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1.0. Introduction

The ACR122U is a PC-linked contactless smart card reader/writer used for accessing ISO 14443-4 Type A and Type B, MIFARE®, ISO 18092, and FeliCa tags. The ACR122U is PC/SC compliant making it compatible with existing PC/SC applications.

The ACR122U serves as the intermediary device between the computer and the contactless tag via the USB interface. The reader carries out the command from the computer whether the command is used to communicate with a contactless tag, or control the device peripherals (LED or buzzer). This API document will discuss in detail how the PC/SC commands were implemented for the contactless interface and device peripherals of the ACR122U.

1.1. Features

- USB 2.0 Full Speed Interface
- CCID Compliance
- Smart Card Reader:
 - Read/Write speed of up to 424 Kbps
 - Built-in antenna for contactless tag access, with card reading distance of up to 50 mm (depending on tag type)
 - Support for ISO 14443 Part 4 Type A and B cards, MIFARE, FeliCa, and all four types of NFC (ISO/IEC 18092 tags)
 - Built-in anti-collision feature (only one tag is accessed at any time)
- Application Programming Interface:
 - Supports PC/SC
 - Supports CT-API (through wrapper on top of PC/SC)
- Built-in Peripherals:
 - User-controllable bi-color LED
 - User-controllable buzzer
- Supports Android™ 3.1 and above
- Compliant with the following standards:
 - IEC/EN 60950
 - ISO 18092
 - ISO 14443
 - CE
 - FCC
 - KC
 - VCCI
 - MIC
 - PC/SC
 - CCID
 - Microsoft® WHQL
 - RoHS 2



1.2. USB Interface

The ACR122U is connected to a computer through USB as specified in the USB Specification 1.1. The ACR122U is working in full-speed mode, i.e. 12 Mbps.

Pin	Signal	Function
1	V _{BUS}	+5 V power supply for the reader (Max. 200 mA, Normal 100 mA)
2	D-	Differential signal transmits data between ACR122U and PC
3	D+	Differential signal transmits data between ACR122U and PC
4	GND	Reference voltage level for power supply

Table 1: USB Interface



2.0. Implementation

2.1. Communication Flow Chart of ACR122U

The Standard Microsoft CCID and PC/SC drivers are used; thus, no ACS drivers are required because the drivers are already built inside the Windows® operating system. Your computer's registry settings can also be modified to be able to use the full capabilities of the ACR122U NFC Reader. See **Appendix A** for more details.

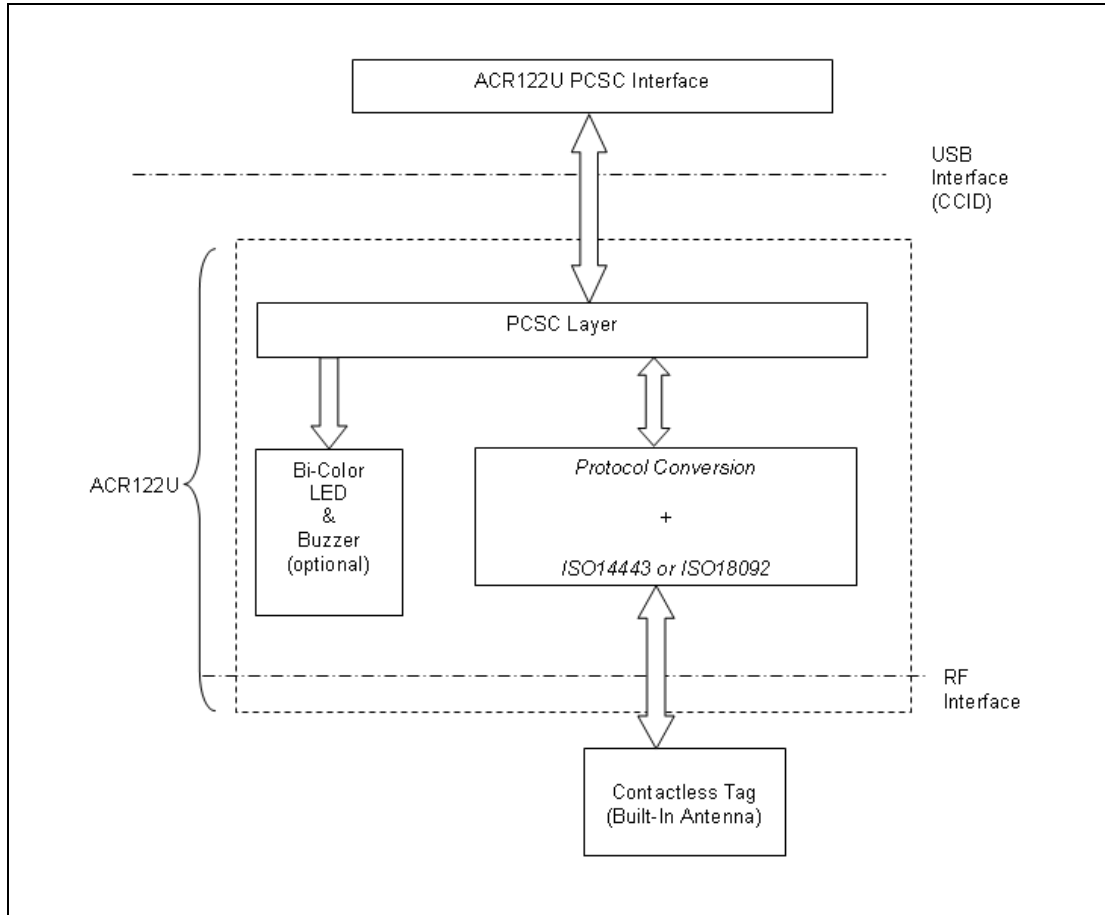


Figure 1: Communication Flow Chart of ACR122U

2.2. Smart Card Reader Interface Overview

Go to the **Device Manager** to see the “ACR122U PICC Interface.” The standard Microsoft USB CCID Driver should be used.

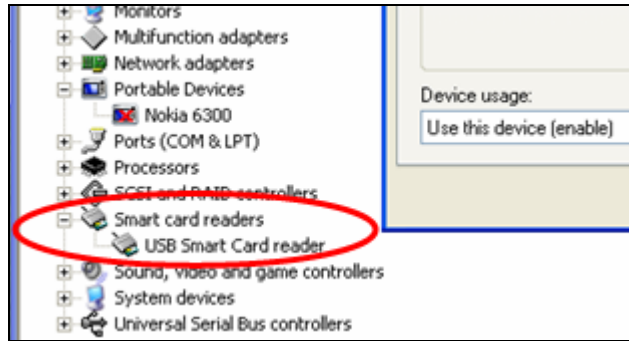


Figure 2: Smart Card Reader Interface on the Device Manager



3.0. PICC Interface Description

3.1. ATR Generation

If the reader detects a PICC, an ATR will be sent to the PC/SC driver for identifying the PICC.

3.1.1. ATR format for ISO 14443 Part 3 PICCs

Byte	Value (Hex)	Designation	Description
0	3Bh	Initial Header	-
1	8Nh	T0	Higher nibble 8 means: no TA1, TB1, TC1 only TD1 is following. Lower nibble N is the number of historical bytes (HistByte 0 to HistByte N-1)
2	80h	TD1	Higher nibble 8 means: no TA2, TB2, TC2 only TD2 is following. Lower nibble 0 means T = 0
3	01h	TD2	Higher nibble 0 means no TA3, TB3, TC3, TD3 following. Lower nibble 1 means T = 1
4 To 3+N	80h	T1	Category indicator byte, 80 means A status indicator may be present in an optional COMPACT-TLV data object
	4Fh	Tk	Application identifier Presence Indicator
	0Ch		Length
	RID		Registered Application Provider Identifier (RID) # A0 00 00 03 06h
	SS		Byte for standard
	C0 .. C1h		Bytes for card name
	00 00 00 00h		RFU
4+N	UUh	TCK	Exclusive-oring of all the bytes T0 to Tk

Table 2: ATR format for ISO 14443 Part 3 PICCs

Example:

ATR for MIFARE 1K = {3B 8F 80 01 80 4F 0C A0 00 00 03 06 03 00 01 00 00 00 00 6Ah}

ATR											
Initial Header	T0	TD1	TD2	T1	Tk	Length	RID	Standard	Card Name	RFU	TCK
3Bh	8Fh	80h	01h	80h	4Fh	0Ch	A0 00 00 03 06h	03h	00 01h	00 00 00 00h	6Ah



Where:

- Length (YY)** = 0Ch
- RID** = A0 00 00 03 06h (PC/SC Workgroup)
- Standard (SS)** = 03h (ISO 14443A, Part 3)
- Card Name (C0 .. C1)** = [00 01h] (MIFARE Classic® 1K)

Where, Card Name (C0 .. C1)

- 00 01h: MIFARE Classic 1K
- 00 02h: MIFARE Classic 4K
- 00 03h: MIFARE® Ultralight®
- 00 26h: MIFARE Mini

F0 04h: Topaz and Jewel

F0 11h: FeliCa 212K

F0 12h: FeliCa 424K

FFh [SAK]: Undefined

3.1.2. ATR format for ISO 14443 Part 4 PICCs

Byte	Value (Hex)	Designation	Description
0	3Bh	Initial Header	-
1	8Nh	T0	Higher nibble 8 means: no TA1, TB1, TC1 only TD1 is following. Lower nibble N is the number of historical bytes (HistByte 0 to HistByte N-1)
2	80h	TD1	Higher nibble 8 means: no TA2, TB2, TC2 only TD2 is following. Lower nibble 0 means T = 0
3	01h	TD2	Higher nibble 0 means no TA3, TB3, TC3, TD3 following. Lower nibble 1 means T = 1
4 to 3 + N	XXh	T1	Historical Bytes: ISO 14443A: The historical bytes from ATS response. Refer to the ISO14443-4 specification. ISO 14443B: The higher layer response from the ATTRIB response (ATQB). Refer to the ISO14443-3 specification.
	XXh XX XXh	Tk	
4+N	UUh	TCK	Exclusive-oring of all the bytes T0 to Tk

Table 3: ATR format for ISO 14443 Part 4 PICCs



We take for example, an ATR for DESFire, which is:
DESFire (ATR) = 3B 86 80 01 06 75 77 81 02 80 00h

ATR						
Initial Header	T0	TD1	TD2	ATS		TCK
				T1	Tk	
3Bh	86h	80h	01h	06h	75 77 81 02 80h	00h

This ATR has 6 bytes of ATS, which is: [06 75 77 81 02 80h]

Note: Use the APDU “FF CA 01 00 00h” to distinguish the ISO 14443A-4 and ISO 14443B-4 PICCs, and retrieve the full ATS if available. The ATS is returned for ISO14443A-3 or ISO14443B-3/4 PICCs.

Another example would be the ATR for ST19XRC8E, which is:

ST19XRC8E (ATR) = 3B 8C 80 01 50 12 23 45 56 12 53 54 4E 33 81 C3 55h

ATR						
Initial Header	T0	TD1	TD2	ATQB		TCK
				T1	Tk	
3Bh	86h	80h	01h	50h	12 23 45 56 12 53 54 4E 33 81 C3h	55h

Since this card follows ISO 14443 Type B, the response would be ATQB which is 50 12 23 45 56 12 53 54 4E 33 81 C3h is 12 bytes long with no CRC-B

Note: You can refer to the ISO7816, ISO14443 and PC/SC standards for more details.



4.0. PICC Commands for General Purposes

4.1. Get Data

This command returns the serial number or ATS of the connected PICC.

Get UID APDU Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Get Data	FFh	CAh	00h 01h	00h	00h (Full Length)

Get UID Response Format (UID + 2 bytes) if P1 = 00h

Response	Data Out					
Result	UID (LSB)	-	-	UID (MSB)	SW1	SW2

Get ATS of a ISO 14443 A card (ATS + 2 bytes) if P1 = 01h

Response	Data Out		
Result	ATS	SW1	SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.
Error	6A 81h	Function not supported.

Example:

- To get the serial number of the connected PICC.
`UINT8 GET_UID[5]={FFh, CAh, 00h, 00h, 04h};`
- To get the ATS of the connected ISO 14443 A PICC.
`UINT8 GET_ATS[5]={FFh, CAh, 01h, 00h, 04h};`



5.0. PICC Commands (T=CL Emulation) for MIFARE Classic Memory Cards

5.1. Load Authentication Keys

This command loads the authentication keys into the reader. The authentication keys are used to authenticate the particular sector of the MIFARE Classic 1K/4K memory card. Volatile authentication key location is provided.

Load Authentication Keys APDU Format (11 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In
Load Authentication Keys	FFh	82h	Key Structure	Key Number	06h	Key (6 bytes)

Where:

Key Structure 1 byte.

00h = Key is loaded into the reader volatile memory.

Other = Reserved.

Key Number 1 byte.

00h ~ 01h = Key Location. The keys will disappear once the reader is disconnected from the PC.

Key 6 bytes.

The key value loaded into the reader. e.g., {FF FF FF FF FF FFh}

Load Authentication Keys Response Format (2 Bytes)

Response	Data Out	
Result	SW1	SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

Example:

Load a key {FF FF FF FF FF FFh} into the key location 00h.

APDU = {FF 82 00 00h 06 FF FF FF FF FF FFh}



5.2. Authentication

This command uses the keys stored in the reader to do authentication with the MIFARE 1K/4K card (PICC). Two types of authentication keys are used: TYPE_A and TYPE_B.

Load Authentication Keys APDU Format (6 bytes) [Obsolete]

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	P3	Data In
Authentication	FFh	88h	00h	Block Number	Key Type	Key Number

Load Authentication Keys APDU Format (10 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In
Authentication	FFh	86h	00h	00h	05h	Authenticate Data Bytes

Authenticate Data Bytes (5 bytes)

Byte1	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5
Version 01h	00h	Block Number	Key Type	Key Number

Where:

Block Number 1 byte. This is the memory block to be authenticated.

Key Type 1 byte

60h = Key is used as a TYPE A key for authentication.

61h = Key is used as a TYPE B key for authentication.

Key Number 1 byte

00h ~ 01h = Key Location.

Note: For MIFARE Classic 1K Card, it has totally 16 sectors and each sector consists of 4 consecutive blocks. E.g. Sector 00h consists of Blocks {00h, 01h, 02h and 03h}; Sector 01h consists of Blocks {04h, 05h, 06h and 07h}; the last sector 0F consists of Blocks {3Ch, 3Dh, 3Eh and 3Fh}.

Once the authentication is done successfully, there is no need to do the authentication again if the blocks to be accessed belong to the same sector. Please refer to the MIFARE Classic 1K/4K specification for more details.

Load Authentication Keys Response Format (2 bytes)

Response	Data Out	
Result	SW1	SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.



Sectors (Total 16 sectors. Each sector consists of 4 consecutive blocks)	Data Blocks (3 blocks, 16 bytes per block)	Trailer Block (1 block, 16 bytes)
Sector 0	00h ~ 02h	03h
Sector 1	04h ~ 06h	07h
..		
..		
Sector 14	38h ~ 0Ah	3Bh
Sector 15	3Ch ~ 3Eh	3Fh

} 1 KB

Table 4: MIFARE 1K Memory Map

Sectors (Total 32 sectors. Each sector consists of 4 consecutive blocks)	Data Blocks (3 blocks, 16 bytes per block)	Trailer Block (1 block, 16 bytes)
Sector 0	00h ~ 02h	03h
Sector 1	04h ~ 06h	07h
..		
..		
Sector 30	78h ~ 7Ah	7Bh
Sector 31	7Ch ~ 7Eh	7Fh

} 2 KB

Sectors (Total 8 sectors. Each sector consists of 16 consecutive blocks)	Data Blocks (15 blocks, 16 bytes per block)	Trailer Block (1 block, 16 bytes)
Sector 32	80h ~ 8Eh	8Fh
Sector 33	90h ~ 9Eh	9Fh
..		
..		
Sector 38	E0h ~ EEh	EFh
Sector 39	F0h ~ FEh	FFh

} 2 KB

Table 5: MIFARE Classic 4K Memory Map



Byte Number	0	1	2	3	Page
Serial Number	SN0	SN1	SN2	BCC0	0
Serial Number	SN3	SN4	SN5	SN6	1
Internal/Lock	BCC1	Internal	Lock0	Lock1	2
OTP	OPT0	OPT1	OTP2	OTP3	3
Data read/write	Data0	Data1	Data2	Data3	4
Data read/write	Data4	Data5	Data6	Data7	5
Data read/write	Data8	Data9	Data10	Data11	6
Data read/write	Data12	Data13	Data14	Data15	7
Data read/write	Data16	Data17	Data18	Data19	8
Data read/write	Data20	Data21	Data22	Data23	9
Data read/write	Data24	Data25	Data26	Data27	10
Data read/write	Data28	Data29	Data30	Data31	11
Data read/write	Data32	Data33	Data34	Data35	12
Data read/write	Data36	Data37	Data38	Data39	13
Data read/write	Data40	Data41	Data42	Data43	14
Data read/write	Data44	Data45	Data46	Data47	15

512 bits
or
64 bytes

Table 6: MIFARE Ultralight Memory Map

Example:

- To authenticate the Block 04h with a {TYPE A, key number 00h}. For PC/SC V2.01, Obsolete.
APDU = {FF 88 00 04 60 00h};
- To authenticate the Block 04h with a {TYPE A, key number 00h}. For PC/SC V2.07
APDU = {FF 86 00 00 05 01 00 04 60 00h}

Note: MIFARE Ultralight does not need to do any authentication. The memory is free to access.



5.3. Read Binary Blocks

This command retrieves the data blocks from the PICC. The data block/trailer block must be authenticated first.

Read Binary APDU Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Read Binary Blocks	FFh	B0h	00h	Block Number	Number of Bytes to Read

Where:

- Block Number** 1 byte
The block to be accessed.
- Number of Bytes to Read** 1 byte
Maximum 16 bytes.

Read Binary Block Response Format (N + 2 bytes)

Response	Data Out		
Result	0 <= N <= 16	SW1	SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

Example:

- Read **16 bytes** from the binary block **04h** (MIFARE Classic 1K or 4K)
APDU = {FF B0 00 **04 10h**}
- Read **4 bytes** from the binary Page **04h** (MIFARE Ultralight)
APDU = {FF B0 00 **04 04h**}
- Read **16 bytes** starting from the binary Page **04h** (MIFARE Ultralight) (Pages 4, 5, 6 and 7 will be read)
APDU = {FF B0 00 **04 10h**}

Note: Please add a 2-second delay when reading NDEF messages in MIFARE Classic 4K cards.



5.4. Update Binary Blocks

This command writes data blocks into the PICC. The data block/trailer block must be authenticated.

Update Binary APDU Format (4 or 16 + 5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In
Update Binary Blocks	FFh	D6h	00h	Block Number	Number of Bytes to Update	Block Data 4 Bytes for MIFARE Ultralight or 16 Bytes for MIFARE 1K/4K

Where:

Block Number	1 byte	The starting block to be updated.
Number of Bytes to Update	1 byte	16 bytes for MIFARE 1K/4K 4 bytes for MIFARE Ultralight
Block Data	4 bytes or 16 bytes.	The data to be written into the binary block/blocks.

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

Example:

- Update the binary block 04h of MIFARE Classic 1K/4K with Data {00 01 .. 0Fh}
APDU = {FF D6 00 04 10 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0Fh}
- Update the binary block 04h of MIFARE Ultralight with Data {00 01 02 03}
APDU = {FF D6 00 04 04 00 01 02 03h}



5.5. Value Block Related Commands

The data block can be used as value block for implementing value-based applications.

5.5.1. Value Block Operation

This command manipulates the value-based transactions (e.g., increment a value of the value block etc.)

Value Block Operation APDU Format (10 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	
Value Block Operation	FFh	D7h	00h	Block Number	05h	VB_OP	VB_Value (4 bytes) {MSB .. LSB}

Where:

Block Number 1 byte

The value block to be manipulated.

VB_OP 1 byte

00h = Store the VB_Value into the block. The block will then be converted to a value block.

01h = Increment the value of the value block by the VB_Value. This command is only valid for value block.

02h = Decrement the value of the value block by the VB_Value. This command is only valid for value block.

VB_Value 4 bytes.

The value used for value manipulation. The value is a signed long integer (4 bytes).

Example 1: Decimal -4 = {FFh, FFh, FFh, FCh}

VB_Value			
MSB			LSB
FFh	FFh	FFh	FCh

Example 2: Decimal 1 = {00h, 00h, 00h, 01h}

VB_Value			
MSB			LSB
00h	00h	00h	01h

Value Block Operation Response Format (2 bytes)

Response	Data Out	
Result	SW1	SW2



Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

5.5.2. Read Value Block

This command retrieves the value from the value block. This command is only valid for value block.

Read Value Block APDU Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Read Value Block	FFh	B1h	00h	Block Number	04h

Where:

Block Number 1 byte
 The value block to be accessed.

Read Value Block Response Format (4 + 2 bytes)

Response	Data Out		
Result	Value {MSB .. LSB}	SW1	SW2

Where:

Value 4 bytes.
 The value returned from the card. The value is a signed long integer (4 bytes).

Example 1: Decimal -4 = {FFh, FFh, FFh, FCh}

Value			
MSB			LSB
FFh	FFh	FFh	FCh

Example 2: Decimal 1 = {00h, 00h, 00h, 01h}

Value			
MSB			LSB
00h	00h	00h	01h

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.



5.5.3. Restore Value Block

This command copies a value from a value block to another value block.

Restore Value Block APDU Format (7 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In
Restore Value Block	FFh	D7h	00h	Source Block Number	02h	03h Target Block Number

Where:

Source Block Number 1 byte

The value of the source value block will be copied to the target value block.

Target Block Number 1 byte

The value block to be restored. The source and target value blocks must be in the same sector.

Restore Value Block Response Format (2 bytes)

Response	Data Out
Result	SW1 SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

Example:

- Store a value "1" into block 05h
APDU = {FF D7 00 05 05 00 00 00 00 01h}
Answer: 90 00h
- Read the value block 05h
APDU = {FF B1 00 05 00h}
Answer: 00 00 00 01 90 00h [9000h]
- Copy the value from value block 05h to value block 06h
APDU = {FF D7 00 05 02 03 06h}
Answer: 90 00h [9000h]
- Increment the value block 05h by "5"
APDU = {FF D7 00 05 05 01 00 00 00 05h}
Answer: 90 00h [9000h]



6.0. Pseudo-APDU Commands

The pseudo-APDU commands are used for the following:

- Exchanging data with non-PC/SC-compliant tags
- Retrieving and setting the reader parameters
- Pseudo-APDUs can be sent through the “ACR122U PICC Interface” if the tag is already connected
- Pseudo-APDUs can be sent using “Escape Command” if the tag is not yet presented

6.1. Direct Transmit

This is the payload to be sent to the tag or reader.

Direct Transmit Command Format (Length of the Payload + 5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In
Direct Transmit	FFh	00h	00h	00h	Number of Bytes to send	Payload

Where:

- Lc** 1 byte.
 Number of bytes to send
 Maximum 255 bytes
- Data In** Response

Direct Transmit Response Format

Response	Data Out
Direct Transmit	Response Data



6.2. Bi-color LED and Buzzer Control

This command controls the states of the bi-color LED and Buzzer.

Bi-color LED and Buzzer Control Command Format (9 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In (4 bytes)
Bi-Color and Buzzer LED Control	FFh	00h	40h	LED State Control (Bit 7 --- Bit 0)	04h	Blinking Duration Control

Where:

P2 LED State Control

Bi-Color LED and Buzzer Control Format (1 byte)

CMD	Item	Description
Bit 0	Final State: Red LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bit 1	Final State: Green LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bit 2	State Mask: Red LED	1 = Update the State 0 = No change
Bit 3	State Mask: Green LED	1 = Update the State 0 = No change
Bit 4	Initial Blinking State: Red LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bit 5	Initial Blinking State: Green LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bit 6	Blinking Mask: Red LED	1 = Blink 0 = Not Blink
Bit 7	Blinking Mask: Green LED	1 = Blink 0 = Not Blink

Data In Blinking Duration Control

Bi-Color LED Blinking Duration Control Format (4 Bytes)

Byte 0	Byte 1	Byte 2	Byte 3
T1 Duration Initial Blinking State (Unit = 100 ms)	T2 Duration Toggle Blinking State (Unit = 100 ms)	Number of repetition	Link to Buzzer

Where:

Byte 3 Link to Buzzer. Control the buzzer state during the LED Blinking.

00h: The buzzer will not turn on

01h: The buzzer will turn on during the T1 Duration

02h: The buzzer will turn on during the T2 Duration

03h: The buzzer will turn on during the T1 and T2 Duration.

Data Out **SW1 SW2**. Status Code returned by the reader.



Results	SW1	SW2	Meaning
Success	90h	Current LED State	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63h	00h	The operation failed.

Current LED State (1 byte)

Status	Item	Description
Bit 0	Current Red LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bit 1	Current Green LED	1 = On; 0 = Off
Bits 2 – 7	Reserved	

Notes:

1. LED Blinking will take effect only if the corresponding LED Blinking Mask is enabled and the number of repetition is greater than zero.
2. The term Initial Blinking State means that the LED of the chosen color will either be turned ON or OFF during the first blink in the duty cycle. For example, if the Initial Blinking State is turned ON for the Green LED and OFF for the Red LED, then the blinking will start with Green, followed by Red, and so on.
3. The change in LED State will take effect only if the corresponding LED State Mask is enabled.
4. If controlled at the same time, the LED State operation will be performed after the LED Blinking operation has been completed.
5. Under Blinking Duration Control, Both T1 and T2 duration parameters are used for controlling the duty cycle of LED blinking and Buzzer Turn-On duration. For example, if T1=1 and T2=1, the duty cycle = 50%. #Duty Cycle = $T1/(T1 + T2)$.
6. To control the buzzer only, set the P2 "LED State Control" to zero.
7. To make the buzzer operating, the "number of repetition" must be greater than zero.
8. To control the LED only, set the parameter "Link to Buzzer" to zero.



6.3. Get firmware version of the reader

This command retrieves the firmware version of the reader.

Command Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Get Firmware Version	FFh	00h	48h	00h	00h

Response Format (10 bytes)

Response	Data Out
Result	Firmware Version

Example:

Response = 41 43 52 31 32 32 55 32 30 31h = ACR122U201 (ASCII)



6.4. Get the PICC operating parameter

This command retrieves the PICC operating parameter of the reader.

Command Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Get PICC Operating Parameter	FFh	00h	50h	00h	00h

Response Format (2 bytes)

Response	Data Out	
Result	90h	PICC Operating Parameter



6.5. Set the PICC operating parameter

This command sets the PICC operating parameter of the reader.

Command Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Set PICC Operating Parameter	FFh	00h	51h	New PICC Operating Parameter	00h

Response Format (2 bytes)

Response	Data Out	
Result	90h	PICC Operating Parameter

PICC Operating Parameter

Bit	Parameter	Description	Option
7	Auto PICC Polling	To enable the PICC Polling	1 = Enable 0 = Disable
6	Auto ATS Generation	To issue ATS Request whenever an ISO14443-4 Type A tag is activated	1 = Enable 0 = Disable
5	Polling Interval	To set the time interval between successive PICC Polling.	1 = 250 ms 0 = 500 ms
4	FeliCa 424K	The Tag Types to be detected during PICC Polling.	1 = Detect 0 = Skip
3	FeliCa 212K		1 = Detect 0 = Skip
2	Topaz		1 = Detect 0 = Skip
1	ISO 14443 Type B		1 = Detect 0 = Skip
0	ISO 14443 Type A #To detect the MIFARE Tags, the Auto ATS Generation must be disabled first.		1 = Detect 0 = Skip

Note: Default Value = FFh



6.6. Set Timeout Parameter

This command sets the timeout parameter of the contactless chip response time.

Command Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Set Timeout Parameter	FFh	00h	41h	Timeout Parameter (Unit: 5 sec.)	00h

Where:

P2	Timeout Parameter
00h:	No Timeout check
01h – FEh:	Timeout with 5 second unit
FFh:	Wait until the contactless chip responds

Response Format (2 bytes)

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.



6.7. Set buzzer output during card detection

This command sets the buzzer output during card detection. The default output is ON.

Command Format (5 bytes)

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Le
Set Buzzer Output during Card Detection	FFh	00h	52h	PollBuzzStatus	00h

Where:

P2 PollBuzzStatus

00h: Buzzer will NOT turn on when a card is detected

FFh: Buzzer will turn on when a card is detected

Response Format (2 bytes)

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

7.0. Basic Program Flow for Contactless Applications

Step 0. Start the application. The reader will do the PICC Polling and scan for tags continuously.

Once the tag is found and detected, the corresponding ATR will be sent to the PC. You must make sure that the PC/SC Escape Command has been set. See **Appendix A** for more details.

Step 1. The first thing is to connect the “ACR122U PICC Interface”.

Step 2. Access the PICC by sending APDU commands.

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Step N. Disconnect the “ACR122U PICC Interface”. Shut down the application.

Notes:

1. The antenna can be switched off in order to save the power.
 - Turn off the antenna power: FF 00 00 00 04 D4 32 01 00h
 - Turn on the antenna power: FF 00 00 00 04 D4 32 01 01h
2. Standard and Non-Standard APDUs Handling.
 - PICCs that use Standard APDUs: ISO14443-4 Type A and B, MIFARE .. etc
 - PICCs that use Non-Standard APDUs: FeliCa, Topaz .. etc.

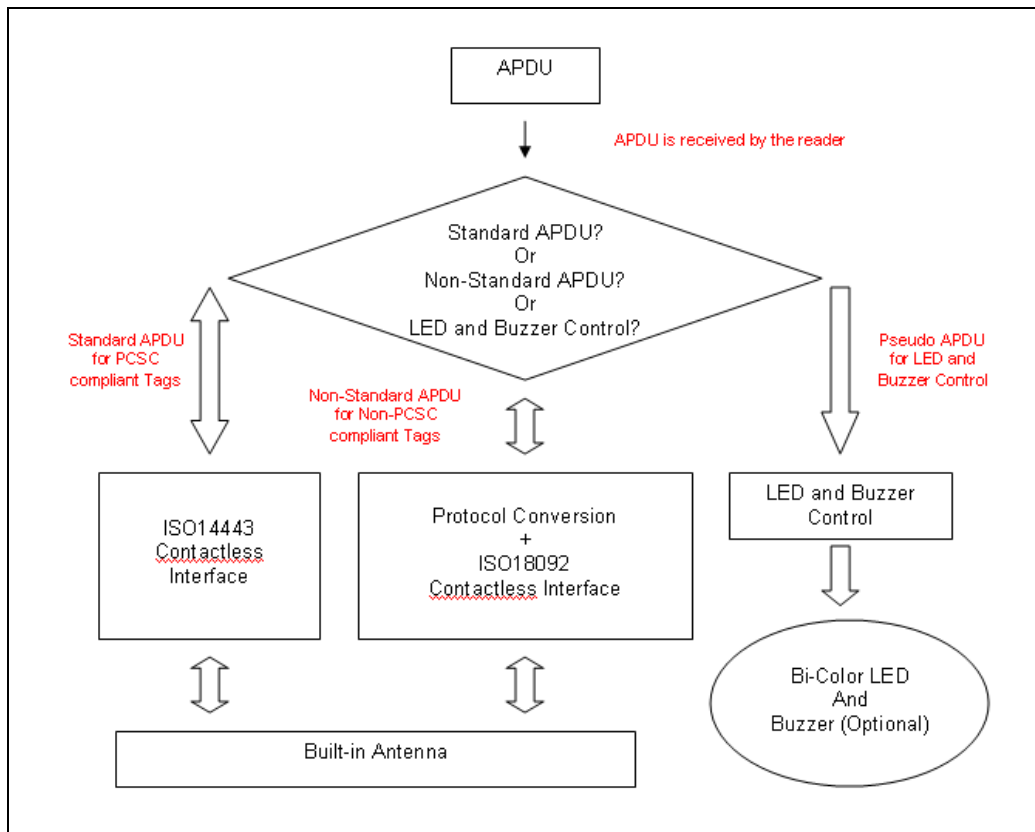


Figure 3: Basic Program Flow for Contactless Applications



1. For the ACR122U PICC Interface, ISO 7816 T=1 protocol is used.
 - PC → Reader: Issue an APDU to the reader.
 - Reader → PC: The response data is returned.



7.1. How to access PC/SC-compliant tags (ISO 14443-4)?

Basically, all ISO 14443-4 compliant cards (PICCs) would understand the ISO 7816-4 APDUs. The ACR122U Reader just needs to communicate with the ISO 14443-4 compliant cards through exchanging ISO 7816-4 APDUs and Responses. ACR122U will handle the ISO 14443 Parts 1-4 Protocols internally.

MIFARE 1K, 4K, Mini and Ultralight tags are supported through the T=CL emulation. Simply treat the MIFARE tags as standard ISO 14443-4 tags. For more information, please refer to topic: **PICC Commands for MIFARE Classic Memory Tags.**

ISO 7816-4 APDU Format

Command	Class	INS	P1	P2	Lc	Data In	Le
ISO 7816 Part 4 Command	-	-	-	-	Length of the Data In	-	Expected length of the Response Data

ISO 7816-4 Response Format (Data + 2 bytes)

Response	Data Out		
Result	Response Data	SW1	SW2

Response Codes

Results	SW1 SW2	Meaning
Success	90 00h	The operation completed successfully.
Error	63 00h	The operation failed.

Typical sequence may be:

1. Present the Tag and Connect the PICC Interface
2. Read/Update the memory of the tag

1. Connect the Tag
2. Send an APDU, Get Challenge.
<< 00 84 00 00 08h
>> 1A F7 F3 1B CD 2B A9 58h [90 00h]

Note: For ISO14443-4 Type A tags, the ATS can be obtained by using the APDU "FF CA 00 00 01h"



7.2. How to access MIFARE DESFire tags (ISO 14443-4)?

MIFARE® DESFire® supports ISO 7816-4 APDU Wrapping and Native modes. Once the MIFARE DESFire Tag is activated, the first APDU sent to the DESFire Tag will determine the “Command Mode”. If the first APDU is “Native Mode”, the rest of the APDUs must be in “Native Mode” format. Similarly, if the first APDU is “ISO 7816-4 APDU Wrapping Mode”, the rest of the APDUs must be in “ISO 7816-4 APDU Wrapping Mode” format.

Example 1: MIFARE DESFire ISO 7816-4 APDU Wrapping

To read 8 bytes random number from an ISO 14443-4 Type A PICC (DESFire)

APDU = {90 0A 00 00 01 00 00h}

Class = 90; INS = 0A (DESFire Instruction); P1 = 00h; P2 = 00h

Lc = 01h; Data In = 00h; Le = 00h (Le = 00h for maximum length)

Answer: 7B 18 92 9D 9A 25 05 21h [\$91AFh]

The Status Code [91 AFh] is defined in DESFire specification. Please refer to the DESFire specification for more details.

Example 2: MIFARE DESFire Frame Level Chaining (ISO 7816 wrapping mode)

In this example, the application has to do the “Frame Level Chaining”. To get the version of the MIFARE DESFire card.

Step 1: Send an APDU {90 60 00 00 00h} to get the first frame. INS=60

Answer: 04 01 01 00 02 18 05 91 AFh [\$91AFh]

Step 2: Send an APDU {90 AF 00 00 00h} to get the second frame. INS=AF

Answer: 04 01 01 00 06 18 05 91 AFh [\$91AFh]

Step 3: Send an APDU {90 AF 00 00 00h} to get the last frame. INS=AFh

Answer: 04 52 5A 19 B2 1B 80 8E 36 54 4D 40 26 04 91 00h [\$9100h]

Example 3: MIFARE DESFire Native Command

We can send Native DESFire Commands to the reader without ISO 7816 wrapping if we find that the Native DESFire Commands are easier to handle.

To read 8 bytes random number from an ISO 14443-4 Type A PICC (DESFire)

APDU = {0A 00h}

Answer: AF 25 9C 65 0C 87 65 1D D7h [\$1DD7h]

In which, the first byte “AF” is the status code returned by the MIFARE DESFire Card.

The Data inside the blanket [\$1DD7] can simply be ignored by the application.



Example 4: MIFARE DESFire Frame Level Chaining (Native Mode)

In this example, the application has to do the “Frame Level Chaining”.

To get the version of the MIFARE DESFire card.

Step 1: Send an APDU {60h} to get the first frame. INS=60h

Answer: AF 04 01 01 00 02 18 05h[\$1805h]

Step 2: Send an APDU {AFh} to get the second frame. INS=AFh

Answer: AF 04 01 01 00 06 18 05h[\$1805h]

Step 3: Send an APDU {AFh} to get the last frame. INS=AFh

Answer: 00 04 52 5A 19 B2 1B 80 8E 36 54 4D 40 26 04h[\$2604h]

Note: In DESFire Native Mode, the status code [90 00h] will not be added to the response if the response length is greater than 1. If the response length is less than 2, the status code [90 00h] will be added in order to meet the requirement of PC/SC. The minimum response length is 2.



7.3. How to access FeliCa tags (ISO 18092)?

Typical sequence may be:

1. Present the FeliCa Tag and Connect the PICC Interface.
2. Read/Update the memory of the tag.

Step 1) **Connect the tag.**

The ATR = 3B 8F 80 01 80 4F 0C A0 00 00 03 06 03 **F0 11** 00 00 00 00 8Ah

In which,

F0 11 = FeliCa 212K

Step 2) **Read the memory block without using Pseudo APDU.**

<< 10 06h [8-byte NFC ID] 01 09 01 01 80 00h

>> 1D 07h [8-byte NFC ID] 00 00 01 00 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AAh [90 00h]

or

Step 2) **Read the memory block using Pseudo APDU.**

<< **FF 00 00 00** [13] **D4 40 01** 10 06 [8-byte NFC ID] 01 09 01 01 80 00h

In which,

[13] is the length of the Pseudo Data “**D4 40 01**.. 80 00h”

D4 40 01h is the Data Exchange Command

>> **D5 41 00** 1D 07h [8-byte NFC ID] 00 00 01 00 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AA 55 AAh [90 00h]

In which, **D5 41 00h** is the Data Exchange Response

Note: The **NFC ID** can be obtained by using the APDU “**FF CA 00 00 00h**”

Please refer to the FeliCa specification for more detailed information.



7.4. How to access NFC Forum Type 1 Tags (ISO 18092)?

Examples of these tags are Jewel and Topaz tags.

Typical sequence may be:

1. Present the Topaz tag, and then connect the PICC interface.
2. Read/Update the memory of the tag.

Step 1) **Connect the tag.**

The ATR = 3B 8F 80 01 80 4F 0C A0 00 00 03 06 03 **F0 04** 00 00 00 00 9Fh

In which, **F0 04** = Topaz

Step 2) **Read the memory address 08h (Block 1: Byte-0) without using Pseudo APDU**

<< **01 08h**

>> **18h** [90 00h]

In which, Response Data = **18h**

or

Step 2) **Read the memory address 08h (Block 1: Byte-0) using Pseudo APDU**

<< **FF 00 00 00 [05] D4 40 01 01 08h**

In which,

[05h] is the length of the Pseudo APDU Data “**D4 40 01 01 08h**”

D4 40 01h is the DataExchange Command.

01 08h is the data to be sent to the tag.

>> **D5 41 00 18h** [90 00h]

In which, Response Data = **18h**

*Tip: To **read all** the memory content of the tag*

<< **00h**

>> **11 48 18 26 .. 00h** [90 00h]

Step 3) **Update the memory address 08h (Block 1: Byte-0)with the data FFh**

<< **53 08 FFh**

>> **FFh** [90 00h]

In which, Response Data = **FFh**



Memory Address = Block No * 8 + Byte No

E.g. Memory Address 08h (hex) = 1 x 8 + 0 = Block 1: Byte-0 = Data0

E.g. Memory Address 10h (hex) = 2 x 8 + 0 = Block 2: Byte-0 = Data8

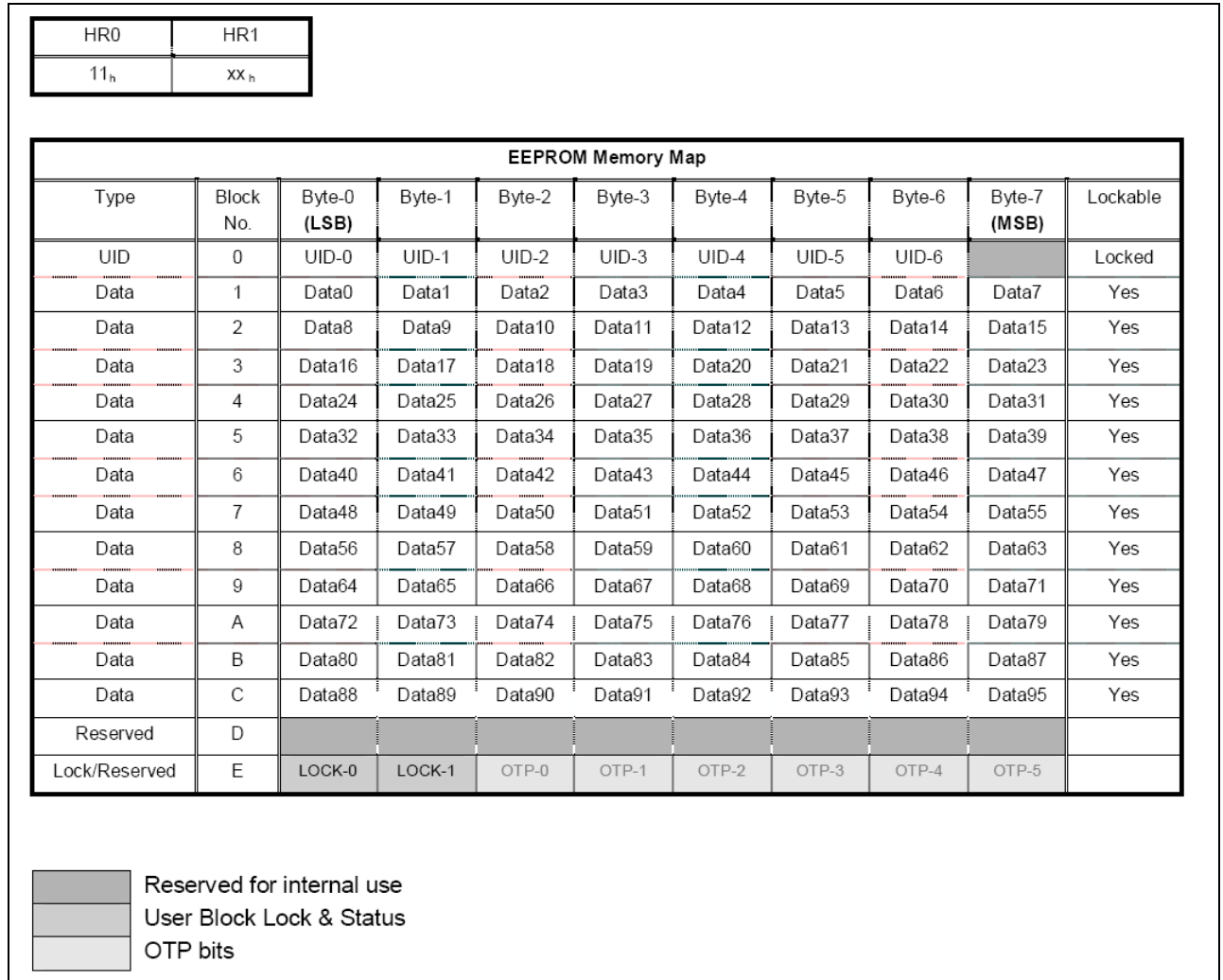


Figure 4: Topaz Memory Map

Please refer to the Jewel and Topaz specification for more detailed information.



7.5. Get the current setting of the contactless interface

Step 1. Get Status Command.

<< FF 00 00 00 02 D4 04h

>> D5 05h [Err] [Field] [NbTg] [Tg] [BrRx] [BrTx] [Type] 80 90 00h

Or if no tag is in the field

>> D5 05 00 00 00 80 90 00h

[Err] is an error code corresponding to the latest error detected.

Field indicates if an external RF field is present and detected (Field = 01h) or not (Field = 00h).

[NbTg] is the number of targets. The default value is 1.

[Tg]: logical number

[BrRx] : bit rate in reception

00h: 106 Kbps

01h: 212 Kbps

02h: 424 Kbps

[BrTx] : bit rate in transmission

00h: 106 Kbps

01h: 212 Kbps

02h: 424 Kbps

[Type]: modulation type

00h: ISO 14443 or MIFARE

10h: FeliCa

01h: Active mode

02h: Innovision Jewel tag



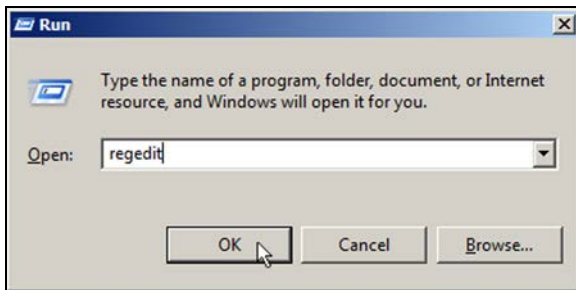
Appendix A. ACR122U PC/SC Escape Command

1. Select the “ACS ACR122U PICC Interface 0”
2. Select the “Shared Mode” if the “ACR122U PICC Interface” is already connected, or “Direct Mode” if the “ACR122U PICC Interface” is not connected.
3. Press the **Connect** button to establish a connection between the PC and the ACR122U reader.
4. Enter “3500” in the Command Text Box
5. Enter the PC/SC Escape Command, e.g. “FF 00 48 00 00h” and press the button “Send” to send the command to the reader. **#Get the firmware version**
6. Press the **Disconnect** button to break the connection.
7. In order to send or receive **Escape commands** to a reader, follow the instructions below
8. The vendor IOCTL for the **Escape** command is defined as follows:

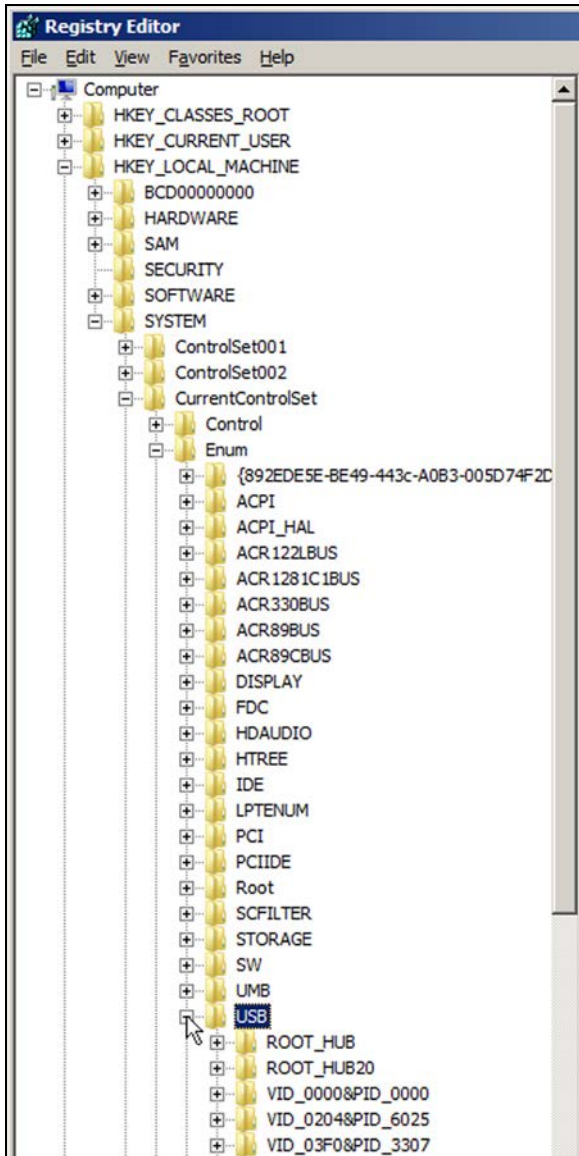
```
#define IOCTL_CCID_ESCAPE SCARD_CTL_CODE(3500)
```

The following instructions enumerate the steps to enable the PC/SC Escape command:

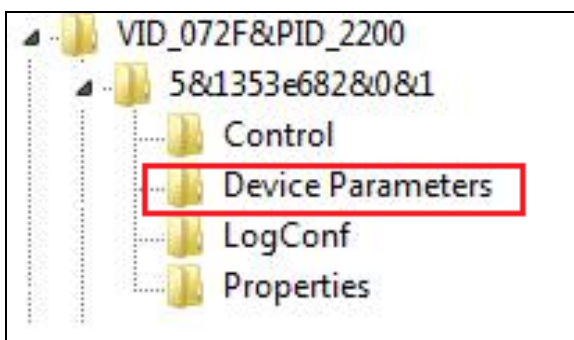
1. Execute the “regedit” in the “Run Command Menu” of Windows.



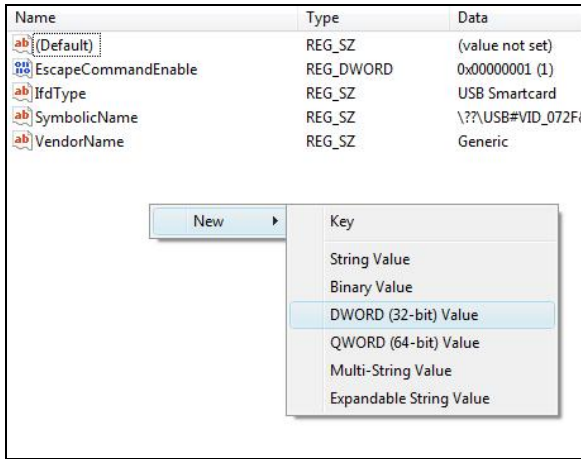
2. Add a DWORD “EscapeCommandEnable” under HKLM\SYSTEM\CCS\Enum\USB\Vid_072F&Pid_90CC\Device Parameters
For Microsoft Vista, the path is:
Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEMS\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USB



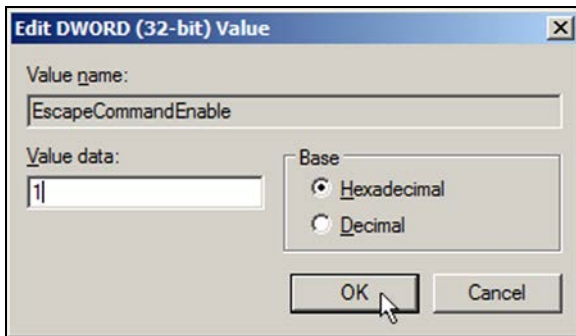
3. Look for: VID_072F&PID_2200, then expand the node. Look under Device parameters.



4. Create a DWORD entry (32-bit) with the name: `EscapeCommandEnable`



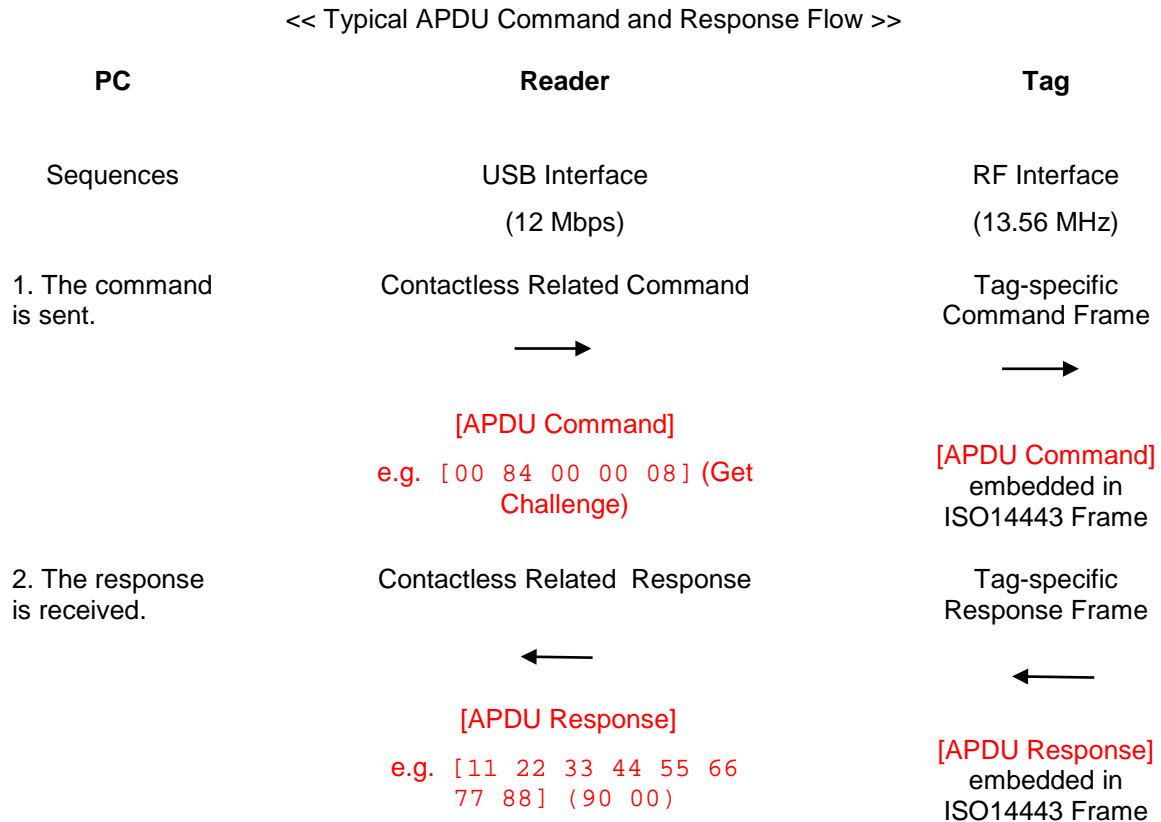
5. To Modify the value of the `EscapeCommandEnable` double click on the entry and input 1 in the Value data with the base set in Hexadecimal.





Appendix B. APDU Command and Response Flow for ISO 14443-Compliant Tags

Assume an ISO 14443-4 Type B tag is used.

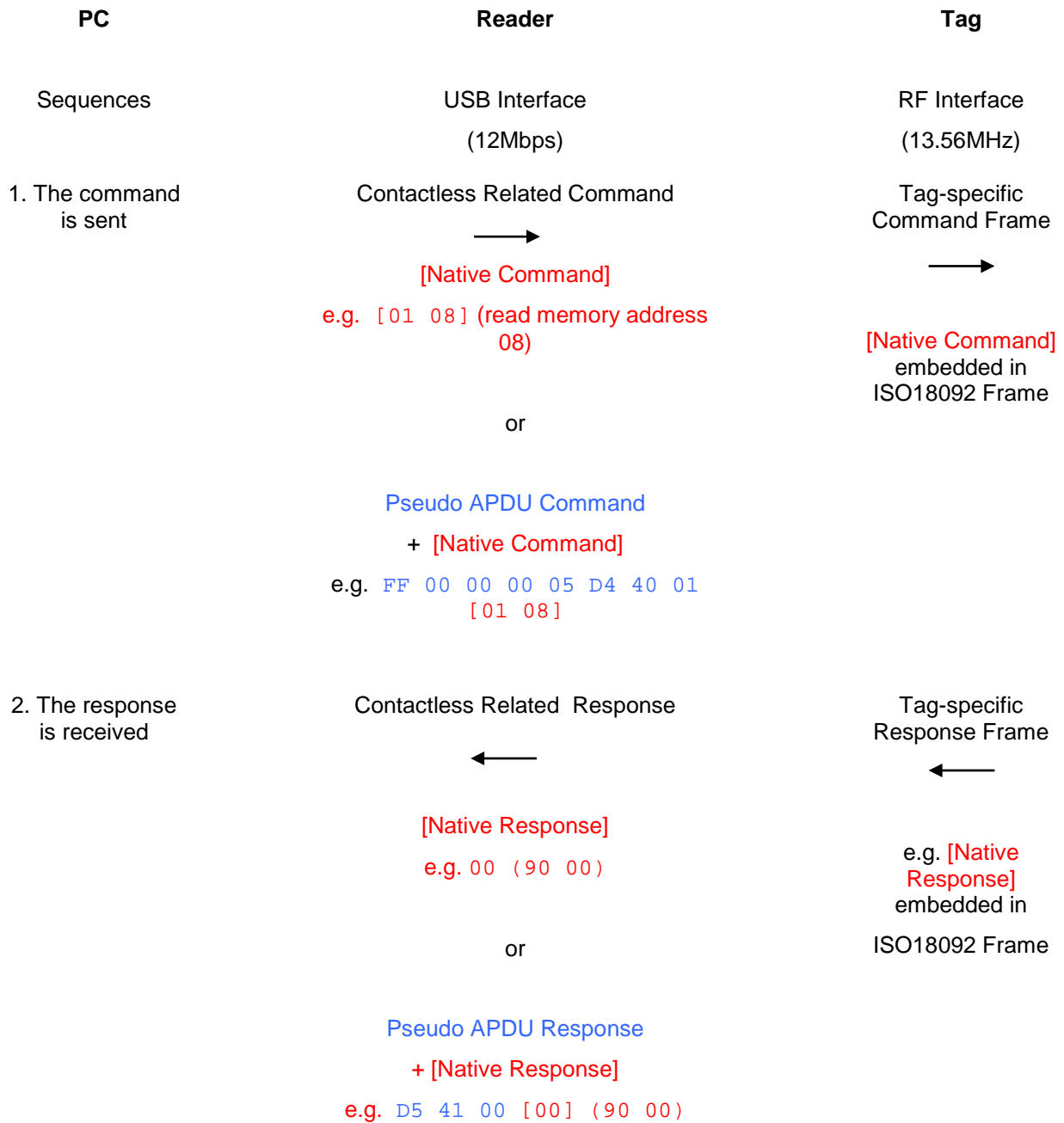




Appendix C. APDU command and response flow for ISO 18092-compliant tags

Note: Assume a TOPAZ tag is used.

<< Typical APDU Command and Response Flow >>





Appendix D. Error Codes

Error Code	Error
00h	No Error
01h	Time Out, the target has not answered
02h	A CRC error has been detected by the contactless UART
03h	A Parity error has been detected by the contactless UART
04h	During a MIFARE anti-collision/select operation, an erroneous Bit Count has been detected
05h	Framing error during MIFARE operation
06h	An abnormal bit-collision has been detected during bit wise anti-collision at 106 Kbps
07h	Communication buffer size insufficient
08h	RF Buffer overflow has been detected by the contactless UART (bit BufferOvfl of the register <code>CL_ERROR</code>)
0Ah	In active communication mode, the RF field has not been switched on in time by the counterpart (as defined in NFCIP-1 standard)
0Bh	RF Protocol error (cf. reference [4], description of the <code>CL_ERROR</code> register)
0Dh	Temperature error: the internal temperature sensor has detected overheating, and therefore has automatically switched off the antenna drivers
0Eh	Internal buffer overflow
10h	Invalid parameter (range, format, ...)
12h	DEP Protocol: The chip configured in target mode does not support the command received from the initiator (the command received is not one of the following: <code>ATR_REQ</code> , <code>WUP_REQ</code> , <code>PSL_REQ</code> , <code>DEP_REQ</code> , <code>DSL_REQ</code> , <code>RLS_REQ</code> , ref. [1]).
13h	DEP Protocol / MIFARE / ISO/IEC 14443-4: The data format does not match to the specification. Depending on the RF protocol used, it can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bad length of RF received frame,• Incorrect value of PCB or PFB,• Invalid or unexpected RF received frame,• NAD or DID incoherence.
14h	MIFARE: Authentication error
23h	ISO/IEC 14443-3: UID Check byte is wrong
25h	DEP Protocol: Invalid device state, the system is in a state which does not allow the operation
26h	Operation not allowed in this configuration (host controller interface)
27h	This command is not acceptable due to the current context of the chip (Initiator vs. Target, unknown target number, Target not in the good state, ...)
29h	The chip configured as target has been released by its initiator
2Ah	ISO/IEC 14443-3B only: the ID of the card does not match, meaning that the expected card has been exchanged with another one.



Error Code	Error
2Bh	ISO/IEC 14443-3B only: the card previously activated has disappeared.
2Ch	Mismatch between the NFCID3 initiator and the NFCID3 target in DEP 212/424 kbps passive.
2Dh	An over-current event has been detected
2Eh	NAD missing in DEP frame

Table 7: Error Codes



Appendix E. Sample codes for setting the LED

Example 1: To read the existing LED State.

```
// Assume both Red and Green LEDs are OFF initially //
// Not link to the buzzer //
```

APDU = "FF 00 40 00 04 00 00 00 00h"

Response = "90 00h". RED and Green LEDs are OFF.

Example 2: To turn on RED and Green Color LEDs.

```
// Assume both Red and Green LEDs are OFF initially //
// Not link to the buzzer //
```

APDU = "FF 00 40 0F 04 00 00 00 00h"

Response = "90 03h". RED and Green LEDs are ON,

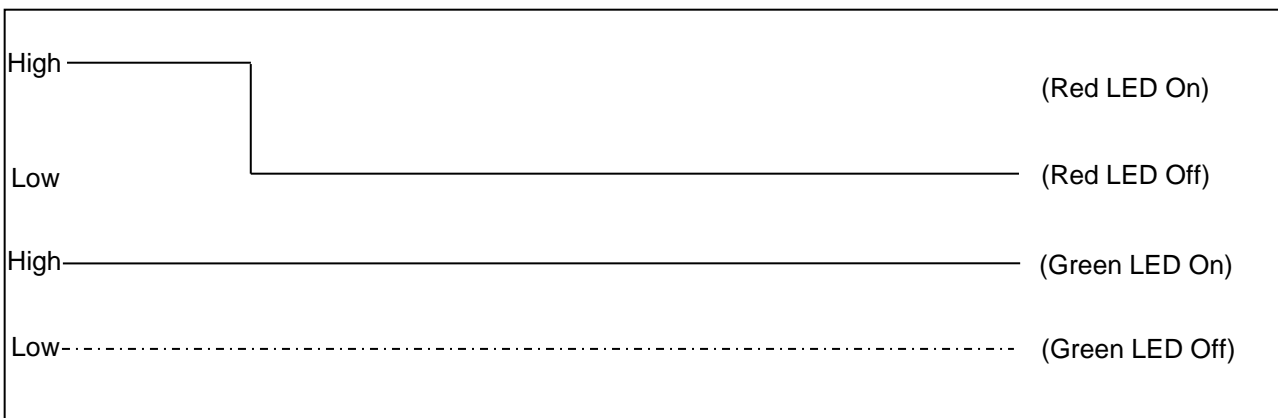
To turn off both RED and Green LEDs, APDU = "FF 00 40 0C 04 00 00 00 00h"

Example 3: To turn off the RED Color LED only, and leave the Green Color LED unchanged.

```
// Assume both Red and Green LEDs are ON initially //
// Not link to the buzzer //
```

APDU = "FF 00 40 04 04 00 00 00 00h"

Response = "90 02h". Green LED is not changed (ON); Red LED is OFF,

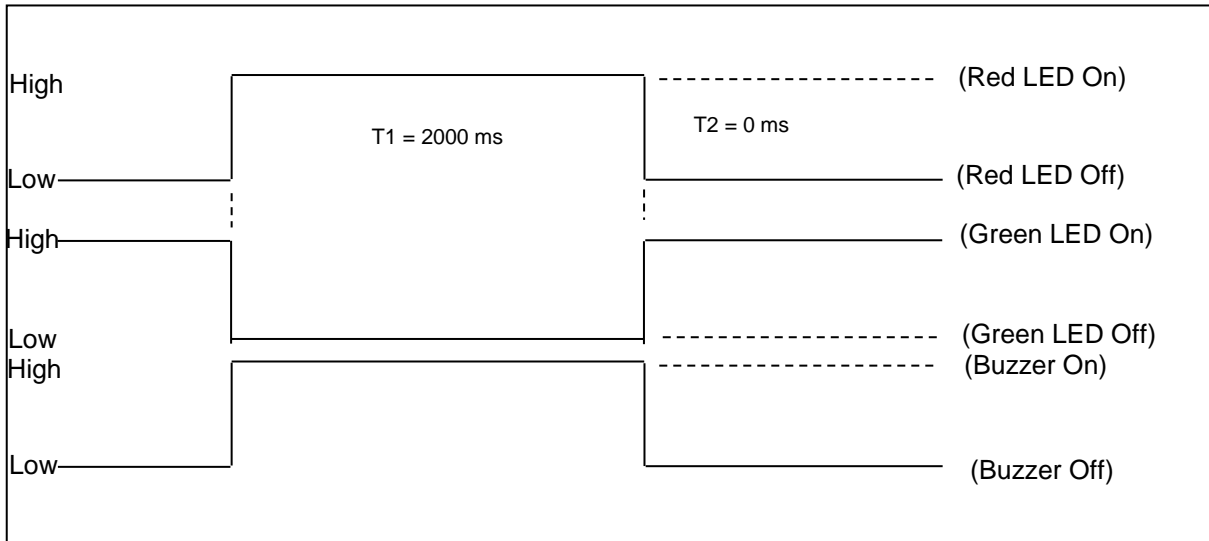




Example 4: To turn on the Red LED for 2 seconds. After that, resume to the initial state.

// Assume the Red LED is initially OFF, while the Green LED is initially ON. //

// The Red LED and buzzer will turn on during the T1 duration, while the Green LED will turn off during the T1 duration. //



1 Hz = 1000 ms Time Interval = 500 ms ON + 500 ms OFF

T1 Duration = 2000 ms = 14h

T2 Duration = 0 ms = 00h

Number of repetition = 01h

Link to Buzzer = 01h

APDU = "FF 00 40 50 04 14 00 01 01h"

Response = "90 02h"

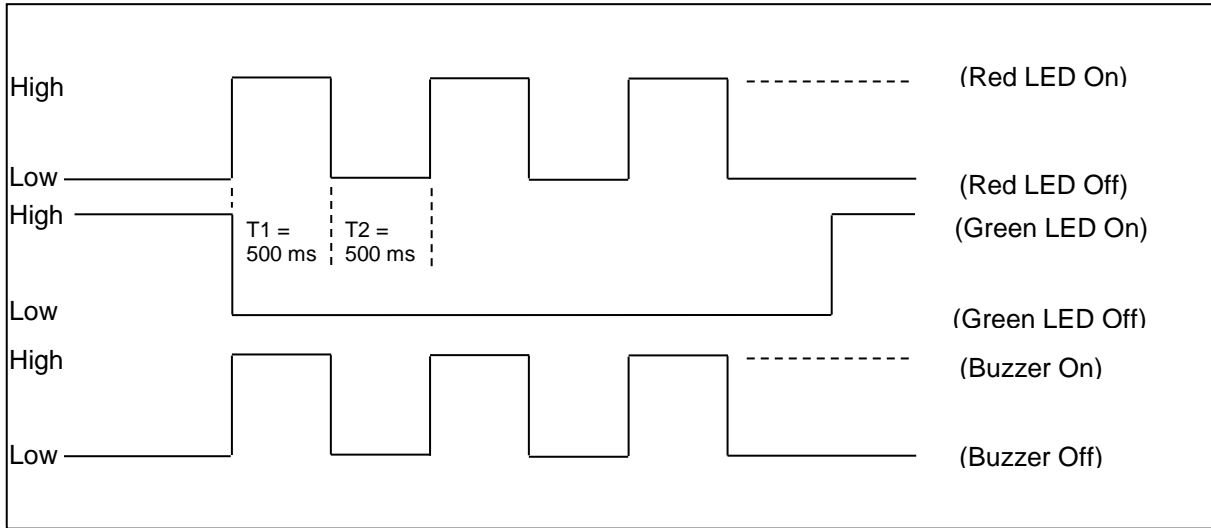
Example 5: To make the Red LED blink at 1 Hz, three times. After which, it resumes to initial state.

// Assume the Red LED is initially OFF, while the Green LED is initially ON. //

// The Initial Red LED Blinking State is ON. Only the Red LED will be blinking.

// The buzzer will turn on during the T1 duration, while the Green LED will turn off during both the T1 and T2 duration.

// After the blinking, the Green LED will turn ON. The Red LED will resume to the initial state after the blinking //



1 Hz = 1000 ms Time Interval = 500 ms ON + 500 ms OFF

T1 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

T2 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

Number of repetition = 03h

Link to Buzzer = 01h

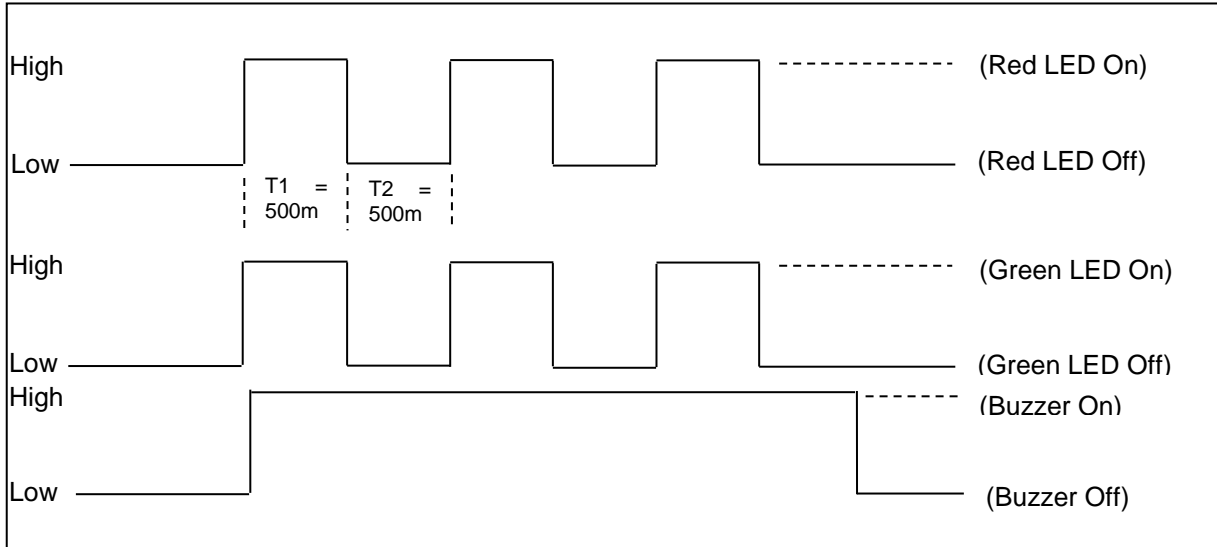
APDU = "FF 00 40 50 04 05 05 03 01h"

Response = "90 02h"



Example 6: To make the Red and Green LEDs blink at 1 Hz three times.

// Assume both the Red and Green LEDs are initially OFF. //
 // Both Initial Red and Green Blinking States are ON //
 // The buzzer will turn on during both the T1 and T2 duration//



1 Hz = 1000 ms Time Interval = 500 ms ON + 500 ms OFF

T1 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

T2 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

Number of repetition = 03h

Link to Buzzer = 03h

APDU = "FF 00 40 F0 04 05 05 03 03h"

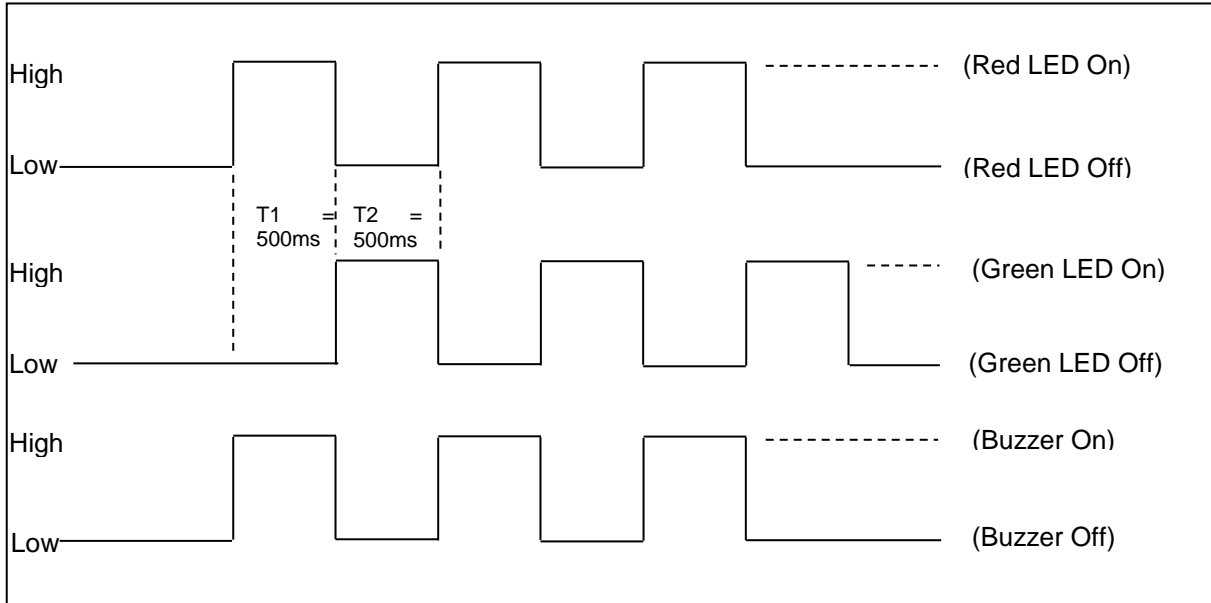
Response = "90 00h"

Example 7: To make Red and Green LED blink in turns at 1 Hz three times.

// Assume both Red and Green LEDs are initially OFF. //

// The Initial Red Blinking State is ON; The Initial Green Blinking States is OFF //

// The buzzer will turn on during the T1 duration//



1 Hz = 1000 ms Time Interval = 500 ms ON + 500 ms OFF

T1 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

T2 Duration = 500 ms = 05h

Number of repetition = 03h

Link to Buzzer = 01h

APDU = "FF 00 40 D0 04 05 05 03 01h"; Response = "90 00h"