

NFC Demo is an Android-only application for experimenting with NFC smart cards. It provides four main “pages” (screens), each tailored to a specific aspect of NFC development and testing:

1. **Raw APDU Terminal**

Send and receive low-level APDU commands directly to/from an NFC card.

2. **Lin Interactive Terminal**

A REPL-style interface powered by the custom **Lin** scripting language, letting you send APDU commands, parse responses, and incorporate logic on the fly.

For more information on Lin, see the [Lin-language GitHub repo](#).

3. **Lin Script Builder**

A full-featured script editor where you can compose, and run multi-line Lin scripts that interact with NFC cards.

4. **TLV Parser / Tree Viewer**

Feed a hex-encoded TLV response into a parser and view it as a nested, ASCII-art tree. (You can also pipe APDU responses from the Raw Terminal into this page.)

Key Facts

- **Platform:** Android only (no iOS or desktop support at present).
- **Architecture:** Built with .NET MAUI for Android.
- **Pages / Screens:**
 1. **NFC Terminal (Raw APDU)**
 - Text-based terminal (90% of the screen) for typing APDU hex commands.
 - A “Send” button to push the selected APDU to the card.
 - Scrollable output area showing card responses (status words + data).
 2. **Lin Interactive Terminal**
 - REPL prompt for Lin language commands.
 - Built-in Lin functions include `print`, `apdu(...)`, `tlv(...)`, `tree(...)`, etc.
 - On each `apdu(...)` call, Lin will send the hex command to the card and display the response.
 - Colors, error reporting, and simple script fragments can be tested here.
 3. **Lin Script Builder**
 - Simple multiline code editor.
 - “Run” button at the top.
 - Output area at the bottom, similar to the interactive terminal.
 4. **TLV Parser / Tree Viewer**
 - Paste or pipe a hex string (e.g. an APDU response) into the input area.

- Instantly parses Tag-Length-Value structures.
 - Displays a nested tree in ASCII-art format, showing tags, lengths, values, and hierarchy.
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Getting Started

1. Install & Run (Android only)

- Clone or download this repository.
- Open in Visual Studio 2022/2023 with .NET MAUI workload installed.
- Ensure your Android SDK minimum target is set to API 21 or higher.
- Deploy to a physical Android device (with NFC) or emulator (requires NFC passthrough).

2. Permissions

- The app requires `<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.NFC" />` in the generated manifest.
- Make sure NFC is enabled on your device.

3. Usage Overview

- **Raw APDU Terminal:**
 1. Launch the "NFC Terminal" page.
 2. Type a hex APDU (e.g. `00A4040007A00000002471001`).
 3. Tap **Send**.
 4. View the card response.
- **Lin Interactive Terminal:**
 1. Open "Lin Terminal."
 2. At the prompt, type `apdu("00A4040007A00000002471001")` → returns a hex string.
 3. Try `print("Hello, NFC!")` or `printc("#00FF00", "OK")`.
 4. Combine logic:

```
resp = apdu("00B0950000")
if(find(resp, "9000") >= 0){
    printc("#00FF00", "Success:", resp)
} else {
    error("Card returned error:", resp)
}
```
- **Lin Script Builder:**
 1. Navigate to "Script" page.
 2. Write a multi-line script, for example:

```
// Select PSE
sel = apdu("00A404000E315041592E5359532E44444463031")
print("Select PSE", sel)

// Parse TLV and display hierarchy
```

```
t = tlv(sel)
print(tree(t))

// Read record 1
rec = apdu("00B2010C00")
print("Record 1", rec)
```

3. Tap **Run** to execute the entire script at once. Output appears below.

○ **TLV Parser / Tree Viewer:**

1. Go to "TLV" page.
2. Paste a hex string (e.g. `6F10840A325041592E5359532E44444463031A5048801020046...`).
3. The app will automatically parse and display:

```
└─ 6F
  └─ 84 : 325041592E5359532E44444463031
    └─ A5
      └─ 88 : 010200
        └─ 46 : 6F6368657343617264
```

4. You can also pipe the APDU response from the Raw Terminal.

License & Contributions

This project is released under the MIT License. Contributions are welcome:

- Fork the repository, make your changes, and open a pull request.
- Report issues or feature requests via Issues on GitHub.

Enjoy experimenting with NFC, APDUs, Lin scripting, and TLV parsing!

Getting Started

LinExtension API

Overview

`LinExtension` registers a set of helper functions into the Lin interpreter, providing:

- Basic I/O (`print`, `error`, `printc`)
- Numeric and string conversions (`num`, `hex`, `ascii`)
- Substring and search utilities (`substr`, `replace`, `find`)
- Byte-level slicing (`bytes`)
- NFC/Smartcard APDU transmission (`apdu`)
- TLV parsing and navigation (`tlv`, `tree`, `tlv_read`)

Below you'll find a description of each function, its parameters, return value, and a simple usage example. (Note: internal argument validation logic is not detailed here.)

1. `print`

Signature (in Lin):

```
print(arg1, arg2, ..., argN)
```

Description: Prints any number of arguments to the console in plain white text. Each argument is converted to its string representation (via `ToString()`) and joined with commas.

- **Parameters:** – `arg1`, `arg2`, ..., `argN` (any type)
- **Return Value:** Returns `null` (purely an output operation).
- **Example:**

```
print("Result is", 123, myVariable)
```

Output in console (white text):

```
Result is,123,<value of myVariable>
```

2. `error`

Signature (in Lin):

```
error(arg1, arg2, ..., argN)
```

Description: Similar to `print`, but displays the message in violet (error color) and then throws an exception (`Exception`) with the same joined text. Useful for signaling an error from within a Lin script.

- **Parameters:** – `arg1`, `arg2`, ..., `argN` (any type)
- **Return Value:** Does not return normally—throws an exception immediately after printing.
- **Example:**

```
if (someConditionFailed) {  
    error("Something went wrong:", errorCode)  
}
```

Output in console (violet text):

```
Something went wrong:,<errorCode>
```

Then execution halts with an exception carrying that message.

3. `printc`

Signature (in Lin):

```
printc(colorHexString, arg1, arg2, ..., argN)
```

Description: Prints all arguments (from the second onward) in a custom color specified by the first argument (hex format, e.g. `"#FF0000"`). The first argument is treated as a hex color string, then the rest are joined with commas and drawn in that color.

- **Parameters:**
 1. `colorHexString` (string) – e.g. `"#00FF00"`, `"FFAA00"`, etc.
 2. `arg1`, `arg2`, ..., `argN` (any type) – values to print in that color.
- **Return Value:** Returns `null` (purely an output operation).
- **Example:**

```
printc("#FF00FF", "Status", 200, "OK")
```

Output (magenta color):

```
Status,200,OK
```

4. apdu

Signature (in Lin):

apdu(hexString)

Description: Sends an APDU command over NFC (using the provided `INfcService` instance). Accepts a hex string, transmits it to the card, waits for the response, and then splits the response into “data” and Status Word (SW). Returns a formatted string:

```
[SW]\t[DATA]
```

SW - 4-digit hex `status` word

DATA - response `data in` bytes hex with hyphens

Important:

- If no NFC listener or card connection is available (for example, if the card is not present, NFC was never initialized or connected, or the card got disconnected), a `NullReferenceException` or related error may be thrown. In such cases, you should catch the exception (or check that NFC is connected) before calling `apdu`.
- **Example error conditions:**
 1. **Card not present:** NFC transceive will fail or return an empty response—handle by checking for `null` or catching a `NullReferenceException`.
 2. **NFC service not initialized / never connected:** Attempting to call `nfc.TransceiveAsync(...)` on a `null` service object will cause a `NullReferenceException`.
 3. **Card disconnected mid-execution:** The `Task` launched for `TransceiveAsync` may throw an exception or return incomplete data—catch exceptions and verify response length.
- **Parameters:** – `hexString` (string) – ASCII-hex representation of the APDU (e.g. `"00A404000E315041592E5359532E4444463031"`).
- **Return Value:** `string` formatted as:

```
9000\t6F-23-84-0E-A0-00-00-00-03-10-10-...
```

where `"9000"` is the SW (status word) and the bytes after the tab are the data payload in hyphenated hex form.

- **Example:**

```
response = apdu("00A404000E315041592E5359532E4444463031")
print("Card says:", response)
```

Possible response:

```
9000\t6F-23-84-0E-A0-00-00-00-03-10-10-A0-00-00-00-62-03-01-0C-01-02
```

5. num

Signature (in Lin):

```
num(stringNumber [, base])
```

Description: Converts a string representing a number into a 64-bit integer (`Int64`). If only one parameter is given, the default base is 10. If two parameters are supplied, the second must be an integer indicating the radix (e.g. 2, 8, 10, 16).

- **Parameters:**

1. `stringNumber` (string) – e.g. "FF", "1011", "123".
2. `base` (integer, optional) – the numeric base (e.g. 2 for binary, 16 for hex). Defaults to 10 if omitted.

- **Return Value:** `Int64` (the parsed integer value).

- **Example:**

```
var x = num("1011", 2)
// x == 11
var y = num("FF", 16)
// y == 255
var z = num("42")
// z == 42 (default base 10)
```

6. hex

Signature (in Lin):

```
hex(value [, padString])
```

Description: Works in two modes:

1. `value**` is a number (`Int64`):** Converts the integer to an uppercase hex string (no leading "0x"). If `padString` is provided (a string, e.g. "4"), it specifies the minimum width (number of hex digits) and pads with leading zeros as needed.
2. `value**` is a string:** Converts each character of the input string to its ASCII byte, then outputs a space-separated hex representation for each byte.

- **Parameters:**

1. **value** – either a numeric type (Int64) or a **string**.
2. **padString** (string, optional) – when **value** is numeric, this defines the minimum field width (e.g. "4" → at least 4 hex digits; "2" → at least 2 hex digits).

- **Return Value:** **string** (hexadecimal representation).

- **Examples:**

```
// Number → hex
hex(255)
// "FF"
hex(255, "4")
// "00FF"
hex(16, "2")
// "10"
hex(16, "4")
// "0010"

// String → ASCII hex
hex("ABC")
// "41 42 43"
hex("Hi!")
// "48 69 21"
```

7. **ascii**

Signature (in Lin):

`ascii(hexString)`

Description: Takes a hex-encoded string (possibly containing spaces or hyphens) and decodes it into its ASCII text equivalent. Each pair of hex digits is treated as one byte and translated to its ASCII character.

- **Parameters:** – **hexString** (string) – e.g. "48656C6C6F", "48 65 6C 6C 6F", or "48-65-6C-6C-6F".
- **Return Value:** **string** (decoded ASCII text).
- **Example:**

```
var text = ascii("48656C6C6F")
// "Hello"
var name = ascii("4A-6F-68-6E")
// "John"
```

8. substr

Signature (in Lin):

```
substr(sourceString, beginIndex, length)
```

Description: Extracts a substring from the given `sourceString`, starting at `beginIndex` (zero-based), and of the specified `length`. This mirrors C#'s `String.Substring`.

- **Parameters:**

1. `sourceString` (string) – the original text.
2. `beginIndex` (integer) – zero-based starting position.
3. `length` (integer) – number of characters to extract.

- **Return Value:** `string` (the extracted substring).

- **Example:**

```
substr("ABCDEFGH", 2, 3)
// "CDE"
substr("Hello, world", 7, 5)
// "world"
```

9. replace

Signature (in Lin):

```
replace(sourceString, oldValue, newValue)
```

Description: Replaces **all** occurrences of `oldValue` in `sourceString` with `newValue`. Equivalent to C#'s `String.Replace`.

- **Parameters:**

1. `sourceString` (string) – original text.
2. `oldValue` (string) – substring to be replaced.
3. `newValue` (string) – replacement substring.

- **Return Value:** `string` (result after substitution).

- **Example:**

```
replace("abracadabra", "a", "o")
// "obrocodobro"
replace("2025-06-06", "-", "/")
// "2025/06/06"
```

10. find

Signature (in Lin):

```
find(sourceString, searchString)
```

Description: Returns the zero-based index of the first occurrence of `searchString` inside `sourceString`. If not found, returns `-1`. Corresponds to C#'s `String.IndexOf`.

- **Parameters:**

1. `sourceString` (string) – text to search in.
2. `searchString` (string) – text to search for.

- **Return Value:** `Int32` (index of first match, or `-1` if none).

- **Example:**

```
find("linextension", "ext")  
// 3  
find("linextension", "xyz")  
// -1
```

11. bytes

Signature (in Lin):

```
bytes(hexString, startIndex [, count])
```

Description: Takes a hex-encoded string (possibly with spaces or hyphens), cleans it to a contiguous hex stream, then treats every two hex digits as one byte. Starting at byte index `startIndex` (zero-based), it returns `count` consecutive bytes (as hex). If `count` is omitted, defaults to 1.

- **Parameters:**

1. `hexString` (string) – e.g. `"A0B1C2D3"`, `"A0 B1 C2 D3"`, `"A0-B1-C2-D3"`.
2. `startIndex` (integer) – zero-based index of the first byte to extract.
3. `count` (integer, optional) – number of bytes to extract. Defaults to 1 if omitted.

- **Return Value:** `string` – the extracted hex bytes concatenated (no separators).

- **Examples:**

```
bytes("A0B1C2D3", 1)  
// "B1"           (2nd byte)  
bytes("A0 B1 C2 D3", 1, 2)  
// "B1C2"         (bytes 1 and 2)
```

```
bytes("A0-B1-C2-D3", 0, 3)
// "A0B1C2"    (first 3 bytes)
```

12. tlv

Signature (in Lin):

```
tlv(hexString)
```

Description: Parses a hex-encoded TLV (Tag-Length-Value) data stream into a `TlvObject`. You can then navigate or inspect the resulting TLV hierarchy. Internally, it returns an object you can pass to `tree` or `tlv_read`.

- **Parameters:** – `hexString` (string) – a hex stream representing TLV data (e.g. "6F108407A0000000031010A5049F6501FF").
- **Return Value:** `TlvObject` – a hierarchical representation of parsed TLV.
- **Example:**

```
var obj = tlv("6F108407A0000000031010A5049F6501FF")
```

`obj` can now be passed to `tree(obj)` or navigated with `tlv_read`.

13. tree

Signature (in Lin):

```
tree(tlvObject)
```

Description: Generates a text-based (ASCII-art) "tree" representation of the TLV hierarchy contained inside a `TlvObject`. Useful for visual inspection of nested TLV structures.

- **Parameters:** – `tlvObject` (`TlvObject`) – the result of a prior `tlv(...)` call.
- **Return Value:** `string` – multi-line ASCII tree (with branches and indentation).
- **Example:**

```
var obj = tlv("6F108407A0000000031010A5049F6501FF")
print(tree(obj))
```

Might output something like:

```
└─ 6F ... (Tag 6F, Length 10)
   └─ 84 A0 00 00 00 03 10 10 (Application ID)
```

```
└─ A5 ... (Container)
  └─ 9F65 FF (Value = FF)
└─ ... other nodes
```

14. `tlv_read`

Signature (in Lin):

```
tlv_read(tlvObject, key1, key2, ..., keyN)
```

Description: Walks down a TLV hierarchy inside a `TlvObject` along a sequence of tag keys (strings). If the final node is a leaf containing a value, it returns that value (typically a byte array or hex string). If it's a container node, it returns another `TlvObject`. If any step of the path is invalid (tag not found or current node is not a container), it throws an `IndexOutOfRangeException` explaining where traversal failed.

- **Parameters:**

1. `tlvObject` (`TlvObject`) – root of the TLV tree.
2. `key1, key2, ..., keyN` (string) – tags (e.g. "6F", "A5", "9F65") describing the path from the root to the desired node.

- **Return Value:** – If the final node is a container: returns a `TlvObject`. – If the final node holds a raw value: returns that value (byte array or hex).

- **Example:**

```
root = tlv("6F108407A0000000031010A5049F6501FF")
// Suppose inside tag 6F → tag A5 → tag 9F65 is a value
val = tlv_read(root, "6F", "A5", "9F65")
```

If `9F65` is a leaf containing raw data, `val` holds that data; if it's itself a sub-TLV container, `val` is a `TlvObject` for further navigation.

Usage Summary

All of these functions are registered inside `LinExtension`'s constructor (when you create `new LinExtension(...)`). Once registered, you can call them directly in your Lin script, for example:

```
// Registering LinExtension somewhere in your host app:
linExt = new LinExtension(page, nfcService, onMessageCallback)
```

```
// Then inside Lin script:
print("Hello, Lin!")
number = num("FF", 16)
// Should print "Decimal of FF is,255"
```

```

print("Decimal of FF is", number)
asciiText = ascii("48656C6C6F20")
print("Decoded ASCII:", asciiText)
// "Hello "
hexData = hex("ABC")
// "41 42 43"
print("Hex of 'ABC' is", hexData)
part = substr("LinExtension", 3, 5)
// "Exten"
print("substr:", part)
replaced = replace("2025-06-06", "-", "/")
print("date with slashes:", replaced)
// "2025/06/06"
found = find("LinExtension", "Ext")
// 3
print("found at index", found)
deco = bytes("A0B1C2D3", 1, 2)
// "B1C2"
print("slice bytes:", deco)

tlvObj = tlv("6F108407A0000000031010A5049F6501FF")
print(tree(tlvObj))
leaf = tlv_read(tlvObj, "6F", "A5", "9F65")
print("leaf value (hex):", leaf)

apduResult = apdu("00A404000E315041592E5359532E44444463031")
print("APDU response:", apduResult)
printc("#00FF00", "Success code:", apduResult)

```

Namespace Libs.TLV

Classes

[TlvObject](#)

Represents a node in a parsed TLV (Tag-Length-Value) structure. Provides access to nested TLV elements via an indexer and exposes the value of a primitive TLV element as a hexadecimal string.

[TlvParser](#)

[TreePrinter](#)

Provides functionality to generate an ASCII-art representation of a tree stored in a nested Dictionary<string, object> structure.