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New wave: NFL teams are being exposed to the next frontier of digital data at the combine thanks to the efforts of a company called IdentityMine, which in conjunction with Northbrook-based STATS has developed a new way to catalog player information.

The Saints already are using the Interactive, Collaboration and Evaluation (ICE) system. Instead of using magnets on a board and hard copy files, it's completely digital and includes game video as well as X-info — statistics and plays that are tracked exclusively by STATS.

Other teams are lining up to get in on the system, which costs about \$180,000 to install. The Bears probably will not take part because they already have an elaborate digital system that former pro personnel man Bobby DePaul and team information technology specialist Brian Wright designed.

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