

GMV implements e-ID in Huelva University

GMV sets up E-ID based secure access to Huelva University's Intranet

Madrid, 27 November 2007. - GMV has set up for Huelva University (*Universidad de Huelva*) a user-access platform for making SSL-encrypted VPN connections and has managed to integrate into this system the digital certificates present in the electronic ID. This project, which GMV's Southern Seville Office won in an open tender, aims to guarantee secure user access by means of diverse authentication mechanisms, as well as establishing a reliable data channel.

The particular system set up in Huelva University allows user access on the basis of defined profiles; it can hence discern between the various persons using it. These might range from technical university personnel through teaching staff or students to the personnel of external firms. The system needs to furnish all of them with such resources as may be of interest to them.

One of the main features of the secure access platform is the use by the university's technical and admin staff of digital certificates issued by the Spanish Mint (FNMT). All the information and resources accessible by users of these profiles come under the special protection regime, so the setting up of the security measure was regarded as crucial.

The use of E-ID gives an added value of security and reliability to this platform. GMV has managed to set up a system in which the user authentication certificates present on the E-ID authorize not only the use of these certificates but also guarantee total compatibility with the use of other existing or future types of certificates on the platform.

Moreover, the integration of e-ID into the SSL VPN access platform enables the use of digital certificates to be extended to other users and opens them up to a wider range of potential services. Users may therefore access services sure in the knowledge that the system is robust and reliable, while the university itself is enabled to make a better use of its resources in peerless conditions of security and trustworthiness.

Last but not least, due consideration here should be given to the kudos and added value gleaned by Huelva University from this successful implementation of e-ID personal certificates. End users can use the system with complete confidence and the university itself becomes a trailblazer among public bodies in the integration of the e-ID into its information systems and daily activities.

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