

Signing a Document with a Private Key

If I want to **“sign”** a document*, I

- **encrypt** the document **with** my **private key**,
- then make the document available to others.

Anyone can obtain my public key

- and use it to decrypt the document.
- **Only I could have encrypted the document**,
- since only I have my private key.

*Adding a verifiable date takes a little more work.

