

ConsignO 2.0: Added features, to better satisfy client needs!

ConsignO is a software application created by Notarius to meet the needs of various professional clients, especially in the engineering profession. ConsignO is part of the subscriber's *Digital Signature Kit*, which includes data encryption and digital signature software (Entrust Entelligence™ Security Provider 7.1 for Windows®) and a tool for converting files to PDF format (PDF995).

A cost-effective solution

Because PDF file conversion and signature features are provided as part of the *Digital Signature Kit* itself, users avoid the cost of having to purchase licences for software such as Adobe Acrobat Standard or Professional. The ConsignO software not only allows you to digitally sign documents in PDF format but also to SIGN ENTIRE BATCHES AT A TIME !

An enhanced, better integrated solution

This fall, Notarius and Teknika HBA worked together to make useful enhancements and add new features to the ConsignO application. These product developments have made ConsignO even more integrated and user-friendly, enabling you to successfully implement digital signing, whatever the size of your company.

Finally, several signatures on a single document!

A new, much-awaited feature is now available: multiple signatures on a PDF file! From now on, a PDF file can be signed by not just one person, but several signers. When preparing a document in ConsignO, simply define the required number of signature fields before the people concerned affix their signatures.

A simplified authentication procedure

The authentication method used varies by type of engineering document (art. 7.4 of the Directives for authenticating engineering documents). The person (i.e. the engineer or a co-worker) who specifies the signature fields required on the electronic engineering document in ConsignO 2.0 can select the appropriate authentication method for the type of document to be signed. Accordingly, depending on the authentication method selected, either an image of a handwritten signature only or the image of a handwritten signature and seal will be automatically added when the engineer in question digitally signs the document. These images are only added once in ConsignO, during the initial configuration.

Ready-to-sign files to optimize the signer's time

To simplify the task of engineers having to sign an electronic document placed in a network folder, an e-mail can be sent to notify them that the document is ready to be signed. A hypertext link can be inserted in the e-mail to enable the engineers to directly access the file. When the hypertext link is clicked, the document to be digitally signed opens automatically in ConsignO 2.0! This saves engineers from having to find the location of the file to be authenticated. From the Sign tab, the engineers can easily open the document using the password linked to their digital signature. The engineers who entirely or partially authored the engineering documents are naturally responsible for the task of authenticating them in accordance with their ethical rules of conduct.

ConsignO in three simple steps

Once the basic configuration has been done in ConsignO:

1. Use the PDF995 tool included in the *Digital Signature Kit* to convert an engineering document to the PDF format.
2. Open the PDF file in ConsignO and specify the signature fields needed for the type of document to be authenticated.
3. Sign the document in ConsignO using your digital signature.

E-mailing your documents and making them available to all recipients

All recipients can easily open documents signed with ConsignO. By configuring Adobe Reader appropriately, they can also verify the authenticity of the digital signature. By simply clicking on the image of a seal or handwritten signature, recipients can verify and confirm the authenticity of the signature certificate. Suggestion: To encourage your clients or business partners to perform this simple verification whenever they receive one of your digitally authenticated documents and to make them aware of the added value of your digital signature, you could add the following note:

This document has been digitally signed. Digital signatures are legal and comply with the Act to establish a legal framework for information technology (R.S.Q., chapter C-1-). To verify the digital signature(s) on this electronic document, download and follow the appropriate Adobe Reader configuration procedure, available free of charge at www.ingenieur.notarius.com.