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Implementing a digital signature lifecycle made easy



PSPDFKit Server has been deprecated and replaced by [Document Engine](#). To migrate to Document Engine and unlock advanced document processing capabilities, refer to our [migration guide](#). Learn more about these enhancements on our [blog](#).

This section will guide you through the process of implementing a digital signature lifecycle for signing a PDF document. By utilizing digital signatures, you can ensure the integrity and authenticity of your PDF files, establishing a secure and reliable method for verifying their content. We'll outline the essential steps and provide code examples to assist you in comprehending and implementing the digital signature lifecycle efficiently.



For organizations seeking a hassle-free digital signing solution, leveraging cloud services is an ideal choice. [Nutrient's advanced eSignatures API](#) is a robust, cloud-based alternative that eliminates the need to implement most parts of the signing workflow. This service uses [Adobe Approved Trust List \(AATL\)](#) certificates, ensuring the highest level of trust and compliance.

1 [Prepare the certificates for signing](#)

To sign a document, you need self-signed certificates or certificates from trusted authorities

2 [Add a signature field](#)

How to add a signature field, visible or invisible



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3 **Sign a PDF document**

How to sign a PDF document using basic or CAdES signature types

4 **Configure digital signature appearance**

How to configure digital signatures appearance, encompassing both visible and invisible signatures

5 **View and validate a digital signature**

How to verify and ensure the integrity of a digital signature

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