



SPRINGCARD PC/SC READERS

APDU interpreter and vendor-specific commands

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. ABSTRACT

PC/SC is the de-facto standard to interface Personal Computers with Smart Cards (and smartcard readers of course). **SpringCard PC/SC Readers** comply with this standard. This makes those products usable on most operating systems, using an high-level and standardized API.

Most of the time, developers will only use the *SCardTransmit* function to communicate with the card, seeing no difference whatever the card technology (ISO 7816-3 contact smartcard or ISO 14443-4 contactless smartcard), and whatever the reader.

Anyway, in some specific situations, PC/SC standard functions are not enough to cover the whole functional field. This happens typically :

- When working with “false” smartcards, i.e. with memory cards or even micro-processor based cards not following the ISO 7816-4 standard (APDU formalism),
- When needing to perform actions onto the reader itself, and not onto the card (driving LEDs or buzzer, getting reader’s serial number, and so on).

This document is the reference manual, for both usages.

1.2. SUPPORTED PRODUCTS

At the date of writing, this document refers to all SpringCard PC/SC Readers having an USB interface:

- **CSB6 family**, starting with firmware 1.47: CSB6, Prox’N’Roll PC/SC, CrazyWriter, EasyFinger, TagPad,
- **CSB-HSP family**, starting with firmware 1.60: H632 module, CSB-HSP, CrazyWriter-HSP.

Please review the datasheet of the product for accurate specification and a detailed list of features.

1.3. AUDIENCE

This manual is designed for use by application developers. It assumes that the reader has expert knowledge of computer development.

1.4. SUPPORT AND UPDATES

Interesting related materials (product datasheets, application notes, sample software, HOWTOs and FAQs...) are available at SpringCard's web site :

www.springcard.com

Updated versions of this document and others will be posted on this web site as soon as they are made available.

For technical support enquiries, please refer to SpringCard support page, on the web at address www.springcard.com/support .

1.5. USEFUL LINKS

- Microsoft's PC/SC reference documentation is included in most Visual Studio help system, and available online at <http://msdn.microsoft.com> . Enter "winscard" or "SCardTransmit" keywords in the search box.
- MUSCLE PCSC-Lite project : <http://www.musclecard.com> (direct link to PC/SC stack : <http://pcsc-lite.alioth.debian.org>)
- PC/SC workgroup : <http://www.pcscworkgroup.com>

1.6. HARDWARE VERSION WARNING

Note that most products in the CSB6 Family have been manufactured in two different hardware groups:

- Hardware having the "RC531 chipset" supports contactless cards that are compliant (*more or less*) with the ISO 14443 standard (Mifare, Desfire, ICAO passports and others travel documents, Calypso or equivalent cards for public transport, payment cards...),
- Hardware having the "RC632 chipset" adds support for vicinity cards and RFID tags, that are compliant with the ISO 15693 standard (ICODE, TagIT, ...).

Nowadays, all manufactured products are (unless specified) equipped with "NXP RC632" chipset. Be aware when upgrading an old product that changing the firmware is not enough to add ISO 15693 support.

2. EMBEDDED APDU INTERPRETER

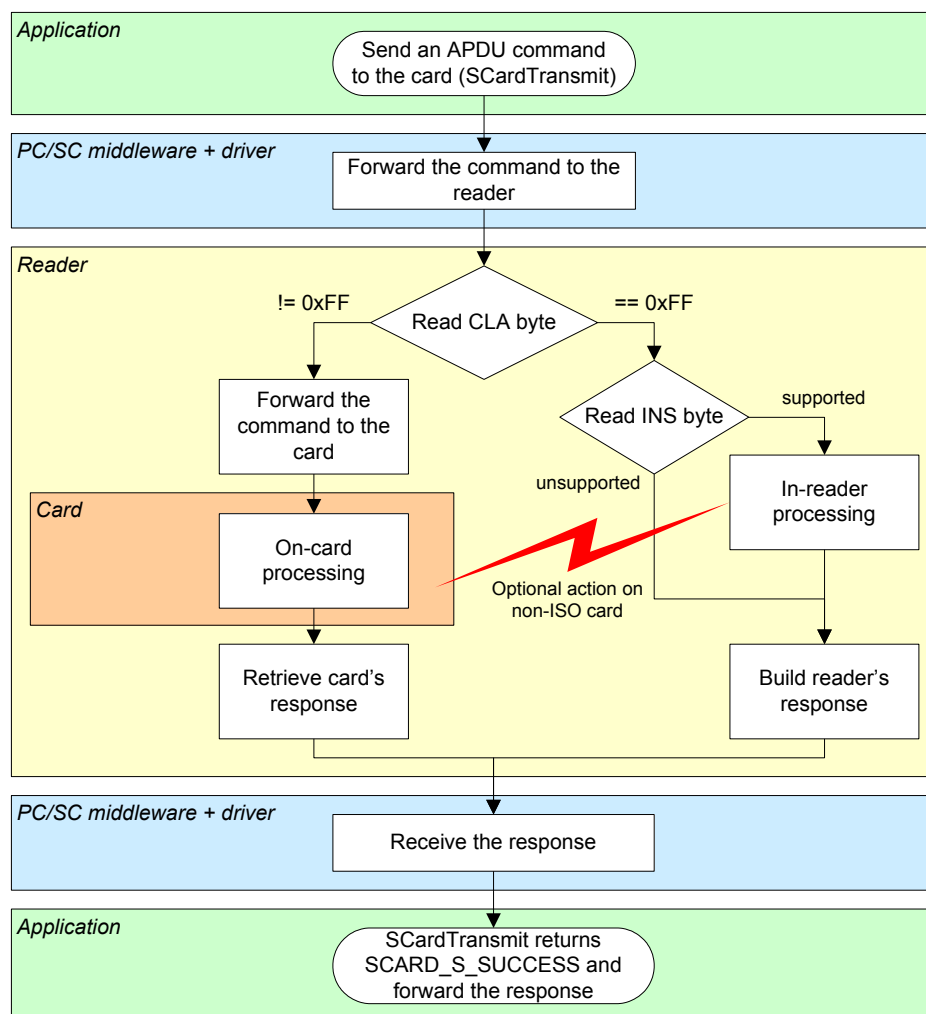
2.1. BASIS

In PC/SC architecture, the **SCardTransmit** function implements the dialog between an application and a card, through a “passive” reader. The reader only transmit frames in both directions, without any specific processing.

This simple scheme is not suitable for all kind of cards :

- **SCardTransmit** requires that the frames follow the ISO 7816-4 APDU rules (CLA, INS, P1, P2, and so on), and not every smartcard use this formalism
- **SCardTransmit** is designed to exchange commands with a smartcard, but commonly used cards (especially in the contactless world) are memory cards, and not smartcards. This means that specific card functions (read, write, ...) must be implemented by the reader itself.

For both reasons, **SpringCard PC/SC Readers** feature an embedded **APDU interpreter**, which overcomes some limitations of the PC/SC architecture when working with non-standard smartcards or with memory cards.



2.1.1. CLA byte of the embedded APDU interpreter

Default class is hFF . This means that every APDU starting with $\text{CLA} = \text{hFF}$ will be interpreted by the reader, and not forwarded by the card.

a. Changing the CLA byte of the embedded APDU interpreter

The CLA byte of the embedded APDU interpreter is stored in register hB2 of reader's non volatile memory (see § 3.5.3).

Note : in the following paragraphs, documentation of the APDUs is written with $\text{CLA} = \text{hFF}$. Change this to match your own CLA if necessary.

b. Disabling the embedded APDU interpreter

Define CLA byte = h00 (register $\text{hB2} = \text{h00}$, see § 3.5.3) to disable the embedded APDU interpreter.

2.1.2. Status words returned by the embedded APDU interpreter

SW1	SW2	Meaning
h90	h00	Success
h67	h00	Wrong length (Lc incoherent with Data In)
h68	h00	CLA byte is not correct
h6A	h81	Function not supported (INS byte is not correct), or not available for the selected card
h6B	h00	Wrong parameter P1-P2
h6F	h01	Card mute (or removed)

Some functions provided by the embedded APDU interpreter may return specific status words. This behaviour is documented within the paragraph dedicated to each function.

2.1.3. Summary of embedded APDU interpreter command list

Command	INS	Contactless	Contact
LOAD KEY	h82	✓	
GENERAL AUTHENTICATE	h86	✓	
READ BINARY	hB0	✓	
GET DATA	hCA	✓	✓
UPDATE BINARY	hD6	✓	
READER CONTROL	hF0	✓	✓
RC CONTROL	hF1	✓	
GEMCORE CONTROL	hF1		✓
MIFARE CLASSIC READ	hF3	✓	
MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE	hF4	✓	
SET DATA	hFA	✓	
SLOT CONTROL	hFB	✓	
RFU (CALYPSO)	hFC		
TEST	hFD	✓	✓
ENCAPSULATE	hFE	✓	✓

2.2. COMMANDS AVAILABLE ON ALL SLOTS

Those commands allow interacting with the reader within a card connection (using *SCardTransmit*). This is of course only possible when a card has been activated (*SCardConnect*).

If you need to interact with the reader even when there's no card inserted, please refer to chapter 3.

2.2.1. READER CONTROL instruction

The **READER CONTROL** instruction allows driving the global behavior of the **SpringCard PC/SC Reader** (LEDs, buzzer, etc depending on product physical characteristics).

For advanced operation, use *SCardControl* instead (see chapter 3).



If your reader is multi-slot (contactless, contact, SAM...), the READER CONTROL instruction is sent to one slot (a logical reader) but may have a global impact to the whole physical reader.

In other words, sending a READER CONTROL instruction in one card connection may have an impact on another card.

It is highly recommended to use a synchronisation object (mutex, critical section, ...) to prevent any concurrent access to the same physical reader when the READER CONTROL instruction is called.

READER CONTROL command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hF0	h00	h00	See below	See below	See below

a. Driving reader's LEDs

For a reader with only red and green LEDs, send the APDU :

```
FF F0 00 00 03 1E <red> <green>
```

For a reader with red, green and yellow / blue LEDs, send the APDU :

```
FF F0 00 00 04 1E <red> <green> <yellow/blue>
```

Choose values for red, green and yellow/blue in this table :

h00	LED is switched OFF
h01	LED is switched ON
h02	LED blinks slowly
h03	LED is driven automatically by reader's firmware (<i>default behaviour</i>)
h04	LED blinks quickly
h05	LED performs the "heart-beat" sequence

b. Driving reader's buzzer

Some hardware feature a single tone beeper. To start the buzzer, send the APDU :

```
FF F0 00 00 03 1C <duration MSB> <duration LSB>
```

Where duration specifies the length of the tone, in milliseconds (max is 60000ms).

Set duration to 0 if you need to stop the buzzer before the duration started in a previous call.

c. Others

The data block in the READER CONTROL command is forwarded "as is" to the reader control interpreter, as documented in chapter 3.

Therefore, every command documented in § 3.4 and starting with code $_{h58}$ may be transmitted in the *SCardTransmit* link using the READER CONTROL command, exactly as if it were transmitted in a *SCardControl* link.

Once again, do not use this feature unless you know exactly what you are doing.

2.2.2. ENCAPSULATE instruction

The **ENCAPSULATE** instruction has been designed to help the applications access to cards that don't comply with ISO 7816-4¹.

ENCAPSULATE command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hFE	See below	See below	XX	XX ... XX	XX

Data In is the frame to be sent to the card.

a. Contactless slot

ENCAPSULATE command parameter P1 for the contactless slot

Firmware ≥ 1.51

P1	Standard communication protocols
h00	Send the frame in the T=CL stream, using the ISO 14443-4 protocol ² . Data In shall not include PCB nor CRC fields

Firmware ≥ 1.53

h01	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 14443-3 A protocol. The standard parity bits are added (and checked in return) by the reader. The standard CRC is added (and checked in return) by the reader.
h02	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 14443-3 B protocol. The standard CRC is added (and checked in return) by the reader.
h04	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 15693 protocol ³ . The standard CRC is added (and checked in return) by the reader.
h05	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 15693 protocol. The UID of the card is added to the frame. The standard CRC is added (and checked in return) by the reader.

.../...

¹ ISO 7816-4 –and PC/SC as an extension– assumes that every command sent to the card use the APDU format, and therefore the PC/SC layer will prevent the application from sending a proprietary frame that doesn't follow this rule.

² For instance a legacy Desfire frame, that doesn't obey to ISO 7816-4 rules (see note 1).

³ The 2-low order bits in first byte of the frame are always overwritten by the reader according to its communication parameters: one subcarrier, fast baudrate VICC to VCD.

Firmware ≥ 1.53

P1	Non-standard communication
h09	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 14443-3 A modulation. The standard parity bits are added (and checked in return) by the reader, but the CRC is <u>not</u> added (and not checked) by the reader → the application must append the CRC to Data In and check it in Data Out.
h0A	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 14443-3 B modulation. The CRC is <u>not</u> added (and not checked) by the reader → the application must append the CRC to Data In and check it in Data Out.
h0C	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 15693 modulation. The CRC is <u>not</u> added (and not checked) by the reader → the application must append the CRC to Data In and check it in Data Out.
P1	Mifare low level communication ⁴
h0F	Send the frame "as is" using the ISO 14443-3 A modulation. The CRC is <u>not</u> added (and not checked) by the reader → the application must append the CRC to Data In and check it in Data Out. The parity bits are <u>not</u> added (and not checked) by the reader → the application must provide a valid stream, including the parity bits). The last byte is complete (8 bits will be sent)
h1F	Same as h0F, but only 1 bit of the last byte will be sent
h2F	Same as h0F, but only 2 bits of the last byte will be sent
h3F	Same as h0F, but only 3 bits of the last byte will be sent
h4F	Same as h0F, but only 4 bits of the last byte will be sent
h5F	Same as h0F, but only 5 bits of the last byte will be sent
h6F	Same as h0F, but only 6 bits of the last byte will be sent
h7F	Same as h0F, but only 7 bits of the last byte will be sent

.../...

⁴ The above values allow an application to transmit "ciphered" Mifare frames (the CRYPTO1 stream cipher makes a non-standard use of the parity bits and CRC). The number of valid bits in the last byte of card's answer will be reported in SW2.

Firmware ≥ 1.54

P1	Redirection to another slot ⁵
h80	Redirection to the main contact slot (if present)
h81	Redirection to the 1 st SIM/SAM slot (if present)
h82	Redirection to the 2 nd SIM/SAM slot (if present)
h83	Redirection to the 3 rd SIM/SAM slot (if present)
h84	Redirection to the 4 th SIM/SAM slot (if present)

ENCAPSULATE command parameter P2 for the contactless slot

P2 encodes the frame timeout.

P2	
h-0	If P1 = h00, use default T=CL timeout defined by the card If P1 ≠ h00, this value shall not be used
h-1	Timeout = 106 ETU ≈ 1ms
h-2	Timeout = 212 ETU ≈ 2ms
h-3	Timeout = 424 ETU ≈ 4ms
h-4	Timeout = 848 ETU ≈ 8ms
h-5	Timeout = 1696 ETU ≈ 16ms
h-6	Timeout = 3392 ETU ≈ 32ms
h-7	Timeout = 6784 ETU ≈ 65ms
h-8	Timeout = 13568 ETU ≈ 0,125s
h-9	Timeout = 27136 ETU ≈ 0,250s
h-A	Timeout = 54272 ETU ≈ 0,500s
h-B	Timeout = 108544 ETU ≈ 1s
h-C	Timeout = 217088 ETU ≈ 2s
h-D	Timeout = 434176 ETU ≈ 4s
h0-	Set status word = h6F XX, XX being the contactless specific error
h8-	Set status word = h63 00 on any contactless specific error

b. Contact slots

ENCAPSULATE command parameter P1 for the contact slots

P1	
h00	Send the frame in the T=0 or T=1 stream Other values are RFU

ENCAPSULATE command parameter P2 for the contact slot

P2	
h00	Other values are RFU

⁵ Those values allow an application to transmit APDUs to a SAM or an auxiliary card through the PC/SC handle of the main card.

ENCAPSULATE response

Data Out	SW1	SW2
XX ... XX	See below	

Data Out is the frame returned by the card.

- If Data In did include the CRC field (as indicated by P1), then Data Out also includes the CRC field (and CRC is not verified by the reader).
- If Data In did not include the CRC field, then CRC is verified by the reader and not provided in Data Out.

ENCAPSULATE status word

SW1	SW2	Meaning
h90	h00	Success - last byte of Data Out has 8 valid bits
h90	h01	Success - last byte of Data Out has 1 valid bits
h90	h02	Success - last byte of Data Out has 2 valid bits
h90	h03	Success - last byte of Data Out has 3 valid bits
h90	h04	Success - last byte of Data Out has 4 valid bits
h90	h05	Success - last byte of Data Out has 5 valid bits
h90	h06	Success - last byte of Data Out has 6 valid bits
h90	h07	Success - last byte of Data Out has 7 valid bits
h6F	XX	Error reported by the contactless interface (only allowed if high-order bit of P2 is 0). See chapter 6 for the list of possible values and their meaning.
h63	h00	Error reported by the contactless interface (when high-order bit of P2 is 1).
h62	h82	Le is greater than actual response from card
h6C	XX	Le is shorter than actual response from card

2.2.3. TEST instruction

The **TEST** instruction has been designed to test the driver and/or the applications, with arbitrary length of data (in and out).

TEST command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hFD	See below	See below	XX	XX ... XX	XX

TEST command parameters

Parameter P1 specifies the length of Data Out the application wants to receive from the reader :

- h00 : empty Data Out, only SW returned
- hFF : 255 bytes of data + SW
- All values between h00 and hFF are allowed

6 low-order bits of P2 specify the delay between command and response.

- h00 : no delay, response comes immediately
- h3F : 63 seconds between command and response
- All values between 0 and 63 are allowed

2 high-order bits of P2 are RFU and must be set to 0.

TEST response

Data Out	SW1	SW2
XX ... XX	See below	

Content of Data Out is not specified, and may contain either "random" or fixed data, depending on the reader implementation and current status.

TEST status word

When 2 high-order bits of P2 are 0, the embedded APDU interpreter analyzes the format of the APDU, and return appropriate status word. On the other hand, if at least one of those bits is 1, status word is fixed whatever the APDU format.

SW1	SW2	Meaning
h90	h00	Success, APDU correctly formatted
h67	h00	APDU is badly formatted (total length incoherent with Lc value)
h6A	h82	Le is greater than data length specified in P1
h6C	P1	Le is shorter than data length specified in P1

2.3. COMMANDS AVAILABLE ONLY ON CONTACTLESS SLOT

2.3.1. GET DATA instruction

The **GET DATA** instruction retrieves information regarding the inserted card. It can be used with any kind of contactless cards, but the returned content will vary with the type of card actually in the slot.

GET DATA command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hCA	See below	See below	-	-	h00

GET DATA command parameters

P1	P2	Action	Fw
h00	h00	Card's serial number - ISO 14443-A : UID (4, 7 or 11 bytes) - ISO 14443-B : PUPI (4 bytes) - ISO 15693 : UID (8 bytes) - Innovatron : DIV (4 bytes) - others : see chapter 5 for details	≥ 1.51
h01	h00	- ISO 14443-A : historical bytes from the ATS - ISO 14443-B : INF field in ATTRIB response - others : see chapter 5 for details	≥ 1.51
hF0	h00	Card's complete identifier : - ISO 14443-A : ATQ (2 bytes) + SAK (1 byte) + UID - ISO 14443-B : full REQB response (11 bytes) - Innovatron : REPGEN - others : see chapter 5 for details	≥ 1.52
hF1	h00	Card's type, according to PC/SC part 3 supplemental document : PIX.SS (standard, 1 byte) + PIX.NN (card name, 2 bytes) See chapter 5.1 for details	≥ 1.52
hF2	h00	Card's short serial number - ISO 14443-A : UID truncated to 4 bytes, in "classical" order - others : same as P1,P2=h00,h00	≥ 1.52
hFA	h00	Card's ATR	≥ 1.53
hFF	h00	Product's serial number (4-byte UID of the NXP RC chipset)	≥ 1.52
hFF	h01	Hardware identifier of the NXP RC chipset (5 bytes)	≥ 1.55
hFF	h81	Vendor name in ASCII ("SpringCard")	≥ 1.55
hFF	h82	Product name in ASCII	≥ 1.55
hFF	h83	Product serial number in ASCII	≥ 1.55
hFF	h84	Product USB identifier (VID/PID) in ASCII	≥ 1.55
hFF	h85	Product version ("x.xx") in ASCII	≥ 1.55

GET DATA response

Data Out	SW1	SW2
XX ... XX	See below	

GET DATA status word

SW1	SW2	Meaning
$h90$	$h00$	Success
$h62$	$h82$	End of data reached before Le bytes (Le is greater than data length)
$h6C$	XX	Wrong length (Le is shorter than data length, XX in SW2 gives the correct value)

2.3.2. LOAD KEY instruction

The **LOAD KEY** instruction loads a Mifare access key in reader's memory.

LOAD KEY command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	h82	Key location	Key index	h06	Key value (6 bytes)	-

LOAD KEY command parameter P1 (key location)

P1	
h00	The key is to be loaded in reader's volatile memory
h20	The key is to be loaded in reader's non-volatile memory (secured E2PROM of RC chipset)

LOAD KEY command parameter P2 (key index)

When P1 = h00, P2 is the identifier of the key into reader's volatile memory. This memory can store 4 "A" keys, and 4 "B" keys.

P2	Type of key	Index of key
h00	A	0
...	(...)	(...)
h03	A	3
h10	B	0
...	(...)	(...)
h13	B	3

When P1 = h20, P2 is the identifier of the key into RC chipset secured E2PROM. This memory can store 16 "A" keys, and 16 "B" keys.

P2	Type of key	Index of key
h00	A	0
...	(...)	(...)
h0F	A	15
h10	B	0
...	(...)	(...)
h1F	B	15

LOAD KEY response

SW1	SW2
See below	

LOAD KEY status word

SW1	SW2	Will return in Data Out
h90	h00	Success
h69	h86	Volatile memory is not available
h69	h87	Non-volatile memory is not available
h69	h88	Key number is not valid
h69	h89	Key length is not valid

2.3.3. GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction

The **GENERAL AUTHENTICATE** instruction performs Mifare authentication explicitly. Application provides the number of the key used for the Mifare authentication. The specified key must be already in the reader.

When working with a Mifare classic card, the application must be authenticated on a sector before being able to read or write its content.

One must always call GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction (with the right sector's key) before calling READ BINARY or UPDATE BINARY instructions (on the same sector).

GENERAL AUTHENTICATE command APDU

CLA	INS ⁶	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	h88	h00	h00	h05	See below	-

GENERAL AUTHENTICATE Data In bytes

Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4
h01	h00	Block number	Key location or Key type	Key index

- Block number (byte 2) is the address on the card, where we try to be authenticated (*note : this is not the sector's number, but the block's*).

SpringCard specific:

- Key location (byte 3) is the same as P1 parameter used in the LOAD KEY command (h00 or h20).
- Key index (byte 4) is the same as P2 parameter used in the LOAD KEY command.

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Firmware ≥ 1.52

- Key type (byte 3) must be set to h60 for authentication using a Mifare 'A' key, or to h61 for authentication using a Mifare 'B' key.
- Key index (byte 4) is defined as follow:

.../...

⁶ In versions prior to 1.54, the General Authenticate INS was erroneously set to h86, where h88 is the value mandated both by ISO 7816-4 and by PC/SC standard. New versions accept both INS values, but with earlier versions INS=h86 shall be used.

Key index	If Key Type = $h60$ ('A')	If Key Type = $h61$ ('B')
$h00$	key A, index 0 in RAM	key B, index 0 in RAM
...	(...)	(...)
$h03$	key A, index 3 in RAM	key B, index 3 in RAM
$h20$	key A, index 0 in EEPROM	key B, index 0 in EEPROM
...	(...)	(...)
$h2F$	key A, index 15 in EEPROM	key B, index 15 in EEPROM

GENERAL AUTHENTICATE response

SW1	SW2
See below	

GENERAL AUTHENTICATE status word

SW1	SW2	Meaning
$h90$	$h00$	Success
$h69$	$h82$	Authentication failed
$h69$	$h86$	Key type is not valid
$h69$	$h88$	Key number is not valid

2.3.4. READ BINARY instruction

The **READ BINARY** instruction retrieves data from a (supported) contactless memory card. Refer to chapter 5 for details.

When working with a Mifare Classic card, the application must be authenticated on a sector before being able to read or write its content.

One must always call GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction (with the right sector's key) before calling READ BINARY or UPDATE BINARY instructions (on the same sector).

Tip : when working with a Mifare Classic card, using the MIFARE CLASSIC READ instruction (§ 2.3.5) is easier and may shorten the transaction time.

READ BINARY command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hB0	Address MSB	Address LSB	-	-	XX

P1 and P2 shall be interpreted as an 'address' in a structured file and not as an 'offset' in a linear memory. The understanding of the 'address' either as a page number, a block number, a byte number, or whatever, is up to the card.

Both the allowed range for Address and the value for Le also depend on the type of card (anyhow, Le = h00 should work with any card provided that Address is valid).

Chapter 5 summarizes the typical values for most commonly used cards. Always refer to the card's datasheet as published by the card's manufacturer for accurate information.

READ BINARY response

Data Out	SW1	SW2
XX ... XX	See below	

READ BINARY status word

SW1	SW2	Will return in Data Out
h90	h00	Success
h62	h82	End of data reached before Le bytes (Le is greater than data length)
h69	h81	Command incompatible
h69	h82	Security status not satisfied
h6A	h82	Wrong address (no such block or no such offset in the card)
h6C	XX	Wrong length (Le is shorter than data length, XX in SW2 gives the correct value)

2.3.5. MIFARE CLASSIC READ instruction

The **MIFARE CLASSIC READ** instruction retrieves data from a Mifare Classic (e.g. standard 1k or 4k, or Mifare Plus in level 1) contactless card.

The difference with READ BINARY lies in the authentication scheme :

- With the READ BINARY instruction, authentication must be performed before, using the GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction,
- With the MIFARE CLASSIC READ instruction, the authentication is performed automatically by the reader, trying every keys one after the other, until one succeed.

This "automatic" authentication makes MIFARE CLASSIC READ instruction an interesting helper to read Mifare data easily.

As a consequence, it may be slower than an explicit GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction followed by a READ BINARY instruction.

a. MIFARE CLASSIC READ using reader's keys

In this mode, the application does not specify anything. The reader tries every key he knows (both permanent keys in E2PROM and temporary keys previously loaded in volatile memory) until one succeed.

As the reader has to try all the keys, the ordering of the keys in reader's memory is also very important to reduce this side-effect (the upper the correct key is in the list, the faster the transaction is done).

The reader tries all "A" keys at first, and only after, it tries all the "B" keys.

This behaviour has been chosen because in 95% of Mifare application, the "A" key is the preferred key for reading (where the "B" key is used for writing).

To get optimal performance, it is recommended to put the correct "A" key in reader's memory, even if reading is also possible with one of the "B" keys.

MIFARE CLASSIC READ command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hF3	h00	Block Number	-	-	XX

Refer to the READ BINARY command (§ 2.3.4) for response and status words.

b. MIFARE CLASSIC READ with specified key

In this mode, the application provides the key to the reader.

The reader tries the supplied key first with an "A" authentication, and only after, it tries is with a "B" authentication.

Optimal performance is reached when the provided key is actually the "A" key of the sector.

MIFARE CLASSIC READ command APDU, with specified key

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hF3	h00	Block Number	h06	Key value (6 bytes)	XX

Refer to the READ BINARY command (§ 2.3.4) for response and status words.

2.3.6. UPDATE BINARY instruction

The **UPDATE BINARY** instruction writes data into a (supported) contactless card. Refer to chapter 5 for details.

When working with a Mifare classic card, the application must be authenticated on a sector before being able to read or write its content.

One must always call GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction (with the right sector's key) before calling READ BINARY or UPDATE BINARY instructions (on the same sector).

UPDATE BINARY command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hD6	Address MSB	Address LSB	XX	Data	-

The allowed values for Address and Lc vary with the card type. The chapter 5 summarizes the typical values for most commonly used cards. Always refer to the card's datasheet as published by the card's manufacturer for accurate information.



Pay attention that most cards have specific areas ("one time programming", "fuses", "security blocks", "sector trailers" ...) that may be written only once, and/or that must be written carefully because only specific values are allowed (and setting an invalid value may lock the card).

UPDATE BINARY response

SW1	SW2
See below	

UPDATE BINARY status word

SW1	SW2	Will return in Data Out
h90	h00	Success
h69	h82	Security status not satisfied
h6A	h82	Wrong address (no such block or no such offset in the card)
h6A	h84	Wrong length (trying to write too much data at once)

2.3.7. MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE instruction

The **MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE** command writes data into a Mifare Classic (e.g. standard 1k or 4k, or Mifare Plus in level 1) contactless card.

The difference with UPDATE BINARY lies in the authentication scheme :

- With the UPDATE BINARY instruction, authentication must be performed before, using the GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction,
- With the MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE instruction, the authentication is performed automatically by the reader, trying every keys one after the other, until one succeed.

This "automatic" authentication makes MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE instruction an interesting helper to write Mifare data easily.

As a consequence, it may be slower than an explicit GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction followed by a WRITE BINARY instruction.



Writing sector trailers (security blocks) is possible as long as the sector's current access conditions allow it, but Mifare sector trailers must follow a specific formatting rule ("mash-up" of the access conditions bits) to be valid.

Writing a badly formatted security block means making the sector permanently unusable (writing a key you don't remember would have the same impact).

Please read card's documentation carefully before writing into those blocks.

a. MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE using reader's keys

In this mode, the application does not specify anything. The reader tries every key he knows (both permanent keys in E2PROM and temporary keys previously loaded in volatile memory) until one succeed.

As the reader has to try all the keys, the order of the keys in reader's memory is also very important to reduce this side-effect (the upper the correct key is in the list, the faster the transaction is done).

The reader tries all "B" keys at first, and only after, it tries all the "A" keys.

This behaviour has been chosen because in 95% of Mifare application, the "B" key is the preferred key for writing (where the "A" key is used for reading).

To get optimal performance, it is recommended to put the correct "B" key in reader's memory, even if writing is also possible with one of the "A" keys⁷.

⁷ Mifare Classic cards issued by NXP are delivered in "transport configuration", with no "B" key and an "A" key allowed for both reading and writing. This "transport configuration" gives poorest writing performance ; card issuer must start the card personalisation process by enabling a "B" key for writing.

MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hF4	h00	Block Number	xx	XX ... XX	-

Lc must be a multiple of 16.

Refer to the WRITE BINARY command (§ 2.3.6) for response and status words.

b. MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE with specified key

In this mode, the application provides the key to the reader.

The reader tries the supplied key first with a "B" authentication, and only after, it tries is with an "A" authentication.

Optimal performance is reached when the provided key is actually the "B" key of the sector.

MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE command APDU, with specified key

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hF4	h00	Block Number	xx	See below	-

MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE command APDU Data In bytes when key is specified

Bytes 0 to Lc-7	Bytes Lc-6 to Lc-1
Data to be written (multiple of 16 bytes)	Key value (6 bytes)

$Lc = 6 + 16 \times (\text{number of blocks to be written})$.

Refer to the WRITE BINARY command (§ 2.3.6) for response and status words.

2.3.8. SLOT CONTROL instruction

The **SLOT CONTROL** instruction allows to pause and resume the card tracking mechanism of the contactless slot.

This is useful because card tracking implies sending commands to the card periodically (and watch-out its answer). Such monitoring commands may have unwanted side-effects, such as breaking the atomicity between a pair of commands. Switching the card tracking mechanism OFF during the transaction with solve this problem.

SLOT CONTROL command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hFB	See below	See below	-	-	-

SLOT CONTROL command parameters

P1	P2	Action	Fw
h00	h00	Resume the card tracking mechanism	≥ 1.52
h01	h00	Suspend the card tracking mechanism	≥ 1.52
h10	h00	Stop the RF field	≥ 1.52
h10	h01	Start the RF field	≥ 1.52
h10	h02	Reset the RF field (10ms pause)	≥ 1.52
h20	h00	T=CL de-activation (DESELECT ⁸)	≥ 1.53
h20	h01	T=CL activation of ISO 14443-A card (RATS)	≥ 1.53
h20	h02	T=CL activation of ISO 14443-B card (Attrib)	≥ 1.53
h20	h04	Disable the next T=CL activation	≥ 1.55
h20	h05	Disable every T=CL activation (until reset of the reader)	≥ 1.55
h20	h06	Enable T=CL activation again	≥ 1.55
h20	h07	Perform a RF field reset after next DISCONNECT and disable the next T=CL activation ⁹	≥ 1.55
hDE	hAD	Stop the slot NOTE: a stopped slot is not available to <i>SCardConnect</i> anymore. It may be restarted only through an <i>SCardControl</i> command.	≥ 1.52

SLOT CONTROL response

Data Out	SW1	SW2
-	See below	

SLOT CONTROL status word

SW1	SW2	Meaning
h90	h00	Success

⁸ Or DISC for Innovatron cards. This makes it possible to operate ISO 14443-4 compliant cards at ISO 14443-3 level. No CARD INSERTED event is triggered, so the ATR of the card stays unchanged.

⁹ Upon DISCONNECT, the CARD REMOVED event fires, then the CARD INSERTED event. A new ATR is computed, and reflects that the card runs at ISO 14443-3 level.

2.4. COMMANDS AVAILABLE ONLY ON CONTACT SLOTS

2.4.1. CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM specific instruction

This command is only available on devices having the Calypso option enabled.

The **CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM** instruction activates internal shortcuts to speed-up Calypso transactions.

CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM command APDU

CLA	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
hFF	hFC	See below	See below	h00	-	-

CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM command parameters

P1	P2	Will return in Data Out
h04	h00	Configure Calypso SAM for 9600 bps communication
h04	h01	Configure Calypso SAM for 115200 bps communication
h08	h00	Disable Calypso internal DigestUpdate mode
h08	h01	Enable Calypso internal DigestUpdate mode When this mode is enabled, every APDU exchanged on the other slots is forwarded to the SAM within 2 Calypso DigestUpdate commands.

CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM response

SW1	SW2
See below	

CONFIGURE CALYPSO SAM status word

SW1	SW2	Meaning
h90	h00	Success
h6B	h00	Wrong value for P1
h6F	hE7	SAM didn't answer with 9000 (maybe this is not a Calypso SAM !)
h6F	XX	Error code returned by the Gemcore

3. DIRECT CONTROL OF THE READER

3.1. BASIS

In PC/SC architecture, the **SCardControl** function implements the dialog between an application and the reader, even when there's no card in the slot.

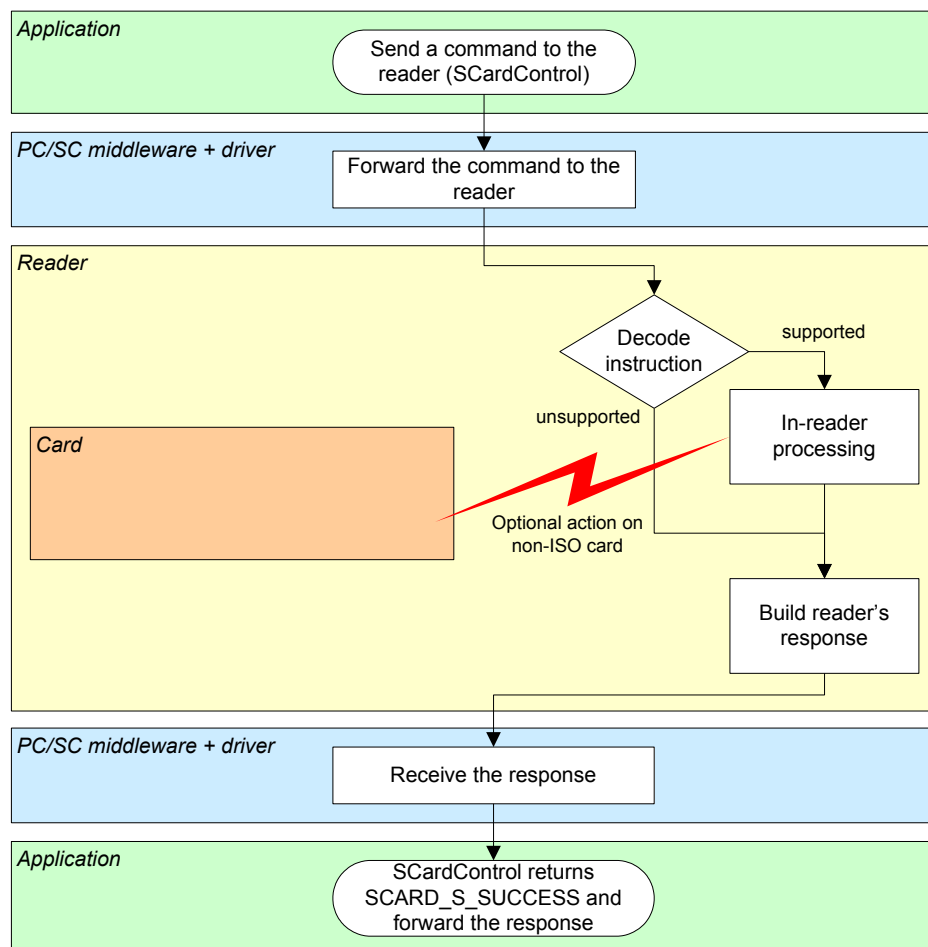
Access to the reader must be gained using **SCardConnect**, specifying SCARD_SHARE_DIRECT as reader sharing mode.



If your reader is multi-slot (contactless, contact, SAM...), calling **SCardConnect** with the SCARD_SHARE_DIRECT flag set gives the caller an exclusive and direct access to one slot only (a logical reader).

It doesn't prevent another application (or thread) to access the same physical reader, through another slot.

It is highly recommended to use a system-wide synchronisation object (mutex, critical section, ...) to prevent any access to the same physical reader while one thread has taken direct access privilege.



3.2. CONFIGURING THE DRIVER TO ALLOW DIRECT CONTROL

Being compliant with the CCID specification, **SpringCard PC/SC Readers** are supported by (at least) 5 USB drivers:

- SpringCard CCID driver for Windows (ref. **SDD480**),
- Microsoft CCID kernel-mode driver (**USBCCID**) coming with Windows 2000/XP/Vista,
- Microsoft CCID user-mode driver (**WUDFUsbccidDriver**) coming with Windows 7,
- The open-source CCID driver from the **PCSC-Lite** package on Linux, MacOS X, and other UNIX operating systems.

3.2.1. Direct control using SpringCard SDD480

Direct control is always enabled in **SpringCard SDD480 driver**.

With this driver, in SCardControl function call, parameter dwControlCode shall be set to **SCARD_CTL_CODE(2048)**.

SCARD_CTL_CODE is a macro defined in header winscard.h from Windows SDK. For non-C/C++ languages, replace SCARD_CTL_CODE(2048) by constant value **h00241FE4** (d3219456).

3.2.2. Direct control using MS USBCCID

With **MS USBCCID** driver, direct control of the reader must be enabled on a per-reader basis : each reader has its own USB serial number, and the direct control has to be explicitly enabled for this serial number.

This is done by writing a value in registry, either using **regedit** or custom software. See or instance the command line tool **ms_ccid_escape_enable**, available with its source code in **SpringCard PC/SC SDK**.

The target key in registry is

```

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
  SYSTEM
    CurrentControlSet
      Enum
        USB
          VID_1C34&PID_xxxx
            yyyyyyyy
              Device Parameters
  
```

Where xxxx is the reader's Product IDentifier (for instance, 7141 for Prox'N'Roll, 7113 for CrazyWriter, etc) and yyyyyyyy its serial number.

Under this registry key, create the registry entry **EscapeCommandEnabled**, of type **DWORD**, and set it to value **1**. Once the value has been written, unplug

and plug the reader again (or restart the computer) so the driver will restart, taking the new parameter into account.

With this driver, in SCardControl function call, parameter dwControlCode shall be set to **SCARD_CTL_CODE(3050)**.

SCARD_CTL_CODE is a macro defined in header winscard.h from Windows SDK. For non-C/C++ languages, replace SCARD_CTL_CODE(3500) by constant value **h004074F8** (**d3225264**).

3.2.3. Direct control using MS WUDFUsbccidDriver

With **MS WUDFUsbccidDriver** (new user-mode driver introduced in Windows 7), direct control of the reader must also be enabled on a per-reader basis : each reader has its own USB serial number, and the direct control has to be explicitly enabled for this serial number.

This is done by writing a value in registry, either using **regedit** or custom software. See or instance the command line tool **ms_ccid_escape_enable**, available with its source code in **SpringCard PC/SC SDK**.

The target key in registry is

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
  SYSTEM
    CurrentControlSet
      Enum
        USB
          VID_1C34&PID_XXXX
            YYYYYYYY
              Device Parameters
                WUDFUsbccidDriver
```

Where xxxx is the reader's Product IDentifier (for instance, 7141 for Prox'N'Roll, 7113 for CrazyWriter, etc) and yyyyyyyy its serial number.

Under this registry key, create the registry entry **EscapeCommandEnabled**, of type **DWORD**, and set it to value **1**. Once the value has been written, unplug and plug the reader again (or restart the computer) so the driver will restart, taking the new parameter into account.

With this driver, in SCardControl function call, parameter dwControlCode shall be set to **SCARD_CTL_CODE(3050)**.

SCARD_CTL_CODE is a macro defined in header winscard.h from Windows SDK. For non-C/C++ languages, replace SCARD_CTL_CODE(3500) by constant value **h004074F8** (_d3225264).

3.2.4. Direct control using PCSC-Lite CCID

To be written.

3.3. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

3.3.1. Sample code

```
#include <winscard.h>

// dwControlCode for SpringCard SDD480 driver
#define IOCTL_SC_PCSC_ESCAPE SCARD_CTL_CODE(2048)
// dwControlCode for Microsoft CCID drivers
#define IOCTL_MS_PCSC_ESCAPE SCARD_CTL_CODE(3050)

// This function is a wrapper around SCardControl
// It creates its own PC/SC context for convenience, but you
// may remain into a previously open context

// Note: Use SCardListReaders to get reader_name

LONG reader_control(const char *reader_name,
                   const BYTE in_buffer[],
                   DWORD in_length,
                   BYTE out_buffer[],
                   DWORD max_out_length,
                   DWORD *got_out_length)
{
    SCARDCONTEXT hContext;
    SCARDHANDLE hCard;

    LONG rc;
    DWORD dwProtocol;

    rc = SCardEstablishContext(SCARD_SCOPE_SYSTEM,
                              NULL,
                              NULL,
                              &hContext);

    if (rc != SCARD_S_SUCCESS)
        return rc;

    // get a direct connection to the reader
    // this must succeed even when there's no card

    rc = SCardConnect(hContext,
                     reader_name,
                     SCARD_SHARE_DIRECT,
                     0,
                     &hCard,
                     &dwProtocol);

    if (rc != SCARD_S_SUCCESS)
    {
        SCardReleaseContext(hContext);
        return rc;
    }

    // direct control through SCardControl
    // dwControlCode for SpringCard SDD480 driver

    rc = SCardControl(hCard,
                     IOCTL_SC_PCSC_ESCAPE,
                     in_buffer,
                     in_length,
                     out_buffer,
                     max_out_length,
                     got_out_length);
}
```



```

if ((rc == ERROR_INVALID_FUNCTION)
    || (rc == ERROR_NOT_SUPPORTED)
    || (rc == RPC_X_BAD_STUB_DATA))
{
    // direct control through SCardControl
    // dwControlCode for Microsoft CCID drivers

    rc = SCardControl(hCard,
                      IOCTL_MS_PCSC_ESCAPE,
                      in_buffer,
                      in_length,
                      out_buffer,
                      max_out_length,
                      got_out_length);
}

// close the connection
// the dwDisposition parameter is coherent with the fact
// that we didn't do anything with the card (or that there's
// no card in the reader)

SCardDisconnect(hCard, SCARD_LEAVE_CARD);
SCardReleaseContext(hContext);

return rc;
}

```

3.3.2. Link to K531/K632/SpringProx/CSB legacy protocol

Sending an escape sequence through *SCardControl* (with appropriate value for *dwControlCode*) is exactly the same as sending a "legacy command" to a SpringCard reader running in **legacy** mode.

The detailed reference of all the command supported by our reader is available in CSB4 and/or K531/K632 development kits. The paragraphs below depict only a subset of the whole function list, but the functions listed here are the most useful in the PC/SC context.

3.3.3. Format of response, return codes

When dialog with the reader has been performed successfully, *SCardControl* returns `SCARD_S_SUCCESS`, and at least one byte is returned in `out_buffer` (at position 0).

The value of this byte is the actual status code of the reader : `h00` on success, a non-zero value upon error. The complete list of reader's error codes is given in chapter 6.

When there's some data available, the data is returned at position 1 in `out_buffer`.

3.3.4. Redirection to the Embedded APDU Interpreter

SCardControl buffers starting by `hFF` (CLA byte of the Embedded APDU Interpreter) as processed as if they were received in a *SCardTransmit* stream.

3.4. LIST OF AVAILABLE CONTROL SEQUENCES

3.4.1. Human interface related sequences

a. Driving reader's LEDs

For a reader with only red and green LEDs, send the sequence :

```
58 1E <red> <green>
```

For a reader with red, green and yellow / blue LEDs, send the sequence :

```
58 1E <red> <green> <yellow/blue>
```

Choose values for red, green and yellow/blue in this table :

h00	LED is switched OFF
h01	LED is switched ON
h02	LED blinks slowly
h03	LED is driven automatically by reader's firmware (<i>default behaviour</i>)
h04	LED blinks quickly
h05	LED performs the "heart-beat" sequence

b. Driving reader's buzzer

Some hardware feature a single tone beeper. To start the buzzer, send the sequence :

```
58 1C <duration MSB> <duration LSB>
```

Where duration specifies the length of the tone, in milliseconds (max is 60000ms).

Set duration to 0 if you need to stop the buzzer before the duration started in a previous call.

To control buzzer's behaviour when a card is detected, see 3.4.4.b

3.4.2. Obtaining information on reader and slot

The sequences below are useful to retrieve textual information such as product name, slot name, etc. The numerical information (such as version, serial number) are returned as hexadecimal strings.

Remember that the returned value (if some) is prefixed by the status code ($_{h}00$ on success).

a. Reader "product-wide" information

Sequence	Will return...
58 20 01	Vendor name ("SpringCard")
58 20 02	Product name
58 20 03	Product serial number
58 20 04	USB vendor ID and product ID
58 20 05	Product version
58 20 10	NXP MfRCxxx product code
58 20 11	Gemalto GemCore product name and version

b. Slot related information

Sequence	Will return...
58 21	Name of the current slot
58 21 00	Name of slot 0
58 21 01	Name of slot 1
58 21 NN	Name of slot N

Slot naming obey to the following rule :

- The contactless slot is named "Contactless",
- The contact smartcard slot (when present) is named "Contact",
- The external SIM/SAM slot (when present) is named "SIM/SAM (Main)",
- The two internal SIM/SAM slots (when present) are named "SIM/SAM (Aux A)" and "SIM/SAM (Aux B)".



Sending the $_{h}58$ $_{h}21$ escape sequence is the only non-equivoque way of determining whose physical slot a PC/SC reader instance is attached to.

3.4.3. Stopping / starting a slot

When a slot is stopped, the reader

1. powers down the smartcard in the slot (if some),
2. disable the slot¹⁰,
3. send the "card removed" event if there was a card in the slot.

When a slot is started again, the reader

1. enable the slot¹¹,
2. try to power up the smartcard in the slot (if some),
3. if a card has been found, send the "card inserted" event.

a. Stopping a slot

Sequence	Will return...
58 22	Stop current slot
58 22 00	Stop slot 0
58 22 01	Stop slot 1
58 22 NN	Stop slot N

b. Starting a slot

Sequence	Will return...
58 23	Start current slot
58 23 00	Start slot 0
58 23 01	Start slot 1
58 23 NN	Start slot N

¹⁰ On contactless slot, the antenna RF field is switched OFF

¹¹ On contactless slot, the antenna RF field is switched ON

3.4.4. Accessing reader's non-volatile memory (configuration registers)

Most **SpringCard PC/SC Readers** feature a non-volatile memory to store configuration registers.

See next paragraph for the list of these registers, and their allowed values.

a. Reading reader's registers

To read the value of the configuration register at <index>, send the sequence :

```
58 0E <index>
```

Remember that the returned value (if some) is prefixed by the status code (`h00` on success, `h16` if the value is not defined in the non-volatile memory).

b. Writing reader's registers

To define the value of the configuration register at <index>, send the sequence :

```
58 0D <index> <...data...>
```

Send an empty <data> (zero-length) to erase the current value.



The non-volatile memory has a limited write/erase endurance.

Writing any configuration register more than 100 times may permanently damage your product.

3.5. CONFIGURATION REGISTERS

3.5.1. Card lookup list

Firmware ≥ 1.52

This register defines the list of protocols activated by the reader. Any contactless card compliant with one of the activated protocols will be “seen”, and the others ignored.

Address: hB0 – Size: 2 bytes (MSB first)

Bit	Activ. protocol (if set)	Note	RC531	RC632
<i>msb</i> 15	<i>RFU</i>			
14	<i>RFU</i>			
13	<i>RFU</i>			
12	Innovision Topaz/Jewel (NFC Forum’s type 1 tags)		✓	✓
11	NXP ICODE1 (slow VCD to VICC baudrate)		-	✓
10	ISO 15693 (slow VCD to VICC baudrate) ¹²		-	✓
9	<i>RFU</i>			
8	<i>RFU</i>			
7	Innovatron (legacy Calypso cards – sometimes called ISO 14443- B')		✓	✓
6	ASK CTS256B et CTS512B		✓	✓
5	ST MicroElectronics SRxxx		✓	✓
4	Inside Contactless PicoPass (also HID iClass)		✓	✓
3	NXP ICODE1 (fast VCD to VICC baudrate)		-	✓
2	ISO 15693 (fast VCD to VICC baudrate)		-	✓
1	ISO 14443-B		✓	✓
<i>lsb</i> 0	ISO 14443-A		✓	✓

Default value: hFFFF (all protocols are activated)

3.5.2. CCID slot mapping

Address: hB1

RFU, leave undefined (unless instructed by SpringCard support team).

3.5.3. CLA byte of CCID interpreter

This register defines the CLA (class) byte affected to the APDU interpreter (see § 2.1.1).

To disable the APDU interpreter, define this register to h00 .

Address: hB2 – Size: 1 byte

Default value: hFF

¹² The VICC to VCD baudrate is always fast

3.5.4. Misc. T=CL options

Firmware ≥ 1.52

This register defines the behaviour of the reader against ISO 14443-4 (T=CL) cards.

Address: hB3 – Size: 1 byte

	Bit	Action if set	Note
<i>msb</i>	7	Innovatron : return the "real" T=0 ATR (as supplied in REPGEN) instead of building a pseudo ATR	Setting this bit breaks the compatibility with MS CCID driver, because the card is connected in T=1 where its ATR claims it is T=0 only ¹³
	6	<i>RFU</i>	
	5	<i>RFU</i>	
	4	<i>RFU</i>	
	3	<i>RFU</i>	
	2	<i>RFU</i>	
	1	No T=CL activation over ISO 14443-B	Send SLOT CONTROL P1,P2= h20,01 to activate the card manually
<i>lsb</i>	0	No T=CL activation over ISO 14443-A	Send SLOT CONTROL P1,P2= h20,02 to activate the card manually

Default value: h00 (T=CL active over 14443 A and B)

¹³ Firmware < 1.52 returns the "real" T=0 ATR only. This prevents correct operation with Innovatron Calypso cards when Microsoft's CCID driver is used. Use SpringCard's CCID driver instead.

3.5.5. Firmware operating mode

This register defines how the product's firmware will be seen by the computer. It can be either PC/SC or Legacy. Note that this documentation is related to PC/SC mode only.



Setting an inappropriate value in this register will make the reader permanently unusable.

Address: **hC0** – Size: 1 byte

Value	Operating mode
h00	<i>RFU</i>
h01	Legacy mode
h02	PC/SC mode
h03	<i>Not supported by this firmware</i>
h80	<i>RFU</i>
h81	Legacy mode without serial number in USB descriptor
h82	PC/SC mode without serial number in USB descriptor
h83	<i>Not supported by this firmware</i>

Default value: **h02** (PC/SC)

3.5.6. RC531/RC632 chipset configuration vector

Address: **hC1**

RFU, leave undefined (unless instructed by SpringCard support team).

Address: **hC6**

RFU, leave undefined (unless instructed by SpringCard support team).

Address: **hC7**

RFU, leave undefined (unless instructed by SpringCard support team).

3.5.7. Calypso compliance

Address: **hC2**

Deprecated, leave undefined (unless instructed by SpringCard support team).

3.5.8. T=CL speed limit

Firmware ≥ 1.52

This register defines the fastest speed that the reader will try to negotiate when a T=CL (ISO 14443-4) card enters its field.



SpringCard PC/SC Readers are theoretically able to communicate with contactless cards at 848kbps in both directions, but the actual maximum speed depends heavily on the card characteristics, and on the reader's environment.

Therefore, it is generally speaking better to put the limit at 106kbps or 212kbps. Most readers ship with a factory configuration limiting them at 212kbps for ISO 14443-A and 106kbps for ISO 14443-B.

Communication is slower yet more reliable, so the overall transaction time often appears faster because there are fewer errors and retries than with a higher baudrate.

Address: hC4 – Size: 2 bytes (MSB first)

Bit	Meaning (if set)
ISO 14443-A DS	
<i>msb</i> 15	RFU, must be 0
14	Allow ISO 14443-A DS (card → reader) = 848kbps
13	Allow ISO 14443-A DS (card → reader) = 424kbps
12	Allow ISO 14443-A DS (card → reader) = 212kbps
ISO 14443-A DR	
11	RFU, must be 0
10	Allow ISO 14443-A DR (reader → card) = 848kbps
9	Allow ISO 14443-A DR (reader → card) = 424kbps
8	Allow ISO 14443-A DR (reader → card) = 212kbps
ISO 14443-B DS	
7	RFU, must be 0
6	Allow ISO 14443-B DS (card → reader) = 848kbps
5	Allow ISO 14443-B DS (card → reader) = 424kbps
4	Allow ISO 14443-B DS (card → reader) = 212kbps
ISO 14443-B DR	
3	RFU, must be 0
2	Allow ISO 14443-B DR (reader → card) = 848kbps
1	Allow ISO 14443-B DR (reader → card) = 424kbps
<i>lsb</i> 0	Allow ISO 14443-B DR (reader → card) = 212kbps

Default value: h1111 (212kbps)¹⁴.

3.5.9. Buzzer settings

This register defines the duration of reader's beep when a card enters its field.

To disable the buzzer¹⁵, define this register to h00 .

Address: hCC – Size: 1 byte

Default value: h08 (beep 80ms when a card is "seen").

¹⁴ For firmware ≤ 1.50, readers are limited to 106kbps in both directions.

¹⁵ Buzzer may still be driven by PC software, see § 3.4.1.b .

4. VENDOR ATTRIBUTES

There's currently no documented vendor attribute for this reader.

5. TIPS FOR CONTACTLESS CARDS

5.1. RECOGNIZING AND IDENTIFYING CONTACTLESS CARDS IN PC/SC ENVIRONMENT

5.1.1. ATR of a contactless smartcards

For a contactless smartcard (i.e. a card compliant with 14443 level 4 "T=CL"), the reader builds a pseudo-ATR using the normalized format described in PC/SC specification :

a. For ISO 14443-A :

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning (according to 7816-3)
0	TS	$h3B$	Direct convention
1	T0	$h8...$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA1, no TB1, no TC1. TD1 to follow Lower nibble is the number of historical bytes (0 to 15)
2	TD1	$h80$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA2, no TB2, no TC2. TD2 to follow Lower nibble 0 means : protocol T=0
3	TD2	$h01$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA3, no TB3, no TC3, no TD3 Lower nibble 1 means : protocol T=1
4	H1	...	Historical bytes from ATS response
...	...		
3+k	Hk		
4+k	TCK	XX	Checksum (XOR of bytes 1 to 3+k)

b. For ISO 14443-B :

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning (according to 7816-3)
0	TS	$h3B$	Direct convention
1	T0	$h88$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA1, no TB1, no TC1. TD1 to follow Lower nibble is the number of historical bytes (8)
2	TD1	$h80$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA2, no TB2, no TC2. TD2 to follow Lower nibble 0 means : protocol T=0
3	TD2	$h01$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA3, no TB3, no TC3, no TD3 Lower nibble 1 means : protocol T=1
4	H1	...	Application data from ATQB
5	H2		
6	H3		
7	H4		
8	H5	...	Protocol info byte from ATQB
9	H6		
10	H7		
11	H8	XX	MBLI from ATTRIB command
12	TCK	XX	Checksum (XOR of bytes 1 to 11)

c. For Innovatron (legacy Calypso cards)¹⁶ :

Offset	Name	Value	Meaning (according to 7816-3)
0	TS	$h3B$	Direct convention
1	T0	$h8...$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA1, no TB1, no TC1. TD1 to follow Lower nibble is the number of historical bytes (0 to 15)
2	TD1	$h80$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA2, no TB2, no TC2. TD2 to follow Lower nibble 0 means : protocol T=0
3	TD2	$h01$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA3, no TB3, no TC3, no TD3 Lower nibble 1 means : protocol T=1
4	H1	...	Historical bytes from REPGEN. This is the last part of the card's T=0 ATR, including its serial number ¹⁷ .
...	...		
3+k	Hk		
4+k	TCK	XX	Checksum (XOR of bytes 1 to 3+k)



Most Calypso cards are able to communicate either according to ISO 14443-B or to Innovatron protocol. The choice between the two protocols is unpredictable.

The same card will have two different ATR (one is ISO 14443-B is selected, the other if Innovatron protocol is selected). The host application must get and check the card's serial number¹⁸ to make sure it will not start a new transaction on the same card as earlier.

¹⁶ When bit 7 of register $hB3$ is unset (and firmware version is ≥ 1.52). Otherwise, the "real" card ATR (found in REPGEN) is returned. This ATR reports that the card supports T=0 only, but the card behaves as it were T=1. This behaviour is not compliant with Microsoft's CCID driver.

¹⁷ As a consequence, all the cards have a different ATR.

¹⁸ Provided in the historical bytes of the ATR when the Innovatron protocol is selected, or available through the Calypso "Select Application" command.

5.1.2. ATR of a contactless memory cards

For contactless memory cards (Mifare, CTS, etc), the reader builds a pseudo-ATR using the normalized format described in PC/SC specification :

Offset	Name	Value	
0	TS	$h3B$	Direct convention
1	T0	$h8F$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA1, no TB1, no TC1. TD1 to follow Lower nibble is the number of historical bytes (15)
2	TD1	$h80$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA2, no TB2, no TC2. TD2 to follow Lower nibble 0 means : protocol T=0
3	TD2	$h01$	Higher nibble 8 means : no TA3, no TB3, no TC3, no TD3 Lower nibble 1 means : protocol T=1
4	H1	$h80$	
5	H2	$h4F$	Application identifier presence indicator
6	H3	$h0C$	Length to follow (12 bytes)
7	H4	$hA0$	Registered Application Provider Identifier A0 00 00 03 06 is for PC/SC workgroup
8	H5	$h00$	
9	H6	$h00$	
10	H7	$h03$	
11	H8	$h06$	
12	H9	PIX.SS	Standard (see 5.1.4)
13	H10	PIX.NN	Card name (see 5.1.5)
14	H11		
15	H12	00	RFU
16	H13	00	
17	H14	00	
18	H15	00	
19	TCK	XX	Checksum (XOR of bytes 1 to 18)

5.1.3. Using the GET DATA command

With the GET DATA command (documented in § 2.3.1), the host application is able to retrieve every information needed to identify a contactless card (either memory card or smartcard) :

- Serial number (UID or PUPI),
- Protocol related values (ATQA and SAKA or ATQB, ...).

5.1.4. Contactless card standard

The **standard** byte (**PIX.SS** in PC/SC specification) is constructed as follow :

b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	Description
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	No information given
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	ISO 14443 A, level 1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	ISO 14443 A, level 2
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	ISO 14443 A, level 3 or 4 (and Mifare)
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	ISO 14443 B, level 1
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	ISO 14443 B, level 2
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	ISO 14443 B, level 3 or 4
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	ICODE 1
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	ISO 15693

Note : PIX.SS is defined for both memory and micro-processor based cards, but available in the ATR for memory cards only. In the other case, use the GET DATA command APDU (with parameters P1,P2=_hF1,00) to get the underlying protocol used by the smartcard.

5.1.5. Contactless card name bytes

The **name** bytes (**PIX.NN** in PC/SC specification) are specified as follow :

NN	Card name
Values specified by PC/SC	
_h 00 _h 01	NXP Mifare Standard 1k
_h 00 _h 02	NXP Mifare Standard 4k
_h 00 _h 03	NXP Mifare UltraLight or UltraLight C (NFC Forum type 2 tag)
_h 00 _h 06	ST MicroElectronics SR176
_h 00 _h 07	ST MicroElectronics SRI4K, SRIX4K, SRIX512, SRI512, SRT512
_h 00 _h 0A	Atmel AT88SC0808CRF
_h 00 _h 0B	Atmel AT88SC1616CRF
_h 00 _h 0C	Atmel AT88SC3216CRF
_h 00 _h 0D	Atmel AT88SC6416CRF
_h 00 _h 12	Texas Instruments TAG IT
_h 00 _h 13	ST MicroElectronics LRI512
_h 00 _h 14	NXP ICODE SLI
_h 00 _h 16	NXP ICODE1
_h 00 _h 21	ST MicroElectronics LRI64
_h 00 _h 24	ST MicroElectronics LR12
_h 00 _h 25	ST MicroElectronics LRI128
_h 00 _h 26	NXP Mifare Mini
_h 00 _h 2F	Innovision Jewel
_h 00 _h 30	Innovision Topaz (NFC Forum type 1 tag)
_h 00 _h 34	Atmel AT88RF04C
_h 00 _h 35	NXP ICODE SL2
SpringCard proprietary extension	
_h FF _h A0	Generic/unknown 14443-A card
_h FF _h B0	Generic/unknown 14443-B card
_h FF _h B1	ASK CTS 256B
_h FF _h B2	ASK CTS 512B
_h FF _h B3	<i>Removed in version 1.55 (was: ST MicroElectronics SRI 4K)</i>
_h FF _h B4	<i>Removed in version 1.55 (was: ST MicroElectronics SRI X512)</i>
_h FF _h B5	<i>Removed in version 1.55 (was: ST MicroElectronics SRI 512)</i>
_h FF _h B6	<i>Removed in version 1.55 (was: ST MicroElectronics SRT 512)</i>
_h FF _h B7	Inside Contactless PICOTAG/PICOPASS
_h FF _h B8	Unidentified Atmel AT88SC / AT88RF card
_h FF _h C0	Calypso card using the Innovatron protocol
_h FF _h D0	Unidentified ISO 15693 from unknown manufacturer
_h FF _h D1	Unidentified ISO 15693 from EMMarin (or Legic)
_h FF _h D2	Unidentified ISO 15693 from ST MicroElectronics
_h FF _h FF	Virtual card (test only)

Note : PIX.NN is specified for memory cards only. Even if the GET DATA command APDU allows to retrieve PIX.NN even for micro-processor based cards (smartcards), the returned value is unspecified and shall not be used to identify the card.

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Please download the datasheets of the cards at www.nxp.com. Useful information are also to be found at www.mifare.net.

5.2.1. Mifare Classic cards

The cards covered by this chapter are :

- Mifare 1k (NXP MF1ICS50, **PIX.NN** = **h0001**),
- Mifare 4k (NXP MF1ICS70, **PIX.NN** = **h0002**),
- Mifare Mini (NXP MF1ICS20, **PIX.NN** = **h0026**),
- Mifare Plus (X or S) when used in level 1 (see § 5.2.2).

All these cards are divided into 16-byte blocks. The blocks are grouped in sectors. At the end of every sector a specific block ("sector trailer") is reserved for security parameters (access keys and access conditions).

Some ISO 14443-A compliant smartcards or NFC objects are able to emulate Mifare Classic cards, but since they are also ISO 14443-4 (T=CL) compliant, the reader will activate them at T=CL level, "hiding" the Mifare emulation mode.

There are 3 workarounds :



- Send the T=CL DESELECT command to the card (SLOT CONTROL with P1,P2=h20,00),
- Reset the RF field and temporarily disable T=CL activation (SLOT CONTROL with P1,P2=h10,03),
- Permanently disable T=CL activation through configuration register hB3.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be h00,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read (0 to 63 for a Mifare 1k, 0 to 255 for a Mifare 4k),
- As the size of every block is 16, Le must be a multiple of 16,
- When Le=h00 and the address is aligned on a sector boundary, all the data blocks of the sector are returned (48 or 240 bytes),
- When Le=h00 and the address is not aligned, a single block is returned (16 bytes).

Note that when a sector trailer (security block) is read, the keys are not readable (they are masked by the card).

The READ BINARY instruction can't cross sector boundaries ; the GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction must be called for each sector immediately before READ BINARY.

Tip : using the MIFARE CLASSIC READ instruction (§ 2.3.5) is easier and may shorten the transaction time.

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be `h00`,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be written (1 to 63 for a Mifare 1k, 1 to 255 for a Mifare 4k),
- As the size of every block is 16, Lc must be a multiple of 16 (48 bytes for standard sectors, 240 bytes for the largest sectors in Mifare 4k).



Writing sector trailers (security blocks) is possible as long as the sector's current access conditions allow it, but Mifare sector trailers must follow a specific formatting rule ("mash-up" of the access conditions bits) to be valid.

Writing a badly formatted security block means making the sector permanently unusable (writing a key you don't remember would have the same impact).

Please read card's documentation carefully before writing into those blocks.

The UPDATE BINARY instruction can't cross sector boundaries ; the GENERAL AUTHENTICATE instruction must be called for each sector immediately before UPDATE BINARY.

Tip : using the MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE instruction (§ 2.3.7) is easier and may shorten the transaction time.

5.2.2. Mifare Plus X and Mifare Plus S

The Mifare Plus cards implement 4 different security levels. The behaviour of the card changes dramatically with the selected security level.

a. Level 0

At level 0, the card is ISO 14443-4 (T=CL) compliant. The reader builds a smartcard ATR according to § 5.1.1. The historical bytes of the ATS are included in the ATR and help recognizing the card at this level.

The application may send the card commands "as it" in the *SCardTransmit* stream, but to preserve interoperability with other readers it is better to wrap them in ENCAPSULATE commands APDU with P1=_h00 (§ 2.2.2).

At the end of the personalisation process, the RF field must be reset (so the card will restart at Level 1 or more). Send the SLOT CONTROL command APDU with P1,P2=_h10,02 to do so (§ 2.3.8)¹⁹.

b. Level 1

At level 1, the card emulates a Mifare Classic card (§ 5.2.1). The reader builds a memory card ATR according to § 5.1.1.

The application shall use the MIFARE CLASSIC READ and MIFARE CLASSIC WRITE command APDUs to work with the card.

The card supports a new AES authentication Function. Use the ENCAPSULATE command APDU with P1=_h01 (§ 2.2.2) to implement this function.

In order to increase the security level of the card (going to level 2 or level 3), an ISO 14443-4 (T=CL) session opening must be forced onto the card²⁰. Send the SLOT CONTROL command APDU with P1,P2=_h20,01 to do so (§ 2.3.8). Afterwards, process as documented for level 0.

c. Level 2

The level 2 is not available on Mifare Plus S cards.

Working with the Mifare Plus X at this level is possible thanks to the low level command calls (SLOT CONTROL, ENCAPSULATE, GENERAL AUTHENTICATE, READ BINARY, UPDATE BINARY) but is not supported directly by the reader.

Therefore, working with the card at level 2 is not recommended with this reader.

¹⁹ As a consequence, the card will be reported as REMOVED, then a new CARD INSERT event will be triggered (but with a different ATR as the security level is different).

²⁰ Because the card reports it is not 14443-4 compliant.

d. Level 3

At level 4, the card is ISO 14443-4 (T=CL) compliant. The reader builds a smartcard ATR according to § 5.1.1. The historical bytes of the ATS are included in the ATR and help recognizing the card at this level.

The application may send the card commands "as it" in the *SCardTransmit* stream, but to preserve interoperability with other readers it is better to wrap them in ENCAPSULATE commands APDU with P1=_h00 (§ 2.2.2).

5.2.3. Mifare UltraLight or Mifare UltraLight C cards

The cards covered by this chapter are :

- Mifare UL (NXP MF01CU1),
- Mifare UL C (NXP MF01CU2).

Both are identified by **PIX.NN = $\text{h}0003$** .

These cards are divided into 4-byte pages.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first page to be read (0 to 15),
- As the size of every page is 4, Le must be multiple of 4 (64 bytes for the full card),
- When $\text{Le}=\text{h}00$, 16 bytes are returned (4 pages).

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first page to be written (2 to 15),
- As the size of every page is 4, Lc must be 4, exactly.



Some pages holds lock bits and OTP (one-time-programming) bits.
Please read card's documentation carefully before writing into those pages.

c. Mifare UltraLight C 3-DES authentication

The Mifare UltraLight C supports a new Triple-DES authentication function.

Use the ENCAPSULATE command APDU with $\text{P1}=\text{h}01$ (§ 2.2.2) to implement this function.

Tip : *SpringCard PC/SC SDK for Windows provides a library (pcsc_mifulc.dll) that implements the Mifare UltraLight C authentication scheme.*

5.2.4. Innovision Topaz/Jewel cards (NFC Forum's type 1 tags)

The cards covered by this chapter are :

- Innovision Topaz (**PIX.NN = $\text{h}002\text{F}$**),
- Innovision Jewel (**PIX.NN = $\text{h}0030$**).

a. **READ BINARY (FULL CARD)**

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 must be $\text{h}00$,
- Set Le= $\text{h}00$.

The whole card content is returned as once.

b. **READ BINARY (BYTE LEVEL)**

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first byte to be read (0 to 127),
- Le can be any length but $\text{h}01$.

Tip : using the READ BINARY (FULL CARD) command is 10 times faster than this BYTE LEVEL version.

c. **UPDATE BINARY**

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the byte to be written (0 to 127),
- Lc must be 1, exactly.



Some bytes hold lock bits and OTP (one-time-programming) bits.

Please read card's documentation carefully before writing into those bytes.

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5.3.1. ASK CTS256B and CTS512B

The cards covered by this chapter are :

- ASK CTS256B (**PIX.NN** = **hFFB1**),
- ASK CTS512B or CTM512B (**PIX.NN** = **hFFB2**).

These cards are divided into 2-byte areas.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the first area to be read (0 to 15 for CTS256B, 0 to 31 for CTS512B),
- As the size of every area is 2, Le must be multiple of 2 (32 bytes for the full CTS256B card, 64 bytes for the full CTS512B card),
- When **Le=h00**, a single area is returned (2 bytes).

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the area to be written,
- As the size of every area is 2, Lc must be 2, exactly.



Some areas play a particular role in card's operation.

Please read the card's documentation carefully before writing into those areas.

5.3.2. ST MicroElectronics ST176

These cards are identified by **PIX.NN = $\text{h}0006$** .

They are divided into 2-byte blocks.

a. **READ BINARY**

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read (0 to 15),
- As the size of every block is 2, Le must be multiple of 2 (32 bytes for the full card),
- When $\text{Le}=\text{h}00$, a single block is returned (2 bytes).

b. **UPDATE BINARY**

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the block to be written,
- As the size of every block is 2, Lc must be 2, exactly.



Some blocks play a particular role in card's operation.

Please read the card's documentation carefully before writing into that block.

5.3.3. ST MicroElectronics SRI4K, SRIX4K, SRI512, SRX512, SRT512

These card are identified by **PIX.NN = $\text{h}0007$** .

They are divided into 4-byte blocks.

a. **READ BINARY**

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read,
- As the size of every block is 2, Le must be multiple of 4,
- When $\text{Le}=\text{h}00$, a single block is returned (4 bytes).

b. **UPDATE BINARY**

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the block to be written,
- As the size of every block is 4, Lc must be 4, exactly.



Some blocks play a particular role in card's operation.

Please read the card's documentation carefully before writing into that block.

5.3.4. Inside Contactless PicoPass, ISO 14443-2 mode

This part applies to chips named either “PicoPass or PicoTag” when the ISO 14443-3 compliance is NOT enabled (see § 5.3.5 in the other case).

Those chips exist in two sizes (2K → 256 B, 16K → 2 kB), and in non-secure (2K, 16K) or secure (2KS, 16KS) versions.

All these cards are currently identified by **PIX.NN** = **hFFB7** and **PIX.SS** = **h06** (ISO 14443-B level 2). Pay attention that this may change in future versions since PC/SC has registered new PIX.NN for these cards.

SpringCard PC/SC readers may read/write the non-secure chips only (2K, 16K). The behaviour with the secure chips is undefined.



Communication with these cards is not reliable. It may be necessary to repeat the READ BINARY or UPDATE BINARY commands twice or three time before getting the expected response.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read (2K: 0 to 31; 16K: 0 to 255),
- As the size of every block is 8, Le must be multiple of 8,
- When Le=**h00**, a single block is returned (8 bytes).

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the block to be written (2K: 0 to 31; 16K: 0 to 255),
- As the size of every block is 8, Lc must be 8, exactly.



Some blocks play a particular role in card's operation.
Please read the card's documentation carefully before writing into those blocks.

c. Page select

The Inside specific Page select function is not implemented in the reader. Use the ENCAPSULATE command APDU to send it directly to the card.

5.3.5. Inside Contactless PicoPass, ISO 14443-3 mode

This part applies to chips named either “PicoPass or PicoTag” when the ISO 14443-3 compliance IS enabled (see § 5.3.4 in the other case).

Those chips exist in two sizes (2K → 256 B, 16K → 2 kB), and in non-secure (2K, 16K) or secure (2KS, 16KS) versions.

All these cards are currently identified by **PIX.NN** = **hFFB7** and **PIX.SS** = **h07** (ISO 14443-B level 3 or 4). Pay attention that this may change in future versions since PC/SC has registered new PIX.NN for these cards.

SpringCard PC/SC readers may read/write the non-secure chips only (2K, 16K). The behaviour with the secure chips is undefined.



Communication with these cards is not reliable. It may be necessary to repeat the READ BINARY or UPDATE BINARY commands twice or three time before getting the expected response.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read (2K: 0 to 31; 16K: 0 to 255),
- As the size of every block is 8, Le must be multiple of 8,
- When Le=**h00**, a single block is returned (8 bytes).

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be **h00**,
- P2 is the address of the block to be written (2K: 0 to 31; 16K: 0 to 255),
- As the size of every block is 8, Lc must be 8, exactly.



Some blocks play a particular role in card's operation.
Please read the card's documentation carefully before writing into those blocks.

5.3.6. Atmel CryptoRF

The cards covered by this chapter are :

- AT88SC0808CRF (**PIX.NN** = **h000A**),
- AT88SC1616CRF (**PIX.NN** = **h000B**),
- AT88SC3216CRF (**PIX.NN** = **h000C**),
- AT88SC6416CRF (**PIX.NN** = **h000D**),
- AT88SCRF04C (**PIX.NN** = **h0034**).

SpringCard PC/SC readers implement the read and write functions in non-authenticated mode. Advanced functions and authenticated communication has to be implemented by the application within an ENCAPSULATE APDU.



The card is always activated with CID=**h01**. Use this CID when sending encapsulated commands.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1,P2 is the first address to be read,
- Le is the length to be read (1 to 32 bytes).

NB : the READ BINARY command maps to the "Read User Zone" low-level command. The "Read System Zone" command must be encapsulated.

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1,P2 is the first address to be written,
- Lc is the length to be written (1 to 32 bytes).

NB : the UPDATE BINARY command maps to the "Write User Zone" low-level command. The "Write System Zone" command must be encapsulated.

5.4. WORKING WITH MEMORY CARDS, ISO 15693 GROUP

RC632 chipset only

5.4.1. Cards compliant with ISO 15693-3

The size of the blocks depend on the card. Known sizes are

- 1 byte for ST MicroElectronics LRI64 (**PIX.NN = h0021**),
- 4 bytes for NXP ICODE-SLI (**PIX.NN = h0014**) and Texas Instrument TagIT cards (**PIX.NN = h0012**),
- 8 bytes for EM MicroElectronics cards (**PIX.NN = hFFD1**).

Please read the documentation of the card you're working with to know the actual size of its blocks, and the number of existing blocks.



The chips often have so-called OTP (one-time-programming) or WORM (write-once read-many) blocks than can be overwritten nor erased once written.

Do not invoke the UPDATE BINARY APDU without knowing precisely where and what you are writing.

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be h00,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read ; please read documentation of your card to know the actual number of blocks,
- Le must be a multiple of the size of the blocks,
- When Le=h00, a single block is returned (length depending on the card).

b. UPDATE BINARY

In the UPDATE BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be h00,
- P2 is the address of the block to be written, please read documentation of your 15693 card to know the number of blocks,
- Lc must be the size of the block, exactly.

5.4.2. NXP ICODE1

These card are identified by **PIX.NN = $\text{h}0016$** .

a. READ BINARY

In the READ BINARY command APDU,

- P1 must be $\text{h}00$,
- P2 is the address of the first block to be read (0 to 15),
- As the size of every block is 4, Le must be multiple of 4 (64 bytes for the full card).

b. UPDATE BINARY

With current firmware version, the reader is not able to write the NXP ICODE1 cards.

6. SPECIFIC ERROR CODES

When the APDU interpreter returns SW1 = $\text{h}6\text{F}$, the value of SW2 maps to one of the reader specific error codes listed below.

SW2	Symbolic name ²¹	Meaning
$\text{h}01$	MI_NOTAGERR	No answer received (no card in the field, or card is mute)
$\text{h}02$	MI_CRCERR	CRC error in card's answer
$\text{h}04$	MI_AUTHERR	Card authentication failed
$\text{h}05$	MI_PARITYERR	Parity error in card's answer
$\text{h}06$	MI_CODEERR	Invalid card response opcode
$\text{h}07$	MI_CASCLEVEX	Bad anticollision sequence
$\text{h}08$	MI_SERNRERR	Card's serial number is invalid
$\text{h}09$	MI_LOCKED	Card or block locked
$\text{h}0\text{A}$	MI_NOTAUTHERR	Card operation denied, must be authenticated first
$\text{h}0\text{B}$	MI_BITCOUNTERERR	Wrong number of bits in card's answer
$\text{h}0\text{C}$	MI_BYTECOUNTERERR	Wrong number of bytes in card's answer
$\text{h}0\text{D}$	MI_VALUEERR	Card counter error
$\text{h}0\text{E}$	MI_TRANSERR	Card transaction error
$\text{h}0\text{F}$	MI_WRITEERR	Card write error
$\text{h}10$	MI_INCRERR	Card counter increment error
$\text{h}11$	MI_DECRERR	Card counter decrement error
$\text{h}12$	MI_READERR	Card read error
$\text{h}13$	MI_OVFLERR	RC: FIFO overflow
$\text{h}15$	MI_FRAMINGERR	Framing error in card's answer
$\text{h}16$	MI_ACCESSERR	Card access error
$\text{h}17$	MI_UNKNOWN_COMMAND	RC: unknown opcode
$\text{h}18$	MI_COLLERR	A collision has occurred
$\text{h}19$	MI_COMMAND_FAILED	RC: command execution failed
$\text{h}1\text{A}$	MI_INTERFACEERR	RC: hardware failure
$\text{h}1\text{B}$	MI_ACCESSTIMEOUT	RC: timeout
$\text{h}1\text{C}$	MI_NOBITWISEANTICOLL	Anticollision not supported by the card(s)
$\text{h}1\text{F}$	MI_CODINGERR	Bad card status
$\text{h}20$	MI_CUSTERR	Card: vendor specific error
$\text{h}21$	MI_CMDSUPERR	Card: command not supported
$\text{h}22$	MI_CMDFMterr	Card: format of command invalid
$\text{h}23$	MI_CMDOPTERR	Card: option of command invalid
$\text{h}24$	MI_OTHERERR	Card: other error
$\text{h}3\text{C}$	MI_WRONG_PARAMETER	Reader: invalid parameter
$\text{h}64$	MI_UNKNOWN_FUNCTION	Reader: invalid opcode
$\text{h}70$	MI_BUFFER_OVERFLOW	Reader: internal buffer overflow
$\text{h}7\text{D}$	MI_WRONG_LENGTH	Reader: invalid length

²¹ As used in SpringProx API (defines in springprox.h)

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