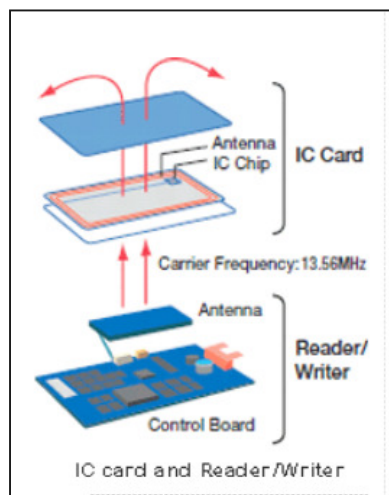# NFC – Near Field Communication

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Core Technology

- Passive card powered by radio field
- 212kbps, 100ms read/write cycle
- Authentication, data integrity protection
- 4-36KB card size
- Public and private data blocks
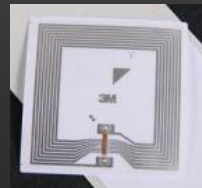- Sony Felica and Mifare
- ISO 14443

NFC

- Short Range (2-5cm)
- 1:1
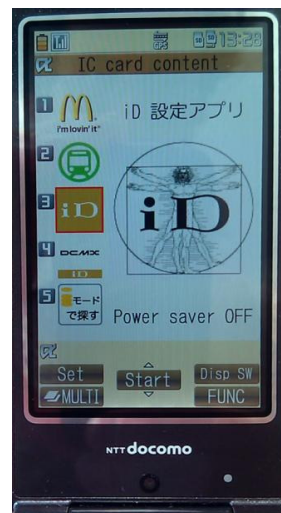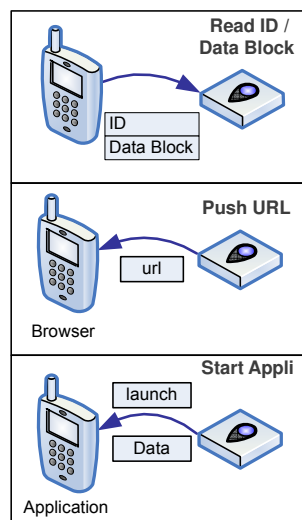- Read / write
- Large Capacity
- Secure
- A few Dollars

RFID

- Longer range (meters)
- Many to one
- Mostly read
- Relatively dumb
- Not necessarily
- Extreme low-cost

Mobile FeliCa

Standards and Vendors

- Physical Layer, Link Layer: ISO 14443
    - Phillips Mifare (ISO 14443 Type A)
    - Sony Felica (~ISO 14443 Type C)

- FeliCa Networks = "Mobile Felica"
    - NTT / JR / Sony joint.
    - Integration with mobile phone.

- NFC Forum (http://www.nfc-forum.org)
    - Tag Type specifications
    - Record Type specifications

- JSR 257: Contactless Communication API

Physical Touch Points

	QR Code	Felica Lite	URL Push	Just Touch
Capability	Send Static URL	Send Static URL Send Image	Read ID Send Dynamic URL	Read ID Read / Write Data
Base Station Requirement	Minimal	Minimal	Power (solar / battery)	Network connectivity
User Experience	Not Great • 10 secs + open page • User needs to initiate • Multiple menu levels • Very bad in low light	Not Great • 10 secs + open page • User needs to install app and initiate • Could be much better with SmartPhone	Good • 1 sec + open page • No user action • Robust	Great • < 0.5 sec • No button pushes • Works with card & phone • Requires Registration
Cost per station	<$1	$1	~$30	~$80 + connectivity fee

Not just a better GPS

- **Precise**. <5cm vs. 5-10m. Indoors, underground.

- **Physical Cue**. The real world is a better "status bar"

- **Fast**. <500ms No need to stop walking or talking.

- **Explicit**. User's choice.

- **User engagement**. User expresses interest.

- **Clear Intent.** As opposed to using location as surrogate.

- **Real World UI**: UI divided into a physical part and a on-line part.

200M+ Cards
60M+ Phones
1M+ Stations

Stages of Adoption

| 2001 | 2005 | 2010 |

Phase 1
- Initial killer app (transport)
- Technology adoption

Phase 2
- Broad deployment
- Payment
- Mobile Felica

Phase 3
- Platform
  - Social
  - Points
  - Games

Local Search - NaviTouch

- At Station Exit

  - Restaurants
    - Retail
    - Hotels
  - Attractions

Local Search – Roppongi Retail Association　›

- 92 Lamp posts in Roppongi equipped with Felica
  - Lamp post typically owned / operated by retail association
- Includes local search, basic navigation, open now

Local Search – Roppongi Retail Association

Payment: 370k Shops + 400k Vending Machines

決済方式		プリペイド（前払い） (Prepaid)					
利用環境	Phys.	166,000店	79,420店	62,000店	27,578店	40,500店	自販機:40万台
	Online	約7,500サイト ('09/03)	3サイト			1サイト	
決済ブランド		Edy	Suica	PASMO	nanaco	AEON	ビデル
		カード：5,300万枚（携帯：1000万人）('09/10)	カード：3,040万枚（マネー：万枚）（携帯：177万台）('09/11)	カード：1,364万枚('09/10)	カード：923万枚('09/10)	カード：1,220万枚('09/11)	カード：934万枚('09/08)
		ビットワレット	JR東日本	パスモ	セブン＆i	イオン	TIOJ (JCB)
		FeliCa					TypeA

決済方式		ポストペイ（後払い） (Post-Pay)					
利用環境	Phys.	R/W: 390,000台	R/W: 169,000台	R/W: 49,000台	18,000店	R/W: 276台	
	Online						約2,000サイト
決済ブランド		iD	QUICPay	Smart plus VISA TOUCH	PiTaPa	PayPass	eLIO
		会員：1000万人('08/12)	会員：455万人('08/12)	会員：69万人('08/9)	会員：116万人('09/5)	会員：97,000人	会員：100万人('07/3)
		NTTドコモ	JCB	UFJニコス/ VISA	スルッとKANSAI	Master Card	SFI
		FeliCa				Type A or B	FeliCa

Payments

Points / Coupons: Gurunavi Touch ≫

- 10000 Devices, stand-alone
- 1200 in Tokyo, 19 in Roppongi ≫
- Store owner gains insight
- Lottery game
- Stamp Card
- Loyalty: "free beer after 3 visits"

Campaigns

Collect Avatar items
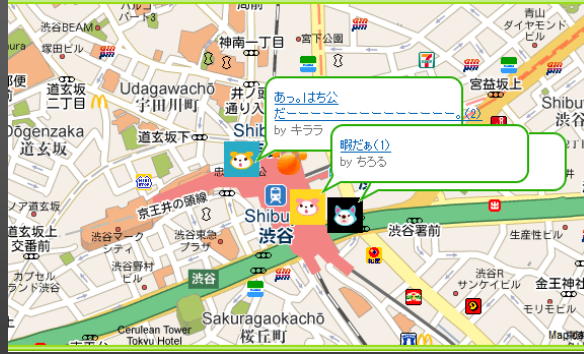
Point / Coupons w/ POS Integration
McDonalds ≫

- Download application to phone
- Select coupon
- Coupon stored in Mobile Felica chip
- Redeem via NFC at register

Games / Loyalty

"Stamp Rally"

Shima Ken ❯

- JR / SUICA

- Reads SUICA/Edy purchase history to obtain a place as "territory"
- Think "Foursquare" based on spend

Advertising / Media Bridging

Platform / Systems – B.U.G. ❯

- Devices and solutions
- Connected or stand-alone devices
- Battery or AC power
- Manufactured 150k – 200k devices

Do This at Home – Hardware is Hot!

- 32KB Flash, 2 KB RAM, 1KB EEPROM **$2**
- Internal / external clock, up to 20 MIPS
- Counters, A/D converters, Parallel & Serial I/O, PWM, BOD

- Libraries, GCC targets **$0**
- Programming and debug tools

- Turning hardware problems into software problems **Priceless**

Embedded Environments

$25 • Arduino
  - Based on ATMel AVR328 – 32KB, 20 MHz
  - IDE w/ C-like language, USB bootloader, debugger
  - Good collection of "shields", e.g. USB, Ethernet

$1 • AVR Bare Bones
  - Cheap ($1-$2), open source tool chain
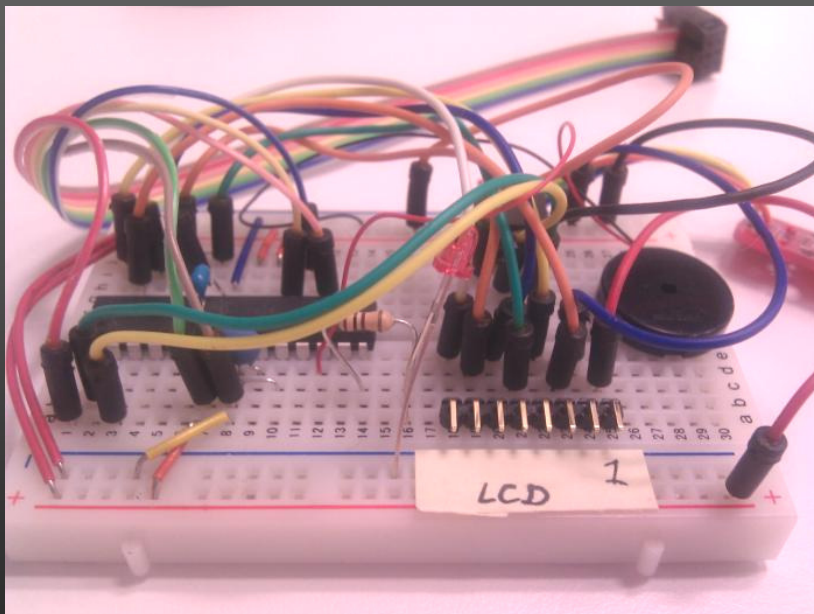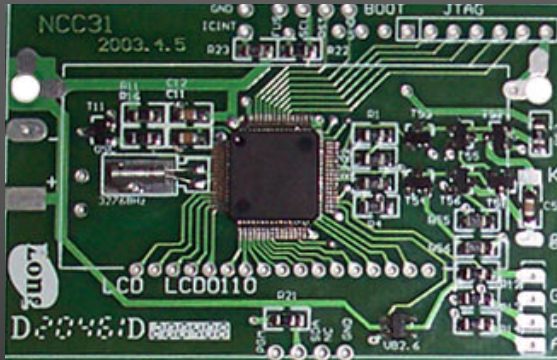 - Requires programmer (can build using AVR)

$60 • mbed
  - Cortex-M3 running @ 94MHz, 512KB
  - Cloud-based compiler

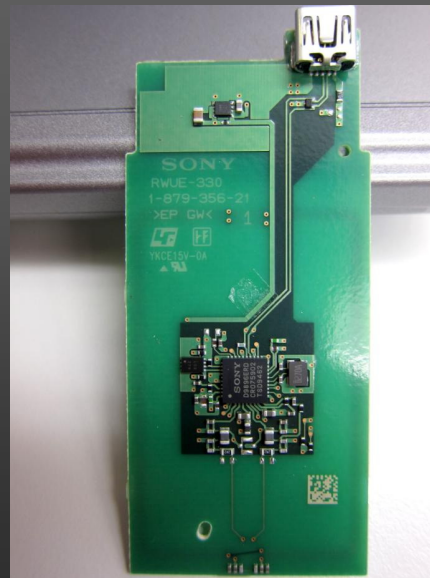## No Solder Solution

Making Printed Circuit Boards

- Sparkfun BatchPCB
  $20 + $2.50 / sq. in.

- 4pcb.com
  $33/each (1+)

- P-ban (Japan)
  50 boards $270

1. Design schematic with EAGLE

2. Create board layout from schematic

3. Export as Gerber files

4. Upload to manufacturer   http://www.ladyada.net/library/pcb/costcalc.html

NFC Reader / Writer Modules

- Retail USB Module RC-330

- Industrial module USART

Capabilities - Example

Base Station   Phone

Near Field
Comm.

Felica Card
ID
Data
Data

Browser

Read

Push URL

Connect

Server