



# Privacy-respecting Identity Management

## Introduction to ABC4Trust



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## An early approach

- „Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name: you are mine.”  
[Isaiah 43:1]
- „Var inte rädd, för jag har betalat lösen för dig.  
Jag har kallat dig vid namn, och du är min.”  
[Jesaja 43:1]
- „Μη φοβου· διοτι εγω σε ελυτρωσα,  
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[Ησαιαν 43:1]
- „No temas, porque yo te he redimido,  
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[Isaías 43<sup>1</sup>]
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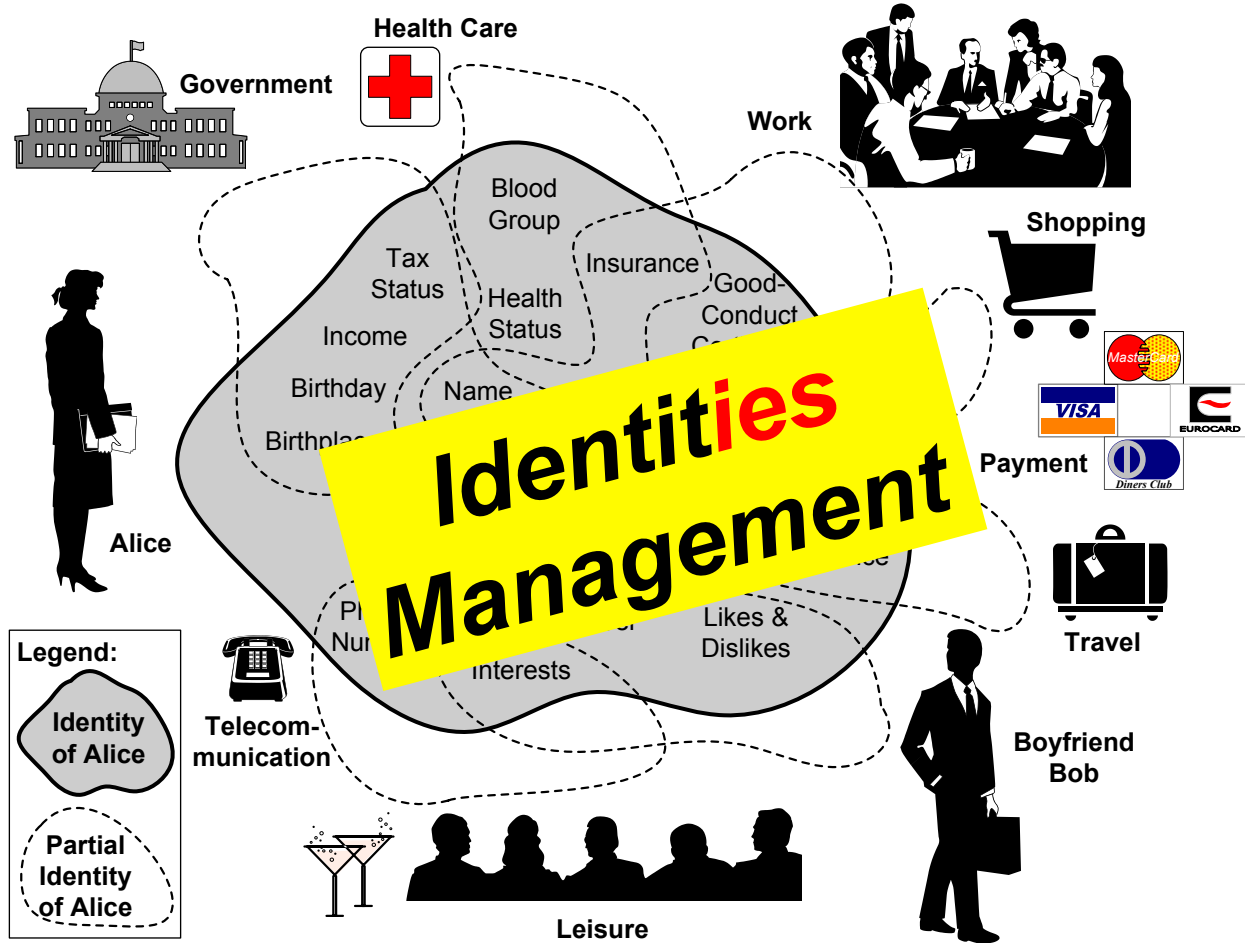
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## One of many definitions

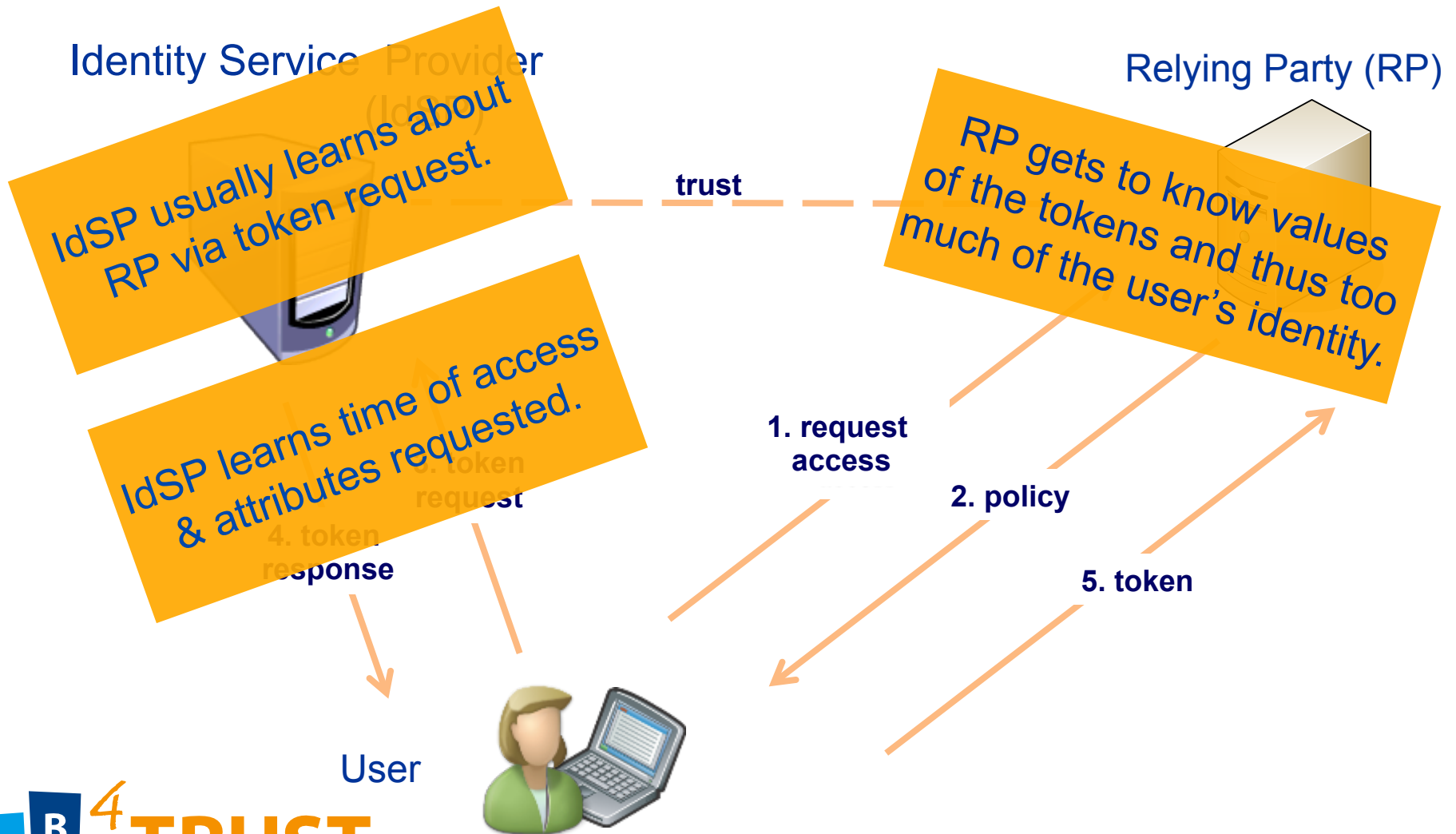
An integrated concept of **processes, policies and technologies** that enable **organizations and individual entities** to facilitate and control the **use of identity information** in **their respective relations**



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# Identity Management and Overidentification

Identity Service Provider (IdSP)



Relying Party (RP)

RP gets to know values of the tokens and thus too much of the user's identity.



User



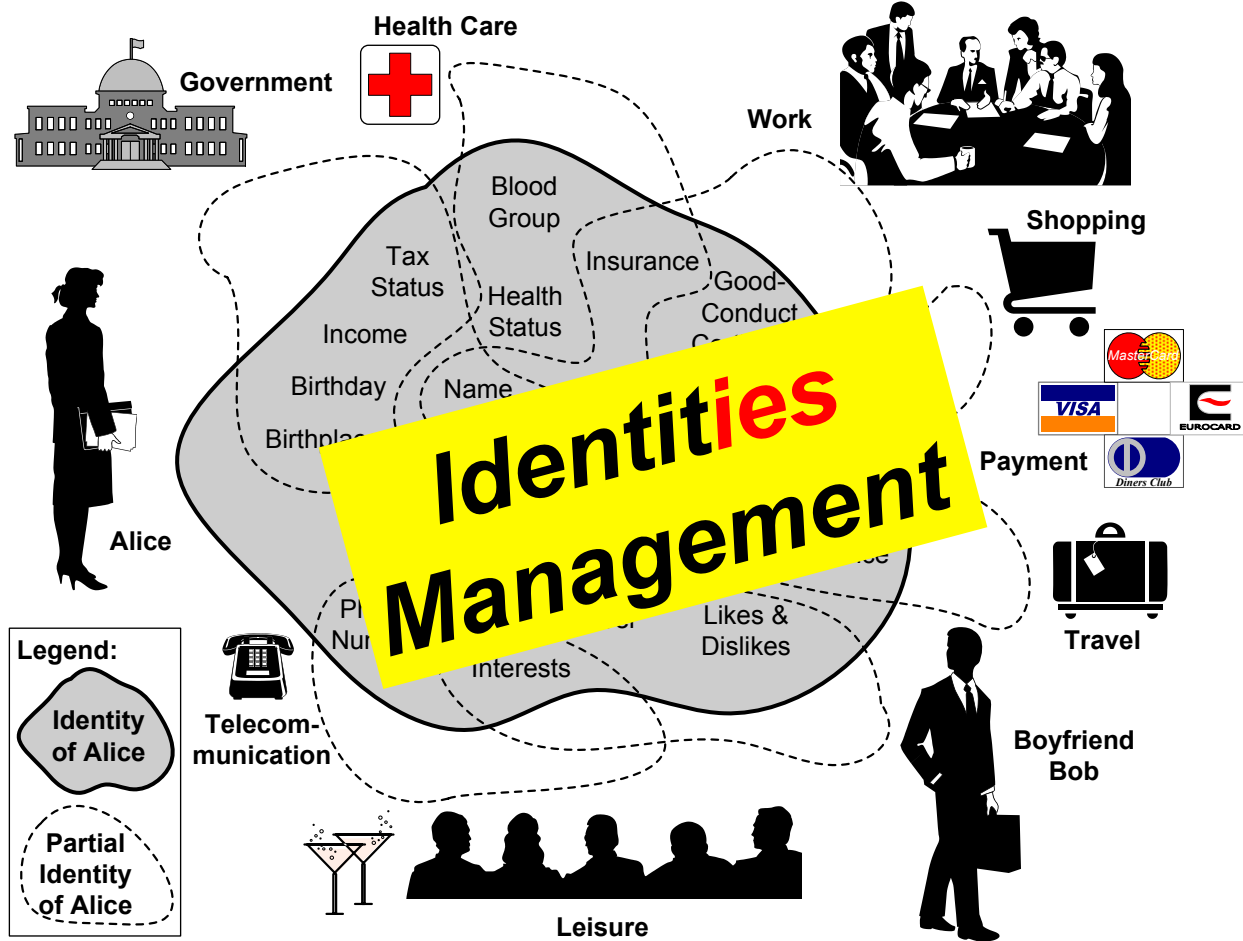
1. request access

2. policy

5. token

trust

# Partial Identities needed



# Identity Definition in ISO/IEC 24760 to reduce the risk of Overidentification

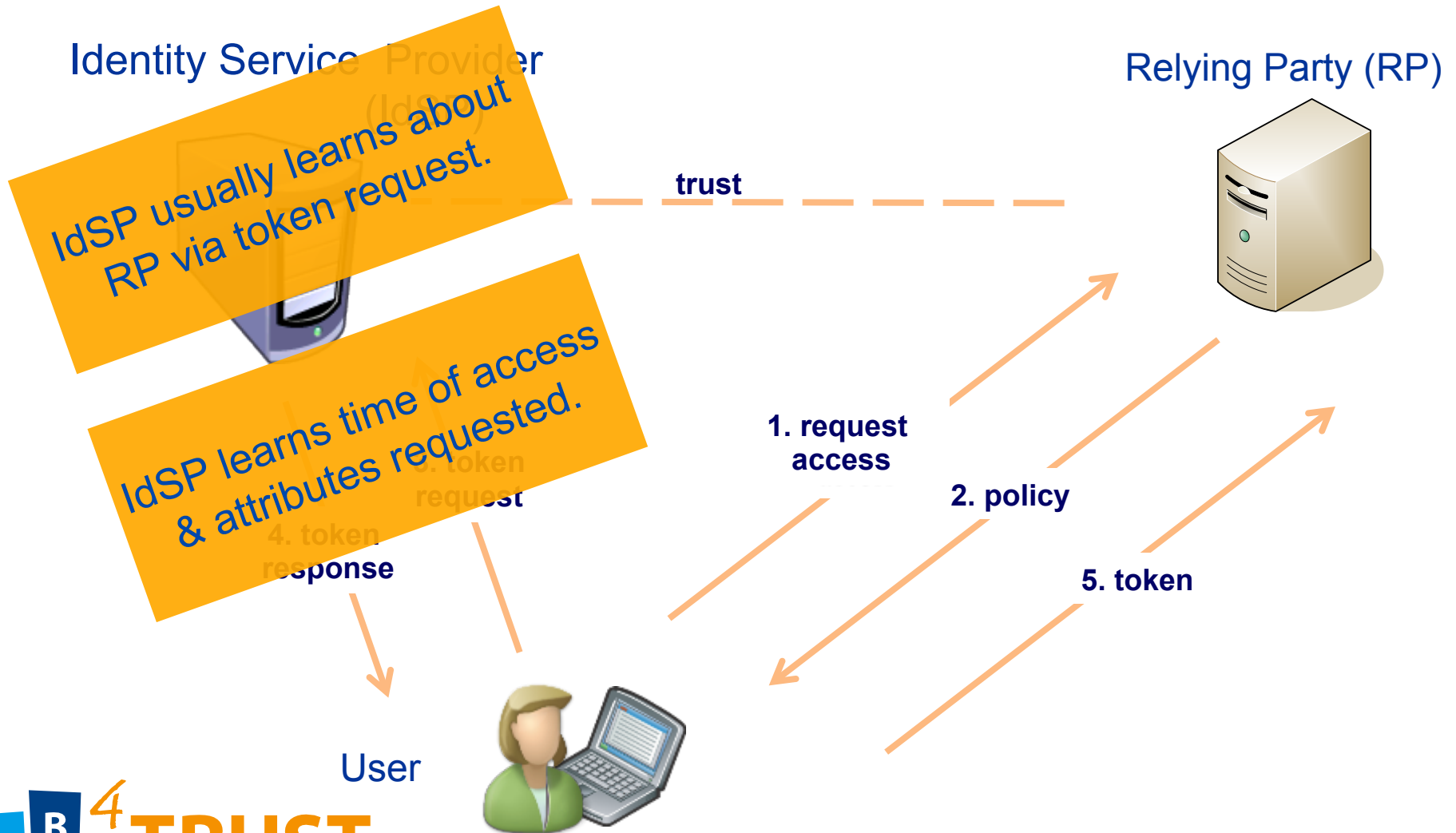
- **Identity** (partial identity):
  - “Set of **attributes** related to an **entity**”
  - From “A Framework for Identity Management” (ISO/IEC 24760)
    - **Part 1: Terminology and concepts (IS:2011)**
    - Part 2: Reference framework and requirements (FDIS)
    - Part 3: Practice (CD)

[[standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html](https://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html),  
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# The "Calling Home" Problem





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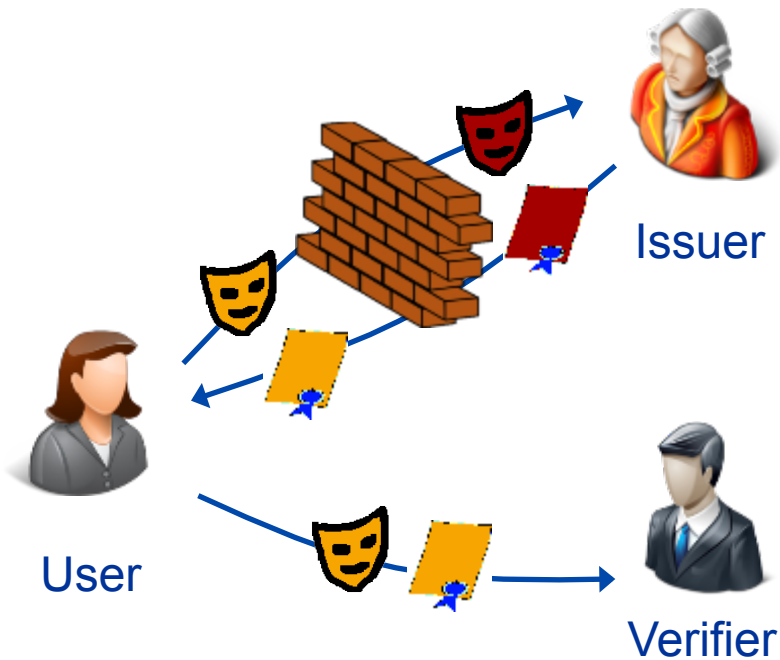
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# Attribute Based Credentials (Privacy-ABCs)

- Certifying **relevant attributes**
- Token issuance and presentation **unlinkable**
  - Rather “coins” (that cannot be distinguished) than “bank notes” (that have a serial number)
- Users can disclose (minimal) **subsets** of the encoded **claims**
  - To respond to unanticipated requests of RPs
  - Without invalidating the token integrity
  - E.g. Certificate for birth date -> Claim for being over 21
- Two major **approaches** and **technologies**
  - U-Prove (Credentica -> Microsoft)
  - Idemix (IBM)

# Two approaches for Privacy-ABCs

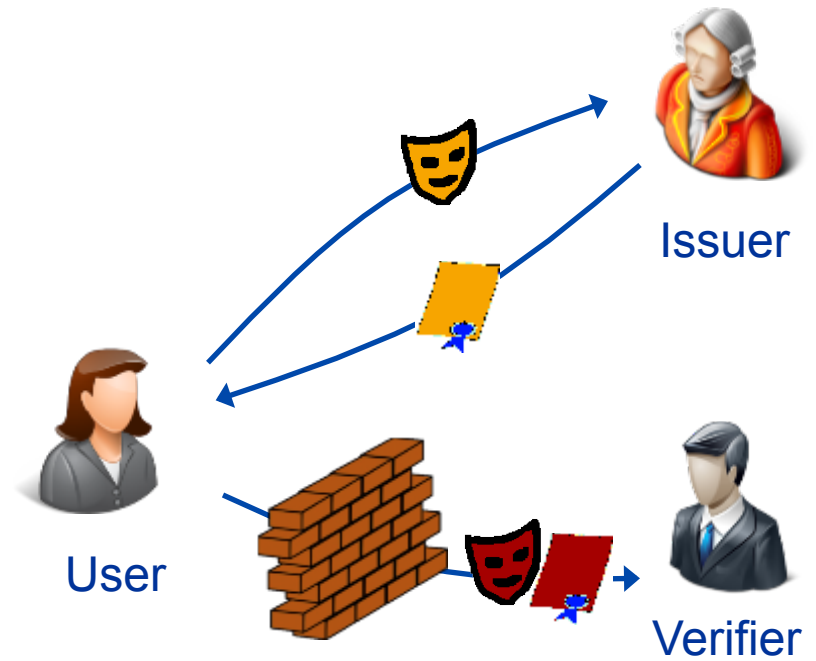
## Blind Signatures



## U-Prove

Brands, Paquin et al.  
Discrete Logs, RSA,...

## Zero-Knowledge Proofs



## Idemix (Identity Mixer)

Damgard, Camenisch & Lysyanskaya  
Strong RSA, pairings (LMRS, q-SDH)

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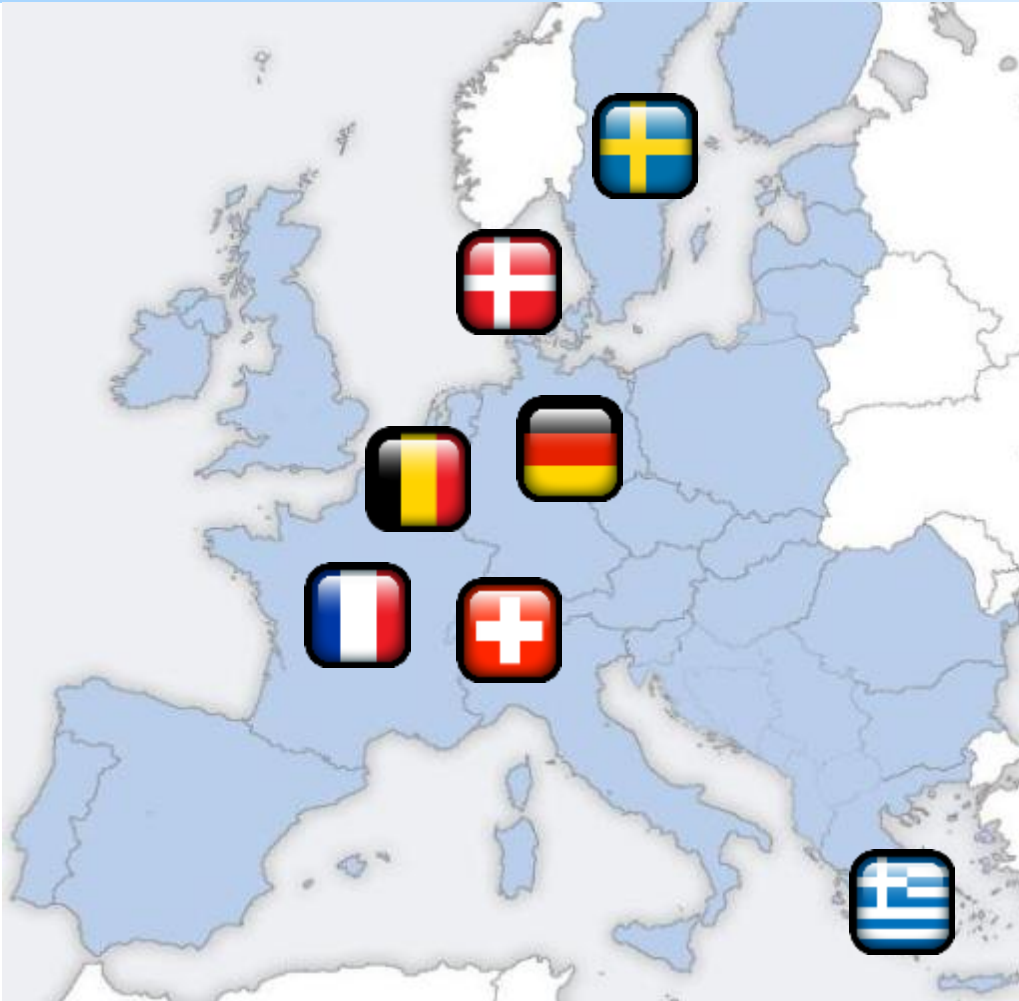
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# ABC4Trust Objectives

- A common, unified architecture for ABC systems to enable
  - Comparing their respective features
  - Combining them on common platforms
  - “Lock-In” free usage of Privacy-ABC systems
- Open reference implementations of selected ABC systems
- Deployments in actual production enabling
  - Minimal disclosure
  - Provision of pseudonymous/anonymous feedback to a community to one is accredited as a member
- Relevant Standards
  - e.g. in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27/WG 5  
“Identity Management and Privacy Technologies”



# ABC4Trust Partners



Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, DE

Alexandra Institute AS, DK

Computer Technology Institute & Press – “DIOPHANTUS”, GR

IBM Research - Zurich, CH

Miracle A/S, DK

Nokia, DE

Technische Universität Darmstadt, DE

Unabhängiges Landeszentrum für Datenschutz, DE

Eurodocs AB, SE

CryptoExperts SAS, FR

Microsoft NV, BE

Söderhamn Kommun, SE

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# ABC4Trust Pilot Trial: Course Rating



Computer Technology Institute & Press – “Diophantus”  
Patras, Greece

- Course ratings conducted anonymously without lecturers knowing participants’ identities
- Conduct polls based on attendance
- Issue multiple credentials (student cards, course enrolment)
- Verify with anonymous proofs towards “untrusted” infrastructure
- Privacy-friendly rewarding process



# ABC4Trust Pilot Trial: Community Interaction



Norrtullskolan School  
Söderhamn, Sweden

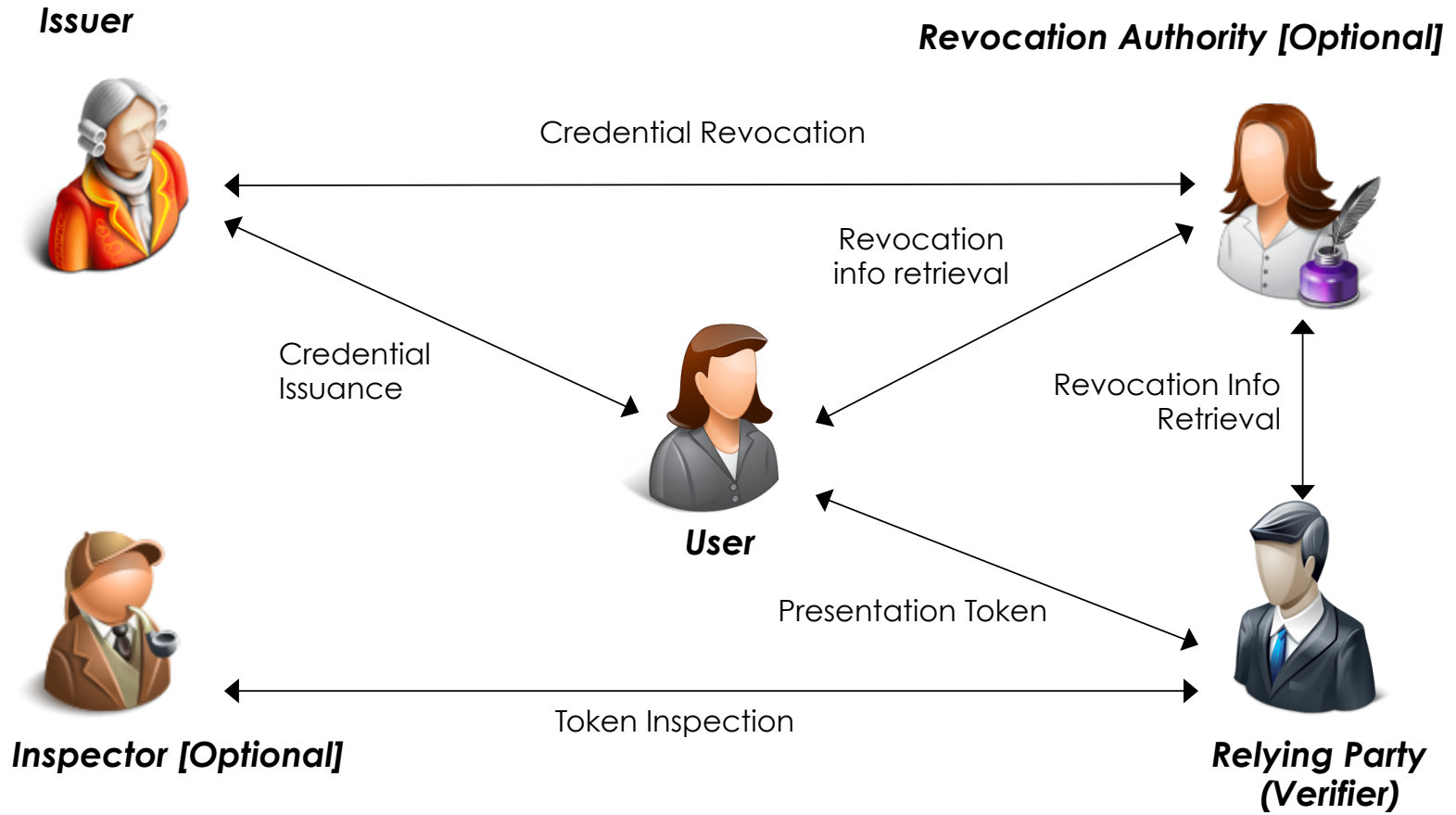
- School internal social network for communication among pupils, teachers, and personnel
- Provide trusted authentication while protecting pseudonymity/anonymity
- Usability: make privacy technology usable for non-technical users (e.g. pupils)

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# ABC4Trust Architecture

## High Level View



# The ABC4Trust Architecture Characteristics

- Unification of features
  - **Selective disclosure, pseudonymity, unlinkability, ...**
  - XML specification of the data exchange between e.g. Issuer, User, Verifier, Revocation Authority
- Crypto Architecture
  - Allows **seamless integration** of cryptographic primitives
  - Encapsulated in components with common interfaces, allowing the rest of the cryptographic layer to be implementation-agnostic
- Users can
  - obtain credentials for more than one Privacy-ABC technology and
  - use them on the same hardware and software platforms.
- Service providers and Identity Service Providers can
  - adopt whatever Privacy-ABC technology best suits their needs.
- Open source implementation available on Github
- **Avoid technology lock-in**
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# Summit event agenda I

Time	Agenda Item	
09:30	Opening & Welcome Friedrich von Heusinger (Director of the Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU) Prof. Dr. Birgitta Wolff (President of Goethe University Frankfurt)	
	"EU funded research is keeping up trust in digital society" Rafael Tesoro Carretero (European Commission Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology Trust and Security)	
	"Privacy-respecting Identity Management - Introduction to ABC4Trust" Prof. Dr. Kai Rannenber (Goethe University Frankfurt)	
10:30	The Patras Pilot	"ePolls and evaluations" Prof. Dr. Yannis Stamatou (Computer Technology Institute & Press - DIOPHANTUS)
		"Architecture: Mandatory roles and features" Ahmad Sabouri (Goethe University Frankfurt)
		Demo Prof. Dr. Yannis Stamatou (Computer Technology Institute & Press - DIOPHANTUS)
11:20	Coffee Break	
11:50	The Söderhamn Pilot	"Community interaction platform" Souheil Bcheri (Eurodocs AB)
12:40	"Architecture layers" Ahmad Sabouri (Goethe University Frankfurt)	
13:00	Lunch break	

# Summit event agenda II

14:00	Greeting Address from the European Parliament Jan Albrecht (MEP, Greens/EFA, EP Rapporteur General Data Protection Regulation)	
14:15	"NSTIC at 4: Putting an ecosystem into operation" Michael Garcia (Deputy Director National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce - NIST)	
15:00	"The ABC4Trust Reference implementation" Dr. Michael Østergaard (Miracle A/S)	
15:25	"ABC4Trust on smart cards" Dr. Pascal Paillier	
15:45	"Privacy-ABC technology on mobile phones" Gert Læssøe Mikkelsen (Alexandra A/S)	
16:05	"A movie streaming application & ABC4Trust as services on the cloud" Dr. Anja Lehmann (IBM Research Zurich)	
16:25	Coffee Break	
16:45	Panel discussion	"Global and European Identity Initiatives (and ABC4Trust)"
		Chair: Marit Hansen (Deputy Chief of the Independent Centre for Privacy Protection Schleswig-Holstein, <a href="#">ULD</a> )
		Panellists: Ronny Bjones (Microsoft); Neil Clowes (EC - eIDAS Task Force); Michael Garcia (NIST); Achim Klabunde (EDPS); Kai Rannenber (Goethe University Frankfurt)
	Greeting Mark Weinmeister (State Secretary of European Affairs at the Hessian State Chancellery)	
18:15	Reception; introducing the "ABC4Trusters"	

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# Benefits from ABC4Trust

- Security and privacy hand in hand
  - The excuse that secure but pseudonymous authentication is impossible does not hold anymore.
  - Accountability: if identification is needed only for cases that went wrong, inspection provides a solution.
- “Lock-In” free usage of Privacy-ABC systems
- A basis for “Privacy by design” in citizen cards and other identity platforms

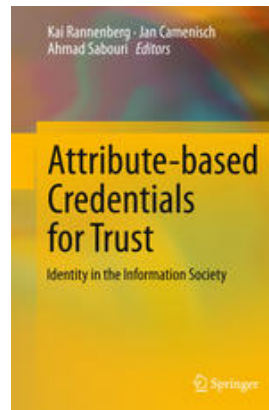
# Conclusions & Outlook

- ICT and related services are coming ever closer to people.
- A more privacy friendly Internet requires:
  - Partial Identities and Identifiers
  - Minimum Disclosure
  - Attribute Based Credentials
  - Strong Sovereign Assurance Tokens (smart cards, mobile devices, ...)

- ABC4Trust Book
- [www.abc4trust.eu](http://www.abc4trust.eu)

- [www.jtc1sc27.din.de/en](http://www.jtc1sc27.din.de/en)
- [www.fidis.net](http://www.fidis.net)
- [www.picos-project.eu](http://www.picos-project.eu)
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# [ Back up ]

# The ABC4Trust Architecture Characteristics

- Abstraction of concepts of Privacy-ABCs
- Unification of features
  - specification of the data artefacts exchanged between the entities (i.e. issuer, user, verifier, revocation authority, etc.)
- Crypto Architecture
  - Modularized design.
  - Allows the implementation of additional features, such as predicate for checking linear combinations among attributes.
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  - obtain credentials for many Privacy-ABC technologies and
  - use them on the same hardware and software platforms
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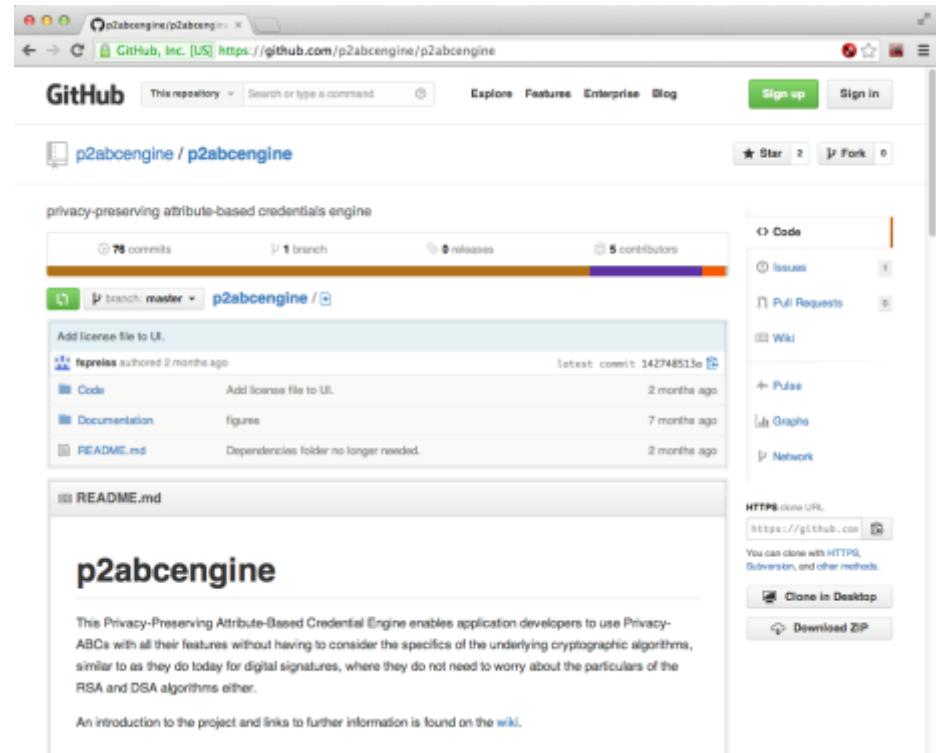
- Provide a truly plug-and-play architecture that allows the seamless integration of cryptographic primitives e.g.:
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# ABC4Trust @GitHub

- <https://github.com/p2abcengine/>
- Source codes available under Apache license
- Documentation, installation guide and wiki pages



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# General Challenges & Potential Identity Management

- Considering
  - the views of the respective stakeholders (Multilateral Security)
  - separations of domains that had been natural “before”
- Enabling users to manage their identities and IDs
- Frameworks and reference architectures
  - Along the value chain (with appropriate incentives)
  - For business processes and applications
  - For new communities and networks
- Globally standardized (e.g. in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27/WG 5 “Identity Management and Privacy Technologies” & OpenID Foundation)

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