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# DID COMMUNICATIONS (DIDCOMM) PROTOCOL AS THE *BASIS* FOR A UNIFIED TRUST SPANNING LAYER BASE PROTOCOL



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CHANGE LOG VERSION 0.31 (FINAL 5)

 Rationalized the complete Proposal 4 presentation and nomenclature around the model in Slide 107 WEB 7.0: CELTIC TREE OF LIFE TSL MODEL (LAYER I SERVICES VIEW)



 Added Appendix D: Two-Layer Honey-Peanut Butter-Jelly Model for Trust Spanning Layer Frameworks. See Slide 118

# CHANGE LOG VERSION 0.30 (FINAL 4)

- Appendix A: Added slide Web 7.0: Celtic Tree of Life TSL Model (Trust Foundation Services View). See slide 106
- 2. Appendix C added: Trust Protocol Profile-Trust Spanning Layer Framework: Trust Protocol Profile Example Scenarios. See slide 113
- Appendix C: Added slide Trust Protocol Profile-Trust Spanning Layer Framework: Proposal 4 Assessment. See slide 114
- 4. Appendix C: Added slide Trust Protocol Profile-Trust Spanning Layer Framework: Assessment of Other Proposals. See slide 115

# CHANGE LOG VERSION 0.28 (FINAL 3)

 Appendix B added: Data Replication (Subscribe/Publish) Scenario : Publisher-Notify/Subscriber-Pull Super Protocol. See slide 106.

# CHANGE LOG VERSION 0.27 (FINAL 2)

- Appendix A added: Celtic Tree of Life Trust Spanning Layer Model (Implementation View). See slide 102. Thank you Joe Spencer for the feedback.
- Clarification: While DIDComm Message Attachments are formally part of (in-scope for) Proposal 4, Verifiable Credentials, a specific category of attachment, only represent one type of DIDComm Message Attachment (that is used for illustration purposes). The content/payload of a DIDComm Message Attachment can be anything (e.g. mDLs, Microsoft Office documents, XML documents, images/photos, etc.). Thank you Wenjing Chu for asking for this clarification.
- 3. Attachments can be imbedded in a DIDComm Message or external to a DIDComm Message (attached "by reference"). See slide 69.
- 4. "Verifiable Credential Sender-Receiver Model" renamed to "Credential Sender-Receiver Pattern".
- Slide 85 added: Side Bar: Web 7.0 DIDComm DID Registry Gateway: Automatic Agent Code Generation. A response to the question about Hyperledger vs W3C DID Resolution protocol support.

# SINGULAR PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL 4 CONTRIBUTION AND TODAY'S PRESENTATION

- To table the complete Proposal 4 story end-to-end supporting the following proposition:
  - DID Communications (DIDComm) Protocol as the basis for a Unified Trust Spanning Layer Base Protocol

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	ToIP Layer 2 Trusted Spanning Protocol Accessment Checklist						
	TAS Req #	Requirement	Section	Brian Richter's DIDComm V2 Comments	Daniel's DIDComm v2 Comments	Overall Assessment	
L	.2.1	A ToIP Endpoint System MUST communicate with another ToIP Endpoint System using the ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol.	7.	to DIDComm	yes	Meets requirement	
L	.2.2	A ToIP identifier MUST be unique within the context in which it is used for identification.	8.2	DIDs are used so yes they have this property	yes	Meets requirement	Submitted to the lask
L	2.3	A ToIP identifier MUST be a verifiable identifier, i.e., verifiably bound to at least one set of cryptographic keys discoverable via an associated discovery protocol.	<u>8.2</u>	Any DID method with the ability to have a serviceEndpoint can talk didcomm	yes	Meets requirement	Force red. 24. 2023
L	.2.4	A ToIP identifier SHOULD be a decentralized identifier, i.e., a verifiable identifier that does not require registration with a centralized authority.	8.2	YES requirement of didcomm	yes	Meets requirement	
Ĺ	2.5	A ToIP identifier SHOULD be an autonomous identifier, i.e., a decentralized identifier that is self- certifying and fully portable.	<u>8.2</u>	I don't think this is met by didcomm as many did methods that are acceptable do not meet this requirement	yes. DIDComm supports this but doesn't require it	Meets requirement	
Ĺ	.2.6	A ToIP identifier SHOULD support rotation of the associated cryptographic keys for the lifetime of the identifier.	8.2	DID methods that include key rotation can be used.	yes	Meets requirement	_
L	2.7	A ToIP identifier MAY also support rotation to an entrely different ToIP identifier that can be cryptographically verified to be a synonym of the original ToIP identifier.	<u>8.2</u>	You can move a thread to a new DID entirely using the 'from_prior' property https://identity.foundation /didcomm- messaging/spec/#did- rotation	yes. DIDComm supports this, and AFAIK is the only tech that does so.	Meets requirement	
ī	.2.8	A ToIP identifies SHOULD support the ability to: a) associate the identifier with the network address of one or more ToIP Systems that can deliver to one or more Endpoint Systems under the focus of control of the ToIP identifier controller, and, b) if desired by the controller, enable that association to be discoverable.	8.2	Yes, service endpoints in DID document	yes	Meets requirement	
	2.9	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol specification MUST define how to construct and format messages that are crybographically verifiable to have the following four properties: (1) Authenticity: the message was sent from a sender who has control over the ToIP identifier. (2) Integrity: the contents of the message transmitted by the sender are received by the recipient without modification. (3) Confidentiality: the contents of the message are only accessible by authorized parties. (4) Privacy: the contents of the message are bound to conditions of usage agreed to by the parties	8.3	Definitely meets authenticity, integrity and confidentiality using auth- crypt. Not much in place re: message usage	Yes on the first 3. DICComm doesn't have a defined strategy for #4, but has all the plumbing to easily create it. Wri to point 4, this is handled by a DICComm Protocol (a co- protocol (aka super protocol) derived from the base protocol).	Meets requirement	01

TAS Req #	Requirement	Section	Brian Richter's DIDComm V2 Comments	Daniel's DIDComm v2 Comments	Overall Assessment	Com
L2.10	In a ToIP Endpoint System, an implementation of the ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support authenticity and integrity.	8.3	Yes, authcrypt	yes	Meets requirement	Submitted
L2.11	In a ToIP Endpoint System, an implementation of the ToIP Trust Spaning Protocol MAY support confidentiality and privacy.	8.3	Yes, encryption for confidentiality but privacy could be improved (lacks message usage terms)	yes. This is not a requirement of DIDComm, but rather of the implementations. A full implementation of the DIDComm spec would require support for confidentiality, but the DIDComm spec doesn't actually say if lesser implementations are still considered conformant.	Meets requirement	
L2.12	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST enable the composition of higher-level Trust Task Protocols (such features as co-protocols).	8.3	Yes, didcomm protocols on top of didcomm are used for this	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.13	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support extensible message schema.	8.3	Yes	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.14	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support resolution of ToIP identifiers to: a) the network addresses of receiving Endpoint Systems, and b) any required cryptographic keys.	8.4	Yes, DID resolution with service blocks and verification methods	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.15	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support transport of messages via ToIP Layer 1 interfaces.	8.4	Yes	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.16	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support delivery of messages to the Layer 2 interface of the Endpoint System of the ultimate receiver of the message.	8.4	Yes	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.17	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support delivery of messages via Intermediary Systems.	8.4	Yes, DIDComm routes through mediators when required	yes	Meets requirement	
L2.18	The ToIP Trust Spanning Protocol MUST support confidentiality with regard to the metadata required	8.4	Uses routing "layers" similar to an onion so only relevant parties can see	yes	Meets requirement	



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### **PROPOSAL 4**

- I. Proposal 4 Background
- 2. Proposal 4 Examples
- 3. Proposal 4 Summary: Recommendation for VI Standardization
- 4. Proposal 4 Definitions and Drill-down
  - i. Web 7.0 <u>Celtic Tree of Life</u> Trust Spanning Layer Model: Super Protocols, Base Protocols, and Subprotocols
  - ii. Credential Sender-Receiver Pattern
  - iii. Layer I Trust Foundation Services
  - iv. Trust Tasks Super Protocols & Overlays
- 5. Conclusion: Recommendation for VI Standardization

<sup>1</sup> This presentation has lots of detail, but the goal is to present these concepts at an <u>Awareness level</u>.

<sup>2</sup>Web 7.0 tagline: Take what you need; leave the rest



WHAT IS WEB 7.0?

Web 7.0 is a unified software and hardware ecosystem for building resilient, trusted, decentralized systems using decentralized identifiers, DIDComm agents, and verifiable credentials.

Take what you need; leave the rest.

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# **PROPOSAL 4 BACKGROUND**

**DIDCOMM BASICS** 

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# **REST/HTTP AGENT-TO-AGENT COMMUNICATION**







# DIDCOMM NETWORK LAYER 4 DEMO CHAT/DIDCOMM/HTTP/NETWORK + VC ATTACHMENTS



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# **PROPOSAL 4 EXAMPLES**

IIW36 DEMOS: WEB 7.0 DIDCOMM-ARM AND CREDENTIAL SENDER-RECEIVER PATTERN















## **PROPOSAL 4 SUMMARY** Proposal 4 (as presented in this version of the Proposal 4 presentation) is a: Compelling story (with irrefutable evidence and examples) supporting the selection of DID Communications (DIDComm) Protocol Credential Sender-Receiver Pattern as the basis for the Unified Trust Spanning Layer Base Protocol for any and all decentralized ecosystems Web 7.0 DIDComm Architecture Reference Model (DIDComm-ARM) • ToIP Technical Architecture Specification (ToIP TAS), Etc. Dan Proposal #4 to ToIP TSP TF 0.8: Web 7.0 Trust Spanning Layer Framework++ (Summary Presentation) #27 mwherman2000 3 weeks ago · 7 comments · 9 replies es that clear. I dhh1128 5 days ago (Maintainer ··· 😳 believe that DIDComm v2 ticks all the boxes, and I like Michael's proposal because I think it makes ent-5240938 that clear. I can hardly say otherwise, since it's something I poured my heart and soul into<mark>. However,</mark> that does not mean I think it is optimal, which is why I didn't just recommend it in its current form.

# PROPOSAL 4 DEFINITIONS AND DRILL-DOWN

- Web 7.0 Celtic Tree of Life Trust Spanning Layer Model: Super Protocols, Base Protocols, and Subprotocols
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Attachments DIDComm CREDENTIAL SENDER-RECEIVER PATTERN Messaging TRUST SPANNING LAYER BASE PROTOCOL **REST/HTTP** TCP/IP Receiver Agent (Inbound Processing) Sender Agent (Outbound Processing) DIDComm A Candidate Model **DIDComm** Protocol as the basis for the Unified Trust Spanning Layer Base Protocol DIDComm Message Attachment (Business Card Verifiable Credential) A \*Verifiable Credentials are used for illustrative purposes only. 56















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Tr	ust Tasks Super Protocol Use Cases	RES
١.	Secure, private, asynchronous agent to agent communication (one-way and full duplex)	
2.	A sample/simple procurement business process workflow (RFQ, PO, Waybill, Shipping Noti Delivery Confirmation, Invoice, Payment Confirmation,)	ificatio
3.	Issuer-Holder-Verifier Model	
4.	Issue Purchase Order	
5.	Issue Vaccination Record	
6.	Message, Credential Attachment, A2A Message Transport, and Trust System Interop (4-Cor	ner M
Tr	ust Foundation Services Subprotocol Use Cases	
7.	DID Resolution via L2 TSP (4 standard DID Resolution methods running over L2 TSP)	





# TRUST TASKS SUPER PROTOCOL OVERLAYS (SPECIALIZATIONS)

A specific Trust Tasks Super Protocol Overlay (Specialization) includes (among other things):

- 1. Select basis protocol to overlay: the Base Protocol or a particular Super Protocol/Subprotocol
- 2. Additional process-specific messages formats/schemas
- 3. Additional process-specific (or generic standardized) message attachments schemas
- 4. Override inbound & outbound message processing overlay phases (if required)
- 5. Override specific executable business process workflow template (e.g an OASIS BPMN process workflow template serialized in the OASIS BPMN defined XML serialization format)
- 6. Additional governance such as business rules, policies, procedures, process (3P) documentation
- 7. (Optionally) Trust/security/privacy policies for external attachments (see next slide)

Assumption: the Receiver and Sender agents each have an embedded or decentralized workflow engine available to run the business process workflows (true in Web 7.0).





EMBEDDED ATTACHMENTS vs. EXTERNAL ATTACHMENTS	TrustTasks Super Protocol Attachments DIDComm Messaging
<ol> <li>Embedded Attachments – the attachment content (bytes) is attached to a message by embedding the content directly as a subelement of the message.</li> </ol>	REST/HTTP
<ul> <li>For embedded attachments, trust/security/privacy can be handled by:</li> <li>a) the attachment format (e.g. as a verifiable credential), and</li> <li>b) the attachment format wrapped by message format (e.g. DIDComm Message auth-encryption</li> </ul>	))
<ul> <li>2. External Attachments – the attachment content (bytes) is stored independently of (e to) the message. The attachment content is "attached" to a message by reference (e.g. a URL message subelement that dereferences to a blob stored on IPFS)</li> <li>Referenced attachments: trust/security/privacy is specified using a Trust Tasks Trust Tasks su</li> </ul>	xternal
<ul> <li>protocol</li> <li>While trust/security/privacy of the message (containing the reference to the attachment) is by the Trust Spanning Layer Base Protocol, trust/security/privacy of the external attachment path) is specified/handled by a Trust Tasks Trust Tasks super protocol (signal/control path)</li> </ul>	s handled t (data 72

# ISSUER-HOLDER-VERIFIER MODEL TRUST TASKS SUPER PROTOCOL

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# APPENDIX A

Web 7.0 <u>Celtic Tree of Life</u> Trust Spanning Layer Model: Implementation View and Layer I Trust Foundation Services View









# EFFECTIVE PROTOCOL DIAGRAMS DEPICT PROTOCOLS AS A SET PROTOCOL PATHS BETWEEN PAIRS OF SOFTWARE INTERFACES



# APPENDIX C

Trust Protocol Profile-Trust Spanning Layer Framework: **Trust Protocol Profile Example Scenarios** 

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# TRUST PROTOCOL PROFILE-TRUST SPANNING LAYER FRAMEWORK: TRUST PROTOCOL PROFILE EXAMPLE SCENARIOS

\* A Trust Protocol Profile defines a protocol configuration for communication between a pair of software agents. Interoperability is achieved using the Base-Protocol 4-corner interoperability model.

Verifiable Identifier Specification B

Verifiable Identifier Registry Protocol B

Verifiable Identifier Registry B

ſ	Trust Protocol Profile X			
	Verifiable Messaging Protocol (L2 Base)	Identifier Service A (LI Sub)	Payload Service A (LI Sub/L3 Super)	
	Verifiable Message Format(s) e.g. DIDComm/HTTP Messages e.g. DIDComm/AnyTransport Messages	Verifiable Identifier Specification A Verifiable Identifier Registry A Verifiable Identifier Registry Protocol A	e.g.Verifiable Credential Specif e.g. Credential Sender-Receive (L3)	
(	Trust Protocol Profile Y			
	Non-Verifiable Messaging Protocol (12 Base)	Identifier Service B (LI Sub)	Payload Service B (LI Sub/L3 Super)	

- e.g. mDL Specification (L1)
- e.g. Credential Sender-Receiver Pattern

Verifiable Credential Specification (L1) Credential Sender-Receiver Pattern

(L3)

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Non-Verifiable Message Format(s)

e.g. REST/AnyTransport Messages

e.g. REST/HTTP Messages

# TRUST PROTOCOL PROFILE-TRUST SPANNING LAYER FRAMEWORK: PROPOSAL 4 ASSESSMENT

Proposal	Profile	Messaging Protocol Stack	Message Format	Identity System	Message Payloads (Attachments)
Proposal 4	4A	Verifiable Messaging Protocol: - Attachments - DIDComm Messaging - REST/HTTP - Any Transport (e.g. HTTP)	DIDComm AuthEncrypt Verifiable Messages	DID-CORE: - DIDs - Service Endpoints - DID Documents - DID Registry	Verifiable Credentials V2
	4B		w/Embedded and/or External Attachments		mDLs, X.509 Certificates,
	4C	Non-Verifiable Messaging Protocol: - Basic Messaging - REST/HTTP - Any Transport (e.g. HTTP)	Non-Verifiable Plain Text Messages (e.g. JSON) w/Embedded Attachments		Office Documents, PDF files,
	4D				XML Data, CSV files, UBL Business Documents, <sub>15</sub>

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# TRUST PROTOCOL PROFILE-TRUST SPANNING LAYER FRAMEWORK: ASSESSMENT OF OTHER PROPOSALS

Proposal	Profile	Messaging Protocol Stack	Message Format	Identity System	Message Payloads (Attachments)			
Proposal 3	3A	?	?	?	?			
Proposal 2	2A	?	?	?	?			
Proposal I	IA	?	?	?	?			
* Admissibility of Proposals 1, 2, and 3 is indeterminant => Withdraw these proposals from further consideration (allow for resubmission)								

# APPENDIX D Two Layer Honey-Peanut Buffer-Jelly Model for Trust Spanning Layer Frameworks

# WEB 7.0 TWO-LAYER HONEY-PEANUT BUTTER-JELLY (HPBJ) MODEL FOR TRUST SPANNING LAYER FRAMEWORKS



