lifeID Foundation FAQ v.1

About the lifeID Foundation

1. What is the lifeID Foundation?

The lifeID Foundation is building the lifeID Platform, a secure, blockchain-based, decentralized identity solution for your life both online and in the real-world. The lifeID Foundation's mission is to provide every person with the platform they need to create and maintain a life-long, self-sovereign digital identity. This digital identity will allow anyone to securely and easily manage any online and real-world transaction that requires identity authentication. A self-sovereign digital identity will put the owner in control, without relying on the oversight or control of a social network, company or government. lifeID gives users the convenience of Facebook or Google as an identity provider but without the concerns of privacy violations, having your personal data sold as a product, or being denied access on a bureaucratic whim. The lifeID Foundation's decentralized, permissionless identity solution, means it can exist on top of any smart-contract based blockchain, expanding the potential reach across the globe.

2. What is a lifeID™?

A lifeID™ is your personal self-sovereign digital identity that you can use for online and real world transactions. When you use your lifeID, you control how much information about yourself that you share. As an example, when you go to buy alcohol, the vendor asked for a government issued ID to prove you are old enough for the purchase. This state-issued "proof" of being old enough is called a "verified claim." But when you hand over your driver's license, you are giving the vendor much more information about yourself than 'proof of age.' Along with that, you are giving them all the personal data on the license, including your date of birth, your street address, your height and weight, etc. With your lifeID, you will be able to provide proof that you are old enough without divulging everything else that you'd have to share if you were forced to use your state issued identification.

3. What makes an identity "Self-Sovereign"?

We love this question. Check out our post called [Self-Sovereign Identity Bill of Rights](#)

2. Who is on the lifeID Platform team?

See the team section on our website here: https://lifeid.io/#team

3. What is the lifeID Foundation website url?

https://lifeid.io

4. How do I communicate with the lifeID Foundation team, community and ecosystem?

Check our social channels, we'd love to talk with you and learn about the identity issues you care about!

@lifeid_io   https://discord.gg/V43dY

5. How is the lifeID Platform different than Civic or Sovrin solutions?

We're glad you asked! We've been getting this question frequently, so we have an explainer describing the differences in detail.

https://medium.com/@lifeID_io/what-makes-lifeid-different-82971b494b5b

6. Where is the lifeID Whitepaper?

www.lifeID.io/whitepaper.pdf

lifeID Foundation Privacy

1. Does the lifeID Foundation store any biometric information?

No. The lifeID platform never stores any personal information, including the biometric attributes you use to access your phone, like fingerprint of face scan. The lifeID app simply uses the biometric capabilities built into a user's smartphone, where the information stays.

2. Does lifeID ever request or store private keys?

Never. If you see a "lifeID" request for access to private keys, run away. It's a scam.

3. How does lifeID manage the community mailing list personal information, i.e. name and email address?

If you sign up or opt into our newsletter, lifeID will only use your name and email address to notify you about lifeID Foundation, the lifeID platform and our growing ecosystem. We will never share your data with anyone. Period.

Our community communications may use 3rd party services, such as SaaS email or survey solutions (e.g. Mailchimp or Typeform). We evaluate these solutions based on our ethos of privacy and security, but those services may not adhere exactly to lifeID Foundation's privacy policy. We are working to educate the market and create the platform to solve this privacy and security requirement. In the meantime, we'll use the most secure, practical tools available.

lifeID Platform

1. Where can I read more about the lifeID solution

Check out our blog here: https://lifeid.io/blog and our whitepaper here: www.lifeid.io/whitepaper.pdf

2. I want my self-sovereign identity. When and where can I download the lifeID app?

When the network is launched in the fourth quarter of 2018, the app will be available in the iPhone and Android app stores.

3. What blockchain will lifeID Platform run on?

The lifeID Platform is designed to be blockchain agnostic, so it will run on any smart contract-based blockchain.

The lifeID Platform will launch on the Ethereum network, then move to the RChain blockchain when it launches. You can see our RChain Cooperative partnership announcement and video for more details .

4. How do I deal with disaster recovery if I lose my phone or my identity is stolen?

Day-to-day uses of your identity involves using one or more private keys corresponding to a public key that is kept on the blockchain. With lifeID, these private keys are stored on a user's mobile device and make it possible for a user to assert they are the owner of the identity. One of the most essential aspects to the system is easy-to-use key recovery and rotation. Keys need to be recovered when a user loses the private keys corresponding to the public keys that represent the user's identity. Keys will be rotated when it's determined that a malicious actor has obtained possession of these private keys. (For example, this might happen via a hacker exploiting a vulnerability in the hardware and software that users install and use.)

The Life Identity Platform will initially support three different recovery options.

1. Self-backup
2. Backup using a trusted group of friends or relatives
3. Backup using a trusted organization

Each of these recovery methods has different usability and security concerns. We believe mass-market adoption requires an easy, straightforward user experience for dealing with lost or compromised keys.

See the whitepaper for more details.

5. Can I create more than one identity on lifeID?

With lifeID you create a unique digital identifier for each counter-party you are engaging with. This is not technically a "new identity" because with lifeID the definition of your identity becomes a bit more fluid. In real life, we have a different identities for each of our relationships to people and organizations. We are tenants to our landlords, employees to our employers, and citizens to our government. lifeID works similarly, you share only the information which you decide is appropriate to the relationship. That said, we might have legitimate reasons for creating multiple accounts with a single organization. For example, we might create multiple email accounts with the same web-based email service. lifeID easily allows for this. You are always you. But what you choose to share will vary with each relationship.

6. What should people expect from a Self-Sovereign Identity?

Great question! See our Self-Sovereign Identity Bill of Rights

7. Will lifeID have a native token?

Yes, it's called the **ID Token,** ticker symbol is **"ID"**

8. When will the lifeID Platform and app be available to use? Will it be on app stores?

When the lifeID app reaches general availability, planned for Q4, 2018, you will be able to download it from the iOS and Android app stores.

9. Is lifeID compliant with GDPR for EU community members?

Yes. lifeID does not store your personally identifiable information (PII) data.

The GDPR assumes a centralized identity model, meaning that all digital data storage and transmission is managed and transacted centrally, e.g. Amazon AWS or Microsoft Azure. Those centralized models of digital data storage rely on trustworthy data custodians who are mandated as stewards of personal data.

Self-sovereign identity platforms built on blockchains allow the decentralization of digital identities and their data, so the personal data itself is never held by a centralized entity, including the lifeID Foundation. Instead, identity data is controlled by the identity owners themselves.

10. If I add my name to lifeID's mailing list, how is that data stored and managed?

As a policy, the lifeID Foundation only maintains data offered by users who opt-in to receive periodic emails about updates and progress for the lifeID Platform. As part of this, the lifeID Foundation may use third parties, such as Mailchimp, to store first and last name, as well as an email address per contact.

We are working to help the industry transition to replace real names and email address with cryptographic hashes, but in the short term, members of our community will need to submit email addresses for community communication.

11. What is the lifeID Foundations funding model?

The lifeID Foundation will collect a very small amount of each transaction conducted on the platform. The payer of a transaction will depend on the context, but every operation that writes new information to a public blockchain has some cost associated with it. Since the lifeID foundation needs to exist in perpetuity to provide people with their identities for life, it requires a source of funding for ongoing maintenance and updates. Collecting a small amount of each transaction ensures that the lifeID foundation will exist for as long as the platform is being used.

See the whitepaper for more details.

12. What is lifeID's licensing model for third parties who want to build on the platform?

The lifeID Platform is an open source, permissionless platform. It's free to use and free to build on. In fact, both users and application developers get paid for using the platform by received a portion of verification transaction fee.

13. What standards bodies are lifeID Foundation involved in?

We are in the process of joining [W3C](#), and [DIF](#).

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Twitter: @lifeid_io
Discord: discord.gg/bnutg