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About This Guide

Introduction

This *MC3090-Z RFID Integrator Guide* provides the unique set up and operating procedures for the MC3090-Z RFID mobile computers. This guide is intended as a supplement to the *MC3000 Integrator Guide*, p/n 72E-68900-xx. Procedures common to MC3000 products are addressed in the *MC3000 Integrator Guide.*

NOTE Screens and windows pictured in this guide are samples and may differ from actual screens.

Configurations

This guide covers the following configuration:

Configuration	Radios	Display	Memory	Data Capture	Operating System	Keypad
MC3090Z-LC48HBAQE1 (US only)	WLAN: 802.11a/b/g WPAN: Bluetooth	Color	128 MB RAM/ 1 GB Flash	Imager RFID	Windows Mobile 6.1 Classic	48 alpha-numeric keys
MC3090Z-LC48HBAQE2 (Canada and other countries in US band 902-928MHz)	WLAN: 802.11a/b/g WPAN: Bluetooth	Color	128 MB RAM/ 1 GB Flash	Imager RFID	Windows Mobile 6.1 Classic	48 alpha-numeric keys

Chapter Descriptions

Topics covered in this guide are as follows:

- *Chapter 1, Getting Started* provides an overview of RFID technology and components and a description of the MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer and features.
- *Chapter 2, Updating the Mobile Computer* describes how to update the device image and radio firmware.
- *Chapter 3, LLRP Functionality* includes information on configuring the LLRP RFID application and reading tags.
- *Chapter 4, RFID Sample Application* provides information on the RFID sample application and how to use it to assist in custom application development.
- *Chapter 5, Troubleshooting* describes MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer troubleshooting procedures.
- *Appendix A, Technical Specifications* includes the technical specifications for the reader.
- *Appendix B, RFID APIs* provides a reference for information on supported RFID APIs.

Notational Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document:

- “Mobile computer” or “reader” refers to the MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer.
- *Italics* are used to highlight the following:
  - Chapters and sections in this and related documents
  - Dialog box, window, links, software names, and screen names
  - Drop-down list, columns and list box names
  - Check box and radio button names
  - Icons on a screen
- **Bold** text is used to highlight the following:
  - Dialog box, window and screen names
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  - Check box and radio button names
  - Icons on a screen
  - Key names on a keypad
  - Button names on a screen
- Bullets (•) indicate:
  - Action items
  - Lists of alternatives
  - Lists of required steps that are not necessarily sequential.
- Sequential lists (e.g., those that describe step-by-step procedures) appear as numbered lists.

Related Documents and Software

The following documents provide more information about the reader.

- *MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer Quick Start Guide*, p/n 72-71347-xx
- *MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer Regulatory Guide*, p/n 72-68903-xx
- *MC3000 Mobile Computer User Guide*, p/n 72E-68899-xx
- *MC3000 Mobile Computer Integrator Guide*, p/n 72E-68900-xx
- *Microsoft Applications for Windows Mobile 6 User Guide*, p/n 72E-108299-xx
- *Application Guide for Motorola Enterprise Mobility Devices*, p/n 72E-68902-xx
- *Wireless Fusion Enterprise Mobility Suite User Guide for Version 2.55*, p/n 72E-107170-01
- *Mobility Services Platform 3.2 User's Guide*, p/n 72E-100158-xx
- *MC3090-Z RFID Enterprise Mobility Developer Kit*

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- Model number or product name
- Software type and version number

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Chapter 1 Getting Started

Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of RFID technology and components, and describes the MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer and its features.

RFID Technology Overview

RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is an advanced automatic identification (Auto ID) technology that uses radio frequency signals to identify *tagged* items. An RFID tag contains a circuit that can store data. This data may be pre-encoded or can be encoded in the field. The tags come in a variety of shapes and sizes.

To read a tag the mobile computer sends out radio frequency waves using its integrated antenna. This RF field powers and charges the tags, which are tuned to receive radio waves. The tags use this power to modulate the carrier signal. The reader interprets the modulated signal and converts the data to a format for computer storage. The computer application translates the data into an understandable format.

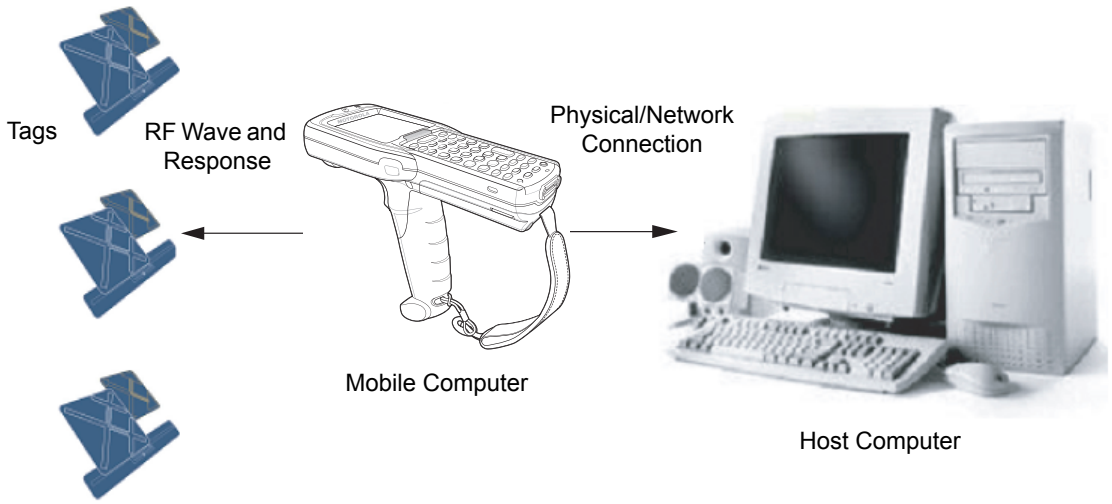

Figure 1-1 *RFID System Elements*

RFID Components

Motorola RFID solutions offer low cost, long read range, and a high read rate. These features provide real time end-to-end visibility of products and assets in the factory, distribution center, retail outlet, or other facility. The MC3090-Z RFID system consists of the following components:

- Silicon-based RFID tags that attach to retail products, vehicles, trailers, containers, pallets, boxes, etc.
- An integrated antenna that supports applications such as item level tracking and asset tracking.
- An embedded radio module that powers and communicates with tags for data capture and provides host connectivity for data migration.

Tags

Tags contain embedded chips that store unique information. Available in various shapes and sizes, tags, often called **transponders**, receive and respond to data requests. Tags require power to send data, and are available with two power options:

- Active Tags: typically powered by light-weight batteries and have limited life.
- Passive Tags: the RFID reader generates an RF field that powers the tag. Passive tags are much lighter, less expensive, and have a much longer life than active tags.

Antenna

Antennas transmit and receive radio frequency signals. A **read point** is the RF range of an antenna.

Radio Module

The radio module communicates with the tags and transfers the data to a host computer. It also provides features such as filtering, CRC check, and tag writing. The MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer reads Gen2 (dense reader mode) RFID tags.

MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer

The Motorola MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer includes an intelligent C1G2 UHF RFID reader with RFID read performance that provides real-time, seamless EPC-compliant tags processing. MC3090-Z RFID mobile computers are designed for indoor inventory management and asset tracking applications, and can host third-party, customer-driven embedded applications. Features include:

- ISO 18000-6C standard (EPC Class 1 Gen 2)
- Read, write, kill, and lock tag functionality
- 48-key alphanumeric keypad
- 3” color display
- Orientation-insensitive integrated external antenna
- Laser-based bar code reader
- Windows® Mobile 6.1
- WLAN 802.11 a/b/g wireless connectivity
- Application-specific setup for ease of installation
- Low Level Reader Protocol (LLRP)
- Sample application and support for custom or third-party applications
- RFID API support
- Event and tag management support

Figure 1-2 *MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer*

The MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer provides a wide range of features that enable implementation of complete, high-performance, intelligent RFID solutions.

NOTE The MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer supports a 2x battery only, and does not work with a 1x battery. The MC3090-Z RFID mobile computer does not support the Four-Slot Cradle.

Due to component tolerances, some users may experience undesired behavior when using battery part number 55-060112-xx. If the unit turns off without proper warning messages during heavy use, use battery part number 55-002152-xx.

MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer Parts

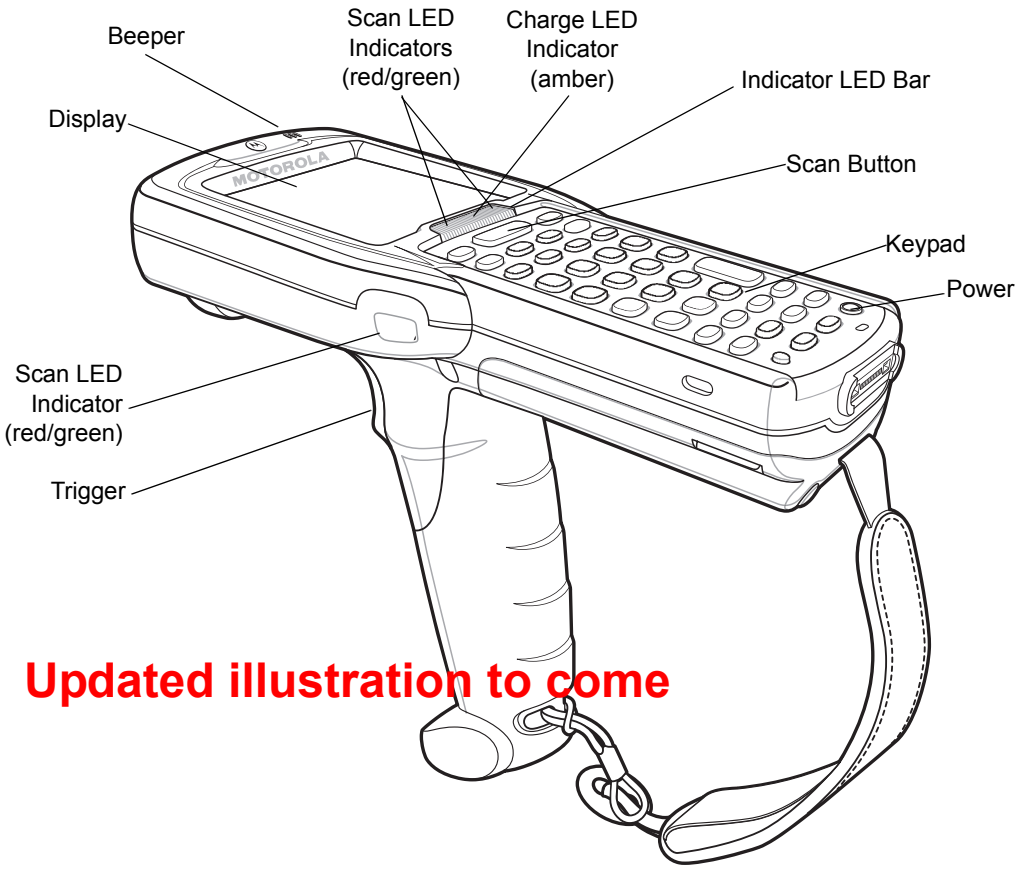

Figure 1-3 *MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer Parts*

MC3090-Z RFID Mobile Computer LEDs

The mobile computer LEDs indicate charging and reader status as described in *Table 1-1*.

Table 1-1 *LED Status Indicators*

LED	Indication
Charging Indicators	
Off	Mobile computer not placed correctly in the cradle; cable not connected correctly; charger is not powered.
Fast Blinking Amber	Error in charging; check placement of mobile computer.
Slow Blinking Amber	Mobile computer is charging.
Solid Amber	Charging complete. Note: When the battery is initially inserted in the mobile computer, the amber LED flashes once if the battery power is low or the battery is not fully inserted.

Reading Tags

To read RFID tags:

1. Remove the MC3090 from AC power and ensure the LLRP icon is green.

   NOTE When connected to power, the mobile computer cannot read RFID tags.

2. Use an RFID reader application to enable tag reading. For a sample application, browse to the MC3090 **Application** directory and select **RFIDSample3Plus.exe**. See *Chapter 4, RFID Sample Application*.
3. Aim the mobile computer at the tag, oriented horizontally or vertically depending on the tag orientation. The distance between the tag and the antenna is the approximate read range.
4. Press the trigger or tap the on-screen **Read** command within the application to interrogate all RFID tags within the radio frequency (RF) field of view and capture data from each new tag found. Release the trigger or tap the **Stop Read** command to stop interrogating tags.

Chapter 2 Updating the Mobile Computer

Introduction

This chapter describes how to update the device image and radio firmware.

Updating the Device Image

Windows Mobile contains an Image Update feature that updates all operating system components. Motorola distributes all updates as update packages on the Support Central Web Site http://www.motorola.com/enterprisemobility/support. These packages contain either partial or complete updates for the operating system.

To update an operating system component, copy the update package to the mobile computer using ActiveSync, AirBEAM, or MSP.

Downloading an Update Loader Package

1. Download the appropriate update loader package from the Motorola Support Central web site http://www.motorola.com/enterprisemobility/support to a host computer.
2. Locate the update loader package file on the host computer and un-compress the file into a separate directory:
   - **30XXw61RFIDSC*xxxxx*.zip** for updating via ActiveSync
   - **30XXw61RFIDAB*xxxxx*.zip** for updating via AirBEAM

Updating Images via ActiveSync

To install an update loader package using ActiveSync:

1. Insert the mobile computer into the cradle and connect the cradle to AC power.
2. Connect the mobile computer to the host computer using ActiveSync.
3. In ActiveSync on the host computer, open **Explorer** for the mobile computer.
4. Copy the contents of **30XXw61MenUPR10903\UpdateLoader** (the files only, not the folder) into the **\Storage Card** folder on the mobile computer.

5. On the mobile computer, navigate to the **\Storage Card** folder and tap the program **STARTUPDLDR.EXE**. The update takes approximately 10 minutes. Do not remove AC power during this time.
6. Copy the contents of **30XXw61RFIDPkg*XXXX*** (the files only, not the folder) into the **\Storage Card** folder on the mobile computer.
7. Remove the mobile computer from the cradle or AC power if charged.
8. On the mobile computer, navigate to the **\Storage Card** folder and tap the program **RFIDSetup.exe**

The device boots after the installation. Note that the RFID LLRP application disconnects when the mobile computer is charging, and re-connects when the mobile computer is removed from AC power.

Updating Images via AirBEAM

Install the AirBEAM package files within **30XXw61RFIDAB*xxxxx*.zip** in sequence:

1. **30XXw61MenUPR*XXXXX*.apf**
2. **30XXw61RFIDPkg*XXXX*.apf**

30XXw61RFIDPkg*XXXX*.apf executes silently and the mobile computer boots after installation, which takes approximately 7-10 seconds. Refer to the *MC3000 Integrator Guide* for more information on AirBEAM.

NOTE If you exit LLRP via the icon menu, to restart it use **File Explorer** on the mobile computer to navigate to **\Application\LLRP** and tap the **OzoneLLRP.exe** application.

Updating the RFID Firmware

Use the RFID_FLASH utility to update the firmware for the RFID radio. Motorola distributes the firmware update files on the Support Central Web Site http://www.motorola.com/enterprisemobility/support.

Downloading Firmware Files

1. Download the firmware update files from the Motorola Support Central web site http://www.motorola.com/enterprisemobility/support to a host computer.
2. Connect the mobile computer to the host computer using ActiveSync.
3. In ActiveSync on the host computer, open **Explorer** for the mobile computer.
4. Copy the firmware file and the OEM data file into the **\Application** folder on the mobile computer.

Updating the Firmware using the RFID_FLASH Utility

1. On the mobile computer, navigate to the **\Application** folder and tap the program **RFID_FLASH**.

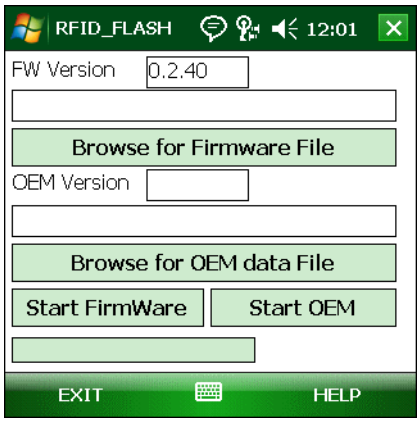

Figure 2-1 *RFID_FLASH Window*

2. Tap **Browse for Firmware File**.
3. In the **Open** window, select the firmware file.

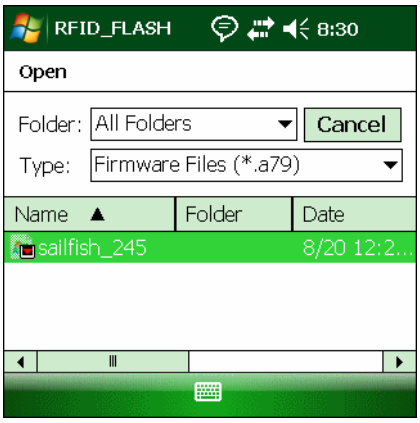

Figure 2-2 *Selecting the Firmware File*

4. Tap **Start Firmware** and wait until the progress bar completes.

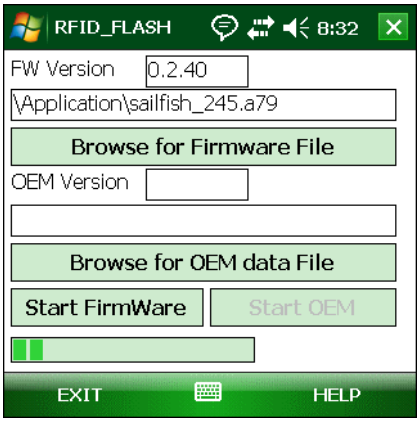

Figure 2-3 *Starting Firmware Update*

5. Tap **Browse for OEM Data File**.
6. In the **Open** window, select the OEM data file.

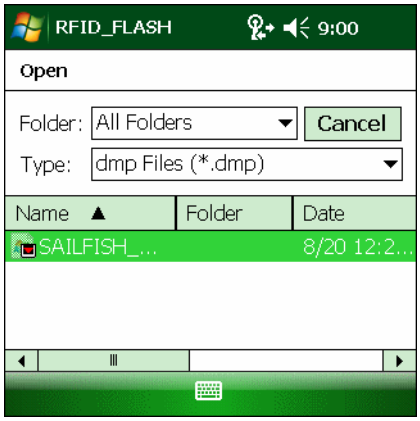

Figure 2-4 *Selecting the OEM File*

7. Tap **Start OEM** to start the update. Wait until the progress bar completes and **OEM LOADED** appears.

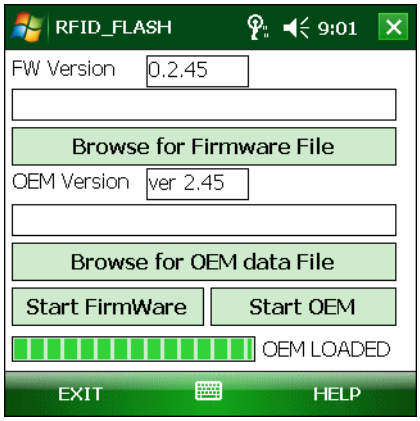

Figure 2-5 *Updating OEM*

NOTE When updating the OEM data file, the mobile computer displays a progress bar. This bar may indicate some progress, then move quickly to complete.

Chapter 3 LLRP Functionality

Introduction

Low Level Reader Protocol (LLRP) is an RFID server application that runs in the background on the mobile computer. The LS icon in the system tray represents LLRP. This chapter includes information on using and configuring the LLRP RFID application.

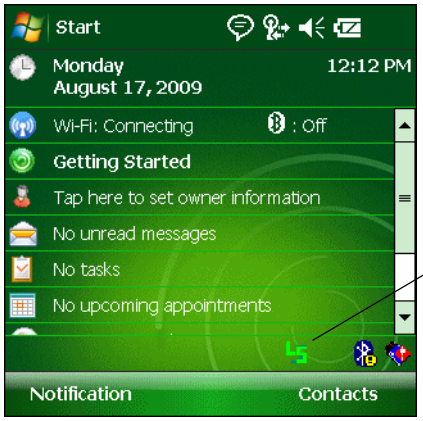

Figure 3-1 *LLRP Icon*

LLRP Icons

The LLRP icon indicates radio status as described in *Table 3-1*.

Table 3-1 *LLRP Icon Indicators*

Icon	Icon State	Indication
	Green	LLRP is enabled.
	Crossed icon	No radio connection or radio disconnected.
	Yellow	Radio is reading at a lower power than set.
	Red	Radio initiated Tx mute. This condition can occur when the battery is very low.

LLRP Menu

Tap the LLRP icon to display the option menu shown in *Figure 3-2*.

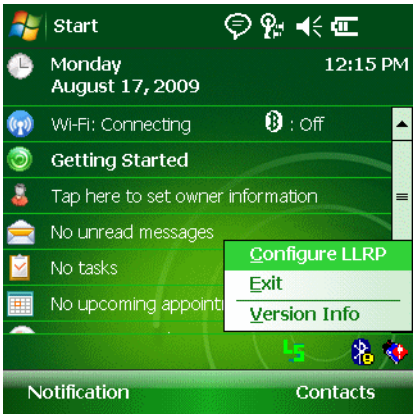

Figure 3-2 *LLRP Menu*

Configure LLRP

LLRP is in Server Mode by default. To configure LLRP to operate in Client Mode:

1. Tap the LLRP icon, then tap **Configure LLRP**.

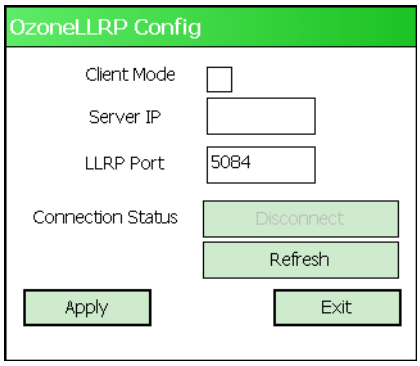

Figure 3-3 *LLRP Configuration Window*

2. Select the **Client Mode** check box.
3. In the **Server IP** field, enter the server IP for the remote host to which LLRP communicates as a client.
4. In the **LLRP Port** field, enter the port number on which the server waits for the LLRP client to communicate. The default is 5084.
5. Select **Apply**.
6. Select **Exit** to close the window, or **Refresh** to check the status of the connection.

Version Information

To view software version information for the LLRP application, tap the LLRP icon, then tap **Version Info**.

Figure 3-4 *LLRP Versions Window*

This window displays the LLRP server application version, RFID library version, radio firmware version, and radio OEM data version.

NOTE The version information in *Figure 3-4* may differ from the information on the actual mobile computer screen. Also, downloading data using LLRP scripts or the RFID_FLASH application updates the version information.

Exit LLRP

Tap the LLRP icon, then tap **Exit** to close the LLRP application.

To restart LLRP after exiting, use **File Explorer** to browse to the **\Application\LLRP** folder and tap the LLRP executable (OzoneLLRP.exe).

LLRP Registry Entries

RFID (LLRP) does not run when the MC3090-Z is charging. Developers who require using the cradle with RFID enabled can select Developer Mode by modifying a registry entry.

- **User Mode** - In this default mode, placing the mobile computer in the cradle (with charging on) disables LLRP and the LLRP icon indicates that it is disconnected. Placing the mobile computer on AC power charges the device and disables LLRP. Removing AC power reconnects LLRP.
- **Developer Mode** - Selecting Developer Mode disables charging and the developer can place the mobile computer in the cradle for debugging and development. The device remains in Developer Mode regardless of whether it is charging until re-enabling User Mode.

To select Developer Mode via registry, set the **DevMode** registry entry value to 1:

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Symbol\RFID\Ozone]
"DevMode"=dword:00000001
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Warm boot the device after registry merge and restart LLRP (if it is not already running).

LLRP checks AC power every five seconds and takes the appropriate action based on whether or not it is in User Mode.

Chapter 4 RFID Sample Application

Introduction

Application developers can use the RFID sample application RFIDSample3Plus.exe for an overview of how the application works and to assist in custom application development.

The mobile computer can read, write, lock, kill, and program Gen2 tags. Each tag contains the EPC number (64 or 96 bits), CRC, and kill code. The mobile computer can also collect data by decoding in-range EPC Gen2 RFID tags.

Initiating the read command within the sample application causes the mobile computer to interrogate all RFID tags within the radio frequency (RF) field of view. The reader captures data from each new tag and adds it to the list box in the **EPC ID** window. Select **Stop Read** to stop interrogating tags.

Launching the RFID Sample Application

Remove the mobile computer from AC power and enable LLRP, then use **File Explorer** on the mobile computer to navigate to the **Application** folder. Select **RFIDSample3Plus.exe** to start the sample application.

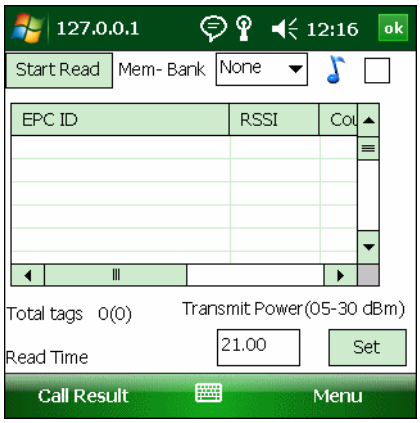

Figure 4-1 *RFID Sample Application Window*

NOTE The version numbers displayed in this window are examples. Actual version numbers are based on the versions of the files on the device.

- Tap **Menu** to select the menu options. See *Sample Application Menu Options on page 4-3*.
- Tap the **Start Read** button to initiate the tag read. Tap **Stop Read** to terminate tag reading. See *Reading Tags on page 4-14*.
- Use the **Mem Bank** drop-down to select a tag memory bank to read. The default memory bank is EPC (**None**). Other options are **TID**, **Reserved**, and **User**.
- Tap the note icon to generate an audio notification (beep) when the reader finds a new tag in the field of view.

Sample Application Menu Options

The **Menu** options include:

- Configuration options
- Operations options
- Reader management options
- About

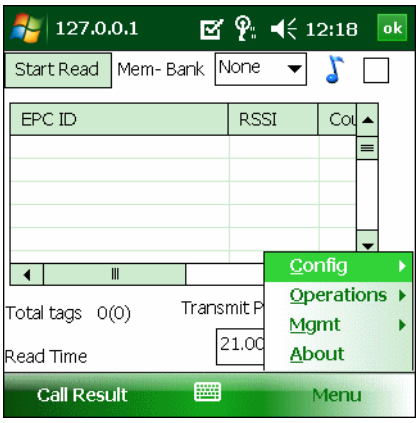

Figure 4-2 *Sample Application Menu*

Configuration Menu Options

The **Config** menu includes the following options:

- Connection information
- Configuration options
- Capabilities
- Reset Factory defaults
- Exit

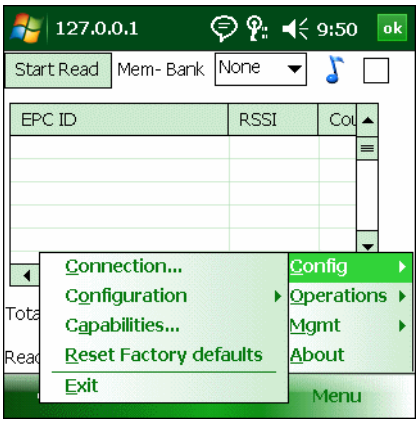

Figure 4-3 *Configuration Menu*

Connection

Select **Config > Connection** to display the reader IP and port number.

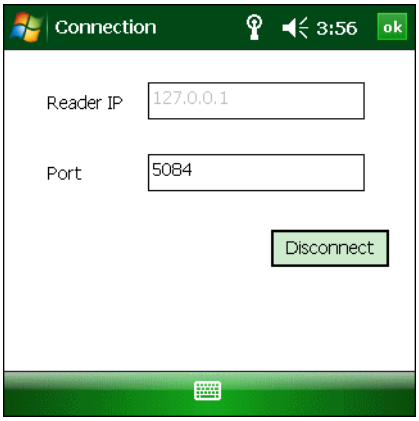

Figure 4-4 *Connection Window*

Select **Disconnect** to disconnect the reader.

Antenna

Select **Config > Configuration > Antenna** to configure the antenna.

Figure 4-5 *Antenna Configuration Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Antenna** - Selecting an antenna ID updates the configuration values in the other fields.
- **Receive Sensitivity(dB)** - Lists the reader-supported values for the selected antenna.
- **Transmit Power** - Lists the reader-supported values for the selected antenna.
- **Hop Index** - Updates the Hop Frequency list with its corresponding frequencies.
- **Apply** - Select to apply the configuration changes.

Singulation

Select **Config > Configuration > Singulation** to set the options for identifying an individual tag in a multiple-tag environment.

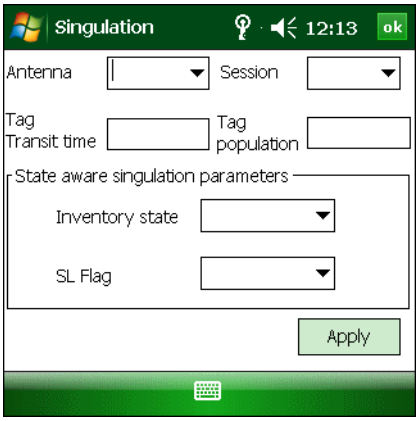

Figure 4-6 *Singulation Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Antenna** - Selecting an antenna ID updates the configuration values in the other fields.
- **Session** - The session number for the inventory operation.
- **Tag Transmit Time** - The time in milliseconds that the tag typically remains in the RF field of the antenna.
- **Tag Population** - The approximate tag population in the RF field of the antenna.
- **Inventory State** - Select a tag of state A or B.
- **SL Flag**
- **Apply** - Select to apply the configuration changes.

Capabilities

Select **Config > Capabilities** to retrieve the capabilities of the connected reader.

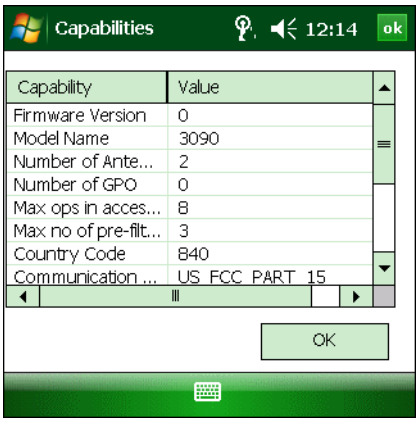

Figure 4-7 *Capabilities Window*

Select **OK** to close the window.

Reset Factory Defaults

Select **Config > Reset Factory Defaults** to restore the default reader configuration.

Operations Menu Options

The **Operations** menu options include:

- Tag Storage Settings
- Filter options
- Access options
- Trigger settings
- Antenna information

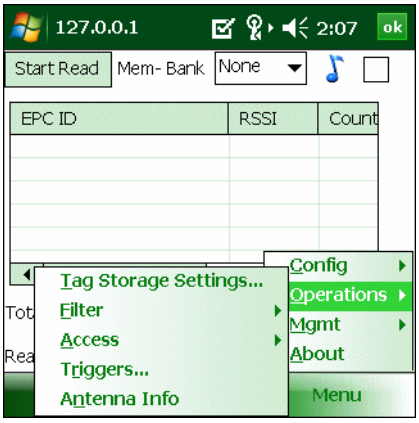

Figure 4-8 *Operations Menu*

Tag Storage Settings

Select **Operations > Tag Storage Settings** to change the tag storage settings.

Figure 4-9 *Tag Storage Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Max tag count** - The maximum number of tags to store in the DLL.
- **Max tag ID length** - The maximum tag length.

- **Max size of memory bank** - Storage to allocate for the memory bank's data.
- **Apply** - Select to apply the configuration changes.

Filter Settings

Use the sample application's filter settings to set filters for tag reading. The application supports up to two pre-filters and two post-filters. By default, the window displays the latest filter information. Add or delete the filter by selecting **Use Filter**.

Pre-Filter

To select pre-filter settings, select **Operations > Filter > Pre-Filter**.

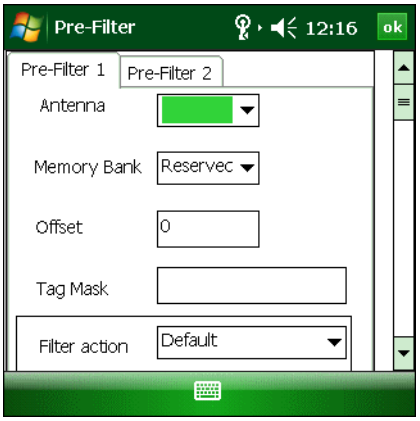

Figure 4-10 *Pre-Filter Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Antenna** - Selecting an antenna ID updates the configuration values in the other fields.
- **Memory Bank** - Select the memory bank.
- **Offset** - The first (msb) bit location of the specified memory bank against which to compare the tag mask.
- **Tag Mask** - The pattern against which to compare the specified memory bank.
- **Filter action** - Select the required filter action. For more information, refer the Gen2 specification available at http://www.epcglobalinc.org/standards/.

Post-Filter

To select post-filter settings, select **Operations > Filter > Post-Filter**.

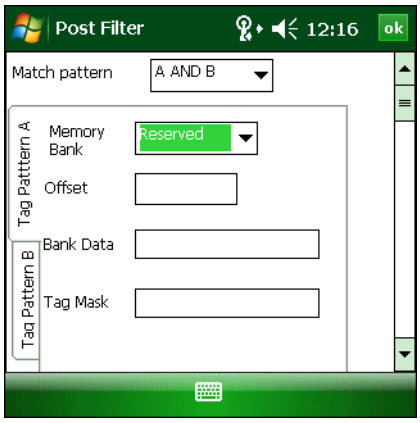

Figure 4-11 *Post Filter Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Match Pattern** - Select the tag pattern to match (A, B, both, or neither).
- **Memory Bank** - Select the memory bank.
- **Offset** - The first (msb) bit location of the specified memory bank against which to compare the tag mask.
- **Bank Data**
- **Tag Mask** - The pattern against which to compare the specified memory bank.

Access Filter

To select filter settings to apply to tags, select **Operations > Filter > Access Filter**.

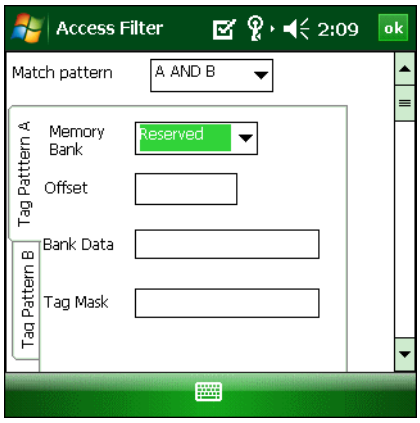

Figure 4-12 *Post Filter Window*

See *Post-Filter* for descriptions of the window fields.

Access

Select **Operations > Access** to select from a menu of access parameters to set for tags, or tap and hold a tag in the list to open a context menu with similar options in order to set operation parameters for that tag.

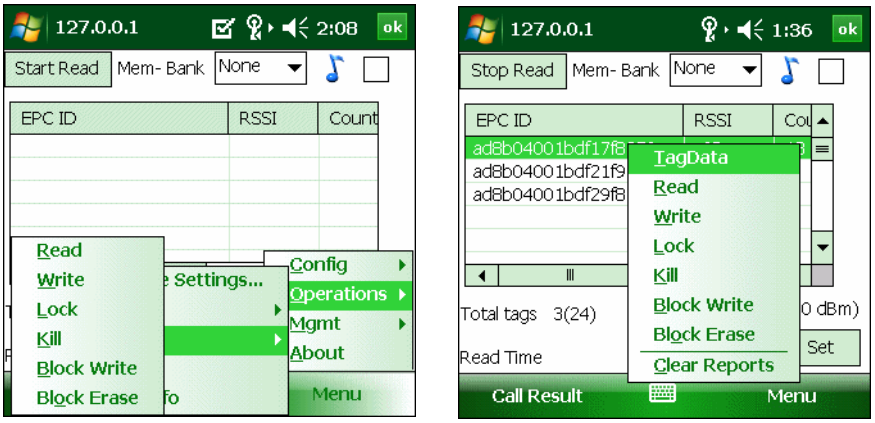

Figure 4-13 *Access and Context Menus*

Selecting an option from the context menu applies the operation to the single tag selected. Selecting an option from the **Access** menu updates the tag data for multiple tags in the main window.

Select an option from the **Access** or context menu to set access parameters and the access filter.

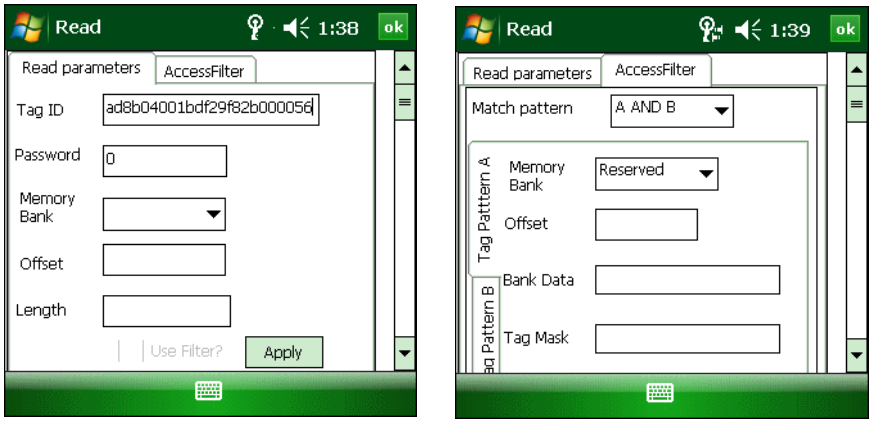

Figure 4-14 *Read and Access Filter Windows*

Windows are similar to the **Read** window in *Figure 4-14* for the menu options **Write**, **Lock**, **Kill**, **Block Write,** and **Block Erase**. Set options as required in the various parameter windows. Not all windows include all options.

- **Tag ID** - The name of the selected tag.
- **Password** - Set a password before performing any access operation (except **Kill**).
- **Memory Bank** - Select the memory bank. Options are:
  - Reserved
  - EPC
  - TID
  - User
- **Offset** - Offset of the first word to read from the selected memory bank.

- **Length** - Tag/data length.
- **Write Data** - The data to write to the selected tag (**Write** window only).
- **Lock Privilege** - Access options for the selected tag (**Write** window only):
  - None - The can not change the lock privilege of the particular memory bank.
  - Read_Write - The user can read and write to the tag.
  - Perma_Lock - Permanent lock.
  - Perma_Unlock - Permanent unlock.
  - Unlock - The user can unlock the tag for writing.
- **Access Filter** - Select this tab to set access filter parameters. See *Post-Filter on page 4-8* for more information.

Triggers

Select **Operations > Triggers...** to set start and stop triggers. Selecting the type of trigger from the **Trigger** drop-down menu updates the window with that trigger's applicable parameters.

Figure 4-15 *Triggers Window*

Antenna Information

Select **Operations > Antenna Info** to select the antennas to use.

Figure 4-16 *Antenna Information Window*

Management Menu Options

The **Management** menu provides access to reader management functionality such as updating firmware, selecting an antenna mode, and rebooting. The **Management** menu options include:

- Login and Logout options
- Reboot option
- OEM Update option
- Software/Firmware Update option

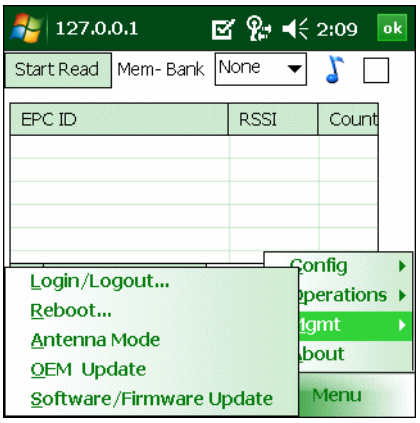

Figure 4-17 *Management Menu*

Login/Logout Settings

The Reader Management functionality requires login authentication. Select **Mgmt > Login/Logout...** to log in or out of this functionality.

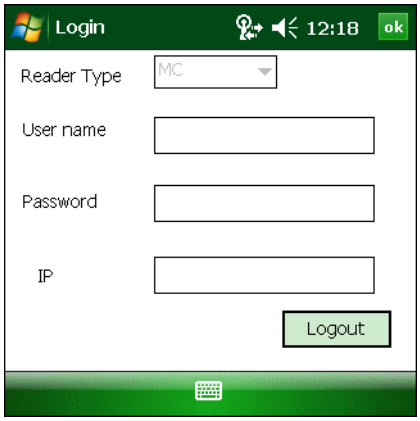

Figure 4-18 *Login Window*

This window includes the following fields:

- **Reader Type** - MC indicates the MC3090-Z.
- **User name** - Enter the user name used to gain access to reader management functionality.
- **Password** - Enter the password used to gain access to reader management functionality.
- **IP** - IP address of the host. For MC3090-Z, the default is **127.0.0.1** or **localhost**.

Reboot Settings

Select **Mgmt > Reboot...** to restart the reader.

OEM Update

Select **Mgmt > OEM Update** to update the reader configuration file.

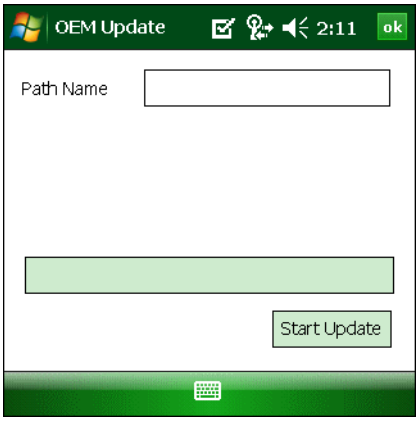

Figure 4-19 *OEM Update Window*

Enter the **Path Name** indicating the location and name of the configuration file, and select **Start Update**.

Software/Firmware Update

Select **Mgmt > Software/Firmware Update** to update the reader firmware software. First download the firmware update file to the mobile computer. See *Downloading Firmware Files on page 2-2*.

Figure 4-20 *OEM Update Window*

Enter the **Path Name** indicating the location and name of the update file, and select **Start Update**.

About

The **About** window displays the sample application version information

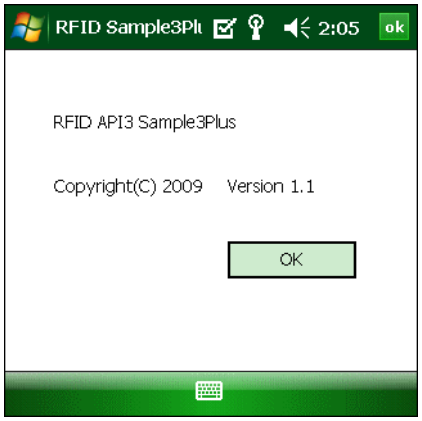

Figure 4-21 *About Window*

NOTE The version numbers displayed in this window are examples. Actual version numbers are based on the versions of the files on the device.

Reading Tags

To use the sample application to read tags:

1. Aim the mobile computer at the tag, oriented horizontally or vertically depending on the tag orientation. The distance between the tag and the antenna is the approximate read range.

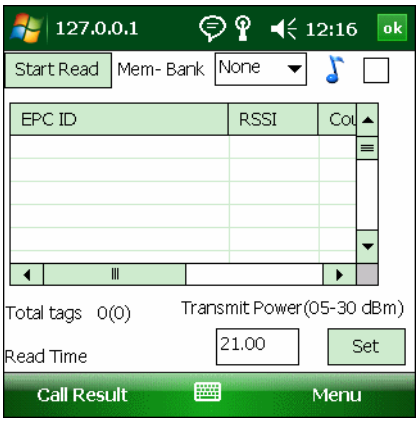

Figure 4-22 *RFID Tag Read*

2. Tap **Start Read** to interrogate all RFID tags within the radio frequency (RF) field of view, and capture data from each new tag found.

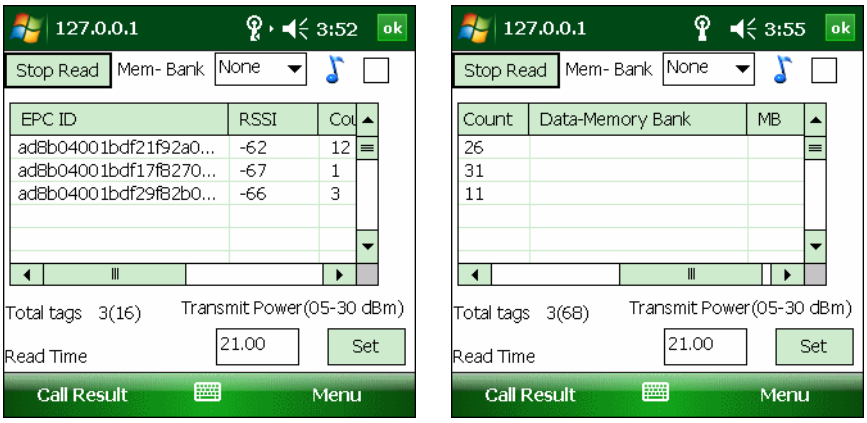

Figure 4-23 *RFID Tag List*

The sample application lists the following information for each tag read:

- **EPC ID** - The data content of the tag.
- **RSSI** - Received Signal Strength for the tag.
- **Count** - The number of times the mobile computer read the tag.
- **Data Memory Bank** - The memory bank data if you selected Reserved, TID, User, or EPC with offset.
- **MB** - The selected memory bank (TID, RSVD, USER or EPC).

Tap **Stop Read** to stop interrogating tags.

Chapter 5 Troubleshooting

Introduction

Table 5-1 on page 5-1 provides the FX Series troubleshooting information.

Troubleshooting

Table 5-1 *Troubleshooting*

Problem	Possible Causes	Possible Solutions
Mobile computer does not turn on.	Lithium-ion battery not charged.	Charge or replace the lithium-ion battery.
	Lithium-ion battery not installed properly.	Ensure battery is installed properly. Refer to the *MC3000 Mobile Computer Integrator Guide*.
	System crash.	Perform a warm boot. If the RFID reader still does not turn on, perform a cold boot. Refer to the *MC3000 Mobile Computer Integrator Guide*.
Rechargeable lithium-ion battery did not charge.	Battery failed.	Replace battery. If the mobile computer still does not operate, try a warm boot, then a cold boot. Refer to the *MC3000 Mobile Computer Integrator Guide*.
	Mobile computer removed from cradle while battery was charging.	Insert mobile computer in cradle and begin charging. The lithium-ion battery requires less than four hours to recharge fully.
Mobile computer turns off without proper warning messages during heavy use.	Due to component tolerances, this can occur when using battery part number 55-060112-xx.	Use battery part number 55-002152-xx.
No sound.	Volume setting is low or turned off.	Increase the volume setting.

Table 5-1 *Troubleshooting (Continued)*

Problem	Possible Causes	Possible Solutions
Tapping the window buttons or icons does not activate the corresponding feature.	LCD screen not aligned correctly.	Re-calibrate the screen.
	Battery is not inserted properly.	Insert the battery properly. Refer to the *MC3000 Mobile Computer Integrator Guide.*
A message appears stating that the mobile computer memory is full.	Too many files stored on the mobile computer.	Delete unused memos and records. Save these records on the host computer.
	Too many applications installed on the mobile computer.	If additional applications have been installed on the RFID reader, remove them to recover memory. Tap **Start** > **Settings** > **System** tab > **Remove Programs** icon.
Reader error LED lights after the reader has been in operation.	The CPU cannot communicate.	Refer to the system log for error messages.
Reader error LED stays lit on power up.	An error occurred during the power up sequence.	Refer to the system log for error messages.
Reader is not reading tags.	The tag is out of its read range. Tags are damaged. Tags are not EPCgen2. Read application is not loaded.	Move the tag into the read range. See *Reading Tags on page 1-5*. Use tags of good quality. Use EPCgen2 tags. Verify that the unit is loaded with a read application.

NOTE If problems still occur, contact the distributor or call the local contact. See *page ix* for contact information.

Appendix A Technical Specifications

Technical Specifications

The following tables summarize the RFID reader intended operating environment and technical hardware specifications.

Table A-1 *Technical Specifications*

Item	MC3090-Z RFID
Physical and Environmental Characteristics	
Dimensions	9.1 in. L x 3.6 in. W x 7.6 in. H 23.1 cm L x 9.1 cm H x 19.3 cm H
Weight	23 oz. / 650 g (includes battery, RFID, scanner, and radio)
Keypad	48 key Terminal Emulation (5250, 3270, VT)
Display	3 in. 320 x 320 pixel color
Battery	Extended capacity (2X) battery pack
Performance Characteristics	
CPU	Intel® XScale® Bulverde PXA270 processor at 624MHz
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Mobile 6.1
Memory (RAM/ROM)	128 MB RAM/1 GB Flash
Application Development	SMDKs available through the Support Web Site
Data Capture Options	Laser engine reads 1D and 2D symbologies with intuitive laser aiming. RFID reader reads Gen2 tags.

Table A-1 *Technical Specifications (Continued)*

Item	MC3090-Z RFID		
Laser Decode Capability	Code 39 Codabar Interleaved 2 of 5 MSI UPC/EAN supplementals Webcode RSS Expanded Composite Code Macro PDF417 Data Matrix Australian 4-State Dutch Kix MicroQR	Code 128 Code 11 EAN-8 UPCA Coupon Code RSS-14 EAN-128 PDF417 MSI Plessey US Planet Canadian 4-State Aztec	Code 93 Discrete 2 of 5 EAN-13 UPCE Trioptic 39 RSS Limited TLC39 Micro PDF417 Maxi Code UK 4-State Japanese 4-State USPS 4-State(US4CB)
User Environment			
Operating Temperature	-4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C)		
Battery Charging Temperature	32° to 104° F (0° to 40° C) ambient temperature range		
Storage Temperature	-25°F to 160°F (-40°C to 70°C)		
Humidity	0% to 95% non condensing		
Drop Specification	Multiple 6 ft. (1.8m) drops to concrete across operating temperature range		
Tumble	2,000 one-meter tumbles at room temperature (4,000 hits)		
Environmental Sealing	IP64		
ESD	+/-15kVdc air discharge +/-8kVdc direct discharge +/-8kVdc indirect discharge		
RFID			
Standards Supported	EPC Generation 2 UHF		
Nominal read range[1]	10 ft./3.04 m with the RFX6000 4x4 tag optimally oriented.		
Field	Half read range beam width: +/- 80 degrees (with tags optimally oriented).		
Antenna	Integrated, circularly polarized, 1.5 dB effective linear gain per axis (nominal); Antenna port for future support of optional external antenna.		
Frequency Range	902-928 MHz		
Output power	1W conducted (1.4W EIRP with integrated antenna)		
Wireless Data Communications			
WLAN	802.11a/b/g		
Output Power	100mW U.S. and International		

Table A-1 *Technical Specifications (Continued)*

Item	MC3090-Z RFID
Data Rate	802.11a: 54Mb per second 802.11b: 11Mb per second 802.11g: 54Mb per second
Antenna	Internal
Frequency Range:	802.11a: 5 GHz; country-dependent 802.11b: 2.4 GHz; country-dependent 802.11g: 2.4 GHz; country-dependent
Bluetooth	Bluetooth® Version 1.2 with BTExplorer™ (manager) included
Peripherals and Accessories	
Cradles	Single-slot available
Printers	Supports extensive line of Symbol approved printers, cables and accessories
Charger	4-Slot universal battery charger
Other Accessories	Cable Adapter Module; Magnetic Stripe Reader; Modem; Full set of holsters In accordance with the SymbolPlus partner program
Regulatory	
Electrical Safety	Certified to UL60950-1, CSA C22.2 No. 60950-1, EN60950-1, IEC 60950-1.
WLAN and Bluetooth®	USA — FCC Part 15.247, 15.407; Canada — RSS-210.
RF Exposure	USA — FCC Part 2, FCC OET Bulletin 65 Supplement C; Canada — RSS-102.
RFID	USA — FCC Part 15.247, 15.205, 15.209: Canada — RSS-210.
EMI/RFI	USA — FCC Part 15; Canada — ICES-003.

Cable Pinouts

USB Client Connector

The USB Client port is supplied on a USB Type B connector.

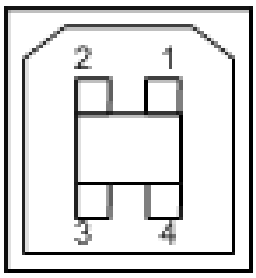

Figure A-1 *USB Client Connector*

Table A-2 *USB Client Port Connector Pinout*

Pin	Pin Name	Direction	Description
Pin 1	5.0V_USB	1	5.0V USB Power Rail
Pin 2	USB_DN	I/O	Data Negative Rail
Pin 3	USB_DP	I/O	Data Positive Rail
Pin 4	GND	-	Ground

GPIO Port Connections

These are plug terminal block types, allowing connecting and disconnecting individual wires independently. Separate connectors are used for inputs and outputs. See *Table A-3* for pin descriptions.

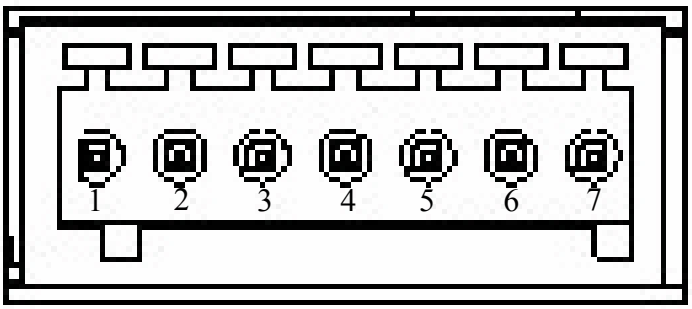

Figure A-2 *FX Series RFID Reader GPIO Connection*

Table A-3 *GPIO Pin Outs*

Pin #	Pin Name	Direction	Description
1	+24V DC Power	Input	Supplies +24V DC at up to 1 Amp
2	GP output #1	Input	Signal for GP output #1
3	GP output #2	Input	Signal for GP output #2
4	GP input #1	Output	Signal for GP input #1
5	GND	Output	Ground connection
6	GP input #2	Output	Signal for GP input #2
7	GND	Output	Ground connection

Appendix B RFID APIs

For information on supported RFID APIs, refer to the *MC3090-Z RFID Enterprise Mobility Developer Kit*.

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