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Technology Partners
Open Options Access Control

Mercury Security

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Industry
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Geography
Indianapolis, IN

CUSTOMER

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, is one of the top 15 "up and coming" American universities that U.S. News and World Report says people should be watching; home of nationally-ranked programs in nursing, public and environmental affairs, law, and health; and a campus renowned for service learning and civic engagement. IUPUI is Indiana's premier urban university, with 20 schools and academic units which grant degrees in more than 200 programs from both Indiana University and Purdue University. IUPUI enrolls more than 30,000 students representing all 50 states and 122 countries.

CHALLENGES

IUPUI had a system in place that was difficult to maintain and expand. The greatest challenge was replacing that system with one that was more flexible and easier to maintain while minimizing the impact to the users. Additionally having a tightly integrated video system was an integral part of the campus security solution.

SOLUTION

Open Options was able to utilize the existing hardware base already installed on the campus. New additions to the system utilize the existing IP network to communicate with the server resulting in a hybrid system utilizing both hardwire serial connections and network connections. Open DX is utilized to move data from several sources into DNA Fusion, resulting in a single entry for new students, contractors and employees. Open Options' integration with Milestone Systems open platform video management system provided a complete solution providing access control and video recording and management from a single operator interface. The system currently has 500 readers with 200 additions scheduled. Over 45,000 cardholders are managed with credentials being activated and deactivated on a continuing basis.