

# Data hergebruik en Solid

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# About me

- Co-Founder & CTO at Digita
  - Software and services so organisations can easily connect to a Solid-based personal data ecosystem
  - Still hiring to grow our team of ten people
- Adjunct Professor at KU Leuven
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  - Researcher at KU Leuven
  - Visiting Researcher at University of Cambridge



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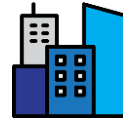
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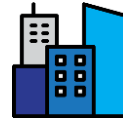
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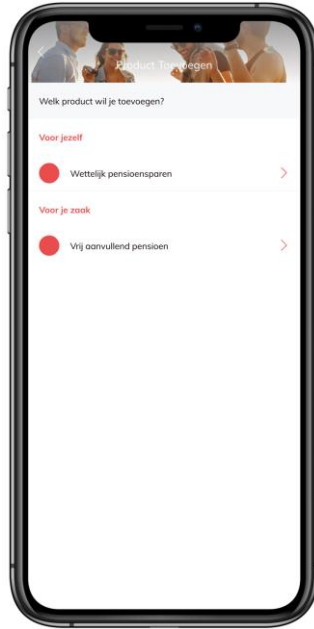
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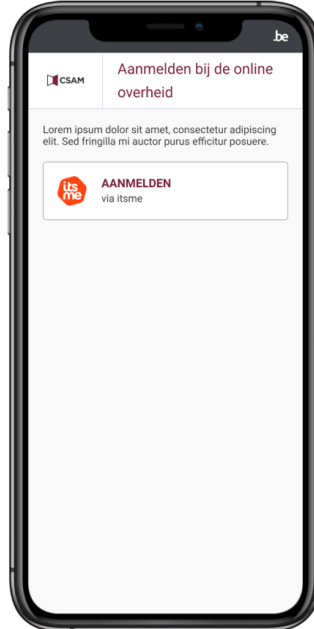


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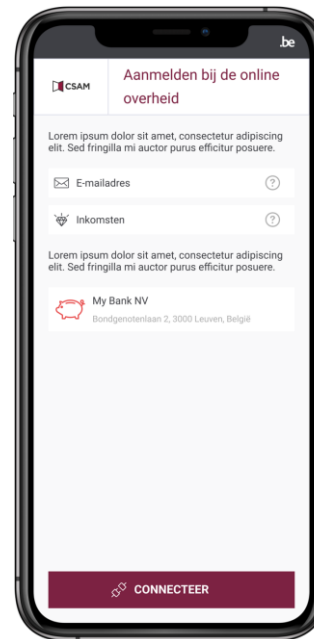
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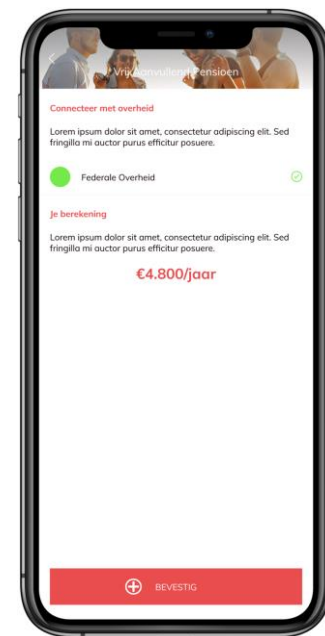
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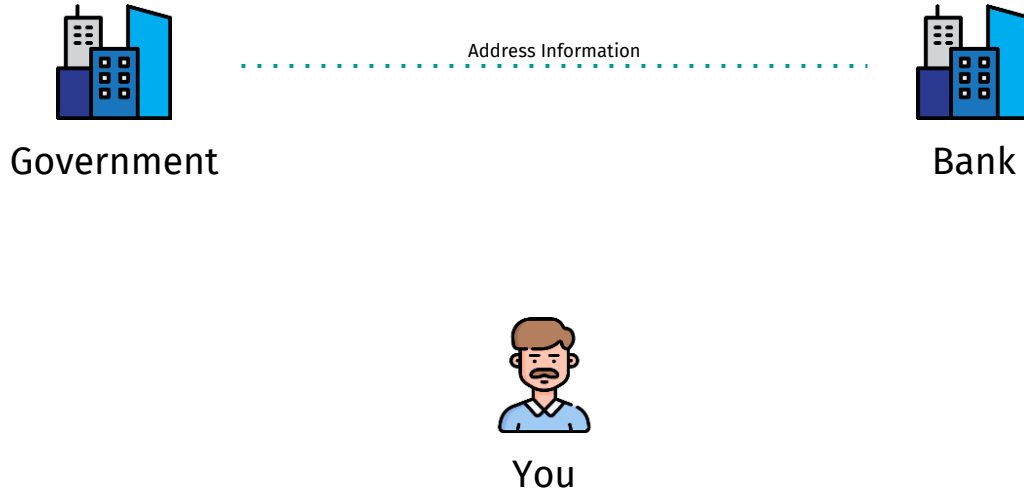
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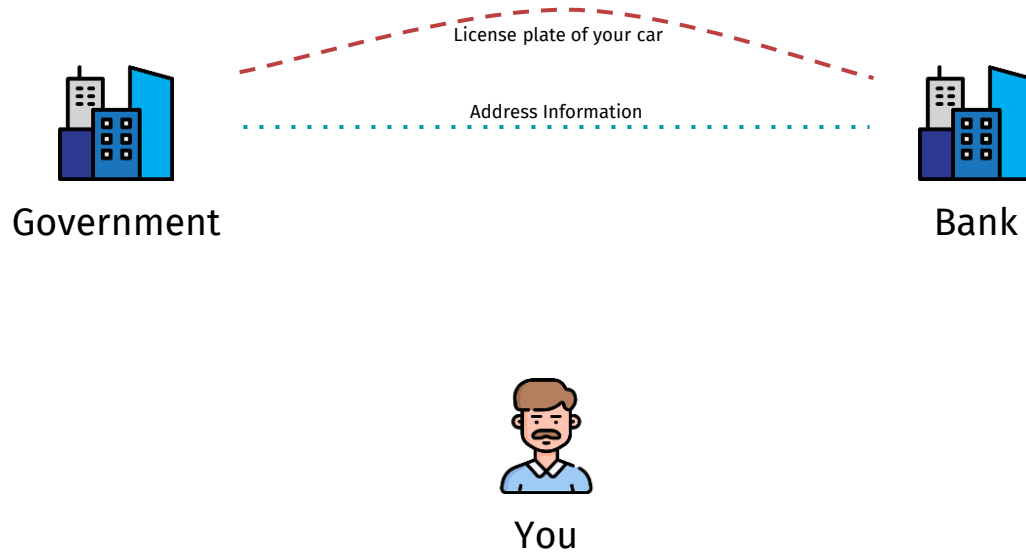
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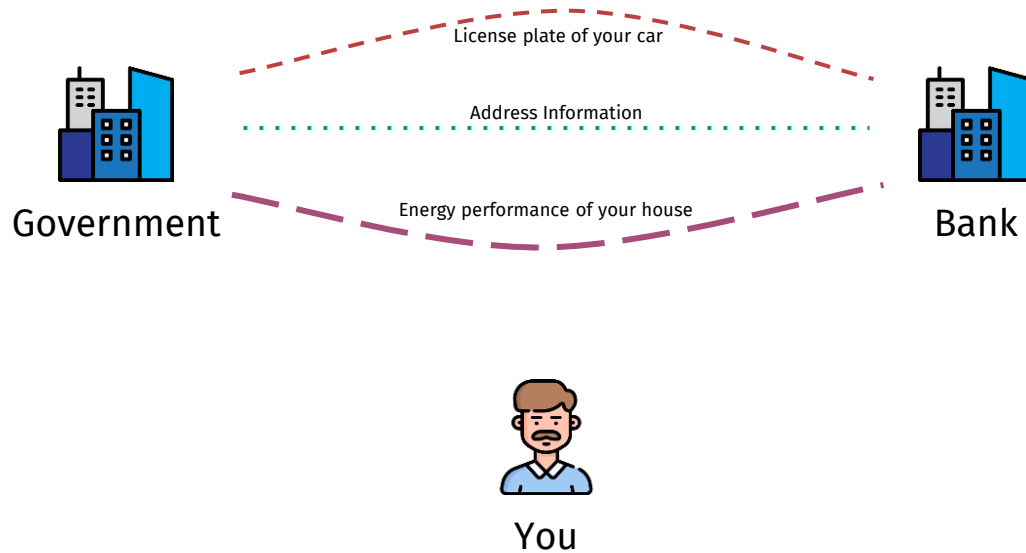
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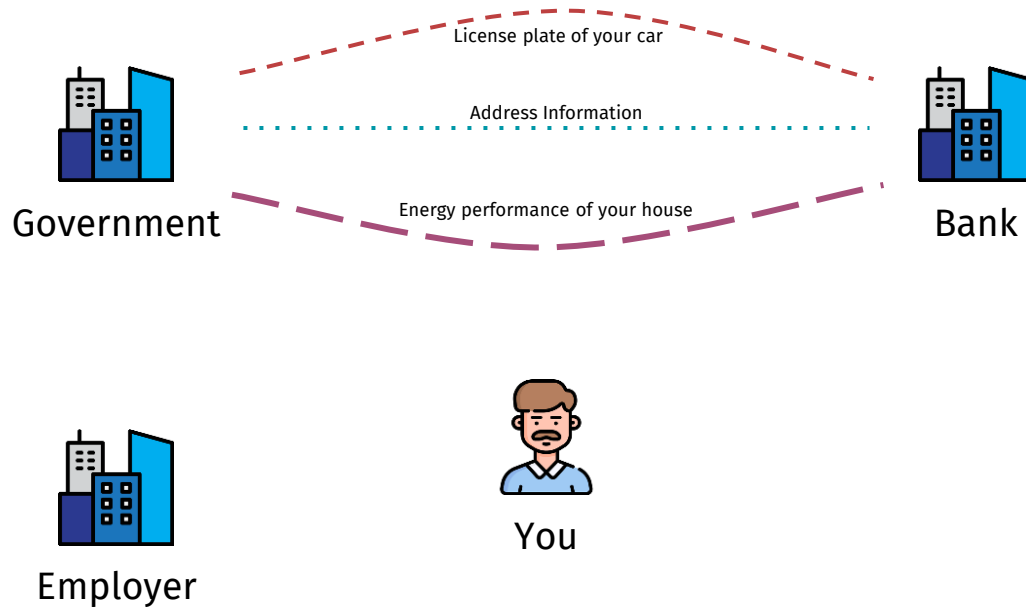
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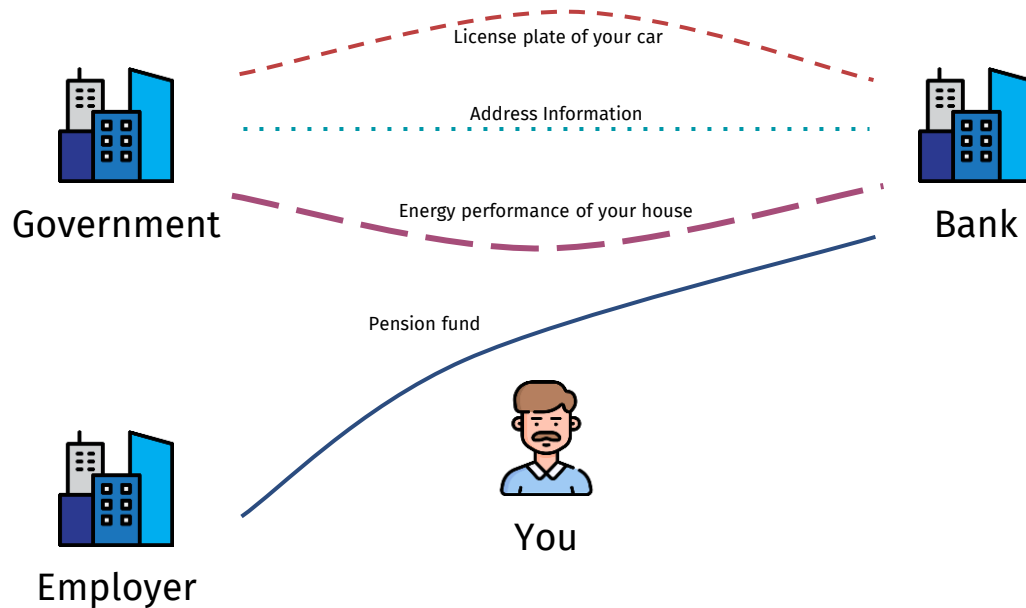
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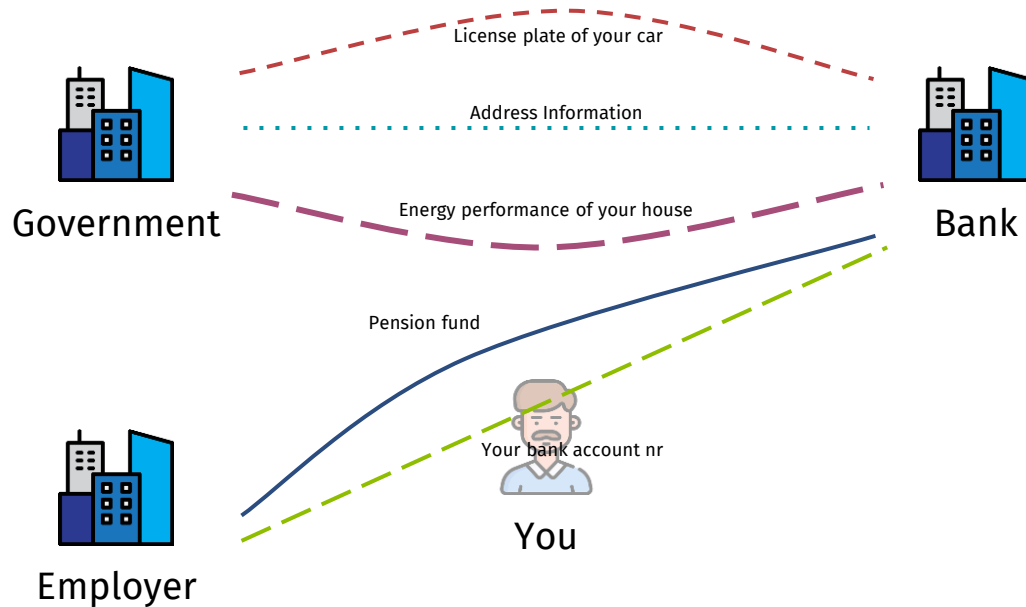
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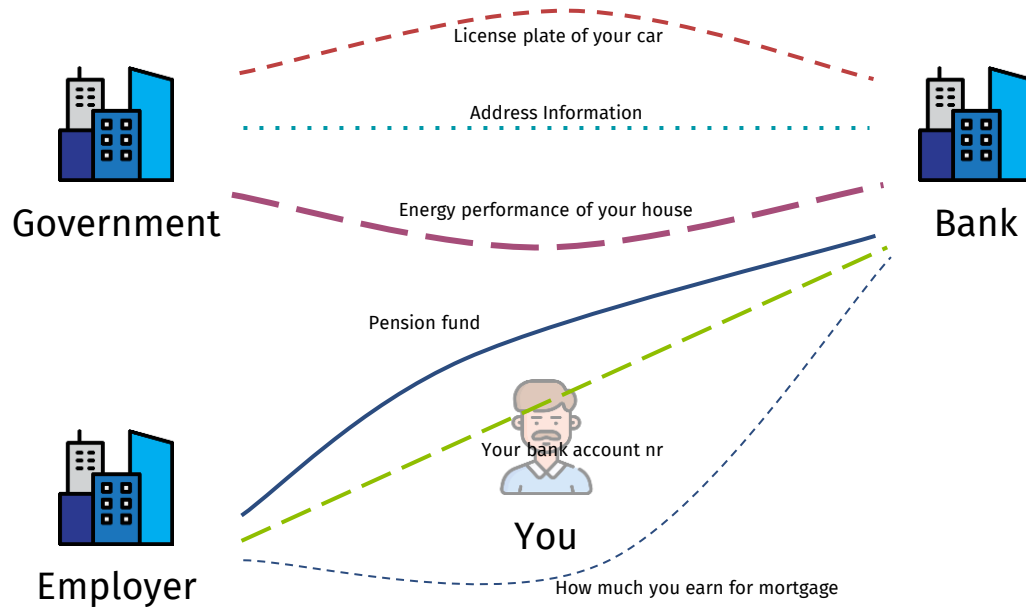
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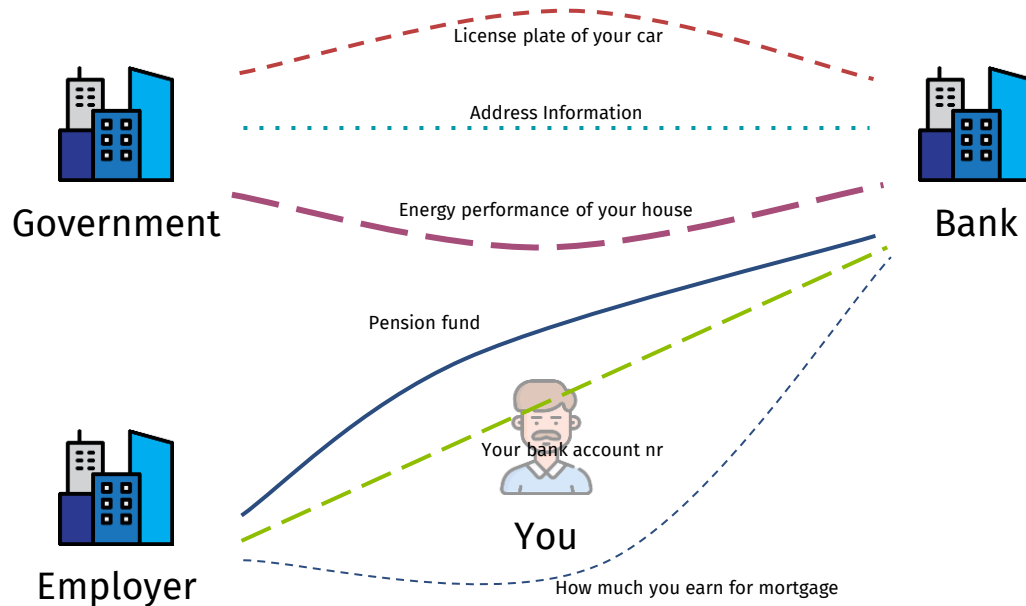


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# Heterogenous point to point connections

## Why are they problematic?

- Each connection with external data source requires a new ICT investment
- Each time, the user has a different user experience
- The user has no way to get an overview of all these connections
- ...



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# Solid

- A specification based upon open web standards (i.e. a list of rules)
- Goal: standardise many (but not all!!) aspects of data reuse to eliminate homogeneous point-to-point connections
- Solid leads to a world wide web, but then for personal data.

## 2.1 HTTP Server

A `data pod` MUST be an HTTP/1.1 server [RFC7230][RFC7231]. It SHOULD [RFC7540] to improve performance, especially in cases where individual client numbers of successive requests.

A data pod SHOULD use TLS connections through the `https` URI scheme in between clients and servers. When both `http` and `https` are supported, all `http` counterparts using a response with a `301` status code and a `Location`

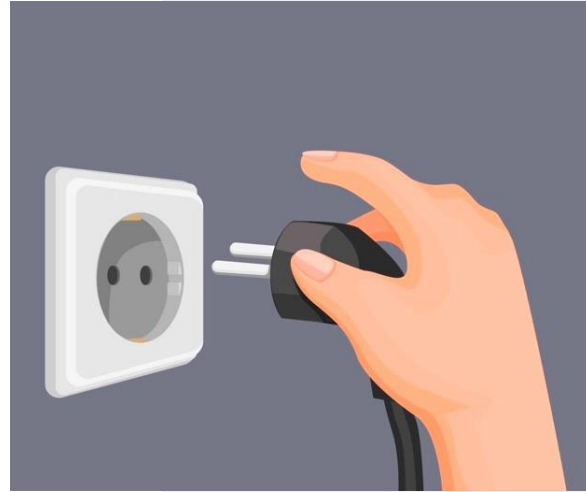
A data pod MUST implement the server part of *HTTP/1.1 Conditional Request*: updates requested by clients will only be applied if given preconditions are met. It MUST implement the server part of *HTTP/1.1 Caching* [RFC7234] to improve performance and the server part of *HTTP/1.1 Range Requests* [RFC7233] to further improve performance representations.

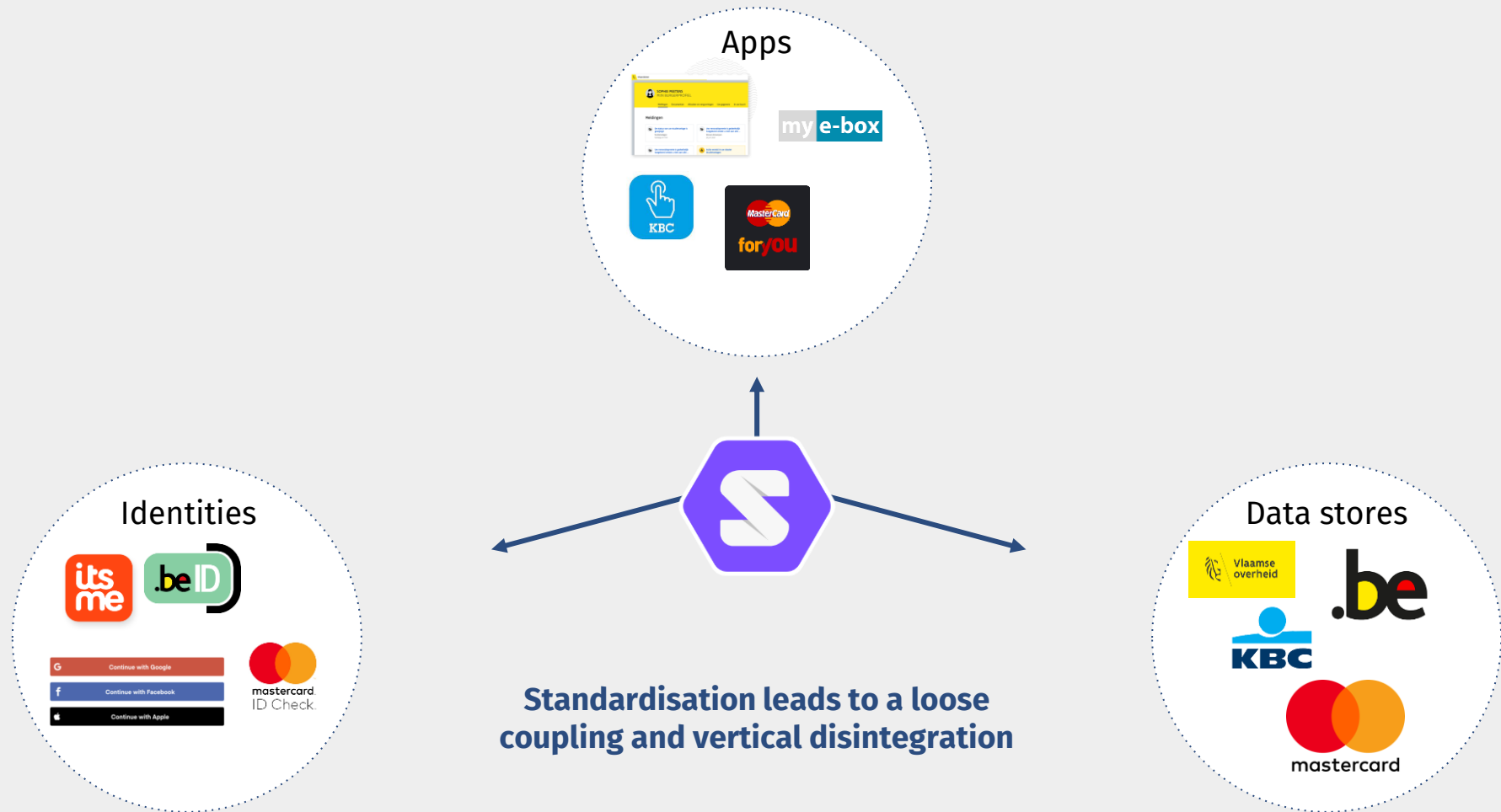
A data pod MUST implement the server part of *HTTP/1.1 Authentication* [RFC7235] to provide valid credentials when requesting a resource that requires it (see [Web](#) response with a `401` status code (unless `404` is preferred for security reasons



# What does Solid do?

- Leads to a loose coupling and many to many relationship between
  - Apps
  - Pods (a.k.a vaults, data stores, ...)
  - Identities
- Does not create data vaults
- But **standardises** data vaults (i.e. pods)  
Make e.g. My Walmart, My Wells Fargo, My T Mobile, ... interoperable





# What do the Solid rules say?

- The most fundamental rules: there are WebIDs, pods, identities and apps
- Other rules: how these components should interact





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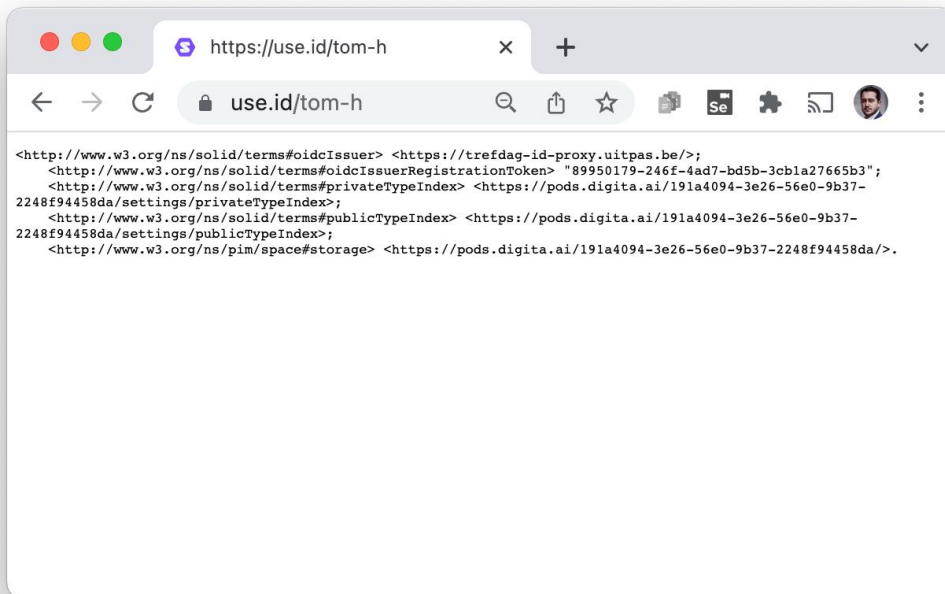
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 *Did you know that... Actually, the concept of a pod does not really exist and the WebID is the most central concept within Solid.*



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## **Solid-OIDC**

- A special flavour of traditional OpenID Connect



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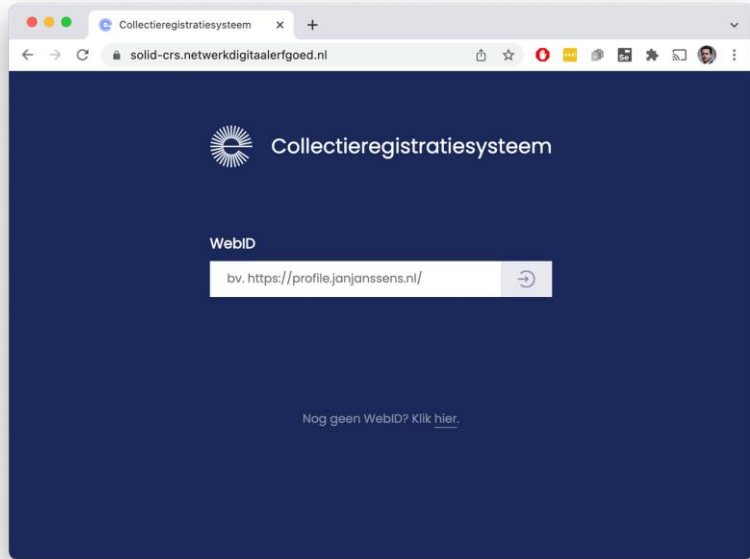
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An app in which you can log in with your WebID so you can access your Solid pod



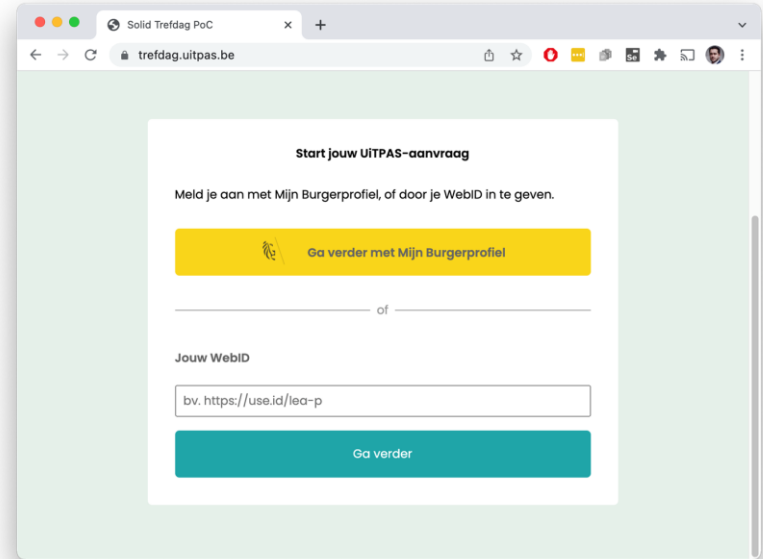
# Examples



Collectieregistratiesysteem

WebID

Nog geen WebID? Klik [hier](#).



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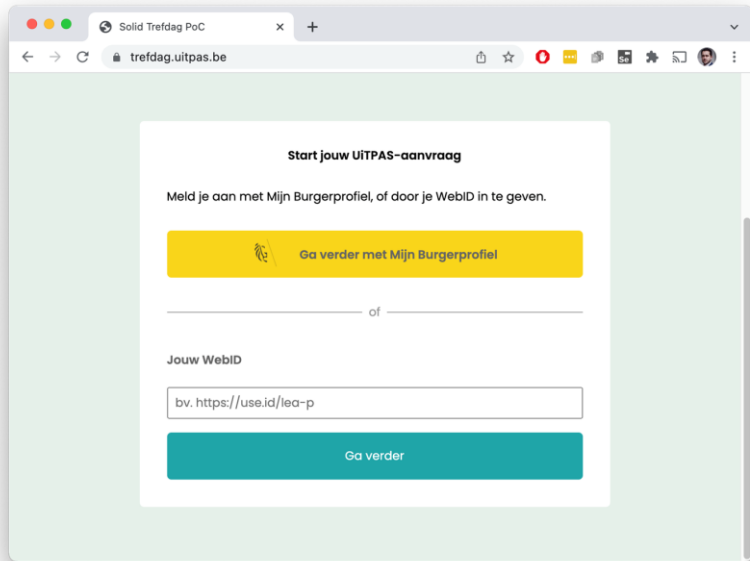
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# Best of both worlds




Solid Trefdag PoC

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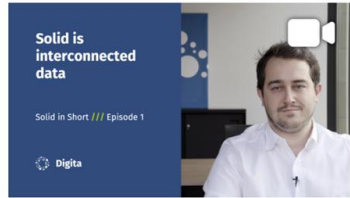
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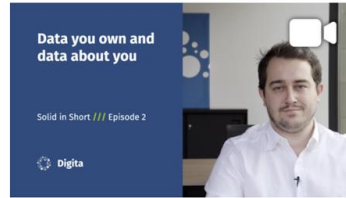
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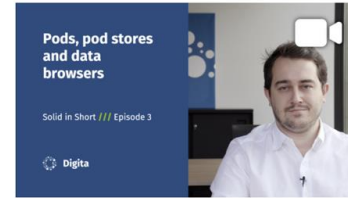
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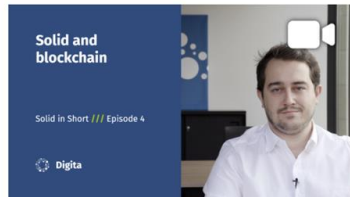
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**DATA YOU OWN AND DATA ABOUT YOU**



**PODS, POD STORES AND DATA BROWSERS**



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