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## Why Identity Matters

### **US** Constitution

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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#### 's Blurbs

#### About me:

I'm a graduate student in the Physics Dept. @ . I'm currently working on my PhD in astronomy. Outside o' school, I enjoy relaxing and just having fun -- either by myself or with friends. I like to read, watch TV, go to movies, play games and party occasionally.

#### Who I'd like to meet:

Looking to make friends and -- hopefully -- find Mr. Right someday.

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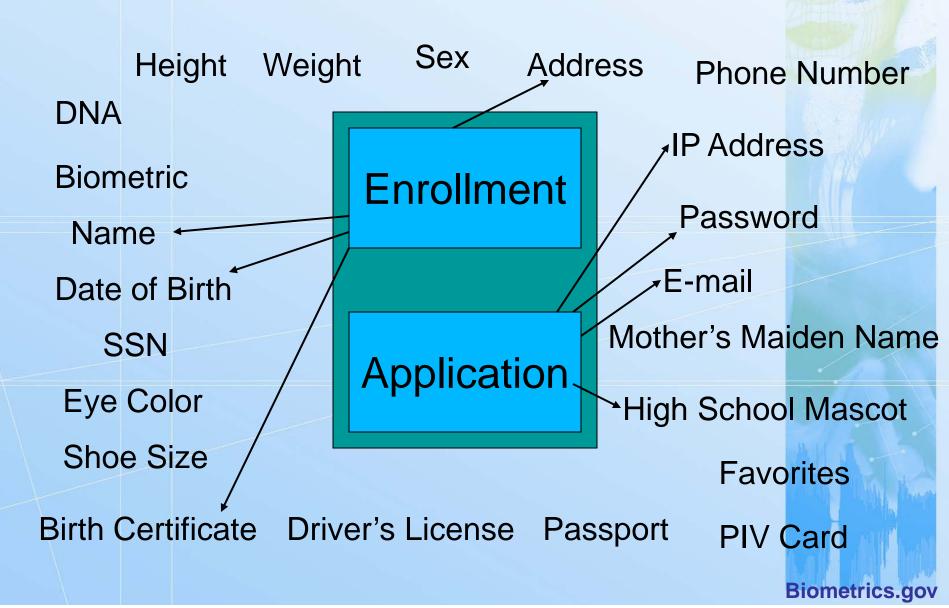
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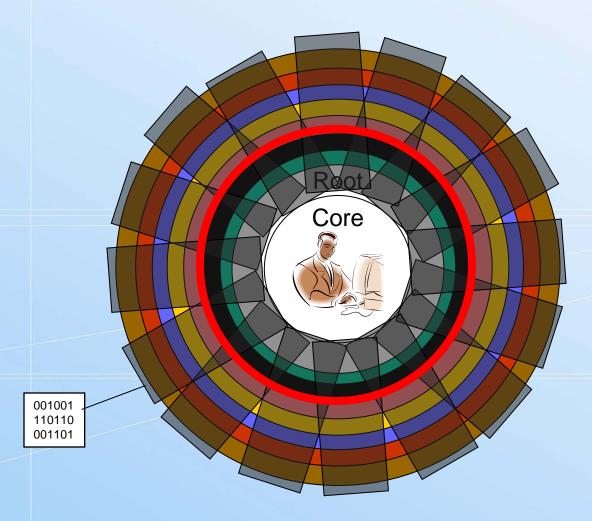


# **Building an IdM System**









One individual (core)
Multiple identities/identifiers



## **Evolution of IdM Consciousness**

- My little system
- My system and its partners
- My system, partners and others that influence us/them
- Collaboration within sectors of interest
- Enlightenment on need to view this holistically
- Holistic studies
- Holistic/individual action



# Government-supported Studies/Work

- President's Identity Theft Task Force
  - 2006-2007
- NSTC Task Force on Identity Management
  - Jan-Jul 2008
  - First Holistic Analysis
- NSTAC Identity Management Task Force
  - Dec 2008 May 2009
  - External Advisory Committee
  - Initial tasking: Secure Authentication via Internet
- OECD/WPISP
  - Mar 2008 Present
  - "The Role of Digital Identity Management in the Internet Economy: A Primer for Policymakers"
- CIO Council's ISIMC
  - Established 2008
  - Addressing USG Credentialing issues
- 60-day Cyber Security review
  - Feb-May 2009



# **Common Themes - Importance**

- Identity Management is a critical, though often underappreciated, component of successful applications in a variety of sectors
- IdM can help remove barriers to collaboration and innovation by ensuring trust
- People/things have only one "true" identity, but several aliases with varying degrees of confidence in the linkages to the "true" identity.
  - How to enable and manage these identities properly in a single application is difficult, but is even more difficult across interconnected systems

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 IdM activities in one application impacts and relies upon others, though these impacts aren't normally understood or accounted for

## Common Themes – R&D

- Technology available now is good, but improvements are needed to improve capabilities, resiliency, privacy protection, convenience and security
- Research is needed on how to best combine different technologies
- Researcher access to useful data is an inhibitor
- Side to side comparisons of technology options is difficult/confusing and isn't keeping pace with new products

## **Common Themes - Standards**

- Interoperability is difficult if the systems do not share definitions and data structures
  - Increases the chance of errors, which would be propagated throughout the interconnected systems
- Market-based and consensus-supported standards most likely to be universally accepted
- The existence and use of universal standards (or lack thereof) is often viewed as an indicator of a market/technology's maturity

## **Common Themes - Privacy**

- Improving IdM can actually enhance privacy protection over the status quo – if done properly
- Outreach is an important aspect of privacy policy
  - Even if the privacy policy is correct, negative public perception will scuttle a program quickly
- Privacy isn't just for lawyers
  - Building protections directly into the technology will provide greater assurance that the protections are implemented thoroughly and consistently.
- A single IdM privacy breach creates enduring problems in multiple systems
- Privacy and security aren't mutually exclusive

## **Common Themes – Need for Governance**

- Identity-based systems are inherently connected to one another. Overall governance is required to manage this properly rather than ad-hoc or not at all
- All levels of government have the responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its citizenry – and IdM has clear impacts on national security, the economy, cyberspace, and individual healthcare
- Government must provide leadership and work with all stakeholders to create favorable conditions for the development of IdM that benefits users

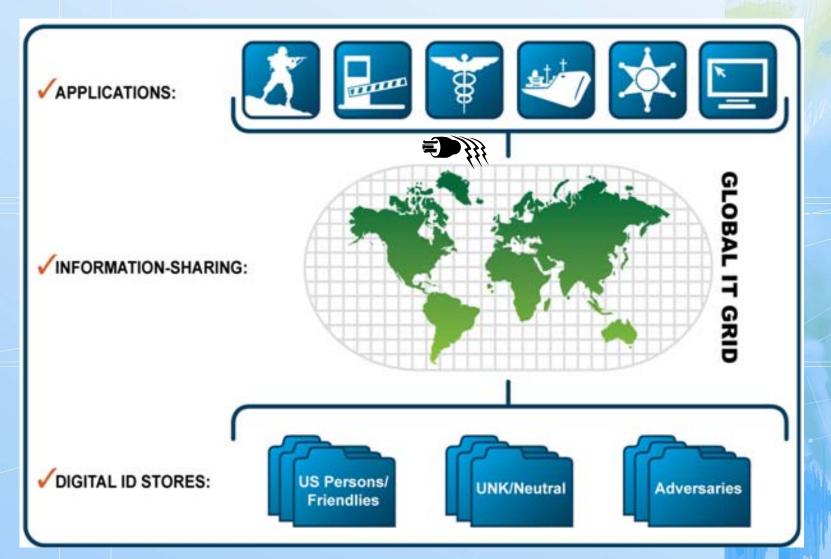
# What about cybersecurity?

- Identity management is a small but critical component of cyber security
- Cyber security is a small but critical component of identity management

 Which of the above you initially think of depends on your background – but both are true



# Other Interesting Points – NSTC Future State Vision



# Looking to the Future

- Standards development
- Policy coordination
- Public/Private partnership





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