

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SIGNING A COMPUTER DOCUMENT

ABSTRACT

A system and method for the digital signing of a computer document, as well as the authentication of the signature as coming from the intended signatory. The computer document is in, for example, the commonly used PDF. The system and method uses a two-factor signing sequence to combine the advantages of handwritten and/or biometric signatures, and digital signatures, together in a single signing mechanism. Advantageously, the invention allows for the signature to be unique to the signatory and under the sole control of the signatory, and as such ensures that there can be no substitute of the signatory by a proxy. The invention further allows for the signature to be linked to the computer document such that the document cannot be tampered and for the signature to be authenticated in two factors – handwritten/biometric signature and digital signature. The system and method further provide for compliance with the conditions of making a signed computer document valid and legal binding.

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