

UNLOCKING HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION: DAL IDENTITY'S ROLE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S HEALTHCARE REVOLUTION

## Introduction

An examination of Health Information Systems in South Africa has underscored a critical requirement for their effectiveness: the establishment of a "Unique Patient Identifier." In this realm, only DAL Identity possesses the capacity to create, manage, and uphold an Identity solution grounded in forensic protocols. This assurance is pivotal in ensuring the precision and universal applicability of any implemented Health Information System.

The impending implementation of the National Health Insurance (NHI) fund in South Africa signifies a significant shift in healthcare accessibility and funding. Under the NHI, South Africans of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as legal long-term residents, will have access to healthcare services. This unified healthcare funding pool will encompass both private and public healthcare providers, aiming to reduce the country's currently high healthcare costs and eliminate fees charged at healthcare facilities.

However, as the healthcare landscape undergoes this transformation, challenges like fraud, waste, and abuse persist, costing the South African healthcare system billions of Rands annually. Medical schemes are particularly susceptible to fraudulent activities, with at least 10 to 15% of all medical aid claims being fraudulent. This issue not only drives up healthcare costs but also adversely affects the quality of care and trust within the system.

In this context, DAL Identity emerges as a potential game-changer. Positioned at the intersection of Web 4.0 technologies, forensic protocols, cryptographic provenance, and the creation of a single Digital Twin Identity, DAL Identity holds the promise of not only delivering substantial cost savings but also generating significant revenue streams. Its unique approach mitigates Identity-related issues, instills trust, and bolsters security in an increasingly interconnected world.

Central to DAL Identity's capabilities is its single physical onboarding process, a vital gateway to Forensic Identity Management. This process operates within the dynamic realm of Web 4.0, seamlessly incorporating forensic protocols and cryptographic provenance to establish a Single Digital Twin Identity intricately linked to each individual's real-world existence. Such an all-encompassing approach directly addresses the pressing demands of the healthcare industry, safeguarding the integrity and security of patient data.

Beyond cost savings and revenue generation, DAL Identity offers substantial benefits to individuals. It empowers them to securely store their Identity and personal data on their exclusive DAL Identity Verified Trust Exchange (DAL VTE) platform. Within the healthcare sector, these advantages facilitate seamless interactions with healthcare providers, fostering trust and enhancing the overall healthcare experience.

As South Africa navigates the transformation of its healthcare system, DAL Identity emerges as a vital ally, poised to revolutionize healthcare by combatting fraud, enhancing security, and ensuring the accuracy and trustworthiness of patient Identities.

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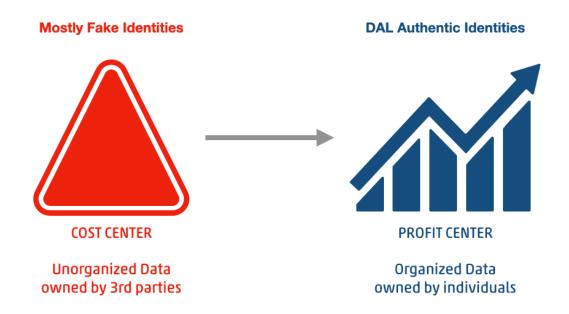
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## DAL Identity: Turning Cost Centers into Profit Centers

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DAL Identity, built on Web 4.0 technologies and encompassing forensic protocols, cryptographic provenance, and a single Digital Twin Identity, indeed has the potential to revolutionize healthcare. It can bring about substantial cost savings while generating significant revenue through the prevention of Identity-related issues. Let's delve deeper into the benefits and impacts in each of these sectors:

### 1. Enhanced Security and Fraud Prevention:

 DAL Identity's utilization of forensic protocols and cryptographic provenance ensures the integrity and security of patient data. By preventing data breaches and medical fraud, it saves the international healthcare sector trillions of dollars annually. It safeguards sensitive medical records, reducing the risk of patient data exposure, medical Identity theft, and fraudulent claims.

### 2. Regulatory Compliance Efficiency:

 DAL Identity streamlines regulatory compliance in healthcare by ensuring that patient data is securely managed. This minimizes the risk of costly legal battles and regulatory penalties, resulting in more efficient operations and substantial savings.

### 3. Identity Theft Prevention:

 DAL Identity's robust Identity verification methods effectively prevent unauthorized access to patient records and services. Safeguarding patient Identities and reducing incidents of medical Identity theft, contributes to significant healthcare cost savings.

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### 4. Nullifying Synthetic Identities:

• Synthetic Identity fraud is a significant problem in healthcare. DAL Identity's comprehensive Identity management makes it exceedingly difficult for fraudsters to create synthetic Identities, thus preventing substantial losses.

DAL Identity has the potential to save billions of Rands across healthcare by enhancing security, streamlining regulatory compliance, preventing Identity theft, and nullifying synthetic Identities. Additionally, the opportunity to generate significant revenue by offering trusted Identity verification services to other industries further demonstrates its potential to shift from being a cost center to a profit center. This transformation is driven by the trust and security associated with DAL Identity's Web 4.0 technologies, making it a valuable asset in today's Digitally connected world.

# DAL Identity: Solving the Functional Needs, Problems, and Gaps for Healthcare

Within the DAL Identity system, the single physical onboarding process serves as the pivotal gateway to DAL Identity's Forensic Identity Management. It stands as an indispensable and pivotal stage in the acquisition and curation of an individual's bodily data. Operated within the dynamic framework of Web 4.0, DAL's physical onboarding method seamlessly incorporates forensic protocols, forensic cryptographic provenance, and the establishment of a Single Digital Twin Identity intricately connected to a Singular Existing Real-World Human Being. This all-encompassing approach effectively responds to the urgent industry demands in healthcare through the following mechanisms:



### 1. Forensic Onboarding onto the DAL Identity Platform in Healthcare:

Figure 1: DAL Identity: Forensic Identity Management Onboarding in Healthcare

Accurate onboarding of Human Identities within healthcare institutions is a critical and fundamental process that significantly impacts the functioning of the healthcare industry. DAL Identity's Forensic Identity Management system places a strong emphasis on this onboarding procedure to ensure the integrity and security of the healthcare sector. Let's delve into the details of this meticulous process:

• **PII Data Collection**: The onboarding process initiates with the systematic collection of essential personally identifiable information (PII). This includes data

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such as the individual's full name, date of birth, social security number, and contact details. This information is crucial for establishing the individual's Identity and facilitating future communications.

- **Biometric Data Collection**: In addition to PII, biometric data is collected during the onboarding process. This encompasses a range of highly secure and unique identifiers, including fingerprints, DNA, iris scans, and facial imaging. The combination of these biometric factors enhances the accuracy and security of Identity verification. The linkage of multiple biometrics ensures a robust authentication process.
- **Data Encryption and Storage**: All collected data, whether PII or biometric information, undergoes rigorous encryption using DAL Identity's Forensic Cryptography (DAL IdentiKee). The securely encrypted data is then stored and managed on a Web 4.0 platform in strict compliance with data protection regulations. This approach is vital for preventing data breaches and unauthorized access.
- **Consent and Legal Compliance**: DAL Identity places a <u>strong emphasis on</u> <u>obtaining explicit consent</u> from individuals for the collection and use of their data. This ensures that individuals have control over their personal information and that their rights are protected. The company also ensures compliance with relevant international and local legislation and standards, including GDPR, POPIA, HIPAA, and other healthcare-related regulations, depending on the specific context.
- **Continuous Monitoring**: After successful onboarding, DAL Identity takes on the role of custodian for the individual's PII and related data. Continuous monitoring is implemented to proactively detect and prevent any potential threats to this data. This ensures that the individual's Identity remains secure over time.
- Access Controls: Strict access controls and authorization processes are put in place to guarantee that only the individuals themselves can access and utilize the collected data. This ensures that individuals have 100% control and ownership over their personal information.
- Regular Audits and Compliance Checks: DAL Identity conducts regular audits and compliance checks to ensure that its onboarding process remains aligned with evolving regulations and industry standards. This commitment to ongoing compliance helps maintain the integrity of the Identity management system.

The accurate onboarding of Human Identities within healthcare institutions, as facilitated by DAL Identity's Forensic Identity Management system, is a comprehensive and security-focused process. It places a strong emphasis on data security, regulatory compliance, and fraud prevention. By meticulously adhering to these principles, DAL Identity strives to safeguard the integrity of the healthcare sector, protect the rights and privacy of patients, and ensure the secure operation of healthcare institutions and individuals within the industry.

### 2. Streamlined Interactions and Improved Customer Experience:

The process of onboarding onto the DAL Identity Forensic Identity Management solution delivers several advantages to individuals. Each person gains the valuable benefit of securely storing their Identity and personal data on their exclusive DAL Identity Verified Trust Exchange

(DAL VTE) platform. Within the healthcare sector, this system offers a plethora of advantages, facilitating seamless interactions with healthcare providers.

Key benefits encompass rapid access to medical records and the autonomy to share personal data with full consent to any authorized requester. These enhancements markedly elevate the patient experience, promoting increased engagement and accuracy, regardless of the patient's location. Moreover, patients also retain the right to monetize any of their data, including biological data such as DNA and other medical data for research purposes. The structured process is outlined as follows:



Figure 2: Patient Identifying and Data Sharing via DAL VTE

### 3. Enhanced Data Security and Privacy:

 In the healthcare sector, patient data security and privacy are paramount.
 Forensic Identity management using advanced cryptographic techniques ensures that patient records are tamper-proof, reducing the risk of unauthorized access and data breaches. Patients' sensitive health information remains secure and private.

### 4. Accurate Identity Verification:

 Accurate patient identification is critical to prevent medical errors, ensure proper treatment, and avoid insurance claim disputes. A single Digital Twin Identity linked to a Real-World person reduces the risk of misidentification and enhances patient safety.

### 5. Regulatory Compliance:

 Forensic Identity management assists healthcare organizations in complying with strict Health regulations. It ensures that patient data handling aligns with legal requirements.

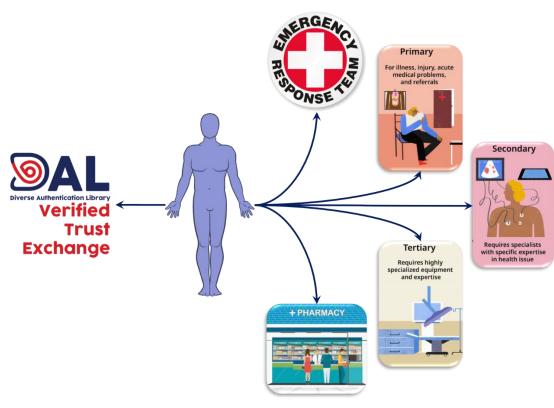
### 6. Fraud Detection and Prevention:

• Advanced forensic protocols help detect fraudulent medical claims and insurance fraud, saving healthcare providers and insurers significant costs.

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### 7. Interoperability of Patient Identity:

Figure 3: DAL Identity Patient Interoperability throughout Healthcare

Interoperability of patient Identity is a crucial aspect of modern healthcare systems, and it plays a significant role in ensuring efficient and accurate patient care. Let's delve into the details of why this interoperability is essential and how it impacts various aspects of the healthcare environment:

- i. **Seamless Patient Care**: The primary goal of interoperability in patient Identity is to ensure that patients can seamlessly access healthcare services at different levels of care, including primary, secondary, tertiary, or quaternary care. This means that patients should be able to receive medical attention wherever they are within the healthcare system without any hurdles or delays.
- ii. Emergency Response Services: In emergency situations, every second counts. Accurate patient identification is critical to ensure that emergency response services can quickly access a patient's medical history, allergies, and other vital information. This allows for timely and appropriate medical interventions, potentially saving lives.
- iii. Accuracy in Services: Interoperability ensures that healthcare providers have access to accurate and up-to-date patient information. This accuracy is vital for making informed decisions regarding diagnosis, treatment, and medication. It helps prevent medical errors, which can have serious consequences for patients.
- iv. **Pharmacy and Medication Management**: Interoperability extends to pharmacy services, where it is essential to match the correct patient with the



right medication and treatment plan. Accurate patient identification minimizes the risk of medication errors, which can result in adverse reactions or treatment inefficacy.

- v. **Mitigation of Losses**: Accurate patient Identity management can also have financial implications. It helps prevent losses in the healthcare sector that may result from issues such as billing errors, insurance fraud, or providing services to the wrong patient. Interoperability contributes to reducing these financial risks.
- vi. **Data Exchange and Sharing**: Interoperability relies on the seamless exchange and sharing of patient information between various healthcare providers and facilities. This allows for a comprehensive view of the patient's medical history, which is particularly beneficial in cases where a patient is receiving care from multiple specialists or across different healthcare organizations.
- vii. **Patient Engagement and Empowerment**: Patients themselves can benefit from interoperability. They can access their medical records, test results, and treatment plans more easily, fostering patient engagement and empowerment. When patients are actively involved in their care, it often leads to better health outcomes.
- viii. **Compliance and Regulation**: Many healthcare regulations and standards emphasize the importance of accurate patient identification and data interoperability. Compliance with these regulations is not only necessary for legal reasons but also for ensuring patient safety and data security.

Patient Identity interoperability is undeniably essential within modern healthcare systems. It serves as a foundational element, guaranteeing patients receive prompt and precise care, even in critical situations, while simultaneously reducing the likelihood of medical errors and financial losses. This seamless exchange of patient information across the healthcare landscape significantly improves patient safety, engagement, and the overall quality of healthcare services. It represents an indispensable facet of ongoing efforts to enhance healthcare services and outcomes.

Furthermore, the ability to assist patients seamlessly across all levels of care, from primary to quaternary, and within emergency response services, cannot be overstated. Accurate patient information underpins the entirety of healthcare interoperability, ensuring maximum precision in service provision. This extends to the pharmacy, where it plays a crucial role in guaranteeing the correct patient receives the precise medication and care while mitigating losses in this sector.

Implementing DAL Forensic Identity management based on Web 4.0 technologies, including forensic protocols, cryptographic provenance, and a single Digital Twin Identity linked to Real-World individuals, addresses critical industry needs in healthcare. It enhances data security, accuracy, regulatory compliance, and the overall customer experience while effectively combating fraud and ensuring the integrity of sensitive information in any sector.

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# DAL Identity Trio: Linking The Human, to their Digital Twin to the Deceased Identity

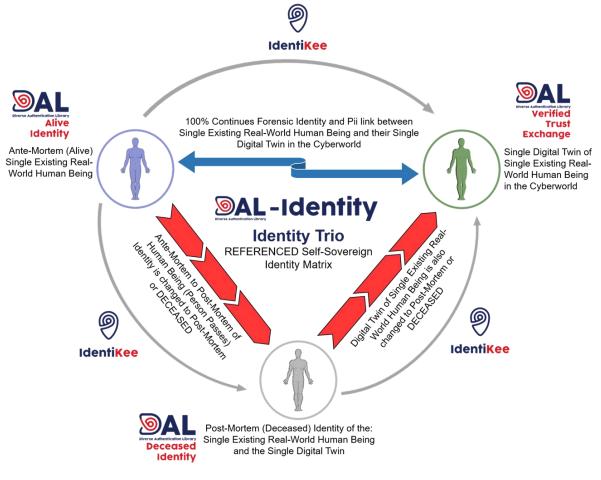


Figure 4: DAL Identity Trio

At DAL Identity, we play a central and multifaceted role in giving a voice to the departed, offering accurate and efficient identification solutions. Our system's capabilities are indispensable in a wide range of intricate scenarios involving deceased individuals, with a primary emphasis on upholding their dignity, ensuring respect, and ensuring the appropriate handling of their Identities and remains. In the healthcare sector, the ability to match and verify a deceased individual's Identity (post-mortem) against a previously registered living Identity (ante-mortem) on both national and global scales is of utmost importance. Let's delve into the various aspects and significance of DAL Identity in this context:

**Forensic Protocols and Global Identity Library**: DAL Identity leverages cutting-edge forensic protocols and maintains a global Identity library. These resources are vital in swiftly and accurately identifying deceased individuals in various circumstances. The use of advanced biometrics such as fingerprints, DNA, and other forensic attributes enables authorities to expedite the identification process, particularly in cases of disasters or mass casualties.

**The Trio of Identities**: DAL Identity operates within the realm of forensic Identity management, which encompasses a trio of Identities. These Identities are:



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- 1. **Alive Identity (Ante-mortem)**: This Identity represents the living individual and is the baseline for all interactions within the system.
- 2. **Single Digital Twin Identity of the Single Existing Real-World Human Being**: This Identity is the digital counterpart of the living individual, and it forms a unique link between the person and their digital presence.
- 3. **Deceased Identity (Post-mortem)**: When an individual passes away, their Alive Identity transitions to a Deceased Identity within the DAL Identity system.

**Importance of Trio Identity Management**: Managing these three Identities is of paramount importance for several reasons:

- **System Integrity**: It ensures the integrity and accuracy of the DAL Identity system. Each entity on the system is rigorously verified as a living Human being.
- **Transaction Restriction**: When an individual passes away, their Digital Twin Identity is appropriately restricted from further transactions, preventing any unauthorized or fraudulent activity.
- **Forensic Precision**: DAL Identity's approach combines the forensic precision required for Identity Management with comprehensive management of these Identities. This approach sets it apart from other solutions.

**Comparative Advantage**: What sets DAL Identity apart from alternative solutions, such as Selfie verification or Voice and Behavioral biometrics, is its unique ability to manage the Trio Identities comprehensively. These alternatives, while useful in certain contexts, lack the forensic value and holistic approach needed for managing Identities, especially when dealing with the deceased.

**Significance of Verification Process**: The verification process of matching a deceased Identity with a previously alive Identity using forensic biometrics is of utmost significance. It serves several vital purposes, including:

- 1. **Legal and Investigative Importance**: Accurate identification is fundamental for legal proceedings, investigations, determining the cause of death, and resolving legal matters.
- Closure for Families: Confirmation of the deceased's Identity provides much-needed closure to grieving families, enabling them to commence the mourning and healing process.
- 3. **Preventing Misidentification**: Accurate verification helps prevent misidentification, which can have devastating consequences for both families and authorities.
- Trust and Transparency: Meticulous verification enhances trust in government institutions and law enforcement agencies, demonstrating transparency and competency in handling sensitive matters.
- 5. **Avoiding Fraud and Identity Theft**: Rigorous verification post-mortem is essential to prevent Identity theft and fraud, safeguarding both the deceased's memory and the security of the living.
- 6. **Facilitating Legal Processes**: Accurate verification expedites legal processes, reducing administrative delays and aiding families in settling estates efficiently.

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- 7. **Humanitarian Considerations**: In cases involving refugees, migrants, or noncitizens, verifying the deceased's Identity ensures that individuals are recognized and treated with dignity, regardless of their nationality or immigration status.
- 8. **International Cooperation**: In a globalized world, verifying the Identity of the deceased is crucial for cross-border cooperation in forensic matters, addressing issues like Human trafficking and transnational crime.
- 9. Accuracy in Demographic Data: Accurate verification contributes to reliable demographic data, essential for public health planning, government policies, and research purposes.

Providing a voice to the deceased is a multifaceted and essential task, encompassing Humanitarian, ethical, legal, and practical dimensions. DAL Identity's capabilities and unique approach empower authorities to navigate complex scenarios involving deceased individuals with efficiency, dignity, and respect. This system not only serves grieving families but also upholds fundamental principles of Humanity and justice while benefiting society as a whole. The verification process, rooted in forensic biometrics, is a linchpin in this endeavor, ensuring accuracy, transparency, and dignity in handling the Identities of the departed.

## DAL Identity Trio: Deceased Identity Relevance in Healthcare

The accurate forensic identification, recording, and reporting of an individual's death in healthcare hold immense value and significance for several critical reasons:

- 1. **Legal and Ethical Compliance**: Accurate death reporting is not only a legal requirement but also an ethical obligation for healthcare providers. It ensures that healthcare institutions adhere to the laws and regulations governing the handling of deceased individuals. This includes timely reporting to relevant authorities, such as the local registrar of deaths.
- Proper End-of-Life Care: Accurate death identification is essential to provide dignified and appropriate end-of-life care. Healthcare professionals can adjust treatment plans and interventions accordingly, focusing on comfort and pain management when curative options are no longer viable.
- Family Closure and Support: For the family and loved ones of the deceased, accurate identification and reporting of death are crucial for closure and emotional support. It provides them with the certainty of their loved one's passing, allowing them to begin the grieving process and make necessary arrangements.
- 4. Epidemiological Tracking: In cases of contagious diseases or public health emergencies, accurate death reporting plays a pivotal role in epidemiological tracking and outbreak control. Health authorities rely on this data to monitor trends, allocate resources, and implement necessary public health measures.
- Research and Public Health: Accurate death data is fundamental for medical research and public health studies. It helps identify patterns and causes of mortality, enabling scientists and policymakers to develop targeted interventions and healthcare policies to improve population health.
- 6. **Resource Allocation**: Healthcare systems use death data for resource allocation and healthcare planning. It informs decisions about the allocation of medical staff,



equipment, and facilities. Accurate data ensures that resources are allocated efficiently to address the healthcare needs of the living population.

- 7. **Patient Records and Histories**: Accurate death reporting ensures that patient records and histories are updated correctly. This is vital for maintaining accurate medical records and histories for future reference, research, and legal purposes.
- 8. **Legal and Financial Matters**: Death reporting is essential for resolving various legal and financial matters, including inheritance, probate, and insurance claims. Accurate records help prevent disputes and ensure that assets are distributed according to the deceased individual's wishes.
- 9. **Forensic Investigations**: In cases where the cause of death is uncertain or suspicious, accurate forensic identification is crucial for conducting post-mortem examinations and forensic investigations. This can be vital in solving crimes, determining liability, or preventing future fatalities due to criminal activities.
- 10. **Public Trust in Healthcare**: Accurate death reporting contributes to building and maintaining public trust in the healthcare system. When individuals and their families have confidence that their deaths will be accurately recorded and reported, they are more likely to engage with healthcare services and follow recommended treatments.
- 11. **Preventing Identity Theft**: Accurate reporting of death helps prevent Identity theft and fraud. Without proper documentation of a person's passing, malicious actors may attempt to use their Identity for fraudulent purposes, causing financial harm and reputational damage.
- 12. **Demographic Data and Policy**: Accurate death data is essential for demographic analyses, helping policymakers make informed decisions about population trends, aging, and healthcare needs. This data informs policy development related to pensions, healthcare infrastructure, and social support systems.

In conclusion, the accurate forensic identification, recording, and reporting of an individual's death in healthcare are essential for legal compliance, ethical considerations, end-of-life care, family support, epidemiological tracking, research, resource allocation, patient records, legal and financial matters, forensic investigations, public trust, Identity theft prevention, demographic data, and policymaking. It serves as a cornerstone of healthcare systems, public health, and societal well-being, emphasizing the critical role healthcare institutions play in ensuring accurate and responsible handling of deceased individuals.

## The Autonomous Human Identity

In today's increasingly Digital and interconnected world, there is a growing need for Identities to be owned and managed by individuals themselves. This need arises from several key factors:

- 1. **Privacy and Data Control:** Individuals are becoming more conscious of their Digital footprint and the vast amounts of personal information they share online. The ownership of one's Digital Identity allows individuals to have greater control over their personal data, ensuring it is used only as they see fit and protecting their privacy.
- 2. **Security and Protection:** Personal Identity theft and cyberattacks have become pervasive threats. When individuals have control over their Digital Identities, they can

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implement stronger security measures and authentication methods to safeguard their information from unauthorized access and malicious actors.

- 3. **Interoperability and Portability:** In a world where people engage with multiple online services, platforms, and institutions, owning and managing one's Identity ensures greater interoperability and portability. Individuals can seamlessly transition between services and maintain consistency in their online presence without relying on centralized Identity providers.
- 4. **Consent and Trust:** Allowing individuals to own and manage their Identities fosters trust in Digital interactions. When individuals can explicitly grant or revoke permissions for data sharing, it ensures that their information is used only in ways they have approved, increasing trust in online transactions.
- 5. Empowerment and Autonomy: Giving individuals control over their Digital Identities empowers them to make informed decisions about how they engage with Digital services. It promotes autonomy, enabling individuals to choose the level of data sharing and participation in Digital ecosystems that align with their preferences and values.
- 6. **Reducing Dependency on Centralized Authorities:** Traditional centralized Identity systems and institutions can be vulnerable to breaches and misuse. Decentralizing Identity management puts individuals in charge, reducing dependence on single points of failure and increasing the resilience of the overall Digital infrastructure.

The need for individuals to own and manage their Identities stems from the fundamental principles of privacy, security, autonomy, and trust in the Digital age. It safeguards personal data and empowers individuals to navigate the Digital landscape with greater confidence and control.

### Healthcare: Functional Needs, Problems and Gaps

The healthcare sector, like any other, has its share of functional needs, problems, and gaps. These challenges can vary from region to region and evolve over time, but some Identityrelated functional needs and issues include:

- Health Information Exchange: The sharing of patient data between healthcare providers, institutions, and systems remains a significant challenge. Interoperability issues can hinder the seamless exchange of medical records and patient information, affecting patient care and outcomes.
- 2. **Digital Health and Technology Integration**: Healthcare systems need to keep pace with rapidly evolving technology. Integrating electronic health records (EHRs), telemedicine, and Digital health tools presents opportunities and challenges.
- Data Security and Privacy: Protecting patient data from breaches and ensuring privacy compliance are ongoing concerns, especially in an era of increased digitization of healthcare information.
- 4. **Public Health Preparedness**: Healthcare systems must proactively ready themselves for public health emergencies and pandemics. This readiness encompasses

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the establishment of resilient infrastructure, well-functioning supply chains, and comprehensive response plans. Additionally, ensuring timely access to patient Identities and health records during emergencies is vital, ensuring accurate medical treatment can be administered, especially when patients are unable to communicate their needs.

- 5. **Health information leaks and theft:** The theft of health information, encompassing both patient and healthcare provider data, holds significant value in the world of cybercrime. It is estimated that stolen health information is 20 to 50 times more valuable than standard information due to its various components and potential uses:
  - **Personal Identifiable Information (PII)**: This includes sensitive data such as birth dates, financial information, Identity numbers, names, and addresses. These details have substantial resale value on the black market. Cybercriminals can use this information for Identity theft, financial fraud, and other malicious activities.
  - **Family Members Information**: Medical records often contain information about a patient's family members. Cybercriminals can exploit this data to build a comprehensive network of information, allowing them to target and manipulate not only the patient but also their relatives. This can lead to various forms of extortion and exploitation.
  - **Supplier Information**: Healthcare providers and institutions often have data on their suppliers. Access to this information can enable cybercriminals to target suppliers, pharmaceutical companies, and other stakeholders in the healthcare supply chain. This can result in supply chain disruptions and potential financial gains for criminals.
  - Pharmaceutical Data: Pharmaceutical data can be accessed through health information obtained from a patient. This can be highly valuable to cybercriminals seeking to gain insight into drug development, patent information, and market strategies. Such data breaches can have significant economic consequences for pharmaceutical companies.
  - **Medical History**: Patient medical history contains a wealth of information that can be exploited in several ways:
    - i. **Harvesting Big Data**: Medical histories, when aggregated on a large scale, contribute to big data in the healthcare field. This data is valuable for medical research, epidemiology, and healthcare analytics. However, in the wrong hands, it can also be misused.
    - ii. Fraudulent Medical Treatment: Cybercriminals can use stolen medical histories to impersonate patients and seek medical treatment, including surgeries and prescription medications, potentially leading to incorrect diagnoses and treatments.
    - iii. Defrauding Health Services: Stolen medical histories can be used to commit healthcare fraud. Criminals may submit false insurance claims or bills for services that were never provided, leading to financial losses for healthcare providers and insurers.

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iv. **Filling Fraudulent Prescriptions**: Access to medical history data allows criminals to obtain and fill fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances, contributing to the opioid crisis and posing significant risks to public health.

The theft of health information presents significant and far-reaching risks, affecting individuals, healthcare institutions, and society as a whole. Beyond financial motives, the compromise of this data jeopardizes patient privacy, healthcare services, and the pharmaceutical industry. To counter these threats, it is imperative to prioritize the safeguarding of health information through robust cybersecurity measures and strict adherence to data protection regulations. By doing so, we can mitigate these risks and uphold the integrity of healthcare systems.

Addressing the complex challenges within healthcare requires a collaborative effort involving healthcare providers, policymakers, DAL Identity, and the broader healthcare community. This endeavor demands an unwavering commitment to continuous improvement, innovation, and a patient-centric approach. Healthcare systems worldwide are in a state of perpetual evolution to meet these challenges and deliver enhanced care to all.

DAL Identity remains firmly dedicated to the field of Forensic Identity Management and is driven by the mission of empowering patients by providing them access to their complete and accurate medical data. This data is securely stored and made easily accessible through the DAL Identity Verified Trust exchange, where the data is owned by the individual. With the patient's full permission, this foundational platform ensures that highly precise and comprehensive medical information can be readily accessed at any point in their healthcare journey. Through these efforts, DAL Identity strives to reshape and improve the healthcare landscape, placing control over health data firmly in the hands of those it matters most to—the patients.

# DAL Identity: Comparison to Selfie Solutions using Liveness Detection



DAL Identity Forensic Identity Management

Selfie Identity Verification

DAL Identity, based on Web 4.0 technologies with forensic protocols, cryptographic provenance, and a single Digital Twin Identity linked to Real-World individuals, differs significantly from selfie verification solutions using liveness detection in several key aspects:



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### DAL Identity (Web 4.0 Technologies):

### 1. Identity Depth and Uniqueness:

• *Single Digital Twin Identity*: DAL Identity focuses on establishing a single, comprehensive Digital Identity for each Real-World individual. This approach ensures a unified and consistent Identity representation across various platforms and services, reducing the risk of Identity duplication or fragmentation.

### 2. Security and Data Integrity:

- *Forensic Protocols*: DAL Identity employs forensic protocols to maintain data integrity and security. These protocols help protect against tampering and unauthorized access, making it suitable for high-security applications like finance and healthcare.
- *Cryptographic Provenance*: The use of the DAL IdentiKee Forensic Cryptographic techniques adds an extra layer of data security, making it challenging for malicious actors to compromise or manipulate Identity-related data.

### 3. Data Privacy and Compliance:

• DAL Identity is designed with privacy and regulatory compliance in mind, ensuring that the handling of personal data adheres to legal requirements. This is especially important in sectors with stringent data protection regulations.

#### 4. Cross-Sector Integration:

 DAL Identity can seamlessly integrate across various sectors and applications, offering a consistent Identity experience for individuals as they engage with healthcare, banking, insurance, and more.

#### 5. Trust and Accountability:

 The cryptographic and forensic components of DAL Identity enhance trust in Identity verification processes. It also provides accountability in terms of tracking and auditing Identity-related transactions and actions.

### Selfie Verification Solutions (Liveness Detection):

### 1. Verification Method:

 Selfie verification relies heavily on digitally capturing and analyzing the facial features of a "live" user to verify their Identity. This process includes liveness detection to ensure that the person in the image is physically present during verification. However, it's crucial to recognize that these methods are algorithm-driven, which can introduce biases and vulnerabilities, especially in the face of potential manipulation by criminal organizations and the architects of Synthetic Identities.

#### 2. User Experience Focus:

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• Selfie verification solutions often prioritize user experience over security and precision, striving to streamline the verification process for speed and user-friendliness. This approach is commonly employed in consumer-facing applications, where the primary goal is to ensure a seamless and convenient experience, often driven by the product providers.

### 3. Biometric Data Usage:

 Selfie verification gathers and utilizes non-forensic biometric data for authentication, with a predominant emphasis on facial recognition and liveness detection. Some "selfie" verification providers may present these methods as less invasive compared to other biometric techniques, although this perception is often driven by sales and marketing strategies.

### 4. Applications:

 Selfie verification solutions find widespread application across various sectors, such as e-commerce, social media, and mobile device authentication. These applications prioritize user convenience, and the tolerance for potential fraud or Synthetic Identity risk tends to be higher in these contexts.

### 5. Data Privacy Concerns:

 Selfie verification solutions face critical challenges concerning the collection and secure storage of biometric data, along with the potential for misuse or data breaches. Particularly worrisome is the growing threat of Deep Fake Synthetic Identities being engineered to deceive "selfie" providers and gain access to other institutions through fraudulent Identities. Additionally, the practice of using individuals' images to "train" their algorithms raise concerns about entrusting personal identifiable information (PII) and other sensitive data to these providers.

DAL Identity is a comprehensive Identity management system with a strong focus on security, data integrity, and cross-sector integration. It ensures a single, unified Digital Identity for Real-World individuals while adhering to data privacy and compliance standards.

Selfie verification solutions, specifically those using liveness detection, prioritize user experience and are commonly used in consumer-facing applications. They are far less comprehensive in scope compared to DAL Identity and are primarily concerned with facial recognition and liveness detection.

The choice between these two approaches depends on the specific use case and requirements. DAL Identity is suitable for sectors with high-security and compliance needs, while selfie verification solutions are more consumer-oriented and emphasize ease of use.

# DAL Identity: Its Own Vertical in Healthcare and Other Vertical Industries

Identity management is indeed a crucial vertical that serves a foundational role in various sectors, including healthcare. Here's how Identity forms its own vertical while supporting healthcare:



### 1. Identity as a Core Vertical:

 Identity management refers to the processes and technologies used to identify, authenticate, and authorize individuals. It forms the backbone of many Digital interactions, ensuring that the right individuals have access to the right services and data.

### 2. Healthcare:

 In healthcare, accurate patient identification is critical to ensure the right medical records are associated with the correct individuals. Identity management systems play a vital role in maintaining the integrity and privacy of patient information, preventing medical errors, and enabling secure access to electronic health records.

### 3. Banking:

 In banking, Identity verification is essential for customer onboarding, fraud prevention, and regulatory compliance. Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti-Money Laundering (AML) procedures rely on robust Identity management to verify the Identities of account holders and ensure the legitimacy of financial transactions.

### 4. Financial Institutions:

• Financial institutions, including investment firms and asset managers, require strong Identity management to protect customer financial assets and sensitive data. Accurate identification is essential for executing trades, managing investment portfolios, and ensuring the security of financial transactions.

### 5. Insurance:

 In the insurance sector, verifying the Identity of policyholders is crucial for underwriting, risk assessment, and claims processing. Accurate identification helps insurers assess and price policies correctly, detect fraud, and deliver efficient services.

### 6. Cross-Sector Integration:

- Cross-Sector Integration in Identity Management holds significant importance in today's digital landscape. Here's an expanded discussion of its significance:
  - i. Seamless User Experience: Cross-sector integration simplifies the user experience, allowing individuals to use a single Digital Identity for various services, including healthcare, banking, and insurance. This streamlines access, reducing the need to remember multiple sets of credentials and promoting the adoption of digital services.
  - ii. **Data Accuracy:** Integrated Identity Management systems ensure data accuracy. When a Digital Identity spans multiple sectors, updates or changes made in one area are consistently reflected in others. This



minimizes the risk of outdated or erroneous information, particularly crucial in sectors like healthcare and insurance.

- iii. **Enhanced Security:** Cross-sector integration strengthens security through multifactor authentication and advanced security measures. Users can employ their Digital Identity to access sensitive services, benefiting from robust security features such as biometric or two-factor authentication.
- iv. **Privacy Protection:** Integrated Identity Management systems prioritize privacy, allowing individuals to control data sharing across sectors. Sensitive information is only accessible to authorized parties for specific purposes, striking a balance between privacy and integration.
- v. **Efficiency for Institutions:** Cross-sector integration enhances operational efficiency. Institutions can utilize a shared Digital Identity to access and verify user information, reducing redundancy in data collection and verification, ultimately saving time and administrative costs.
- vi. **Regulatory Compliance:** Many sectors, including healthcare and finance, must adhere to strict data privacy and security regulations. Integrated Identity Management facilitates compliance by providing centralized control and monitoring of Identity-related activities.
- vii. **Economic Benefits:** Cross-sector integration encourages competition and innovation, enabling organizations to build on existing Identity Management systems rather than creating separate ones. This can lead to cost savings for both the private and public sectors.
- viii. **Emergency Situations:** In emergencies like medical crises, an integrated Digital Identity allows swift access to critical information. Healthcare providers, for instance, can rapidly retrieve a patient's medical history and allergies, potentially saving lives.
- ix. **Global Access:** An integrated Identity Management system facilitates access to services across borders, benefiting individuals with international financial interests or frequent travelers. It ensures consistent Identity usage across regions.
- x. Data Protection and Privacy: Identity Management plays a pivotal role in safeguarding customer data and privacy, aligning with regulations such as GDPR and HIPAA. It ensures authorized access to personal information.
- xi. **Interoperability:** Interoperability of Identity systems is vital for seamless cross-sector interactions. Common standards and protocols enable individuals to use their Identities across different verticals without redundant identification processes.
- xii. **Trust and Security:** Trust is fundamental across all sectors. Robust Identity Management fosters trust by verifying individuals' Identities

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and enhancing security through the prevention of unauthorized access and fraudulent activities.

xiii. **Innovation and Future Growth:** Advances in Identity technologies, such as biometrics and Web 4.0, drive innovation across various sectors. These innovations bolster security, convenience, and privacy in Identity management, promising future growth and improved services.

Identity Management stands as a foundational vertical, providing the essential framework for secure and efficient operations in healthcare, banking, financial institutions, and insurance. As the digital landscape continues to advance, Identity Management remains a central pillar, facilitating trusted interactions and upholding data security and privacy across these vital sectors. The concept of Cross-Sector Integration in Identity Management offers a plethora of advantages for both individuals and institutions. These benefits encompass heightened security, enhanced convenience, improved data accuracy, and alignment with regulatory compliance. As our digital environment evolves, the seamless integration of Identities across sectors emerges as a pivotal strategy. It not only elevates the overall user experience but also preserves the fundamental principles of data accuracy, security, and privacy, ensuring that Identity Management remains agile and responsive in an ever-changing digital world.

### DAL Identity: Sharing Core Business Model

DAL Identity, as a comprehensive Identity management system based on Web 4.0 technologies, can indeed share a core business model that involves the licensing of Digital infrastructure, the use of the ID management system, and data revenue-sharing. Here's a breakdown of how this business model can be applied:

### 1. Licensing of Digital Infrastructure:

- Licensing to Enterprises: DAL Identity can offer licenses to enterprises across various industries, including healthcare, banking and finance, insurance, and beyond. These licenses grant access to the underlying Digital infrastructure, which includes the forensic protocols, cryptographic provenance, and the core Identity verification system.
- Customization: Enterprises can customize and integrate DAL Identity into their existing systems and applications to meet their specific needs. Licensing agreements can be tailored to accommodate various deployment scales, from small businesses to large corporations.
- Subscription Models: DAL Identity can offer flexible licensing models, including subscription-based options, where organizations pay for the services and features, they need on an ongoing basis. This allows for scalability and cost control.

### 2. Use of the ID Management System:

• **Identity Verification Services**: Enterprises and organizations licensed to use DAL Identity gain access to its robust Identity verification services. This includes features such as real-time Identity verification, fraud detection, and synthetic Identity prevention.

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- **User Authentication**: DAL Identity's authentication capabilities can be integrated into various applications, allowing users to access services securely. This is particularly valuable for industries like healthcare, where patient data security is paramount.
- **Cross-Sector Integration**: Organizations can use DAL Identity to facilitate secure cross-sector interactions. For example, a patient's Identity verified in healthcare can be seamlessly used for financial transactions or insurance claims, reducing the need for redundant Identity verification.
- 3. Data Revenue-Sharing:
  - **Monetization of Identity Data**: DAL Identity can implement a data revenuesharing model, allowing organizations to monetize their Identity data. With user consent, anonymized and aggregated Identity data can be shared with trusted third parties, such as market researchers or advertisers, generating additional revenue streams.
  - **Data Privacy Compliance**: DAL Identity ensures strict compliance with data protection regulations, such as GDPR or HIPAA, to safeguard user privacy while enabling data revenue-sharing opportunities.
  - **Incentives for Users**: DAL Identity can offer incentives to users who opt to share their data for specific purposes. This could include loyalty points, discounts, or other benefits, creating a win-win scenario for users and organizations.

By offering licenses for Digital infrastructure, access to the ID management system, and data revenue-sharing opportunities, DAL Identity can create a sustainable and mutually beneficial business model. Organizations benefit from enhanced Identity management and security, while DAL Identity generates revenue through licensing and data monetization. Users, in turn, gain increased control over their Digital Identities and may receive incentives for data sharing, contributing to a more secure and efficient Digital ecosystem.



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