STid: a new experience of the highest levels of security at IFSEC

French specialist in identification solutions STid will return to IFSEC this year with a new user experience approach in high security, supported by a completely new booth. We speak to Gordon Mackay, Sales Director UK & Ireland.

What is your vision of the evolution of the security market?
Gordon Mackay: STid has always advocated the use of technologies that would offer an intuitive and effective user experience. We believe that technology should support people while they perform their jobs or live their lives. Technology should not be in the way. And we believe that our industry by now has accepted that message when you look at the sales volume and the number of deployments related to our high secure access control solutions. Security is more than ever at the heart of the requirements of security departments. There is an inevitable trend that more and more physical access control systems are under attack by people with malicious intents. As an industry we need to wake up to this trend and make sure that end-users do not continue the use of the obsolete technologies that they have become com-fortable with. We also need to offer our clients ways of moving towards the use of more secure identification and access control technology without unnecessary interference with their business and while protecting previous investments in security systems.

Is the intrinsic security of technology and systems used for identification and access control really such a big issue?
Gordon: Yes! Despite various serious security incidents around the world, there are still many systems installed today that have clear security related vulnerabilities. We all know Wiegand is not safe to use for communication, but it is still used. We know that modern access cards have security measures on board, but we still see new installations with obsolete proximity cards with hardly any security measure on board (125kHz, MIFARE Classic, HID iCLASS). We often fail to recognize that the chain of security measures of any systems is only as strong as its weakest link. Replay attacks, card emulation, copying of cards, tampering with interfaces, software attacks, social engineering: there are many different ways of compromising the security of access control systems and identification technologies. At STid we have made it our mission to make sure that our solutions do not only support people in their daily routines, but they do that with all the necessary security measures on board. Our products are secure by design.

So what can visitors expect to see at the STid booth this year?
Gordon: Our approach is focused on user needs and on the benefits that the user can get from high security. The 'STid Experience' will highlight how our products, from the well-known STid Architect readers range, our STid Mobile ID platform, our SPECTRE readers range and other solutions are all designed to meet the expectations of our partners and end-users and to support their business. We will also demonstrate why our identification solutions are scalable and how we support the migration towards these solutions that are intuitive and secure to use. How? Thanks to an end-to-end security approach, based on the SSCP and OSDP protocols.

Thank you Gordon.
Please stop by and see the potential of our high security solutions for yourself! We are awaiting you from May 16 to 18, at ExCeL London, booth IF.2820.

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