

Estonia takes a plunge?*

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e-Estonia, brief background

- Everybody has an identity card, which enables strong authentication and digital signatures.
- ③ 30% of voters voted online in the last European Parliament elections.
- Over 95% of personal tax declarations submitted online, most of banking done online. Push towards online digital economy.
- "Estonia is the first country to offer e-residency to people around the world, offering state-proven digital identities that give access to services like online banking, education, and healthcare."
- "Estonia sets up "data embassies" to allow the government to "operate in the cloud" even if physical territory is occupied.

X-road, Secure Communication Layer



Origins of X-road, how it came to be...

- Many registries, all very different, managed and developed by different organizations and financed separately.
- Very many users, most of them were very small organizations without security knowledge and with a very small IT budget.
- Very high security requirements. Registries contain personal data that is in some cases used to make high value decisions and in some cases needed in real time.
- Strong political support to ICT innovations (PM Office), which also was supported by a strong legal base for e-government solutions. Estonians are receptive to technological change!

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Thank you for your attention!

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