

## RISE OF THE CYBER STAFF US tech firm unveils bonkers plan to fit employees with MICROCHIPS which can open doors, log in to computers and buy food

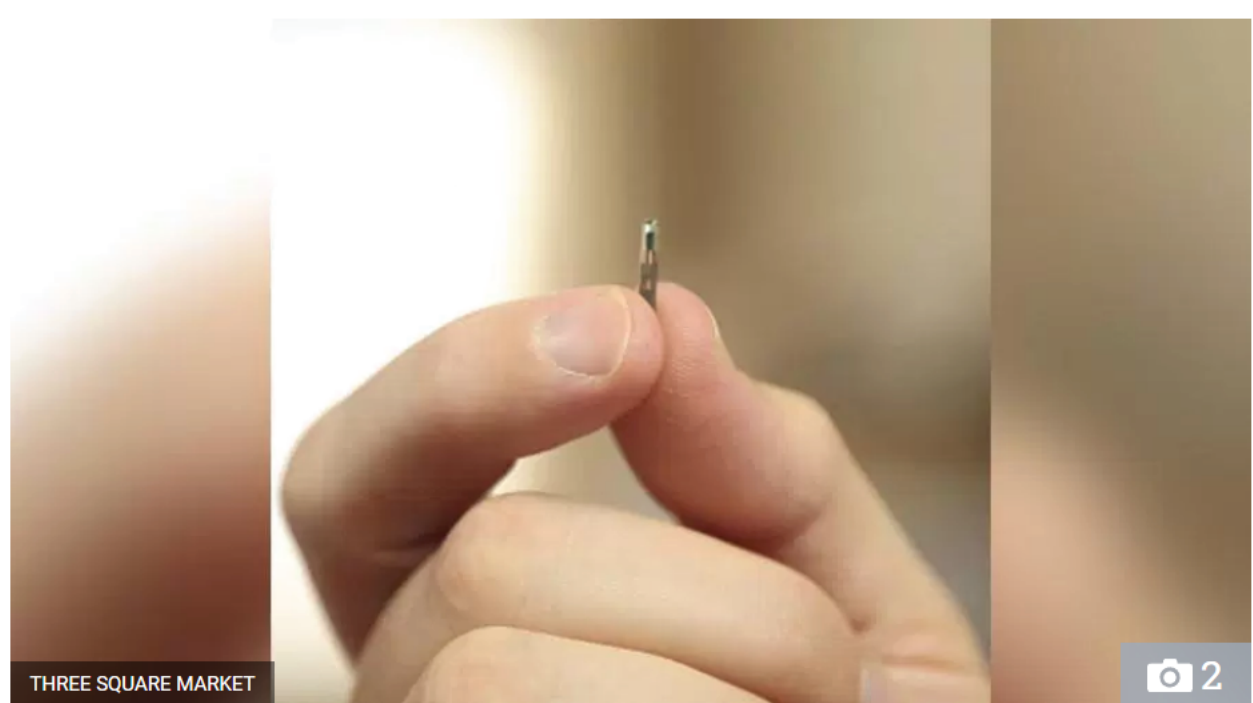
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**A US tech company is to install microchips into its employees...but insists they will not be used for GPS tracking.**

Three Square Market, which designs computer software, is about to become the first in the US to offer the hi-tech implants to its employees.



The microchip will be implanted under the skin between the thumb and forefinger



It will allow workers to buy food and drink in the company's break room

**It is offering to microchip everyone who works there on 1 August but stressed that the programme is optional.**

The Wisconsin-based business said it expects over 50 staff to take part.

The chips will allow those who have them to pay for food and drink in the company's break room, open doors, login to computers and use the copy machine.

They will be implanted under the skin between the thumb and forefinger and will use the NFC technology used in contactless credit cards and mobile payments.

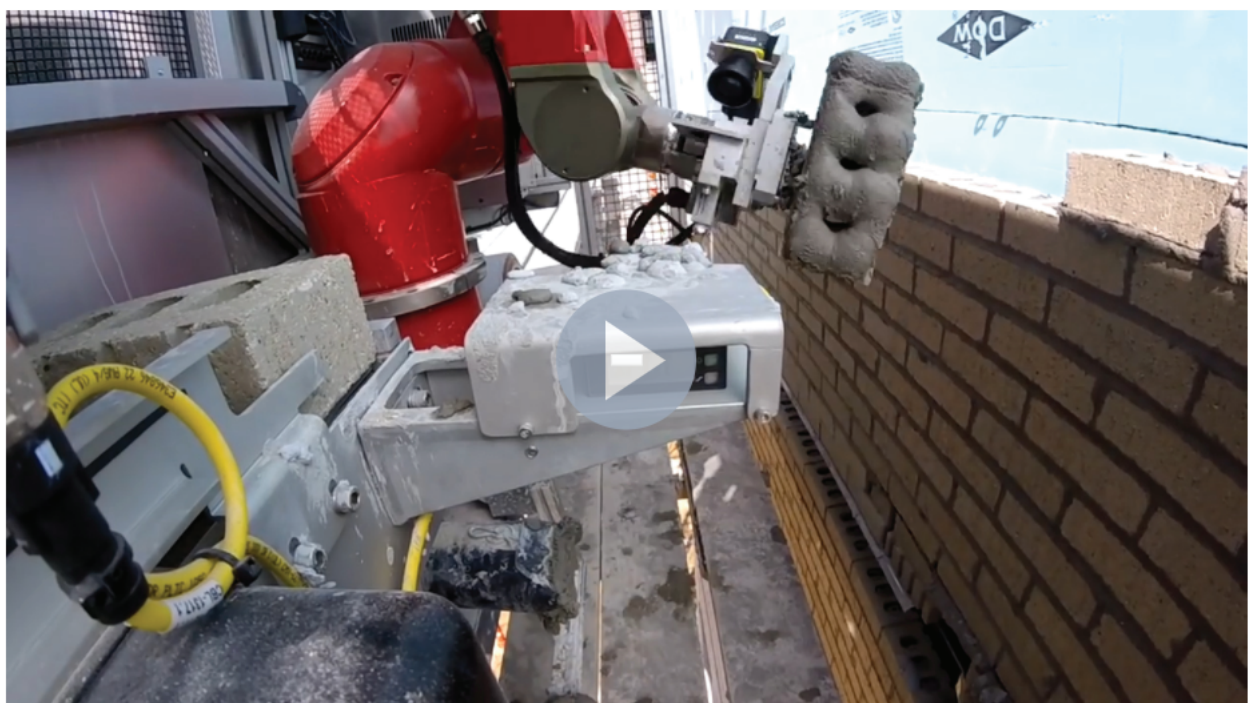
Company chief executive Todd Westby said the chips would also be used to unlock phones, share business cards and store medical and health information.

"Eventually, this technology will become standardised allowing you to use this as your passport, public transit, all purchasing opportunities, etc," he said in a press release.

Each chip costs £220 and the company will pay for them.

Westby said the data is both encrypted and secure and for those wondering, "there's no GPS tracking at all."

"The international market place is wide-open and we believe that the future trajectory of total market share is going to be driven by who captures this arena first," added chief operating officer, Patrick McMullan.



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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 instead of a traditional ticket.

And just last week, high street bank TSB announced that it was becoming the first in Europe to introduce iris recognition on its mobile app.