

# Picanol Group implements IDENTIKEY Gold Edition in combination with DIGIPASS GO 6, DIGIPASS for Mobile and Virtual DIGIPASS for secure access to the company's network

The Picanol Group is an international, customer-oriented group that specializes in the development, production and sales of weaving machines and other high technology products, systems and services. In order to make its network securely accessible for employees, suppliers, consultants and external collaborators; the Picanol Group implemented DIGIPASS GO 6, Virtual DIGIPASS and DIGIPASS for Mobile with IDENTIKEY Gold Edition. Eventually, the company will also secure its internal business-critical information with this technology.



In recent decades, the Picanol Group has evolved from a traditional weaving machine builder to a worldwide supplier of total solutions for the textile industry as well as for other industries. For more than seventy years, Picanol has played a pioneering role in the industry. Today, it is a world player in the weaving machine industry. Picanol also markets accessories via GTP Global Textile Partner.

## IDENTIKEY GOLD EDITION IDEAL SOLUTION FOR PHASED IMPLEMENTATION

The Picanol Group was looking for a strong authentication solution to provide secure access to its various SSL / VPN applications, Exchange, SharePoint and webmail. The company wanted to implement a complete solution for suppliers, consultants and remote employees that would not only secure the VPN and other applications, but eventually could also protect its business-critical data. The Picanol Group contacted its IT supplier Secutec.

"Together with Secutec we went looking for a solution that met all our needs," says Bart Lagast, System Engineer at the Picanol Group. "The solution also needed to be cost-efficient and easy to implement. Secutec advised us to deploy VASCO's authentication server IDENTIKEY Gold Edition together with DIGIPASS technology, a choice with which we are still very satisfied. The combination of IDENTIKEY together with DIGIPASS GO 6, Virtual DIGIPASS and DIGIPASS for Mobile provides the total solution we were looking for."

Initially the group wanted to make its Sharepoint and SSL / VPN applications available through remote access. Only at a later stage, will the Picanol Group expand its authentication security perimeter for internal use.

## HIGH SCALABILITY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT

IDENTIKEY Gold Edition was the ideal authentication server for the Picanol Group to secure remote access to its various applications (SSL / VPN, Webmail, Sharepoint). Furthermore, a flexible licensing system makes IDENTIKEY easily expandable to multiple users / applications; exactly what the Picanol Group was looking for.

"IDENTIKEY Gold Edition gives us the flexibility we were looking for as we want to implement external and internal security in stages," says Bart Lagast. "It is a transparent and adaptable solution that doesn't require any major investments. Moreover, the implementation went very smoothly. When eventually we want to expand, we can simply buy new licenses without having to make additional hardware investments."

## A SOLUTION FOR EVERY TYPE OF USER

The combination of DIGIPASS GO 6, Virtual DIGIPASS and DIGIPASS for Mobile makes the solution suitable for different end-users. "We wanted a solution that would be available to suppliers, consultants and people with or without a mobile company phone. Therefore we decided to deploy different types of DIGIPASS devices," says Bart Lagast. "All different form factors of DIGIPASS can be used together with IDENTIKEY Gold Edition which turns it into a very economically viable solution. It offers us a comprehensive solution suited for our various end-user groups and staff."

The Picanol Group uses DIGIPASS GO 6 for employees who have no mobile company phone, and DIGIPASS for Mobile for employees who do have a company cell phone.

DIGIPASS GO 6 is a one-button authenticator that generates dynamic passwords at the touch of a button. By replacing static passwords with dynamic ones, it is harder for hackers to gain access to critical information. The dynamic one-time password is unique and has a limited validity of 32 seconds. Intercepting the password is hence useless as it will no longer be valid and can only be used once.

DIGIPASS for Mobile provides a similar security solution to DIGIPASS GO 6, but uses a mobile phone instead of an authentication device. A user must download the DIGIPASS for Mobile Security Enterprise Edition software using the link sent via SMS. After downloading the software, the mobile phone can be used as an authentication device. The software on the phone generates a dynamic password allowing the user to securely access the necessary applications.

**VIRTUAL DIGIPASS, AUTHENTICATION ALWAYS AVAILABLE**

The Picanol Group also opted to deploy Virtual DIGIPASS. Virtual DIGIPASS can be used as back-up and primary DIGIPASS. An end-user doesn't have to download software as the dynamic password is sent by SMS to his mobile phone. The company is hence able to reduce helpdesk costs as Virtual DIGIPASS is an excellent back-up solution for forgotten authentication devices.

Virtual DIGIPASS is initially used as an emergency solution for employees who have forgotten their DIGIPASS GO 6. "In time we will also use this authentication method to provide consultants, suppliers and customers with single time access or access for short periods of time," says Bart Lagast. "This solution gives us the additional flexibility that we need. Moreover, it is a cost-effective authentication tool that is versatile and easy to use. DIGIPASS technology assures us that appropriate persons can access our applications any time, even in exceptional situations."

The combination of different software and hardware DIGIPASS has ensured that for each type of user an appropriate authentication method is available. Since all DIGIPASS can be used in conjunction with IDENTIKEY, the Picanol Group didn't need to invest in additional servers or solutions.



**Objective**

The Picanol Group wanted to implement a complete solution for its vendors, consultants and external collaborators to secure internal and external access to its various business applications.

**Challenge**

The Picanol Group was looking for a solution that could be implemented in phases and would be easy to expand. The solution must eventually be used not only to secure remote access to applications, but also to secure the Group's internal confidential information without having to make additional investments in a later phase.

**Solution**

The company deployed IDENTIKEY Gold Edition together with DIGIPASS GO 6, Virtual DIGIPASS and DIGIPASS for Mobile. This combination allows the group to secure access to its business applications for its different target groups. IDENTIKEY works seamlessly with the various DIGIPASS solutions and requires no additional hardware investment. Moreover, the number of users over time is easy to extend thanks to the flexible licensing system.

**About the Picanol Group**



The Picanol Group is an international, customer-oriented group that specializes in the development, production and sale of weaving machines and other high technology products, systems and services. The group develops, manufactures and sells through Weaving Machines (Picanol) high-tech weaving machines, based on air (airjet) or rapier (rapier) technology. It supplies weaving machines to weaving mills worldwide, and also offers its customer such products and services as training, upgrade kits, parts and service contracts. For more than seventy years, Picanol has played a pioneering role in the industry. Today, it is a world player in the weaving machine industry. Picanol also markets accessories via GTP Global Textile Partner. Next to the head office in Ypres (Belgium), the Picanol Group has production facilities in Asia, Europe and the United States, linked to its own worldwide service and sales network. In 2009 the Picanol Group realized a consolidated turnover of 250.23 million euros. The Picanol Group employs 1,983 employees worldwide and has been listed on Euronext Brussels since 1966 (ticker: PIC). [www.picanolgroup.com](http://www.picanolgroup.com)

**About Secutec**



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**About VASCO**

VASCO is a leading supplier of strong authentication and e-signature solutions and services specializing in Internet Security applications and transactions. VASCO has positioned itself as a global software company for Internet Security and designs, develops, markets and supports patented DIGIPASS®, DIGIPASS PLUS®, VACMAN®, IDENTIKEY® and aXsGUARD® authentication products. VASCO's prime markets are the financial sector, enterprise security, e-commerce and e-government.

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