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RSSI



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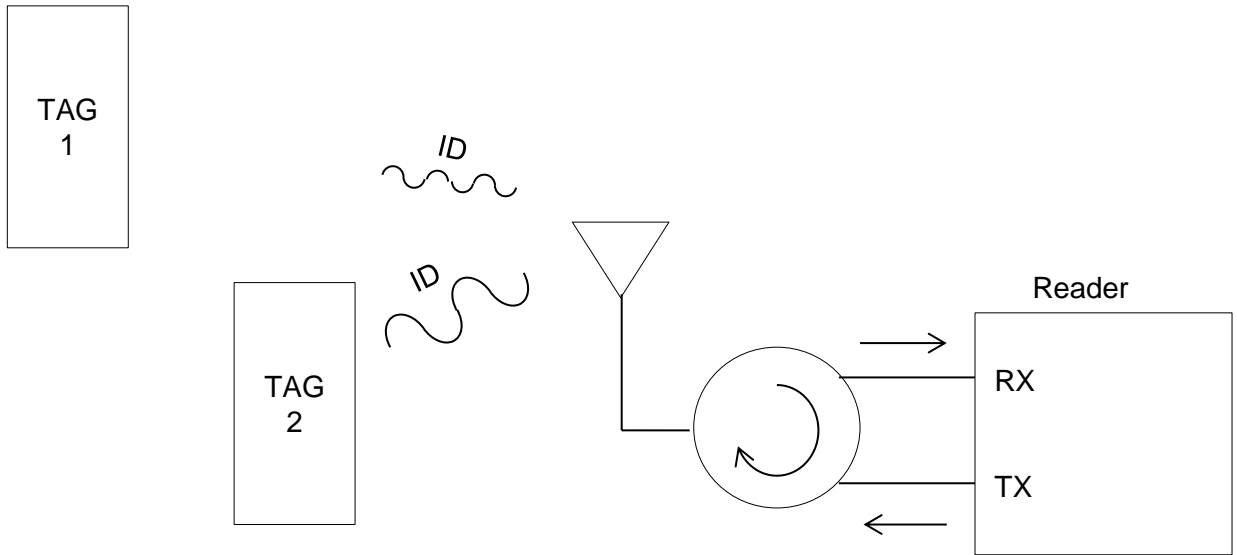
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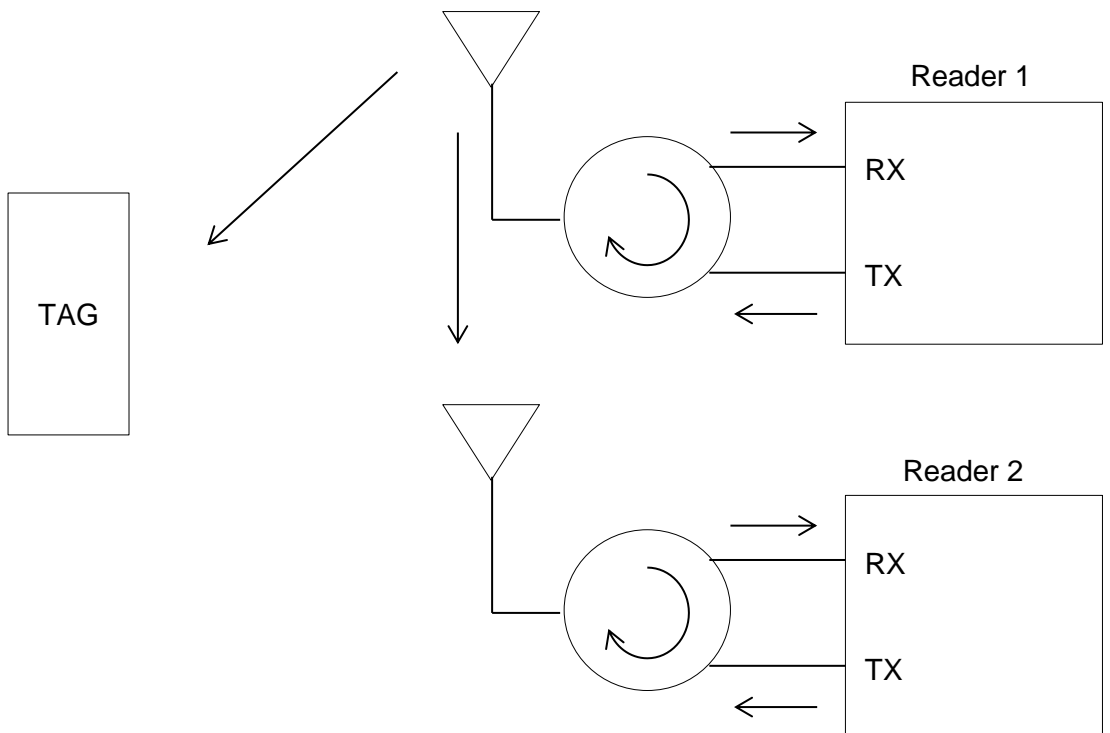
Revision History

Version	Date	Changes
00	2014-03-06	Initially released
01	2014-05-23	Removed Interferer RSSI API

Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) indices measured signal power in RX port. There are 2 kinds of RSSI in ARETE POP. Tag RSSI and interferer RSSI. When reading a tag, the tag transmits its ID to reader. The signal power of received ID is tag RSSI. The tag far away from reader has lower RSSI while the near tag has higher RSSI.

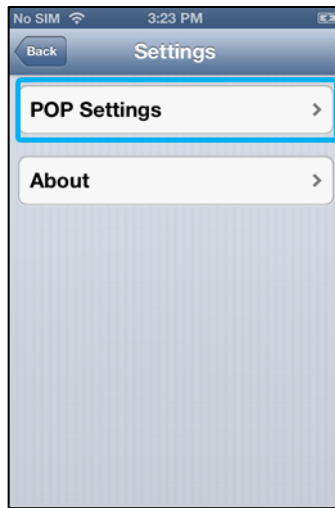
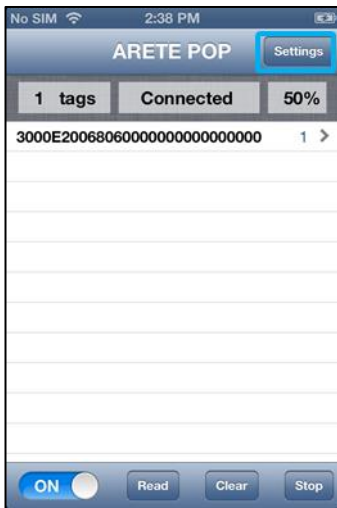


Interferer RSSI is other reader's transmitting signal power in RX port. When 2 readers exist in the same area, each reader interferes with communicating with tags. Before starting communicate with tags, a reader can see if there is other reader by using interferer RSSI. It is useful in Japanese LBT regulation. If reader is using frequency hopping to avoid interferer, this function is not necessary.

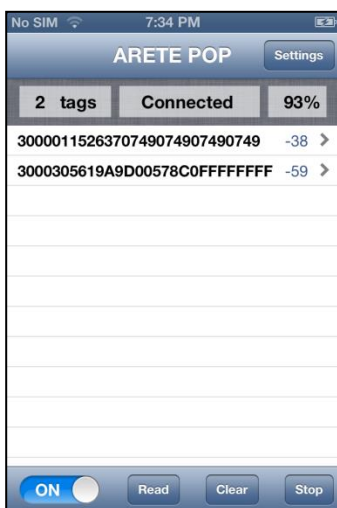


Tag RSSI can be read by using ARETE POP app

- ✓ Touch Settings button
- ✓ Choose Pop settings
- ✓ Switch Tag RSSI to turn tag RSSI report on/off.



After enabling Tag RSSI, the tag RSSI appears in the tag list. It seems that the first ID is the near tag's ID.



ARETE POP SDK exposes below APIs for tag RSSI

For iOS

- (BOOL)startReadTagsWithRssi:(uint8_t)mtnu mtime:(uint8_t)mtime repeatCycle:(uint16_t)repeatCycle
@optional
- (void)tagRssiReceived:(NSData *)pcEpc rssi:(int8_t)rssi

For Android

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boolean startReadTagsWithRssi(int max_tags, int max_time, int repeat_cycle)  
void onTagWithRssiReceived(int[] pcEpc, int rssi)
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Interferer RSSI is not exposed at the API.

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