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1. Introduction

MIFARE SAMs (**S**ecure **A**pplication **M**odule) have been designed to provide the secure storage of cryptographic keys and cryptographic functions for the terminals to access the MIFARE products¹ securely and to enable secure communication between terminals and host (backend).

1.1 Scope

This application note presents the information on all the available support items for application development using MIFARE SAM AV2.

1. 1. MIFARE Ultralight C, MIFARE Classic, MIFARE Plus, MIFARE DESFire, MIFARE DESFire EV1

1.2 Abbreviations

These abbreviations are used in all the MIFARE SAM AV2 application notes.

Table 1. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
AID	Application ID
APDU	Application Protocol Data Unit
API	Application Programming Interface
ATR	Answer To Reset
ATS	Answer To Select
C-APDU	Command APDU
CBC	Cipher-Block Chaining
CEK	Change Entry Key
CID	Card IDentifier
CLA	Class byte
CMAC	Cipher based MAC
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
DES	Data Encryption Standard
DF	DESFire
FID	File ID
FSCI	Frame Size for proximity Card Integer
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service
HSM	Hardware Security Module
HVQFN32	Heatsink Very-thin Quad Flat-pack No-leads (32-pin)
INS	Instruction byte
IV	Init Vector
KST	Key Storage Table
KUC	Key Usage Counters
Lc	Length field for coding the Nc field
Le	Length field for coding the Ne field
LFI	Last Frame Indicator

Abbreviation	Meaning
LRC	Longitudinal Redundancy Check
LRU	Latest Recently Used
LSB	Lowest Significant Byte
MAC	Message Authentication Code
MSB	Most Significant Byte
Nc	Number of bytes in the command data field
Ne	Number of bytes expected in the response data field
P1	Parameter 1
P2	Parameter 2
PCB	Protocol Control Byte
PCD	Proximity Coupling Device (reader/writer unit)
PCM	Product Contact Module
PC/SC	Personal Computer Smart Card
PICC	Proximity Integrated Circuit Card
POST	Point of Service Terminal
PPS	Protocol and Parameter Selection
R-APDU	Response APDU
RATS	Request for Answer To Select
RFU	Reserved for Future Use
SAK	Select Acknowledge
SAM	Secure Application Module
SET	Setting
SIM	Subscriber Identification Module
SW	Status word
TDEA	Triple Data Encryption Algorithm
UID	Unique IDentification number
X -functions	The functions offered by SAM in direct connection to RC52X or PN51X using I2C.

2. MIFARE SAM AV2 Start up information

2.1 Introduction

Secure Application Module (SAM) is a semiconductor where the cryptographic keys can be stored and used securely.

SAMs are available from NXP in the following formats:

- Contact-only module (PCM 1.1) as defined in ISO/IEC 7816-2 (figure a).
- HVQFN32.

The samples of SAM are delivered for your evaluation in SIM card format (ID-000) embedded in ID-1 size plastic card (figure b).



Fig 1. SAM contact module and SAM Card

The interface of SAM is ISO/IEC 7816-3 contact-only interface. It supports standard communication speed according to ISO/IEC 7816-3, protocol T =1, and also very high speed up to **1.5 Mbps**.

Although the SAMs can be seen as a contact smart card from the interface point of view, the SAMs do not allow creating or storing user data/file structure. SAMs offer moreover crypto capabilities as secret keys can be stored in the SAM securely and can be used for cryptographic functions in a secure way.

2.2 Available SAM

Currently, NXP's MIFARE SAM portfolio consists of three SAMs. Some of their features and their differences between versions are listed in the following table.

Table 2. Different SAMs

Features	MIFARE SAM AV1 (P5DF072EV2/ T0PD4090)	MIFARE SAM AV2 (P5DF081)
Communication Interface	ISO/IEC 7816, Class A, B, C. T = 1, up to 1.5 Mbps. I ² C interface to MFRC52X and PN51X.	ISO/IEC 7816, T = 1, up to 1.5 Mbps. Class A, B. I ² C interface to MFRC52X and PN51X.
Cryptographic Algorithms	TDEA 112-bit and 168-bit key, MIFARE Crypto1. AES-128 and AES-192.	TDEA 112-bit and 168-bit key, MIFARE Crypto1. AES-128 and AES-192. RSA-up to 2048-bit key.
Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)	-	Yes
Hash function	-	Yes, SHA -1, SHA -224 and SHA -256.
Supported Product's Cryptography	MIFARE Classic, MIFARE Ultralight C, MIFARE DESFire, MIFARE DESFire EV1.	MIFARE Classic, MIFARE Ultralight C, MIFARE Plus, MIFARE DESFire, MIFARE DESFire EV1.
Secure host communication	-	Yes
X- functionalities	Yes	Yes

2.3 MIFARE SAM AV2 Product Modes

MIFARE SAM AV2 offers two different modes:

- MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV1 mode and
- MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV2 mode.

Some of those features are explained in the following table:

Table 3. MIFARE SAM AV2 modes

Feature	MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV1 mode	MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV2 mode
PKI	Not available.	Available.
Host Authentication	Possible with all types of keys (except MIFARE Crypto1 keys), 3-pass mutual authentication.	Allowed only with AES-128 or AES-192 key type, 4-pass mutual authentication.
Host communication	Only CMACed in response or plain.	Configurable communication, plain, CMACed or encrypted in both directions.
Secure messaging	Only CMAC in response, if configured.	Extended to bi-directional CMAC and encryption mode, together with command counter.
Classification of symmetric Key entries	Not available.	Host, PICC, Offline change and Offline Crypto key.
Dumping Key	Secret key and session key can be dumped in the same way.	Secret key and session key are dumped using two different commands and restrictions based on key class type. Possible to restrict the secret key dump while dumping diversified ones.

AV2 mode is more secure than AV1 mode: it is strongly recommended to use MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV2 mode.

MIFARE SAM AV2 is delivered from NXP in AV1 mode.

2.3.1 Switching MIFARE SAM AV2 from AV1 to AV2 Mode

SAM_LockUnlock command is used to switch MIFARE SAM AV2 from AV1 mode to AV2 mode. SAM master key entry of type AES can be used for this switching. The commands and sequences of switching a virgin MIFARE SAM AV2 to AV2 mode are explained in [\[1\]](#).

2.4 SAM Distinction

The historical bytes of the SAM ATR tell the type of the product.

Table 4. Historical bytes of different SAM

SAM	Historical bytes	Characters corresponding ASCII
MIFARE SAM	6D69666172652053414D00000000	MIFARE SAM
MIFARE SAM AV1	44455346697265382053414D2D58	DESFire8 SAM-X ²
MIFARE SAM AV2	4D494641524520506C75732053414D	MIFARE Plus SAM ³

The response of the “Get Version” command gives all the detail information about the SAM, see also [\[1\]](#).

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2. 2. Internal project name.
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2.5 MIFARE SAM AV2 Product Support Package

There are several HW, SW and documents to support you for your MIFARE SAM AV2 application development, known as Product Support Package (PSP).

Nr.	Item Name	Type	Short Description	Ordering Information
1	MIFARE SAM AV2 Sample	Hardware	ID-000 size embedded in ID-1 plastic card	Can be requested through NXP local contact
2	Reference Hardware (DIK)	Hardware	HW, SW and documents	Can be requested through NXP local contact
3	Reference boards	Hardware	Boards with RC523, for evaluation X mode	Can be requested through NXP local contact
4	Product specification MIFARE SAM AV2	Document	MIFARE SAM AV2 Datasheet.	Document nr. 1645xx ⁴ .
5	MIFARE SAM AV2 System Guidance Manual	Document	Guidance for secure MIFARE SAM AV2 usage.	Document nr. 1869xx.
6	Application notes	Document	Features and hints application notes	Document nr. 1821xx - 1830xx
7	MIFARE Reader Library	Lib	A C library/API, with source code in ANSI C	Document nr. 1717xx
8	MIFARE discover	Executable	A SW tool to evaluate MIFARE SAM AV2	Document nr. 1866xx
9	MIFARE discover user Manual	Document	Describing the usages of MIFARE discover	Document nr. 1867xx
10	Standard Customer training	Training	A full day training and hands-on workshop for the developers	Can be requested through NXP local contact

Fig 2. MIFARE SAM AV2 Product Support Package

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4. 4. xx stands for the version number, e.g. 165410 is version 1.0 of document 1654

2.6 MIFARE SAM AV2 samples

For direct customers from NXP, samples can be requested from the local NXP representative over our secure esample desk in Hamburg:

ID	Name	Delivery Type
9352 931 23118	P5DF081X0/T1AD2060	PCM
9352 931 21118	P5DF081HN/T1AD2060	HVQFN32
8222 640 90547	P5DF081X0/T1AD2060 CARD	White Card
9352 968 33151	P5DF081HN/T1AR1070	HVQFN32
9352 968 41118	P5DF081X0/T1AR1070	PCM
8222 640 90787	P5DF081X0/T1AR1070 CARD	White card

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2.6.1 MIFARE SAM AV2 Application notes

Application notes have been published to explain the features of SAMs together with implementation hints and examples. There is a set of application notes for MIFARE SAM AV2, listed in the following table, each of them are describing specific features.

(Contact your NXP support engineer regarding the availability of the application notes).

Table 5. MIFARE SAM AV2 Application notes

Application note	Document number	Addressed features
MIFARE SAM AV2 – Quick Start up Guide.	1821xx	Introduction, detection of SAM type, starting with a PC/SC reader.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – Interface and architecture.	1822xx	Communication interfaces, logical channels, functional types ⁵ , architectures, product modes ⁶ , storage.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – Key Management and	1823xx	Key management and personalization of MIFARE SAM AV2.

5. 5. MIFARE SAM AV2 has two types of functionalities: non-X and X functions.

6. 6. MIFARE SAM AV2 offers two modes: MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV1 mode and MIFARE SAM AV2 in AV2 mode.

Application note	Document number	Addressed features
Personalization.		
Symmetric Key Diversification	1653xx	The CMAC based key diversification algorithm supported by MIFARE SAM AV2.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – Host Communication.	1824xx	Secure communication between host and MIFARE SAM AV2.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – For MIFARE Plus.	1825xx	Standard functionalities for MIFARE Plus.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – For MIFARE DESFire EV1.	1826xx	Standard functionalities for MIFARE DESFire EV1.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – For MIFARE Ultralight C.	1827xx	Standard functionalities for MIFARE Ultralight C.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – For MIFARE Classic.	1828xx	Standard functionalities for MIFARE Classic 1KB and MIFARE Classic 4KB.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – X functionalities.	1829xx	X functionalities.
MIFARE SAM AV2 – General purpose cryptography.	1830xx	How to use MIFARE SAM AV2 for general purpose standard cryptographic calculation.

These application notes are the supplementary documents to the MIFARE SAM AV2 product functional specification [1], read functional specification before using application notes.

3. References

- [1] P5DF081 MIFARE SAM AV2 functional specification, document number 1645xx.
- [2] MIFARE discover user manual, document number 1867xx.
- [3] MIFARE SAM AV2 System Guidance Manual, document number 1869xx.

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