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1. Explore the principles and global legal status of digital signatures.
2. Review current digital signature software.
3. Propose and develop open-source, cross-platform, and user-friendly software compliant with eIDAS Regulation (Regulation No 910/2014) for digital document signing.

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Annotation: With the recent changes in the legal status of digital signatures in many parts of the world, there is a need for easily accessible solutions intended as an alternative to handwritten signatures. This may be more necessary than ever since digital communication is the preferred way of communication. This bachelor thesis aims to explore the principles and legal status of digital signatures, review current digital signature software, and explore possible obstacles the open-source community is facing to develop such specialized applications. We propose an open-source, cross-platform, and user-friendly software compliant with the eIDAS Regulation (Regulation No 910/2014). Our application should allow ordinary users to quickly sign and verify signatures of different types of documents and therefore easily use them in everyday life.

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Abstrakt

Abstrakt v SK jazyku bude pridaný neskôr ako voľný preklad z EN verzie (pozri ďalšiu stranu). Predíde sa tak zbytočnej práci keďže EN abstrakt sa môže časom meniť.

Kľúčové slová: *elektronický podpis, elektronická pečať, kvalifikovaný, open-source, XAdES, PAdES, CAdES, počítačový softvér*

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