HACKING RFIDs UNDER 2000INR

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About Me

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Topics

- RFID history
- History of RFID
- Death of the Technology
- Resurrection
- The Future
- Delve deeper
- Types of RFID

How it Began

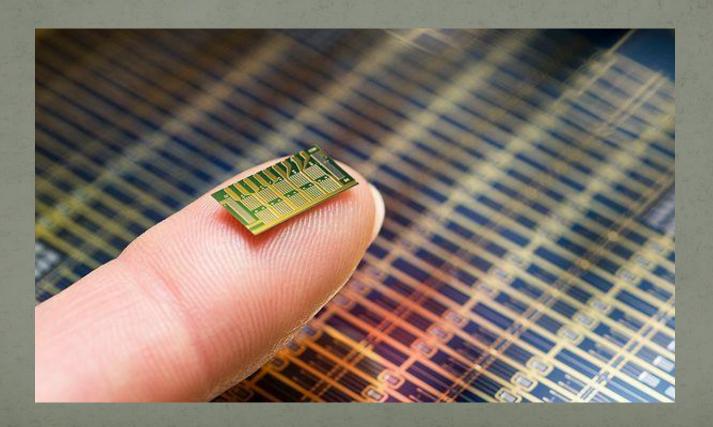
- World War II, and the Germans rolled.
 - To distinguish the planes from that of the enemies'
- Commercialization of RFID
 - Tracking utility
 - Trucks, cows, carriages

Technology Death

- 2 reasons
 - The impractical size of the RFID system
 - Cost of Production
- Early face of RFID tags
 - Inductively coupled RFID tags
 - Capacitively couple RFID tags

Resurrection of RFID

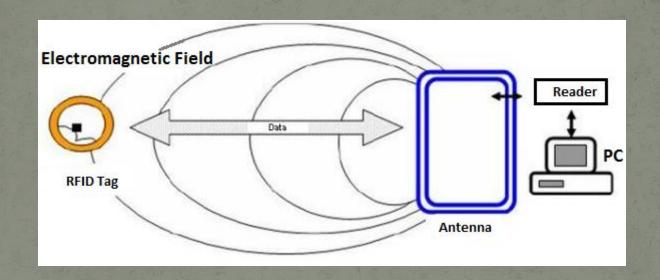
• The change – Introduction of Microchips



Where the Future lies

- Tracking and identification
- Payment and stored-value systems
- Access control
- Anti-Counterfeiting

Delving into the Technology



Types of RFID (Frequency based)

- Low Frequency
 - 30kHz to 300kHz
 - Typical: 125kHz
- High Frequency
 - 3 to 30 MHz
 - Typical: 13.56MHz
- Ultra High Frequency
 - 300MHz to 3GHz
 - Typical: 900 to 915Mhz

Types of RFID (design based)

- Active
 - Battery powers the system
- Semi-Passive
 - This too has a battery
- Passive
 - No battery

More on Active Tags

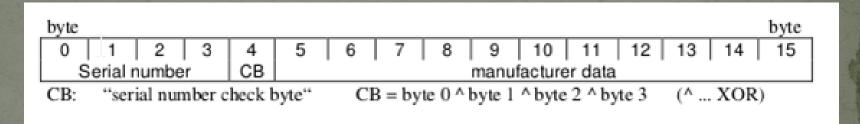
- Two types of Active Tags:
 - Transponders
 - Beacons

Types of RFID (based on usability)

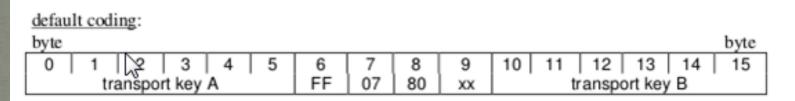
- Read-only
- Read-Write
- WORM Write Once Read Many

Important Blocks

• Block o:



• Block 3 in each sector is the Sector Trailer



(blocks 3 / 7 / 11 / 15 / 19 / 23 / 27 / 31 / 35 / 39 / 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 / 63)

Byte 9 of all sector trailers is not defined. Its memory contents after IC test can vary.

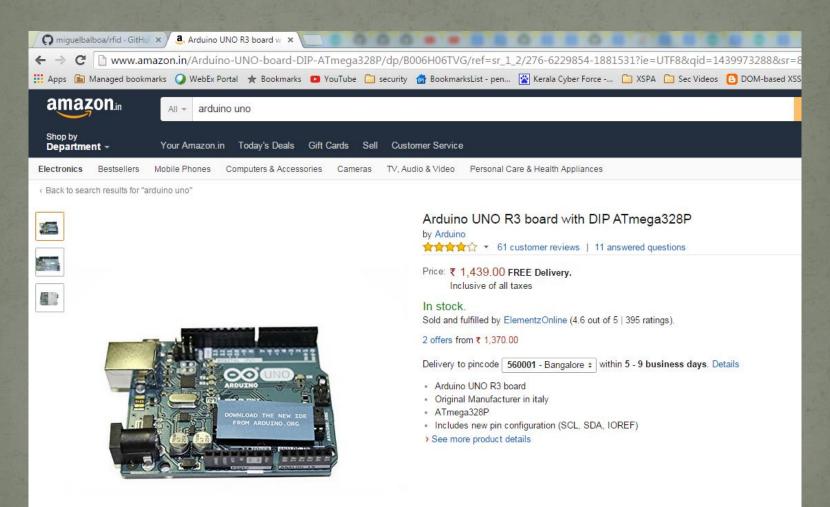
Data space in MIFARE Classic (1 KB)

(16 sectors/card x 3 data blocks/sector X 16
bytes/block) – 16 bytes (first block) = 752 bytes/card

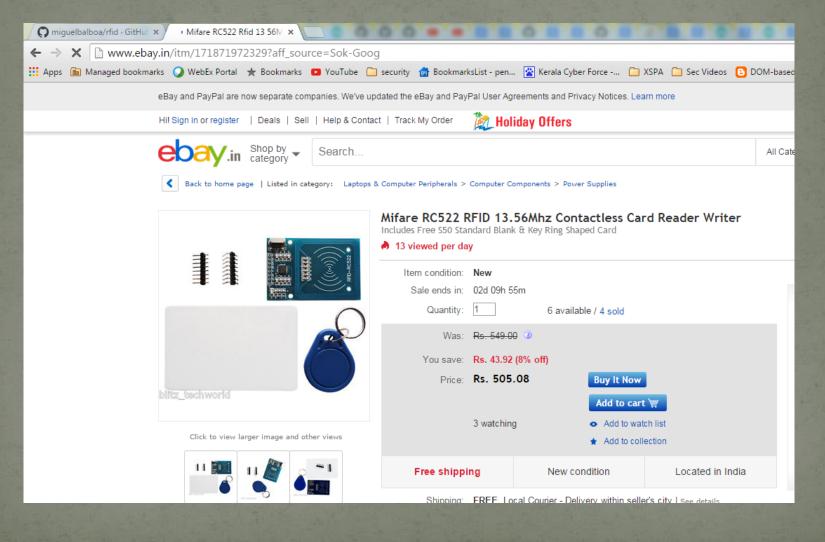
Setup

- Arduino Uno
- MFRC522
- MIFARE Classic Card/Tags 13.56 Mhz
- Jumper Wires
- MFRC522.h Library

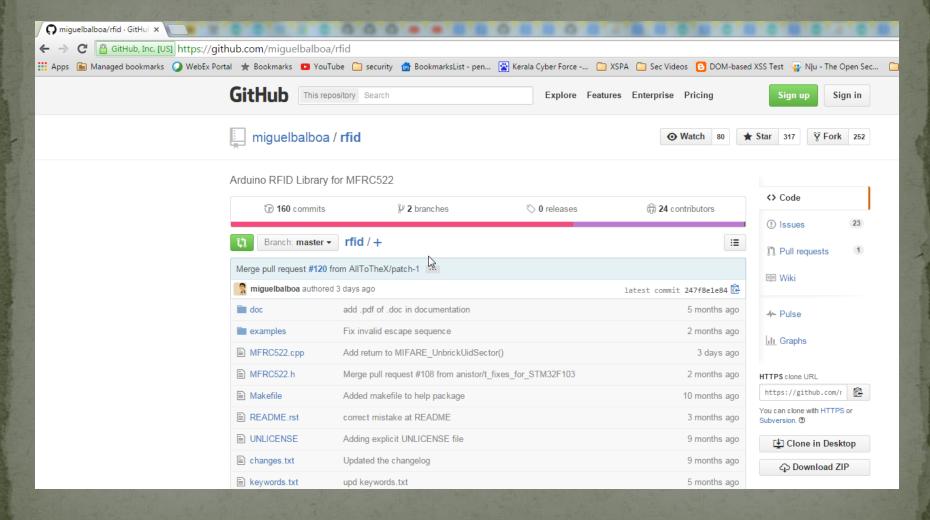
Arduino Uno



MFRC522



RFID Library



Important Hardware Involved

- Micro Controller: An Arduino
- PCD(Proximity Coupling Device):MFRC522
- PICC (Proximity Integrated Circuit Card): card
 - 16 sectors * 4 blocks/sector * 16 bytes/block = 1024 bytes

Demo



Cloners - Out of the box

- Proxmark3
- BishopFox



Q & A?



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