

DIACC Newsletter December 2014

The Digital ID and Authentication Council of Canada (DIACC) is a non-profit coalition of public and private sector leaders committed to developing a Canadian digital identification and authentication framework to enable Canada's full and secure participation in the global digital economy. Our aim is to decrease costs for governments, consumers, and business while improving service delivery and driving GDP growth.

For more information on the DIACC, our members, our mandate and our governance, please visit <http://www.diacc.ca>.

Welcome New Members

- Capco
- Deeth Williams Wall
- ForgeRock
- Pacific East
- PwC

The DIACC now has 35 member organizations collaborating to drive Digital ID forward and develop a robust, secure, scalable and privacy enhancing digital identification and authentication ecosystem. Our aim is to decrease costs for governments, consumers, and business while improving service delivery and driving GDP growth. If you would like to shape the direction of Canada's DIA strategy and have the opportunity to collaborate, learn from and hear what the leading organizations in the DIA space are planning for the future please contact membership@diacc.ca.

DIACC Activities

The DIACC had a very busy and very successful 2014. Among our accomplishments are:

1. Completed our First Proof of Concept (POC)

We completed a working demo which allows Canadians to open an account with a financial institution online without a prior know your customer experience. We have begun sharing this demo with key decision makers and will be releasing a written report highlighting lessons learned, as well as a blueprint for the future, in early 2015.

2. Engagement with Industry Minister James Moore

6. Submissions Regarding Regulations

As part of our mission to engage in regulatory change, the DIACC is currently working with or has made submissions to many bodies regarding proposed regulatory changes or privacy issues. These bodies include:

- Federal Finance Ministers Advisory Panel on proposed changes to Anti Money Laundering (AML) regulations
- Government of Ontario regarding E-signatures
- Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics and its study: "The Growing Problem of Identity Theft and its Impact on the Economy."

Planning for 2015

The DIACC has an ambitious schedule for 2015. Our main priorities are to:

1. Develop a business model to support the development and operation of a core technology platform for Canadian digital ID / attribute validation.
2. Identify and publish a set of protocol specifications or standards that will support the identified Business and Technical Models. The expectation is that all DIACC member organizations will sign off and agree to abide by the standards as a condition of membership in the DIACC.

There is still an opportunity to join one of the Working Teams the DIACC is establishing to address the Standards, Policies, Business Model and Definition of Roles required for a secure, scalable, convenient, and privacy enhancing eco-system. If you would like to participate in any way please contact David Richards at drichards@diacc.ca.

3. Undertake another POC.
4. Continue our efforts at education and outreach.

The DIACC met with Minister Moore and presented him with a live demo of our POC. Minister Moore immediately recognized that allowing Canadian residents to open a bank account online would have many broader applications and that the underlying processes could be adapted to many sectors of the economy. He invited us to formally engage with his team and we look forward to working with them in 2015.

3. Increased Education and Outreach

The DIACC has grown our membership base from 12 organizations primarily in the Banking and Telco sectors to nearly 40 organizations with strong representation from the Consulting, Technology, and Retail sectors.

The DIACC has been focused in building a community of like-minded individuals and organizations to promote and foster the adoption of a safe, secure, private and convenient Digital ID ecosystem. As part of this outreach we are now holding monthly networking events in cities across the country. To date we have held events in Toronto (2), Vancouver and Ottawa with a wide range of participants. Feedback from these events has been overwhelmingly positive as they provide a great opportunity to network and hear what others, from the largest bank to the newest start-up, are developing.

The next event will be held in Toronto on January 21.

4. Appointment of New Members to Board of Directors

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the DIACC board: Corinne Charette, Chief Information Officer of the Government of Canada, Stéphane Dubreuil, Senior Vice President Strategy, Corporate Marketing and Digital Channel at Canada Post and Marlene Lenarduzzi Vice-President North American Business Services, BMO Financial Group.

The commitment and leadership demonstrated by our Board members, and their respective organizations, speaks to the importance of Digital ID and authentication to Canadian governments, businesses, non-profits and citizens.

The DIACC would also like to thank Kerry Munro (Canada Post), David Heatherly (BMO) and Pierre Boucher (Government of Canada) for their contributions to the DIACC during their time on the board.

5. Study on Economic Impact of Digital ID

Working with PwC and Industry Canada, we completed a



Update on the Public Sector in Canada

The Government of Canada wants to move forward much more aggressively in providing online access and online services to citizens and businesses. In order to do so we need trusted identity/credentials online.

Identity in Canada is owned by two jurisdictions: 1) The provinces (proof of identity from birth in province) and 2) the Federal Government (proof of identity from abroad). The identity model in Canada is therefore by necessity a federated one.

The Federal Government wants to:

- Rely on trusted sources of Identity (assertions of Identity from trusted provincial/territorial authoritative sources).
- Provide assertions of status for residents born abroad.

For the past five years the Federal Government has been working with provinces and territories on a vision for a federated identity/credentials ecosystem.

The DIACC's goal is to work with the Federal Government to allow all players in the ecosystem (public and private) to reliably and instantly connect with the right authoritative source to validate Identity online.

Events

- Executives in Identity Networking Event, Toronto, Jan 21, 2015
- IdentityNorth, Toronto, May 6 & 7, 2015

Jobs

Are you looking to fill a position? Submit your requirements to newsletter@diacc.ca and we will be sure to post a link to your job posting on our website.

study on the Economic Impact of Digital ID for Industry Canada to present at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) meetings in December 2014. The presentation was well received and we will be issuing a report on our findings in 2015.

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Happy New Year and best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous 2015!!!



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