

eSignatures

VS

Digital Signatures

What's the Real Difference?

Electronic signatures (aka eSignatures) and digital signatures are commonly confused with one another. But, both have unique features to be aware of—your business' compliance depends on it.

KEY DIFFERENCES AT A GLANCE

eSignatures



eSignatures are used to **show intent to sign a document** with a binding signature.

VS

Digital Signatures



Digital signatures are used to **secure a document**.

eSignatures are an electronic representation of your wet-inked signature, while digital signatures use personal information like an email address or date of birth to verify you and create a signature.

THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE DETAILS



eSignatures are used to...

- Show intent to sign
- Gain visibility into who has signed
- Collect legally-binding signatures



Digital signatures are used to...

- Secure important documents using encryption
- Validate user identity using authentication methods
- Tamper-proof documents and avoid changes after signing



- Gain higher visibility with audit trails with timestamps and digital certificates
- Stay in compliance, satisfying UETA, SOC2, HIPAA, and more

eSignatures
&
Digital Signatures
Go Hand-in-Hand



When used together, you can ensure efficiency and security



Greater trust between senders and signers



Guaranteed security and confidentiality



Faster turnaround times on documents