

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

Passive

Coupling

Tag Anatomy

RFID Tag

(Needs a power supply) (Don't need a power supply)

Active

Introduction

Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID): is an automatic identification method, relying on storing and remotely retrieving data using devices called RFID tags or transponders. An RFID tag is an object that can be applied to or incorporated into a product, animal, or person for the purpose of identification and tracking using radio waves. Some tags can be read from several meters away and beyond the line of sight of the reader.

There are generally two types of RFID tags: active RFID tags, which contain a battery, and passive RFID tags, which contain a battery, and passive RFID tags. Which have no battery, Today, RFID is used in enterprise supply chain management ot improve the efficiency of inventory tracking and management.

RFID System Components



RFID Tag sends pertinent information to the antennas. It consists of an integrated circuit (IC) attached to an antennatypically small coil of wires-plus some protective packaging (like a plastic card) as determined by the application requirements.

The Antennas pick up the information from the tags via radio waves, then send that information to the reader.

Reader (now more typically referred to as an RFID interrogator) is basically a radio frequency (RF) transmitter and receiver, controlled by a microprocessor or digital signal processor. The reader, using an attached antenna, captures data from tags, then passes the data to a computer for processing. The Reader interpret the information, organize it, then send it to the interface software. The reader also controls the antennas.



Interface

The Interface software (middleware) formats the information so that it can talk to the user's computer/network.

Dr. Jerry Landt: is god father of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. He is one of the five scientists from Los Alamos National Laboratories that developed this technoloy for the federal Government. As Trans Core's chief scientist, Landt is responsible for leading the technical developments of radio frequency identification systems. In 1984, Landt was one of the five co-founders of Amtech Corporation and served as vice

president of research and development. He served on the Amtech board of directors from May 1989 to August 1998. Landt has authored more than 60 technical papers and been awarded twelve U.S. Patents. Before joining Amtech, Landt worked for nine years at the Los Alamos National laboratory in New Mexico. Nandt earned a Ph. D. In electrical engineering from Stanford University, a master of science degree and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the South Dakota School for Mines and Technology.

A Brief History of RFID





Frequency Bands & Applications



Applications



Library Management



RFID Passport







Race Timing



Toll Application



Advantages of RFID over Barcode technology

- No line of sight requirement
- The tag can stand a harsh environment
- Long read range
- Portable database
- Multiple tag read/erite
- Tracking people, items, and equipment

Technical Problems with RFID

- RFID standards: No global standards present.
- RFID system can be easily disrupted
- RFID Reader/Tag Collision
- Security, privacy and ethics problems with RFID

The Future of RFID

- RFID tags on frozen foods instruct the microwave how to cook them
- Shoppers wall through an antenna bay are automatically checked out
- Milk notifies the refrigerator when it's expiration data has hit.
- RFID Tags on cloths instruct the washing machine on how to wash them.
- RFID Tags on drug bottles are now being used as anti-counterfeiting devices
- Prescription bottles that remind you if you forget to take a pill
- RFID Tags could replace the postage stamp.



