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STid: high security and instinctive access control

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Product focus



During the worldwide pandemic crisis our daily lives have changed beyond belief. The world of access control is no exception. We offer you an overview with STid's CEO Vincent Dupart, pictured above; and Gordon Mackay, STid's UK and Ireland Sales Director.

What impact will COVID-19 have on access control? What are the solutions for a safer world?

Vincent Dupart: We are all aware of the need to mitigate the risk of infection. It's up to us to offer innovative solutions that address public health issues! We must turn the changes brought about by this situation into new challenges. Not only do wireless technologies add value in terms of usage, but they can also help to effectively reduce the risk of contagion too. The potential of the smartphone, an already essential item of our daily lives, offers new perspectives and creates new uses.

Gordon Mackay: Solutions such as STid Mobile ID offer new keys to access control. STid Mobile ID digitalises all access cards, fobs and tokens into one single app for managing physical access for employees and virtual access to workstations etc We also introduce new functionalities. On the one hand, STid's Virtual Visitor Card

allows you to permit temporary access rights to company's visitors. The virtual card costs are appropriately reduced, and the visit time periods are completely flexible and easily adjusted within STid's free on-line portal. On the other hand, we offer new modes of identification to allow users contactless entry choices and simplicity. STid's innovative solutions ensure that access control is no longer seen as a constraint. STid Mobile ID is now compatible with SIRI on iOS to open doors. With a simple "Hey Siri, open the door!", you can pair your iPhone's voice command with STid Mobile ID to achieve perfect contactless access! An efficient way to merge high security and health protection measures!

Does the addition of virtual cards in smartphones risk making access control systems less secure?

Vincent: This initial fear is understandable because our smartphones are connected to the Internet where cyber attacks are ever-increasing. However, several points must be taken into consideration. The smartphone is an incredibly personal object that we seldom forget or lose compared to a physical card. It has robust methods of identification which make it a significantly more secure

means of payment than a traditional banking debit card. If you require enhanced means of identification authentication, you can upscale your readers with unique pin-codes or bio fingerprint sensors, both easily integrated into STid Mobile ID to deny or authorise access to a site or to each individual user.

Gordon: STid Mobile ID is incredibly safe for your users. This unrivalled security is verified by independent laboratories. The application uses the most demanding encryption and exchange mechanisms. The exact same encryption methods are used by worldwide governments to access their critical infrastructures because our 24 year experience is based on a certified end-to-end total control of the security chain to guarantee the protection and the confidentiality of data.

Vincent: We are passionately engaged in digital security. We are SPAC's founding partner, a non-profit organisation, SPAC unites all key parties within international access control. By actively supporting the SSCP standard, Smart Physical Access Control establishes itself as an organisation working for a stronger, independent and inter-operable European security. □

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