

[Evernym | The Self-Sovereign Identity Company](#)

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Evernym was founded in 2013 to solve the digital identity crisis. We envisioned a world where consumers are in complete control of their digital identity, where privacy is a basic human right, and where consumers and organizations can foster a new relationship rooted in trust.

And today, six years later, we're at the forefront of a rapidly growing global movement to decentralize digital identity.

Evernym is a software company that develops decentralized, self-sovereign identity applications in order to form more trusting interactions

Evernym is building the next generation of identity infrastructure for the world, enabling trusted peer interactions between individuals, organizations, and things. Having created and released Sovrin, the first open-source distributed ledger network dedicated to self-sovereign identity, Evernym works with leading companies, institutions and NGOs to create and deploy new private-by-design solutions which give the individual true control and ownership of their personal data.

The story of Evernym is the story of self-sovereign identity

At Evernym, we're not (just) creating software. We're creating a new paradigm.

We recognized early on that, in order to truly fix the digital identity crisis, we would need something that broke that status quo. Something that would add a much-needed layer of trust to the Internet.

We knew this vision (what we now call self-sovereign identity) was bigger than any one company, and that in order for decentralized identity to take off, it had to be... well, decentralized.

That's why, in 2016, we invented the [Sovrin Network](#) (the first and only public ledger specifically built for identity) and entrusted it to the Sovrin Foundation.



With the invention of Sovrin and the use of distributed ledger technology, we finally had the infrastructure to store and verify digital credentials in a tamper-proof, decentralized manner. This, in turn, offered a way to give consumers sole control over their online existence—moving their personal information out of company databases and into their possession.

We also realized that self-sovereign identity must be interoperable and network-agnostic to reach its full potential. We wanted to make sure that SSI's digital credentials could be used by anyone, anywhere—no matter what identity wallet, ledger, or software they use.

That's why we then co-invented an Internet-wide standard for the foundational component of decentralized identity ([Decentralized Identifiers](#)), in collaboration with the W3C Credentials Community Group and DIF, with funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



Lastly, we realized that the developer community would be key to driving adoption, which is why we donated the original open-source codebase that became [Hyperledger Indy](#). And it's why we're also leading contributors to the [Hyperledger Ursa](#) shared crypto library now used by all Hyperledger projects and the new [Hyperledger Aries](#) project for interoperable cross-ledger SSI digital wallets and agents.



With these three critical pieces in play—the ledger, the standards, and the community—self-sovereign identity became a reality and our true work began.

All built by an incredible team

We've scoured the globe for the top talent in identity, distributed ledger technology, cryptography, trust frameworks, and engineering.



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- [Red Cross and four other global nonprofits join Evernym's "ID For Good" initiative](#)
- [Homeland Security awards Evernym with DKMS contract](#)
- [Evernym and IBM team up to accelerate SSI](#)

With the help of our visionary investors

We're proud to work with investors that share our dream for a world of more trusted digital relationships.

- [Outlier Ventures: Why we invested in Evernym](#)
- [Evernym raises \\$8 million to advance its market-leading position in self-sovereign identity](#)

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