Digital Signatures for Document Management

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***Abstract*—This undergraduate thesis investigates digital signatures in a document-management and sharing application. Electronic documents need a way to support origin checking and detect unauthorized changes. The student studies digital-signature concepts and develops a web application that demonstrates key generation, encryption and decryption operations, and document sharing. The thesis discusses user interaction and possible certificate management. The conclusion reports a usable student interface and basic cryptographic operations. It also says document management on the user-facing side is missing, administration remains simple, and the system has not reached a high level of security. The prototype is not a certified signature service. The source does not include a formal cryptographic review, verified certificate issuance, or an operational security assessment. The contribution is a documented student study or prototype whose stated scope can guide further testing.**

***Index Terms*—digital signatures, document management, cryptography, web application**

I. Introduction

Electronic documents need a way to support origin checking and detect unauthorized changes. This thesis investigates digital signatures in a document-management and sharing application. It begins from a practical engineering need and explains the technologies and workflow chosen for the case. The objective is to document a student implementation or comparative investigation, together with the evidence available in the manuscript. Broader operational or economic effects require separate measurements and are not assumed from the existence of a prototype [1]. Earlier ICTU student work on related designs is included here for context [2], [3], [4], [5]. Related published studies provide context for the subject and methods [6], [7], [8], [9], [10]. These contextual works were selected for this English summary; they are not asserted to appear in the original thesis bibliography.

II. Methods

The student studies digital-signature concepts and develops a web application that demonstrates key generation, encryption and decryption operations, and document sharing. The thesis discusses user interaction and possible certificate management. The source is summarized through its stated design, implementation material, examples, and conclusion. Features shown in the manuscript are distinguished from proposals for later development. This review does not add a new experiment, fill missing measurements with estimates, or treat a planned capability as an observed result. The source thesis remains the provenance for the reported work [1].

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III. Results

The conclusion reports a usable student interface and basic cryptographic operations. It also says document management on the user-facing side is missing, administration remains simple, and the system has not reached a high level of security. The report's screens, configurations, examples, or measurements constitute the evidence for this summary. A capability described only as a design intention is not counted as a validated operational outcome. No additional performance, adoption, financial, or safety figure has been introduced here. The result is interpreted within the scope of the student's documented setup [1].

IV. Discussion

The prototype is not a certified signature service. The source does not include a formal cryptographic review, verified certificate issuance, or an operational security assessment. Further work could add document controls, test integrity and access workflows, and evaluate a certificate-management component under an explicit threat model. These limitations affect how the evidence should be read. The current manuscript can support understanding of the design and reported demonstration, while independent tests would be needed for stronger claims. Any later deployment should document its environment and separate observed outcomes from intended benefits [1].

V. Conclusion

The thesis documents digital signatures in a document-management and sharing application. The conclusion reports a usable student interface and basic cryptographic operations. It also says document management on the user-facing side is missing, administration remains simple, and the system has not reached a high level of security. The prototype is not a certified signature service. The source does not include a formal cryptographic review, verified certificate issuance, or an operational security assessment. Further work could add document controls, test integrity and access workflows, and evaluate a certificate-management component under an explicit threat model. Accordingly, the present contribution is a source-grounded account of the student work and its tested or illustrated scope. Claims about broader effectiveness should be assessed in later work using explicit evaluation conditions [1].

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