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About This Guide

Introduction

The RFD8500 RFID SDK Windows Developer Guide provides installation and programming information that allows RFID application development for Windows 7+ and MC55 (.Net Compact Framework).

Supported RFID Readers

The following RFID Readers are supported:

- RFD8500
- MC55

Chapter Descriptions

Topics covered in this guide are as follows:

- Zebra RFID SDK for Windows Overview provides detailed information about developing applications using the Windows RFID SDK.
- **Creating, Building, and Running Projects** provides step-by-step instructions to import the RFID SDK module and build Windows applications (with Microsoft .net 4.5/Compact framework) to work with the RFD8500 reader.
- **Demo Applications** provides information about the demonstration applications available for the Windows 7 RFID SDK and the Mobile RFID SDK.

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- **Bold** text is used to highlight the following:
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 - 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 readers.

- RFID Scanner SDK for Windows API Reference Guide
- RFD8500 User Guide, p/n MN002065Axx.
- RFD8500i User Guide, p/n MN-002761-XX.
- RFD8500 Quick Start Guide, p/n MN002225AXX.
- RFD8500i Quick Start Guide, p/n MN-002760-XX
- RFD8500 Regulatory Guide, p/n MN002062AXX.
- RFD8500i Regulatory Guide, p/n MN-002856-xx.
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Zebra RFID SDK for Windows Overview

Introduction

This chapter provides detailed basic through advanced information about developing applications using the Windows RFID SDK.

The Zebra RFID SDK for Windows provides an API that can be used by external applications to manage and control RFID specific functionality of an RFD8500 RFID reader connected over Bluetooth. The Zebra RFID SDK for Windows also allows .Net Compact Framework Smart Device Mobile applications to be developed for the MC55 mobile computer which communicates with the RFD8500 reader.

The Zebra RFID SDK for Windows provides the ability to manage RFID reader connections, perform various operations with connected RFID readers, configure connected RFID readers, and retrieve other information related to connected RFID readers.

All available APIs are defined under the Symbol.RFID.SDK namespace. The application uses the interface IRfidReader to interact with a reader.

Use available IRfidReader interface to register for events, connect with readers, and after successful connection, perform required operations such as inventory.

If method calls fail, the corresponding method throws an exception. The application should call all API methods in try-catch blocks for handling exceptions.

Connecting to an RFID Reader

Connection is the first step to communicate with an RFID reader. Import the namespace to use the RFID API as shown below.

```
using Symbol.RFID.SDK;  
using Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader;
```

Create an IRemoteReaderManagement interface instance by using the RfidSdk.RemoteReaderManagementServicesFactory class. Create the method as follows:

```
IRemoteReaderManagement readerManagement =  
    RfidSdk.RemoteReaderManagementServicesFactory.Create();
```

Next call GetReaders method of the IRemoteReaderManagement interface instance object that gives a list of all available/paired RFID readers with a Windows device/PC. Readers list is in the form of IRfidReaderInfo interface instance collection.

```
ICollection<IRfidReaderInfo> allReaders =  
    readerManagement.GetReaders(ReaderSearchOptions.AllReaders);
```

The [Table 1](#) lists the reader search options that can be specified as a parameter to GetReaders method.

Table 1 Reader Search Options

Reader Search Options	Description
ReaderSearchOptions.AllReaders	Gives a list of all available/paired RFID readers with a Windows device/PC
ReaderSearchOptions.Connected	Gives a list of all connected RFID readers with a Windows device/PC
ReaderSearchOptions.NotConnected	Gives a list of all paired but not connected RFID readers with a Windows device/PC

Next call the `RfidSdk.RFIDReaderFactory.Create` method with the `IRfidReaderInfo` instance of the device to communicate with the device as follows.

```
IRfidReader reader = RfidSdk.RFIDReaderFactory.Create(allReaders[0]);
```

The returned `IRfidReader` reader interface is used for performing all operations with RFID reader. To connect with the reader; use `IRfidReader` instance `Connect()` method.

```
// Establish connection to the RFID Reader
reader.Connect();
```

In addition, the application can register for `IRemoteReaderWatcher` instance events in the following way to get notified of RFID readers getting added (paired) / removed(unpaired), connected/disconnected.

```
IRemoteReaderWatcher readerWatcher = RfidSdk.RemoteReaderWatcherServicesFactory.Create();
readerWatcher.ReaderAppeared += ReaderWatcher_ReaderAppeared;
readerWatcher.ReaderDisappeared += ReaderWatcher_ReaderDisappeared;
readerWatcher.ReaderConnected += ReaderWatcher_ReaderConnected;
readerWatcher.ReaderDisconnected += ReaderWatcher_ReaderDisconnected;
}
private void ReaderWatcher_ReaderAppeared(object sender, ReaderStatusChangedEventArgs e)
{
}

private void ReaderWatcher_ReaderDisappeared(object sender, ReaderStatusChangedEventArgs e)
{
}

private void ReaderWatcher_ReaderDisconnected(object sender, ReaderStatusChangedEventArgs e)
{
}

private void ReaderWatcher_ReaderConnected(object sender, ReaderStatusChangedEventArgs e)
{
}
```

Special Connection Handling Cases

In a normal scenario, the reader connects fine, but following are the cases which require special handling at the time of connection.

The following example shows a connection handled under try-catch block.

```
try
{
    // Establish connection to the RFID Reader
    reader.Connect();
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Debug.Print(e.Message);
}
```

Region Is Not Configured

If the region is not configured an exception `ERROR_REGION_NOT_CONFIGURED` is given.

Then the caller chooses the operation regulatory region and sets the region with required configurations, as shown below:

```
private void GetRegionInfo()
{
    try
    {
        RegulatoryConfig regConfig = reader.Configurations.RegulatoryConfig;
        Debug.WriteLine("Config. RegulatoryConfig. Region : " + regConfig.Region);
    }
    catch (Exception ex)
    {
        if (ex.Message == reader.Configurations.ERROR_REGION_NOT_CONFIGURED)
            ConfigureDefaultRegion();
        else
            Debug.WriteLine(ex.Message + Environment.NewLine);
    }
}

private void ConfigureDefaultRegion()
{
    Debug.WriteLine("Region: Not Configured. Configuring as USA");
    RegulatoryConfig config = new RegulatoryConfig();
    config.Region = "USA";
    reader.Configurations.RegulatoryConfig = config;
}
```

Disconnect

When the application is done with the connection and operations on the RFID reader, call the following method to close the connection.

```
// Disconnects reader
reader.Disconnect();
```

Reader Capabilities

The capabilities (or Read-Only properties) of the reader are listed below.

General Capabilities

- Model Name.
- Serial Number.
- Manufacturer Name.
- Manufacture Date.
- Number of antennas supported.
- Is Tag Event Reporting Supported - indicates the reader's ability to report tag visibility state changes (New Tag, Tag Invisible, or Tag Visibility Changed).
- Is Tag Locating Supported - indicates the reader's ability to locate a tag.
- Is Hopping Enabled - Not supported.

Gen2 Capabilities

- Block Erase - Supported
- Block Write - Supported
- State Aware Singulation - Supported
- Maximum Number of Operation in Access Sequence - Not supported
- Maximum Pre-filters allowable per antenna - Not supported
- RF Modes - Not supported.

Regulatory Capabilities

- Country Code
- Communication StandardRegion
- Hopping
- Enable Channels.

For setting/getting Region, see [Region Is Not Configured on page 11](#).

Retrieving Reader Capabilities

```
//Get Reader capabilities
Console.WriteLine("Model Name: " + reader.Capabilities.ModelName);
Console.WriteLine("Serial Number: " + reader.Capabilities.SerialNumber);
Console.WriteLine("Manufacture Name: " + reader.Capabilities.ManufactureName);
Console.WriteLine("Manufacturing Date: " + reader.Capabilities.ManufacturingDate);
Console.WriteLine("Tag Event Reporting
Supported: "+reader.Capabilities.IsTagEventReportingSupported);
Console.WriteLine("Tag Locating Supported: " +
reader.Capabilities.IsTagLocatingSupported);
Console.WriteLine("Hopping Enabled: " + reader.Capabilities.IsHoppingEnabled);
```

Configuring the Reader

Antenna Specific Configuration

The reader.Configurations class contains the Antennas as object. The individual antenna can be accessed and configured using the index.

The reader.Configurations.Antennas[antennaID].Configuration Properties is used to set the antenna configuration to individual antenna.

The antenna configuration comprised of Transmit Power Index, Receive Sensitivity Index and Transmit Frequency Index.

Set/Get individual antenna configuration settings as follows:

```
ushort PowerVal = 270;
ushort curAntennaID = 0;
AntennaConfiguration antConfig =
reader.Configurations.Antennas[curAntennaID].Configuration;
antConfig.TransmitPowerIndex = PowerVal;
reader.Configurations.Antennas[curAntennaID].Configuration = antConfig;
Console.WriteLine("Set TransmitPowerIndex = " +
antConfig.TransmitPowerIndex.ToString());
```

Singulation Control

The property SingulationControl sets/gets the current settings of singulation control from the reader, for the given Antenna ID.

The following settings can be configured:

- Session - session number to use for inventory operation.
- Tag Population - an estimate of the tag population in view of the RF field of the antenna.
- Tag Transit Time - an estimate of the time a tag typically remains in the RF field.

```
ushort curAntennaID = 0;
// Get Singulation
SingulationControl singulationControl =
reader.Configurations.Antennas[curAntennaID].SingulationControl;
Console.WriteLine("Session : "+singulationControl.Session.ToString());
Console.WriteLine("Population : "+singulationControl.TagPopulation.ToString());
Console.WriteLine("TagTransitTime : "+singulationControl.TagTransitTime.ToString());

// Set Singulation
singulationControl.Session = SESSION.SESSION_S1;
singulationControl.TagPopulation = 30;
reader.Configurations.Antennas[curAntennaID].SingulationControl = singulationControl;
Console.WriteLine("SetSingulation : Session = [" + singulationControl.Session + "]);
Console.WriteLine("SetSingulation : TagPopulation: "+
singulationControl.TagPopulation.ToString());
```

Tag Report Configuration

The SDK provides an ability to configure a set of fields to be reported in a response to an operation by a specific active RFID reader.

Supported fields that might be reported are listed below.

- First seen time
- Last seen time
- PC value
- RSSI value
- Phase value
- Channel index
- Tag seen count.

The `reader.Configurations.ReportConfig` class can be used to retrieve and sets the tag report parameters from the reader.

Dynamic Power Management Configuration

The SDK provides a way to configure the reader to operate in dynamic power mode. The dynamic power state can be switched to be either on or off.

```
// set Dynamic power state on
reader.Configurations.DynamicPowerConfig.setDPOState(DYNAMIC_POWER_OPTIMIZATION.ENABLE);
// set Dynamic power state off
reader.Configurations.DynamicPowerConfig.setDPOState(DYNAMIC_POWER_OPTIMIZATION.DISABLE);
```

Regulatory Configuration

The SDK supports managing of regulatory related parameters of a specific active RFID reader.

Regulatory configuration options are listed below.

- Code of selected region
- Hopping
- Set of enabled channels.

A set of enabled channels includes only such channels that are supported in the selected region. If hopping configuration is not allowed for the selected regions, a set of enabled channels is not specified.

Regulatory parameters could be retrieved and set via `RegulatoryConfig` property accordingly. The region information is retrieved using `Region` property. The following example demonstrates retrieving of current regulatory settings and configuring the RFID reader to operate in one of supported regions.

```
// Get Regulatory Config
RegulatoryConfig regConfig = reader.Configurations.RegulatoryConfig;
Console.WriteLine("Config. RegulatoryConfig. Region : " + regConfig.Region);
Console.WriteLine("Config. RegulatoryConfig. Hopping : " + regConfig.Hopping);
string[] enabledChannels = regConfig.EnabledChannels;

// Set Regulatory Config
RegulatoryConfig config = new RegulatoryConfig();
config.Region = "USA";
reader.Configurations.RegulatoryConfig = config;
```

Saving Configuration

Various parameters of a specific RFID reader configured via SDK are lost after the next power down. The SDK provides an ability to save a persistent configuration of RFID reader. The SaveConfig method can be used to make the current configuration persistent over power down and power up cycles. The following example demonstrates utilization of mentioned method.

```
// Saving the configuration
reader.Configurations.SaveConfig();
```

Reset Configuration to Factory Defaults

The SDK provides a way to reset the RFD8500 reader to the factory default settings. The ResetFactoryDefaults method can be used to attain this functionality. Once this method is called, all the reader settings like events, singulation control, etc. will revert to default values and the RFD8500 reboots. A connected application shall lose connectivity to the reader and must connect back again and is required to redo the basic steps for initializing the reader. For mobile device applications after reset to defaults, you will have to manually pair the scanner using BT Explorer. The following example demonstrates utilization of mentioned method.

```
// Resetting the configuration
reader.ResetFactoryDefaults();
```

Managing Events

The application can register for one or more events, to be notified when it occurs. There are several types of events. Table 2 lists the events supported.

Table 2 Supported Events

Event	Description
readerWatcher.ReaderConnected	Event notifying connection from the Reader.
readerWatcher.ReaderDisconnected	Event notifying disconnection from the Reader. The application can call connect method periodically to attempt reconnection or call disconnect method to cleanup and exit.
readerWatcher.ReaderAppeared	Event notified when reader paired.
readerWatcher.ReaderDisappeared	Event notified when reader unpaired.
reader.Inventory.TagDataReceived	Tag Data received event.
reader.Inventory.InventoryStarted	Inventory operation started. In case of periodic trigger, this event is triggered for each period.
reader.Inventory.InventoryStopped	Inventory operation has stopped. In case of periodic trigger this event is triggered for each period.
reader.Inventory.InventorySessionSummary	Event generated when operation end summary has been generated. The data associated with the event contains total rounds, total number of tags and total time in micro secs.
reader.BatteryStatusNotification	Events notifying different levels of battery, state of the battery, if charging or discharging.

Table 2 Supported Events (Continued)

Event	Description
reader.PowerStatusNotification	Events which notify the different power states of the reader device. The event data contains cause, voltage, current and power.
reader.TemperatureStatusNotification	When temperature reaches threshold level, this event is generated. The event data contains source name (PA/Ambient).
reader.Inventory.BatchMode	Event generated when batch tag read operation is in progress.

Registering for Tag Data Notification

```
// registering for read tag data notification
reader.Inventory.TagDataReceived += Inventory_TagDataReceived;

private void Inventory_TagDataReceived(object sender, TagDataReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Events_ReadNotify -----");
    Console.WriteLine("Tag ID: " + e.EPCID);
    Console.WriteLine("Tag Seen Count: " + e.TagSeenCount);
    Console.WriteLine("RSSI " + e.RSSI);
}
```

Device Status Related Events

Device status, like battery, power, and temperature, is obtained through events after initiating the reader.Configurations.GetDeviceStatus method.

Response to the above method comes as battery event, power event and temperature event according to the set boolean value in the respective parameters. The following is an example of how to get these events.

```
reader.BatteryStatusNotification += Reader_BatteryStatusNotification;
reader.TemperatureStatusNotification += Reader_TemperatureStatusNotification;
reader.PowerStatusNotification += Reader_PowerStatusNotification;

bool battery = true;
bool power = true;
bool temperature = true;
reader.Configurations.GetDeviceStatus(battery, power, temperature);

private void Reader_BatteryStatusNotification(object sender,
BatteryStatusNotificationReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    //Handle battery event notification
}
```

(continued on next page)

```

private void Reader_PowerStatusNotification(object sender,
PowerStatusNotificationReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    //Handle power event notification
}

private void Reader_TemperatureStatusNotification(object sender,
TemperatureStatusNotificationReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    //Handle temperature event notification
}

```

Basic Operations

Tag Storage Settings

This section covers the basic/simple operations that an application would need to be performed on an RFID reader which includes inventory and single tag access operations.

Each tag has a set of associated information along with it. During the Inventory operation the reader reports the EPC-ID of the tag where as during the Read-Access operation the requested Memory Bank Data is also reported apart from EPC-ID. In either case, there is additional information like PC-bits, RSSI, last time seen, tag seen count, etc. that is available for each tag. This information is reported to the application as TagData for each tag reported by the reader. Applications can also choose to enable/disable reporting certain fields in TAG_DATA. Disabling certain fields can sometimes improve the performance as the reader and the SDK are not processing that information.

Following are a few use-cases that get tags from the reader.

Reading Tag Data from Event

A simple continuous inventory operation reads all tags in the field of view of all antennas of the connected RFID reader. The start and stop trigger for the inventory is the default (i.e., start immediately when reader.Inventory.Perform is called, and stop immediately when reader.Inventory.Stop is called).

```

// registering for read tag data notification
reader.Inventory.TagDataReceived += Inventory_TagDataReceived;

// perform simple inventory reader
reader.Inventory.Perform();

// Keep getting tags in the TagDataReceived event if registered
Thread.Sleep(5000); // Wait for 5 seconds for tags to read

// stop the inventory
reader.Inventory.Stop();
private void Inventory_TagDataReceived(object sender, TagDataReceivedEventArgs e)
{
    Console.WriteLine("Events_ReadNotify -----");
    Console.WriteLine("Tag ID: " + e.EPCId);
    Console.WriteLine("Tag Seen Count: " + e.TagSeenCount);
    Console.WriteLine("RSSI " + e.RSSI);
}

```

Reading Tag Data from Queue

The `GetNextTagDataReceived()` method is used to read tag data from internal queue. This is a blocking method that retrieves oldest `ITagData` buffered in the internal queue. If no tag data is present, the method blocks and waits until tag data is received.

If a timeout is specified as a parameter the method blocks and waits for the specified amount of time, for tag data (`ITagData`) to appear in the internal queue and returns the corresponding value.

To enable tag data to be received from internal queue, update the `App.Config` xml `<appSettings>` section as follows:

```
<!--Support tag data queuing for Win Mobile -->
<add key="Zeti ResponseDispatcherAssembly"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.dll"/>
<add key="Zeti TagDataDispatcher"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Zeti TagDataQueueingDispatcher"/>
```



NOTE: Tag data is not returned in the form of an event when you enable the setting above.

To enable tag data to be received as events use the following `App.Config` xml `<appSettings>` section:

```
<!--Support tag data dispatching via events for Win 7 and above or powerful WM devices -->
<add key="Zeti ResponseDispatcherAssembly"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.dll"/>
<add key="Zeti TagDataDispatcher"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Zeti TagDataDispatcher"/>
```

Simple Access Operations

Tag Access operations can be performed on a specific tag or can be applied on tags that match a specific Access-Filter. If no Access-Filter is specified the Access Operation is performed on all tags in the field of view of chosen antennas. This section covers the Simple Tag Access operation on a specific tag which could be in the field of view of any of the antennas of the connected RFID reader.

Dynamic power optimization should be disabled before any access operations.

```
// set Dynamic power state off
reader.Configurations.DynamicPowerConfig.setDPOState(DYNAMIC_POWER_OPTIMIZATION.DISABLE);
```

Read

The application can call method `reader.AccessOperations.TagRead.Read()` to read data from a specific memory bank.

Write

The application can call method `reader.AccessOperations.TagWrite.Write()` to write data to a specific memory bank. The response is returned as a `Tagdata` from where number of words can be retrieved.

Lock

The application can call method `reader.AccessOperations.TagLock.Lock()` to perform a lock operation on one or more memory banks with specific privileges.

Kill

The application can call method `reader.AccessOperations.TagKill.Kill()` to kill a tag.

Tag Locationing

This feature is supported only on hand-held readers and is useful to locate a specific tag in the field of view of the reader's antenna. The default locationing algorithm supported on the reader can perform locationing only on a single antenna. `reader.TagLocate.Perform(string epc)` can be used to start locating a tag, and `reader.TagLocate.Stop()` to stop the locationing operation. The result of locationing of a tag is reported as `reader.TagLocate.ProximityPercentReceived` event and `ProximityPercent` in `ProximityPercentReceivedEventArgs` gives the relative distance of the tag from the reader antenna.

Advance Operations

Using Triggers

Triggers are the conditions that should be satisfied to start or stop an operation (Inventory). This information can be specified using `TriggerInfo` class.

Use `reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo.StartTrigger` and `reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo.StopTrigger` methods to set triggers on the reader.

The following are some use-cases of using `TRIGGER_INFO`.

- Periodic Inventory: Start inventory at a specified time for a specified duration repeatedly.

```
TriggerInfo triggerInfo = reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo;
// start inventory every 3 seconds
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Type=START_TRIGGER_TYPE.START_TRIGGER_TYPE_PERIODIC;
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Periodic.Period=3000
// stop trigger
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Type=STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE.STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE_DURATION;
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Duration=5000; // stop after 5 seconds
reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo = triggerInfo;
```

- Perform 'n' Rounds of Inventory with a timeout: Start condition could be any; Stop condition is to perform 'n' rounds of inventory and then stop or stop inventory after the specified timeout.

```
TriggerInfo triggerInfo = reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo;
// start inventory immediate
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Type=START_TRIGGER_TYPE.START_TRIGGER_TYPE_IMMEDIATE;
// stop trigger
```

```
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Type=STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE.STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE_N_ATTEMPTS_WITH_TIMEOUT;
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.NumAttempts.N=3; // perform 3 rounds of inventory
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.NumAttempts.Timeout=3000; // timeout after 3 seconds
reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo = triggerInfo;
```

- Read 'n' tags with a timeout: Start condition could be any; Stop condition is to stop after reading 'n' tags or stop inventory after the specified timeout.

```
TriggerInfo triggerInfo = reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo;
// start inventory immediate
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Type = START_TRIGGER_TYPE.START_TRIGGER_TYPE_IMMEDIATE;
// stop trigger
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Type =
STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE.STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE_TAG_OBSERVATION_WITH_TIMEOUT;
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.TagObservation.N= 5; // number of tag observations
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.TagObservation.Timeout = 10000; // timeout after 10 seconds
reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo = triggerInfo;
```

- Inventory based on hand-held trigger: Start inventory when the reader hand-held trigger button is pulled, and stop inventory when the hand-held trigger button is released or subject to timeout.

```

TriggerInfo triggerInfo = reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo;
// start inventory immediate
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Type = START_TRIGGER_TYPE.START_TRIGGER_TYPE_HANDHELD;
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Handheld.HandheldEvent =
    HANDHELD_TRIGGER_EVENT_TYPE.HANDHELD_TRIGGER_PRESSED; // number of tag
observations
triggerInfo.StartTrigger.Handheld.Timeout = 10000; // timeout after 10 seconds
// stop trigger
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Type =
STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE.STOP_TRIGGER_TYPE_HANDHELD_WITH_TIMEOUT;
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Handheld.HandheldEvent=
    HANDHELD_TRIGGER_EVENT_TYPE.HANDHELD_TRIGGER_RELEASED; // number of tag
observations
triggerInfo.StopTrigger.Handheld.Timeout = 10000; // timeout after 10 seconds
reader.Configurations.TriggerInfo = triggerInfo;
    
```

Using Beeper

Use the `reader.Configurations.BeeperVolume` property to turn the beeper on/off, and set volume.

Get beeper setting example:

```

BEEPER_VOLUME beeperVolume = reader.Configurations.BeeperVolume;
string strBeeperVolume = "";
switch (beeperVolume)
{
    case BEEPER_VOLUME.HIGH_BEEP:
        strBeeperVolume = "HIGH_BEEP";
        break;
    case BEEPER_VOLUME.MEDIUM_BEEP:
        strBeeperVolume = "MEDIUM_BEEP";
        break;
    case BEEPER_VOLUME.LOW_BEEP:
        strBeeperVolume = "LOW_BEEP";
        break;
    case BEEPER_VOLUME.QUIET_BEEP: // beeper sound off
        strBeeperVolume = "QUIET_BEEP";
        break;
}
Console.WriteLine("GetBeeperVolume = " + strBeeperVolume);
    
```

Set beeper example:

```

//Set beeper volume high
reader.Configurations.BeeperVolume = BEEPER_VOLUME.HIGH_BEEP;
    
```

Batch Mode

When the RFD8500 reader is configured to operate in batch mode, it is capable of reading RFID tag data without being connected to a host device. The `reader.Configurations.BatchModeConfig` property can be used to configure Batch Mode as follows:

```

reader.Configurations.BatchModeConfig = BATCH_MODE.ENABLE
    
```

Batch Mode can be configured to one of the modes listed in [Table 3](#).

Table 3 Batch Modes

Mode	Description
BATCH_MODE. DISABLE	Tags are reported in real time as they are inventoried. No data is preserved if the application disconnects.
BATCH_MODE. ENABLE	Tags are stored in an internal database maintained in the reader, and are not returned to host in real time. While in batch mode, the reader will continue to perform inventory even if the reader is disconnected from the host. Upon re-connection, the ReadSessionBatchModeEventArgs" event will be raised indicating that the inventory is in progress. In order to retrieve the stored tags, inventory must be stopped by calling reader.Inventory.Stop(), and the reader.Inventory.GetBatchedTags() method must be called to get the stored tag Data.
BATCH_MODE. AUTO	Tags are reported in real time while the application that initiated performing inventory is still connected. If the reader is disconnected, the tag data is stored in an internal database maintained in the reader Upon re-connection, the "ReadSessionBatchModeEventArgs" event will be raised indicating that the inventory is in progress. In order to retrieve the stored tags, inventory must be stopped by calling reader.Inventory.Stop(), and the reader.Inventory.GetBatchedTags() method must be called to get the stored tag Data.

To clear stored batched tags in the reader's internal database, call the reader.Inventory.PurgeTags() method.

Using Pre-Filters

Pre-filters are the same as the Select command of C1G2 specification. Once applied, pre-filters are applied prior to Inventory and Access operations.

Singulation

Singulation refers to the method of identifying an individual Tag in a multiple-Tag environment.

In order to filter tags that match a specific condition, it is necessary to use the tag-sessions and their states (setting the tags to different states based on match criteria - reader.PreFilters.ConfiguredFilters) so that while performing inventory, tags can be instructed to participate (singulation - reader.Config.PreFilters.ConfiguredFilters[filterIndex].IsEnable) or not participate in the inventory based on their states.

Sessions and Inventoried Flags

Tags provide four sessions (denoted S0, S1, S2, and S3) and maintain an independent inventoried flag for each session. Each of the four inventoried flags has two values, denoted A and B. These inventoried flag of each session can be set to A or B based on match criteria using method reader.ConfiguredFilters[filterIndex].Action

Selected Flag

Tags provide a selected flag, SL, which can be asserted or deasserted based on match criteria using reader.ConfiguredFilters[filterIndex].Action

State-Aware Singulation

In state-aware singulation the application can specify detailed controls for singulation: Action and Target. Action indicates whether matching Tags assert or deassert SL (Selected Flag), or set their inventoried flag to A or to B. Tags conforming to the match criteria specified using the `reader.ConfiguredFilters[filterIndex].Action` are considered matching and the remaining are non-matching. Target indicates whether to modify a tag's SL flag or its inventoried flag, and in the case of inventoried it further specifies one of four sessions.

Applying Pre-Filters

Follow these steps to use pre-filters.

1. Add pre-filters.

The application can update pre-filters using the `reader.ConfiguredFilters` list to add and remove pre-filters.

2. Set appropriate singulation controls.

Now that the pre-filters are set (i.e., tags are classified into matching or non-matching criteria), the application needs to specify which tags should participate in the inventory using `reader.Configurations.Antennas[curAntennaID].SingulationControl`.

3. Perform Inventory or Access operation.

Inventory or Access operation when performed after setting pre-filters, use the tags filtered out of pre-filters for their operation.

Exceptions

The Zebra RFID Windows SDK throws standard .Net exceptions. All API calls should be under try-catch block to catch exceptions thrown while performing API calls.

```
try
{
    // Establish connection to the RFID Reader
    reader.Connect();
}
catch (Exception e)
{
    Debug.Print(e.Message);
}
```

Creating, Building, and Running Projects

Introduction

This chapter provides step-by-step instructions to import the RFID SDK module and build Windows applications (with Microsoft .net 4.5/Compact framework) to work with the RFD8500 reader.



NOTE: To build a Microsoft .net 4.5 application for Window 7 use Visual Studio 2015.

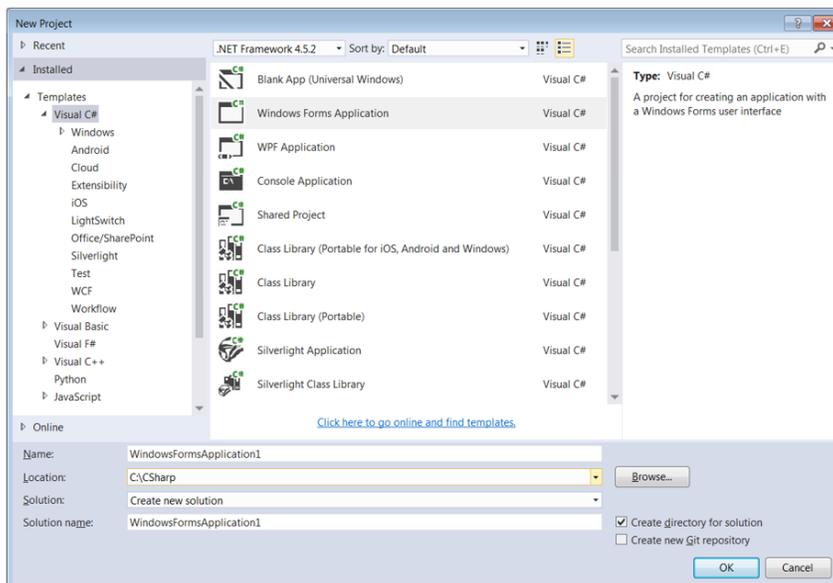
For .Net Compact Framework MC55 mobile applications use Visual Studio 2008 (and the Windows Mobile 6 SDK).

Creating a Windows Project

To create a C# Windows project in Visual Studio 2015:

1. Start Visual Studio 2015.
2. Select File > New > Project > Visual C#.
3. Create a new Windows Forms Application project and follow the on-screen steps in Visual Studio.

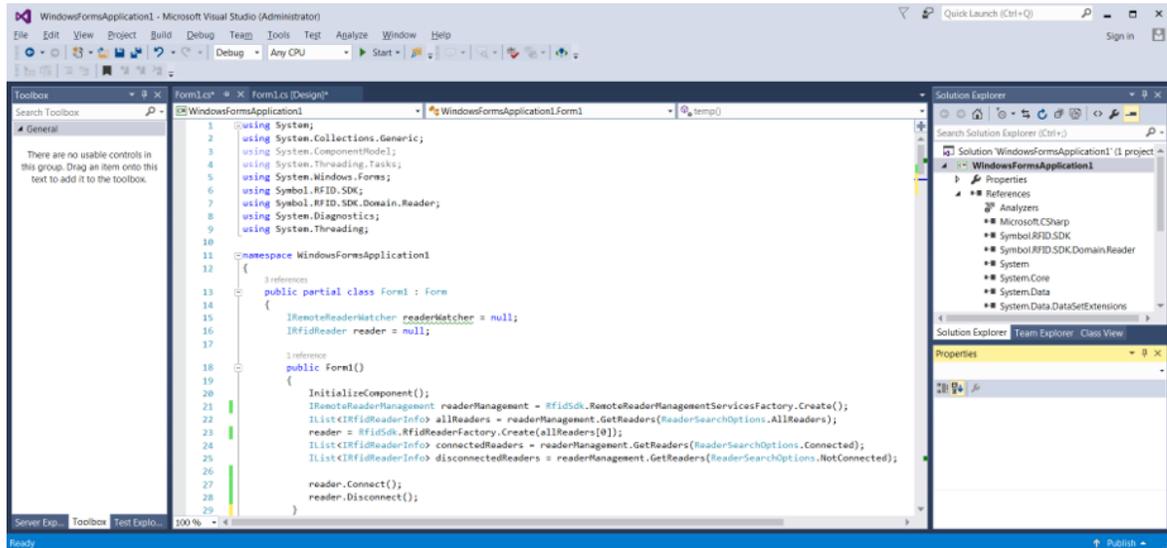
Figure 1 New Project Window



4. Add a reference to the Symbol.RFID.SDK and Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader assemblies/DLLs from RFID SDK binaries.

5. Import the Symbol.RFID.SDK and Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader namespace/classes.

Figure 2 Import Window



Building and Running a Windows Project

To build and run a project:

1. Before building/running a project, ensure the assemblies listed below are in the target application folder. The target application folder is the location of the compiled application (for example, \bin\Debug).
 - InTheHand.Net.Personal.dll
 - RFIDCommandLib.dll
 - Symbol.Extensions.Compatibility.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Connectivity.Windows.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Discovery.Windows.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Management.dll
 - TaskParallel.dll
2. Add the following settings to the App.Config file (ensure the correct paths are specified for the target assemblies).


```
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="RemoteReaderAssembly" value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderService" value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.ZetiRFIDReader" />
  </appSettings>
</configuration>
```

```
<add key="RemoteReaderConnecti onAssembl y"
val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Connecti vi ty . Wi ndows . dl l "/>
<add key="RemoteReaderConnecti onServi ce"
val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Connecti vi ty . Wi ndows . SocketDevi ceConnecti on"/>

<add key="RemoteReaderDi scoveryServi ceAssembl y"
val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Di scovery . Wi ndows . dl l "/>
<add key="RemoteReaderDi scoveryServi ce"
val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Di scovery . Wi ndows . ReaderWatcher"/>

<add key="RemoteReaderInfrastructureServi ceAssembl y"
val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Domai n . Reader . Infrastructure . dl l "/>
<add key="RemoteReaderInfrastructureServi ce"
    val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Domai n . Reader . Infrastructure . Zeti Rfi dReaderAdapter"/>

<add key="RemoteReaderManagementServi ceAssembl y"
    val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Domai n . Reader . Infrastructure . Management . dl l "/>
<add key="RemoteReaderManagementServi ce"
    val ue="Symbol . RFID . SDK . Domai n . Reader . Infrastructure . Management . RemoteReaderManagement"/>
</appSetti ngs>
</confi gurati on>
```



NOTE: Ensure the specified DLLs are present in the target application folder and add the <appSettings> section above to the App.Config.xml configuration file of the project. The settings above are for Desktop Windows RFID reader connections using Bluetooth sockets.

Creating a Windows Mobile Project

To create a C# Windows mobile project (.Net Compact Framework) in Visual Studio 2008:

1. Start Visual Studio 2008.
2. Select File > New > Project > Visual C#.
3. Create a new Smart Device project and follow the on-screen steps in Visual Studio.

Figure 3 Smart Device Project Window

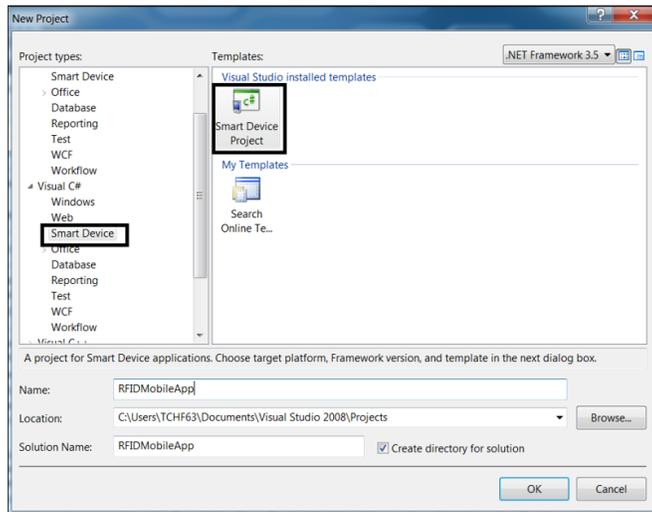
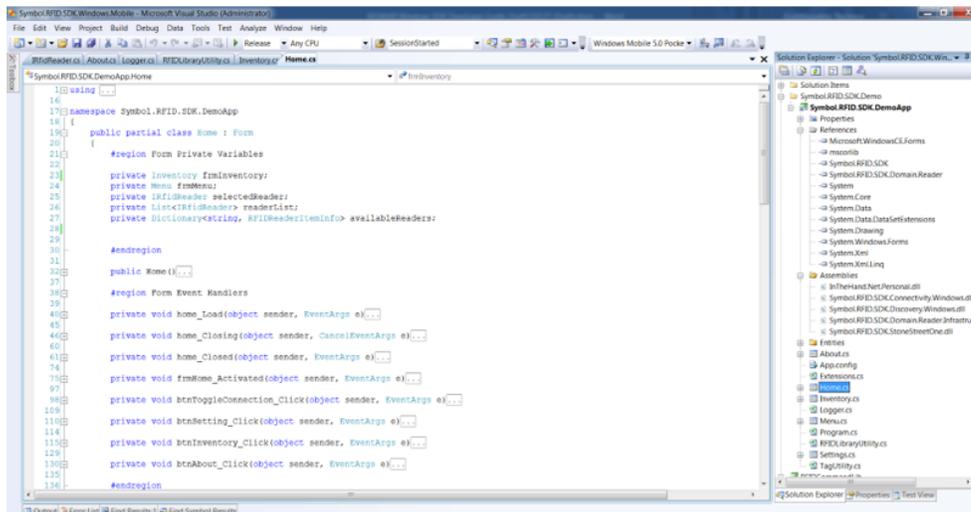


Figure 4 Assembly Configuration for RFID SDK Demo Project



Building and Running a Windows Mobile Project

To build and run a mobile project:

1. Before building/running a Windows mobile project, ensure the .Net CF specific RFID SDK assemblies listed below are in the target application folder. The target application folder is the location of the compiled application (for example, \bin\Debug\Assemblies).
 - InTheHand.Net.Personal.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Connectivity.Windows.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Discovery.Windows.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Management.dll
 - Symbol.RFID.SDK.StoneStreetOne.dll

In addition, manually add references to the following DLLs in the target Visual Studio project:

- Symbol.RFID.SDK.dll
- Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.dll

For Compact Framework applications built with Visual Studio 2008 (for the MC55) use the serial connection with StoneStreet One Bluetooth stack. Only StoneStreet One Bluetooth stack is supported for Mobile Compact Framework applications. Add the following settings to the App.Config file and ensure the correct paths are specified for the target assemblies.

```
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="RemoteReaderAssembly" value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderService" value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.ZetiRfidReader" />

    <add key="RemoteReaderConnectionAssembly"
value="Assemblies\Symbol.RFID.SDK.Connectivity.Windows.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderConnectionService"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Connectivity.Windows.SerialPortDeviceConnection" />

    <add key="RemoteReaderDiscoveryServiceAssembly"
value="Assemblies\Symbol.RFID.SDK.Discovery.Windows.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderDiscoveryService"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Discovery.Windows.ReaderWatcherSS" />

    <add key="RemoteReaderInfrastructureServiceAssembly"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderInfrastructureService"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.ZetiRfidReaderAdapter" />

    <add key="RemoteReaderManagementServiceAssembly"
value="Assemblies\Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Management.dll" />
    <add key="RemoteReaderManagementService"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.Management.RemoteReaderManagementSS" />

    <add key="ZetiResponseDispatcherAssembly"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.dll" />
    <add key="ZetiTagDataDispatcher"
value="Symbol.RFID.SDK.Domain.Reader.Infrastructure.ZetiTagDataQueueingDispatcher" />
  </appSettings>
</configuration>
```

Pairing with Bluetooth

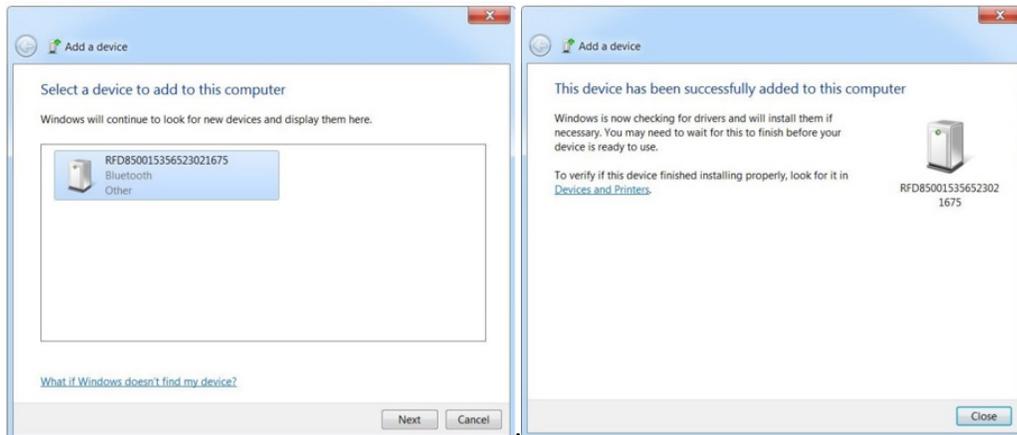
Pairing with a Personal Computer

1. If the BT LED is not blinking, press the **BT** button for one second to make the RFD8500 discoverable (the BT LED starts blinking when in discoverable mode).
2. From the Start menu, select Device and Printers.
3. Select Add a device.
4. Select the device and click **Next**. When the BT LED starts blinking rapidly press the trigger within 25 seconds to acknowledge pairing.
5. Select **Close** to complete the pairing process.

Pairing with a MC55 mobile device

1. Go to BTE Explorer and select Menu > New Connection.
2. Select **Next**.
3. Select Menu > Discover Devices.
4. If the BT LED is not blinking, press the **BT** button for one second to make the RFD8500 discoverable (the BT LED starts blinking when in discoverable mode).
5. When the device appears in the list, tap the device name and select **Next**.
6. Select RFID Serial Port and then select **Next**.
7. Select **Next**.
8. Select **Connect**.
9. Select **OK**.
10. Select **Yes** to confirm connection. When the BT LED starts to blink rapidly, press the RFD8500 trigger within 25 seconds to accept the pairing request.
11. When your device is in the connected state, select it and disconnect. This retains only the paired state.

Figure 5 Pairing Bluetooth Device on Windows

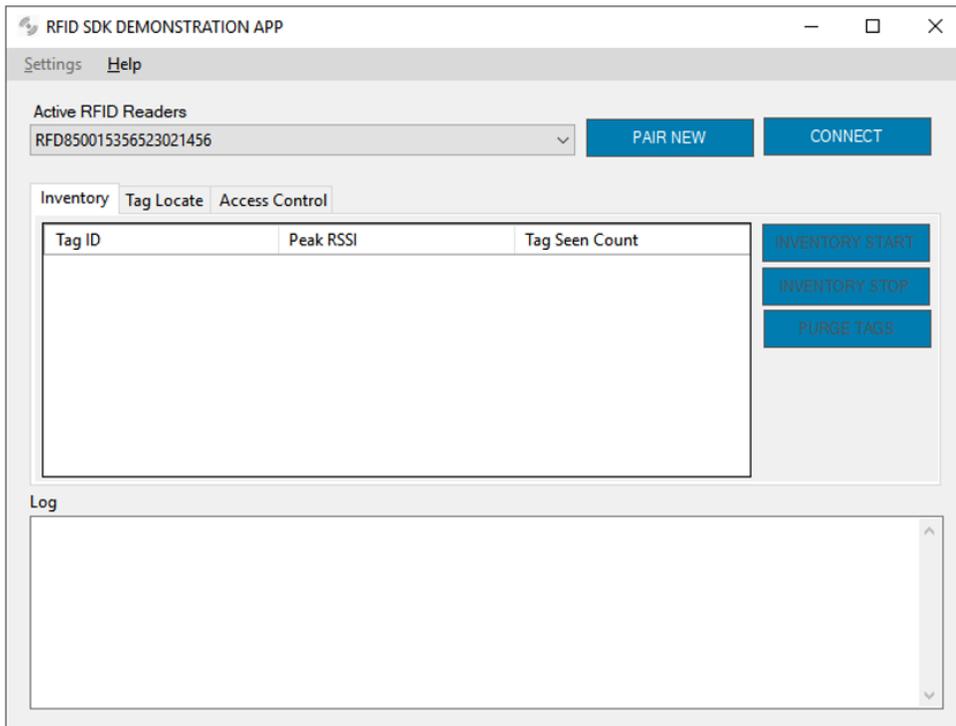


Demo Applications

Windows 7 RFID SDK Demo Application

The Desktop Windows RFID SDK Sample Application shows how to call the RFID Windows API to communicate/configure the RFD8500 reader and receive tag data.

Figure 1 Windows 7 RFID SDK Demo App



Windows Mobile RFID SDK Demo Application

The Windows Mobile Compact Framework RFID SDK Sample Application shows how to call the RFID Windows API to communicate/configure the RFD8500 reader and receive tag data from Windows Mobile Device.

Figure 2 Windows Mobile RFID SDK Demo App



