

# IAB Europe Webinar

## Universal ID – As The Cookie Crumbles, Is This The Solution?

*Thank you for joining! We will begin momentarily.*



# Welcome and Introduction



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# Universal ID 101



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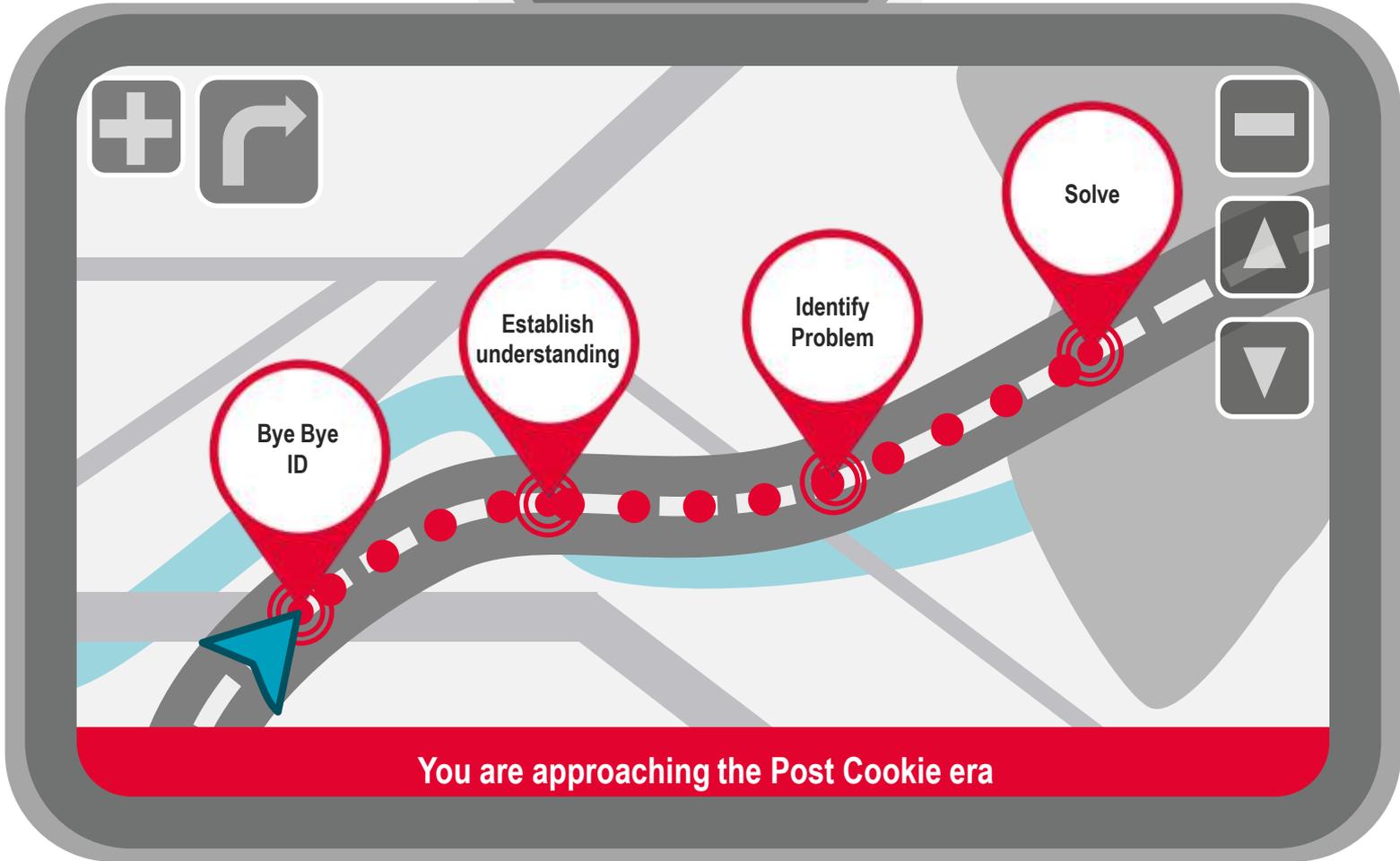


# IAB WEBINAR UNIFIED ID - 101

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## Source – how is an ID build/generated?

### Universally Unique Identifier (UUID)

- Standardized by RFC4122
- (Originally) **anonymous**
- (Originally) timestamp based
- the total number of randomly generated UUIDs is so large that the probability of generating two identical UUIDs is very small
- A UUID is 128 bits long and requires no central registration process
- Example: 550e8400-e29b-11d4-a716-446655440000

### Hash of [Account] or [Mail address]

- Typically considered as **pseudonymous** since its based on „personal data“ as defined by the GDPR and other guidelines/regulations

### Hash of multiple data points based on recipe

- Typically considered as **pseudonymous** since its based on „personal data“ as defined by the GDPR and other guidelines/regulations
- Thats what is generated with probabilistic methods (statistical) based on custom fonts, operating system, browser versions and many more data points

Thats where privacy regulations starts

## Storage of IDs

1st / 3rd Party  
Cookie

Local Storage

*Don't mix the ID and  
it's place of storage*

Device based

Server Side



Storage = Soil

ID = Tree

Data = Leaves

## Reality is a complex multi device behaviour – using Web (Desktop & MEW) & InApp



Before getting up

07:03 Uhr



On the way to work

08:41 Uhr



At work

12:35 Uhr



On the way home

18:45 Uhr



On the couch

20:00 Uhr



In bed before sleep

22:59 Uhr



# (Cookie) ID fragmentation is the death of a holistic advertising identity

Page Impressions InApp ~50% of Total

(=none-cookie world)

Keeping in mind, that  
~50% of traffic is  
already InApp, the  
percentage bisects to  
19,5%

Only for 39% of  
targeted Users in  
Web no  
fragmentation of  
identity exists...

Page Impressions in Web (Desktop/MEW) = 100%

Unblocked Media = 70% (Adblocking -30%)

Single Device = 49% (Multi-Device Usage -30%)

Single Cookie = 39%

(Multi-Cookie Usage -20%)

- Firefox ETP, Safari ITP (3rd Party Cookie Blocking)

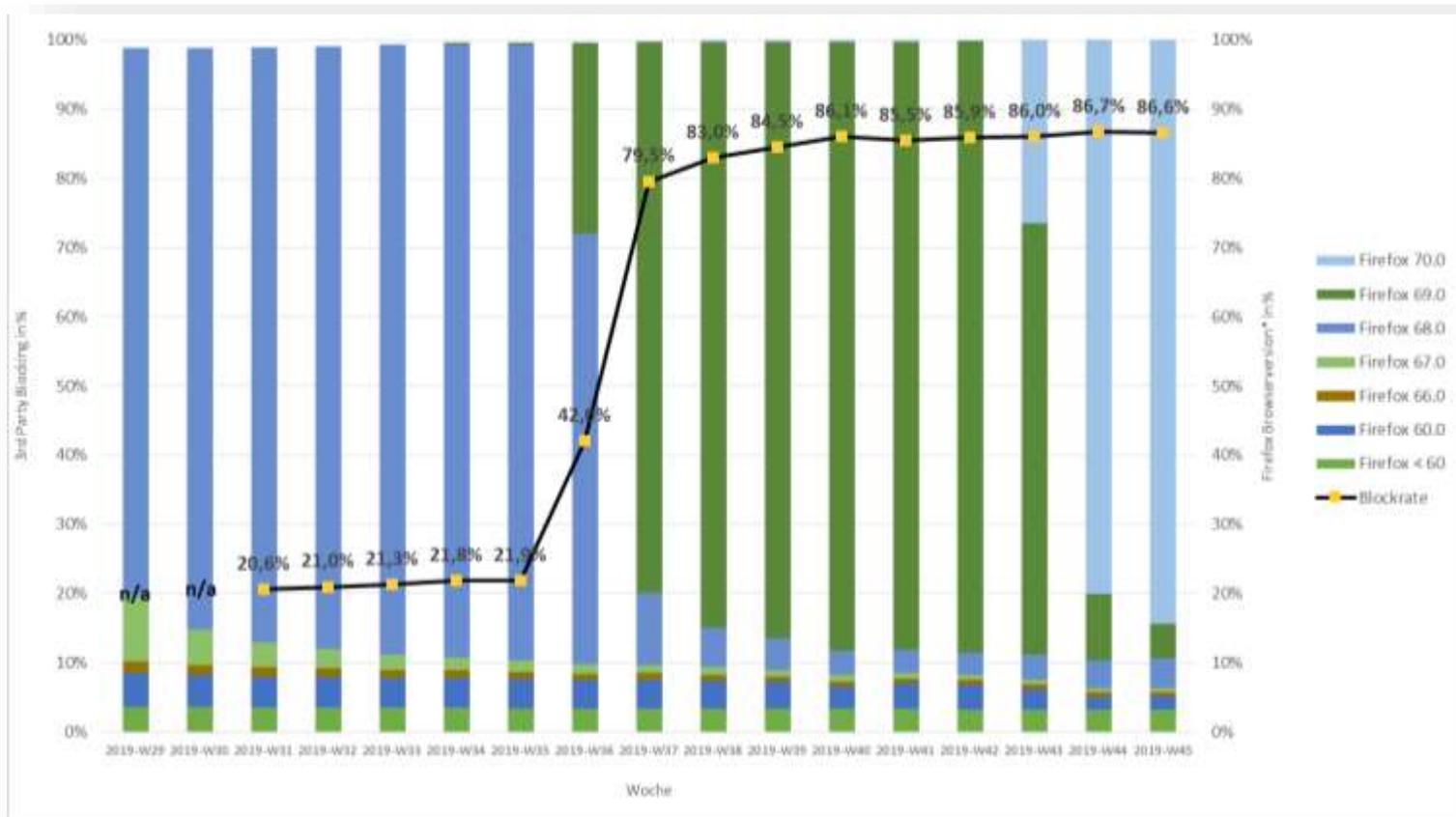
A photograph of a forest landscape. In the foreground, there is a large stack of cut logs, some with small red marks on their ends, resting on green grass. The background consists of a dense forest of tall, thin trees under a blue sky with light clouds.

Storage = no 3rd Party cookie

ID = not persistent anymore

Data = cannot be associated

## Impact of Browser Gatekeeping – e.g. Firefox Enhanced Tracking Protection | Safari Int. Tracking Prevention



## The 3rd Party Cookie is dying

### ...many deaths:

- ✓ Laws (EU-GDPR, ePR)
- ✓ Firefox (Enhanced Tracking Protection)
- ✓ Safari (Intelligent Tracking Prevention)
- ✓ direct AdBlockers (ABP, Ghostery, ...)
- ✓ indirect AdBlockers (Avira, Symantec, Kaspersky...)
- ✓ Multi-Device Usage

### Impact:

without **cookie** *currently* no **identity**.  
without identity no **data**.  
without data no **target group**.  
without target group no **revenue**.



# Open Internet needs to cooperate to solve the identity problem

Advertiser & Agencies

## DSP (Demand Side Platform)



## DMP (Data Management Platform)



OpenRTB  
Protocol  
iab

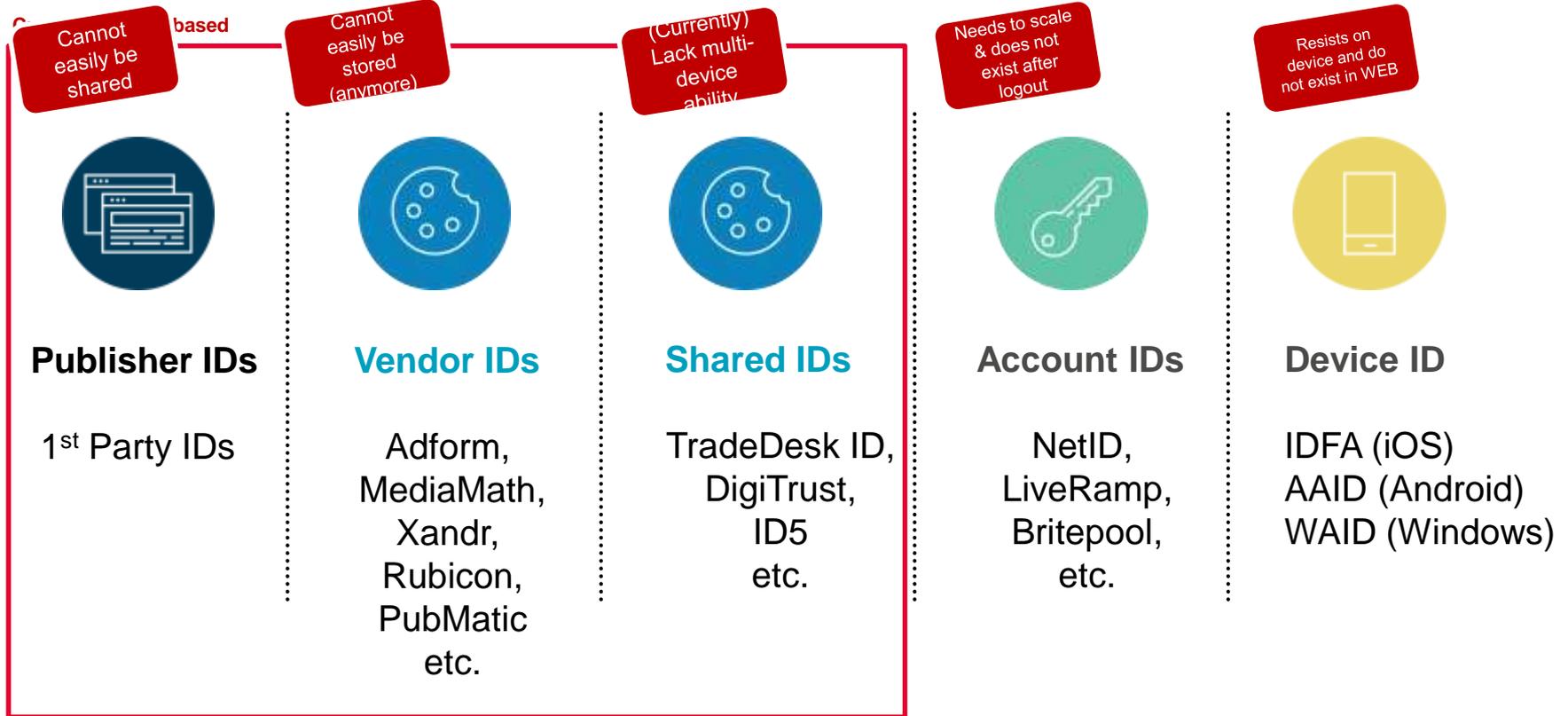
## SSP (Supply Side Platform)



Publisher

Unified Identity & Consent Management

# Categories of IDs



## Questions?



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### Unser Markenportfolio:



**GMX**



mail.com

AD Europe

Gelbe Seiten

Das Telefonbuch  
Alles in einem

Das Örtliche

# The case for the universal ID



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# The Case for a Universal ID

Travis Clinger  
VP, Strategic Partnerships



# Industry Challenges

The industry needs a future-proof solution to maintain and grow media investments in programmatic while meeting the rising bar of privacy regulation



## Dominance of Walled Gardens

Walled Gardens continue to disintermediate publishers from their audiences and take a disproportionate sum of ad budgets



## Privacy Regulations

Stringent regulatory guidance is raising the stakes for data governance and compliance



## Decline of Third Party Cookie

Browsers are enabling more privacy controls for consumers by default

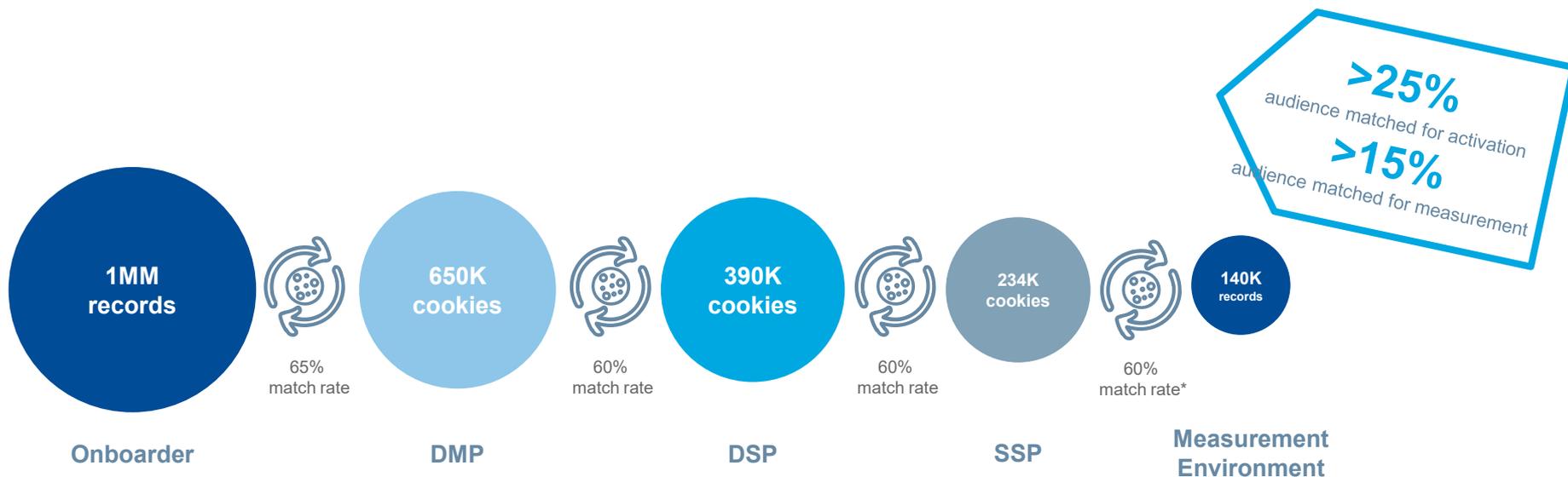


## Ecosystem Fragmentation

Highly fragmented ecosystem makes it difficult for advertisers to reach people-based audiences at scale

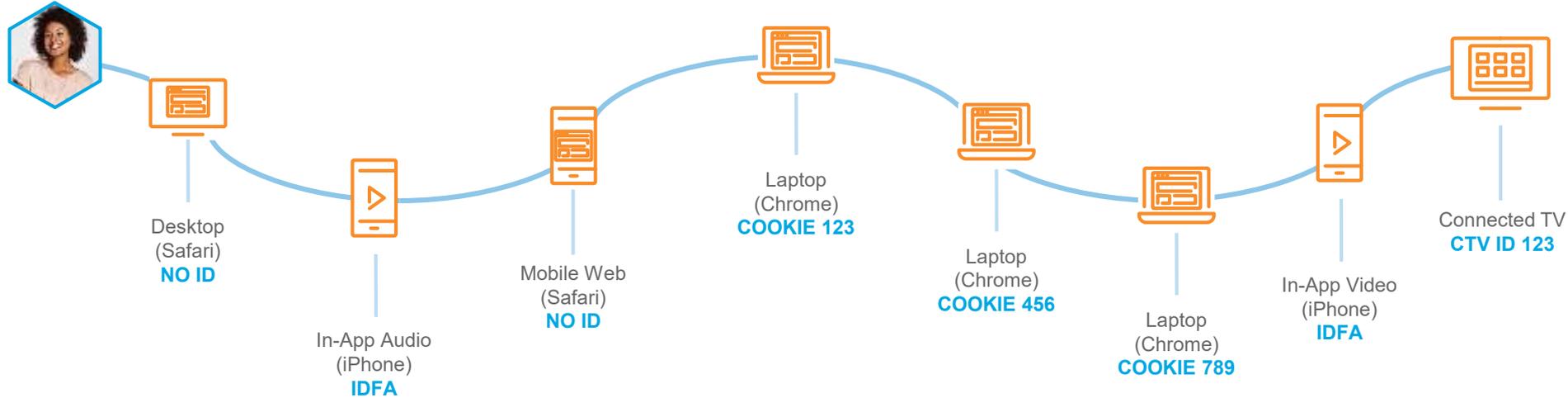
# Ecosystem Fragmentation

Audience loss due to cookie syncs leads to less effective programmatic investment



\*Measurement drop off represents translation of exposure logs to records (IDL)

# Identifying Consumers Across All Inventory





# Transparency **includes consumers** in the online value exchange

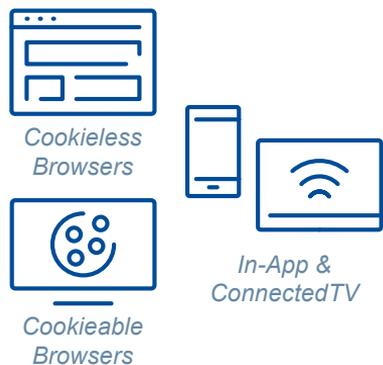
The consumer status quo:

- Lack of transparency over personal data = trust issues
- No online identity = obscured control
- Content and advertising based on assumptions (probabilistic vs. deterministic) leads to poor personalization



# Addressability with a Universal ID

An interoperable identifier across the ecosystem would eliminate data loss when moving data between platforms and enable transparent measurement of every impression purchased



**Identify Consumers Across  
All Devices & Channels**



*DSP*

**Pass Audience Data &  
Transact on ID**



*Measurement Environment*

**Enable Measurement  
on ID**

# Benefits of a Universal ID



Advertisers can reach more of their target audience and publishers can more effectively monetize their sites



Advertisers can more accurately attribute the effectiveness of their investment and shift more budget to programmatic



Consumers understand how their data is being used and both advertisers and publishers can deliver consumers a better experience



Publisher can maintain sustainable monetization tactics and continue to produce high quality content



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# The implementation of Universal ID

Mathieu Roche, Co-Founder & CEO



# About ID5

Created in **2017**



**Team of 9**

Industry expertise from AppNexus, Rubicon, SpotX, etc.

Based in London



and Paris



Shared identity solution for Ad Tech platforms and publishers improving user identification capabilities to power programmatic advertising



Reaching more than

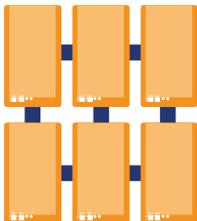
**2.5 billion**

devices per month globally (1B in Europe only)

Synchronising and/or providing advertising IDs to more than

**55**

Ad Tech platforms



Member of IAB Europe & IAB TechLab participating in the design of the Transparency & Consent Framework (TCF)





# ID5 Partners

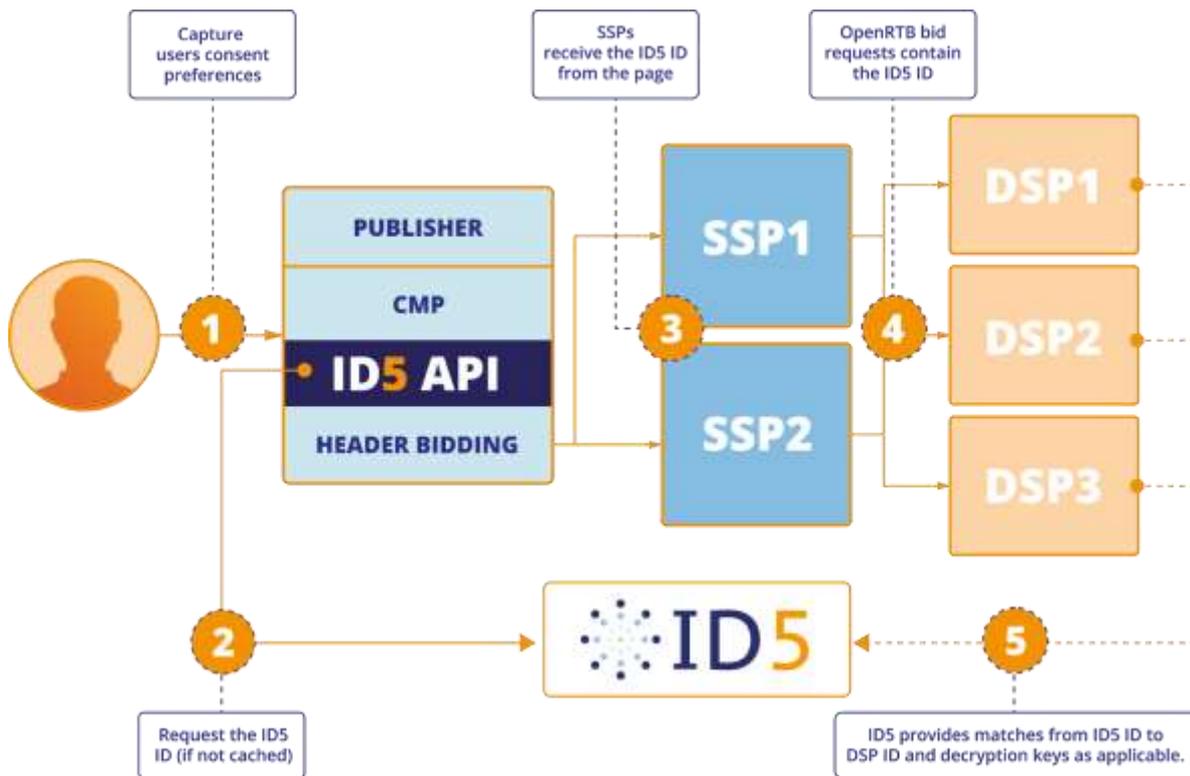
ID5 works with some of the largest Ad Tech platforms & media owners globally



# Shared ID initiatives available in Prebid



# How ID5 Universal ID works



# Understanding the value of Universal ID



Improving page load time by removing user sync pixel from pages

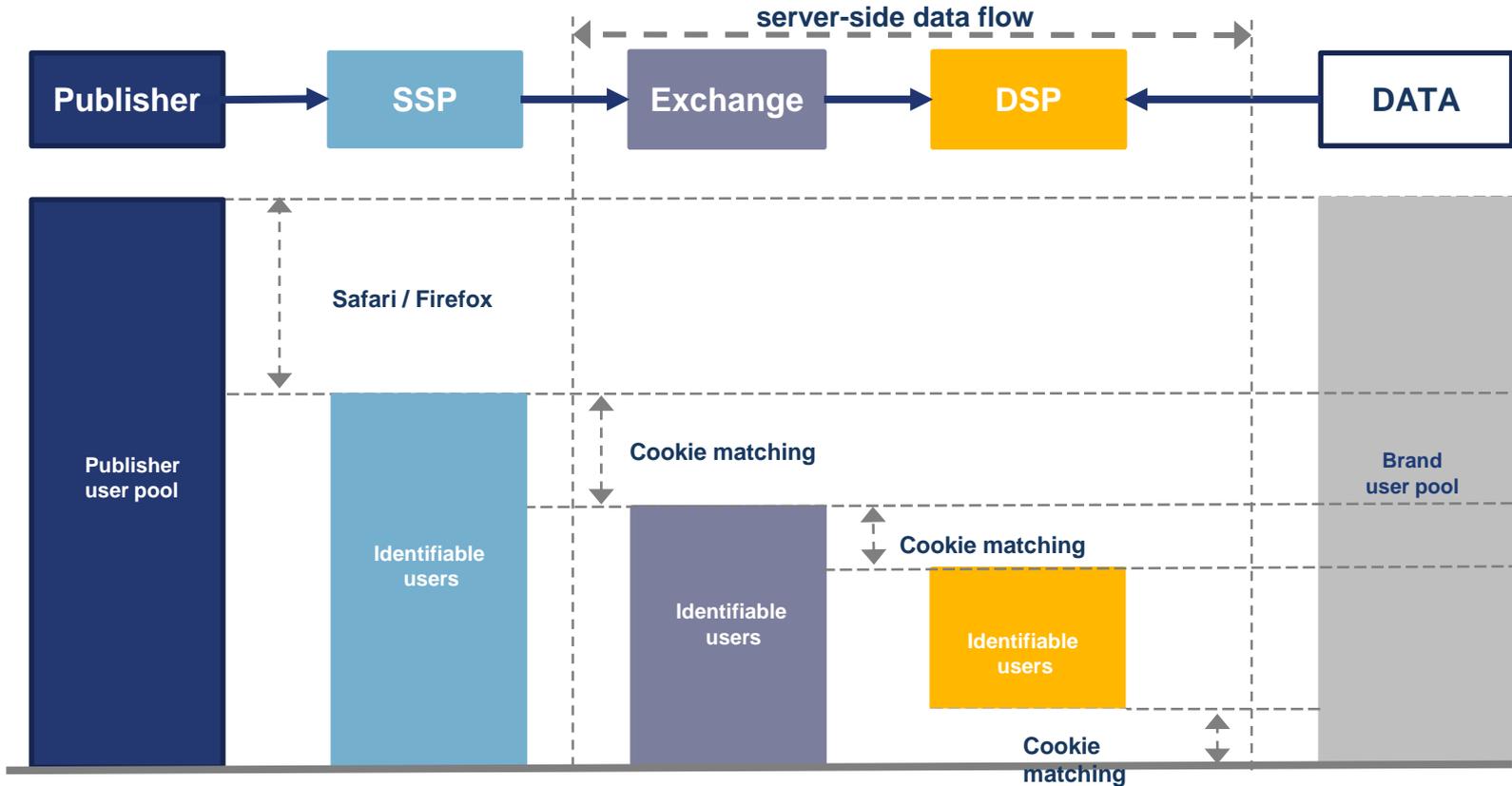


Protecting access to publisher data by encrypting user IDs in bid requests

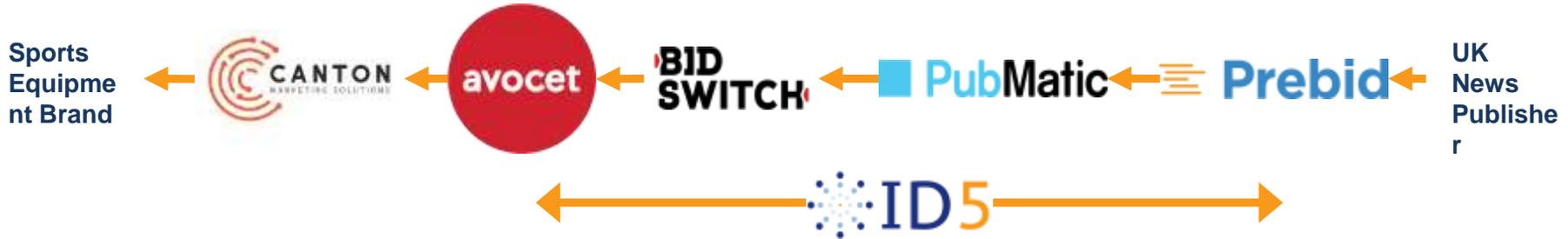


Rebuilding trust with users by enforcing respect of their privacy choices

# Understanding the value of Universal ID



# Universal ID pilot: Test Campaign



## Goals:

- Validate technical integration principles and workflow
- Measure impact on supply availability and reach when a Universal ID is available
- Understand potential to target and frequency cap users of browsers restricting access to 3rd party cookies (i.e. Safari & Firefox)

## Universal ID pilot: findings so far

- **Implementation by Avocet was relatively easy!**
- **Nearly 100% of traffic has an ID5 ID**
- **(but...) It's been difficult to open up access to unmatched traffic**
- **Driving adoption requires the whole supply chain**



Thank you



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# Challenges and limitations



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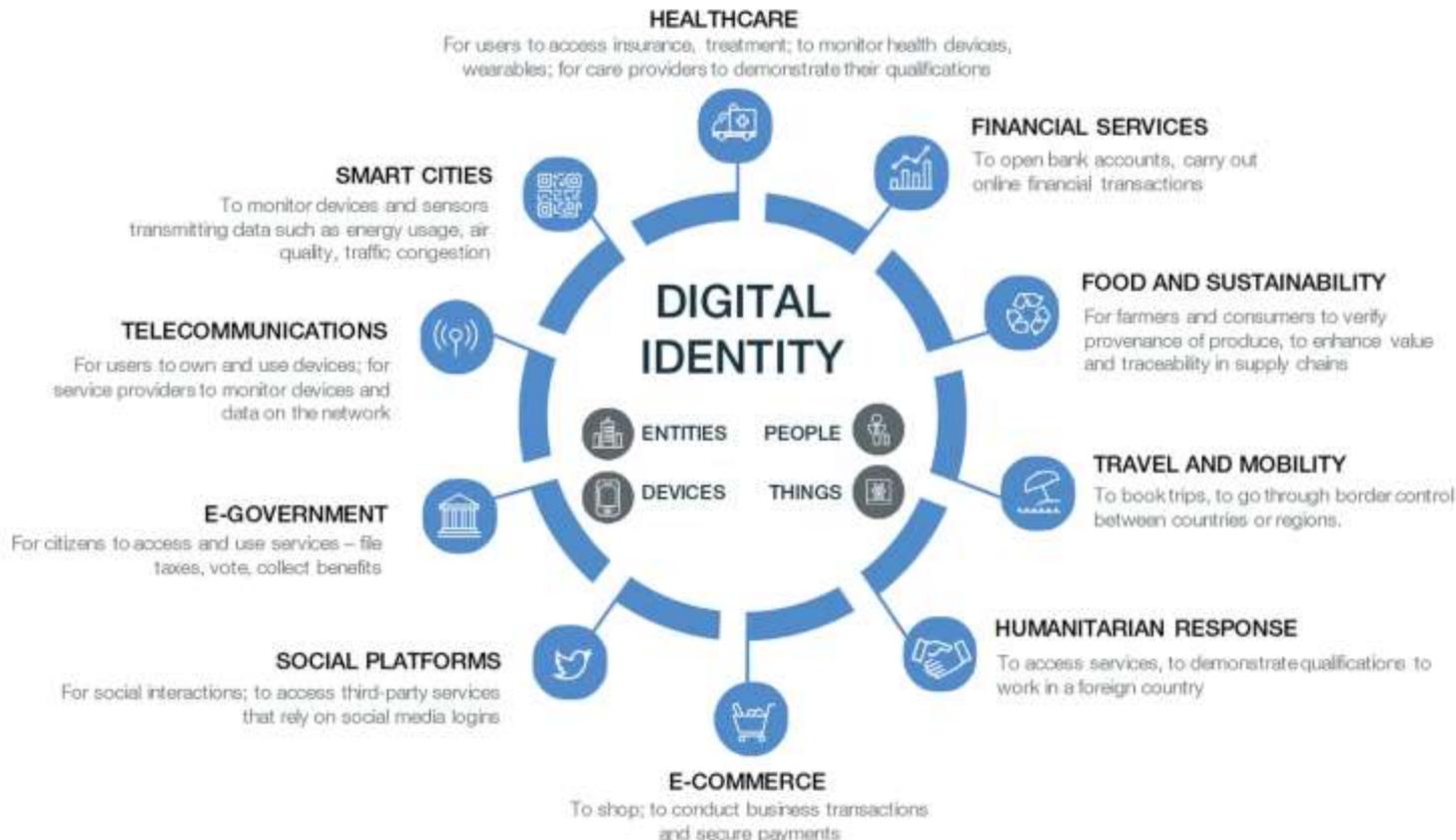


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Universal ID in which universe?

# How many universes seems to need the same?



# we've built a digital society and we can show you how

e-estonia

Named 'the most advanced digital society in the world' by Wired, ingenious Estonians are pathfinders, who have built an efficient, secure and transparent ecosystem that saves time and money. e-Estonia invites you to follow the digital journey.

LEARN HOW

46.7%

Estonians use internet voting

98%

Estonians have ID-card

99%

services are online

# success stories

When Estonia started building our information society about two decades ago, there was no digital data being collected about our citizens. The general population did not have the internet or even devices with which to use it. It took great courage to invest in IT solutions and take the information technology route.

Here are some of our best e-solutions that have led to Estonia becoming one of the world's most developed digital societies.



# e-estonia



Sky's the limit

# All in all you are just a another brick in the wall

Lack of automation

difficulties to start working  
with the ecosystem

Lack of  
data-governance

Inefficient sync affecting programmatic  
buying

Several universes  
inside the same world

full stack approach

Many different  
Data-Sets has  
to be  
standardized  
and integrated





# Challenges

Vendors  
Lock-in

Browsers

Governments

Big Technology companies



THE PROGRAMMATIC MARKETER

## Firefox browser will block the IAB's DigiTrust universal ID

NOVEMBER 26, 2019 by [Lara O'Reilly](#)

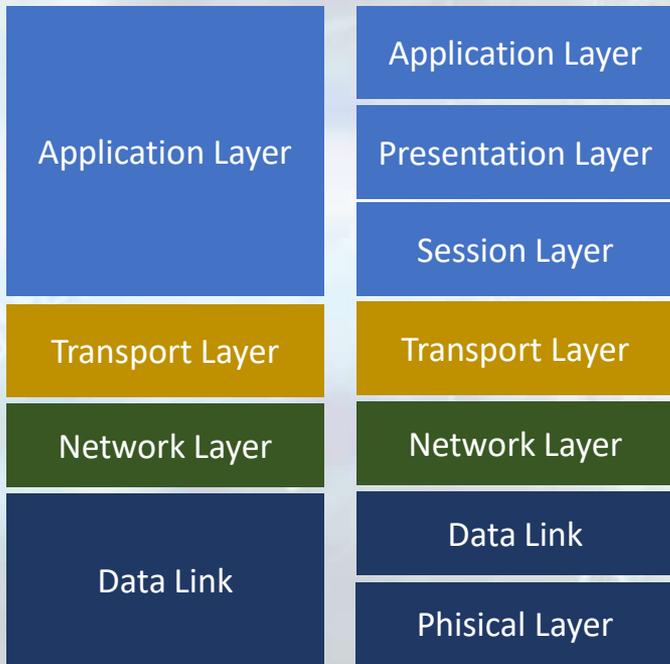


# The correct approach of Universal ID?

Internet standard communication protocol

TCP/IP

OSI



Universal ID

User Identification at the **Application layer** caused a fight between private Company trying to give the information as a service

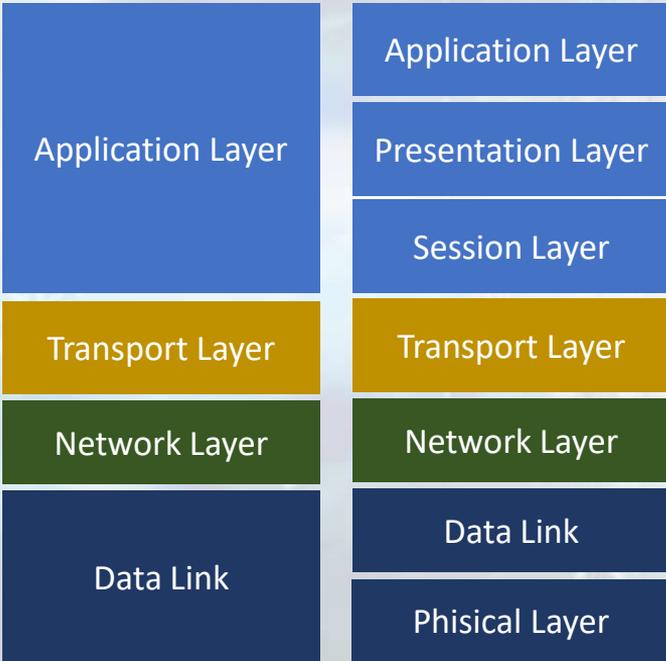
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Could be Universal ID as a commodity and not as a service?

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Quantum computation and 5G will be the next challenge for the industry... Nowadays systems are ready?



**10 GBs**  
Fastest

**5ms**  
Latency

**2<sup>n</sup>**  
Computation



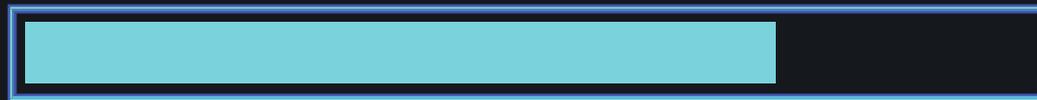
Digital Cluture needs to change

Is not something about **only** the technology

We need to consider digital/internet as an industry and **behave** accordingly

Go outside the *“digital hacking”*

**LOADING . . . . .**





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*The changing browser and regulatory environment makes consumer privacy, data and identifier standards more important than ever.*

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# IAB Tech Lab and Local/Regional IABs ...

## Market Development (supporting sales/marketing)

- Education & certification
- Research
- Best practices & guidelines
- Public Policy
- Events & networking



## Proprietary Innovation

- Product/service development
- Packaging & pricing
- Sales & operational excellence
- Competition

*Member  
Companies*

## “Ingredients” (supporting product development)

- Standardized protocols & specifications
- Software & tools
- Compliance programs
- Supporting education & events



# The IAB Tech Lab Mission



# We All Rely on Standards Every Day



*Tech Lab standards are similar...but for digital media.*

## Standards & compliance help our industry:

- Reduce engineering/product effort & costs
  - Improve interoperability & quality
    - Increase speed to market
    - Fuel market innovation
      - ...and **grow!**

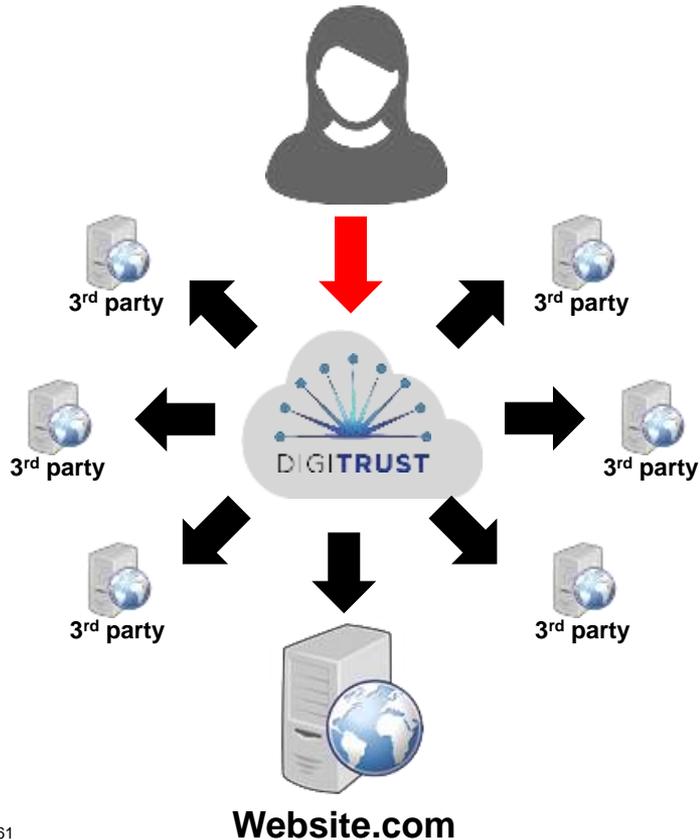
# IAB Tech Lab's Relevant Portfolio

## MISSION

Engage a **member community globally** to develop foundational **technology and standards** that enable **growth and trust** in the digital media ecosystem.

THEMES	PORTFOLIO	
<b>Brand Safety &amp; Ad Fraud</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ads.txt / app-ads.txt</li> <li>sellers.json</li> <li>SupplyChain object</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ads.cert</li> <li>Content Taxonomy</li> <li>Ad Product Taxonomy</li> </ul>
<b>Identity, Data, &amp; Consumer Privacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DigiTrust ID</b></li> <li><b>Data Label</b></li> <li><b>Audience Taxonomy</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Transparency &amp; Consent Framework (IAB Europe)</b></li> <li><b>CCPA Framework (IAB US)</b></li> <li><b>PrivacyChain</b></li> </ul>
<b>Ad Experiences &amp; Measurement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Ad Portfolio</li> <li>VAST &amp; SIMID</li> <li>MRAID</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Measurement</li> <li>OTT IFA Guidelines</li> <li>Podcast Measurement Guidelines</li> </ul>
<b>Programmatic Effectiveness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>OpenRTB (3.0)</b></li> <li>OpenDirect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ad Management API</li> </ul>

# DigiTrust ID and Shared Namespace



## Cloud service:

- Standardized, encrypted ID
- Stored consent preferences
- No data collection
- Neutral, no profit motivation
- JavaScript or CNAME
- No network requests
- Shared cost, shared benefit
- Bridge from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties

## Of note:

- NOT cross-device
- NOT a magical solution to Apple ITP, Firefox ETP, etc.
- NOT “cookieless”



**The browser/OS platforms intend to burn down the entire “identity/tracker” landscape, and start anew ...**

A tall, black steel truss bridge spans across a valley. The bridge has three main vertical supports. In the background, a large, rusted metal structure, possibly a collapsed bridge or industrial facility, is visible on a hillside. The landscape is covered in dry, brown trees and grass, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**The bridges between 1<sup>st</sup> parties and their 3<sup>rd</sup> party platforms are also being targeted ...**

# We are all in the same boat!

Proprietary self-interests and fragmentation/competition around “identifiers” plays right into their hand. We must work together to optimize the “current state”, and smoothest transition to future state.



# The arms race (ad tech vs. browser tech) must end ...

It's not helping our industry, or consumers.





## Consumer privacy and trust must come FIRST:

- Simple, understandable and durable **privacy choices, controls and transparency**, tied to standardized identifier(s).
- **Clear options for consumers** that support the “double bottom line” of publishers and brands (economic vitality and social responsibility).
- Rigorous **accountability / compliance** for our industry.
- More trusted, secure and faster experiences.



# Across TWO Distinct Consumer Audiences

It's all about consumer privacy choices now, earned by brands and publishers.



## The Consented Consumer

- Durable (global?) privacy choices, with various privacy settings, earned by brands / publishers
- Industry accountability
- **There IS still hope here!**

## The Anonymous Consumer

- No durable privacy choices
- No 3P tracking, identifiers, data collection, breadcrumbs of any sort
- Looks like “new user” every time ...

# Multiple Tech Lab Activities Supporting “Identity”

Track	Status	Current Goal
Top-down engagement with browsers	●	Pursue long-term peace with browsers
DigiTrust ID and shared namespace	●	Strengthen its value to industry
Bottom-up engagement with browsers (W3C)	●	Listen, educate, inform
Enhanced Accountability (Compliance)	●	Demonstrate good stewardship of consumer privacy choices, IDs, data, etc.
Global framework for privacy settings	●	Decrease costs of compliance, and risks of non-compliance.
Documentation and comms reviews	●	Infuse privacy by design principles
Privacy-friendly targeting (w/out “tracking”)	●	Guidance/standards on how to appropriately target the Anonymous Consumer.

TRAC  
K 1

TRAC  
K 2

We

need

YOU!



To work in cooperation towards improved  
consumer privacy and trust, via open standards

# Collaborate on the Solution (Not the Problem)

The appetite of browsers to work in cooperation with our industry is dependent on our ability to work in cooperation with each other.

- **Join IAB Tech Lab and support neutral industry standards, adoption, etc. in cooperation with your local/regional IABs.**
- **Optimize current state, and smoothest transition to future state.**
  - Support consolidation of cookie-based identifiers (“universal ID”)
  - Lean hard into consumer privacy and re-building trust. Embrace the following in 2020:
    - Privacy-forward, instead of “minimum requirements” interpretations of law
    - No opaque identifiers or data collection
    - System-level accountability / compliance
    - Global framework for communicating consumer preferences, tied to standardized identifiers(s)

# Thank you!

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# Our Proposal for Enhanced Accountability

IAB Tech Lab proposes cross-industry collaboration on a technology solution and standards (*replacing the third-party cookie*), binding:

- Consumer privacy controls,
- Regulatory settings,
- Identifier(s).

Details of the **Proposal for Enhanced Accountability (PFEA)** can be found on <http://www.iabtechlab.com>

## A Proposal for Enhanced Accountability to Consumer Privacy within the Digital Marketing Industry

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The Digital Marketing Industry recognizes that improved consumer experience and trust is essential to the growth of our industry, growth of the Web as a public benefit, and to ensuring a vibrant, inclusive, open, global and healthy Internet. We recognize our responsibility to contribute towards a more secure, trusted user experience that respects consumer privacy (as a fundamental consumer right). We also recognize the challenge of doing so while supporting the economic viability of a diverse publisher landscape, with consumption models that support quality content and open access for consumers.

The current operational and political environments, combined with the constraints inherent within established Internet protocols, implies that the digital marketing industry and browser community must collaborate if we are to meaningfully improve the consumer experience and consistently honor consumer privacy rights and preferences. Our industry's trade associations, which lead standards and best practices for our industry, have discussed programs and support for solving these issues responsibly that we would like to present for discussion, collaboration and joint problem-solving.

With a better consumer experience and the preservation of the global open Internet as our joint objective and common ground, we ask for browsers' cooperation in establishing and facilitating the use of a common, standardized mechanism for shared storage and access to:

- a standardized, restricted user token,
- regulatory settings (consent strings, timestamps, permissions flags, etc.), and
- consumer privacy preferences.

We understand that participants within the browser and privacy community may not trust our industry to consistently respect consumers' privacy rights and preferences. However, we cannot do so if there is no persistent mechanism to attach those preferences to, and we understand

# Proposed Technical Mechanisms

We propose several technical mechanisms for building enhanced accountability to consumer privacy:

- An encrypted, revocable token, tied to a
- Joint accountability system, with a
- Controlled container for ad delivery.

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# Request: Get Involved to Solve the “Identity Challenge”

- **Deploy the DigiTrust standardized ID:**  
**the more who join, the greater the benefit for all.**
  - Our engineering team will walk you through a few simple steps
  - Free for publishers and brands; small monthly contribution for platforms

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- **Get involved in DigiTrust product governance. It’s your ID, after all.**
  - Community developed, maintained, and funded industry resource for everyone’s benefit

# Panel discussion and Q&A

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