WebBotAuth Charter

The initial goal of Web Bot Authentication (WebBotAuth) is to define a mechanism for **cryptographically authenticating automated clients** and providing additional information about their **operators**.

In-scope Clients:

- Crawlers for search indices.
- Web archivers.
- Tools such as link checkers and validators.
- Crawlers for AI training.
- AI agents retrieving or interacting with content on behalf of end users.

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WebBotAuth First WG Meeting

During the first WG meeting, it became clear that we do **not** have a clear view on the **scope** of the work.

Next steps:

- Create a **requirements** document that clearly defines the goals of the WG.
- Use the requirements document to create an **architecture** document.
- These documents will be discuss on the mailing list to determine next steps (recharter?).