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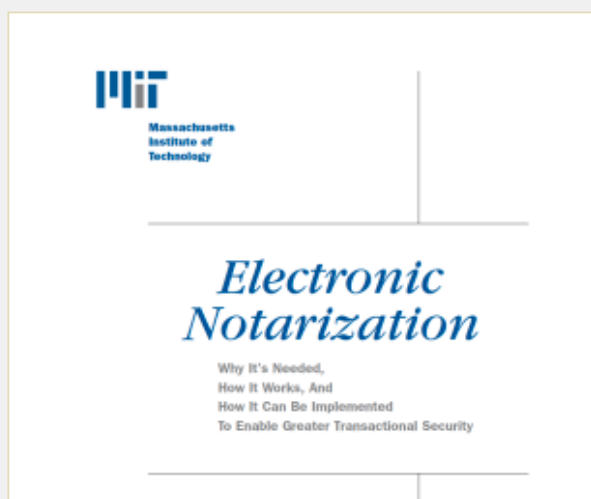
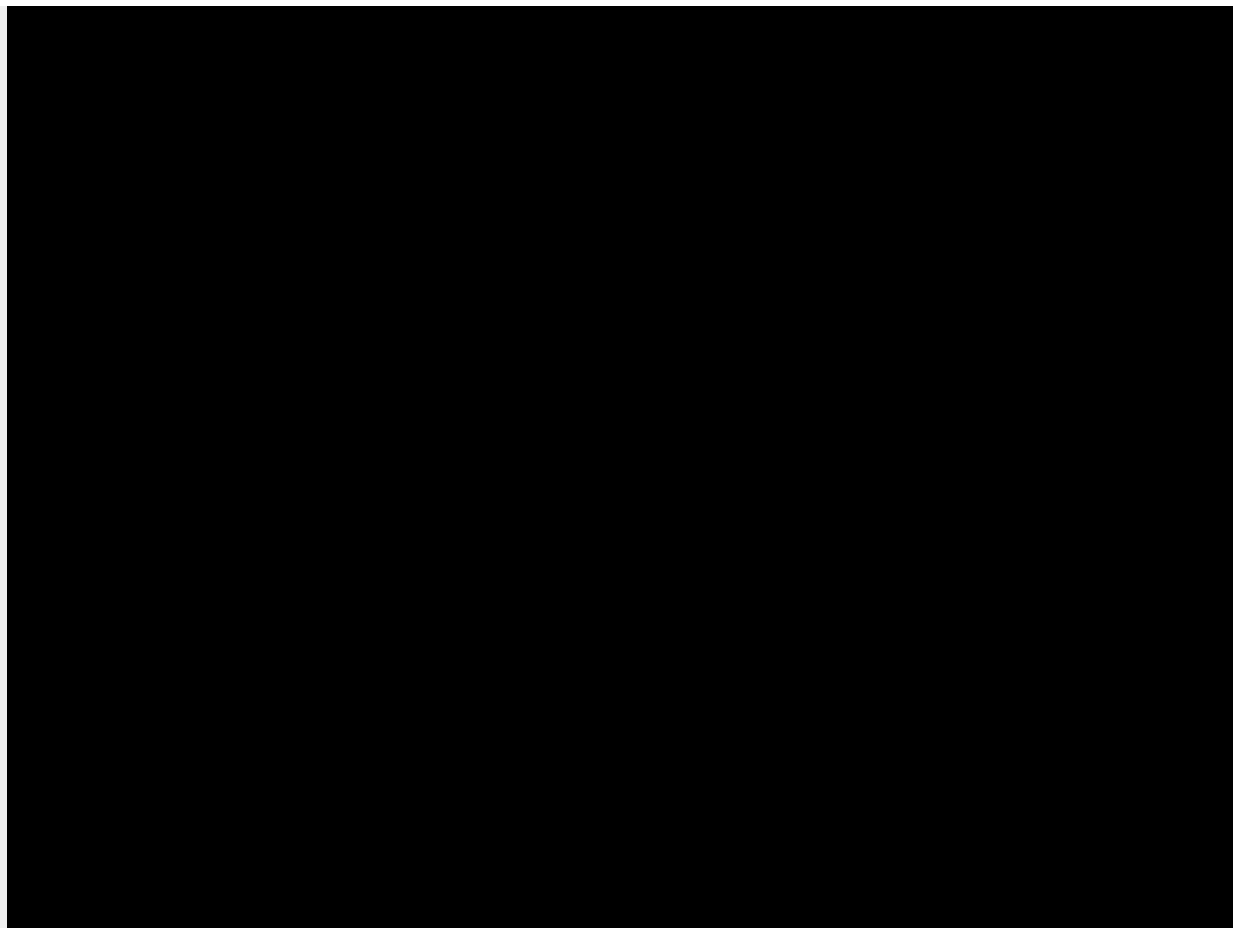
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Below is the MIT White Paper on Electronic Notarization I wrote in 2005/6 and directly below is a video overview of key themes excerpted from the launch event.



The above cover art from the beautiful paper bound document generously published by the National Notary Association, is also [linked to the content of the MIT White Paper itself](#). Below is an updated statement on the importance of and potential role for eNotarization in the emerging identity ecosystem and digital economy:

Electronic notarization, while in some senses well established, is again gaining momentum and profile as federated identity and personal apps or cloud services rise in prominence. For the first time in several years, I'm being asked – and with increasing frequency – about ways that human beings at key point in digital transactions can add better security, reduce fraud, fight crime and create or maintain trust. The role of a notary exists as one method of addressing these very needs for paper based transactions and over the last 10

updates to statutes, regulations, new technologies and preparation by the relevant trade and professional associations.

An entirely new source of value – both in new revenue, new kinds of transactions and new more powerful tools to reduce risks and losses can be achieved by intelligently targeting use of eNotarization at the right point in a transaction or system. The time is ripe for the right business models, operational practices and common scenarios of use gain widespread adoption eNotarization today. We might be just one innovative entrepreneur away from an instant game-changer for online trust.

Surprisingly, the issues and options and basic policy themes of the White Paper seem as relevant today as when the content was first drafted, nearly 10 years ago (I've added a [page with more background](#) on the paper and related resources). But the recent uptick in interest and the apparent suitability of the broader environment for adoption make the issues more timely than ever. In hopes of keeping up with common questions and areas of interest, I'll use this page to add links to more resources to relevant statutes, regulations, technologies, standards, recommended business practices and other relevant materials.

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