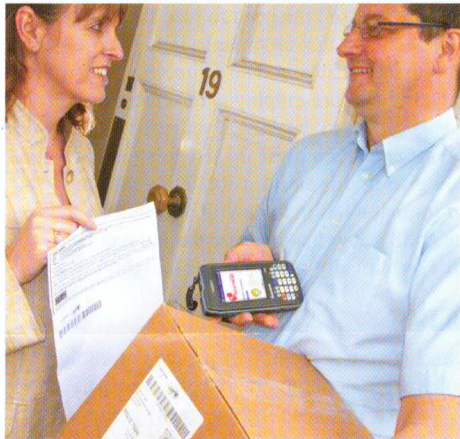


## FOR HOME DELIVERY IDENTITY



**Pictured:  
Barcodes, not a  
signature,  
required for home  
delivery**

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NetDespatch*

## PARCELS, AUTHENTICALLY

**From NetDespatch, a parcel delivery system to ensure that goods are only released to authorised recipients.**

Called SecureScan, the system requires two cryptographically paired encoded barcodes to be matched on delivery to confirm the recipient's ID. This eliminates the firm says the need for a hand-written signature and is not only safer but also more convenient, it's claimed. The result of a joint development by NetDespatch and First Ondemand, the scan product uses the internet, auto-ID and wireless communications for proof of delivery. As goods are ordered, SecureScan creates a matched pair of unique digital tokens. Produced as a barcode, one token is assigned to the recipient of the goods and the other to the package. On delivery a positive ID is provided by scanning and matching the two parts, allowing the goods to be released.

### Biometrics market

Despite past hype for biometrics, uptake of biometrics has remained slow, a survey says. Price, user acceptance and legislation continue to be hurdles that limited use of biometrics. However, recently a few devices have overcome these barriers and have found industry niches. In a market report, IMS Research forecast the global market for fingerprint devices to reach \$650m by 2013. Report author Justin Siller says: "Fingerprint recognition devices have been around for a number of years but they were initially commercially unsuccessful, primarily due to their high price. Over time pockets of opportunity have emerged where fingerprint biometrics have started to find real traction. The government sector is getting behind biometrics. Live scan devices are being used by law enforcement and prisons to collect data on criminals." Other uses are in healthcare, airports, and time and attendance, the report adds.

### Lone worker offer

Connexion2, manufacturer of the Identicom lone worker protection device, has announced a 30 per cent price reduction across the SoloProtect range of lone worker protection products. Craig Swallow, Managing Director of Connexion2 said: "We have made a significant number of improvements to our business processes and these, with shrewd negotiations on component costs, has enabled us to pass savings to our customers." SoloProtect has five parts: Identicom, the lone worker protection device which was awarded ACPO 'Secured by Design' status; SIM and airtime; 24-7 monitoring; approved user training and TotalCare, support services. "The large volume of Identicom devices, forecasted for delivery this year, provides us with an additional economy of scale," added Mr Swallow. "This new price point will make SoloProtect available to a volume market." The company plans flexible contract terms, such as 'Pay As You Go'.

### Balkans enrolls

Montenegro sought to enrol people for national identification and travel credentials. A priority was fraud prevention, while complying with European Union and International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standards. The Datacard MX6000 card issuance product, and that firm's PB6500 passport issuance system and IT suite have been used. The US ID card product firm reports that the MX6000 and the PB6500 are both built on the same platform, share the same user interface and use the same parts for repairs. This expedited the training and made deployment more efficient, it is claimed. The e-passport design uses an electronic chip embedded into the polycarbonate data page which makes it inter-operable and in compliance with the ICAO. The passport, national ID card and driver's license are also laser engraved, making them, it is claimed, resistant to fraud and counterfeiting.



### IFSEC award: At IFSEC 2009, TAB systems Inc launched two new smarti units.

**T**hese combine biometric access control based on facial and voice recognition with RFID, power over Ethernet and Wifi. The ELECTRA unit, pictured, was access control product winner at the show awards - the product's fourth nomination in a row. It has a 5.7-inch colour touch screen for users. The Slovenian manufacturers report that it is meant for indoor use for access control, building automation and time and attendance, in-wall or mountable on-wall. It has built-in camera, microphone, speakers, RFID reader, IP-65 compliant front panel, internal memory and

storage. The TCP/IP connector supports power over Ethernet. The integrated communication ports and relay I/O controller can be used to control lights, electronic locks, alarms, sensors etc. The unit can be integrated into existing systems and networked with other ELECTRA units and other smarti models. The range is protocol independent, so can control almost any kind of electronic device - such as sensors, electronic locks, lights, alarm systems, finger print scanners, RFID readers. The unit is fan-less for quiet operation. Front panel is IP-65 compliant. The unit has an eight-inch colour touch screen, microphone, speakers, built-in SSD storage, internal memory and Wifi. The built-in camera provides face identification.

## ARE YOU KEEPING TO THE LAWS?!

### MPs exes data hitch

**Publication of embarrassing MPs' expenses claims was, for one speaker at IFSEC, more proof of how important data protection is - and how the security industry is not acting on it.**

Consultant and investigator Chris Brogan was introduced by IFSEC conference chair Bill Wyllie thus: "I have often regarded Chris Brogan as the Alfred Hitchcock of the security sector, because I always leave the theatre more scared than I went in." Brogan began: "What really scares me is that the security industry is doing absolutely nothing about it [data protection], and it is going to take your legs away. You would have to be blind not to see the impact of it. Look at the MPs [he was speaking during the publication by the *Daily Telegraph* of expenses claims as made in recent years by MPs of all political parties]. They are running because of all the information released; and that could be released by truculent employees; and yet I am still amazed that the security industry hasn't taken this on board. I am still amazed at the appalling advice given in security magazines, written by people who have read articles written by people who have read articles."

In other words, he stressed the need to read the relevant laws. He made the point that an organisation is more likely to face an employment tribunal than a fire, as risks go. As a private investigator and pre-employment screener for 30 years, he wanted access to databases, yet realised there were limits. "No matter how you dress up screening, whatever posh term you give it, it is an intrusion into a person's privacy. That intrusion has to be lawful, reasonable and proportionate and I know that because the Human Rights Act 1998 quite specifically states it; article eight."

#### Screening risk

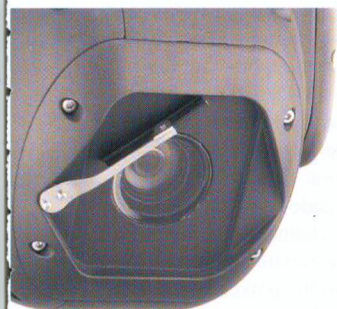
As for outsourcing your screening of people before they work for you; you are doubling the risk, he warned. And Brogan said this as a PI whose income partly comes from such outsourced work. Because, how can you know if the investigation agency knows the first thing about the privacy laws? "If they screw up, you would be held responsible, unless you can demonstrate in a court of law a defence that you had taken all reasonable precautions. I wonder how many of you in your contracts with these people say you will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. A mistake can be expensive to your company and I would suggest your career might have ground to a halt."



#### UNHAPPY

**'People who do this [expenses fraud] just don't see themselves as thieves. Some might even feel justified in doing it.'**

**Quoted in The Times: David Vine of Global Expense, an expenses management company.**



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