

USING DESFIRE COMMANDS

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1 Overview

1.1 Required Reading

This document assumes you have read and are familiar with the [SkyeTek Protocol V3 Reference Guide](#) and the [SkyeTek Protocol V3 Basic Examples](#) application note.

1.2 Document Scope

This application note describes commands used for working with Philips DESFire family of tags. These SkyeTek Protocol v3 commands let you take advantage of the advanced features of DESFire tags without requiring familiarity with detailed DESFire tag operations. DESFire tags support the MIFARE Application Directory II (MADII) standard and permit operations such as accessing applications and crediting or debiting value files.

For additional information on command formats, see

- SkyeTek Protocol v3 Reference Guide
- SkyeTek Protocol v3 Examples

NOTE - Most DESFire commands require that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).

NOTE - The request and response data fields for the DESFire commands use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format listed for each command. However, you can easily use these commands without knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard. Each command shows the formatted template for the data field and a literal example of how to use the data field for a realistic use of the command.



2 Select Tag (0x0101)

To begin working with your DESFire enabled tag you must first retrieve the tag's unique identification number (TID). This is accomplished by using the SkyeProtocol select tag command. This command takes a tag type as its argument however SkyeProtocol V3 allows the use of an auto-detect tag type (0000) for initial tag identification purposes. The structure of binary mode select tag request is shown in the table below.

2.1 Example - Selecting a Tag Using Auto-detect

Table 2-1: Select Tag Binary Mode Request

Start	Msg Len	Flags	Command	Tag Type	CRC
02	0008	0020	0101	0000	F81A

This command will query the first available tag in the reader's field. The response data for a DESFire EV1 tag is shown below.

Table 2-2: Select Tag Response

Start	Msg Len	Cmd Resp	Tag Type	Data Len	Data	CRC
02	000F	0101	0214	0007	045E4931E81C80	EB1E

The select tag request was valid and the module indicates so by the inclusion of the request command in its response. In addition, this command returns the tag type as well as the tags TID. Now that the tag type and TID are known we can use this information with the same command to start a session with the tag. For the next request use the TID flag as well as the RF flag which instructs the reader module to start a session with the tag. This command example is shown below.

Table 2-3: Binary Mode Tag Selection

Start	Msg Len	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Data Len	Data	CRC
02	0010	0068	0101	0214	07	045E4931E81C80	2C68

The data in this request is the TID obtained from the previous response. If the tag is successfully selected it will return a session number as shown in the following example.



Table 2-4: Tag Selection Response

Start	Msg Len	Cmd Resp	Data Len	Data	CRC
02	0007	0101	0001	01	037F

The data returned in the response is a session number which will be used during tag authentication.

3 Authenticate Tag

This command authenticates to the selected application.

3.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

3.1.1 Request

```

SEQUENCE
{
  keyNumber          INTEGER
  key                OCTET-STRING
}

```

3.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

3.2 Example - Authenticating to Tag

3.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	001E	0C28	0201	0214	01	0011	*	E1BC



3.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	Key Number	OCT	OCT LEN	Key	END SEQ
3080	0201	00	04	08	0000000000000000	0000

3.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0201	4158

4 Create Application

The DESFire Create Application command creates a new application. It takes a three-byte application identifier, application key settings, and the number of keys to be available for this application. You must select the master application (000000) with valid authentication before executing this command.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

4.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

```

SEQUENCE
{
  ID                               OCTET-STRING,
  application-key-settings         SEQUENCE
  {
    access-rights                 ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0                       (0),
      key 1                       (1),
      ...
      Key 13                      (13),
    }
  }
}

```



```

        allowAll      (14),
        denyAll      (15)
    }
    configuration-frozen          BOOLEAN,
    auth-req-create-delete-file  BOOLEAN,
    auth-req-directory-access    BOOLEAN,
    allow-app-master-key-change  BOOLEAN
}
num-of-keys                      INTEGER
}

```

4.2 Example - Creating an Application with 7 Keys

4.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	002A	0C28	0303	0214	01	001F	*	475E

4.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	OCT	OCT LEN	AID	Start	ENUM	A	BOOL	B
3080	04	03	000001	3080	0A01	0E	0101	00

...

BOOL	C	BOOL	D	BOOL	E	END SEQ	INT	F	END SEQ
0101	00	0101	00	0101	FF	0000	0201	01	0000

- AID is the application identifier. 0x000000 denotes the master application and an application with this ID cannot be created.
- “A” is the access rights key setting. Use a specific key number or one of the following:
 - 0x0E allows all keys



- 0x0F denies all keys except application master key
- “B” is a boolean that indicates the configuration is not frozen.
- “C” is a Boolean that indicates authentication is required for create or delete file.
- “D” is a boolean that indicates authentication is required for directory access.
- “E” region is a boolean that indicates application master key change is allowed.
- “F” is the number of keys to allocate for the application.

4.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0303	7B92

The reader echoes the command back indicating a success.

5 Create File (0x0403)

This command creates a file in the selected application. To create a file you must have first created an application and then selected that application.

5.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

```

SEQUENCE
{
  file ID                INTEGER
  fileType              ENUMERATED
    {
      standardDataFile (0),
      backupDataFile  (1),
      valueFile       (2),
      linearRecordFile (3),
      cyclicRecordFile (4)
    }
  communicationsSettings ENUMERATED
    {
      plain           (0),
      plainWithMacing (1),
      encrypted       (2),
    }
}

```



```

accessRights                               SEQUENCE
  {
    readAccess                               ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
    writeAccess                             ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
    readWriteAccess                         ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
    changeAccess                           ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
  }
CHOICE
  {
    dataFile [1]
      SEQUENCE

```



```

    {
      fileSize                INTEGER
    }
valueFile                    [2]
  SEQUENCE
  {
    lowerLimit               INTEGER
    upperLimit               INTEGER
    value                    INTEGER
    limitedCreditEnabled     BOOLEAN
  }
recordFile                   [3]
  SEQUENCE
  {
    recordSize               INTEGER
    maxRecords               INTEGER
  }
}

```

5.2 Example - Creating Standard or Backup File

This example creates a standard or backup data file ID 1 and file size 4.

5.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0033	0C28	0403	0214	01	0028	*	C1CB

5.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	ENUM	B	ENUM	C	SEQ	ENUM	D	ENUM	E
3080	0201	01	0A01	00	0A01	00	3080	0A01	0E	0A01	0E

...

ENUM	F	ENUM	G	END	CHOICE	SEQ	INT	H	END	END	END



				SEQ					SEQ	CHOICE	SEQ
0A01	0E	0A01	0E	0000	A180	3080	0201	04	0000	0000	0000

- “A” is the one-byte file ID
- “B” is the file type:
 - 00 for a standard data file
 - 01 for a backup data file
- “C” is the communication setting:
 - 00 for plain
 - 01 for plain with making
 - 03 for encrypted
- “D” specifies read access. Use a specific key number or one of the following:
 - 0x0E for allow all
 - 0x0F for deny all
- “E” specifies write access. Use a specific key number or one of the following:
 - 0x0E for allow all
 - 0x0F for deny all
- “F” specifies the read/write access. Use a specific key number or one of the following:
 - 0x0E for allow all
 - 0x0F for deny all
- “G” specifies change access. Use a specific key number or one of the following:
 - 0x0E for allow all
 - 0x0F for deny all
- “H” is the file size.

5.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0403	369A

The reader module echoes back the command indicating a success.



5.3 Example - Creating a Value File

5.3.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	003C	0C28	0403	0214	01	0031	*	4EA8

5.3.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	ENUM	B	ENUM	C	SEQ	ENUM	D	ENUM	E
3080	0201	02	0A01	02	0A01	00	3080	0A01	0E	0A01	0E

...

ENUM	F	ENUM	G	END SEQ	CHOICE	SEQ	INT	H	INT	I
0A01	0E	0A01	0E	0000	A280	3080	0201	00	0201	64

...

INT	J	BOOL	K	END SEQ	END CHOICE	END SEQ
0201	64	0101	00	0000	0000	0000

- “A” is the one-byte file ID.
- “B” is the file type.
 - 02 for value
- “C” is the communication settings:
 - 00 for plain
 - 01 for plain with making
 - 03 for encrypted
- “D” specifies that there is no read access.
- “E” specifies that there is no write access.
- “F” specifies that there is no read/write access.
- “G” specifies that there is no change access.



- “H” specifies a lower limit of 00
- “I” specifies an upper limit of 100 (0x64)
- “J” specifies an initial value of 100 (0x64)
- “K” specifies no limited credit flag

5.3.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0403	369A

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

5.4 Command Example - Create Linear or Cyclic Record File

5.4.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0036	0C28	0403	0214	01	002B	*	3B75

5.4.2 Data Field Format

Start	INT	A	ENUM	B	ENUM	C	SEQ	ENUM	D
3080	0201	03	0A01	03	0A01	00	3080	0A01	0E

...

ENUM	E	ENUM	F	ENUM	G	END SEQ
0A01	0E	0A01	0E	0A01	0E	0000

...



CHOICE	SEQ	INT	H	INT	I	END SEQ	END CHOICE	END SEQ
A380	3080	0201	04	0201	0A	0000	0000	0000

- “A” is the one-byte file ID.
- “B” specifies a linear record file. (A value of 04 would indicate a cyclic record file.)
- “C” specifies plain communications.
- “D” specifies allow all read access
- “E” specifies allow all write access
- “F” specifies allow all read/write access
- “G” specifies allow all change access
- “H” specifies a file size of 4 bytes
- “I” specifies the number of records to be 10.

5.4.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0403	369A

The reader echoes back the response indicating a success.

6 Get Application IDs (0x0301)

The DESFire Get Application IDs command returns a list of application identifiers. Each application ID is three-bytes long.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- You must select the master application (000000) either explicitly or implicitly before using this command.

6.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

6.1.1 Request

(There is no request data)



6.1.2 Response

```

SEQUENCE
{
  application ID                               OCTET-STRING
}

```

6.2 Command Example

6.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	CRC
02	0009	0428	0301	0214	01	30FA

6.2.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0019	0301	0013	*	BFAA

6.2.3 Data Field Format

SEQ	OCT	OCT LEN	AID	OCT	OCT LEN	AID	OCT	OCT LEN	AID	End
3080	04	03	000001	04	03	000002	04	03	000005	0000

- AID is the three-byte application ID.
- The response data always starts with 3080 and ends with 0000.
- For each returned application ID, 0403 is followed by the three-byte application ID. (i.e. 000001, 000002, and 000005 are the available applications)

7 Select Application (0x0302)



The DESFire Select Application command switches to the specified application ID. It takes a single argument: the three-byte application identifier to switch to.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).

7.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

7.1.1 Request

```
SEQUENCE
{
  application ID          OCTET-STRING
}
```

7.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

7.2 Command Example

7.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0010	0C28	0302	0214	01	0005	*	0FE0

Selects the master application (0x000000).

7.2.2 Data Field Format

OCT	OCT LEN	AID
04	03	000000

7.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
-------	----------------	------	-----



02	0004	0302	6A1B
----	------	------	------

The reader echoes back the command response indicating a success.

8 Delete Application (0x0304)

The DESFire Delete Application command deletes the specified application ID. It takes a single argument: the three-byte application identifier to delete. You must select the master application (000000) and perform authentication before executing this command.

- The command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).

8.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

8.1.1 Request

`app-id`

OCTET-STRING

8.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

8.2 Command Example

8.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0010	0C28	0304	0214	01	0005	*	AD3A

8.2.2 Data Field Format

OCT	OCT LEN	AID
04	03	000005



This request tells the reader to delete the application with AID = 0x000005.

8.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0304	0F2D

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

9 Get File IDs (0x0401)

The DESFire Get File IDs command returns a list of file identifiers. Each file identifier is one-byte long.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- This command requires that you select the application containing the files you wish to list.
- This command requires that you first authenticate to the selected application.

9.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

9.1.1 Request

(There is no request data.)

9.1.2 Response

```
SEQUENCE
  {
    file ID          INTEGER
  }
```



9.2 Example

9.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	CRC
02	0009	0428	0401	0214	01	0026

9.2.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0013	0401	000D	*	A958

9.2.3 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	File ID	INT	File ID	END SEQ
3080	0201	01	0201	02	0201	03	0000

The data response field contains a sequence of integers each representing the file ID's for the selected application. (i.e. files 01, 02, and 03 exist in the selected application.)

10 Get File Settings (0x0404)

Get File Settings command takes a one-byte file identifier and returns the file type, communication settings, access rights, and file type specific settings.

- This command requires that you first create for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.



10.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

10.1.1 Request

file-id INTEGER

10.1.2 Response

```
SEQUENCE {
  fileType ENUMERATED
  {
    standardDataFile (0),
    backupDataFile (1),
    valueFile (2),
    linearRecordFile (3),
    cyclicRecordFile (4)
  }
  communicationSettings ENUMERATED
  {
    plain (0),
    plainWithMacing (1),
    encrypted (3)
  }
  accessRights SEQUENCE
  {
    readAccess ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
    writeAccess ENUMERATED
    {
      Key 0 (0),
      Key 1 (1),
      ...
      Key 13 (13),
      allowAll (14),
      denyAll (15)
    }
  }
}
```



```

        readWriteAccess                                ENUMERATED
        {
        Key 0                (0),
        Key 1                (1),
        ...
        Key 13              (13),
        allowAll            (14),
        denyAll             (15)
        }
        changeAccess                                ENUMERATED
        {
        Key 0                (0),
        Key 1                (1),
        ...
        Key 13              (13),
        allowAll            (14),
        denyAll             (15)
        }
    }

    CHOICE {
        dataFile                [1]
            SEQUENCE
            {
                fileSize                INTEGER
            }
        valueFile                [2]
            SEQUENCE
            {
                lowerLimit                INTEGER,
                upperLimit                INTEGER,
                value                    INTEGER,
                limitedCreditEnabled    BOOLEAN
            }
        recordFile                [3]
            SEQUENCE
            {
                recordSize                INTEGER,
                maxRecords                INTEGER,
                numRecords                INTEGER
            }
    }
}

```



10.2 Example - Getting Settings for a Data File

10.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	000E	0C28	0404	0214	01	0003	*	A39A

10.2.2 Request Data Field Format

INT	File ID
0201	01

This command requests the file settings for file 01.

10.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	002B	0404	0025	*	2A8D

10.2.4 Response Data Field Format

Start	ENUM	A	ENUM	B	SEQ	ENUM	C	ENUM
3080	0A01	00	0A01	00	3080	0A01	0E	0A01

...

D	ENUM	E	ENUM	F	END SEQ	CHOICE	SEQ
---	------	---	------	---	---------	--------	-----



0E	0A01	0E	0A01	0E	0000	A180	3080
----	------	----	------	----	------	------	------

...

INT	G	END SEQ	END CHOICE	END SEQ
0201	04	0000	0000	0000

- “A” indicates the file type.
- “B” indicates the communication type.
- “C”, “D”, “E”, and “F” indicate allow all access.
- “G” indicates the file size is 4 bytes.

11 Change File Settings (0x0405)

The DESFire Change File Settings command takes the one-byte file identifier, new communication settings, and new access rights to be set. You must perform a valid authentication to the application containing the file before executing this command.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

11.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

11.1.1 Request

```

SEQUENCE {
  fileID                               INTEGER
  {
    communicationSettings              ENUMERATED
    {
      plain                            (0),
      plainWithMacing                  (1),
      encrypted                         (3)
    }
  }
}
    
```



```

    }
accessRights                               SEQUENCE
    {
    readAccess                               ENUMERATED
    {
    Key 0                                     (0),
    Key 1                                     (1),
    ...
    Key 13                                    (13),
    allowAll                                  (14),
    denyAll                                    (15)
    }
    writeAccess                             ENUMERATED
    {
    Key 0                                     (0),
    Key 1                                     (1),
    ...
    Key 13                                    (13),
    allowAll                                  (14),
    denyAll                                    (15)
    }
    readWriteAccess                         ENUMERATED
    {
    Key 0                                     (0),
    Key 1                                     (1),
    ...
    Key 13                                    (13),
    allowAll                                  (14),
    denyAll                                    (15)
    }
    changeAccess                           ENUMERATED
    {
    Key 0                                     (0),
    Key 1                                     (1),
    ...
    Key 13                                    (13),
    allowAll                                  (14),
    denyAll                                    (15)
    }
    }

```



11.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

11.2 Example - Changing Settings for a Specific File

11.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0025	0C28	0405	0214	01	001A	*	E61D

11.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	ENUM	B	SEQ	ENUM	D	ENUM	E
3080	0201	01	0A01	00	3080	0A01	00	0A01	00

...

ENUM	F	ENUM	G	END SEQ	END SEQ
0A01	00	0A01	00	0000	0000

- “A” is the one-byte file ID.
- “B” is the new communication setting
- “D”, “E”, “F”, and “G” specify the new access key settings.

11.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	0405	53AC

The reader module echoes back the command indicating a success.



12 Read File (0x0406)

The DESFire Read File command is used to read from standard and backup data files. It takes a one-byte file identifier and an offset to start from.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- This command requires that you first authenticate to the application containing the file.
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

12.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

12.1.1 Request

```
SEQUENCE
{
  fileId                INTEGER,
  offset                INTEGER
}
```

12.1.2 Response

```
Data                OCTET-STRING
```

12.2 Example - Reading a Data File

12.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0015	0C28	0406	0214	01	000A	*	2128



12.2.2 Request Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	INT	B	END SEQ
3080	0201	01	0201	00	0000

- “A” indicates the file ID
- “B” indicates the file read starting offset.

12.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	000C	0406	000g	*	930D

12.2.4 Response Data Field Format

OCT	OCT LENGTH	Data
04	04	00000000

- Data contains the 4 bytes read from our file.

13 Write File (0x0407)

The DESFire Write File command writes to standard and backup data files. It takes a one-byte file identifier, an offset to start from, and the data to be written.

NOTE - If the file is a backup data file, the transaction must be committed.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.



13.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

13.1.1 Request

```
SEQUENCE
{
  fileId           INTEGER,
  offset          INTEGER,
  data            OCTET-STRING
}
```

13.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

13.2 Example - Writing to a Data File

13.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	001B	0C28	0407	0214	01	0010	*	59EA

13.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	INT	B	OCT	OCT LENGTH	C	END SEQ
3080	0201	01	0201	00	04	04	FFFFFFFF	0000

- “A” indicates the file ID.
- “B” indicates the offset to start writing from.
- “C” indicates the data to be written.

13.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
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14.2.2 Data Field Format

INT	File ID
0201	01

This example deletes file 01.

14.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0408	8849

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

15 Clear File (0x0409)

The DESFire Clear File command clears the content of a specified record file. It takes a single argument: the one-byte file identifier of the record file. You must perform a valid authentication on the file before executing this command.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

15.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1 BER Encoding)

15.1.1 Request

file-id

INTEGER

15.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)



15.2 Example - Clearing a Specific File

15.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	000E	0C08	0409	0214	01	0003	*	8D5A

15.2.2 Data Field Format

INT	File ID
0201	03

15.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0409	99C0

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

16 Credit Value File

The DESFire Credit Value File command is used to credit a value file. It takes a one-byte file identifier and a value.

NOTE- As with all operations on a value file, this transaction must be committed.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).



16.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

16.1.1 Request

```
SEQUENCE
{
  fileId          INTEGER,
  value          INTEGER
}
```

16.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

16.2 Example - Crediting a Value to a Specific File

16.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0015	0C28	040A	0214	01	000A	*	BA97

16.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	Value	END SEQ
3080	0201	02	0201	03	0000

16.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	040A	AB5B



17 Debit Value File (0x040B)

The DESFire Debit Value File command debits a value file. It takes a one-byte file identifier and a value.

NOTE - As with all operations on a value file, this transaction must be committed.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

17.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

Request

```
SEQUENCE
{
  fileId          INTEGER,
  value          INTEGER
}
```

Response

(There is no response data.)

17.2 Example - Deleting a Value from a Specific File

17.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0015	0C28	040B	0214	01	000A	*	6E5B



17.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	Value	END SEQ
3080	0201	02	0201	02	0000

17.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	040B	BAD2

18 Limited Credit Value File (0x040C)

The DESFire Limited Credit Value File command credits back part of a value that was debited within the same transaction. An example of using this command could be a DESFire card that allows use of a coupon to partially refund all or part of a purchase amount while withholding permission to grant credit beyond the current debit amount. This could allow a vending machine to debit the card and add a limited credit but prevent putting greater amounts of money back onto the card. This command takes a one-byte file identifier and a value.

NOTE - As with all operations on a value file, this transaction must be committed.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- This command requires that you first authenticate to the application containing the value file you would like to limit.
- This command requires that you first perform a debit transaction.

18.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

Request

SEQUENCE

{



Main 720.328.3425 Fax:720.228.2400

Skyetek Inc
 1525 Market St. Ste 200
 Denver, CO 80202
www.skyetek.com

```

fileId          INTEGER,
value           INTEGER
}

```

Response

(There is no response data.)

18.2 Example - Setting a Limiting Credit Value for a Specific File

18.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0015	0C28	040C	0214	01	000A	*	3F01

18.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	Value	SEQ END
3080	0201	01	0201	01	0000

18.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	040C	CE6D

19 Get Value (0x040D)

The DESFire Get Value command gets the current value of a value file. It takes a one-byte file identifier.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).



- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

19.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

19.1.1 Request

file-id INTEGER

19.1.2 Response

value INTEGER

19.2 Example - Getting the Value from a Specific Value File

19.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	000E	0C28	040D	0214	01	0003	*	91AD

19.2.2 Request Data Field Format

INT	File ID
0201	01

19.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0009	040D	0003	*	6D96



19.2.4 Response Data Field Format

INT	Value
0201	32

20 Commit Transaction (0x040E)

The DESFire Commit Transaction command commits the current transaction for a backup data file or record file. It doesn't take any arguments or return any data.

NOTE - This command returns an error if you perform the commit when there is no pending transaction.

20.1 Command Example

20.1.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	CRC
02	0009	0428	040E	0214	01	B2DF

20.1.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
01	0004	040E	Ed7f

21 Abort Transaction (0x040F)

The DESFire Abort Transaction command aborts the current transaction for a backup data file or record file. It doesn't take any arguments or return any data.

NOTE - This command returns an error if you perform the commit when there is no pending transaction.



21.1 Command Example

21.1.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	CRC
02	0009	0428	040F	0214	01	AE64

21.1.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Data	CRC
02	0004	040F	FCF6

22 Read Records (0x0410)

The DESFire Read Records command reads from linear and cyclic record files. It takes a one-byte file identifier and a record number from which to start.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).

22.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

Request

```
SEQUENCE {
  fileId      INTEGER,
  value       INTEGER
}
```

Response

OCTET-STRING



22.2 Example - Reading Records from a Specific File

22.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0015	0C28	0410	0214	01	000A	*	B4A5

22.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	Offset	END SEQ
3080	0201	03	0201	00	0000

22.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0010	0410	000A	*	983F

22.2.4 Data Field Format

OCT	OCT LENGTH	Record
04	08	003C3812003C3812

23 Write Record (0x0411)

The DESFire Write Record command writes a record to a linear or cyclic record file. It takes a one-byte file identifier, a record offset to start from, and the data to be written.

NOTE - The transaction must be committed.



- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

23.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

23.1.1 Request

```
SEQUENCE {
    fileID          INTEGER,
    offset         INTEGER,
    data           OCTET-STRING
}
```

23.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

23.2 Example - Writing to a Specific Record File

23.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0027	0C28	0411	0214	01	001C	*	B4E4

23.2.2 Request Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	File ID	INT	Offset	OCT	OCT LENGTH	Record	END SEQ
3080	0201	01	0201	00	04	10	AABBCCDDEEFF00000000000000000000	0000



23.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0411	0509

24 Change Key Settings

The DESFire Change Key Settings command changes either the application or the master key settings.

- For application key settings, this command takes:
 - The access rights
 - Configuration frozen flag
 - A flag indicating authentication is required to create or delete files
 - A flag indicating authentication is required for directory access
 - A flag indicating if changes are allowed to the application master key
- For the master key settings, this command takes:
 - Configuration frozen flag
 - A flag indicating authentication is required to create or delete files
 - A flag indicating authentication is required for directory access
 - A flag indicating if changes are allowed to the master key
- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

24.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

24.1.1 Request

```
CHOICE {
  application-key-settings [1]
  SEQUENCE {
    access-rights
    ENUMERATED {
      key0 (0)
```



```

    ..
    key13 (13),
    allowAll (14),
    denyAll (15)
  }
  configuration-frozen          BOOLEAN,
  auth-req-create-delete-file  BOOLEAN,
  auth-req-directory-access    BOOLEAN,
  allow-app-master-key-change  BOOLEAN
}
master-key-settings [2]
SEQUENCE
{
  configuration-frozen          BOOLEAN,
  auth-req-create-delete-app    BOOLEAN,
  auth-req-app-directory-access  BOOLEAN,
  allow-picc-master-key-change  BOOLEAN
}
}

```

24.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)

24.2 Example - Changing Application Key Settings

24.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0022	0C28	0412	0214	01	0014	*	3D20

24.2.2 Data Field Format

CHOICE	SEQ	ENUM	A	BOOL	B
A180	3080	0A01	0E	0101	00

...



BOOL	C	BOOL	D	BOOL	E	SEQ END	CHOICE END
0101	FF	0101	FF	0101	FF	0000	0000

- “A” indicates allow all access rights.
- “B” indicates configuration is not frozen.
- “C” indicates authentication required to create/delete files.
- “D” indicates authentication required for directory access.
- “E” indicates allow master key change.

24.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0412	3792

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

24.3 Example - Changing Master Key Settings

24.3.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	001F	0C28	0412	0214	01	0014	*	9730

24.3.2 Data Field Format

CHOICE	SEQ	ENUM	A	BOOL	B
A280	3080	0A01	0E	0101	00

...



BOOL	C	BOOL	D	BOOL	E	SEQ END	CHOICE END
0101	FF	0101	FF	0101	FF	0000	0000

- “A” indicates allow all access rights.
- “B” indicates configuration is not frozen.
- “C” indicates authentication required to create/delete files.
- “D” indicates authentication required for directory access.
- “E” indicates allow master key change.

24.3.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0412	3792

The reader echoes back the command indicating a success.

25 Get Key Settings (0x0413)

Get Key Settings command gets either the application or master key settings.

- For application key settings, this command returns:
 - The access rights
 - Configuration frozen flag
 - A flag indicating authentication is required to create or delete files
 - A flag indicating authentication is required for directory access
 - A flag indicating if changes are allowed to the application master key
- For the master key settings, this command returns:
 - Configuration frozen flag
 - A flag indicating authentication is required to create or delete files
 - A flag indicating authentication is required for directory access
 - A flag indicating if changes are allowed to the master key
- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.



25.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

25.1.1 Request

None

25.1.2 Response

```

SEQUENCE {
  CHOICE {
    application-key-settings      [1]
      SEQUENCE {
        access-rights
          ENUMERATED {
            key0      (0)
            ..
            key13    (13),
            allowAll (14),
            denyAll  (15)
          }
        configuration-frozen      BOOLEAN,
        auth-req-create-delete-file  BOOLEAN,
        auth-req-directory-access   BOOLEAN,
        allow-app-master-key-change  BOOLEAN
      }
    master-key-settings          [2]
      SEQUENCE {
        configuration-frozen      BOOLEAN,
        auth-req-create-delete-app  BOOLEAN,
        auth-req-app-directory-access  BOOLEAN,
        allow-picc-master-key-change  BOOLEAN
      }
  },
  numOfKeys                      INTEGER
}

```



25.2 Example - Getting Application Key Settings

25.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	CRC
02	0009	0428	0413	0214	01	FAF1

25.2.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0024	0413	001E	*	5D50

25.2.3 Data Field Format

SEQ	CHOICE	SEQ	ENUM	A	BOOL	B
3080	A180	3080	0A01	0E	0101	00

...

BOOL	C	BOOL	D	BOOL	E	SEQ END	CHOICE END
0101	FF	0101	FF	0101	FF	0000	0000

...

INT	F	END SEQ
0201	07	0000

- “A” indicates allow all access rights.
- “B” indicates configuration is not frozen.
- “C” indicates authentication required to create/delete files.



- “D” indicates authentication required for directory access.
- “E” indicates allow master key change.
- “F” indicates the number of application keys.

26 Get Key Version (0x0414)

The DESFire Get Key Version command takes the key number and returns its version number. The version number is stored in the eighth bit, which was once used for parity bits of the Triple-DES key. (DES and later Triple-DES reserved every eighth bit as a parity bit. DESFire and other recent cipher implementations ignore these parity bits.)

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).
- The request and response data fields use ASN.1 BER (Tag Length Value) encoding, as specified in the Data Field Format, although you do not need knowledge of the ASN.1 BER standard to use the command.

26.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

Request

keyNO INTEGER

Response

version INTEGER

26.2 Example - Getting the Key Version

26.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	000E	0C28	0414	0214	02	0003	020100	4D87



26.2.2 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	0009	0414	0003	020100	4D87

The data contains an integer containing the key version (0x00 in this example).

27 Change Key (0x0415)

The DESFire Change Key command changes a key. It takes the key number, new key version, new key, and (if authentication was done with this key number) the current key.

NOTE - Valid authentication must be performed before executing this command.

- This command requires that you first create a session for the tag (i.e., include the tag ID with a Select Tag command).

27.1 Data Field Format (ASN.1BER Encoding)

27.1.1 Request

```

SEQUENCE {
  keyNo          INTEGER
  keyVersion    INTEGER
  key           OCTET-STRING
  currentKey    OCTET-STRING OPTIONAL
}

```

27.1.2 Response

(There is no response data.)



27.2 Example - Changing Key While Authenticated to Master Key

27.2.1 Request

Start	Message Length	Flags	Command	Tag Type	Session	Data Length	Data	CRC
02	001F	0C28	0415	0214	01	0014	*	6966

27.2.2 Data Field Format

SEQ	INT	A	INT	B	OCTET
3080	0201	00	0201	00	04

...

OCT LENGTH	INT	C	END SEQ
08	0201	FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	

- “A” indicates key number.
- “B” indicates key version.
- “C” indicates key.

27.2.3 Response

Start	Message Length	Command Response	CRC
02	0004	0415	432D



28 Revision History

Revision	Author	Change
100212	Ryan Smith	Initial release.

Table 28-1: Revision History

