

# SCITT – COSE

Managing SCITT Statements as COSE Payloads

*Attached | Detached | Hashed*

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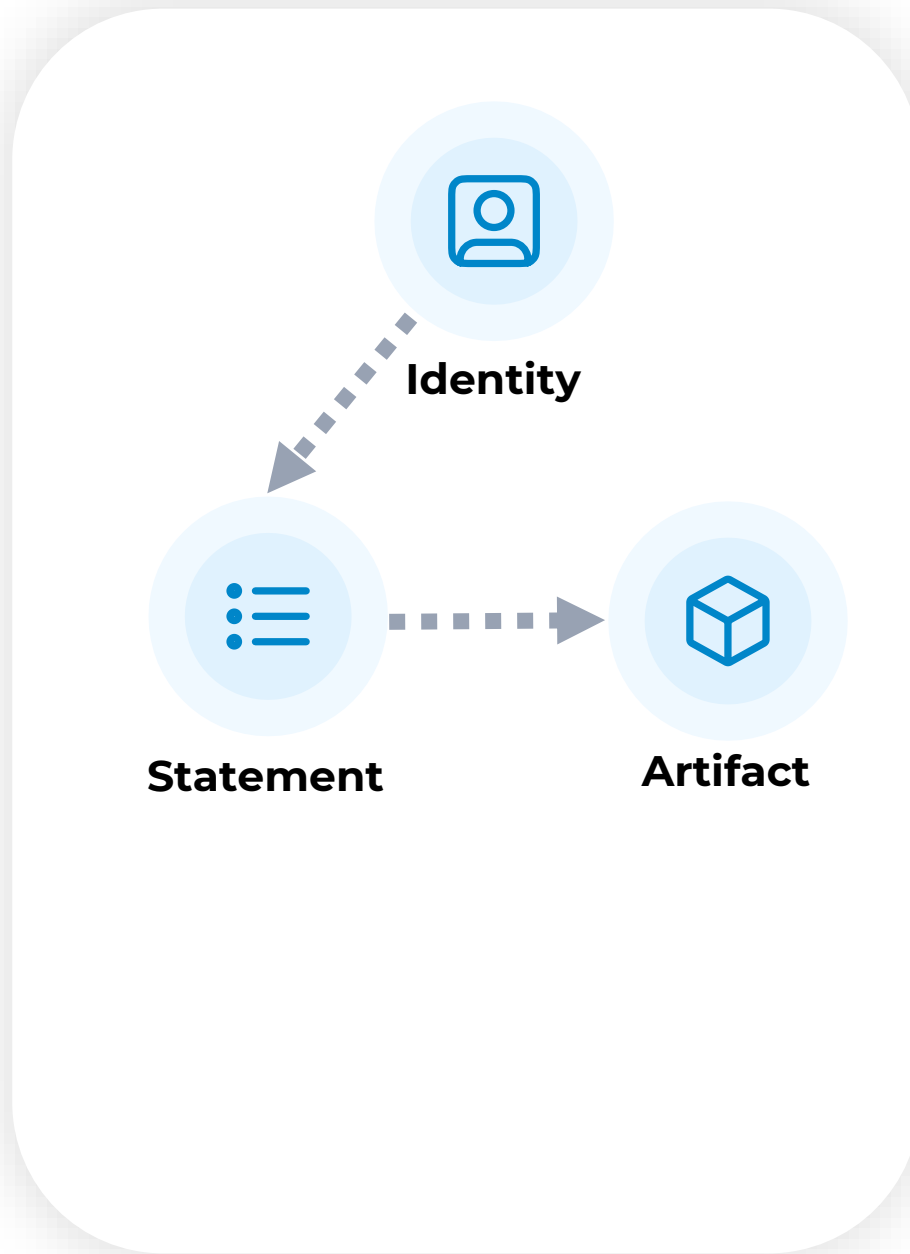
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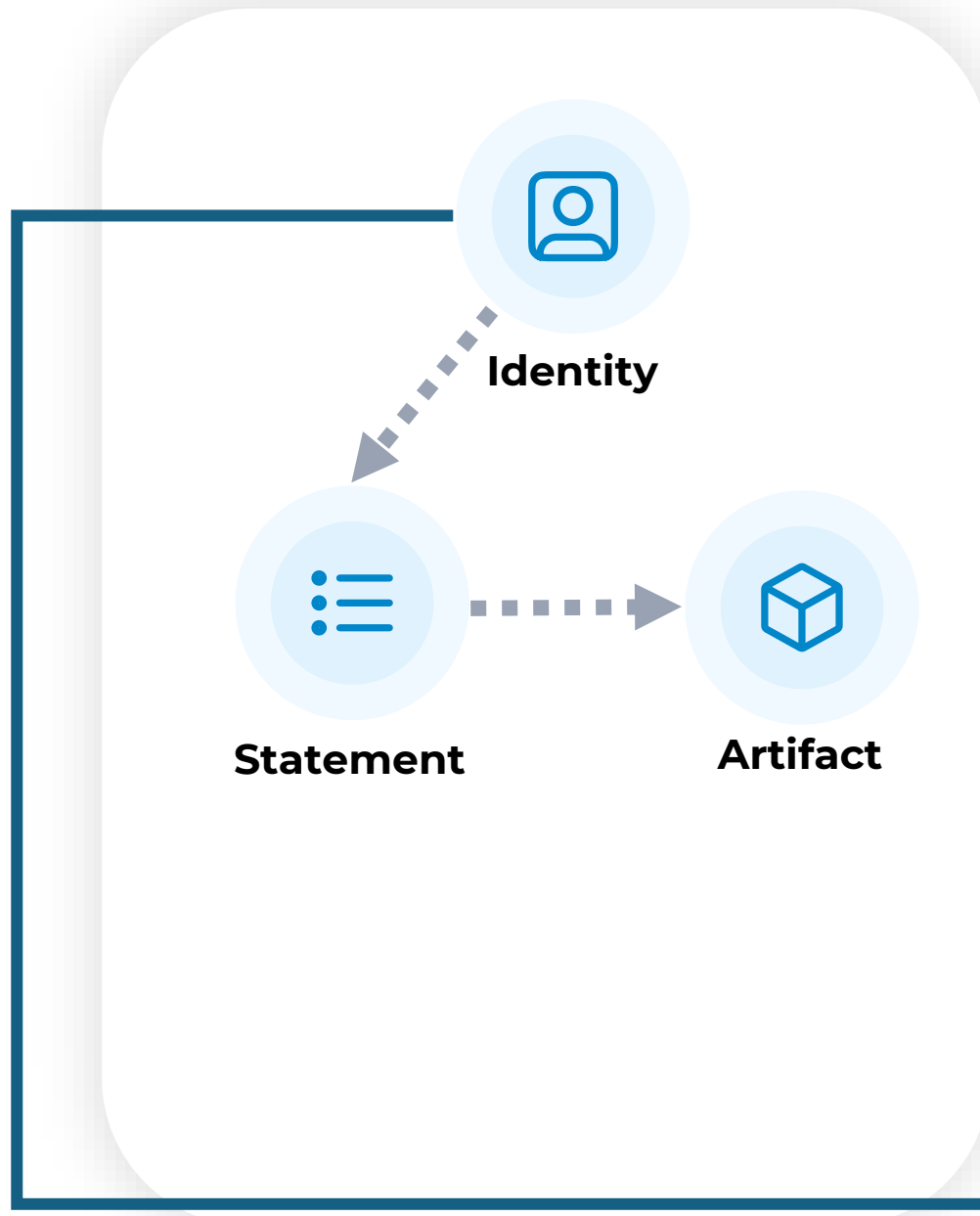
[DataTrails.ai](https://datatrails.ai)

Reference: <https://or13.github.io/draft-steele-cose-hash-envelope/draft-steele-cose-hash-envelope.html>



SCITT records

Who made  
an immutable Statement  
about an Artifact  
recorded “when”



### Who are the Who's

- People (Whoville who's)
- Services
- Processes
- Companies
- Groups
- Anything with any type of identity

SCITT uses x509 as **an** example

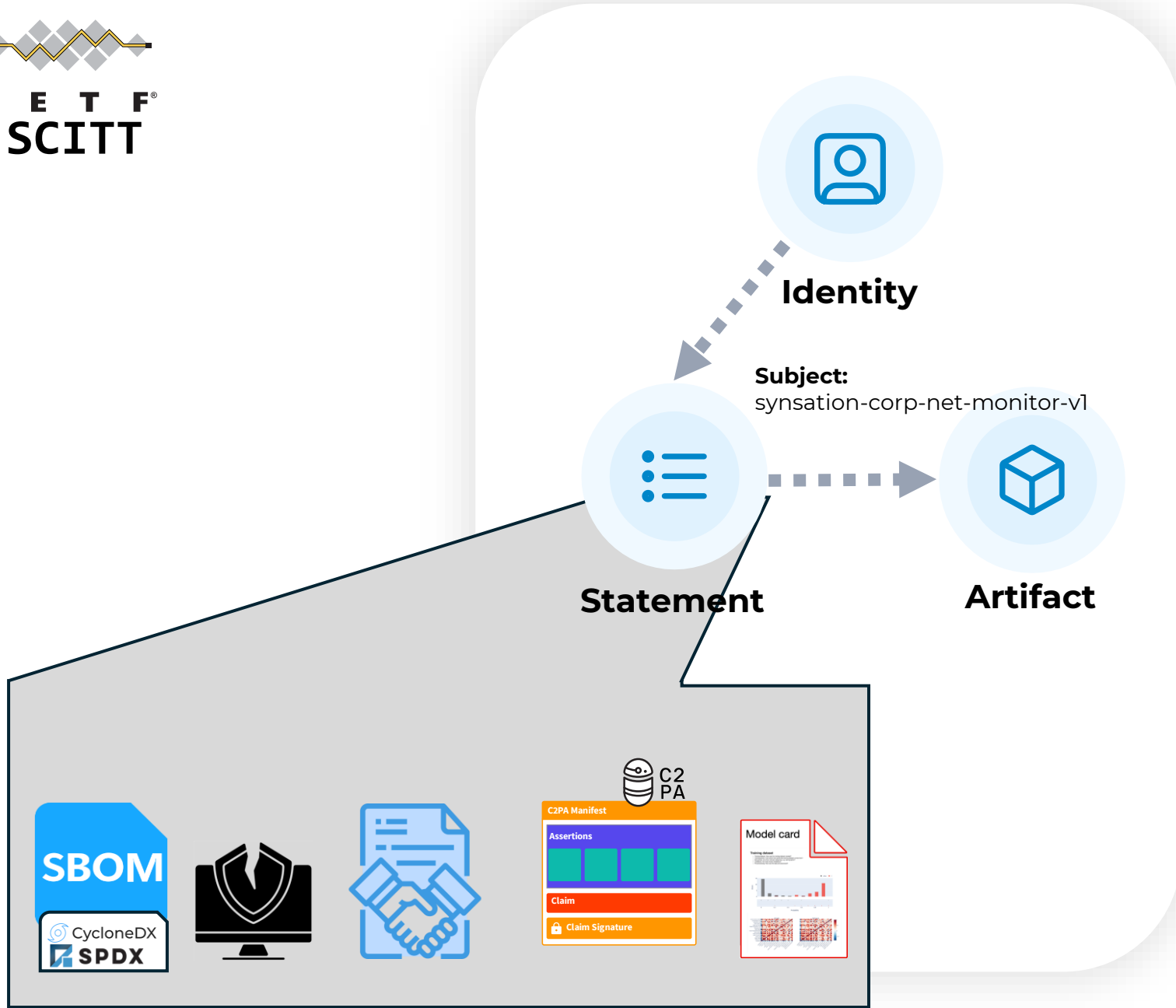
No intended limitation of identity types

It's up to the SCITT Service to decide

what types of identities they'll support

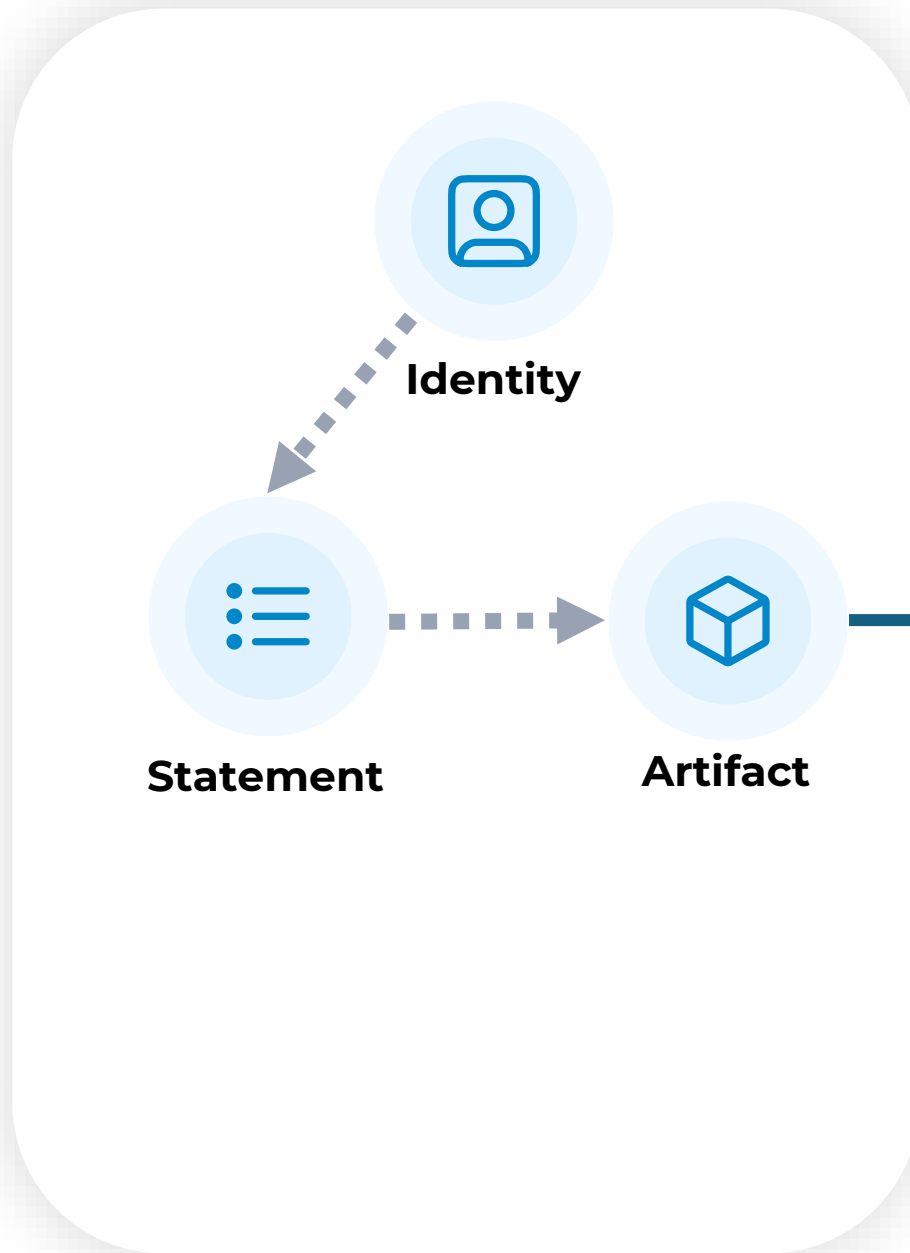
### CWT\_Claims

```
issuer : tstr,  
subject : tstr,  
*      : int => any
```



## What are Statements?

- SBOMs about binaries
  - Test results
  - Compliance to certifications
  - Security Scans
  - VEX Reports
- Contracts about a deal
- C2PA Manifests about digital media
- Responsible AI Claims
  - Model Cards



## What is an Artifact?

*Anything that needs a verifiable statement*

- Binary data (software, docker containers)
- AI Models
- vCons
- Digital media (pictures, videos, contracts)
- Physical goods (parts, nuclear waste)
- **Subject** is the Artifact Identifier

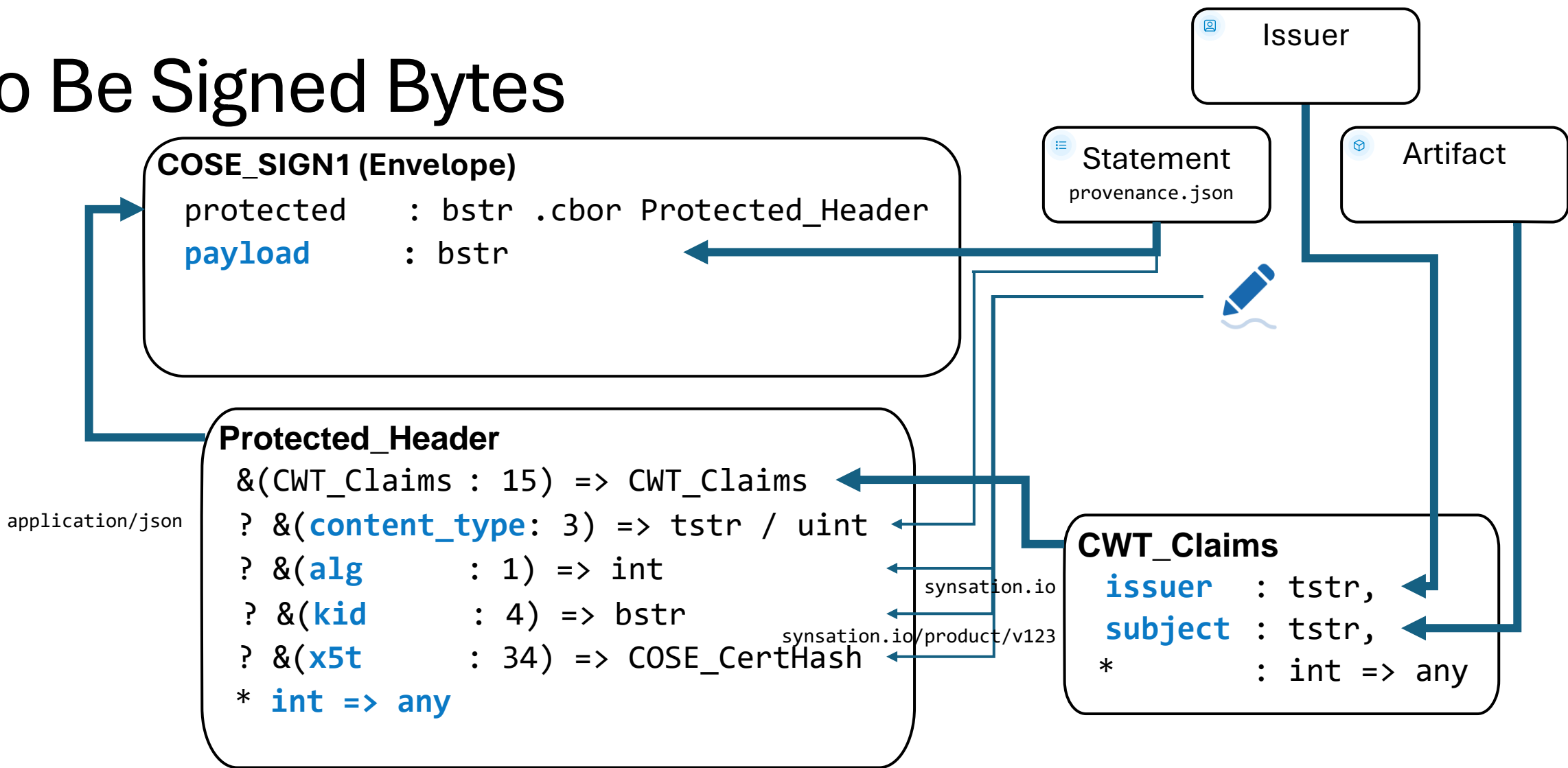
`synsation-corp/net-monitor/v1`

The format of Subject is not part of the SCITT Architecture. Likely industry specific, and poised for other IETF drafts

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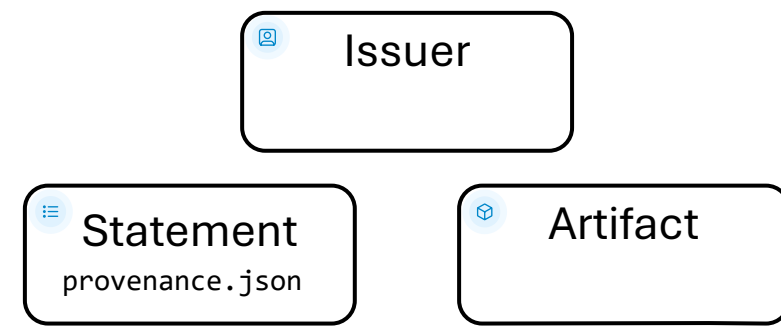
# To Be Signed Bytes



# Signed Bytes

## COSE\_SIGN1 (Envelope)

protected : bstr .cbor Protected\_Header  
payload : bstr



# SCITT Statement



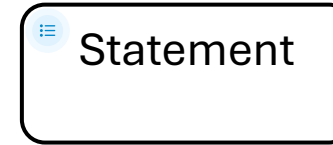
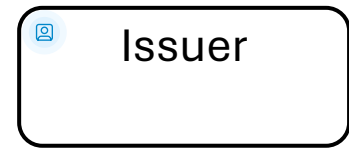
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unprotected : Unprotected\_Header



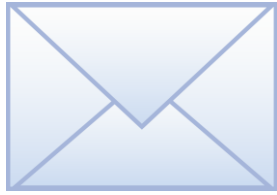
## Unprotected\_Header

\* **int** => any



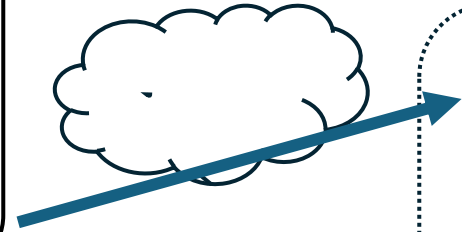


# Registering



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## SCITT Ledger

Append-only  
Log



Transparency Service

## How large is the COSE\_Sign1 Envelope?

Protected Header	~1k	} 2k	} ~50.002gb
Unprotected Header	0		
Signature	~1k		
Payload (Statement)	1k-50gb		



- Is Size the constraint
- Is the Statement already stored somewhere else?
- Do we need to continually pass content for verification?
- What value are we getting by storing the statement in the payload of the Signed Statement

## External Storage



# Detached Payloads

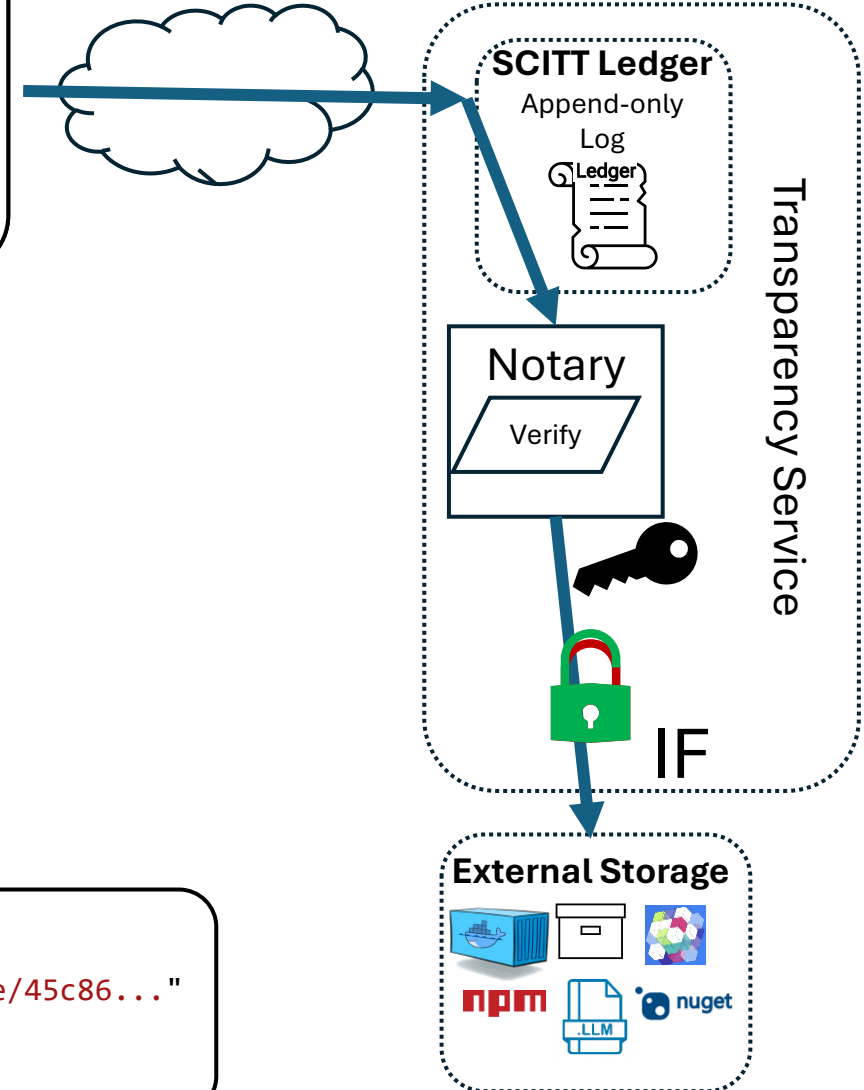


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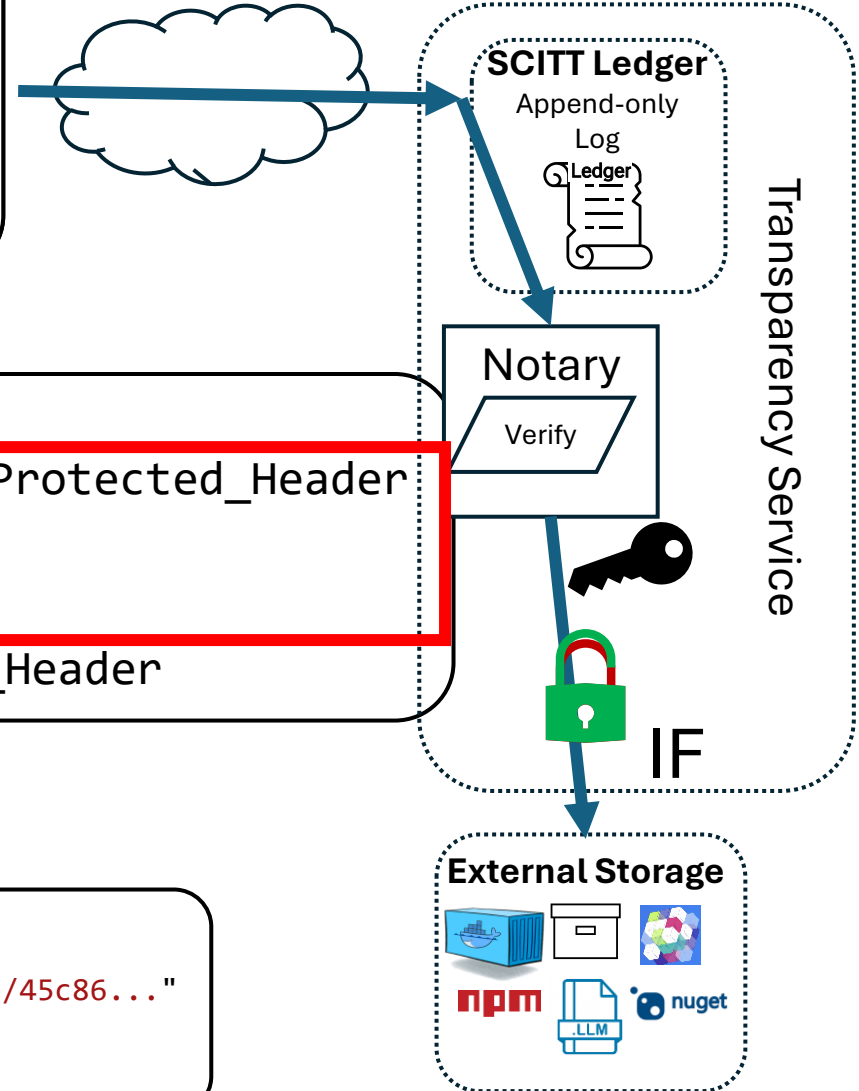
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What is the size and makeup of the statement



Inline content (binary)



Small File

*Define Small*



Large file

*Define Large*



Collections of files

large and/or small

Likely packaged in another file (zip/tar) or referenced by a manifest



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Verifiable Data Structure



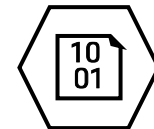
### MetaData

Indexable Structures (json)



### Blob Storage

Raw Data



Transparency Service

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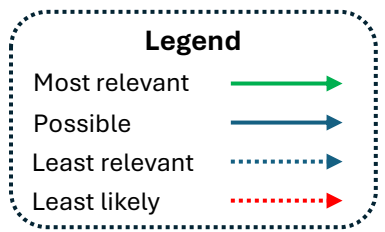
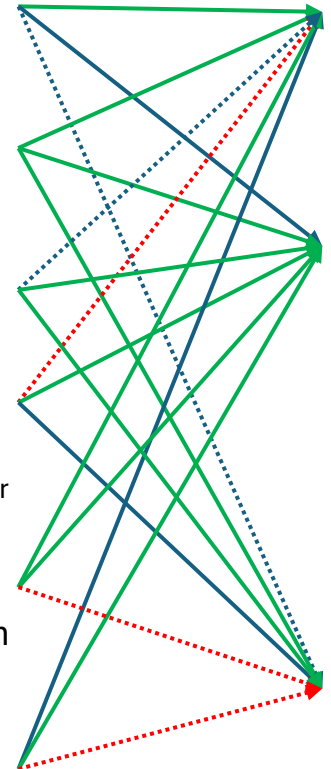
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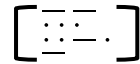


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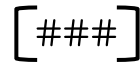
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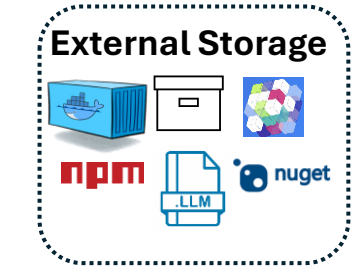
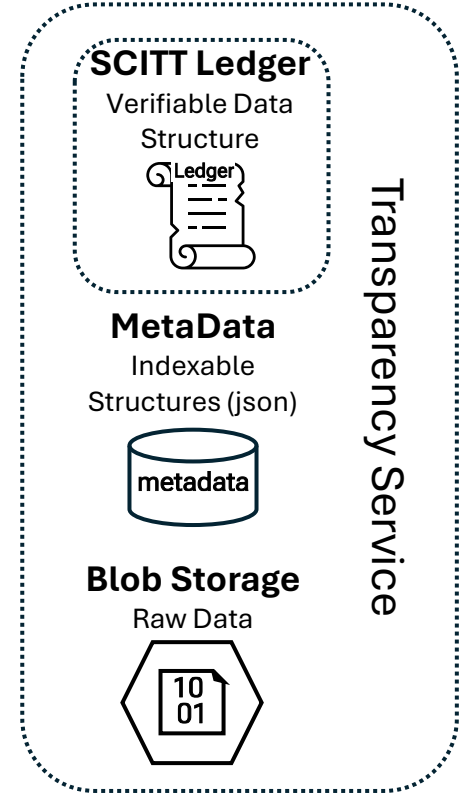


Detached Payload:

**payload:** nil  
**content-type:** the type of the detached content  
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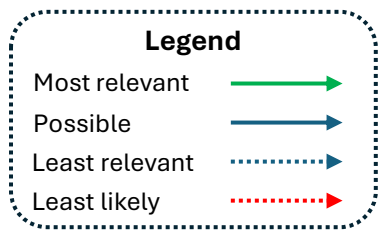
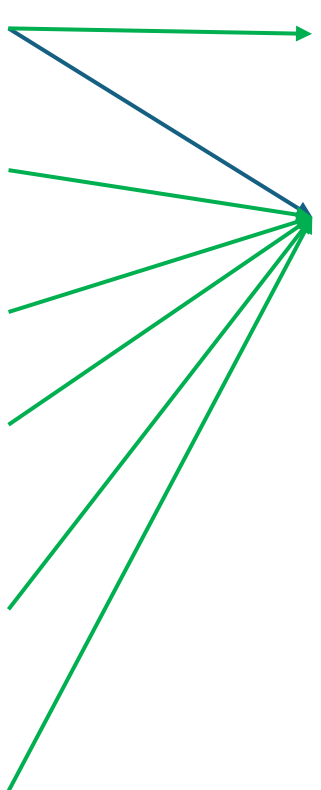
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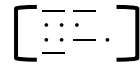


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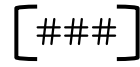
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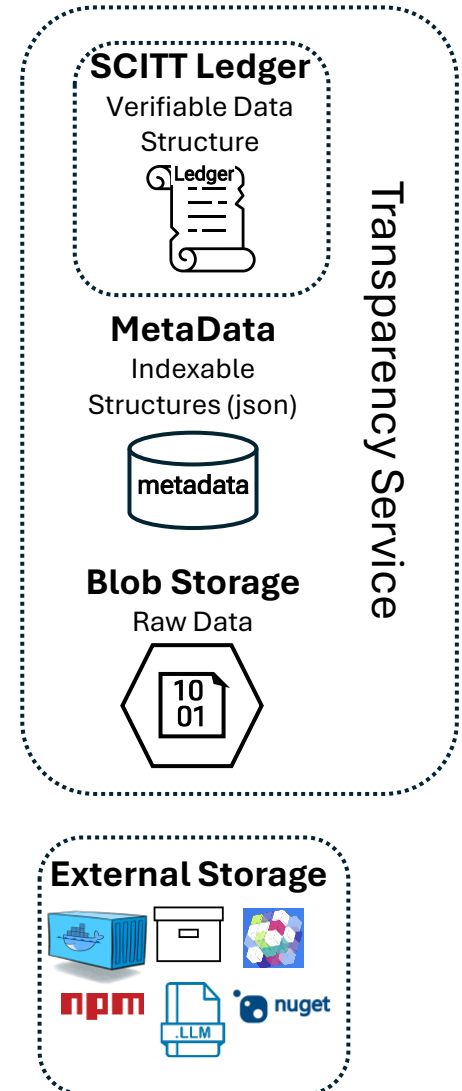
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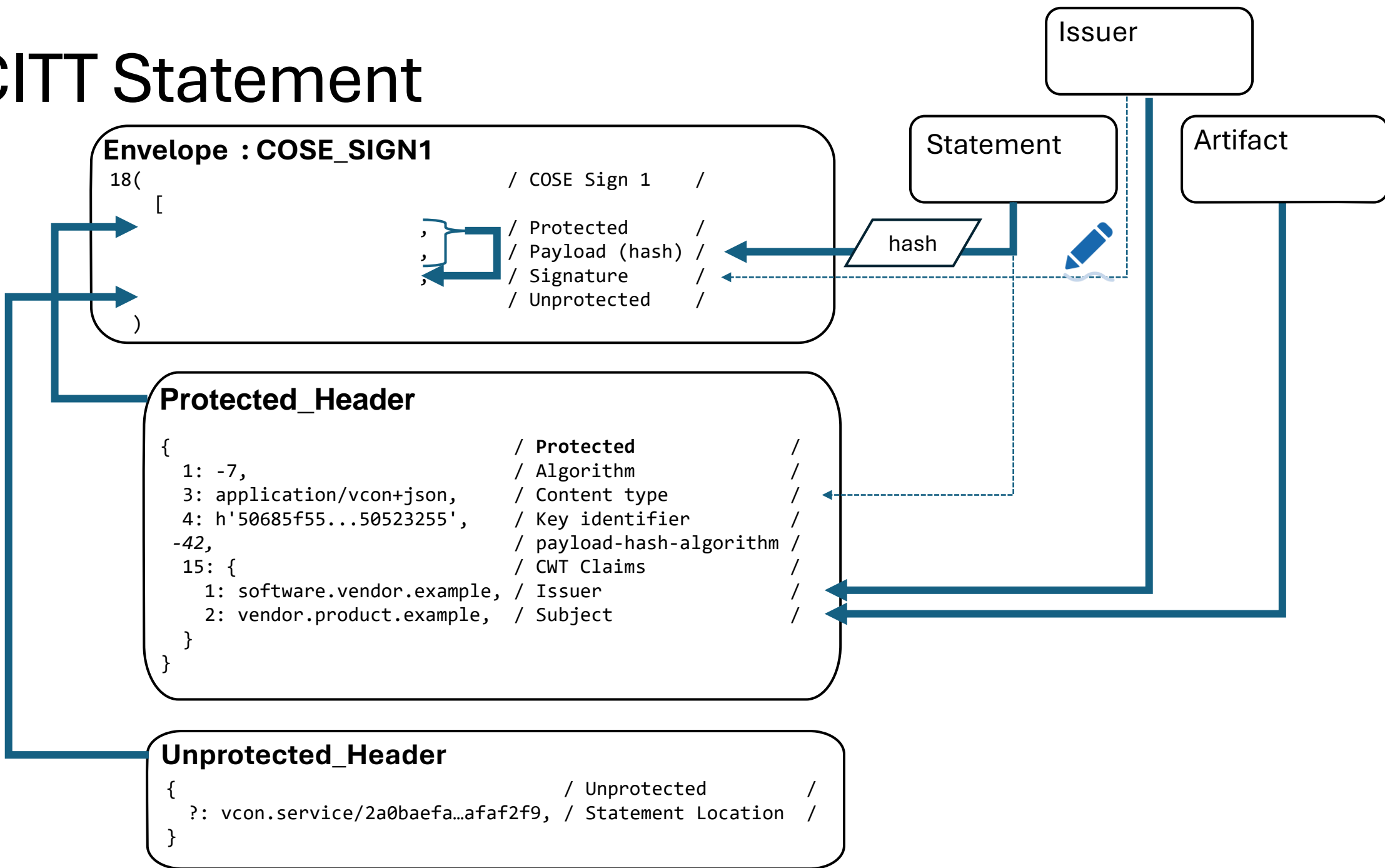
- Signed Statement Payload consistent across services
- Never wonder what size constraint will fail
- Builds upon existing storage services
- Transparency Services can provide storage services, they just fill the payload-location with their storage url

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# SCITT Statement



# SCITT – COSE

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*Hashed Payloads*