did:self A registry-less DID method

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Decentralized Identifiers

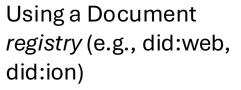
- A W3C recommendation—acting as a framework
- Many individual DID methods

```
did:web:did.actor:alice
```



DID Document Resolution

How a DID document is resolved?



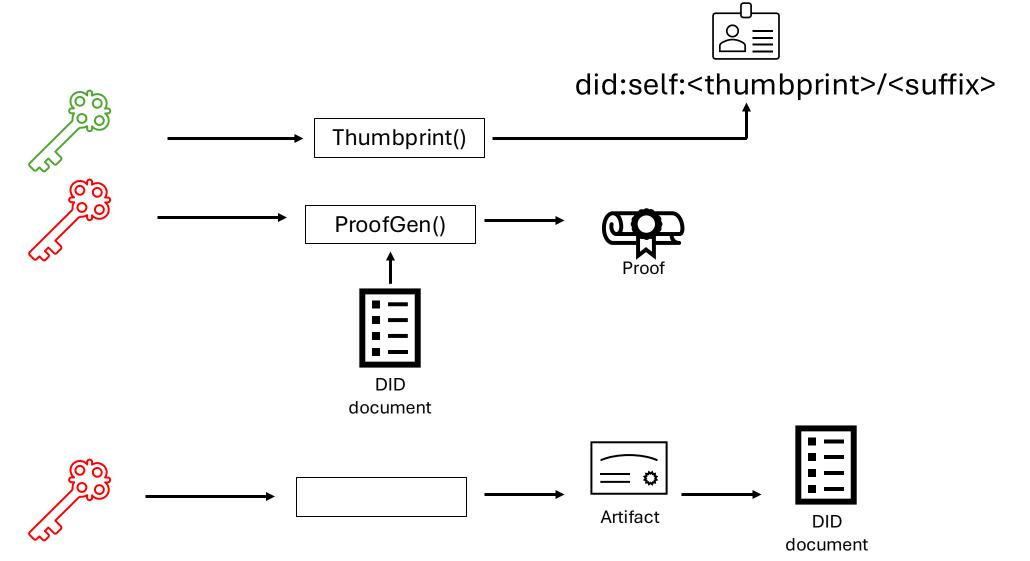
- Web server
- Blockchain
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did:self

- A DID is a "thumbprint" of a public key
- The private key is used for generating a proof of the DID document
 - à la self-signed digital certificates

Implicit DID documents (e.g., did:key)

did:self Identifier Generation



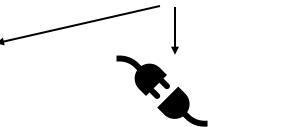
Controlled Identity Sharing



did:self:<controller>



DID document





```
{
  "id":"did:self:<controller>/drone1"
  "verificationMethod":[{
    "id":"#key1",
    ...
  }],
  "authentication":["#key1"]
}
```

DID document

```
{
  "id":"did:self:<controller>/lamp1"
  "verificationMethod":[{
    "id":"#keyLamp",
    ...
  }],
  "authentication":["#keyLamp"]
}
```

```
{
  "id":"did:self:<controller>/plug1"
  "verificationMethod":[{
     "id":"#keyPlug",
     ...
  }],
  "authentication":["#keyPlug"]
}
```

DID document

DID document

```
{
  "id":"did:self:<controller>/drone1"
  "verificationMethod":[{
     "id":"#key2",
     ...
  }],
  "authentication":["#key2"]
}
```

DID documents as JSON Web Tokens

```
controller

iss": "did:self:iQ9PsBKOH1nLT9FyhsUGvXyKoW00yqm_-_rVa3W7C10",

sub": "device1", suffix

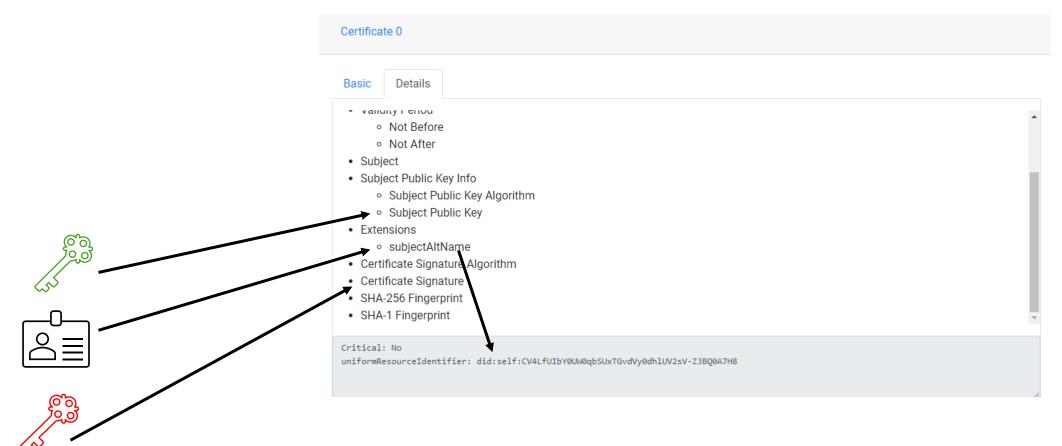
cnf": {
    "jwk": {
        "kty": "EC", authentication verification relationship
        "crv": "P-256",
        "x": "YOGmYaMKzwTFytWHN2hGC-2VpPqGqj_sDSckB2IvCgI",
        "y": "7iWuiXQlLXvROjdMA2WNHhGz0jxu6u41n83YupNteo"
}

y

}
```

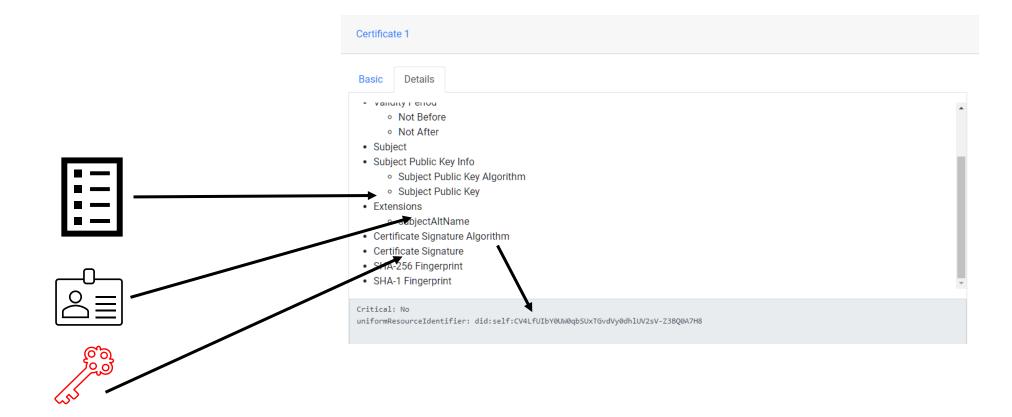
DID documents as x509 certificate

• Step 1: CA certificate



DID document to x509

• Step 2: Certificate



Takeaways

- did:self does not require any registry, yet it supports DID documents
- did:self allows controlled identity sharing
- Implicit DID documents for did:self allow interoperability with existing standards

Thank you

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https://github.com/excid-io/did-self