

# Naming Goals

- Captures focus/topics of existing Credentials/Digital Verification CGs
- Trying to establish that this community group has a larger scope than Verifiable Claims
- Scope includes reputation systems that describe claims and proofs
- Attracts cryptographers
- Does not trigger any conflicts with existing groups

## Suggested names

The most positively-received name with the fewest cons was “Self-Sovereign Technology Community Group”.

Other names discussed include:

- Digital Attestations
- Digital Assertions
- Control Assertions
- Secure Attestations
- Digital Verification Community Group
- Digital Cards
- Attribute-based Credentials
- Attribute Certifications
- Digital signatures

## Pros/cons of names and components

Self-Sovereign Technology Community Group

- Pros:
  - Inspiring to us
  - Sums up the collective effort of the group
  - Likely sounds irrelevant to those who might block other names
  - Not much longer than “Verifiable Claims CG”
- Cons:
  - Too long?

## Digital Attestations

- Pros
- Cons
  - Sounds just like “Verifiable Claims”
  - Term “attestation” may be a dealbreaker

## Credential

- Pros:
  - More accurate for our use case
- Cons:
  - Overloaded
  - Trigger word
  - Security community got upset about the use of the term "credential" because in their view a credential is strictly a username/password
  - Suitability of the term really don't matter to some of the major players at W3C. They can then block the work behind the scenes.

## Identity:

- Pros
- Cons
  - Overloaded
  - W3C says they do not want to tackle
  - Trigger word

## Self-Sovereign

- Pros:
  - Descriptive
  - Experts and non-experts immediately understand it and like it
  - Getting more traction
  - Appealing to GDPR
- Cons:
  - Is it loaded?
  - Are there concerns it will alienate large corporates/governments?

## Digital Attestations

- Pros:
- Cons:
  - Sounds just like “Verifiable Claims”

## Verification

- Pros
- Cons
  - Too vague
  - "Verification" is only about the signature of the issuer, not whether the claim is true