

# Signed e-Receipts – Invention Disclosure

This document is based on the e-receipt distribution model outlined in:  
<https://cyberphone.github.io/doc/defensive-publications/e-receipts.pdf>

## Problem Definition

How do you verify the signature of an e-receipt  
in a world with millions of merchants?

Imagine the following payment request taken from the mentioned e-receipt document:  
Space Shop is obviously the issuer of the e-receipt.

```
{
  "paymentRequest": {
    "commonName": "Space Shop",
    "amount": "550.00",
    "currency": "EUR",
    "referenceId": "20231007"
  },
  "receiptUrl": "https://spaceshop.com/receipts/20231007j5lOEL2w9cWBFUwkbrFgjQ"
}
```

} Non-normative sample request

On the next page you will find a verifiable e-receipt...

## e-Receipt creation:

Prerequisite: The Merchant has an already created key-pair where the public key is published at "**validationKeyUrl**"

- The Merchant signs a newly created e-receipt using the private key
- The Merchant publishes the signed e-receipt at "**receiptUrl**"

```
{
  "receiptUrl": "https://spaceshop.com/receipts/20231007j5IOEL2w9cWBFUwkbrFgjQ",
  "validationKeyUrl": "https://spaceshop.com/keys/ed25519-1.jwk",
  "receipt": {
    "description": "A bunch of stuff",
    "amount": "550.00",
    "currency": "EUR"
  },
  "signature": {
    "algorithm": "Ed25519",
    "publicKey": {
      "kty": "OKP",
      "crv": "Ed25519",
      "x": "_kms9bkrbpl1PLoM2j2gKySS-k89TOuyvgC43dX-Mk"
    },
    "value": "Ap-Rc7GSGPHhnq7....PyiHT-PelpzgdjsrE2fOjTuAQ"
  }
}
```

Non-normative sample e-receipt data

Non-normative JSON signature solution  
<https://cyberphone.github.io/doc/security/jsf.html>

## e-Receipt Validation steps:

- Verify that "**receiptUrl**" is identical to the URL used for fetching the e-receipt
  - Verify that the "**validationKeyUrl**" has the same host-name as "**receiptUrl**"
  - Verify that the signature validates using the "**publicKey**" of the "**signature**"
  - Fetch the key published at "**validationKeyUrl**" using an HTTP GET and verify that the received key is identical to the "**publicKey**" of the "**signature**"
- If all steps succeed, the e-receipt is authentic with respect to the domain **spaceshop.com**.

*Note: although the sample uses JSON, the same concept can be applied to any format and signature.*