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**Definition: Identity Attribute** 

Information bound to a subject identity that specifies a characteristic of the subject. –

Derived from the ITU-T X.1252 definition of "attribute"

- Differences (Do they matter?)
  - Authoritative
  - Trusted, Derived
  - Central vs. Distributed (User) Management
  - Registration, Lifecycle and Policy
  - Carbon, Silicon, Context (e.g. Longitude, Latitude)
  - Government vs. Market

- Lots of history (digital) and
  - X.500
  - PKI
  - LDAP
  - -AD
  - OpenID
  - SCIM
  - BAE (US Fed)
  - X.1252, x.1254, x.....
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- Lots of groups
  - Kantara Attribute Management Discussion Group
  - OIX AX
  - OASIS
  - Internet2
  - InCommon
  - FICAM (US government)
  - Most other national governments
  - EC/EU
  - ITU
  - **—** ......

- Lots of businesses in the business (\$)
  - Facebook
  - Google
  - Experian
  - Equifax
  - Lexis-Nexis
  - **—** ....
  - And more on the way...

#### Questions?

- How do you manage that?
- Are there gaps that can be addressed?
  - "Leaked' Attributes
  - Normalization
  - Registration
  - Level of Assurance
  - Accreditation of Attribute Providers
  - Differences in Federation vs. Consumer
  - Differences in Easy vs. "Rich"
  - Availability, scalability, interoperability