

Verifiability of Scytl's voting system for government elections

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Scytl's online voting system has been a pioneer in the introduction of verifiability in online voting schemes for political elections. Starting from 2004 in Switzerland (Neuchâtel), Scytl's voting system included voting receipts [1], allowing voters to check that their vote was present in the final tally. In Norway, in 2011 and 2013, Scytl's online voting system introduced cast-as-intended individual verifiability for the first time in a national election using return codes [2], and counted-as-recorded verifiability using universal verifiable Mix-nets [3,4]. In 2015, Scytl's voting system implemented a second verification mechanism designed for the State of New South Wales (Australia), based on a cast and decrypt approach (decryption of the vote in a trusted environment accessible by phone) [5]. This mechanism was improved in 2019 State election by using a mobile verification application. Also in 2015, Scytl's individual verifiability (return codes) was adopted in Switzerland (Neuchâtel) and achieved in 2017 the Swiss certification for individual verifiable systems [6]. Currently, Scytl's online voting system has been selected by 41 local authorities for the 2022 Ontario municipal elections in Canada.

In the demo session, Scytl will show the verifiability mechanisms present in the online voting system that will be available in these Canadian municipal elections.

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