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- NOTES:**
- (1) Any capitalized words or terms in DGF or Sovrin Governance Framework (SGF) documents are defined by the latest versions of the DGF and SGF Glossaries.
 - (2) Definitions in the DignifID Glossary are additional to the Sovrin Glossary V2.
 - (3) All Sovrin Glossary V2 definitions are incorporated into the DGF.

Purpose

The purpose of the DignifID Glossary is,

- (a) to help readers of the DignifID Governance Framework (DGF) and its Controlled Documents to understand the meaning of key terms of the DGF, and
- (b) to help authors of the DGF convey such meaning in a consistent fashion.

This Glossary, along with the SGF Glossary V2, includes the level of detail needed to accurately document and administer the DignifID Governance Framework.

A

Animal

When used in the context of the DignifID Governance Framework, an Animal is any member of the kingdom Animalia, excluding humans (*Homo sapiens*). Animals belong to the category of Natural Things, and an Animal becomes a DignifID Animal when it receives its first DignifID Credential.

Animal Guardian

This is the role of an Individual or Organization serving as the Guardian of a DignifID Animal. An Animal Guardian’s responsibilities may be bounded by laws and socially accepted norms of the society where a DignifID Animal and its Guardian reside. Within the DignifID Governance Framework, Animal Guardianship is equivalent to Guardianship, as it is defined in the Sovrin Governance Framework Glossary V2. Guardianship, including Animal Guardianship, is one of three types of identity control relationships described in Appendix C of the Sovrin Glossary.

D

DGF

Acronym for the DignifID Governance Framework.

DignifID™

The primary trademark of the DignifID Animals Foundation held in trust on behalf of the DignifID Community.

DignifID A1 Credential

This is the first Credential issued by DignifID to an Individual, Organization or Animal when it is registered as a DignifID Entity. Ownership of a DignifID A1 Credential is the defining event that establishes an Entity as a DignifID Entity. The DignifID Controlled Document, *DignifID A1 Credential Specification*, delineates requirements for the Schema and Issuer Policies for a DignifID A1 Credential.

DignifID A1 Credential Specification

The DignifID Controlled Document which states all specifications for the DignifID A1 Credential.

DignifID Animal

A DignifID Animal is any Animal which has both an Animal Guardian and a DignifID A1 Credential. A DignifID Animal is analogous to a Dependent Individual, except that the legal rights of a DignifID Animal typically differ from the rights of an Individual (i.e. [natural person](#)). A DignifID Animal is explicitly a DignifID Identity Owner within the DGF.

DignifID Animals Foundation

The non-profit public trust organization chartered to administer DignifID Infrastructure on behalf of the DignifID Community. The DignifID Animals Foundation is the Governance Authority for the DignifID Governance Framework. The DignifID Animals Foundation website is <https://dignifid.org>.

DignifID Community

A specific community defined as the set of all DignifID Entities, DignifID Credential Issuers and DignifID Credential Verifiers. All Animals are implicitly stakeholders of the DignifID Community.

DignifID Credential Issuer

An Individual or Organization accredited as a Trust Anchor by the DignifID Animals Foundation for the issuance of a DignifID Credential.

DignifID Entity

A classification of an Entity that is described by DignifID Identity Data including at least one Decentralized Identifier (DID). A DignifID Entity must be either an Identity Owner or a Thing. A DignifID Entity may play the role of the Subject, Issuer, Holder, Prover, and/or Verifier of a Credential. Synonymous with Sovrin Entity, however a DignifID Entity is governed by the DGF.

DignifID Glossary

An alphabetically sorted list of terms used in the DignifID Governance Framework, each of which has a short description (definition) and optionally additional text that provides further explanation. The DignifID

Glossary (i.e. the present document) is a Controlled Document of the DignifID Governance Framework.

DignifID Governance Framework

The Governance Framework defined by the DignifID Animals Foundation to govern DignifID Infrastructure. The DignifID Animals Foundation is the Governance Authority for the DignifID Governance Framework. The DignifID Governance Framework consists of the DignifID Governance Framework Master Document plus the Controlled Documents listed in Appendix A of the Master Document.

DignifID Governing Body

An official governing body within the DignifID Animals Foundation. The DignifID Governance Framework Working Group is an example of a DignifID Governing Body. The list of official DignifID Governing Bodies is maintained as a Controlled Document of the DignifID Governance Framework. See Appendix A of the DignifID Governance Framework Master Document.

DignifID Identity

The subset of DignifID Identity Data shared by a DignifID Entity in the context of a specific Connection (Pairwise), or a Connection between a limited number of Entities (N-wise), or publicly in the context of the Sovrin Ledger (Anywise). To respect privacy, a DignifID Entity may have as many DignifID Identities as needed to maintain their desired separation of contexts. See Appendix A of the SGF Glossary V2.

DignifID Identity Data

The collection of Identity Data, including DIDs, Public Keys, Attributes, Credentials, and Proofs, that describe a DignifID Entity. Synonymous with Sovrin Identity Data, however DignifID Identity Data describes a DignifID Identity and is governed by the DGF.

DignifID Identity Owner

This term refers to the sub-classifications of DignifID Entity that may be held legally or socially accountable, or which has a Guardian which may be legally or socially accountable for it as a Dependent. DignifID Identity Owners include Individuals, DignifID Animals and Organizations, but do not include Things which have a Thing Controller. The legal or social accountability of a DignifID Identity Owner for any particular situation depends on many contextual factors including the laws of the applicable Jurisdiction, societal norms, Guardianship status, and so forth.

DignifID Infrastructure

The DignifID Governance Framework leverages and utilizes all Sovrin Infrastructure, including the Sovrin Ledger, Sovrin Network, Sovrin Web of Trust, Sovrin Governance Framework, and the Sovrin Foundation. Any DignifID Infrastructure, such as systems for DignifID Credential issuance, operates within the bounds of technical functionality of Sovrin Infrastructure.

DignifID Principle

A governing principle of the DignifID Community. The Core Principles are published in Section 4 of the DignifID Governance Framework Master Document.

DignifID Technical Governance Board (DTGB)

The set of technical experts appointed by the DignifID Animals Foundation Board of Trustees to oversee all technical matters for the DignifID Animals Foundation.

DignifID Trust Assurance Framework (DTAF)

A Controlled Document of the DignifID Governance Framework that defines criteria and processes for assessing conformance of Entities in Sovrin and DignifID Infrastructure Roles, including the DignifID Animals Foundation itself, to the policies of the DignifID Governance Framework.

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