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Requirements Engineering for eVoting

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Introduction-eVoting





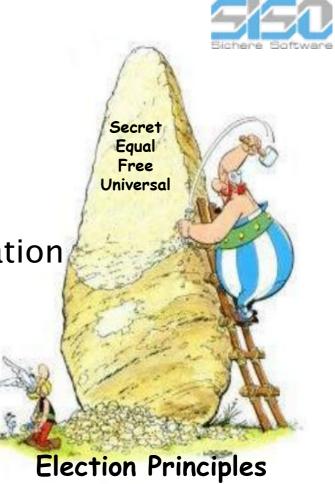
| Environment | | | |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Medium | Controlled | Uncontrolled | |
| Paper | Polling Place | Postal Voting | chines |
| Electronic | Stand-Alone Electronic Voting Machine | Remote Electronic Voting (PC, Cell Phone) | Counting Machines |
| | Stand-Alone Electronic Voting Machine | | |
| | Networked Kiosk Electronic Voting | | |



Introduction-Security Requirements



- Anonymity and unlikability
- Receipt freeness
- One-voter-one vote principle
 - Attention: system breakdowns
- Right to vote
 - Attention: system breakdowns
- Unique identification/authentication





Introduction-Existing Work

- Bundeswahlgeräteverordnung
- Recommendation of the Council of Europe
- Requirement Catalogue of the PTB / GI
- Cybervote Requirements Catalogue
- (Network) Voting System Standards
- Swiss Law
- IEEE Standard
- Safevote Voting System Requirements
- IN GENERAL: in each voting protocol paper







Why a "new" Catalogue / CC?



- Incomparable voting systems' security
- Undetermined evaluation process
- Undetermined evaluation deepness
- Undetermined Evaluator and Certifying Institute
- Missing definition of the underlying Trust Model
 - Assumption to the environment
 - Intruder model
- International accepted certificate



Protection Profile for Online Voting

- For remote Online Voting
- Mainly for elections in associations (extendable)
- Sponsored by the Federal Office for Information Security
- Initiated by the Gesellschaft f
 ür Informatik e.V.
- Supported by a broad board (companies, universities, ministries,...)
- From December 2005 to September 2006
- Unfortunately currently in German







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- Three phases: pre-/main-/post voting
- Focus: systems which ensure unlinkability between voter and his (encrypted) vote at the end of the main voting phase
- Open to any underlying voting scheme
- Open how many voting servers
- Basis requirements \rightarrow "many" assumptions
 - Voter ensures the trustworthiness of his PC
 - Scrutineers ensure the trustworthiness of the voting server





PP for Online Voting–Discussions



- Trustworthy client and voting server?
 - Handouts to the voter or special software
 - Administrator as part of the scrutineers
- EAL ? \rightarrow security versus costs
- Additional verification necessary?
 - Code review e.g. of the counting procedure





PP for the Digital Election Pen

- For (local HH) parliamentary elections
- Sponsored by the Ministry of the Interior of HH
- Support complex election systems
- Simplification of complex counting mechanisms
- Provide a new form of election device
- Test election in 2005
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$ To integrate into the laws
- Bundeswahlgeräteverordnung does not fit
- Evaluation/certification in parallel
- End: August 2006



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PP digital Election Pen –Discussions

- ST/PP?
- Using standard devices like notebooks
- Ballot box part/outside the EVG
- Function tests ?
- Role of the administrator
- Number of docking stations
- As easy as possible for the scrutineers
- EAL 3



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Conclusion





- Two different PPs
 - Online Voting in associations
 - Digital Election Pen
- Some open problems BUT

"E-Voting is an important field for Common Criteria"







Thank you for your Attention

Questions?

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