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# CEO Invents Multi-Access Microsoft ID Badge

## *First Large Scale Use of Logical and Physical Access on One Card*



**Ladera Ranch, CA – March 30, 2016** – Dovell Bonnett, Founder and CEO of [Access Smart<sup>®</sup>, LLC](http://AccessSmart.com), today disclosed his role in inventing the ID Badge currently used by all Microsoft employees. The story is revealed in his new book *Making Passwords Secure: Fixing the Weakest Link in Cybersecurity*.

Back in 2000, Dovell Bonnett was contacted by Indala<sup>®</sup>, a division of Motorola<sup>®</sup>, as a consultant to help them solve a serious security problem for one of their largest customers. The customer had just experienced a major cyber breach and the hacker stole important software source code. They wanted to create a single ID badge that would allow the employee secure authorized access into buildings, as well as secure authorized access into their computer networks. After explaining to Indala how easy that would be, they told Dovell they no longer wanted him as their consultant. Instead, they hired him as their new Director of Smartcard Development.

First, Dovell worked with Indala's engineers to re-locate the RF antenna in their cards to make room for a contact smartcard chip. This was the first time physical and logical access had been combined on a single large scale corporate ID badge. The customer turned out to be Microsoft<sup>®</sup>. The hack was the source code to Windows 98. **The badge you see on every single Microsoft employee today was Dovell's creation!**

Today, the greatest security threat to any company is employee managed user names and passwords. By removing this cybersecurity vulnerability, Access Smart's premiere product, Power LogOn<sup>®</sup>, puts the control of sensitive data back in the hands of IT professionals by combining physical and logical access onto a single credential (the employee's ID badge).

IT administrators still see password authentication as the most cost effective and convenient way their employees can access their information. While password authentication is secure (when properly executed), the way employees manage passwords is not. When employees

are allowed to generate, type and manage their own passwords, then IT has effectively relinquished network security to the weakest link: their fellow employees! Bear in mind that the 2015 SplashData List of the Worst Passwords employees commonly use still includes: “password,” “12345,” “login,” “qwerty,” “letmein,” and “starwars.” Companies who still believe they don’t need a Multi-Factor Authentication enterprise password manager should think again!

Power LogOn meets a broad set of international and industry-specific compliance standards, such as FIPS 140-2, HIPAA, CJIS and many others. Data security now extends from the employee’s finger tips all the way to data storage.

Access Smart’s Power LogOn serves large corporations, hospitals, universities, government agencies and even small to medium sized businesses. Whether you have a stand-alone computer, small office network, or a multi-billion dollar enterprise, Power LogOn works with it all.

“When employees no longer have to generate, remember, type, manage or even know any passwords, IT has the ability to implement very long, security-enhanced passwords that can be changed as frequently as necessary,” said Dovell Bonnett. “Passwords are not going away anytime soon. Companies can now help secure them using the latest technologies.”

To learn more about how Power LogOn secures your network *before* the firewall, visit us at **ChannelCon Booth #117**. You can also view our online press kit at <http://ChannelCon.vporoom.com/Access-Smart> or visit: [www.Access-Smart.com/](http://www.Access-Smart.com/).

## **About Access Smart, LLC**

Founded in 2005 and headquartered in Ladera Ranch, California, Access Smart, LLC (a certified CA Small Business) is dedicated to empowering businesses, agencies and institutions to regain **control** over their computers and networks **at the point of entry**. Authentication, authorization and non-repudiation do not have to be cumbersome to be effective. For more, visit [www.access-smart.com](http://www.access-smart.com).

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