

Implementing Encrypted Private Data Sharing between Personal Data Vaults

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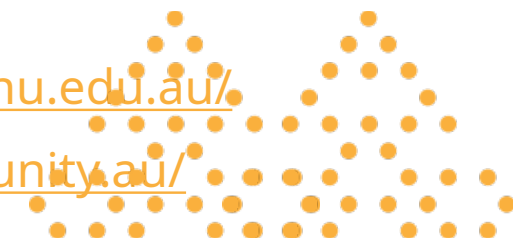
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What Motivated Us

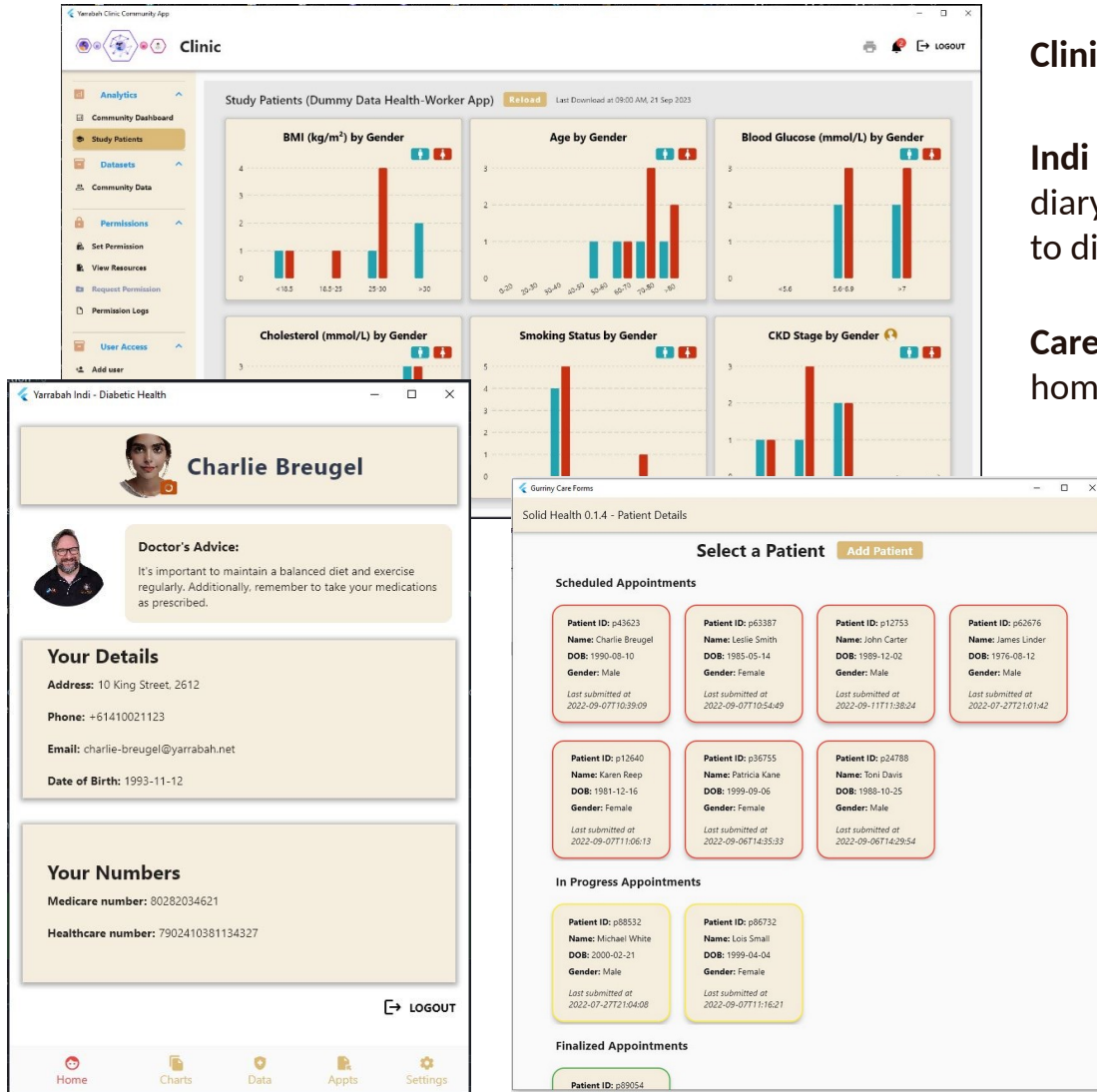


Yarrabah

- ❖ Traditional country of the Gunggandji and Yidinji people. Mix of Traditional Owners and Historic Owners. Population of 4,500
- ❖ A project in collaboration with **Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing Water) health service** and Yarrabah leadership forum in Yarrabah
- ❖ Build a digital health platform to support integrated health care of Indigenous patients with diabetes using a person-centred data storage solution



Gurriny Indigenous Health Care



Clinic App to provide interface for doctors to analytics, insights, data for evaluation

Indi App to provide patients with diabetes info support tools from their GP, health diary to record well being, data access and control to support strength-based approach to diabetes management

Care Coordination Team App for patient record access and data collection during home care visits to patients

Challenge: Individuals must have control over their own medical and health data and be able to decide with who (doctors) they share their data

It is important for individuals in the indigenous community to know that they can have complete security and privacy of their data, and particularly their data in the cloud at rest

Trust No One by Default



Trust-No-One (TNO) environment

❖ Zero trust security model

❖ A privacy and a security architecture where a system does not automatically trust anyone or anything inside or outside its perimeters and instead must verify everything constantly - "never trust, always verify"

❖ *So, how do we ensure TNO environment in Solid PODs?*

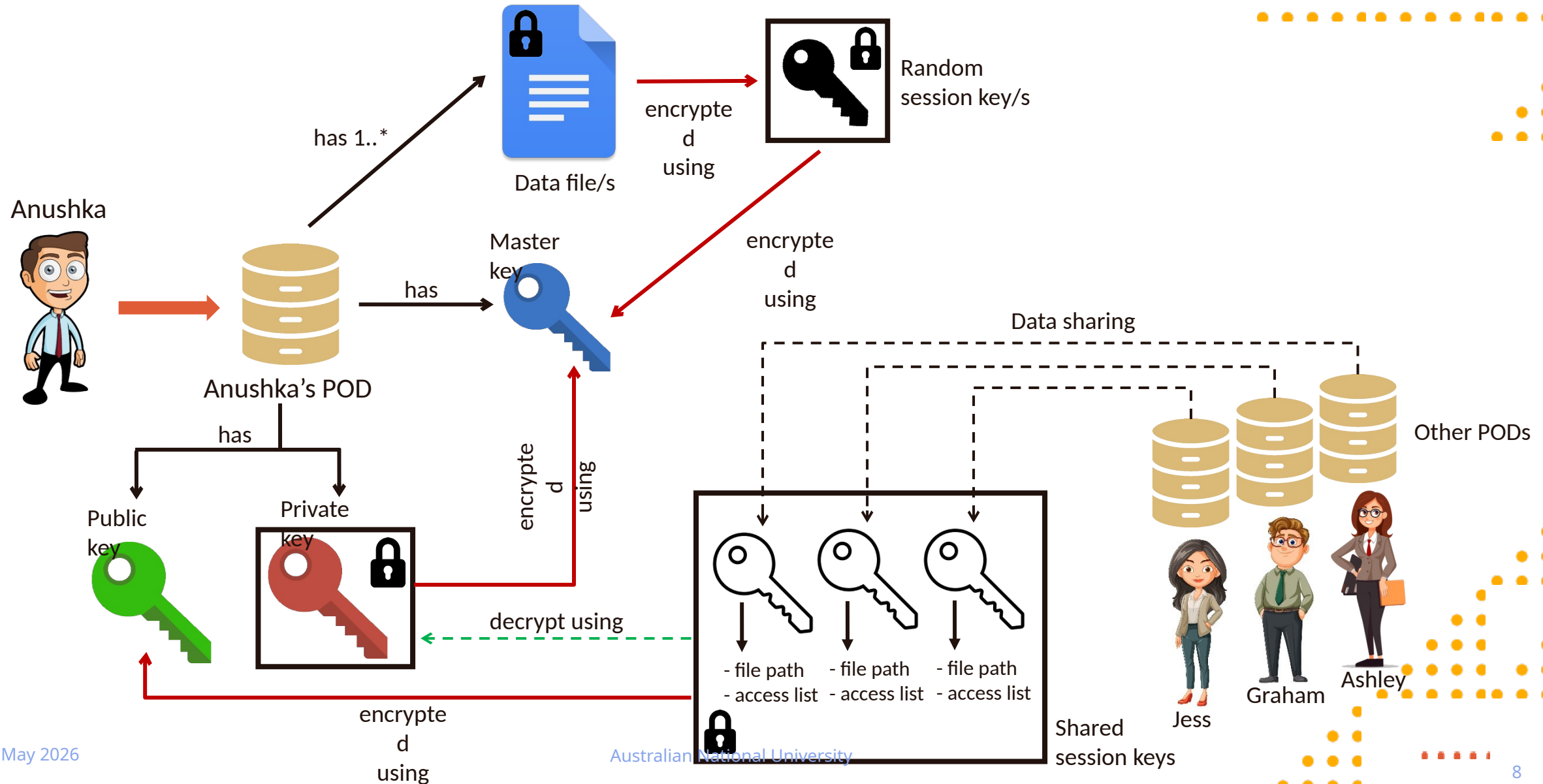
❖ *Data stored in PODs are encrypted by default*

❖ *Encrypted data are only ever decrypted locally on device*

❖ *The encryption secrets are hashed on the POD*

❖ *Encrypted data are shared with others using public-key infrastructure along with Access Control Lists (ACLs)*

TNO Architecture in PODs



Secure POD Data Model (SPDM)

- ❖ Data model that captures the concepts and their relations regarding the system's TNO security model with main classes: Person, POD DataFile, SharedKey

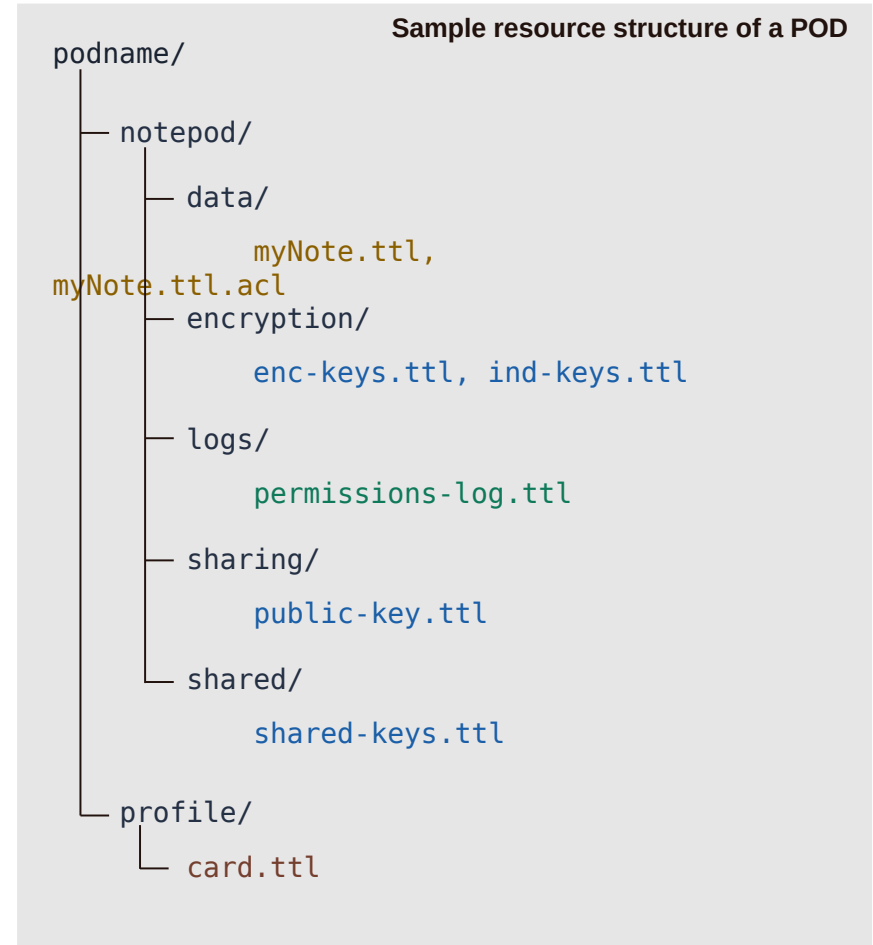
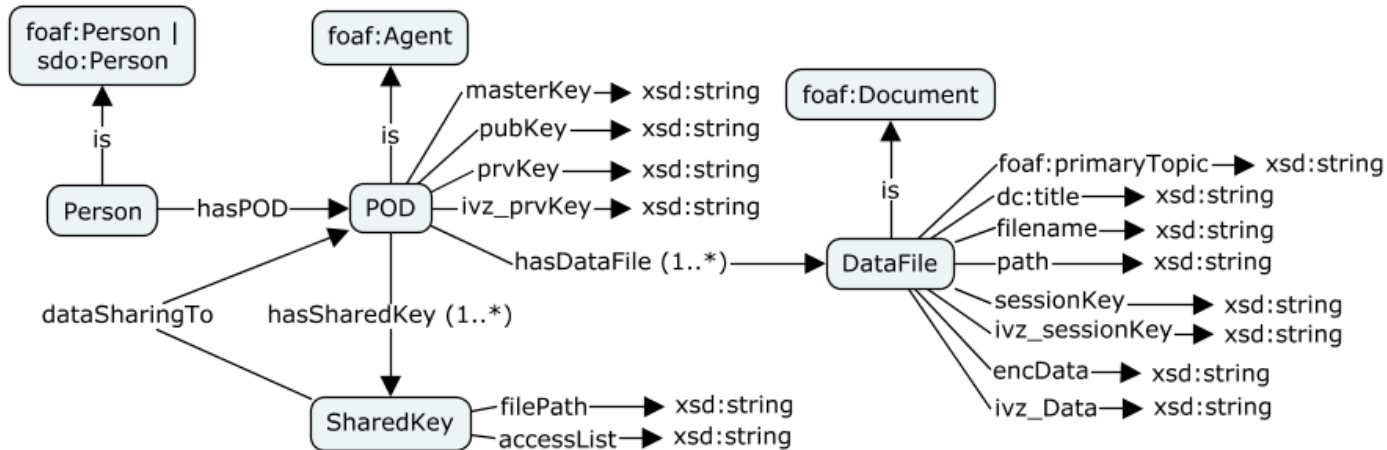
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** EXTERNAL ONTOLOGIES & VOCABULARIES **
- foaf: <http://xmlns.com/foaf/0.1/>
- dc : <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
- sdo : <http://schema.org/>
    
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- "pubKey": public key.
- "prvKey": private key.

- "sessionKey": unique for each file (random symmetric key)
- "encData": encrypted data.
- "ivz_XXX": Initialisation vector value of the encryption algorithm for XXX.
    
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Current Work at SII in Solid PODs



Rio: Closed Loop Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation Treatment

Collects and analyse EEG data of project participants through a series of treatment sessions incorporated with brain stimulation



The screenshot displays the Rio Pod web interface, which is divided into several sections:

- Profile Details:** Shows participant information for ID 7832, Name Initials SS, Gender Male, and Birthday 07 Feb 1996. A status message indicates "Your Pod is successfully linked with the trial!".
- Treatments Overview:** Lists several active treatment sessions, including "Active Sham Mode Testing" and "Testing new freq parameter", with their respective start and due dates.
- RIO Config Generator:** A tool for configuring stimulation channels. It shows two channels, Channel S1 and Channel S2, both set to a Sine waveform. Parameters for each channel include Offset (0.0 mA), Sine Phase (1.0 degrees), Sine Amplitude (1.2 mA for S1, 1.0 mA for S2), and Sine Frequency (20.0 Hz for S1, 50.0 Hz for S2).
- Participant Profile:** A detailed view of the participant's profile, including their name (SS), gender (Male), and date of birth (07 Feb 1996). It also lists enrolled treatments and completed sessions.

User Driven Privacy

❖ Decentralized approaches such as PODs and federated learning shift privacy control to users, allowing them to decide how precisely their data is shared and in which amounts.

❖ ***Can different privacy expectations from different users affect downstream machine learning (ML) performances?***

❖ We evaluated different data preparation methods (standard Imputation, granularity-Based Imputation, LLM-based) against various data granularity to measure the performance changes. Tested with scenarios

- ❖ Anonymised training data
- ❖ Anonymised inference data
- ❖ Both anonymised

❖ **What we learned:** Effective learning under user-driven privacy does not require modifying ML models or reversing anonymisation. Instead, significant utility can be recovered by preparing anonymised data accordingly.

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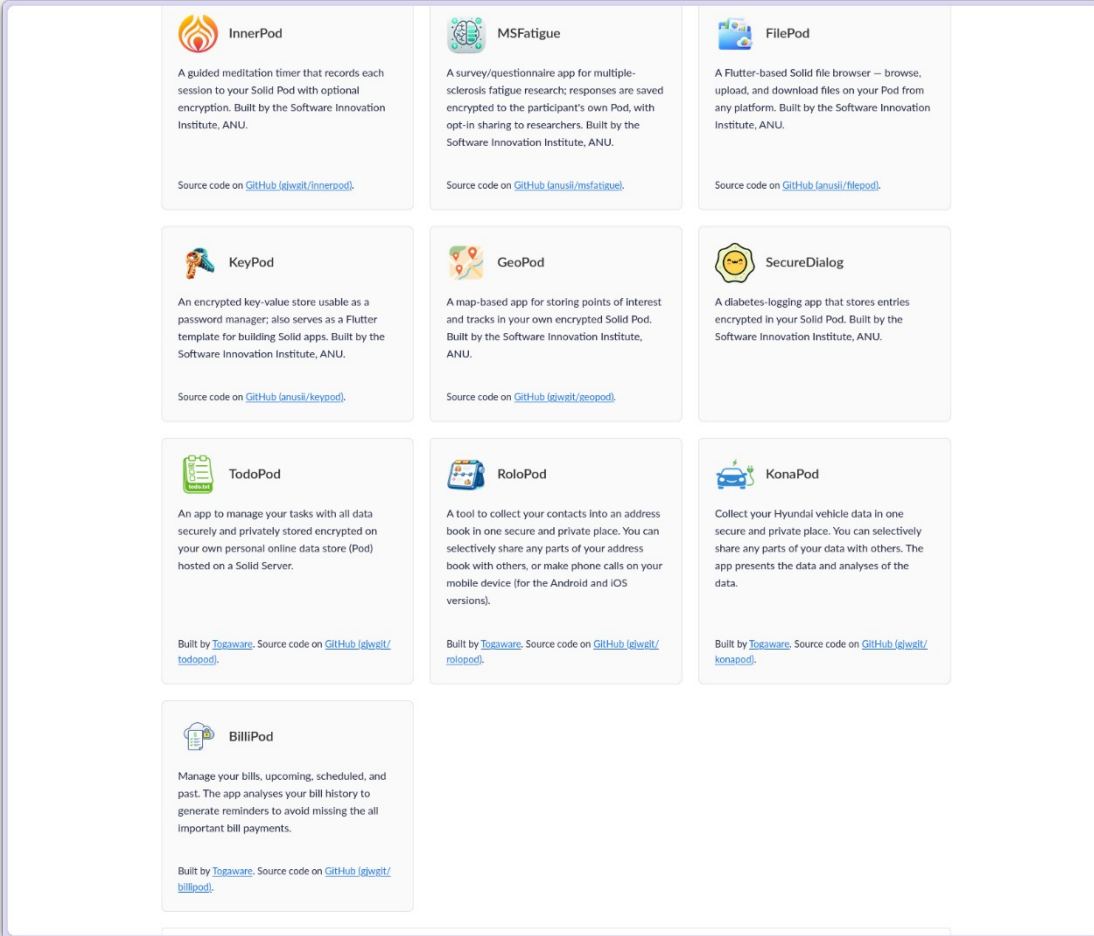
The Ecosystem in Action











❖ Multiple Flutter/Dart based Solid packages for app development

- ❖ solidpod (<https://pub.dev/packages/solidpod>)
- ❖ solidui (<https://github.com/anusii/solidui>)
- ❖ solid-auth (https://pub.dev/packages/solid_auth)
- ❖ rdflib (<https://pub.dev/packages/rdflib>)

❖ Development of multiple apps based on Solid PODs

- ❖ Apps listed on solidproject web page <https://solidproject.org/apps>
- ❖ Also checkout our app directory at <https://solidcommunity.au/#portfolio>



 InnerPod A guided meditation timer that records each session to your Solid Pod with optional encryption. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU. Source code on GitHub (elwst/innerpod) .	 MSFatigue A survey/questionnaire app for multiple-sclerosis fatigue research; responses are saved encrypted to the participant's own Pod, with opt-in sharing to researchers. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU. Source code on GitHub (anusii/msfatigue) .	 FilePod A Flutter-based Solid file browser – browse, upload, and download files on your Pod from any platform. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU. Source code on GitHub (anusii/filepod) .
 KeyPod An encrypted key-value store usable as a password manager; also serves as a Flutter template for building Solid apps. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU. Source code on GitHub (anusii/keypod) .	 GeoPod A map-based app for storing points of interest and tracks in your own encrypted Solid Pod. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU. Source code on GitHub (elwst/geopod) .	 SecureDialog A diabetes-logging app that stores entries encrypted in your Solid Pod. Built by the Software Innovation Institute, ANU.
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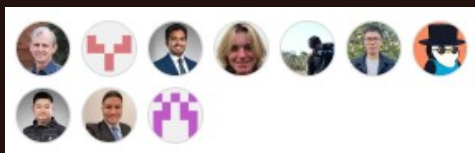
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Where to start:

<https://github.com/anusii/solidui>

ANU Solid team



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