

CREDENTIAL

Secure Cloud Identity Wallet



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Secure Identity Services within the Cloud

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Motivation



- In traditional IDaaS systems **an IdP has full access to the user's identity data.**
- The shift of such services into the cloud **discloses sensible user data** to the cloud provider.
- **User's privacy is compromised**, and legal issues and challenges for service providers may arise.
- Invention of *proxy-re-encryption* and *redactable signature algorithms* → **outsource an IdP into a cloud environment without disclosing the processed data to the cloud provider.**
- ***Novel cryptographic technologies, but not yet included in market-ready products.***

Challenges for Cloud IdM



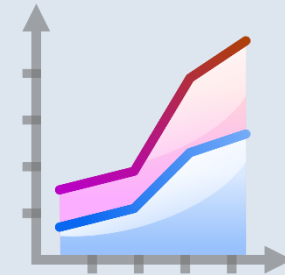
- **IAM towards cloud steadily growing**
 - ✓ *MarketsandMarkets*: USD 5.13 billion (2013) to USD 10.39 billion (2015)
 - ✓ *Gartner*: IDMaas on of the top 3 most sought after services (2014)
 - ✓ *Forrester*: USD 2.6 billion (2006) to USD 12.3 billion (2014)

- **For private sector already a big market**

- *Facebook, Google, Microsoft, ...*

- **Identity data is a critical information asset**

- Data accessible by cloud service provider
 - Owner not in full control of data



e2e encryption for cloud identity data needed



Goal

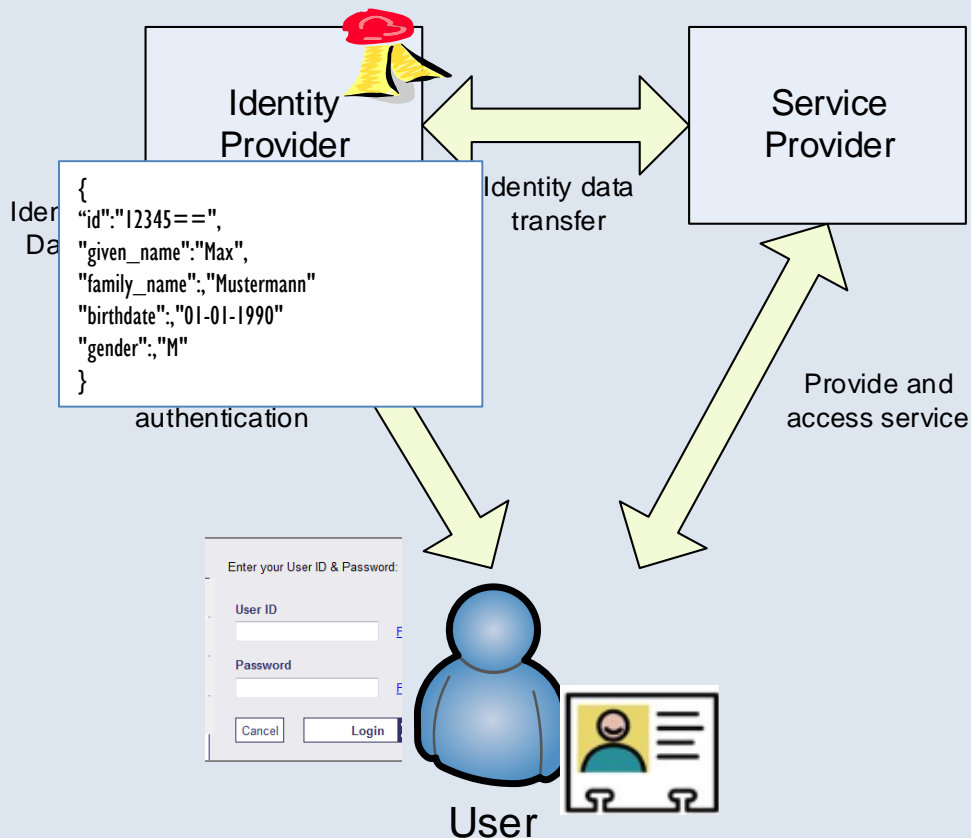
❖ *Create a data-sharing and IAM platform in the cloud, which increases the security and privacy level compared to already existing solutions by using cryptographic primitives.*

❑ **Main features & benefits offered**

- **Store and view** personal data in the wallet
- **Share** personal data with other participants
- **Using** Wallet as IAM system for accessing other services
- **Hide** information in documents to other participants **while still guaranteeing** the authenticity of the revealed data
- ✓ **Increased flexibility**
- ✓ **High security & strong authenticity guarantees**

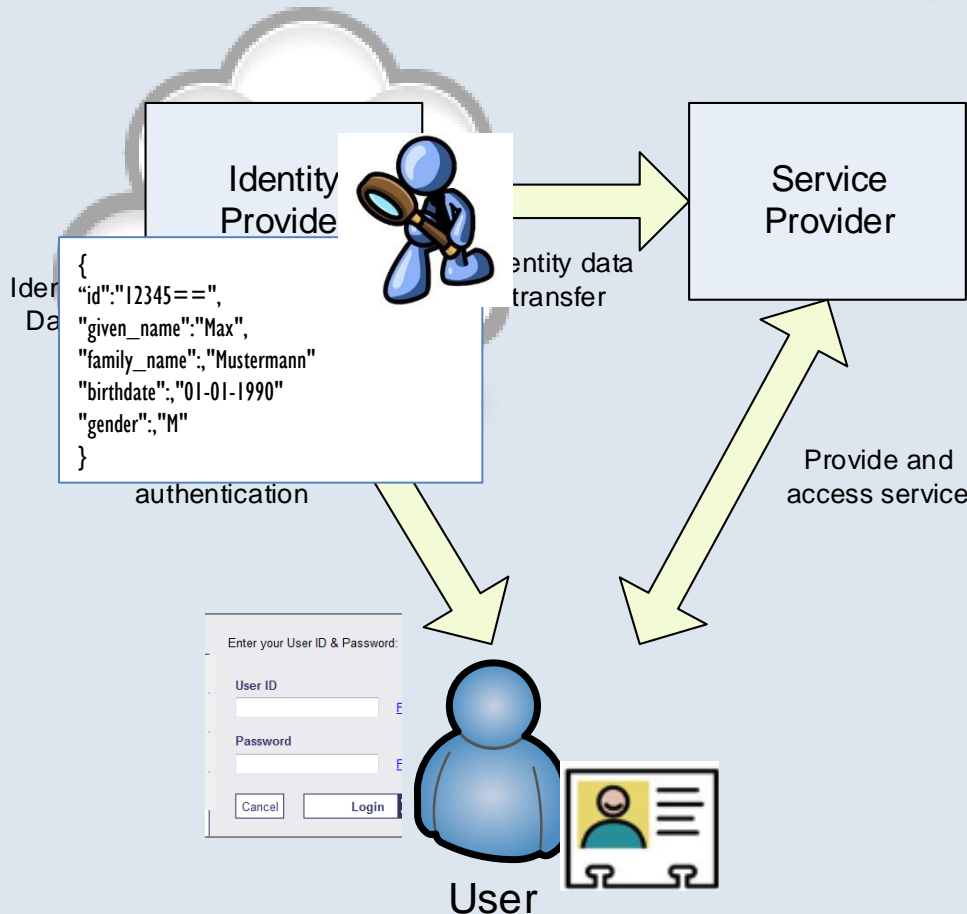
The **main idea and ambition** of CREDENTIAL is to enable **end-to-end security** and **improved privacy** in **cloud identity management** services for managing **secure access control**. This is achieved by advancing **novel cryptographic technologies** and improving **strong authentication** mechanisms.

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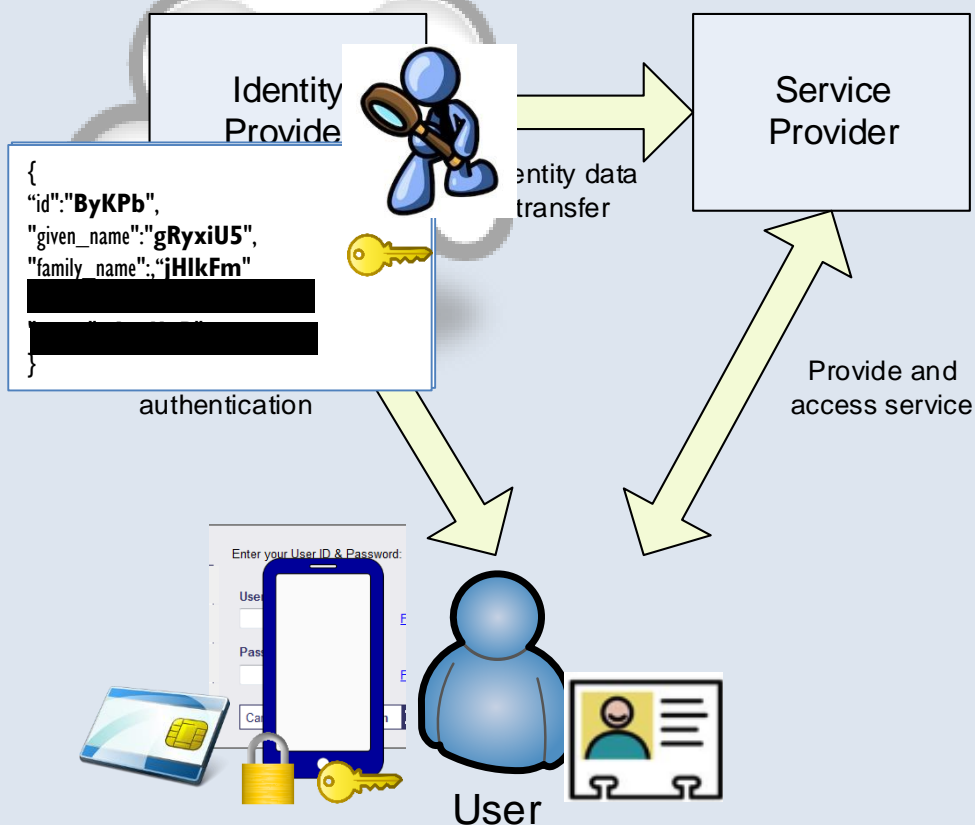
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 - **Strong Authentication**

Technological Context



➤ **Encrypted identity data**

- Encrypt data in a way that we can selectively reveal parts of it to different service providers
- Identity provider should learn none of the attributes (identity data)
- Apply proxy re-encryption

➤ **Malleable signatures**

- Identity provider should be able to verify that attributes are authentic
- When using conventional signature schemes removing attributes invalidates the signature
- Apply malleable signatures (e.g., redactable signatures)

➤ **Strong HW-based authentication mechanisms**

- Two-Factor authentication instead of username/password
- Inclusion of strong hardware-based approaches incorporated in client devices



CREDENTIAL Ecosystem



➤ CREDENTIAL Wallet:

- **Stores** user data and identity data in a secure cloud.
- A cloud platform **enabling** others sharing user data with other participants or service provider, in a secure way and preserving user privacy.
- **Comprises** an IAM system, **performing** authentication and **providing** authorization to access those data.

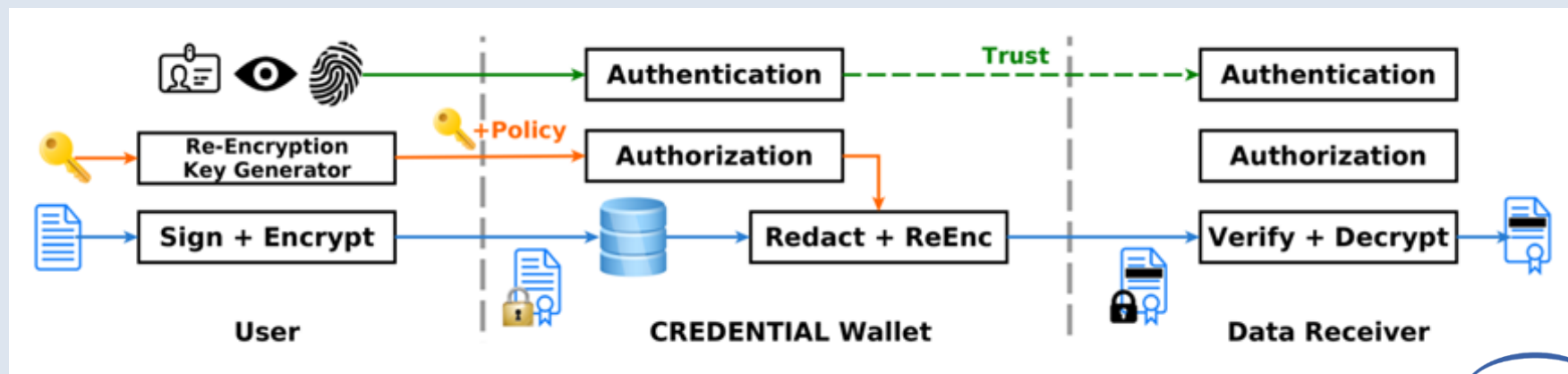
Main advantages:

- ✓ Proxy re-encryption system does not expose plain data.
 - ➔ **data confidentiality**
- ✓ Once a re-encryption key is available for some specific set of data as specified by the user, *these data can be shared with specified receivers even if the user or his/her client application are not available.*

CREDENTIAL Ecosystem (cont.)



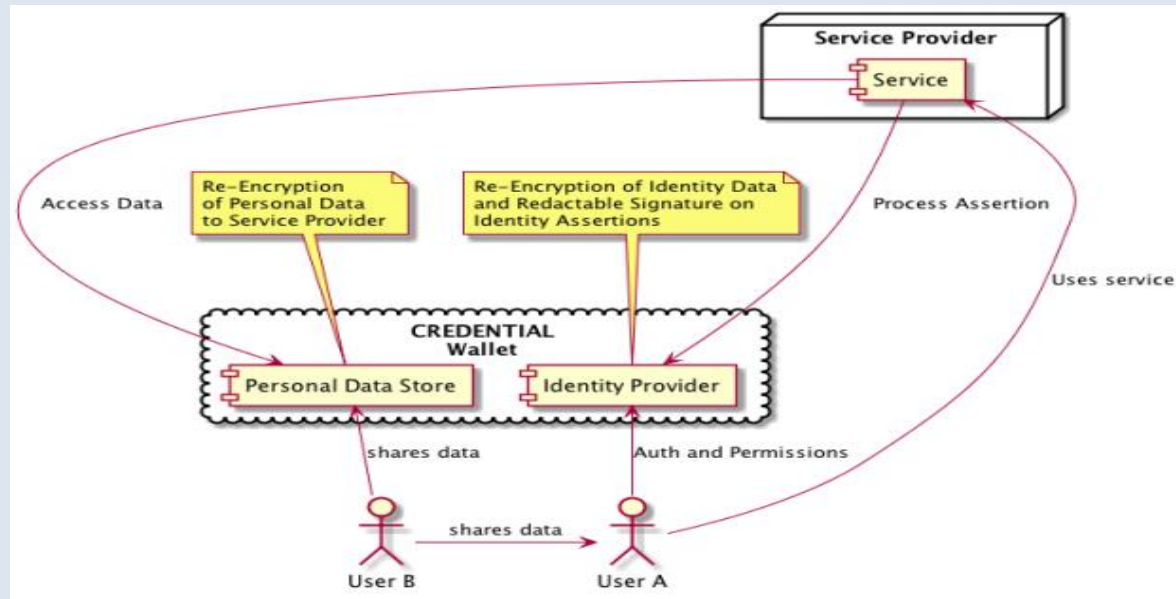
- An **external Identity Provider** can be embedded to offer authentication functionality for end-users.
- The **end-user**
 - **owns** data securely stored or shared with other account-holders
 - **has** the absolute control over the data flow of his/her personal and sensitive data
 - a *client application handles* cryptographic operations involving the user's private key
- The **data receiver** reaches data stored in or authentication assertions and can perform arbitrary data processing
 - *another CREDENTIAL user*
 - *or a service provider*



CREDENTIAL Ecosystem (cont.)



- A *user* can **store any personal information** safely in the cloud and **decide to share** such information with other users by providing a *forward rule* in the Wallet.
- The *other user* is able to **read the data without** any more user **interaction from data owner**, because the *wallet can process the forward rule*. Since the data is encrypted, the wallet has to **re-encrypt** the data for the other user. **Thus, the data is never disclosed** for the wallet provider by design.
- Users can also **share their data with service providers**.



Data Sharing Process



1. The user **authenticates** at the Wallet **to get read and write permission** to her Wallet account, which are used to upload signed and encrypted data.
2. To later **share** this **data**, the user **generates a re-encryption key** towards a selected data receiver in her trusted domain. Along with this key, the user **defines a policy** *defining which data may be disclosed to which entity* and **installs it at the Wallet**.
3. When an authorized receiver tries to access the user's data, **not required parts are redacted** and the **remaining parts are transformed** into cipher-text for the data receiver **by using the re-encryption key**.
4. Finally, the data receiver is able to **decrypt the data and verify the signature** on the disclosed parts.

Functionalities



- **Account Management**

- **Enabling users to create a new account** that involves the creation of its proxy-re-encryption enabled key material and an account association on the CREDENTIAL Wallet.
- **Users can perform various management functionalities** (*e.g., showing an activity protocol on its data or delegate access rights to its data*).

- **Identity Management**

- **Integrating identity data stored within the CREDENTIAL Wallet in the authentication mechanisms towards other service providers.**
- **Securely sharing the identity data** in the CREDENTIAL Wallet.

- **Data Sharing**

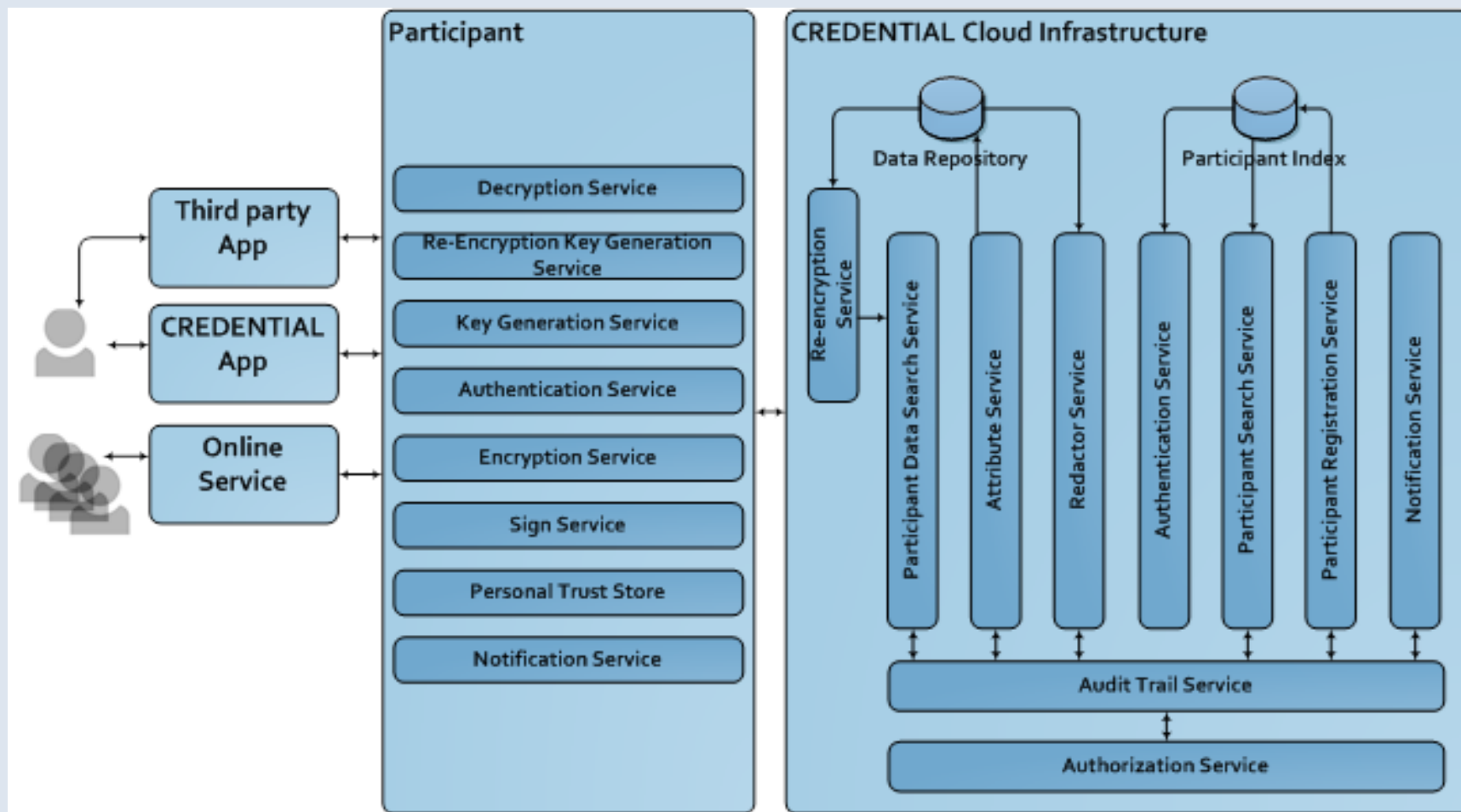
- **Storing, reading, sharing of user data** that is assigned to the CREDENTIAL Wallet.

Services



- ✓ **Cryptographic Services:** Related to the management of cryptographic material and its usage to protect data.
- ✓ **Data Management:** Management of the data and the policies to access it.
- ✓ **Account and Identity Management Services:** Credentials, accounts and identity and attributes management.
 - *Account management:* Handling the life-cycle of CREDENTIAL accounts.
 - *Access management:* Controlling the access to the users' data by managing and evaluating requests against user-defined policies.
- ✓ **Auditing & Notification:**
 - *Auditing:* Stores information regarding attempted access and authorizations to access stakeholders' data, in compliance with current legislation framework and privacy requirements.
 - *Notification:* Recognizing events happening on the CREDENTIAL Wallet and notifying users according to their preferences (*customize notification settings*)

Services (cont.)



Conclusions & Future Work

- ✓ Main functionalities of the CREDENTIAL system, as well as the overall logical and physical architecture, to provide a *privacy-preserving data sharing platform*.

Future work:

- **Functionality and added-value services** will be showcased by concrete pilots from the domains of *eGovernment*, *eHealth*, and *eBusiness* (currently under deployment).
- **Further elaboration on mapping CREDENTIAL features into acceptance factors** to explain *how the technology is perceived*.

Thank you very much for your attention!



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