NXP MIFARE DESFire Protocol

This document is reverse engineered from various sources and may not be 100% correct. It seems the official protocol is subject to an NDA - if this is not the case, please do let me know! Obviously there is no warranty for any error or mistake I have made.

Sources

Various testing and experimentation by me (@TheRealRevK), plus blogs and code including:-

- https://github.com/nfc-tools/libfreefare/blob/master/libfreefare/mifare_desfire.c (This has actual code that works, and so is a primary source of this manual).
- https://scancode.ru/upload/iblock/de4/ mifare_application_programming_guide_for_desfire_rev.e.pdf (This has lots of details but different command codes, useful clues though)
- https://hack.cert.pl/files/desfire-gf122c71e0057d4f747d2ee295b0f5f6eef8ac32.html (some useful examples)
- https://ridrix.wordpress.com/tag/desfire-protocol/ (more useful examples)
- http://www.ti.com/lit/an/sloa213/sloa213.pdf (explains more on authentication)
- https://www.nxp.com/docs/en/data-sheet/MF3ICDQ1_MF3ICDHQ1_SDS.pdf

Overview

It is useful to understand what these cards/fobs can do for you!

The card itself has some top level settings, but the idea is that the card can be used with one or more *applications*. This means the same card can be used for travel, access control, currency, all sorts. Each application is independent of the others on the card and is identified by a 3 byte application id (AID). So you select the application you want, and then you can access *files* that are stored relating to that application. In practice this sharing of applications may not happen generally as someone will *own* the card, but it can in theory. With access control I have each site as an application and so one card can work multiple sites independently, which is convenient.

The files within an application are small data storage areas, and there are actually several types of file. The card itself has a total capacity (e.g. 4k), but typically the data stored is small, such as a value or identity. The different types of files include values (e.g. points or currency), or simple binary data, or records of fixed length. One of the clever features is a record file that automatically overwrites the oldest entry when full, ideal for some sort of log of events. There is also a system to ensure integrity (e.g. backup files, and a commit stage after setting up changes).

The files themselves have access permissions controlling read and write and change. The access control is done using *keys*. Each application can have one or more keys. You select the application and then authenticate with a key. Having done this, the access rights you have depend on what key you used. There are also application level access controls and controls on the top level card itself. Each application can have unto 14 keys (a master key and up to 13 others), and the top level card has a master key as well. These keys can use DES, 3DES, or AES encryption. This manual only covers AES. Note, only symmetric authentication exists, i.e. card and reader need same key, and there is no support for public key where one side can check

the other without knowing its secret key. This is a security consideration, as extracting a key from a reader or code means you can make cards that match that key, so consider not storing keys in flash/EEPROM, etc.

The card also allows encryption of the communications, so you cannot snoop data passively when a card is being used.

There are also a number of different types of cards with different storage and features. I am testing using the DESFire EV1 4k cards.

Communications

I am assuming you have a way to talk to the card. I am using a PN532 which handles the RATS and anti collision and selecting the card and so on, and gives me a 4 or 7 byte card ID. I can then do an InDataExchange which allows me to send a command sequence of bytes and get a response sequence of bytes.

Each command starts with a one byte command code, and may have a number of data bytes following depending on the command. The simplest command is one byte only, e.g. 60 gets version details of the card. I will be quoting bytes using hex within this document, so that is 0x60.

Each response starts with a one byte status code, and may have a number of data bytes following depending on the command and response. The simplest response is one byte, and oo means success.

There is a way to wrap these commands in an ISO message format, and to perform ISO equivalent versions of commands, which may be better. But this document is trying to cover the native DESFire commands and how they work.

It is important to also realise that there is a whole process to authenticate or encrypt the message and response payloads, explained later. This is important to ensure communications cannot be snooped on.

Command List

As you can see, many of these command codes are designed to be mnemonic, albeit somewhat convoluted in some cases.

| Security related commands | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| AA | Authenticate (AES) | Start the authentication process for a key, using AES |
| 1A | Authenticate (ISO) | Start the authentication process for a key, using 3DES or 3K3DES |
| ΦA | Authenticate (Legacy) | Start the authentication process for a key, using simple DES |
| 54 | Change KeySettings | Change the settings for a key |
| 5C | Set Configuration | Card level configuration |
| C4 | Change Key | Change a key |
| 64 | Get Key Version | Returns a key version byte. |

| Car | Card level commands | | |
|-----|----------------------|---|--|
| CA | Create Application | Create a new application | |
| DA | Delete Application | Delete an application | |
| 6A | Get Applications IDs | Get a list of application IDs | |
| 6E | Free Memory | Get free memory details | |
| 6D | GetDFNames | Get the data file names | |
| 45 | Get KeySettings | Get details of a keys settings | |
| 5A | Select Application | Select application | |
| FC | FormatPICC | Format the card | |
| 60 | Get Version | Get version details for card | |
| 51 | GetCardUID | Get the read ID for the card (can be set so a random ID is used as part of collision detection, rather than the real ID). | |

| App | Application level commands | | |
|-----|----------------------------|--|--|
| 6F | Get FileIDs | Get a list of file IDs | |
| 61 | Get FileIDs (ISO) | Get a list of ISO file IDs | |
| F5 | Get FileSettings | Get file settings for a specific existing file | |
| 5F | Change FileSettings | Change file settings for a specific existing file | |
| CD | Create StdDataFile | Creates a file for arbitrary binary data | |
| СВ | Create BackupDataFile | Creates a file for arbitrary binary data but with a commit process so changes apply reliably all in one go | |

| App | Application level commands | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---|--|
| CC | Create ValueFile | Creates a file to hold a 32 bit value | |
| C1 | Create LinearRecordFile | Create a file to allow records of fixed size to be added until full | |
| CO | Create CyclicRecordFile | Create a file to allow records of fixed size to be added, clearing the oldest record automatically - ideal for a history or a log | |
| DF | DeleteFile | Delete a file | |

| Data manipulations commands | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| BD | Read Data | Read data from standard or backup file |
| 3D | Write Data | Write data to standard or backup file (write to backup only happens when commit is done) |
| 6C | Get Value | Get the value from a value file |
| ♦ C | Credit | Increase the value in a value file |
| DC | Debit | Decrease the value in a value file |
| 1C | Limited Credit | Increase the value in a value file without having full permissions to that file, up to a limit |
| 3B | Write Record | Write a record to a linear or cyclic record file |
| BB | Read Records | Read records from a linear or cyclic record file |
| EB | Clear RecordFile | Clear a linear or cyclic record file |
| C7 | Commit Transaction | Commit writes to backup, value, or record files |
| A7 | Abort Transaction | Invalid writes to backup, value, or record files |

Status codes

| Status codes | | |
|--------------|---|--|
| 00 | Success | |
| OC. | No change | |
| ΦE | Out of EEPROM | |
| 1C | Illegal command | |
| 1E | Integrity error | |
| 40 | No such key | |
| 6E | Error (ISO?) | |
| 7E | Length error | |
| 97 | Crypto error | |
| 9D | Permission denied | |
| 9E | Parameter error | |
| AO | Application not found | |
| AE | Authentication error | |
| AF | Additional frame (more data to follow before final status code) | |
| BE | Boundary error | |
| C1 | Card integrity error | |
| CA | Command aborted | |
| CD | Card disabled | |
| CE | Count error | |
| DE | Duplicate error | |
| EE | EEPROM error | |
| FO | File not found | |
| F1 | File integrity error | |

Detailed commands

Note that data values such as offsets and record counts and access rights, etc, are all sent low byte first.

AA: Authenticate (AES)

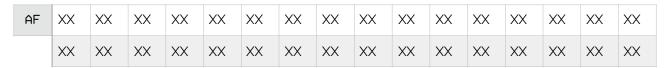
This allows you to authenticate for a specified key number using AES. If the key is not AES you get an AE error back. The key number is the key in the current application. If top level (AID 0) selected or no application selected yet then this is the master key for the card (key 0).



The response is AF with 16 bytes of data (random).



The reader then responds with AF and 32 bytes of data



The card then responses with a final status code and 16 bytes of data.



The process establishes that both parties have the same AES key, and creates a session key for further communications.

The way the response is calculated and checked is explained in a later chapter.

1A: Authentication (ISO)

This covers 3DES and 3K3DES. This type of encryption is not covered in this manual.



The response is AF and a number of bytes depending if 3DES or 3K3DES. There is then a reply command (AF) and a final response with status code in a similar way to the AES authentication.

OA: Authenticate (Legacy)

This covers DES. This type of encryption is not covered in this manual.



The response is AF and a number of bytes. There is then a reply command (AF) and a final response with status code in a similar way to the AES authentication.

54: Change KeySettings

This allows the settings for the current key to be changed.

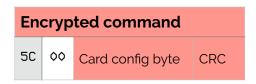


The key settings depend if you are setting the master key for AID 0 (the card level), or for an application.

| Bit | Card master key | Application key | |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| \Q | The master key (i.e. key 0) can be changed | | |
| 1 | List applications is possible without master key, otherwise card master key is needed. | Get FID list, Get File Settings and Get Key settings are possible, otherwise application master key is needed | |
| 2 | Create applications is permitted without the master key. Delete needs card master key or app master key. If not set then both need card master key. | Create and Delete file are permitted without master key authentication, otherwise application master key is needed. | |
| 3 | This setting can be changed. If unset, then that freezes this config. | | |
| 4-7 | Not used | 0-13: Key number required to change any key. 14: Auth with the key to be changed is needed to change. 15: All keys (except master) are frozen (master by bit 0) | |

5COO: Set Configuration (card config)

This sets top level card settings.



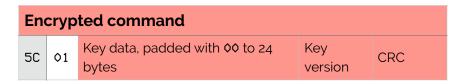
The card config byte contains:-

| Bit | Meaning |
|-----------|--|
| \Q | Disable card formatting |
| 1 | Enable random UID (note, this is a 4 byte random ID not 7) |

Note, you can only set these bits! Once set they are set, tough!

5CO1: Set Configuration (default key)

Not sure what this does, sorry. Perhaps it means the card is logged in with this by default?



5CO2: Set Configuration (Set ATS)

I guess this sets the ATS bytes.



C4: Change Key

This allows a key to be changed.

| Encrypted command | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----|---|
| C4 | Key no | 16 bytes key data (See note below) | Key version byte | CRC | CRC of new key (if changing different key) |

If setting the master key for the card level, the key no has bit 7 set to indicate AES.

If changing a different key to the current key, the new key data is the new XOR'd with the old key. A CRC of the new key is included at the end of the message.

This message format is slightly different if not using AES.

64: Get Key Version

This gets the version of the key, for AES this is a version byte which can be set when setting the key. This allows you to then know which key to use if there have been different versions of keys in use.



CA: Create Application

Create a new application. Depending on settings this may be possible without authenticating as the card master key.

| CA | AID (3 bytes) | Key setting byte (see command 54) | App setting byte |
|----|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
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The key setting byte is described in command 54.

The app setting byte contains:

| Bit | Meaning |
|-------------|---|
| \$-3 | Number of keys, 1 to 14 |
| 6 | Use 3K3DES (if not AES), else DES/3DES (if not AES) |
| 7 | Use AES (set bit 6 to 0) |

DA: Delete Application

This allows an application to be deleted. The permission to allow deletion depends on settings, but it always requires authentication.



6A: Get Application IDs

This one byte command gets a list of application IDs, each 3 bytes.



6E: Free Memory

This gets the free memory, the response is 3 bytes (low byte first).



6D: GetDFNames

Not sure, sorry.



45: Get KeySettings

Returns the settings for the specified key - the response is the settings, and number of keys.



5A: Select Application

This selects an application.

FC: FormatPICC

This formats the card - you need to be authenticated with the card master key for this.



60: Get Version

This gets the card version details.



The response is several parts, and uses AF status code on each. Send an AF command to get the next part.

The first part if hardware version

| Hardware version | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Vendor ID | 04 for NCP | |
| Туре | 01 | |
| Sub Type | 01 | |
| Major Version | 1 byte | |
| Minor Version | 1 byte | |
| Storage Size | 18 means 4k, 16 means 2k | |
| Protocol Type | 05 means ISO 14443-2 and -3 | |

The second part is software version

| Software version | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vendor ID | 04 for NCP |
| Туре | 0 1 |
| Sub Type | 0 1 |
| Major Version | 1 byte |
| Minor Version | 1 byte |
| Storage Size | 18 means 4k, 16 means 2k |
| Protocol Type | ♦5 means ISO 14443-3 and -4 |

The last part provides other data

| General version | | |
|-----------------|--|--|
| UID | 7 byte UID, starting 04 for NXP | |
| Batch | 5 byte batch ID | |
| Week | Week number (BCD coded, one byte) | |
| Year | Year number (BCD coded, one byte) | |

51: GetCardUID

This requests the actual UID for when a card is set to use a random UID.



The response is encrypted so only possible when authenticated, but it seems any key will do.

6F: Get FileIDs

This gets a list of file IDs in the selected application.



61: Get FileIDs (ISO)

This gets a list of ISO file IDs in the selected application.

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F5: Get FileSettings

This gets the file settings for a specific file in the application. These are the settings used when creating the file.



The response depends on the file type

| Standard file settings | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 00 | 00 | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | File size (3 bytes) | | |

| Backup file settings | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 00 | 0 1 | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | File size (3 bytes) | | | |

| Va | Value file settings | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 00 | > | 0 2 | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | Min (4 bytes) | Max (4 bytes) | Limited credit (4 bytes) | Limited credit (1 byte) | | |

| Line | Linear record file settings | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 00 | \$3 | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | Record size (3 bytes) | Max records (3 bytes) | Records existing (3 bytes) | | | | |

| Сус | Cyclic record file settings | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 00 | 04 | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | Record size (3 bytes) | Max records (3 bytes) | Records existing (3 bytes) | | | |

5F: Change FileSettings

This allows file settings to be changed for a specific file in the application.

| End | Encrypted command | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 5F | File No | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | CRC | | | | |

This is not encrypted if existing access right for changing settings are set to free access.

Communications settings

| Bit | Meaning |
|--------------|---|
| \(\) | CMAC communications |
| 1 | Encrypted communications (also set bit 0) |

Access rights

| Bit | Non value files | Value files | |
|-------|----------------------|---|--|
| 15-12 | Read access | GetValue, and Debit | |
| 11-8 | Write Access | GetValue, Debit, and Limited Credit | |
| 7-4 | Read & Write access | GetValue, Debit, Limited Credit, and Credit | |
| 3-0 | Change Access Rights | | |

Each of the access rights defines what key is needed for the specific access. Key 0-13 are key numbers, but 14 means *free access* and 15 means *no access*.

CD: Create StdDataFile

Create a standard data file.

| CD | File No | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | File size (3 bytes) |
|----|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|----|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|

CB: Create BackupDataFile

Create a backup data file.

| CB File No Comms setting byte Access rights (2 bytes) File size (3 byte | s) |
|---|----|
|---|----|

CC: Create ValueFile

Create a value data file.

| CC | File No | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | Lower limit (4 bytes) | Upper limit (4 bytes) | Initial value (4 bytes) | Limited credit available (1 byte) |
|----|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
|----|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|

C1: Create LinearRecordFile

Create a linear record file.

| C1 | File No | Comms setting byte | Access rights (2 bytes) | Record size (3 bytes) | Number of records (3 bytes) |
|----|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|----|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|

CO: Create CyclicRecordFile

Create a cyclic record file. The number of records you can have is actually one less as the spare record is the one that is partly written before a commit.

| CO | File No | Comms setting byte | Access right (2 bytes) | Record size (3 bytes) | Number of records (3 bytes) |
|----|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|----|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|

DF: DeleteFile

Delete a file.

DF File No

BD: Read Data

Read data from a file.

| BD File No | Offset (3 bytes) | Length (3 bytes) |
|------------|---------------------|------------------|
|------------|---------------------|------------------|

The response will have MAC or be encrypted depending on file comms mode.

3D: Write Data

Write data to a file.

| Pote | Potentially encrypted command | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3D | File No | Offset (3 bytes) | Length (3 bytes) | Data | | | | | |

This needs to be sent using plain, CMAC or encrypted (with CRC) depending on file comms mode.

6C: Get Value

Get value from a value file.



OC: Credit

Credit value in a value file. You need to commit the changes.

| ФC | File No | Amount to credit (4 bytes) |
|----|---------|----------------------------|
|----|---------|----------------------------|

DC: Debit

Debit the value in a file. You need to commit the changes.

| DC | File No | Amount to debit (4 bytes) |
|----|---------|---------------------------|
|----|---------|---------------------------|

1C: Limited Credit

Add limited credit. You need to commit the changes.

| 1C | File No | Amount to credit (4 bytes) |
|----|---------|----------------------------|

3B: Write Record

Write to a record. The offet/length are within the record. A new record is created with **OO** bytes where not written. You need to commit the changes.

Potentially encrypted command 3B File No Offset (3 bytes) Length (3 bytes) Data...

BB: Read Records

Read records - record o is the oldest/first.

| BB | File No | Record number (3 bytes) | Number of records (3 bytes) |
|----|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | |

EB: Clear RecordFile

Clear all records from a file.



C7: Commit Transaction

Commit updates to value and record files.

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A7: Abort Transaction

Abort changes to value and record files.

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Authentication

As explained in the commands, the authentication using AES involves a 3 way handshake. A request is sent for AES authentication for a specific key, a response (16 bytes) is received from the card. This is processed to make a 32 byte response sent back as a command to the card and then there is a 16 byte response from the card with a status code. If the status code is success (00) then we have successfully authenticated.

The process is as follows.

- 1. The reader asked for AES authentication for a specific key.
- 2. The card creates a 16 byte random number (B) and encrypts it with the selected AES key. The result is sent to the reader.
- 3. The reader receives the 16 bytes, and decrypts it using the AES key to get back the original 16 byte random number (B). This is decrypted with an IV of all 00 bytes.
- 4. The reader generates its own 16 byte random number (A).
- 5. The reader rotates B one byte to the left.
- 6. The reader concatenates A and the rotated B together to make a 32 byte value.
- 7. The reader encrypts the 32 byte value with the AES key and sends to the card. The IV for encrypting this is the 16 bytes received from the card (i.e. before decryption).
- 8. The card receives the 32 byte value and decrypts it with the AES key.
- 9. The card checks the second 16 bytes match the original random number B (rotated one byte left). If this fails the authentication has failed. If it matches, the card knows the reader has the right key.
- 10. The card rotates the first 16 bytes (A) left by one byte.
- 11. The card encrypts this rotated A using the AES key and sends it to the reader.
- 12. The reader receives the 16 bytes and decrypts it. The IV for this is the last 16 bytes the reader sent to the card.
- 13. The reader checks this matches the original A random number (rotated one byte left). If this fails then the authentication fails. If it matches, the reader knows the card has the AES key too.
- 14. Finally both reader and card generate a 16 byte session key using the random numbers they now know. This is done by concatenating the first 4 bytes of A, first 4 bytes of B, last 4 bytes of A and last 4 bytes of B.

The session key is then used for further communications.

| Cmd | | | | | |
|-----|----|--|--|--|--|
| AA | 00 | | | | |

| Resp | Response from card | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AF | В9 | 69 | FD | EE | 56 | FD | 91 | FC | 9D | E6 | F6 | F2 | 13 | B8 | FD | 1E |

Decrypt to give B: C0 5D DD 71 4F D7 88 A6 B7 B7 54 F3 C4 D0 66 E8

| Decrypt | |
|---------|---|
| Key | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Code | B9 69 FD FE 56 FD 91 FC 9D E6 F6 F2 13 B8 FD 1E |
| Data | CO 5D DD 71 4F D7 88 A6 B7 B7 54 F3 C4 DO 66 E8 |

Rotate left to give B': 5D DD 71 4F D7 88 A6 B7 B7 54 F3 C4 D0 66 E8 C0

Create random A: F4 4B 26 F5 68 6F 3A 39 1C D3 8E BD 10 77 22 81

Concatenate A and B': F4 4B 26 F5 68 6F 3A 39 1C D3 8E BD 10 77 22 81 5D DD 71 4F D7 88 A6 B7 B7 54 F3 C4 D0 66 E8 C0

Encrypt: 36 AA D7 DF 6E 43 6B AO 8D 18 61 38 30 A7 OD 5A D4 3E 3D 3F 4A 8D 47 54 1E EE 62 3A 93 4E 47 74

| Encrypt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|-----|----|
| Key | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| IV | В9 | 69 | FD | FE | 56 | FD | 91 | FC | 9D | E6 | F6 | F2 | 13 | B8 | FD | 1E |
| Data | | . – | | . – | | | | | | | | | | 77 66 | | |
| Code | | | | | | | | | | | | | | A7 4E | . – | |

| Furt | her c | omm | and t | o car | d | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AF | 36 | AA | D7 | DF | 6E | 43 | 6B | AO | 8D | 18 | 61 | 38 | 30 | A7 | ΦD | 5A |
| | D4 | 3E | 3D | 3F | 4A | 8D | 47 | 54 | 1E | EE | 62 | 3A | 93 | 4E | 47 | 74 |

The card responses with: 80 OD B6 80 BC 14 6B D1 21 D6 57 8F 2D 2E 20 59

| Resp | onse | fron | n care | d | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 00 | 80 | ΦD | В6 | 80 | BC | 14 | 6B | D1 | 21 | D6 | 57 | 8F | 2D | 2E | 20 | 59 |

Decrypt to get A': 4B 26 F5 68 6F 3A 39 1C D3 8E BD 10 77 22 81 F4

| Decrypt | t en |
|---------|---|
| Key | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| IV | D4 3E 3D 3F 4A 8D 47 54 1E EE 62 3A 93 4E 47 74 |
| Code | 80 OD B6 80 BC 14 6B D1 21 D6 57 8F 2D 2E 20 59 |
| Data | 4B 26 F5 68 6F 3A 39 1C D3 8E BD 10 77 22 81 F4 |

Match to A rotated one: 4B 26 F5 68 6F 3A 39 1C D3 8E BD 10 77 22 81 F4

Work out session key: F4 4B 26 F5 C0 5D DD 71 10 77 22 81 C4 D0 66 E8

Encryption

Commands

There are basically two ways a command can be sent, plain, CMAC, and encrypted. Which is used depends on the circumstances. The commands listed above are mostly *plain* with some listed as encrypted. However, the file access commands can be sent plain, CMAC, or encrypted depending on the file communications settings.

- Plain is sent as is, starting from command byte. However, once authenticated, the command as sent is passed through the CMAC process to update the IV. This means that when checking the CMAC on the response we can be sure no man in the middle changed either the command or the reply.
- Encrypted means that instead of passing through the CMAC process, the command is
 encrypted (updating the IV). In the case of file access commands a CRC is appended to the
 command first (others have the CRC explained as listed above). Then padding as normal (80
 then 00s) to a multiple of 16 bytes and then CBC encrypting. Not all of the command is
 encrypted, the process starts at an offset (as highlighted above in the command list). For file
 access this is after the command byte and file number.

Responses

Responses can come back in one of three ways. Before authentication responses are plain, but once authenticated they have an 8 byte CMAC added to the end of the response. One response (get UID) is always an encrypted response. File access responses can be encrypted if the file communications say so. A CRC is appended to the response first (a CRC of the response bytes followed by the final, status byte), then padding. The encryption starts after the status byte.

Whilst the CMAC of the command is simply processed on the command from the command byte to the end, the processing of the response is more complex. The CMAC is calculated over the payload of the response (i.e after the status byte) and then the status byte appended to the end. If the response is multiple parts then the payload of these parts are concatenated (without the AF status byte) and the final status byte added to the end.

Authentication stops if there is an error response, or you select another application or change the key you are using.

CMAC

The CMAC process makes use of the session key and session IV, and updates the session IV. Before starting two sub keys need to be generated.

Subkey1 is generated by:-

- 1. Encrypting 16 bytes of 00 using the session key and an IV of all 00.
- 2. Shift the result one bit left.
- 3. If 1 was shifted off the end (i.e. bit 7 set in first byte before shift) XOR last byte with 87.

For example:-

| Making sı | ubkey 1 |
|-----------|---|
| Key | 2B 7E 15 16 28 AE D2 A6 AB F7 15 88 09 CF 4F 3C |
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Code | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Encrypted | 7D F7 6B 0C 1A B8 99 B3 3E 42 F0 47 B9 1B 54 6F |
| Shifted | FB EE D6 18 35 71 33 66 7C 85 E0 8F 72 36 A8 DE |
| XOR 87 | Not needed as was 7D does not have top bit set. |

Subkey2 is generated by:-

- 1. Shift subkey 1 left one bit
- 2. If 1 was shifted off the end (i.e. bit 7 set in first byte before shift) XOR last byte with 87.

| Making s | ubkey 2 |
|----------|---|
| Subkey 1 | FB EE D6 18 35 71 33 66 7C 85 E0 8F 72 36 A8 DE |
| Shifted | F7 DD AC 30 6A E2 66 CC F9 0B C1 1E E4 6D 51 BC |
| XOR 87 | F7 DD AC 30 6A E2 66 CC F9 0B C1 1E E4 6D 51 3B |

The CMAC process on a block of data involves the following steps.

- 1. Padding if zero length, or not a multiple of 16 bytes, add 80 and additional 00 to make a multiple of 16 bytes.
- 2. If padding was added, XOR the last block (last 16 bytes) with subkey 2
- 3. If padding was not added, XOR last block (last 16 bytes) with subkey 1
- 4. Encrypt the data.
- 5. Update the IV with the result of encryption (the last block). This is the resulting CMAC, the first 8 bytes of which are appended to responses.

For example :- (all assuming these are the first message and so an IV of all 00)

| Empty me | essage (i.e. all padding) |
|-----------|---|
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Padded | 80 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| XOR'd | 77 DD AC 30 6A E2 66 CC F9 0B C1 1E E4 6D 51 3B |
| Encrypted | BB 1D 69 29 E9 59 37 28 7F A3 7D 12 9B 75 67 46 |

| 16 byte n | nessage (i.e. no padding) |
|-----------|---|
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Message | 6B C1 BE E2 2E 40 9F 96 E9 3D 7E 11 73 93 17 2A |

16 byte message (i.e. no padding) XOR'd 90 2F 68 FA 1B 31 AC F0 95 B8 9E 9E 01 A5 BF F4 Encrypted 07 0A 16 B4 6B 4D 41 44 F7 9B DD 9D D0 4A 28 7C

| 16 byte m | nessage (i.e. no padding) |
|-----------|---|
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Message | 6B C1 BE E2 2E 40 9F 96 E9 3D 7E 11 73 93 17 2A AE 2D 8A 57 1E 03 AC 9C 9E B7 6F AC 45 AF 8E 51 30 C8 1C 46 A3 5C E4 11 |
| Padded | 6B C1 BE E2 2E 40 9F 96 E9 3D 7E 11 73 93 17 2A AE 2D 8A 57 1E 03 AC 9C 9E B7 6F AC 45 AF 8E 51 30 C8 1C 46 A3 5C E4 11 80 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| XOR'd | 6B C1 BE E2 2E 40 9F 96 E9 3D 7E 11 73 93 17 2A AE 2D 8A 57 1E 03 AC 9C 9E B7 6F AC 45 AF 8E 51 C7 15 B0 76 C9 BE 82 DD 79 0B C1 1E E4 6D 51 3B |
| Encrypted | 3A D7 7B B4 OD 7A 36 60 A8 9E CA F3 24 66 EF 97 B1 48 C1 7F 30 9E E6 92 28 7A E5 7C F1 2A DD 49 DF A6 67 47 DE 9A E6 30 30 CA 32 61 14 97 C8 27 |
| CMAC | DF A6 67 47 DE 9A E6 30 30 CA 32 61 14 97 C8 27 |

CRC

The CRC used is x32 + x26 + x23 + x22 + x16 + x12 + x11 + x10 + x8 + x7 + x5 + x4 + x2 + x + 1, with an initial value of all 1s. Note that this is encoded low byte first in messages.

Code example:-

```
unsigned int crc(unsigned int len, unsigned char *data)
{
   unsigned int poly=0xEDB88320;
   unsigned int crc=0xFFFFFFF;
   int n,b;
   for(n=0;n<len;n++)
   {
      crc^=dataEn];
      for(b=0;b<8;b++)
      if(crc&1)
          crc=(crc>>1)^poly;
      else
          crc>>=1;
   }
   return crc;
}
```

For example:-

| CRC | |
|----------|---|
| Data | 00 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 A0 B0 B0 A0 90 80 |
| CRC | 1979E3BF |
| Coded as | BF E3 79 19 |

Changing to AES master key

Initially the card will probably be set to use a simple DES master key, and you will probably want to change that to AES.

To do this you have to authenticate using DES, and then set a new key.

The DES authentication is basically the same but using 8 byte A and B values and keys. So start with all 00 key and IV. And send an 1A for key 00.



The response will be 8 bytes of data, confirming its is DES in use.

| Res | Response from card | | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| AF | C3 | 27 | Ε¢ | В3 | AE | 78 | 4F | 04 | |

| Decryp | t |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Key | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| IV | 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
| Code | C3 27 E0 B3 AE 78 4F 04 |
| Data | 8A 9D 09 A4 3D 2D D3 92 |

Create your own A random value, e.g. 9F 02 17 83 26 DD E5 A2

Generate the response.

| Further command to card | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| AF | DC | C7 | FB | 9A | 26 | 1C | 7D | FC | 1 | 20 | 14 | A9 | 2B | BB | CD | СВ |

The card responds

| Response from card | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| 00 | 75 | FD | A7 | DC | 10 | ٥7 | 12 | A4 | | | | | |

Decoding this confirms the A value is correct. You can then make a session key from the first 4 bytes of the A and B values. Set the IV to all OOs.

| Session key | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----------|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| 9F | 02 | 17 | 83 | 8A | 9D | 09 | A4 | | | | | |

Then you need to change the key. This is a C4 command for get 80. Note 80 is used to indicate key 0 but using AES.

Construct a new message :-

| Before encryption | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| C4 | 80 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| | 00 | 0 1 | 1D | D9 | ΕA | C2 | 00 | 00 | 00 | | | | | | | |

This message has command C4, key 80, AES key all 00s, key version 01, and then CRC of everything up to that point, and padded with 00 to multiple of 8 bytes for encryption.

Encrypt with the new session key:-

| Before encryption | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| C4 | 80 | 61 | 59 | 2D | C4 | ٥A | D3 | 58 | 95 | 16 | 52 | D8 | 38 | 31 | A2 | 73 |
| | СС | E3 | EΑ | 31 | 34 | 17 | 83 | C4 | 1E | | | | | | | |

You get a 00 and 8 byte CMAC status confirming it worked. You should check the CMAC really, but as this is a one off process to switch to AES you probably don't really need to.