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## **PLAI Gains Momentum with Commercial Implementations**

*Johnson Controls Demonstrates PLAI Adapter and Agent at ASIS 2017*

Software House (**Johnson Controls**) demonstrated its commercial implementation of the Physical Logical Access Interoperability (PLAI) specification to an enthusiastic crowd at ASIS 2017 in Dallas last month. Jason Ouellette, Product General Manager - Access Control for Johnson Controls led the demonstration and showed how PACS systems in two different locations in an enterprise environment could easily synchronize identity data. To support this demo, Johnson Controls developed both a PLAI Adapter and a PLAI Agent. What's significant is that the Johnson Control PLAI Agent will be targeted to be commercially available by the first calendar quarter 2018. This will allow enterprise customers the ability to manage disparate PACS systems and other solutions implementing a PLAI Adapter for personnel, credential, biometric, and other items supported by the profile to be synchronized in a cost-effective, but secure manner with PLAI.

**EyeLock** and **Princeton Identity** were involved in the demonstration, showing how iris scan technology can support PLAI in establishing a more robust security environment.

The sentiment from attendees was very positive with many questions about how they could support PLAI or implement it into their products and services. More than half of the participants were from the integrator community. Seeing a commercial version of PLAI, which can solve a significant customer problem, was welcome news. A number of these participants are having discussions with customers where PLAI could provide a solution.

The PSIA will be active in providing support to PACS vendors interested in implementing PLAI adapters and agents. The organization has implementation guides, test tools, and will have a virtual PLAI environment where PACS vendors can test their products. For the integrator community, there will be a series of customer testimonials focused on key markets where PLAI can effectively support enterprise customers. Initial vertical markets involved will be manufacturing, finance, energy, government, and higher education.

The PSIA will also be providing a series of animated videos explaining PLAI and the various use cases. The initial video was released in 2017 and features PLAI's initial use case, the synchronization of disparate PACS systems [PLAI Animation Video](#).

"Providing the technical resources for vendors to easily implement PLAI as well as use cases and videos to educate the market will be important to advance the PLAI specification," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA. "We expect to see the market embrace PLAI with these new developments."

Already there are commercial implementation of PLAI at the **U.S. Department of Justice, The Washington Post, and Corporate Executive Board (CEB)**, demonstrating its viability in the market. **Microsoft** is planning to incorporate PLAI into their security ecosystem and expects to rely on this for future integrations as well.

## PSIA's Whiteboard Video Explaining PLAI



The PSIA has released the first of a series of whiteboard explainer videos on the PLAI specification. "Animated videos are a great way to inform and explain technology to the market. We see these as important for customers, but also as a tool for integrators to communicate the benefits of PLAI," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA.

The video reviews the initial use case of PLAI—the synchronization of disparate PACS systems. The main character, Tom, is an employee of Alpha Software, which relies on MaxPACS for managing its physical access control system. His company acquires Acme Software, which uses a different PACS system, SecurPACS. While in the past this often resulted in "rip-and-replace" of one of the PACS systems, PLAI can now make the integration simple by allowing the normalization of data between the systems.

The PSIA plans a series of animated videos to support other use cases related to PLAI.

To see the video click the following link [PLAI Animation Video](#).

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