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Vincent Dupart, CEO of STid, says the industry is quickly evolving towards the “dematerialization” of access, and Apple’s adoption of NFC presents a golden opportunity to accelerate the use of mobile credentials throughout the market.



“In companies now, safety and IT departments aim to validate the operation between the brand of smartphone and the access control system,” Dupart explains. “People are more likely to adopt easy solutions to welcome visitors or provide access to a virtual workstation. In this way, the constraints of access control are done away with so that every single employee willingly adheres to the company’s security policy.”

Additionally, Dupart says that being able to use NFC for mobile access on the iPhone will also provide end-users the added benefit of enhanced protection of their digital identities and credentials.

“Apple is known for its security requirements, and these new identification solutions have to be more flexible and guarantee that data is protected,” Dupart adds. “With our mobile ID solutions, for example, the smartphone, when switched on – and even during phone calls – becomes a means of identification that uses several different modes. Users can tap their smartphone twice, move their hand over the reader or enter a room directly without taking any specific action. Access to buildings is controlled by the user’s profile and access rights can be granted or cancelled from anywhere in the world.”