



Application Programming Interface V1.01



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1.0. Introduction

This manual describes the use of ACR1281S-C1 interface software to facilitate application development with the ACR1281S-C1 reader. This interface software is supplied in the form of 32-bit and 64-bit DLL (Dynamic Link Library), which can be programmed using popular development tools like Java, Delphi, Visual Basic, Visual C++, Visual C# and Visual Basic .Net.

The ACR1281S-C1 DLL is a set of high-level functions provided for the application software use. It supplies a consistent API (Application Programming Interface) for the application to operate on ACR1281S-C1 and on the corresponding presented card. The DLL communicates with the ACR1281S-C1 via the communication port facilities provided by the operating system.

The ACR1281S-C1 API defines a common way of accessing the ACR1281S-C1. Application programs invoke the ACR1281S-C1 through the interface functions and perform operations on the presented card.

The header file "acr.h" is available for the program developer, which contains all the function prototypes and macros as described in this document.

1.1. Features

- Serial RS232 Interface: Baud Rate = 9.6 kbps (default), 19.2 kbps, 38.4 kbps, 57.6 kbps, 115.2 kbps, 230.4 kbps
- USB interface for power supply
- CCID-like frame format (binary format)
- Contactless Smart Card Reader:
 - o Read/write speed of up to 848 kbps
 - Built-in antenna for contactless tag access, with card reading distance of up to 50 mm (depending on tag type)
 - Supports ISO 14443 Part 4 Type A and B cards and Mifare series
 - o Built-in anti-collision feature (only one tag is accessed at any time)
 - Supports extended APDU (max. 64 kbytes)
- Contact Smart Card Reader:
 - o Supports ISO 7816 Class A, B and C (5 V, 3V and 1.8 V)
 - Supports microprocessor cards with T=0 or T=1 protocol
 - Supports memory cards
 - ISO 7816 compliant SAM slot
- Built-in Peripherals:
 - Two user-controllable LEDs
 - User-controllable buzzer
- USB Firmware Upgradability
- Compliant with the following standards:
 - ISO 14443
 - o ISO 7816
 - o CE
 - FCC
 - RoHS



2.0. ACR API

2.1. Using ACR API

To use ACR API, the source code must include a header file "acr.h".

Source Code Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <acr.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
   HANDLE hReader;
   DWORD ret;
   // Open reader using COM1
   ret = ACR Open(TEXT("\\\.\\COM1"), &hReader);
   if (ret != ERROR SUCCESS)
      printf("ACR Open failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
      return 1;
   // TODO: Place other API function calls here
   // ...
   // Close reader
   ret = ACR Close(hReader);
   if (ret != ERROR SUCCESS)
      printf("ACR Close failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
   return 0;
 }
```

2.1.1. Opening Reader

On Windows, port name is specified as "\\.\COMx" where x is the port number. e.g., "\\.\COM1" is the first serial port.

On Linux, port name can be any file under directory "/dev". Standard Linux serial port driver creates the device file as "/dev/ttySx" where x is the port number. e.g., "/dev/ttyS0" is the first serial port.

ACR_Open() will return a handle of reader in parameter if the port is opened successfully.

2.1.2. Closing Reader

After finishing the operation, use ACR Close() to close the reader.

2.1.3. Using ANSI and Unicode Functions

If your source code defined UNICODE macro, the following functions will be mapped to Unicode version.

```
ACR Open()-> ACR OpenW()
```

Otherwise, it will be mapped to ANSI version.

```
ACR Open()-> ACR OpenA()
```



2.2. Reader

2.2.1. Define Documentation

2.2.1.1. ACR_Open and ACR_OpenA

Format:

#define ACR_Open ACR_OpenA

ACR Open will be mapped to ACR OpenW() function if UNICODE is defined.

Otherwise, it will be mapped to ACR OpenA() function.

2.2.2. Function Documentation

2.2.2.1. ACR_OpenA

Format:

Function Description: Open reader (ANSI).

This function opens a reader and returns a handle value as reference.

Parameters		Description	
	Port name.		
[in] portName		rm, the port name is specified as "\\.\COMx" number. E.g., "\\.\COM1" is the first serial port.	
	For Linux Platform, the port name can be any file under directory "/dev". Standard Linux serial port driver creates the device file as "/dev/ttySx" where x is the port number. E.g., "/dev/ttyS0" is the first serial port.		
[out] phReader	Pointer to the HANDLE variable.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 1: ACR_OpenA Function Description



```
HANDLE hReader;
DWORD ret;

// Open reader using COM1
ret = ACR_Open(TEXT("\\\.\\COM1"), &hReader);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR Open failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.2. ACR_OpenW

Format:

Function Description: Open reader (Unicode).

This function opens a reader and returns a handle value as reference.

Parameters		Description	
	Port name.		
[in] portName	For Windows Platform, the port name is specified as "\\.\COMx" where x is the port number. E.g., "\\.\COM1" is the first serial port.		
	For Linux Platform, the port name can be any file under directory "/dev". Standard Linux serial port driver creates the device file as "/dev/ttySx" where x is the port number. E.g., "/dev/ttyS0" is the first serial port.		
[out] phReader	Pointer to the HANDLE variable.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 2: ACR_OpenW Function Description



```
HANDLE hReader;
DWORD ret;

// Open reader using COM1
ret = ACR_Open(TEXT("\\\.\\COM1"), &hReader);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR Open failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.3. ACR_Close

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR Close ( HANDLE hReader )
```

Function Description: Close reader.

This function closes the reader and releases the resources.

Parameters	Description	
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open() function.	
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.
		An error code.
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.

Table 3: ACR_Close Function Description

Source Code Example:

```
DWORD ret;

// Close reader
ret = ACR_Close(hReader);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR Close failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.4. ACR_GetNumSlots

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_GetNumSlots ( HANDLE hReader, LPDWORD pNumSlots )
```



Function Description: Get number of slots.

This function retrieves the number of slots of the reader.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[out] pNumSlots	Pointer to a DWORD variable in which the number of slots is returned.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 4: ACR_GetNumSlots Function Description

Source Code Example:

```
DWORD numSlots;
DWORD ret;

// Get number of slots
ret = ACR_GetNumSlots (hReader, &numSlots);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
   printf("ACR_GetNumSlots failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.5. ACR GetBaudRate

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_GetBaudRate ( HANDLE hReader, LPDWORD pBaudRate )
```

Function Description: Get baud rate.

This function retrieves the baud rate of the reader.

Parameters	Description
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.
[out] pBaudRate	Pointer to a DWORD variable in which the baud rate is returned
Return Value	ERROR_SUCCESS The operation completed successfully.



Parameters	Description
	An error code.
Failu	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.
	For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.

Table 5: ACR_GetBaudRate Function Description

```
DWORD baudRate;
DWORD ret;
// Get baud rate
ret = ACR_GetBaudRate(hReader, &baudRate);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_GetBaudRate failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.6. ACR_SetBaudRate

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_SetBaudRate ( HANDLE hReader, DWORD baudRate )
```

Function Description: Set baud rate.

This function sets the baud rate of the reader. ACR1281S-C1 reader supports 9600, 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 128000, 230400, 250000, and 500000 bps.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] baudRate	Baud rate.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 6: ACR_SetBaudRate Function Description



```
DWORD ret;

// Set baud rate to 115200 bps
ret = ACR_SetBaudRate(hReader, 115200);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_SetBaudRate failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.2.2.7. ACR_GetTimeouts

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_GetTimeouts ( HANDLE hReader, PACR_TIMEOUTS pTimeouts )
```

Function Description: Get timeouts.

This function retrieves the timeout parameters for status and response operations of the reader.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value re	eturned from ACR_Open() function.	
[out] pTimeouts	Pointer to an ACR_TIMEOUTS structure in which the timeout information is returned.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 7: ACR_GetTimeouts Function Description

Source Code Example:

```
ACR_TIMEOUTS timeouts;
DWORD ret;

// Get timeouts
ret = ACR_GetTimeouts (hReader, &timeouts);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_GetTimeouts failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```



2.2.2.8. ACR_SetTimeouts

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_SetTimeouts ( HANDLE hReader, const PACR_TIMEOUTS pTimeouts
```

Function Description: Set timeouts.

This function sets the timeout parameters for status and response operations on the reader.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] pTimeouts	Pointer to an ACR_TIMEOUTS structure that contains the new timeout values.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 8: ACR_SetTimeouts Function Description

Source Code Example:

```
ACR_TIMEOUTS timeouts;
DWORD ret;

// Get timeouts
// ...

// Modify status timeout to 100 ms
timeouts.statusTimeout = 100;

// Set timeouts
ret = ACR_SetTimeouts(hReader, &timeouts);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR SetTimeouts failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```



2.3. Card

2.3.1. Function Documentation

2.3.1.1. ACR_ExchangeApdu

Format:

Function Description: Exchange APDU.

This function sends APDU command and receives APDU response from the card.

Parameters		Description	
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] slotNum	Slot number.		
[in] sendBuffer	A pointer to the actu	ual data to be written to the card.	
[in] sendBufferLen	The length in number	er of bytes of the sendBuffer parameter.	
[out] recvBuffer	A pointer to any data returned from the card.		
[in,out] pRecvBufferLen	The length in number of bytes of the recvBuffer parameter and receives the actual number of bytes received from the card.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
	Failure	An error code.	
Return Value		For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 9: ACR_ExchangeAPDU Function Description



```
BYTE command[] = { 0x80, 0x84, 0x00, 0x00, 0x08 };
DWORD commandLen = sizeof(command);
BYTE response[300];
DWORD responseLen = sizeof(response);
DWORD ret;

// Exchange APDU in slot 0
ret = ACR_ExchangeApdu(hReader, 0, command, commandLen, response, &responseLen);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_ExchangeApdu failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.3.1.2. ACR_GetIccStatus

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_GetIccStatus ( HANDLE hReader,

DWORD slotNum,

LPDWORD pIccStatus
)
```

Function Description: Get ICC status.

This function returns the current ICC status in slot of the reader.

Parameters	Description
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ${\tt ACR_Open}$ () function.
[in] slotNum	Slot number.

Pointer to a DWORD variable in which the ICC status is returned.

	Value	Meaning
	ACR_ICC_UNKNOWN	The current status is unknown.
[out] pIccStatus	ACR_ICC_ABSENT	There is no card in the reader.
	ACR_ICC_PRESENT	There is a card in the reader.
	ACR_ICC_POWERED	Power is being provided to the card.
Return Value	ERROR_SUCCESS The ope	ration completed successfully.



Parameters	Description	
	An error code.	
Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
	For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 10: ACR_GetIccStatus Function Description

```
DWORD iccStatus;
DWORD ret;

// Get ICC status in slot 0
ret = ACR_GetIccStatus(hReader, 0, &iccStatus);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_GetIccStatus failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.3.1.3. ACR_PowerOfficc

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_PowerOfficc ( HANDLE hReader,
DWORD slotNum
)
```

Function Description: Power off ICC in slot.

This function powers off the card in the slot.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] slotNum	Slot number.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure	For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 11: ACR_PowerOfflcc Function Description



```
DWORD ret;

// Power off slot 0
ret = ACR_PowerOfficc(hReader, 0);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR PowerOfficc failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.3.1.4. ACR_PowerOnlcc

Format:

Function Description: Power on ICC in slot.

This function powers on the card in the slot and returns the ATR string from the card.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] slotNum	Slot number.		
[out] atr	A pointer to the buffer that receives the ATR string returned from the card.		
[in,out] pAtrLen	The length in number of bytes of the atr parameter and receives the actual number of bytes received from the card.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
	Failure	An error code.	
Return Value		For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 12: ACR_PowerOnICC Function Description



```
BYTE atr[64];
DWORD atrLen = sizeof(atr);
DWORD ret;

// Power on slot 0
ret = ACR_PowerOnIcc(hReader, 0, atr, &atrLen);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_PowerOnIcc_failed_with_error_0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.3.1.5. ACR SetProtocol

Format:

```
DWORD WINAPI ACR_SetProtocol ( HANDLE hReader,

DWORD slotNum,

DWORD preferredProtocols,

LPDWORD pActiveProtocol
)
```

Function Description: Set protocol.

This function selects the protocol and parameters according to the ATR string returned from the card. Before setting the protocol, the card must be powered using <code>ACR_PowerOnIcc()</code> function.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open () function.		
[in] slotNum	Slot number.		
	A bitmask of preferred protocols. Possible values may be combined with the OR operation.		
	Value	Meaning	
[in] preferredProtocols	ACR_PROTOCOL_T0	T=0 is an acceptable protocol.	
	ACR_PROTOCOL_T1	T=1 is an acceptable protocol.	



Parameters	Description		
	A flag that indicates the established active protocol.		
	Value		Meaning
	ACR_PROTOCOL_T0		T=0 is the active protocol.
[out] pActiveProtocol	ACR_PROTOCOL_T1		T=1 is the active protocol.
	ACR_PROTOCOL_UNDEFINED		Protocol is undefined.
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
		An error code.	
Return Value	Failure		Platform, see error codes from and ACR error codes.
			form, see error codes from header file "errno.h" and ACR

Table 13: ACR_SetProtocol Function Description

```
DWORD activeProtocol;
DWORD ret;

// Power on slot 0

// ...

// Set protocol to T=0 or T=1
ret = ACR_SetProtocol(hReader, 0, ACR_PROTOCOL_T0 | ACR_PROTOCOL_T1,
&activeProtocol);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_SetProtocol failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```

2.4. Peripheral

2.4.1. Function Documentation

2.4.1.1. **ACR_Control**

Format:

DWORD	WINAPI	ACR_Control	(HANDLE	hReader,
				DWORD	slotNum,
				DWORD	controlCode,
				LPCVOID	inBuffer,



	DWORD	inBufferSize,
	LPVOID	outBuffer,
	DWORD	outBufferSize,
	LPDWORD	pBytesReturned
)		

Function Description: Control peripheral.

This function gives the user direct control on the peripherals in the reader.

Parameters	Description		
[in] hReader	A reference value returned from ACR_Open() function.		
[in] slotNum	Slot number.		
[in] controlCode	Control code for the operation. This value identifies the specific operation to be performed.		
[in] inBuffer	Pointer to a buffer that contains the data required to perform the operation. This parameter can be NULL if the controlCode parameter specifies an operation that does not require input data.		
[in] inBufferSize	Size, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by inBuffer.		
[out] outBuffer	Pointer to a buffer that receives the operation's output data. This parameter can be NULL if the controlCode parameter specifies an operation that does not produce output data.		
[in] outBufferSize	Size, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by outBuffer.		
[out] pBytesReturned	Pointer to a DWORD that receives the size, in bytes, of the data stored into the buffer pointer to by outBuffer.		
	ERROR_SUCCESS	The operation completed successfully.	
	Failure	An error code.	
Return Value		For Windows Platform, see error codes from Windows API and ACR error codes.	
		For Linux Platform, see error codes from GNU C library header file "errno.h" and ACR error codes.	

Table 14: ACR_Control Function Description



```
BYTE command[] = { 0xE0, 0x00, 0x00, 0x18, 0x00 };
DWORD commandLen = sizeof(command);
BYTE response[20];
DWORD responseLen = sizeof(response);
DWORD ret;

// Get firmware version
ret = ACR_Control(hReader, 0, IOCTL_ACR_CCID_ESCAPE, command, commandLen, response, responseLen, &responseLen);
if (ret != ERROR_SUCCESS)
    printf("ACR_Control failed with error 0x%08X\n", ret);
```



Appendix A. 1._ACR_TIMEOUTS Struct Reference

This data structure is used in ACR GetTimeouts() and ACR SetTimeouts() function.

- 1. DWORD statusTimeout
 - · Status timeout in milliseconds
 - Default is 2000 ms
- 2. DWORD numStatusRetries
 - Number of status retries
 - Default is 1
- 3. DWORD responseTimeout
 - Response timeout in milliseconds
 - Default is 10000 ms
- 4. DWORD numResponseRetries
 - Number of response retries
 - Default is 1



Appendix B. acr.h File Reference

Appendix B.1. Data Structure

1. struct _ACR_TIMEOUTS

Timeouts

Appendix B.2. Defines

1. #define ACR ERROR PROTO MISMATCH ((DWORD) 0xA010000FL)

The requested protocols are incompatible with the protocol currently in use

with the card.

2. #define ACR ERROR UNSUPPORTED CARD ((DWORD) 0xA0100065L)

The reader cannot communicate with the card, due to ATR string

configuration conflicts.

3. #define ACR_ERROR_UNRESPONSIVE_CARD ((DWORD) 0xA0100066L)

The smart card is not responding to a reset.

4. #define ACR ERROR UNPOWERED CARD ((DWORD) 0xA0100067L)

Power has been removed from the smart card, so that further communication

is not possible.

5. #define ACR ERROR REMOVED CARD ((DWORD) 0xA0100069L)

The smart card has been removed, so further communication is not possible.

6. #define ACR PROTOCOL UNDEFINED 0X0000000

Protocol is undefined.

7. #define ACR PROTOCOL TO 0X00000001

T=0 protocol.

8. #define ACR_PROTOCOL_T1 0X00000002

T=1 protocol.

9. #define ACR ICC UNKNOWN 0

The current status is unknown.

10. #define ACR_ICC_ABSENT 1

There is no card in the reader.

11. #define ACR_ICC_PRESENT 2

There is a card in the reader.

12. #define ACR ICC POWERED 3

Power is being provided to the card.

13. #define ICOTL_ACR_CCID_ESCAPE 3500

Control code for sending CCID escape command.

14. #define ACR Open ACR OpenA

ACR Open will be mapped to ACR OpenW() function of UNICODE is

defined.



Appendix B.3. Typedefs

1. typedef struct ACR TIMEOUTS ACR TIMEOUTS

Create a type name for <code>_ACR_TIMEOUTS</code>.

2. typedef struct _ACR_TIMEOUTS* ACR_TIMEOUTS

Create a type name for pointer to ACR TIMEOUTS data structure.