protocols (for authentication)
4. **Set of service endpoints** (for interaction)
5. **Timestamp** (for audit history)
6. **Signature** (for integrity)

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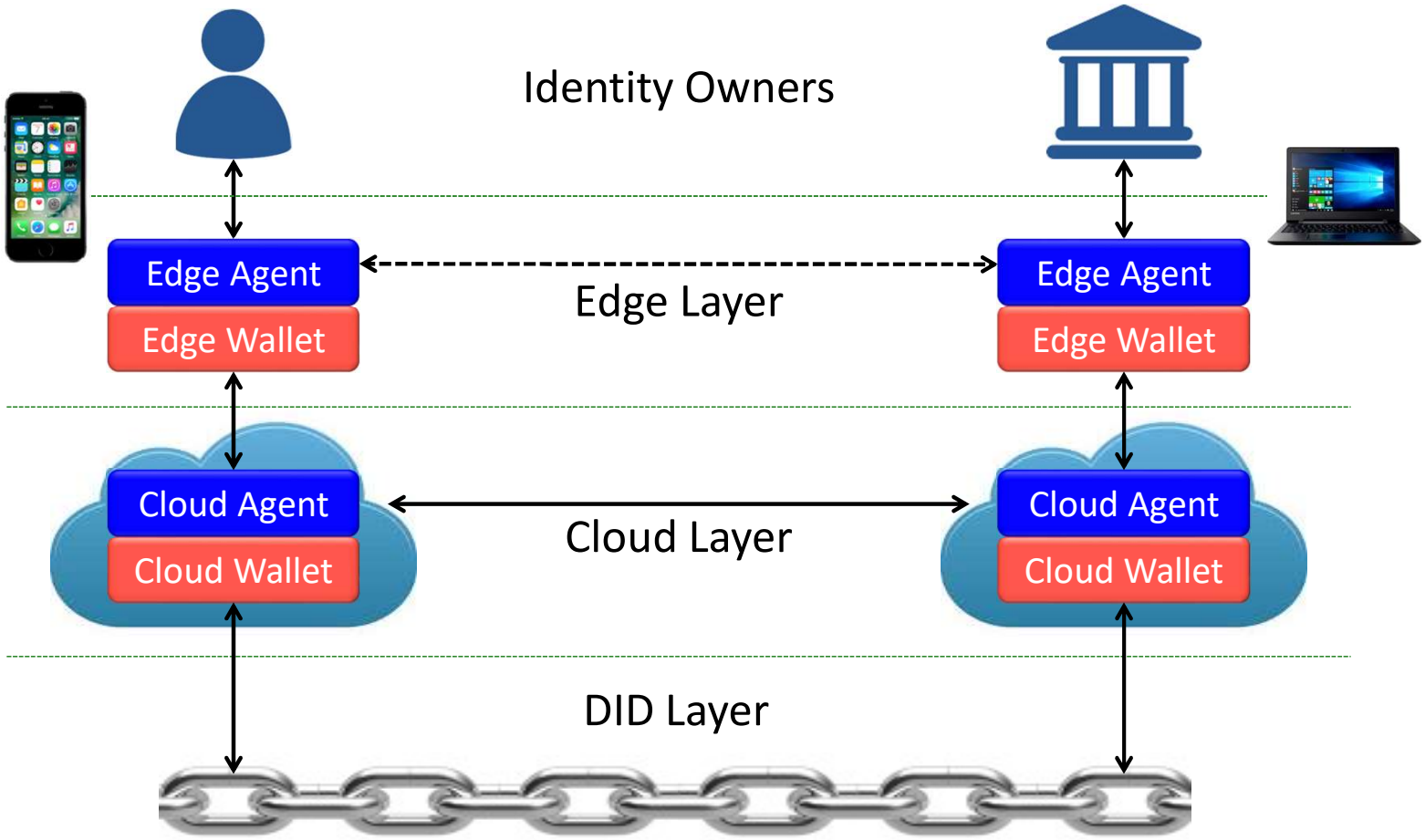
DKMS
(Decentralized Key Management System)

DKMS

- A proposed open standard for managing the private keys you need for DIDs—including robust, highly usable key recovery
- Key recovery supports both *offline* recovery ("paper wallet") and *social recovery* ("trustee") methods

The decentralized identity “stack”



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DID Auth

DID Auth is…

A simple standard way for a DID owner to authenticate by proving control of a private key

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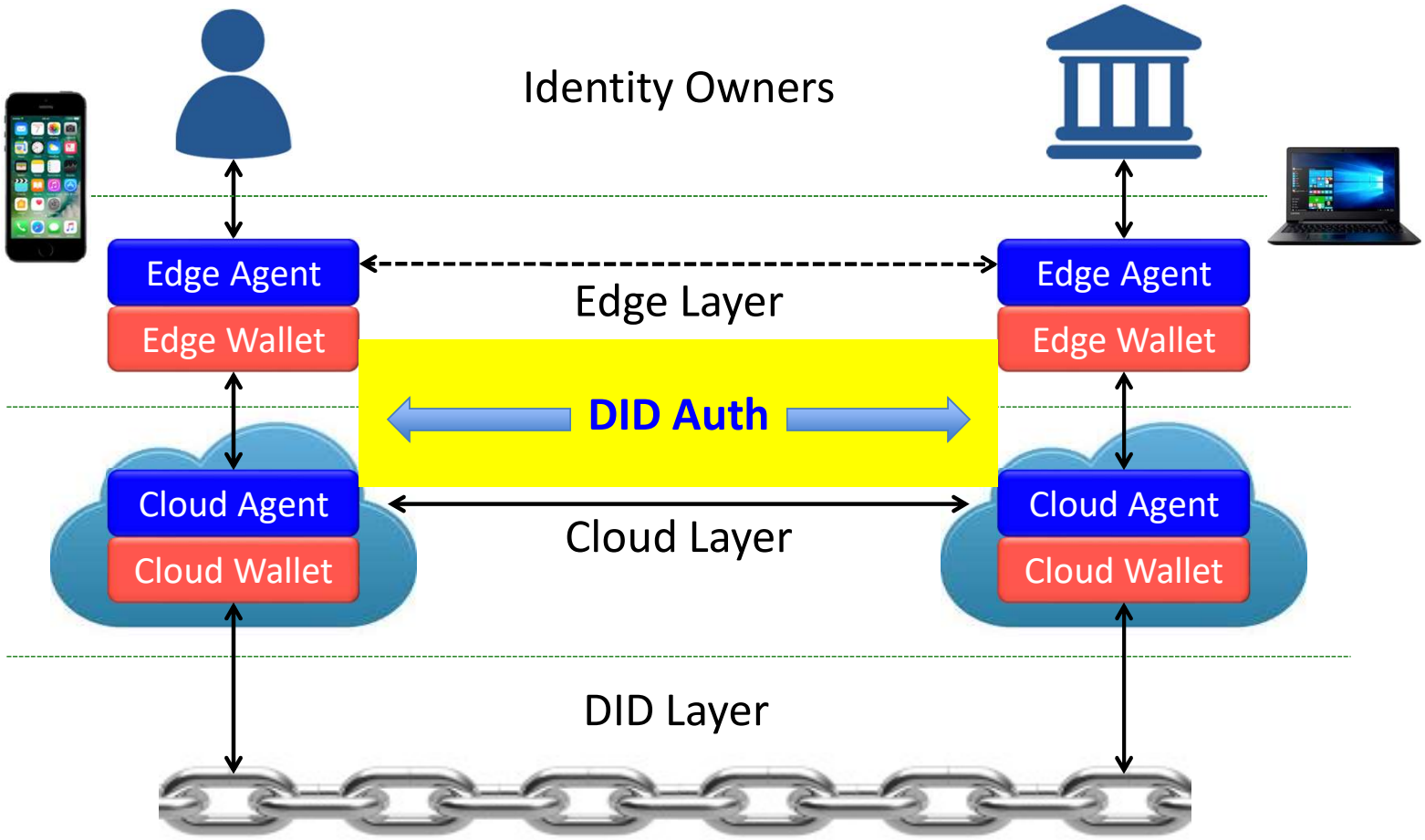

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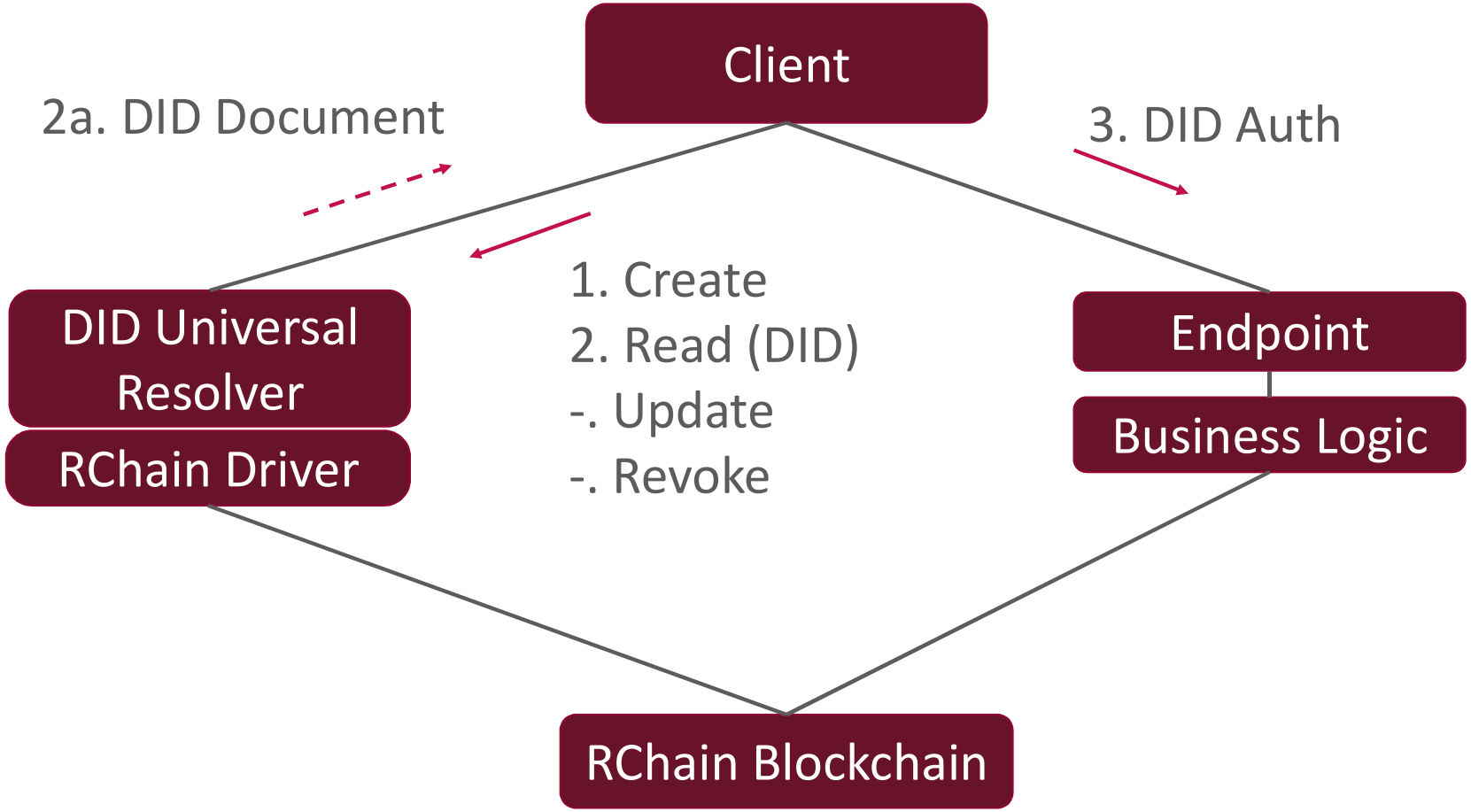
Example Interaction with DIDs



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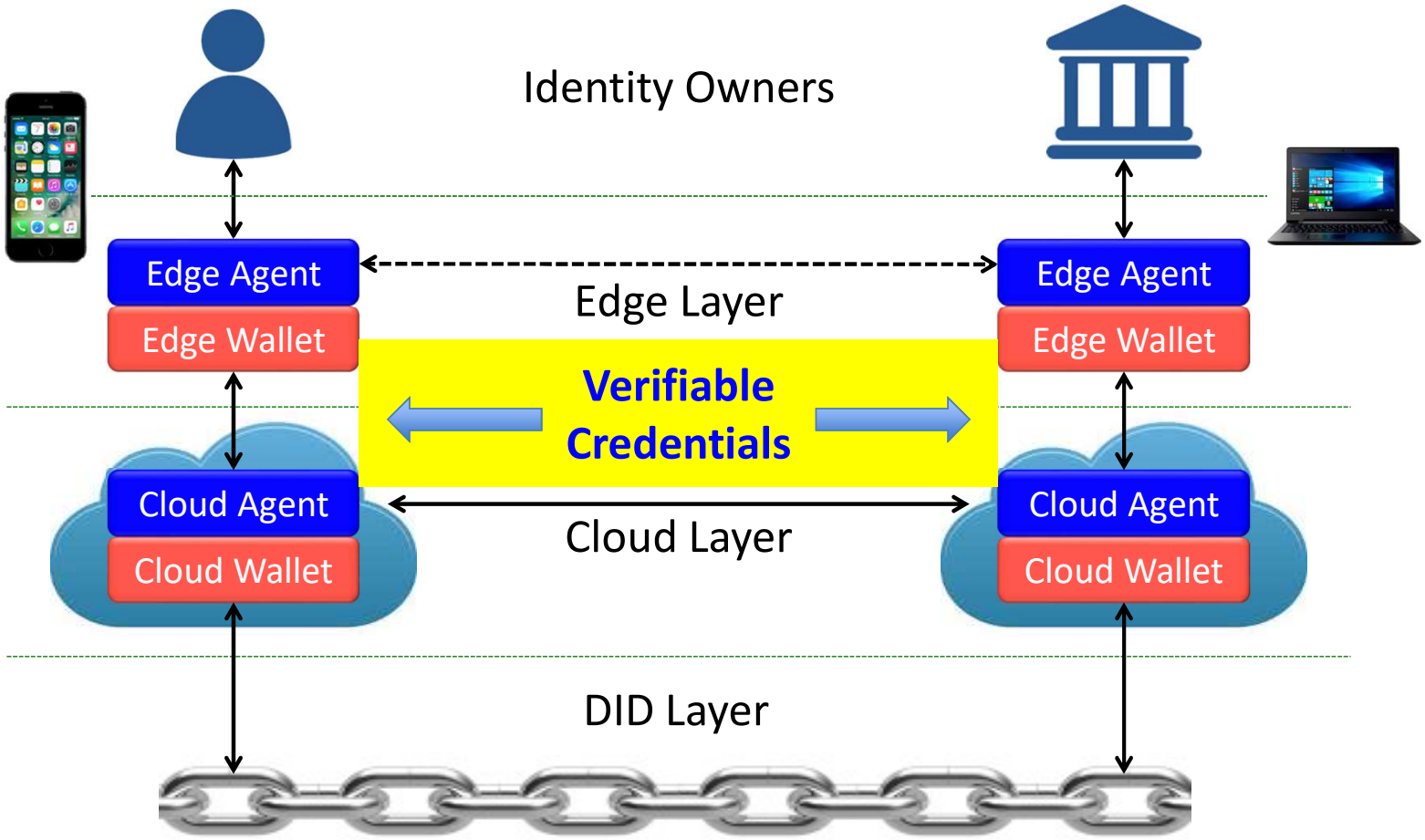

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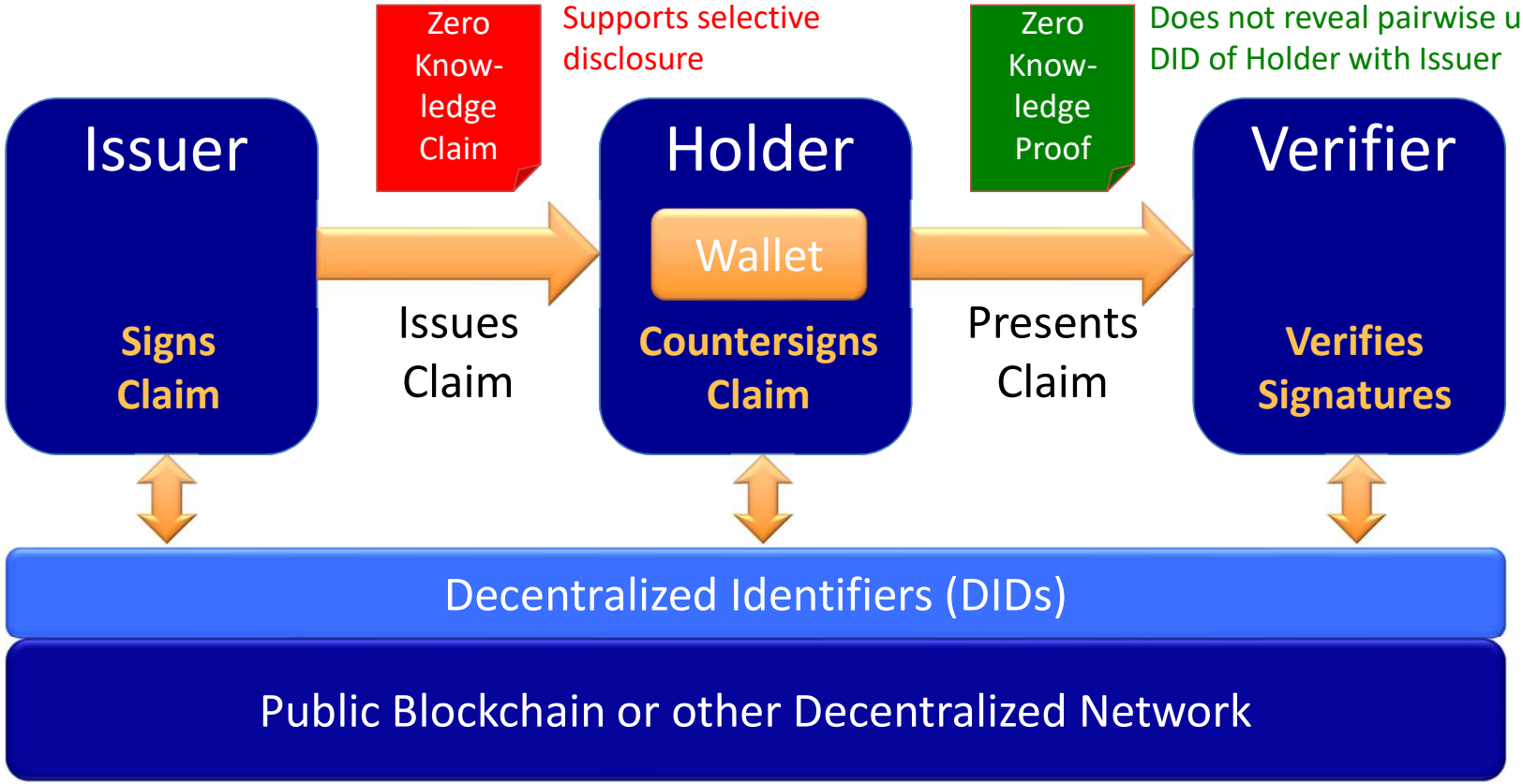
Verifiable Claims

Verifiable claims are…

The format for interoperable, cryptographically-verifiable digital credentials being defined by the W3C Verifiable Claims Working Group

Sovrin Verifiable Claims Ecosystem



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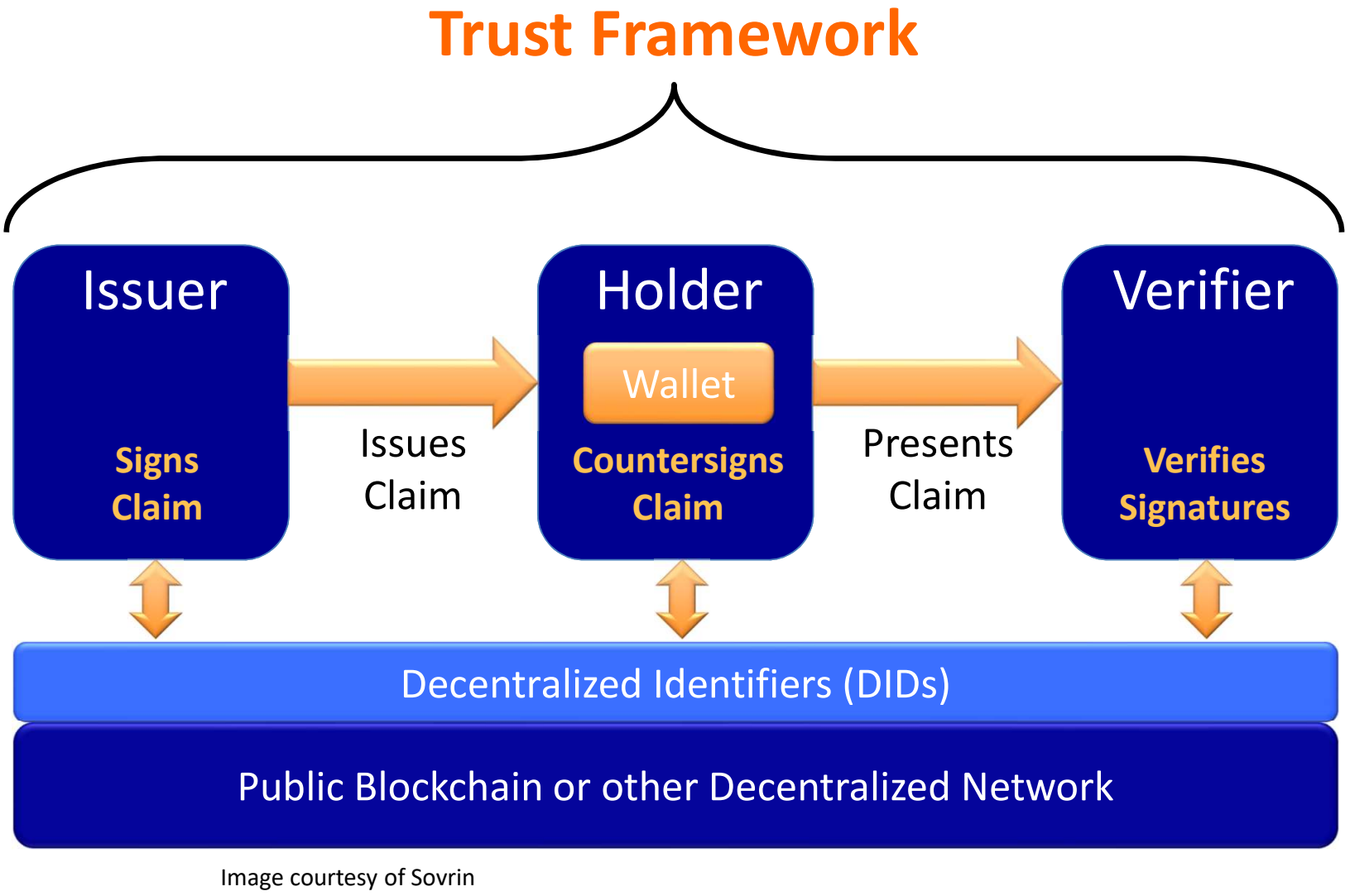
Trust Frameworks

A trust framework is…

A set of business, legal, and technical rules which members of a community agree to follow in order to achieve trust online



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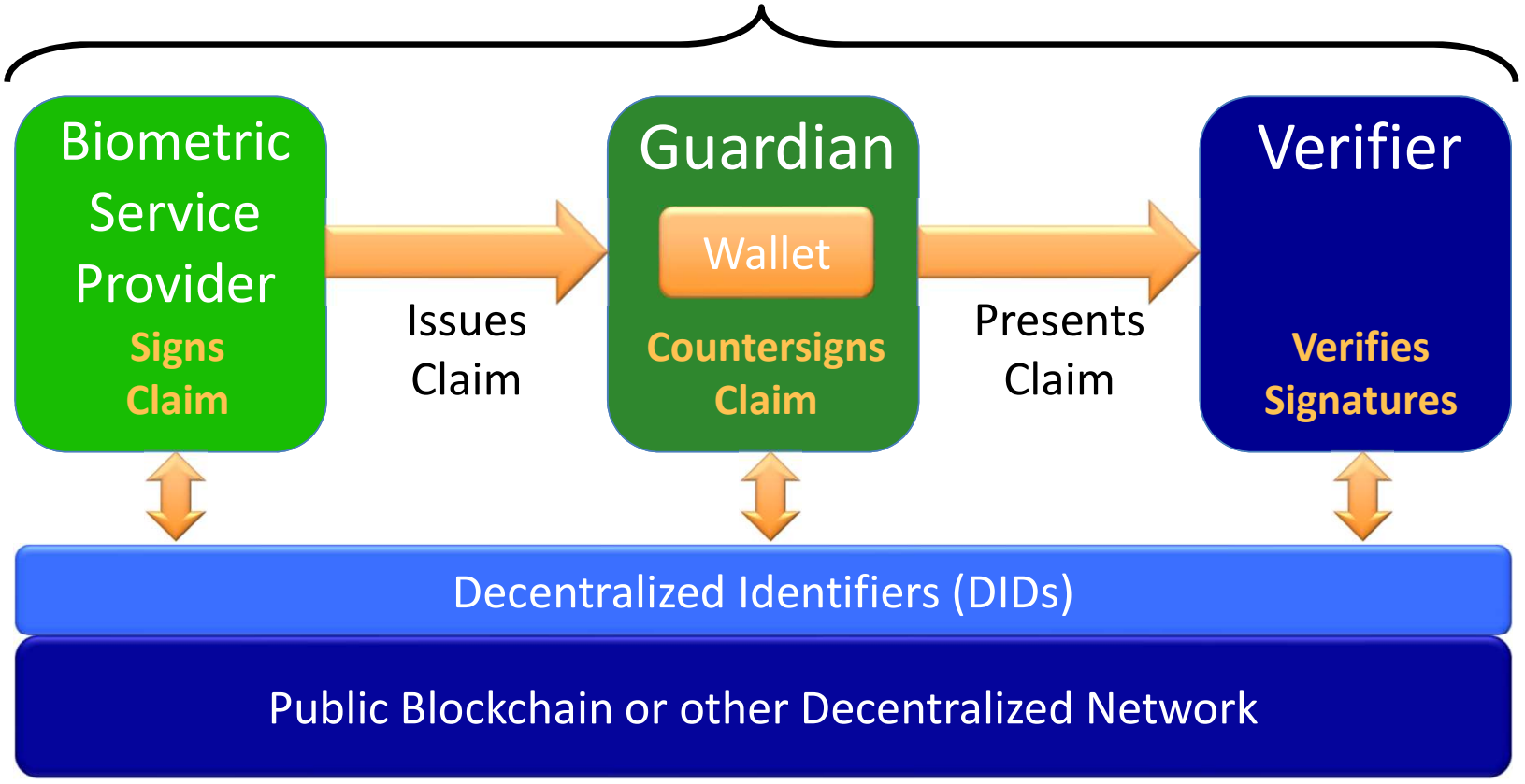
Self-Sovereign Biometrics - Identity for All Trust Framework



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