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## NXPNCI Android Porting Guidelines

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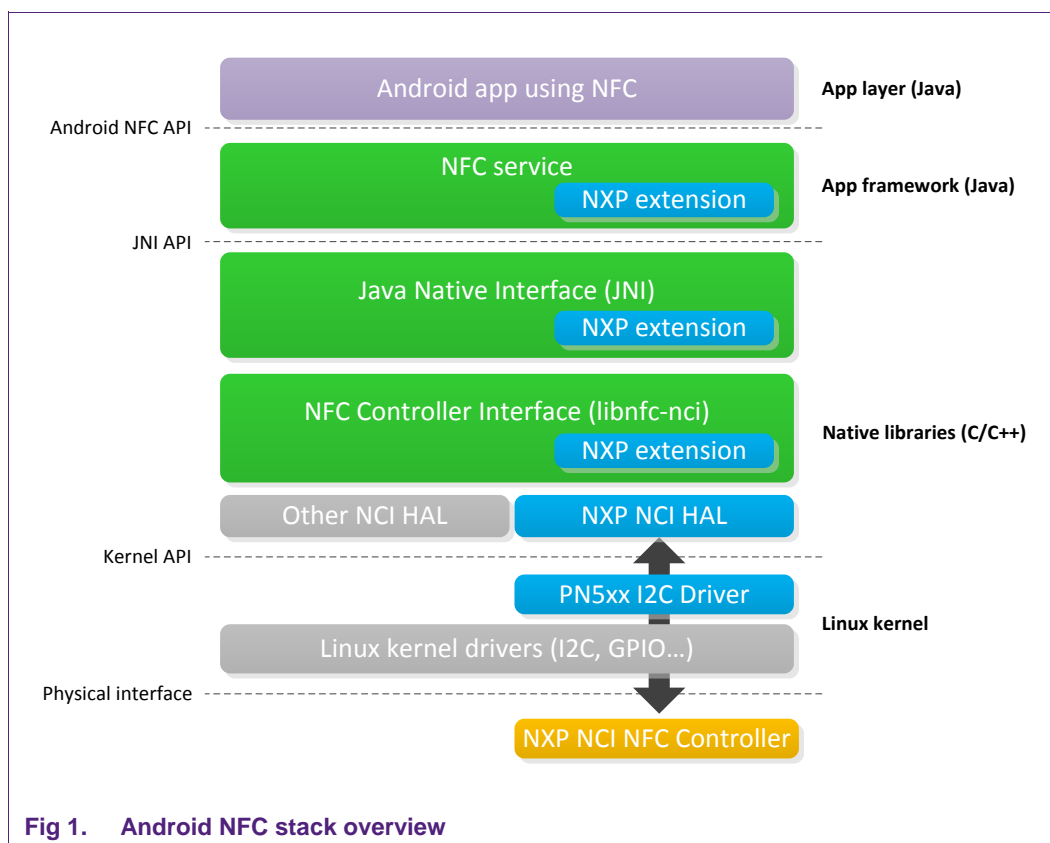
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## 1. Introduction

This document provides guidelines for the integration of NXP NCI based NFC Controller to an Android platform from software perspective.

It first explains how install the required kernel driver, then it describes step by step how to adapt the Android Open Source Project sources from the NXP-NCI Android NFC package delivery. Fig 1 shows the architecture of the Android NFC stack.



- The pn5xx\_i2c driver is the kernel module allowing to access NXP NCI based NFC Controller hardware resource.
- The NXP NCI HAL module is the implementation of NXP NFC Controller specific Hardware Abstraction Layer.
- The libnfc-nci is the native library providing NFC functionality for which extension is added to support NXP proprietary features (e.g. MIFARE classic support).
- The JNI is a glue code between Java and Native classes. Extension exposes related additional interface.
- The NFC service is the application framework module providing access to NFC functionality. Extension is delivered to support NXP proprietary features.

## 2. Kernel driver

The NXP-NCI Android stack uses PN5xx I2C kernel mode driver to communicate with the NXP NCI NFC Controller. It is available from the following repository:

[www.nxp.com/redirect/github.com/NXPnFCLinux/linux\\_libnfc-nci](http://www.nxp.com/redirect/github.com/NXPnFCLinux/linux_libnfc-nci)

### 2.1 Driver details

The PN5xx I2C driver offers communication to the NFC Controller connected over I2C physical interface. This is insured through the device node named `/dev/pn544`. This driver is compatible with a large range of NXP's NFC Controllers (e.g. PN544).

### 2.2 Installation instructions

The following instructions assume the driver being installed under the `drivers/misc` kernel source sub-folder. Below instructions may have to be adapted accordingly in case another path is chosen for the driver installation.

#### 2.2.1 Getting the driver

Clone the nxp-pn5xx repository into the kernel directory:

```
$ cd drivers/misc
$ git clone https://github.com/NXPnFCLinux/nxp-pn5xx.git
```

This will create the sub-folder `nxp-pn5xx` containing the following files:

- `pn5xx_i2c.c`: driver implementation
- `pn5xx_i2c.h`: driver interface definition
- `README.md`: repository comments
- `Makefile`: driver related makefile
- `Kconfig`: driver related config file
- `LICENSE`: driver licensing terms
- `sample_devicetree.txt`: example of device tree definition

#### 2.2.2 Including the driver to the kernel

Include the driver to the compilation by adding below line to the heading makefile (`drivers/misc/Makefile`).

```
obj-y += nxp-pn5xx/
```

Include the driver config by adding below line to the heading configuration file (`drivers/misc/Kconfig`).

```
source "drivers/misc/nxp-pn5xx/Kconfig"
```

### 2.2.3 Creating the device node

Two methods are supported for the creation of the `/dev/pn544` device node: device tree and platform data. Any of the two methods can be used, but of course the I2C address (0x28 in the below examples) and GPIO assignments must be adapted to the hardware integration in the platform.

#### 2.2.3.1 Device tree

Below is an example of definition to be added to the platform device tree file (`.dts` file located for instance under `arch/arm/boot/dts` kernel sub-folder for ARM based platform).

```
&i2c{
    status = "okay";
    pn547: pn547@28 {
        compatible = "nxp,pn547";
        reg = <0x28>;
        clock-frequency = <400000>;
        interrupt-gpios = <&gpio2 17 0>;
        enable-gpios = <&gpio4 21 0>;
    };
};
```

#### 2.2.3.2 Platform data

Below is an example of definition to be added to the platform definition file. The structure `pn544_i2c_platform_data` being defined in the driver interface header file, `pn5xx_i2c.h` must be included in the platform definition file, and `pn5xx_i2c.h` file must be copied to `include/linux` kernel source sub-folder.

```
static struct pn544_i2c_platform_data nfc_pdata = {
    .irq_gpio = GPIO_TO_PIN(1,29),
    .ven_gpio = GPIO_TO_PIN(0,30),
    .firm_gpio = GPIO_UNUSED
    .clkreq_gpio = GPIO_UNUSED
};

static struct i2c_board_info __initdata nfc_board_info[] = {
    {
        I2C_BOARD_INFO("pn547", 0x28),
        .platform_data = &nfc_pdata,
    },
};
```

Then the declared **`nfc_board_info`** structure must be added to the platform using dedicated procedure (platform specific).

### 2.2.4 Building the driver

Through *menuconfig* procedure include the driver to the build, as built-in (<\*>) or modularizes features (<M>):

```
Device Drivers --->
  Misc devices --->
    < > NXP PN5XX based driver
```

If <M> option is selected, build the driver and install the generated *pn5xx\_i2c.ko* module. Otherwise if built-in, rebuild the complete kernel, the driver will be included in the kernel image.

If the device tree method was used in previous step, build the platform related device tree and install generated .dtb file.

## 3. AOSP adaptation

### 3.1 Android Lollipop 5.1.1

Below step-by-step procedure is based on NXP's Android NFC delivery on the following repositories: [https://github.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc\\_android\\_lollipop](https://github.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc_android_lollipop) (later referenced as [NxpNfc\_Android\_lollipop]) and <https://github.com/NXPnfcProject> (later referenced as [NxpNfc\_Project]).

#### 3.1.1 Step 1: retrieving NXP-NCI NFC delivery

Retrieve the NXP-NCI NFC Android manifest file from [NxpNfc\_Android\_lollipop] using *wget* command:

```
$ wget
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc_android_lollipop/master/nxpnfc_manifest.xml
```

Or using *curl* command:

```
$ curl
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc_android_lollipop/master/nxpnfc_manifest.xml > nxpnfc_manifest.xml
```

Then install it as local manifest in the AOSP source directory:

```
& mv nxpnfc_manifest.xml {ANDROID_BUILD_TOP}/.repo/local_manifests/
```

And apply changes brought by NXP-NCI NFC Android manifest:

```
$ repo sync --force-sync
```

This will autonomously:

- Replace original AOSP *external/libnfc-nci* folder with the one from [\[NxpNfc\\_Project\]/NFC\\_NCIHAL\\_libnfc-nci](#)
- Replace original AOSP *packages/apps/Nfc* folder with the one from [\[NxpNfc\\_Project\]/NFC\\_NCIHAL\\_Nfc](#) and [\[NxpNfc\\_Project\]/NXPnfc\\_Reference](#)
- Retrieve source code to be merge with AOSP in next [step 2](#) from [\[NxpNfc\\_Project\]/NFC\\_NCIHAL\\_base](#)
- Retrieve installation scripts, patches to be used in next [step 2](#) and configuration files from [\[NxpNfc\\_Android\\_lollipop\]](#)

#### 3.1.2 Step 2: installing NXP-NCI delivery

Run the installation script (with either PN7120 or PN7150 as <NFCC> parameter):

```
$ ./NxpNfcAndroid/install.sh <NFCC>
```

This will autonomously:

- Replace AOSP *hardware/libhardware/include/hardware/nfc.h* file with the one from NxpNfcAndroid sub-folder created at [step 1](#)
- Replace AOSP *frameworks/base/core/java/android/nfc* folder with the one from NxpNfcAndroid sub-folder created at [step 1](#)
- Copy AOSP *frameworks/base/core/java/com/nxp* folder from NxpNfcAndroid sub-folder created at [step 1](#)
- Copy AOSP *frameworks/base/core/java/com/vzw* folder from NxpNfcAndroid sub-folder created at [step 1](#)
- Patch the AOSP *frameworks/base/Android.mk* to insert NXP additions
- Patch *external/libnfc-nci/halimpl/pn54x/Android.mk* and *external/libnfc-nci/Android.mk* and to set support of PN7120 if selected as script parameter
- Patch *packages/apps/Nfc/nci/jni/Android.mk* to set support of PN7120 if selected as script parameter

### 3.1.3 Step 3: updating configuration files

Adapt the *libnfc-brcm.conf* and *libnfc-nxp.conf* files located in *NxpNfcAndroid/conf* sub-folder, created at [step 1](#), according to the integration specificities.

For instance if using a system clock instead of an on-board crystal, the value of parameter “NXP\_SYS\_CLK\_SRC\_SEL” in *libnfc-nxp.conf* must reflect this configuration. More details about the configuration files can be find in chapter “4 Configuration Files”.

### 3.1.4 Step 4: adding NFC to the build

In the *device.mk* makefile (e.g. *device/brand/platform/device.mk*)

- Add the NFC related packages to the android build

```
# NFC packages
PRODUCT_PACKAGES += \
    libnfc-nci \
    libnfc_nci_jni \
    nfc_nci_pn54x.default\
    NfcNci \
    Tag \
    com.android.nfc_extras
```

- Add xml files to Android launches the NFC functionalities:

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
frameworks/native/data/etc/com.nxp.mifare.xml:system/etc/permissions/com.nxp.mifare.xml \
frameworks/native/data/etc/com.android.nfc_extras.xml:system/etc/permissions/com.android.nfc_extras.xml \
```



```
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.nfc.xml:system/etc/permissions/
android.hardware.nfc.xml \
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.nfc.hce.xml:system/etc/permissions/
android.hardware.nfc.hce.xml \
NxpNfcAndroid/conf/libnfc-brcm.conf:system/etc/libnfc-brcm.conf \
NxpNfcAndroid/conf/libnfc-nxp.conf:system/etc/libnfc-nxp.conf
```

### 3.1.5 Step 5: changing device owner and permissions

On the `system/core/rootdir/init.rc` file, add the following lines to the end of the *on boot* section:

```
# NFC
    setprop ro.nfc.port "I2C"
    chmod 0660 /dev/pn544
    chown nfc nfc /dev/pn544
```

### 3.1.6 Step 6: building and installing NFC

Build and flash the system image (the boot image shall already contains the kernel driver as instructed in chapter “2. Kernel driver”).

### 3.1.7 Step 7: verifying NFC functionality

In “Settings” app check NFC is ON. NFC functionality should be then up and running, ready to discover NFC tags or exchange data with remote NFC devices.

## 3.2 Android KitKat 4.4.4

Below step-by-step procedure is based on NXP-NCI Android NFC package delivered by NXP on the following repository: [https://github.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc\\_android\\_kitkat](https://github.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc_android_kitkat).

### 3.2.1 Step 1: getting the release package

Clone the related repository:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/NXPnfcLinux/nxpnfc_android_kk.git
```

The following directory structure will be created:

```
├─ aosp
│   └─ external/libnfc-nci
│       └─ ...
│   └─ frameworks/base
│       └─ core/java/android/nfc
```

```

|       └─ ...
|       └─ core/java/com/vzw/nfc
|           └─ ...
|       └─ Android.mk
|   └─ hardware/libhardware/include/hardware
|       └─ nfc.h
|   └─ packages/apps/Nfc
|       └─ ...
└─ conf
    └─ libnfc-brcm.conf
    └─ libnfc-nxp.conf
└─ doc
    └─ AN11690 - NXP-NCI Android Porting Guidelines.pdf
└─ README.txt

```

### 3.2.2 Step 2: merging files

Merge the files from the NXP-NCI Android NFC package (*aosp* sub-folder) into the target AOSP source directory:

- Replace original AOSP *external/libnfc-nci* folder
- Replace original AOSP *frameworks/base/core/java/android/nfc* folder
- Copy or replace original AOSP *frameworks/base/core/java/com/vzw/nfc* folder
- Merge original AOSP *frameworks/base/Android.mk* with the one from the delivery (only “nfc” related items must be added to the original makefile)
- Replace original AOSP *hardware/libhardware/include/hardware/nfc.h* file
- Replace original AOSP *packages/apps/Nfc* folder

### 3.2.3 Step 3: selecting the NFC Controller

In the following makefiles:

- *aosp/external/libnfc-nci/Android.mk*
- *aosp/external/libnfc-nci/halimpl/pn54x/Android.mk*
- *aosp/packages/apps/Nfc/nci/jni/Android.mk*

Adapt the following line according to the integrated NFC Controller:

➤ for PN7150

```
D_CFLAGS += -DNFC_NXP_CHIP_PN548AD=TRUE
```

➤ for PN7120

```
D_CFLAGS += -DNFC_NXP_CHIP_PN548AD=FALSE
```

### 3.2.4 Step 4: adding NFC to the build

In the *device.mk* makefile (e.g. *device/brand/platform/device.mk*)

- Add the NFC related packages to the android build

```
# NFC packages
PRODUCT_PACKAGES += \
    libnfc-nci \
    libnfc_nci_jni \
    nfc_nci_pn54x.default\
    NfcNci \
    Tag \
    com.android.nfc_extras
```

- Add xml files to Android launches the NFC functionalities:

```
PRODUCT_COPY_FILES += \
frameworks/native/data/etc/com.nxp.mifare.xml:system/etc/permissions/com.nxp.mifare.xml \
frameworks/native/data/etc/com.android.nfc_extras.xml:system/etc/permissions/com.android.nfc_extras.xml \
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.nfc.xml:system/etc/permissions/android.hardware.nfc.xml \
frameworks/native/data/etc/android.hardware.nfc.hce.xml:system/etc/permissions/android.hardware.nfc.hce.xml
```

### 3.2.5 Step 5: changing device owner and permissions

On the *system/core/rootdir/init.rc* file, add the following lines to the end of the *on boot* section:

```
# NFC
setprop ro.nfc.port "I2C"
chmod 0660 /dev/pn544
chown nfc nfc /dev/pn544
```

### 3.2.6 Step 6: building and installing NFC

Build and flash the system image (the boot image shall already contains the kernel driver as instructed in chapter “2. Kernel driver”).

Once the Android platform boots up, add the 2 configuration files required by the libnfc-nci library:

```
$ adb push libnfc-brcm.conf /etc/
$ adb push libnfc-nxp.conf /etc/
```

Examples are given in the NXP-NCI Android NFC package, under *conf* sub-directory, but pay attention that some adaptation may be required according to your integration (see chapter “4 Configuration Files” for more details). Then reboot the platform.

### 3.2.7 Step 7: verifying NFC functionality

In “Settings” app check NFC is ON.

NFC functionality should be then up and running, ready to discover NFC tags or exchange data with remote NFC devices.

## 3.3 Others Android versions

For other Android versions others than KitKat 4.4.4 or Lollipop 5.1.1, the AOSP must be manually adapted (merged) from the source retrieved as detailed in chapters 3.1 or 3.1 depending of the targeted version.

## 4. Configuration Files

Two files allow configuring the libnfc-nci library at runtime: *libnfc-brcm.conf* and *libnfc-nxp.conf*. There are defining tags which are impacting library behavior. The value of the tags depends on the NFC Controller IC and the targeted platform. For more details, refer to the examples given in *conf* sub-folder of the stack delivery (see chapter **Error! eference source not found.**).

These files are loaded by the library, from */etc* directory of the target, during the initialization phase.

Pay attention that the configuration files provided as example relates to the NFC Controller demo boards. These files must be adapted according to the targeted integration.

Below is the description of the different useful tags in the configuration files (refer to the conf files for detailed information about the tag values).

**Table 1. Tag list of libnfc-brcm.conf file**

Tag	Description
APPL_TRACE_LEVEL	Log levels for libnfc-nci. Recommended value for debugging is 0xFF.
PROTOCOL_TRACE_LEVEL	Log levels for libnfc-nci. Recommended value for debugging is 0xFF.
HOST_LISTEN_ENABLE	Configuration force HOST listen feature.
SCREEN_OFF_POWER_STATE	Configuration of screen off power state.
POLLING_TECH_MASK	Configuration of the polling technologies.
P2P_LISTEN_TECH_MASK	Configuration of listen technologies for P2P.
NFA_DM_DISC_DURATION_POLL	Configuration of the discovery loop TOTAL DURATION (in milliseconds)
NFA_MAX_EE_SUPPORTED	Set the maximum number of Execution Environments supported.

**Table 2. Tag list of libnfc-nxp.conf file**

Tag	Description
NXPLOG_EXTNS_LOGLEVEL	Configure level of EXTNS logs. Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
NXPLOG_NCIHAL_LOGLEVEL	Set level of NCIHAL logs. Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
NXPLOG_NCIX_LOGLEVEL	Set level of NCIX logs. Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
NXPLOG_NCIR_LOGLEVEL	Set level of NCIR logs. Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
NXPLOG_FWDNLD_LOGLEVEL	Set level of FWDNLD logs.

Tag	Description
	Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
NXPLOG_TML_LOGLEVEL	Set level of FWDNLD logs. Recommended value for debug is 0x03.
MIFARE_READER_ENABLE	Set the support of MIFARE Classic Reader.
NXP_SYS_CLK_SRC_SEL	Configure the clock source of the NFC Controller.
NXP_SYS_CLK_FREQ_SEL	Set the clock frequency in case of PLL clock source.
NXP_SYS_CLOCK_TO_CFG	Set clock request acknowledgment time value in case of PLL clock source.
NXP_ACT_PROP_EXTN	Set NXP's NFC Controller proprietary features.
NXP_NFC_MERGE_RF_PARAMS	Set NFCC Configuration control
NXP_NFC_PROFILE_EXTN	Set discovery profile.
NXP_RF_CONF_BLK_x	Set platform specific RF configuration.
NXP_CORE_CONF_EXTN	Configure proprietary parts of the NFC Controller.
NXP_CORE_CONF	Configure standardized parts of the NFC Controller.
NXP_CORE_MFCKEY_SETTING	Proprietary configuration for MIFARE Key storage.

## 5. Troubleshooting

The following items may help figuring out what is going wrong in case NFC is not working as expected when starting the Android device.

### 5.1 Device node rights

The following ADB logs may indicate a wrong setting of the kernel module related device node access rights:

```
...
D/NxpTml ( 894): Opening port=/dev/pn544
E/NxpTml ( 894): _i2c_open() Failed: retval ffffffff
D/NxpTml ( 894): phTmlNfc_i2c_reset(), VEN level 0
E/NxpHal ( 894): phTmlNfc_Init Failed
D/NfcAdaptation( 894): NfcAdaptation::HalDeviceContextCallback: event=0
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 894): nfc_main_hal_cback event: HAL_NFC_OPEN_CPLT_EVT(0x0), status=1
D/NxpHal ( 894): Failed to deallocate (list empty)
D/NxpHal ( 894): Node dump:
D/NxpHal ( 894): Failed to deallocate (list empty)
D/NxpHal ( 894): Node dump:
...
```

The pn5xx\_i2c device node should usually appear with the following rights:

```
$ adb shell ls -als /dev/pn544
crw-rw---- nfc      nfc      10,  54 2016-05-03 13:05 pn544
```

If this is not the case, refer to related procedure chapter 3.1.5 or 3.2.5.

### 5.2 Configuration files

The following ADB logs may indicates the absence of the configuration files:

```
...
D/BrcmNfcJni( 893): PowerSwitch::initialize: level=PS-FULL (1)
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): bool CNfcConfig::readConfig(const char*, bool) Cannot open config file
/etc/libnfc-brcm.conf
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): bool CNfcConfig::readConfig(const char*, bool) Using default value for all
settings
D/BrcmNfcJni( 893): PowerSwitch::initialize: desired screen-off state=1
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::Initialize: enter
E/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::Initialize: ver=NFCDROID-AOSP_L_00.01 nfa=NFA_PI_1.03.66+
D/BrcmNfcJni( 893): initializeGlobalAppLogLevel: level=5
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::NFCA_TASK: enter
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 893): GKI_run(): Start/Stop GKI_timer_update_registered!
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::Thread: enter
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 893): NFC_TASK started.
```

```

D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: enter
E/NfcAdaptation( 893): No HAL module specified in config, falling back to BCM2079x
E/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: fail hw_get_module
nfc_nci.bcm2079x
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: exit
D/NfcAdaptation( 893): NfcAdaptation::Initialize: exit
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 893): NFA_Init ()
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 893): nfa_dm_init ()
...

```

They should usually be installed in `/etc` android target directory:

```

$ adb shell ls -als /etc/libnfc*.conf
-rw-r--r-- root    root          3146 2016-03-11 23:07 libnfc-brcm.conf
-rw-r--r-- root    root          3738 2016-03-11 23:07 libnfc-nxp.conf

```

If this is not the case, refer to related procedure 3.1.4 or 3.2.6.

### 5.3 NXP's NFC library

The following ADB logs may indicates missing NXP's NFC specific library:

```

...
I/BrcmNfcNfa( 2609): NFC_TASK started.
D/NfcAdaptation( 2609): NfcAdaptation::Thread: exit
D/NfcAdaptation( 2609): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: enter
D/NfcAdaptation( 2609): const CNfcParam* CNfcConfig::find(const char*) const found
NCI_HAL_MODULE=nfc_nci.pn54x
E/NfcAdaptation( 2609): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: fail hw_get_module nfc_nci.pn54x
D/NfcAdaptation( 2609): NfcAdaptation::InitializeHalDeviceContext: exit
D/NfcAdaptation( 2609): NfcAdaptation::Initialize: exit
...

```

The library should be located under `/system/lib/hw` android target sub-directory:

```

$ adb shell ls -als /system/lib/hw/nfc*
-rw-r--r-- root    root      119188 2016-03-14 13:55 nfc_nci.pn54x.default.so

```

If this is not the case, insure it is properly built:

```

$ mmm external/libnfc-nci/ - snod

```

You can then either flash the newly created `system.img` or just copy the library to the android target:

```

$ adb push nfc_nci.pn54x.default.so /system/lib/hw/

```



## 5.4 NFC Controller choice

The following ADB logs may indicate a wrong adaptation of the NFC libraries to the NFC controller integrated (PN7120 or PN7150):

```
...
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Write requested.....
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Invoking I2C Write.....
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Read requested.....
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Invoking I2C Read.....
D/NxpNciX (25279): len = 10 > 20020702310100380101
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - I2C Write successful.....
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Posting Fresh Write message.....
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Tml Writer Thread Running.....
D/NxpHal (25279): write successful status = 0x0
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - I2C Read successful.....
D/NxpNciR (25279): len = 4 > 40020106
D/NxpTml (25279): PN54X - Posting read message.....
D/NxpHal (25279): read successful status = 0x0
D/NxpHal (25279): > Deinit for LLCP set_config 0x0 0x0 0x0
D/NxpHal (25279): phNxpNciHal_print_res_status: response status =STATUS_OK
...
```

If this is the case, refer to related procedure chapter 3.1.2 or 3.2.33.1.5.

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