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Radio Frequency Identification Standards, Regulations, Projects

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1	Introduction to Radio Frequency Identification
2	Standards - EPC
3	Regulations - ETSI
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An RFID-System is based on four main components Label/ Tag, Antenna, Reader/Writer and Data Processing System



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RFID Technology and Tag Basics

RFID Systems have three main components

- The RFID tag with its own data, functions and physical characteristics
- The reader (fixed or portable) with its own functions and physical characteristics
- The host with its own hardware, functions and pre-defined tasks

Tags use a variety of power sources

- Passive tags get power from the electromagnetic field
- Active tags constantly use a battery to emit
- Semi-passive tags battery boosted response

Tags are made up of three components

- 1. Chip: Holds information about the physical object to which the tag is attached
- Antenna: Transmits information to a reader (e.g., handheld, warehouse portal, store shelf) using radio waves -
- Packaging: Encases the chip and antenna so that tag can be attached to physical object -







Parameters for RFID Solutions





Selection of Frequencies



- Prices for passive transponders vary depending on volume, design and feature between EUR 0.1 – EUR 10
- Active transponders can be priced up to EUR 150

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Worldwide Adoption of UHF Frequencies





RFID-Frequencies





RFID is used already today in various industries





Today, we are developing RFID to make the retail supply chain more efficient



Timely and Accurate Data and Visibility

End-to-end real-time visibility and total traceability

- Fundamental changes in every part of a value chain, e.g. retailers no longer own inventory goods as manufacturers take total responsibility in distribution to ensure goods availability, *i.e.*
- Businesses will need to respond to market demands in real-time



The essential vision is a seamless supply chain enabled by the integration of physical objects with the digital world through tagging



RFID labels can do what Barcodes can, and much more

RFID will complement (or replace) barcode where

- Higher level of automation increases efficiency
- High accuracy is needed
- Information is changed dynamically
- Security is required
- Physical environment favors RFID
- Higher convenience is important
- Customer relation management is needed





But ... It is not just about tags and readers

- Tags + readers \neq Transformation
- Tags + readers =

Efficient data collection & New Visibility

- + Business Process Change
- + Proactive Decision Making
- + Integration to enterprise systems and infrastructure
- = Transformation



EPC = Electronic Product Code



Basic parameters for RFID Projects

Standards	
 EPCglobal Class 1 Version 1 Class 1 Generation 2 ISO 18000-6B / -6C 	Standards
Regulations	Standards
 ETSI 300 220 RegTp Vfg 71 / 2003 ETSI 302 208 	RFID Projects Products Regulations
Products Reader Antennas Tags	
AutoID Devices Portal, Handheld, Stapler	



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International Consolidation Efforts for Standardization



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The base of the Auto-ID system is the ePC – a robust labeling convention that is embedded into each RFID tag

The ePC can catalog over 1.3×10^{16} discrete items annually (about the number of grains of rice consumed globally each year) ...



...and is flexible enough to capture identification information at any level

EPCglobal: Barcode Integration (EAN/UCC-13) into EPC

Friday 30th July 2004 http://www.ean-int.org/ EAN International and Uniform Code Council name Chris Adcock President of EPCglobal, Inc. EAN International and the Uniform Code Council, Inc. (UCC) are co-partners in the EPCglobal joint venture

EPC – Electronic Product Code

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EPCglobal: Tag-Standards

Parameter	Class 0	Class 1	Gen 2
Read Bate	US: 800 tags/sec	US: 200 tags/sec	US: 1700 tags/sec
neau naie	EU: 200 tags/sec	EU: 25 tags/sec	EU: 600 tags/sec
Rewriteability	Read Only	Write Once	Fully Rewritable
Driveov	24 bit Decoword	9 bit Decoword	32-bit Password
Privacy	24-bit Password	o-Dil Password	Concealed Mode
Security	 Reader broadcasts OID, or Anonymous modes with reduced throughput 	Reader broadcasts partial OID	Reader does not transmit OID Has authentication and encryption
Regulatory Compliance	North America	Worldwide	Worldwide
Multi-Reader Environment	Reader transmissions are spectrally separated from tag backscatter	Reader transmissions interfere with tag backscatter	 Reader transmissions are spectrally separated from tag backscatter Guardbands prevent reader-on-tag collisions

EPCglobal - Reader modes

- The Gen 2 standard allows readers to operate in three different modes: Singlereader mode, multi-reader mode and dense-reader mode.
- To function optimally, readers will need to operate in dense-reader mode when more than 50 readers are present within a building, such as within a distribution center. Dense-reader mode is designed to prevent readers from interfering with one another, which could be a problem if many readers are used in a confined space, particularly in Europe and other regions where only a small band of the UHF spectrum has been allotted for RFID systems.

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Readers detect the EPC of each object, and then link it to a network where more detailed object information is stored

The EPC Network Vision

Electronic Product Code (EPC)

As every car has a Vehicle Identification Number, each item could have an EPC – a distinct, 96-bit code with the flexibility to track shipments, pallets, cases, or individual items

2 RFID Tags and Readers

Readers reach out for tags with radio waves, which activate the tag to send back its EPC

3 Object Naming Service (ONS)

A server that receives the EPC through middleware and links it to an internet address where much more detailed information about the object is located

4 Physical Mark-up Language (PML)

A standard vocabulary for all product information – location, shipment history, interactions, movement, etc.

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The Auto-ID system provides an open environment that facilitates collaboration among many business partners in the product value chain

Sources: Auto-ID Center, IBM Business Consulting Services analysis

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EPCglobal Network

Source: EPCGlobal

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IBM Domain Model

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ETSI European Telecommunication Standards Institute

- ETSI is an independent, non-profit organization to produce telecommunications standards for today and for the future.
- Based in Sophia Antipolis (France), ETSI is officially responsible for standardization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) within Europe.
- ETSI unites 688 members from 55 countries inside and outside Europe, including manufacturers, network operators, administrations, service providers, research bodies and users
- ETSI's Members determine the Institute's work programme, allocate resources and approve its deliverables.

The Benefits of Standardization

- enables interoperability
- encourages innovation, fosters enterprise and opens up new markets
- creates trust and confidence in products, expands the market, brings down costs and increases competition
- standards must be produced at a speed that is consistent with market demand,
- standards must consider all interested parties, or they will not be widely acceptable.

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ETSI - SRD Radio Regulation Organisations

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Recent ETSI Improvements

ETSI	EN 300-220 for SRD	EN 302-208 for SRD (new)
Frequency	869.4 – 869.65 MHz	865.6 – 867.6 MHz @2W (865-868 Mhz overall)
Bandwidth	0.25 MHz	2MHz -> 10 channels with 0,2 MHz
Maximum Power	0.5 watts ERP	2 watts ERP (3,2W EIRP)
Channels	1	15 -> 10 @2W, 3 @0,1W, 2@0,5W
Duty Cycle	10% (6 mins/hour)	100% -> LBT
Range	Approx 9ft Max	Approx 17ft Max

Impact - EPC will work well under the revised ETSI spec, albeit with a lower range when compared to US implementations.

RF Power Limits at UHF in Europe

ETSI EN 302 208

RF in USA vs Europe

USA:

(2.4 W ERP) 4W EIRP TransmitFrequency Hopping63 bands 400KHz wide25 MHz bandwidth total

Europe

(2W ERP) 3,2W EIRP Mandatory Listen Before Talk 10 bands 200KHz wide 2MHz bandwidth total Wave shaping Lower data rates Co channel existence May still need site licence

ETSI: CEPT / ERC Rec 70-03

- International Recommendation defines general position on common spectrum allocations for Short Range Devices (SRDs) for countries within the CEPT
- Reference Document for national Regulations
- Definition of Power Limits for Frequency Bands for SRDs; Appendix 11: RFID @ UHF & GHz
- Rec 70-03 approved at last Frequency Management Group Meeting (22.9. 24.9.)
- Published on ero server (<u>www.ero.dk</u>)
- Short range device maintenance meeting (SRD-MG) 24.-26.11.2004 (objections /national restrictions discussed)
- 24.1-28.1 FM Meeting decision about national restrictions (Italy, France, Turkey and Spain expected) implemented in ERC Rec 70-03
- National Adoption by official publication
 - Germany: RegTP (Amtsblatt)

ETSI EN 302 208 Basics

- Interrogator has to stay within the defined frequency range / sub bands
- Ability to channel selection / hopping
- Listen before talk LBT
 - To minimize interference to other users, the receivers of interrogators must be able to detect emissions from other radio devices
 - Prior to each transmission its receiver shall switch to listen mode and monitor a selected sub-band
- Threshold level = -96dBm
- If there are more than 10 interrogators active, the interrogators have to be synchronized !

ETSI EN 302 208: LBT Basics – technical challenges

- 1. Neighbor channel distortion
- 2. Same channel distortion

-96dBm treshold leads to "129dB Problem = 10km"

3. Broadband distortion (Breitbandstörer)

TAGs *

other devices e.G. Forklift truck

Solution:a) Antenna directionb) Absorber

Ant.1 activates Tag Ant. 5 reads Tag caused by broadband (wg. Breitbandigkeit)

ETSI EN 302 208: LBT Basics – technical challenges

-> Sharp signal is required, to work within the sub band accordingly

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ETSI EN 302 208: LBT Basics

- Listen Before Talk: action taken by an interrogator to detect an unoccupied sub-band prior transmitting
- LBT timing parameters:
 - **TX** off time: min. time, a transmitter shall remain off following a transmission:
 - TX off >= 100ms
 - LBT minimum listening time: min. time, that the device listens for a received signal at or above LBT threshold level
 - tL = tF + tPS
 - tL = time listen = 5ms to max. 10ms
 - tF = time fixed = 5ms
 - tPS = time pseudo random listening = 0 5ms
 - If the channel is free = 0ms
 - If the channel is busy = 0 5ms / 0.5 steps
 - **TX** on time: max. time a transmitter is allowed to transmit continuously:
 - single transmission: < 1s</p>
 - Multiple transmissions for a communication dialogue or polling sequence: < 4s

ETSI: TG34 chair: John Falck

- EN Regulations -> EN 300 220, EN 302 208
- "Code of pratcice" for Installation and Operation of RFID Systems within the UHF-Band
- ETSI Dockdoor Plugtest, March 2005 -> results @ ETSI server
 - interrogator distortion
- ETSI EN 302 208 compliance test, Dec. 2005
 - ► LBT
 - Reader Synchronisation

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IBM RFID Projects / Activities – a selection

- 2002 Partner der METRO Future Store Initiative
- 2004 P&G RFID Business Case
- 2004 Delhaize Assettracking
- 2004 Gilette RFID Testcenter
- 2005 GS1 RFID Business Case Calculator
- 2004 METRO RFID Innovation Centers
- 2004 VARENA RFID Inhouse Solution
- 2004 Renault Sparepart Management
- 2005 Sernam Supply Chain Management
- 2005 REWE RFID Consulting

2002 - active memeber of ETSI, EPCglobal, GS1

METRO Group has a turnover of € 56.4 Mrd., over 262,000 Employees in 30 Countries and over 2,400 stores

METRO Group Structure

Source: Metro Group Annual Report 2004

The METRO Group Future Store Initiative – Shared Platform for the Future of Retail

Cooperation Project of METRO Group together with SAP, Intel, IBM and T-Systems by integrating other partners of the consumer goods industry and information technology

 The initiative is the platform for technical and process-related retail developments and innovations

The Initiative sets Standards for Retail of the Future

IBM INTEL SAP T-SYSTEMS

CISCO SYSTEMS COCA-COLA DHL SOLUTIONS HENKEL HEWLETT-PACKARD JOHNSON & JOHNSON KRAFT FOODS L'ORÉAL LOYALTY PARTNER MICROSOFT NESTLÉ ORACLE PHILIPS PIRONET NDH PROCTER & GAMBLE SATO SYMBOL TECHNOLOGIES TRICON VISA EUROPE WINCOR NIXDORF X-IDENT

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Future Store – Test platform for new technologies in retail

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RFID and METRO Group

2003	2004	2005	2006
Exploring and testing	Preparing and starting phase 1	Starting phase 2 RFID roll-out	Our aim and vision
<text></text>	January: NRF in New York May: first METRO Group RFID Supplier Conference If the two products of two products	January: 100-day review of roll-out at NRF in New York June: second METRO Group RFID Supplier Conference, Cologne	 Action in 2006 Gen 2 in Europe RFID on retail unit Back/front store Vision The digital supply chain

METRO Group RFID Rollout

Overview on System / Process Integration

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RFID on Trading-Unit Level in the Store

METRO Group RFID Innovation Center: one of the world's leading RFID test laboratories

- Opened July 2004
- Located in the Kaufhof warehouse in Neuss-Norf, Germany
- Total area: 1,900 m²
- Number of test systems: over 40
- EPCglobal accredited test center

RFID Inhouse Solution @ C&C DC VARENA

- RFID Solution to check pallet shipment at 60 Dock Doors
- >2000 pallets shipped per Tag, up to 600 000 pallets per year, live since July 2005
- RFID readrates: 99,4 %
- The largest productive RFID Installation within Europe / Worldwide
- Challenges:
 - Only prototypes aivalable -> Reader, Antennen, Tags
 - Committe RFID Performance: >99%

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Architecture

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Vision: The Digital Supply Chain

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The unique IBM solution is based on the integration of different state of the art technologies into an end-to-end vision, implemented in a modular, non-proprietary and pragmatic way

(1) TREC= Tamper-Resistant Embedded Controller

(2) CIS = Container Information System (Service oriented infrastructure)

Technology is the enabler for a Secure Trade Lane; the highest possible security and efficiency can only be given through an end-to-end approach

Secure Trade Lane comes as an end-to-end solution, together with corresponding pre-integrated hardware and software components forming an efficient backend

IBM has developed an Architecture Framework for Container Tracking and Secure Trade Lane, whereas this framework separates between various distinct domains

Geo-fencing is an additional positive aspect of intelligent data monitoring

- Nominal container itinerary
 - Computed from origin and destination
 - Location and time-window
 - Stored in TREC

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- Reliable GPS-based container track
 - Tamper-proof GPS receiver on vessel receives GPS signals
 - Tamper-proof receiver transmits authenticated GPS position fixes to TRECs
- Real-time monitoring of container track vis-à-vis nominal itinerary
 - TREC continually compares track and itinerary
 - TREC records violations and/or sends out notifications

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The TREC acts as a central point of control that can authenticate the source of evidence and implement access control to the evidence

ZigBee is designed for low to very low duty cycles in static and dynamic environments with many active nodes

Feature(s)	IEEE 802.11b	Bluetooth	IEEE 802.15.4	
Power Profile	Hours	1 Week	1Year+	
BOM	\$9	\$6	\$3	
Complexity	Complex	Very Complex	Simple	
Nodes/Master	32	7	64000	
Latency	Enumeration upto 3	Enumeration upto 10	Enumeration 30ms	
	seconds	seconds		
Range	100 m	10m	70m	
Extendability	Roaming possible	No	YES	
Data Rate	11Mbps	1Mbps	250Kbps	
Security	Authentication Service Set ID (SSID)	64 bit, 128 bit	128 bit AES and Application Layer user defined	

Flexible link-in of nearly any amount of sensors

Adhoc Mesh network at any place (e.g. port or vessel)

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RFID and TREC can complement each other by connecting an RFID reader to the TREC as a sensor. As a result, the exact content of a container will be known

- Container level tracking can be expanded to pallet level, case level, and even item level tracking.
- RFID reader can either be attached to the container or mounted on a portal close to the container, to keep track what exactly is loaded in the container or taken out.
- For most reliable data, a handheld RFID reader is best to be used.
- TREC can store bill of lading for the container and replicate data with backend. Realtime requests initiated through handheld or PC from remote are possible to read TREC data

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Summary

- RFID is a technology with potential for change in business processes influencing
 - Cost structure
 - Security
 - Comfort
- In a few years, RFID will be as ubiquitous as barcode is today
- RFID requires you to follow a learning curve. Starting early gives you a massive advantages
- ROI is achievable today in many areas of your business

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Is there any question, I can answer for you?

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