# EFWG 2022-10-13 Meeting - Trinsic

### **Meeting Schedule**

- Bi-Weekly at 8:00-9:00 am PST / 11:00-12:00 am EDT / 15:00 16:00 UTC / 17:00 18:00 CET
- https://zoom.us/j/95389236256?pwd=RFErMm9SS0tBenA1Q0dSYlpXK3Bqdz09

#### **Attendees**

- Steve Magennis
- Eric Drury
- Carly Huitema
- P A Subrahmanyam
- Fireflies.ai Noetaker Mark
- Richard Zbinden (new)
- Vlad Zubenko
- Anita Rao
- Callum Haslam
- Charles Macpherson (new)
- Jason (new)
- Chi Hwa Tang
- dhoffman
- Gary de Beer
- Jacques Bikoundou
- Jorges Flores
- Ken Garner
- Neil Thomson
- Phil Wolff
- Richard Zbinden
- Savita
- Scott Perry
- Sumabala Nair
- Thomas
- Tomislav Markovski
- Trinh

#### **Presentation Files**

- Presentation slides
- Example VCs showcased during the Demo
- Trinsic's open source implementation of Trust Registry with eSSIF Lab

### Recording

Meeting Recording

#### **Notes**

### **Agenda Items & Meeting Notes**

- Welcome & Introductions
- EFWG Community Topics & Announcements
- Presentation from Trinsic: "Solving Governance in SSI Ecosystems with Trust Registries"
- · Q&A / Discussion
- · Ecosystem white paper passed by all members present with no dissent
- Tomislav Markovski presenting Ecosystem Governance and SSI Trust Registries



Importance of Governance in Identity - to provide a layer of trust in an open ecosystem
 need to protect authentic data

### **Examples of Technical Approach to Governance**

- Single authority
- Multiple authorities (enterprise network, consortium, etc)
- Authority Delegation
- Reputation based
- Voting based



Multiple approaches to Governance - who provides the root of trust

- o First three are fairly decentralized methods
- o last two more decentralized model

# **Trust Registry**

Governance problem to solve:

- Can Acme act as an issuer of Driver's License under the authorized license issuers act?
- Is this verifier authorized to verify this credential type under the given ecosystem governance framework?



# **Trust Registry**

Practical problems to solve

- It is infeasible for all verifiers to maintain lists of all authorized members in a given ecosystem governance framework
- Cross ecosystem trust establishment



- Trust Registry
  - o answers if an ecosystem participant has authority to act according to governance framework
  - o practical problem how for all verifiers maintain lists of all authorized members in a given ecosystem
  - o cross ecosystem trust establishment different ecosystems can identify other ecosystem's trust registries that they also trust
- Participants don't have to trust ecosystem itself, but that data providence is trusted

## **Types of Trust Registries**

- Collection based
  - Databases
  - ACL (access control lists)
- Privacy-preserving
  - Cryptographic Accumulators
  - Merkle Trees



Types of trust registries

- Thinking about them in term of technical solutions
- Not just a list of members, can be other types as well
- Trinsic has done work with centralized trust registries

# **ToIP Trust Registry Protocol Specification**

- Governing Authority
- Ecosystem Governance Framework
- Authoritative Member
- Authorized Action (Issue, verify)
- Authorized Data Type (Credential, Presentation, Schema)
- Trust Registry



ToIP trust registry protocol specification

## **Related Efforts**

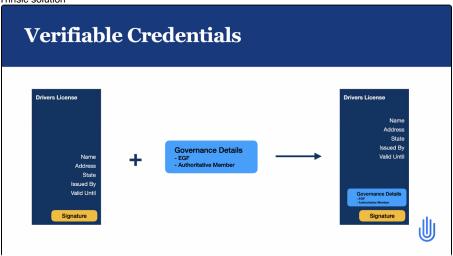
- Trust Establishment (status: Strawman) incubated at DIF https://identity.foundation/trust-establishment/
- TRAIN project (TRust mAnagement INfrastructure) incubated at eSSIF Lab <a href="https://essif-lab.eu/essif-train-by-fraunhofer-gesellschaft/">https://essif-lab.eu/essif-train-by-fraunhofer-gesellschaft/</a>



#### Related efforts

- ° Trust Establishment currently under early development https://identity.foundation/trust-establishment/
- TRAIN- registering definitions of credential schemas https://essif-lab.eu/essif-train-by-fraunhofer-gesellschaft/

Trinsic solution



- $^{\circ}~$  the ToIP trust registry specification merged with verifiable credentials
- $^{\circ}\,$  No information coded in credential how valid is the credential
  - in an open ecosystem can have anyone issuing credentials
  - add the governance information to the credential for referencing.
  - Can validate the issuer ID but also the governance associated with it.
- o Demo no yet in production, CLI demo,

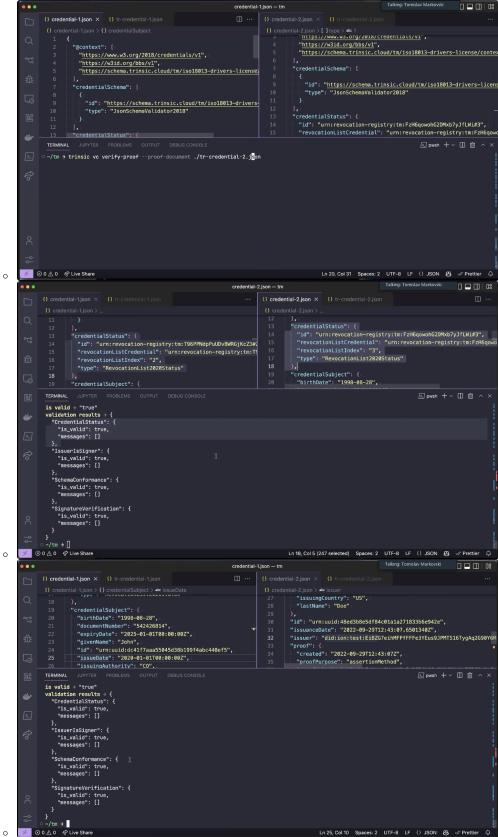


Trust Registries with Verifiable Credentials in the Trinsic Ecosystems platform

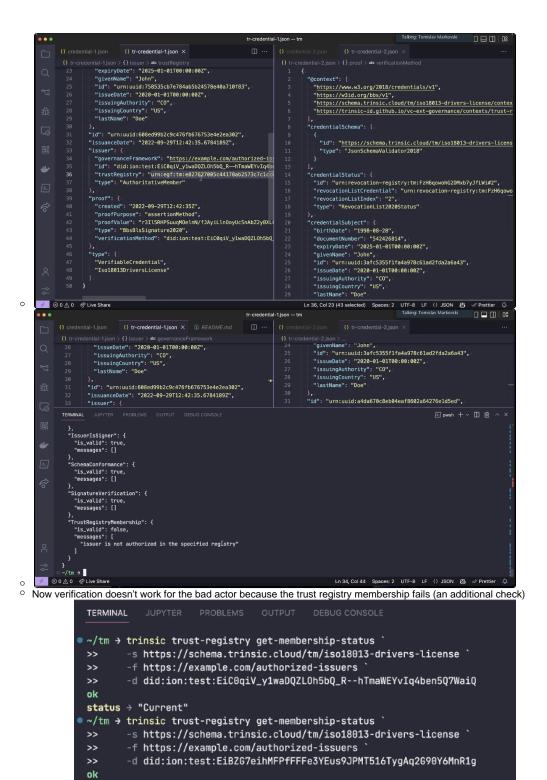


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• two VC demos, good and bad actor issuers and with and without governance for verification



- Demo on good actor first confirms credentials are valid, not revoked, schema conforms, valid issuer, and signature verified for both good and bad actors.
- All the checks pass because there is nothing wrong with both credentials.
- How do you know? Trust Registry solves this.
- Issue a credential with governance information encoded.
- There is an issuer field extension to the VC, in the credential not just the issuer DID. It includes claims of which governance framework and trust registry it belongs to.



- Is there a list of EFGs and how do you discover them?
  - No list of Ecosystem Governance Frameworks that exist that someone maintains
  - Presumably it would be published on the website

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- What controls are required to prevent bad actors from adding records to trust registries?
  - Openeds on security and design of trust registries -it depends on who manages the registry.

~/tm → trinsic trust-registry get-membership-status

-f https://example.com/authorized-issuers
-d did:ion:test:EiBZG7eihMFPfFFFe3YEus9

-s https://schema.trinsic.cloud/tm/iso18013-drivers-license `

- How will a standard schema be adopted for a given verifiable credential? Who drives it?
  - $^{\circ}$   $\,$  Community, adoption, large corporations, open standards e.g. mDL  $\,$

- o Schemas will be interesting how communities adopt schemas. Centralizing and standardizing will develop
- Q. What's next for your project? Where is it going in the next six months or so?

  - Better management tools.
     Adding privacy preserving trust registries, especially based on accumulators (useful also for revocation)
- Q. What do you hope to learn early in deployment?
  - How customers use the product
- Q. How much do various credential ecosystem parties have to do to extend what they do to include the registry?
  - o minimal current trust registry is membership based, just add and remove members
  - o extensions possible
  - o e.g. can be member of multiple governance frameworks/trust registries
- Concerns correlation attacks, e.g. info leaks from the issuer identity

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### Coming up

- Resuming regular schedule Sept 15
- Next presenter, Sept 29: Trinsic Trust Registry solution