

JavaCard development



JavaCard platform

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Overview

- JavaCard programming platform
- Skeleton of JavaCard applet
- How to upload and communicate with
- Best practices – performance, security

Old vs. multi-application smart cards

- One program only
- Stored persistently in ROM or EEPROM
- Written in machine code
 - Chip specific
- Multiple applications at the same time
- Stored in EEPROM
- Written in higher-level language
 - Interpreted from bytecode
 - Portable
- Application can be later managed (remotely)

PC application with direct control: GnuPG, GPShell

PC application via library: browser TLS, PDF sign...

Custom app with direct control

Libraries
PKCS#11, OpenSC, JMRTD

Smartcard control language API
C/C# WinSCard.h, Java java.smartcardio.*, Python pycard

System smartcard interface: Windows's PC/SC, Linux's PC/SC-lite
Manage readers and cards, Transmit ISO7816-4's APDU

Readers
Contact: ISO7816-2,3 (T=0/1)
Contactless: ISO 14443 (T=CL)

APDU packet

API: EMV, GSM, PIV, OpenPGP, ICAO 9303 (BAC/EAC/SAC)
OpenPlatform, ISO7816-4 cmds, custom APDU

Card application 1

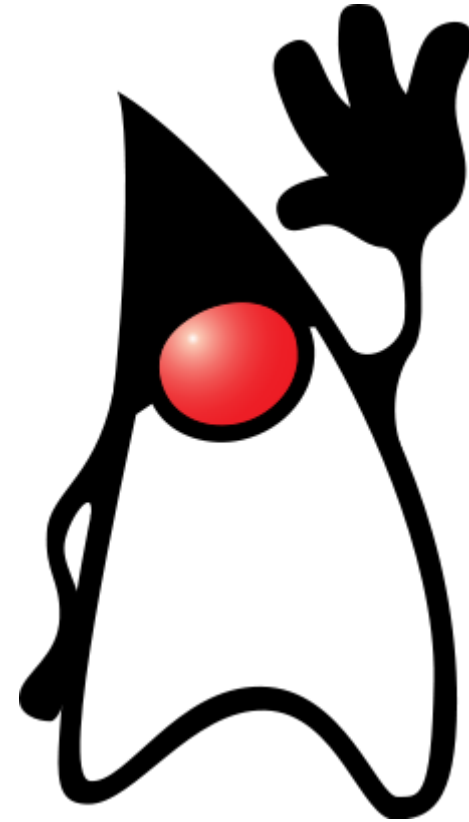
Card application 2

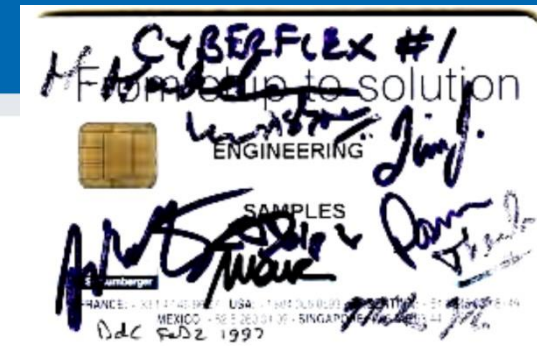
Card application 3

SC app programming:
JavaCard, MultOS, .NET, MPCOS

Our focus today

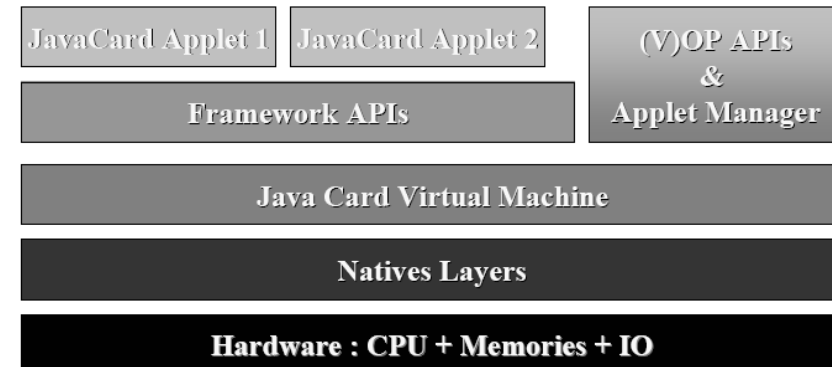
JavaCard basics





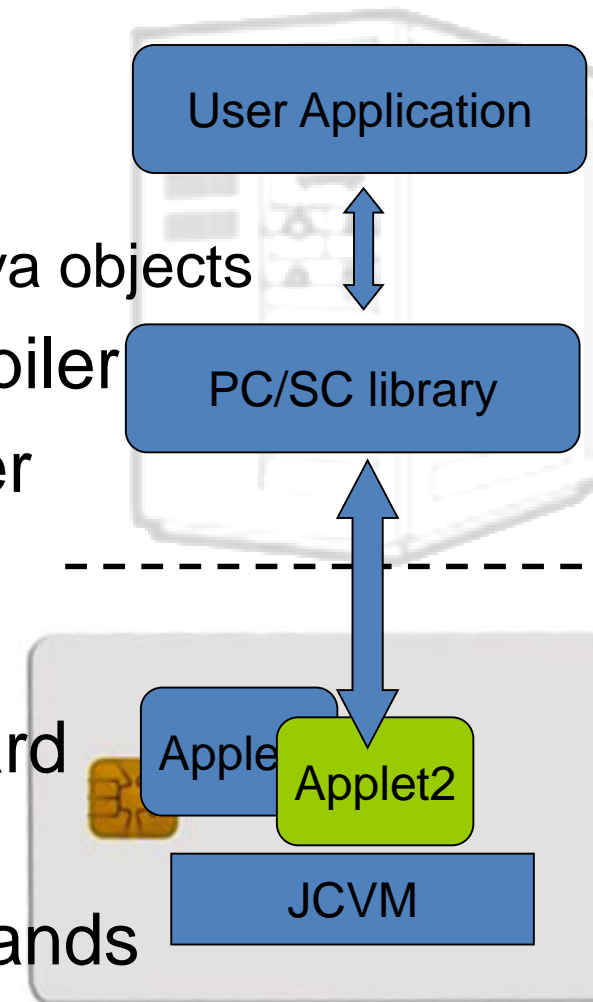
JavaCard

- Maintained by Sun Microsystems (now Oracle)
- Cross-platform and cross-vendor applet interoperability
- Freely available specifications and development kits
 - <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javacard/index.html>
- JavaCard applet is Java-like application
 - uploaded to a smart card
 - executed by the JCVM



JavaCard applets

- Written in restricted Java syntax
 - byte/short (int) only, missing most of Java objects
- Compiled using standard Java compiler
- Converted using JavaCard converter
 - check bytecode for restrictions
 - can be signed, encrypted...
- Uploaded and installed into smartcard
 - executed in JC Virtual Machine
- Communication using APDU commands
 - small packets with header



JavaCard versions

- JavaCard 2.1.x/2.2.x (2001-2003)
 - widely supported versions
 - basic symmetric and asymmetric cryptography algorithms
 - PIN, hash functions, random number generation
 - transactions, utility functions
- JavaCard 2.2.2 (2006)
 - last version from 2.x series
 - significantly extended support for algorithms and new concepts
 - long “extended” APDUs, BigInteger support, biometrics
 - external memory usage, fast array manipulation methods...
- JavaCard 3.x (2009)
 - classic and connected editions, later

JavaCard 2.x not supporting

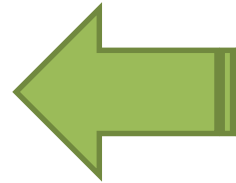
- Dynamic class loading
- Security manager
- Threads and synchronization
- Object cloning, finalization
- Large primitive data types
 - float, double, long and char
 - usually not even int (4 bytes) data type
- Most of std. classes
 - most of java.lang, Object and Throwable in limited form
- Limited garbage collection
 - Newer cards supports, but slow and unreliable

JavaCard 2.x supports

- Standard benefits of the Java language
 - data encapsulation, safe memory management, packages, etc.
- Applet isolation based on the JavaCard firewall
 - applets cannot directly communicate with each other
 - special interface (Shareable) for cross applets interaction
- Atomic operations using transaction mode
- Transient data (buffer placed in RAM)
 - fast and automatically cleared
- A rich cryptography API
 - accelerated by cryptographic co-processor
- Secure (remote) communication with the terminal
 - if GlobalPlatform compliant (secure messaging, security domains)

JavaCard 3.x (most recent is 3.0.4 (2011))

- Relatively recent major release of JavaCard specification
 - significant changes in development logic
 - two separate branches – Classic and Connected edition
- JavaCard 3.x Classic Edition
 - legacy version, extended JC 2.x
 - APDU-oriented communication
- JavaCard 3.x Connected Edition
 - smart card perceived as web server (Servlet API)
 - TCP/IP network capability, HTTP(s), TLS
 - supports Java 6 language features (generics, annotations...)
 - move towards more powerful target devices
 - focused on different segment than classic smart cards



Version support

- Need to know supported version for your card
 - convertor adds version identification to package
 - If converted with unsupported version, upload to card fails
- Supported version can be obtained from card
 - `JCSystem.getVersion()` → [Major.Minor]
 - See <https://www.fi.muni.cz/~xsvenda/jcsupport.html>
- Available cards supports mostly 2.x specification or 3.x (newer cards)

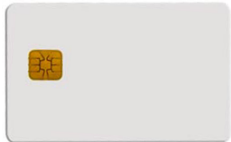
DEVELOPING JAVACARD APPS

Desktop vs. smart card

- Following slides will be marked with icon based on where it is executed



Process executed on host (PC/NTB...)



Process executed inside smart card

```
package example;
import javacard.framework.*;
```

include packages from
javacard.*

```
public class HelloWorld extends Applet {
```

```
    protected HelloWorld() {
        register();
    }
```

extends Applet

```
    public static void install(byte[] bArray, short bOffset, byte bLength) {
        new HelloWorld();
    }
```

Called only once, do
all allocations&init
HERE

```
    public boolean select() {
        return true;
    }
```

Called repeatedly on
application select, do
all temporaries
preparation HERE

```
    public void process(APDU apdu) {
```

```
        // get the APDU buffer
```

```
        byte[] apduBuffer = apdu.getBuffer();
```

```
        // ignore the applet select command dispatched to the process
```

```
        if (selectingApplet()) return;
```

```
        // APDU instruction parser
```

```
        if (apduBuffer[ISO7816.OFFSET_CLA] == CLA_MYCLASS) &&
```

```
            apduBuffer[ISO7816.OFFSET_INS] == INS_MYINS) {
```

```
            MyMethod(apdu);
```

```
        }
```

```
        else ISOException.throwIt(ISO7816.SW_INS_NOT_SUPPORTED);
```

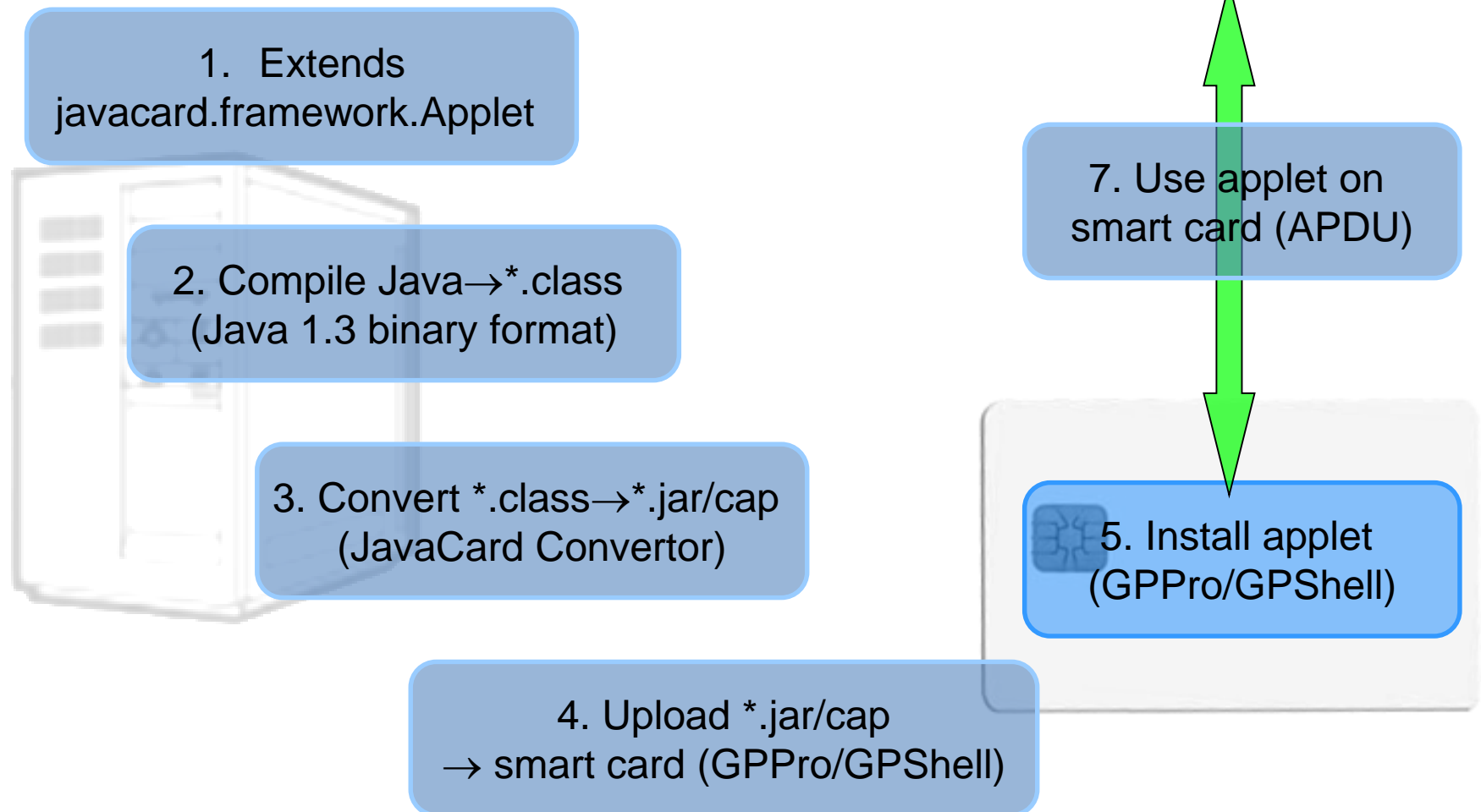
```
    }
```

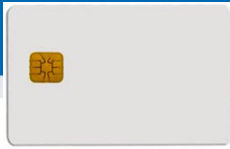
```
    public void MyMethod(APDU apdu) { /* ... */ }
```

```
}
```

Called repeatedly for
every incoming APDU,
parse and call your
code HERE

JC development process



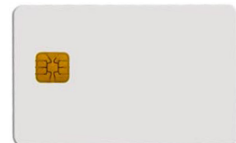


JavaCard application running model

1. Uploaded package – application binary
2. Installed applet from package – running application
3. Applet is “running” until deleted from card
4. Applet is suspended when power is lost
 - Transient data inside RAM are erased
 - Persistent data inside EEPROM remain
 - Currently executed method is interrupted
5. When power is resumed
 - Unfinished transactions are rolled back
 - Applet continues to run with the same persistent state
 - Applet waits for new command (does *not* continue with interrupted method)
6. Applet is deleted by service command

On-card, off-card code verification

- Off-card verification
 - Basic JavaCard constraints
 - Possibly additional checks (e.g., type consistency when using Shareable interface)
 - Full-blown static analysis possible
 - Applet can be digitally signed
- On-card verification
 - Limited resources available
 - Proprietary checks by JC platform implementation



QUICK AND DIRTY START



Quick and dirty start – OpenPGP applet

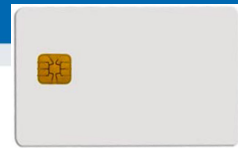
1. Get JavaCard smart card and reader
 - Our example card: NXP JCOP J2A081 80K
2. Install Java SDK and ant build environment
 - Don't forget to set proper paths (javac, ant)
3. Download AppletPlayground project
 - <https://github.com/martinpaljak/AppletPlayground>
4. Download GlobalPlatformPro uploader
 - <https://github.com/martinpaljak/GlobalPlatformPro>



1. Compile and convert applets

- > ant toys
 - ‘toys’ is *ant* build target inside build.xml
 - Compiles source with Java compiler (javac)
 - Convert with javacard convertor
- (use > ant simpleapplet to build only our applet)

PLAID.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	5 KB
PKIApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	10 KB
PassportApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	18 KB
OpenPGPApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:26	CAP File	13 KB
OpenEMV.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	7 KB
OATH.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	7 KB
NDEF.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	4 KB
MuscleApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:26	CAP File	17 KB
ISOApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	47 KB
FluffyPGPApplet.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	9 KB
DriversLicense.cap	03/10/2015 14:27	CAP File	16 KB



2. Manage applets on smart card

- GlobalPlatformPro tool
 - Authenticates against CardManager
 - Establish secure channel with CM
 - Manage applets (list/upload/delete)

Auto-detected ISD AID: A000000003000000

Host challenge: BD525E5585006202

Card challenge: 05211C9591C58232

Card reports SCP02 with version 255 keys

Master keys:

Version 0

ENC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F

MAC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F

KEK: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F

Sequence counter: 0521



>gp -list -verbose

Reader: Gemplus USB SmartCard Reader 0
 ATR: 3BF81300008131FE454A434F5076323431B7
 More information about your card:
<http://smartcard-atr.appspot.com/parse?ATR=3BF81300008131FE454A434F5076323431B7>

Auto-detected ISD AID: A000000003000000
 Host challenge: 10FFA96848D9EB62
 Card challenge: 0520E372F35B4818
 Card reports SCP02 with version 255 keys
 Master keys:
 Version 0
 ENC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F
 MAC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F
 KEK: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:404142434445464748494A4B4C4D4E4F
 Sequence counter: 0520
 Derived session keys:
 Version 0
 ENC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:654E72AAADA31F0A7B5567160DE4C5A7
 MAC: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:C6883A00AB6E56384B845A5A6F68CA6C
 KEK: Ver:0 ID:0 Type:DES3 Len:16 Value:3875213C9F2123EB01AA420DC83C18F0
 Verified card cryptogram: 62CBE443B3F4FB80
 Calculated host cryptogram: 9AAC671F9B1E0630

AID: A000000003000000 (|.....|)

ISD OP_READY: Security Domain, Card lock, Card terminate, Default selected, CVM (PIN) management

AID: A0000000035350 (|.....SP|)

ExM LOADED: (none)

A000000003535041 (|.....SPA|)



3. Upload applet to smart card

- (already converted applet *.cap is assumed)
- `> gp --instal OpenPGPApplet.cap --verbose`

CAP file (v2.1) generated on Sat Oct 03 15:13:58 CEST 2015

By Sun Microsystems Inc. converter 1.3 with JDK 1.8.0_60 (Oracle Corporation)

Package: openpgpcard v0.0 with AID D27600012401

Applet: OpenPGPApplet with AID D2760001240102000000000000000010000

Import: A0000000620101 v1.3

Import: A0000000620201 v1.3

Import: A0000000620102 v1.3

Import: A0000000620001 v1.0

Cap loaded

- Hint: test with `gpg --card-edit`



OpenPlatform Package/applet upload

- A. Security domain selection
- B. Secure channel establishment – security domain
- C. Package upload
 - Local upload in trusted environment
 - Remote upload with relayed secure channel
- D. Applet installation
 - Separate instance from package binary with unique AID
 - Applet privileges and other parameters passed
 - Applet specific installation data passed



4. Communicate with smart card

- > gp --apdu apdu_in_hex --debug
- Example for SimpleApplet.java
 - gp --apdu B0541000 -d (generate random numbers)

```
>gp --apdu B0541000 -d
```

```
[*] Gemplus USB SmartCard Reader 0
```

```
SCardConnect("Gemplus USB SmartCard Reader 0", T=*) -> T=1, 3BF81300008131FE454A  
434F5076323431B7
```

```
SCardBeginTransaction("Gemplus USB SmartCard Reader 0")
```

```
A>> T=1 (4+0000) B0541000
```

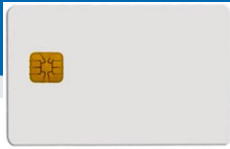
```
A<< (0016+2) (32ms) 801D52307393AC0AB1CC242F6905B7C5 9000
```



5. Delete applet

- > `gp --delete D27600012401 --deletedeps`
- (Verify that applet was deleted by `gp -list`)

DEVELOPING SIMPLE APPLET



JavaCard – My first applet

- Desktop Java vs. JavaCard
 - PHP vs. C 😊
- No modern programming features
 - No threads, no generics, no iterators...
- Limited type system
 - Usually no ints (short int and byte only), no floats, no Strings
- Fun with signed 16-bits values
 - JavaCard is usually 16-bit platform (short)
 - (short) typecast must be performed on intermediate results
 - Shorts are signed => to obtain unsigned byte
 - Convert to short with `& 0x00ff`



Necessary tools

- Several tool chains available
 - both commercial (RADIII, JCOPTools, G&D JCS Suite)
 - and free (Sun JC SDK, AppletPlayground...)
- We will use:
 - Java Standard Edition Development Kit 1.3 or later
 - Apache Ant 1.7 or later, JavaCard Development Kit 2.2.2
 - JavaCard Ant Tasks (from JC SDK 2.2.2)
 - NetBeans 6.8 or later as IDE
 - GlobalPlatformPro for applets management

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```

include packages from javacard.*

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    protected HelloWorld() {
        register();
    }
```

extends Applet

```
public static void install(byte[] bArray, short bOffset, byte bLength) {
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}
```

Called only once, do all allocations&init HERE

```
public boolean select() {
    return true;
}
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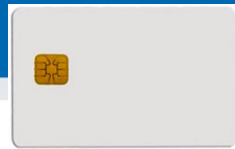
Called repeatedly on application select, do all temporaries preparation HERE

```
public void process(APDU apdu) {
    // get the APDU buffer
    byte[] apduBuffer = apdu.getBuffer();
    // ignore the applet select command dispatched to the process
    if (selectingApplet()) return;
    // APDU instruction parser
    if (apduBuffer[ISO7816.OFFSET_CLA] == CLA_MYCLASS) &&
        apduBuffer[ISO7816.OFFSET_INS] == INS_MYINS) {
        MyMethod(apdu);
    }
```

Called repeatedly for every incoming APDU, parse and call your code HERE

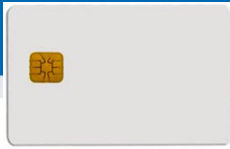
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else ISOException.throwIt( ISO7816.SW_INS_NOT_SUPPORTED);
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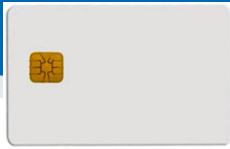
Simple JavaCard applet - code

1. Subclass `javacard.framework.Applet`
2. Allocate all necessary resources in constructor
3. Select suitable CLA and INS for your method
4. Parse incoming APDU in `Applet.process()` method
5. Call your method when your CLA and INS are set
6. Get incoming data from APDU object (`getBuffer()`, `setIncomingAndReceive()`)
7. Use/modify data
8. Send response (`setOutgoingAndSend()`)



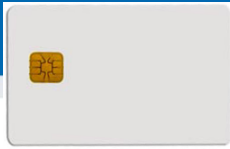
select() method

- Method called when applet is set as active
 - for subsequent APDU commands
 - begin of the session
 - use for session data init (clear keys, reset state...)
- ```
public void select() { // CLEAR ALL SESSION DATA
 chv1.reset(); // Reset OwnerPIN verification status
 remainingDataLength = 0; // Set states etc.
 // If card is not blocked, return true.
 // If false is returned, applet is not selectable
 if (!blocked) return true;
 else return false;
}
```
- deselect()
    - similar, but when applet usage finish
    - may not be called (sudden power drop) => clear in select



# Sending and receiving data

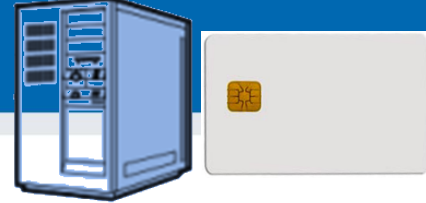
- `javacard.framework.APDU`
  - incoming and outgoing data in APDU object
- Obtaining just apdu header
  - `APDU.getBuffer()`
- Receive data from terminal
  - `APDU.setIncomingAndReceive()`
- Send outgoing data
  - `APDU.setOutgoingAndSend()`



# Sending and receiving data – source code

```
private void ReceiveSendData(APDU apdu) {
 byte[] apdubuf = apdu.getBuffer(); // Get just APDU header (5 bytes)
 short dataLen = apdu.setIncomingAndReceive(); // Get all incoming data
 // DO SOMETHING WITH INPUT DATA
 // STARTING FROM apdubuf[ISO7816.OFFSET_CDATA]
 // ...
 // FILL SOMETHING TO OUTPUT (apdubuf again)
 Util.arrayFillNonAtomic(apdubuf, ISO7816.OFFSET_CDATA, 10, (byte) 1);
 // SEND OUTGOING BUFFER
 apdu.setOutgoingAndSend(ISO7816.OFFSET_CDATA, 10);
}
```

# COMMUNICATION WITH SMART CARD



# JavaCard communication lifecycle

1. (Applet is already installed)
2. PC: Reset card (plug smart card in, software reset)
3. PC: Send SELECT command (00 0a 04 00 xxx)
  - received by Card Manager application
  - SC: sets our applet active, select() method is always called
4. PC: Send any APDU command (any of your choice)
  - SC: received by process() method
5. SC: Process incoming data on card, prepare outgoing data
  - encryption, signature...
6. PC: Receive any outgoing data
  - additional special readout APDU might be required
7. PC: Repeat again from step 4
8. PC: (Send DESELECT command)
  - SC: deselect() method might be called



## Java javax.smartcardio.\* API

- List readers available in system
  - TerminalFactory.terminals()
  - identified by index CardTerminal.get(index)
  - readable string (Gemplus GemPC Card Reader 0)
- Connect to target card
  - Check for card (CardTerminal.isCardPresent())
  - connect to Card (CardTerminal.connect("\*"))
  - get channel (Card.getBasicChannel())
  - reset card and get ATR (Card.getATR())



Already used in labs last week –  
SimpleAPDU project



## Java javax.smartcardio.\* API (2)

- Select applet on card
  - send APDU with header 00 a4 04 00 LC APPLET\_AID
- Send APDU to invoke method
  - prepare APDU buffer (byte array)
  - create CommandAPDU from byte array
  - send CommandAPDU via CardChannel.transmit()
  - check for response data (getSW1() == 0x61)
  - read available response data by 00 C0 00 00 SW2
- Process response
  - status should be ResponseAPDU.getSW() == 0x9000
  - returned data ResponseAPDU.getData()

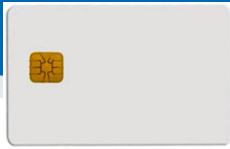
# DEBUGGING APPLET





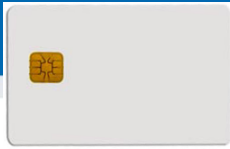
## Debugging applets: simulator

- The smartcard is designed to protect application
  - Debugger cannot be connected to running application
- Option 1: use card simulator ([jcardsim.org](http://jcardsim.org))
  - Simulation of JavaCard 2.2.2 (based on BouncyCastle)
  - Very helpful, allows for direct debugging (labs)
  - Catch of logical flaws etc.
  - Allows to write automated unit tests!
- Problem: Real limitations of cards are missing
  - supported algorithms, memory, execution speed...



# Debugging applets: real cards

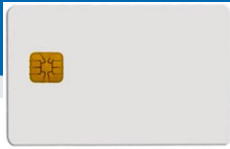
- Option 2: use real cards
  - Cannot directly connect debugger, no logging strings...
- Debugging based on error messages
  - Use multiple custom errors rather than ISO7816 errors
  - Distinct error tells you more precisely, where problem happened
- Problem: operation may end with unspecific 0x6f00
  - define specific error code and use `ISOException.throwIt(0x666)`;
  - Insert into method causing 0x6f00, compile, convert, upload, run
  - Localize exact line where 0x6f00 is emitted
- Debugging based on additional custom commands
  - Output current values of arrays, keys...
  - Important: Secure by default principle: debugging possibility should be enabled only on intention (e.g., specific flag in installation data, cannot be enabled later (by an attacker)). Don't let debugging code into release!



## Possible causes for unspecific 0x6f00

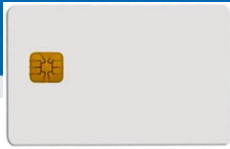
- Writing behind allocated array
- Using Key that was Key.clear() before
- Insufficient memory to complete operation
- Cipher.init() with uninitialized Key
- Import of RSA key into real card generated by software outside card (e.g., getP() len == 64 vs. 65B for RSA1024)
- Storing reference of APDU object localAPDU = origAPDU;
- Decryption of value stored in byte[] array with raw RSA with most significant bit == 1 (set first byte of array to 0xff to verify)
- Set CRT RSA key using invalid values for given part - e.g. setDP1()
- ... and many more 😊

# BEST PRACTICES



## Execution speed hints (1)

- Difference between RAM and EEPROM memory
  - new allocates in EEPROM (persistent, but slow)
    - do not use EEPROM for temporary data
    - do not use for sensitive data (keys)
  - `JCSystem.getTransientByteArray()` for RAM buffer
  - local variables automatically in RAM
- Use API algorithms and utility methods
  - much faster, cryptographic co-processor
- Allocate all resources in constructor
  - executed during installation (only once)
  - either you get everything you want or not install at all



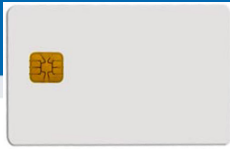
## Execution speed hints (2)

- Garbage collection limited or not available
  - do not use new except in constructor
- Use copy-free style of methods
  - foo(byte[] buffer, short start\_offset, short length)
- Do not use recursion or frequent function calls
  - slow, function context overhead
- Do not use OO design extensively (slow)
- Keep Cipher or Signature objects initialized
  - if possible (e.g., fixed master key)
  - initialization with key takes non-trivial time



# How many cryptographic engines?

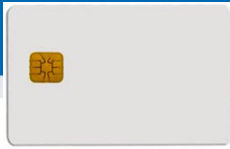
| Type of object       | NXP CJ2A081 | NXP CJ2D081 80K | NXP JCOP21 v2.4.2R3 145KB |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| AESKey 128           | 877         | 729             | 678                       |
| AESKey 256           | 658         | 607             | 565                       |
| DESKey 196           | 748         | 607             | 565                       |
| Cipher AES           | 79          | 74              | 74                        |
| Cipher DES           | 147         | 136             | 136                       |
| RSA CRT PRIVATE 1024 | 72          | 93              | 86                        |
| RSA PRIVATE 1024     | 203         | 152             | 141                       |
| RSA CRT PRIVATE 2048 | 61          | 51              | 47                        |
| RSA PRIVATE 2048     | 108         | 82              | 77                        |



## Security hints (1)

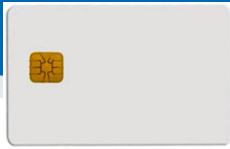
- Use API algorithms/modes rather than your own
  - API algorithms fast and protected in cryptographic hardware
  - general-purpose processor leaks more information
- Store session data in RAM
  - faster and more secure against power analysis
  - EEPROM has limited number of rewrites ( $10^5$  -  $10^6$  writes)
- Never store keys and PINs in primitive arrays
  - use specialized objects like OwnerPIN and Key
  - better protected against power, fault and memory read-out attacks





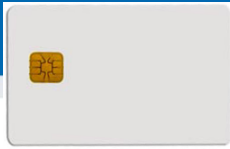
## Security hints (2)

- Erase unused keys and sensitive arrays
  - use specialized method if exists (`Key.clearKey()`)
  - or overwrite with random data (`Random.generate()`)
- Use transactions to ensure atomic operations
  - power supply can be interrupted inside code execution
  - be aware of attacks by interrupted transactions - rollback attack
- Do not use conditional jumps with sensitive data
  - branching after condition is recognizable with power analysis



## Security hints (3)

- Allocate all necessary resources in constructor
  - applet installation usually in trusted environment
  - prevent attacks based on limiting available resources
- Use automata-based programming model
  - well defined states (e.g., user PIN verified)
  - well defined transitions and allowed method calls
- Some additional hints
  - Gemalto\_JavaCard\_DevelGuide.pdf
  - <http://developer.gemalto.com/fileadmin/contrib/downloads/pdf/Java%20Card%20%26%20STK%20Applet%20Development%20Guidelines.pdf>



# JavaCard applet firewall issues

- Main defense for separation of multiple applets
- Platform implementations differ
  - Usually due to the unclear and complex specification
- If problem exists then is out of developer's control
- Firewall Tester project (W. Mostowski)
  - Open and free, the goal is to test the platform

```
short[] array1, array2; // persistent variables
short[] localArray = null; // local array
JCSystem.beginTransaction();
 array1 = new short[1];
 array2 = localArray = array1; // dangling reference!
JCSystem.abortTransaction();
```

## Summary

- Smart cards are programmable (JavaCard)
  - reasonable cryptographic API
  - coprocessor for fast cryptographic operations
  - multiple applications coexist securely on single card
  - Secure execution environment
- Standard Java 6 API for communication exists
- PKI applet can be developed with free tools
  - PIN protection, on-card key generation, signature...
- JavaCard is not full Java – optimizations, security