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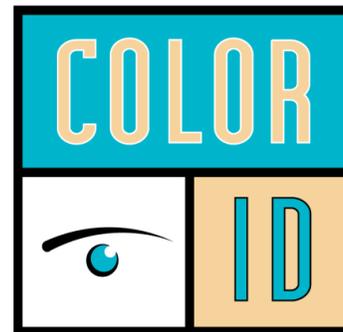
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A High-Level View of Mobile Identity in the U.S.

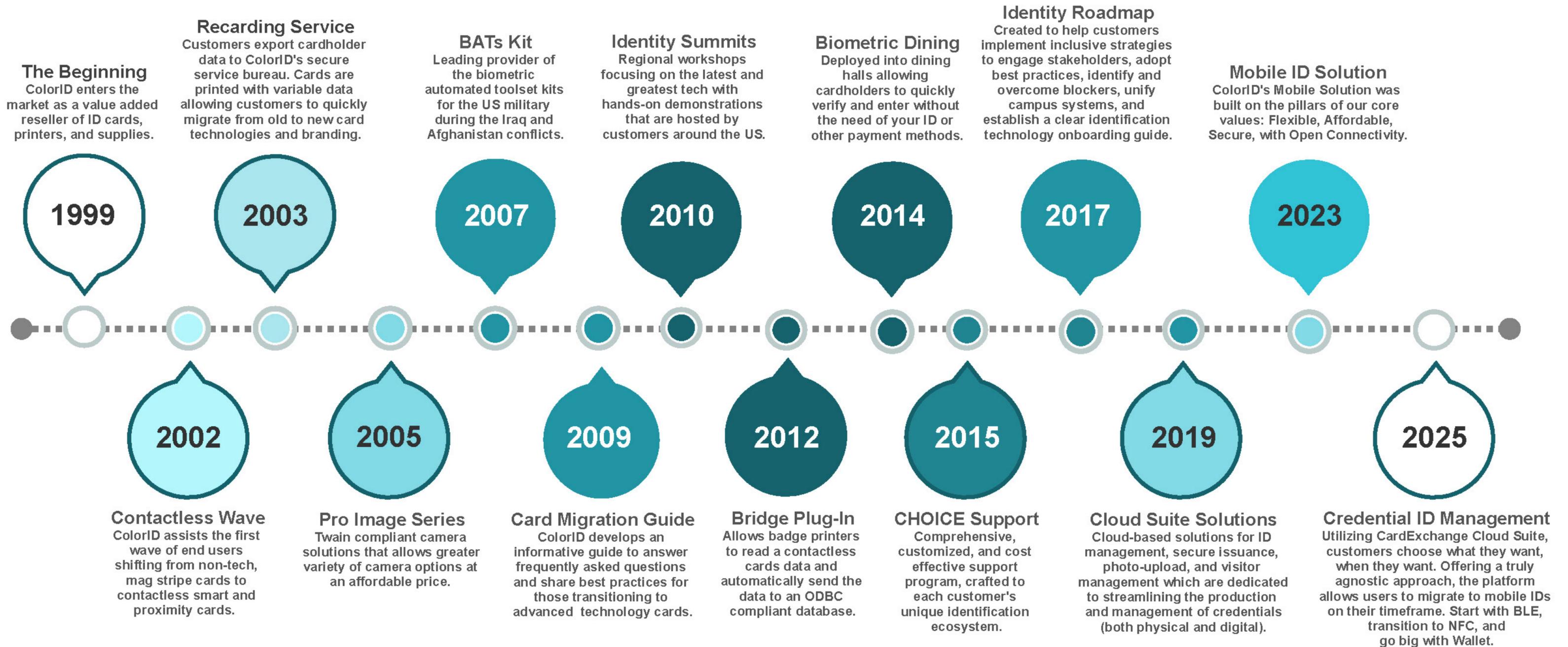
Presented by: Mark Degan, Vice President Marketing

ABOUT US

ColorID is the leading, **trusted** identity systems integrator providing secure physical and mobile credentials, identity management software, biometrics, and much more.

With decades of **experience**, we deliver customized, innovative, and reliable solutions for higher education, healthcare, government, events, and corporations, ensuring seamless integration and superior support.

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Past, Present, and Future of Mobile ID

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What's happened?

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What is happening today?

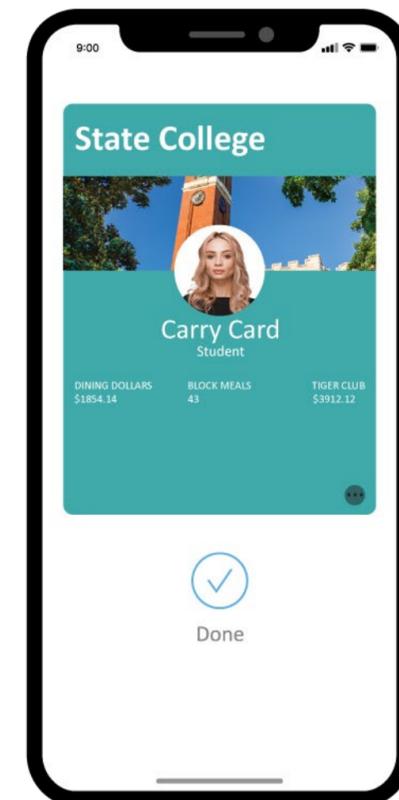
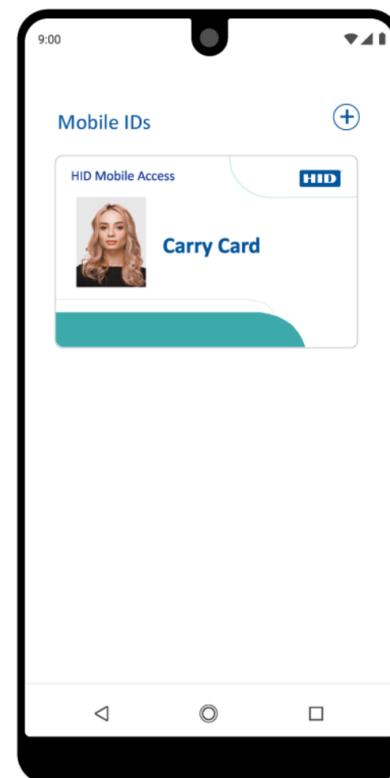
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Looking into the future.

What's happened?

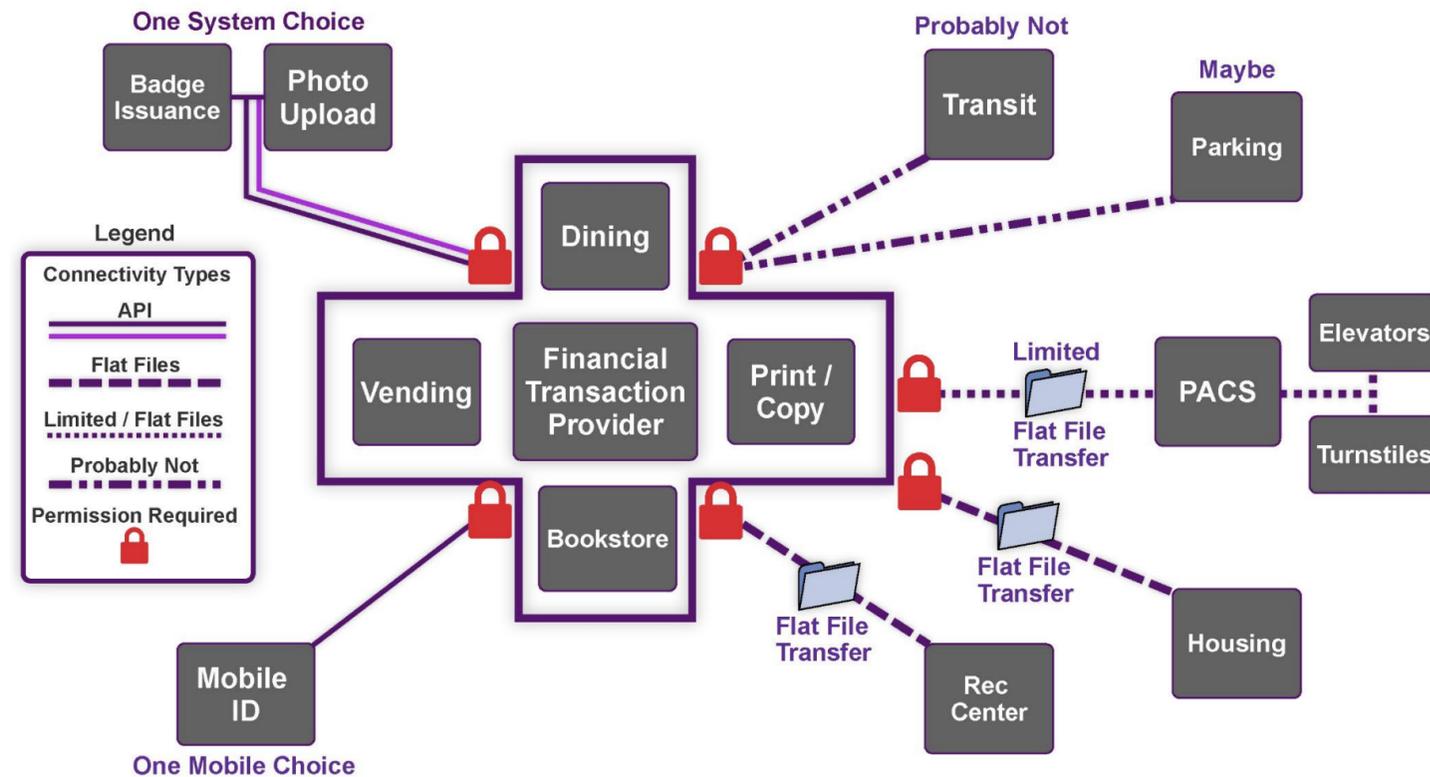
Mobile is Operational, Not Experimental

- Mobile IDs began deploying in 2018
- 7 years later: 10% institutions, 4% students have deployed.
- Historically managed by OneCards
- What has held end users back from deploying?
 - Infrastructure constraints, Waivers, Timelines, Cost, Adoption rates, etc
- Deployed vs Adoption

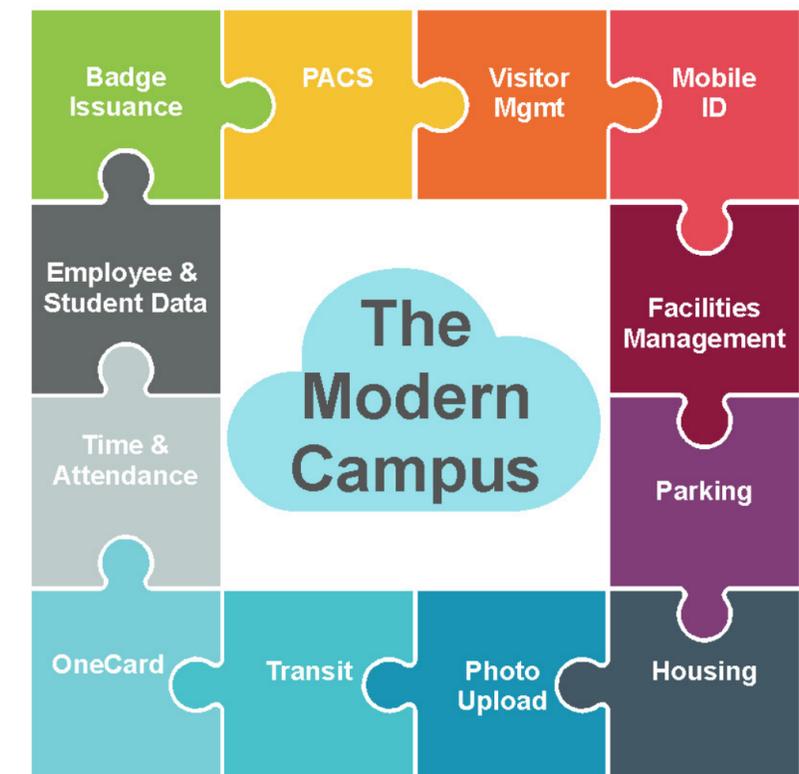


- Most campuses are Mobile First
 1. Mobile Only
 2. Mobile First
 3. Multiple Credentials
 4. Digital ID
- Reality is that they must coexist, and will continue to do so.
- Shift from 'Should we deploy mobile?' to 'Who controls identity lifecycle?'

Current State



Future State



- Mobile deployments will continue to accelerate
- Institutions will seek greater control over identity infrastructure
- “Stepped” mobile adoption models will become more common
- Vendor-agnostic lifecycle platforms will gain traction
- Modernized institutions will define the next decade of campus identity



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Built a wallet. Ran a pilot. Now helping governments certify them.

Pavol Hrina

- **Independent practice** focused on EUDI Wallet strategy and Verifiable Credentials
- **DIForum community** co-founder
- **Working with the Slovak National Security Authority** on EUDI Wallet certification schema.

Previously:

- Built and piloted a wallet in background screening that reduced pre-screening time.
- At Accenture Tech Strategy, focused on Decentralized Identity & EUDI Wallet

Same Challenges, Different Starting Points

Mark showed you the reality of campus digitalization in the US: adoption challenges, institutional complexity.

Europe faces the same core problems:

- ⇒ How do you **verify** a student's credentials across institutions?
- ⇒ How do you **digitalize** without disrupting what works?
- ⇒ How do you get **adoption** when people are comfortable with paper?

The difference: Europe chose to solve these through a shared regulatory framework, like the the EUDI Wallet, rather than leaving it to the market.

That's what the next 12 minutes are about.

Let's Clear the Air

Four things you've probably heard

01

"The EUDI Wallet is a mobile app"

● HALF TRUE

03

"Digital credentials will replace university records"

● FALSE

We'll resolve each one.

02

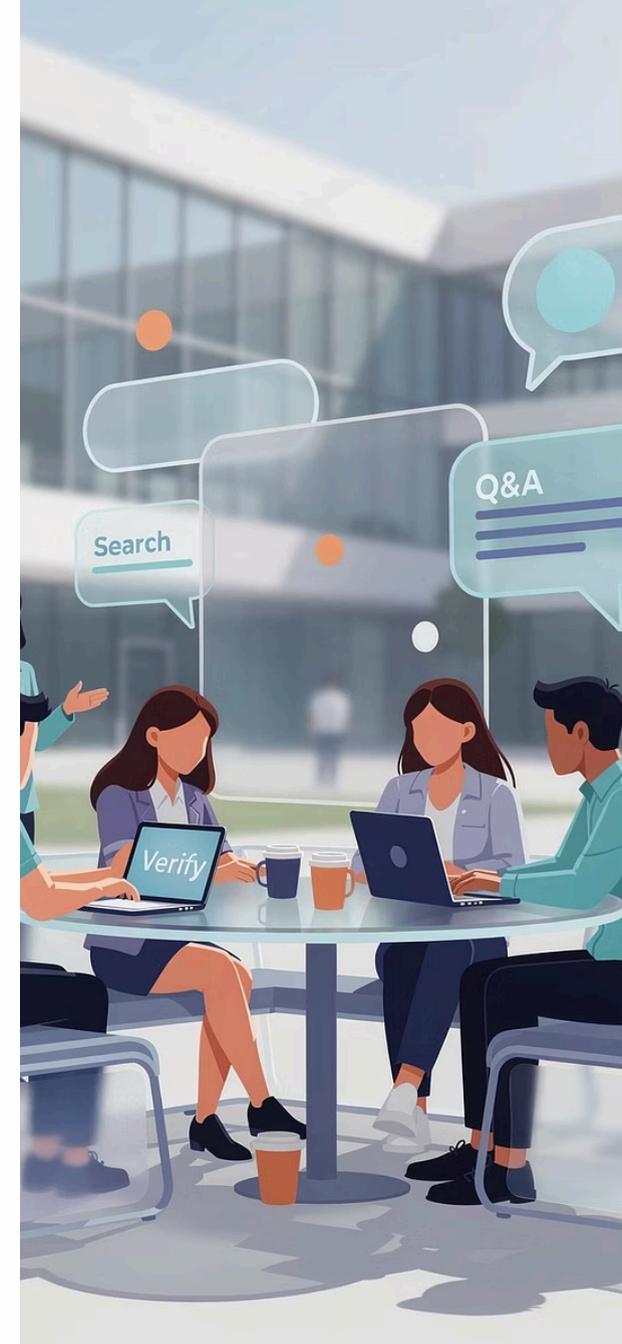
"Universities must issue digital diplomas by 2027"

● MOSTLY FALSE

04

"This won't actually happen in my country"

● FALSE





The EUDI Wallet in 60 Seconds

What it IS

- A secure mobile app for storing and sharing verifiable credentials
- Voluntary for citizens, free of charge
- Privacy-by-design: selective disclosure (prove "over 18")
- Backed by EU Regulation 2024/1183 (eIDAS 2.0)
- Each Member State provides its own wallet(s), not one single EU app, (+ private-sector wallets)

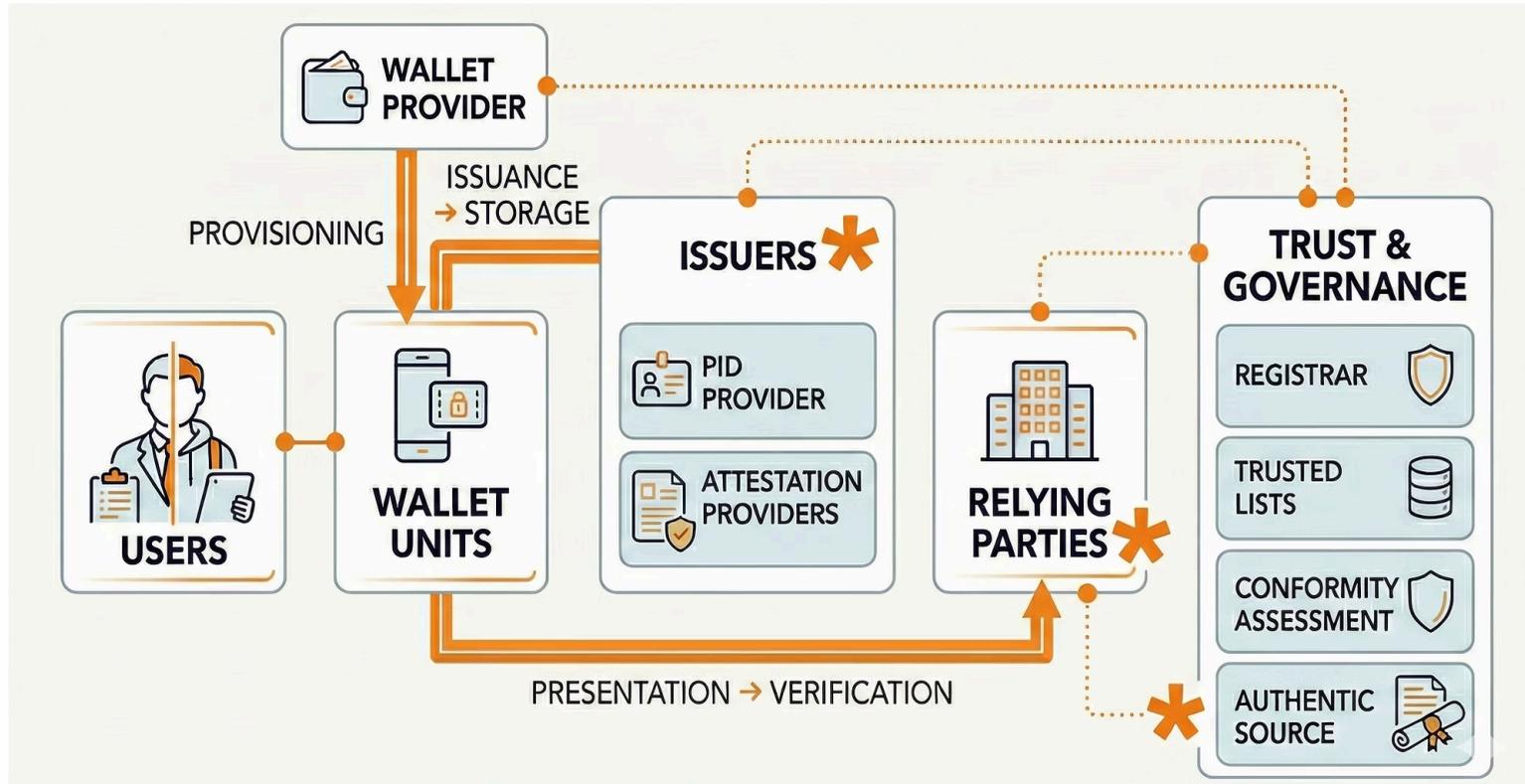
What it is NOT

- ❌ NOT a centralized EU database: data stays on the user's device
- ❌ NOT mandatory for students to use
- ❌ NOT replacing your campus card or Student Information System
- ❌ NOT automatic credential recognition: the wallet verifies authenticity, not equivalence

📄 *On micro-credentials: DC4EU tested them successfully, but the ARF doesn't yet have a defined rulebook. Technically possible, not yet standardized.*

It Takes a Village

The EUDI Wallet ecosystem, and where HEIs fit (Myth #1 resolved)



Your institution can play THREE roles: Issuer + Verifier + Authentic Source

This ecosystem will serve **~17.5 million tertiary students** across **~5,000 European HEIs**.

What Students Actually Want

Students' #1 wallet use case: university records

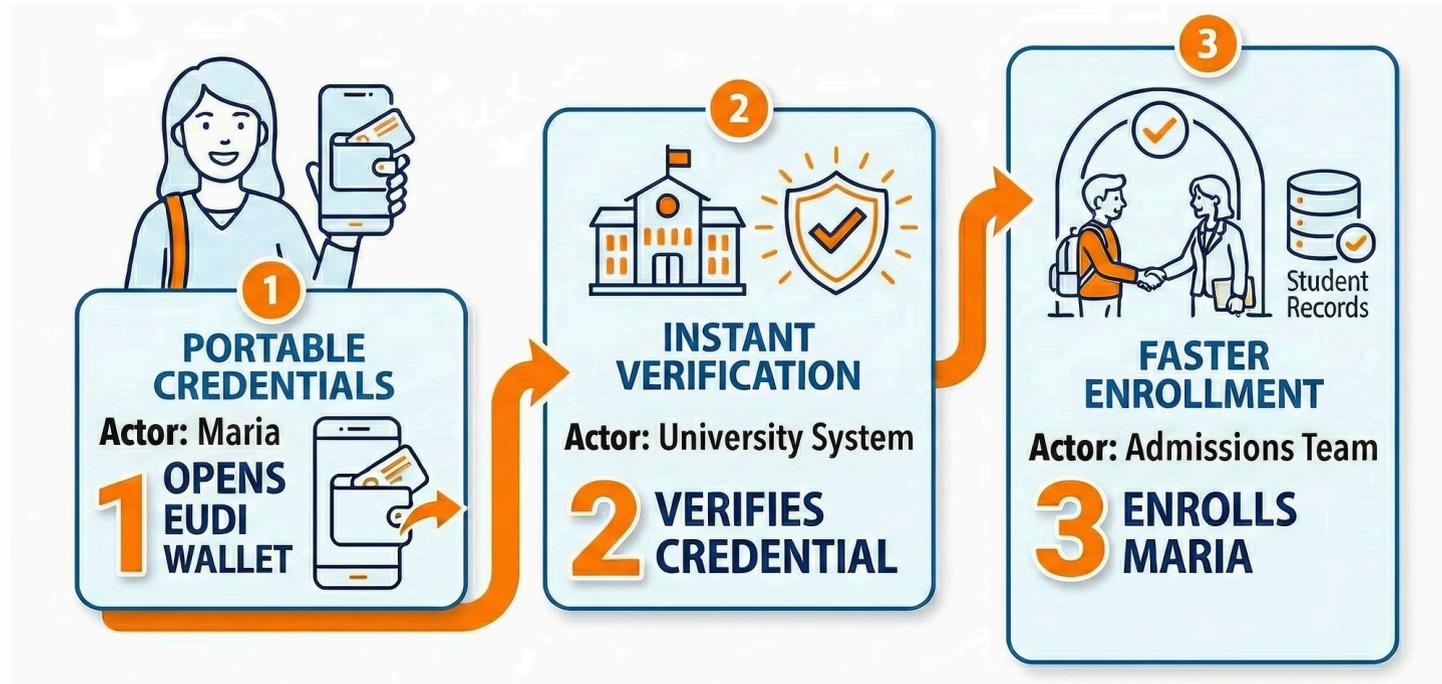
Students	Business people	Expats	Frequent travellers	Retired
Important documents (Uni-records)	E-signing	Health records	Health records	Health records
Insurance card	Health records	E-signing	Insurance card	Insurance card
Health records	Important documents (Licences)	Important documents (Licences)	E-signing	E-prescriptions

This is YOUR use case. Lead with what students are asking for.

Source: NiScy Comprehensive Use Cases Report, 2,800 respondents

Imagine This: September 2028

Maria arrives at your institution with her EUDI Wallet

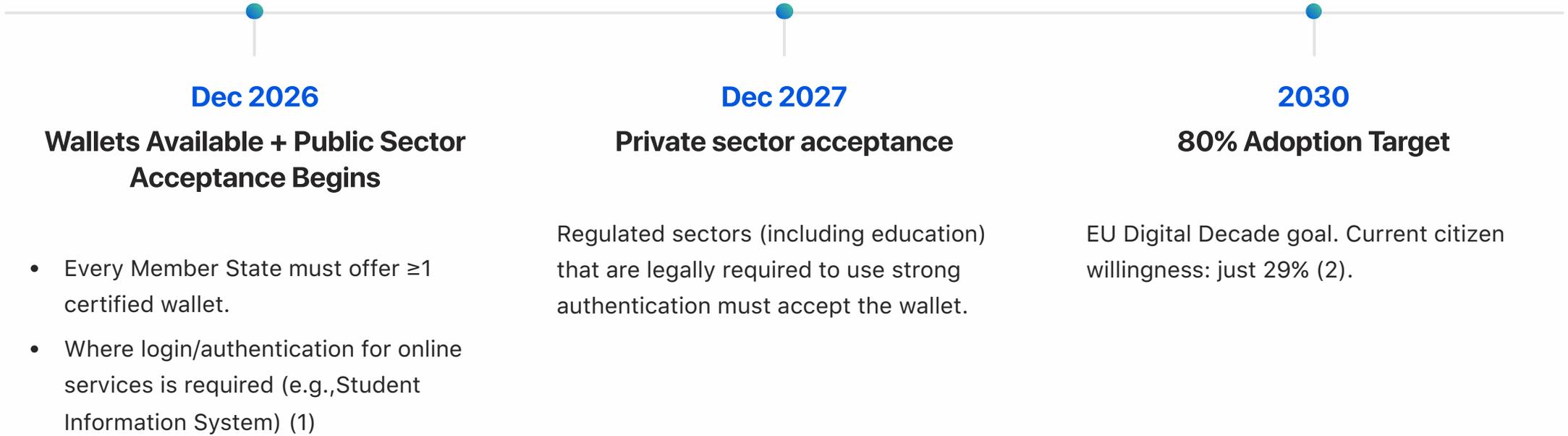


Everyone wins!

This isn't speculative. I'll show you the pilot data in a moment.

Two Deadlines You Need to Know

Myth #2: acceptance is mandatory, issuance not, but prepare for both



CLARIFICATION: Acceptance, NOT issuance. No EU regulation requires you to issue digital diplomas. But once you're reading from wallets, writing to them follows quickly.

1. EU 2024/1183, Art. 5f(1); 2. EWC D4.13 (End User Adoption, Figures 1–2; based on D2.6)

The Evidence: From Weeks to 45 Seconds

Myths #3 and #4 resolved: your systems stay, and yes, this is happening

DC4EU Results

45s

Diploma verification

(was: weeks of manual processing)

95%

Administrative cost reduction

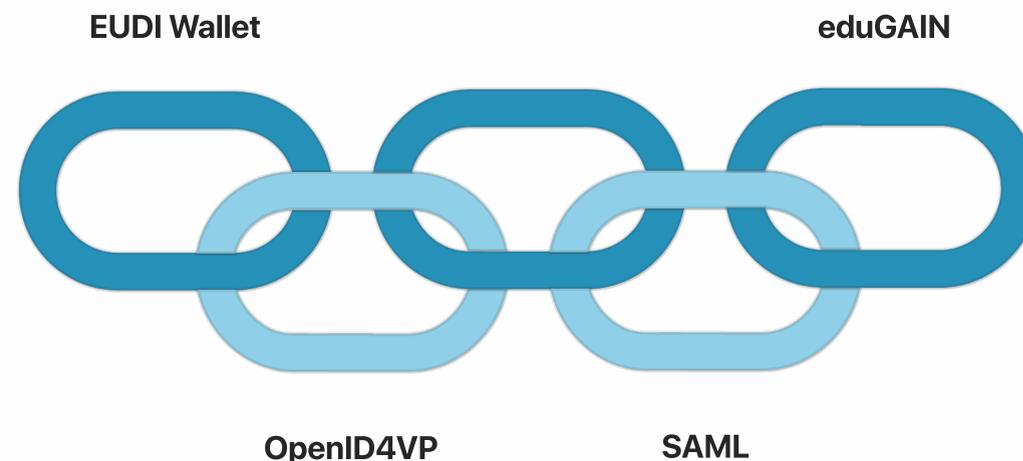
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Partners across 25 countries

€19.2M

Invested

The Bridge Pattern



Not replacing it. Your existing infrastructure stays intact.

📍 Countries are moving, in different ways: France: enhancing existing national ID into wallet. Poland: running new wallet parallel to the existing app. Denmark: iterative releases starting spring 2026. The approach differs. The mandate doesn't.

The European Student Card Connection

4.5 million cards issued: convergence with the wallet is underway

ESC by the numbers

- **4.5M ESCs issued** | 1.5M active (1)
- **3,600+ HEIs connected** via Erasmus Without Paper¹
- **ESC Verifiable Credentials Pilot:** actively testing ESC issuance as VC for wallets

Campus cards handle physical campus operations. The wallet handles identity and credentials. They coexist.

¹ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/hr/european-student-card-initiative/about/esci-2028-2034>

The truth:

- ESC is being piloted as a verifiable credential.
- The wallet supports education credentials.
- DC4EU proved they work together.
- Convergence isn't official yet, but the direction is clear.



2 viable paths to credential issuance

1

Issue directly as non-qualified EAA provider

- Issue credentials directly from your student records (authentic source)
- Legal effect guaranteed: "shall not be denied legal effect or admissibility as evidence"
- Free tools available: EDC Issuer (open-source, today); EUDIPLLO (middleware)
-  **START HERE** - expected model for education credentials

2

Form a university alliance

- Shared issuance infrastructure, pooled costs and governance
- Already proven: SUNET/SURF built issuance-as-a-service in DC4EU
-  Cost-sharing, collective compliance
-  Takes time to establish

 As of early 2026, no major SIS, LMS, or campus management vendor has announced EUDI Wallet integration

¹ <https://europass.europa.eu/en/news/summary-advanced-features-european-digital-credentials-learning-webinar>

What to Do Now - Three moves



NOW → Mid 2026: MOBILIZE

- Designate an EUDI Wallet point person (IT, registrar, or both)
- Brief three teams: IT, student services, academic administration
- Map where identity, credentials, and authentication touch your processes



Mid → End 2026: CONNECT

- Evaluate your SIS for eIDAS compatibility
- Ask your SIS/campus vendors about their EUDI roadmap
- Connect with your national digital identity coordinator and NREN
- Join practitioner communities: DIForum, ECCA, EUNIS



Early 2027: PILOT

- Start with European Student Card or proof of enrollment
- One credential, one use case. Learn, then scale

Start now, even small. Waiting means playing catch-up.

Let's Stay Connected

→ Over to Alexander for the implementation deep dive

The EUDI Wallet won't replace what you have. It adds a new layer.

Prepare now, even small steps, and you'll be ready when students arrive with credentials in their wallets.

Follow the developments:

-  [linkedin.com/in/pavol-hrina](https://www.linkedin.com/in/pavol-hrina): weekly digital identity posts
-  [diform.community](https://diform.com): practitioner community
-  **ECCA Conference Prague**: May 25–27, 2026



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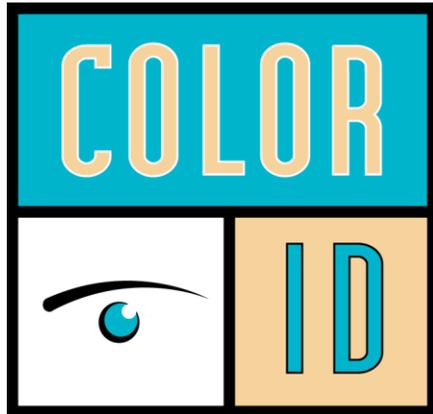
The Implications for HEIs: A Deep Dive into the Meaning Behind It All

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Summarizing the presentations → Implications for HEIs



Mobile Identity

→ Virtual Campus Cards in the USA

Pavol Hrina (DIForum)

EUDI-Wallet and Digital Credentials



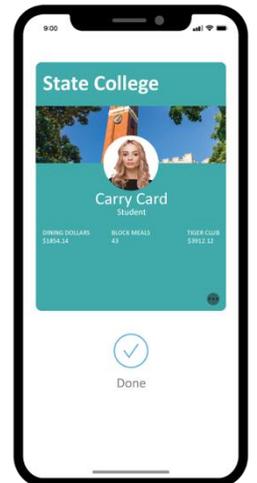
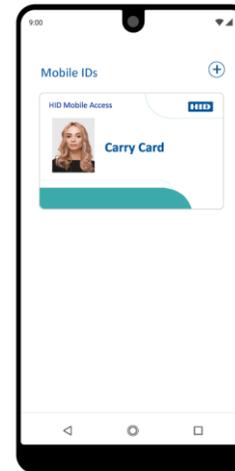
Focus: Campus Cards

Identity-Management and the Combination of Identity and Facility-Management

Mobile Identity in the U.S.

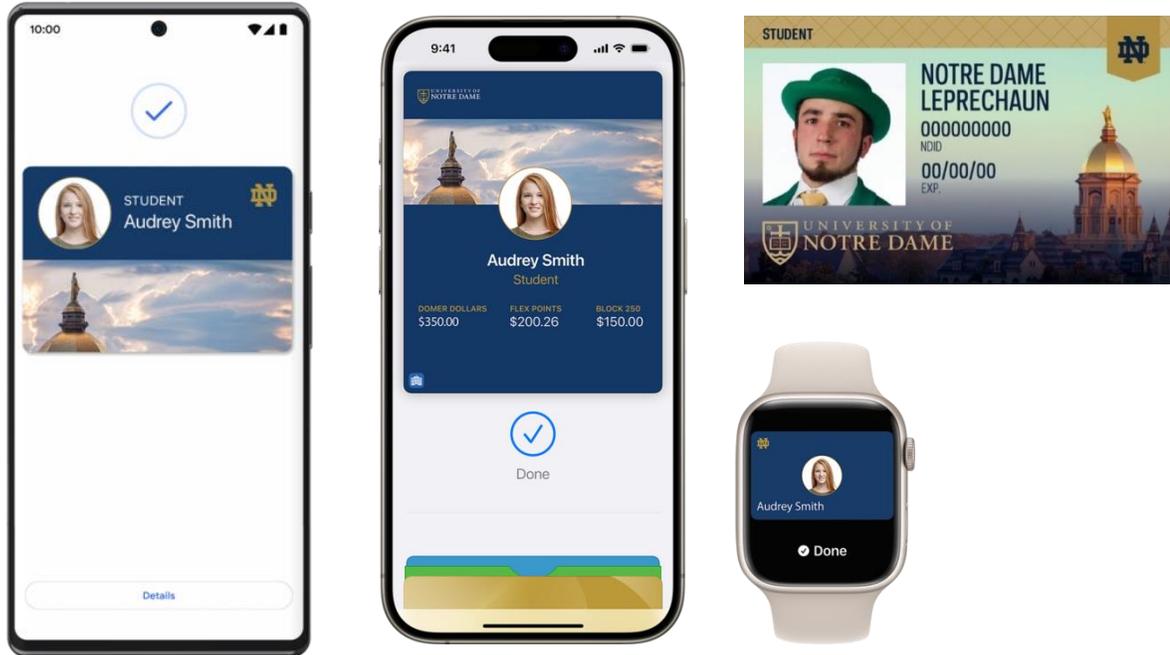
Key Takeaways:

- Mobile is **Operational**, Not Experimental!
- **Mobile First** and Multiple Credentials
- Mobile and Plastic Identity Cards must **coexist**



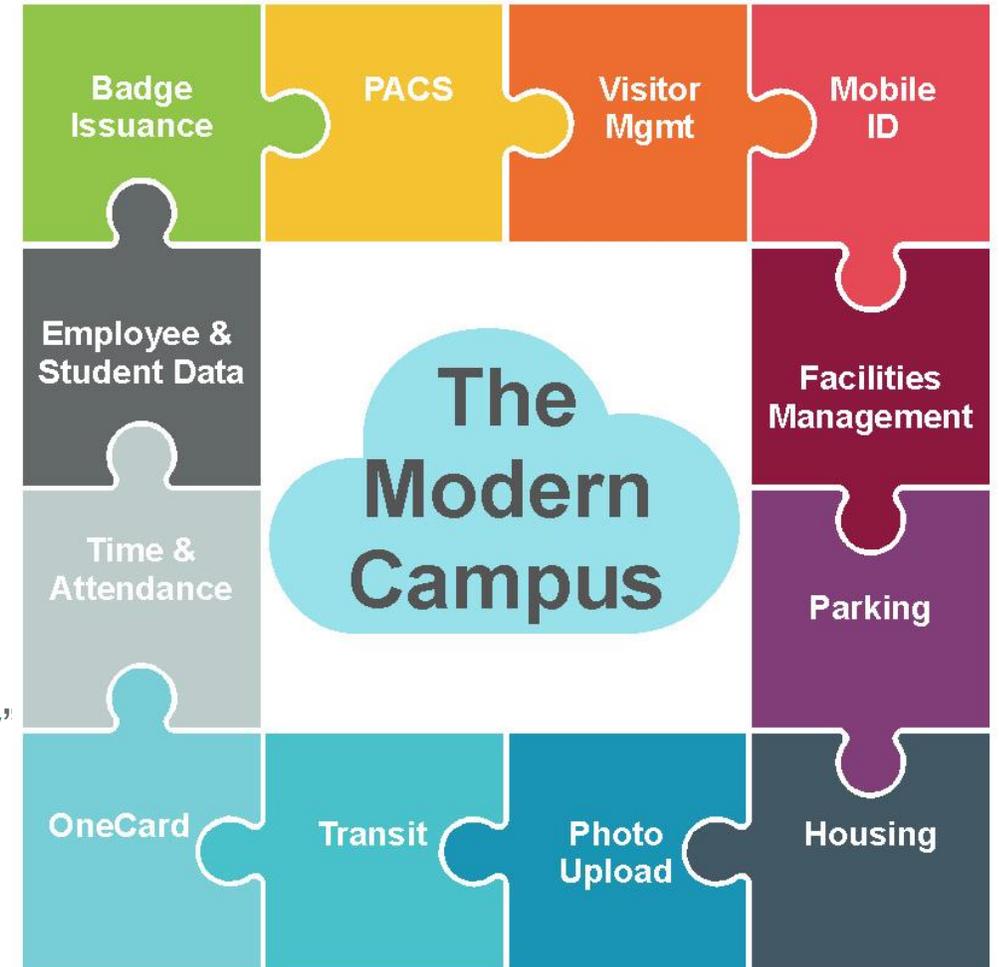
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Who controls identity lifecycle?



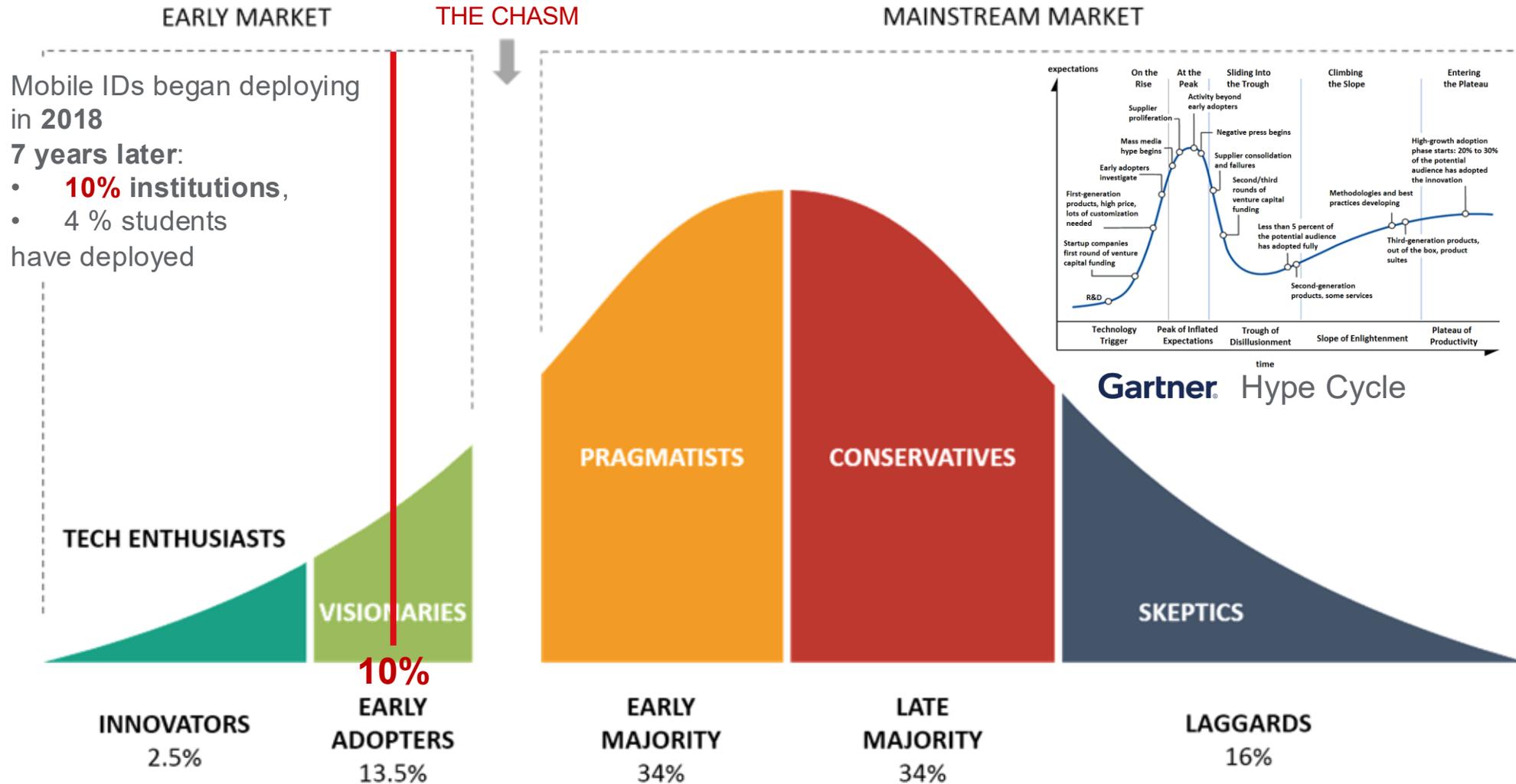
In the U.S. Apple and Google promote the “**ONE Pass strategy**”

- **One credential** that groups all services for **one campus**.
- Just like a plastic card, all relying parties must support the same credential type (e.g. HID Seos, or Mifare DESfire)

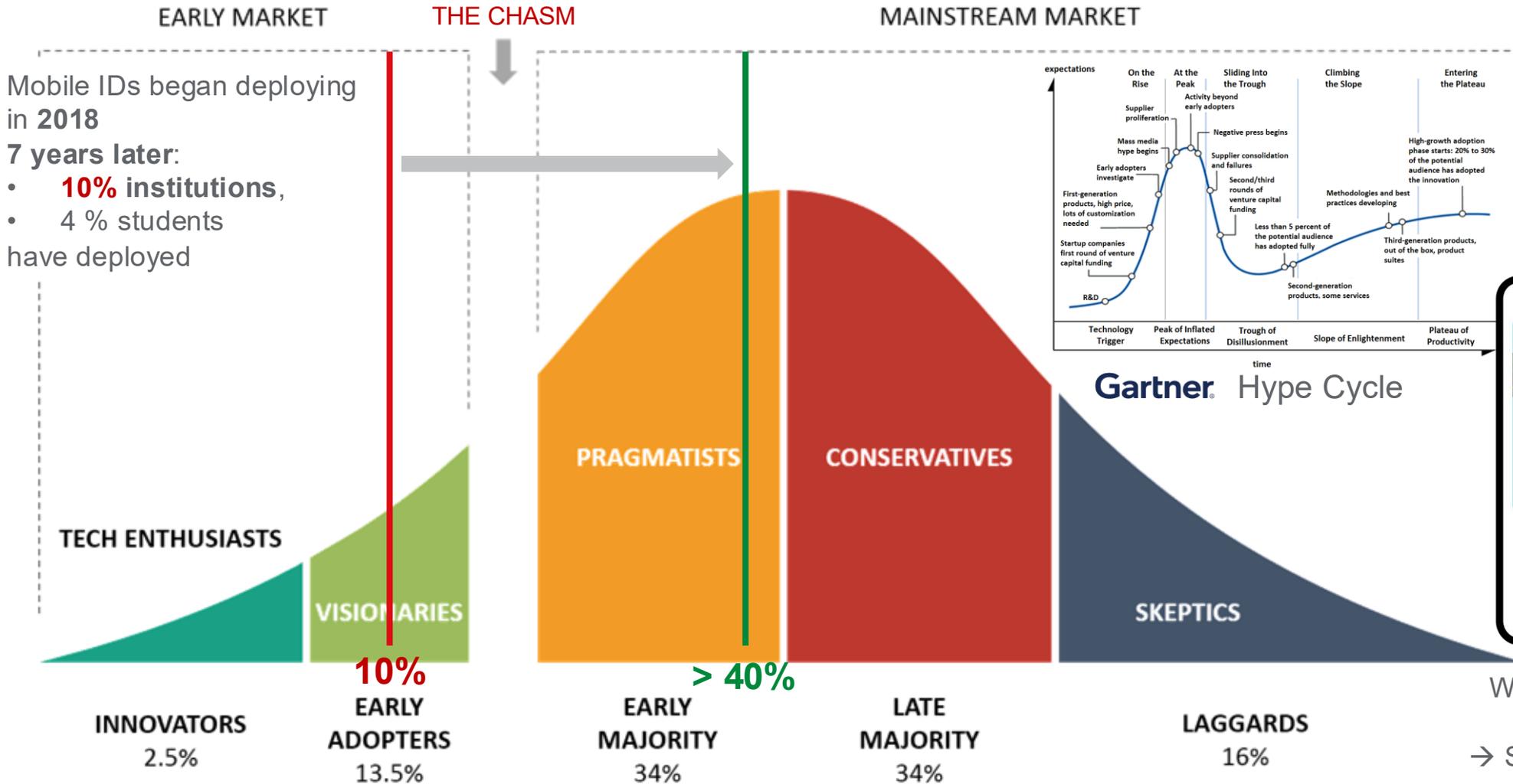


→ Multiple Credentials?

Mobile Identity in the U.S. Adoption rates after 7 years



Mobile Identity in the U.S. Adoption rates after 7 years



→ ONE credential to rule them all **does NOT work**

Mobile Identity → Credentials (digital and physical) Campus Cards are about Accessing Services → Access and Identity Credentials

Identification

- **Identification**
- **Status verification**
- **Proof of entitlement**
- Single Sign On / 2FA / FIDO2
- Attendance check
 - Check-in for exams
 - attendance at courses
 - Time recording
- Electronic Signature (of legal documents)

Electronic payment / cashless campus

- Canteen & cafeterias
- Vending machines
- Printing / scanning (secure & follow me printing)
- Ticketing (events and conferences)

Physical Access Control

- Areas (campus, parking lot)
- Buildings
- Rooms
 - Classrooms
 - Labs
 - Computer rooms
 - Learning spaces
 - Offices
 - Accommodation facilities (i.e., dorms)
- Athletic facilities

Library services

- Access to / borrow
 - Physical media (book, audio and video media)
 - E-media (book, audio and video media)
- Learning spaces

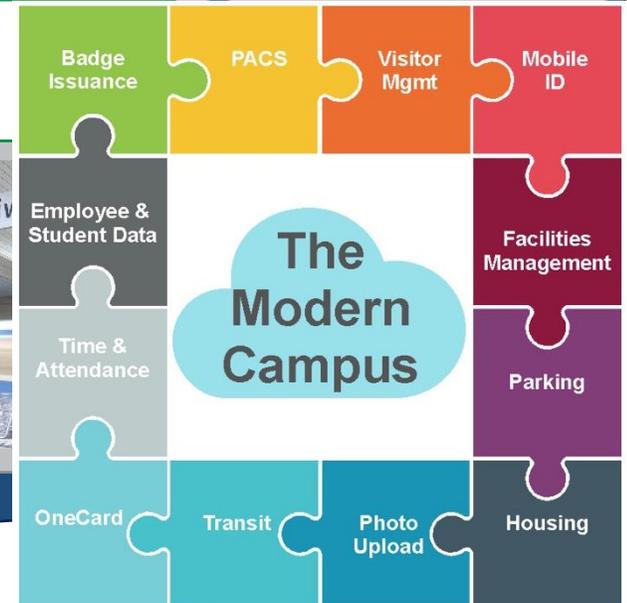
Transport

- On campus services (university shuttle service)
- Public transport tickets & discounts

Discount and promotions

- **Discounts** on cultural activities
 - Museums
 - theaters
 - cinemas
- Shops
- Restaurants

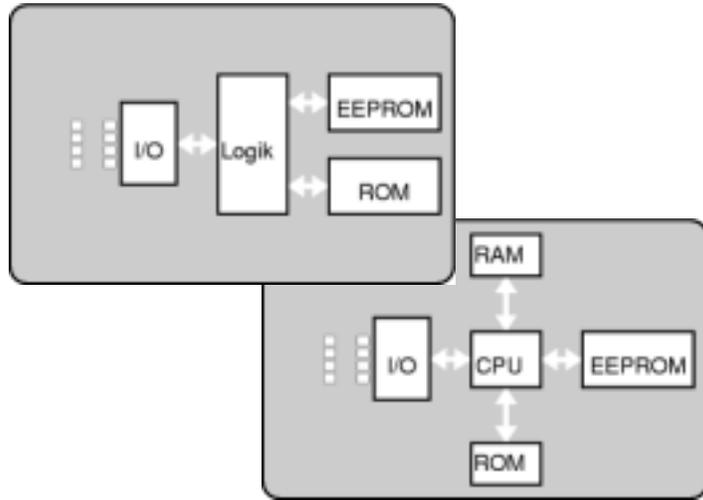
On- & Off-Campus → On-Site Usage / Proximity Use-Cases + Online Services



providing service → create benefits

Mobile Identity → Credentials (digital and physical)

Physical cards
(chip cards and smart cards)



Data Applications in the Credential

vs.

Smartphone



vs.

dedicated Credentials

→ Shift to **Wallets** (Container for multiple Credentials)

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity Definitions

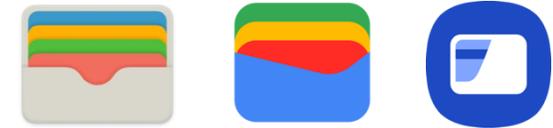
The term Wallet is vague; let's define the relevant terms:

Wallet *(Noun)*

A **wallet** is a container that stores and manages credentials.

- In the physical world: a wallet holds cards (ID card, driver's license, bank card).
- In the digital world: a wallet is a software container that securely stores and presents digital credentials.

In the context of the **EU Digital Identity Wallet (EUDI Wallet)**, a wallet is defined as a tool that allows users to store **identity data** and **electronic attestations of attributes** and to present them securely to relying parties.



Credential *(Noun)*

- a qualification, achievement, quality, or aspect of a person's background, especially when used to indicate their **suitability** for something.
- a document proving a person's identity or qualifications.

Definition as of Oxford Languages

Examples:

- Digital National Identity Document → PID (Personal Identification Data)
- A School / University degree
- A Transcript of Record
- A course micro-credential
- Employee badge
- Student ID badge (→ PID)
- Age verification token
- Payment Card
- Access Key Token

Long-Term vs Short-Term Credentials

Long-Term Credentials

Characteristics:

- Issued once
- Intended to remain valid for a long period
- Represent stable attributes

Examples:

- Birth registration
- Marriage certificate
- **University degree**

They should:

- Be immutable (original statement never changes)
- *Support revocation mechanisms if necessary*

Short-Term Credentials

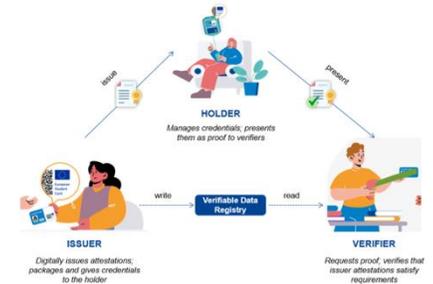
Characteristics:

- Limited validity period (minutes to years)
- Designed for temporary use
- Often revocable or refreshable

Examples:

- National ID Document (PID)
- Driving Licence
- Student ID / Employee Badge
- Access credential / Event ticket

Short-term credentials reduce privacy risks and improve security by limiting exposure.



Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

When you are more interested in Long-term Credentials for Higher Education

→ European Higher Education Interoperability Framework

(<https://education.ec.europa.eu/focus-topics/digital-education/digital-education-hub/workshops-and-working-groups/interoperability-framework>)



- Discover
- **Apply and get recognition**
- Access tools
- Manage educational resources
- Generate data
- **Earn a credential**
- User Identity
- Institutional Identity



Mobile Identity → Digital Identity Definitions

Issuer

- An entity that creates (and cryptographically signs) credentials.

Examples:

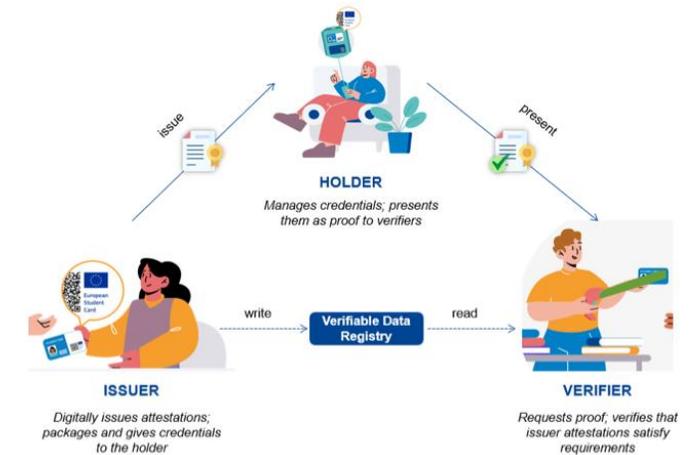
- Government issuing a digital ID
- **University** issuing a diploma credential, a Student ID, and enrollment credential
- Bank issuing a payment credential

Holder

- The person (or organization) who receives and controls the credential in their wallet.
- The holder decides when and to whom a credential is presented.

Verifier / Relying Party

- An entity that checks the data and validity of a credential.
- A **Relying Party** is a service that relies on verified information to provide a service.
- The verifier (with Verifiable Credentials):
 - Validates cryptographic signatures
 - Checks revocation status
 - Evaluates trust anchors



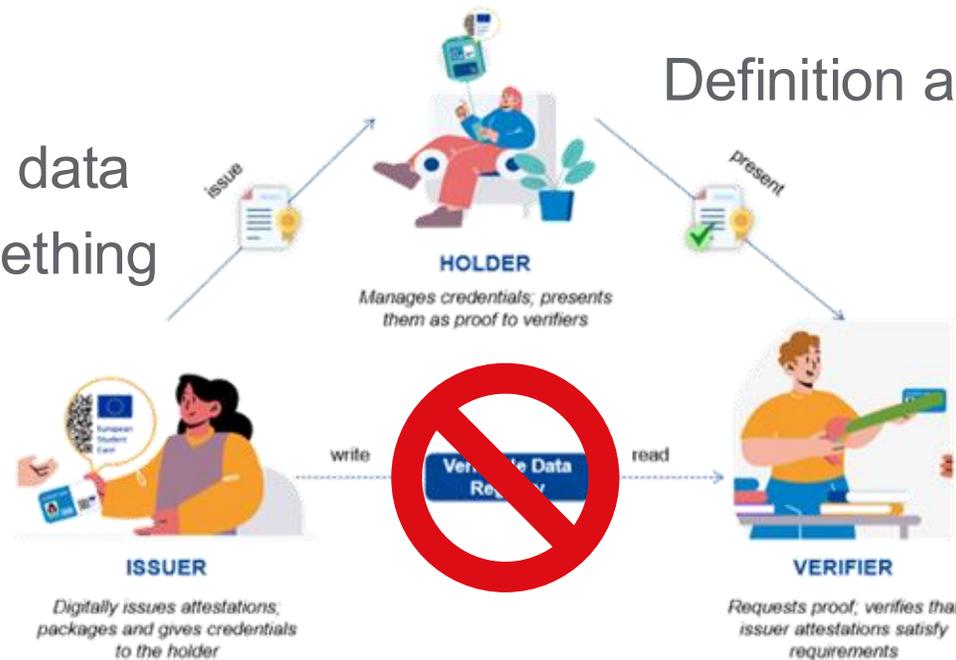
Interoperability *(Noun)*

- The ability of computer systems or software to **exchange and make use of information.**



- Understand the transmitted data
- can use the data to do something

Definition as of Oxford Languages



Campus Card use-case:
Access to on-campus services

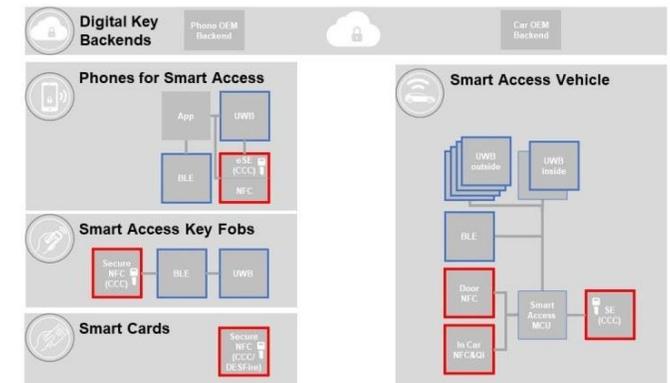
Secure Element

A **Secure Element (SE)** is a tamper-resistant hardware component designed to:

- Store sensitive credentials
- Perform cryptographic operations
- Protect against extraction attacks

Used in:

- Payment credentials (EMV)
- Mobile ID implementations
- Some digital identity wallets



Example: NXP Secure Elements

<https://www.nxp.com/company/about-nxp/smarter-world-blog/BL-HOW-SECURE-ELEMENTS-ENHANCE-DIGITAL-KEYS>

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity Definitions



Types of Wallets (informal, conceptual/didactic):

- Mobile-App Wallets

Examples: Apple Wallet, Google Wallet, Samsung Wallet, national EUDI Wallet apps.

Characteristics:

- Installed as a native mobile app
- Credentials are typically protected by:
 - Secure Element (hardware chip), or
 - Trusted Execution Environment (TEE), or
 - OS-level secure key store
- Often support cloud backup or device migration

- Web-Wallets

Credentials are protected by a cloud-based Secure Element
→ Only online usable

- Vaults (Term normally not used in Digital identity context, but common in ITC → Stores secrets)
An even more protected storage of credentials



Key-Questions:

which credentials do you always carry around?

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Common Verifiable Credential Formats / Protocols for Digital Identities

- ISO/IEC 18013-5 (mDL & mDoc)
- W3C Verifiable Credential Data Model
- SD JWT (EU) JSON-LD

Issuing and Redemption Protocols

- OID4VC (OID4VCI and OID4VP)

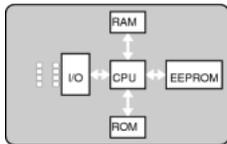
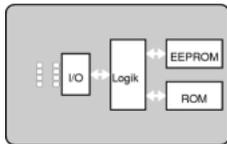


For **proximity** use-cases
NFC / BLE transmission is crucial

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Understand the use-cases and the technical requirements

→ Use-cases defines the required data and data format



→ We tend to try to solve all problems with the tool we have / like

→ But we have a toolbox of technologies available in the wallets

EU Digital Identity Wallet



→ Each credential can define its own data technology / data model

→ A Wallet can hold multiple credentials with multiple technologies

→ Auto-Presentation is the User-Experience enabler

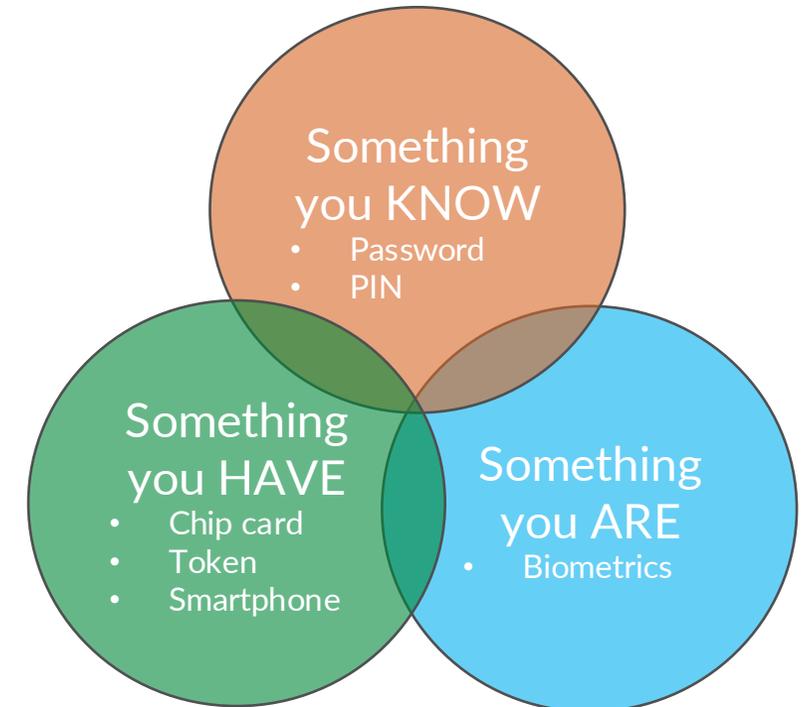


Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Key to all Services → Identification / Authentication

- Triple-A-System
 - (Identification)
 - **Authentication**
 - **Authorization**
 - **Accounting**
- **On-site services access** is about proving your entitlements and identity
- “*something you know*” as an authentication method for on-site service access is not very **efficient**, best combination: “*something we have*” + “*something we are*” → **Medium**: Smartphone **Wallet Passes** + authentication via biometrics

Authentication Factors

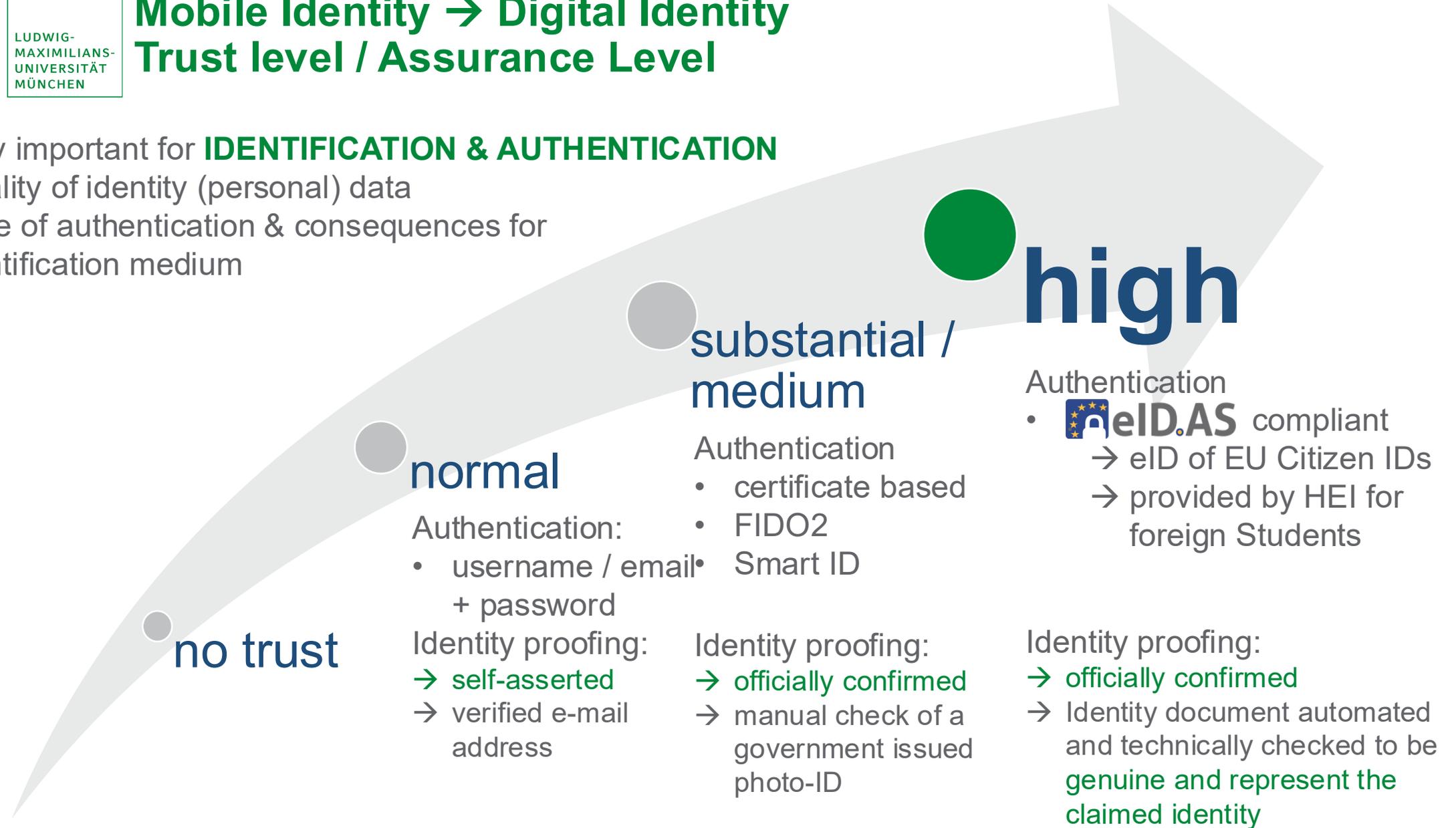


→ We already have a powerful IDM System for **online-services** → **Shibboleth** → **eduGAIN-AAI**

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Trust level / Assurance Level

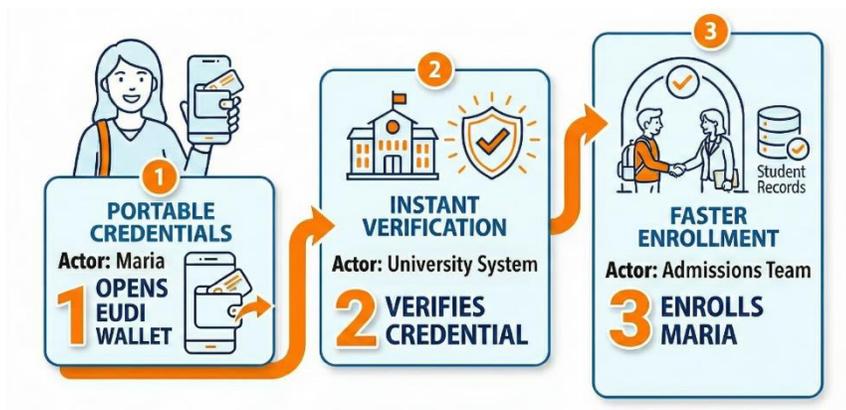
- Very important for **IDENTIFICATION & AUTHENTICATION**
- Quality of identity (personal) data
- Type of authentication & consequences for identification medium



Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Who is the relying party / verifier?

- Cross-organisation verification ← EUDI-Wallet is exactly designed for this process



- Use-Case for the European Student Card

- Within an organisation / a dedicated service-provider issuer relation

→ Campus Cards use-cases

- Library ID
- Canteen Discounts
- Physical Access Control

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity

Verifiable Credential for HEIs (Prototypes)

European Student Card as Verifiable Credential



DC4EU non-foundational Ids

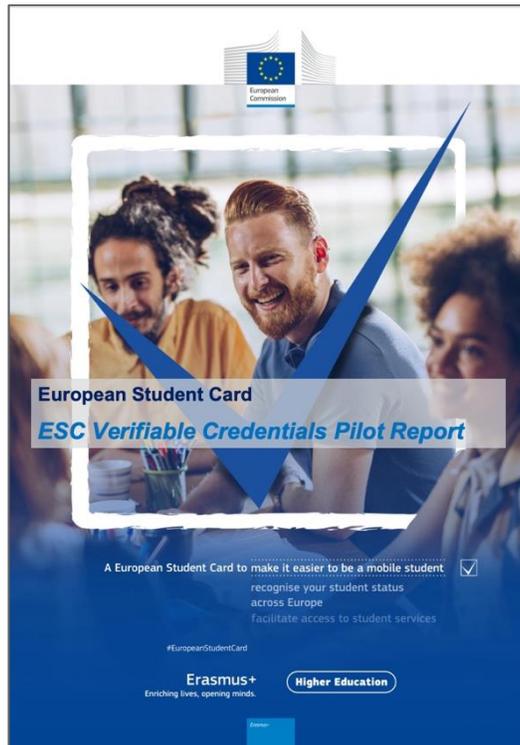
Table with available schemes for non-foundational IDs

Scope	Data model name	Brief explanation	Status/ Detailed explanation	Schema URL	Registry URL
Non-foundational identity	EducationalID	Identifies the natural person in the context of an educational organisation, including national extensions	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	AllianceID	Identifies a student or staff member as affiliated with a European university alliance	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	EuropeanStudentCard	European Student Card for student mobility, based on DG-EAC's service	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	MyAcademicID	Identity credential for student mobility, based on MyAcademicID and eduGAIN infrastructure	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	ProfessionalID	Identity credential for , based on	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	DoctorID	Identity credential for , based on	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry
Non-foundational identity	EngineerID	Identity credential for , based on	Available	Schema	Verifiable Data Registry

<https://github.com/dc4eu/educational-pilot/tree/main/sectorial-eaa-catalogue>

Mobile Identity → Digital Identity European Student Card Verifiable Credential Pilot Report

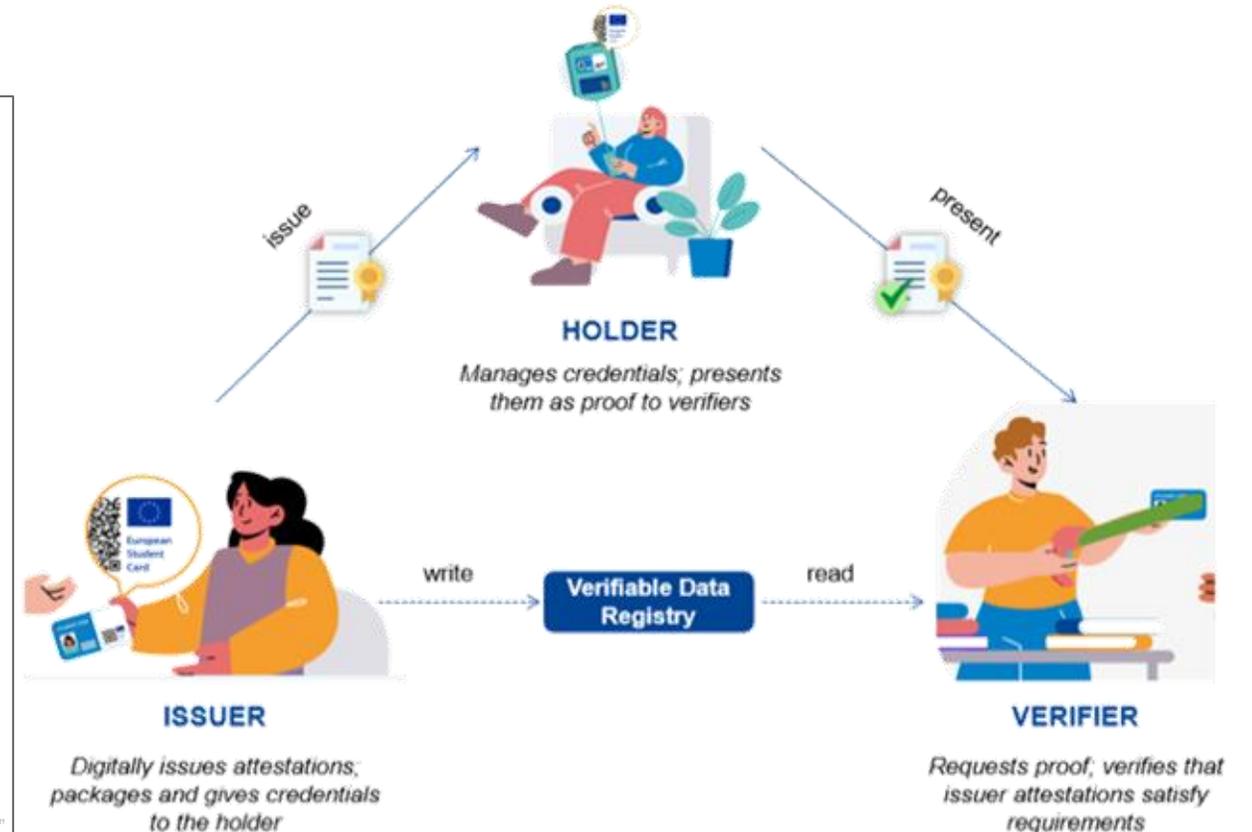
- W3C Verifiable Credential Data Model v1
- ELM (European Learning Model) Based Data Model – Attribute Structure
→ Revocation / Update Process required



ANNEX I: Participating organisations

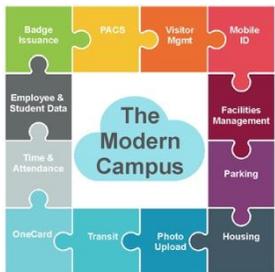
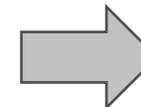
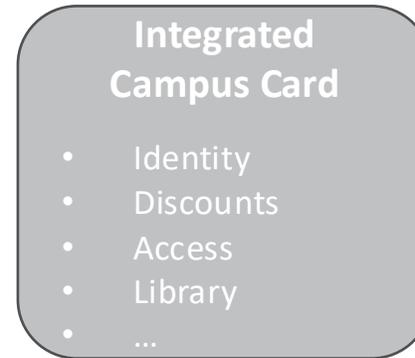
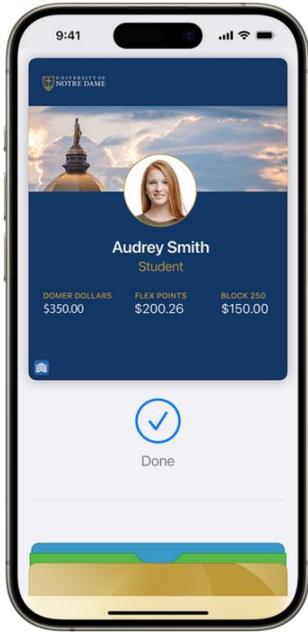
Participating organisations

Organisation	Country
Aegean University	Greece
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	Greece
Freie Universität Berlin (Una Europa alliance)	Germany
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Una Europa alliance)	Belgium
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Germany
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Greece
Politecnico di Milano	Italy
Sikt	Norway
Universidade de Beira Interior	Portugal
Università di Bologna (Una Europa alliance)	Italy
Università di Pavia	Italy
Universitat de Barcelona	Spain
Université de Strasbourg	France

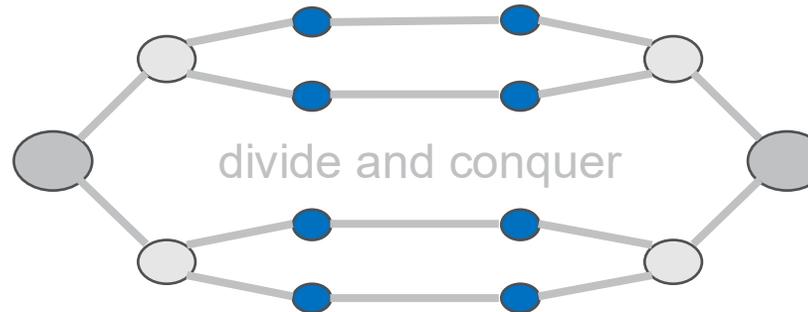


Mobile Identity → Digital Identity → Transition of Credentials (digital and physical)

Ownership?

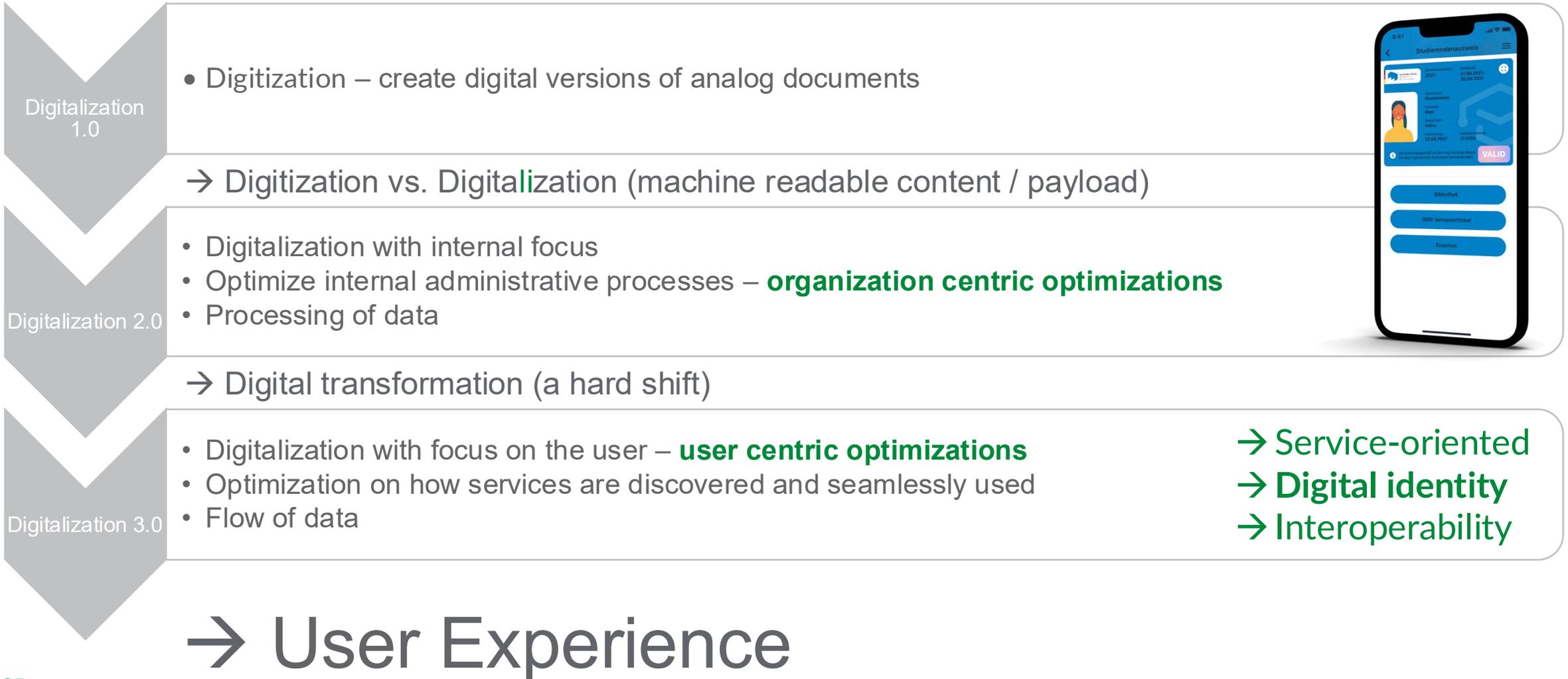


→ Multiple Credentials
→ Micro Credentials



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Stages of Digitalization – Period of Digital transformation



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Kano-Model – Systematic for User Experience & User Satisfaction

Adoption of a Technology depends on

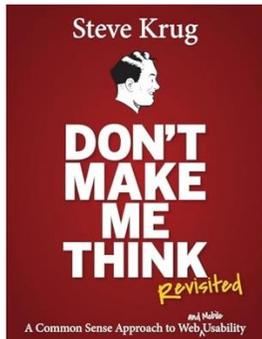
- Does it solve the users / customers needs
- Is the User Experience good enough

Every company gets about three innovation tokens.

Source: Dan McKinley, "Choose Boring Technology"
<http://mcfunley.com/choose-boring-technology>

“Boring” is a good thing - **“Boring” let you get things done**

Same is true for people, if you **need to think** to get something done it costs effort, and energy for other more important things

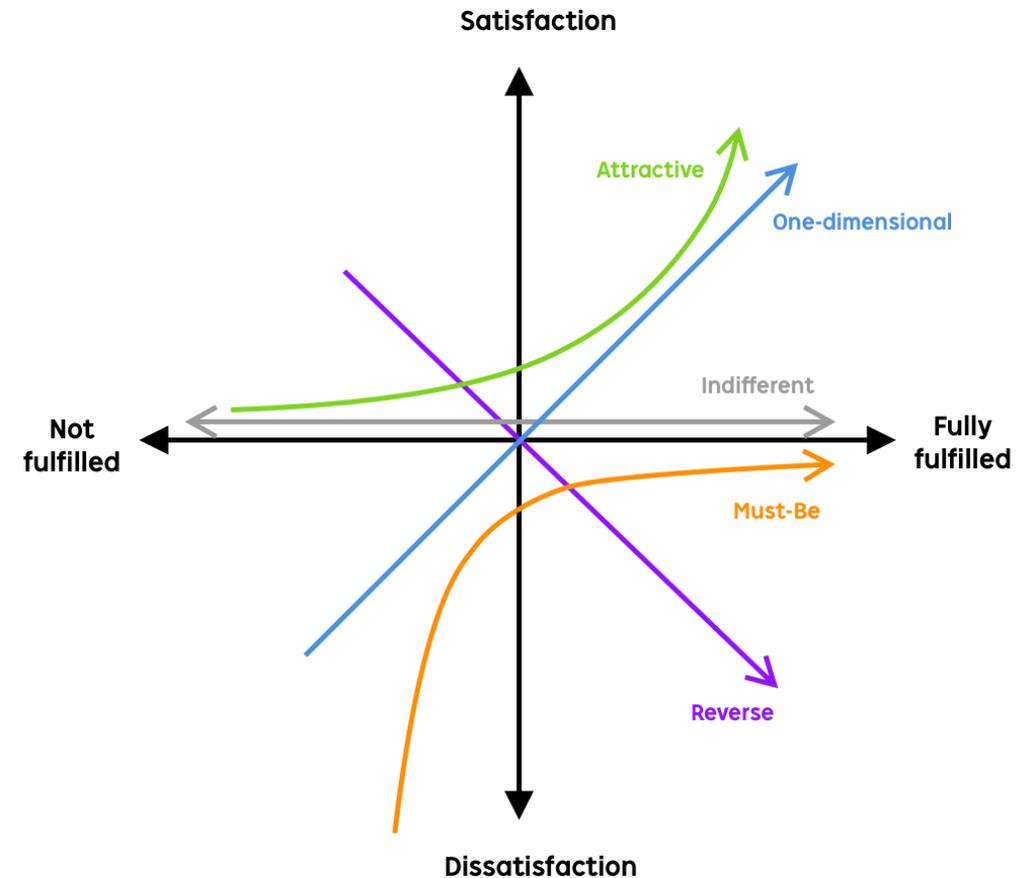


Don't make me Think

→ User Experience is important

You should **NOT** need to care about “boring” and “un-important” stuff

You should be able to **focus on the important** things (studying, learning, researching, ...)



Mobile Identity → Digital Identity Definition of Service (ITIL)

*“A **service** is a means of delivering **value** to customers by facilitating **outcomes** that **customers want to achieve** without the ownership of specific **costs** and **risks**.”*

ITIL Practitioner Guidance

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Campus Cards & eduTAP are about **Service Access** on site (on and off campus)

- For Member of the Higher Education Institution
- For incoming members of other Higher Education Institutions / Partners ← Mobility (short- and long-term)

For the Person **User Experience** is key, it should be as easy and simple as possible

Benchmarks:



WLAN Access



Login to Online Services



Authentication to physical
(on-site) services

→ To access services on site it should be as easy as using the WLAN with *eduroam*



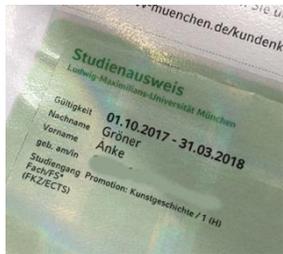
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Transition of credentials into the Smartphone Wallets

The LMU Student ID (over time)

LMU
Student ID
till 2019



LMUcard
Student ID
2019-2025



LMU
Student ID
2025+



today



LMU
Student ID
2027+ ?



- University ID**
(Student / Staff / Affiliate ID)
- ✓ Verifiable Credentials
 - ✓ Selective Disclosure
 - ✓ Zero Knowledge Proofs
 - ✓ Reflection of important Shibboleth attributes

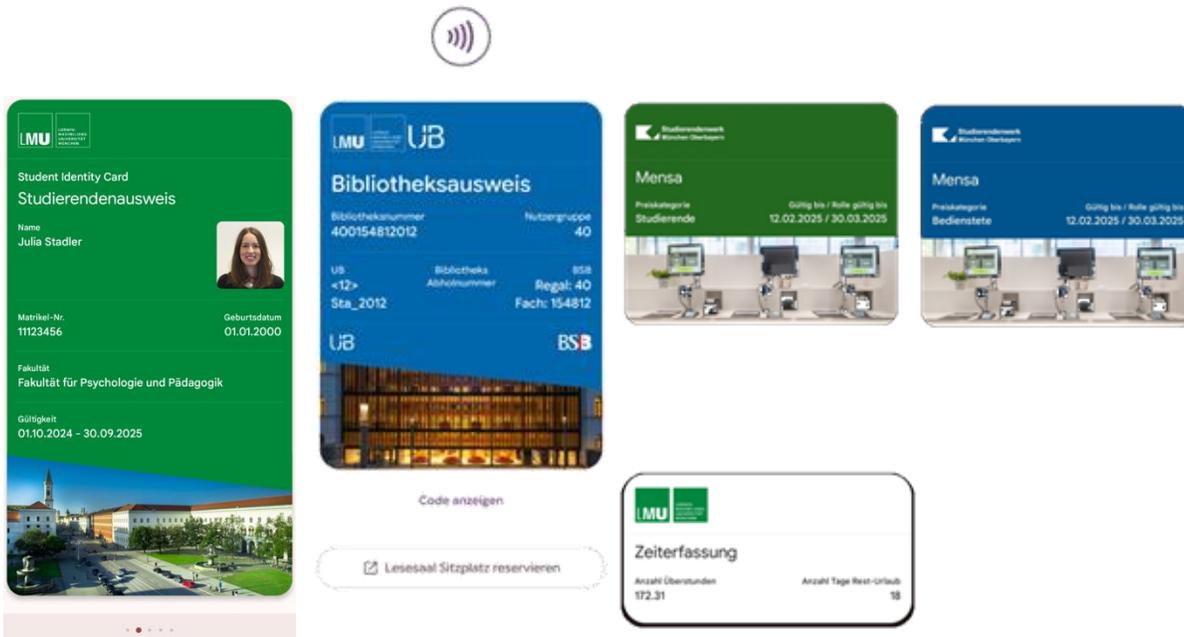
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eduTAP Examples @ LMU Munich

Google Wallet



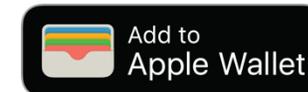
→ all **NFC enabled**



Apple Wallet



→ **NFC enabled** where possible



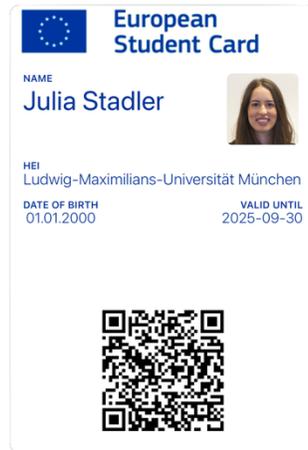
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Example: The European Student Card

The European Student Card (v1.1 new ESC Design)

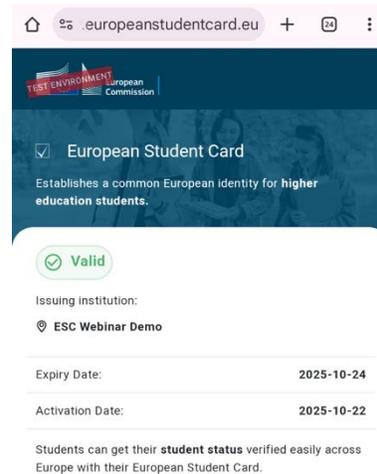


Google



Apple

- ✓ Discounts off-campus
- ✓ European dimension → Erasmus+ marketing
- ✓ Online status verification



(v1.5)



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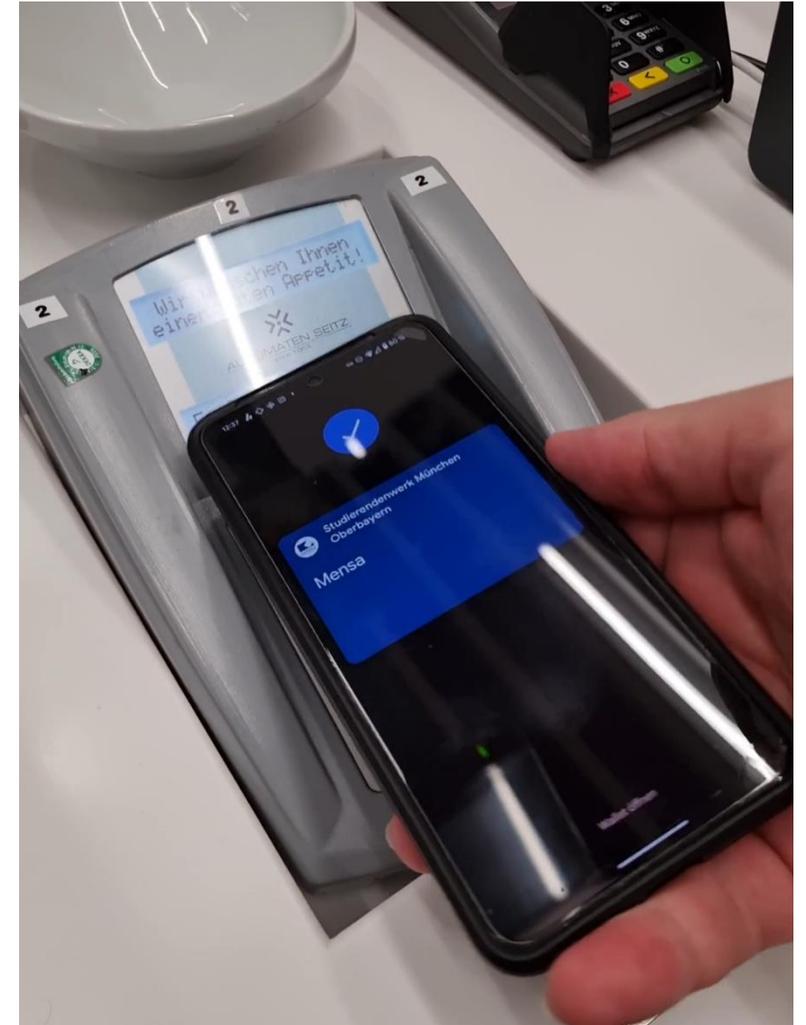
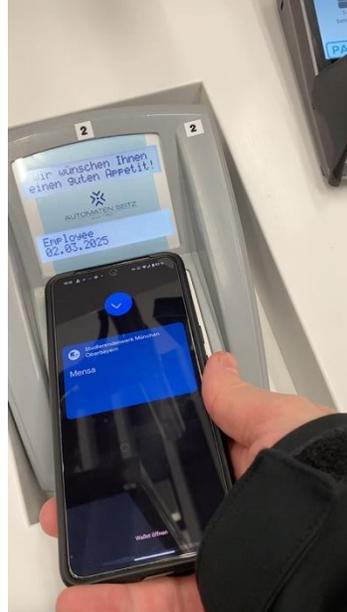
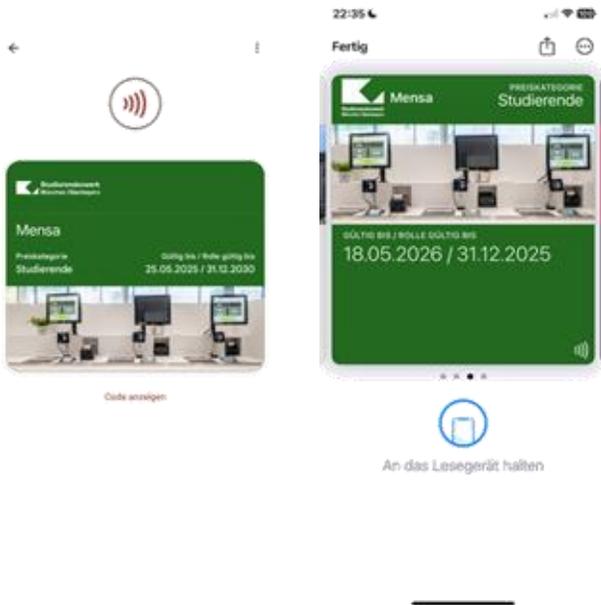
Example: Tap to Pay - Discount-Pass for Canteens

Payment Process in the Mensa



Double Tap:

1. Eligibility verification of status group (Student, Employee, Guest)
→ Discount will be applied
2. Pay with an Open-Loop Bank / Credit-Card



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Example: Tap to open a door (Physical Access Control)

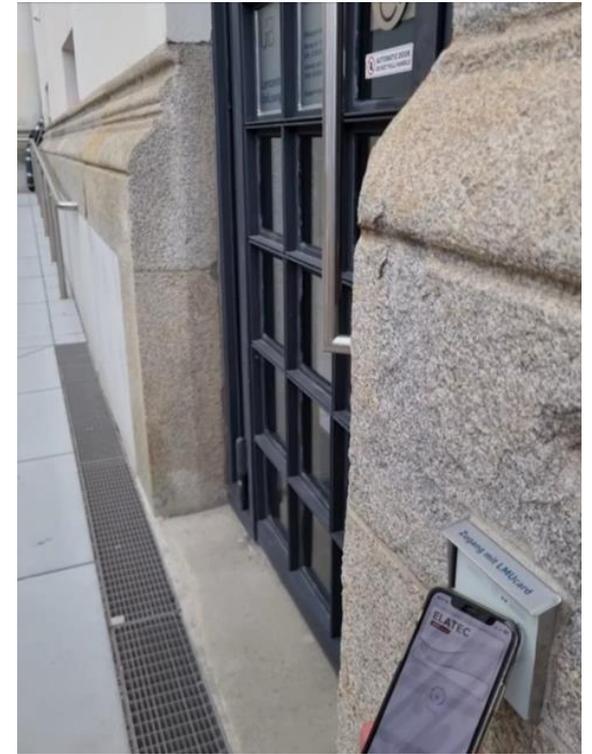
Physical access to the learning spaces



LMUcard



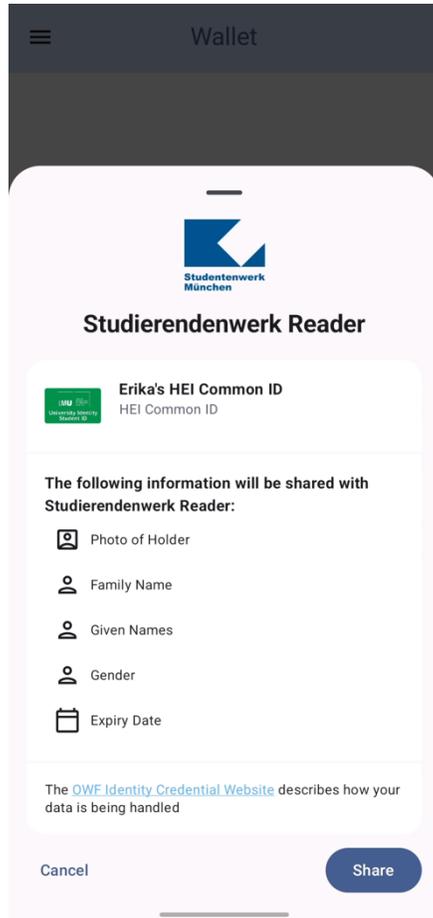
Google Smart Tap



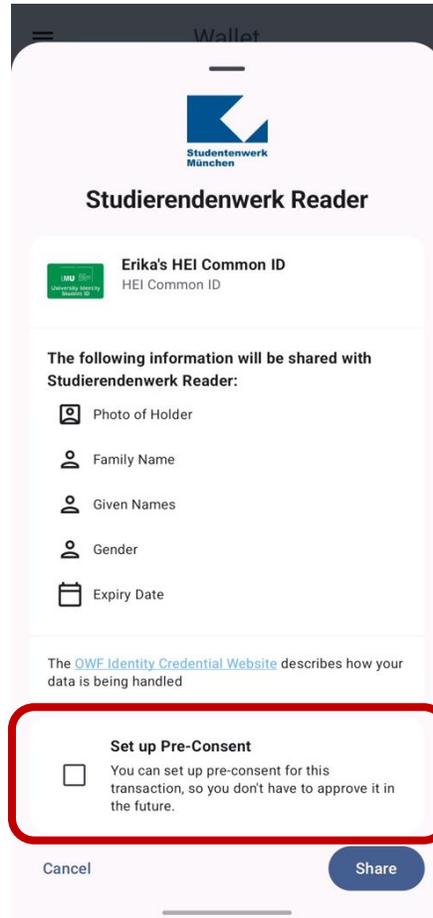
Apple Access

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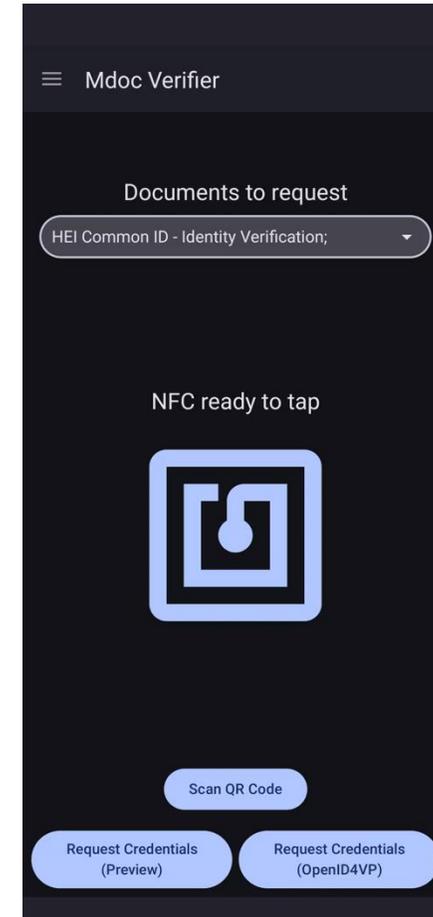
Identity Pass: Path to the best User Experience and Interoperability



Informed Consent



Informed Consent
+ Pre-Consent



Verifier App



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