PCTF Working Group

Close Out Report
Joint Experts on Digital Identity (JEDI)
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Objective of the PSP PCTF Working Group

- Development of the **Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework** (PSP PCTF)
  - Achieved by contributing and reviewing content, attaining the consensus of the public sector jurisdictions
  - Monitored related developments that might impact the development of the PSP PCTF
  - Main deliverable of the PSP PCTF WG has been the PSP PCTF, the various versions of which consist of a consolidated overview document, an assessment methodology, and an assessment worksheet
- The PSP PCTF WG has also facilitated other activities such as:
  - Sharing information, updates, and lessons learned from various digital identity initiatives
  - Consultation and engagement with multi-jurisdictional and international fora
- Membership
  - 111 Confirmed Members on distribution list; 20-30 regular attendees

PCTF Working Group Achievements

The **PSP PCTF Version 1.2** is now available at: https://github.com/canada-ca/PCTF-CCP. It should be noted that this has been the iterative product of several prior versions:

- **April 2018:** The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Alpha Version – Consolidated Overview document
- **July 2019**: The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Version 1.0 – Consolidated Overview document
- **June 2020:** The Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework Version 1.1 – Consolidated Overview document

For each of these versions of the PSP PCTF, a companion PSP PCTF Assessment Worksheet consisting of approximately 400 conformance criteria.

PCTF Assessments

The PSP PCTF was used in the following assessments conducted by the federal government to accept trusted digital identities from the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia:

- **September 2018:** Assessment and Acceptance of the MyAlberta Digital Identity (MADI) Program for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Alpha Version)
- **January 2020:** Assessment and Acceptance of the British Columbia Services Card Program for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Version 1.0)

Re-assessment of the MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) is currently underway (est. completion Mar 2021)

Briefings and Related Deliverables

Joint Council Briefings

- Efforts on the PSP PCTF began in late 2014 and have been reported regularly to the Joint Councils by the Identity Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) Working Group and its successor, the PSP PCTF Working Group. The following is the list of updates that are on record and are available for reference in the **joint-councils-update** folder (GitHub link)
- Many other briefings to various governments, international organizations, etc.

Related Deliverables

- **Whitehorse Declaration** – a declaration of shared intent among the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to pursue the establishment of trustworthy digital identities for all Canadians (GitHub link)
- **IMSC Public Policy Paper** – recommendations for a Pan-Canadian policy position on the question of roles and responsibilities of the public and private sector in digital identity (GitHub link)
- A **Public Historical Archive** of deliverables and briefings, many of which pre-date the efforts of the PSP PCTF are being compiled in a folder on a best-effort basis (GitHub link)
- **PSP PCTF Version 1.1** was incorporated into the National Standard of Canada, **CAN/CIOSC 103-1, Digital Trust and Identity – Part 1: Fundamentals**, developed by the CIO Strategy Council, and approved by the Standards Council of Canada (Website link).

PCTF WG Work Plan for 2020-2021

1. PSP PCTF Version 1.2
   a. A **Consolidated Overview document** (released on December 4th, 2020) which includes:
      i. A revised Normative Core (containing new concepts that were developed as a result of the credentials and relationships analysis work
      ii. A revised Credential Model (based on the working group discussion document);
      iii. An incorporated Relationship Model (based on work led by ISED)
   b. An **Assessment Worksheet** (draft released on December 4, 2020) which will contain new and revised conformance criteria for assessment purposes
2. A **re-assessment** of the **MyAlberta Digital Identity (MADI) Program** for use by the Government of Canada (using the PSP PCTF Version 1.2) with planned completion by March 2021.
3. Address **Thematic Issues** (11 thematic issues identified)

Recommendations and Next Steps

1. Continue the development of the PSP PCTF
2. Contine the application of the PSP PCTF through the Assessment Process
   a. Pre-Assessment / Re-assesments
3. Support the changes in the digital governance
4. Establish as required, working groups, task groups for
   a. Ongoing development of the PSP PCTF
   b. Carrying out specific time-bound tasks (addressing thematic issues)
   c. Testing practical applications of thePSP PCTF
   d. Sharing knowledge and lessons learned
5. Facilitate broader engagement using the PSP PCTF
   a. Enaging standards development bodies
   b. Engaging international organizations
   c. Collaborating with industry associations
   d. Encouraging dialogue with other countries - bilaterally or via multilateral bodies (UNCITRAL, Digital Nations, OECD, etc.)

CAN/CIOSC Digital Trust and Identity

Governance

Public Sector Profile of the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework (Consolidated Overview)

PSP PCTF Conformance Criteria (Assessment Worksheet)

Certification Scheme (Assessment Methodology)

Related Standards

Accreditation Programs

Acceptance

- Joint Councils
- Subject Matter Experts

- CIO Strategy Council
- Standards Council of Canada
- Subject Matter Experts

- Scheme Owners
- Accreditation Bodies
- Subject Matter Experts

- Recognition Bodies
- Accredited Assessors
- Subject Matter Experts