

The impact of Java Card technology yesterday and tomorrow: Safran Identity & Security celebrates 20 years with the Java Card Forum

As a long-standing member, Safran Identity & Security takes part in the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Java Card Forum, an industry organization dedicated to promoting and developing interoperable Java Card technology products. Until today, 20 billion Java Cards have been sold, and Java is the most common IT platform worldwide.

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Over the years, we have been very active in the Java Card Forum, as we consider its contribution to be a major building block for the telecommunications market,” said Yves Portalier, Vice President and General Manager of the Telecom Business Unit at Safran Identity & Security.

In the early days of **Java Card**, the interoperability between the different **Java Card platforms** was an issue and raised concerns on the part of some major customers. Together with all other **Java Card Forum** members, Safran Identity & Security managed to smooth the adoption of **Java Card technology** and developed interoperability guidelines to help market adoption. This enabled the development and deployment of portable **trusted identity services** for individuals and personal devices.

We view the joint work in the Java Card Forum as very relevant for the future too, as the next challenge is already in sight. Today we are working in the Java Card Forum on the definition of the next Java Card version, which is aimed at fulfilling the upcoming requirements of new markets, especially in the Internet of Things. We are convinced that Java technology will play a major role in the IoT. It offers a huge and established ecosystem and for the remote management of devices, its stability and maturity is clearly an advantage. The Java Card Forum will make a major contribution to unlocking the potential of the IoT.

Yves Portalier, Vice President and General Manager of the Telecom Business Unit at Safran Identity & Security

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