

## The world's first digital "bio-payment" made with a swipe of hand

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A trio of Swedish technologists and bio-hackers have accomplished what has, up until now, only been possible in sci-fi movies. The world's first "bio-payment" of the Bitcoin currency was confirmed on Friday the 31st of October in Malmö, Sweden.

With a swipe of his hand, developer Patric Lanhed completed a 1€ Bitcoin transaction thanks to the grain of rice-sized RFID chip implanted between his thumb and index finger. System engineer Juanjo Tara developed the hardware used to scan the chip and complete the transaction.

But according to developer Hektor Wallin, the real tech-magic happens behind the scenes, or under the skin as the case may be. "Bank transactions are only one of the many applications of what we've done. Our open source data structure can establish an industry standard for the storing and access of information in biochips. That makes it possible to store ID and travel documents, emergency medical records and even authenticate entry to things like your gym or public transportation systems. All with just a swipe of hand."

Lanhed, Tara and Wallin all concur that attention that their initial "bio-payment" has created is just the tip of the iceberg. As with all new technologies, the impact they have on society and human behaviour is where the real excitement happens. "What happens when everyone knows that they no longer can misplace their keys, loose their wallet or forget a password? The implications are staggering.," muses Tara.

More information about the trio's achievements and plans can be found at http://www.biopaydev.com