

# Digital Credentials / the DCC

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Long-term leitmotif: The Digital University

### **Baseline:**

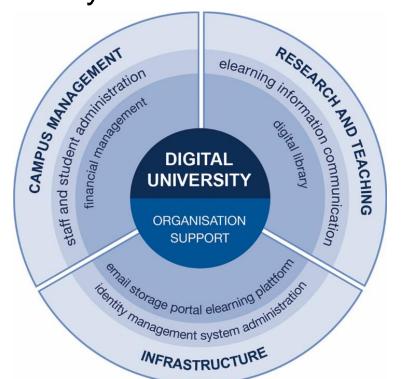
»A customer-friendly and smoothly integrated ICT infrastructure for research, teaching and administration«

### **Mantras Digital Transformation:**

- User-focused (personalized & individualized)
- At any time and from anywhere

### **Levels of Digitalization:**





# Fraud: TUM edX Certificate

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### Frequently Asked Questions

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# Nine universities team up to create global infrastructure for digital academic credentials

Researchers set sights on a new standard for issuing, sharing, and verifying academic credentials.

### Suzanne Day | Office of Open Learning April 23, 2019

Press Inquiries

While digital technology has started to transform education by enabling new learning pathways that are customized to each individual's needs, the way that educational institutions issue and manage academic credentials has not changed much. Nine leading universities announced that they have formed the Digital Credentials collaboration in order to create a trusted, distributed, and shared infrastructure standard for issuing, storing, displaying, and verifying academic credentials.

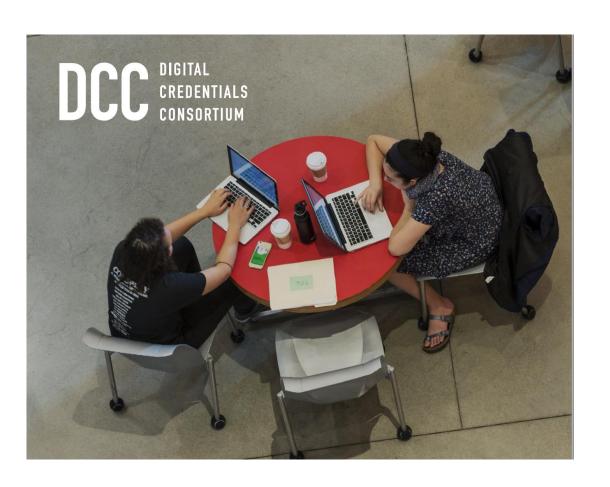
"Currently, those who successfully complete a degree from an institution must go back to that institution — sometimes by mail or even in person — each time there is a need to verify the academic credentials earned," says Sanjay Sarma, MIT vice president for open learning. "This

### PRESS MENTIONS

Research scientist Philipp Schmidt speaks with Inside Higher Ed reporter Lindsay McKenzie about the Digital Credentials Collaboration, which is creating a worldwide standard and shared infrastructure for digital academic credentials. "Universities are interested in providing their graduates with credentials that are useful and digital, but also secure," Schmidt explains.



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**D**igital**C**redentials**C**onsortium

# The Digital Credentials Consortium

Our mission is to create a trusted, distributed, and shared infrastructure that will become the standard for issuing, storing, displaying, and verifying academic credentials, digitally.

# **Digital Credentials Consortium**

- 12 universities
- Committed to standards-based, learnercentric credentials
- Published <u>white paper</u> outlining our principles and approach (Feb 2020)
- Use case driven; phase 1 pilots underway now

### **Founding Members**

Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands)

Georgia Tech (USA)

Harvard University (USA)

Hasso Plattner Institute, University of Potsdam

(Germany)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA)

McMaster University (Canada)

Tecnologico De Monterrey (Mexico)

TU Munich (Germany)

UC Berkeley (USA)

UC Irvine (USA)

University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

University of Toronto (Canada)













# Our Focus

- Primary focus is use cases in higher education
- But we are part of a broader effort to bridge post-secondary and lifelong learning
- Goal: contribute to an education landscape that increases learner agency and promotes more equitable learning and career pathways

# Approach

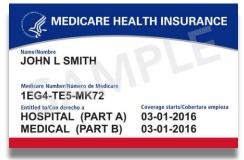
- Based on emerging standards
  - W3C Verifiable Credentials
  - W3C Decentralized Identifiers
- Push forward missing pieces
  - Standards and protocols
  - Learner-focused tools/standards
- Work with SDOs
- Work with broader ecosystem to ensure interoperability and viability

# What is the "Credential" in Verifiable Credentials?



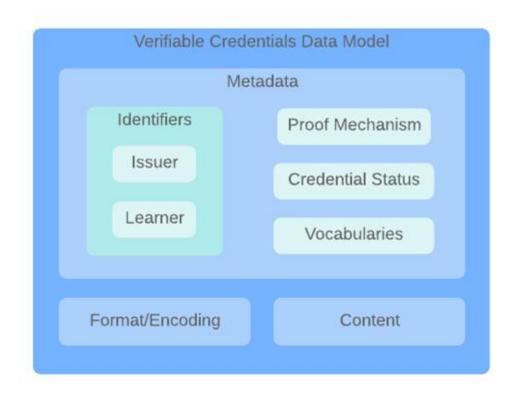




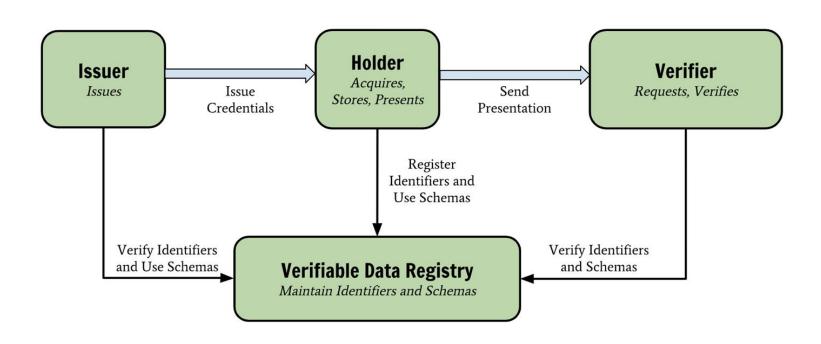


## **W3C Verifiable Credentials**

- Verifiable wrapper; standard set of metadata:
  - How to verify the credential
  - Whether the issuer is authentic
  - How to verify the learner
  - Credential status information
  - Vocabulary/taxonomies used in the credential
- "Envelope"
- Note: basis for the ILR wrapper



# W3C Verifiable Credentials Ecosystem



# Expand on previous efforts

- Privacy-by-design and privacy-by-default
  - Attention to regional legal frameworks such as the GDPR
  - Applying lessons learned from earlier blockchain-based solutions
- Push forward ecosystem standards and protocols
  - Credential exchange
  - Secure storage
- Digital identities of issuers and learners
- Flexible schemas, linked data
- More direct learner agency, control over one's lifelong learning record
- Development of a transparent governance model that keeps the learner's rights at the center

### How we work

- Entirely driven by institutions of higher education
- Open source/standards
- W3C Verifiable Credentials for Education Task Force
- Collaborate with standards groups and networks
- Working with partners to create a vital ecosystem of options
  - Technology companies
  - Online learning platforms
  - Employers
  - IT vendors







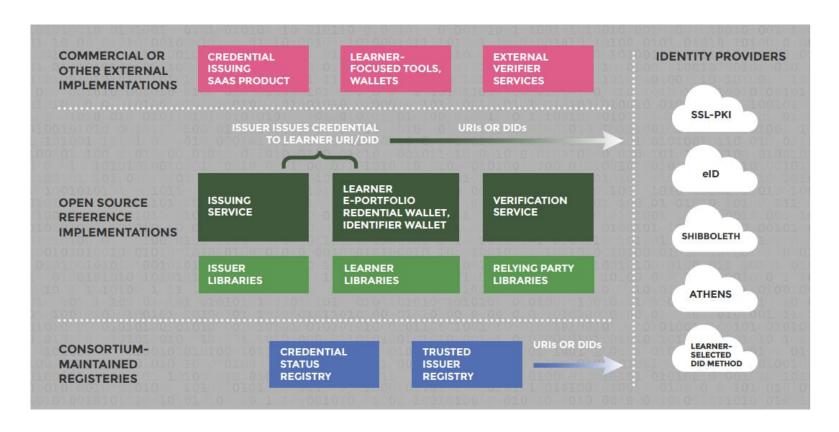


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T3 INNOVATION NETWORK

XHEIE, PIM, BMBF ...

# Simplified Architecture Diagram



### Learn More

- W3C Verifiable Credentials for Education Task Force
  - Meets every second Monday
  - Free, open to the public
  - Join us: <a href="https://w3c-ccg.github.io/vc-ed/">https://w3c-ccg.github.io/vc-ed/</a>
- DCC Resources
  - Website: <a href="https://digitalcredentials.mit.edu/">https://digitalcredentials.mit.edu/</a>
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