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LOGISTIC HANDLING SENSOR

Our development board, based on the NTAG smart sensor — combined with an MEMS accelerometer and a humidity sensor provides information about the environmental conditioning (temperature and humidity) and the handling of goods (shocks, orientation and vibration).

Through NFC and RAIN RFID interfaces, it is possible to check and assess the collected data during transport, enabling full visibility throughout the supply chain.

TARGET APPLICATIONS

- Medical supplies
- Industrial components used in aerospace and automobile
- Valuable fragile goods
- Raw material supplies
- Logistics of valuable, perishable goods (inc. wine, seafood, fish, etc.)

HANDLING GOODS

In today’s industrial environment, lots of goods are shipped across the world, coming out of dedicated production plants to the end-assembly plants. Products like cars and planes are jewels of industrial quality, but the use of improperly handled parts can cause both assembly issues and functionality risks.

Given that business moves fast, and always must be kept on time, there is a lot of time-pressure on the logistic chains; increasing the risk of handling incidents.

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DEVELOPMENT BOARD OFFERING
This starter kit contains 3 NXP ICs connected via I²C: the NHS3100, the FXLS897X and the SL3S4011FHK. The FXLS897X is a compact 3-axis MEMS accelerometer optimized for low power operation. The SL3S4011FHK is a UCODE-I²C IC. The starter kit also includes a third-party humidity sensor. The NHS3100 is the master of the development board. It controls the monitoring of different sensor values: temperature, shock, vibrations, tilting and humidity. Through the UHF interface, one sees the identity of the goods along with the status of handling. Via NFC, the sensors are selected, activated and started. NFC is also used to upload the logged values and events to the cloud.

KEY FEATURES
- ISO14443 NFC interface, fully NFC Forum tag type 2 compliant
- RAIN RFID compliant development board
- EPCglobal 1.2.0 standard
- Open ARM Cortex M0+ allowing flexibility and application customization
- LPCXpresso-based SDK with example applications for application development
- Large non-volatile memory invisible from the NFC interface
  - Customers can implement application-specific access control privileges
  - Dedicated data compression allows you to easily store 30,000+ data points
- Integrated PMU allows operation from battery or the NFC interface
- Low-leakage battery switch controlled in SW, allowing battery connection during production
- Battery-powered application starts with NFC command, no mechanical switch handling needed.

CONCEPT BOARD CUSTOMIZATION
With the starter kit (NHS3100SENSORADK; 12NC: 935380925898) and the NHS3100SENSOR SDK, customers can evaluate this starter kit and develop their own differentiating solution.

This kit contains:
- The NHS3100SENSOR demo board, the LPClink board, and the necessary cables to develop firmware on both PC as MAC
- A desktop application that reads out multiple NHS3100SENSOR demo boards, and displays the monitoring status per board.
- A desktop application to configure, start and stop, and read out the data logs.
- The example source code: data logger firmware on the NHS3100, the source code for both the Android and the iPhone APPs
Extra NHS3100SENSOR demo boards can be purchased separately. Ordering information: NHS3100SENSORDB, 12NC: 935378448598.

PACKAGES
- NHS3100
  - HVQFN24, WLCSP25 or W8 (8 gold bumps)
- FXLS897X
  - 2 mm x 2 mm x 0.95 mm 10-pin DFN package with 0.4 mm pitch and wettable flanks
- SL3S4011FHK
  - Plastic extremely thin quad flat SOT902-3 package; no leads, 8 terminals, body 1.6 x 1.6 x 0.5 mm

DEVELOPMENT BOARD BLOCK DIAGRAM