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1 Introduction

This specification is part of the NFC Forum documentation about tag types that an NFC Forum device needs to support in reader/writer mode.

This specification documents how an NFC Forum Device SHALL operate an NFC Forum Type 2 tag platform. This is not a specification of the NFC Forum Type 2 tag platform itself.

1.1 Objectives

The purpose of this specification is to document the requirements and to specify, with a set of rules and guidelines, the NFC Forum Device operation and management of the Type 2 tag platform.

This specification assumes that the Collision Detection and Device Activation activities have been performed as documented in the Mode Switch specifications [DIGPROT] and [ANINT].

This specification also defines the data mapping and how the NFC Forum Device detects, reads, and writes NDEF data into the Type 2 tag platform in order to achieve and maintain interchangeability and interoperability.

1.2 Purpose

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This specification also defines the data mapping and how the NFC Forum Device detects, reads, and writes NDEF data into the Type 2 tag platform in order to achieve and maintain interchangeability and interoperability.

1.3 Applicable Documents or References

[ANINT]	NFC Analogue Interface Specification.
[DIGPROT]	NFC Digital Protocol specification.
[NDEF]	"NFC Data Exchange Format (NDEF)" NFC Forum™, May 2006.
[RFC 2119]	S. Bradner, "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", RFC 2119, Harvard University, March 1997.

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1.8 Glossary

CC

Capability Container

LSB

least significant byte

lsb

least significant bit

Mandatory NDEF Message TLV, first NDEF Message TLV

NDEF Message TLV detected by the NDEF detection procedure

MSB

most significant byte

msb

most significant bit

NDEF

NFC Data Exchange Format (see [NDEF])

NFC Forum device

A device that supports the following modus operandi: Initiator, Target and Reader/Writer. It may also support Card Emulator. NFC Forum compliant Device. In this document the NFC Forum device is always using the Reader/Writer modus operandi (for more information see [DIGPROT]).

RF

Radio Frequency

RFU

Reserved for future use

Type 2 tag platform

A legacy platform supporting a subset of a Technology (also called Technology Subset). Type 2 tag platform, which uses a particular subset of NFC – Type A technology including anticollision (for more information see [DIGPROT]).

UID

Unique identifier

1.9 Convention and notations

1.9.1 Representation of numbers

The following conventions and notations apply in this document unless otherwise stated.

- Binary numbers are represented by strings of digits 0 and 1 shown with the most significant bit (msb) left and the least significant bit (lsb) right, “b” is added at the end.
Example: 11110101b
- Hexadecimal numbers are represented using the numbers 0 - 9 and the characters A – F, an “h” is added at the end. The most significant byte (MSB) is shown on the left, the least significant byte (LSB) on the right.
Example: F5h
- Decimal numbers are represented as is (without any tailing character).
Example: 245

2 Memory Structure and Management

Type 2 tag platform is based on a particular memory chip with a certain memory size and space for data. The following sections describe the details of such memory chip, and in particular its memory structure and management.

The memory structure (or layout) depends on the memory size of the tag:

- A static memory structure is used for tag with memory size equal to 64 bytes, and
- A dynamic memory structure is used by tag with memory size bigger than 64 bytes.

The memory structure is divided in blocks containing 4 bytes each (see Figure 1 and Figure 3). Each block is numbered from 0 to 15 for static memory structure or from 0 to k for dynamic memory structure. The number associated to a block is also called block number. The 4 bytes inside each block are numbered from 0 to 3. For each block byte 0 is the MSB and byte 3 is the LSB. Byte 0 of block 0 indicates the MSB. Byte 3 of block 15 for static memory structure or byte 3 of block k for dynamic memory structure indicates the LSB.

The blocks are grouped in sectors. The sector is defined as 256 contiguous blocks (1024 bytes, or 1KB).

In the definition of this document the bit and byte ordering when defining packets and messages follows the big-endian byte order.

The next two sections described in details the two memory structures (also called layouts).

2.1 Static Memory Structure

This memory structure is used by Type 2 tag platform with a physical memory size equal to 64 bytes. Figure 1 shows the memory layout of such tag. It is composed of different fields:

- UID, Unique identifier (see section 0),
- Internal, reserved bytes for manufacturing usage (see section 2.1.2),
- Lock, static lock bytes (see section 2.1.3) to switch the tag from READ/WRITE state to READ-ONLY state (see section 6.3),
- CC, Capability Container bytes (see section 2.1.4),
- Data, bytes used to store information (see section 2.1.5).

Byte Number	0	1	2	3	Block
UID / Internal	UID0	UID1	UID2	Internal0	0
Serial Number	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6	1
Internal / Lock	Internal1	Internal2	Lock0	Lock1	2
CC	CC0	CC1	CC2	CC3	3
Data	Data0	Data1	Data2	Data3	4
Data	Data4	Data5	Data6	Data7	5
Data	Data8	Data9	Data10	Data11	6
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	15

Figure 1: Static Memory Structure.

2.1.1 Unique Identifier (UID)

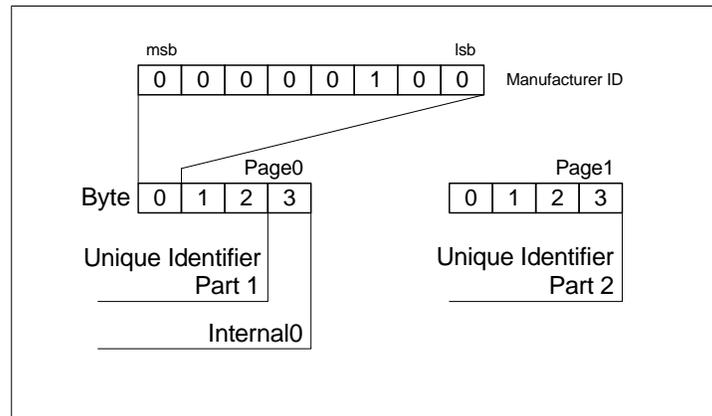


Figure 2: UID Coding

The 7 bytes unique identifier (UID0-6, see Figure 1) are contained in bytes 1-3 of block 0, and the 4 bytes of block 1. The UID bytes are write-protected after having been programmed by the IC manufacturer.

For more information about UID see Type 2 tag section in [DIGPROT].

2.1.2 Internal Bytes

These bytes are reserved for manufacturing use. The NFC Forum device SHALL NOT use them to store information data.

2.1.3 Static Lock bytes

The bits of byte 2 and 3 of block 2 represent the field-programmable read-only locking mechanism called static lock bytes. Depending on the value of the bits of the static lock bytes two configurations are possible:

- All bits are set to 0b, the CC area and the data area of the tag can be read and written.
- All bits are set to 1b, the CC area and the data area of the tag can be only read.

The locking bits are set to 1b via a standard write command to block 2 (BNo = 2, see section 5.1.2). To set all static lock bits to 1b, the NFC Forum device SHALL set bytes D2 and D3 of the WRITE command to FFh and set the remaining two bytes D0 and D1 to any value.

This process is irreversible: if one bit of the lock bytes is set to 1b, it cannot be changed back to 0b.

2.1.4 Capability Container

The Capability Container (CC) manages the information of the Type 2 tag platform. The four bytes of block 3 contain the so called CC. A detailed description of the CC is given in chapter 6.1.

2.1.5 Data Area for Static Memory Structure

Block 4 to 15 is the available data area for information storage. The NFC Forum device SHALL write the data area consecutively in order starting from byte 0 of block 4 up to byte 3 of block 15.

For static memory structure the data area size is equal to 48 bytes (see also CC description in section 6.1).

2.2 Dynamic Memory Structure

This memory structure (or layout) is applied to Type 2 tag platform with a memory size bigger than 64 bytes. Figure 3 shows an example of memory layout of such tag. It is composed of different fields:

- UID, Unique identifier as defined in section 0,
- Internal, bytes for manufacturing usage as defined in section 2.1.2,
- Reserved, reserved bytes (see section 2.2.1),
- Lock, static and dynamic lock bytes (see section 2.2.2) to switch the tag from READ/WRITE state to READ-ONLY state (see section 6.3),
- CC, Capability Container bytes (see section 2.1.4),
- Data, bytes used to store information (see section 2.2.3).

Byte Number	0	1	2	3	Block
UID / Internal	UID0	UID1	UID2	Internal0	0
Serial Number	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6	1
Internal / Lock	Internal1	Internal2	Lock0	Lock1	2
CC	CC0	CC1	CC2	CC3	3
Data	Data0	Data1	Data2	Data3	4
Data	Data4	Data5	Data6	Data7	5
Data	Data8	Data9	Data10	Data11	6
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	n
Lock / Reserved	..	..	..	..	.
Lock / Reserved	..	..	..	..	.
Lock / Reserved	..	..	..	..	k

Figure 3: Example of Dynamic Memory Structure.

In Figure 3 each block is numbered from 0 to k. The block n indicates the last block of the data area. Blocks from n+1 to k contains reserved or lock bytes.

NOTE Dynamic lock bytes and reserved bytes might be located at any byte address in between or at the end of the data areas starting from block 16. A more detailed example of dynamic memory structure is shown in Appendix B.

Compared to the static memory structure, the dynamic memory structure might contain optional configuration information to describe details of dynamic lock bits, and to identify reserved memory areas in the data area using the Lock Control TLV and the Memory Control TLV (see section 2.3).

2.2.1 Reserved Bytes

The reserved bytes belong to reserved memory areas. The NFC Forum device SHALL ignore and jump over the reserved bytes during read and write operations. Reserved bytes are identified by one or more Memory Control TLV blocks, see section 2.3.2.

2.2.2 Static and Dynamic Lock Bits

A tag with a dynamic memory structure contains two kinds of lock bits:

6. Static lock bits as specified in section 2.1.3, and
7. Dynamic lock bits described later on.

The dynamic lock bits are called “dynamic” because their position(s) inside the tag can change. This is in contrast to the static lock bytes as their position is fixed (see section 2.1.3).

Lock areas are only needed on Type 2 tag platform that allows the transition from READ/WRITE state to READ-ONLY state (see section 6.4.4). The NFC Forum device SHALL ignore and jump over the bytes that belong to lock areas during read operations of NFC Forum data inside Type 2 tag platform in READ-ONLY state (see section 6.3).

The default settings of the dynamic lock bits are:

1. *The position of the dynamic lock bits* starts from the first byte after the data area (see section 2.2.3, and Figure 3). The bytes that contain the dynamic lock bits are called dynamic lock bytes.
2. *The number of dynamic lock bits* is equal to data area size minus 48 (in bytes) divided by 8. If the division result is not an integer number, the number of lock bytes is equal to the closest integer number that is bigger than the division result i.e.

$$\text{NumberOfDynamicLockBits} = \lceil (\text{DataAreaSize} - 48) / 8 \rceil$$

The number of dynamic lock bytes is equal to

$$\text{NumberOfDynamicLockBytes} = \lceil (\text{DataAreaSize} - 48) / 64 \rceil$$

When the number of the dynamic lock bits is not a multiple of 8, the last dynamic lock byte is partially filled with these bits. In this byte the dynamic lock bits are located starting from the lsb to the msb. The part of the byte that does not contain dynamic lock bits, is filled with reserved bits that the NFC Forum device SHALL always set to 0b.

The NFC Forum device SHALL overrule the default settings of the dynamic lock bits when one or more Lock Control TLV blocks are present (see section 2.3). The NFC Forum device SHALL calculate the position and the number of the dynamic lock bits from the information contained in the Lock Control TLV.

Type 2 tag platforms that are delivered in READ-ONLY state can indicate the lock areas as reserved memory areas. This allows to use one Memory Control TLV (see section 2.3) to indicate contiguous and alternating lock areas, and reserved areas.

Depending on the values of the static and dynamic lock bits two configurations are possible:

- All bits are set to 0b, the CC area and the data area of the tag can be read and written.
- All bits are set to 1b, the CC area and the data area of the tag can be only read.

To set to 1b static lock bits see section 2.1.3.

The NFC Forum device SHALL set the dynamic locking bits to 1b via a standard WRITE command (see section 5.1.2). Being the write command block-wise the NFC Forum device SHALL set to 1b only the bits that belong to the dynamic lock bits of the block.

If a block contains one or more dynamic lock bytes and one or more non-lock bytes, the NFC Forum device MAY send first an READ command (see section 5.1.1) and then a WRITE command on the same block. From the response of the READ command the values of the non-lock bytes are retrieved. The NFC Forum device MAY use these values in the WRITE command to avoid changing the value of the non-lock bytes, and to set to 1b the dynamic lock bits.

The setting of the static and dynamic lock bits is irreversible: if one bit lock bit is set to 1b, it cannot be changed back to 0b.

2.2.3 Data Area for Dynamic Memory Structure

The data area for dynamic memory structure is contained from block 4 up to the last block of the memory including the 48 bytes of the static memory structure (see section 2.1), and excluding dynamic lock bytes and reserved bytes. The data area is the only memory area where the NFC Forum device SHALL read and write the TLV blocks (see section 2.3). The NFC Forum device SHALL write the data area sequentially starting from byte 0 of block 4 to byte 3 of block k jumping over dynamic lock bytes and reserved bytes. The data area size in bytes is equal to:

$$4 \cdot (k - 3) - \text{DynamicLockBytes} - \text{ReservedBytes}$$

The previous calculation includes the data area of the static memory structure equal to 48 bytes (see section 2.1), and supposes that the first block is numbered starting from 0 i.e. block 0. The value k indicates the overall number of blocks that belong to one or more sector reduced by 1. E.g. a dynamic memory structure composed of 2 sectors has 512 blocks; hence k is equal to 511. For dynamic memory structure k is bigger than 15 i.e. $k > 15$.

Compared to the static memory structure the dynamic memory structure adds a number of data area bytes equal to:

$$4 \cdot (k - 3) - \text{DynamicLockBytes} - \text{ReservedBytes} - 48$$

The memory starting from block 16 contains all dynamic lock bytes, all reserved bytes (see also NOTE on page 7), and all data area bytes added by the dynamic memory structure.

2.3 TLV blocks

A TLV block consists of one to three fields:

- *T* (tag field or T field) identifies the type of the TLV block, see Table 1, and consists of a single byte encoding a number from 00h to FFh. The tag values 04h to FCh and FFh are reserved for future use by the NFC Forum.
- *L* (length field or L field) provides the size in bytes of the value field. It has two different formats composed of one, or three bytes. The NFC Forum device SHALL understand both two length field formats. Figure 4 shows the two different length field structures. However, depending on the tag field value, the length field may not be present.
 - *One byte format*: The NFC Forum device SHALL use the one byte format to code the length of the value field between 00h and FEh bytes. The NFC Forum device SHALL interpret this byte as a cardinal if the value is between 00h and FEh. If it contains FFh, the NFC Forum device SHALL interpret the value as flag that specifies that the length field is composed of more than one byte.
 - *Three consecutive bytes format*: The NFC Forum device SHALL use this format to code the length of the value field between 00FFh and FFFEh bytes. The first byte is assumed to be a flag equal to FFh indicating that two more bytes are present. The NFC Forum device SHALL interpret the two more bytes as a word. The NFC Forum device SHALL interpret this word as a cardinal if the value is between 00FFh and FFFEh. The value FFFFh is reserved for future use (RFU).

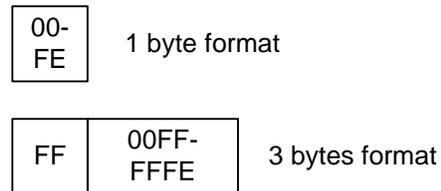


Figure 4: Length Field Formats

- *V* (value field, or V field) If the length field is equal to 00h or there is no length field, the value field is not present, i.e. the TLV block is empty. If there is the length field and it indicates a length N bigger than zero ($N > 0$), the value field consists of N consecutive bytes.

Table 1 lists the TLV blocks specified by this document that are described in the following sections.

Table 1: Defined TLV blocks

<i>TLV block name</i>	<i>Tag Field Value</i>	<i>Short Description</i>
NULL TLV	00h	It might be used for padding of memory areas and the NFC Forum device SHALL ignore this
Lock Control TLV	01h	It defines details of the lock bits
Memory Control TLV	02h	It identifies reserved memory areas
NDEF Message TLV	03h	It contains an NDEF message, see [NDEF]
Proprietary TLV	FDh	Tag proprietary information
Terminator TLV	FEh	Last TLV block in the data area

The NFC Forum device SHALL write the TLV blocks in a specific order inside the data area (see section 2.1.5, and 2.2.3) following the rules below:

- NDEF Message TLVs and Proprietary TLVs are present after all Lock Control TLVs and Memory Control TLVs.
- If present the Terminator TLV is the last TLV block on the Type 2 tag platform.

NULL TLV and Terminator TLV are the only TLV blocks that are 1 byte long (i.e. composed of only the Tag field, see below).

NFC Forum devices SHALL ignore and jump over those TLV blocks that make use of reserved tag field values. To jump over a TLV block with reserved tag field values, the NFC Forum device SHALL read the length field to understand the length of the value field.

NOTE Future definitions of TLV blocks composed of only the tag field are not backward compatible with this NFC Forum specification.

2.3.1 Lock Control TLV

The Lock Control TLV can be present inside the Type 2 tag platform. An NFC Forum device SHALL be able to read and process it. The Lock Control TLV provides control information about the lock areas where the dynamic lock bytes are located (see section 2.2.2). Each Lock Control TLV indicates a single lock area. More lock areas are indicated using more Lock Control TLV blocks. Below the encoding of the 3 TLV fields of the Lock Control TLV are shown:

- T is equal to 01h (see Table 1).
- L is equal to 03h.
- V is composed of 3 bytes that uniquely identify the position and the size of the lock area, and the number of bytes locked by each bit of the dynamic lock bytes. The 3 bytes are encoded in the following way:
 - Position, MSB. It codes the position inside the tag of the lock area. The position byte consists of 2 parts (to calculate the bytes address from the position byte see below):
 - PagesAddr, most significant nibble (4 bits), coded as number of pages (0h=0...Fh=15) and

- ByteOffset, least significant nibble, coded as number of bytes (0h=0...Fh=15).
- Size, middle byte, coded as number of bits (01h=1...FFh=255, 00h=256). It indicates the size in bits of the lock area i.e. the number of dynamic lock bits. If the number of dynamic lock bits is not a multiple of 8, they are stored inside the dynamic lock bytes as explained in the description of the default setting of the dynamic lock bits (see section 2.2.2).
- Page control, LSB. The page control provides general control information: the size in bytes of a page, and the number of bytes that each dynamic lock bit is able to lock. Page control byte is split up into two nibbles of 4 bits each:
 - BytesPerPage: least significant nibble, coded as 2^n (0h=RFU, 1h=1...Fh=15). It indicates the number of bytes per page.
 - BytesLockedPerLockBit: most significant nibble, coded as 2^n (0h=RFU, 1h=1...Fh=15). It indicates the number of bytes that each dynamic lock bit is able to lock.

The NFC Forum device SHALL calculate the byte address (ByteAddr) of the beginning of the lock area in the following way:

$$ByteAddr = PageAddr \cdot 2^{BytesPerPage} + ByteOffset$$

The ByteAddr is calculated from the beginning of the overall memory tag; Byte 0 of Block 0 is indicated by ByteAddr equal to 0.

The ByteAddr are used to read and write the relative lock area using the appropriate READ and WRITE commands (see chapter 5). The page definition has nothing to do with the block definition used by READ and WRITE commands.

An example of use of the BytesLockedPerLockBit is e.g. if the memory area locked by a single dynamic lock bit is 8 bytes, the BytesLockedPerLockBit is equal to 3 i.e. $2^{BytesLockedPerLockBit} = 2^3 = 8$ bytes.

NOTE The Lock Control TLV might be skipped if a Type 2 tag platform is in READ-ONLY state (see section 6.3). Lock Control TLV blocks can be replaced by Memory Control TLV indicating the same memory areas for Type 2 tag platform in READ-ONLY state (see section 2.3.2).

2.3.2 Memory Control TLV

The Memory Control TLV can be present inside the Type 2 tag platform, and an NFC Forum device SHALL be able to read and process it. It provides control information about the reserved areas where the reserved bytes are located (see section 2.2.1), and the size of the reserved bytes.

If the Type 2 tag platform is delivered by the vendors in READ-ONLY state (see section 6.3), the NFC Forum device MAY use the Memory Control TLV to indicate control information for reserved and lock areas. Contiguous and alternating lock and reserved areas MAY be indicated by a single Memory Control TLV.

Below the encoding of the 3 TLV fields of Memory Control TLV are shown:

- T is equal to 02h (see Table 1).
- L is equal to 03h.
- V is composed of 3 bytes that uniquely identifies the position and the size of the reserved area. The 3 bytes are encoded in the following way:
 - Position, MSB. It codes the position inside the tag of the reserved area. The Position byte consists of 2 parts (to calculate the bytes address from the position byte see below):
 - PagesAddr, most significant nibble, coded as number of pages (0h=0...Fh=15) and
 - ByteOffset, least significant nibble, coded as number of bytes (0h=0...Fh=15).
 - Size, middle byte, coded as number of bytes (1h=1, FFh=255, 0h=256). It indicates the size in bytes of the reserved area.
 - Partial Page Control, LSB. The partial page control provides the size in bytes of a page. It is split up into two nibbles of 4 bits each:
 - BytesPerPage nibble: least significant nibble, coded as 2^n (0h=RFU, 1h=1...Fh=15). It indicates the number of bytes per page.
 - Most significant nibble is RFU.

The NFC Forum device SHALL calculate the byte address (ByteAddr) of each reserved area in the following way:

$$ByteAddr = PageAddr \cdot 2^{BytesPerPage} + ByteOffset$$

The ByteAddr is calculated from the beginning of the overall memory tag; Byte 0 of Block 0 is indicated by ByteAddr equal to 0.

The page definition has nothing to do with the block definition used by READ and WRITE commands (see section 5.1).

2.3.3 NDEF Message TLV

The NDEF Message TLV is always present inside the Type 2 tag platform. It stores the NDEF message inside the Value field (see [NDEF]). The NFC Forum device SHALL be able to read and process the first (or mandatory) NDEF message (see section 6.4.1); anyhow further NDEF Message TLV blocks can be present. The always present mandatory NDEF Message TLV provides the starting point when writing the NDEF Message into the Type 2 tag. I.e. an NDEF Message cannot be written before the NDEF Message TLV, this avoids corrupting the possible Memory and Lock Control TLVs (see section 6.4.3). Below the encoding of the 3 TLV fields of NDEF Message TLV is shown:

- T is equal to 03h (see Table 1).
- L is equal to the size in bytes of the stored NDEF message.
- V stores the NDEF message (see [NDEF]).

An empty NDEF Message TLV is defined as an NDEF Message TLV with L field equal to 00h, and no V field (i.e. no NDEF message is present in the V field, see [NDEF]).

A non-empty NDEF Message TLV can contain either empty or non-empty NDEF messages. The definition of empty NDEF message is given in Appendix A.

2.3.4 Proprietary TLV

The Proprietary TLV contains proprietary information. A Type 2 tag platform contains zero, one or more Proprietary TLV. The NFC Forum device MAY ignore the data contained in this TLV block. Below the encoding of the 3 TLV fields of Proprietary TLV are shown:

- T is equal to FDh (see Table 1).
- L is equal to the size in bytes of the proprietary data in the Value field.
- V contains any proprietary data.

2.3.5 NULL TLV

The Null TLV can be used for padding of the data area. A Type 2 tag platform contains zero, one or more NULL TLV. The NFC Forum device SHALL ignore and jump over this TLV block. NULL TLV is composed of 1 byte tag field. Below the encoding of the tag field of the NULL TLV are shown:

- T is equal to 00h (see Table 1).
- L is not present.
- V is not present.

2.3.6 Terminator TLV

The Terminator TLV can be present inside the Type 2 tag platform, and an NFC Forum device SHALL be able to read and process it. The Terminator TLV is the last TLV block in the data area. Terminator TLV is composed of 1 byte tag field. Below the encoding of the tag fields of the Terminator TLV are shown:

- T is equal to FEh (see Table 1).
- L is not present.
- V is not present.

3 RF Interface

The RF interface of the NFC Forum device is defined in [ANINT]. The NFC Forum device SHALL comply with the RF interface as defined in the relevant clauses of [ANINT].

4 Framing / Transmission Handling

This chapter describes the framing (also called packet structures), and the transmission handling of the NFC Forum device.

The NFC Forum device SHALL comply with the bit coding, the character coding, the frame coding, the byte coding and as well the commands and responses up to and including the activation sequence of the Type 2 tag as defined in [DIGPROT] (please note that the activation is implicit).

For more information about commands and responses, see chapter 5.

5 Command Set

This chapter describes the command set of the NFC Forum device to communicate to the Type 2 tag platform. It provides the basis used to detect NDEF data, and the read and write access to the NDEF data.

5.1 Tag Commands and Responses Set

Table 2 below shows the tag responses for each specific command.

Table 2: Command Set overview

Command	Response	ISO 14443 compliance
READ	16 bytes data, NACK	Low Level Access Command
WRITE	ACK, NACK	Low Level Access Command
SECTOR SELECT	Passive ACK	Low Level Access Command

The commands are outlined in the following clauses.

5.1.1 READ

The NFC Forum device SHALL be able to send the READ command, and to receive the 16 bytes data response or the NACK.

Table 3 describes the READ commands and the relative responses. The parity integrity mechanism (i.e. CRC and parity) is provided by the frame related to the READ command, see section 4.

Table 3: READ Command

	Name	Code (1 byte)	Parameter	Data	Integrity mechanism
Command	READ	30h	BNo (1 byte): 00h - FFh	-	CRC, Parity
Response	16 bytes data	-	-	16 bytes data	CRC, Parity
	NACK	See section 5.1.4 (4 bits)	-	-	-

The READ command has the command code 30h and needs the block number (BNo) as a parameter. The block number is explained in chapter 2. The Type 2 tag platform responds to a READ command by sending 16 bytes starting from the block number defined in the READ command (e.g. if BNo is equal to 03h blocks 3, 4, 5, and 6 are returned), see Figure 5. The memory organization of the Type 2 tag platform is described in chapter 2. In case of error the Type 2 tag platform sends a NACK response, and goes to IDLE or HALT state (for more information see the SENSE and SLEEP state in [DIGPROT] respectively for IDLE or HALT state).

The READ command is unable to select the sector (see section 2.2). The READ command reads blocks that belong to the currently selected sector. To select a different sector, the SECTOR SELECT command is used.

To calculate the block number (BNo) from the byte address (ByteAddr, see section 2.3.1 and 2.3.2) the NFC Forum device SHALL use the following expression $BNo = \lfloor ByteAddr/4 \rfloor$. If the formula gives as result BNo bigger than 255, the block indicated by BNo does not belong to sector 0 (default sector). In this case the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command first to switch to the correct sector (SecNo) equal to $SecNo = \lfloor BNo/256 \rfloor$. Then the NFC Forum device SHALL use the READ command with the adapted block number (BNo') instead of BNo. The NFC Forum device SHALL calculate BNo' from the formula $BNo' = BNo \bmod 256$. With Mod the module operation that gives the remainder of the division $ByteAddr/256$.

Typical NFC Forum device timeout value for the READ command is 5msec. I.e. the NFC Forum device after sending a READ command SHALL wait up to 5msec for incoming responses from the Type 2 tag platform before triggering a timeout.

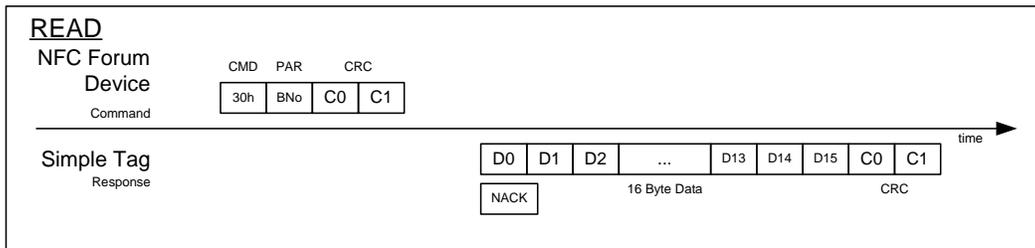


Figure 5: Timing Overview READ Command

5.1.2 WRITE

The NFC Forum device SHALL be able to send the WRITE command and to receive the ACK or NACK response.

Table 4 describes the WRITE commands and the relative responses ACK and NACK. The parity integrity mechanism (i.e. CRC and parity) is provided by the frame of the WRITE command, see section 4.

Table 4: WRITE Command

	Name	Code (1 byte)	Parameter	Data	Integrity mechanism
Command	WRITE	A2h	BNo (1 byte): 00h – FFh	4 bytes data	CRC, Parity
Response	ACK	See section 5.1.4 (4 bits)	-	-	-
	NACK	See section 5.1.4 (4 bits)	-	-	-

The WRITE command has the command code A2h followed by the block number (BNo) parameter. The NFC Forum device SHALL use the WRITE command for programming data.

This MAY be the CC bytes (see section 6.1), the lock bytes, or the data area bytes (see chapter 2). The NFC Forum device SHALL use the WRITE command block-wise, programming 4 bytes at once.

If the WRITE command is executed successfully by the Type 2 tag platform, the ACK response is sent back, see Figure 6. In case of error the Type 2 tag platform sends a NACK response, and goes to IDLE or HALT state (for more information see the SENSE and SLEEP state in [DIGPROT] respectively for IDLE or HALT state).

The WRITE operation is block-wise i.e. it writes always the 4 bytes of the whole block. The NFC Forum device SHALL write the new byte values, and overwrite with the same values the bytes that remain unchanged. The NFC Forum device MAY read the block first (i.e. READ operation), if the values of the bytes that remain unchanged are not known in advance.

The WRITE command is unable to select the sector (see section 2.2). The WRITE command reads blocks that belong to the currently selected sector. To select a different sector, the SECTOR SELECT command is used.

To calculate the block number (BNo) from the byte address (ByteAddr, see section 2.3.1 and 2.3.2) the NFC Forum device SHALL use the following expression $BNo = \lfloor ByteAddr/4 \rfloor$. If the formula gives as result BNo bigger than 255, the block indicated by BNo does not belong to sector 0 (default sector). In this case the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command first to switch to the correct sector (SecNo) equal to $SecNo = \lfloor BNo/256 \rfloor$. Then the NFC Forum device SHALL use the WRITE command with the adapted block number (BNo') instead of BNo. To calculate BNo' the NFC Forum device SHALL use the following formula $BNo' = BNo \bmod 256$. With Mod the module operation that gives the remainder of the division $ByteAddr/256$.

The NFC Forum device timeout value for the WRITE command is 10msec. I.e. the NFC Forum device after sending a WRITE command SHALL wait up to 10msec for incoming responses from the Type 2 tag platform before triggering a timeout.

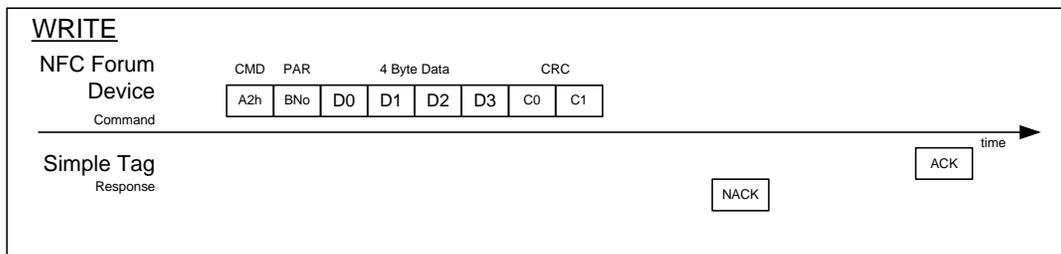


Figure 6: Timing Overview WRITE Command

5.1.3 SECTOR SELECT

In case the NFC Forum device supports Type 2 tag platform bigger than 1KB, it SHALL support the SECTOR SELECT command. In such case, the NFC Forum device SHALL be able to send the SECTOR SELECT command, and to receive the ACK and NACK responses.

Table 5 describes the SECTOR SELECT command divided into 2 packets and the relative responses ACK, passive ACK and NACK. The parity integrity mechanism (i.e. CRC and parity) is provided by the frame of the SECTOR SELECT command, see section 4.

Table 5: SECTOR SELECT Command

	Name	Code (1 byte)	Parameter (1 byte)	Data	Integrity mechanism
Command Packet 1	SECTOR SELECT	C2h	FFh	-	CRC, Parity
Response	ACK	See section 5.1.4 (4 bits)	-	-	-
	NACK	See section 5.1.4 (4 bits)	-	-	-
Command Packet 2	SECTOR SELECT	-	SecNo: 00h-FEh, FFh RFU	-	CRC, Parity
Response	Passive ACK (no answer)	-	-	-	-
	Any response within 1 ms SHALL be interpreted as NACK	-	-	-	-

The NFC Forum device timeout value for the SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 1 is 1msec. I.e. the NFC Forum device after sending a SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 1 SHALL wait up to 1msec for incoming responses from the Type 2 tag platform before triggering a timeout.

The NFC Forum device after sending the SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 2 SHALL wait 1ms. If any response is received during this time it is interpreted as a NACK.

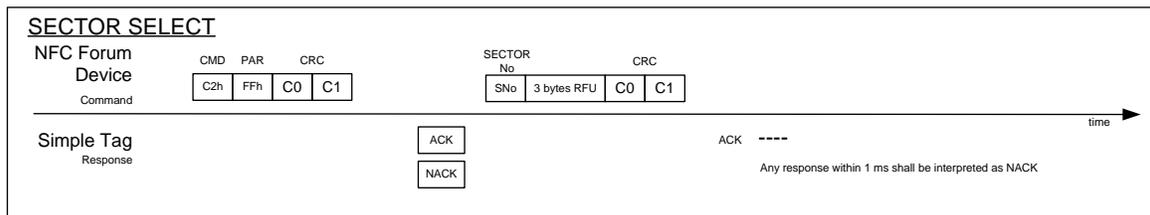


Figure 7: Timing Overview SECTOR SELECT Command

The NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command to address physical memory bigger than 1 KB (>1024 bytes). Using SECTOR SELECT it is possible to select a specific memory sector. The size of each sector is 1Kbyte.

SECTOR SELECT command is divided into two packets called Command Packet 1 and Command Packet 2 that the NFC Forum device SHALL be able to send in two different times. The Command Packet 1 contains the 1 byte command code (equal to C2h), the 1 byte parameter (equal to FFh), and the 2 bytes CRC. The NFC Forum device SHALL send the SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 1 as first. A Type 2 tag platform with the memory smaller than 1KB answers with a NACK to a SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 1. Type 2 tag platform with the memory bigger than 1KB answers with an ACK to a SECTOR SELECT Command Packet 1. After receiving an ACK the NFC Forum device SHALL send the Command Packet 2. This is a four byte with CRC and parity packet.

The first byte in the Command Packet 2 is the chosen sector number (SecNo). The following 3 bytes are reserved for future use, and set to 00h. If the sector number is inside the addressable data memory no further packet is sent (passive ACK), and the sector is selected accordingly by the Type 2 tag platform. The NFC Forum device SHALL interpret any response within 1 ms as NACK. Any response is replied by the Type 2 tag platform, if the addressable data memory space is exceeded.

The chosen sector stays valid, until a protocol infringement occurs or a new sector is addressed. The default sector after power up (and after a protocol infringement) is the 00h one (called sector 0).

The SECTOR SELECT command can select up to 254 different sectors: the SecNo range is from 00h to FEh, the value FFh is reserved for future use (RFU).

5.1.4 ACK and NACK

The ACK and NACK are command responses of the Type 2 tag platform.

Table 6: ACK and NACK

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Code (4 bits)</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Data</i>	<i>Integrity mechanism</i>
Response	ACK	Ah	-	-	-
Response	NACK	5h or 1h	-	-	-

The command code is Ah for ACK and 5h or 1h for NACK. The frame of the ACK and NACK command is described in section 4.

No CRC and parity integrity mechanism is used.

6 NDEF Detection and Access

This section describes how the NFC Forum device stores and accesses the NFC Forum data in the Type 2 tag platform.

6.1 NDEF Management

The NFC Forum device reads the Capability Container (CC) to detect and access the NFC Forum defined data inside the Type 2 tag platform. The CC contains NFC Forum management data.

The CC is stored in the block 3 of the static or dynamic memory structure (see chapter 2). The CC bytes can be written using the WRITE command (see section 5.1.2). The 4 data bytes of the WRITE command and the current contents of the 4 CC bytes are bit-wise “or-ed” and the result is the new contents of the CC bytes. This process is irreversible. If a bit is set to 1b, it cannot be changed back to 0b again.

The NFC Forum device SHALL NOT use the CC to store any application related data.

The NFC Forum device SHALL code the CC bytes of block 3 in the following way:

1. Byte 0 is equal to E1h (magic number) to indicate that NFC Forum defined data is stored in the data area (see chapter 2).
2. Byte 1 is the version number of this document supported by the Type 2 tag platform (see also section 6.1.1). The most significant nibble (i.e. the 4 most significant bits) indicates the major version number, and the least significant nibble (the 4 least significant bits) indicates the minor version number. The version number of this specification has major version number equal to 1h and minor version number equal to 0h i.e. the version is v1.0 and Byte 1 is equal to 10h.
3. Byte 2 indicates the memory size of the data area of the Type 2 tag platform. The value of byte 2 multiplied by 8 is equal to the data area size measured in bytes. For examples:
 - a. 48 bytes are indicated by byte 2 value equal to 06h,
 - b. 128 bytes are indicated by byte 2 value equal to 10h,
 - c. 2040 bytes are indicated by byte 2 value equal to FFh.
4. Byte 3 indicates the read and write access capability of the data area and CC area of the Type 2 tag platform.
 - d. The most significant nibble (the 4 most significant bits) indicates the read access condition:
 - i. The value 0h indicates read access granted without any security.
 - ii. The values from 1h to 7h and Fh are reserved for future use.
 - iii. The values from 8h to Eh are proprietary.
 - e. The least significant nibble (the 4 least significant bits) indicates the write access condition:
 - i. The value 0h indicates write access granted without any security.
 - ii. The values from 1h to 7h are reserved for future use.
 - iii. The values from 8h to Eh are proprietary.
 - iv. The value Fh indicates no write access granted at all.

Table 7 shows an example of coding of the CC bytes. The example is related to a Type 2 tag platform:

- With NFC Forum defined data (byte 0 = E1h),
- Supporting the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document (byte 1 = 10h),
- With 128 bytes of the data area size (byte 2 = 10h), and
- With read and write access granted without any security (byte 3 = 00h).

Table 7: Example of coding of the CC bytes of block 3

<i>Byte 0</i>	<i>Byte 1</i>	<i>Byte 2</i>	<i>Byte 3</i>
E1h	10h	10h	00h

6.1.1 Version Treating

The Byte 1 of the CC contains the version of the applied mapping document to the Type 2 tag platform. The mapping document version is indicated with two numbers: major number version and minor version number.

The handling of the different mapping document version numbers applied to the Type 2 tag platform (called T2VNo) and the one implemented in the NFC Forum device (called NFCDevVNo) is explained in the 4 cases of Table 8.

Table 8: Handling of the mapping document version numbers

<i>No</i>	<i>Version Number Case</i>	<i>Handling</i>
1	Major NFCDevVNo is equal to major T2VNo, and minor NFCDevVNo is bigger than or equal to minor T2VNo	The NFC Forum device SHALL access the Type 2 tag platform and SHALL use all features of the applied mapping document to this Type 2 tag platform.
2	If major NFCDevVNo is equal to major T2VNo, and minor NFCDevVNo is lower than minor T2VNo	Possibly not all features of the Type 2 tag platform can be accessed. The NFC Forum device SHALL use all its features and SHALL access this Type 2 tag platform.
3	If major NFCDevVNo is smaller than major T2VNo	Incompatible data format. The NFC Forum device cannot understand the Type 2 tag platform data. The NFC Forum device SHALL reject this Type 2 tag platform.
4	If major NFCDevVNo is bigger than major T2VNo	The NFC Forum device might implement the support for previous versions of this specification in addition to its main version. In case the NFC Forum device has the support from previous version, it SHALL access the Type 2 tag platform. On the contrary, in case the NFC Forum device has not the support from previous version, it SHALL reject the Type 2 tag platform.

NOTE Future versions of this specification have to define the allowed actions to an NFC Forum Tag with a version number lower than the version number of the NFC Forum device (e.g. whether it is allowed to upgrade the tag to the new version).

6.2 NDEF Storage

The data format of the NDEF message is defined in [NDEF]. The NDEF message is stored inside the value field of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 2.3.3) in the data area of the Type 2 tag platform (see chapter 2). In the following section the NDEF Message TLV is always the NDEF Message TLV detected by the NDEF detection procedure (see section 6.4.1).

6.3 Life Cycle

An NFC Forum device **MAY** detect a Type 2 tag platform in different states. The state is reflected by the content of the Type 2 tag platform. Every state has its own valid operations.

The state transitions are only relevant for NFC Forum devices, which are capable of writing Type 2 tag platform.

The Type 2 tag platform can be in one of the following states: INITIALISED, READ/WRITE or READ-ONLY.

If the Type 2 tag platform is not in a valid state according to the specification of the NFC Forum, the NFC Forum device **SHALL** ignore the Type 2 tag platform and its data. The reasons might be:

- Misconfigured CC area.
- Not allowed NDEF Read Procedure (see section 6.4.2), if Type 2 tag is in READ/WRITE or READ-ONLY state.
- Not allowed NDEF Write Procedure (see section 6.4.3), if Type 2 tag is in INITIALISED or READ/WRITE state.
- Mismatch between overall TLV blocks length and actual length of the data area.
- Invalid TLV block.

6.3.1 INITIALISED State

In this state the NFC Forum device **MAY** modify the content of the NFC Forum defined data i.e. NDEF Message TLV in the Type 2 tag platform.

The NFC Forum device **SHALL** detect a Type 2 tag platform in INITIALISED state when:

1. The CC area is set as described in section 6.1 with byte 3 equal to 00h (read/write access granted),
2. The data area contains an NDEF Message TLV, and
3. The length field of the NDEF Message TLV is equal to 00h.

6.3.2 READ/WRITE State

In this state the NFC Forum device **MAY** modify the content of the NFC Forum defined data i.e. NDEF Message TLV in the Type 2 tag platform.

The NFC Forum device SHALL detect a Type 2 tag platform in READ/WRITE state when:

1. The CC area is set as described in section 6.1 with byte 3 equal to 00h (read/write access granted),
2. The data area contains an NDEF Message TLV, and
3. The length field of the NDEF Message TLV is different from zero and equal to the actual length of the NDEF message in the value field.

6.3.3 READ-ONLY State

In this state the CC and the whole data area are set to read-only.

The NFC Forum device SHALL detect a Type 2 tag platform in READ-ONLY state when:

1. The CC area is set as described in section 6.1 with byte 3 equal to 0Fh (only read access granted),
2. The data area contains an NDEF Message TLV, and
3. The length field of the NDEF Message TLV SHALL be different from zero and equal to the actual length of the NDEF message in the value field.

NOTE To detect the READ-ONLY state the lock bits are not checked.

6.4 Command Sequence Description

In this section several procedures are described to manage NFC Forum defined data e.g. NDEF Message TLV that contains an NDEF message. The different state changes or transitions between the states of the Type 2 tag platform are shown in detail.

6.4.1 NDEF Detection Procedure

The NFC Forum device SHALL use the NDEF detection procedure to detect the presence of an NDEF message (see [NDEF]) inside a Type 2 tag platform. The NDEF Message TLV that is found by the NDEF detection procedure is also called mandatory NDEF Message TLV or first NDEF Message TLV.

The detection procedure is based on the control of byte 0 and 1 of the CC, and the presence of an NDEF Message TLV that MAY contain an NDEF message.

The NDEF detection procedure is the following:

1. Read the CC (block 3) using the READ command specified in section 5.1.1.
2. If byte 0 is equal to E1h and byte 1 describes the right version number (see section 6.1.1)) and the most significant nibble of byte 3 in block 3 is equal to 0h then go to item 3. Otherwise no NDEF data is detected in the Type 2 tag platform.
3. Read sequentially the data area using the READ command specified in section 5.1.1 starting from block 4 and search for NDEF Message TLV. Stop the searching as soon as a first NDEF Message TLV is found. If no NDEF message TLV is detected in the Type 2 tag platform, the tag is not in a valid state.

4. If the NDEF Message TLV is found:
 - a. If the length field is different from zero, the NDEF message (see [NDEF]) is detected in the Type 2 tag platform, or
 - b. If the length field is equal to zero no NDEF Message is detected. The tag might be in INITIALISED state.

If the data to be read exceed one or more sectors, the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command, see section 5.1.3.

NOTE The NDEF detection procedure does not relate to a valid NDEF message (see [NDEF]). It reads the length of the store NDEF data and does not parse the NDEF data itself.

6.4.2 NDEF Read Procedure

The NDEF read procedure makes use of the READ command. The NFC Forum device SHALL use the NDEF read procedure to read the NDEF message after having detected the NDEF message using the NDEF detection procedure (see section 6.4.1).

If the NDEF detection procedure does not detect the presence of the NDEF message inside the value field of the first NDEF Message TLV, the NFC Forum device SHALL NOT use the NDEF read procedure.

The NDEF read procedure uses one or more READ commands (see section 5.1.1) to retrieve the whole NDEF message from the NDEF Message TLV. The length of the NDEF message is provided from the length field of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 2.3.3).

If the data to be read exceed one or more sectors, the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command (see section 5.1.3).

6.4.3 NDEF Write Procedure

The NFC Forum device SHALL use the NDEF write procedure to write NFC Forum defined data i.e. the NDEF message inside the first NDEF Message TLV of the Type 2 tag platform.

The NDEF write procedure uses the READ and WRITE commands (see section 5.1.1 and 5.1.2), and the NDEF detection procedure (see section 6.4.1).

The NFC Forum device SHALL only write the NDEF message into Type 2 tag platform in INITIALISED or READ/WRITE state.

During the NDEF write procedure the NFC Forum device SHALL ignore and jump over reserved memory areas or dynamic lock bit areas indicated by Memory Control TLVs or Lock Control TLVs.

The NDEF write procedure is the following:

1. Check if the Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED or READ/WRITE state, and use the NDEF detection procedure.

2. If the Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED or READ/WRITE state, the first NDEF Message TLV is found (with or without NDEF message in it, see item a and b in section 6.4.1), and the available memory size for the NDEF Message TLV is big enough to contain the NDEF message, the operations below are allowed to be done in the following order using one or more WRITE commands (see section 5.1.2):
 - a. The length field of the found NDEF Message TLV is set to one byte long and the value of the length field is set to 00h,
 - b. The new NDEF message is written in the memory area starting from: the 2nd byte after the tag field of the found NDEF Message TLV if the new NDEF Message length is less than 255 bytes, or 4th bytes after the tag field of the found NDEF Message TLV if the new NDEF Message length is bigger than 254 bytes, and
 - c. The 1 or 3 bytes of the length field of the found NDEF Message TLV is updated with the length of the new NDEF message.

Otherwise if no NDEF Message TLV is found or the Type 2 tag platform is not in INITIALISED or READ/WRITE state or not enough memory space is available in the Type 2 tag platform, the NDEF message is not written in the Type 2 tag platform.
3. The Terminator TLV is written in the next byte after the first NDEF Message TLV using the WRITE command (see section 5.1.2), if the NDEF Message TLV block does not end at the last byte of the available data area. The Terminator TLV is not written, if the NDEF Message TLV block ends at the last byte of the available data area.

Concerning the operation item b, the writing of the value field of the found NDEF Message TLV leaves 1 or 3 bytes for the length field (see section 2.3) that are needed by the next operation item c to store the length of the NDEF message.

For the WRITE command the reading of not completely updated blocks is needed first, see section 5.1.2. If the data to be read or written exceed one or more sectors, the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command, see section 5.1.3.

NOTE The NDEF write procedure over-writes the first NDEF Message TLV, and makes unusable the TLV blocks that were stored after it.

6.4.4 State Changes

This section describes the possible state changes (also called transitions) performed by the NFC Forum device. Figure 8 shows the states and the transitions between them. The transitions are valid for static and dynamic memory structure. Below the possible transitions used by the NFC Forum device for the Type 2 tag platform are listed:

- Transition from INITIALISED to READ/WRITE,
- Transition from INITIALISED to READ-ONLY, and
- Transition from READ/WRITE to READ-ONLY.

The NFC Forum device SHALL be able to perform the 3 transitions for static and dynamic memory structure.

NOTE A Type 2 tag platform might be issued in any valid state. So, a Type 2 tag platform might be issued in INITIALISED state, READ/WRITE state or even in READ-ONLY state having a predefined NDEF message stored on it.

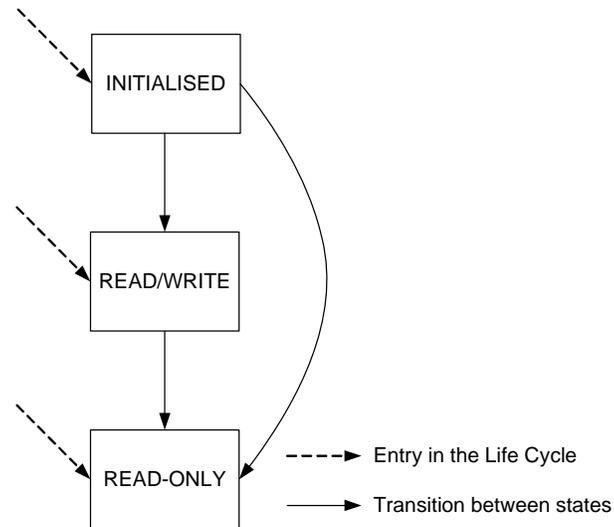


Figure 8: Life Cycle with State Changes (transitions)

6.4.4.1 Transitions from INITIALISED to READ/WRITE

To perform the transition from INITIALISED to READ/WRITE, the NFC Forum device SHALL use the NDEF write procedure (see section 6.4.3) to replace the empty NDEF Message TLV with a non empty NDEF Message TLV (length field different from zero).

The NFC Forum device MAY perform the transition only if the Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED state, otherwise it SHALL NOT perform it.

The transition from READ/WRITE to INITIALISED is not defined. To delete or remove the NDEF message in the NDEF Message TLV, the NFC Forum device MAY write an empty NDEF message (see Appendix A).

6.4.4.2 Transitions from READ/WRITE to READ-ONLY

To perform the transition from READ/WRITE to READ-ONLY the NFC Forum device SHALL set the Byte 3 of the CC to 0Fh, and all lock bits to 1b (including static and possible dynamic lock bits). To set bits and bytes, the NFC Forum device MAY use one or more WRITE commands.

The NFC Forum device MAY perform the transition only if the Type 2 tag platform is in READ/WRITE state, otherwise it SHALL NOT perform it.

If the Type 2 tag platform has a dynamic memory structure indicated by the CC byte 2 value bigger than 06h (see section 6.1), the NFC Forum device SHALL do the following operations to set to 1b the dynamic lock bits:

1. Check if any Lock Control TLV(s) is present in the data area.
2. If one or more Lock Control TLVs are present, set to 1b the dynamic lock bits identified by these Lock Control TLVs.
3. If no Lock Control TLV is present, set to 1b the dynamic lock bits identified by the default setting of the dynamic lock bits (see section 2.2.2).

For the WRITE command the reading of not completely updated blocks SHALL be done by the NFC Forum device first (see section 5.1.2). If the data to be read or written exceed one or more sectors, the NFC Forum device SHALL use the SECTOR SELECT command (see section 5.1.3).

6.4.4.3 Transition from INITIALISED to READ-ONLY

To perform the transition from INITIALISED to READ-ONLY, the NFC Forum device SHALL execute in the following order:

- The transition from INITIALISED to READ/WRITE (see section 6.4.4.1), and
- The transition from READ/WRITE to READ-ONLY (see section 6.4.4.2).

The NFC Forum device MAY perform the transition only if the Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED state, otherwise it SHALL NOT perform it.

A. Empty NDEF Message

An empty NDEF message (see [NDEF]) is defined as an NDEF message composed of one NDEF record. The NDEF record uses the NDEF short-record layout (SR=1b) with: Type Name Format (TNF) field value equal to 00h (empty, TYPE_LENGTH=00h, PAYLOAD_LENGTH=00h), no ID_LENGTH field (IL=0b), MB=1b, ME=1b, CF=0b. The empty NDEF record (i.e. the empty NDEF message) is composed of 3 bytes and it is equal to D00000h.

B. Memory Structure Examples

This appendix shows two examples of memory structure: the first one for the static memory structure and the second one for the dynamic memory structure.

B.1 Example of Static Memory Structure

This section describes an example of static memory structure with 16 blocks. The example is shown in Figure 9.

Byte Number	0	1	2	3	Block
UID / Internal	UID0	UID1	UID2	Internal0	0
Serial Number	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6	1
Internal / Lock	Internal1	Internal2	Lock0 = 00h	Lock1 = 00h	2
CC	CC0 = E1h	CC1 = 10h	CC2 = 06h	CC3 = 00h	3
Data	NDEFMessage TLV0 = 03h	NDEFMessage TLV1 = 00h	TerminatorTLV0 = FEh	Data3	4
Data	Data4	Data5	Data6	Data7	5
Data	Data8	Data9	Data10	Data11	6
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	Data46	Data47	15

Figure 9: Example of Static Memory Structure.

The Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED state, the overall memory is set as following:

- All lock bits are set to 0b: Lock0 = 00h, and Lock1 = 00h
- The CC are is set following section 6.1:
 - CC0 = E1h to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - CC1 = 10h to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document i.e. the version of this specification,
 - CC2 = 06h to indicate 48 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area, dynamic lock bytes, and the reserved bytes,
 - CC3 = 00h to indicated read and write access granted without any security.

- The data area contains 2 TLV blocks in the following order:
 - NDEF Message TLV: empty TLV block
 - T = 03h
 - L = 00h
 - V = - (not present)
 - Terminator TLV:
 - T = FEh
 - L = - (not present)
 - V = - (not present)

B.2 Example of Dynamic Memory Structure

This section describes an example of dynamic memory structure with 32 blocks (k = 31), and 4 blocks of reserved data at the end of the physical memory. The example is shown in Figure 10.

Byte Number	0	1	2	3	Block
UID / Internal	UID0	UID1	UID2	Internal0	0
Serial Number	UID3	UID4	UID5	UID6	1
Internal / Lock	Internal1	Internal2	Lock0 = 00h	Lock1 = 00h	2
CC	CC0 = E1h	CC1 = 10h	CC2 = 0Ch	CC3 = 00h	3
Lock Control TLV	LockControlTLV0 = 01h	LockControlTLV1 = 03h	LockControlTLV2 = E0h	LockControlTLV3 = 06h	4
Lock Control TLV / Memory Control TLV	LockControlTLV4 = 33h	MemoryControlTLV0 = 02h	MemoryControlTLV1 = 03h	MemoryControlTLV2 = E1h	5
Memory Control TLV / NDEF Message TLV	MemoryControlTLV3 = 0Fh	MemoryControlTLV4 = 30h	NDEFMessageTLV0 = 03h	NDEFMessageTLV1 = 00h	6
Terminator TLV / Data	TerminatorTLV0 = FEh	Data13	Data14	..	7
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	..	..	..	.
Data	..	Data93	Data94	Data95	27
Lock / Reserved	Lock2 = 00h	Reserved0	Reserved1	Reserved2	28
Reserved	Reserved3	Reserved4	Reserved5	Reserved6	29
Reserved	Reserved7	Reserved8	Reserved9	Reserved10	30
Reserved	Reserved11	Reserved12	Reserved13	Reserved14	31

Figure 10: Example of Dynamic Memory Structure.

The tag is in INITIALISED state, the main memory area is set as following:

- All lock bits are set to 0b: Lock0 = Lock1 = Lock2 = 00h
- The CC are is set following section 6.1:
 - CC0 = E1h to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - CC1 = 10h to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document,
 - CC2 = 0Ch to indicate 96 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area,
 - CC3 = 00h to indicated read and write access granted without any security.
- The data area contains 4 TLV blocks in the following order:
 - Lock Control TLV:
 - T = 01h
 - L = 03h
 - V = E00633h indicates that each lock bit locks 1 page, each page is 8bytes, and the lock area is 1 byte long at the byte address

$$\text{ByteAddr} = \text{PageAddr} * 2^{\text{BytesPerPage}} + \text{ByteOffset} = 14 * 2^3 + 0 = 112 \text{ where:}$$
 - Position = E0h contains PageAddr = Eh, and ByteOffset = 0h
 - Size = 06h
 - PageControl = 33h contains BytesPerPage = 3h ($2^3 = 8$ bytes), and BytesLockedPerLockBit = 3h ($2^3 = 8$ bytes).
 - Memory Control TLV:
 - T = 02h
 - L = 03h
 - V = E10F 30h indicates that the reserved area is 15 byte long at the byte address is

$$\text{ByteAddr} = \text{PageAddr} * 2^{\text{BytesPerPage}} + \text{ByteOffset} = 14 * 2^3 + 1 = 113 \text{ where:}$$
 - Position = E1h contains PageAddr = Eh, and ByteOffset = 1h
 - Size = 0Fh
 - PageControl = 30h contains BytesPerPage = 3h, and least significant nibble = 0h (RFU, ignored)
 - NDEF Message TLV: empty TLV block
 - T = 03h
 - L = 00h
 - V = - (not present)

- Terminator TLV:
 - T = FEh
 - L = - (not present)
 - V = - (not present)

The Lock Control TLV MAY be skipped using the default values for the dynamic lock area (see section 2.2.2). Also the Memory Control TLV can be skipped being after the data area and after the dynamic lock area (see Figure 10 block 28-31).

C. Examples of Command Flow

This chapter provides some examples of the command flow in order to show how a typical interaction can be performed. It is assumed that the Type 2 tag platform is in INITIALISED or in READ/WRITE state. This example does not cover any checks of the NDEF message.

The commands and the responses are written in hexadecimal form with a space between each byte (e.g. 30 F3 AB 9C) without the “h” character at the end. The left-most byte is the first byte sent, and the right-most byte is the last byte sent. Special acronyms like CRC0, CRC1, Data3, Data1... are written to indicate a group of data or bytes with a specific meaning indicated later on in the description of the command or of the response.

C.1 Static Memory Structure Examples

The two examples in the following two sections are based on static memory structure (see section 2.1).

C.2 Detection of NDEF Message

To detect the NDEF message the NDEF detection procedure is applied (see section 6.4.1). Two examples are given with a positive and a negative detection of NDEF message.

C.3 Positive Detection of NDEF Message

A READ command to read blocks 3 to 6 (BNo=3-6) of the static memory structure where the CC and NDEF Message TLV are located.

Command: 30 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:

- 30h to indicate the READ command,
- 03h to indicate to start to read from the block number (BNo),
- CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: E1 10 06 00 03 03 D0 00 00 FE Data6 ... Data11 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 3 and to the CC):
 - E1h = CC0 to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - 10h = CC1 to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document,
 - 06h = CC2 to indicate 48 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area,
 - 00h = CC3 to indicated read and write access granted without any security,
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present,
 - 03h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is present (length equal to zero) and contains 3 bytes,
 - 0D0000h Empty NDEF message (see Appendix A),
 - FEh to indicate that the Terminator TLV is present,

- Data6...Data11 data area bytes containing not meaningful information. They are ignored during reading operations,
- CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The NDEF message is detected inside the Type 2 tag platform because the L field of the NDEF Message TLV is different from 00h. The NDEF detection procedure does not parse the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, but it checks the L field if it is different from 00h.

C.4 Negative Detection of NDEF Message

This example does follow the example in Figure 9.

A READ command to read blocks 3 to 6 (BNo=3-6) of the static memory structure where the CC and NDEF Message TLV are located.

Command: 30 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - 30h to indicate the READ command,
 - 03h to indicate to start to read from the block number (BNo),
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: E1 10 06 00 03 00 FE Data3 ... Data11 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 3 and to the CC):
 - E1h = CC0 to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - 10h = CC1 to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document,
 - 06h = CC2 to indicate 48 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area,
 - 00h = CC3 to indicated read and write access granted without any security,
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present,
 - 00h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is not present (length equal to zero),
 - FEh to indicate that the Terminator TLV is present,
 - Data3...Data11 data area bytes containing not meaningful information. They are ignored during reading operations.
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The NDEF message is not detected inside the Type 2 tag platform because the L field of the NDEF Message TLV is equal to 00h (i.e. not NDEF message is present in the V field of the NDEF Message TLV).

C.5 Read of an NDEF message from the Data Area

Having done the NDEF detection procedure, the reading of the NDEF message is done using the NDEF read procedure (see section 6.4.2) starting from the first block where the V field of the NDEF Message TLV begins. In the example of section 6.4.4.3C.3 the READ command can start from block 4 (BNo=4).

C.6 Write of an NDEF message in the Data Area

To write an NDEF Message TLV in the data area the NDEF write procedure is used (see section 6.4.3). The Type 2 tag platform is supposed to be in INITIALISED state.

In this example the writing of the NDEF Message TLV starts from the first block of the data area block 4 (BNo = 4) where the first NDEF Message TLV was found (see Figure 9). The Terminator TLV is written in the byte after the NDEF Message TLV.

An empty NDEF message D00000h (see Appendix A) is written inside an NDEF Message TLV. It is allowed to write the NDEF message because a previous NDEF Message TLV is found, and the memory space is able to contain the NDEF message D00000h. Concerning the latter point the available data area size for the NDEF Message TLV is equal to 48 bytes because the beginning of the found NDEF Message TLV is at the first byte of the data area (Byte 0 of block 4), and the overall data area size is equal to 48 bytes (Byte 2 of the CC, CC2). 48 bytes are big enough to store the NDEF Message TLV equal to 5 bytes: 1 byte T field, 1 byte L field, and 3 bytes V field (NDEF message D00000h).

A READ command is needed at the beginning because the writing of the NDEF Message TLV requires 3 WRITE commands, that all of them partially write a block.

Command: 30 04 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - 30h to indicate the READ command,
 - 04h to indicate to start to read from the block number 4 (BNo=4),
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: 03 00 FE Data3 ... Data15 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 4 and to the CC):
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present (T field),
 - 00h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is not present (length equal to zero),
 - FEh to indicate that the Terminator TLV is present,
 - Data3...Data16 data area bytes containing not meaningful information. They are ignored during reading operations.
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The first WRITE command sets the length field (or L field) of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 6.4.3) to 00h. At the same time this command writes the first two bytes of the value field D000h.

Command: A2 04 03 00 00 00 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 04h to indicate to write the block 4 (BNo = 4),
 - 03h is the T field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte value previously read to be not modified,
 - 00h is the L field of the NDEF Message TLV, this byte will be modified later on as described by the NDEF write procedure (see section 6.4.3),
 - D0h is the first byte of the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte that was meant to be changed by this WRITE command,
 - 00 is the second byte of the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte that was meant to be changed by this WRITE command,
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.
The second WRITE command writes the last byte of the value field of the NDEF Message TLV (00h), and the Terminator TLV (FEh).

Command: A2 05 00 FE Data6 Data7 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 05h to indicate to write the block 5 (BNo = 5),
 - 00h third byte of the V field of the NDEF Message TLV,
 - FEh is the T field of the Terminator TLV,
 - Data6 byte value previously read to be not modified,
 - Data7 byte value previously read to be not modified,
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response 2: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.
The third WRITE command sets the length field (or L field) of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 6.4.3) to 03h.

Command: A2 04 03 00 D0 00 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 04h to indicate to write the block 4 (BNo = 4),
 - 03h is the T field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte value previously read to be not modified,

- 03h is the L field of the NDEF Message TLV, only byte that was meant to be changed by this WRITE command,
- D0h is the first byte of the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte to be not modified,
- 00 is the second byte of the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, byte to be not modified,
- CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.

C.7 Dynamic Memory Structure Examples

The two examples in the following two sections are based on dynamic memory structure (see section 2.2).

C.8 Detection of NDEF Message

To detect the NDEF message the NDEF detection procedure is applied (see section 6.4.1). Two examples are given with one positive and one negative detection of NDEF message.

C.9 Positive Detection of NDEF Message

A READ command is used to read blocks 3 to 6 (BNo=3-6) of the static memory structure where the CC and TLV blocks are located.

Command: 30 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - 30h to indicate the READ command,
 - 03h to indicate to start to read from the block number (BNo),
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: E1 10 0C 00 01 03 C0 01 31 02 03 C1 0F 30 03 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 3 and to the CC):
 - E1h = CC0 to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - 10h = CC1 to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document,
 - 0Ch = CC2 to indicate 96 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area,
 - 00h = CC3 to indicated read and write access granted without any security,
 - 0103C00131h to indicate a Lock Control TLV,
 - 0203C10F30h to indicate a Memory Control TLV,
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present,
 - 03h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is present (the length of the value field is equal to 3 bytes),

- CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The NDEF message is detected inside the Type 2 tag platform because the L field of the NDEF Message TLV is different from 00h. The NDEF detection procedure does not parse the V field of the NDEF Message TLV, but it checks the L field if it is different from 00h.

C.10 Negative Detection of NDEF Message

This example does follow the example in Figure 10.

A READ command is used to read blocks 3 to 6 (BNo=3-6) of the static memory structure where the CC and TLV blocks are located.

Command: 30 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - 30h to indicate the READ command,
 - 03h to indicate to start to read from the block number (BNo),
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: E1 10 0C 00 01 03 C0 01 31 02 03 C1 0F 30 03 00 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 3 and to the CC):
 - E1h = CC0 to indicate that NDEF data is present inside the tag.
 - 10h = CC1 to indicate to support the version 1.0 (major number 1h, minor number 0h) of the mapping document,
 - 0Ch = CC2 to indicate 96 bytes of memory size assigned to the data area,
 - 00h = CC3 to indicated read and write access granted without any security,
 - 0103C00131h to indicate a Lock Control TLV,
 - 0203C10F30h to indicate a Memory Control TLV,
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present,
 - 00h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is not present (length equal to zero),
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The NDEF message is not detected inside the Type 2 tag platform because the L field of the NDEF Message TLV is equal to 00h (i.e. not NDEF message is present in the V field of the NDEF Message TLV).

C.11 Read of an NDEF message from the Data Area

The example in section 6.4.4.3C.9 that describes a positive detection of an NDEF Message, is used by this section to read the NDEF message.

Having done the NDEF detection procedure, the reading of the NDEF message is done using the NDEF read procedure (see section 6.4.2) starting from the first block where the V field of the NDEF Message TLV begins. In the example of section 6.4.4.3C.9 the READ command starts from block 7 (BNo=7). The read NDEF message might be 0D0000h (Empty NDEF message, see Appendix A). The detailed of the READ command are not shown.

C.12 Write of an NDEF message in the Data Area

This example follows the example in Figure 10.

To write an NDEF Message TLV in the data area the NDEF write procedure is used (see section 6.4.3). In the example below an empty NDEF message D00000h is written inside an NDEF Message TLV. The Type 2 tag platform is supposed to be in INITIALISED state. A Terminator TLV is inserted after the NDEF Message TLV. Looking Figure 10 the byte where the NDEF Message TLV is found is byte 2 of block 6. Being the WRITE command page-wise a previous READ command is requested to get the values of byte 0 and 1 of block 6. Afterwards two WRITE commands are sent to store the NDEF Message TLV and the Terminator TLV. Overall 3 commands are used.

It is allowed to write the NDEF message because a previous NDEF Message TLV is found, and the memory space is able to contain the NDEF message D00000h. Concerning the latter point the available data area size for the NDEF Message TLV is equal to 86 bytes because: the overall data area size is equal to 96 bytes (Byte 2 of the CC, CC2) and the beginning of the found NDEF Message TLV is at the 11th byte of the data area (Byte 2 of block 6, the first 10 bytes of the data area are occupied by Lock Control TLV and Memory Control TLV). 86 bytes are big enough to store the NDEF Message TLV equal to 5 bytes: 1 byte T field, 1 byte L field, and 3 bytes V field i.e. NDEF message D00000h.

A READ command is needed at the beginning because the writing of the NDEF Message TLV requires WRITE commands that partially write a block.

Command: 30 06 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - 30h to indicate the READ command,
 - 06h to indicate to start to read from the block number (BNo) 6,
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: 0F 30 03 00 FE Data13...Data23 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones (note that only the first 4 bytes belong to block 3 and to the CC):
 - 0Fh byte 0 of block 6,
 - 30h byte 1 of block 6
 - 03h to indicate that an NDEF Message TLV is present (T field),
 - 00h indicate that the value field of the NDEF Message TLV is not present (length equal to zero),
 - FEh to indicate that the Terminator TLV is present,
 - Data13...Data23 data area bytes containing not meaningful information. They are ignored during reading operations.
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

The first WRITE command sets the length field (or L field) of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 6.4.3) to 00h.

Command: A2 06 0F 30 03 00 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 06h to indicate to write the block 6 (BNo = 6),
 - 0Fh byte 0 of block 6, this byte was read before and is not changed by the WRITE command,
 - 30h byte 1 of block 6, this byte was read before and is not changed by the WRITE command,
 - 03h is the T field of the NDEF Message TLV, this byte was read before and is not changed by the WRITE command,
 - 00h is the L field of the NDEF Message TLV,
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.

The second WRITE command writes the value field of the NDEF Message TLV (i.e. D00000h), and the 1 byte Terminator TLV (i.e. FEh).

Command: A2 07 0D 00 00 FE CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 07h to indicate to write the next block 7 (BNo = 7),
 - D00000h is the V field of the NDEF Message TLV,
 - FEh is the T field of the Terminator TLV,
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.

The third WRITE command sets the length field (or L field) of the NDEF Message TLV (see section 6.4.3) to 03h.

Command: A2 06 0F 30 03 03 CRC0 CRC1

- The meanings of the bytes are the following ones:
 - A2h to indicate the WRITE command,
 - 06h to indicate to write the block 6 (BNo = 6),
 - 0Fh byte 0 of block 6, read before and not changed,
 - 30h byte 1 of block 6, read before and not changed,
 - 03h is the T field of the NDEF Message TLV, read before and not changed,
 - 03h is the L field of the NDEF Message TLV
 - CRC0 and CRC1 are the CRC bytes.

Response: Ah

- This is the 4 bits ACK packet.

D. Revision History

The following table outlines the revision history of Type 2 Tag Operation.

Table 9: Revision History

Document Name	Revision and Release Date	Status	Change Notice	Supersedes
NFCForum-TS-Type-2-Tag_1.0	1.0, July 2007	Final	None	