

# DIGITAL IDENTITY – A VISION FOR CANADIAN PROSPERITY AND INCLUSION

Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada



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# \$48-97 Billion

3-6% +GDP

## Economic Impact of Identity in Canada



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is a foundation of digital  
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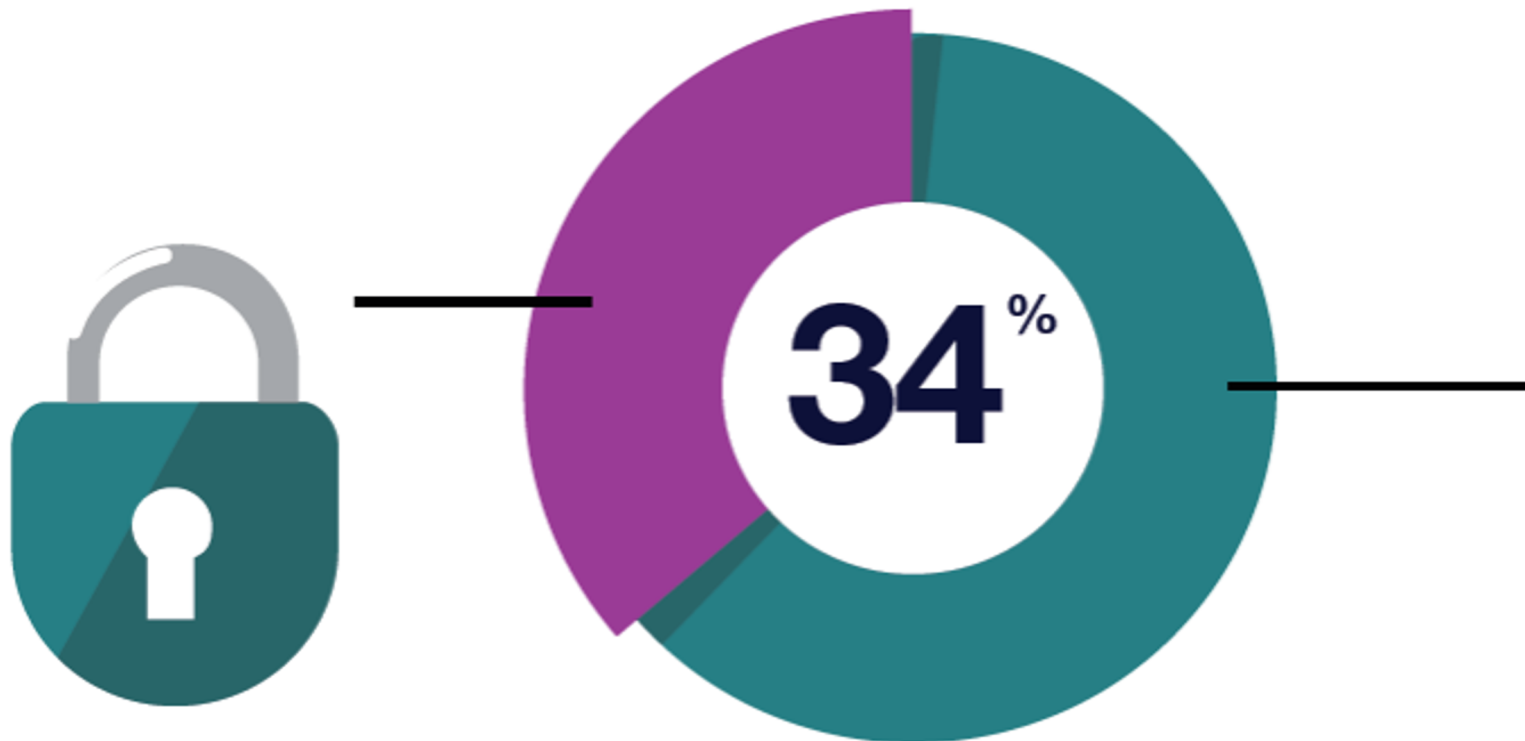
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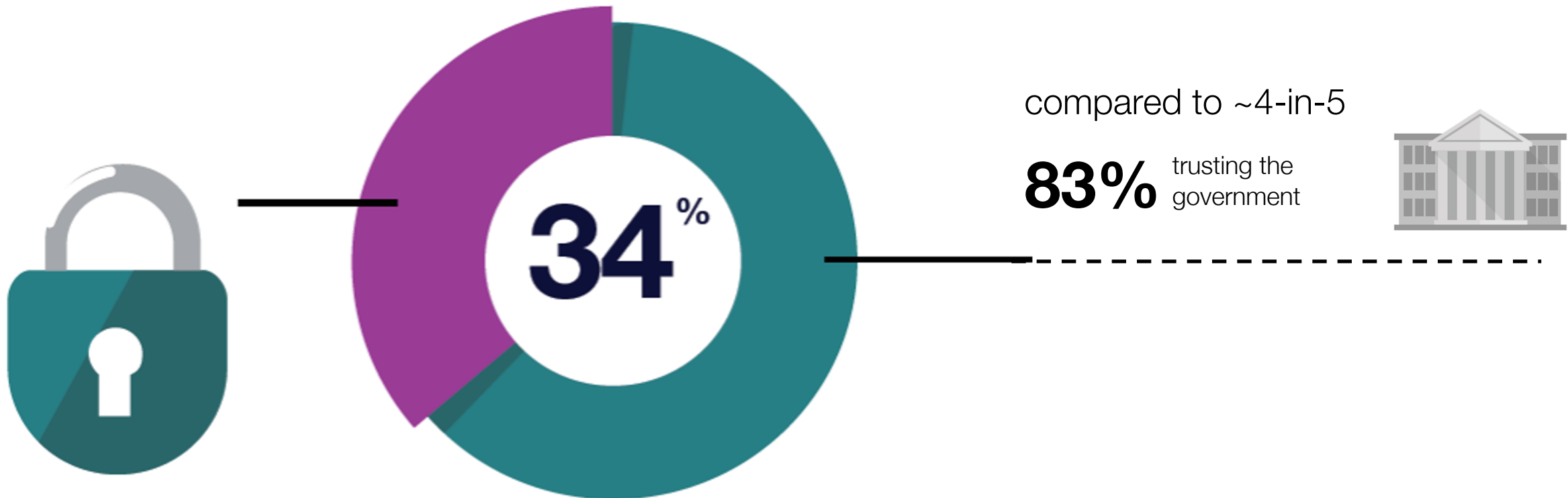
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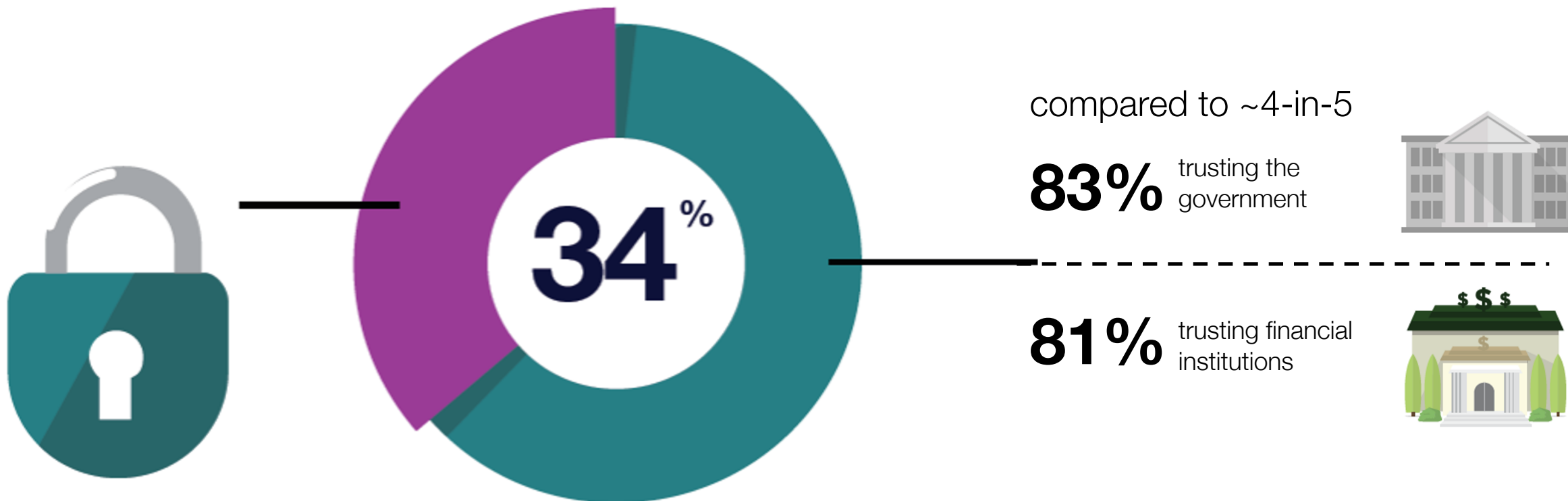
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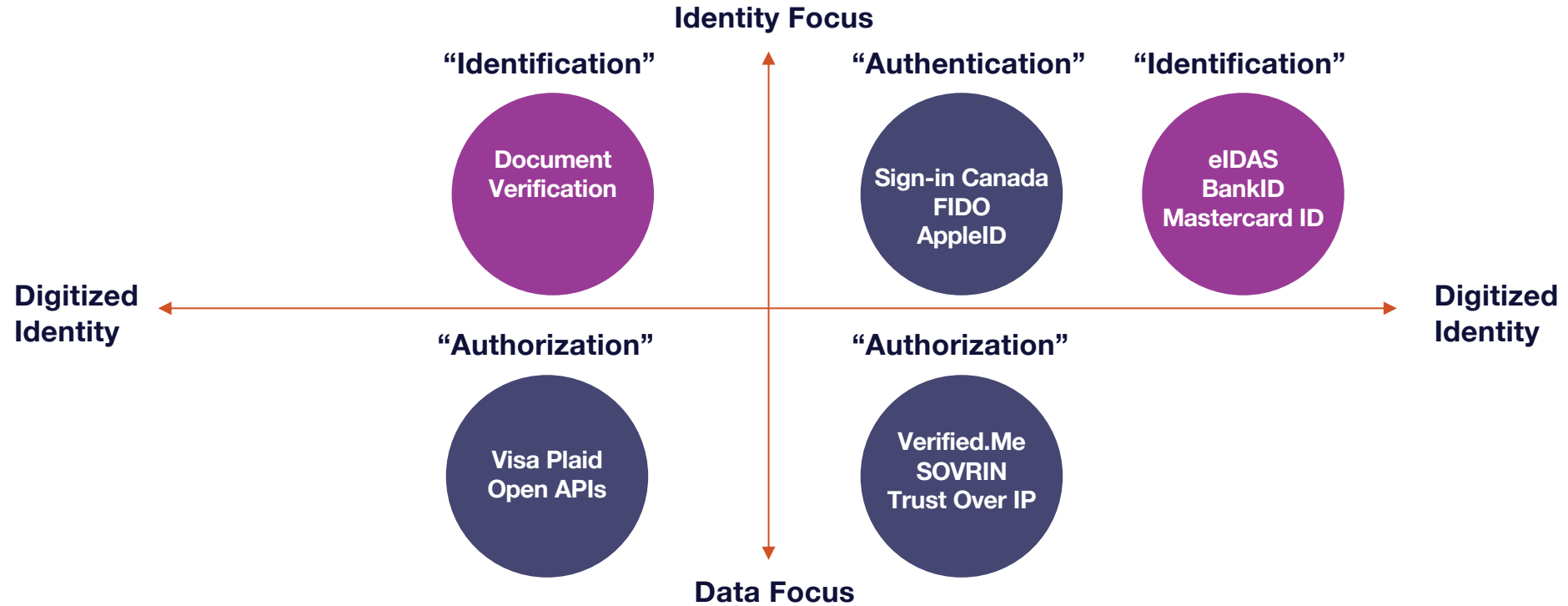
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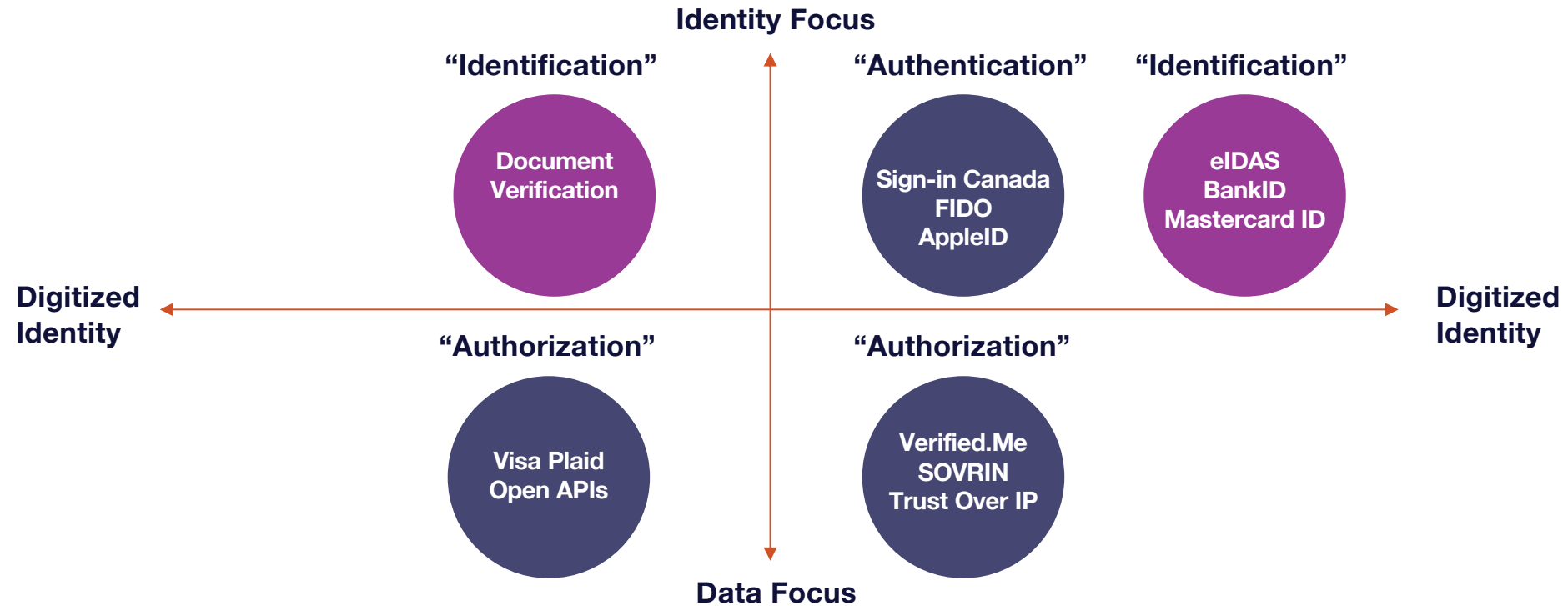


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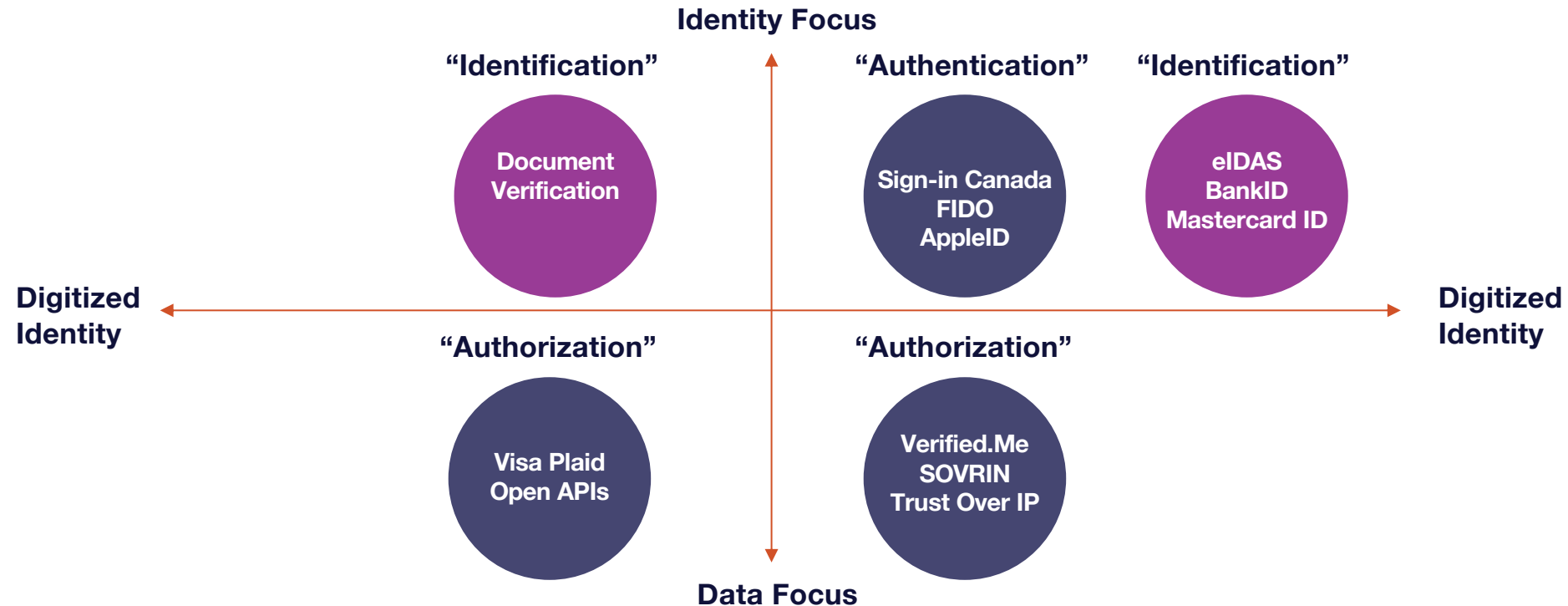
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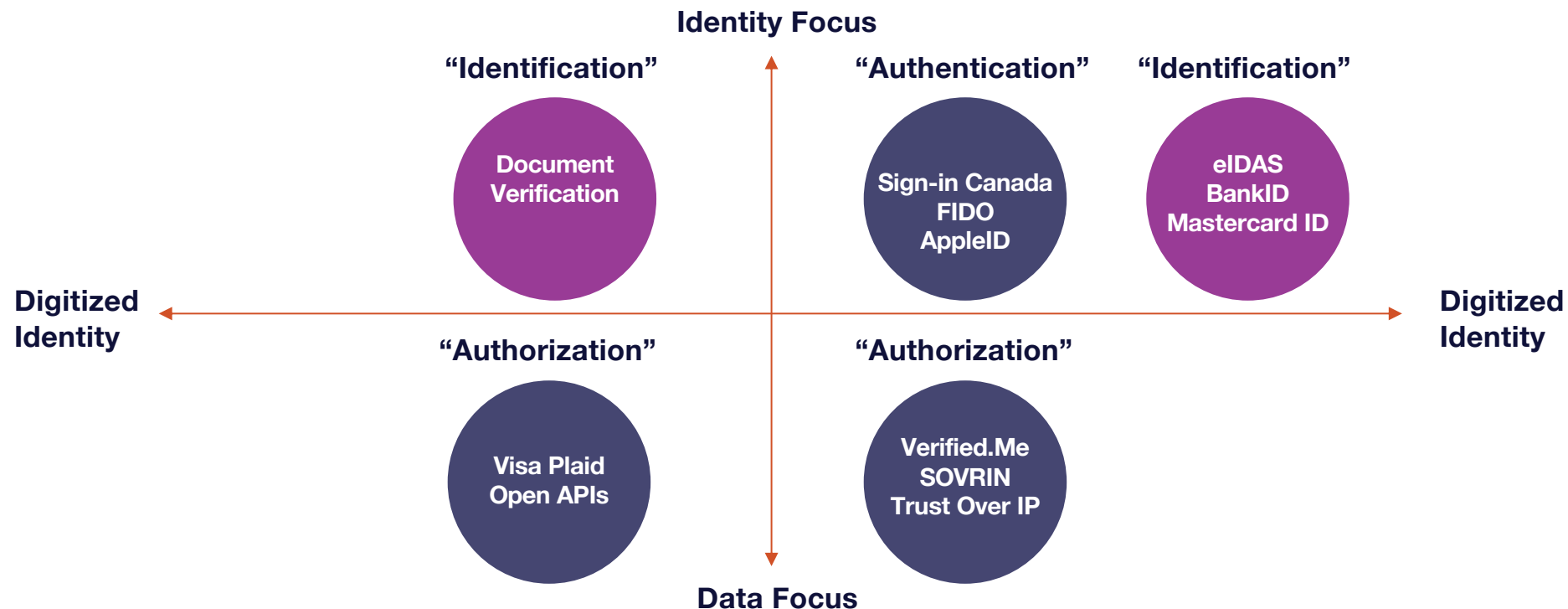
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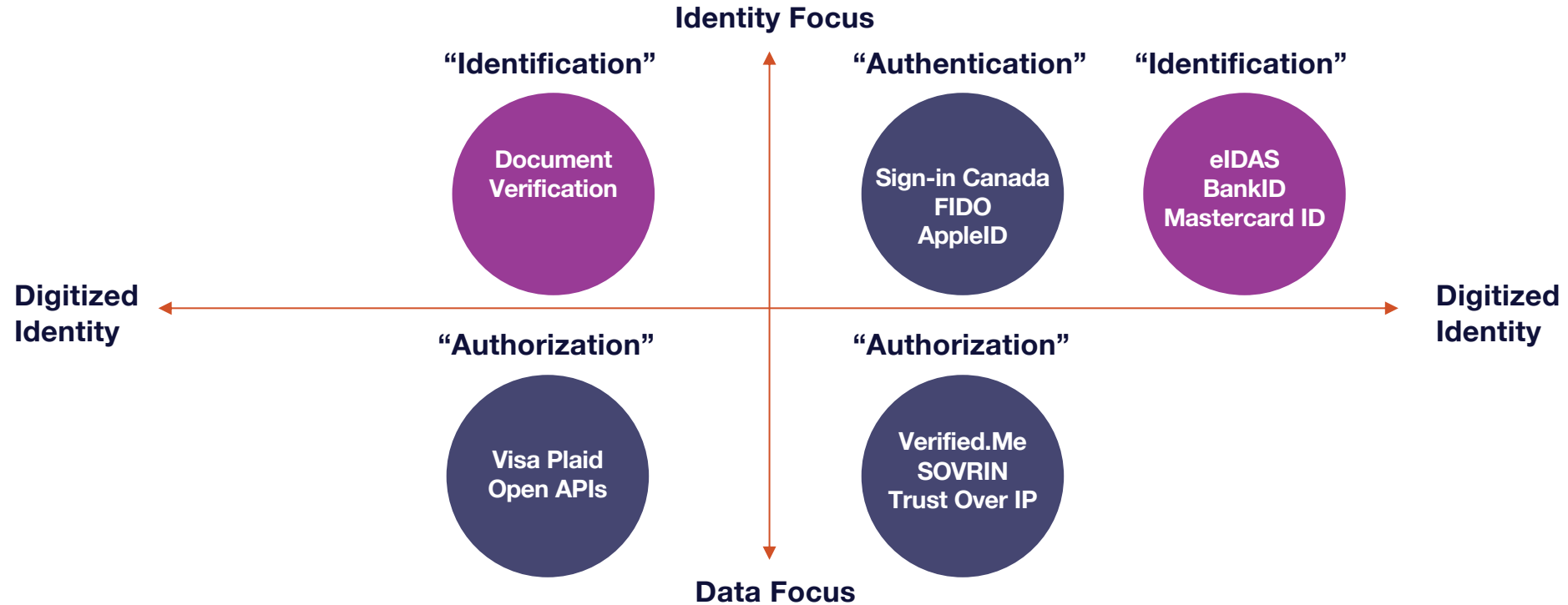
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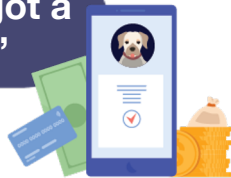
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## Open APIs

Organizations across the economy have been forced to open APIs allowing services to access user data (with the user’s consent) from other places. Users link together different services as the need arises. It is down to the individual service to piece together all the data it collects into something meaningful for the particular user. Most individual users don’t remember all the connections and links they have set up.

“We don’t know if you are a dog, but we can see you like doggy treats.”



# What are the key challenges that need attention?



# DIACC's role in scenarios



How well would scenarios align with the values of DIACC members?

Requirement	Platform	Operator Networks	Self-Sovereign	Open APIs
Participation	L	H	M	M
Transparency	L	M	H	L
Accountability	L	H	M	L
Confidentiality	L	H	H	H
Integrity	L	H	H	M
Availability	M	H	H	M

The above high-level evaluation of each of the scenarios is based on the governance and operational requirements as described in DIACC's whitepaper "[Making Sense of Identity Networks](#)", which reflects DIACC member values and expectations for identity networks. More detail behind the intent of each requirement is included in the appendix of this document.

This evaluation demonstrates that the self-sovereign and operator network scenarios are best aligned with DIACC member values, with the open APIs scenario providing challenges particularly in governance, and the platform scenario being the least aligned.

What influence does the DIACC currently have?

 <b>Platform</b> <span>None</span>	 <b>Operator Networks</b> <span>Good</span>	 <b>Self-Sovereign</b> <span>Good</span>	 <b>Open APIs</b> <span>Limited</span>
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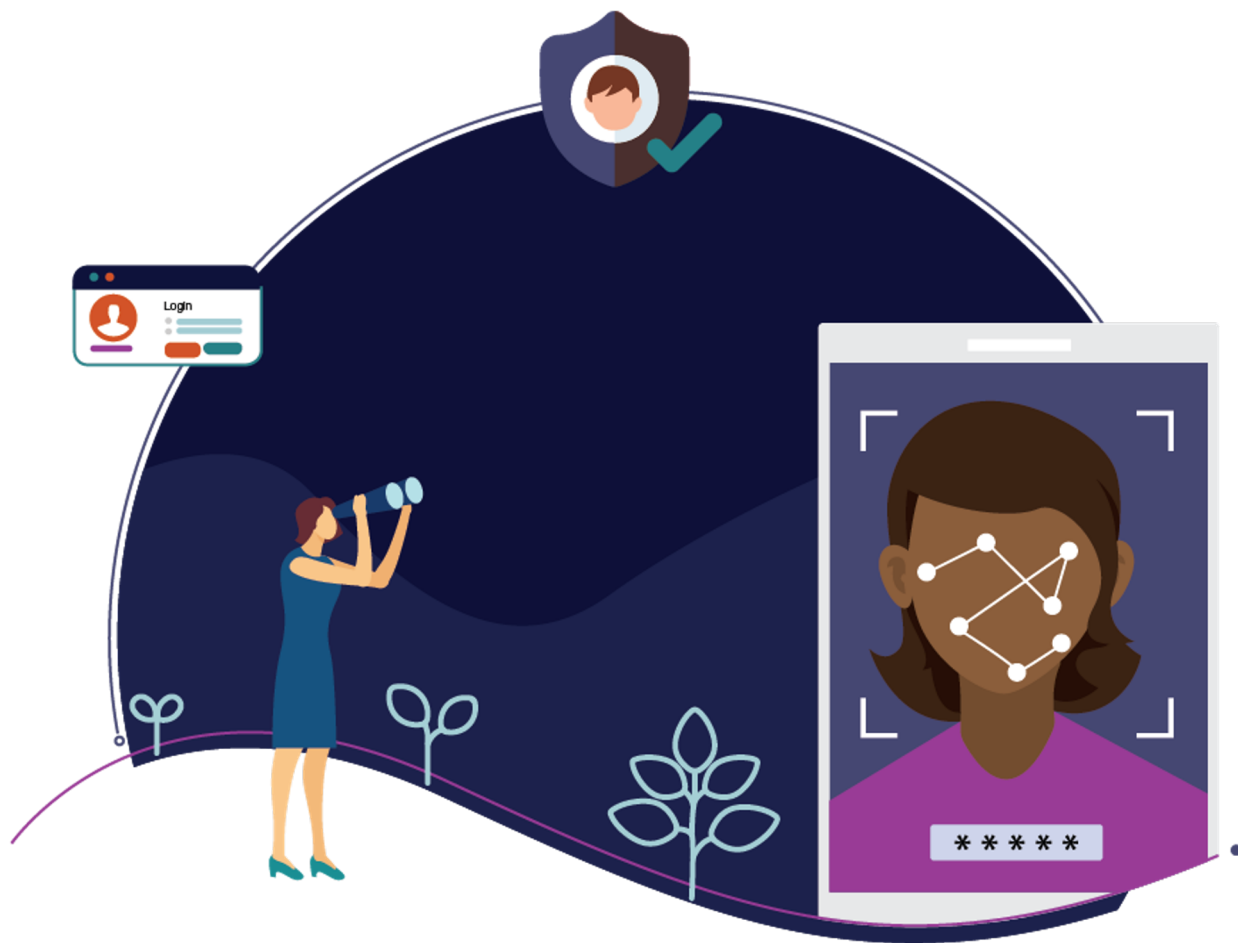
### Sustainability

While each scenario provides a varying perspective, commercial sustainability and viability are either unclear, underdeveloped, or unproven. Considerations for liability should also be included in this category of challenges as the responsibility around personal data exchanged needs to be carefully examined.



### Inclusion

Ensuring that a critical mass of providers and users adopt digital identity products is significant across all scenarios, while also ensuring those that are typically excluded can get access to services or can be provided with better experiences than those that exist today.



**How do we ensure that identity will respect citizens and consumers?**



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feel that a collaboration between the government and the private sector is the **best approach to creating a pan-Canadian digital ID framework.**



# Bill 64: Overhaul of Quebec's Privacy Law Regime

- Significant sanctions may be imposed by Commission d'accès à l'information (“CAI”) up to \$10 million or 2% of worldwide turnover, whichever is greater, and penal sanctions up to \$25 million or 4% of worldwide turnover.
- Possibility for a company to be sued for damages.
- Requirement to appoint a Chief Privacy Officer and establish governance policies and practices.
- New obligations when a data breach incident occurs.
- New rights for individuals for data portability, right to be forgotten and right to object to automated processing of their personal information.
- Creation of exception allowing disclosure of personal information in the course of a business transaction without prior consent of individuals concerned.
- Remove for businesses the possibility of communicating, without the consent of persons concerned, nominative lists and new rules governing the use of personal information for commercial or philanthropic prospecting purposes.
- Obligation for companies to ensure pre-established settings for technology products and services ensuring highest levels of confidentiality by default. (privacy by design)





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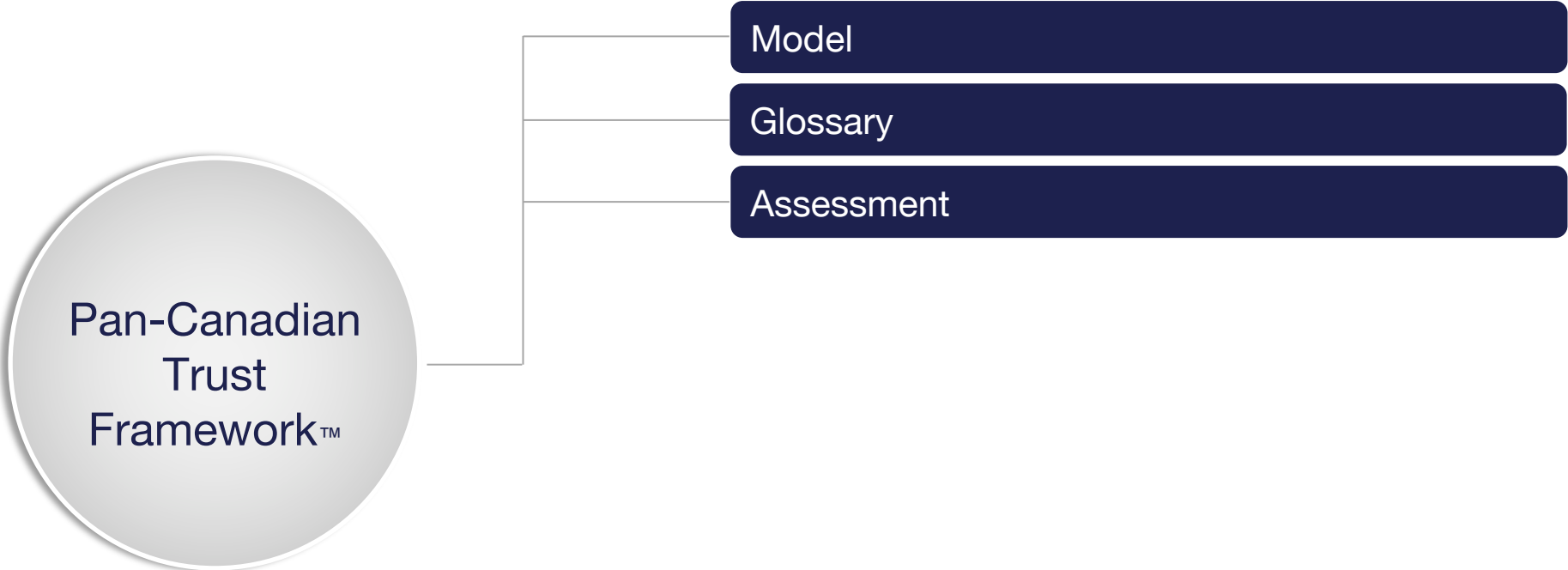
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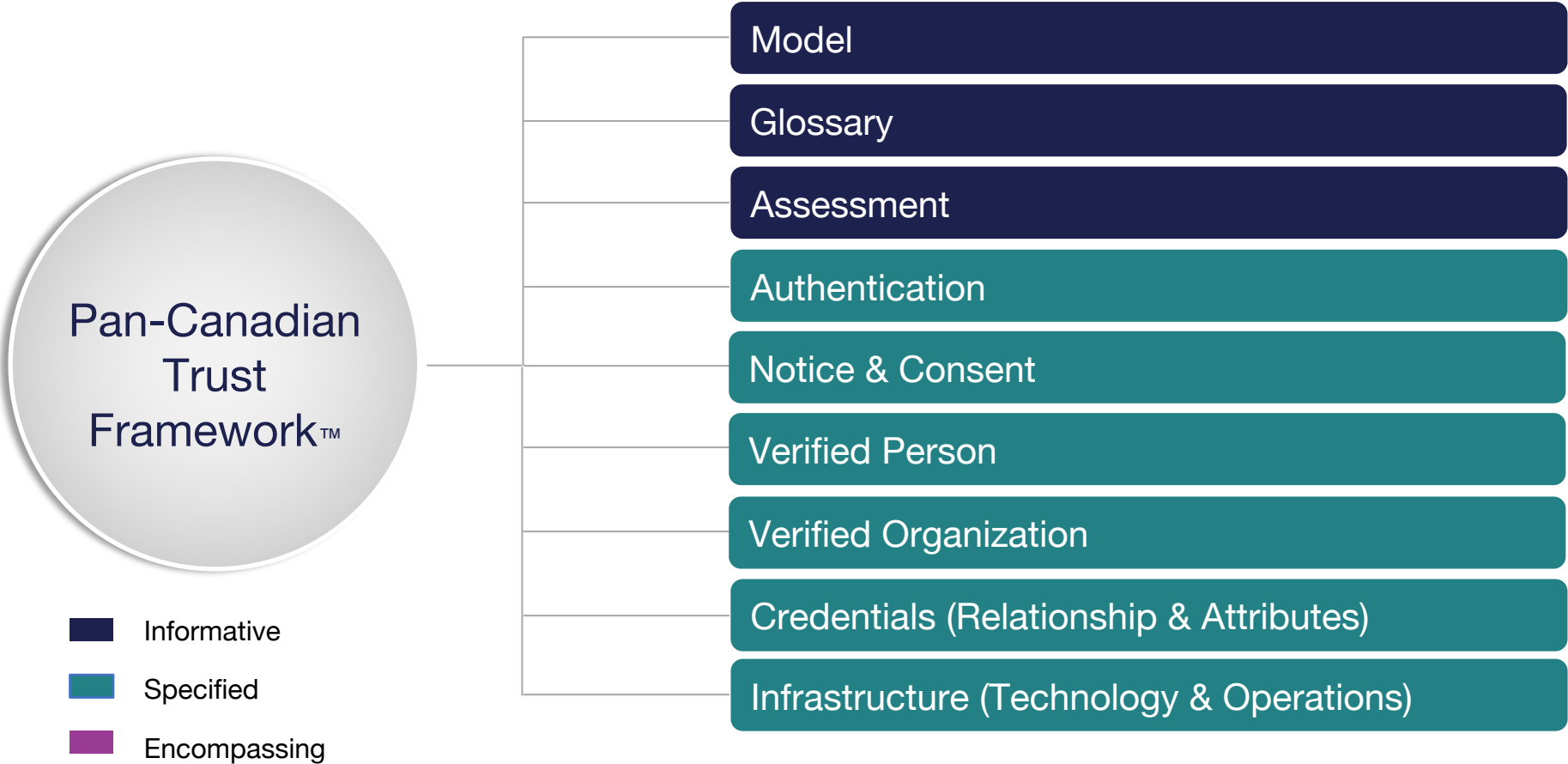


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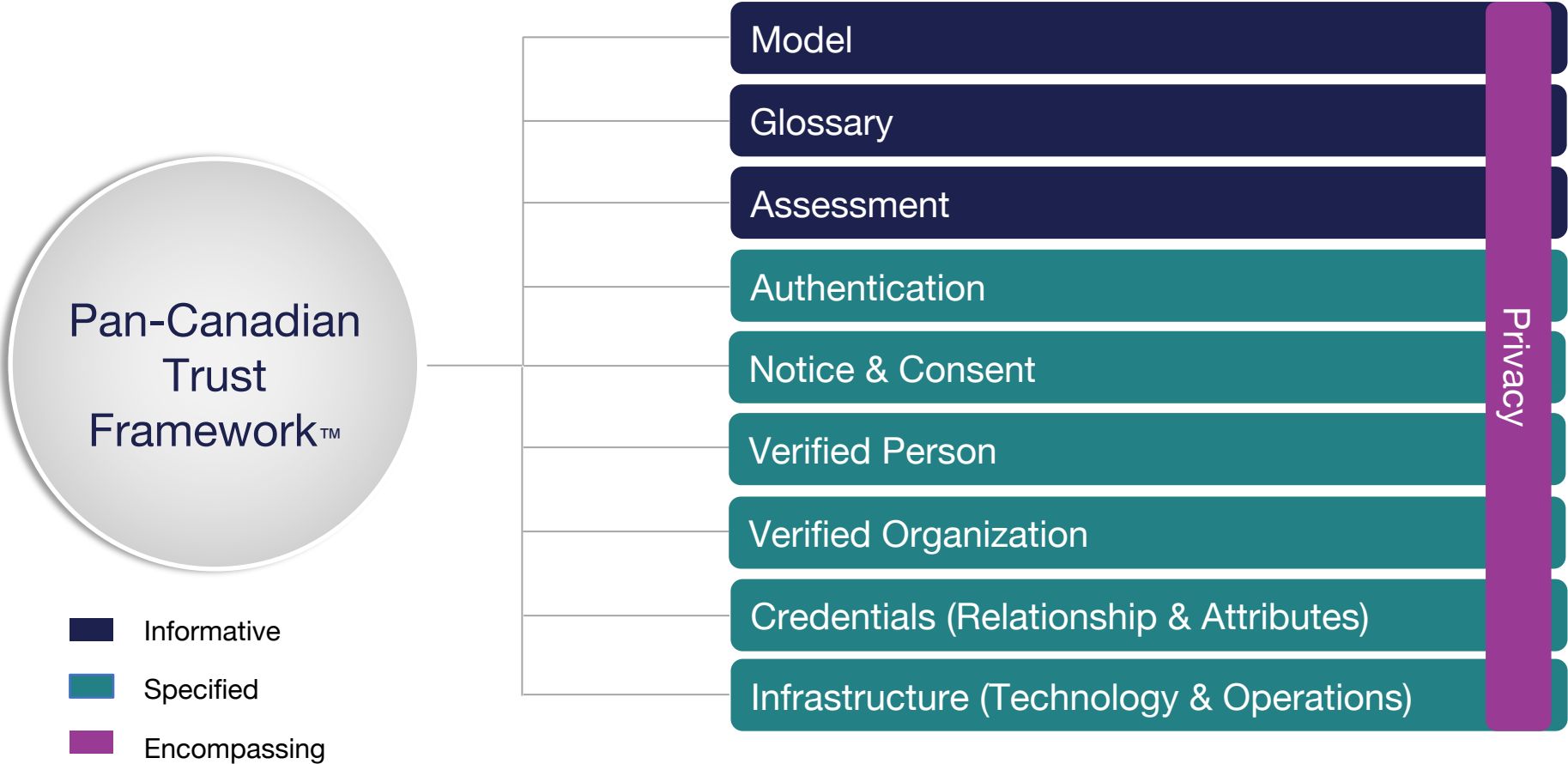


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# How would digital identity be used?



# Digital Identity Use Cases: Government Services

## **Public Service/Polymakers can:**

- Increase efficiencies in a highly regulated system by replacing the printing and resubmitting of forms from separate government departments with a digital ID-powered system
- Improve integrity of communication (phone calls, emails), as digital ID dramatically increases the certainty that the government is interacting with the correct person.
- Provide a more client-centric approach to serving the public by putting Canadians at the centre of digital ID solutions so that the government can change how interactions with Canadians are designed.
- Have less frequent data entry errors and higher data quality. Digital ID consent mechanisms that enable the sharing of data for research would lead to better policy direction and outcomes.
- Be innovative, by creating new ways of providing services to Canadian citizens and businesses and transform how government policies work.

## **Businesses can:**

- Overcome cumbersome manual processes (such as business registration, licensing, permitting and inspections) for more efficient interactions with local, provincial and federal government departments.

## **Citizens can:**

- Access services they need quicker and more efficiently by providing consent to share their data across departments. This can decrease in-person appointments and paper application processes and increase accessibility for those living in rural and remote communities by mitigating needs for commutes.
- Navigate the government administrative processes with more confidence and ease. With a unique digital ID, citizens can “log into” government services, similar to how they log into a bank account and access their services all in one place.

# Digital Identity Use Cases: Health Care

## Patients can:

- Seamlessly and securely access health documents in one place
- View test results, giving control over personal records and increased ability to advocate
- Integrated and unified health care records that enable more efficient and error-free point of care
- Access to health services any time, anywhere, securely authenticating identity to connect to health professionals on any device

## Practitioners & Organizations (clinics, hospitals, paramed, medical research) can:

- Enhance operational efficiencies, including those related to records management and reporting, and care management.
- Reduce chances of prescription fraud with enhanced digital association between identity, prescription, and pharmacy fulfilment. Prescriptions for drugs like opioids and other controlled substances can have increased validation and verification requirements in order to fill the prescription.
- Access quality information about patients. Gated and segmented health records can be shared digitally between health professionals with a patient's permission for a robust medical history.
- Increase time for doctors and clinical researchers by decreasing the time needed to log in and out of applications to verify practitioner identity

## Policy-makers (Government) can:

- Develop better informed policy decisions with the access of higher quality data, which can improve accuracy of future health care research and ensure actions taken are truly patient-first.



# Digital Identity Use Cases: Commerce

## Consumers can:

- Easily facilitate transactions by connecting their payment services provider to retailers.
- Minimize their risk of identity theft and privacy breaches with data minimization established - consumers provide their information on an as-needed basis, protecting their privacy and preserving anonymity.

## Businesses can:

- Improve processes for remotely conducting transactions from distant geographic locations.
- Benefit those working in the 'gig economy' (i.e. freelancers and Uber drivers) with remote authentication across digital channels. With one click, platforms like Uber can verify these workers, and they could be trusted by both the platforms and customers.

## E-commerce Businesses can:

- Reduce their risk for customer fraud or breaches by accessing only need-to-know details.
- Have the ability to perform Know Your Customer (KYC) checks to satisfy regulator requirements is key for providers. KYC procedures are also a legal requirement in order to comply with Anti-Money Laundering (AML) laws. KYC refers to the steps taken to establish customer identity, understand the nature of their activities and assess AML risks. Having a digital ID system in place would enable this.
- Conduct peer-to-peer sales more securely with verified identity, such as on eBay or AirBnB.
- Minimize administrative customer issues, which can impact their productivity and bottom line, such as minimizing the number of people calling in for password resets and errors in delivery logistics.
- Increase their probability of customer loyalty and retention by providing customers with a more structured and secure sales process.

## Retailers (in-person) can:

- Accurately and securely verify the shopper's age when selling restricted goods and content.
- Reduce commercial transaction times and/or costs with automation (i.e. faster interactions at the check out), resulting in increased efficiency.

# Digital Identity Use Cases: Finance



## Financial Institutions (FIs) can:

- Streamline their business processes, from customer registration and transaction monitoring, to credit risk assessment, ultimately offering an improved service delivery. A more streamlined authentication process can also result in increased sales of goods and services, helping with customer retention.
- Increase their cost savings through reduced fraudulent activity, as digital ID can make it easier to verify and trust FI's customer bases.

## Clients and consumers can:

- Place greater trust in their FIs knowing that a secure digital ID system has been adopted.
- Have more control over their data and identity, as data that is shared will be on a need-to-know basis.
- Gain greater accessibility to financial services that are currently hindered by lack of documentation, distance to financial institutions, and cost of financial services for many people worldwide.
- Save on transaction costs, with fewer or no service fees, as well as an elimination of the need for physical proof and exchange of paperwork in financial transactions.
- Access their services with speed and ease as a streamlined and efficient process makes for a faster turnaround time for verification and authentication.

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Leading Canada's **full and beneficial global digital economy participation** by delivering a **digital identity and authentication interoperability framework**.

The DIACC is a **Non-profit coalition** of **public and private sector members** created as a result of federal government's Electronic Payments System Task Force.





# DIACC Board



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Digital Identity Laboratory



**Adopter Members:** Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Niagara Health

## Join the Conversation!

Adopt the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework to secure the foundation of digital identity that will secure Canada's digital transformation.

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