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1. Introduction

This document shows the use of UIDs in contactless smartcard systems. It indicates recommendations about the use of Random ID, the mixed use of 4-byte (single size) and 7-byte (double size) UIDs in the same system, and it describes the options how to upgrade 4 byte UID systems to use 7 byte UID smart cards.

**Note:** A UID is not a “serial number”, but a unique identifier. There is no recommendation how to turn the array of bytes into an integer.

**Note:** “UID” is a common expression, defined in the ISO/IEC 14443-3. In some case the UID is even not unique like RID, NUID (FNUID and ONUID) see below.

**Note:** The 4-byte UID is called “Single Size UID”, too. The 7-byte UID is called “Double Size UID”, too. The 10-byte UID is called “Triple Size UID”, too.

In this document, the term MIFARE Classic card refers to a MIFARE Classic IC-based contactless card, the term MIFARE Plus card refers to a MIFARE Plus IC-based contactless card.

2. MIFARE products and ISO/IEC 14443 UIDs

In this section the use of UIDs according to the ISO/IEC 14443 is described. Fig 1 shows the three different UID sizes defined in ISO/IEC 14443-3 as they are used during the anti-collision and selection procedure.

![UID Diagram](image)

(1) BCC = Block Check Character, it is calculated as exclusive-or over the 4 previous bytes.
(2) CT = Cascade Tag, to indicate a following cascade level.

**Fig 1.** UIDs according to ISO/IEC 14443

**Fig 2** shows the anti-collision sequence, which is a mandatory part of the card activation sequence. It automatically selects a single PICC with 4-byte UID (= Single Size UID), 7-byte UID (= Double Size UID) or 10-byte UID (= Triple Size UID).

**Cascade Level 1**

In the Cascade Level 1 the PCD sends the anti-collision command CL1 (0x93) and the PICC returns

- either the 4-byte UID (UID0...UID4) and one-byte BCC,
or a Cascade Tag (CT) followed by the first 3 byte of the UID (UID0...UID2) and one-byte BCC.

The CT (0x88) indicates that the UID is not yet complete, and another Cascade Level has to follow.

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**Fig 2. Anti-collision sequence**

**Note:** The UID0 byte of a 4-byte UID must not be 0x88.

The CL1 then must be selected, using the Select command CL1 (0x93). The PICC returns its SAK CL1, which indicates

- whether the UID is complete or not, and (if so),
  - the type of card (for details refer to [1] and [2]), and
  - whether the card supports T=CL.

**Cascade Level 2**

If the UID is not yet complete, the PCD continues with an anti-collision CL2 command (0x95), and the PICC returns

- either the last 4 bytes of the Double Size UID (UID3...UID6) and one-byte BCC,
- or a Cascade Tag (CT) followed by the next 3 bytes of the Triple Size UID (UID3...UID5) and one-byte BCC.

The CT (0x88) indicates that the UID is not yet complete, and another Cascade Level has to follow.

**Note:** The UID3 byte of a 7 byte or 10-byte UID must not be 0x88.
The CL2 then must be selected, using the Select command CL2 (0x95). The PICC returns its SAK CL2, which indicates
- whether the UID is complete or not, and (if so),
  - the type of card (refer to [1] and [2]), and
  - whether the card supports T=CL.

**Cascade Level 3**
If the UID is not yet complete, the PCD continues with an anti-collision CL3 command (0x97), and the PICC returns
- the last 4 bytes of the Triple Size UID (UID6...UID9) and one-byte BCC.

The CL3 then must be selected, using the Select command CL3 (0x97). The PICC returns its SAK CL3, which indicates
- the type of card (refer to [1] and [2]), and
- whether the card supports T=CL.

## 2.1 Single size UID

The single size UID contains 4 bytes. As shown in Table 1, the value of the UID0 byte defines how those 4 bytes shall be interpreted.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>UID0 [hex]</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>08</td>
<td>RID: UID1, UID2 and UID3 are dynamically generated during or after each Power-On-Reset (POR)</td>
<td>appr. 16 million</td>
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<tr>
<td>x0...x7</td>
<td>Proprietary use (e.g. used for MIFARE products)</td>
<td>appr. 2.1 billion</td>
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<td>appr. 218 million</td>
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<td>x9...xE</td>
<td>Proprietary use (i.e. used for MIFARE products)</td>
<td>appr. 1.6 billion</td>
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<td>xF</td>
<td>Fixed number, non-unique</td>
<td>appr. 268 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>88</td>
<td>Cascade Tag</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F8</td>
<td>RFU</td>
<td>-</td>
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</table>

**Note:** Single Size UIDs do not have a manufacturer code.

**Note:** The Single Size UIDs (unique ones) ended, since the number of usable IDs is limited to approximately 3.7 billion pieces only. To guarantee uniqueness it is recommended to migrate existing reader infrastructures to Double Size UIDs, 7-byte UID. New infrastructures should be based directly on 7 BUID.

### 2.1.1 Random ID (RID)

A single size UID with UID0 = 0x08 indicates a Random Identifier. The Random ID (RID) is dynamically generated, when the PICC powers up. Deselecting a PICC does not reset the RID, but a field reset does.

**Note:** RID is always limited to 4 bytes.

**Note:** Depending on the PICC implementation, a UID (i.e. Double Size UID) may be retrieved from the card by proprietary means after the PICC is selected with its RID.
2.1.2 Fixed but non-unique ID (FNUID)

The 4-byte UIDs with UID0 = xFh are fixed identifiers (like unique ones), but the same UID might be used for several PICCs, so that contactless systems cannot rely on the uniqueness of such a PICC identifier. These UIDs are called FNUID in the following.

The probability to have 2 PICCs on one PCD at the same time with the same FNUID is still extremely low.

However, it might create conflicts, if the contactless system uses the UID not only for the card activation but also as a logical reference to the PICC. There is a proposal how to handle this in chapter 3.2.

2.1.3 Re-used UID (ONUID)

The very old Single Size UIDs will be re-used, which means the same UID might be used for several PICCs, so that contactless systems cannot rely on the uniqueness of such a PICC identifier. These ID are called ONUID in the following.

The probability to have 2 PICCs on one PCD at the same time with the same ONUID is still extremely low.

However, it might create conflicts, if the contactless system uses the UID not only for the card activation but also as a logical reference to the PICC. There is a proposal how to handle this in chapter 3.2.

2.2 Double size UID

Double Size UIDs always contain a manufacturer code in the UID0. With the double size UIDs each manufacturer can theoretically use up to 2.8 * 10¹⁴ UIDs.

2.2.1 Manufacturer Code

In double and triple size UIDs the UID0 contains the manufacturer code which indicates the manufacturer of the PICC as shown in Table 2.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>UID0 [hex]</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>81 … FE</td>
<td>Not allowed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04</td>
<td>NXP Semiconductors</td>
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</table>

2.2.2 Unique ID ranges for Double size UIDs

Double Size UIDs always contain a manufacturer code in the UID0.

Note: Due to the content of Double Size UIDs of MIFARE products the best diversification can typically be found in the UID1 and UID2.

2.3 Triple size UID

Triple Size UIDs always contain a manufacturer code in the UID0.

Currently there is no PICC using a triple size UID. However, according to ISO/IEC 14443 it is mandatory that every PCD supports Triple size UIDs.
2.4 UID used in MIFARE products

In the past MIFARE Classic cards were limited to 4-byte UIDs only, i.e. normally every MIFARE Classic related product has used a single size UID only. Due to the limited number of UIDs in the single size range all new MIFARE related products are supporting 7-byte UIDs.

Table 3 indicates which MIFARE product uses which UID.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Product</th>
<th>MIFARE Ultralight</th>
<th>MIFARE Classic</th>
<th>MIFARE Plus</th>
<th>MIFARE DESFire</th>
<th>SmartMX</th>
<th>MIFARE4 Mobile</th>
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<td>Name</td>
<td>MIFARE Ultralight, MIFARE Ultralight C, MIFARE Ultralight EV1, MIFARE Ultralight Nano</td>
<td>MIFARE Classic EV1</td>
<td>MIFARE Plus S MIFARE Plus SE MIFARE Plus X MIFARE Plus EV1</td>
<td>MIFARE DESFire EV1 MIFARE DESFire EV2</td>
<td>P5 xx P6 xx with MIFARE implementation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Single Size UID</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Single Size FNUID</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Size ONUID</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Double Size UID</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>RID option</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x&lt;sup&gt;3&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>x</td>
<td>x&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>UID Perso Option</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>x</td>
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<td>x&lt;sup&gt;2&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>UID recommended for key diversification</td>
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</table>

The Single Size FNUID or ONUID can be used like a Single Size UID – except the fact that identifier of this range will be used multiple times.

RID is optional and should be used to protect privacy. In case RID is enabled, there is a defined and confidential way to retrieve the UID for each product.

1. MIFARE Plus EV1 only
2. For existing masks using Single Size UID only that have not been switched to Single Size FNUID yet
3. For MIFARE Classic implementation using the MIFARE FleX framework
4. MIFARE Plus support RID only in SL3.
5. In SL1 and SL2 only.
6. For the MIFARE Classic implementation.
3. UID and MIFARE Classic and MIFARE Plus

3.1 Card activation

In the past, the MIFARE Classic always used a Single Size UID, some very old NFC readers for MIFARE ICs may not have implemented the additional cascade levels according to the ISO/IEC 14443, which are required to select a Double Size UID. In such case, there are the following different options to activate a card:

- Single Size NUID (FNUID or ONUID)
- RID

In any case, it is strongly recommended to implement the full 4-byte, 7 byte and 10 byte UID card activation on the PCD, as required by the ISO/IEC 14443.

3.1.1 Single Size NUID

The MIFARE Plus card or MIFARE Classic card with Single Size NUID can be activated like a usual Single Size UID card.

Note: There is a very small probability that 2 cards in the PCD field have the same NUID, and therefore cannot be properly selected without the user removing one card.

Note: NUID might be an order option or an option which can be chosen during personalization of the card.

3.1.2 Double Size UID with “shortcut”

The MIFARE Classic next generation offers the feature to use the Double Size UID, but activate the card with REQA - anti-collision CL1 - Select CL1 – Read Block 0.

In such case the Read Block 0 command might return CRC and parity errors, if more than one card is selected. This conflict cannot be resolved by the reader, if it does not support CL2, but the user needs to separate a single card.

Note: The 4 bytes of the CL1 (CT + UID0...UID2) is taken as input for the MIFARE Classic authentication, if the MIFARE Classic next generation is selected with the Read Block 0.

Note: This feature is not supported for MIFARE Classic implementations using an NFC device for ISO/IEC 14443 protocol handling. As the “shortcut” functionality is not specified in ETSI/SCP TS 102 613, this feature is not supported. This needs to be taken into account when designing a contactless system which shall also support NFC devices.

Note: This feature is neither supported by the MIFARE Classic (MF1Syyyy) nor by the MIFARE Plus EV0.

Note: This feature is supported by the MIFARE Ultralight, MIFARE Ultralight C and MIFARE Plus EV1, too.

3.1.3 RID

Some MIFARE Classic, the MIFARE DESFire and the MIFARE Plus offer the option to enable RID. RID is always 4 bytes only. The MIFARE Plus offers RID only in SL3.
3.2 UID in the contactless system

In some cases, the reader infrastructure might be able to handle Double Size UIDs, but the (background) system can only handle 4-byte UIDs. Or vice versa, the reader infrastructure might not be able to handle Double Size UIDs, but the (background) system needs uniqueness and can handle Double Size UIDs.

In such a case, there are at least 5 different options:

- Single Size NUID for card activation and for the system
- Single Size NUID for card activation, and Double Size UID for the system
- Double Size UID for card activation, and Single Size NUID for the system
- RID for card activation, and Single Size NUID for the system
- RID for card activation, and Double Size UID for the system

3.2.1 Single Size NUID for card activation and for the system

The MIFARE Plus card or MIFARE Classic card with Single Size NUID can be activated like a usual Single Size UID card.

**Note:** There is an extremely small probability that 2 cards in the field have the same NUID, and therefore cannot be properly selected without the user removing one card.

**Note:** NUID might be an order option or an option which can be chosen during personalization of the card.

There is a probability that the same NUID appears in the system more than once. Either the cards have to be pre-selected e.g. at issuing to avoid such collision in the system, or the system has to be able to deal with these cards in a special way.

System ID

The system could use a 4-byte **system ID** (see Fig 3), derived from the

- high nibble of the UID0 (4 bit)
- the low nibble of the GPB used as card counter (4 bit)
- the UID1, UID2 and UID3.
This system ID must be created when the card is issued or personalized as shown in Fig 4. The GPB should be stored in a Sector Trailer that is not going to be changed later on. It could be the Sector Trailer of the first sector being used by the application.

**Note:** This proposal can handle up to 16 cards with the same NUID in the same system.
3.2.2 Double Size UID for card activation, but Single Size NUID for the system

After the card is activated using the Double Size UID, the following proposal can be used to derive a 4-byte NUID out of the 7-byte UID.

Derive NUID out of a Double Size UID

The lower nibble of UID0 must be set to Fh to indicate the non-unique range.

The bit[4] of UID0 shall be set to 0b for compliance reasons.

To generate the 27 bits of the NUID out of the 7-byte UID a CRC calculation shall be done as follows (see Fig 5):

1. Reset the CRC calculator with the standard ISO/IEC 14443 type A preset values: 6363hex.
2. Feed UID0, UID1 and UID2 into the CRC calculator.
3. Result shall be denoted as CRC[3:2]
5. Feed UID3, UID4, UID5 and UID6 into the CRC calculator (do not reset the CRC engine before!).
6. Result shall be denoted as CRC[1:0]
7. Set NUID[15:8] to CRC[1][7:0] and NUID[7:0] to CRC[0][7:0]

This mapping ensures that no bit shifting is necessary to build the final NUID from the CRC bytes.

Fig 5. How to create a single size NUID out of double size UID

This NUID can be treated like the standard NUID.

An example (source code) can be found in Annex B.
3.2.3 RID for card activation, but Single Size NUID for the system

The MIFARE product-based card with RID can be activated like a usual Single Size UID card.

In case RID is enabled, there is a defined and confidential way to retrieve the UID, which then can be used in the (background) system.

If the UID is a Double Size UID, the proposal as shown above (see 3.2.2) can be used to derive a Single Size NUID from the Double Size UID.

3.2.4 RID for card activation, but Double Size UID for the system

The MIFARE product-based card with RID can be activated like a usual Single Size UID card.

In case RID is enabled, there is a defined and confidential way to retrieve the UID, which then can be used in the (background) system.

3.2.5 MIFARE Classic Authentication

The MIFARE Classic card requires a 4-byte UID input for the authentication command as shown in Table 4.

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<td>MIFARE Classic EV1</td>
<td>4-byte NUID</td>
<td>4-byte NUID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIFARE Classic EV1</td>
<td>7-byte UID</td>
<td>CL2 bytes (UID3...UID6)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIFARE Classic EV1</td>
<td>7-byte UID</td>
<td>CL1 bytes (CT,UID0...UID2)</td>
<td>for shortcut activation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIFARE Classic EV1</td>
<td>4-byte RID</td>
<td>4-byte RID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MF1 PLUS</td>
<td>7-byte UID</td>
<td>CL2 bytes (UID3...UID6)</td>
<td>in SL1 and SL2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>4-byte UID</td>
<td>4-byte UID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td>in SL1 and SL2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MF1 PLUS</td>
<td>4-byte NUID</td>
<td>4-byte NUID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td>in SL1 and SL2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MF1 PLUS</td>
<td>4-byte RID</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>not available in SL1 or SL2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P5/P6 xxx</td>
<td>4-byte UID</td>
<td>4-byte UID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td>in B1 / B4 using MIFARE OS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P5/P6 xxx</td>
<td>4-byte NUID</td>
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<td>P5/P6 xxx</td>
<td>7-byte UID</td>
<td>CL2 bytes (UID3...UID6)</td>
<td>in B1 / B4 using MIFARE OS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P5/P6 xxx</td>
<td>4-byte RID</td>
<td>4-byte RID (UID0...UID3)</td>
<td>in B1 / B4 using MIFARE OS</td>
</tr>
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</table>

3.2.6 Key diversification with MIFARE SAM

The key diversification input must not be the RID. In case of NUID, the 4 bytes NUID can be taken as input.

Refer to [3] for more details.
4. Reader UID functionalities

NXP Readers IC’s with NxpNfcRdLib are capable of performing collision resolution of single/double/triple UID sizes of TypeA technology.

5. List of References


6. Annex, Source code to derive NUID out of a Double Size UID

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <time.h>
#define BYTE unsigned char

unsigned short UpdateCrc(unsigned char ch, unsigned short *lpwCrc)
{
    ch = (ch^(unsigned char)((*lpwCrc) & 0x00FF));
    ch = (ch^(ch<<4));
    *lpwCrc = (*lpwCrc >> 8)^((unsigned short)ch << 8)^((unsigned short)ch<<3)^((unsigned short)ch>>4);
    return(*lpwCrc);
}

void ComputeCrc(unsigned short wCrcPreset, unsigned char *Data, int Length, unsigned short &usCRC)
{
    unsigned char chBlock;
    do {
        chBlock = *Data++;
        UpdateCrc(chBlock, &wCrcPreset);
    } while (--Length);
    usCRC = wCrcPreset;
    return;
}

void Convert7ByteUIDTo4ByteNUID(unsigned char *uc7ByteUID, unsigned char *uc4ByteUID)
{
    unsigned short CRCPreset = 0x6363;
    unsigned short CRCCalculated = 0x0000;
    ComputeCrc(CRCPreset, uc7ByteUID, 3, CRCCalculated);
    uc4ByteUID[0] = (CRCCalculated >>8) &0xFF;//MSB
    uc4ByteUID[1] = CRCCalculated &0xFF; //LSB
    CRCPreset = CRCCalculated;
    ComputeCrc(CRCPreset, uc7ByteUID+3, 4, CRCCalculated);
    uc4ByteUID[2] = (CRCCalculated >>8) &0xFF;//MSB
    uc4ByteUID[3] = CRCCalculated &0xFF; //LSB
    uc4ByteUID[0] = uc4ByteUID[0]|0x0F;
    uc4ByteUID[0] = uc4ByteUID[0]& 0xEF;
}

int main(void)
{
    int i;
    unsigned char uc7ByteUID[7] = {0x04,0x18,0x3F,0x09,0x32,0x1B,0x85};///<4F505D7D
    unsigned char uc4ByteUID[4] = {0x00};
    Convert7ByteUIDTo4ByteNUID(uc7ByteUID,uc4ByteUID);
    printf("7-byte UID = ");
}```
for(i = 0;i<7;i++)
    printf("%02X",uc7ByteUID[i]);

printf("\t4-byte FNUID = ");
for(i = 0;i<4;i++)
    printf("%02X",uc4ByteUID[i]);
getch();
return(0);
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