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# Integration of Heterogeneous Access Control Functionalities Using the New Generation of NI cRIO 903x Controllers

*Engineering of Personnel Protection Systems (PPS) in large research facilities, such as CERN, represents nowadays a major challenge in terms of requirements for safety and access control functionalities. PPS are usually conceived as two separate independent entities: a Safety System dealing with machine interlocks and subject to rigid safety standards (e.g. IEC-61508); and a conventional Access Control System made by integration of different COTS technologies. The latter provides a large palette of functionalities and tools intended either to assist users accessing the controlled areas, or to automate a certain number of control room operator's tasks. In this paper we analyse the benefits in terms of performance, cost and system maintainability of adopting the new generation of NI multipurpose cRIO 903x controllers. These new devices allow an optimal integration of a large set of access control functionalities, namely: automatic control of motorized devices, identification/count of users in zone, implementation of dedicated anti-intrusion algorithms, graphical display of relevant information for local users, and remote control/monitoring for control room operators.*



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