

Re: microsoft authenticode digital id

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It is possible to self-sign. You can use a certificate server (Windows 2000 Server comes with one) to generate your own root cert, and then sign with that cert. You become your own Certifying Authority (CA).

The major problem is, how do you get clients to trust your root cert? If you are in an enterprise, you can distribute the settings for that root cert within your corp (using any technique from letting people run a setup app from a file share, through using Group Policies to push it out). If you are in a vertical market where you have a strong relationship with your customers, you can use that relationship to help your customers install the root cert.

The major problem is if you are doing Internet-connected apps, with a loose relationship with your customers – especially if they are anonymous, and just come visit your site from time to time. In that case, the Verisign option tends to be the most user-friendly to your customers, since your customers almost certainly already have Verisign's root cert installed on their machines, as part of their web browser install.

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"LL" <nowhere@yahoo.com> wrote in message

news:Oml4z0erCHA.428@TK2MSFTNGP09...

> I'd like to digitally sign my control with Microsoft Authenticode Digital
> ID. Verisign charges \$400 for this. Does anybody know other vendor selling
> this digital ID? Thanks.

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