



Physical Security Interoperability Alliance

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Letter from the Chairman

PLAI's journey: PACS interoperability to Cloud-based Location Streaming

About two years ago when we started working on the Physical-Logical Access Interoperability (PLAI) profile, the mission was simple: to provide a mechanism for multiple PACS to exchange identity and credentials so larger Enterprises can manage multiple PACS systems, alleviating the need to rip and replace. As the specification evolved, we found more and more relevance in the emerging world of IoT. There is an urgent need for real-time location streaming and PLAI is optimized to support this. Companies such as Corporate Executive Board (CEB) have purchased a commercial PLAI-based system, not only for its inherent multi-PACS support capability, but to support other services including printing. CEB will rely on PLAI to easily tie printers to mobile credentials in real-time. The printer will only print a job if you are in very close proximity to the printers, through detection of your presence by the PACS and conveyed to the logical side through PLAI.

PLAI is an open specification, providing secure, cloud-based real-time location streaming, which enables many exciting integration opportunities. Old access control systems that only offer proprietary API's will soon find themselves at a competitive disadvantage with enterprise customers increasingly demanding high levels of integration between their systems: from energy management to hoteling and from visitor management to presence-based logical access.

I recently co-authored an article in IEEE IT Professional, [Behind Closed Doors: Let's PLAI](#), in which I describe how a PACS system, using PLAI and features included in the profile, such as Identity, mobile credential, unique Location ID, and role-based access, have enabled a PACS system to nicely integrate with other building or enterprise systems.

PLAI will, no doubt, turn access control systems from a necessary inconvenience to

a location-based amenity. Please join the PSIA as we develop and enhance this profile to support an expanding list of markets.

Best Regards,

Mohammad Soleimani
Chairman, PSIA

Webinar **Dynamic Identity Management in the Enterprise**

Wednesday, August 26th
1:00pm EDT/ 10:00am PDT

The PSIA has been involved in developing one of the most important innovations in identity management, its Physical Logical Access Interoperability (PLAI) profile. The PLAI profile provides real time event streaming of data with location, which is secure and internet-enabled. This provides connectivity to data about who is doing what, when, and where...thus enabling the physical access control system to seamlessly integrate and enhance decision making of other systems in an enterprise.

In addition, for end-users with multiple physical access control systems, the PLAI profile provides a means of harmonizing identity and role-based access control across the enterprise. This permits a single administrator to simultaneously issue and manage a unique identity across multiple disparate access control systems in different physical locations.

You are invited to this special event which will provide the opportunity to learn more about how end-users are utilizing PSIA to improve the efficiency and security of their environments.

Register today for this webinar -spaces are limited!



PSIA Adds Supporting Member Class *Increased participation expected from security integrators and enterprise customers*

The PSIA has introduced a new member class to encourage participation of two different groups: System Integrators and Enterprise Security Professionals. We recognize that the perspective these companies can bring to the PSIA will be invaluable in taking our specifications and profiles from concept to commercial implementations. The supporting members will benefit from technical briefings on PSIA initiatives, implementation webinars and documentation, and share in the advocacy of the organizations specifications and profiles.

In addition to having priority registration for webinars and PSIA events at trade shows, supporting members will be recognized on the PSIA site. Membership fees will be modest to

get broad participation in the industry and to advance the open standards developed by the PSIA.

For further information please contact info@psialliance.org

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About PSIA

The Physical Security Interoperability Alliance is a global consortium of physical security manufacturers and integrators focused on promoting the interoperability of IP-enabled security devices across every segment of the industry. PSIA supports license-free standards and specifications, which are vetted in an open and collaborative manner to the industry as a whole. Specifications are developed through member and industry participation in five active working groups: IP Video, Video Analytics, Recording and Content Management, Area Control and Systems. To date, more than 2100 industry professionals have downloaded PSIA's specifications.

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