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MIFARE Application Directory (MAD)

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1   Introduction
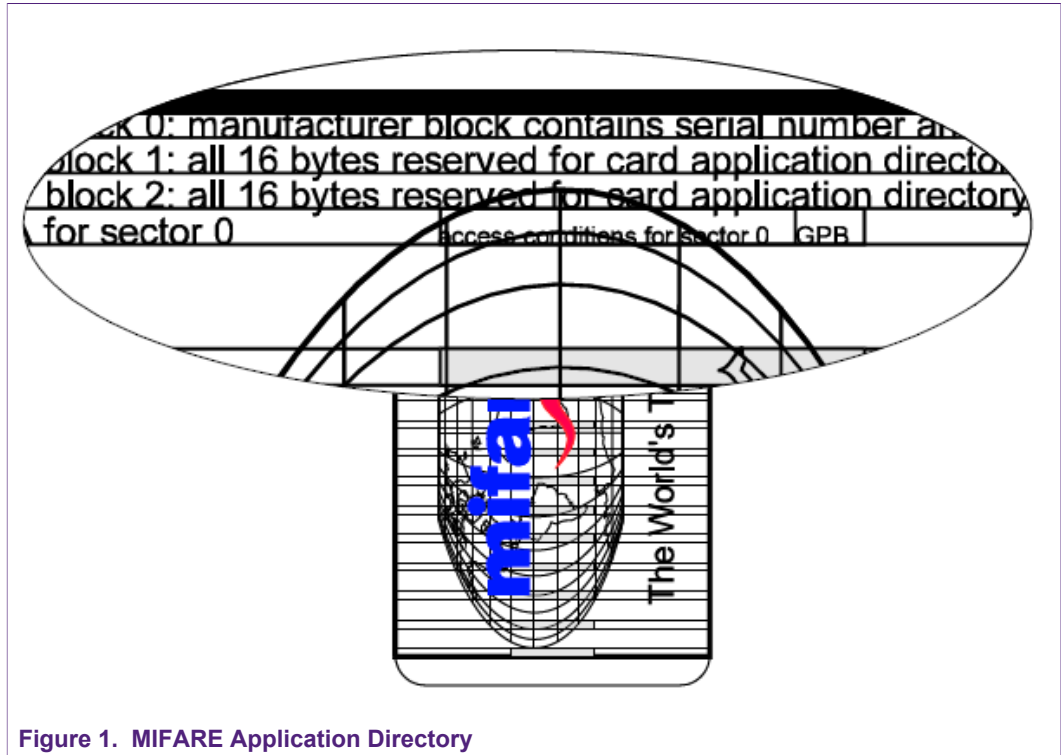
Figure 1. MIFARE Application Directory

The MIFARE Application Directory standard proposes the introduction of common data structures for card application directory entries. Registered application identifiers (AIDs) in sector 0x00 (and sector 0x10, if applicable) of any MIFARE product-based card enable identification of all registered card applications. Terminal software should take advantage of this feature using those sector pointers instead of physical sector addresses.

In this document the term „MIFARE card" refers to a contactless card using an IC out of the MIFARE Classic, MIFARE Plus or MIFARE DESFire product family.

The MAD allows for fast selection of the targeted applications even if there are multiple cards in the field.

The current document describes the MAD version 1, 2 and 3.

MAD1 is limited to 16 Sectors (as used in MIFARE Classic).

MAD2 specifies the usage of the MIFARE Classic or MIFARE Plus with a memory >1k (e.g. MIFARE Classic 4K, etc.).

MAD2 is fully compatible to the MAD1, i.e. an MAD1 system can use cards, that use MAD2 without any changes. In this case, only the lower 1k EEPROM can be addressed.

All the relevant changes are described on Table 1.

MAD3 specifies the usage of Registered application identifiers in the context of MIFARE DESFire.

Observing the following proposed MIFARE Application Directory rules following proposed opens a lot of future benefits:

Table 2. Future benefits

basic requirements	⇒ additional information	⇒ additional flexibility
• reserve 2 blocks in sector 0(and also reserve 3 blocks in sector 16 for MAD2) • keep the given format • request for AID[1] • use public read-key for sector 0 • use secret write-key for sector 0 • use indirect addressing mode in terminal program	⇒ identify any application on any MIFARE card together with the sectors in use ⇒ identify card issuer ⇒ identify free or blocked sector	⇒ already existing MIFARE cards may serve for new additional applications ⇒ already existing MIFARE applications on multiple cards may be combined on one single card ⇒ easy adaptation of memory structure in case of additional features or blocked sectors

[1]   AID application identifier request form can be found in annex A

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2 Data elements for application directories and selection

2.1 Application identifier

Is a unique 16-bit code divided into two fields:

Table 3. Application identifier

bit 15							bit 8	bit 7							bit 0
			(8 bit) function cluster code								(8 bit) application code				

To enable easy classification of the whole range of possible applications, the function cluster code is used. Some codes are already prepared and outlined in annex C.

2.2 CRC-byte

8 bits include a cyclic redundancy code according to the 8-bit CRC coprocessor. The coprocessor should be reset and afterwards either the Info-byte and ID1 to ID$F (sector 0x00) or Info-byte and ID$11 to ID$27 (sector 0x10) (lower byte followed by higher byte) should be passed to the CRC coprocessor **exactly in this order**. This code allows an integrity check of the directory blocks.

2.3 Info-byte

Table 4. info-byte

bit 7	bit 6	bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0
free		pointer to CPS					

The information of the card publisher sector is particularly useful if somebody needs to find out the organization responsible for distribution of free card sectors for new applications. These free card sectors may easily be used for additional applications.

Bit 0 … 5 pointer to card publisher sector (see Section 3.8)

0x10 shall not be used.

0x28 … 0x3F shall not be used.

Bit 6, 7 RFU (reserved for future use)

2.4 General-purpose byte (GPB)

The general-purpose byte of the access condition field of sector trailer 0 describes further details of the MAD standard. It is the tenth byte of block 3. The code 0x69 should not be used for standardized cards and refers to non-personalized cards.

Table 5. General purpose byte

bit 7	bit 6	bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0
DA	MA	RFU				ADV	

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ADV (MAD version code):   01 for MAD version 1 (Sectors 1 … 00xF)

                             10 for MAD version 2 (Sectors 1 … 0x27)

MA (multi-application card) 1 yes

0 mono-application card

DA (MAD available) 1 yes

0 sector 0 does not contain MAD (all further MAD conventions are not considered).

The GPB for MAD version 2 in sector 16 will be set to RFU (0x00).

2.5 Read-key A

Table 6. Read-key A

Key A of sector 0 should be public and set to the following code:	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byte 1	byte 0
	a5	a4	a3	a2	a1	a0

2.6 Write-key B

Key B of sector 0 is programmed by the card issuer and should be kept secret. If additional applications join the same MIFARE card key B may be forwarded to the organization which provides the new services in order to enable directory (MAD) adaptation during re-initialization of the MIFARE cards.

3 Coding of the application directories

3.1 MAD version numbers

This standard proposes MAD version 1, 2 and 3.

For MAD1 and MAD2, the version number is encoded in the GPB (see chapter General purpose byte (GPB)). For MAD3, the version number is coded in a special file (see chapter MAD and MIFARE DESFire). For future MIFARE cards, this MAD standard may change together with the version numbering.

3.2 MAD types

This standard allows 3 types of MAD:

- mono-application card without directory entries
- mono-application card with directory entries
- multi-application card with directory entries

The MAD type is encoded in the GPB (see Section 2.4).

3.3 Function clusters

Function cluster codes enable easy classification of applications. Currently used codes may be found in annex C. Any organization requesting for a new AID may suggest a code out of this list. If this information is missing, the registration authority will determine the code.

3.4 Administration codes

Function cluster code 00 hex assigns specific administration codes to the corresponding sector:

AID - administration codes:

00 00 hex sector is free

00 01 hex sector is defect, e.g. access keys are destroyed or unknown

00 02 hex sector is reserved

00 03 hex sector contains additional directory info (useful only for future cards)

00 04 hex sector contains card holder information in ASCII format.

00 05 hex sector not applicable (above memory size)

3.5 Card holder information

The administration code 0x00 0x04 indicates to public card holder information in the corresponding sector. There is no binding rule but just the following recommendation given for storing card holder information using RLC (Run-Length-Coding):

Table 7. Card holder information

				bit7	bit0
byte n	byte n-1	....	byte 1	byte 0	
00	last character		character 1	type length<n>	

byte 0: length= lower 6 bit (number of used bytes including 0x00, max. 63)

type = highest 2 bit (00=surname; 01=given name; 10=sex; 11=any other data)

byte 1 to <n>: ASCII text as specified in type (first character at byte 1; ends with 0x00)

Unused bytes should be set to 0x00. For storing the sex, the following convention is suggested - use „m" (code 0x6D) for masculine and „f" (code 0x66) for feminine. In case of insufficient storage space in one sector the card holder information may be continued in the next sector referenced by the administration code 0x00 0x04.

e.g: surname: Sample man

given name: Philip

masculine

Tel+1/1234/5678

all data is readable with key A but key B is necessary for writing.

The hexadecimal contents of the corresponding sector should look like this:

Table 8. Hexadecimal contents

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 10	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byt e1	byte 0
6C	69	68	50	47	00	6E	61	6D	65	6C	70	6D	61	53	0a
33	32	31	2F	31	2B	6C	65	54	D0	00	6D	82	00	70	69
00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	38	37	36	35	2F	34
s	e	c	r	e	t	69	88	77	78	a5	a4	a3	a2	a1	a0

The card issuer is responsible for appropriate key protection of card administration sectors. It is advisable to protect all sectors of the card against unauthorized writing with secret keys B. This is recommended even for free and unused sectors.

In special cases, for example when storing public card holder information this data may be released for public reading using the default key A: a0a1a2a3a4a5 hex.

3.6 MIFARE Application Directory (MAD structure)

The location of each AID points to a specific sector on the card.

The location of an AID within sector 0 specifies the sector in use for the corresponding application.

Schematic of sector 0:

Table 9. Schematic of sector 0

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 11	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byt e1	byte 0
m	a	n	u	f	a	c	t	u	r	e	r	c	o	d	e

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 11	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byt e1	byte 0
AID for sector 0x07		AID for sector 0x06		AID for sector 0x05		AID for sector 0x04		AID for sector 0x03		AID for sector 0x02		AID for sector 0x01		info	CRC
AID for sector 0x$F		AID for sector 0x$E		AID for sector 0x$D		AID for sector 0x$C		AID for sector 0x$B		AID for sector 0x$A		AID for sector 0x09		AID for sector 0x08	
s	e	c	t	o	r	t	r	a	i	l	e	r	0x	0	0

Table 10. Schematic of sector 0x10 of MIFARE Classic or MIFARE Plus 4K card (MAD version 2)

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 10	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byt e1	byte 0
AID for sector 0x17		AID for sector 0x16		AID for sector 0x15		AID for sector 0x14		AID for sector 0x13		AID for sector 0x12		AID for sector 0x11		info	CRC
AID for sector 0x1F		AID for sector 0x1E		AID for sector 0x1D		AID for sector 0x1C		AID for sector 0x1B		AID for sector 0x1A		AID for sector 0x19		AID for sector 0x18	
AID for sector 0x27		AID for sector 0x26		AID for sector 0x25		AID for sector 0x24		AID for sector 0x23		AID for sector 0x22		AID for sector 0x21		AID for sector 0x20	
s	e	c	t	o	r	t	r	a	i	l	e	r	0x	1	0

The info byte structure is same as in info byte structure of MAD1. If one more sector is required for information, then lowest 6 bits can be used to code the new sector number, otherwise info byte of sector 0x00 = info byte of sector 0x10.

3.7 CRC calculation

Byte 0 of block 1 of Sector 0 (MAD1, MAD2) and Sector 0x10 (MAD2) will contain 8-bit cyclic redundancy code (CRC). It is generated at the generation of the MAD.

This code should be checked whenever the MAD is read in order to ensure data integrity. Both for the CRC generation and the CRC check the internal CRC coprocessor of the NFC reader IC for MIFARE products may be used.

For the CRC-calculation of Sector 0 the Info byte should be processed first, then ID1, ID2 … ID0xE, ID0xF in this order.

For the CRC-calculation of Sector 0x10 the Info byte should be processed first, then ID0x11, ID0x12 … ID0x26, ID0x27 in this order.

Always process the lower byte first within the AID´s followed by the higher byte. That means the following process order:

Sector 0x0: block 1, byte 1 to byte 0xF; block 2, byte 0 to byte 0xF

Sector 0x10: block 0, byte 1 to byte 0xF; block 1, byte 0 to byte 0xF, block 2, byte 0 to byte 0xF

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Of course, the calculation can also be achieved via appropriate software.

8-bit CRC uses the polynomial: $x8 + x4 + x3 + x2 + 1$ and is preset with 0xE3

example for CRC calculation with a sample MAD (hex values):

Table 11. CRC calculation

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 10	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byt e1	byte 0
AID for sector 7		AID for sector 6		AID for sector 5		AID for sector 4		AID for sector 3		AID for sector 2		AID for sector 1		info	CRC
00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	08	01	08	01	08	01	01	89
AID for sector $F		AID for sector $E		AID for sector $D		AID for sector $C		AID for sector $B		AID for sector $A		AID for sector 9		AID sector 8	
30	11	00	00	00	00	00	00	10	02	10	02	10	03	10	03

3.8 Pointer to card publisher sector

This information is particularly useful if somebody needs to find out the organization responsible for distribution of free card sectors for new applications. These free card sectors may easily be used for additional applications.

The lower 6 bits (4bits for MAD1) of the Info-byte contain a binary pointer to one of the 38 sectors in use (15 sectors for MAD1). The owner of the corresponding sector is considered to be the card publisher, responsible for card issue, card maintenance and also for maintenance of the MAD. 0x00 should be used if the card publishing organization does not use any sector on the MIFARE card.

0x10 shall not be used.

0x28 … 0x3F shall not be used.

3.9 Key protection of MAD

Block 3 of sector 0 (MAD1, MAD2) and block 3 of sector 0x10 (MAD2) contain key information as well as access condition information. The MAD should be well write-protected with a secret key B defined by the card issuer. Anybody should be allowed to read the MAD. This is achieved by using a public read key A (for sector 0 and sector 0x10, if applicable):

key A: a0a1a2a3a4a5 hex

Access conditions should allow reading with key A|B and writing with key B. According to the MIFARE card product specification, this means the following code:

C1X0 C2X0 C3X0: x x x (don´t care for manuf.code)

C1X1 C2X1 C3X1: 1 0 0

C1X2 C2X2 C3X2: 1 0 0

C1X3 C2X3 C3X3: 0 1 1

example for sector trailer 0 with hex codes

Type of example card: multi-application with directory

Table 12. example for sector trailer 0 with hex codes

byte 15	byte 14	byte 13	byte 12	byte 10	byte 10	byte 9	byte 8	byte 7	byte 6	byte 5	byte 4	byte 3	byte 2	byte 1	byte 0
s e c r e t						C1	88	77	78	a5	a4	a3	a2	a1	a0
key B						access condition				key A					

All currently unused sectors should be well write protected with secret write keys defined by the card issuer in order to prevent unintended redefinition of access conditions and keys. It is recommended to use different keys for all free sectors. This enables future release of some sectors to new service providers without the need of releasing all free sectors.

3.10 MAD and MIFARE DESFire

In the context of this document, MIFARE DESFire refers to any evolution of the MIFARE DESFire product family. For detailed information on the functionality of a MIFARE DESFire IC, please refer to the MIFARE DESFire documents available at NXP DocStore.

The MIFARE DESFire card IC features a flexible file system which organizes user data in applications which hold files. Applications are identified with a 3 byte application identifier (AID). AIDs have to be unique per card and are defined at application creation time.

A dedicated list of currently installed application does NOT have to be maintained by the card issuer, as the MIFARE DESFire IC maintains this list automatically. To collect a list of applications on a card, the MIFARE DESFire command GetApplicationIDs is used. This command returns a list holding all MIFARE DESFire AIDs present on the card.

In order to transfer the advantages of the MIFARE Classic AID structure to the MIFARE DESFire IC, following definitions are made:

- The 3 bytes MIFARE DESFire AID can be used to store the 2 byte MIFARE Classic AID
- The first nibble of the MIFARE DESFire AID is fixed to 0xF to indicate: MIFARE Classic AID is used.
- The next 4 nibbles hold the MIFARE Classic AID.
- The last nibble can be freely chosen to support multiple MIFARE DESFire AIDs within the context of one MIFARE Classic AID. This allows to have 16 different MIFARE DESFire AIDs using one single MIFARE Classic AID.
- The MIFARE DESFire Card Master Key settings have to allow the MIFARE DESFire command GetApplicationIDs without authentication.
- The MIFARE DESFire AID 0xFF FF FF is reserved.

Table 13. MIFARE DESFire AID

0x	MSB		2nd byte		LSB	
0x	Nibble 0	Nibble 1	Nibble 2	Nibble 3	Nibble 4	Nibble 5
0x	F	Two-byte MIFARE Classic ID				0..F

The reserved MIFARE DESFire AID 0xFF FF FF is used to store general issuer information:

- File 0x0 has to be a value file with free access for GetValue, holding the value 0x00 00 03, indicating the MAD version 3.

- File 0x1 shall be configured as StandardDataFile with Free Read Access. This file holds the contact details of the Card Holder (user of the card) in CSV plain text, see Section 3.5.
- File 0x2 shall be configured as StandardDataFile with Free Read Access. This file holds the contact details of the Card Publisher (owner of PICC Master Key) in CSV plain text, see Section 3.8.
- Files 0x3 to 0xF are RFU and shall not be used within MIFARE DESFire AID 0xFF FF FF.
- Application Software in Terminals (PCDs) shall ignore files 0x3 to 0xF.

3.10.1 Example

2-byte MIFARE Classic Application ID is mapped to 3-byte DESFire application ID. Let's take MIFARE Classic Application ID according to MAD = 0x4857, where MSB (0x48) is the cluster code for access control and application code is LSB (0x57).

The mapping to DESFire AID is shown in the following table.

Table 14. Example - Mapping of 2-byte MIFARE Classic AID to 3-byte DESFire AID

0x	MSB		2nd byte		LSB	
0x	Nibble 0	Nibble 1	Nibble 2	Nibble 3	Nibble 4	Nibble 5
0x	F	Two-byte MIFARE Classic ID				0..F
0x	F	0x4857				X
0x	F	4	8	5	7	X
0x	F4857X (X can be any value from 0 to F)					

So, the corresponding 3-byte DESFire Application ID = 0xF4857X; where 0xF4 is the MSB and 0x7X is the LSB.

According to ISO/IEC 7816-4, the bit number 8 to 5 of first byte "F" means "Proprietary category, no registration of application providers".

Please note according to ISO/IEC 14443 and DESFire, the lowest significant byte is exchanged first, e.g. in this case "7X85F4".

3.11 MAD and MIFARE Plus

In the context of this document, MIFARE Plus refers to any evolution of the MIFARE Plus product family. For MIFARE Plus, the MAD shall be implemented as described in Section 3.6.

The MIFARE Plus AES keys A for reading the sector 0x00 and the sector 0x10 shall be:

0x a0a1a2a3a4a5a6a7a0a1a2a3a4a5a6a7

For the use of MAD in SL3 the communication must allow plain communication, i.e. in SL3 the byte 5 of the sector trailer must be configured accordingly.

Remark: The default setting for the byte 5 default value, as specified in the MIFARE Plus configuration block, automatically allows plain communication, if not changed during personalization.

Remark: For the 2K MIFARE Plus, the AIDs of the sectors 0x21 (33dec) ... 0x28 (40dec) must be set to 00 05 (hex-sector not applicable, above memory size).

Refer to the data sheet of MIFARE Plus for more details (BU-S&C Doc. no. 1637**).

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4   Use of the application directories

4.1   Directory scan procedure for MAD1 and MAD2

The purpose of the MAD is to gain additional information and flexibility. These benefits ask for specific proceedings of application software:

Any transaction should start with a directory scan; that means authentication of sector 0 with key A and reading at least blocks 1 and 2. In most cases, block 3 is necessary to get general information about the directory structure found in the GPB of block 3.

The next step is to look for the relevant AIDs in the directory blocks which point to the actual sector addresses in use. Several identical AIDs may point to different sectors belonging to the same application. The data structure within the application sectors must be organized with application software. If sectors are changed during life time of the card application, the software needs specific algorithms for locating single data records in several sectors.

If the GPB (ADV) in block 3, sector 0 identifies the MAD2 (i.e. the use of the sectors 16… 39 in the extended memory), the sector 10 hex has to be authenticated with key A. The blocks 0, 1 and 2 contain the AIDs of the extended directory for the sectors 0x11 … 0x27.

As extension of the MAD2 is organized in the same way as the basic directory in sector 0, the same structure of application software can be used.

4.2   Indirect addressing mode

Data identification and manipulation algorithms should only use the indirect addressing mode by using the sector pointers which are extracted out of the MAD.

4.3   Directory scan procedure for MAD3

To check whether an application is present on a MIFARE DESFire IC, the command "GetApplicationIDs" is used.

Please refer to chapter MAD and MIFARE DESFire respectively "MIFARE DESFire Functional Specification" for more details.

4.4   Registration of MIFARE Classic application identifiers

Each MIFARE Classic application should be encoded in a unique AID. To achieve this goal a central registration authority is set up. Any organization may request for AIDs for new MIFARE Classic application free of charge using the attached registration form (see ANNEX A). The contents of sector B of this form will be inserted in a common database.

4.5   MIFARE MAD and registration

For MAD registration please contact the MIFARE MAD Registration Office at below address.

Table 15. Registration

NXP Semiconductors GmbH Mikron-Weg 1 A-8101 Gratkorn, Austria *MIFARE MAD Registration Office*	mailto: support.docstore@nxp.com

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5   MAD Sector 0x00 (MAD1 and MAD2)
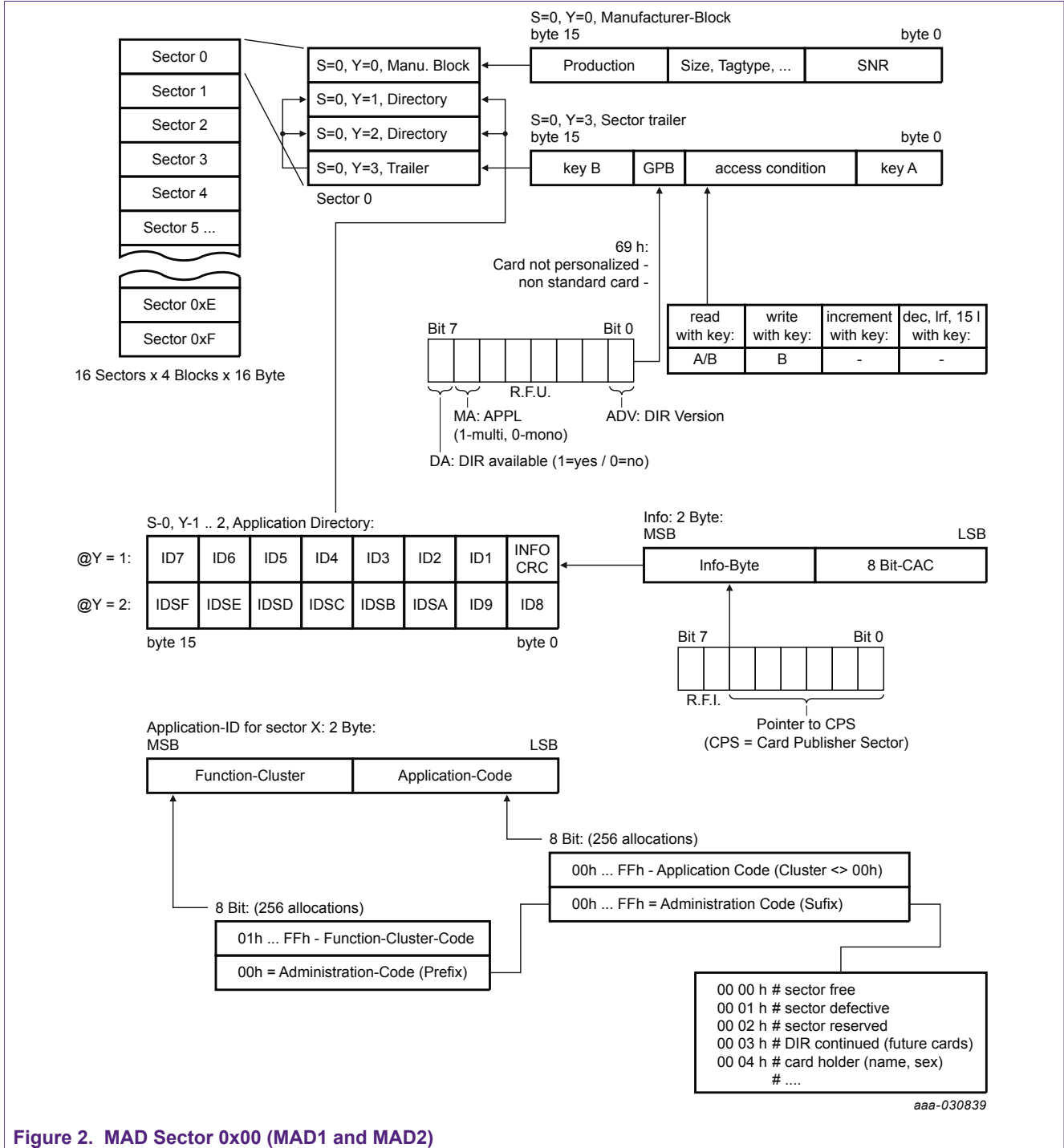
Figure 2. MAD Sector 0x00 (MAD1 and MAD2)

6   MAD Sector 0x10 (MAD2)
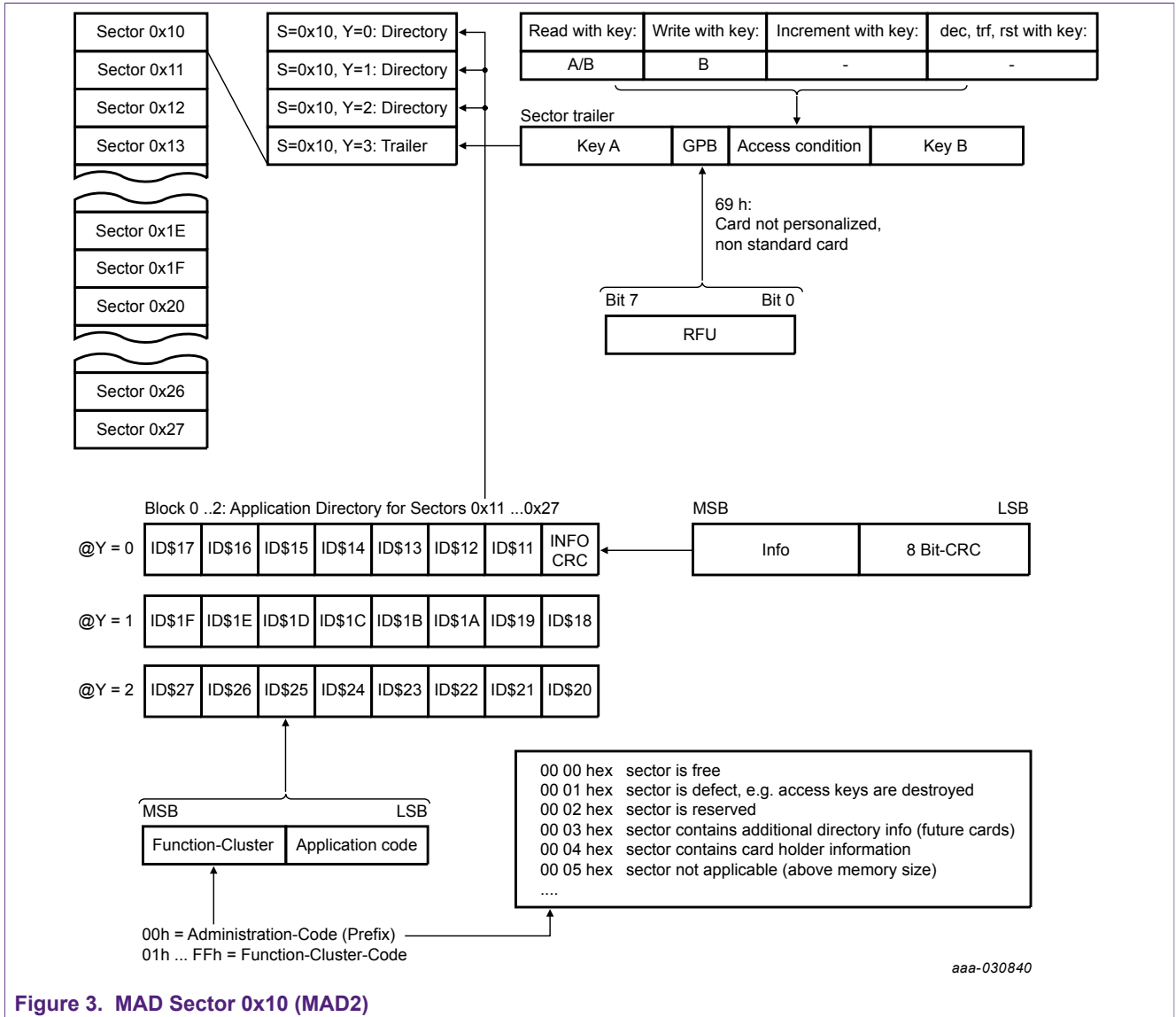
Figure 3. MAD Sector 0x10 (MAD2)

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7 ANNEX A, Request to register Application IDentifier (AID)

Information in Section A is not published.

A.	To be completed by the requesting organization				
100	Name of organization				
101	Address of correspondence				
102	Principal contact in organization				
103	Telephone number	104	Fax number	106	Email address
106	Date	17	Signature		

Information in Sections B and C will be published. The requesting organization may omit completion for parts of Section B if those information shall remain confidential

B.	Data to be registered and published				
201	Name of service provider organization				
202	Names of technical system integration organizations				
203	Names of clearing house				
204	Description of application				
205	Suggested functional cluster				
206	Locations of application				
207	Numbers of sectors in use	208	Launching date	209	Number of desired AID's
212	Target MIFARE platforms				

C.	To be completed by the registration authority			
310	AID granted	311	Functional cluster	
320	AID granted	321	Functional cluster	
330	AID granted	331	Functional cluster	
340	AID granted	341	Functional cluster	
390	Request received by	391	Date	392 Signature

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Figure 4. Registration form

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8   ANNEX B, Help information for registration form

Figure 5. Help information for registration form

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9 ANNEX C, Functional cluster codes

All Cluster Code values not listed in Table 16 are reserved for future use.

Table 16. Function cluster codes

cluster code (hex)	function
00	card administration
01-07	miscellaneous applications
08	airlines
09	ferry traffic
10	railway services
11	miscellaneous applications
12	transport
14	security solutions
18	city traffic
19	Czech Railways
20	bus services
21	multi modal transit
28	taxi
30	road toll
31	generic transport
38	company services
40	city card services
47-48	access control & security
49	VIGIK
4A	Ministry of Defence, Netherlands
4B	Bosch Telecom, Germany
4C	European Union Institutions
50	ski ticketing
51-54	access control & security
55	SOAA standard for offline access standard
56	access control & security
58	academic services
60	food
68	non-food trade
70	hotel
71	loyalty
75	airport services
78	car rental

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79	Dutch government
80	administration services
88	electronic purse
90	television
91	cruise ship
95	IOPTA
97	metering
98	telephone
A0	health services
A8	warehouse
B0	electronic trade
B8	banking
C0	entertainment & sports
C8	car parking
C9	fleet management
D0	fuel, gasoline
D8	info services
E0	press
E1	NFC Forum
E8	computer
F0	mail
F8-FF	miscellaneous applications

Table 17. (16 bit) AID code

bit 15	bit 14	bit 13	bit 12	bit 11	bit 10	bit 9	bit 8	bit 7	bit 6	bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0
(8 bit) function cluster code								(8 bit) application code							

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