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# Decentralized Semantics WG Weekly Meeting

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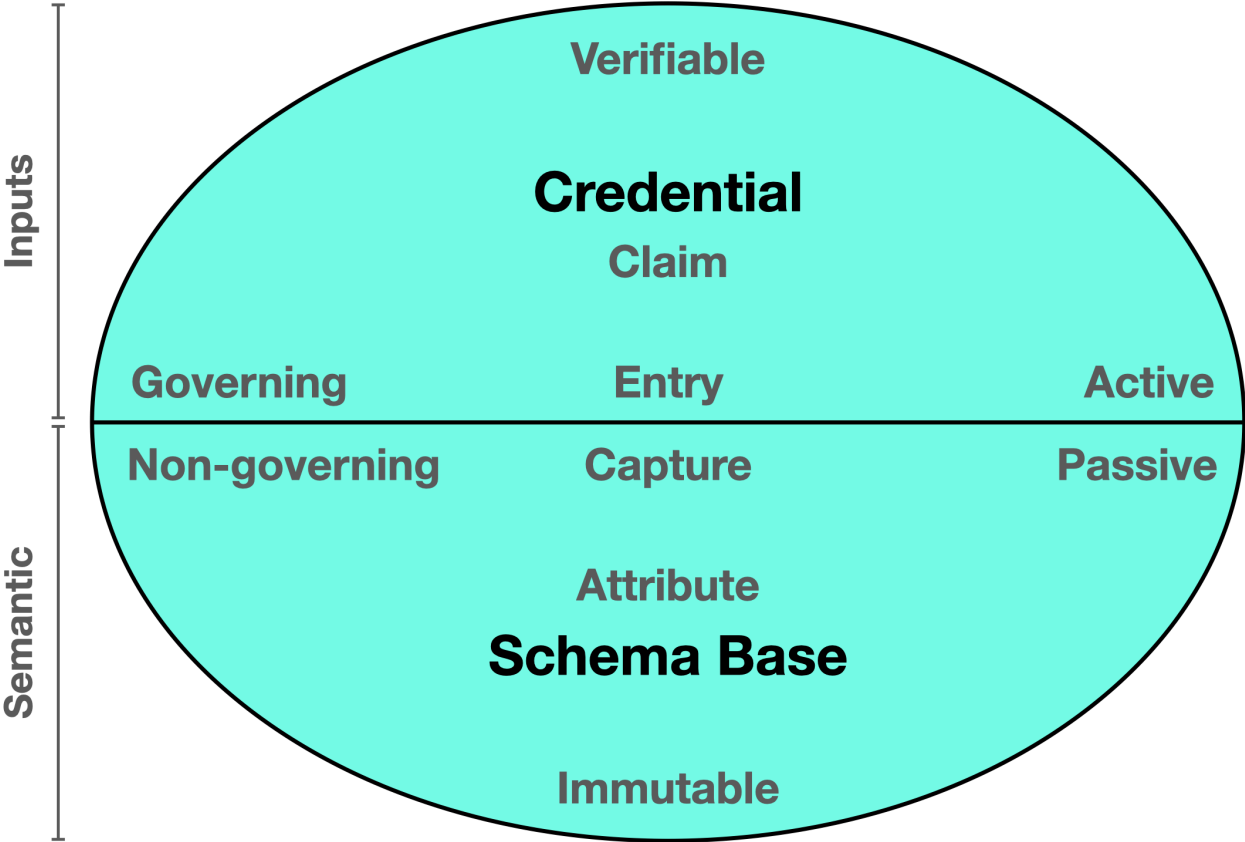
# Agenda

1. Welcome (Paul—5 min)
2. Mission and scope of this WG (Paul—5 min)
3. Newcomer Introductions (5 min)
4. Presentation: Overlays Capture Architecture (Paul—20 min)
5. Live demo: Overlays Capture Architecture (Robert—20 min)
6. Logistics (Paul—5 min)
  - a. Chairs
  - b. Meeting schedule

# Mission and Scope of the Decentralized Semantics WG

Paul Knowles, Human Colossus Foundation  
(5 min)

Characteristics of a decentralized network



## Mission and scope

The mission of the WG is to define a data capture architecture consisting of immutable schema bases and interoperable overlays for Internet-scale deployment. The scope of the WG is to define specifications and best practices that bring cohesion to data capture processes and other [Semantic Standards](#) throughout the ToIP stack, whether these standards are hosted at the Linux Foundation or external to it. Other WG activities will include creating template Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and additional guidance to utility and service providers regarding implementations in this domain. This WG may also organise Task Forces to escalate the development of certain components if deemed appropriate by the majority of the WG members and in line with the overall mission of the ToIP Foundation.

# Newcomer Introductions

## (30 seconds!)

1. Name
2. Location / time zone
3. Affiliation(s)
4. One-sentence summary of your interest in Decentralized Semantics (or **one particular semantics-related** issue you personally want to see solved)



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# Presentation: Overlays Capture Architecture (OCA)

A standardized global solution for data capture

July 14th, 2020



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## What is a schema?

*A machine-readable definition of the semantics of a data structure.*

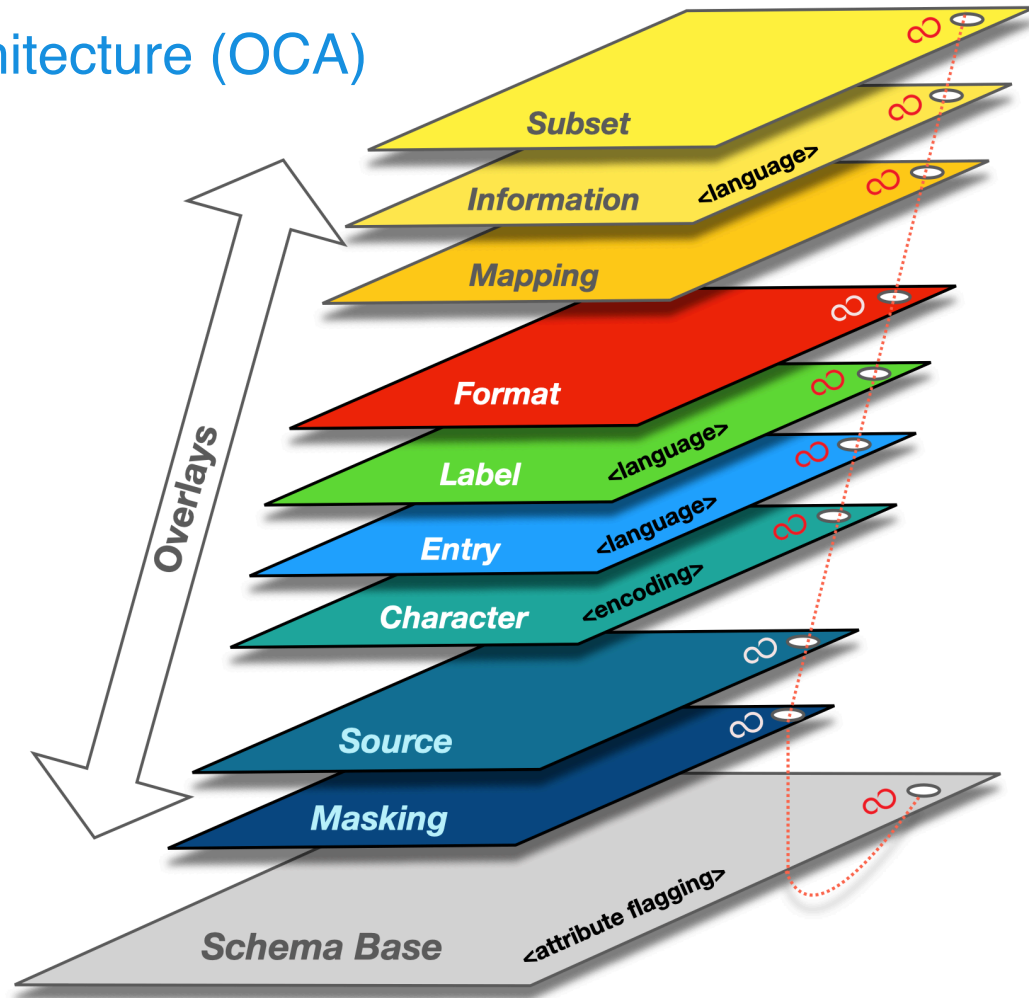
## What is a schema base?

*A stable base object that defines a single set of data in its purest form thus providing a standard base from which to decentralize data. A Schema Base facilitates a “Blinding” schema object which allows the issuer to flag attributes that could potentially unblind the identity of a governing entity.*

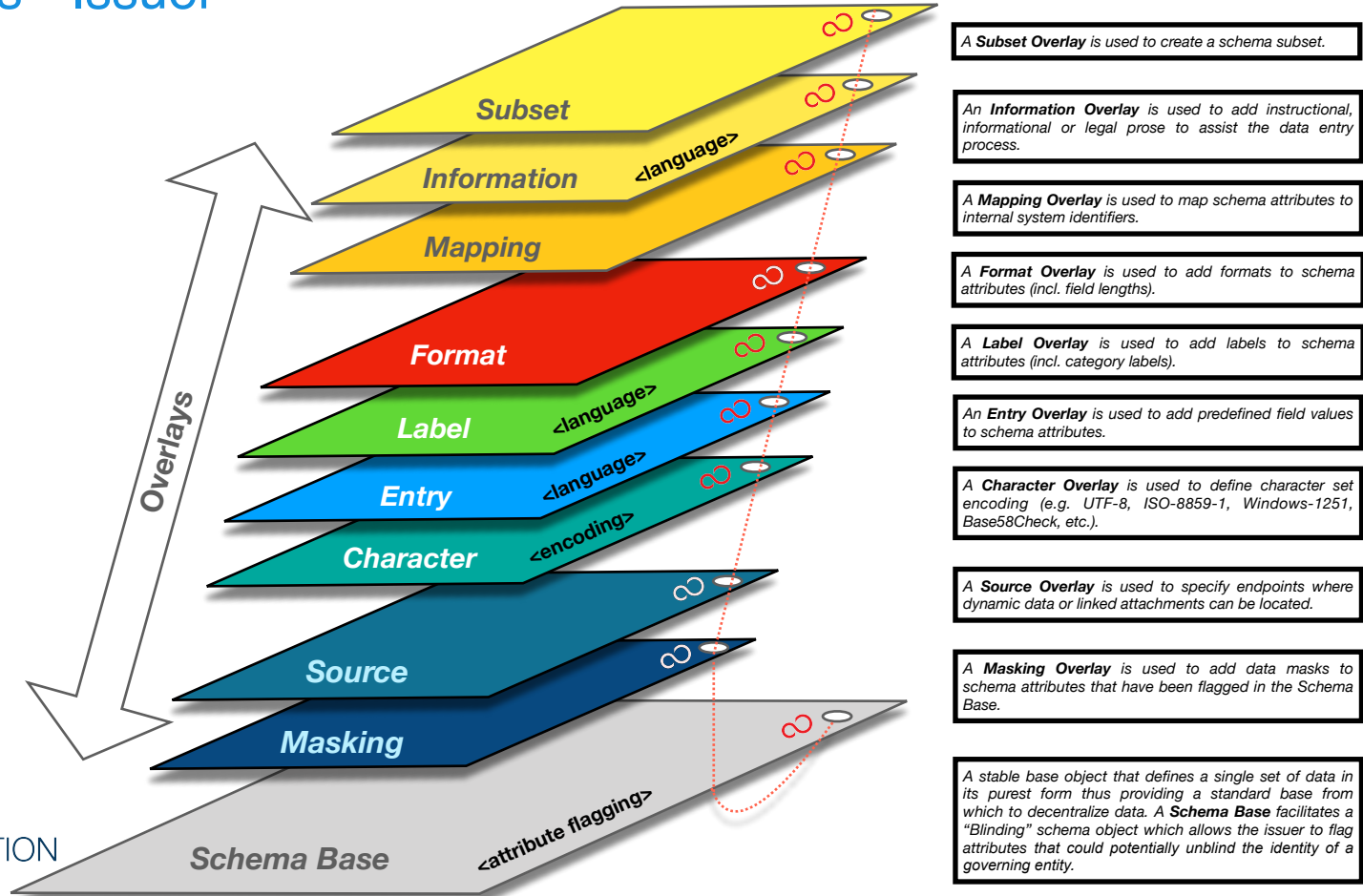
## What is an overlay?

*A linked object that provides an extra layer of contextual and/or conditional information to a Schema Base. This extra context can be used by an issuer to transform how information is displayed to a viewer or to guide a verifier or holder in how to apply a custom process to schema data.*

# Overlays Capture Architecture (OCA)



# Overlays Types - Issuer



# Why is OCA useful?

**Data pooling.** Decoupling can occur at any time as overlays are linked objects. With all coloration stored in the overlays, combining data from related sources becomes much easier. Overlays can be removed from the base objects before the data merging process begins and reapplied to ensure consistent coloration post data pooling.

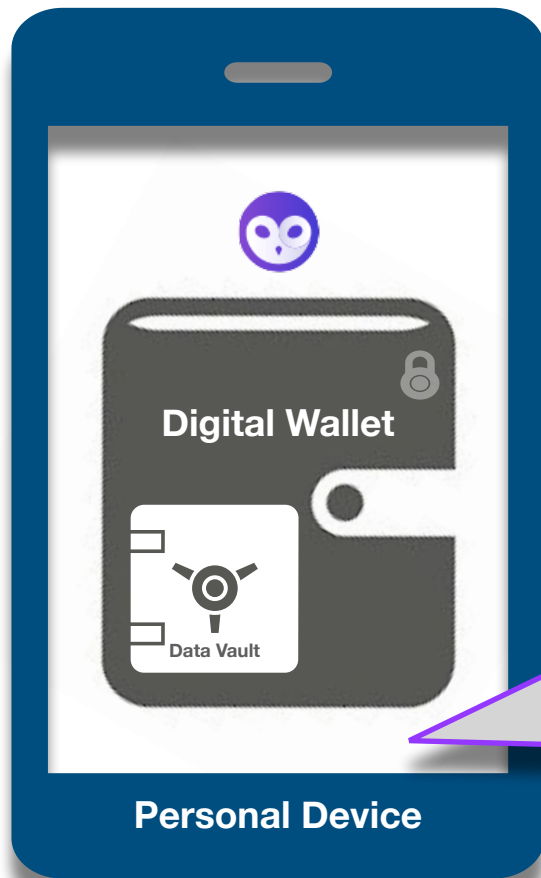
**Stable schema bases.** Most schema updates tend to be done at the application stage. In the case of OCA, all extension, coloration, and functionality definitions are applied in the overlays. This enables issuers to edit one or more of the linked objects to create simple updates rather than having to reissue schema bases on an ongoing basis.

**Flagged attributes for encryption.** Using the Blinding Identity Taxonomy (BIT) as a reference, issuers can flag attributes in the schema base that could potentially unblind the identity of a governing entity. With attributes flagged at the base object layer, all corresponding data can be treated as sensitive throughout the data lifecycle and encrypted or removed at any stage making associated entity identification impossible.

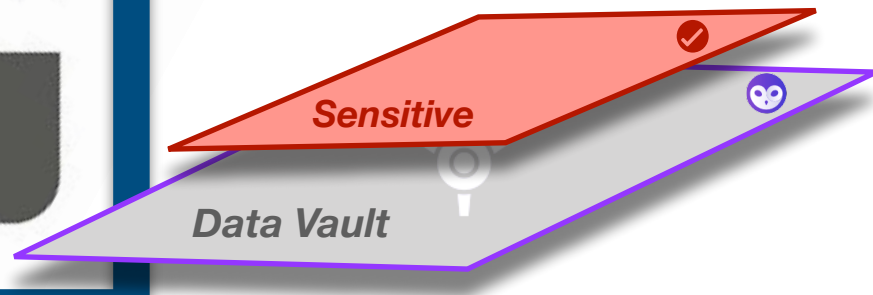
**Data decentralisation.** Schema base definitions can remain in their purest form thus providing a standard base from which to decentralise data. Once the data holder has given adequate consent, data controllers can contribute anonymous data to decentralised data lakes upon which 3rd parties can trigger accurate criteria searches for matched data. This eliminates the need for data silos and encourages consented data sharing. The data holder is empowered by self-determination regarding secondary use of their personal data.

**Internationalisation.** As character set encoding definitions are captured in a separate linked data object, a single report definition can contain different attribute forms for different languages available to users, based on a user's locale and other language preferences.

## Overlays Types - Holder



A **Sensitive Overlay** is used to flag user-defined sensitive attributes.



# Blinding Identity Taxonomy (BIT)

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) :  
Deficiencies from a tech implementation perspective

- The need for a common standard to help protect the identity of a governing entity.
- Introducing the ...

*Blinding Identity Taxonomy (BIT)*

Ref.: <https://kantarinitiative.org/download/blinding-identity-taxonomy-pdf/>

# Blinding Identity Taxonomy (BIT)



- Names (incl. First Names, Last Names, Full Names, Entity Names)
- Physical Addresses
- E-mail Addresses
- Telephone Numbers
- Postal Codes
- Personal Software Application Handles (e.g. Skype, Slack, Hyperledger Chat, etc.)
- Profile Pages
- Passport Numbers
- Social Security Numbers
- National Insurance Numbers
- Driving License Numbers
- Vehicle Registration Numbers
- Bank Account Numbers
- Credit (or Debit) Card Numbers
- Personal Identification Numbers (PIN)
- Private Keys / Master Keys
- Symmetric Keys
- Public Keys
- Link Secrets
- Employee Identifiers
- Account Identifiers
- Governmental Identifiers
- Membership Identifiers (e.g. Trade Union Membership, etc.)
- Institutional Identifiers (e.g. Private Health Care Identifiers, etc.)
- Case Identifiers (e.g. Case ID Numbers, Benefit Plan Participation Identifiers, etc.)
- User Identifiers (e.g. User IDs, Logins, etc.)
- Passwords
- Signatures
- Digital Certificates
- Photos
- Videos
- Images
- Vocal Sound Bites
- Dates and timestamps (e.g. Date of Birth, transaction dates, etc.)\*
- Genetic Identifiers (incl. chromosomal, deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and ribonucleic acid (RNA) data)
- Biometric Identifiers (incl. voiceprints, iris scans, facial imaging and dactyloscopic (fingerprint) data)
- Internet Protocol (IP) Addresses
- Media Access Control (MAC) Addresses
- Service Set Identifiers (SSID) (incl. local WiFi SSIDs)
- Bluetooth Device Addresses (BD\_ADDR)
- Locational Information (incl. Global Positioning System (GPS), 3 word address, etc.)
- Cookie Browser Identifiers
- Radio Frequency Identifiers
- IoT Identifiers (incl. smart meter data)
- International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI)
- International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)
- Social media interactive elements, posts and comments (incl. likes, emojis and polling results)
- Free-Form Text Fields / Unstructured Data\*\*

\* Note: Not all captured dates will reveal identity but some will so, if in doubt, encrypt.

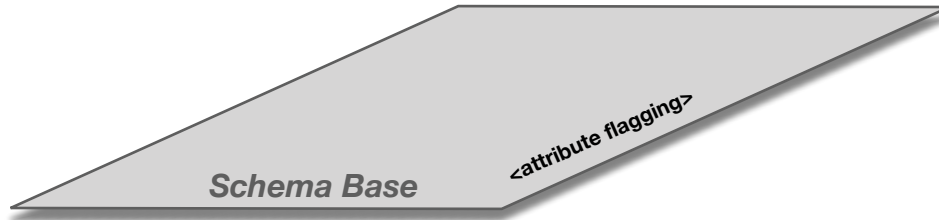
\*\* Defn.: Text which does not have a given structure, nor which is entered in any specific format. Note: All free-form text fields should be encrypted.



# Creating a Schema Base with linked Overlays

# Schema Base

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# Schema Base

## “Training Certification”

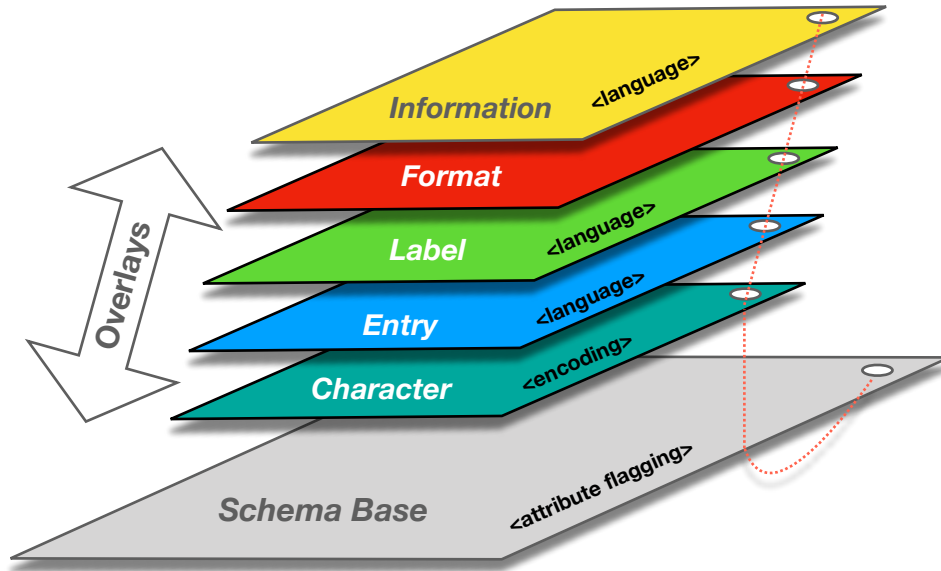
```
{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/v1",
  "name": "TrainingCertification",
  "type": "spec/schema_base/1.0",
  "description": "A schema to be used by credential issuers for the purpose of educational or occupational certification of workers and trainees",
  "classification": "GICS:25302010",
  "issued_by": "",
  "attributes": {
    "courseCode": "Text",
    "courseName": "Text",
    "traineeID": "Text",
    "traineeName": "Text",
    "documentID": "Text",
    "documentIssuanceDate": "Date",
    "module1SequenceNumber": "Number",
    "module1Name": "Text",
    "module1Grade": "Text",
    "module2SequenceNumber": "Number",
    "module2Name": "Text",
    "module2Grade": "Text",
    "module3SequenceNumber": "Number",
    "module3Name": "Text",
    "module3Grade": "Text"
  },
  "pii_attributes": [
    "traineeID",
    "traineeName",
    "documentID",
    "documentIssuanceDate"
  ]
}
```

Schema Base metadata

attribute names and types

**Blinding Schema Object :**  
*Employee Identifiers, Names (incl. First Names, Last Names, Full Names, Entity Names), Digital Certificates and Dates and timestamps (e.g. Date of Birth, transaction dates, etc.) are listed elements in the **Blinding Identity Taxonomy (BIT)***

# Overlays



# Character Encoding Overlay

A **Character Overlay** is used to define character set encoding (e.g. UTF-8, ISO-8859-1, Windows-1251, Base58Check, etc.).

```
{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/overlays/v1",
  "type": "spec/overlay/character_encoding/1.0",
  "issued_by": "",
  "role": "",
  "purpose": "",
  "schema_base": "h1:38h8993Xy8gPx2pzpHfUbqde8B5pwuW8sZarWXUqxJHp",
  "default_character_encoding": "utf-8",
  "attr_character_encoding": {
    "courseCode": "utf-8",
    "courseName": "utf-8",
    "traineeID": "utf-8",
    "traineeName": "utf-8",
    "documentID": "utf-8",
    "documentIssuanceDate": "utf-8",
    "module1SequenceNumber": "utf-8",
    "module1Name": "utf-8",
    "module1Grade": "utf-8",
    "module2SequenceNumber": "utf-8",
    "module2Name": "utf-8",
    "module2Grade": "utf-8",
    "module3SequenceNumber": "utf-8",
    "module3Name": "utf-8",
    "module3Grade": "utf-8"
  }
}
```

← Overlay metadata

← Hashlink (cryptographic hyperlink) referencing the "Training Certification" schema base

← Default character set encoding

# Format Overlay

A **Format Overlay** is used to add formats to schema attributes (incl. field lengths).

```
{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/overlays/v1",
  "type": "spec/overlay/format/1.0",
  "issued_by": "",
  "role": "",
  "purpose": "",
  "schema_base": "h1:38h8993Xy8gPx2pzpHfUbqde8B5pwuW8sZarWXUqxJHp",
  "attr_formats": {
    "documentIssuanceDate": "MMM YYYY"
  }
}
```

← Overlay metadata

← Hashlink (cryptographic hyperlink)  
referencing the "Training Certification"  
schema base

# Label Overlay

```

{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/overlays/v1",
  "type": "spec/overlay/label/1.0",
  "issued_by": "",
  "role": "",
  "purpose": "",
  "schema_base": "hl:38h8993Xy8gPx2pzhFUbdqe885pwwW8sZarWXUqdlHP",
  "language": "en_US",
  "attr_labels": {
    "courseCode": "Course Code",
    "courseName": "Course Name",
    "traineeID": "ID",
    "traineeName": "Name (Full)",
    "documentID": "Document ID",
    "documentIssuanceDate": "Date of Issuance",
    "module1SequenceNumber": "Unit",
    "module1Name": "Name",
    "module1Grade": "Grade",
    "module2SequenceNumber": "Unit",
    "module2Name": "Name",
    "module2Grade": "Grade",
    "module3SequenceNumber": "Unit",
    "module3Name": "Name",
    "module3Grade": "Grade"
  },
  "attr_categories": [
    "_cat-1_",
    "_cat-2_",
    "_cat-3_",
    "_cat-4_",
    "_cat-4-1_",
    "_cat-4-2_",
    "_cat-4-3_"
  ],
  "cat_labels": {
    "_cat-1_": "Course",
    "_cat-2_": "Trainee",
    "_cat-3_": "Certificate",
    "_cat-4_": "Transcript",
    "_cat-4-1_": "Module 1",
    "_cat-4-2_": "Module 2",
    "_cat-4-3_": "Module 3"
  },
  "cat_attributes": {
    "_cat-1_": {
      "courseCode",
      "courseName"
    },
    "_cat-2_": {
      "traineeID",
      "traineeName"
    },
    "_cat-3_": {
      "documentID",
      "documentIssuanceDate"
    },
    "_cat-4-1_": {
      "module1SequenceNumber",
      "module1Name",
      "module1Grade"
    },
    "_cat-4-2_": {
      "module2SequenceNumber",
      "module2Name",
      "module2Grade"
    },
    "_cat-4-3_": {
      "module3SequenceNumber",
      "module3Name",
      "module3Grade"
    }
  }
}

```

attribute labels

defining and labelling categories

Overlay metadata

Hashlink (cryptographic hyperlink) referencing the "Training Certification" schema base

Language definition

A **Label Overlay** is used to add labels to schema attributes (incl. category labels).



# Entry Overlay

```
{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/overlays/v1",
  "type": "spec/overlay/entry/1.0",
  "issued_by": "",
  "role": "Issuer",
  "purpose": "Record",
  "schema_base": "hl:38h8993Xy8gPx2pzpHfUbqde8B5pW8sZarWXUqxJHp",
  "language": "en_US",
  "attr_entries": {
    "module1SequenceNumber": [
      "0"
    ],
    "module1Grade": [
      "FAIL",
      "PASS"
    ],
    "module2SequenceNumber": [
      "1"
    ],
    "module2Grade": [
      "FAIL",
      "PASS"
    ],
    "module3SequenceNumber": [
      "2"
    ],
    "module3Grade": [
      "FAIL",
      "PASS"
    ]
  }
}
```

Overlay metadata

Hashlink (cryptographic hyperlink) referencing the "Training Certification" schema base

Language definition

predefined field values

An **Entry Overlay** is used to add predefined field values to schema attributes.

# Information Overlay

An **Information Overlay** is used to add instructional, informational or legal prose to assist the data entry process.

```
{
  "@context": "https://odca.tech/overlays/v1",
  "type": "spec/overlay/information/1.0",
  "issued_by": "",
  "role": "Issuer",
  "purpose": "Record",
  "schema_base": "h1:38h8993Xy8gPx2pzpHfUbqde8B5pwuW8sZarWXUqxJHp",
  "language": "en_US",
  "attr_information": {
    "module1SequenceNumber": "Sequence number in transcript log",
    "module1Grade": "Select from the dropdown list",
    "module2SequenceNumber": "Sequence number in transcript log",
    "module2Grade": "Select from the dropdown list",
    "module3SequenceNumber": "Sequence number in transcript log",
    "module3Grade": "Select from the dropdown list"
  }
}
```

Overlay metadata

Hashlink (cryptographic hyperlink) referencing the "Training Certification" schema base

Language definition

# Object interoperability within an Industry Sector

# Schema Base: "Classification" Meta Tag

```
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  "type": "spec/schema_base/1.0",
  "description": "A schema to be used by credential issuers for the purpose of educational or occupational certification of workers and trainees",
  "classification": "GICS:25302010",
  "issued_by": "",
  "attributes": {
    "courseCode": "Text",
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  },
  "pii_attributes": [
    "traineeID",
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    "documentID",
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}
```

Global Industry Classification  
Standard Code

GICS:25302010

Sector code:  
25 - Consumer Discretionary

Industry group code:  
2530 - Consumer Services

Industry code:  
253020 - Diversified Consumer Services

Sub-industry code:  
25302010 - Education Services

Description:  
Companies providing educational services, either on-line or through conventional teaching methods. Includes, private universities, correspondence teaching, providers of educational seminars, educational materials and technical education. Excludes companies providing employee education programs classified in the Human Resources & Employment Services Sub-Industry.

# Industry Sector Classification

## Option 1

GICS: Global Industry Classification Standard

*"The Industry Standard"*



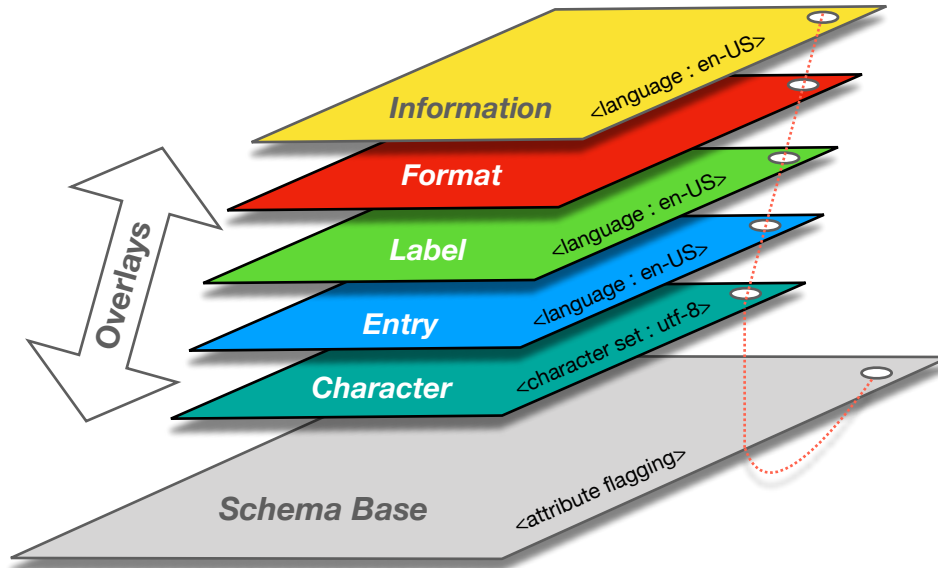
The **GICS** indices is an industry taxonomy for use by the global financial community as a basis to assign companies to a sub-industry, and to an industry, industry group, and sector, by its principal business activity.

- 11 Sectors
- 24 Industry Groups
- 69 Industries
- 158 Sub-Industries

# Object interoperability within an Industry Sector

“Training Certification” schema example

“classification”: “GICS:25302010”



GICS:25302010

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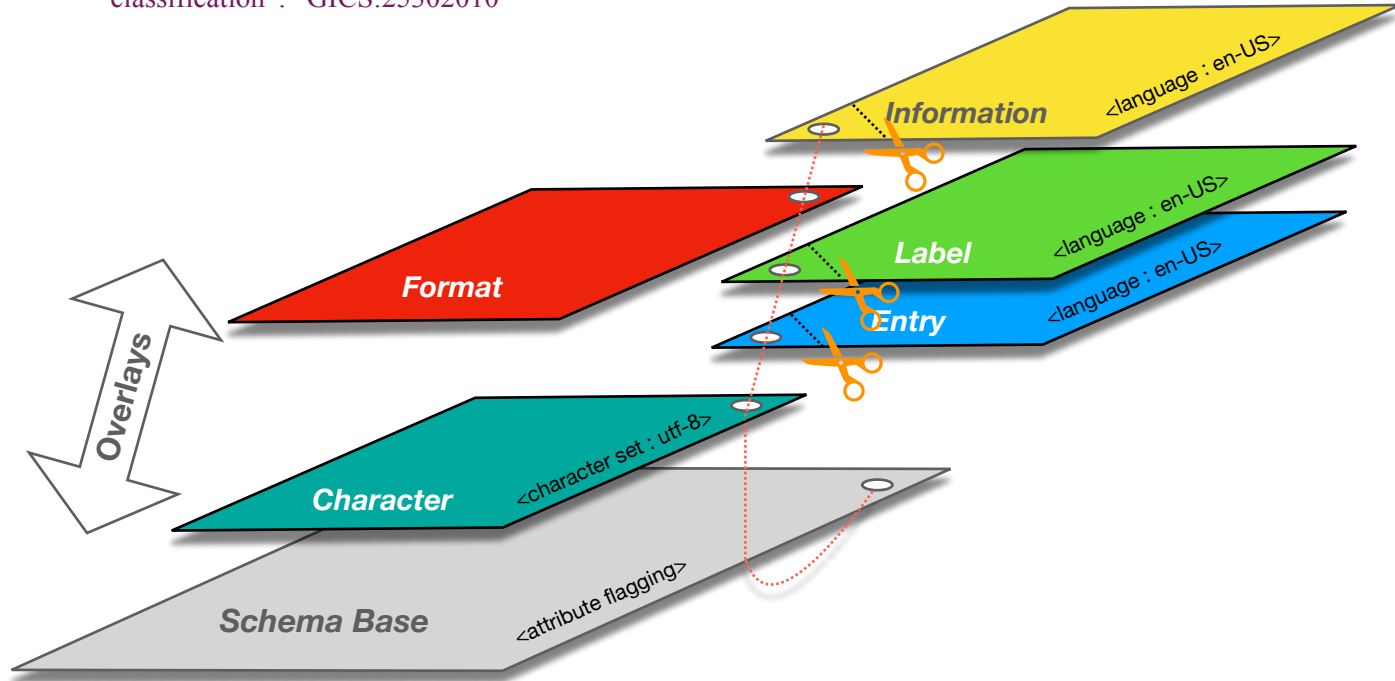
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# Object interoperability within an Industry Sector

“Training Certification” schema example

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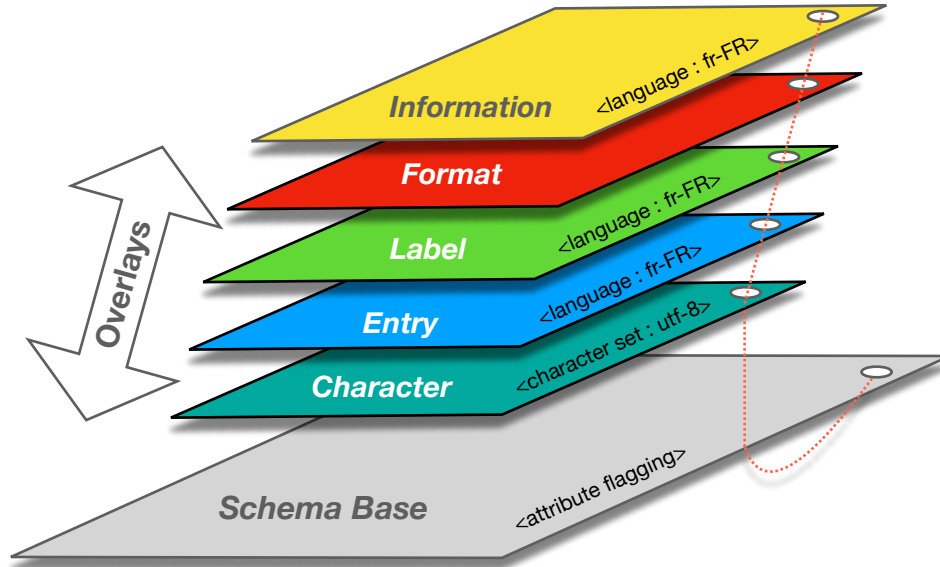




# Object interoperability within an Industry Sector

“Training Certification” schema example

“classification”: “GICS:25302010”



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# Live demo: Overlays Capture Architecture (OCA)

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## Chairs

- › As a Working Group, we elect our own chairs
  - › At least one, and up to three
  - › Two or three is recommended to spread out the load
- › We can periodically rotate chairs as needed
- › Volunteers now?

## Meeting schedule

- › Call timing
  - › **ToIP Decentralized Semantics WG**  
Every Tuesday starting  
09:00 PT, 12:00 ET, 17:00 UK, 18:00 CET
- › Next meeting
  - › July 21st, 2020



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