ID and eGovernment



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Identity and Government

- States are in the identity business
 - Driver's license
 - Vital records
- Few states recognize this



Motor Vehicle Titles

- Identity problem:
 - We want one to one correspondence between vehicle and title
 - Title is a record of the vehicle's history and interactions
- National organization ensures substantial uniformity among states
- Why?



Drivers License and IAA

- Drivers license performs three critical functions:
 - Identity
 - Authentication
 - Authorization
- No national standard



Vital Records

- Birth and death certificates
- No national standard
- An ID system needs linkage with vital records
- eVital and Social Security



Homeland Security

- Driving force
- Politically expedient solution:
 - Make identity the states problem and force standardization through linkage to federal funds
- Smart cards are a political mine field



Government as Consumer: Sigs

- Digital signature act
 - Assumes a private issuer of identity
 - Requires people to pay money for something that was formerly easy and free

UETA

- Provides more flexibility for acknowledgement and acquiesence
- Click, PIN code, etc.



What About Digital Certificates?

- Government has abdicated its responsibility in this area
- Best for businesses—not citizens:
 - Expensive
 - Hard to maintain
 - Difficult to use



Government as Consumer: Rights

- Privacy policy
- Domains:
 - Federal and state statutes
 - Federal regulations
 - State rules
 - Agency policy
- So what are your rights? Who knows...



The Williams Family

Life Event: Moving to Utah

- Change of address
- Register car
- Register to vote
- Enroll child in school
- Bussing
- City services
- Health information
- Child safety
- Check the commute
- Tax information





Federating Services

Moving to Utah

- Real estate
- Taxes
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- Enroll child in school
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- City services
- Utilities
- Health information
- Banking
- Child safety
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Child entering School

- Health information
- Grades
- Tuition and fees
- Books
- Child safety
- Bussing
- Federal programs
- Check commute

Shared services
Private services



Citizen Directory

- Store basic identity information for use by other state information systems
 - Your name can be in over 200 separate databases in Utah
 - Tough way to make "no wrong doors" a reality
- Stores citizen data for web services on an opt-in basis.
- eAuthentication gateway



Recent Developments

- Citizen directory protected from release
- UMD and employees



Problems

- Governments are in the identity business but don't recognize it
- We've abdicated responsibility for ID
- Digital certificates aren't the answer
- Citizens are fearful of government controlled personal information
- At the same time, they demand connected services



The Big Problem

- Technology can't solve the real problems with identity
- Public policy questions will be decided by part time legislators with no specialized training
- How do we educate them?



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