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Electronic identity can now be used free of charge in WordPress for strong authentication

[Michelau, 24th August 2021] After the recent publication of an [“eID-Login” App for Nextcloud](#), ecsec GmbH was once again working on behalf of the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) in order to develop an [„eID-Login" Plugin](#) for the freely available and market-leading WordPress Content Management System (CMS), which has now been published under an [Open Source](#) license. In connection with the SkIDentity service, the German eID card can now be used free of charge in all WordPress-based websites for strong authentication.

German eID card can now be used in WordPress for strong authentication

The German electronic identity (eID) card ("Personalausweis"), which has been notified at the highest possible level of assurance ("high") in accordance with the [eIDAS](#) regulation, can be used by all citizens for electronic identification and for strong pseudonymous authentication on the Internet. In addition, a large percentage of all German websites are implemented on the basis of the freely available and market-leading WordPress Content Management System (CMS). Against this background, based on the recently published ["eID-Login" App for Nextcloud](#) and on behalf of the Federal Office for Information Security (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik, BSI), ecsec GmbH developed an [„eID-Login" Plugin for WordPress](#), with which the German eID card can now be used in WordPress for strong authentication.

SkIDentity enables free use of eID for WordPress-based websites

Through the consequent consideration of relevant security aspects according to the principle of [„Security by Design"](#) and the publication of the "eID-Login" plugin for WordPress as [Open Source](#), a maximum of trustworthiness is achieved. To enable the immediate and free use of the German eID card for strong authentication in WordPress, the multiple award-winning SkIDentity service for strong authentication is provided free of charge as part of the joint project by BSI and ecsec.

"*It is great that the German eID card can now be used free of charge in WordPress for strong authentication,*" adds Dr. Detlef Hühnlein Managing Director of ecsec GmbH. "*This means that the electronic identity can be activated and used immediately in around 40% of all websites.*"

About ecsec GmbH

ecsec (https://ecsec.de/en) is a specialized vendor of innovative solutions in the sector of security in the information and communication technology, security management, smart card technology, identity management, web security

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and electronic signature technology. Based on experiences from several consulting projects with international reach ecsec GmbH counts to the leading providers in this sector and supports well known customers within the conception and implementation of tailor-made solutions. Due to the observance of current results of science and technology and current and future international standards, an excellent consulting quality and sustainable customer prosperity are guaranteed. For example, ecsec developed the Open eCard App and the Open eCard Library, which was the world's first Open Source "eID-Client" or "eID-Kernel" to be certified by the German Federal Office for Information Security and received numerous international awards for its innovative SkIDentity service, which enables "Mobile eID as a Service".

About WordPress

WordPress (https://wordpress.org/) was originally a software for weblogs and has now developed into a full-fledged Content Management System (CMS) based on PHP and MySQL for creating and maintaining websites. With a market share of around 64 %, WordPress is currently the most popular CMS worldwide, in Germany the market share is around 46 %.

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