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pcProx® Plus, pcProx® Enroll, & AIR ID® Enroll

Configuration Utility User Manual

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Thank You!

Congratulations on the purchase of your pcProx® Enroll, AIR ID® Enroll, or pcProx® Plus device(s). RF IDeas hopes you enjoy using the readers as much as we enjoyed creating and developing them. Configuration is easy, so you will be able to quickly take advantage of a more secure environment in your business, school, or organization.

Please call our Sales department if you have any questions or are interested in our OEM and Independent Developer's programs.

We look forward to your comments and suggestions for our product line! Please go to www.RFIDeas.com and follow the **Support ⇨ Learning Center** link for more details about our product line.

We are always discovering new applications for our product line(s). There are several software developer's licensing our technology so the solution you are looking for may already be developed.

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Glossary Of Terms

AIR ID: The registered RF IDeas brand name given to all 13.56 MHz contactless card reader products.

ASCII: The American Standard Code for Information Interchange codes represent text in computers, communications equipment, and other devices that use text.

Contactless: The high frequency 13.56 MHz smart card technology.

FAC: Facility Access Code

OEM: The proximity card and badge reader available in self-contained electronic modules for easy system integration.

pcProx: The registered RF IDeas brand name given to all 125 kHz proximity reader products.

Proximity: The low frequency 125 kHz RFID technology.

SDK: Software Developer's Kit. Software Developer's Kits from RF IDeas provide the high level command capabilities to integrate software applications to our devices.

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The Basics

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Wireless Identification Overview

pcProx® Activated Identification

Employers are more security conscious than ever. More buildings, machines, systems, and applications require identification information to gain access. RF IDeas devices allow the building access cards to be used as a digital identifier throughout the workplace.

Various pcProx applications include:

- Card Enrollment
- Application log-on
- Form filler to existing software applications
- PC/LAN Log On
- Cafeteria Purchases/Vending
- Machine Access
- PLC and embedded controllers
- Time/Attendance

Our pcProx Plus devices are easily configured to increase security and reliability. Companies using proximity and/or contactless technology for building access immediately benefit, as their employee identification cards can also be used with the proximity/contactless device for additional authentication applications. Thus, the majority of deployment and enrollment costs are quickly recovered.

The diagram on the following page is a high level overview of how the reader works. The reader sends RF signals to the card and the card sends signals back to send data. The card data is output by the reader in keystrokes or ASCII characters. This card data can be configured to include delimiters to separate the data. This reader can be used as a standalone system or seamlessly integrated with other software applications using the optional Software Developer's Kit (SDK).

ID Card Reader System

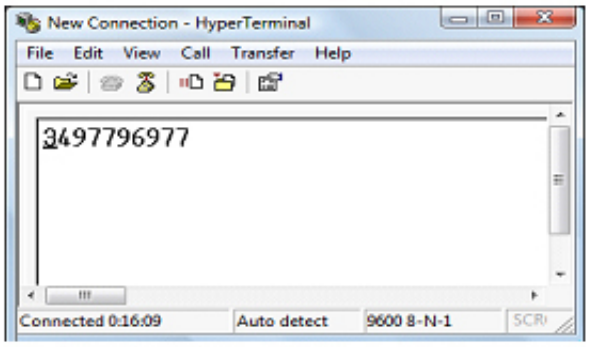
Output Formats

Keyboard Emulation

Card Data

ASCII Output

Raw Card Data



Credential Form Factors

Credentials are inactive electronic devices that rely on readers to supply the required power for start-up and communication. The credential itself, consists of antennas that produce proximity or contactless frequencies. Proximity and contactless smart card technology cards allow users to effortlessly manage multiple applications through a single credential.

Data: The data on access cards are a string of binary numbers set with a fixed configuration and length.

Frequencies: RF IDeas' access control readers and credentials utilize the low-frequency 125 kHz (proximity) band and/or the high-frequency 13.56 MHz (contactless) band.

Credential Form Factors: With over 300 million physical access credentials in use worldwide, there are a variety of low and high frequency form factors customers can choose from to meet their particular needs.

The below illustrates some of the various form factors available.

CSN: Also known as the Card Serial Number, is part of the ISO 15693 standard for vicinity cards operating at the 13.56 MHz frequency.

UID: The User ID or User Identification, can be encoded as data on the card when a security key is needed.

Manufacturer/Vendor Card Compatibility

Please go to www.RFIDeas.com for specific device part numbers associated to card types.

Reader Configuration Purposes

The method of encoding data on a card and transmitting data to the reader differs accordingly to each technology involved. The reader itself is not aware of the makeup of the card data format or access privileges for the cardholder. This information is only accessible through the configuration process of the reader utilizing the supplied software.

The reader is very flexible and may need to be configured in order to present an exact desired output for the user, such as, singling out FAC or ID, obtaining a desired base (i.e. decimal, lowercase, uppercase, hexadecimal).

Differences Between pcProx Plus Reader Non-Plus Reader

The pcProx Plus is a dual frequency programmable reader that combines 125 kHz and 13.56 MHz technologies into the same reader. It's the only reader in the industry that reads two cards of your choice among 35 card types, delivering flexibility to any customer struggling with different card technologies.

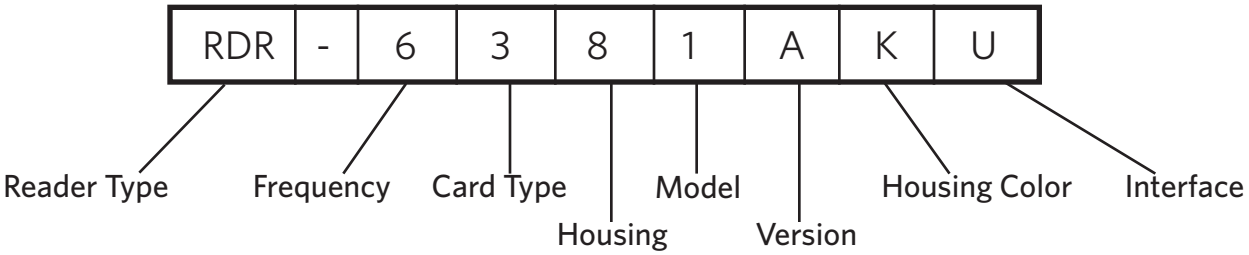
In contrast to the pcProx Plus reader, our standard pcProx Enroll and AIR ID readers function on a single frequency band, which is either 125 kHz proximity or 13.56 MHz contactless.

Hardware 2

What's In Your Part Number?

All RF IDeas reader part numbers follow a distinct system of categorization to allow for an ease of differentiation between products.

Below is the basic part number scheme.



Reader Type: The reader type distinguishes between standard reader, OEM, converter, mag-stripe, or a kit.

Frequency: RF IDeas' access control readers are available in low-frequency 125 kHz (proximity) or high-frequency 13.56 MHz (contactless).

Card Type: The card type allows for the selection of over 35 different card types for reader compatibility (Please visit www.RFIDeas.com, choose a product and locate the Part Numbers tab for specific device part numbers associated to card types).

Housing: This option provides the user to select the form factor housing for the desired reader. The housings include; desktop, wall mount, USB dongle, PCMCIA, bare board, ExpressCard, or custom. (For more on form factors, please visit www.RFIDeas.com)

Model: The model selection corresponds to the type of reader, whether it is a standard, writer (13.56 MHz contactless only), playback (13.56 MHz contactless only), SDK, or analyzer.

Version: The version refers to the selection of either our standard or custom build.

Housing Color: The color category simply allows for the selection of either our black or pearl housings. (Applies only to desktop and wall mount housings)

Interface: This option specifies the type of connection for the reader (i.e. USB, RS-232, PCMCIA, etc).

CONNECTORS

USB
Keyboard

USB
Virtual COM Port

DB-9
RS-232

Female Power

RJ45

PS/2 Power

OUTPUT

or

RS-232 Data
0.012345679012

USB Readers and Wiegand Converters

The pcProx USB keystroke device operates in two primary modes:

- USB keyboard. It reads the card data and sends it as keystrokes as if the user typed the ID data on a keyboard.

- Under the application programmer interface (API) defined in the pcProx SDK. When it reads card data, the active application receives the entire card data.

RS-232 Readers and Converters

The RS-232, Ethernet, or virtual COM port device operates in two primary modes:

1. ASCII output device. In this mode the user card data is read and sent as a decimal or hexadecimal number in ASCII characters.

2. API defined in the pcProx SDK. The device attaches to a computer serial port. When it reads card data, the active application receives the entire card data.

Once the configuration settings are correctly configured and written to flash memory, the device can immediately be deployed.

Minimum System Requirements

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HARDWARE	Pentium class PC
MEMORY	32 MB RAM
DISK	25 MB hard disk space
I/O	1 available RS-232 or USB Port
Operating System	Any operating system that supports a USB keyboard including Microsoft Windows 2000®, XP®, Vista®, 7®, Server 2003®, Server 2008®, Linux, Macintosh®. Can be used for keystroke applications

Note: The software does not perform any data validation checking. The data must be known before it is read to verify its validity.

Reader Set-Up Basics

Plug the connector into the workstation's (or available on any peripheral) open RS-232, USB or Ethernet plug.

Place the device next to the monitor, beside the workstation, or where appropriate.

The workstation should detect new hardware for USB connections. Verify the workstation recognizes this connection using Device Manager'.

Verify the correct COM port for RS-232 DB9 connections using 'Device Manager.'

When the software is installed, it should recognize these connections in order to configure the appropriate device. Once the device is configured and written to its flash memory, these settings will not have to be configured again.

LED Beeper

The desktop, USB dongle, wall mount, and bare board (OEM) model readers are all equipped with a light up LED on the front cover. The LED is configurable through the utility software (See LED and Beeper functions in the Software section) to allow the device to produce a beep upon light up of the LED when a credential is detected by the reader.

Software

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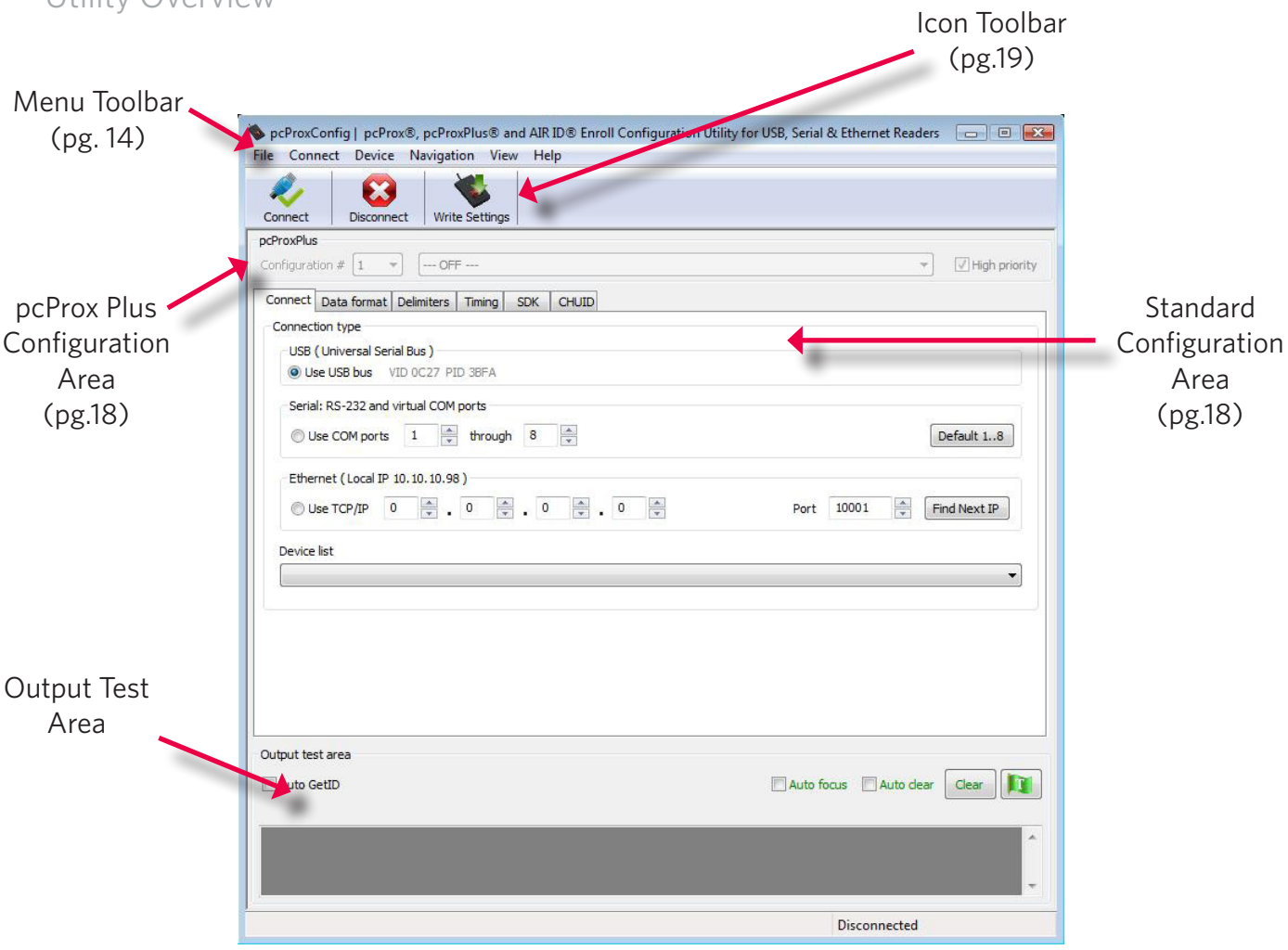
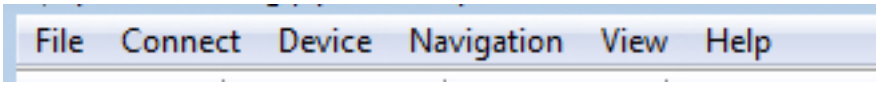
pcProx Configuration Utility

The pcProx Configuration Utility provides users with the ability to configure their pcProx Enroll, AIR ID Enroll, or pcProx Plus readers to meet their needs. Through the configuration process, desired credential data output and access privileges for cardholders can be established.

In contrast to the pcProx and AIR ID Enroll readers, for which only one configuration can be programmed into the reader, the utility allows the pcProx Plus configuration process to create two separate configurations for users.

Utility Overview





The Menu Tool Bar contains all the basic configuration options for the utility.

File

The file menu lists the options for Opening .Hwg and Saving .Hwg files.

Open .Hwg/.Hwg+ File: Opens either a .Hwg or .Hwg+ file. A .Hwg or .Hwg+ file contains all the configuration settings for the reader. The utility comes with sample .Hwg/.Hwg+ files.

Save to .Hwg+ File: Saves the configuration settings to the reader.

> **What is a .Hwg/.Hwg+ file?** There are two kinds of configuration files. There is a .Hwg file and .Hwg+ file. A .Hwg file can only be created with previous pcProx application utility version. A .Hwg+ file can only be saved using this new utility . A .Hwg+ can configure a pcProx Plus reader as well as a single configuration reader.

Exit: Exits out of the entire utility

Connect

The connect menu provides options for device to utility connections.

Auto Connect to USB on Startup: Set as utility default connection. Through this connection the utility searches for a USB connection on startup.

Auto Connect to Serial on Startup: With this selection, the utility searches for any available serial connections on startup.

Auto Connect to Ethernet on Startup: Utility option to search for ethernet connections on startup.

> **Why use the Auto Connect feature?** The utlity's auto connect features allow users to have an easy auto connect through a specified port on startup.

Connect: This selection has the utility search for a device connection through all available port connections.

> **Why use the Connect feature?** The utlity's general connect option gives users the ability to connect their device to the utility, without the user needing to identify the devices actual interface connection. This feature cycles through all available ports until a device is found.
>
> **Note:** For further information on the connect option, see the connect portion of the Icon Toolbar section on page 19 of this manual.

(Connect--Cont.)

Connect to USB: Connects to current specified reader through USB

Connect to Serial: Connects to current specified reader through serial

Connect to Ethernet TCP/IP: Connects to current specified reader through ethernet TCP/IP

> **Why use the Connect to feature?** The connect to feature allows the utility to connect to a device through the specified port upon selection. This is especially helpful when users are switching out and changing devices with different connections.

Disconnect: Disconnects all connected devices from every available interface connection from the configuration utility.

> **Note:** For further information on the disconnect option, see the disconnect portion of the Icon Toolbar section on page 21 of this manual.

Device Menu

The device menu lists the options for resetting, writing to, and reading the device's data memory. The device menu options are altered depending on the type of device that is connected. A single configuration reader device has different device menu options than a two configuration reader device.

Single Configuration Readers:

Reset to Factory Defaults: Resets all configuration parameters to factory defaults.

Read Settings: Displays the current connected device configuration

Write Settings: Writes the current configuration settings to the connected device

> **Note:** For more information on the Write Settings option, see the Write Settings/Write Active portion of the Icon Toolbar section on page 21 of this manual.

pcProx Plus - 2 Configuration Reader:

Reset to Defaults: Resets all configuration parameters to defaults. Defaults are set as HID Prox and RDR-758x Equivalent (covers 5 different card types; HID iCLASS CSN, ISO 14443A CSN, ISO 15693A CSN, MIFARE CSN, MIFARE DESFire CSN)

Reset to Stored Settings: This selection allows users to reset the device to their own personally defined stored settings.

Write Stored Settings: writes the current configuration settings to stored settings

> **Note:** Stored settings are defined as configuration settings created by a user and set/written to the device through the utility as a stored settings.

(Device Menu--Cont.)

pcProx Plus - 2 Configuration Reader:

Read Active: Reads the current configuration. Active settings are what allow the device to function.

Write Active: Writes the current configuration to active settings.

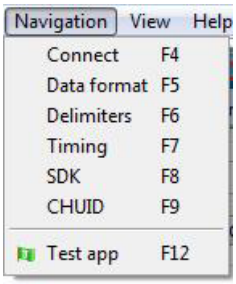
Note: For more information on the Write Active option, see the Write Settings/Write Active portion of the Icon Toolbar section on page 21 of this manual.

Note: Device Menu options are altered when a two configuration device (pcProx Plus) is connected to the utility.

Navigation Menu

The Navigation menu gives users the ability to navigate in and out of the utility tabs through the use of hot keys. This menu lists the hot key commands for the tabs as seen on the Standard Configuration Area (An explanation of each tab can be found in the Standard Configuration Area section of this manual).

For example, pressing the F5 key on the keyboard will open the Data Format tab.



A Test App hot key command is also available in this list. This command opens any keystroking capturing program (i.e. notepad, wordpad etc) in a new window. The Test App default opening program is set as notepad.

View Menu

The view menu provides options for altering the appearance of certain functions of the application utility. All the options in this menu are set to appear by default.

Show Tooltip Balloon: Menu option for displaying or not displaying the tooltip pop-up balloon.

Note: Tooltip balloons appear automatically, or pop up, when the user pauses the mouse pointer over a tool or some other UI element. The tooltip appears near the pointer and disappears when the user moves the pointer away from the tool, or simply waits for a few seconds. The tooltip displays descriptive information of the specific element or tool that the mouse is currently hovering over.

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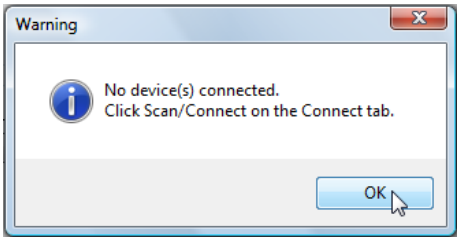
Show Text Under Toolbar Icons: Provides option to display or remove text under icons in the Icon Toolbar (For more information on the Icon Toolbar, see the Icon Toolbar section on page 19 of this manual).

Show Pop-Up Warning Dialogues: Gives option for user to display or remove warning pop-up dialogue boxes.

For example, if the Show Pop-Up Warning Dialogues option is selected, then a warning dialogue box, as seen below, will display on your screen. The below warning dialogue box has been displayed to alert the user that the utility has not detected a connected device.



Show Confirm Dialogue: Menu option for displaying yes/no confirmation dialogues before certain utility operations are completed.

For example, if the Show Confirm Dialogue option is selected, a confirmation dialogue window will appear when a user clicks to reset their device to factory defaults.

Note: If the Show Confirm Dialogue option is not selected, all utility operations will continue upon user selection without the need for confirmation.

Beep On Warnings: Provides an audible system beep when warning are detected.

Note: With the Beep on Warnings option, the audible beeps will sound even if the Show Pop-Up Warning Dialogues option is not selected.

Resize Window: The utility window is designed for users to optionally resize, by making the window larger or smaller (the smallest resize choice will eliminate the view of the Output Test Area). If a user resizes the utility window, clicking this Resize Window option will resize the window to its original size.

Help Menu

The help menu provides options for which users can seek out additional assistance using the utility and/or device.

Read User Manual: Opens the pdf user manual that is bundled in the download with the configuration utility.

> **Note:** The user manual can also be found in the directory folder in which the configuration utility was installed.

www.RFIDeas.com: This operation will open a new window to the RF IDeas website.

Check Website for Software Updates: Clicking this option will take users to a location on the RF IDeas software updates portion of the website, and will detect what version of the pcProxConfig utility is currently in use. Any updates that are available will be listed for easy user download.

About: This selection's menu options differ when a device is connected to the utility vs. when there is no device connected. Without a connected device the about informational content simply displays the utility version. When a device is connected, the firmware information is also provided. The RF IDeas Tech support email and website address are displayed in both modes.

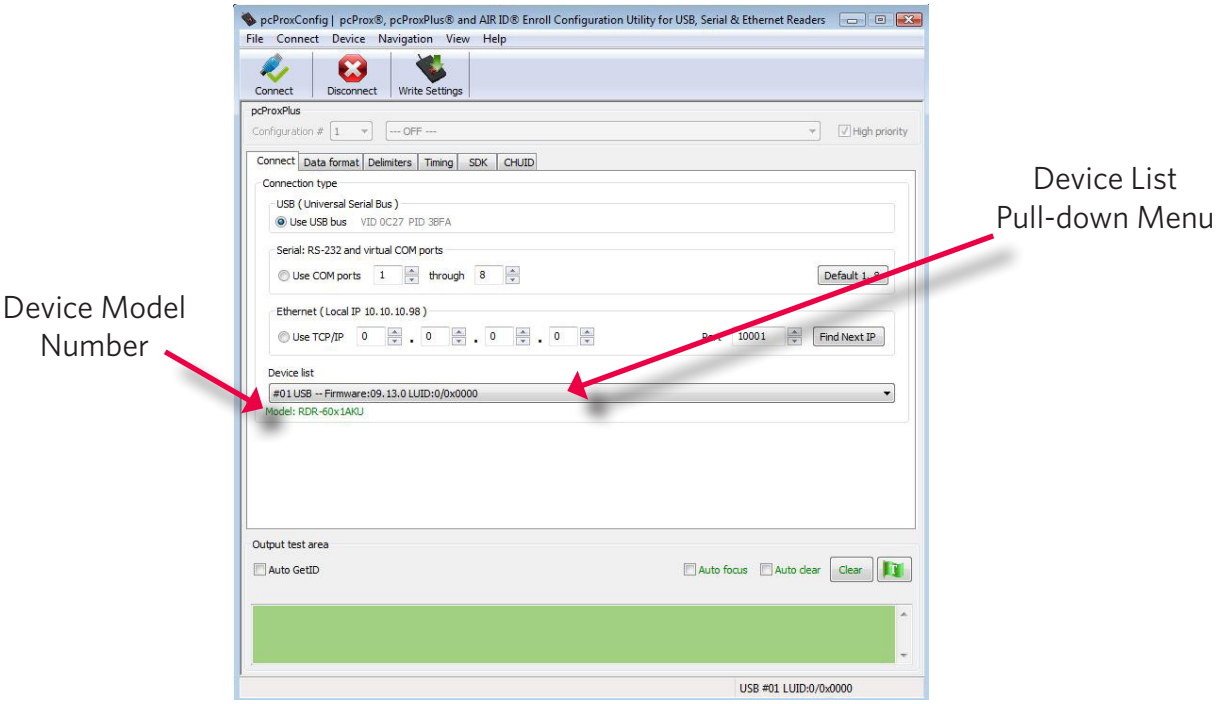
The Icon Tool Bar contains the three most general configuration controls for the utility. These controls are also found in the Menu Toolbar under **Connect** (for connect and disconnect) and **Device** (for write settings and write active).

Connect

Clicking the Connect icon button commands the utility to search for a device through all available port connections.

Once the utility detects a device connection, the Device List pull-down menu in the Standard Configuration Area displays the interface connection, firmware and LUID information for the connected device. The model number of the device will be displayed below the Device List pull-down and the Output Test Area will turn from gray to green.

> **Note:** More than one device can be connected simultaneously to the utility. To switch between devices, select the desired connected device from the Device List pull-down menu.



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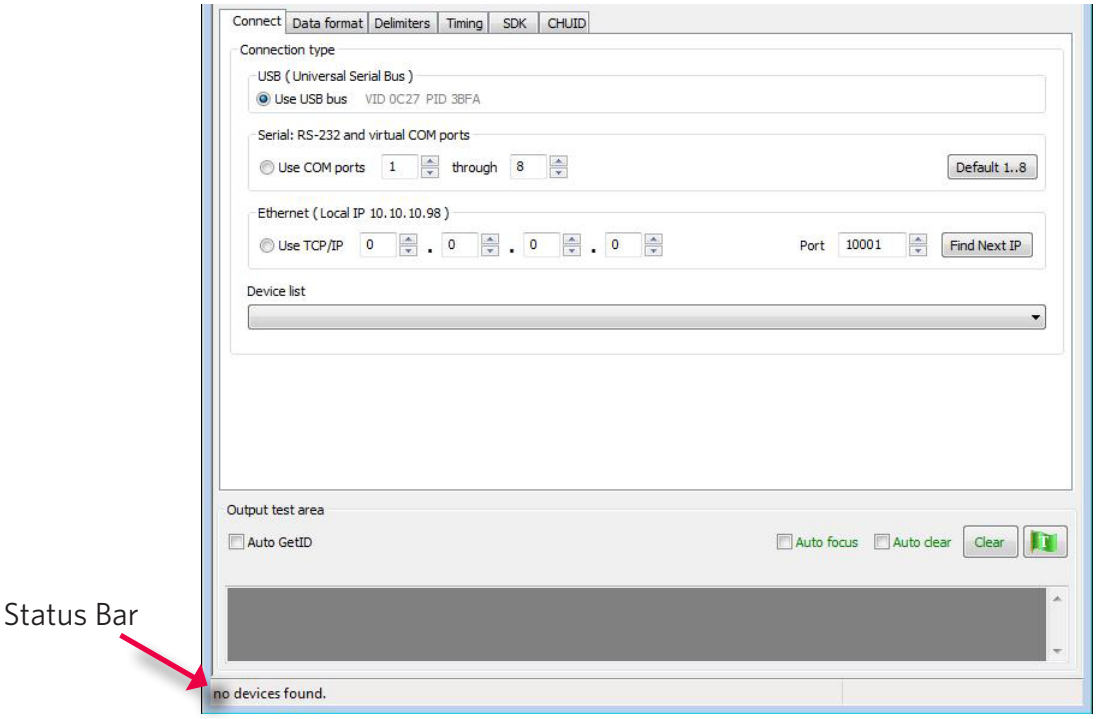
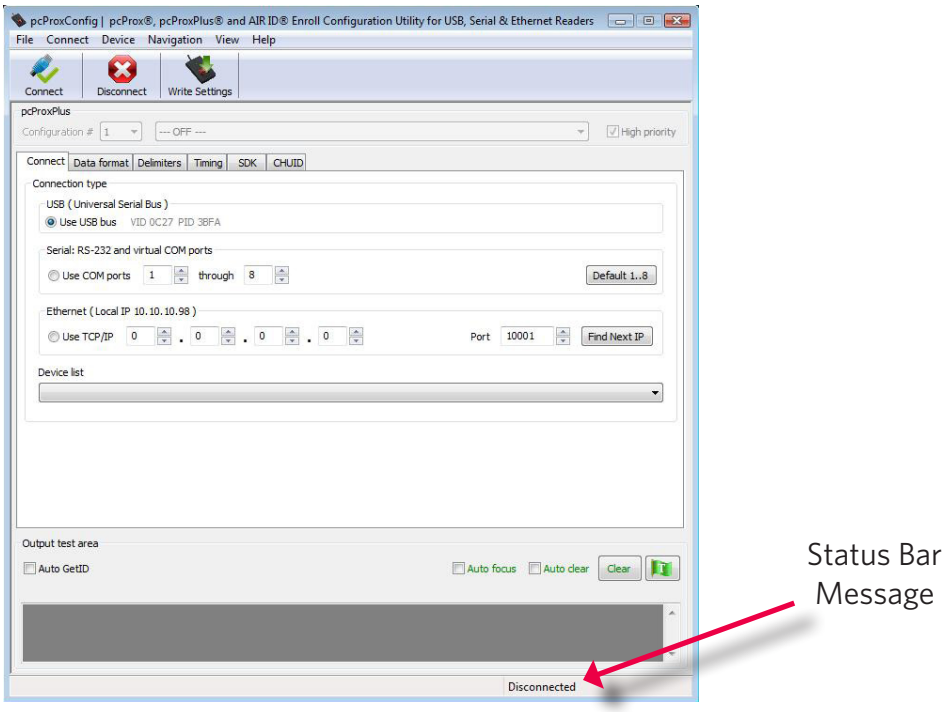
If an attempt to connect to a device is made and the utility does not detect a device through any of the available interface connections, a “no devices found” message will display in the utility’s status bar area.



Disconnect

Clicking the disconnect icon button commands the utility to disconnect from all devices connected through any and all available port connections.

Once the utility disconnects from all available device connections, the Device List pull-down menu and device model number are cleared from the Standard Configuration Area and the Output Test Area will turn from green to gray. Additionally, the status bar will display a “Disconnected” message.

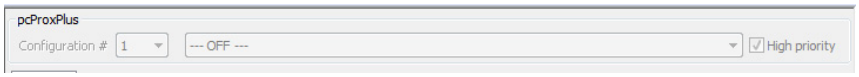


Write Settings/Write Active

The Write Settings icon button prompts the utility to write the current defined configuration settings to the device. Since the writing options differ between a single configuration device and a two configuration device (pcProx Plus), the Write Settings icon will change depending on whether a single or two configuration device is connected. When a two configuration device is connected, the icon text will change to read “Write Active,” as seen below.

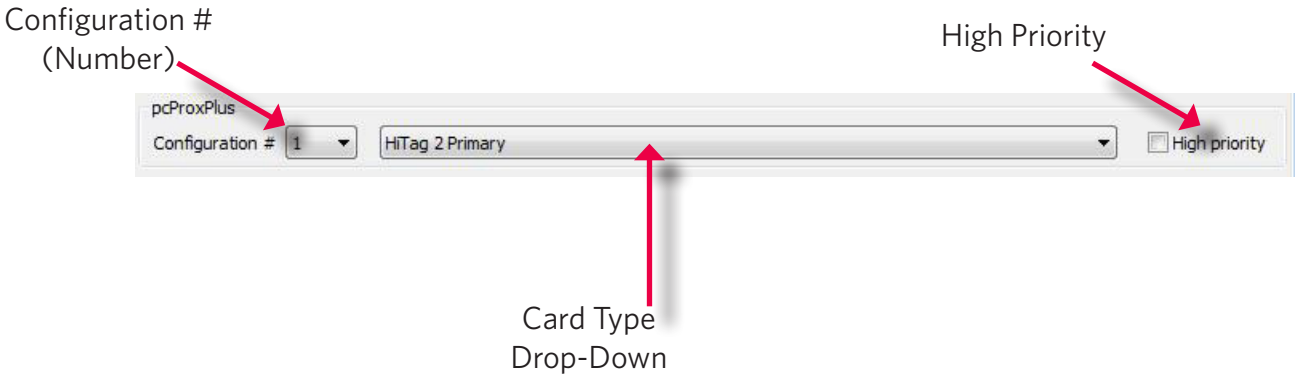
This section is only available to configure selections when a two configuration device (pcProx Plus) is connected to the utility.

Note: When a single configuration device is connected to the utility, the pcProx Plus Configuration area is grayed out (as seen below) and selections within this area are not possible.



The pcProx Plus Configuration area allows for users to set-up two different configurations for their device. The configurations could be either one 125 kHz and one 13.56 MHz, or two 125 kHz and two 13.56 MHz. The configurations can also be of the same card type. The device is set with two default configuration settings, the HID Prox and RDR-758x Equivalent (covers 5 different card types; HID iCLASS CSN, ISO 14443A CSN, ISO 15693A CSN, MIFARE CSN, MIFARE DESFire CSN).

Note: If configuring the system for HID 26 bit and HID 35 bit, remember to set one configuration to read only 26 bits and the other configuration to read only 35 bits.

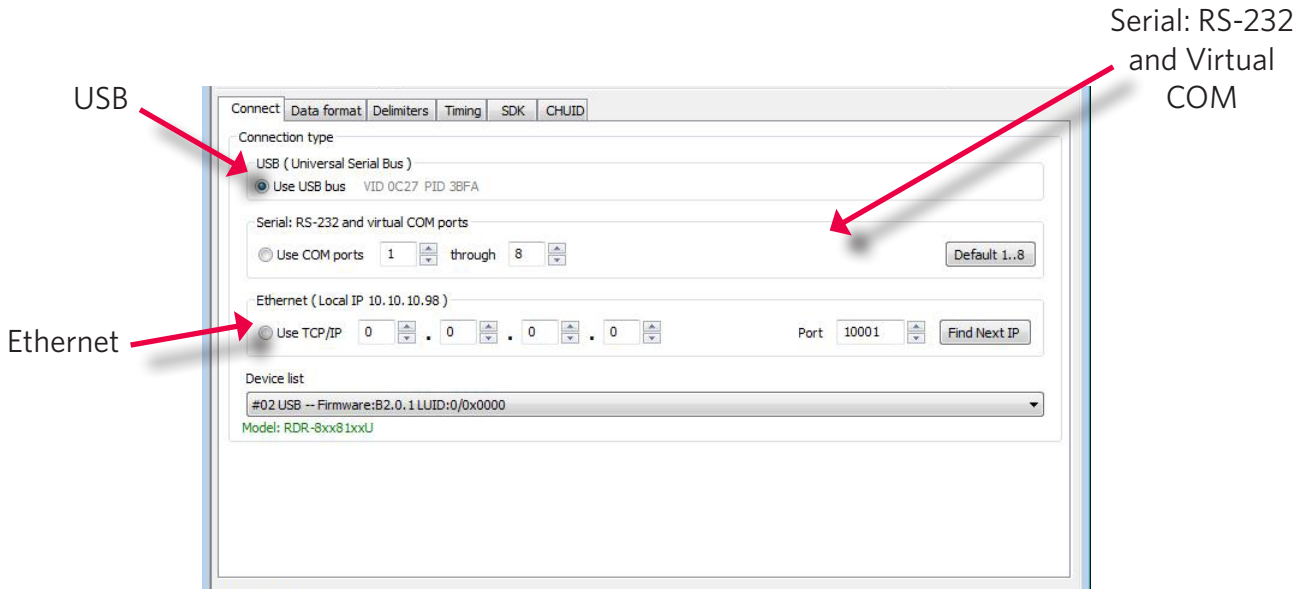


Configuration # (Number): This option provides the ability to switch between configurations. Users can set and edit settings for two separate configurations quickly and easily.

Card Type Drop-Down Menu: As stated above, the device is set with two default configuration settings, the HID Prox and RDR-758x Equivalent. This drop-down menu lets users choose the desired card type for their own configuration settings. Each configuration has the ability to have separate card types.

High Priority: Provides a pcProx Plus user the ability to give a certain configuration a higher priority than another. This is especially useful in instances when a two card in one or multiple cards are being used on one reader.

This Standard Configuration area provides all the options and details necessary to configure a connected device.



Connect Tab

The connect tab offers the various ways a device can connect to the configuration utility. The different selections allow the user to choose the connection type for the specific logical protocol of their reader.

Note: Only one connection type at a time will be shown.

USB: Make this selection if the connected device has a USB logical protocol. The utility will then proceed to scan any available USB bus for connected devices.

Serial: RS-232 and Virtual COM Ports: This option provides devices that are RS-232 or Virtual COM port logical protocols to connect to the utility. This section scans for RS-232, physical COM port devices, virtual COM port devices, including USB, CDC and PCMCIA devices.

When making this selection, the lower and upper limits of the COM ports to scan need to be set. The port values range from 1 to 256. The default COM ports are set at 1 thru 8.

Default 1..8: This option sets the COM port values back to the default of 1 and 8.

Note: Serial devices may slow when scanning a wide port range.

(Connect Tab--Cont.)

Ethernet (Local IP 10.10.10.65): Connects to an Ethernet reader at the given IP address and open a TCP/IP on the given port. The first, second, third, and fourth byte of the TCP/IP address need to be entered for the interface to connect to the reader. The IP port number will also be required.

Port Option: Allows for changing the port location. Xport port location needs to match this number

Note: Ports below 1024 are for system use only.

Find Next IP Button: Looks for other readers on the same ethernet connection.

Device List Pull-down: Lists the devices that the utility is actively connected to.

For Example, if you have an RJ45 connector (as seen below) then the specific logical protocol connection to be selected is Ethernet.

Note: Remember, not all USB interface connections do not necessarily logically connect through USB. If your device has a USB connector, and your device part number suffix is xx0 or xxF, the logical protocol connection is made through COM. A device with a USB interface connector and a part number suffix of xxU will connect through the USB connect option.

CONNECTORS

USB
Keyboard

USB
Virtual COM Port

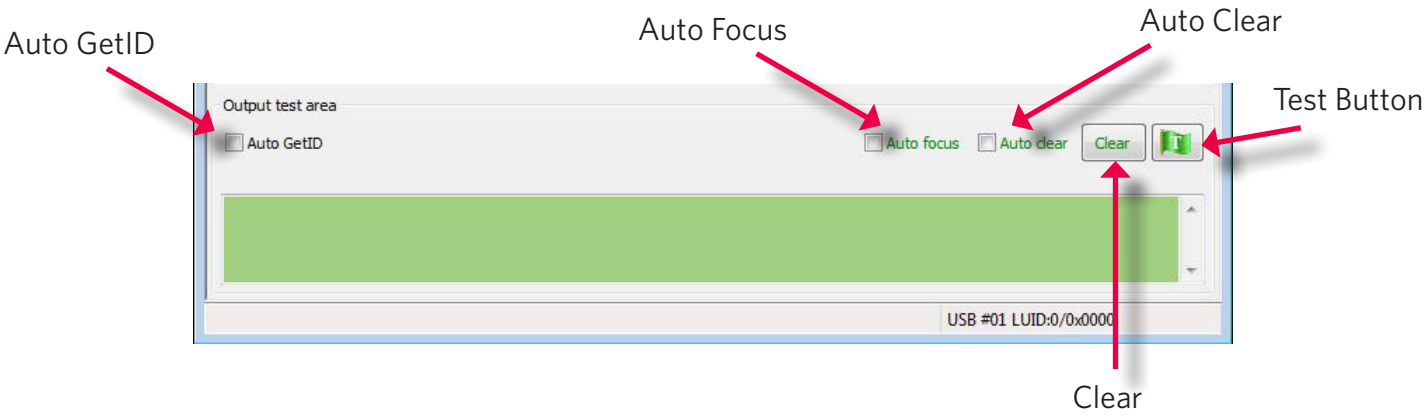
DB-9
RS-232

Female Power

RJ45

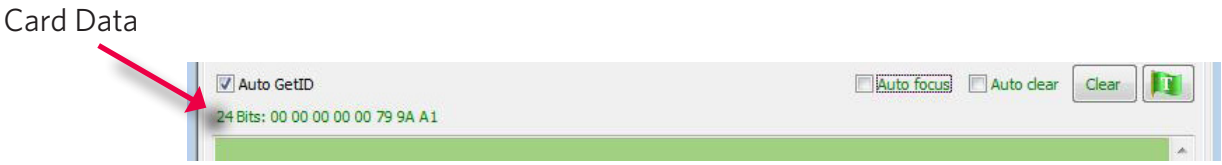
PS/2 Power

Output Test Area



This is the test area for the keystrokes entered by the reader. On serial devices this displays the unsolicited serial port data.

The **Auto GetID** box can be checked for the utility to poll the reader for a card ID every 500msec and displays the results directly under the checkbox, as seen below.



The **Auto Focus** box keeps the cursor in the test area box to capture the keystrokes output by the device.

> **Note:** When the Auto Focus box is checked, it is possible that the selection may conflict with the menus and drop downs, due to the fact that the cursor will attempt to move back into the test area. If this problem arises, simply uncheck the box.

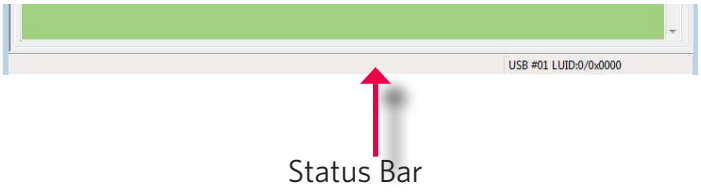
The **Auto Clear** box auto selects all text in the Output Test Area, so that new keystrokes output by the device will replace old text.

The **Clear** button erases all text in the Output Test Area each time the user manually presses the clear button.

The **Test** button (Green Flag) starts the batch file "testarea.bat" or script "testarea" to bring up a users own application to view the readers keystrokes. It opens any keystroking capturing program (i.e. notepad, wordpad etc).

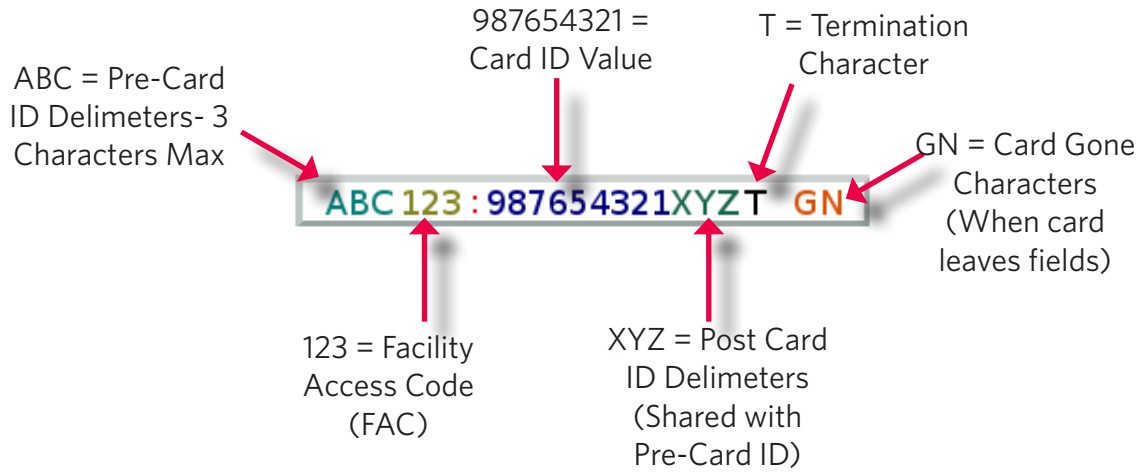
Status Bar

The status bar (below the Test Area) displays various messages to alert the user of what the utility is doing, as well as connections and disconnections between the utility a device.



Data Format Tab

This tab provides users the ability to format how the data on a card will be keystroked out by the utility.



The above diagram illustrates the various characters that can be displayed upon a card detection by a connected device.

The number portions of the diagram are values that are displayed from a card.

The letter portions of the character diagram are values that are formatted by the user through the utility and are keystroked from the device.

Wiegand to Keystroke Data Format

Strip Leading and Trailing Bit Count: By altering the numbers in the leading and trailing bit count, users have the option to strip and discard bits from the card data. The leading and trailing bit counts can be set to range from 0 to 15.

Send FAC: (Facility Access Code) Allows for option to display the FAC code

Send FAC as Hexadecimal Number: Will send FAC as a hex number. The default is set to output as a decimal.

Send ID: This selection keystrokes out the ID portion of the card data.

Note: When checked uses the defined ID field bit count bits. When unchecked uses all non parity bits.

Send ID as Hexadecimal Number: Will send ID as a hex number. The default is set to output as a decimal.

ID Field Bit Count: Sets the number of bits in the ID field from 0 to 80

Fix length FAC/ ID Fields: This option will make the FAC and ID a fixed length

FAC Digits: This will alter the FAC output by forcing a set length of digits, between 0 to 32, to be displayed.

ID Digits: This will alter the ID output by forcing a set length of digits, between 0 to 32, to be displayed.

Advanced Settings

Only Read Cards With This Bit Count: Select this option to filter out cards that are not the specified bit number. The bit number is specified in the box to the right and can range from 2 to 255 bits.

Display Hex in Lowercase: Will display hex in lowercase format.

Note: The Send FAC as Hexadecimal or Send ID as Hexadecimal must first be selected before this option can be provided.

Use Numeric Keypad: Defines which keypad will be used (whether across the top or with keypad)

AZERTY Keyboard Shift Lock: This selection will output the data as if it were being output from an AZERTY keyboard.

(Data Format Tab--Cont.)

FAC Extended Precision Math On: Interprets the FAC data from a card to allow for the proper amount of bits to provide appropriate info.

ID Extended Precision Math On: Interprets the ID data from a card to allow for the proper amount of bits to provide appropriate info.

Reverse Wiegand Bytes: Reverses data in byte chunks (8 bits = 1 byte)

Reverse Wiegand Bits: Reverses each bit

Invert Wiegand Bits: Inverts each bit

Emulate ProxPro-Append Serial Checksum: This option is only for serial devices. It adds a digit to the end of serial data. It emulates the serial data format to match HID Corp. Prox Pro reader by sending a 2 byte checksum after the card data.

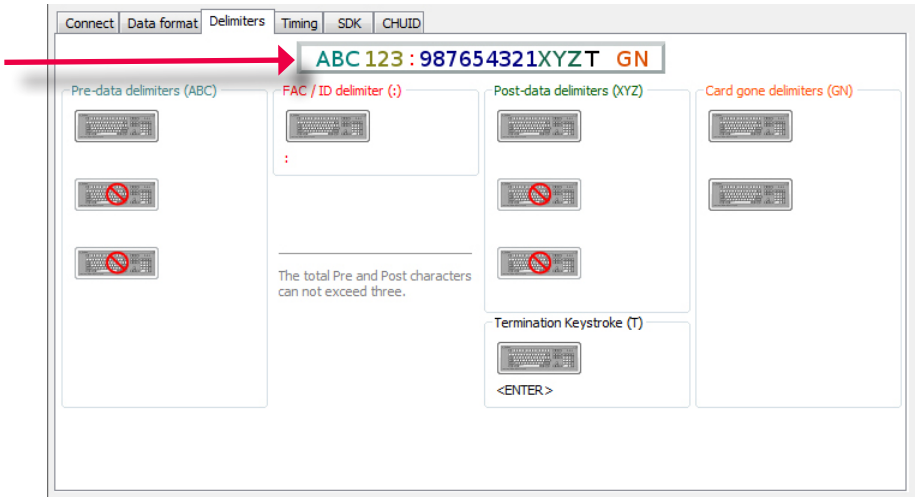
Delimiters Tab

Use this tab to configure pre and post data delimiters. A delimiter can also be set between the ID and FAC card data.

Click the appropriate keyboard icon to select the appropriate corresponding delimiters.

ABC = Pre-Data

: = FAC/ID



Note: Only 3 pre and post delimiters total can be configured. If 3 pre-delimiters are set, no post delimiters can be set.

Pre Data Delimiters (ABC)**:** Select from 0 to 3 characters to display at the beginning of the card data. These characters are shared with the post string of characters.

FAC/ID Delimiter (:): Select a character to display between and separate the FAC and ID data.

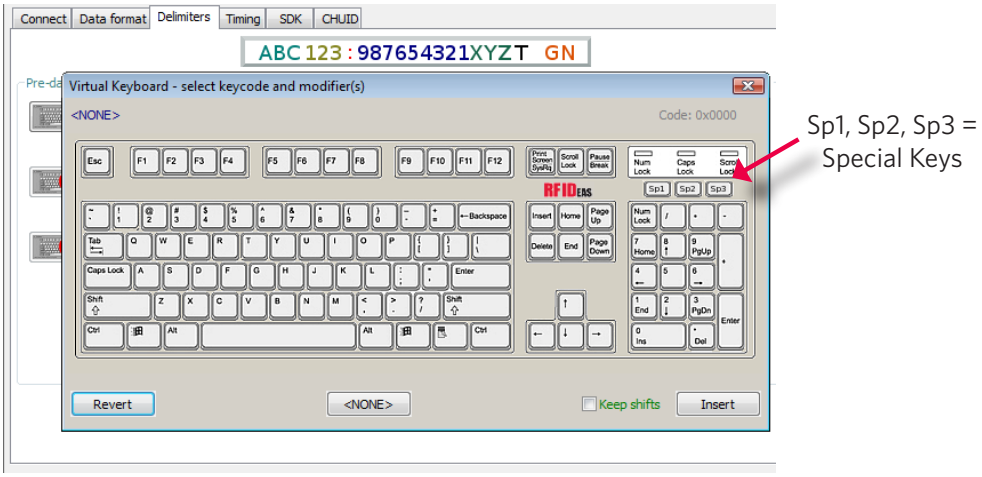
(Delimiters Tab--Cont.)

ABC 123 : 987654321XYZT GN

Post Data Delimiters (XYZ): Select from 0 to 3 characters to keystroke to the end of the card data. These characters are shared with the pre string of characters.

Termination Keystroke (T): Adds a keystroke to the end of the card data to signify the end of the card data.

Card Gone Delimiters (GN): Adds a keystroke to the end of the card data when the card is removed.



Delimeter Keyboard

The Delimter Keyboard is used to select user defined delimeters (keys). Once opened users can:

Left Click : To select desired delimter (key)
Left Double Click: To select desired key and auto insert (the Insert button will also insert the key).
Right Click: Toggles between keeping the left Shift on or off

The selected delimter keys will highlight and appear in the top left corner that is initially labeled <NONE>. Once a chosen delimter is inserted, the virtual keyboard will close.

Revert: Takes user back to previously inserted delimeter choice
<None>: Deletes any selected/inserted delimter
Insert: Applies selected delimter to be used

Note: Depending on the type of device connected (i.e. serial, FIPS201, etc.), certain keys may be defaulted to highlight upon opening the keyboard. To deselect, simply toggle between your desired delimiter key.

Special Keys--Sp1, Sp2, Sp3

There are some additional measures that can be taken to make it more difficult for unauthorized users to reproduce passwords, such as, by adding additional keystroke characters to the card information, that is difficult to re-produce, while configuring the data. These additional characters are labeled as **Sp1**, **Sp2**, and **Sp3** on the delimeters Virtual Keyboard (For more information on Password Security see page 54). The Sp1, Sp2, and Sp3 keys are used only for keystroking environments to send unprintable characters to a specified application.

Timing Tab

Use this tab to configure the device's card timing and USB keystroke timing.

Card Data Hold Time: This option allows for users to determine in msec's how long they need to wait before the device is able to read the next card in line (which is also how long the LED will remain green after a card read).

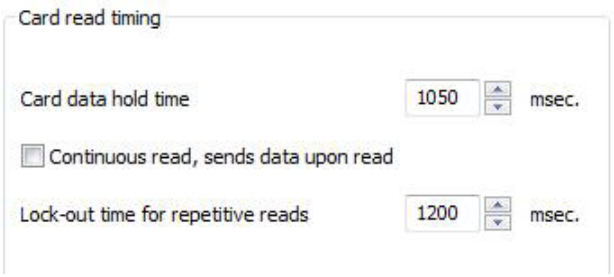
The timing options can range from 50 to 9950 min/max (50msec increments only) and the default is set to 1000.

Note: This is how long the data is available for the SDK user.

Continuous Read, Sends Data Upon Read: When a card is placed on a device, this option will allow the data to be sent continuously.

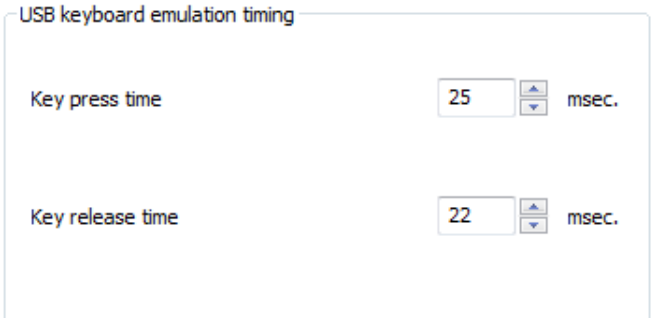
Lock-Out Time for Repetitive Reads: The time that it takes the reader to read another card. Must be equal to or greater than the hold time and is only done in 50msec increments.

Note: For a 2 configuration device (pcProx Plus) the lock-out time is the same as card data hold time.



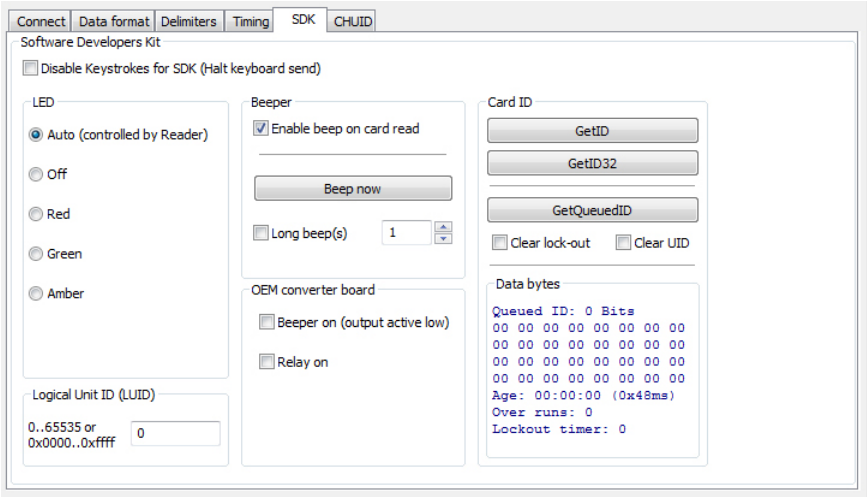
Key Press Time: The length of time the key is held down. The minimum value is 0. The maximum is 640. The default is 20.

Key Release Time: Enter the time delay between keystrokes. If set to 0, the reader will output as fast as it can go. The minimum value is 0. The maximum is 640. The default is 20.



SDK Tab

Use this tab to configure the Software Developer's Kit (SDK) functions, as well as enable and disable keystroking.



Software Developers Kit

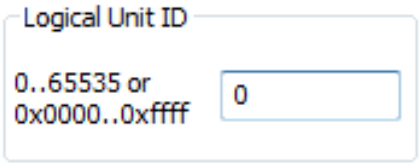
Function	Description
Disable Keystrokes for SDK (Halt Keyboard Send)	Check to disable keystroking. When keystroking or unsolicited serial out is disabled, all card data must be read via the SDK functions.

LED

The LED section allows users to control the LED light actions on the device to provide users info regarding the card data.

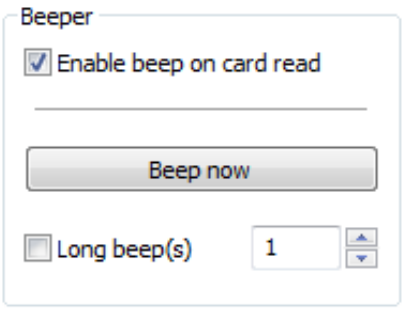
Function	Description
Auto	Select this to make the device set the LED color.
Off	Select this to set the LED to off
Red	Select this to set the LED color to **red**.
Green	Select this to set the LED color to **green**.
Amber	Select this to set the color to **amber**.

Logical Unit ID: A user defined 16 bit Logic Unit ID to identify one device from another.



Beeper

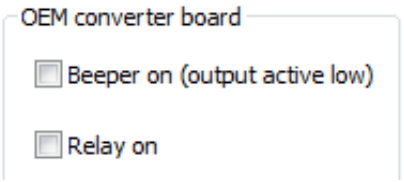
Function	Description
Enable Beep on Card Read	Check this to set the device to beep when a card is read.
Beep Now	Press to listen to the beep the reader will provide when in use.
Long Beep(s)	Check the box to configure a long beep of 375 msec. By default the beep is set to a short beep of 125 msec. 2 long beeps or 5 short beeps are allowed only



The number value input area to the right of the Long Beep(s) box is designated for the number of beeps to produce when the device is in use.

OEM Converter Board

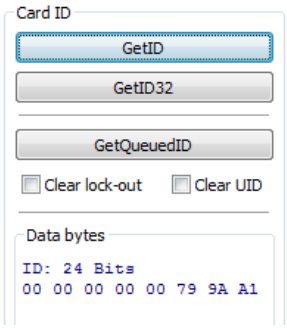
Function	Description
Beeper On (Output Active Low)	Check this to turn the device beeper on.
Relay On	Check this to activate the OEM board.



Card ID

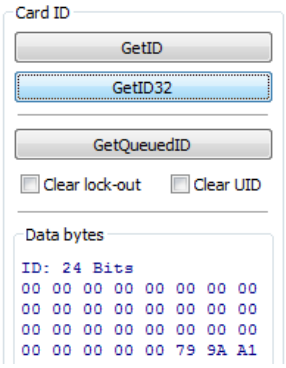
Function	Description
GETID	Click while scanning a card over the device. The ID displays under the button. This returns 64 bits maximum.
GETID (32)	Click while scanning a card over the device. The ID displays under the button. This returns 255 bits maximum.
GetQueuedID	Click to display the last card data read. This returns 255 bits maximum.
Clear Lockout	Check to clear the time remaining to allow the device to read the next card immediately.
Clear UID	If clearUID is set, the card and the over run counters will be cleared for the next read. If clearHold is set, the reader will be ready to read another card immediately.

GETID Data Display

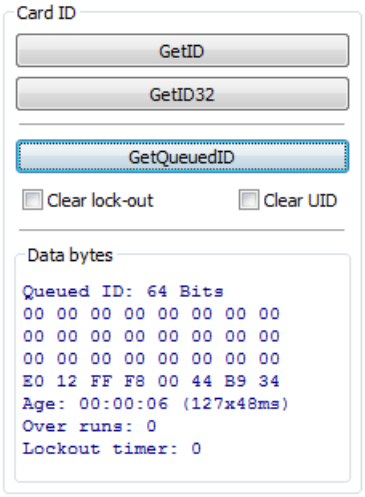


The Most Significant Byte is first – 79.
The Least Significant Byte is last – A1.

GETID(32) Data Display



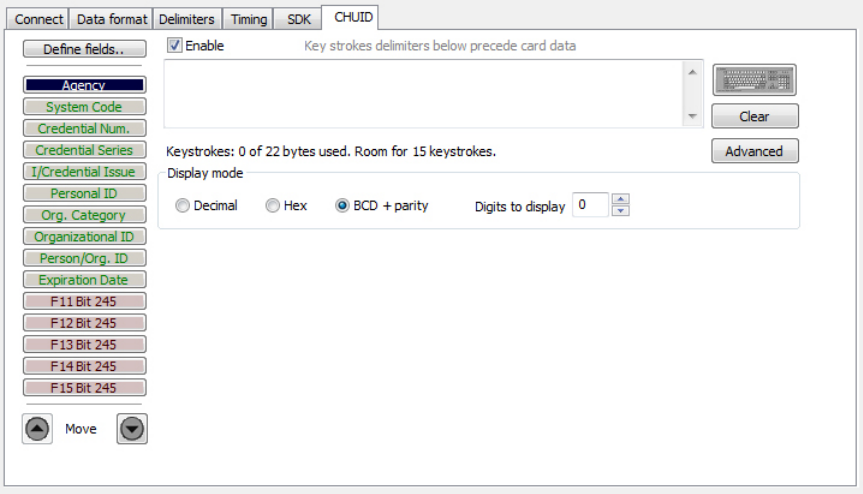
GetQueuedID Data Display



HH:MM:SS displays – 00:00:06

CHUID Tab

This tab allows manipulation of all fields on the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201, or proximity cards. Use the red buttons to configure additional fields. The fields can be moved to change the order displayed in the binary bit pattern display.



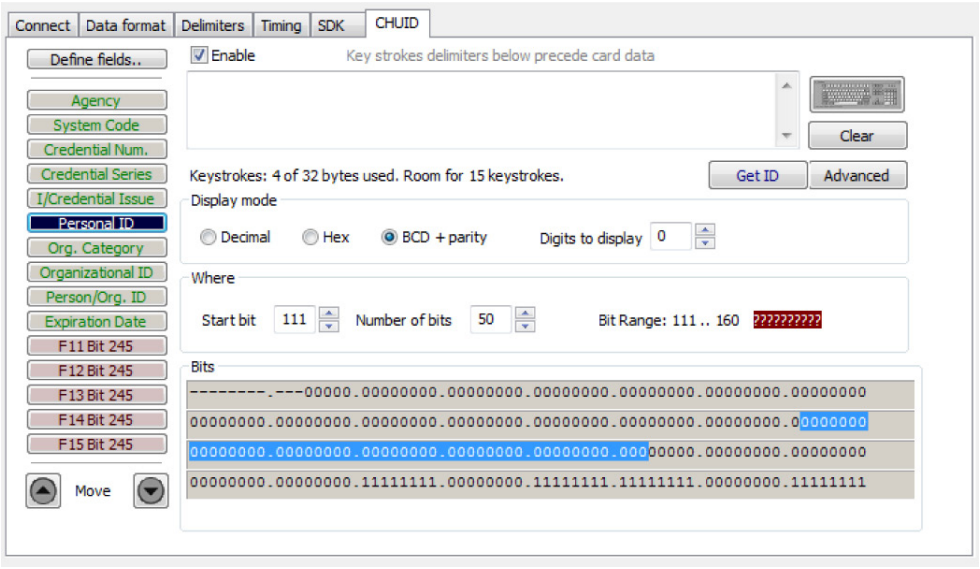
Function	Description
Define Fields	Click to select the number of source bits to define the fields. The correct type must be selected to allow for all card bits to be manipulated.
Enable	Check to enable the highlighted field. This allows the delimiters to be output and the corresponding card field to be processed and output. All green fields are enabled. All red fields are disabled.
Keyboard	Click to select key delimiters that are stored in the device's flash memory that precede card data output. Each field may have from 0 – 14 key strokes.
Clear	Click to clear keystrokes preceding the card data.
Decimal	Click to display the card field in decimal format.
Hex	Click to display the card field as a base 16 number in uppercase HEX 0 – 9 and A – F.
BCD w/ Parity	Displays the card data in binary coded decimal, where each 5 bits represent 1, 2, 4, 8, and parity. FASCN data is always odd parity.

Function	Description
Advanced	Click to display the binary bit pattern.
GetID	Click to display the binary bit pattern captured from the card.
Start Bit	Enter a number to define the left most significant starting bit for the field.
Bits	Enter the number of bits to add to the Start Bit to define the range of bits in the field.
Digits	This is the number of digits that will display in a selected field.
Up	Click to move the highlighted field up one position.
Down	Click to move the highlighted field down one position.

Advanced Button

This displays the bit ranges of the card.

Click each field button to display the location of the card binary data. In the example below, the Personal ID starts at bit 111, is 50 bits long, and is 10 digits. The Bit Range is 111 .. 160 and the card bit pattern is highlighted. This output format is displayed in binary coded decimal with parity (BCD with Parity). This is the 245 bit configuration. If any additional keystrokes were entered to precede the card data, click Clear to remove them.

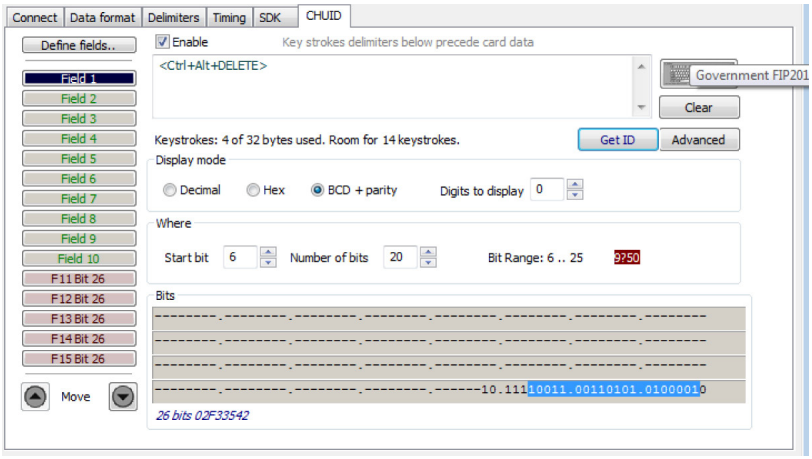


Note: The message that displays the number of bytes used and how much room for keystrokes above the **Advanced** button is determined by the device's flash memory. In this example the configuration is: "Keystrokes: 8 of 32 bytes used. Room for 14 keystrokes." Every field is 15 keystrokes maximum. All fields share 96 bytes.

The Bit Range that displays to the left of the binary bit pattern is the Start Bit field total + the Bits field total – 1.

Get ID

Click **GetID** and scan the card to display the output format of the FIPS 201 and proximity card and the interpretation display of the card data. Click **GetID** to define the fields to set up the device.

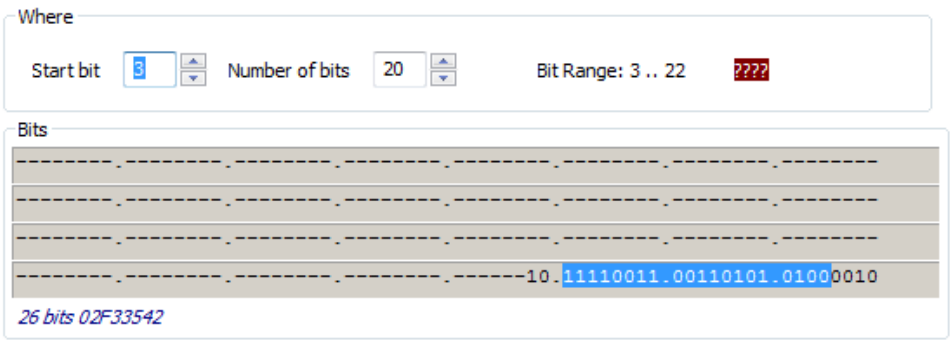


In this example, The Agency data starts at bit 11, is 16 bits long, and is 5 digits. The location of the agency data is highlighted in the binary bit pattern. The Bit Range is 6 .. 25.

The actual card data displays in blue below the binary bit pattern layout. The interpretation of the card data displays in red in the text field. The card data in blue will always be the same. The card data in red changes based on configuration settings flashed to the device.

Note: Click Clear to delete the red card data in the text field. A confirmation message will display.

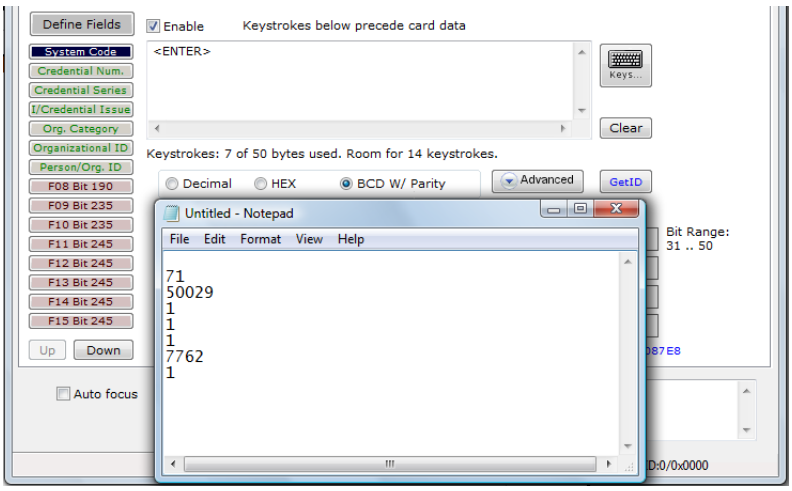
The **Start Bit** changes the actual location of the selected field on the binary bit pattern.



Note: The '????' that display to the right of the Digits field indicate the BCD parity is incorrect. Verify the correct field is selected.

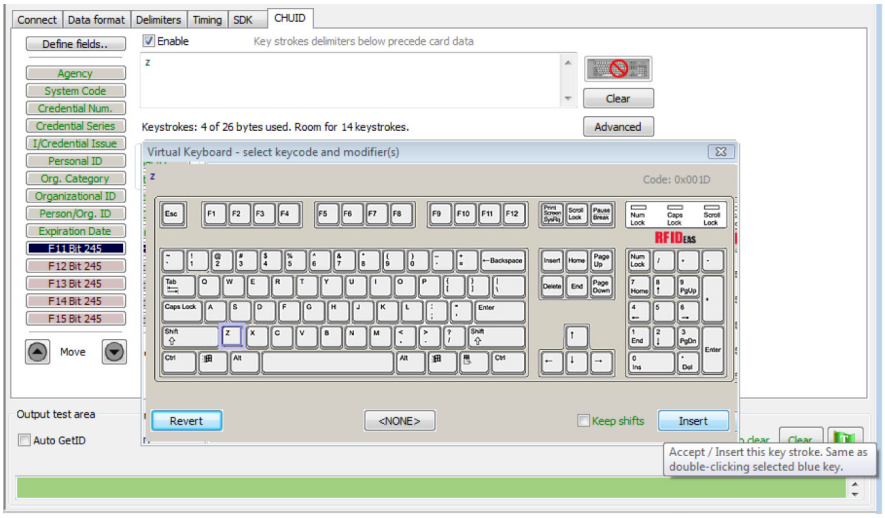
Change Fields Configuration

Click on the appropriate field button and uncheck **Enable** to remove field data from being displayed. In the example below, the Agency, Personal ID, and Expiration Date fields have been removed. Additional function keys display to configure more fields.



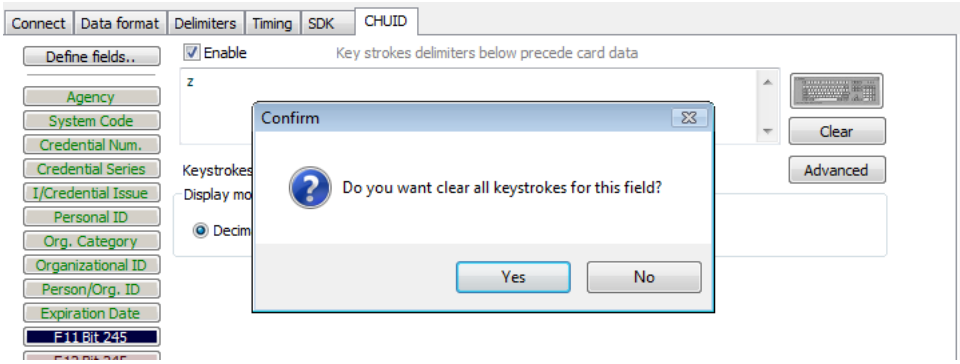
Assign Preceding Keystrokes

If **Enable** is checked for a field, specific keystrokes can be assigned to precede card data output.

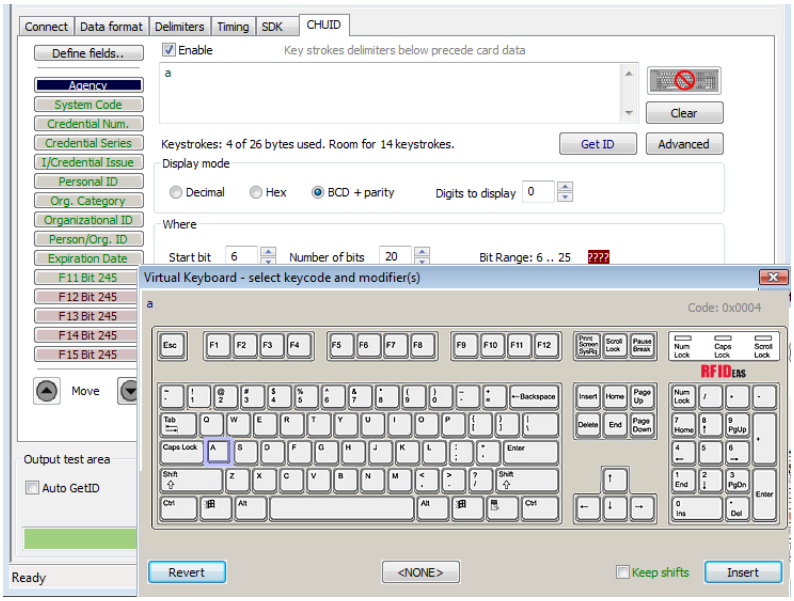


Note: The Scan Code output for the key selected displays above the list of keys.

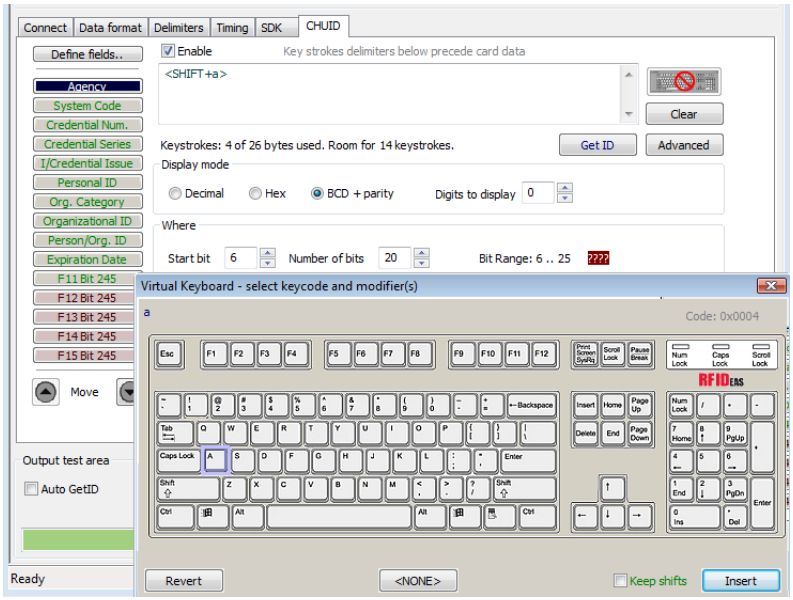
Click **Clear** to remove all preceding keystrokes as appropriate.



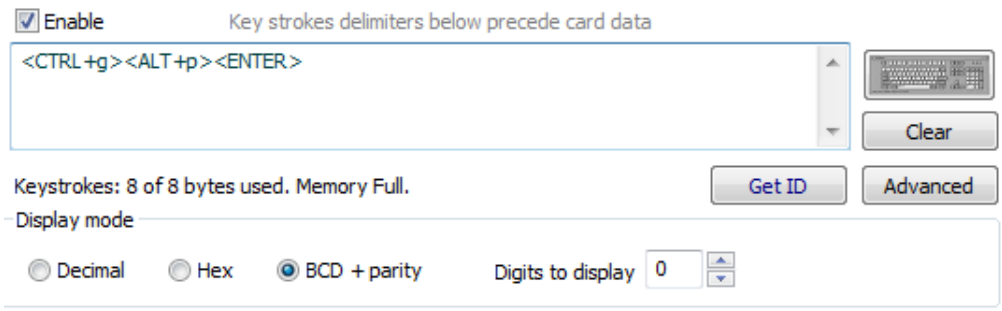
Each single keystroke entered to precede card data equals 1 byte of memory.



If any special character is selected with a keystroke, this equals 2 bytes of memory.

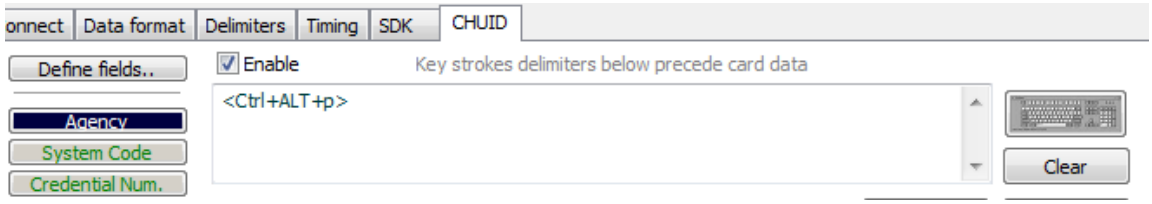


If all the keystrokes have been assigned to the fields, the following message displays:

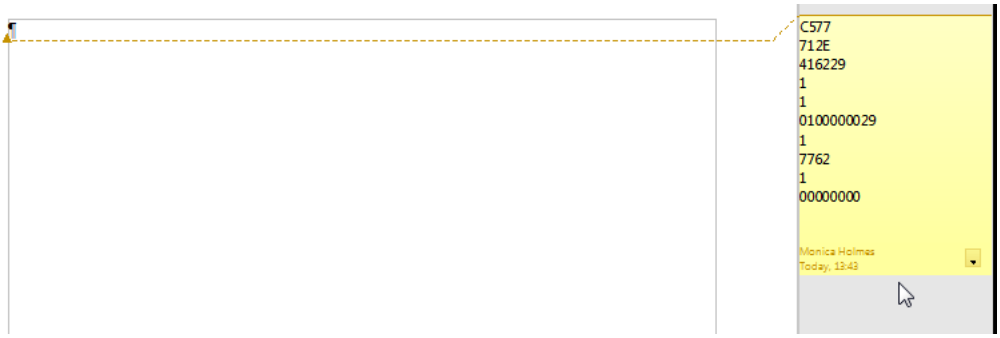


Depending on the active document/window, additional functionality can be assigned to a field. For example, if the card data is read in OpenOffice, the Note feature can also be assigned.

Select the appropriate field. Click the keyboard icon. Check **Left Control**. Check **Left Al**t. Click **n**. Click **Insert**. Click **Flash** to write this configuration to flash memory. Verify the active window is OpenOffice. Scan the card. The Notes function opens when the card is read.



The value assigned to the function key in the active document/window determines the output.



Note: This configuration utility creates a ComSpecPort.txt file and saves to the default directory. This file can be opened and deleted at will.

FIPS 201 Card Configuration

In order to configure a FIPS 201 card:

- Click **Advanced** to display the card data in the binary bit pattern to determine bit length and format
- Click **GetID** and present the card to the reader
- Define the fields to match the specific output
- Configure any additional fields as appropriate
- Flash the configuration to memory

The **Advanced** button displays:

- Start bit location
- Number of bits for a specific field
- Number of digits for the field
- Location of the field within the 245 bit range

Tips and Troubleshooting

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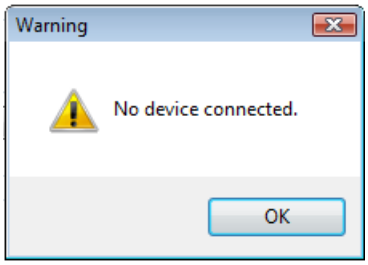
Troubleshooting

If the device is not working or the following error message displays:



1. Check to be sure the device is plugged into the USB or RS-232 port. When the workstation is on and no card is being read, the LED is red. A valid proximity card causes the LED to turn green, provided the configuration is not set to only read certain bit lengths.

2. Only one COM port application can own the RS-232 port at a time. Make sure there is not another COM port application running. This prevents our software from seeing the device.

3. Verify the correct model and the software configuration screen agrees with the device attached.

4. Verify the port agrees with the workstation connector.

5. If the device still does not work, unplug it, remove 'General USB Device' using Windows **'Control Panel'** ⇨ **'Add/Remove**' Hardware. Then reboot the workstation. When the workstation boots up, re-attach the device USB and the OS should re-install the Windows driver automatically.

Change the release time to 1000 on the Timing tab for USB keystrokes to slow down the device. Open Notepad or Word and swipe a card to display the card data to see the actions of any non-printable symbols.

If the device does not read the card, contact the card manufacturer/vendor to verify that the card type is compatible with the device model.

What types of credentials will your desktop and OEM products work with?

Our products work with virtually all 125 kHz proximity and 13.56 MHz contactless cards in the industry today. The charts below can assist you in determining what RF IDeas products will work with your particular credential. You can reference the RDR part number on our website to get the name of the particular product or you can simply email us at sales@RFIDeas.com with the number and we will contact you.

Solutions for Identification:

Card Manufacturer	Markings	RF IDeas PN see legend
HID Prox 125kHz	HID	RDR-6081AKU
HID iCLASS 13.56MHz	HID iCLASS	RDR-7x81AKU *0-ID; 5-CSN low cost*
Casi-Rusco Prox	CASI-RUSCO	RDR-6281AKU
Indala Prox	INDALA	RDR-6381AKU-XXXXX *custom*
Pyramid Prox		RDR-6471AKU
Kantech Prox	ioProx	RDR-6781AKU
AWID Prox	AWID	RDR-6981AKU
EM 410x HiTag Deister*	None or	RDR-6E81AKU-XXXXX *custom*
Keri Prox	KERI	RDR-6K81AKU
NexWatch Prox	NEXKEY	RDR-6N81AKU
G-Prox*	G-Prox	RDR-6G81AKU
MIFARE & ISO 14443a	None	RDR-7581AKU
LEGIC	LEGIC	RDR-7L81AKU

Solutions for Integrators:

Card Manufacturer	Markings	RF IDeas PN see legend
HID Prox 125kHz	HID	RDR-6081AKU
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Indala Prox	INDALA	RDR-6381AKU-XXXXX *custom*
Pyramid Prox		RDR-6471AKU
Kantech Prox	ioProx	RDR-6781AKU
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EM 410x HiTag Deister*	None or	RDR-6E81AKU-XXXXX *custom*
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When I present my card to the pcProx/Air ID Enrollment reader the number displayed is not the number printed on my card or the same number my access control system displays, why?

Check with your supplier for the card format information, since there are some credentials that require a custom format reader. You may possess one of these types of credentials. The pcProx / AIR ID Enrollment reader may need to be configured to output the required credential

number, i.e. FAC, ID or CSN using the pcProx and AIR ID Enroll Configuration Utility for USB and RS-232 readers. You can download our configuration program free of charge by cutting and pasting this path into you web browser http://www.rfideas.com/Software/pcProxConfig.exe. Once downloaded please review the User's Manual for configuration instructions. If you have any questions please contact RF Ideas technical support.

What software application can I use to view the ASCII output card data from a RDR-6081AKF or RDR-6081AKE?

Since these readers use a virtual COM port, the pcProx and AIR ID Enroll Configuration Utility for USB and RS-232 readers can be used to configure your reader, copy and paste the following path into your web browser and download to your computer.
http://www.rfideas.com/Software/pcProxConfig.exe Once downloaded and installed you can use it to configure the readers and view the output data. HyperTerminal or ProComm Plus can also be helpful in viewing card data.

What configuration utility do I use to configure the 125 kHz pcProx Enroll, 13.56 MHz AIR ID Enroll and Wiegand products?

The products above may or may not require configuration depending on the badge or card type you are using. If you do need to configure them we have a free download. The Configuration Utility for USB and RS-232 readers can be found at
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What configuration utility do I use to configure the RDR-7P71AKx FIPS 201 reader?

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Precautions

Do not mount the device directly on a metal surface. This could interfere with the RF signal and the operation of the device.

The device may not recognize valid cards in the presence of high RF fields. If current readings are erratic, take the following step:

- Move the equipment from any known transmitters nearby.

Contact Technical Support at 866.439.4884 for more information.

Before You Call Technical Support

Please make sure you've identified your reader model and credential type being used. Have this information ready so that your call will be routed to the correct specialist.

For Assistance:

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Talking To The Technician

Provide the reader model and credential type being used to the Technical Support Specialist.

Explain your problem to the specialist.

Be prepared to provide the following information:
- Error messages displayed on the computer
- What you were doing when the problem occurred
- What steps you have taken to resolve the problem, including results from each steps

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Standard 26 Bit Format Structure

There are several bits constructed together that comprise data sent from the proximity card to the device. There are numerous bit formats and lengths for proximity cards. The most popular is a 26 bit card format. The typical layout for this format is 24 bits of usable information as the first and last are parity bits to ensure data integrity.

The 26 bit format consists of 255 possible facility codes. Within each facility code there is a total of 65,535 unique card numbers.

The standard 26 bit Wiegand format is H10301. It is binary encoded data. The format consists of 2 parity bits, 8 bit facility code (F) and 16 bit card number fields (B). This format displays below.

PFFFFFFFFBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBP
EXXXXXXXXXXXX.....
.....XXXXXXXXXXXXO

Bit Coding
P = Parity
O = Odd Parity
E = Even Parity
X = Parity mask
F = Facility code, range = 0 to 255
B = Card Number, range = 0 to 65,535

In general, the 26 bit format is the industry standard format. Primary benefits of this include:

- Open format
- Convenient to order
- Universal access control panel acceptance

The sale of this format is not limited to any one company yet the range of card numbers available in this format is limited. There is a potential for card numbers to be duplicated.

Please go to www.RFIDeas.com and follow the **Support ⇨ Learning Center ⇨ Proximity Card Formats** link for more details. The card manufacturer may also have additional details about the card format.

Use the pcProx Device for Password Security - Complex Passwords

It is possible with certain limitations, to use the proximity token as a password for an application or operating system log on. The unique card bit-stream converted to either decimal or hexadecimal becomes the entire or a portion of the password. Enroll this card data to the password of the operating system application for the user.

Since the proximity token has no read/write memory there is no way go change this or write alphanumeric characters such as a user name to the proximity token. Some examples are shown below. Please see RF IDeas AIR ID Playback Starter Kit or call the Sales Department if this capability is needed.

Several companies have adopted a policy that requires users to change their password every xx number of days to increase security. The PIN is the portion of the password the user changes every xx number of days. Since the card data is completely numeric, any alpha and upper/lower case letter constraints are handled in the user supplied PIN.

A two-factor authentication system is made up of:

1. Card ID data
2. Personal Identification Number (PIN)

The device may be configured to allow operation under either a one or two-factor authentication system.

One-Factor
In a one-factor system, the user simply scans the ID card. The device may be configured to add TAB keystrokes ahead of the data as well as a TAB or ENTER keystroke after the card data.

Two-Factor
The two-factor approach is especially useful when insisting on password construction rules or periodic changing of passwords.

In a two-factor system, the user may enter the PIN either before or after the card data. If the user adds the PIN before the card data, the device may be configured to append the ENTER keystroke.

Pre and Post Characters
There are some additional measures that can be taken to make it more difficult for unauthorized users to reproduce passwords.

Adding additional keystroke characters to the card information, that is difficult to re-produce, while configuring the data. These additional characters are labeled as Sp1, Sp2, and Sp3 on the delimeters tab menu selections.

Other Products & Accessories

Software Developer's Kit
Allows independent developer's to use their application to read proximity access badge Read ID data of more than 1 billion cards in the field

PVC Label Proximity Card
Credit card size with paper release liner, 500 cards per box

Complete selection of various manufacturers proximity cards, labels and key fobs. Marked with data code and ID number, available in several Wiegand formats

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