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### **'Fingerprint-access activated, Mr. Bond.'**

Index Security has begun selling a USB flash memory device called the **BioStik**, which has a built-in fingerprint access reader.

Once connected to a computer, data stored on the BioStik only can be accessed with the owner's fingerprint on the reader.

While other companies also sell devices like this, the BioStik has the advantage of being a self-contained, plug-and-play device.

If you're carrying sensitive data on a flash memory USB device, it might as well be the BioStik because the device's innards are sealed with an epoxy.

**Details:** Index Security BioStik, \$170 to \$200, comes in 128 and 256 MB memory sizes. Works with Windows, OS X and Linux and can be operated from recent versions of these operating systems without external drivers.

Available online at:

[www.biostik.com](http://www.biostik.com)

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