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Lawseal PKI - Case Study



Agenda for today

- About Lawseal
- The Players
- The Aims & Requirements
- The Service
- The future

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About The Law Society of Scotland

- The governing body for Scottish solicitors.
- Established by the Legal Aid & Solicitors (Scotland) Act in 1949.
- Main aims of the Society set out in the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.
- All practising solicitors in Scotland must be members of the Society and must hold a current Practising Certificate issued by the Society

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The birth of Lawseal

- Invitation to Tender issued to provide Service in late 2001
- RBS selected to provide Tender in January 2002
- Contract Signed May 2002
- RBS will build a Public Key Infrastructure for the Law Society of Scotland in 2002 and operate it for an initial period of four years

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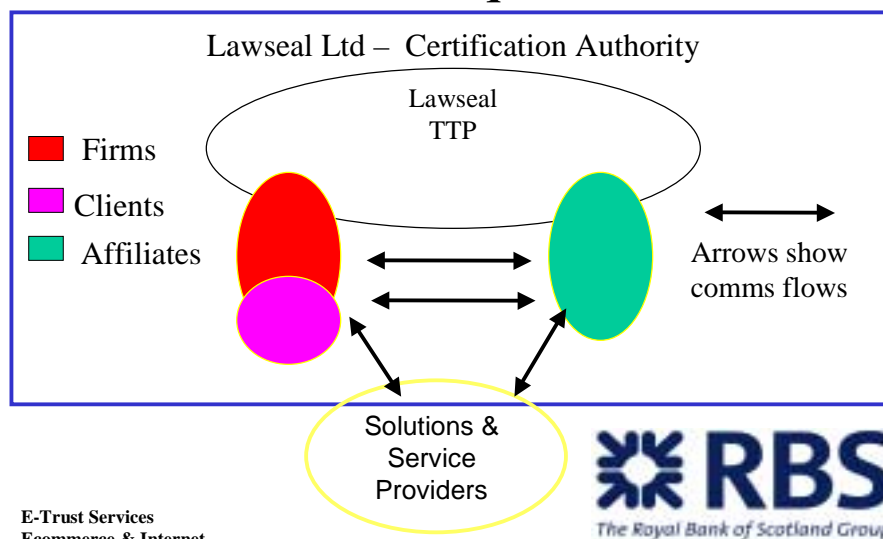
Early days in the project

- Collecting the requirements of members (and others)
- Defining the scope of the opportunity
- Building a Roadmap for the project and beyond

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The Lawseal Requirements (1)



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The Lawseal Requirements (2)

- Proven identity in electronic communications
- Client confidentiality across public networks
- Profession-wide acceptance and use
- A base for future benefits

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Constraining factors

- Legislation
 - Scots Law and Scottish Court jurisdiction
 - EC & UK Digital Signatures Directives/ Acts
 - Data Protection Act
 - Others still to come ?

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More constraints

- User apathy or inertia?
- Technical problems ?
- Cost ?
- High resource costs to support ?
- Fear of the unknown
- Competing solutions ?

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The Lawseal Service

- Identity checked by Lawseal /Solicitor firms
- Issue Digital Certificates to individuals
- Promoting emerging best practice in secure ecommerce for Lawyers in Scotland and their clients

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The opportunities and drivers

- Legislation
- User demand
- Low cost for useable solutions – leverage
- Low support costs
- Making it real for end-users

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Expected barriers

There is a cheaper way	Attitude
There is no real need for this now	Attitude
The technology is too hard	Attitude
Our system isn't up to it	Cost

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Lawseal plans

- Launch in Q1 2003
- Low cost per user
- Professional support from RBS
- Increasing adoption across the profession
- Open to (nearly) all

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Next year

- Rollout Service
- Market Service jointly with Lawseal
- Support the Service
- Continue to enable more functions

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