

# The Potential of SIM Cards as an Application Platform for Smart Server Systems

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## **NFC Research Lab Hagenberg**

- **Research Topics** 
  - Software: Contactless Applications and Infrastructure
  - Hardware: Testing & Interoperability
  - Security
  - Usability
- Founded by Industry Partners
  - Mobilkom Austria (Vodafone Partner)
  - NXP Semiconductors
  - Omnikey/Assa Abloy (HID Global)
- NFC Forum Member





## **Potential of SIM/UICC**

- SIM/UICC considered as Secure Element for NFC
- UICC as a multi application platform (JavaCard based)
- Applications
  - GSM/UMTS Application
  - the Wireless Identity Module (WIM), based on PKI
  - VAS applications through the SAT technology
  - Contactless Applications
  - Space
    - 128 K 256 K
    - Applet: Mastercard's PayPass ~ 20 K





# **SIM Approach in NFC**

- SIM Application Tool Kit (SAT)
- SIM Card uses Data Services of Handset (BIP)
  - SIM Card acts a contactless reader
- Communication with other Secure Elements
  - NFC HCI defines pipes between secure elements
  - Management of other secure elements by TSM





# SIM Application Toolkit (SAT)

- "Everything" running on the SIM
  - Application
  - GUI
  - OTA Connection
- Evaluation
  - + does not depend on handset/OS
  - Iimited GUI/interaction
  - only for SIM Card





## **SAT Development today:**

- Dev-Tools needed (HW & SW)
- "open", but provisioned SIM Card
- Development about 3 5 x (comp. to J2ME)
- Small Community, few documents, few tutorials
- Example: Socket Connection
  - J2ME: 50 Lines of Code; 100+ Examples on the Web; 1 h Work
  - SIM: 400 lines of Code; 1 Example; 1 Week Work

- SmartCard Webserver
  - Smartcard Engineers develop Servlets?
  - Web developers go contactless?



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- Imagine ...
  - Click on a Web link causes to phone to read a Tag
  - Local "MasterCard Servlets" for mobile Payment
  - Your Handset is your *FaceBook*
  - Web sites make use of "localhost" Content (Web 2.0)
  - IP over NFC for external RF communication
  - SOAP based Services on SIM



# **Building a light weight SIMServer**

- Recipe
  - OMA SCWS Standard (Final Release April '08)
- Ingredients
  - BIP SIM-Card
  - SAT Developer Tool
  - Emulator/Handset
- Preparation
  - Stir well and invest some time







### **Basic Functionality: BIP Client Mode**



- UICC sends BIP comments to BIP Gateway (1)
  - "Establish an IP Connection to …"
- BIP Gateway (2)
  - TCP/IP Channel is setup (GPRS/EDGE/UMTS)



#### **SCWS Functionality: SCWS Remote Management**



- Short message is sent to handset (1)
- Card Admin agent is triggered (2) and advices BIP Gateway to establish a connection (3)
- Remote Server receives client request (4) and is able to send data to the SCWS
- Other triggers (@ 1): Time, User Interaction (Open App, Touch Tag/NFC ...)



### **Basic Functionality: BIP Server Mode**



- BIP Gateway sends Request for Connection (1)
  - TCP/IP Stack can offer a Server Socket
- Browser is able to contact "localhost" (2)
  - Send HTTP/HTTPS Request to UICC





### **SCWS Functionality: Local Access**



- TCP/IP Stacks offers Socket Server Port; Browser sends request (1)
- Access Control Policy: Is application allowed to do so? (2)
- Request is forward to SCWS (3), reponse generated and sent back to Browser (4) & (5)



#### Implementation of light weight SIMServer: Status

#### Supports

- SCWS Administration Mode
- SCWS Local Browsing Mode
- HTTP 1.0
- Emulator only so far/Single Threaded
- JavaCard 2.1
- No (yet) considered
  - ACP Enforcer
  - HTTP 1.1
  - Test on handset/real SIM



## **OMA SmartCard Web Server: Status Today**

- Your "mobile" localhost
- Look depends on Browser
  - x different Display sizes
  - y different mobile Browsers
- Multi Threaded Operating System on SIM
- Standards
  - OMA Standard (for JC 2.1)
  - Part of Java Card 3.0



## **Smart Card Web Server: Pros & Cons**

- Access through
  - NFC/RF
  - OTA
  - Application on handset (Browser)
  - Evaluation
    - + nice web interface to Applications on the SIM (also phonebook, ...)
    - -/+ SIM bigger and more expensive
    - Browser/special Handset needed
    - User Experience: GUI/UE not satisfying





## SmartCard Web Server (SCWS): Usecases

- MNO/Handset Manufacturer: Branding of Browser
- On-Card Portal as "Home" in Browser
- Local/Remote File Administration on SIM
- Hot-Deployment of Application OTA of
  - CardLets
  - Contactless Applications
- Images, CSS and Templates on SIM (Space!)



### Conclusion

- SIM become a complex and flexible application platform
- SCWS on JC 2.1
  - Not multi threaded
  - High development effort
- JC 3.0: MIDP/CLDC Functionality in a SIM
- Space on SIM costly (Graphics, Animations)
- Deployment requires TSM or MNO



LG L600 V, Nokia 6131 SWP, Motorola SLVR L7



Sagem my700X







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