



## Physical Security Interoperability Alliance Updates

### Commercial PLAI Agent Demonstrated at ISC West

*Critical component for PLAI infrastructure announced by PSIA*

A commercial version of the PLAI Agent will be demonstrated by the PSIA at ISC West 2018 on April 12 in Las Vegas. **Johnson Controls** (Software House), Kastle Systems, and Princeton Identity will show the interoperability and exchange of identity information between disparate systems. "Having a commercial PLAI Agent, available to any company, is an important milestone for PLAI," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the **PSIA**. "It will enable Physical Access Control System (PACS) vendors to have an effective solution for bridging otherwise incompatible systems, saving considerable time in integration, and costs to enterprise customers."



The PLAI Agent was developed jointly by Johnson Controls and Dublin, Ireland-based **Cruatech**, a new member of the PSIA. It will be available to vendors from either company prior to ISC West. "As an integrator, we are often challenged with client acquisitions and the need to quickly establish a unified security ecosystem," said Mike Mathes, Executive Vice President of **Convergint Technologies** and Chairman of the PSIA. "PLAI offers a means to quickly support disparate systems in a robust and reliable manner."

As identity becomes a more critical feature of security systems, finding ways to manage credentials, permissions, limit duplication of records, and eliminating "orphans" left over when an employee leaves a company is essential. PLAI is an elegant means to address many of these issues. "PLAI provides an effective option to reduce problems related to integration compatibility, upgrades, and synchronization which plague the industry today. This is good for both the customer as well as the manufacturers," notes Jason Ouellette, General Manager of Access Control for Johnson Controls. "Further, PLAI reduces the impact of conflict inherent to the replication of personnel and credential data, while giving an authoritative control of records which can span PACS systems and other integrations to reduce risks in activities such as off boarding."

The PSIA has seen growing momentum for commercial implementations of PLAI. Already the **U.S. Department of Justice**, The **Washington Post**, and Corporate Executive Board (CEB) have utilized PLAI. In addition, Microsoft is planning to incorporate PLAI into their security ecosystem. There is a growing list of other organizations which are planning PLAI implementations in the government, financial services, electronics, industrial, and bottling industries.

The PSIA's PLAI demo will take place on April 12, 2018 at the Venetian/Sands Expo Center- Sands 402. Seats are limited, so please register at this link [PLAI Demo](#). If you have any questions contact [dmaquire@psialliance.org](mailto:dmaquire@psialliance.org).

## Enhanced PSIA Test Tools Available

*Cruatech provided an upgrade to the PLAI tools*

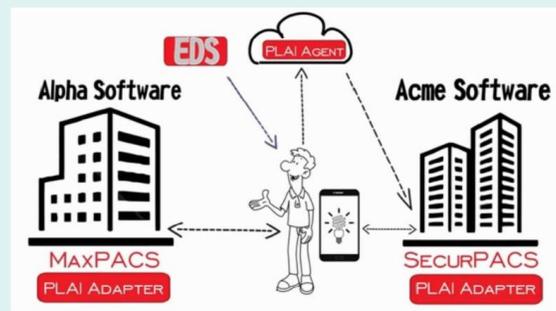
The PSIA announces an enhanced set of test tools for the PLAI specification. The driver behind updating the tool is to make it as easy and intuitive as possible for vendors to adopt the standards. "Effective test tools are critical for a specification to achieve true interoperability," said David Bunzel, Executive Director of the PSIA. "We recognized that as the PLAI specification has evolved we needed to advance our tools to complement it."

The PSIA collaborated with Cruatech, a Dublin, Ireland based firm, which has been active in the security industry, working with a wide range of customers on software services and integrations. Cruatech not only upgraded the tools to support the current version of the PLAI specification, but also added an enhanced user interface, which provides more information and in a graphical format, which will be easier to use by developers.

Cruatech will provide support for the tools to assure they effectively comply with the PLAI specification. "By creating a standard process and backing it up with code samples and documentation we hope that manufacturers will achieve compliance and begin seeing the commercial benefits sooner," said David King, Managing Director of Cruatech.

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### What is PLAI??



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