

TO THE CORE OF
CORE NFC



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WHY CORE NFC?

AGENDA

- > NFC CHARACTERISTICS
 - > NFC MODES
 - > NFC TAGS
- > NFC DATA EXCHANGE FORMAT - NDEF
 - > CORE NFC TAG READING
 - > CORE NFC TAG WRITING

WHAT MAKES NFC DIFFERENT?

NEAR FIELD COMMUNICATION

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- IT CAN BE SETUP FOR ONE WAY OR TWO WAY COMMUNICATION

TYPES OF NFC DEVICES

PASSIVE  ←→ ACTIVE

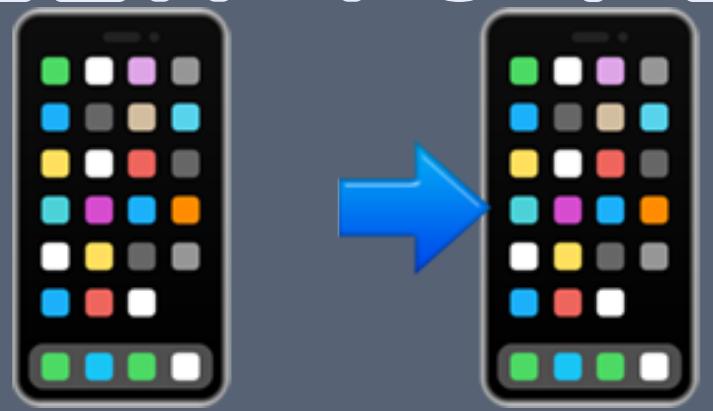


NFC MODES

1. TAG READER/WRITER



2. PEER TO PEER



3. CARD EMULATION





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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR
THE LATEST RELEASE?

MODE

2017

2018

2019

**TAG READER/
WRITER**

ONLY NDEF TAGS
READING

BACKGROUND
READING

**NATIVE TAG
READING &
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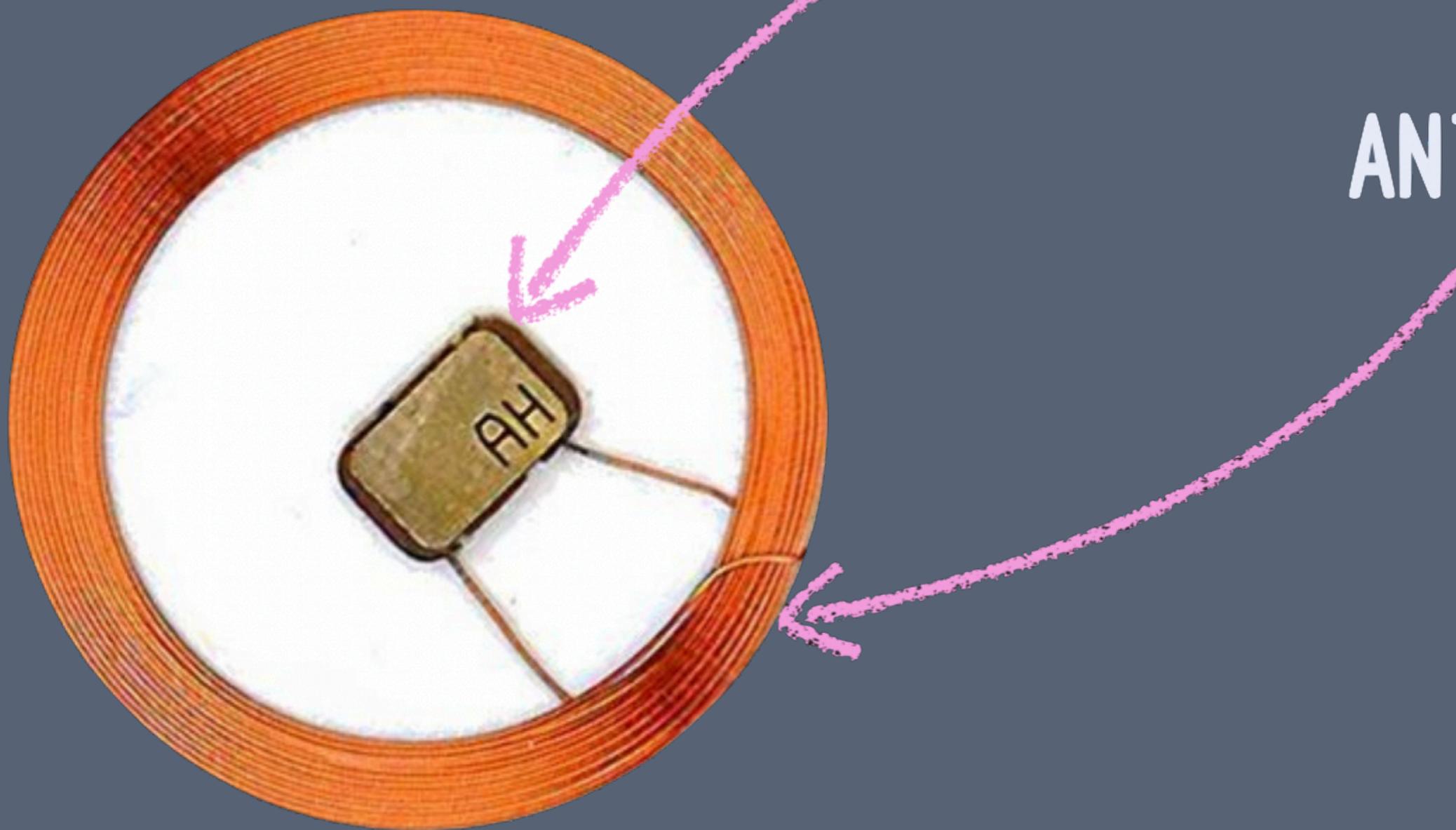
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**CARD
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NFC TAGS STRUCTURE



CHIP

ANTENNA

NFC CHIP

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> UNIQUE IDENTIFIER

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- > READ/WRITE USER MEMORY

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- > UNIQUE IDENTIFIER
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- > PASSWORD PROTECTION

NFC TAG TYPES

IT'S VERY EASY!

- > TYPE 1
- > TYPE 2
- > TYPE 3
- > TYPE 4
- > TYPE 5



HMM NOT REALLY

- > TYPE 1?
- > TYPE 2?
- > TYPE 3?
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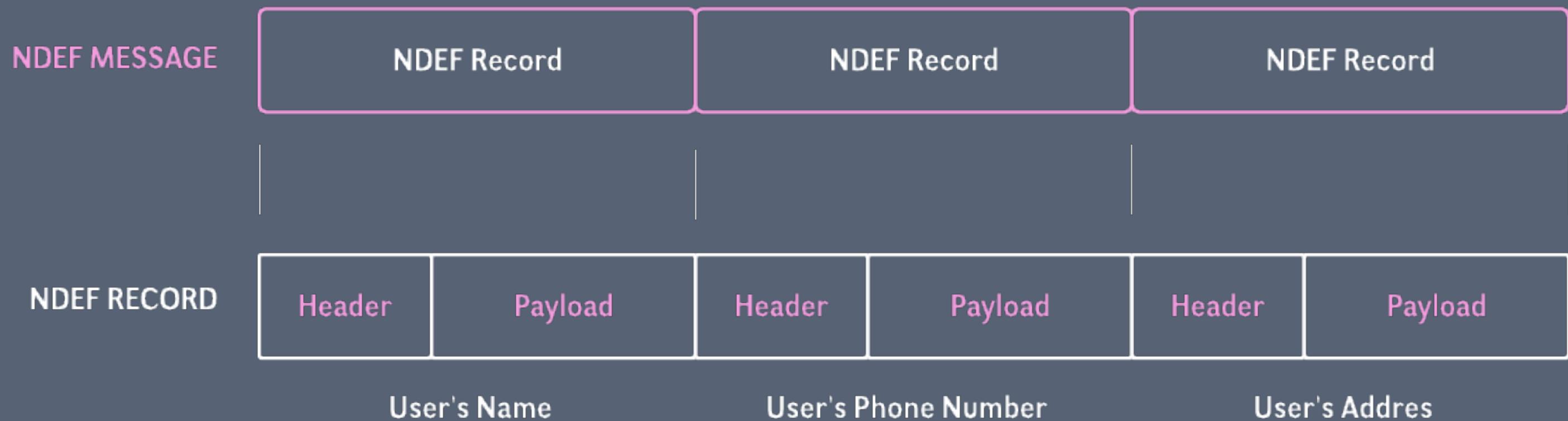
UNDERSTANDING NFC TAG TYPES

Type	Functionality	Other Characteristics	Core NFC Protocols	Underlying Technology
1	READ ONLY APPLICATIONS. STORE SMALL AMOUNTS OF DATA SUCH AS A WEBSITE URL	SLOW AND CHEAP	NFCNDEFTAG	ISO14443A
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3	TRANSIT TICKETS, PAYMENTS, ELECTRONIC IDs, HEALTH CARE DEVICES, HOME ELECTRONICS	USED PRIMARILY IN JAPAN, IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE	NFCNDEFTAG, NFCFELICATAG	ISO18092
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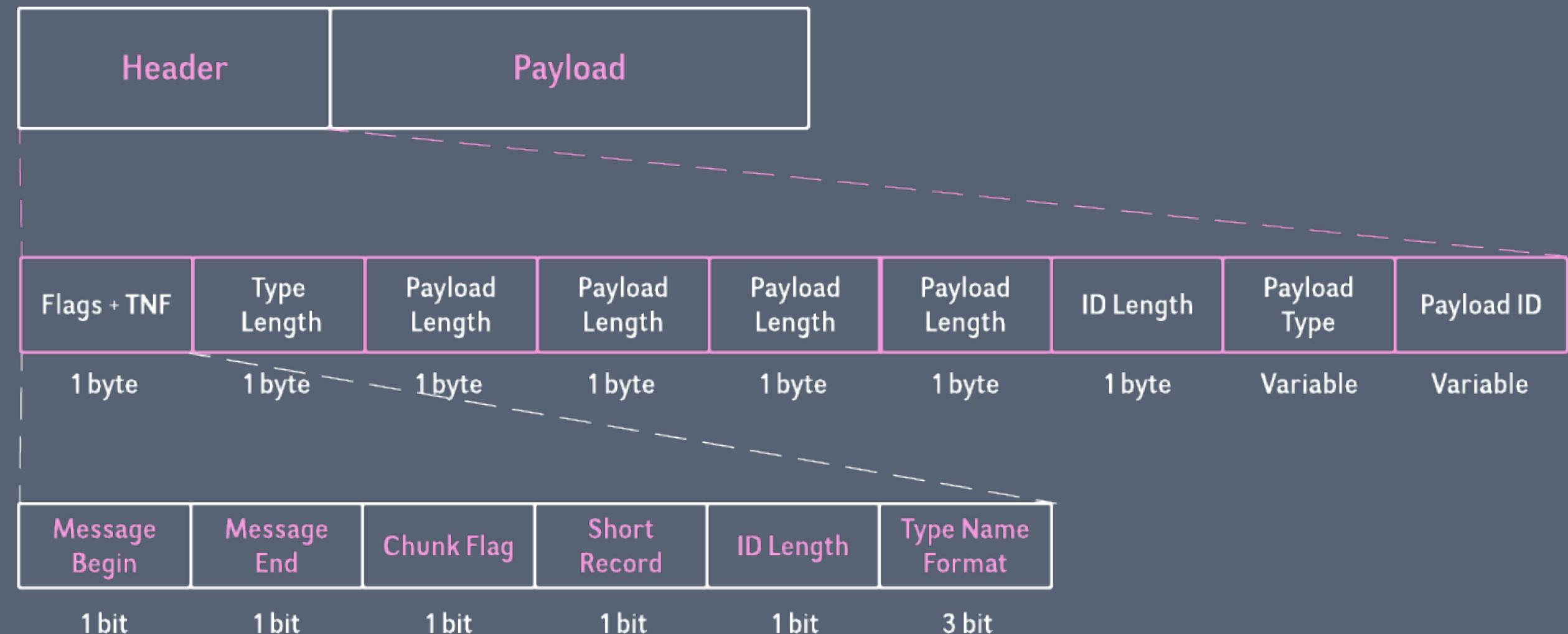
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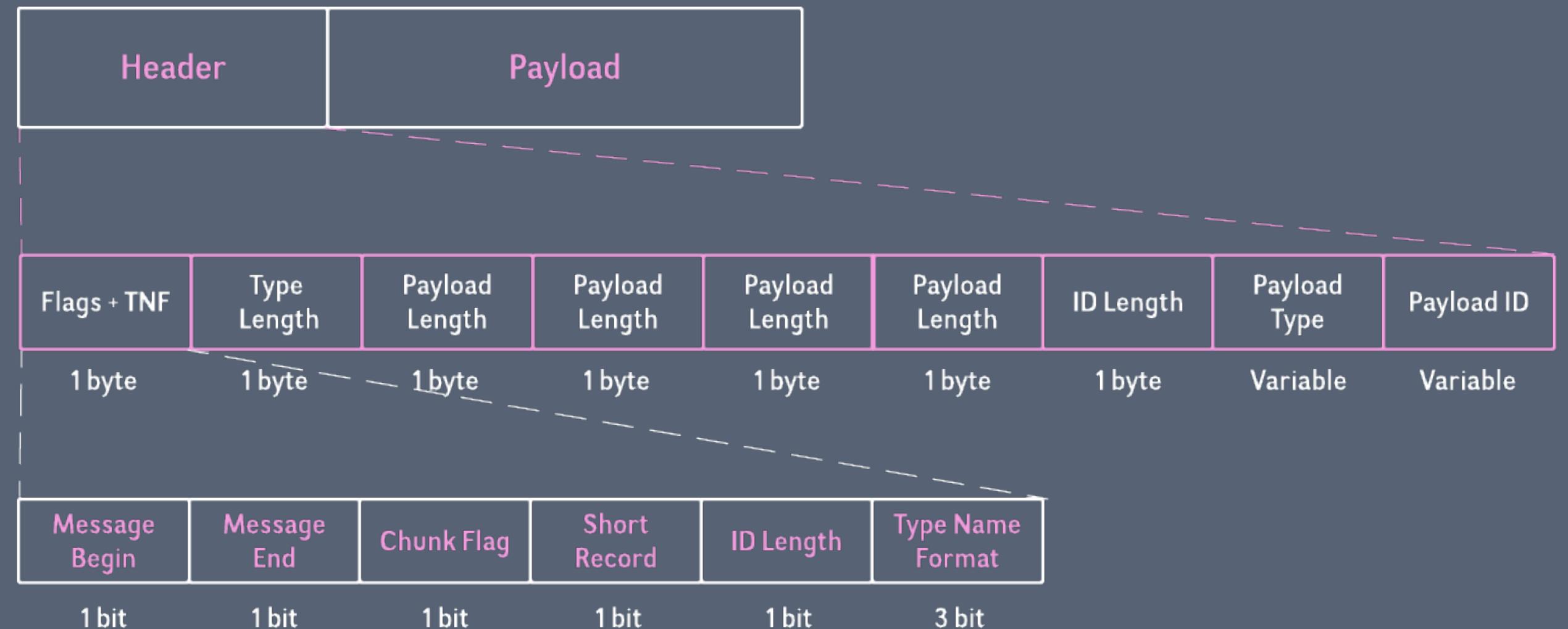
NDEF RECORD



TYPE NAME FORMAT

- 0 EMPTY
- 1 WELL-KNOWN
- 2 MIME MEDIA-TYPE
- 3 ABSOLUTE URI
- 4 EXTERNAL
- 5 UNKNOWN
- 6 UNCHANGED
- 7 RESERVED

NDEF RECORD



CORE NFC

TAG WRITING



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- > **URI:** "spotify:track:33jt3kYWjQzqn3xyYQ5ZEh"
- > **SONG NAME:** "Cheek to Cheek"
- > **ARTIST:** "Ella Fitzgerald"

IDENTIFY YOUR TAG

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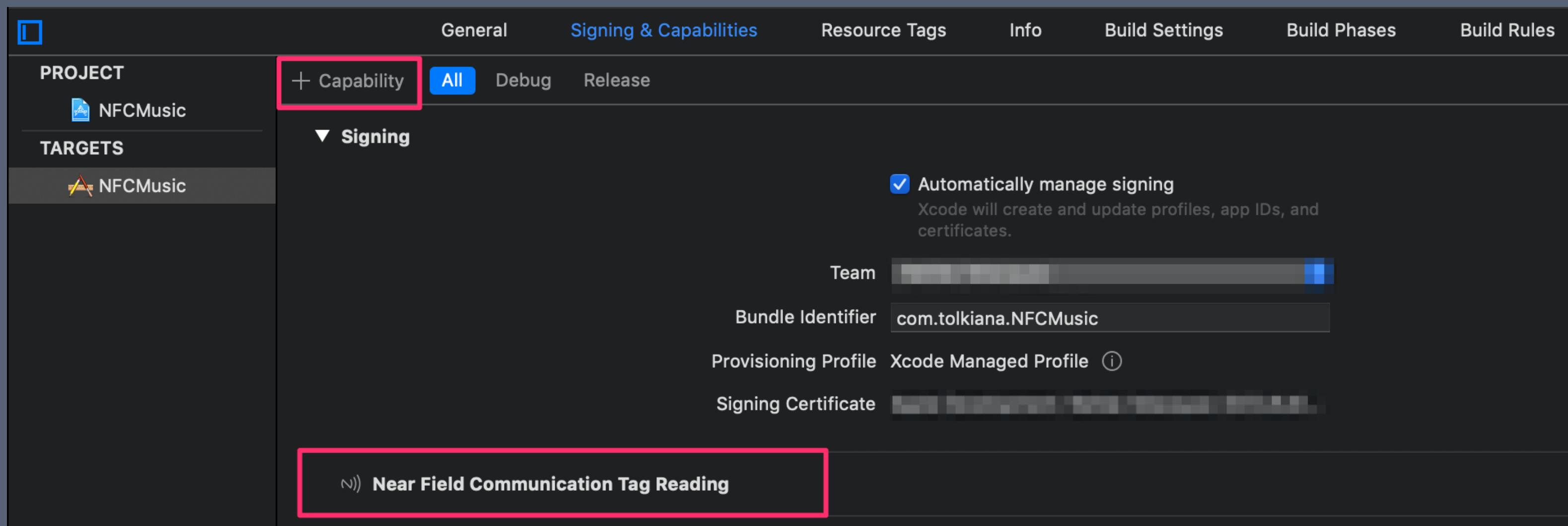
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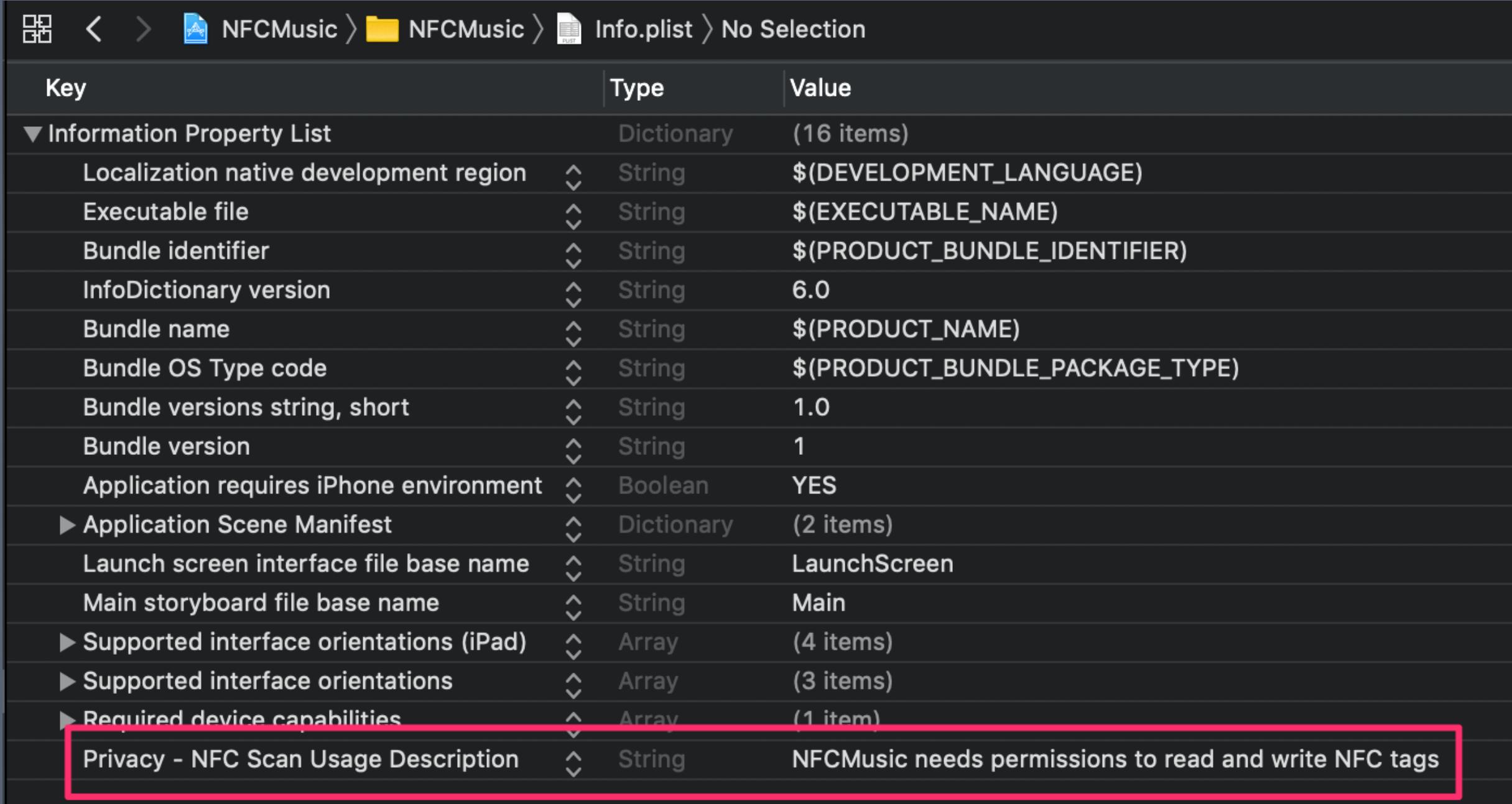
DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTITLEMENTS

Key	Type	Value
▼ Entitlements File	Dictionary	(1 item)
▼ Near Field Communication Tag Re...	Array	(2 items)
Item 0 (Near Field Communication...	String	NFC Data Exchange Format
Item 1 (Near Field Communication...	String	NFC tag-specific data protocol

ADD THE NFC CAPABILITY



AND THE USAGE DESCRIPTION



The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with the file navigator at the top, displaying the project structure: NFCMusic > NFCMusic > Info.plist. The main area is a table view of the Info.plist file's key-value pairs.

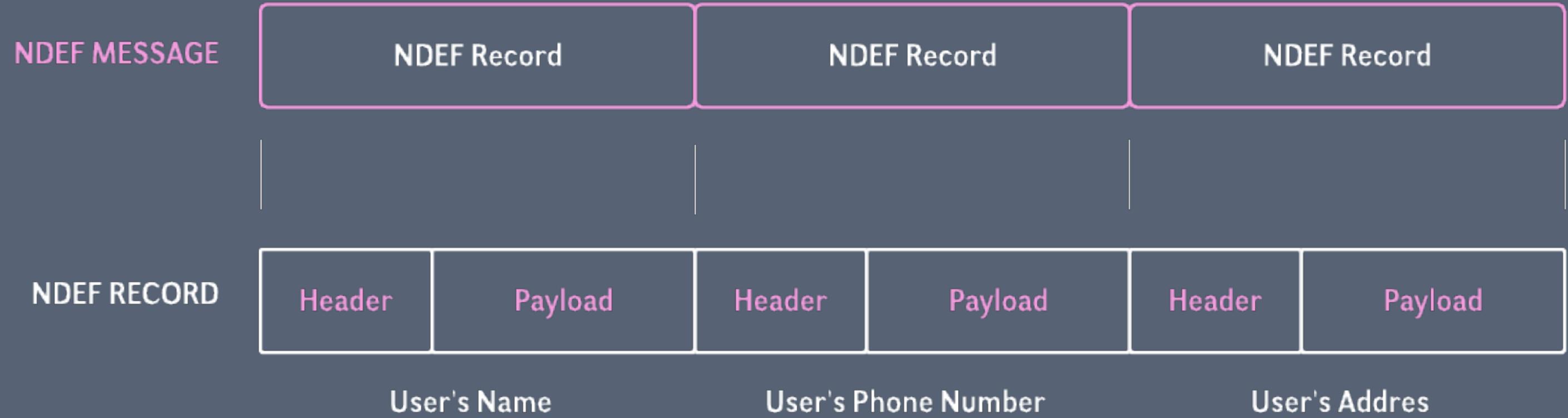
Key	Type	Value
▼ Information Property List	Dictionary	(16 items)
Localization native development region	String	\$(DEVELOPMENT_LANGUAGE)
Executable file	String	\$(EXECUTABLE_NAME)
Bundle identifier	String	\$(PRODUCT_BUNDLE_IDENTIFIER)
InfoDictionary version	String	6.0
Bundle name	String	\$(PRODUCT_NAME)
Bundle OS Type code	String	\$(PRODUCT_BUNDLE_PACKAGE_TYPE)
Bundle versions string, short	String	1.0
Bundle version	String	1
Application requires iPhone environment	Boolean	YES
► Application Scene Manifest	Dictionary	(2 items)
Launch screen interface file base name	String	LaunchScreen
Main storyboard file base name	String	Main
► Supported interface orientations (iPad)	Array	(4 items)
► Supported interface orientations	Array	(3 items)
► Required device capabilities	Array	(1 item)
Privacy - NFC Scan Usage Description	String	NFCMusic needs permissions to read and write NFC tags

NFCNDEFMessage

init(records: [NFCNDEFPayload])

NFCNDEFPayload

init(format: NFCTypeNameFormat,
type: Data,
identifier: Data,
payload: Data)



NFCTypeNameFormat

```
typedef NS_ENUM(uint8_t, NFCTypeNameFormat) {  
    NFCTypeNameFormatEmpty = 0x00,  
    NFCTypeNameFormatNFCWellKnown = 0x01,  
    NFCTypeNameFormatMedia = 0x02,  
    NFCTypeNameFormatAbsoluteURI = 0x03,  
    NFCTypeNameFormatNFCEternal = 0x04,  
    NFCTypeNameFormatUnknown = 0x05,  
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BEGIN THE SESSION



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func beginReadingSession() {  
    let session = NFCNDEFReaderSession(delegate: self,  
                                         queue: DispatchQueue.main,  
                                         invalidateAfterFirstRead: true)  
    session.begin()  
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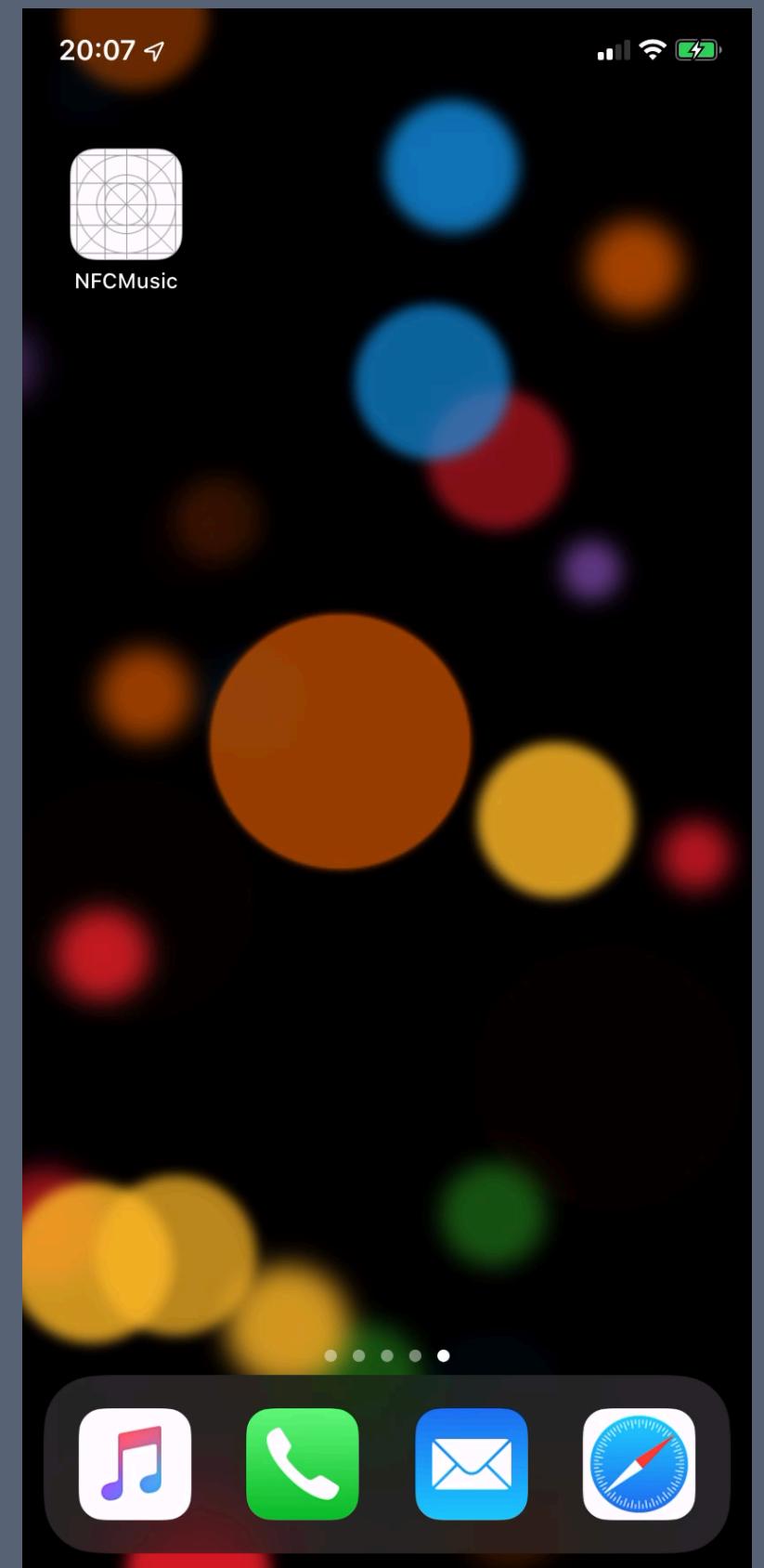


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CORE NFC

TAG READING



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// This is the decoded NFCNDEFMessage

let song = [
  "spotify:track:33jt3kYWjQzqn3xyYQ5ZEh", // this was a payload of type URI
  "Cheek to Cheek", // this was a payload of type Text
  "Ella Fitzgerald" // this was a payload of type Text
]
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WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK
CAN WE DO WITH CORE
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NFCMUSIC](https://github.com/tolkiana/nfcmusic)

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