# Digitally Signing email Why, how? Ludovic Hirlimann

## Why

Protects your online identity

Gives you the power to protect sensible data

It's not a solution against spam

#### Signing

Creates a checksum of the email

Checksum is based on a Key + content

Adds that checksum

Decodes and verifies checksums

### How Cert

Demo

### How PGP

Demo

#### Web Of Trust

Works for both system

Is an easy way to give a level of trust to an unknown signature.

#### Reference

PGP/GPG - http://www.gnupg.org/documentation/faqs.en.html

Digital certificates - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public\_key\_certificate

RFC 4880 for PGP and 5751 for S/MIME