

Synaptics' Turnkey USB Fingerprint Solution Adds Simple and Secure Authentication to Notebook PCs

Expands Natural ID Market to Include After-market Upgrades

SAN JOSE, Calif., June 01, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Synaptics Incorporated (NASDAQ:SYNA), the leading developer of human interface solutions, today announced a new ultra-small form factor USB module that enables Natural ID[™] secure fingerprint authentication on any notebook PC. Synaptics' USB dongle is a turnkey solution for OEMs, ODMs and private labels, enabling them to offer their customers an easy to use and inexpensive fingerprint alternative for PCs lacking integrated biometric sensors.

The dongle is a fully housed, ready-to-use fingerprint module small enough to remain unobtrusively installed in any notebook USB port. Following a simple user enrollment procedure, secure authentication is completed with a single touch of a finger, enabling swift PC access and the full use of Windows Hello and Microsoft Passport. Synaptics Natural ID solutions are FIDO Certified (Fast IDentity Online), providing broad compliance with an industry-wide ecosystem of products.

"The rapid growth of online payments combined with the critical need for protecting access to PC data for businesses and consumers alike is driving the need for high performance biometric authentication. Our new USB fingerprint reader expands our line-up of PC peripherals, enabling our customers to offer consumers myriad options for adding fingerprint sensing to existing notebook and desktop PCs," said Godfrey Cheng, vice president of marketing, Human Interface Systems Division (HISD) Synaptics. "This low cost turnkey solution can easily be bundled or sold separately."

"All things equal, fingerprint authentication is significantly more secure than typing passwords, and when combined with the convenience of not remembering and changing multiple passwords, it should end the debate. Notebook buying cycles are historically much longer when compared to smartphones, and Synaptics' new USB-based fingerprint solution provides a cost effective and simple entry point to what I estimate to be 500 million Windows 10 systems via Windows Hello and Microsoft Passport by the end of 2016," said Patrick Moorhead, president and principal analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy.

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Join us during COMPUTEX Taipei for a private demonstration of emerging Synaptics human interface solutions, May 31 to June 3, at the Grand Hyatt. By invitation only, customers are asked to contact their <u>local representative</u>; while media and analysts can contact <u>David Hurd</u> for an appointment.

Learn more:

- Synaptics' PC Peripheral Applications
- Natural ID fingerprint sensors

Availability:

Synaptics' new turnkey USB dongle will sample in Q3 CY16 with mass production expected in Q4 CY16.

About Synaptics:

Synaptics is the pioneer and leader of the human interface revolution, bringing innovative and intuitive user experiences to intelligent devices. Synaptics' broad portfolio of touch, display, and biometrics products is built on the company's rich R&D, extensive IP and dependable supply chain capabilities. With solutions designed for mobile, PC and automotive industries, Synaptics combines ease of use, functionality and aesthetics to enable products that help make our digital lives more productive, secure and enjoyable. (NASDAQ:SYNA) www.synaptics.com.

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