

The Identity Metasystem and Cardspace

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Problem Statement

- The Internet was built without a way to know who and what you are connecting to
 - Everyone offering an internet service has had to come up with a workaround
 - Patchwork of identity one-offs
 - We have inadvertently taught people to be phished and pharmed
 - No fair blaming the user – no framework, no cues, no control
- We are “Missing the identity layer”
- Digital identity currently exists in a world without synergy because of identity silos

What Is A Digital Identity?

- A set of claims someone makes about me
- **Claims** are packaged as **security tokens**
- Many identities for many uses
- Useful to distinguish from profiles



Identity Is Matched To Context

In Context

- ⑩ Bank card at ATM
- ⑩ Gov't ID at border check
- ⑩ Coffee card at coffee stand
- ⑩ MSN Passport at HotMail



Out of Context

- ⑩ Coffee card at border check

Maybe Out of Context?

- ⑩ Gov't ID at ATM
- ⑩ SSN as Student ID
- ⑩ MSN Passport at eBay



The Role Of “The Laws”...

- We must be able to structure our understanding of digital identity
 - We need a way to avoid returning to the Empty Page every time we talk about digital identity
 - We need to inform peoples’ thinking by teasing apart the factors and dynamics explaining the successes and failures of identity systems since the 1970s
 - We need to develop hypotheses – resulting from observation – that are testable and can be disproved
 - The Laws of Identity offer a “good way” to express this thought
 - Beyond mere conversation, the Blogosphere offers us a crucible; The concept has been to employ this crucible to harden and deepen the laws

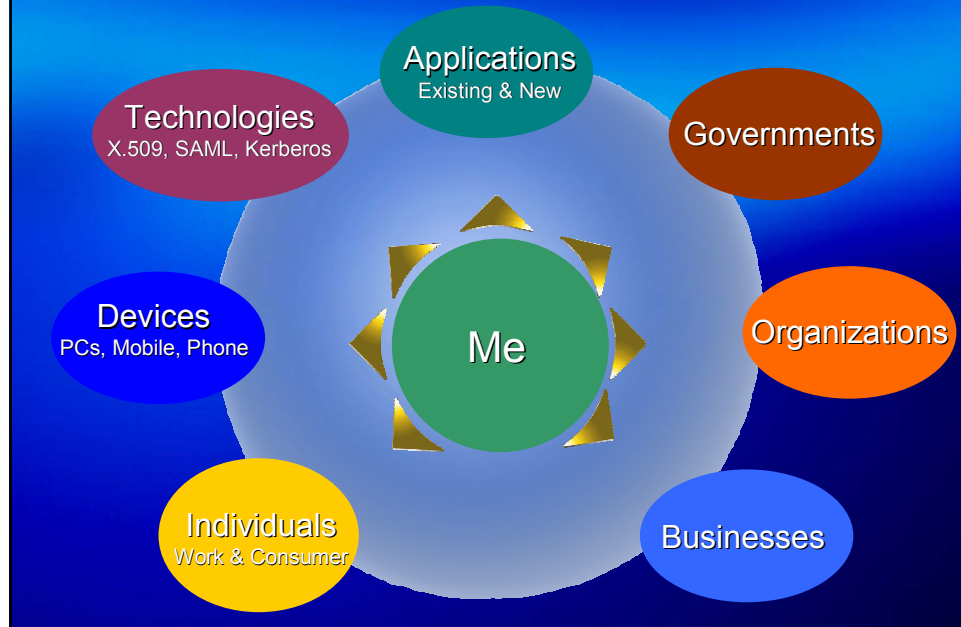
The Laws of Identity

An Industry Dialog

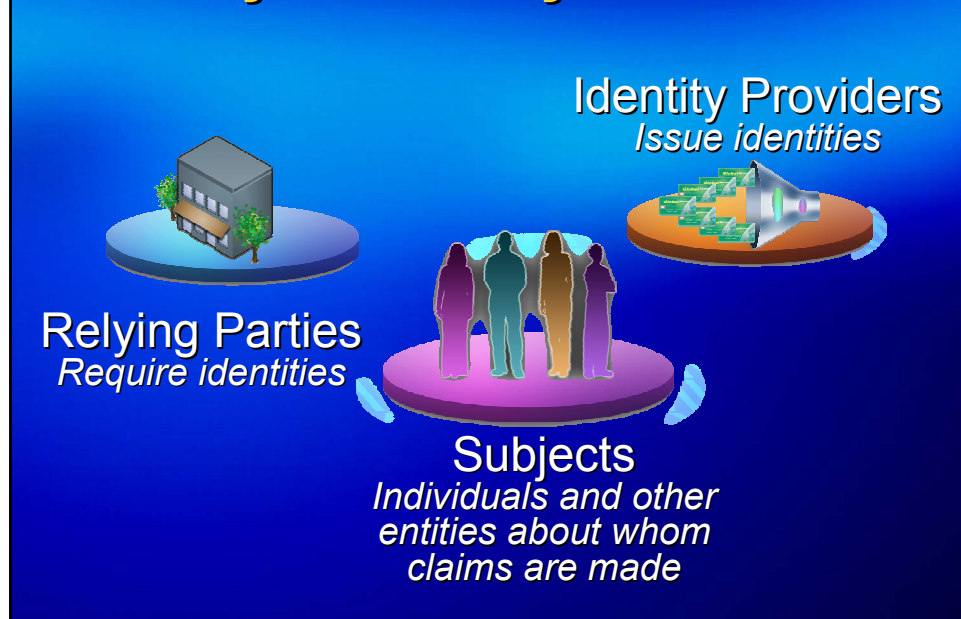
1. User control and consent
2. Minimal disclosure for a defined use
3. Justifiable parties
4. Directional identity
5. Pluralism of operators and technologies
6. Human integration
7. Consistent experience across contexts

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The Laws Define a Metasystem



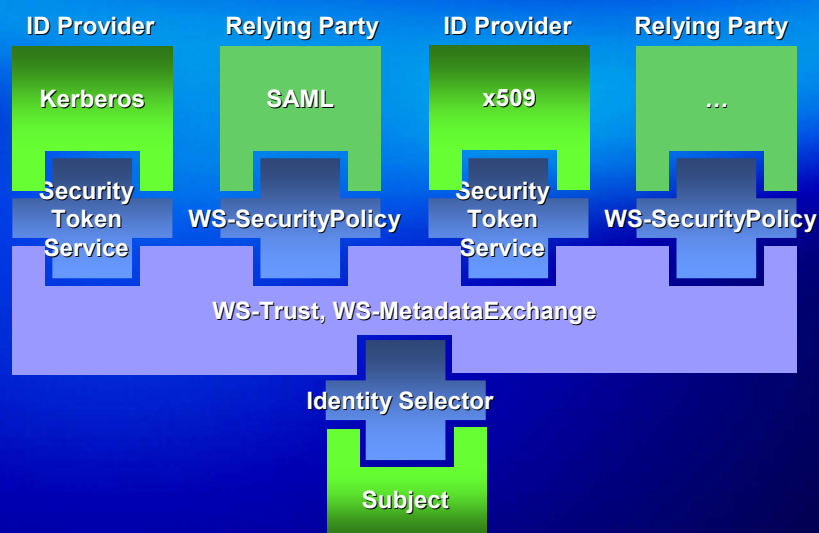
Metasystem Players



Identity Metasystem

- Consistent way to use multiple identity systems
 - Remove friction without requiring everyone agree on one identity technology for everything
 - Leverage current successes
 - Enable us to move from past to future
- Four key characteristics
 - Negotiation
 - Encapsulating protocol
 - Claims transformation
 - Consistent user experience

WS-* Metasystem Architecture



WS-* Architecture

An architecture for an identity metasystem

- **Composable Architecture for Web Services**
 - Broad participation across the industry
 - Open, published, standards-track architecture
 - Available royalty free
- **Security token format neutral**
 - OASIS *WS-Security* specification is the basis
 - x509, Kerberos, SAML 1.1, 1.2, 2.0, XrML ...
- **Dynamic system for exchanging claims**
 - WS-MetadataExchange, WS-SecurityPolicy, ...
- **Token and claim translation**
 - WS-Trust defines Security Token Services (STS)
- **All major specs are on track to OASIS**

What Plugs In To The Identity Metasystem?

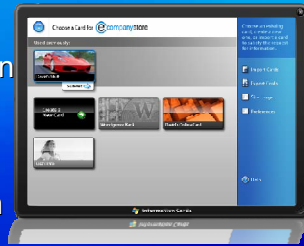
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| ✓ Smartcards | ✓ Governments |
| ✓ Self-issued identities | ✓ Organizations |
| ✓ Corporate identities | ✓ Companies |
| ✓ Gov't identities | ✓ Individuals |
| ✓ Passport identities | ✓ Mobile phones |
| ✓ Liberty identities | ✓ Computers |
| ✓ Client applications | ✓ Hard ID tokens |
| ✓ Operating Systems | ✓ Online services |

Cardspace

Returning Identity Control to the End User

Easier

- Reduces reliance on usernames & passwords
- Consistent experience for login and registration



Safer

- Helps end users avoid some phishing attacks
- Support for multi-factor authentication

Built on WS-* Web Services Protocols

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