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## Top Skills

Cloud Computing  
Web 2.0  
E-commerce

# Kaliya IdentityWoman Young

Leader in the emerging technology of Self-Sovereign Identity or Decentralized Identity.  
San Francisco Bay Area

## Summary

Kaliya Young also known as “Identity Woman,” has spent the last 20 years of her career focused on one thing: supporting the emergence of an identity layer of the internet that works for and empowers people. A term was coined recently to describe this - self-sovereign identity. Before that it was known as user-centric identity.

She is an internationally recognized expert in Self-Sovereign or Decentralized Digital Identity. The semi-annual Internet Identity Workshop that she co-founded in 2005, brings together the largest concentration of talent dedicated to designing and building identity systems that empower individuals.

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## Experience

### Identity Woman in Business

Founding Partner

December 2021 - Present (3 years 2 months)

I started this consulting practice with Lucy Yang in 2021. We help organizations of all sizes succeed in adopting, developing and investing in decentralized identity and relevant technology. We provide strategy consulting and advisory, technical evaluation and advisory, and ecosystem building and implementation services.

### Identity Woman

Identity Woman <<- thats me!

January 2005 - Present (20 years 1 month)

Oakland

I'm a leader in the community focused on User-Centric Identity / Self-Sovereign / Decentralized Identity for over 15 years. I've published two books about identity and currently work with several organizations working to build the ecosystem emerging for new SSI technologies. I also advise startups in this emerging industry and I'm open to new advisory roles.

I am widely known by the title of my blog and twitter handle "Identity Woman". I picked this as the name of my blog because at the time we all started blogging 2005 one needed a cute name for it and I had been the only woman I saw in meetings up until that point.

### Internet Identity Workshop

Co-Founder, Co-Producer & Co-Facilitator

January 2005 - Present (20 years 1 month)

I co-produce (with Doc Searls and Phil Windley) and facilitate this amazing event.

### Wireline.io

Identity Expert.

September 2018 - December 2020 (2 years 4 months)

I worked with the Wireline team to help them develop decentralized identity in a decentralized network.

### New America

India-US Public Interest Technology Fellow

January 2019 - March 2019 (3 months)

New Delhi Area, India

I spent two months in India studying their National ID system Aadhaar.

### Personal Data Ecosystem

Executive Director Emeritus

2010 - September 2014 (4 years)

### Identity Commons

Evangelist

June 2004 - February 2005 (9 months)

evangelizing about Identity Commons and XRI/XDI, translating from geek-speak to normal speak about what we do, outreach to potential adopters, customer relationship development

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## Education

The University of Texas at Austin

Master of Science in Identity Management and Security - MSIMS, Identity

· (2016 - 2017)

University of California, Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts - BA, Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies · (1995 - 2003)