

NFC Card Buying Guide

Steps for success in Enterprise deployment

Define Application

Business card
Loyalty card
Membership card
Gift Card

Motive & Needs

Identification

Sustainability
Process digitalisation
Better data capture

Factors to access

Scale of operational impact
ROI requirements
Environmental considerations
Existing system compatibility
Reporting Requirements

RFID Data

Unique Identifiers
Item-specific data
Read-only or write only
Data capacity
Data Encoding
Data Security
Data Integration

Technical Specification

Frequency
Tag-type
Application

Accreditations

Certifications & Regulations

Software

Build, API or hybrid

Integrations

API or Custom

Plug Ins

Print on demand
Directory

Chip selection

Frequency
Read range
Data Storage Capacity
Data security
Cost
Application Environment
Standards and compatibility

Chip Sourcing

Directly from RFID Chip Manufacturers
Authorised Resellers and Distributors
Online Marketplaces
Industry Trade Shows and Events
RFID System Integrators and Solution Providers



Start



SOLUTION EXPLORATION



NFC PRODUCT SELECTION



DATA MANAGEMENT



IMPLEMENTATION



USER MANAGEMENT



Selection

Solutions

End-to-end RFID hardware + product + platform to manage
Product only = own platform
Product + chip from reseller + own software

Web search terms

NFC Solutions + Country + product type
Use case + NFC + industry

AI Prompts

Write RFP for RFID
List accreditations for RFID + application
What fields are in vCard files
Chip name + Data character count
what are the steps for [job title] + use case + with RFID.

Online research

Independent reviews, customer references and smartphone compatibility

Physical

Cards
Tags
Stickers
Wristbands
Rings
Key fobs
Tokens
Hang tags
Inserts

Digital

Digital Wallet cards
Digital Wallet Tickets
Digital Wallet gift vouchers
QR codes

QR

Standard QR
variable QR

Bio Page

Determine user/central fields
Design Template
Enable User editable fields
Via Link
Hosting

Materials

Recycled PET
Ocean Bound rPET
PVC
Wood
Metal
Metal/PVC hybrid
Paper

Product Design

QR code size 20mm
2mm space on product edge

Personalisation

Unique Identifier Number
Name/Deptment
Barcode

Quality Assurance checklist

Environment factors include temperature, moisture, level of usage, required lifecycle, sustainability of materials, recycling and waste management.

Supply of data

Data for card production - Personalisation, UID, Logo, Images
Supply of chip/QR encoded data - see below

Type of encoding

Single Encoding - one record encoded.
Variable Encoding - unique records in each NFC product.

What can you encode onto a NFC Chip or QR code?

Mobile site
Business card/vCard
Link/URL
Wifi
Bluetooth
Email
Telephone number
Geo Location
Launch Application
Plain Text
SMS

Review Technical Specifications

Data Security

Locked encoding - record cannot be changed
Unlocked encoding - record can be changed by a RFID Tagwriter.

Pilot

Small scale implementation to unlock possibilities, blockages, collaborative.

Administrator requirements

Parties who will manage the live project included in discussions and pilot planning.

Distribution

Central location + distribute internally
Batch packaging + distribute at production site
Order non personalised stock + distribute on demand

Cyber Security Risk Assessment

Air gap or Integrate, warranties, technical support, ?

Product Ordering

Bulk order
Unlocked cards + encode on demand
Locked Cards + laser print personalisation

Supply Chain Forecasting

Risk management, Secure materials at the right price, shelf life,

Portal

Edit bio page

Buying Group Consensus

Learnings from pilot delivering adaptations from pilot. Give supplier input and voice to align requirements and challenges. Adjust timings, pricing and solution process.

Price Negotiations

Comparison of value including long-term value, return on investment (ROI), and any potential hidden costs.

Scalability

Unit economics and ROI on volume. Do we want to yield revenue, productivity or other impact metric.

Total Cost of Ownership

Hardware, software licenses, implementation services, support fees, and ongoing maintenance costs.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS



PROJECT LEAD



OPERATIONS



PROCUREMENT



TECHNICAL



DATA



DESIGN

Spring