

## Net2 Provides Secure Integrated Solution with Student Management for Marino Institute of Education

### Type of site:

Higher Education Facility

### Location:

Dublin, Ireland

### Number of doors/users:

- 49 doors
- 4 buildings
- 250 staff
- 1000 students

### Solution required:

- Control movement of staff and students around the site
- Simplified student enrolment system
- Multi-use tokens

### Result:

- Improved site security
- Simple yet flexible access control management across all four buildings
- Multi-use tokens for access, ID, library and print services

### Paxton products used:

- Net2 Pro software
- Net2 plus controller
- Net2 PaxLock
- Net2 Entry

### Integrations:

- In-house student management software
- Intruder and fire alarms



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One of the great things about Paxton's Net2 system is that it's so expandable. You don't need to do the whole system in one go, you can add additional areas as and when you require them.

Martin Lynch, IT Manager,  
Marino Institute of Education

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Marino Institute of Education is a unique third-level education environment based in Dublin. The campus comprises the College of Education, the Conference Centre and other continuing professional development and support services.

## Requirement

Martin Lynch, IT Manager at Marino, made the decision to develop the site's existing security system in order to better control the movement of staff and students around the campus. Due to the open nature of the college, there was also a potential issue with unauthorised personnel gaining access to restricted areas of the campus, that needed to be resolved.

Integration with the college's in-house student management software was also required, to simplify student management and enable the tokens to be used to gain access to the site, as a student ID card, for library usage, and photocopy and print services.

## Solution

The new solution, installed by ATA Security Ltd, builds on Marino's existing Net2 system that has been steadily expanded across the site over the past ten years. The system now combines the entire range of Paxton's Net2 products; Net2, Net2 Entry and Net2 PaxLock.

Net2 is a user-friendly and flexible networked access control system, designed to make the management of any site straightforward. Combined with Net2 Entry, Paxton's award winning door entry system, and Net2 PaxLock, which provides a wireless access control solution in a slim-line door handle, the new Net2 system has significantly improved the security at Marino, whilst providing a simple interface via the software,



from which to manage the site and users.

Declan Shields, Operations Manager at ATA, says: "We are big fans of Paxton products, Net2 is the only access control system we use. It's easy to install, and simple to manage, plus the Paxton team provide excellent support every step of the way. This, and the flexible, scalable nature of the Net2 system, is what made it the ideal solution for Marino."

The integration with the college's in-house student management software makes it simple for the college to manage the access rights of everyone on campus, and ensure that the students can access all other services and amenities offered on campus using their smart cards.

Additional integrations with the intruder and fire alarms also give staff a greater degree of control over the students' movement, preventing them from inadvertently entering an area that has been closed down during 'out of hours' periods.

## Result

The staff and students have gotten on board with their updated Net2 system very quickly. Martin says of the software: "Net2 is very, very easy to use. I felt at home with it really quickly, and discovered a range of additional features that we will benefit from."

The college has plans to further expand the system, with the imminent implementation of a further seven new Net2 PaxLocks, as well as increased access control in the library, and electric gates to control the flow of people into, and out of, the main grounds.

