

From Germany, legal ID verifications through the web



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Confirming the status of legal documentation is typically done through physical checks in person to ensure security. However, we have already seen companies like [NetVerify](#) tackle online verifications, and now Germany's [IDnow](#) is able to perform all the necessary tests to legally identify online customers.

According to the company, its process takes only 3 minutes and can be performed over smartphone, tablet or computer — any device with a camera and video chat capabilities. Users scan their ID — whether it's a passport, driver's license or other legal document — by placing it in front of a webcam or device camera. IDnow then uses algorithms to detect its authenticity. This is followed by a brief video call with an IDnow employee to check that the person on the ID matches the person making the transaction. The system can be used by banks and other financial services, but also online companies that require age verification.

IDnow aims to make identification online as quick and secure as it is when carried out face-to-face. With regular news of hacks and leaking of customer passwords, could this kind of service lead to a safer world of ecommerce?

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