

# NUR APPLICATION NOTE 04 (NUR AN004)

GETTING STARTED: SIMPLE INVENTORY AND TAG BUFFER FETCHING



## **SCOPE**

This application note extends the NUR protocol documentation by showing a simple inventory command, its response, how to fetch the tags from the module's internal buffer and the ID buffer clear command. The inventory procedure with the NUR module is:

- 1. Inventory command
- 2. Retrieve the tag information from the internal buffer (can automatically clear the internal buffer as well).
- 3. Explicitly command the internal buffer to be cleared if needed

| Scenario                            | Description  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Basic inventory command             | The basic inventory using specific values for Q, session and     |
|                                     | internal inventory rounds.                                       |
| <u>Inventory command's response</u> | As the inventory command does not directly return the tags, it   |
|                                     | has an informative response about the inventory result.          |
| Simple ID buffer reading            | The simples cast of ID buffer read: the entries only contain the |
|                                     | antenna ID and tag's EPC.  |
| Advanced ID buffer reading:         | More complex ID buffer reading: each tag also contains           |
| metadata included                   | metadata as well as possible inventory + read data.              |
| Fetching single tags from the       | These examples show how single tag's information is read from    |
| <u>module</u>                       | the module's internal buffer.                                    |
| Single tag (or ID buffer) reading   | A couple of error responses to ID buffer reads.                  |
| <u>errors</u>                       |  |
|                                     |  |
| Clearing the ID buffer              | The ID buffer clear command and its response.                    |



#### **INVENTORY COMMAND**

## **COMMAND PACKET**

This example command also contains the rounds, Q and session paraameters; they are not mandatory and if omitted, the default values from the module's internal settings are used. The application note AN0002 describing the module setup gives more information about the module setup.

A5 06 00 00 00 5C 31 05 00 02 2F 15

#### **INVENTORY COMMAND CONTENTS**

| Field   | Value        | Description                               |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| Header  | A5060000005C | Header consisting of:                     |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0600 = 0x0006                             | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 0x0000                                    | Command flags        |
|         |              | 0x5C                                      | Header check sum     |
| Command | 0x31         | Inventory command.                        |                      |
| Q       | 0x05         | Use Q value of 5 ( $2^5 = 32$ "slots").   |                      |
| Session | 0x00         | Do inventory in session 0.                |                      |
| Rounds  | 0x02         | Value is 0x01FFFFFF. See all setup flags. |                      |
| Payload | 0x2F 0x15    | Little endian; value is 0x152F.           |                      |
| CRC     |              |   |                      |

#### C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE OF THE INVENTORY COMMAND



## **EXAMPLE INVENTORY RESPONSE**

The example response tells that the module has found 2 tags during the last inventory and that there are total of 3 tags currently stored into the module's internal buffer.

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

A5 0C 00 00 00 56 31 00 00 00 03 00 02 00 00 05 CA 50

#### **RESPONSE CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value        | Description  |                                   |
|---------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 05      | A50C00000056 | Header consisting of:  |                                   |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5   |                                   |
|         |              | 0C00 = 0x000C (12)   | Payload + CRC length              |
|         |              | 0x0000   | Response flags                    |
|         |              | 0x56   | Header check sum                  |
| 6       | 31           | Command echo.  |                                   |
| 7       | 00           | Status: 0 = OK.  |                                   |
| 89      | 02 00        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-e  | ndian: tags found during last     |
|         |              | inventory call = 0x0002.   |                                   |
| 1011    | 03 00        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: tags currently stored into the module's internal buffer (including the last found) = |                                   |
|         |              |  |                                   |
|         |              | 0x0003.  |                                   |
| 12      | 02           | Byte, inventory rounds executed during last inventory  |                                   |
|         |              | call: 2.   |                                   |
| 1314    | 00 00        |  | ndian: detected collisions during |
|         |              | last inventory call: 0x00  |                                   |
| 15      | 05           | Byte, last Q-value that was used during last inventory round.  |                                   |
| Payload | CA 50        | Little endian; value is 0x50CA.  |                                   |
| CRC     |              |  |                                   |

## **INVENTORY RESPONSE C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE**

```
/* Inventory response. */
struct __packed INVENTORYRESP
{
    uint8_t inventoryCmd; /* Command echo */
    uint16_t lastTags; /* Nr of tags during last execution. */
    uint16_t stored; /* Tags currently stored into internal buffer. */
    uint8_t rounds; /* Rounds done during last execution. */
    uint16_t coll; /* Detected collision during last execution. */
    uint8_t lastQ; /* Last used Q. */
};
```



## **FETCHING TAG BUFFER**

After an inventory has been executed it is then required that the tag buffer is read with a separate command. The command also includes instrction to the module whether to clear the internal buffer after it is being sent or to keep it in the memory. The command value is either

- 0x06: fetch antenna ID and tag's EPC contents only. The tag's EPC contents may also contain inventory + read data (data only) if the inventory read was configured to execute in "data only" mode
- 0x07: each tag entry is returned with this additional information:
  - o RSSI in dBm
  - o scaled RSSI (0...100%)
  - channel
  - frequency
  - o time stamp (milliseconds from the beginning of the inventory execution)
  - o PC (Protocol Control word) of the tag
  - possible inventory + read data (if the inventory read was configured to execute in EPC + data mode)

It is also possible to fetch the tag data one tag at a time, see Single tag data fetching.

## SIMPLE BUFFER FETCHING

#### **GET ID BUFFER PACKET**

A5 04 00 00 00 5E 06 01 88 A7

#### **GET ID BUFFER CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value       | Description   |                      |
|---------|-------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A504000005E | Header consisting of:                                   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)   | A5  |                      |
|         |             | 0400 = 0x0004   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |             | 0x0000  | Command flags        |
|         |             | 0x5E  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 06          | Get ID buffer command.                                  |                      |
| 7       | 01          | Clear buffer after read: 1 = yes, 0= no.                |                      |
| 89      | 88 A7       | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0xA788. |                      |



## SIMPLE BUFFER RESPONSE EXAMPLE

In this example an inventory has been executed. The module's internal buffer was empty before the inventory and during the inventory execution the module found 2 tags.

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

```
A5 20 00 00 00 7A 06 00 0D 00 30 38 E5 11 C7 35 D2 C0 D9 C8 2A 25 0D 00 30 00 00 00 07 89 00 40 00 00 02 65 CD
```

#### **RESPONSE PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s)   | Value             | Description                                      |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 05        | A5200000007A      | Header consisting of                             | of:                                 |
|           | (6 bytes)         | A5   |                                     |
|           |                   | 2000 = 0x0020                                    | Payload + CRC length                |
|           |                   | (32)   |                                     |
|           |                   | 0x0000   | Response flags                      |
|           |                   | 0x7A   | Header check sum                    |
| 6         | 06                | Command echo.                                    |                                     |
| 7         | 00                | Status: 0 = OK.                                  |                                     |
| First tag | entry             |  |                                     |
| 8         | 0 D               | Bytes to follow (13); this tag entry's size – 1. |                                     |
| 9         | 00                | Antenna ID (source                               | e antenna).                         |
| 1021      | 30 38 E5 11 C7 35 | Tag's EPC.                                       |                                     |
|           | D2 C0 D9 C8 2A 25 |  |                                     |
| Second to | ag entry          |  |                                     |
| 22        | 0 D               | Bytes to follow (13); this tag entry's size – 1. |                                     |
| 23        | 00                | Antenna ID (source antenna).                     |                                     |
| 2435      | 30 00 00 00 07 89 | Tag's EPC.                                       |                                     |
|           | 00 40 00 00 00 02 |  |                                     |
| 3637      | 65 CD             | Unsigned 16-bit, lit                             | tle-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0xCD65. |

## TAG BUFFER C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE

Naturally the entries need to be handled as a variable length array with the number of entries matching the expected number of tags from the module.



## **BUFFER FETCHING WITH METADATA**

In this example an inventory has been executed. The module's internal buffer was empty before the inventory and during the inventory execution the module found 2 tags + the ID buffer is read includeing the associated metadata.

## GET ID BUFFER WITH METADATA PACKET

A5 04 00 00 00 5E 07 01 B9 94

#### **GET ID BUFFER WITH METADATA PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value        | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A5040000005E | Header consisting of:                                   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0400 = 0x0004   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 0x0000  | Command flags        |
|         |              | 0x5E  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 07           | Get ID buffer with metadata command.                    |                      |
| 7       | 01           | Clear buffer after read: 1 = yes, 0= no.                |                      |
| 89      | B9 94        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0x94B9. |                      |

The two byte command + parameter structure is the same as in the  $\underline{\text{get ID buffer example}}$  only with the command value of 0x07.



## METADATA BUFFER EXAMPLE

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

A5 36 00 00 00 6C 07 00 18 C4 4C 1B 00 54 3A 0D 00 00 30 02 00 30 00 00 00 07 89 00 40 00 00 02 18 CC 64 0C 00 54 3A 0D 00 00 30 02 00 30 38 E5 11 C7 35 D2 C0 D9 C8 2A 25 6B 74

## **RESPONSE CONTENTS**

| Byte(s)   | Value                                  | Description  |   |
|-----------|--|--|---|
| 05        | A5360000006C                           | Header consisting of:  |   |
|           | (6 bytes)                              | A5   |   |
|           |  | 3600 = 0x0036 (52)   | Payload + CRC length                        |
|           |  | 0x0000   | Response flags                              |
|           |  | 0x6C   | Header check sum                            |
| 6         | 07                                     | Command echo.  |   |
| 7         | 00                                     | Status: 0 = OK.  |   |
| First tag | entry                                  |  |   |
| 8         | 18                                     | Bytes to follow (24); th   | nis tag entry's size – 1: 0x18 = 24.        |
| 9         | C4                                     | Signed 8-bit, RSSI: 0xC  | 4 = -60 dBm                                 |
| 10        | 4C                                     | Unsigned 8-bit, scaled   | RSSI: 0x4C = 76%.                           |
| 1112      | 1B 00                                  | Unsigned 16-bit, little-   | endian, timestamp in milliseconds: 0x001B = |
|           |  | 27 (from the beginning   | ·   |
| 1316      | 54 3A 0D 00                            | Unsigned 32-it, frequency in kHz: 0x000D3A54 = 866900 kHz (866.9 |   |
|           |  | MHz).  |   |
| 1718      | 00 30                                  | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian, PC word: 0x3000.                 |   |
| 19        | 02                                     | Unsigned 8-bit, channel: 2                                       |   |
| 20        | 00                                     | Unsigned 8-bit, antenr   | na ID: 0                                    |
| 2132      | 30 00 00 00 07 89                      | Tag's EPC.   |   |
|           | 00 40 00 00 00 02                      |  |   |
|           | tag entry                              | D. L. J. C. H. O. 40   | 24  |
| 33        | 18                                     | Bytes to follow: 0x18 =  | = 24.                                       |
| 34        | CC 64                                  | RSSI: 0xCC = -52   | 201   |
| 35        |  | Scaled RSSI: 0x64 = 100  |   |
| 3637      | 0C 00<br>54 3A 0D 00                   | Timestamp: 0x000C = 1  |   |
| 3841      | 00 30                                  | Frequency in kHz: 0x000D3A54 = 866900 kHz (866.9 MHz).           |   |
| 4243      | 00 30                                  | PC word = 0x3000.  |   |
| 44        | 00                                     | Channel = 2  |   |
| 45        |  | Antenna ID = 0   |   |
| 4657      | 30 38 E5 11 C7 35<br>D2 C0 D9 C8 2A 25 | Tag's EPC.   |   |
| 5859      | 6B 74                                  | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0x746B.          |   |
| 3033      | <u> </u>                               | onsigned to bit, little  | endian. packet ene 10 - Ox 1 40D.           |



## METADATA TAG ENTRY C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE

There is also one additional tag entry; the one that also contains the inventory + read data.



# METADATA RESPONSE WHEN THE INVENTORY + READ DATA IS PRESENT

## Response packet

A5 40 00 02 00 18 07 00 1D CC 64 1C 00 54 3A 0D 00 08 00 20 02 00 30 00 00 00 07 89 00 40 E2 80 11 30 20 00 29 3D 1D CA 64 10 00 54 3A 0D 00 08 00 20 02 00 30 38 E5 11 C7 35 D2 CO E2 80 11 30 20 00 25 2A E9 F9

Response packet contents (inventory = inventory + read; 4 first words from the TID memory.)

| Byte(s)   | Value                    | Description  |   |
|-----------|--------------------------|--|---|
| 05        | A54000020018             | Header consisting of:  |   |
|           | (6 bytes)                | A5   |   |
|           |                          | 40 00 = 0x0040 (64)  | Payload + CRC length                      |
|           |                          | 02 00 = 0x0002 Response flags: bit 1 is set = inventory + read data is present |   |
|           |                          | 0x18   | Header check sum                          |
| 6         | 07                       | Command echo.  |   |
| 7         | 00                       | Status: 0 = OK.  |   |
| First tag | entry                    |  |   |
| 8         | 1D                       | Bytes to follow (29);  | this tag entry's size – 1: 0x1D =         |
| 9         | CC                       | RSSI: 0xCC = -52 dBm   |   |
| 10        | 64                       | Scaled RSSI: 0x64 = 1  | 00%                                       |
| 1112      | 1C 00                    | Timestamp: 0x001C =  | = 28 milliseconds.                        |
| 1316      | 54 3A 0D 00              | Frequency in kHz: 0x0  | 000D3A54 = 866900 kHz (866.9 MHz).        |
| 17        | 08                       | EPC + data -field's data part length: 8 bytes (last 8).                        |   |
| 1819      | 00 20                    | PC word = 0x2000.  |   |
| 20        | 02                       | Channel = 2  |   |
| 21        | 00                       | Antenna ID = 0   |   |
| 2235      | 30 00 00 00 07 89        | 8 bytes of EPC + 8 bytes of data:  |   |
|           | <b>00 40</b> E2 80 11 30 | EPC[07] = 3000000007890040   |   |
|           | 20 00 29 3D              | Data[815] = E28011302000293D   |   |
| Second t  | ag entry                 |  |   |
| 36        | 1D                       | Bytes to follow (29);  | this tag entry's size – 1: 0x1D =         |
| 37        | CA                       | RSSI: 0xCA = -54 dBm   |   |
| 38        | 64                       | Scaled RSSI: 0x64 = 1  | 00%                                       |
| 3940      | 10 00                    | Timestamp: 0x0010 =  | = 16 milliseconds (note: first time seen) |
| 4144      | 54 3A 0D 00              | Frequency in kHz: 0xt  | 000D3A54 = 866900 kHz (866.9 MHz).        |
| 45        | 08                       |  | ata part length: 8 bytes (last 8).        |
| 4647      | 00 20                    | PC word = 0x2000.  |   |
| 48        | 02                       | Channel = 2  |   |
| 49        | 00                       | Antenna ID = 0   |   |
| 5065      | 30 38 E5 11 C7 35        | 8 bytes of EPC + 8 bytes of data:  |   |
|           | <b>D2 C0</b> E2 80 11 30 | EPC[07] = 3038E511C735D2C0   |   |
|           | 20 00 25 2A              | Data[815] = E28011302000252A   |   |
| 6667      | E9 F9                    | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0xF9E9.                        |   |



Fetching single tags

There are many cases where in embedded systems, namely due to the small size of RAM memory, it is needed to get the tags from the NUR module's tag buffer one by one. This document shows how the tags can be read out in various ways.

#### THE FETCH TAG COMMAND

This part only describes the packet fetching packet contents. The various response types are shown in the examples.

The "fetch tag at" uses the get ID buffer command 0x06 (EPC only) or 0x07 (EPC + metadata) appended with index parameter. When the inventory command responds with how many tags there are in the internal buffer, this index parameter must be in range 0...tag count -1. The index is not an array index; it merely represents the number that was stored along with the new tag information stored during the inventory. Thus, it is an order number telling at which point the tag was added into the internal buffer.

#### FETCH SINGLE TAG VARIATIONS

There are two ways to get the tag information: antenna ID appended with EPC and full metadata information (antenna, RSSI, timestamp, PC etc. + EPC and possible inventory + read data).

The packet when reading only the antenna ID + EPC of a single tag is:

| Byte(s) | Is                     | Description  |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| 05      | Command<br>header      | Protocol defined packet header.                            |
| 6       | Get ID buffer command. | The command value is 0x06: get ID buffer without metadata. |
| 710     | Tag "index"            | Index in the range 0number of tags in buffer – 1.          |
| 1112    | Mask length            | Packet CRC.  |

The packet when reading a single tag information data with metadata is:

| Byte(s) | Is                     | Description   |
|---------|------------------------|---|
| 05      | Command<br>header      | Protocol defined packet header.   |
| 6       | Get ID buffer command. | The command value is 0x07: get ID buffer with metadata.                           |
| 710     | Tag "index"            | Unsigned 32-bit, little-endian: index in the range 0number of tags in buffer – 1. |
| 1112    | Packet CRC             | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian.   |



## FETCH SINGLE TAG C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE

The two command values are also included.

## SIMPLE ANTENNA ID AND EPC FETCHING

#### **COMMAND PACKET**

This packet fetches tag data at index 0:

A5 07 00 00 00 5D 06 00 00 00 00 89 DC

## **COMMAND PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                             |
|---------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 05      | A507000005D  | Header consisting of:                                     |                             |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                             |
|         |              | 0700 = 0x0007   | Payload + CRC length        |
|         |              | 0x0000  | Command flags               |
|         |              | 0x5D  | Header check sum            |
| 6       | 06           | Get ID buffer without metadata.                           |                             |
| 710     | 00 00 00 00  | 32-bit unsigned, little-endian; index = 0.                |                             |
|         |              | Note: the length of the command determines that this is a |                             |
|         |              | single tag information fetch.                             |                             |
| 4647    | 89 DC        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endi                              | an: packet CRC-16 = 0xDC89. |



## SIMPLE FETCH RESPONSE

The response packet contains only the antenna ID and EPC contents. Note that the EPC contents can also be inventory + read data if the inventory + read was configured to be "data only" in which case the EPC contents is not stored into the module's internal buffer at all.

#### **RESPONSE PACKET**

#### A response example:

A5 12 00 00 00 48 06 00 0D 00 CC DD 44 30 31 32 33 34 00 00 00 00 89 62

#### **RESPONSE CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX                      | Description   |                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A5120000048 Header consisting of: |   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)                         | A5  |                      |
|         |                                   | 1200 = 0x0012 (18)  | Payload + CRC length |
|         |                                   | 0x0000  | Command flags        |
|         |                                   | 0x48  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 06                                | Command echo.   |                      |
| 7       | 00                                | Status: 0 = OK.   |                      |
| 8       | 0 D                               | Bytes to follow: antenna ID                                     | + EPC length.        |
| 9       | 00                                | Antenna ID.   |                      |
| 710     | CC DD 44 30                       | Tag's EPC; 12 bytes.  |                      |
|         | 31 32 33 34                       |   |                      |
|         | 00 00 00 00                       |   |                      |
| 4647    | 89 62                             | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = <b>0x6289</b> . |                      |

## SIMPLE FETCH C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE



# METADATA FETCH EXAMPLE

## **COMMAND PACKET**

This packet fetches tag metadata at index 0:

A5 07 00 00 00 5D 07 00 00 00 00 D8 76

## **COMMAND PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A507000005D  | Header consisting of:                                     |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0700 = 0x0007   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 0x0000  | Command flags        |
|         |              | 0x5D  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 07           | Get ID buffer with metadata.                              |                      |
| 710     | 00 00 00 00  | 32-bit unsigned, little-endian; index = 0.                |                      |
|         |              | Note: the length of the command determines that this is a |                      |
|         |              | single tag information fetch.                             |                      |
| 4647    | D8 76        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0x76D8.   |                      |



#### METADATA FETCH RESPONSE

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

#### A response example:

A5 1D 00 00 00 47 07 00 18 CC 64 05 00 54 3A 0D 00 00 30 02 00 CC DD 44 30 31 32 33 34 00 00 00 63 B1

## **RESPONSE CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A51D00000047 | Header consisting of:   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 1D00 = 0x001D (29)  | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 0x0000  | Response flags       |
|         |              | 0x47  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 07           | Command echo.   |                      |
| 7       | 00           | Status: 0 = OK.   |                      |
| 8       | 18           | Bytes to follow: 24   |                      |
| 9       | CC           | Signed 8-bit RSSI in dBm: 0xCC = -52.                           |                      |
| 10      | 64           | Unsigned 8-bit, scaled RSSI: 0x64 = 100%                        |                      |
| 1112    | 05 00        | Unsigned 16-bit, timestamp in milliseconds: 0x0005 = 5.         |                      |
| 1316    | 54 3A 0D 00  | 32-bit unsigned, frequency in kHz, little-endian: 0x000D3A54 =  |                      |
|         |              | 866900kHz (866.9MHz)  |                      |
| 1718    | 00 30        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian, tag's PC: 0x3000.               |                      |
| 19      | 02           | Byte, channel number = 2.                                       |                      |
| 20      | 00           | Antenna ID: 0   |                      |
| 2132    | CC DD 44 30  | EPC data.   |                      |
|         | 31 32 33 34  |   |                      |
|         | 00 00 00 00  |   |                      |
| 3334    | 63 B1        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = <b>0xB163</b> . |                      |

#### METADATA FETCH C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE



## METADATA FETCH RESPONSE INCLUDING INVENTORY + READ DATA

This example assumes that the fetched metadata also includes inventory + read data as the inventory + read was configure to produce EPC + data. In the response packet's packet flag set the "contains inventory + read data" flag is set (bit 1, mask 0x0002).

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

A5 26 00 02 00 7E 07 00 21 CC 64 07 00 54 3A 0D 00 08 00 30 02 00 CC DD 44 30 31 32 33 34 00 00 00 00 E2 80 68 10 20 00 00 01 33 AB

## **RESPONSE CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX               | Description   |   |
|---------|----------------------------|---|---|
| 05      | A5260002007E               | Header consisting of:   |   |
|         | (6 bytes)                  | A5  |   |
|         |                            | 2600 = 0x0026 (38)  | Payload + CRC length  |
|         |                            | 02 00 = 0x0002  | Response flags: inventory + read data is present, bit 2 (mask 0x0002) is set. |
|         |                            | 0x7E  | Header check sum  |
| 6       | 07                         | Command echo.   |   |
| 7       | 00                         | Status: 0 = OK.   |   |
| 8       | 21                         | Bytes to follow: 33   |   |
| 9       | CC                         | Signed 8-bit RSSI in dBm: 0xCC = -52.   |   |
| 10      | 64                         | Unsigned 8-bit, scaled RSSI: 0x64 = 100%  |   |
| 1112    | 07 00                      | Unsigned 16-bit, timestamp in milliseconds: 0x0007 = 7.   |   |
| 1316    | 54 3A 0D 00                | 32-bit unsigned, frequency in kHz, little-endian: 0x000D3A54 = 866900kHz (866.9MHz)   |   |
| 17      | 08                         | Byte, length of the data part: 8 bytes. Tells how the EPC + data later on is split (EPC first, last 8 bytes are read data). |   |
| 1819    | 00 30                      | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endi  | an, tag's PC: 0x3000.   |
| 19      | 02                         | Byte, channel number = 2.   |   |
| 20      | 00                         | Antenna ID: 0   |   |
| 2140    | CC DD 44 30                | EPC + read data.  |   |
|         | 31 32 33 34                | EPC[12] = CCDD44303132333400000000  |   |
|         | 00 00 00 00                | Data[8] = E280681020000001  |   |
|         | E2 80 68 10<br>20 00 00 01 |   |   |
| 4142    | 33 AB                      | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0xAB33.   |   |



# METADATA FETCH C-STRUCTURE EXAMPLE (INCLUDING INVENTORY + READ DATA)

## **ERROR RESPONSE CONTENTS**

When the tag fetching end up with an error the content of the error packet is:

| Byte(s) | Is                     | Description  |
|---------|------------------------|--|
| 05      | Command<br>header      | Protocol defined packet header.                            |
| 6       | Get ID buffer command. | The command value is 0x06: get ID buffer without metadata. |
| 7       | Error code             | Index in the range 0number of tags in buffer – 1.          |
| 89      | Packet CRC             | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian.                            |



## **ERROR EXAMPLE: INVALID INDEX**

This example packet is received from the module when the tag index is bigger than the module's internal tag count – 1:

A5 04 00 00 00 5E 06 05 0C E7

The response contents is

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A504000005E  | Header consisting of:   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0400 = 0x0004   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | $00\ 00 = 0$ x $0000$   | Response flags.      |
|         |              | 0x5E  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 06           | Command echo: get ID buffer, no metadata.                           |                      |
| 7       | 05           | Status = 0x05: invalid parameter caused by the index being invalid. |                      |
| 89      | 0C E7        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = <b>0xE70C</b> .     |                      |

## ERROR EXAMPLE: NO TAGS IN THE MODULE

This example packet is received from the module when no tags are currently stored into the module's internal buffer.

A5 04 00 00 00 5E 06 20 CB 93

The response contents is

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A504000005E  | Header consisting of:                                   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0400 = 0x0004   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | $00\ 00 = 0$ x $0000$                                   | Response flags.      |
|         |              | 0x5E  | Header check sum     |
| 6       | 06           | Command echo: get ID buffer, no metadata.               |                      |
| 7       | 20           | Status = 0x20 (32): no tag(s).                          |                      |
| 89      | CB 93        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = 0x93CB. |                      |



# **EXPLICIT CLEARING OF THE ID BUFFER**

The module's internal ID buffer can also be cleared explicitly. Here's a command example.

## **COMMAND PACKET**

A5 03 00 00 00 59 05 55 B1

## **COMMAND PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A5030000059  | Header consisting of:   |                      |
|         | 0            | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0300 = 0x0003   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 00 00 = 0x0000  | Packet flags.        |
|         |              | 0x59  | Header checksum      |
| 6       | 05           | Command value: 0x05, clear ID buffer.                           |                      |
| 78      | 55 B1        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = <b>0xB155</b> . |                      |

## **RESPONSE PACKET**

A5 04 00 00 00 5E 05 00 FA E2

## **RESPONSE PACKET CONTENTS**

| Byte(s) | Value(s) HEX | Description   |                      |
|---------|--------------|---|----------------------|
| 05      | A5040000005E | Header consisting of:   |                      |
|         | (6 bytes)    | A5  |                      |
|         |              | 0400 = 0x0004   | Payload + CRC length |
|         |              | 0x0000  | Response flags.      |
|         |              | 0x5E  | Header checksum      |
| 6       | 05           | Command value: 0x05, clear ID buffer.                           |                      |
| 7       | 00           | Status: 0 = OK (always successful).                             |                      |
| 89      | FA E2        | Unsigned 16-bit, little-endian: packet CRC-16 = <b>0xE2FA</b> . |                      |