# GNAP interaction with VC-HTTP API W3C work

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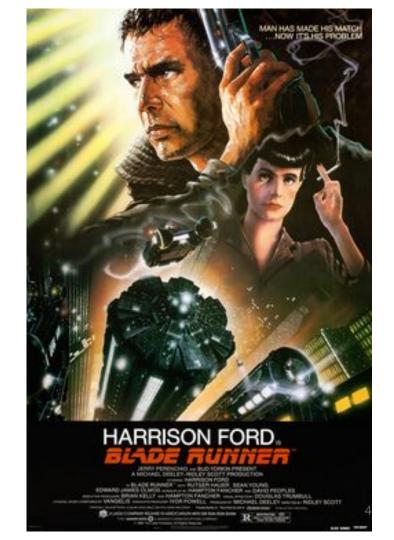
- Invited expert on privacy to many SSI-related W3C and DIF groups
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# A Human Rights Perspective on Protocol Design

- Privacy is not enough
- Efficiency shifts power to the sovereigns
- Standardized data models are useful but protocols are essential
- What is Self-Sovereign Identity?
- Separation of Concerns Controller or Processor (not both)
- Control Models and Protocols (direct vs. delegated)
- W3C and DIF Protocol Work
- Discussion Points

# **Human Rights Concerns**

- Ambient Authentication
- Non-repudiable Authentication
- Anonymity Barriers
- Strong Credentials
- Chain-of-Custody Protocols
- Lack of Agency
- Controls on Free Assembly
- Proprietary Al



# What is Self-Sovereign Identity?

- An identity only you control
  - DID and DID Method control the service endpoints public
  - Service Endpoints interfaces that can be dereferenced from a DID protected
- Control Models
  - Direct
    - Possession (wallets, platforms, data brokers)
    - Messaging Address (email, SMS)
    - Mediator (Sign-in with Apple email proxy)
  - Delegated
    - Agent (Authorization Server, UMA2 or GNAP)
- Everything else is a (sovereign) processor
  - Nations and states
  - Courts and law enforcement
  - Hospitals
  - Schools
  - Vendors

# Standardizing the (Digital) Sovereign

#### Verifiable Credential - Data Model

- Subject
- Attributes
- Issuer (processor, not a controller)
- Proof (security)

#### **Resource Server - Protocol**

- Subject / RO / (Registration)
- Attributes (scopes)
- Processor (not a controller)
- Authorization (who decides?)

The sovereign is the processor, so where's the controller?

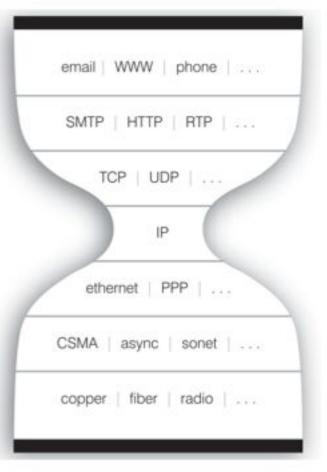
## **Control Models and Protocols**

#### Direct

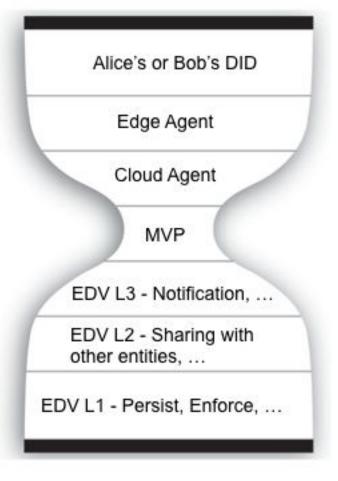
- Authentication
- Possession
- Messaging Address
- Mediator

### Delegated

- Authorization
- Agent
- O UMA 2
- GNAP







Adapted from J. Zittrain The Future of the Internet and How to Stop It https://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/4455262

## W3C and DIF Protocol Work

- VC-HTTP API access to digital credentials
- Encrypted Data Vaults blind storage can't be censored
- Identity Hubs person-centered storage
- DIDComm message-level (not transport-level) security
- SIOP self-issued OIDC OP

Is GNAP the "narrow neck" Minimum Viable Protocol?

## **Discuss Human-Centered Protocols**

- How many authorization protocols does the Internet need?
- The problem with OAuth is lock-in and censorship (via client credentials)
- Self-sovereign and Fiduciary agents (both are important to human rights)
- How to detach "chain of custody" from verification (without biometrics)?
- Is GNAP the "narrow waist" of Self-Sovereign Identity?

#### PLEASE contact me to continue the discussion:

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HIE of One example implementation <a href="https://github.com/HIEofOne/Trustee-Community">https://github.com/HIEofOne/Trustee-Community</a> **NEED** help implementing GNAP in FastAPI and Vue PWA <a href="https://github.com/agropper/OGNAP">https://github.com/agropper/OGNAP</a>