# Timestamp Certificate

This timestamp was created with *Bitcoin* 





# **origin**stamp

# Timestamp

Jun-10-2020 00:16:26 UTC

Comment:

pre\_analysis\_plan\_20200609\_vg\_v2.pdf



### Hash:

902e0 fedd 1b0 d8a 77135009 e91762314a142 d99 fe Od 15 fbe 76f387 fcd 37914 da

### Transaction:

c9798e8dbd46b22703418872411af42e48e0c588516fafc0a32a55d386726cc3

### Private Key:

ae7fe7ad4796d76280e8ce4c1855ef6ba1dd063786c3d67a06b8808ec2f21feb

Click here to verify your timestamp.

This certificate is only valid in combination with the original file and OriginStamp's open procedure. More information on https://verify.originstamp.com.



## **Timestamp Certificate**

# **Proof**

The proof is necessary for the reproducibility of your document.



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# Verification

OriginStamp is a timestamp service that uses various blockchains like the Bitcoin Blockchain to create tamper-proof timestamps for your data. Instead of backing up your data, OriginStamp embeds a cryptographic fingerprint in the blockchain. It is de facto impossible to deduce the content of your data from your fingerprint. Therefore, the data remains in your company and is not publicly accessible. All you need to do is send this fingerprint to OriginStamp via the interface. The integration of the RESTful API is very simple and convenient and allows all data to be easily tagged with a tamper-proof timestamp. This document shows the procedure and gives instructions for verifying a timestamp created with OriginStamp.

# 1. Determine the SHA-256 of your original file

There are numerous programs and libraries to calculate the SHA-256 of a file, such as <a href="MD5FILE">MD5FILE</a>. Simply drag and drop or select your file, to retrieve the SHA-256 of your file.

## 2. Validate your proof

First, it must be verified that the hash of the original is part of the evidence. In order to check this, the proof can be opened with a conventional editor and its content can be searched for the hash. If the hash cannot be found, either the file was manipulated or the wrong evidence was selected.

## 3. Determine the private key

The Merkle tree is a tree structure, that allows to organize the seed more efficient than a plain-text seed file. The tree is built from the bottom to the top and follows a defined schema. The value of a node is determined by the aggregated hash of its children.

#### Left child =

 $a8eb9f308b08397df77443697de4959c156fd4c68c489995163285\\dbd3eedaef$ 

#### Right child =

ab95adaee8eb02219d556082a7f4fb70d19b8000097848112eb85b 1d2fca8f67

#### Node = SHA-

256(a8eb9f308b08397df77443697de4959c156fd4c68c489995163 285dbd3eedaefab95adaee8eb02219d556082a7f4fb70d19b800009 7848112eb85b1d2fca8f67) =

47e47c96302eeba62ed443dd0c89b3411bbddd2c1ff6bdfb1f833fa1 1e060b85 This step is performed for all levels of the tree until the hash of the root has been calculated. If the hash of the root is identical as proof, the calculation was successful and the root hash is verified. The top hash corresponds to the private key we embedded in the blockchain through a transaction. For a more detailed explanation of the Merkle tree, we want to refer to Wikipedia.

## Determine the Bitcoin address

Having determined the private key in the previous step, we can use this private key for a new Bitcoin address. The detailed steps to calculate the uncompressed Bitcoin address can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Let's assume the private key is

4eac8a92f8846ea801669b5834aa733e5345cc5e90875152ea6b9f3 8c724701e. The calculated Bitcoin Address is 1CV9tyNSdzrKFC2gtpx3Y5GU9rPWb81R4T.

## 5. Check the transactions

Check the transactions. By using any blockexplorer for Bitcoin, you can search for the previously calculated Bitcoin address:

1CV9tyNSdzrKFC2gtpx3Y5GU9rPWb81R4T. The first transaction for this address testifies to the proof of existence. The timestamp of the file corresponds to the block time of the first transaction.