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The present document describes the UICC Application Programming Interface for Java Card™ for contactless Applications. Its purpose is to provide access for a contactless Applet to the services provided by the HCI protocol defined in ETSI TS 102 622 [4] for the communication via the CLF. In the scope of the present document contactless means support for the RF Technologies referenced by the HCI specification [4]. Low level functionality to manage gates and pipes as defined in the HCI specification [4] is not in the scope of the present document. Registration of contactless parameters and management of contactless Applets in card emulation mode is defined in "GlobalPlatform Card Specification Amendment C" [8]. Related APIs are provided in "Java Card API and Export File for Card Specification v2.2.1 (org.globalplatform)" [12] and "Card Contactless API and Export File for Card Specification v2.3 (org.globalplatform.contactless)" [13].

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- [1] ISO/IEC 7816-3 (2006): "Identification cards - Integrated circuit cards - Part 3: Cards with contacts - Electrical interface and transmission protocols".
- [2] ETSI TS 102 221: "Smart Cards; UICC-Terminal interface; Physical and logical characteristics".
- [3] ETSI TS 101 220: "Smart Cards; ETSI numbering system for telecommunication application providers".
- [4] ETSI TS 102 622: "Smart Cards; UICC - Contactless Front-end (CLF) Interface; Host Controller Interface (HCI)".
- [5] ETSI TS 102 241: "Smart Cards; UICC Application Programming Interface (UICC API) for Java Card™".
- [6] ETSI TS 102 223: "Smart Cards; Card Application Toolkit (CAT)".
- [7] ETSI TS 102 226: "Smart Cards; Remote APDU structure for UICC based applications".
- [8] GlobalPlatform: "GlobalPlatform Technology, Contactless Services, Card Specification v2.3, Amendment C" Version 1.2.1.

NOTE: See <http://www.globalplatform.org/>.

- [9] ORACLE: "Application Programming Interface, Java Card™ Platform, 3.0.1 Classic Edition".
- [10] ORACLE: "Runtime Environment Specification, Java Card™ Platform, 3.0.1 Classic Edition".

- [11] ORACLE: "Virtual Machine Specification Java Card™ Platform, 3.0.1 Classic Edition".
- NOTE: ORACLE Java Card Specifications can be downloaded at <https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javacard/3.1/index.html>.
- [12] GlobalPlatform: "Java Card API and Export File for Card Specification v2.2.1 (org.globalplatform)" v1.6.
- [13] GlobalPlatform: "Card Contactless API and Export File for Card Specification v2.3 (org.globalplatform.contactless)" v1.3.
- [14] ETSI TS 102 613: "Smart Cards; UICC - Contactless Front-end (CLF) Interface; Physical and data link layer characteristics".
- [15] ETSI TS 102 705: "Smart Cards; UICC Application Programming Interface for Java Card™ for Contactless Applications".

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3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms apply:

contactless mode: used as a generic term for "Card Emulation Mode" and "Reader Mode"

contactless state: corresponds to the logical state of the contactless framework

HCP message: Message as specified in ETSI TS 102 622 [4].

NOTE: An HCP message can be of type "command", "event" or "response to a command".

RF Technology: radio frequency technology supported by the HCI (ETSI TS 102 622 [4]) protocol specification

3.2 Symbols

Void.

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

APDU Application Protocol Data Unit

NOTE: According to ISO/IEC 7816-3 [1].

API Application Programming Interface

CAT Card Application Toolkit

CLF ContactLess Front-end

NOTE: According to ETSI TS 102 622 [4].

CLT ContactLess Tunnelling

NOTE: According to ETSI TS 102 613 [14].

CRS Contactless Registry Service

HCI Host Controller Interface

NOTE: According to ETSI TS 102 622 [4].

HCP Host Controller Protocol

NOTE: According to ETSI TS 102 622 [4].

RF Radio Frequency

SCP Smart Card Platform

SWP Single Wire Protocol

NOTE: According to ETSI TS 102 613 [14].

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4 Description

4.1 Architecture

The present document describes an API and a Contactless Framework that enables Java Card™ Platform based Applets, defined in [9], [10] and [11], to send and receive messages using the HCI protocol as specified in ETSI TS 102 622 [4] and to act as contactless Applets. The Contactless Framework shall support card emulation mode and reader mode as specified in the HCI protocol specification (ETSI TS 102 622 [4]).

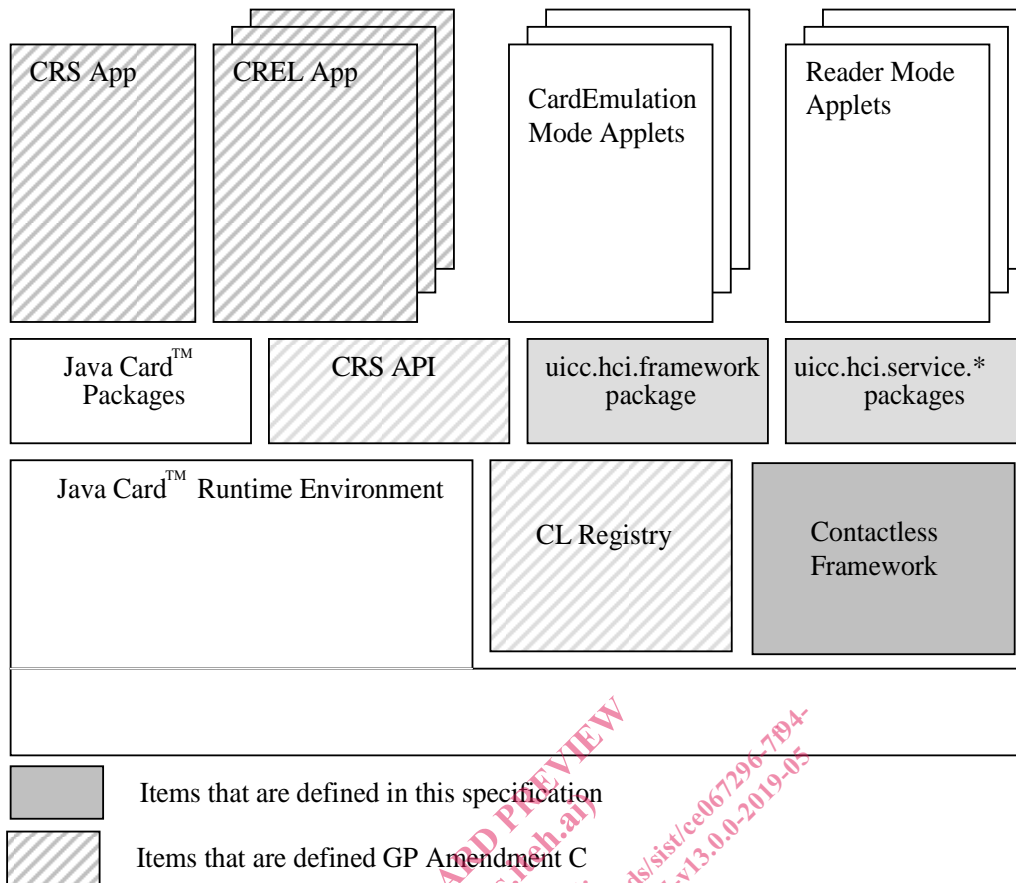


Figure 1

The functionality of the Contactless Framework and the configuration of contactless parameters and the management of contactless Applets in card emulation mode are based on the functionality provided by the Contactless Registry Service (CRS), the related APIs, the CRS Application and other features and concepts which are defined in the "GlobalPlatform Amendment C" [8] and the related APIs "Java Card API and Export File for Card Specification (org.globalplatform)" [12] and "Card Contactless API and Export File for Card Specification (org.globalplatform.contactless)" [13].

The API is event driven and based on the Observer/Listener pattern. Every HCI service is encapsulated by a dedicated Service interface. These Service interfaces shall allow the registration of Listener Interfaces and the activation of events. The Listener Interfaces shall be implemented by Java objects to receive HCI messages and events in the *onCallback* method. The Registration of Listener Interfaces and activation of events shall be persistent.

An *HCIMessage* object shall encapsulates one HCP message according to the HCI protocol as specified in ETSI TS 102 622 [4]. HCI message for the different contactless modes shall be identified by different types of interfaces. It is not guaranteed that any Applet originated HCI messages are sent before the completion of the execution of the current Applet. The Contactless Framework sends the Applet originated HCI messages in the same order as they are submitted by the Applet.

NOTE 1: The Contactless Framework may not have enough resources to send several HCI messages submitted during the same *onCallback* method execution. The Applet should be aware of this limitation (e.g. use suitable error handling strategy, or send only one HCI message in the *onCallback* method at a time).

Any *onCallback()* method of a Listener interface shall not be invoked again while another *onCallback()* method is still being executed. The Contactless Framework shall be able to receive one or more HCI messages while waiting for a response related to a command originated by the Applet (e.g. processing a request for parameters) especially for the `EVT_FIELD_OFF` case.

The HCI event `EVT_FIELD_OFF` shall be buffered and sent by the Contactless Framework as soon as the Contactless Framework becomes the current context.

All other HCI messages shall be delivered to the Applet instance in the same order as they were received by the Contactless Framework.

Contactless State is the logical state of the Contactless Framework it can take the value enabled and disabled. It refers to the "contactless functionality in the UICC" as used in ETSI TS 102 223 [6].

This state can be changed with the mechanisms defined in ETSI TS 102 223 [6], and by the method *setCommunicationInterface()* API method of "GlobalPlatform Amendment C" [8].

The Contactless State applies only to the Card Emulation Mode and the Reader Mode, and it does not apply to the Connectivity service.

When the Contactless State is disabled, the Contactless Framework shall throw an *HCIEException* with reason code *HCI_CURRENTLY_DISABLED* when an Applet invokes a method which requires that the Contactless State is enabled.

When the Contactless State is enabled and the state of the SWP [14] interface is *DEACTIVATED* and when the Contactless Framework needs to send data over the SWP [14] interface then it shall send the proactive command *ACTIVATE* defined in ETSI TS 102 223 [6] if supported by the terminal. The *ACTIVATE* command is defined as system proactive command sent by the CAT Runtime Environment defined in ETSI TS 102 241 [5].

NOTE 2: An Applet may use the method *HCIDevice.isHCIServiceAvailable()* to check if the Contactless Framework supports sending the *ACTIVATE* command on pre Rel-11 implementations.

The underlying HCI communication layer as defined in ETSI TS 102 622 [4] provides reliable message transfer. Therefore no errors can be reported to the application layer. For this reason no error reporting and recovery mechanism related to HCI communication are defined in the present document.

The API is split into two parts. One is a generic framework that provides a factory class to retrieve the different Service instances that are provided by the HCI implementation, and that allows discovery of whether the UICC is inserted into a HCI network. The second part of the API implements the Services that are defined for the HCI protocol, card emulation mode, reader mode and connectivity service. The support of the package implementing reader mode, *uicc.hci.services.readermode*, is optional.

4.2 Card Emulation Mode

In card emulation mode there exist two exclusive ways to exchange messages over the HCP [4]. The first is based on APDUs provided to the Applet through its *process()* method as specified in "Application Programming Interface, Java Card™ Platform, 3.0.1 Classic Edition" [9]. The second is made available by the package *uicc.hci.services.cardemulation* defined in the present document.

The *uicc.hci.services.cardemulation* package shall provide the communication technologies for the card emulation mode defined by the HCP as specified in ETSI TS 102 622 [4]. The Contactless Framework shall bind the services defined in the *uicc.hci.services.cardemulation* package to the underlying HCI resources (e.g. gates and pipes) defined in the HCI architecture as specified in ETSI TS 102 622 [4]. The parameters to be used by the HCI layer may be provided to the framework as defined in "GlobalPlatform Amendment C" [8].

In case of a communication error on the RF interface (i.e. the RF error indicator is set), messages are not propagated to the application layer in CardEmulation Mode.

For the API defined in the present document the card emulation capability shall be provided to Applets through a service interface implemented by the Contactless Framework. Applet instances shall receive *CardEmulationMessages* after the registration of a *CardEmulationListener* interface to a *CardEmulationService* only if the *EVENT_ON_SEND_DATA* is activated for the Applet instance. If the *EVENT_ON_SEND_DATA* is deactivated for the Applet instance and an APDU is received via the *EVT_SEND_DATA*, the *javacard.framework.APDU* class and the *process()* method of the Applet instance shall be invoked.

It shall not be possible to switch between the usage of the *CardEmulationListener* interface and the invocation through the *process()* method within a contactless application session, i.e. not before the Applet has been deselected and selected again. Applets communicating through the *process()* method shall also be able to use the API services defined in the present document which do not require a *CardEmulationListener* registration (e.g. requesting the power mode or connectivity service).

If the current application was selected through a *SELECT* by DF name, the Contactless Framework shall handle an application session termination according to ETSI TS 102 221 [2] independent of the interface used for APDU exchange.