

Inside the Credentials Wallet

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Inji: Decentralised Wallet for Credentials

Provisioning:

- VC Issuance via eSignet as auth layer
- Cryptographic holder binding from Issuer to Wallet

Trust Enabled Presentation:

- Cryptographic ephemeral key pair generation
- Encrypted data transfer via BLE
- Presence assurance: Decentralised face verification





Credentials and Proof Supported

VC Format:W3C JSON-LD

Proof Types:

- RSA
- ED25519





Inji: Extensibility & Modularity

Modules that can be integrated to existing infrastructure

- Tuvali
 - Leverages Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
 - Offline peer to peer VC transfer from Wallet to Verifier
 - Secure transfer of data through cryptographic key exchange
- Secure-keystore (Android)
 - Hardware backed secure storage for creating and storing key-pairs
 - Supports ŘSA based Key pair and symmetric keys
 - HMAC based verification and tamper protection of data

Road Ahead:

Library for:

- VClssuance
- VCVerification





Road Ahead – Digital Wallet (INJI)

Long Term

- User profiles
- Query and predicates
- Cloud Wallet
- USSD Channel
- Attestation Module

Plans for 2024

- Data backup
- Selective disclosure using SDJWT
- Revocation support
- Online sharing
- Update to OpenID4VCI drafts



Exploring Credential Formats A Comprehensive Overview

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What is a Credential Format?

Encapsulates the Claims and Proof in a standard manner for the holders and verifiers to parse and understand

Verifiable Credential

Credential

Claims

Credential Metadata

Proof

 Specific claims: Name is Tamarat
 Benefits includes Outpatient care and Hospitalization

Who issued it: Star National Insurance When it expires: March 7, 2029

→ Cryptographic signature



Essential Features

Understand Features to Demystify Credential Formats





Encoding Schemes

- Claims and metadata are structured inside a credential using encoding schemes
- Some formats includes proof into the encoding
- Commonly used encoding schemes:

JSON

- JavaScript Object
 Notation
- Lightweight datainterchange format
- Machine readable
- Human friendly

JSON LD

- JavaScript Object
 Notation for Linked
 Data
- All advantages of JSON
- Semantically markedup data
- Machine understandable

CBOR

- Concise Binary Object Representation
- Based on JSON data model
- Binary based smaller size
- Not human readable
- Extensibile binary format



Signing Algorithms

- Signatures makes the Digital Credential tamper evident and enables trust
- National regulation agencies analyses and recommends secure cryptographic algorithms
- Hardware support should be considered for regulated and high-security use cases to prevent key duplication and theft
- With the computing power of quantum computers advancing, post-quantum security aspects should also be considered
- Widely used signature algorithms
 - ECDSA
 - EdDSA
 - RSA
 - BBS+
 - CL

Key Management

- Keys used for signature generation should be **securely** managed
- Key rotation policies should be place to reduces the risk of using compromised keys
- Key revocation process allows a verifier to be aware that credentials should not be trusted if they were signed using a compromised key
- Public keys for verification should be resolvable in a trusted manner
- Widely used key resolution methods
 - .well-known/jwt-issuer
 - raw public keys
 - did:web
 - did:jwk



Holder Binding

Allows a holder to prove that they are legally in possession of a VC

Cryptographic binding

• Credential contains a public key or a reference to a public key that corresponds to the private key controlled by the Holder

Claim based binding

- Binded to claims like name and date of birth, which can be proved by presenting another Verifiable Credential
- Allows long-term, cross-device use of a Credential as it does not depend on cryptographic key material stored on a certain device

Biometrics based binding

 Allows verification by demonstrating a certain biometric trait, such as fingerprint or face

No binding

• Helps with use cases like coupons, where binding is not a requirement





Selective Disclosure

Specific transactions needs only specific claims to be presented to a verifier, but generally credentials are one unit containing multiple claims together

Selective disclosure allows a holder to present a subset of the attributes of the credential issued by the issuer.

Credential schema can also be improved to include abstract claims, such as ageOver

Uncorrelatability

- Blind signatures algorithm like BBS+ or CL signature
- Zero-Knowledge Proofs

Predicates

• Further decreases the amount of information shared by checking a value against a certain condition, resulting in true or false

Compound proofs

Proving values are same among multiple credentials from different issuers





Popular Credential Formats

Format / Profile	Encoding Scheme	Signing Algorithm	Hardware Support	Selective Disclosure Support	Predicates Support	Unlinkability
W3C JWT VC	JSON	ECDSA, EdDSA, RSA	Yes	No	No	No
W3C JSON-LD VC	JSON LD	ECDSA, EdDSA, RSA	Yes	No	No	No
IETF SD-JWT	JSON	ECDSA, EdDSA, RSA	Yes	Yes	No	No
W3C JSON-LD/BBS+ VC	JSON LD	BBS+	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ISO MDOC	CBOR	ECDSA, EdDSA, RSA	Yes	Yes	No	No
Anon Creds	JSON	CL	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



- Our focus have been on machine understandable credentials and privacy preserving credentials
- We are also interested in Compact credentials CBOR encoded QR Codes
- We currently support:
 - Credential Format: W3C JSON-LD VC
 - Signing Algorithm: RSA
 - Key Resolution: did:web, did:jwk
 - Holder Binding: All types
- Support for EdDSA based proof is in progress
- Road Ahead:
 - Selective disclosure using IETF SD-JWT
 - ECDSA crypto enhancement
 - Revocation support







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