

The eCert Project

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Overview

- **Background:**
 - Student portfolios > e-Portfolios
 - Importance of certificates of attainment; no current electronic equivalent
- **Objectives**
 - To develop and test a suitable protocol for electronic certificates
- **Deliverables**
 - An electronic certificate demonstrator to prove the protocol

Institution

- **Context**
 - Learning Societies Lab in Electronics & Computer Science, University of Southampton
 - Plenty of available “anoraks”!
 - Plenty of learning awareness
 - Working in security and e-Portfolios for a number of years
- **Objectives: Electronic award certificates**
 - Help to integrate and streamline the process
 - Can be more secure than paper ones
 - Can be more permanent than paper ones

Benefits

- **JISC**
 - Primary benefit is to the e-Portfolio community
- **AIM Community**
 - The electronic award certificate is an interesting security problem
 - The solution may prove to have relevance to other areas, such as portfolio based assessment, where assessor could also be approved

Criteria for Success

We are confident that we will produce a sound design!

- Easter and summer workshops:
 - Validation of design...
 - ...and implementation
- Guided by consultants from the EdExcel and the ePortfolio centre of Nottingham University
- Ultimate criteria for success will be adoption of protocol in e-Portfolio systems

Questions?