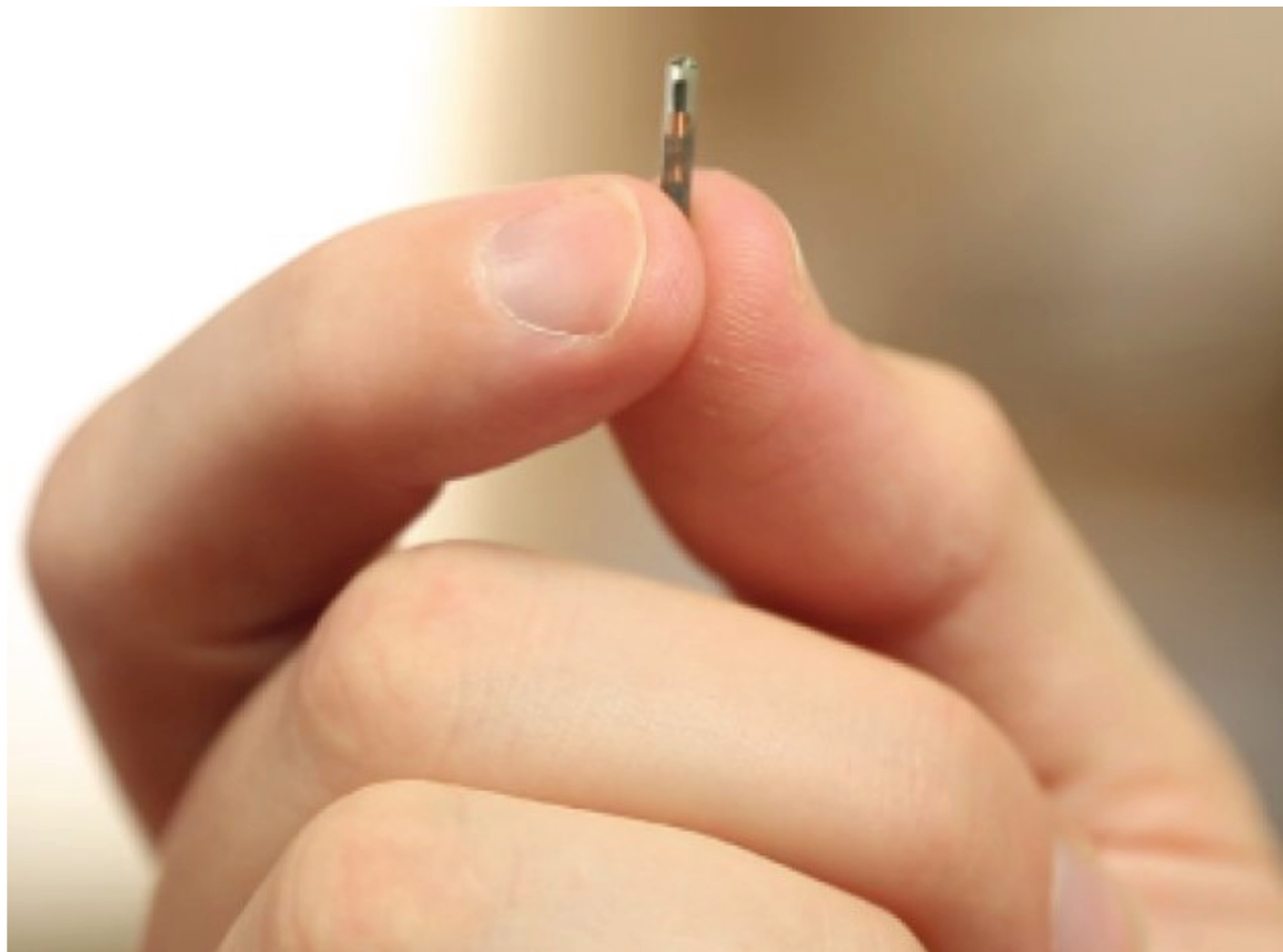


Wisconsin company to install microchips in employees

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They will be implanted underneath the skin between the thumb and forefinger, and will use so-called near-field communications - or NFC - which is the same **technology** used in contactless credit cards and mobile payments.

The implanted chips would let employees log in to their office computers, open doors and make purchases from office vending machines, among other uses.

It is offering the Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) chip to all employees from the beginning of August. An implant takes seconds, and the body's reaction varies from person to person. BioHax chief executive Jowan Osterland will perform the injections. His **company** sees the concept as part of an evolution toward what he calls the "Internet of Us".



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Besides the benefit of using Jedi-like tricks when buying food from office break rooms, 32M and BioHax say the chip has secondary benefits, such as opening access doors, activating office copy machines, automatic login for work computers, unlocking work phones, sharing business cards, and even storing critical medical/health information. *"Eventually, this technology will become standardized, allowing you to use this as your passport, public transit farecard, all purchasing opportunities, etc".*

Biometric information and technology is experiencing a surge in popularity and earlier this year a Swedish rail company started offering passengers the option of using a chip implanted into their hand in lieu of a paper train ticket. Three Square reportedly encountered "chipped" employees while working with its micromarket operators in Europe.

A USA company plans to start **microchipping its own employees** so they can purchase items in the canteen and open office doors. They are not GPS-enabled, meaning the chips can not be used to track people, he underscored, which may come as a relief to those who worry about employee privacy. It also runs more than 6,000 kiosks in Turnkey Corrections, its own corrections-segment service.