MiFare Protocol Guide

for metraTec MiFare Readers and Modules

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>ATQA</td>
<td>Answer to request, ISO 14443A – a number code showing some information on the card. See Appendix for examples.</td>
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<td>PICC</td>
<td>Proximity IC Card (the official word for transponder card)</td>
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<tr>
<td>SAK</td>
<td>„Select Acknowledge“ – a number code showing some information on the card, e.g. type of card, etc. See Appendix for examples.</td>
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<td>UID</td>
<td>Unique ID (of every ISO14443 Transponder)</td>
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1. **Introduction**

This document describes the metraTec firmware protocol for all metraTec RFID readers that work with RFID transponders according to ISO14443A/MiFare (by NXP). This includes the DeskID MiFare USB, the QR14 OEM module as well as several custom reader units.

The target audience for this document are programmers, who need to communicate with the reader and want to write their own software for this task. This software can be written in any programming language, such as C#, Java, Delphi, Ansi-C, and even directly in IEC/EN (6)1131-3 Code, e.g. with CoDeSys.

The reader firmware offers an ASCII based programming interface. The instructions are identified by an easy to remember, three character string usually followed by mandatory parameters and/or optional parameters. The response format depends on the type and result of an instruction.

This manual starts with all commands that the reader supports. These instructions are divided into several main groups:

- Reader Instructions
- Tag Manipulation Instructions, divided into:
  - General ISO14443A instructions
  - MiFare Classic specific commands

All Instructions have Error-Codes which are described in the Appendix. The Appendix also includes further information on the memory structure and security model of MiFare transponders, including access rights and access key – a topic that can be quite complex. If you haven’t worked with ISO14443A or MiFare transponders before, you should read this first.

1.1. **General Procedure**

The general process for reading or writing data to or from a MiFare transponder is always the same and consists of the following steps. While there might be several ways to complete the same task including more complex ones, the following list shows the easiest and quickest way:

1. Save the right key to use in the reader crypto unit, using the STK command. This is only necessary if the correct key has not been permanently stored in the reader using the SSK command before.
2. Tell the reader which key to use (Temp Key or one of the up to 24 permanent keys) using the SKU command.
3. Use an inventory command (INV) to find all cards in the field. The result will give you the UIDs of all the transponders in the field.
4. Select the card you want to use with the SEL command – either manually by using the UID you got in the step before or by using the automatic mode.
5. After activating the card with the select command you have to authenticate the block you want to read/write data to/from using the AUT command.
6. If that was successful, you can start reading and writing data to the memory of the transponder using the RDT (read date) or write data (WDT) command.
1.2. Further Documents

For an even deeper understanding of the operating principle it might be useful to read all datasheets and norms regarding your transponder IC, esp. ISO 14443-3.
2. Communication Principle

The communication between the reader and the host system is based on ASCII strings. Each string is terminated with a carriage-return and will be transmitted with MSB fist.

**NOTE**

Please make sure that you really send a carriage-return character as the last character – not more and not less. Many programs (including Hyperterm and some Unix/Linux programs) use carriage-return + line-feed as end of line character which leads to problems after the first command, since the LF is treated as first character of the following command which results in the error „unknown command“ (UCO).

The communication from the reader to the host system (i.e. the response) is the same as above but in most cases the response from the reader comprises more than one line.

General line:

```
Instruction<SPACE>Parameter<Space>Parameter<CR>
```

Example without Parameter:

```
REV<CR>
```

in ANSI C:

```c
```

The first values which will be sent is ‘R’ (52h), followed by 45h, 56h, 0dh. Some instructions may be specified with parameters, which are separated by a space (20h).

Example with Parameter

```
INV<SPACE>SSL<CR>
```

```c
char Inv[8] = {'I','N','V',0x20,'S','S','L',0x0D};
```

2.1. Helpful Tools

For debugging purpose it is very helpful to use a program to “sniff” the communication between the host and the reader. Depending on the type of communication and hardware you use, this could be:

- If you communicate via a (real or virtual) COM-Port: a Com-Port Monitor (several free version available in the net)
- If you use Ethernet or other TCP/IP-based communication, like WiFi: a packet sniffing tool, e.g. wireshark/ethereal, which is available for almost every platform
• If you use a direct UART connection or something at a similar low level: a hardware logic analyzer
3. Reader Instructions

This list gives an overview of all the existing instructions that directly influence the reader itself. All commands that are connected to the transponder, can be found in the next chapter.

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<td>Reset</td>
<td>Resets the Reader</td>
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<tr>
<td>REV</td>
<td>Revision</td>
<td>Returns hardware and software version</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RSN</td>
<td>Read Serial Number</td>
<td>Returns the serial Number, format JJJJMMDDHHMMSS01</td>
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<tr>
<td>STB</td>
<td>Standby</td>
<td>Sends the reader into standby/sleep mode for power saving</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WAK</td>
<td>Wake Up</td>
<td>Ends standby/sleep mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RIP</td>
<td>Read Input Pin</td>
<td>Reads the state of an input pin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WOP</td>
<td>Write Output Pin</td>
<td>Writes the state of an output pin</td>
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<tr>
<td>CON</td>
<td>CRC on</td>
<td>Turns on CRC checking of computer / reader communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COF</td>
<td>CRC off</td>
<td>Turns off CRC checking of computer / reader communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EOF</td>
<td>End of Frame</td>
<td>Turns on the End of Frame Delimiter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOF</td>
<td>No End of Frame</td>
<td>Turns off the End of Frame Delimiter</td>
</tr>
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<td>SSK</td>
<td>Set Static Key</td>
<td>Saves up to 24 keys in the EEPROM of the reader</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STK</td>
<td>Set Temporary Key</td>
<td>Save one key in the readers master key buffer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SKU</td>
<td>Set Key to Use</td>
<td>Sets which key should be used to authenticate a tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VBL</td>
<td>Verbose Level</td>
<td>Use this to set different amounts of responses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SRF</td>
<td>Set RF Signal</td>
<td>Allows you to control the RF signal in more detail</td>
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Table 1: Overview of reader manipulation instructions

3.1. Reset (RST)

The reset command resets the reader. The Reset command has no parameters. After sending the RST command the HF power is turned off and the reader has to be initialized again.
3.2. Revision (REV)

The revision command requests the device type and hard- and software revision of the reader. The reader returns its device type and its hard- and software revision. Revision has no parameters and returns no error codes.

Instruction:

```
REV<CR>
```

Response, if successful:

```
PRODUCT_NAME<SPACE>HW_revision[4bytes]SW_revision[4bytes]<CR>
```

15 Bytes product name (filled with Spaces) + 4 bytes HW-Revision + 4 Bytes Software-Revision + <CR>

Possible Error Response:

```
UPA<CR>
```

Example for a response:

```
DESKID_ISO<5 Times Space>01000101<CR>
```

Interpretation: Product name: DESKID_ISO

- Hardware-Revision: 01.00
- Software-Revision: 01.01

3.3. Read Serial Number (RSN)

The RSN command gets the serial number of the Reader. It will be printed via Uart interface can be needed for support reasons and has the form JJJJMMDDHHMMSS01 (Date and Time stamp).
3.4. **Standby (STB)**

The standby command sets the reader in a power save mode. The RF power is turned off. This means that all tags that might be in the field will also be powered down. If successful it returns GN8 (“Good Night”). The reader will not accept any commands except reset (RST) until a Wake Up Command (WAK) is received. Standby has no parameters. Standby saves the antenna state. After wake it will be active or inactive like before. During Standby it is inactive anyway.

Instruction:

```
STB<CR>
```

Response, if successful:

```
GN8<CR>
```

Possible Error Response:

```
UPA<CR>
```

3.5. **Wake Up (WAK)**

The wake up command ends the power save mode. Reader will restore its last state prior to the standby. If successful it returns GMO (“Good Morning”). Wake up has no parameters.

Instruction:

```
WAK<CR>
```

Response, if successful:

```
GMO<CR>, DNS<CR> (if not in Standby-Mode)
```

Possible Error Response:

```
UPA<CR>
```

3.6. **Read Input Pin (RIP)**

This command is used to read the current state of an input pin. It takes one parameter, which is the two-digit, hex-coded, zero-based number of the input pin to be read. The possible parameter range is 00 to 01.

If successful, it returns either HI! or LOW depending on whether the input pin is high or low. Not supported by every reader (NOS error).

Instruction:

```
RIP<SPACE>Pin_No<CR>
```
3.7. Write Output Pin (WOP)

This command is used to set the state of an output pin either to high or to low. It takes two parameters. The first parameter is the two-digit, hex-coded, zero-based number of the output pin to be written to. The second parameter is either “HI” or “LOW” to set the according pin to high or low respectively. The possible parameter range is 00 to 03. Not supported by every reader (NOS error).

Instruction:

\[ \text{WOP} \text{ Pin}_\text{No} \text{ PIN}_\text{Setting}\text{CR} \]

e.g. Set pin 0 high: \[ \text{WOP} \text{00} \text{ HI}\text{CR} \]

e.g. Set pin 0 low: \[ \text{WOP} \text{00} \text{ LOW}\text{CR} \]

Response, if successful:

\[ \text{OK}\text{CR} \]

Possible Error Response:

\[ \text{NOR}, \text{ EHX}, \text{ UPA}, \text{ NOS}\text{CR} \]

3.8. Cyclic Redundancy Check On (CON)

This command turns on the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) of the computer-to-reader communication. This is used to detect transmission errors between the reader and the computer. In general this feature is not necessary except in scenarios where you have lots of noise on the communication bus (e.g. when using USB communication in the vicinity of electric motors) or you encounter any other problems with communication errors.

If this feature is activated (default is off), the reader firmware expects a CRC16 (4 hex numbers) between all commands to the reader and the respective <CR>. Between the command and the CRC there is a space character which is included in the CRC calculation. All answers from the reader will also be extended accordingly. The CRC used uses the 8408
polynomial, starting value is 0xFFFF. This command will work with or without the (optional) CRC.

If successful the command returns OK! plus the according CRC of "OK! ".

Appendix 1 shows a function in C/C++ to calculate the correct CRC16.

Instruction:

CON<CR>

or:

CON 819E<CR>, con 2EC5<CR>

Response, if successful:

OK! 9356<CR>

Possible Error Response:

UPA<CR>

3.9. Cyclic Redundancy Check Off (COF)

This command turns off the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) of the computer-to-reader communication. This is the default setting. This command will work with or without the (optional) CRC.

If successful it returns OK!.

Instruction:

COF<CR>, or COF 4F5E<CR>, or cof E005<CR>

Response, if successful:

OK!<CR>

Possible Error Response:

UPA<CR>

3.10. End of Frame Mode (EOF)

This command turns on the End of Frame Delimiter (EOF). This means that after every complete message (frame) the last CR will be followed by an additional line feed (LF, 0x0A). This allows the user to build simpler parsers since it is clear when no to expect any further message from the reader. The EOF returns on the end of any Instruction (<CR>) indifferent to actions done or answer and on any CNR mode answer. CNR INV itself gives no EOF answer of its own. It comes with the first Inventory. Please keep in mind: In case of a
watchdog reset you get a SRT errorcode after the reset. This SRT is without the EOF because of the reset!

If successful it returns OK!.  

Instruction:  

    EOF<CR>  

Response, if successful:  

    OK!<CR><LF>  

Possible Error Response:  

    UPA<CR>  

3.11. No End of Frame Mode (NOF)  
This command turns off the End of Frame Delimiter (NOF). Now all messages from the reader are only signaled by a CR at the end.  

Instruction:  

    NEF<CR>  

Response, if successful:  

    OK! (no <LF>)  

Possible Error Response:  

    UPA<CR>  

3.12. Save Static Key (SSK)  
The reader has a persistent memory which is able to save up to 24 keys for the MiFare Crypto1 unit. The static keys in the memory of the chip are not readable and are directly used by the Crypto1 unit of the reader. They will not be transmitted over the air interface.  

Note: The sector no. is zero based  

Instruction:  

    SSK<SPACE>[Loc]<SPACE>[Key]<CR>  

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Loc</td>
<td>Location where the key will be saved (0&lt;=Loc&lt;=23)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key</td>
<td>6 Bytes ASCII-String (12 chars), LSB first</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 2: Save Static Key parameter description

Response, if successful:

OK! <CR>

Examples:

Save the key 112233445566h in sector 0

SSK<SPACE>0<SPACE>112233445566<CR>

Save the key FFFFFFFFFFFFh in sector 23

SSK<SPACE>23<SPACE>FFFFFFFFFFFF<CR>

Possible Error Response:

UPA<CR> Unknown parameter
EDX<CR> Other characters than 0-9
EHX<CR> Key-Parameter is missing or other characters than 0-9 and A-F
WDL<CR> Key is not 6 bytes long
NOR<CR> Location given is higher than 23

3.13. Save Temporary Key (STK)

This command saves one key in the reader temporarily until a power down or a reset occurs. The only parameter is the Key to save, which is a 6 Byte ASCII String (12 Chars).

Instruction:

STK<SPACE>[Key]<CR>

Response, if successful:

OK! <CR>

Examples:

Save the key 112233445566h

STK<SPACE>112233445566<CR>

Possible error codes:
### 3.14. Set Key to Use (SKU)

The key which will be used to authenticate a MiFare chip resp. a block of a MiFare Chip, has to be selected with this command before using the standard authentication command (AUT). If the direct mode from the authentication command is used, this command is not necessary. The key can either be the temporary key or the static key.

**Instruction:**

```
SKU [Type] [Loc]
```

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<th>Parameter</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>The type of the key:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>TEMP chooses the temporary key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>STAT chooses one of the static keys by Loc</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Loc</td>
<td>Use this parameter only with STAT-Parameter! Specifies the zero based location of the static key. See SSK command.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

*Table 3: Set Key to Use parameter description*

**Response, if successful:**

```
OK!
```

**Examples:**

Use the temporary key

```
SKU TEMP
```

Use the static key in location 2

```
SKU STAT 2
```

**Possible error codes:**

- **UPA**: Unknown parameter
- **EDX**: Location parameter missing or other characters than 0-9 given
- **NOR**: Location given is higher than 23
3.15. **Verbose Level (VBL)**

Most metraTec modules send a lot of data to the host about different states, error responses or other data. While this is useful to understand exactly what the reader is doing, in some situations you only want a response from the reader when something important is happening. The VBL command gives you the possibility to set the amount of data coming from the reader to the level you need. In case VBL is used wrong (error occurs) the VBL is set to 1.

**Instruction:**

```
VBL [Mode in Decimal]<CR>
```

**Modes:**

- 0: Only send necessary data
- 1: Send all data (default)

**Possible error codes:**

- **UPA** Unknown parameter
- **EDX** Mode-Parameter is missing or other characters than 0-9 given

The following responses form the reader are suppressed in VBL Mode 0:

- **IVF XX**
- **SAK**
- **ATQA**

Error Codes will still be sent in VBL Mode 0!

3.16. **Set RF Signal (SRF)**

This allows to control the the RF signal of the reader. Possible use is for resetting a card not properly responding by switching off the RF field, controlling read range by setting the output power or reducing the current consumption by decreasing the RF power transmitted by the reader. Power cycling or a firmware reset will restore the default values (full output power and RF on).

**Instruction:**
SRF Parameter (Time)

Modes:

OFF: This switches the RF signal off. All cards in the field are reset. Current consumption goes down. Sending an INV command will turn the RF signal back on automatically. This is the state after start up.

ON: Turns the RF signal on manually.

TIM: Turns the RF signal off for the specified amount of time (in ms) and back on. This can be used to reset cards with one command. Maximal value is 200ms. No instruction can be used while waiting for restart.

ROP: Sets the RF signal to the reduce output power level (100mW). This can be used to reduce the current consumption of the reader. It also reduces the read range.

FOP: Sets the RF signal back to full output power (350mW). Increases current consumption and read range. This is the default state.

Response, if successful:

OK!

Possible error codes:

UPA Unknown parameter
NOR Number out of Range (Tim with more than 200 ms)
EDX Decimal error (TIM number with wrong format)
CRT CR Timeout. New Command while in TIM waiting state
4. General ISO 14443A Commands

This list gives an overview of the existing commands that can be used with any transponder that is based on ISO14443A, including all MiFare dialects. Any commands that are specific to a certain type of MiFare-Type can be found in the next chapter.

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<td>INV</td>
<td>Inventory</td>
<td>Returns all UIDs from tags in read range</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEL</td>
<td>Select tag</td>
<td>Selects a tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RDT</td>
<td>Read data</td>
<td>Get data from tag</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WDT</td>
<td>Write data</td>
<td>Write Data to a tag</td>
</tr>
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Table 4: Overview of general ISO 1443A commands

4.1. Inventory (INV)

This command returns all UIDs from ISO/IEC 14443-1 to 3 compatible transponder, which are in the read range of the reader. Only single and double UIDs are supported (all types of ISO14443A known today). The length of the response can either be 4 bytes (single) or 7 bytes (double). Triple UIDs will be supported as soon as there are tags with this kind of UID.

Instruction:

INV<CR>

Response, if successful:

The UIDs, separated by a carriage return:

UID1<CR>
UID2<CR>
...

The end is marked by the line:

IVF<SPACE>[Count]  (Count is the number of transponders found)

Example:

INV<CR>

Response:

C22E5732<CR>
328DA79C<CR>
Additional parameter: ONT (Only New Tags)

If you add the parameter ONT to the INV command only new tags will be reported.

Instruction:

```
INV SPACE ONT<CR>
```

Possible error codes:

```
UPA<CR> Unknown parameter
```

### 4.2. Select Tag (SEL)

Before you can exchange data with a MiFare chip, the transponder has to be activated (or „selected“ in the ISO14443 language). There are two different modes to select a card. Manual Transponder Select (MTS), which needs the UID of the transponder (normally via a previous INV command) or Automatic Transponder Select (ATS) which takes an UID saved by the last INV command. Only transponders with single or double UIDs are supported.

ATS and MTS mode return different informations!

Instruction:

```
SEL SPACE MTS<SPACE> [UID]<CR>
SEL SPACE ATS<SPACE> CYC<CR>
SEL SPACE ATS<CR>
```

Use the MTS mode to select a special card where the UID is known (usually by doing an INV before or because just one tag is used).

Use the ATS mode to fast select one tag or to cyclically select all tags. The tags need to be inventoried before.

The CYC parameter is obsolete. It gives no additional function compared to pure ATS. It is supported for compatibility reasons.

Examples:

Select automatically (ATS)

```
SEL SPACE ATS<CR>
```

Select a MiFare 1k Card (single UID)

```
SEL SPACE MTS SPACE AC410094<CR>
```
Select a MiFare Ultralight Card (double UID)

SEL<SPACE>MTS<SPACE> 047F77D18A0280<CR>

Response, if successful:

for ATS

[ATQA]<CR>  see Appendix for the ATQA codes of different chip versions

[SAK]<CR>  see Appendix for the SAK codes of different chip versions. SAK length is 1 byte for short UIDs (4Bytes) and 2 bytes for double length UID (7 bytes)

[UID]<CR>

for MTS

[SAK]<CR>  see Appendix for the SAK codes of different chip versions. SAK length is 1 byte for short UIDs (4Bytes) and 2 bytes for double length UID (7 bytes)

Response example:

0400<CR>

08<CR>

AC410094<CR>

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR>  Unknown parameter

TNR<CR>  Tag not responding

EHX<CR>  The string cannot be interpreted as a valid UID or includes non hex characters (only with MTS parameter)

NTI<CR>  No Tag Inventoried. Only with ATS. Last inventory found no tags (or no inventory at all after last reset)

4.3.   Read Data from Tag (RDT)

The read data command is used to retrieve the data stored in a transponder. Normally it returns 16 bytes. For compatibility to other ISO/IEC 14443-1 to 4 transponder than MiFare classic, it has a direct read mode, marked with the first parameter “DRT”. In this mode the second parameter is the custom command.

Additionally, this command supports the ability to read multiple blocks with one command, i.e. parameter “ALL” for all blocks of a sector, or “CNT” for a variable block count. If MiFare classic is used, the block has to be authenticated first (see the AUT command in the next
chapter). The ALL command returns all blocks from a sector. If MiFare 4K is used, parameter “All” is set and the authenticated block no. is higher than 127 it returns 16 blocks. For Custom-Read-Commands the length of a response is maximal 64 bytes.

The block no. is given decimal! The Data is coded hexadecimal!

Instruction:

Read single Block:

\[ \text{RDT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{[Block No.]}<CR> \]

Read all blocks:

\[ \text{RDT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{ALL}<CR> \]

Read variable number of blocks from block No.:

\[ \text{RDT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{CNT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{[Block No.]}<CR><SPACE><\text{No. of Blocks}><CR> \]

Direct Read:

\[ \text{RDT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{DRT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{[CMD]}<\text{SPACE}><\text{Block No.}><CR> \]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>Read-Start-Block, respectively Block to read (absolute), one decimal byte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No. of Blocks</td>
<td>Number of blocks to read beginning at Block No., one decimal byte</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALL</td>
<td>Read-all-parameter, marked that all blocks from sector should be read, only MiFare 1k and 4k</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CNT</td>
<td>Read-Count-parameter, marked that a variable number of blocks beginning at Block No. should be read</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRT</td>
<td>Direct-Read-Parameter, if a Transponder needs another command than 30h</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMD</td>
<td>Custom Read Command, one hexadecimal byte</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[ \text{Table 5: Read command parameter description} \]

Response, if successful:

Number of lines is equal to the number of read blocks. If “DRT” is not set each line is 16 Bytes (32 ASCII chars, hexadecimal) long.

i.e. for one read block:

\[ 00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF<CR> \]

Examples:

Read all Blocks from sector

\[ \text{RDT}\_\text{SPACE}\_\text{ALL}<CR> \]
Read block number 11d

`RDTSpace11CR`

Read 2 Blocks beginning at block 0

`RDTSpaceCNTSpace0Space2CR`

Read 14 Blocks beginning at block 129<CR>

`RDTSpaceCNTSpace129Space14CR`

Possible error codes:

- **UPA<CR>** Unknown parameter
- **EDX<CR>** A decimal parameter includes non decimal characters
- **BNA<CR>** or **BAE<CR>** Block not authenticated (any more)
- **NMA<CR>** No MiFare chip 1k or 4k authenticated (only ALL-Mode)
- **NOR<CR>** Number of blocks to Read is 0 or bigger than 16
- **TNR<CR>** Tag not responding. Most time chip was deselected after an error or while leaving the field. Use SEL (select) before reading again.

### 4.4. Write Data to Tag (WDT)

The write data command normally stores 16 bytes of data into a block (data or trailer block). For compatibility to other ISO/IEC 14443-1 to 4 transponder than MiFare classic, the command also has a direct write mode, marked with the first parameter “DRT”. The number of bytes will not be checked in this mode and it depends on the second parameter (Data).

To write to MiFare Ultralight cards (which only have four bytes per block) the first parameter becomes “W4”. This parameter writes 4 bytes to the card.

The selected block has to be writable for this command to work.

**ATTENTION**

If you write wrong data to the trailer block of a sector (the fourth block of every sector, e.g. block 3, 7, 11, etc.), the sector may become locked forever or be even unreadable afterwards. We recommend to use the STM command to change the information in the trailer blocks and don’t write data to it directly (although it is possible).

Instructions:

Write 16 Bytes:
WDT<SPACE>[Data]<SPACE>[Block No.]<CR>

Write 4 Bytes:

WDT<SPACE>W4<SPACE>[Data]<SPACE>[Block No.]<CR>

Write directly:

WDT<SPACE>DRT<SPACE>[CMD]<SPACE>[Data]<SPACE>[Block No.]<CR>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Data</td>
<td>Hexadecimal ASCII-String which represents the data. The length depends on whether “DRT” or “W4” is set. If W4 is set the length is 8 ASCII characters (4 bytes). If nothing is set, then it is 32 ASCII characters (16 bytes).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W4</td>
<td>Write 4 bytes (for MiFare Ultralight)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DRT</td>
<td>If set: the direct mode will be used</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CMD</td>
<td>Only with “DRT”, transponder specific write command (see datasheet)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>Absolute zero based block no. which should be written</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 6: Write command parameter description

Response, if successful:

OK!<CR>

Examples:

Write 16 bytes to block 18d

WDT<SPACE>00112233445566778899AABBCCDDEEFF<SPACE>18<CR>

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR> Unknown parameter
EHX<CR> The string cannot be interpreted as valid data or contains non hex characters
BAE<CR> or BNA<CR> Block not authenticated (any more)
NMA<CR> No MiFare chip 1k or 4k authenticated (only ALL-Mode)
WDL<CR> The hex string does not have the correct length (i.e. 16 bytes in normal mode)
TNR<CR> Tag not responding. Most time chip was deselected after an error or while leaving the field. Use SEL and AUT before writing again.
4.5. **Continuous Read (CNR)**

To allow the repeated / continuous execution of commands, the “CNR” prefix was implemented in the firmware. Only INV can be used with CNR by now. This is a very powerful mechanism for unassisted inventory operations where the reader is initialized at the beginning and then repeats the command over and over. When in CNR mode the reader does not accept any commands except RST (reset) and BRK (break).

**Instruction:**

```
CNR<SPACE>INV<SPACE>(ONT)<SPACE>(BAR)<CR>
```

**Example:** Read all tag IDs repeatedly until stopped

**Instruction:**

```
CNR<SPACE>INV<CR>
```

**Response** (exemplary, with two tags in the field):

```
078E3BB0<CR>
078E3BB7<CR>
IVF 02<CR>
078E3BB0<CR>
078E3BB7<CR>
IVF 02<CR>
078E3BB0<CR>
078E3BB7<CR>
IVF 02<CR>
...
```

**Optional Parameter:** ONT (Only New Tags)

Using this parameter, the reader will only report new tag ids to the host so you don’t have to filter for already known tags. As long as a card/transponder stays in the field (and is powered) it will not respond a second time.

**Optional Parameter:** BAR (Break At Read)
To automatically break with the first inventory run that finds at least one tag use the BAR parameter. This saves having to use BRK when after finding a tag.

Example: Wait silently for a tag to enter the field, report its ID and then stop. For this to be silent, VBL should be set to 0 (see Verbosity Level).

```
CNR INV BAR<CR>
```

Response when a tag enters the field like with normal inventory plus additional Break Acknowledge to confirm the continuous mode has been left.

```
078E3BB7<CR>
IVF 01<CR>
BRA<CR>
```

### 4.6. Break (BRK)

To end the continuous mode entered into by the “CNR” prefix, the break command can be sent. This will lead to the complete execution of the current command iteration and will then lead to a “BRA” (break acknowledged) response. The command needs no parameter and returns no error codes.

**Instruction:**

```
BRK<CR>
```

**Response:**

```
BRA<CR>
```

**Possible Error Response:**

```
UPA<CR>
```
5. MiFare Classic Commands

This section describes commands only to be used with MiFare Classic (1K or 4K) chips.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AUT</td>
<td>Authentication</td>
<td>Authenticates a sector by giving one absolute block</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GAB</td>
<td>Get Access Bits</td>
<td>Return the access bits from a selected block, or sector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STM</td>
<td>Sector Trailer</td>
<td>Set new access bits and/or keys</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Manipulation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VAL</td>
<td>Value Block</td>
<td>Interface to the MiFare value operations, like</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Operations</td>
<td>initialization, increment, decrement, restore</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 7: Overview of MiFare specific commands

5.1. Authentication (AUT)

In order to read or write data from or to MiFare classic chips, the respective memory block has to be previously authenticated with a key. The key can either be selected by using the SKU command (set key to use) or can be directly given as a parameter when using the direct (DRT) parameter (direct mode).

The MiFare card has to be selected before this command works. If the Direct Mode is not used, the SKU command has to be performed before.

The AUT command authenticates all the blocks in the sector you chose with Block No., i.e. authenticating Block 5 will authenticate Blocks 4 to 7 (the entire sector 1).

NOTE

The standard password for MiFare transponders is FF FF FF FF FF FF (six bytes).

Instruction:

\[
\text{AUT<SPACE>DRT<SPACE>[Key]<SPACE>{Type}<SPACE>[Block No.]}<CR>
\]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DRT</td>
<td>Parameter to mark the direct mode and the next parameter is the key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Key</td>
<td>The key to use, 6 Byte ASCII string (12 chars)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Type</td>
<td>Authenticate with key A or B (see …)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>Block which will be authenticate. Decimal Number.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 8: Overview of parameters of the AUT command
Response, if successful:

   OK!<CR>

Examples:

Direct authentication of block 8 (sector 2) with key type B and key 0xFFFFFFFFFFFF

   AUT<SPACE>DRT<SPACE>FFFFFFFF<SPACE>B<SPACE>8<CR>

Possible error codes:

   UPA<CR>      Unknown parameter
   BIH<CR>      Block no. is too high (i.e. bigger than 63 at MiFare 1k)
   ATE<CR>      Authentication Error (i.e. wrong key)
   NKS<CR>      No Key Select, select a temporary or a static key (use STK or SSK)
   CNS<CR>      Card is Not Selected
   TNR<CR>      Tag not responding. Most time chip was deselected after an error or
                 while leaving the field. Use SEL (select) before authenticating again.

5.2. Get Access Bit (GAB)

This function returns the access bits from MiFare 1K and 4K cards. The function is able to
return the access bits from one block, or all blocks from an authenticated sector. The access
bits must be readable for this command.

If MiFare 4K is used and the authenticated block no. is higher than 127, the first three lines
represent the first 15 Blocks (each line 5 blocks) and the fourth line the trailer.

Instruction:

   GAB<SPACE>[Block No.]<CR>

Response, if successful:

State of C1, C2 and C3

   C1<SPACE>C2<SPACE>C3<CR>

Examples:

Block 5 is authenticated and only the access bits from block 5 are required

   GAB<SPACE>5<CR>

Response:

   0 0 1<CR>          (this equals block mode 4, the standard mode)
Block 13 (sector 3) is authenticated and all blocks of this sector should be returned

GAB<SPACE>ALL<CR>

Response:

0 1 0<CR>  (Block 12 in Block Mode 2)
0 0 1<CR>  (Block 13 in Block Mode 4)
0 1 1<CR>  (Block 14 in Block Mode 5)
1 1 0<CR>  (Block 15 in Access-Mode 3)

Block 145 (sector 33) is authenticated and all blocks of this sector should be read

GAB<SPACE>ALL<CR>

Response:

0 1 0<CR>  (Block 144-148 in Block Mode 2)
0 0 1<CR>  (Block 149-153 in Block Mode 4)
0 1 1<CR>  (Block 154-159 in Block Mode 5)
1 1 0<CR>  (Block 160 in Access-Mode 3)

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR>  Unknown parameter
NMA<CR>  No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated
BAE<CR> or BNA<CR>  Block not authenticated (any more)
TNR<CR>  Tag not responding (Tag is no longer in read range)
EDX<CR>  A decimal parameter cannot be interpreted as a decimal value

5.3. Sector Trailer Manipulation (STM)

This function simplifies the usage of the MiFare classic access conditions and key writing. With this command you can change the access bits and don’t have to write to the trailer blocks directly which should reduce errors resulting in destroyed transponders. As described in the Appendix, the sector trailer contains information about keys, block-mode and Access-Modes. Use this command to set these access bits and/or keys.

There are different ways to manipulate data in the sector trailer by using these modes:
• Set key and Access Bits (SKA)
• Set Keys Only (SKO)
• Direct over write-data command (only advanced user! Included for upward compatibility to new MiFare Standards, e.g. MiFare+)

5.3.1. Set Key and Access Bits (SKA)

Use this mode to set both the access keys and the access bits of a specific sector. To change this information, both the access bits and keys have to be writable and the sector authenticated with the correct key. The access bits will be automatically written to the correct bits of the trailer of the given block no.

The meaning of the access bits given by the parameters C1, C2 and C3 depend on the given block no. parameter:

- If the block no. is a sector trailer block the access bits C1, C2, C3 are interpreted as bits for access mode.
- If the block no. is not the sector trailer but a data block the access bits C1, C2, C3 are interpreted as bits for block mode.

After using this command a re-authentication will be necessary

Instruction:

STM SKA [Block No] [C1] [C2] [C3] [KeyA] [KeyB] <CR>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>The data block to modify, in decimal notation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C1, C2, C3</td>
<td>BCD-Coded Mode, 0 or 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyA</td>
<td>MiFare authentication key A; 6 Bytes hexadecimal coded ASCII-string (12 chars)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyB</td>
<td>MiFare authentication key B; 6 Bytes hexadecimal coded ASCII-string (12 chars)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 9: SKA mode parameter description

Response, if successful:

OK! <CR>

Examples:
Write Key A (665544332211), Key B (112233445566) and block mode 3 (1 1 0) for block 2

STM<SPACE>SKA<SPACE>2<SPACE>1<SPACE>1<SPACE>0<SPACE>6655443322<SPACE>
112233445566<CR>

Write Key A (000000000000), Key B (FFFFFFFFFFFF) and access mode 3 (1 0 1) for block 3

STM<SPACE>SKA<SPACE>2<SPACE>1<SPACE>0<SPACE>1<SPACE>000000000000<SPACE>
FFFFFFFFFFFF <CR>

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR> Unknown parameter
BAE<CR> or BNA<CR> Block not authenticated
BNC<CR> Parameter C1, C2 or C3 missing
AKW<CR> Access bits or Keys not Writable
UKB<CR> Use Key B for authentication (in Access-Mode 5 and 6)
UKA<CR> Use Key A for authentication (in Access-Mode 0 and 4)
TNR<CR> Tag not responding (Tag is no longer in read range)
NMA<CR> No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated

5.3.2. Set Key Only (SKO)

Use this command to change only the key of a specific sector. The sector trailer has to be in Access-Mode 6, 1 (authenticated with key B) or 4, 0 (authenticated with key A) for this command to work.

Instruction:

STM<SPACE>SKO<SPACE>[Block No.]<SPACE>[KeyA]<SPACE>[KeyB]<CR>

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>The data block to modify, in decimal notation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyA</td>
<td>MiFare authentication key A; 6 Bytes hexadecimal coded ASCII-string (16 chars)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KeyB</td>
<td>MiFare authentication key B; 6 Bytes hexadecimal coded ASCII-string (16 chars)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 10: SKO mode parameter description

Response, if successful:

    OK! <CR>

Examples:

Sector 5 which contains block 20 get the keys 112233445566 (key A) and 665544332211 (key B)

    STM SP SKO SP 20 SP 112233445566 SP 665544332211 CR

Possible error codes:

- **UPA**<CR> Unknown parameter
- **BAE**<CR> An unauthenticated block is chosen
- **KNC**<CR> Keys not changeable
- **UKA**<CR> Use Key A for authentication
- **UKB**<CR> Use Key B for authentication
- **BNR**<CR> Block not readable, i.e. wrong key, see Block –and Access Mode
- **BNA**<CR> Block not authenticated, Block No. is not in authenticated sector
- **NMA**<CR> No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated

5.4. Value block Operation (VAL)

This command is used to use the integrated MiFare valueblock operations. A value block is able to save a signed 4 byte value and one address byte (i.e. own block address). The value is saved LSB first, i.e. 00000035h written as parameter looks like 35000000h. The value can be manipulated by four different ways (always depending on access bits). It is usually used to store information on credit values for e-payment or e-ticketing situations.

There are five different modes for this command:

- Initialization – the first step to use the next operations (sets a initial value/address)
- Increment - adds a value (given as parameter) to the value present in a chosen block (inputblock) and writes the result to the outputblock. (Mode 3)
- Decrement - subtracts a value (given as parameter) to the value present in a chosen block (inputblock) and writes the result to the outputblock. (Mode 3, 4)
- Direct Write - writes 4 value bytes and one address byte direct to the Block (Mode 3)
- Restore - Writes the Date from the outputblock to the inputblock. (Mode 3, 4)

5.4.1. Initialization of a value block (INIT)

In order to use the Increment, Decrement and Restore function, the data block has to be configured as a value block (Block Mode 3) or in transport configuration (Block Mode 0). This function initializes the MiFare data block to the correct format. In this way an initial value and an initial address has to be given (see Backup Configuration in chapter ... for details of the address). If the initialization is done, the block mode can changed to 4 via the STM command. The block has to be writeable, in block mode 0 or 3. When authenticated with key B and key B is readable, the block is not read/writable.

Instruction:

```
VAL [Space] INIT [Space] [Value] [Space] [Block No.] [Space] [Address] <CR>
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Value</td>
<td>Signed and always positive 4 byte, hexadecimal Value</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Block No.</td>
<td>The data block to modify, in decimal, i.e. for MiFare 1k 0..63, for MiFare 4k 0..255</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Address</td>
<td>Initial address, one decimal byte. Optional</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 11: Init mode parameter description

Response, if successful:

```
OK! <CR>
```

Examples:

The Block Mode is set to mode 3 by another way. The initial value should be 2000h. The block to configure is block number 4.

```
VAL INIT 00002000 04 <CR>
```

The Access bits are changeable and the block number 5 should become a value block with write and increment rights. The initial value should be 2020h.

```
VAL INIT SAB WI 00002020 05 <CR>
```

Now the block becomes Mode 4. The value is only a dummy.

```
VAL INIT SAB 00202000 05 <CR>
```

Possible error codes:

```
UPA <CR>  Unknown Parameter
```
NMA<CR>  No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated
WDL<CR>  Initial value is not 6 bytes long
EDX<CR>  In/Output block or value missing, or other character than ‘0’ to ‘9’
EHX<CR>  The initial value is missing, or other characters the 0.. 9 and A .. F
KBR<CR>  Key B is readable
BNW<CR>  Block-Not-Writable: authenticated with key A, but not in block mode 0
BME<CR>  Block Mode Error, not 0 or 3 (not writeable with value block function)
NDB<CR>  The chosen Block is no Data Block
BAE<CR>  or  BNA<CR>  Block not authenticated (any more)
TNR<CR>  Tag not responding

5.4.2. Increment (INC) and Decrement (Dec)

As described at begin of this chapter, this function adds or decrements a value to a value present in the inputblock. Finally the result of this operation will be saved in the outputblock.

Conditions:

- Data block has to be configured to Block Mode 0 or 3 for increment
- Data block has to be configured to Block Mode 0, 3 or 4 for decrement
- Outputblock and inputblock have to be in the same sector

If input/output blocks are different blocks, use the restore command, else the increment/decrement function works only one time (the results are always the same)

Instruction:


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MOD</td>
<td>Selected either increment (INC) or decrement (DEC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VALUE</td>
<td>unsigned hexadecimal value (summand/subtrahend)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inputblock</td>
<td>1 decimal Byte, i.e. 0 to 63 for Mifare 1k, or 0 to 255 for Mifare 4k, but not trailer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Outputblock 1 decimal Byte, i.e. 0 to 63 for Mifare 1k, or 0 to 255 for Mifare 4k, but not trailer

Table 12: INC and DEC mode parameter description

Response, if successful:

[VALUE]<CR> 4 bytes long result of the operation

Examples:

Increment the value from block 32d by 10d and write the result to block 32d

VAL SPACE INC SPACE 10 SPACE 32 SPACE 32<CR>

Decrement the value from block 32d by 10d and write the result to block 32d

VAL SPACE DEC SPACE 10 SPACE 32 SPACE 32<CR>

Increment the value from block 32d by 20d and write the result to block 33d

VAL SPACE INC SPACE 20 SPACE 32 SPACE 33<CR>

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR> Unknown Parameter
TNR<CR> Tag no response, i.e. value block not incrementable
EDX<CR> In/Output block or value missing, or other character than ‘0’ to ‘9’
NDB<CR> The chosen block is no data block but a trailer
NMA<CR> No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated
ONE<CR> Operation not Executed, Result smaller/bigger than ±2,147,483,647
VNI<CR> The Value block is not in the right format, use INIT comman

5.4.3. Restore

This command is used for powerful backups. If the input –and outputblock are not the same, this command restores the result written in the outputblock to the inputblock. The outputblock has to be in the correct value block format for this command to work. The outputblock remains unchanged by this operation.

Restore works like copying Outputblock to Inputblock!

Instruction:
VAL<SPACE>REST<SPACE>[Outputblock]<SPACE>[Inputblock]<CR>

Response, if successful:

OK!<CR>

Examples:

The result of an operation is saved in block 29d and should restore to 28d

VAL<SPACE>REST<SPACE>29<SPACE>28

Possible error codes:

UPA<CR> Unknown Parameter
TNR<CR> Tag no response, i.e. value block not incrementable
EDX<CR> In/Output block or value missing, or other character than ’0’ to ’9’
NDB<CR> The chosen block is no data block but a trailer
NMA<CR> No MiFare 1k or 4k chip authenticated
BNA<CR> In- or Outputblock is not authenticated
VNI<CR> The Value block is not in the right format, use INIT command first
6. Appendix

Appendix 1: CRC Calculation

// this function calculates a CRC16 over a unsigned char Array with, LSB first
// @Param1 (DataBuf): An Array, which contains the Data for Calculation
// @Param2 (SizeOfDataBuf): length of the Data Buffer (DataBuf)
// @Param3 (Polynom): Value of the Generatorpolynom, 0x8408 is recommended
// @Param4 (Initial_Value): load value for CRC16, 0xFFFF is recommended for
// host to reader communication
// return: calculated CRC16

unsigned short GetCrc( unsigned char *DataBuf,
                        unsigned char SizeOfDataBuf,
                        unsigned short Polynom,
                        unsigned short Initial_Value)
{
    unsigned short Crc16;
    unsigned char Byte_Counter, Bit_Counter;
    Crc16 = Initial_Value;
    for (Byte_Counter=0; Byte_Counter < SizeOfDataBuf; Byte_Counter++)
    {
        Crc16^=DataBuf[Byte_Counter];
        for (Bit_Counter=0; Bit_Counter<8; j++)
        {
            if (( Crc16 & 0x0001) == 0) Crc16>>=1;
            else Crc16=(Crc16>>1)^Polynom;
        }
    }
    return (Crc16);
}

Appendix 2: Error Codes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Error Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EDX</td>
<td>Error Decimal value Expected, or is missing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EHX</td>
<td>Error Hexadecimal value Expected, or is missing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IOS</td>
<td>Input and Outputblock are not in the same Sector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TNR</td>
<td>Tag Not Responding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UPA</td>
<td>Unknown Parameter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NMA</td>
<td>No MiFare classic chip Authenticated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WDL</td>
<td>Wrong Data Length</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NDB</td>
<td>No Data Block</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KBR</td>
<td>Key B is Readable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ONE</td>
<td>Operation Not Executed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BME</td>
<td>Block Mode Error, not 0 or 3 (not writeable with value block function)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Code</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BNW</td>
<td>Block Not Writable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BAE</td>
<td>Block Access Error</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BNA</td>
<td>Block Not Authenticated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AKW</td>
<td>Access bits or Keys not Writable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UKB</td>
<td>Use Key B for authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UKA</td>
<td>Use Key A for authentication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KNC</td>
<td>Key(s) not changeable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BIH</td>
<td>Block Is too high (i.e. bigger than 63 at MiFare 1k)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ATE</td>
<td>Authentication Error (i.e. wrong key)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NKS</td>
<td>No Key Select, select a temporary or a static key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CNS</td>
<td>Card is Not Selected</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NB0</td>
<td>Number of Blocks to Read is 0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NTI</td>
<td>No Tag Inventoried</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TMD</td>
<td>Too Many Data (i.e. Uart input buffer overflow)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Table 13: Overview of error codes*

**Appendix 3: General Information on MiFare Systems**

Since MiFare transponders have several specialties esp. with regard to the access system used, this paragraph is meant to give a quick overview of these topics. For more information please refer to the respective datasheets of the MiFare transponders you are using. You can get these directly from NXP after signing an NDA via their website.

**Memory Organisation**

The memory of MiFare classic chips is organized in sectors composed of several numbers of data blocks and one trailer. MiFare 1K chips contain 16 sectors of 3 data blocks and one (the fourth) trailer (Table 14). For the lower 32 sector of MiFare 4K chips the same applies. The higher 8 sectors are composed of 15 data blocks and one (the 16th) trailer block (Table 15). All blocks are read-/writable only if the corresponding sector was successfully authenticated.

The Trailer Block:

The trailer contains two secret keys (A and B) to authenticate the corresponding sector and information about access rights (the access bits). The trailer block is always the last block of a sector. This means that each sector can have its own keys for giving write or read access.

Data blocks:
The data blocks contain 16 read-/writable bytes except block 0 in sector 0, which is a read-only manufacturer block. All other blocks can be configured as normal read/write blocks or as value blocks.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sector</th>
<th>Block</th>
<th>Absolute Block Nr</th>
<th>Funktion</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>Sector Trailer (Key A, access bits, Key B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Sector Trailer (Key A, access bits, Key B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 14: Memory organization of the MiFare 1k chip (16 sectors à 4 blocks à 16 bytes (Sector 0 in Block 0 is the manufacturer block))

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sector</th>
<th>Block</th>
<th>Funktion</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>32 to 39</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Sector Trailer (Key A, Access, Key B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32 to 39</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32 to 39</td>
<td></td>
<td>...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>32 to 39</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 to 31</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Sector Trailer (Key A, Access, Key B)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 to 31</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 to 31</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0 to 31</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 15: Memory organization of the MiFare 4k chip (Sector 0 to 31: 4 blocks à 16 bytes (Sector 0 in Block 0 is the manufacture block); Sector 31 to 39: 16 blocks à 16 bytes)

At authentication and all read/write processes the zero base absolute block number must given. This is calculated with following equation:

for MiFare 1k or 4k and absolute block Nr < 128: Block Nr = Sector*4 + Block in Sector

for MiFare 4k and absolute block Nr > 128: Block Nr = Sector*16 + 128 + Block in Sector
where Block No. is the absolute zero based block number (0..63 for MiFare 1k, or 0..255 for MiFare 4k) and Block in Sector is the position of the block in the sector (0..3 for MiFare 1k & 4k (<128), or 0..15 MiFare 4k (>128))

**Access Rights**

All MiFare Cards have a fine grained access rights system. Each sector can be secured using two different keys (Key A and Key B). Using access bits, you can give read or write access to one or both of the keys for each block. You can use Key A in your customer application which is only able to read the data, but use Key B in your internal application to initialize the cards with full write access.

To identify the access rights for a sector there are three bits, called access bits C1, C2 and C3. With these three bits eight different modes are possible with these access bits. C1 is the LSB.

Example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>C1</th>
<th>C2</th>
<th>C3</th>
<th>Mode</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

There are four access rights per sector (one for each three data blocks and one trailer block), so each block at MiFare 1k and the lower 32 blocks at MiFare 4k has its own three access bits. At the higher 8 sectors of MiFare 4k five blocks shares one mode.

So depending on whether you set the access bits of a data block or of a trailer block (the fourth block of each sector) these bits change their meaning.

When writing the access bits of a data block you can define the following things for this block (this setting is called „block mode“).

- Is the data block readable/writeable and by which key (Key A or Key B or both)
- Is it a value block or a read/write block
- Is the block locked (not read/writable)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Read</th>
<th>Write</th>
<th>Increment</th>
<th>Decrement, Restore</th>
<th>C1 C2 C3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table 16: Access Bit meaning in „Block-mode”

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Access Condition</th>
<th>Access Bits</th>
<th>Key A</th>
<th>Key B</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Read/write Block</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Value Block</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Read/write Block</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Read/write Block</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
<td>NEV</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table 17: Access-Modes (NEV = Never)

Example:

Access-Mode 4: This is the transport configuration (delivery state). In this mode the access bits can only be read or written when using key A for authentication. The same applies to Key B. Key A can only be written.

Appendix 5: Overview of Tag Properties

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tag-type</th>
<th>UID Length</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mifare 1k</td>
<td>4 Bytes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mifare 4k</td>
<td>4 Bytes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
7. Version Control

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Version</th>
<th>Change</th>
<th>by</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>created</td>
<td>KD</td>
<td>11.03.2009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>BAR command added</td>
<td>KD</td>
<td>10.07.2009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.2</td>
<td>SRF command added</td>
<td>KD</td>
<td>16.12.2009</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.3</td>
<td>EOF/NEF added</td>
<td>KD</td>
<td>28.01.2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>CNR Mode only with INV</td>
<td>MK</td>
<td>24.03.2010</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>RSN command added</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>