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eSignatures 5.5.x - Quick Start Guide

Welcome to the **eSignatures 5.5.x Quick Start Guide!**

The goal of this documentation is two-fold:

- Walk you through the different steps you should take as **admin** to set up your eSignatures platform correctly.
- Explain first-time use.

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Configure the environment

The next chapters detail the technical configuration of the eSignatures platform.

Note that it is not mandatory to perform these steps, but it will allow you to personalize the platform further.

Click [here](#) to start.

1. Configure your SMTP server

eSignatures sends notifications to users each time they need to take action or when their document status changes.

By default, we use the mailbox no-reply@connective.eu, but we could make use of the mail server of your company. For eSignatures to be able to send those notifications through your mail sever, make sure your SMTP server is configured correctly.

If you're a hosted customer, we configure the SMTP server for you. Please send the following information to service@connective.eu:

- From address
- Hostname
- Port (default 587 or 25)
- Whether TLS is required (recommended)
- Credentials to access the SMTP (if required) Note: please disable the option "Reset password at first login"

Example data for Office365:

DATA	EXAMPLE VALUES
From address	esignatures@yourdomain.be
Username	esignatures@yourdomain.be
Password	YourPassword
Hostname	smtp.office365.com
Port	587, TLS required

Click [Next](#) to go to the next step.

2. Customize your notifications

eSignatures sends notifications to users each time they need to take action or when their document status changes.

Each type of notification has default content but can be customized for your organization.

If you're a hosted customer, contact service@connective.eu so we can guide you through the process.

If you're an on-premise customer, see **Connective - eSignatures 5.5.x - Installation Documentation - Limited Public - OP** for more info on how to customize your notifications.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

3. Rebrand your platform

You can rebrand and customize the entire look and feel of your eSignatures platform to suit your corporate identity.

You can do so by by creating new themes in the **Theme** section of the Configuration Index. Please note that the Configuration Index is a separate configuration page and is not part of the eSignatures WebPortal. Consequently, different credentials are needed to access it.

Themes can be applied on a general level to the entire platform, but also to specific document groups or even specific packages.

For detailed information on how to create and apply themes, see the latest [Branding Documentation](#).

Contact service@connective.eu in case you didn't obtain your configuration credentials yet.

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring themes. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo and links for 'CONFIGURATION', 'DSS', 'THEME', 'NOTIFICATION HUB', and 'Logout'. On the left, a sidebar lists configuration categories: 'Generic', 'Top bar', 'Form elements', 'WYSIWYS', 'Portal', and 'Redirect page'. The main content area is titled 'Generic' and contains a 'Settings' section. Under 'Settings', there are two main sections: 'Application logo' and 'Document separator'. The 'Application logo' section includes a 'Logo type' dropdown menu set to 'SVG', a 'Choose File' button, and a preview of a blue 'C' logo. The 'Document separator' section includes a 'Background' color picker set to blue and a 'Foreground' color picker. At the bottom, there is a 'Theme name' field with the text 'Connective theme'.

Click [Next](#) to go to the next step.

4. API integration

It is possible to use the eSignatures REST API to integrate eSignatures to a driving application

Detailed information can be found here: [API Documentation](#)

Contact service@connective.eu to receive the API endpoint and credentials.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

5. Configure Silverfin connector

eSignatures allows for an integration towards Silverfin.

Detailed information can be found here: [Silverfin](#)

To activate the Silverfin connection, contact service@connective.eu.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

6. Configure Salesforce connector

eSignatures allows for an integration towards Salesforce.

Detailed information can be found here: [Salesforce](#)

To activate the Salesforce connection, contact service@connective.eu.

You can now [Start](#) with the First Time Use.

First Time Use

Now that the environment has been configured, we will walk you through the different steps before you can send your first document for signing.

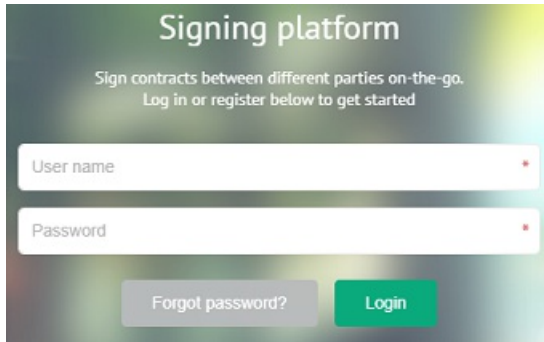
Click [here](#) to start.

1. Check your profile data

We've created an **admin profile** for you when we created your eSignatures account. The data we've added to your profile impacts users' eSignatures experience, so please make sure the data is correct.

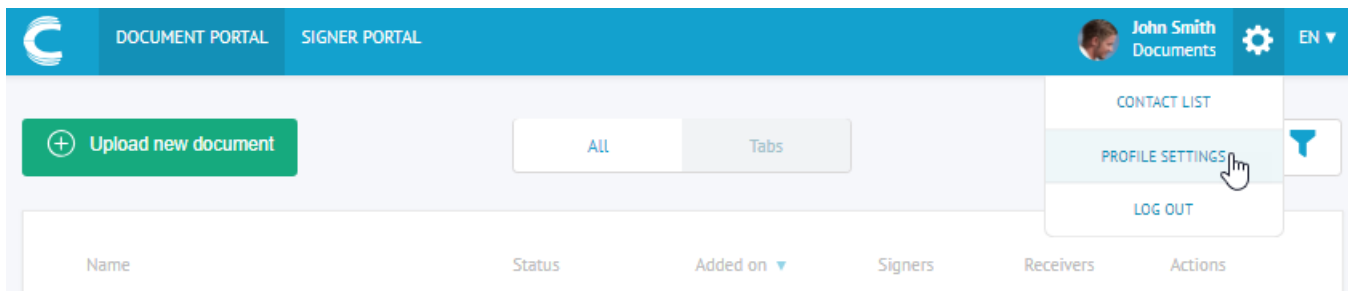
To check your profile data:

- Click the link in your onboarding mail to access eSignatures.
 - Enter your email address in the **User name** field.
 - Enter the password you've chosen during activation.



The image shows a login page titled "Signing platform". Below the title, it says "Sign contracts between different parties on-the-go. Log in or register below to get started". There are two input fields: "User name" and "Password". Below these fields are two buttons: "Forgot password?" and "Login".

- Click the settings icon in the top toolbar and click **Profile Settings**.



The image shows the user interface of the eSignatures platform. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with "DOCUMENT PORTAL" and "SIGNER PORTAL" tabs. On the right side of the bar, there is a user profile for "John Smith Documents" with a settings gear icon and a language dropdown set to "EN". A dropdown menu is open from the settings icon, showing options: "CONTACT LIST", "PROFILE SETTINGS" (which is highlighted with a mouse cursor), and "LOG OUT". Below the navigation bar, there is a green "Upload new document" button, a filter dropdown set to "All", and a table with columns: "Name", "Status", "Added on", "Signers", "Receivers", and "Actions".

- Check if the data is correct.
 - Your first name and last name are mentioned in the notifications sent to users. This only applies to packages sent from your account of course.
 - The preferred language will be the default language of every new contact you create, and of each package you upload.
 - The phone number country prefix will be the default prefix for every new contact you create.



John Smith

[Account settings](#)

John *

Enter your first name here.

Smith *

Enter your last name here.

Dutch ▼

Choose a preferred language.

 BE (+32) ▼


Choose the default phone number country prefix for the creation of contacts.


Company

Enter your company name here.

Save changes

 [Reset Password](#)

 [Change email address](#)

 [Unregister](#)

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

2. Manage user access

You can now start creating users and manage their permissions.

Please note that permissions are not managed on user level, but on *user group* level. This way, you don't have to configure permissions for each user individually, which would be very time-consuming and impractical. So, think carefully about which types of permission sets you will require and create user groups accordingly. Then, create individual users and add them to the right user group. Lastly, create *documents groups* the user groups should have access to. By sharing documents groups, users can collaborate on documents uploaded to document groups they can access. Note that if you don't configure documents groups, all documents a user uploads are sent to their personal MyDocuments folder, which only they can access.

- [Create and configure user groups](#)
- [Create users and add them to a user group](#)
- [Create document groups](#)

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2.1 Create and configure user groups


Think carefully about which types of permission sets you will require and create user groups accordingly.

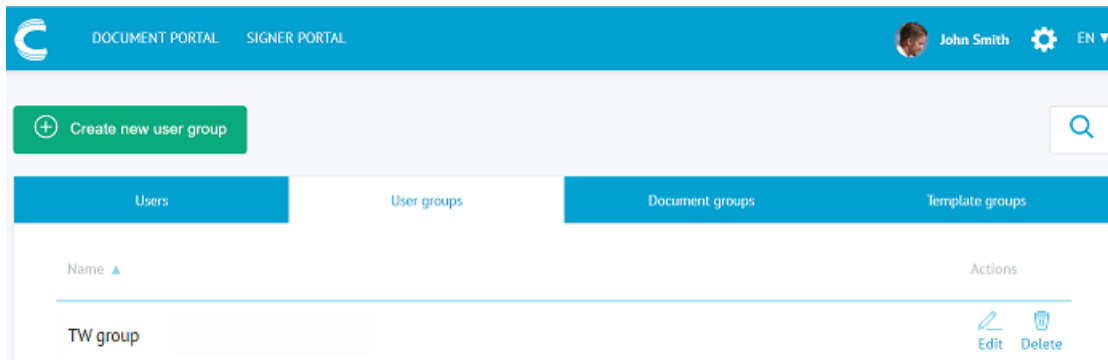
For instance, some users might only need to sign documents and therefore only need access to the Signer Portal. Others will only send documents and only need access to the Document Portal. Still others will need access to both.

Important:

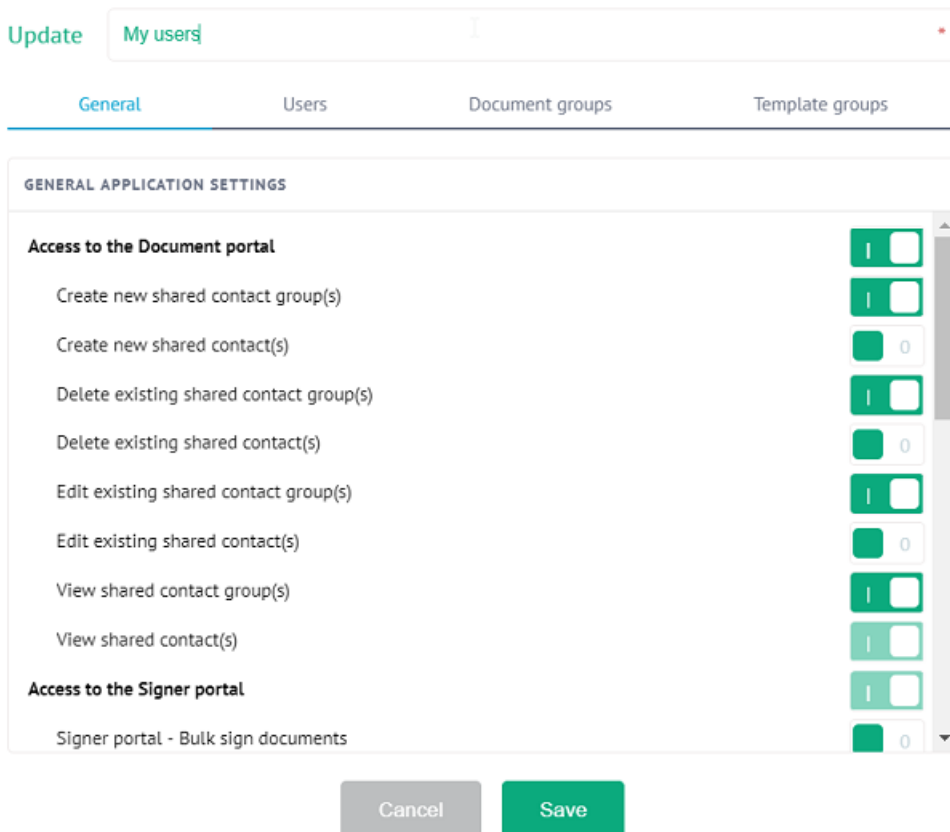
- Never rename or modify the permissions of the two default user groups **Administrators** and **Default User Group**.
- New users are automatically added to the Default User Group. You can move them to a different group afterwards.

To create user groups:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  the top toolbar and click **User management**.
- Click the **User groups** tab and then click **Create new user group**.



- Once the user group has been created, click **Edit** next to it to configure its permissions.



- Enable the permissions of your choice, and then click **Save**.

For detailed information on how to configure User Groups, see the [corresponding section](#) in the **User Documentation**.

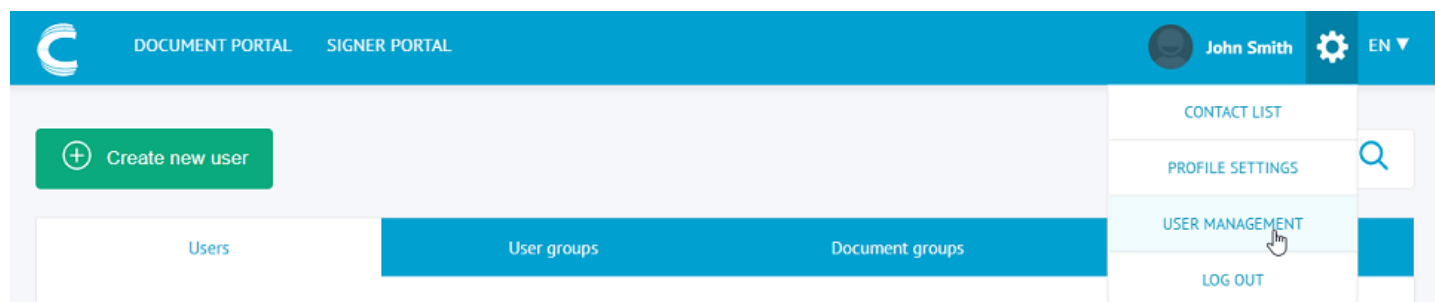
Click **Next** to go to the next step.

2.2 Create users and add them to a user group

Now you've created the necessary user groups, you can create users and add them to the right group.

To create users:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon the top toolbar and click **User management**.
- Click **Create new user**.



- Enter the required info and click **Confirm**.
 - The first and last name are used as salutation in the email notifications.
 - The email address is the address to which email notifications will be sent inviting the contact to take action.
 - The preferred language is the language in which the contact will receive notifications.

Tip: you can also create a *shared contact* based on the user you're creating. This way, all users of your eSignatures platform will be able to send documents to this contact and they won't need to create the contact manually.

Create user

First Name Enter first name here.

Last Name Enter last name here.

Email Enter a valid email address.

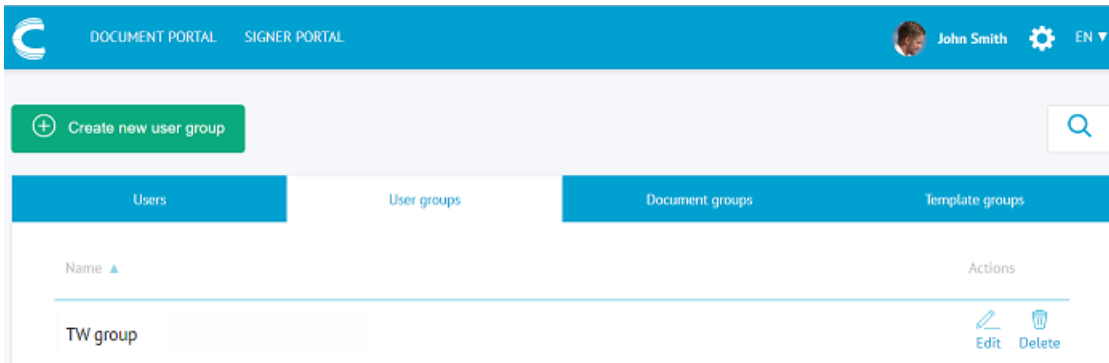
English Choose a preferred language.

Company Enter company name here.

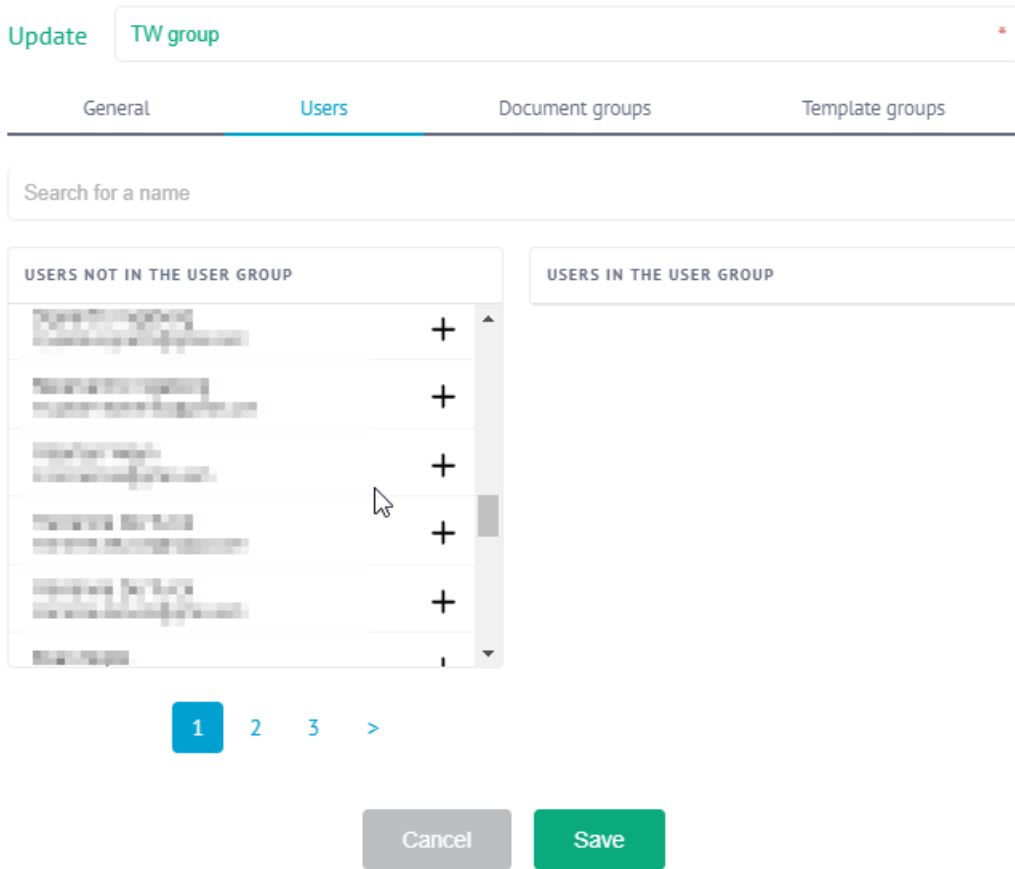
Create shared contact from user

To add users to a user group:

- In the **User Management** section, click the **User groups** tab.



- Click **Edit** next to the user group to which you want to add the user.
- Click the **Users** tab and click the plus sign next to the user you want to add.
- The changes are auto-saved.



For more information on creating users, see the [corresponding section](#) in the **User Documentation**.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.


2.3 Create documents groups

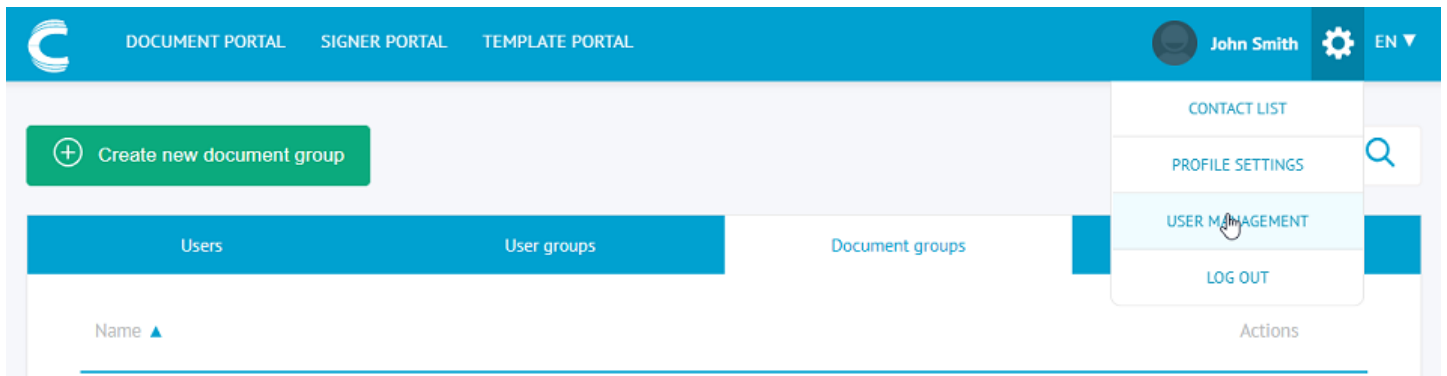
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Important: Never rename or delete the My Documents group! Doing so could lead to serious environment issues.

If you want users to be able to collaborate on one another's documents, you can create new document groups and determine which user groups should have access to them. You can even apply custom [themes](#) to a document group. This way, all documents uploaded to a specific document group can have the same customized look.

To create document groups:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  on the top toolbar and click **User management**.
- Click the **Document groups** tab and then click **Create new document group**.



- Once the document group has been created, click **Edit** next to it to configure it.
- The available user groups are listed on the left-hand side.
- Determine for each group which permissions it should have on the document group.

Update document group

test

Provide a document group name.


User groups	Themes
USER GROUPS	PERMISSIONS
adminfull	Upload document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0
Administrators	Sign document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0
Default User Group	Download document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0
Edit other users packages UG	Delete existing document(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0
HR	View <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0

1 2 3 4 >

Cancel Save

For detailed information on how to configure document groups, see the [corresponding section](#) in the **User Documentation**.

To apply a theme to a document group

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  on the top toolbar and click **User management**.

- Click the **Document groups** tab and then click **Edit** next to the document group you want to edit.
- Click the **Themes** tab.
- Click the plus sign next to the themes in the left-hand column to add them to the document group.
- Then click the **Default theme** list to select the default theme of the document group.

Update document group

New document group ✖

Provide a document group name.

User groups Themes

System theme ▼

Default theme

Search for a theme

THEMES NOT IN THE DOCUMENT GROUP	THEMES IN THE DOCUMENT GROUP
Connective theme +	System theme ✖
Connective theme copy 00048 +	

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Cancel Save

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

3. Create your contacts

Now that you've created users, you can start creating *contacts* to whom they can send documents for signing.

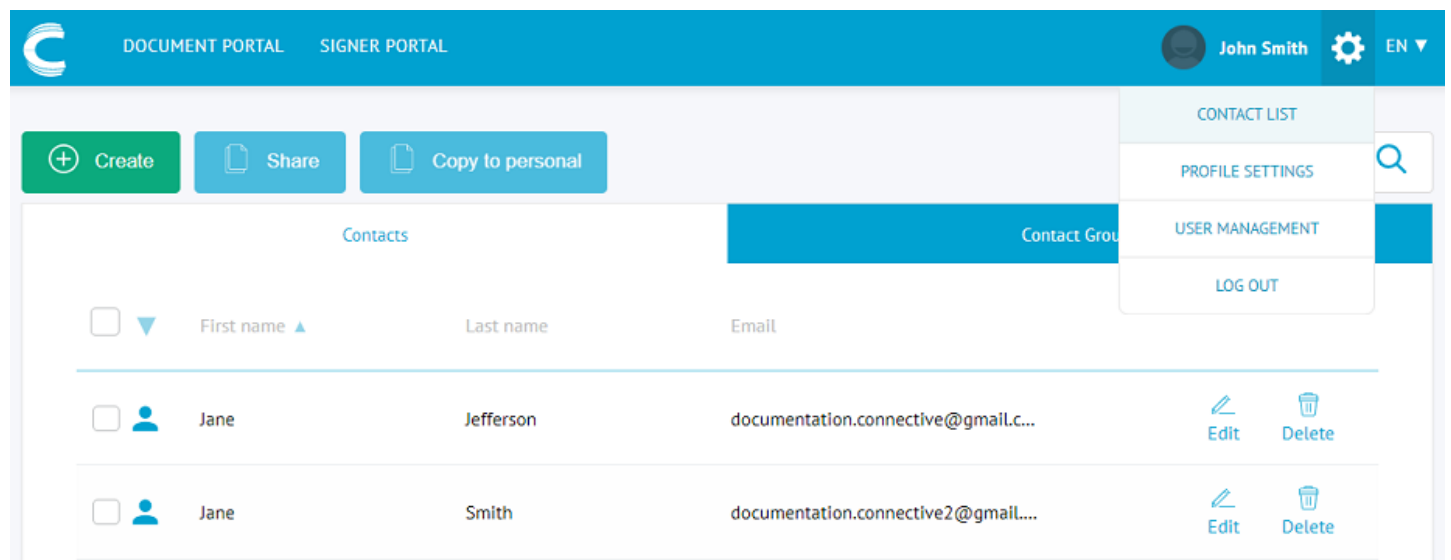
Note the difference between the two: *users* have access the eSignatures platform, while *contacts* receive documents for signing.

Tips:

- Contacts can be added to *contact groups*. This way, every member of the contact group can sign a document on behalf of the entire group.
- Contacts and contact groups can be shared amongst all users. This way, it's no longer necessary to create a contact list for every user individually.

To start creating contacts:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon in the main toolbar, and click **Contact List**.



- Click **Create** to create a new contact.

To start creating contact groups:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon in the main toolbar, and click **Contact List**.
- Click the **Contact Groups** tab, and click **Create** to create a new group.
- Enter a group name and select the contacts you want to add.

Create contact group

My contact group ✖ **Code:** XXX

Contact group name

Share contact group

Select a contact to add to the contact group

🔍 Search name or add email address

+ Create new contact

👤	John Doe	john.doe@example.com
👤	Jane Smith	jane.smith@example.com
👤	Bob Johnson	bob.johnson@example.com
👤	Alice Brown	alice.brown@example.com

For detailed info on how to create, manage and share contacts and contact groups, see the [corresponding sections](#) in the **User Documentation**.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

4. Upload documents for signing

The environment is now all set to send documents for signing.

A full explanation on how you can upload a document to be signed can be found [here](#).

When uploading, take into account

- Do I want to upload the document to my personal documents or do I use a [document group](#) so I can collaborate with my colleagues?
- Do I want to use a [legal notice](#)?
- Should someone [approve](#) the document before signing?
- Should someone that is not involved in the signing process [receive](#) the signed document?
- Which kind of [digital signature](#) do I want to use?

Not sure about any of the terms used in this Quick Start Guide? Make sure to check our [Glossary](#)

For any further questions, do not hesitate to reach out to service@connective.eu

eSignatures 6.x.x – Quick Start Guide

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- From address
- Hostname
- Port (default 587 or 25)
- Whether TLS is required (recommended)
- Credentials to access the SMTP (if required) Note: please disable the option "Reset password at first login"

Example data for Office365:

DATA	EXAMPLE VALUES
From address	esignatures@yourdomain.be
Username	esignatures@yourdomain.be
Password	YourPassword
Hostname	smtp.office365.com
Port	587, TLS required

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2. Customize your notifications

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Each type of notification has default content but can be customized for your organization.

If you're a hosted customer, contact service@connective.eu so we can guide you through the process.

If you're an on-premise customer, see **Connective - eSignatures 6.x - Configuration Documentation - Limited Public - OP** for more info on how to customize your notifications.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

3. Rebrand your platform

The entire look and feel of your eSignatures platform can be rebranded and customized to suit your corporate identity.

Rebranding the platform is done in the **Theme** section of the Configuration Index. There, you can create new themes which can be applied on a general level to the entire platform, but also to specific document groups or even specific packages.

When setting up your eSignatures platform, Connective created an **admin user profile** for you. The credentials you've received for this profile allow you to access **Theme** section.

For detailed information on how to create and apply themes, see the latest [Branding Documentation](#).

Note: Should you not be able to access the Configuration Index, contact service@connective.eu.

Click [Next](#) to go to the next step.

4. API integration

It is possible to use the eSignatures REST API to integrate eSignatures to a driving application

Detailed information can be found here: [API Documentation](#)

Contact service@connective.eu to receive the API endpoint and credentials.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

5. Configure Silverfin connector

eSignatures allows for an integration towards Silverfin.

Detailed information can be found here: [Silverfin](#)

To activate the Silverfin connection, contact service@connective.eu.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

6. Configure Salesforce connector

eSignatures allows for an integration towards Salesforce.

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You can now [start](#) with the First Time Use.

First Time Use

Now that the environment has been configured, we will walk you through the different steps before you can send your first document for signing.

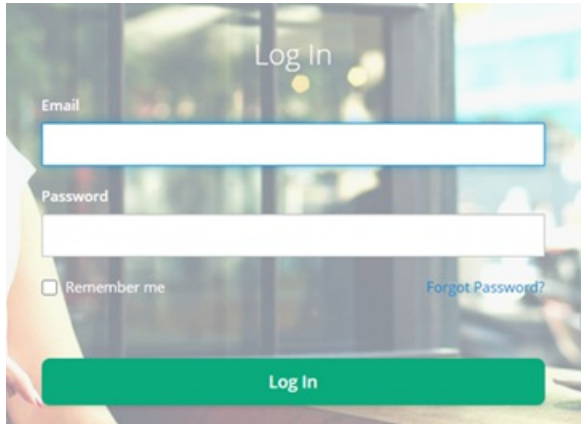
Click [here](#) to start.

1. Check your profile data

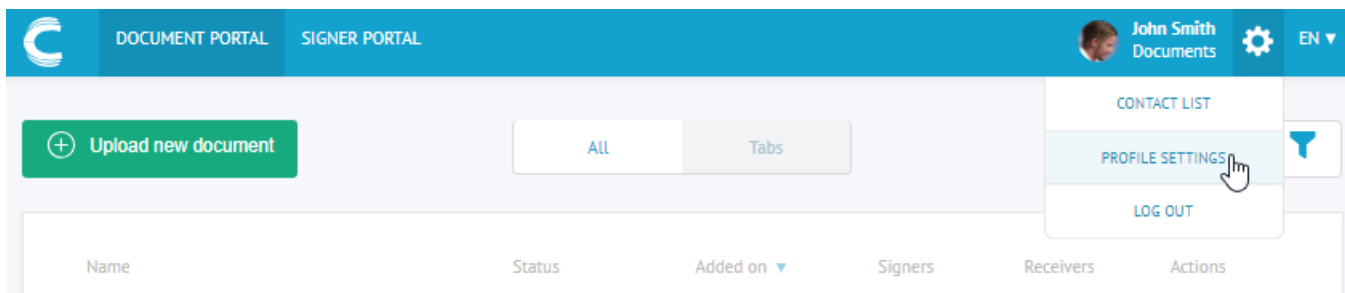
When creating your eSignatures account, an **admin user profile** was created. The data in your admin user profile affects users' eSignatures experience, so please make sure the data is correct.

To check your profile data:

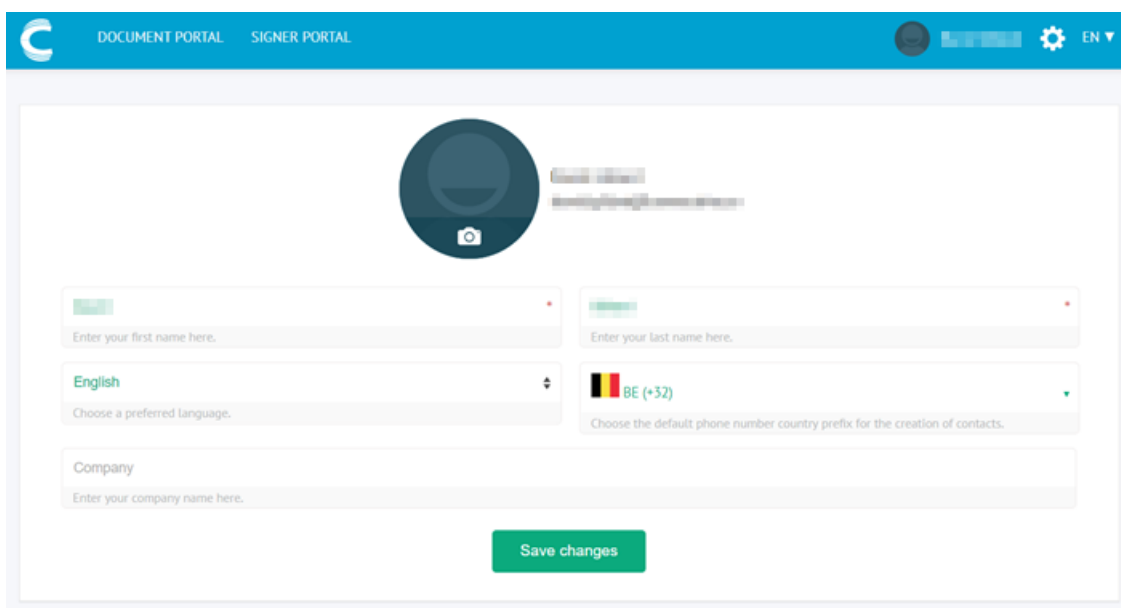
- Log in to eSignatures using the credentials you've obtained from Connective.



- Click the settings icon in the top toolbar and click **Profile Settings**.



- Check if the data is correct.
 - Your first name and last name are mentioned in the notifications sent to users. This only applies to packages sent from your account of course.
 - The preferred language will be the default language of every new contact you create, and of each package you upload.
 - The phone number country prefix will be the default prefix for every new contact you create.



Click **Next** to go to the next step.

2. Manage user access

You can now start creating users and manage their permissions.

[2.1 Create users](#)

[2.2 Create user groups](#)

[2.3 Define user group permissions](#)

[2.4 Assign users to user groups](#)

[2.5 Create document groups](#)

Note that eSignatures 6.0.x supports SSO. If you want to link your own Identity Provider to eSignatures, contact service@connective.eu.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

2.1 Create users

As of eSignatures 6.0, users are created in a new tool: the Service Configuration Tool (SCT).

To create users in the SCT:

- Go to the **Access Management** section in eSignatures. To do so, click the settings icon in the main toolbar, and click **Access Management**.
- Click the **Manage users** button. You are now redirected to the SCT.
- In the SCT, click the **Users** tab and click **Create**.
- Fill in all required fields and click **Create**.
- Click **Save**.

Important: Make sure to use a strong enough password:

- At least 8 characters long.
- Not equal to the user's username.
- The last three passwords you've used for this user, cannot be reused as new password.
- A randomness check will be done on the password. If the password is not random enough an error message will be displayed.


Click **Next** to go to the next step.

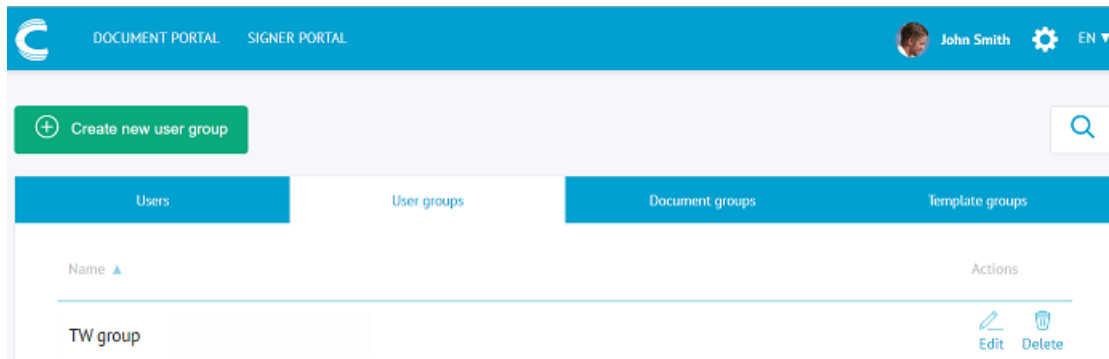
2.2 Create user groups in eSignatures

The next step to take, when all required users have been created in the SCT, is create user groups in eSignatures.

Each eSignatures user must be part of a user group, since user permissions are defined on user group level. This way, you don't need to determine the permissions for each user individually, but only on group level, which saves a lot of time.

To create user groups in eSignatures:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  the top toolbar and click **Access management**.
- Click the **User groups** tab and then click **Create new user group**.



- Enter a name for the user group.
- Now you can edit the group's permissions.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

2.3 Define user group permissions

Once a user group has been created in eSignatures, its permissions can be configured.

Permissions are managed on *group* level and not on user level. This way, you don't have to configure permissions for each user individually, which would be very time-consuming and impractical. So, think carefully about which types of permission sets you will require and make sure the correct users have been assigned to the right group. For instance, some users might only need to sign documents and therefore only need access to the Signer Portal. Others will only send documents and only need access to the Document Portal. Still others will need access to both.

Important:

- Never rename or modify the permissions of the default user groups **Administrators**, **Tenant Administrators** and **Default User Group**.
- New users that are created in the SCT are automatically added to the Default User Group.

To edit a user group's permissions:

- Click the **Edit** button next to the user group.
- Enable the permissions of your choice, and then click **Save**.

The screenshot shows a web interface for configuring user group permissions. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "My users" and a red asterisk icon. Below the search bar are four tabs: "General", "Users", "Document groups", and "Template groups". The "General" tab is selected. The main content area is titled "GENERAL APPLICATION SETTINGS" and contains two sections: "Access to the Document portal" and "Access to the Signer portal". Each section lists several permissions with corresponding toggle switches. The "Access to the Document portal" section includes: "Create new shared contact group(s)", "Create new shared contact(s)", "Delete existing shared contact group(s)", "Delete existing shared contact(s)", "Edit existing shared contact group(s)", "Edit existing shared contact(s)", "View shared contact group(s)", and "View shared contact(s)". The "Access to the Signer portal" section includes: "Signer portal - Bulk sign documents". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Save".

For detailed information on how to configure User Groups, see the [corresponding section](#) in the **User Documentation**.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.


2.5 Create documents groups

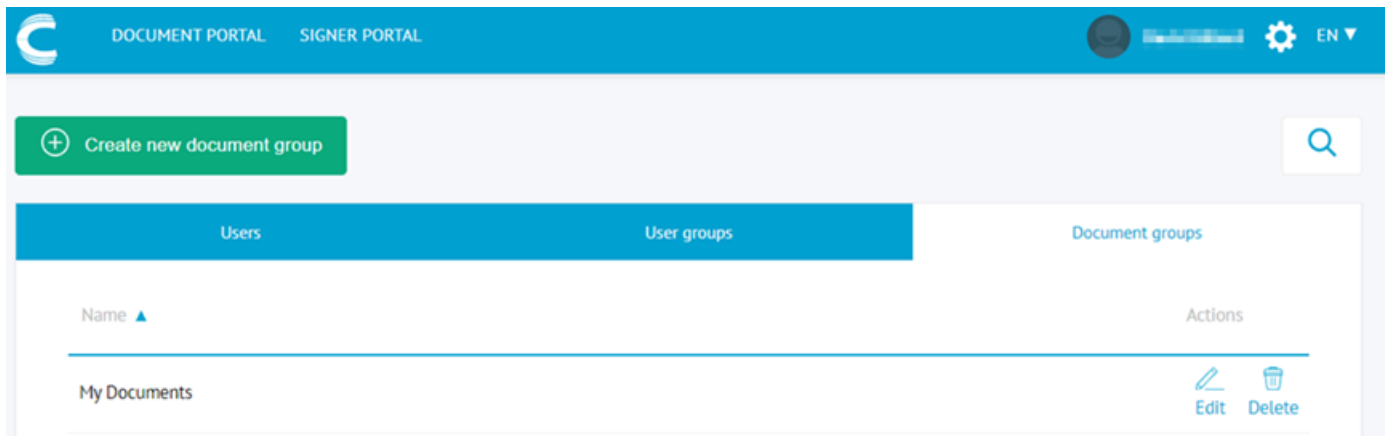
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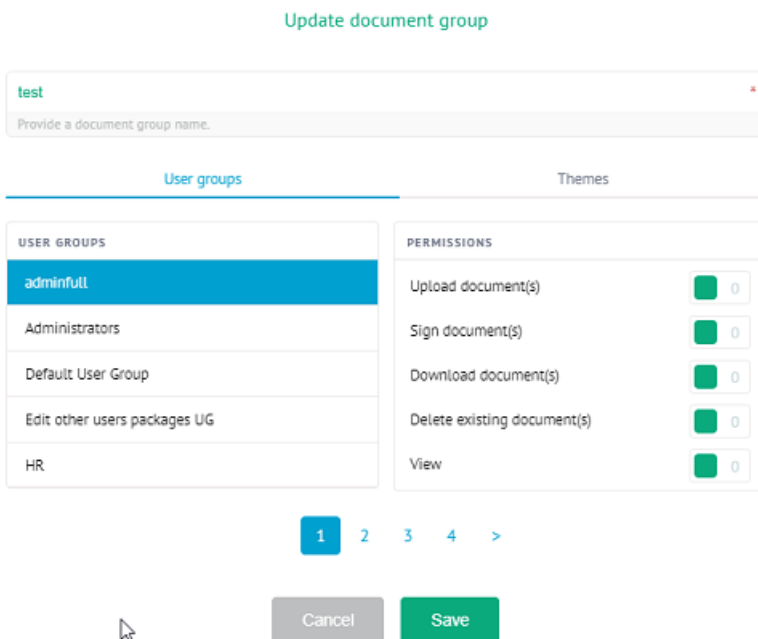
If you want users to be able to collaborate on one another's documents, you can create new document groups and determine which user groups should have access to them. You can even apply custom [themes](#) to a document group. This way, all documents uploaded to a specific document group can have the same customized look.

To create document groups:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  on the top toolbar and click **Access management**.
- Click the **Document groups** tab and then click **Create new document group**.




- Once the document group has been created, click **Edit** next to it to configure it.
- The available user groups are listed on the left-hand side.
- Determine for each group which permissions it should have on the document group.



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To apply a theme to a document group

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon  on the top toolbar and click **Access management**.
- Click the **Document groups** tab and then click **Edit** next to the document group you want to edit.
- Click the **Themes** tab.
- Click the plus sign next to the themes in the left-hand column to add them to the document group.
- Then click the **Default theme** list to select the default theme of the document group.

Update document group

Provide a document group name.

User groups Themes

System theme ▼
Default theme

THEMES NOT IN THE DOCUMENT GROUP	THEMES IN THE DOCUMENT GROUP
Connective theme +	System theme ×
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Click **Next** to go to the next step.

3. Create your contacts

Before you can send documents for signing, you first need to create the necessary *contacts* to which the documents must be sent.

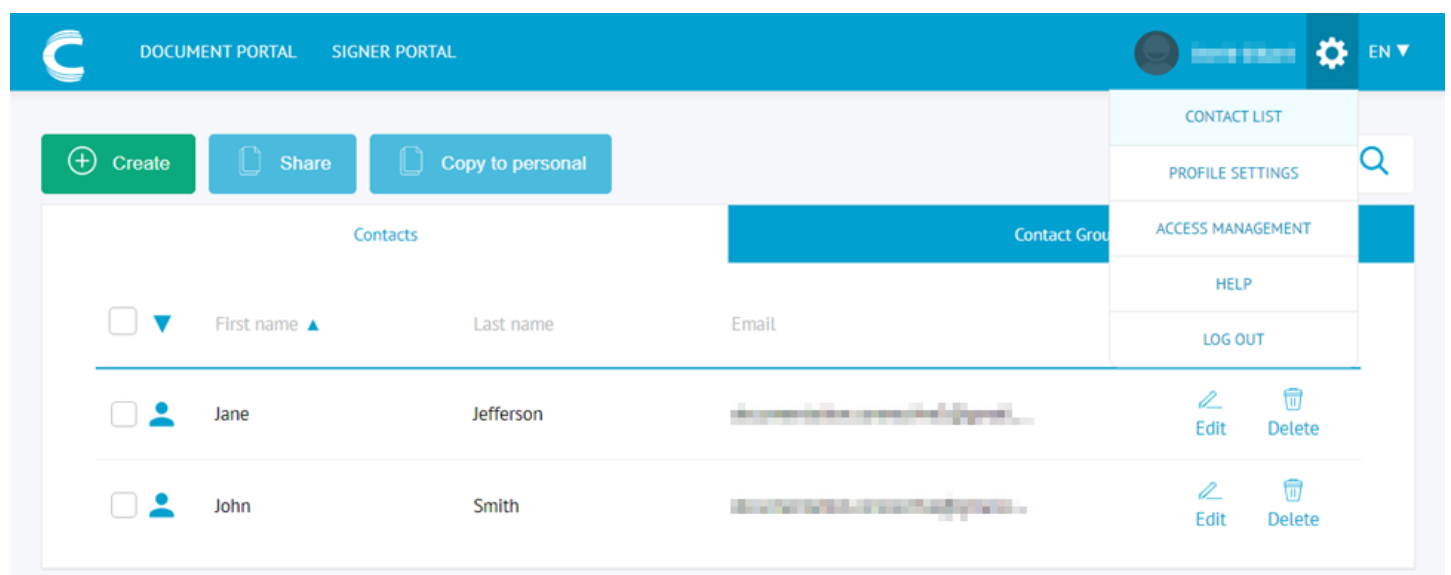
Don't confuse contacts with users: *users* have access the eSignatures platform, while *contacts* receive documents for signing.

Tips:

- Contacts can be added to *contact groups*. This way, every member of the contact group can sign a document on behalf of the entire group.
- Contacts and contact groups can be shared amongst all users. This way, it's no longer necessary to create a contact list for every user individually.

To start creating contacts:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon in the main toolbar, and click **Contact List**.



- Click **Create** to create a new contact.

To start creating contact groups:

- Log in to eSignatures.
- Click the settings icon in the main toolbar, and click **Contact List**.
- Click the **Contact Groups** tab, and click **Create** to create a new group.
- Enter a group name and select the contacts you want to add.

Create contact group

My contact group Code: XXX

Contact group name

Share contact group

Select a contact to add to the contact group

Q Search name or add email address

+ Create new contact

	John Doe	john.doe@example.com
	Jane Smith	jane.smith@example.com
	Bob Green	bob.green@example.com
	Alice White	alice.white@example.com

For detailed info on how to create, manage and share contacts and contact groups, see the [corresponding sections](#) in the **User Documentation**.

Click **Next** to go to the next step.

4. Upload documents for signing

The environment is now all set to send documents for signing.

A full explanation on how you can upload a document to be signed can be found [here](#).

When uploading, take into account the following points:

- Do I want to upload the document to my personal documents or do I use a [document group](#) so I can collaborate with my colleagues?
- Do I want to use a [legal notice](#)?
- Should someone [approve](#) the document before signing?
- Should someone that is not involved in the signing process [receive](#) the signed document?
- Which kind of [digital signature](#) do I want to use?

Not sure about any of the terms used in this Quick Start Guide? Make sure to check our [Glossary](#).

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