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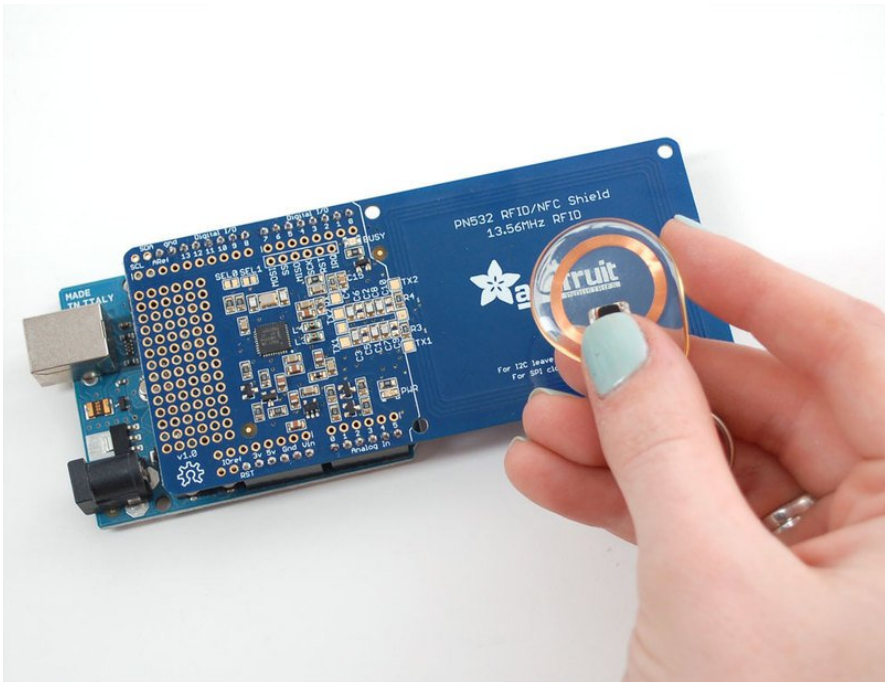
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MiFare Cards & Tags

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MiFare is one of the four 13.56MHz card 'protocols' (FeliCa is another well known one) All of the cards and tags sold at the Adafruit shop use the inexpensive and popular MiFare Classic chipset

MiFare Classic Cards

MIFARE Classic cards come in 1K and 4K varieties. While several varieties of chips exist, the two main chipsets used are described in the following publicly accessible documents:

- [MF1S503x Mifare Classic 1K data sheet](#)
- [MF1S70yyX MIFARE Classic 4K data sheet](#)

Mifare Classic cards typically have a **4-byte NUID** that uniquely (within the numeric limits of the value) identifies the card. It's possible to have a 7 byte IDs as well, but the 4 byte models are far more common for Mifare Classic.

EEPROM Memory

Mifare Classic cards have either 1K or 4K of EEPROM memory. Each memory block can be configured with different access conditions, with two separate authentication keys present in each block.

Mifare Classic cards are divided into section called **sectors** and **blocks**. Each "sector" has individual access rights, and contains a fixed number of "blocks" that are controlled by these access rights. Each block contains 16 bytes, and sectors contains either 4 blocks (1K/4K cards) for a total of 64 bytes per sector, or 16 blocks (4K cards only) for a total of 256 bytes per sector. The card types are organised as follows:

- **1K Cards** - 16 sectors of 4 blocks each (sectors 0..15)
- **4K Cards** - 32 sectors of 4 blocks each (sectors 0..31) and 8 sectors of 16 blocks each (sectors 32..39)

4 Block Sectors

1K and 4K cards both use 16 sectors of 4 blocks each, with the bottom 1K of memory on the 4K cards being organised identically to the 1K models for compatability reasons. These individual 4 block sectors (containing 64 byts each) have basic security features are can each be configured with seperate read/write access and two different 6-byte authentication keys (the keys can be different for each sector). Due to these security features (which are stored in the last block, called the **Sector Trailer**), only the bottom 3 blocks of each sector are actually available for data storage, meaning you have 48 bytes per 64 byte sector available for your own use.

Each 4 block sector is organised as follows, with four rows of 16 bytes each for a total of 64-bytes per sector. The first two sectors of any card are shown:

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1.	Sector	Block	Bytes															Description
2.	-----	-----	-----															-----
3.			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

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1.	1	3	[-----KEY A-----]	[Access Bits]		[-----KEY B-----]	Sector Trailer
2.		2	[Data					Data
3.		1	[Data					Data
4.		0	[Data					Data

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1.	0	3	[-----KEY A-----]	[Access Bits]		[-----KEY B-----]	Sector Trailer
2.		2	[Data					Data
3.		1	[Data					Data
4.		0	[Manufacturer Data					Manufacturer Block

Sector Trailer (Block 3)

The sector trailer block contains the two secret keys (Key A and Key B), as well as the access conditions for the four blocks. It has the following structure:

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1.		Sector Trailer Bytes															
2.		-----															
3.		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
4.		[Key A]		[Access Bits]		[Key B]			

For more information in using Keys to access the clock contents, see Accessing Data Blocks further below.

Data Blocks (Blocks 0..2)

Data blocks are 16 bytes wide and, depending on the permissions set in the access bits, can be read from and written to. You are free to use the 16 data bytes in any way you wish. You can easily store text input, store four 32-bit integer values, a 16 character uri, etc.

Data Blocks as "Value Blocks"

An alternative to storing random data in the 16 byte-wide blocks is to configure them as "Value Blocks". Value blocks allow performing electronic purse functions (valid commands are: read, write, increment, decrement, restore, transfer).

Each Value block contains a single signed 32-bit value, and this value is stored 3 times for data integrity and security reasons. It is stored twice non-inverted, and once inverted. The last 4 bytes are used for a 1-byte address, which is stored 4 times (twice non-inverted, and twice inverted).

Data blocks configured as "Value Blocks" have the following structure:

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1.	Value Block Bytes																	
2.	-----																	
3.	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
4.	[Value]	[~Value]	[Value]	[A	~A	A	~A]	

Manufacturer Block (Sector 0, Block 0)

Sector 0 is special since it contains the Manufacturer Block. This block contains the manufacturer data, and is read-only. It should be avoided unless you know what you are doing.

16 Block Sectors

16 block sectors are identical to 4 block sectors, but with more data blocks. The same structure described in the 4 block sectors above applies.

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1.	Sector	Block	Bytes															Description
2.	-----	-----	-----															-----
3.			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

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1.	32	15	[-----KEY A-----]	[Access Bits]		[-----KEY B-----]	Sector Trailer 32
2.		14	[Data					Data
3.		13	[Data					Data
4.		...									
5.		2	[			Data					Data
6.		1	[			Data					Data
7.		0	[			Data					Data

Accessing EEPROM Memory

To access the EEPROM on the cards, you need to perform the following steps:

1. You must retrieve the 4-byte NUID of the card (this can sometimes be 7-bytes long as well, though rarely for Mifare Classic cards). This is required for the subsequent authentication process.
2. You must authenticate the sector you wish to access according to the access rules defined in the Sector Trailer block for that sector, by passing in the appropriate 6 byte Authentication Key (ex. 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF for new cards).
3. Once authentication has succeeded, and depending on the sector permissions, you can then read/write/increment/decrement the contents of the specific block. Note that you need to re-authenticate for each sector that you access, since each sector can have it's own distinct access keys and rights!

Note on Authentication

Before you can do access the sector's memory, you first need to "authenticate" according to the security settings stored in the Sector Trailer. By default, any new card

will generally be configured to allow full access to every block in the sector using Key A and a value of 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF 0xFF. Some other common keys that you may wish to try if this doesn't work are:

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1.	0XFF	0XFF	0XFF	0XFF	0XFF	0XFF	0XFF
2.	0XD3	0XF7	0XD3	0XF7	0XD3	0XF7	0XF7
3.	0XA0	0XA1	0XA2	0XA3	0XA4	0XA5	0XA5
4.	0XB0	0XB1	0XB2	0XB3	0XB4	0XB5	0XB5
5.	0X4D	0X3A	0X99	0XC3	0X51	0XDD	0XDD
6.	0X1A	0X98	0X2C	0X7E	0X45	0X9A	0X9A
7.	0XAA	0XBB	0XCC	0XDD	0XEE	0XFF	0XFF
8.	0X00	0X00	0X00	0X00	0X00	0X00	0X00
9.	0XAB	0XCD	0XEF	0X12	0X34	0X56	0X56

Example of a New Mifare Classic 1K Card

The follow memory dump illustrates the structure of a 1K Mifare Classic Card, where the data and Sector Trailer blocks can be clearly seen:

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1.	[-----Start of Memory Dump-----]
2.	-----Sector 0-----
3.	Block 0 8E 02 6F 66 85 08 04 00 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 ?.of?...bcdefghi
4.	Block 1 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
5.	Block 2 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
6.	Block 3 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
7.	-----Sector 1-----
8.	Block 4 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
9.	Block 5 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
10.	Block 6 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
11.	Block 7 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
12.	-----Sector 2-----
13.	Block 8 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
14.	Block 9 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
15.	Block 10 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
16.	Block 11 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
17.	-----Sector 3-----
18.	Block 12 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
19.	Block 13 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
20.	Block 14 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
21.	Block 15 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
22.	-----Sector 4-----
23.	Block 16 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
24.	Block 17 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
25.	Block 18 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
26.	Block 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
27.	-----Sector 5-----
28.	Block 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
29.	Block 21 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
30.	Block 22 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
31.	Block 23 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
32.	-----Sector 6-----
33.	Block 24 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
34.	Block 25 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
35.	Block 26 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
36.	Block 27 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
37.	-----Sector 7-----
38.	Block 28 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
39.	Block 29 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
40.	Block 30 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
41.	Block 31 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
42.	-----Sector 8-----
43.	Block 32 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
44.	Block 33 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
45.	Block 34 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
46.	Block 35 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
47.	-----Sector 9-----
48.	Block 36 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
49.	Block 37 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
50.	Block 38 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
51.	Block 39 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
52.	-----Sector 10-----
53.	Block 40 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
54.	Block 41 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
55.	Block 42 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
56.	Block 43 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
57.	-----Sector 11-----
58.	Block 44 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
59.	Block 45 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
60.	Block 46 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
61.	Block 47 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
62.	-----Sector 12-----
63.	Block 48 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
64.	Block 49 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
65.	Block 50 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
66.	Block 51 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
67.	-----Sector 13-----
68.	Block 52 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
69.	Block 53 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
70.	Block 54 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
71.	Block 55 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
72.	-----Sector 14-----
73.	Block 56 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
74.	Block 57 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
75.	Block 58 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
76.	Block 59 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
77.	-----Sector 15-----
78.	Block 60 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
79.	Block 61 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
80.	Block 62 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
81.	Block 63 00 00 00 00 00 00 FF 07 80 69 FF FF FF FF FF FF ....y.?iyyyyyy
82.	[-----End of Memory Dump-----]

MiFare Ultralight Cards

MiFare Ultralight cards typically contain 512 bits (64 bytes) of memory, including 4 bytes (32-bits) of OTP (One Time Programmable) memory where the individual bits can be written but not erased.

[MF0ICU1 MiFare Ultralight Functional Specification](#)

MiFare Ultralight cards have a **7-byte UID** that uniquely identifies the card.

EEPROM Memory

MiFare Ultralight cards have 512 bits (64 bytes) of EEPROM memory, including 4 byte (32 bits) of OTP memory. Unlike Mifare Classic cards, there is no authentication on a per block level, although the blocks can be set to "read-only" mode using Lock Bytes (described below).

EEPROM memory is organised into 16 pages of four bytes eachs, in the following order:

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1.	Page	Description
2.	----	-----
3.	0	Serial Number (4 bytes)
4.	1	Serial Number (4 bytes)
5.	2	Byte 0: Serial Number
6.		Byte 1: Internal Memory
7.		Byte 2..3: Lock bytes
8.	3	One-time programmable memory (4 bytes)
9.	4..15	User memory (4 bytes)

Here are the pages and blocks arranged in table format:

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1.	Page	Block 0	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
2.	----	-----	-----	-----	-----
3.	0	[Serial Number]
4.	1	[Serial Number]
5.	2	[Serial] - [Intern] - [Lock Bytes]
6.	3	[	One Time Programmable Memory]
7.	4	[	User Data]
8.	5	[	User Data]
9.	6	[	User Data]
10.	7	[	User Data]
11.	8	[	User Data]
12.	9	[	User Data]
13.	10	[	User Data]
14.	11	[	User Data]
15.	12	[	User Data]
16.	13	[	User Data]
17.	14	[	User Data]
18.	15	[	User Data]

Lock Bytes (Page 2)

Bytes 2 and 3 of page 2 are referred to as "Lock Bytes". Each page from 0x03 and higher can individually locked by setting the corresponding locking bit to "1" to prevent further write access, effectively making the memory read only.

For more information on the lock byte mechanism, refer to section 8.5.2 of the datasheet (referenced above).

OTP Bytes (Page 3)

Page 3 is the OTP memory, and by default all bits on this page are set to 0. These bits can be bitwise modified using the MiFare WRITE command, and individual bits can be set to 1, but can not be changed back to 0.

Data Pages (Page 4-15)

Pages 4 to 15 are can be freely read from and written to, provided there is no conflict with the Lock Bytes described above.

After production, the bytes have the following default values:

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1.	Page	Byte	Values
2.	----	-----	-----
3.		0	1
4.	4	0xFF	0xFF
5.	5..15	0x00	0x00

Accessing Data Blocks

In order to access the cards, you must following two steps:

1. 'Connect' to a Mifare Ultralight card and retrieve the 7 byte UID of the card.
2. Memory can be read and written directly once a passive mode connection has been made. No authentication is required for Mifare Ultralight cards.

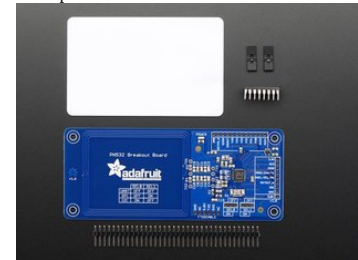
Read/Write Lengths

For compatability reasons, "Read" requests to a Mifare Ultralight card will retrieve 16 bytes (4 pages) at a time (which corresponds to block size of a Mifare Classic card). For example, if you specify that you want to read page 3, in reality pages 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be read and returned, and you can simply discard the last 12 bytes if they aren't needed. If you select a higher page, the 16 byte read will wrap over to page 0. For example, reading page 14 will actually return page 14, 15, 0 and 1.

"Write" requests occur in pages (4 bytes), so there is no problem with overwriting data on subsequent pages.

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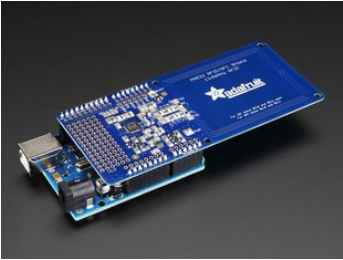
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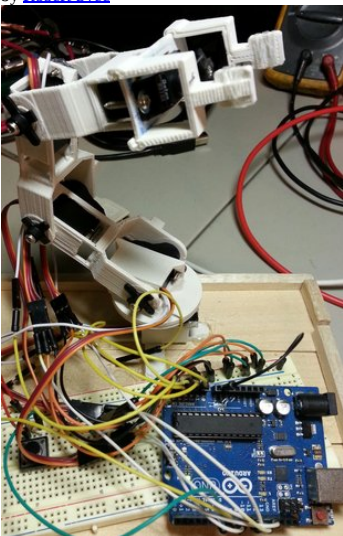
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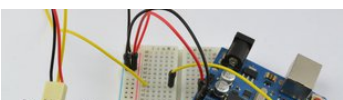
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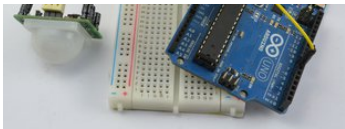


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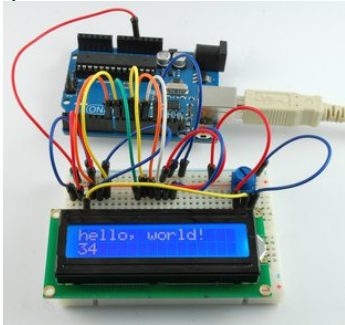




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