Computer Science Student Software Project 7

For: Electronic Notarization System

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**Project:**

The entire planet could use an open source electronic notarization

system. There are several commercial vendors offering products, but they are all pretty expensive and some have overly restrictive licensing requirements. For example, the National Notary Association charges an annual fee for their ENJOA software - and this is after an already heavy initial purchase price for the hardware and software.

At this point in time these commercial interests are driving the process and even tweaking the legislative processes around the U.S. and

internationally to the point that laws and policies are being

constructed such that these commercial entities' products will be

\*required\* in order to perform an electronic notarization.

I'd love to see an open source or free project come to life fairly soon

so that the various legislatures and notary authorities can be convinced that alternatives to commercial products are an option, and that electronic notarization laws should be constructed to be

technology-neutral.

It's important that notaries and businesses have an affordable eNotary

solution and perhaps even more important to keep the source code for the software open to prevent forgeries.

A system could be designed around GPG pretty easily. What we need is a dead-simple, yet secure system that employs off-the-shelf hardware and that can be easily used by non-techie end users.

**Approved: Yes No**

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