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Vincent Dupart, CEO of STid explains why certification matters so much in the security industry

STid's Architect Blue series, the world's most awarded access control readers, have been certified to meet the Security Industry Association (SIA) Open Supervised Device Protocol (OSDP) standard for access control and security. STid CEO, Vincent Dupart discussed this certification and how it is helping STid customers worldwide to get the most value out of their security solutions.

Why is it important to be certified against the Security Industry Association (SIA) OSDP standard?

STid's Architect readers have supported the OSDP standard for many years. With our current growth in all strategic business areas, particularly in the United States, it was important that our readers were tested and verified to meet the SIA OSDP communications and interoperability standard for access control security. OSDP certification for our Architect Blue range is an important milestone for us to be able to continue offering industry leading, high-security access control solutions. Having the readers certified was also a must because clients requested it and we always evolve with the needs and requirements of our customers.

STid has the widest range of OSDP certified readers on the market today. Our Architect readers have immense flexibility for virtually any use case and now they offer maximum interoperability with other OSDP certified controllers or peripherals, which further adds to the scalability of our readers.

No matter where you are in the world, if you are using devices from vendors that comply with the OSDP standard, you will be able to connect them to STid equipment and reap the benefits of our instinctive access control solutions.

STid currently offers the widest range of OSDP certified readers for access control. How do you explain this success?

STid's innovative Architect Blue readers are the perfect blend of high security, scalability and flexibility. STid readers are designed to operate with the STid Mobile ID application, free in the Apple Store or Google Play, which turns smartphones into virtual cards and that supports user-friendly and instinctive identification modes.

]The Architect Blue series includes seven interchangeable modules that can be connected easily to a smart RFID and Bluetooth core. Intuitive and dynamic, it offers a variety of form factors (mullion, gang box) and features (card reader, keypad, touchscreen, biometrics, QR Code) for optimal performance in a wide variety of client applications. All functionality and security levels can easily be upgraded. With a patented tamper protection system, Architect Blue readers protect sensitive data

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and, when necessary, enable easy deletion of authentication keys. The readers have been designed to withstand harsh conditions in challenging environments indoors or outside the building.

Why do standards matter so much to STid?

Standards allow interoperability and they support our fight against "technological obscurantism". Industry standards are absolute necessities nowadays to help clients to compose their best-of-breed security solutions. We encourage our partners to select the access control, security management solution or any other security related system that best matches their requirements. Faced with the growing threats of physical and cyber-attacks, we provide flawless security to our customers, based on OSDP protocol in the US and based on SSCP in Europe. Indeed, in addition to being fully compliant with the OSDP open-source protocol, STid's readers also support the European SSCP standard.

Could you explain the requirements of the SSCP Protocol?

Powered by the S.P.A.C. European Alliance, the SSCP Protocol guarantees end-to-end security between physical and logical access control equipment. It allows integrity and confidentiality by the encryption of sensitive data. SSCP is the only certified protocol in France for the security industry.

SSCP Protocol is based on certified security and transparent technology which delivers total customer independence and autonomy to their security management.

The SSCP Protocol is agnostic of the interface: it can therefore secure much broader domains than access control, in particular for smart buildings or for demanding and sensitive industries.

Based on European technologies, the SSCP protocol supports our aim for sovereignty in terms of security. These key characteristics make SSCP the preferred industry standard for security departments. The current political situation in the world bears witness to the importance of fighting for an independent and sovereign Europe.

The SSCP Protocol is widely embraced because it is based on trusted and proven technology. Technology that is certified to provide interoperability. In turn, interoperability provides the customer with real and tangible freedom.

Our success is a direct result of our commitment to promote open technology. With STid, customers are not locked into a solution or tied down by proprietary technologies. As a result, customers now have full control of their security portfolio.