
1 Infant ankle tag — firmware architecture

Core goals: ultra-low power, secure ID, tamper detection, periodic beacons.

Main modules:

- **Bootloader module**
 - **Tasks:** Secure firmware update (OTA via BLE or wired), image integrity check, rollback.
 - **Features:** Signed firmware validation, versioning, minimal flash footprint.
- **Hardware abstraction layer (HAL)**
 - **Peripherals:** GPIO, timers, RTC, ADC (battery sense), RF/BLE, tamper loop input, LED.
 - Wraps vendor SDK (e.g., Nordic nRF5 SDK / nRF Connect SDK).
- **Power management module**
 - **Responsibilities:** Sleep/wake policy, radio duty cycling, sensor polling intervals.
 - **Logic:**
 - Deep sleep most of the time.
 - Wake on:
 - RTC tick (e.g., every 1–3 s)
 - Tamper GPIO interrupt
 - External command (if connected)
- **Tag identity & provisioning module**
 - Stores:
 - Unique tag ID
 - Cryptographic keys
 - Manufacturing data
 - Uses secure flash region or key storage.
- **Tamper detection module**
 - Monitors tamper loop GPIO.

- On loop open:
 - Raise tamper event
 - Immediately send high-priority alarm packet
 - Optionally flash LED pattern
- **RF/BLE communication module**
 - **Beacon mode:**
 - Periodic broadcast with:
 - Tag ID
 - Battery status
 - State flags (normal/tamper)
 - **Connected mode (optional):**
 - For configuration, diagnostics, firmware update.
 - **Security:**
 - Encrypted payloads (AES-CCM or similar)
 - Nonce/counter to prevent replay
- **Battery monitoring module**
 - Periodic ADC read.
 - Thresholds:
 - Normal
 - Low battery (send warning flag)
 - Critical (change beacon interval to conserve power)
- **Event manager**
 - Central dispatcher for:
 - Tamper events
 - Low battery events
 - Config commands
 - Simple state machine: IDLE → NORMAL → TAMPER_ALARM → CONFIG_MODE.

2 Mother wrist tag — firmware architecture (active version)

Simpler than infant tag.

Modules:

- **Bootloader (optional)**
- **HAL**
- **Power management**
 - Very long beacon interval (e.g., 2–5 s or more).
- **Tag identity module**
 - Stores mother tag ID.
- **RF/BLE communication**
 - Periodic broadcast of ID.
 - Optional pairing handshake with infant tag or gateway.
- **Optional user feedback**
 - LED blink on activity or pairing.

No tamper module unless you decide to add it.

3 RTLS/RFID ceiling reader node — firmware architecture

Core goals: continuous scanning, zone mapping, reliable uplink.

Main modules:

- **Bootloader**
 - Secure update over Ethernet (TFTP/HTTPS/MQTT-based).
- **HAL / BSP**
 - Ethernet, SPI/UART to RFID module, GPIO, timers, watchdog.
- **RFID/RTLS driver module**
 - Controls RFID reader IC/module:
 - Configure power, frequency, inventory cycles.
 - Read tag EPC/ID, RSSI, antenna port.

- Tag filtering (e.g., only infant/mother tags).
- **Tag tracking & zone logic**
 - Maps reader/antenna to logical zone.
 - Maintains in-memory table:
 - Tag ID → last seen time, RSSI, zone.
 - Generates events:
 - Tag entered zone
 - Tag left zone
 - Tag not seen for X seconds
- **Network communication module**
 - Protocol: MQTT, WebSocket, or REST over HTTPS.
 - Sends:
 - Tag sightings
 - Health status (uptime, temperature, errors)
 - Receives:
 - Config updates
 - Firmware update triggers
- **Configuration module**
 - Stores:
 - Reader ID
 - Zone mapping
 - Server endpoints
 - Local config via:
 - Web UI (if Linux)
 - Serial CLI (if MCU)
- **Diagnostics & watchdog**
 - Hardware watchdog reset.
 - Periodic self-test of RFID module.

- Log critical errors.
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Gate movement recorder terminal — firmware/software architecture

Assuming an embedded Linux SBC (e.g., Raspberry Pi-class).

System layers:

- **OS layer**
 - Linux, systemd services, network manager.
 - Local logging (journald + app logs).
- **Device drivers / low-level interfaces**
 - RFID reader (UART/SPI/I²C).
 - Barcode/QR scanner (USB/UART).
 - Touchscreen + input.
 - Network (Ethernet/Wi-Fi).
- **Core services (daemons)**
 - **RFID service**
 - Reads infant/mother tags.
 - Normalizes tag IDs.
 - Exposes local API (e.g., Unix socket/REST).
 - **Scanner service**
 - Reads staff IDs from barcode/QR.
 - Validates format.
 - **Gate logic service**
 - Orchestrates:
 - Infant tag + mother tag + staff ID sequence.
 - State machine:
 - IDLE → SCAN_INFANT → SCAN_MOTHER → SCAN_STAFF → VALIDATE → RESULT.
 - Calls backend API:

- /gate/authorizeMovement
- Handles responses:
 - Authorized → show green, log event.
 - Denied → show red, sound buzzer.
- **UI service**
 - Touchscreen app (e.g., in Qt/Flutter/Web).
 - Shows:
 - Instructions
 - Scan status
 - Result (Authorized/Denied)
 - Error messages
- **Sync & offline buffer**
 - If backend unreachable:
 - Queue events locally.
 - Retry when online.
 - Local SQLite cache.
- **Security**
 - Mutual TLS to backend.
 - Device certificates.
 - Signed updates.

5 Alarm controller node — firmware architecture

Core goals: simple, deterministic, highly reliable.

Modules:

- **Bootloader**
 - Simple UART/Ethernet update (optional).
- **HAL**

- GPIO (relays, LEDs, buttons), timers, communication (UART/Ethernet/Wi-Fi).
 - **Communication module**
 - Listens for alarm commands from backend or local gateway:
 - RAISE_ALARM, SILENCE, TEST, RESET.
 - Protocol: MQTT, TCP, or serial.
 - **Alarm state machine**
 - States:
 - IDLE
 - ALARM_ACTIVE
 - SILENCED
 - TEST_MODE
 - Transitions triggered by:
 - Remote commands
 - Local key switch/button
 - **Output control module**
 - Drives:
 - Siren relay
 - Strobe relay
 - Patterns:
 - Continuous
 - Pulsed (configurable)
 - **Safety & watchdog**
 - Hardware watchdog.
 - Fail-safe mode:
 - If comms lost but alarm active → keep siren until explicit reset or timeout.
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6 Footprint scanner — firmware/software architecture

Assuming an embedded Linux SOM.

Layers:

- **OS & drivers**
 - Camera driver (MIPI CSI/USB).
 - Display/touch (if local UI).
 - Network stack.
- **Capture service**
 - Controls camera:
 - Exposure, gain, resolution.
 - Captures raw image on command.
 - Saves image to local storage.
- **Preprocessing & biometric engine**
 - Image normalization (crop, contrast, noise reduction).
 - Feature extraction → biometric template.
 - Template format standardized (for backend matching or local pre-match).
- **Enrollment & verification logic**
 - Enrollment:
 - Capture → generate template → send to backend /biometric/enrollInfant.
 - Verification:
 - Capture → template → send to /biometric/verifyInfant or local match.
- **UI application**
 - Guides nurse:
 - Place foot
 - Hold still
 - Capture success/failure

- Shows result (enrolled/duplicate/error).
 - **Sync & security**
 - TLS to backend.
 - Local cache if offline.
 - Signed software updates.
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