



## **D Soft announces stand-alone and Web tools to digitally sign and validate PDF Documents.**

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D Soft nv today announced D2S Sign and D2S Validate.

These new products are extending the current D2S Acrobat Plug-in, which was already available since late 2000 and offered a reliable way to incorporate a GlobalSign Digital Certificate in PDF Documents.

D2S Sign is a stand-alone software application, enabling users to Digitally Sign a PDF Document without the need for a full Acrobat product on their desktop. D2S Sign also operates as a stand-alone Validation Tool for verification of D2S based Digital Signatures incorporated in a PDF Document.

D2S Validate is a stand-alone software application that can only be used for validation of D2S based Digital Signatures incorporated in a PDF Document.

Future versions will also include Certificate Revocation List checking (CRL).

“This opens up the broad usage of Digitally Signed PDF Documents in a Business to Business and especially in a Business to Consumer environment” said Bruno Van Hecke, Business Development Manager at D Soft. “Up to now it was not possible to validate Digital Signatures in the free Acrobat Reader. This is an issue that we ran into time after time when talking to customers. Adobe Acrobat is a great tool to work with PDF Documents. However, for a certain range of Consumers there is only a need to be able to validate a D2S based Digital Signature in a PDF Document they receive from an organization. To be able to do this, we developed the free D2S Validate Tool.”

D2S Validate works with an Activation Key which can be sent along with the PDF Document or can be downloaded from the website of the PDF Document Provider ([www.d2s.org](http://www.d2s.org)), like a Bank, Insurance Company or Governmental Agency, to name but a few.

“The end user is not paying anything to make this possible. It is the Content Provider who is paying for the services” explains Frank Delanghe, Managing Director of D Soft.

“If an end user is only interested in putting a D2S based Digital Signature from time to time on a PDF Document, we provide the D2S Sign application, starting at 20 Euro.”

“With the D2S product line we now offer a complete range of products in the PKI environment. It fits perfectly in our Solutions Offering with the best possible balance between standard products like Adobe Acrobat, Acrobat Approval and our own products and services. Using this complementary offering organizations can now intensify their communication based on PDF Documents and ePaper Solutions towards the Consumer Market” Van Hecke continues.

“We will work increasingly with partners to distribute the D2S Product Line. D Soft will act more and more as a Technology Provider for these kind of Solutions.”

More information can be found on the D Soft website at [www.dsoft.be](http://www.dsoft.be) or at the D2S website [www.d2s.org](http://www.d2s.org).

### **Availability and Pricing**

D2S Sign and D2S Validate will be available late December 2001 on the Windows-platform and in Java.

D2S Sign is priced at 20 Euro, excl. local VAT. A Volume Licensing Plan is available.

D2S Validate is free of charge.

### **About D Soft**

Founded in 1996, D Soft ([www.dsoft.be](http://www.dsoft.be)) provides Solutions to Create, Convert, Secure, Manage, Distribute and Digitally Sign electronic documents.

As an Adobe Acrobat Developer, D Soft implements ePaper Solutions with a perfect balance between Standard Applications such as Adobe Acrobat and Acrobat Approval and D Soft's own Products and Services such as the D-PDF Server and D-PDF OTF (on-the-fly).

Headquartered in Drongen (Ghent), Belgium, D Soft is an important contributor to the ePaper Market in the Benelux and beyond.

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