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Wibu-Systems Connects Software Monetization and Industrial Cybersecurity at SPS 2026

- **CodeMeter connects token-based licensing with new function protection capabilities in AxProtector Windows and AxProtector Linux: automatic function encryption without source code changes and re-encryption after execution.**
- **Wibu-Systems contributes to an OI4 secure device onboarding demonstrator; a related presentation takes place on November 26 at 10:00 a.m.**
- ***smartFactory*^{KL}'s daily "Software Defined Industry Live" guided tours include Wibu-Systems, linking software protection and licensing with concrete automation applications.**

CodeMeter will be featured in a joint secure device onboarding demonstrator with Open Industry 4.0 Alliance and smartFactory^{KL} "Software Defined Industry Live" guided tours.

Karlsruhe, Germany – **Wibu-Systems will present technologies for protecting and commercializing industrial software at SPS 2026, November 24–26 in Nuremberg. At Hall 6, Booth 428, its experts will explain how token-based licensing with CodeMeter and automatic software protection help automation suppliers develop adaptable offerings while retaining control of proprietary know-how. Its program also extends to collaborative activities: a secure device onboarding demonstrator developed within the Open Industry 4.0 Alliance and participation in *smartFactory*^{KL}'s guided tours on software-defined industry.**

Licensing that reflects industrial software use

An inspection algorithm used continuously on a production line creates a different usage pattern from an analytics application needed only for occasional assessments. CodeMeter, Wibu-Systems' software protection, licensing, and security technology, supports three additional commercial token models that help vendors reflect these differences in their offerings.

Consumable credits assign a defined cost to individual actions, supporting prepaid or postpaid arrangements. Shared token pools reserve capacity while applications or features are in use and release it afterward. Recurring quotas provide allowances that replenish over specified periods, with options for additional capacity during demand peaks. These mechanisms let vendors address occasional, simultaneous, and recurring demand through different commercial models.

Local CodeMeter license containers enable these models to operate in disconnected production environments, with consumable balances replenished as needed through license-file exchange.

Extending automatic protection to individual functions

AxProtector Windows and AxProtector Linux extend their established automatic application protection with Function Encryption that previously required source code changes. Using symbol information from the build process, the tools now integrate this protection directly into compiled binaries.

Alongside Module Encryption, which protects eligible code and data sections while the application is stored, Function Encryption keeps individual functions encrypted in memory until they are first needed. Automatic Function Re-encryption can then encrypt selected functions again after execution, reducing the time proprietary algorithms and sensitive validation logic remain exposed in memory. Optional caching helps developers balance this additional protection with performance.

The underlying Native Core (NC) technology also separates licensing and protection logic from the application, placing it in CodeMeter Protection Suite Runtime (CPSRT). This protection component can be updated without re-encrypting the protected application, simplifying maintenance of software already deployed in industrial environments.

The wider booth program covers industrial AI protection, integrity protection and access restrictions supporting a Cyber Resilience Act strategy, licensing for resource-constrained microcontrollers, and CmDongles for industrial environments. For cloud

license deployments, optional CodeMeter License Reporting provides usage insights. CodeMeter Licensing-as-a-Service offers a managed starting point, while regional cloud services address international deployment needs.

> *"A feature that customers use only occasionally needs a different commercial approach from one used throughout every shift," says Stefan Bamberg, Director Sales and Key Account Management at Wibu-Systems. "In both cases, the supplier needs to retain control of the underlying know-how. Our SPS program connects these business questions with the security and integration work needed to put software-defined products into operation. Visitors can discuss their own requirements with us and see how collaboration across companies helps address the wider challenges."*

Secure device onboarding with the Open Industry 4.0 Alliance

Software-defined production also requires devices that operators can identify and trust. As a member of Open Industry 4.0 Alliance (OI4)'s Cyber Security Working Group, Wibu-Systems contributes to a joint demonstrator addressing the transition from manufacturer device identity to trusted communication in an operational environment.

The approach uses a cryptographically protected manufacturer identity to verify the device's origin and unique identity, providing the basis for issuing an operational TLS certificate for secure communication. The working group is developing a manufacturer-independent provisioning framework; concept validation and interoperability testing remain part of its ongoing work.

Visitors can explore the demonstrator at the OI4 booth in Hall 5. The related presentation, "From Manufacturer Device Identity to Operator Trust," takes place on Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m. on the OI4 Stage in Hall 5, at the OI4 booth area, Stands 160 and 161.

smartFactory^{KL} tours connect technologies with production applications

smartFactory^{KL} brings industry and research together in Kaiserslautern, Germany to develop and test manufacturer-independent production solutions. Through collaborative projects and its model factory, the initiative helps translate advances in automation into industrial applications and connect IT and OT.

At SPS, its experts lead the “Software Defined Industry Live” guided tours, visiting Wibu-Systems and other leading vendors, including XITASO, Pilz, Yaskawa, and B&R Industrial Automation. The Wibu-Systems stop addresses how software protection and licensing support software-defined products. The tours conclude in the Software Defined Industry Area.

Tours start on November 24 and 25 at 1:00 p.m. and November 26 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting point is *smartFactory*^{KL}, Hall 6, Booth 130. Each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and is conducted in German. Registration is available through the SPS guided-tour program.

Machine builders, automation suppliers, and industrial software vendors are invited to visit Wibu-Systems in Hall 6, Booth 428 to discuss licensing models, protection configurations, and deployment requirements for their products.



At SPS 2026, Wibu-Systems will present CodeMeter licensing and software protection, contribute to a joint secure device onboarding demonstrator with Open Industry 4.0 Alliance, and participate in *SmartFactory*^{KL} guided tours.

Additional Dedicated Resources

- SPS program and meeting information: https://www.wibu.com/events-detail/detail/sps-2026.html
- Token based licensing: https://www.wibu.com/webinars/token-based-licensing.html
- OI4 demonstrator and stage program: https://openindustry4.com/event/sps-2026-smart-product-solutions/
- Guided tour registration: https://sps.mesago.com/nuernberg/en/expo/program-highlights/guided_tours.html
- Press release as audio file: https://www.wibu.com/fileadmin/Audiofiles/press_releases/WIBU-PR_SPS-2026_EN.mp3
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