



From Real-world Identities to Privacy-preserving and Attribute-based CREDentials for Device-centric Access Control

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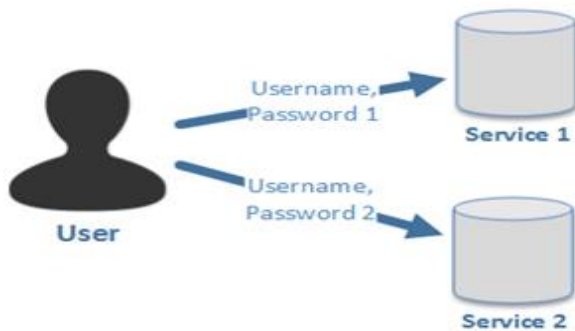
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ReCRED's goal is to promote the **user's personal mobile device** to the role of a unified **authentication and authorization proxy** towards the digital world.

1. Password overload

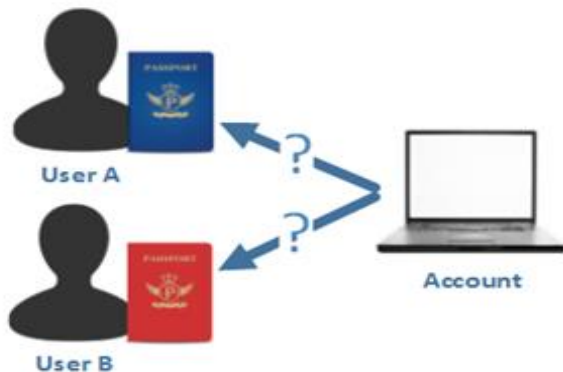


2. Identity Fragmentation

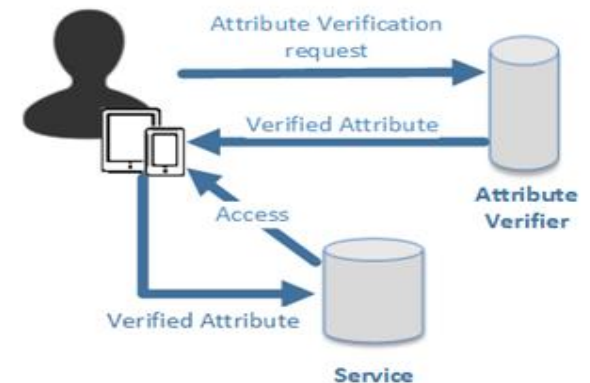


**Problems
addressed by
ReCRED**

3. Lack of real-world binding

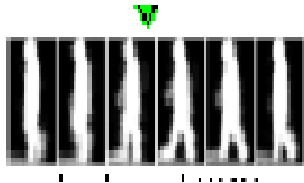


4. Lack of support for Attribute based access control



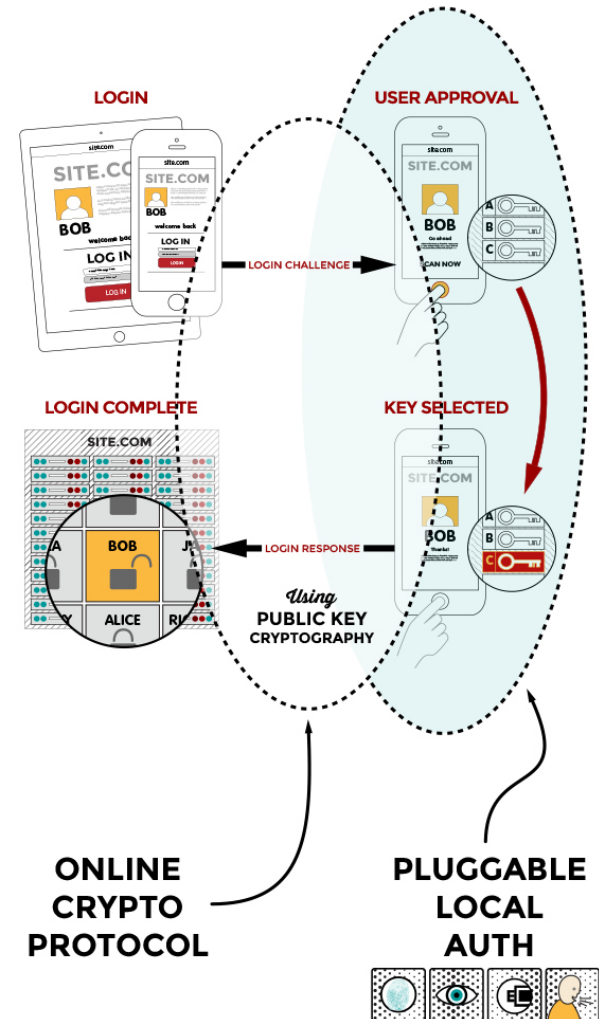
ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

User to device & device to service



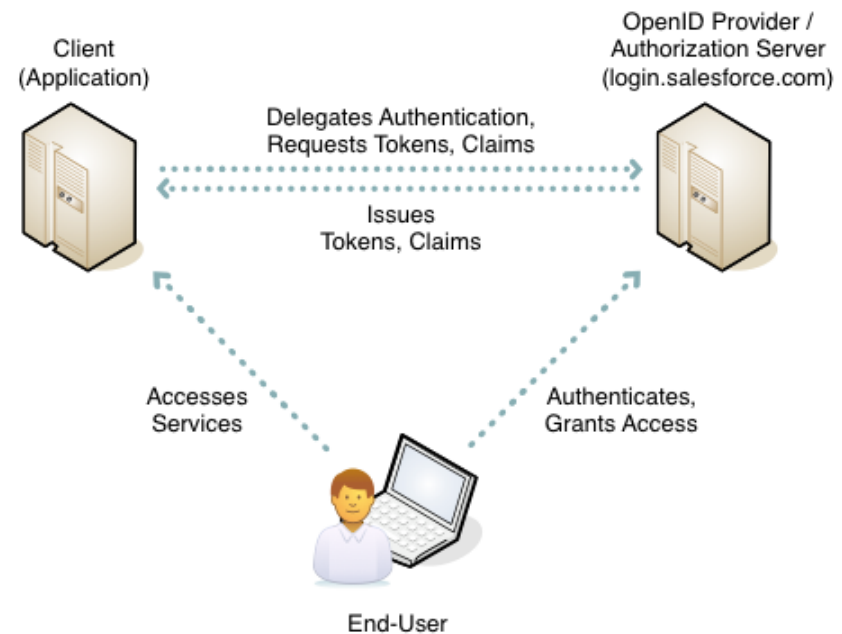
ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

- **FIDO** (Fast IDentity Online)
 - Standardized protocols for **password-less** authentication



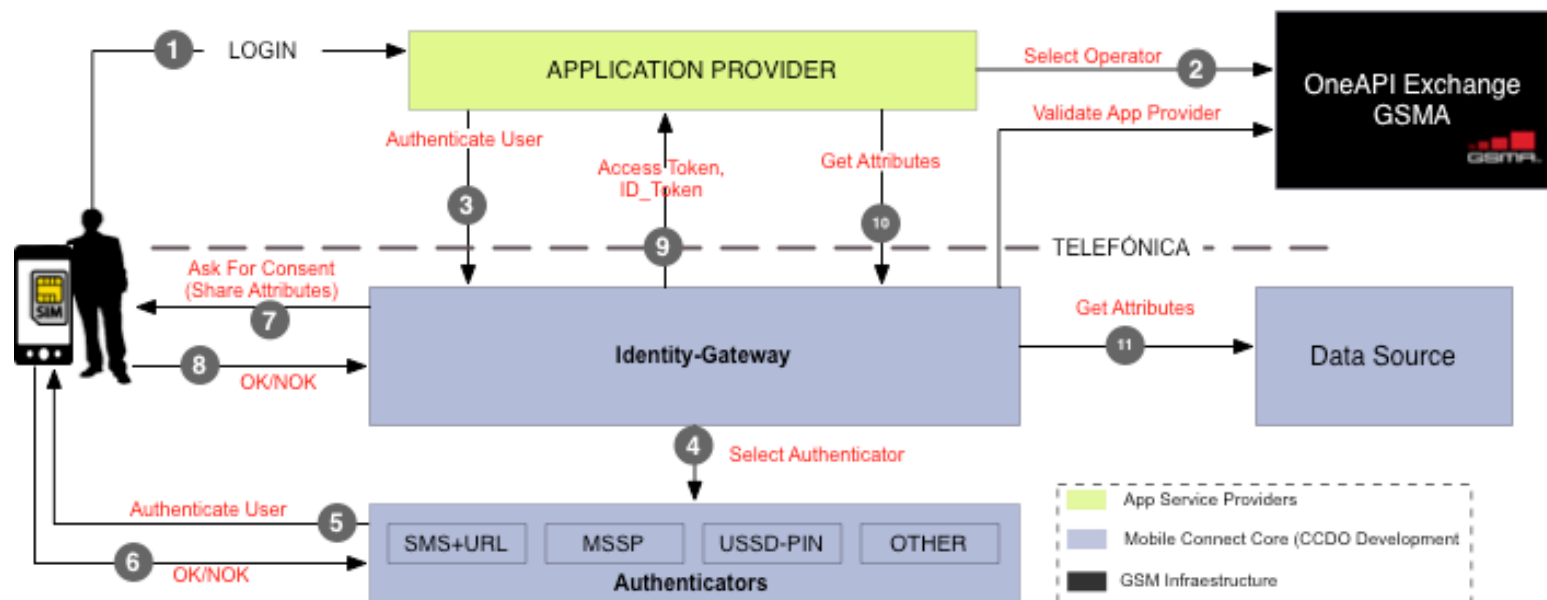
ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

- **OpenID Connect** (Single Sign On)
 - Online services authenticate their users by employing **Google, Microsoft, PayPal**, accounts
- **OAuth 2.0** (Open standard for Authorization)
 - Issues and uses **access tokens** to be used for **authorization**



ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

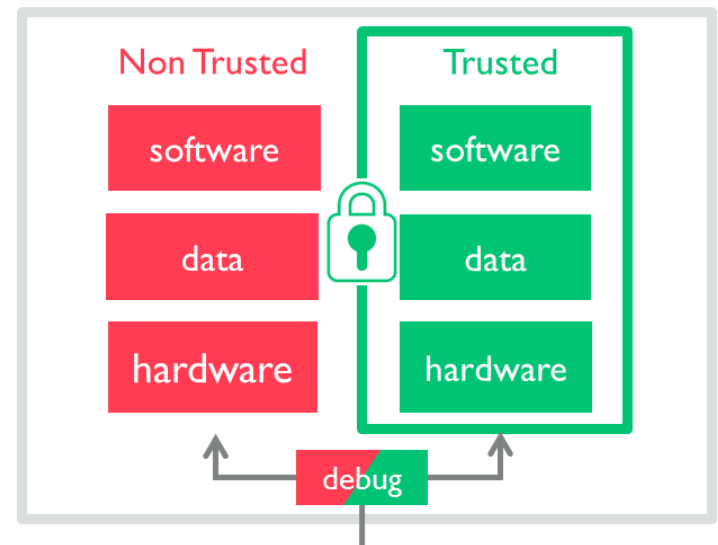
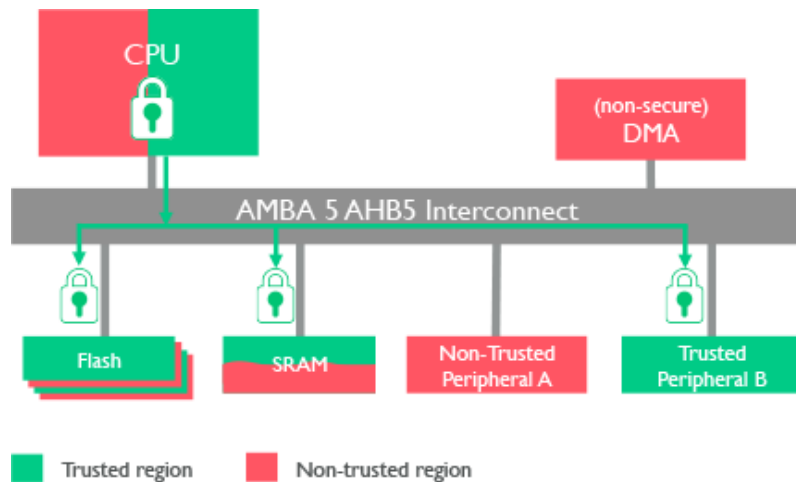
- **Mobile Connect** (Provided by mobile operators) – **GSMA**
 - **Universal log-in** solution by matching the user to their **mobile phone/subscription**



ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

- **Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)**
 - A **secure area** of the main processor of a smart phone that provides **secure storage** and **cryptographic functions**

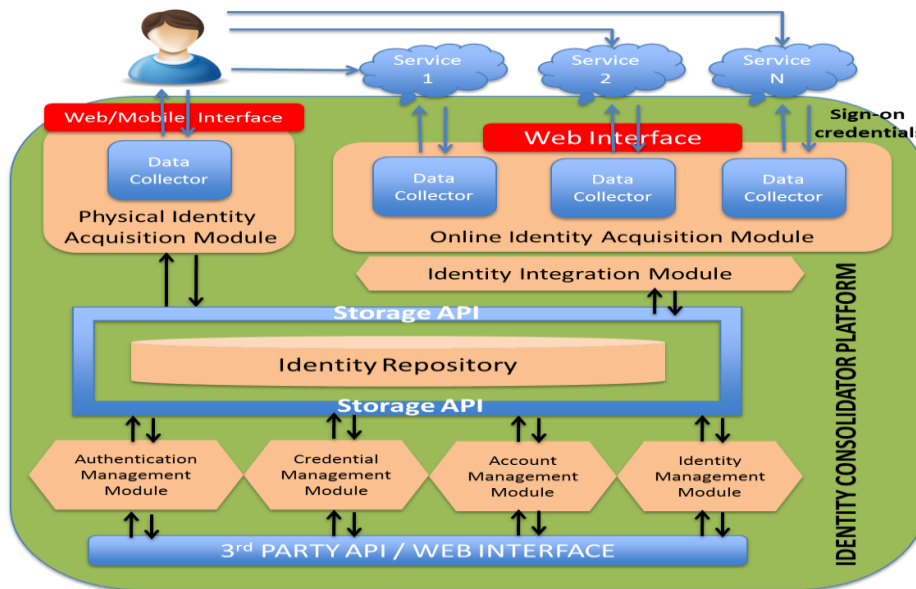
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ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

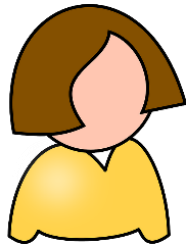
ID Consolidator Credential Management Module

- Identity consolidation
- Real-to-online identity mapping



ReCRED's approach – employed technologies

Attribute-based access control



Account-less access
through verified identity
attributes (e.g., Age,
Location, etc.)



Issue cryptographic or
anonymous credentials



ReCRED's Innovation

- **Standardized** and **secure** authentication using **FIDO**
- **Multifactor** & **easy to use** **password-less** authentication
 - biometrics and behavioral authentication
- **Single Sign On (SSO)** with **federated identities**
- Enhanced **security** & **privacy** by employing the **crypto functions** & **secure storage** of **TEE**
- **Privacy** of **online identities** using **anonymous credentials**
 - **Unlinkability** & **untraceability**
 - **Attribute-based access control**



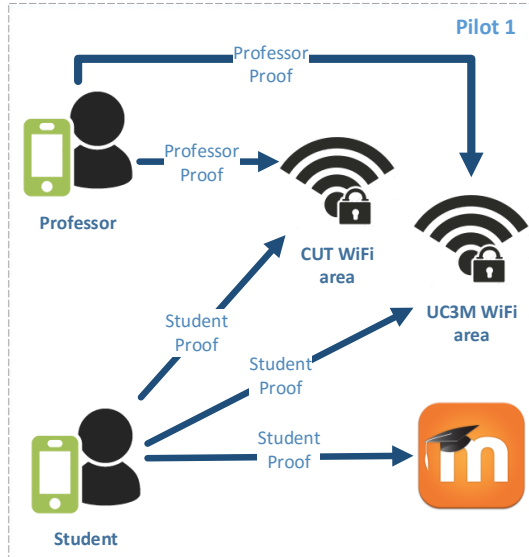
ReCRED's Innovation

- It **anchors** all **access control needs** to **mobile devices** that users **habitually use** and **carry**
- It is aligned with **current technological trends** and **capabilities**
- It offers a **unifying access control framework**
 - **On line** and **physical authentication** and **authorization**
 - Using **off-the-self mobile devices**
- It is **attainable** and **feasible** to implement in the existing products

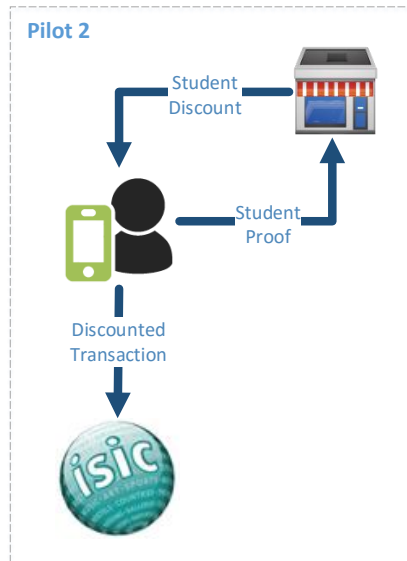


ReCRED's pilots

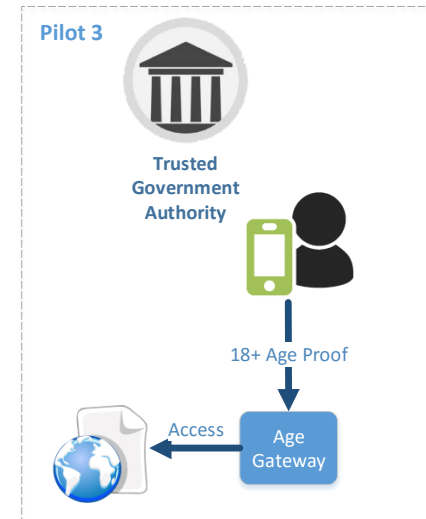
Pilot 1: Device-centric campus WiFi and web services access control



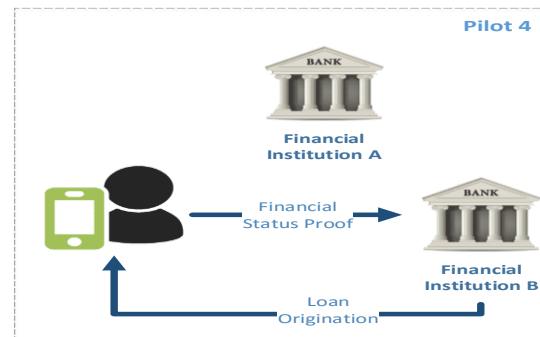
Pilot 2: Student authentication and offers



Pilot 3: Attribute-based age verification online gateway



Pilot 4: Financial services – microloan origination





ReCRED project
is partially an outcome of
Research & Development
in the Field of **Security** and **Privacy**

Before R&D !



A few words about us ...



- University of Piraeus, Greece
- School of Information and Communication Technologies
- [Department of Digital Systems](#)
- [System Security Laboratory](#) founded in 2008
- Research, Development & Education
 - systems security, network security
 - computer security, forensics
 - risk analysis & management
- MSc course on “[Digital Systems Security](#)” since 2009



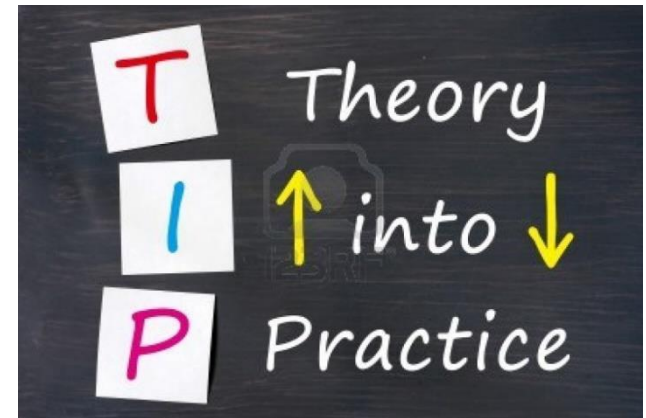
What we do for education

- **Undergraduate studies**
 - **Security Policies and Security Management**
 - **Information Systems Security**
 - **Network Security**
 - **Cryptography**
 - **Mobile, wireless network security**
 - **Privacy enhancing technologies**
 - **Bachelor Thesis**



What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**
- **1st semester**
 - Security Management
 - Applied Cryptography
 - Information Systems Security
 - Network Security
 - Security Assessment and Vulnerability Exploitation



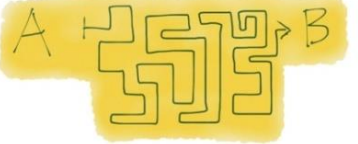
What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**
- 2nd semester
 - Privacy Enhancing Technologies
 - Mobile Internet Security
 - Digital Forensics and Web Security
 - Advanced Security Technologies
 - Legal Aspects of Security

Theory:



Practice:



What we do for education

- Postgraduate studies in **Digital Systems Security**

- 3rd semester

- Master Thesis

- ISO 27001

- Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)

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Next, my colleagues are going to present ...

- **ROPInjector**: Using Return Oriented Programming for Polymorphism and Antivirus Evasion
- **(U)SimMonitor**: A New Malware that Compromises the Security of Cellular Technology and Allows Security Evaluation
- Perform effective **command injection** attacks like Mr. Robot



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