SIGNICAT

DigiD

What is DigiD?

DigiD is an identity management platform which government agencies of the Netherlands, including the Tax and Customs Administration and Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, can use to verify the identity of Dutch residents on the Internet. In 2015 it was used for 200 million authentications by 12 million citizens.

Why should end-users use DigiD?

The main reason for using DigiD is to reduce the number of usernames and passwords the user has to remember. By using DigId the user will be using the same credentials for logging in at multiple web applications. This will simplify login, especially to web applications which are used rarely.

Participating organizations

To be able to use DigiD, the organization must be authorized to use the BSN (citizen service number). A great number of organizations already offer online services with DigiD. These are government bodies and organisations that perform a public service. For the complete list of participating organisations we refer to the DigiD web page at www.digid.nl.

Why should merchants offer DigiD login?

DigiD offers an identity, which is verified towards the person register. This means that this is a real user, and thereby can be trusted. This also includes information like the age of the user and the address. Users have a challenge remembering multiple user IDs and passwords, and anything which reduces the need for this will make life easier for the user. By allowing the user to use DigiD, there is one less identity to remember for the user, which reduces the probability that the user is unable to log in. This reduces the need for customer support as well as ensuring that the user can go on with the business.

Why should the merchant use Signicat for DigiD?

Although it is possible for any eligible merchant to connect directly to DigiD, using Signicat is very simple. Signicat offers a single API to multiple identity schemes. The same API is used for iDIN, DigiD and for Social media (such as Facebook, Google+, LinkedIn and Microsoft Live), as well as to other international eIDs. Signicat also offers additional value added services, which can be accessed through the same API, such as identity assurance (which can be used to on-board new users) and electronic signatures and seals (which are used to digitally protect documents).