Digital Identity

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History

"On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."

Today

- **Digital identity is a psychological identity** that prevails in the domains of cyberspace, and is defined **as a set of data that uniquely describes a person** or a thing (sometimes referred to as subject or entity) and contains information about the subject's relationships to other entities.

- **A critical problem** in cyberspace is knowing with whom you are interacting. In essence, the problem is that **"on the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog."** Currently there are **no ways to precisely determine the identity of a person in digital space**....

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_identity

Pride of E-stonia

- 10 years of successful ID-card history
- Population: 1.3 Mio
- Penetration: 1.15 Mio
- e-Used: > 0.5 Mio persons
- > 3.5 Mio authentications / month
- > 3 Mio digital signatures / month
- 25% of votes over Internet (2011)

Personal info from the (e)ID

First name and last name

Personal Identification Code (PIC)

47302200**234**

Female born in 20th century

Birth date: 20.02.1973

pseudorandom+checksum

Digital identity dream

- I can say who you are and you cannot deny it

- I cannot say that you are someone else without you (or anyone else) being able to prove me wrong

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Regardless of the definition for „you"

Desirable qualities of ID

→ Uniqueness and persistency

→ User control and consent

→ Minimal disclosure

→ Role-based identity

→ Anonymity and pseudonymity

Digital signatures

Additional issues for WW customs:
- No standard for cryptography
- No standard for signing format
- No way to transfer trust

THANK YOU!

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