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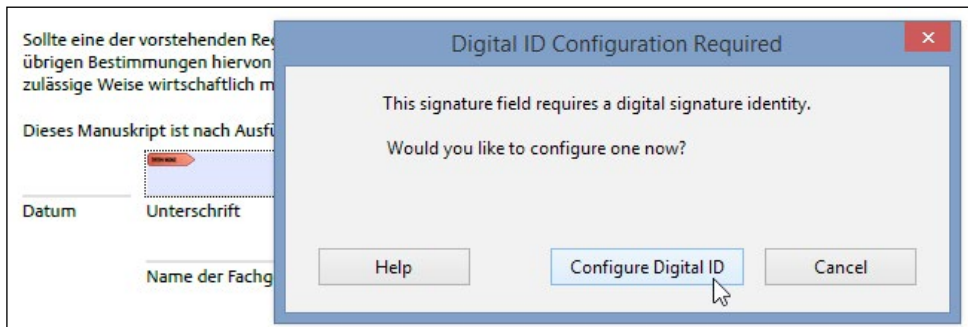
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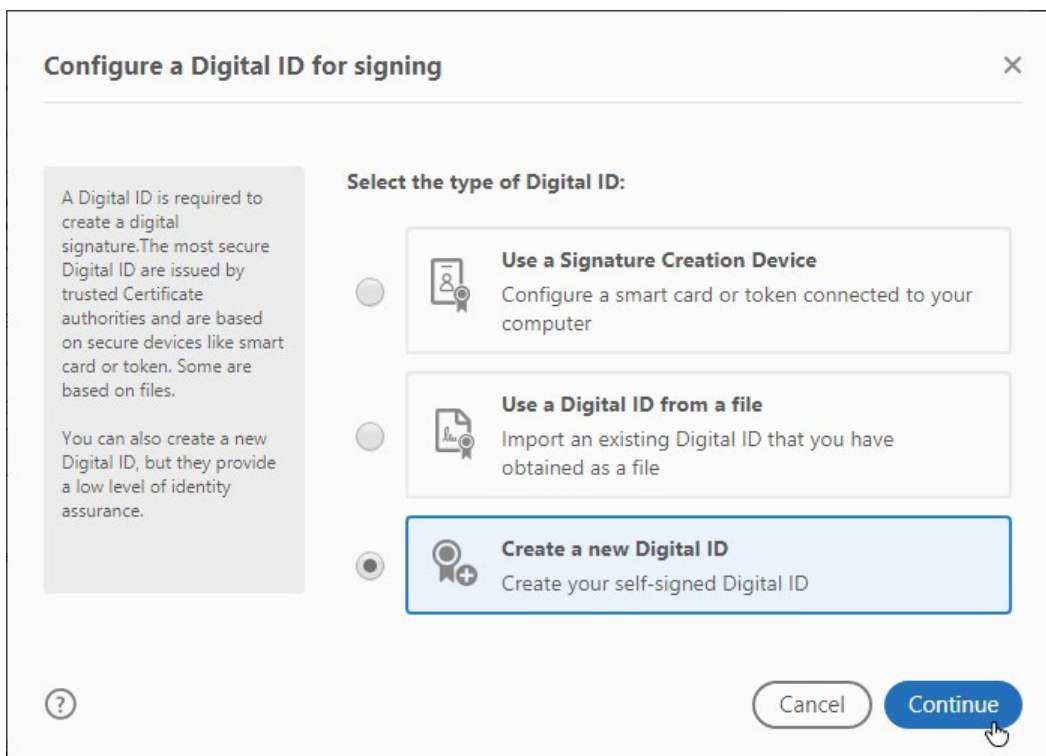
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In the following dialog box, please select “Create a new Digital ID” and click Continue.



Specify where you are going to store the digital ID – select “Save to File” and click Continue.

Select the destination of the new Digital ID

Digital IDs are typically issued by trusted providers that assure the validity of the identity. Self-signed Digital ID may not provide the same level of assurance and may not be accepted in some use cases.

Consult with your recipients if this is an acceptable form of authentication.

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Your Digital ID will be saved at the following location :

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Apply a password to protect the Digital ID:

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