

OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT

Development shield guide

About this document

Scope and purpose

The scope of this document is to describe the functionality and components of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle. It provides a quick and easy approach to evaluate the functionality of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT and available example applications.

The purpose of this document is to assist end-users in setting up, using, and operating the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield to explore the capabilities of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT.

Intended audience

This document is primarily intended for solution providers, system integrators, application developers, and product marketers who want to evaluate and test the functionality provided by the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT.

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1 Introduction

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The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield (shown in [Figure 1](#)) is an assembly of hardware components that allows to evaluate and develop applications for the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT.

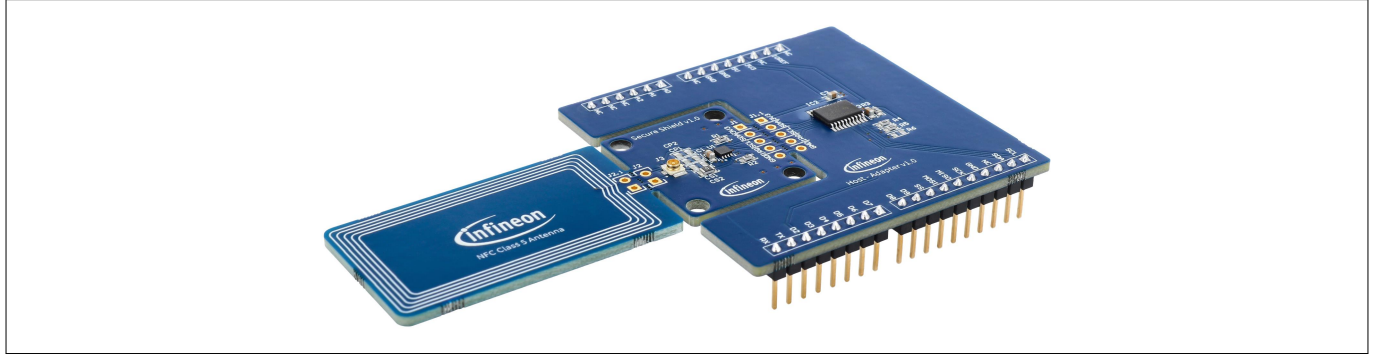


Figure 1 OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield with its host MCU adapter board

This chapter provides a short description of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT, the NFC bridge tag used in the development shield, as well as an overview of its supporting materials.

[Chapter 2](#) provides an overview of the development shield bundle, introduces its components, and describes the interfaces that connect them.

[Chapter 3](#) demonstrates how to use the development shield bundle to test the functionality of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT and introduces various usage scenarios.

Note: For an overview of related support material, refer to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's product page [\[1\]](#) and the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield's product page [\[4\]](#).

1.1 NFC I2C bridge tags

NFC Bridge Tags are dual-interface tags that enable contactless features for IoT devices via an I2C controller interface, allowing for a touch-and-go experience with a mobile phone. On one side, the NFC Bridge Tags include a contactless passive NFC interface and on the other side, a contact-based I2C target interface that connects to the MCU of the IoT device.

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT harnesses the Integrity Guard 32 security architecture to provide an option for the end-user with symmetric and asymmetric cryptographic operations, as well as password-based data protection schemes. As a result, the device is ideal for security demanding applications.

This product includes device authentication, pass-through and asynchronous data transfer modes, which can be used for variety of applications such as:

- Keyless access and activation of shared mobility vehicles
- Controlled access to personal electronic devices such as HDD
- Theft prevention for electronic goods by authenticated activation

This tag can also be used in healthcare and industrial applications. The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT, in combination with healthcare sensors, enables access to information through an NFC-enabled mobile phone or reader. Furthermore, the device is an ideal product for industrial applications such as headless configuration and parametrization of devices, assembly line programming and fault diagnostics.

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This chapter provides a brief overview of the intended purpose and use case scenarios of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle. The individual components of the shield bundle are listed, with the key parts described in detail.

2.1 Scope of the shield bundle

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle enables an evaluation of the device's core functionality using a variety of example applications. System integrators can test the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's ease of integration into any target platform/application using the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield. Using the available host libraries and the example applications, various device functionality can be integrated and tested.

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle is specifically designed for the following purposes:

- Evaluation and early-prototyping of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT in custom host systems. Easily attachable to any Arduino UNO-compatible host board due to the included adapter (no soldering required)
- Development of custom applications, based on the provided example applications. While the embedded example applications are tailored to the development kit's host MCU, the application logic is generally applicable and can be reused on custom platforms
- Accelerated development of embedded PSoC™ applications: The provided host library package contains a reusable implementation of the platform abstraction layer for the development kit's host microcontroller, easily portable to any other PSoC™

Difference to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Kit bundle

In addition to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle, Infineon also offers the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Kit bundle (refer to the product page [\[3\]](#) or user guide [\[8\]](#) for more information). In contrast to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield, this kit additionally includes a PSoC™ host MCU board. This enables the quick evaluation of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT, without the need for additional hardware. Since all provided example MCU applications are targeted to that PSoC™ host MCU, they can be used *as is*, without the need of porting them.

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Kit bundle is ideal for quick and simple evaluation of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the provided use case implementations. It also simplifies the development of custom applications for PSoC™ host MCUs, based on the example applications. After detaching the adapter board, the shield may also be used *standalone* for evaluation and application development with custom MCU boards.

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle is ideal for the evaluation and application development with custom MCU boards. The shield's default adapter enables easy attachment to Arduino UNO-compatible MCU boards. It is preferable, if no evaluation of the example applications with PSoC™ host MCU board is desired.

2.2 Shield bundle content

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle is delivered with a set of main components and additional accessories (see [Figure 2](#)). These additional accessories increase the shield's flexibility and enhance its evaluation capabilities.

The shield bundle contains the following components:

- OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield

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- Host MCU board adapter, Arduino UNO-compatible, connected to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield per default
- Additional accessories
 - Class 6 shield antenna
 - Cables: UMCC cable and five-pin jumper cable

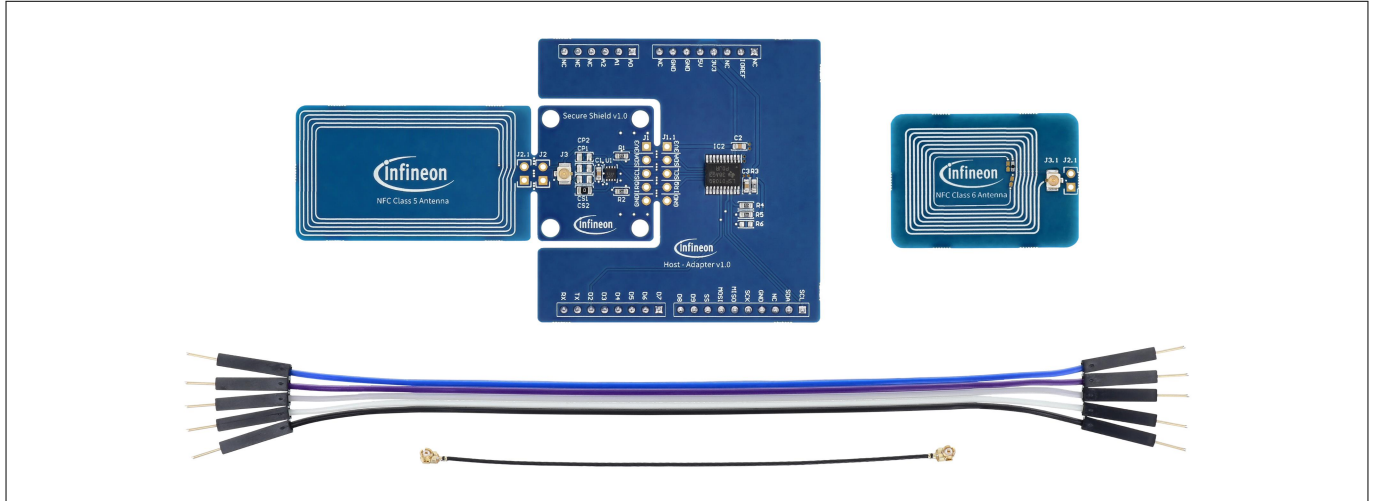


Figure 2 Components of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle

2.3 OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield

This section describes the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield in detail. The shield consists of two primary components which are initially connected to each other:

- NBT Secure Shield
- Class 5 shield antenna

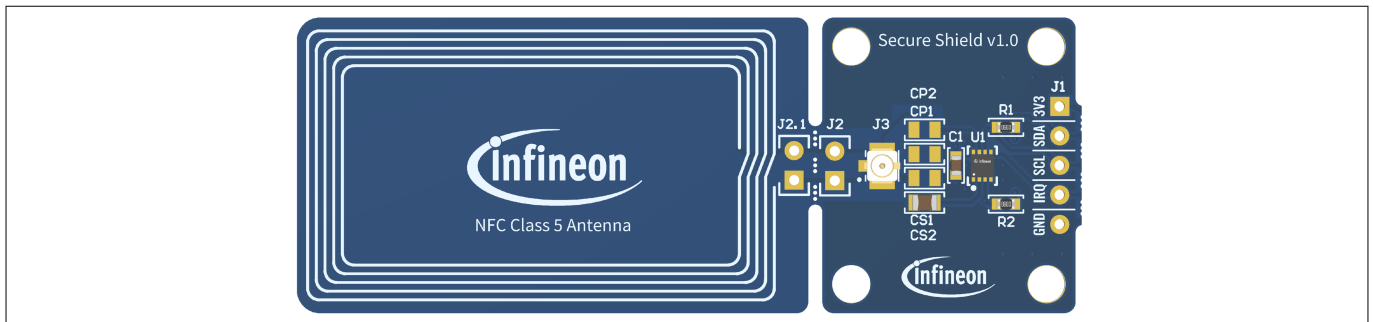


Figure 3 Composition of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield, as shown in [Figure 3](#), provides the pin header J1 that allows to easily connect the NBT Shield to various host MCU boards (for example via the included five-pin jumper cable). Alternatively, these pins can also be connected to an adapter board, which allows it to be directly plugged into specific host boards. By default, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield comes with a detachable, Arduino UNO-compatible host MCU adapter board (see [Chapter 2.4](#)).

2.3.1 NBT Secure Shield

The NBT Secure Shield is the primary component of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield, and it is designed to be simple, reusable, and adaptable. It is equipped with the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT device, which provides a contactless NFC interface as well as a contact-based I2C interface. The board provides two connectors to an NFC antenna on one side (J2 and J3) and to a microcontroller (or a specific adapter board) on the other side

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(J1). In addition, a matching circuit allows the optimization of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's contactless performance to arbitrary antennas.

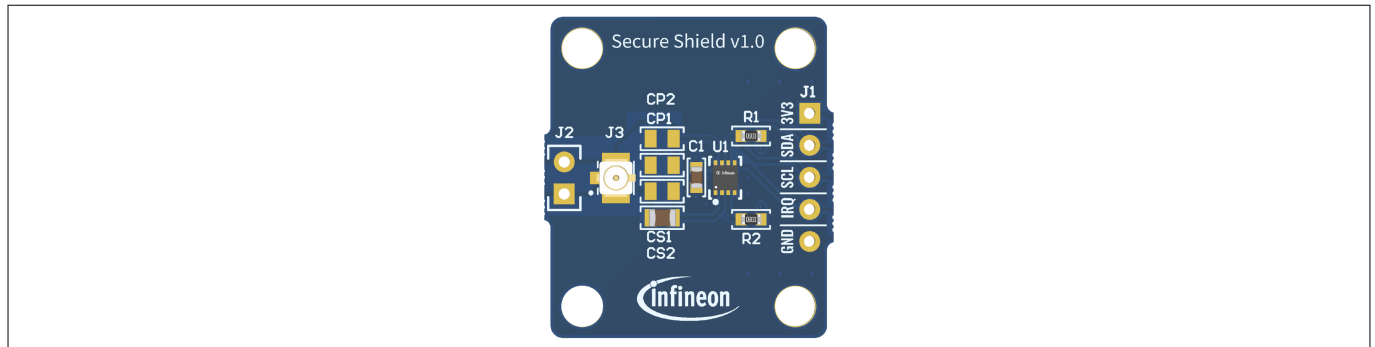


Figure 4 Board details of the NBT Secure Shield

Table 1 NBT Secure Shield antenna connections

NBT Secure Shield pins	OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT pins	Function
J2	L_A/L_B	Antenna connection via two-pin header
J3	L_A/L_B	Antenna connection via U.FL socket (UMCC cable)

Table 2 NBT Secure Shield five-pin header (J1) to connect to microcontroller boards

NBT Secure Shield pins	OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT pins	Function
3V3	V_{CC}	Power and pad supply
SDA	SDA	I2C data
SCL	SCL	I2C clock
IRQ	IRQ	Interrupt
GND	GND	Common ground reference

I2C address

The device operates as a target with the initial device address 18_H .

2.3.2 Class 5 shield antenna

The default antenna (see [Figure 5](#)) follows ISO/IEC 14443-1 Class 5 requirements. The antenna is designed to operate at a resonance frequency of 13,56 MHz. The design parameters of the (antenna) coil are adjusted to meet this requirement in combination with the 78 pF on-chip capacitance of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT chip. The Antenna Design Guide [9] explains how to design custom antennas and match them to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT.

Note: *The Class 5 shield antenna may be removed from the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield. In order to reconnect, use the antenna's L_A and L_B connector J2.1 and the NBT Secure Shield's respective header J2.*

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Figure 5 Board details of the Class 5 shield antenna

Table 3 Class 5 shield antenna connector to NBT Secure Shield

Class 5 shield antenna pins	Description
J2.1	Antenna connections (L _A /L _B)

2.4 Host microcontroller board adapter

In the shield bundle's default configuration, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield is attached to an adapter board for Arduino UNO-compatible host MCU boards (see [Figure 6](#)). This adapter board connects the NBT Secure Shield's five-pin interface to certain pins of the Arduino UNO pinout. This adapter can be used to directly connect the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield to any host MCU board with Arduino UNO-compatible sockets.

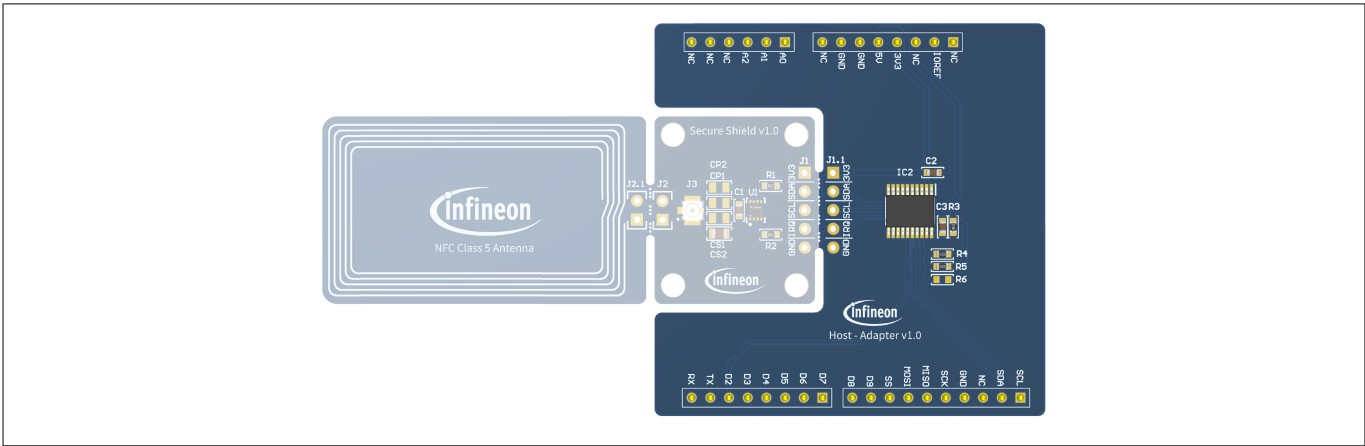


Figure 6 Adapter for host microcontroller boards (Arduino UNO-compatible)

This adapter board contains a level shifter to enable the usage of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield with 5 V- and 3.3 V-based host boards. See [Table 4](#), for an overview of how the NBT Secure Shield's pins are mapped to the adapter board's Arduino UNO-compatible pins.

Table 4 Mapping of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield's pins to Arduino UNO-compatible host microcontroller boards

NBT Secure Shield pins	Arduino UNO-compatible pins	Function
3V3	3V3/5V (via level-shifter)	Power and pad supply
SDA	SDA	I2C data
SCL	SCL	I2C clock
IRQ	D2 (GPIO)	Interrupt

(table continues...)

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Table 4 (continued) Mapping of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield's pins to Arduino UNO-compatible host microcontroller boards

NBT Secure Shield pins	Arduino UNO-compatible pins	Function
GND	GND	Common ground reference

2.5 Additional accessories

This section introduces the additional components included in the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle. While these components are not required for evaluation in the default configuration, they allow for easy rework for a variety of alternative usage scenarios.

2.5.1 Class 6 shield antenna

The Class 6 shield antenna is an accessory that allows the evaluation of a smaller antenna. [Figure 7](#) depicts the board details for the Class 6 shield antenna. The board includes a U.FL antenna connector in addition to the standard two-pin antenna header, as shown in the figure. Given that this antenna is designed to be connected to the NBT Secure Shield via a flexible UMCC cable, arbitrary antenna placements can be evaluated.

In its default configuration, the antenna contains 7 windings and is designed to produce a 13,56 MHz resonance frequency when used with the included 10 cm UMCC cable and the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's input capacitance of 78 pF. In addition, the antenna board includes a solder bridge for adapting the inductance for non-standard use (more details in the next chapter). The Antenna Design Guide [\[9\]](#) explains how to design custom antennas and match them to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT.

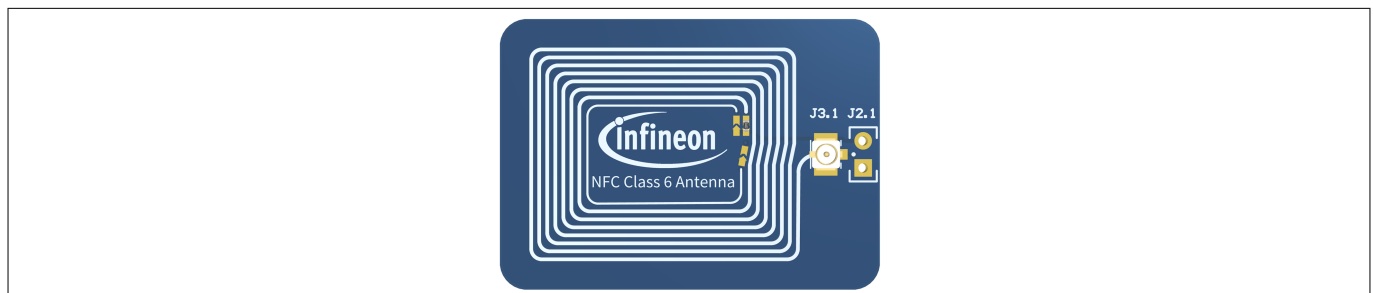


Figure 7 Class 6 shield antenna in its default configuration (usage with the included UMCC cable)

Table 5 Class 6 shield antenna connector pins to NBT Secure Shield

Antenna connectors	Description
J2.1	Antenna connection to the NBT Secure Shield via two-pin header
J3.1	Antenna connection to the NBT Secure Shield via U.FL socket

2.5.2 Cables

Multiple cables are included into the package to enhance its flexibility (see [Figure 8](#)). After detaching the Class 5 shield antenna, the UMCC cable can be used to easily connect the Class 6 shield antenna to the NBT Secure Shield (default). The included five-pin jumper cable can be used for connecting the NBT Secure Shield to custom host MCU boards or adapter boards. When this cable is used to connect the system's components, it allows a flexible connection to the NBT Secure Shield at various lengths and allows the evaluation of alternative system compositions.

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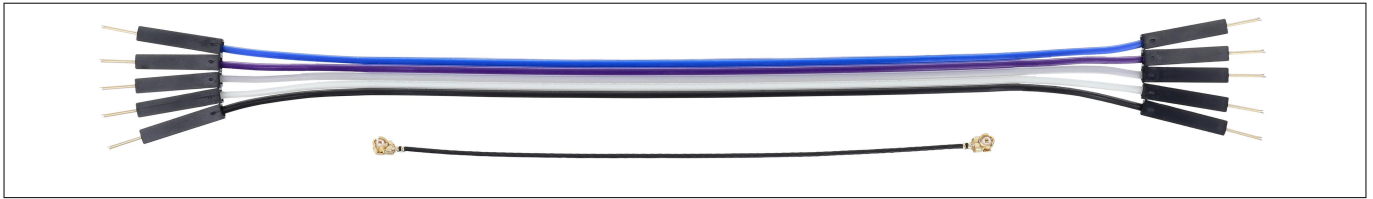


Figure 8 UMCC cable to connect the Class 6 shield antenna (bottom), five-pin jumper cable (top)

2.6 PCB design data

To support system integrators, the PCB design data for the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield with its Arduino UNO-compatible adapter board is provided as a reference on the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield's product page [\[4\]](#). This design data includes:

- **Schematics:** This PDF document contains the schematics of the development shield with the host board adapter as well as the Class 5 shield antenna
- **Design data:** This zip file contains the bundle's schematics and board layouts, as well as the board's Bill of Material (BOM)

2.7 Example applications

Infineon Technologies provides host libraries to support the integration of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT into custom applications on different platforms. In addition, multiple example applications demonstrate the capabilities of the device in different use cases. These implementations utilize the host libraries to demonstrate minimum viable applications on mobile phones (Android and iOS) and on the reference host microcontroller (PSoC™ 6).

Note: *All host libraries and example applications are shared as source code and are available as individual repositories on GitHub [\[2\]](#).*

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Kit bundle serves as the primary reference hardware and allows to evaluate both, the embedded microcontroller applications and the mobile phone apps. The embedded C/C++ applications are provided as ModusToolbox™ projects based on the development kit's host microcontroller board.

The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield can also be used standalone to evaluate the mobile phone apps with the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT operated as NFC-only tag. The NBT Shield may also be connected to custom host MCU boards to integrate the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT into embedded applications on the respective platform. In that case, the provided applications can serve as examples for the implementation since their application logic can be easily re-used on other platforms.

Note: *For more information about the example applications, refer to the Software Integration Guide [\[10\]](#).*

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This chapter describes how to integrate the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield in custom systems to evaluate the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's core functionality. The general description is targeted for the usage of the shield with a custom MCU board (not included in the kit). Furthermore, the section introduces several example usage scenarios of the shield as well as the necessary setup steps.

3.1 Getting started

The components of the evaluation setup depend on the type of the desired use case(s). The host MCU board is marked as optional for the reason that a subset of the use cases can be operated entirely through the NFC interface.

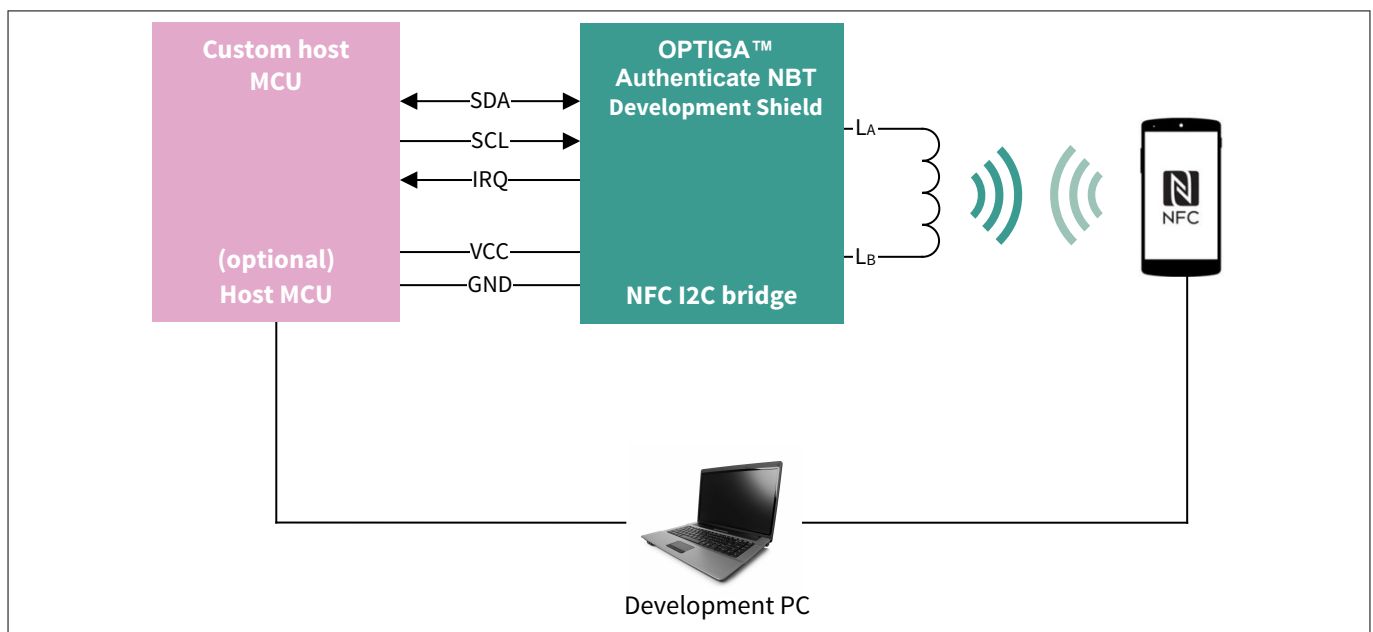


Figure 9 Evaluation setup with the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield

As shown in [Figure 9](#), the following components are required to evaluate the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with all provided use case implementations:

- OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield
- A host microcontroller (for example, an evaluation board) to connect to the shield
- A development PC with Android Studio/Xcode and the target microcontroller's IDE for preparing and building the example applications (refer to [Chapter 2.7](#))
- An NFC-enabled Android or iOS mobile phone for running the example mobile phone apps

3.2 Theory of operation

In typical usage scenarios, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT needs to be configured for the target use case before it is ready to serve its actual target purpose (for example, asynchronous data transfer). This section describes these two phases during the evaluation of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the development shield.

The two phases are closely related to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's life cycle states: PERSONALIZATION and OPERATIONAL. While the product is in PERSONALIZATION state, unrestricted altering of its configuration is possible (for example, interface settings, file access policies or initial file contents). In OPERATIONAL state, modification of the configuration is restricted to the permissions set during the personalization.

OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT devices in productive settings are configured in the PERSONALIZATION life cycle state (for example, in the product assembly line). The configuration of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT can be

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finalized and locked by activating the OPERATIONAL state. After executing this step, the product is ready for distribution.

The functional behavior of OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT is identical in both life cycle state - with a single exception: in PERSONALIZATION state, the reconfiguration of the product is still possible. This product behavior can be used during application development and evaluation, where it is recommended to keep the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT samples in the PERSONALIZATION life cycle state for both, their configuration and their target usage. Omitting the one-way transition to OPERATIONAL allows a repetitive evaluation of various use cases and different configurations with a single device.

To allow unrestricted evaluation, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield samples are recommended to be permanently left in the PERSONALIZATION life cycle state. The upcoming subsections describe the procedure to configure and operate the development shield to evaluate the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the provided use case implementations.

3.2.1 Configuring device

Like any OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT chip, the unit soldered on the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield is in the PERSONALIZATION state after delivery. Therefore, the first step is to prepare the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT for the intended use case by personalizing the device's content and settings. In the PERSONALIZATION state, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's product configuration can be customized using both the NFC and the I2C interfaces. For example, it may be performed by an NFC reader within the production line, or by the microcontroller via I2C during the initial start-up.

The recommended method to personalize the shield's OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT is to use the *NBT Personalization* mobile phone app (see [Figure 10](#)). This app utilizes the mobile phone's NFC interface to personalize the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the predefined configuration for the selected use case. System developers can utilize this application to (re-)configure the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT for the provided use case implementations.

While personalizing via NFC, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT is powered from the NFC reader's field. A connection to a host board is not required. For this task, the development shield may be used standalone, however, it can also be connected to a host MCU board (for example, the PSoC™ 62S2 Wi-Fi BT Prototyping Kit).

In order to allow the repetitive evaluation of various use cases and different configurations, the *NBT Personalization* application skips the final command to trigger the transition into the OPERATIONAL state. This allows to use the product in the fully configured state, while still having the ability to reset the configuration and repeat the personalization flow.

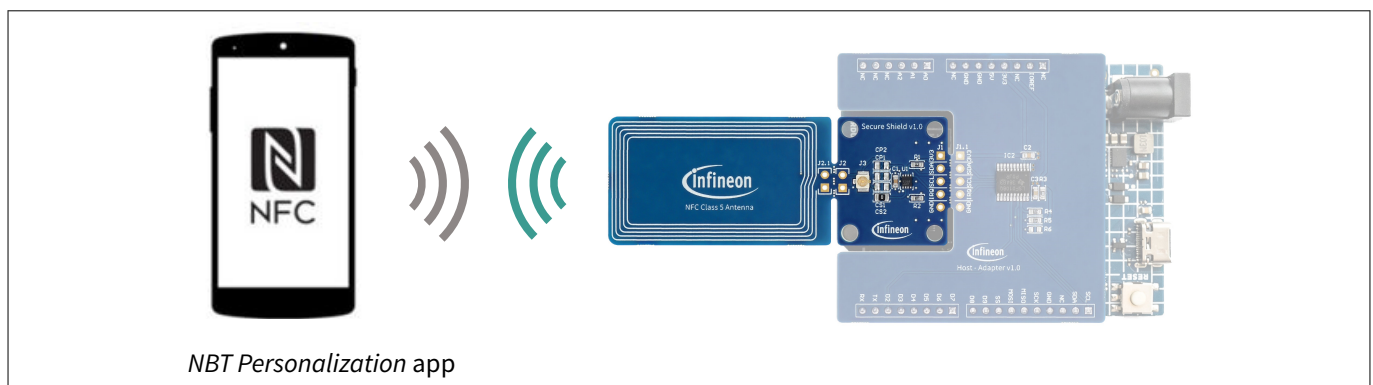


Figure 10 Personalization of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the NBT Personalization mobile phone app

The following steps must be taken to personalize the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the mobile phone app:

- The *NBT Personalization* app must be installed on an Android/iOS mobile phone
 - Get the project source code from GitHub [\[2\]](#)
 - Build the mobile phone app in Android Studio or Xcode and transfer it onto the mobile phone

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- Open the app on the mobile phone and select the target use case in the *NBT Personalization* app
- To personalize, tap the mobile phone's NFC antenna to the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield's NFC antenna
 - For personalization via NFC, it makes no difference whether the development shield is used standalone (as NFC-only tag) or connected to a host MCU board (as embedded tag)

Alternatively, the personalization commands can also be transferred via the I2C interface. At start-up, all provided MCU example applications are checking the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT's configuration and execute the personalization steps for the targeted use case via I2C. As a result, performing personalization with the *NBT Personalization* mobile phone app is not required for evaluating the provided use case implementations that include an embedded example application.

Note: For more details on how to configure the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT for certain use cases during personalization state, refer to the provided Use Case Guides [11], [12], [13], [14].

3.2.2 Target usage

After personalizing, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT is ready to be used in the context of its target use case to provide it's desired functionality. Depending on the intended use case, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT may perform interactions via the I2C and/or the NFC interface (see Figure 11).

When used as NFC-only tag, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT only utilizes the interface to an NFC reader (for example, a mobile phone). In such cases, the NFC interface is used for the data exchange and to power the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT via the NFC field, eliminating the need for a contact-based power supply or a microcontroller.

Other use cases rely on the NFC-to-I2C bridge functionality (used as embedded tag). In such cases, a microcontroller is used along with an NFC-enabled device. For example, a custom NFC application on a mobile phone may be used to interact with the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT via NFC, the microcontroller recognizes the data transfer and responds appropriately (for example, by reconfiguring the host system).

Multiple example applications are available that can be used to evaluate and test the capabilities of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT in various use cases. These applications can be used as base projects to develop custom applications on PSoC™-based platforms, or as examples to develop embedded applications on custom MCUs.

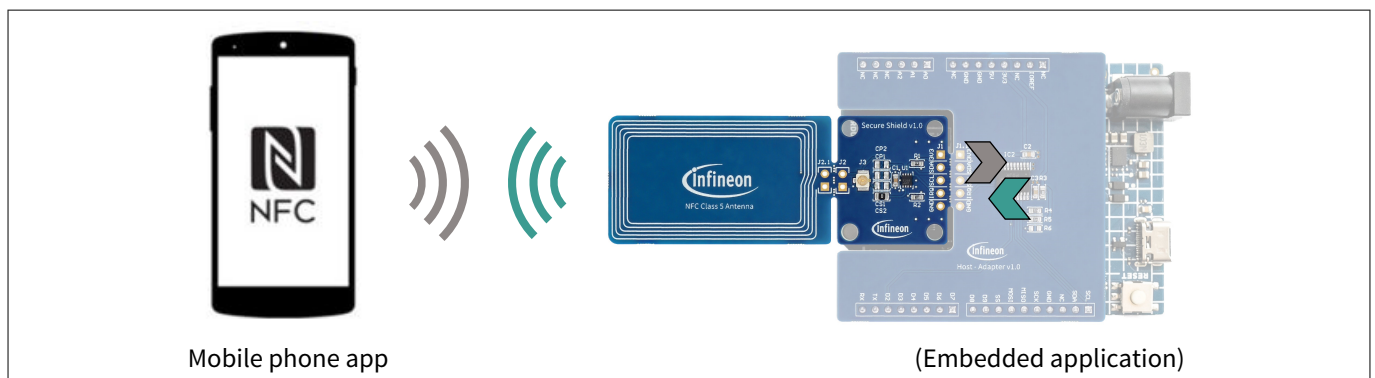


Figure 11 Target usage of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with mobile phone and MCU applications

The following steps must be taken in order to evaluate the provided use case implementations for the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with the development shield:

- The use case-specific Android/iOS app must be installed on the mobile phone
 - Get the project source code from GitHub [2]
 - Build the mobile phone app in Android Studio or Xcode and transfer it onto the mobile phone
- The use case-specific embedded application must be loaded onto the microcontroller (not included in the shield bundle)
 - Get the project source code from GitHub [2]

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- Port the example application to the target microcontroller, by implementing the platform-specific interfaces (refer to the Software Integration Guide [\[10\]](#))
- Build and flash the embedded application
- The OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield must be connected to the host MCU board's respective pins. For example, via the included adapter board (see [Chapter 2.4](#)) or via flying wires
- Evaluate the flow of the respective use case
 - Launch the respective applications
 - Perform use case-specific interactions (tapping the mobile phone to the NFC antenna)
 - Depending on the use case, interaction with the microcontroller (for example, button press) may be required

Note: *The installation steps for the embedded application/mobile phone app may be skipped if not designated for the target use case. For more information about the required steps to evaluate a specific use case, refer to the associated documentation on GitHub [\[2\]](#).*

3.3 Example usage scenarios

This section provides multiple examples on how to use the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield in typical evaluation and early-prototyping scenarios.

3.3.1 Usage with custom microcontroller boards

The main purpose of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield bundle is to provide components to connect the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield with a custom MCU to enable users to evaluate the interoperability of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT with a desired target MCU for a dedicated use case. The approach to connect the shield to the host MCU board depends on whether the host board offers an Arduino UNO-compatible pinout or not.

Arduino UNO-compatible pinout

The simplest option is to use the shield with an Arduino UNO-compatible host MCU board (as seen in [Figure 12](#) and [Figure 13](#)). In this case, the shield can be directly plugged onto the host board without the need of any further modifications.

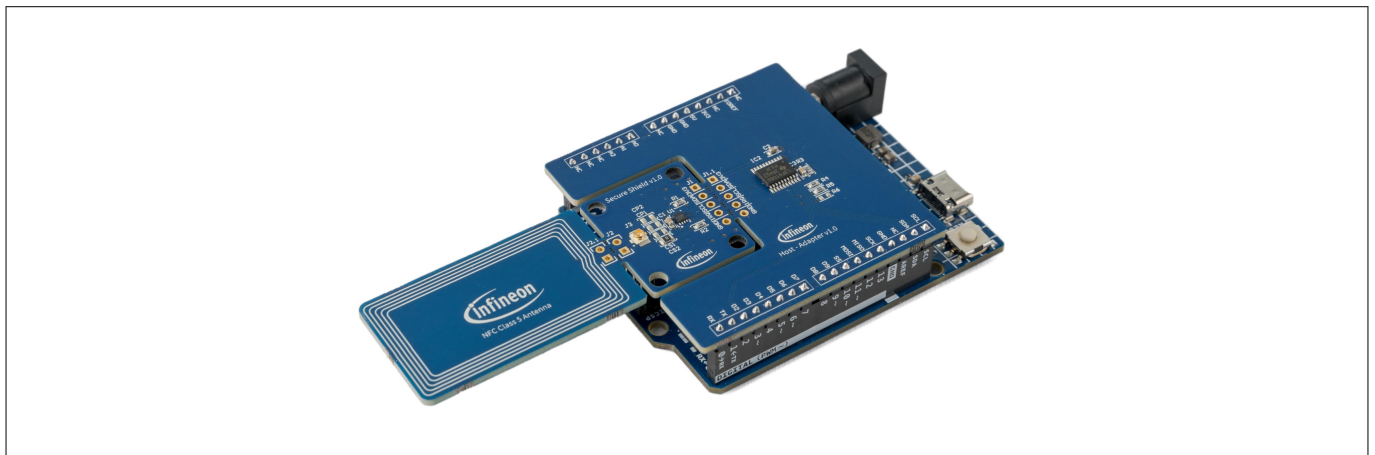


Figure 12 OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield with Arduino UNO-compatible host MCU board

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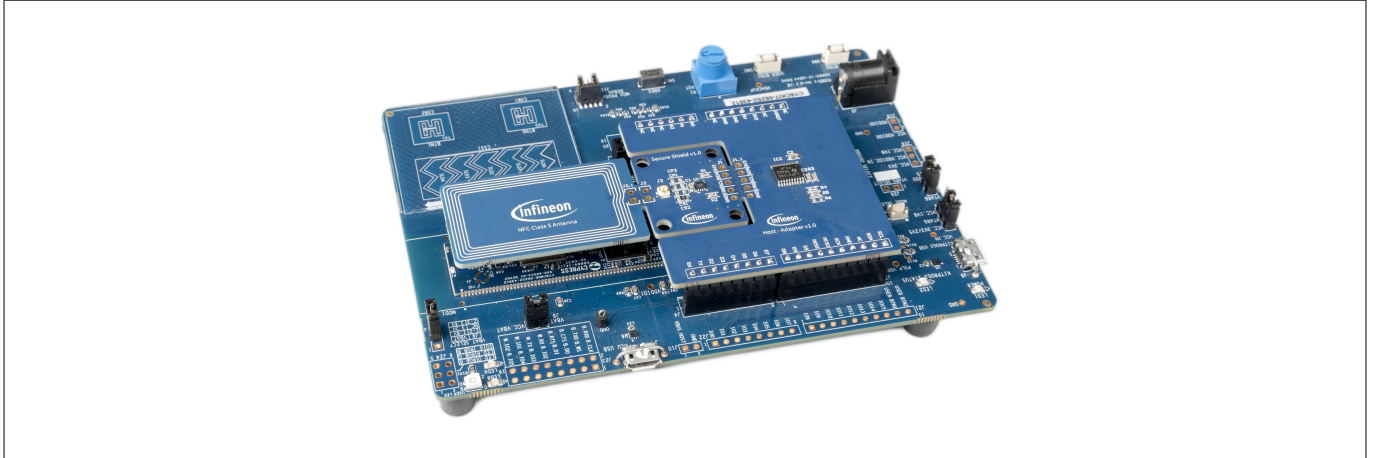


Figure 13 OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield on the PSoC™ 62S2 Wi-Fi BT Pioneer Kit (Arduino UNO-compatible)

Non Arduino UNO-compatible pinout

If the host MCU board does not come with an Arduino UNO-compatible pinout, the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield can still be connected to any custom MCU board (for example, via flying-wires). The following steps must be taken:

- Optional: Remove (break off) the host MCU board adapter
- Connect the five pins of the NBT Secure Shield to the respective pins of the custom microcontroller board. For example, by using the five-pin jumper cable included in the shield bundle (soldering may be required). Refer to [Chapter 2.3.1](#)) for the detailed pin descriptions

[Figure 14](#) shows an example, where the shield is directly attached to a Raspberry Pi. In this special case, the shield can be directly attached since the Raspberry Pi's pin header fits to the shield's pinout.

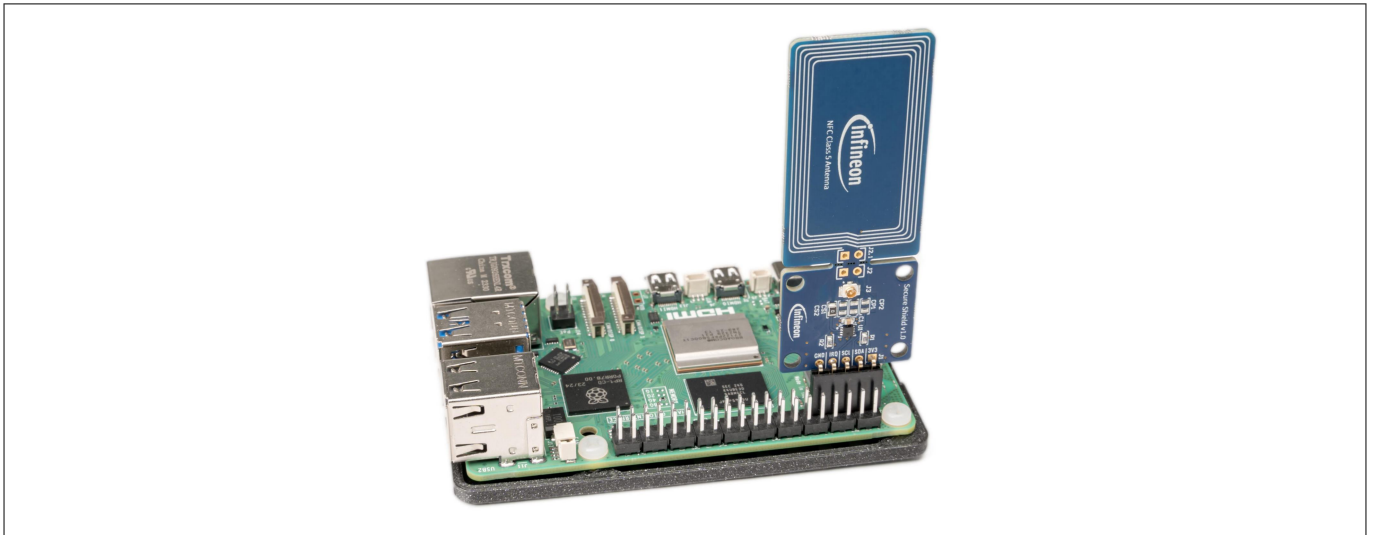


Figure 14 Attaching of the shield on a custom microcontroller board (direct mount)

Another example setup, where the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT is evaluated on a custom host MCU board is shown in [Figure 15](#). Here, a breadboard is used with the included five-pin jumper to connect the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield's pins to the corresponding pins of the custom host MCU board. This simple setup demonstrates the flexibility of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield to enable the evaluation of the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT device on arbitrary MCU platforms.

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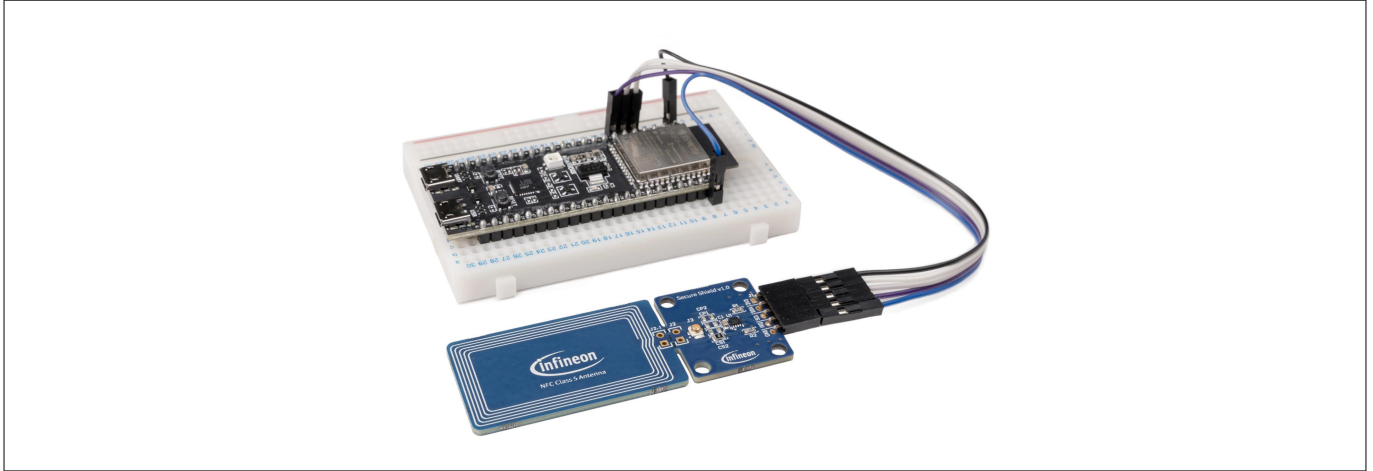


Figure 15 Attaching the shield to a custom host microcontroller board with the five-pin jumper wire

3.3.2 Rework for flexible shield placement

The provided five-pin jumper cable can be used to connect to a custom microcontroller, additionally to position the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield away from the microcontroller (for example, to allow easier access). The following steps must be taken:

- Detach (break away) the Arduino UNO-compatible adapter section
- Solder the five-pin jumper cable to the NBT Secure Shield's pins and connect the cables to the corresponding pins on the Arduino UNO-compatible adapter

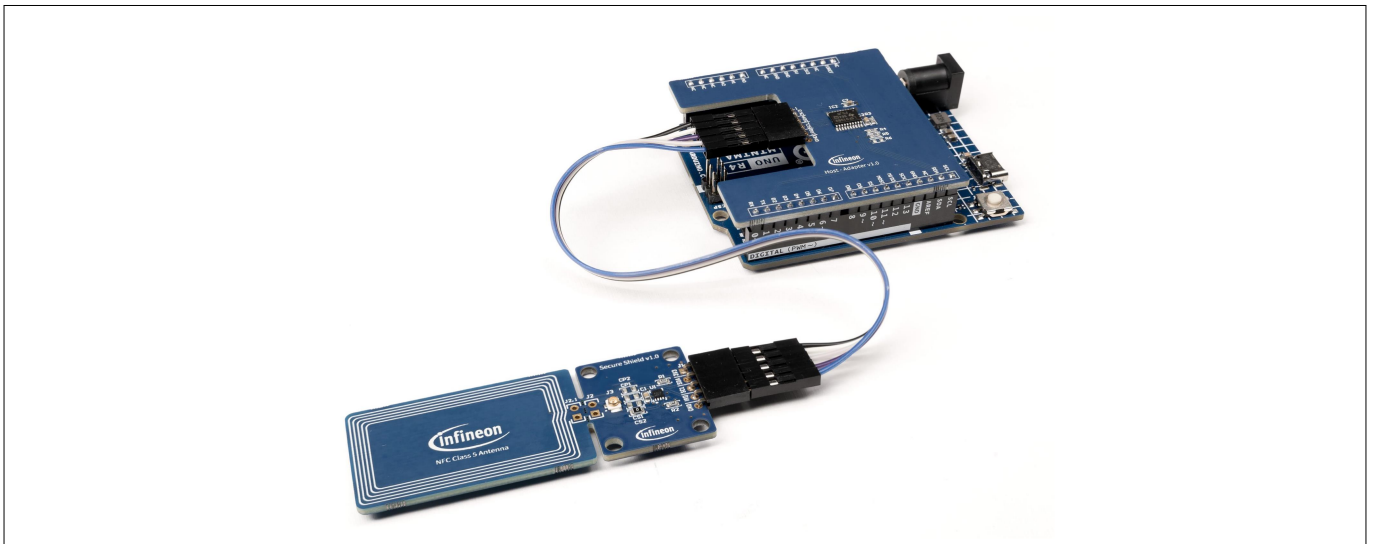


Figure 16 Using the five-pin cable for flexible shield placement

3.3.3 Rework for Class 6 shield antenna

To use the Class 6 shield antenna with the NBT Secure Shield, perform the following steps:

- Detach (break away) the Class 5 shield antenna from the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Shield
- Connect the NBT Secure Shield and the Class 6 shield antenna (in its default configuration, see [Figure 17](#)) using the included 10 cm UMCC cable

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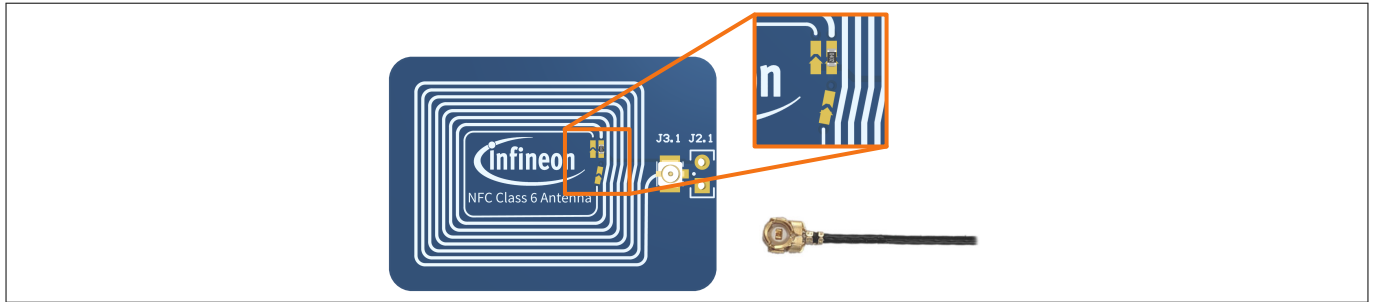


Figure 17 Class 6 shield antenna in its default configuration with the 10 cm UMCC cable (7 turns)

In addition, the antenna board can be directly connected to the NBT Secure Shield's L_A and L_B connectors (J2) using the two-pin header (J2.1). In this case, an optional 8th winding on the Class 6 shield antenna board must be activated. By closing dedicated solder bridges (see Figure 18), the additional winding is activated. When connecting to the antenna via the two-pin connector instead of the UMCC cable, this mitigates detuning of the system's resonance frequency.

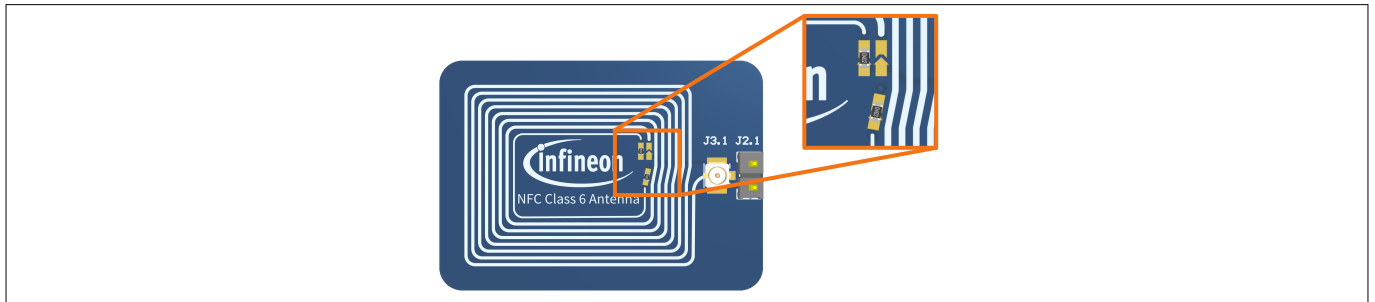


Figure 18 Class 6 shield antenna in its alternative configuration for direct mounting (8 turns)

Note: The NBT Secure Shield's matching circuit is optimized for use with the Class 5 shield antenna (direct two-pin connection) or the Class 6 shield antenna (flexible cable connection). Any other configuration (for example, a twisted pair cable connection) necessitates an update to the NBT Secure Shield's matching circuit to achieve the best performance.

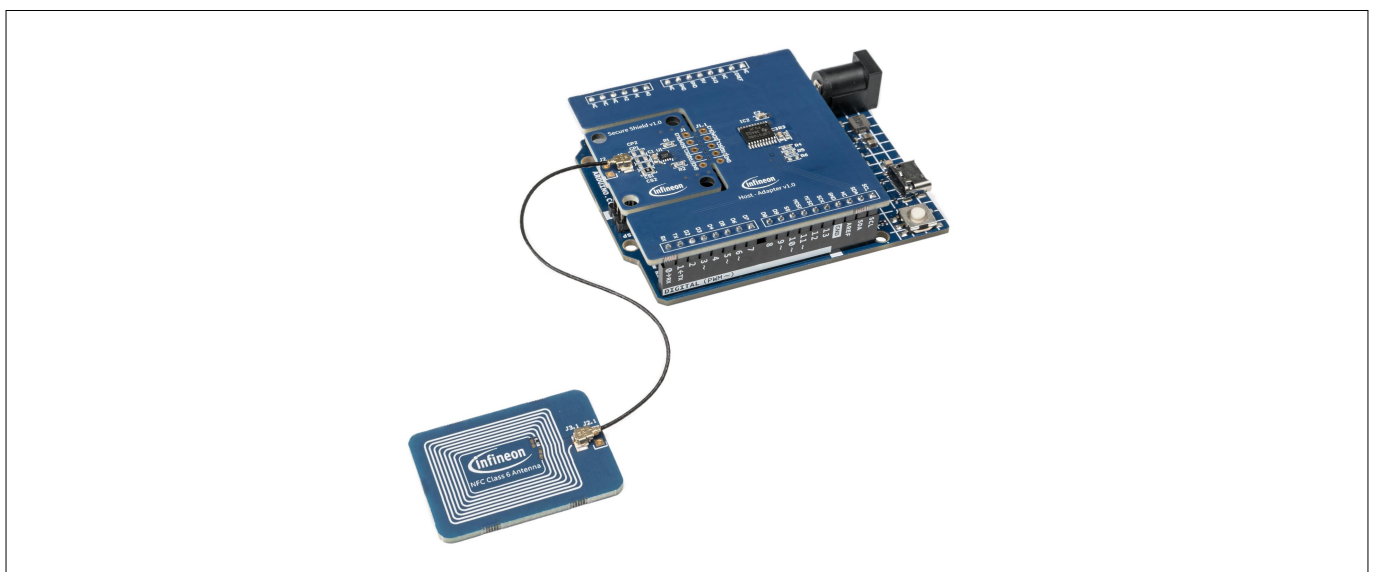


Figure 19 Example of using the Class 6 shield antenna with the OPTIGA™ Authenticate NBT Development Shield

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Glossary

BoM

bill of materials (BoM)

BT

Bluetooth (BT)

A short-range wireless technology standard that is used for exchanging data between fixed and mobile devices over short distances.

CC

capability container (CC)

I2C

inter-integrated circuit (I2C)

IDE

integrated development environment (IDE)

A software application that combines multiple tools used for software development into a single environment.

ID

identifier (ID)

IEC

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

The international committee responsible for drawing up electrotechnical standards.

iOS

iPhone operating system (iOS)

A mobile operating system created and developed by Apple Inc. exclusively for its hardware.

IoT

Internet of Things (IoT)

IRQ

interrupt request (IRQ)

A type of exception that breaks the linear flow of a program. The requesting module needs a software service routine to evaluate its current state and take the necessary actions.

ISO

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

MCU

microcontroller unit (MCU)

One or more processor cores along with memory and programmable input/output peripherals.

NFC

near field communication (NFC)

NFCT4T

NFC Type 4 Tag (NFCT4T)

Glossary

PCB

printed circuit board (PCB)

PSoC™ microcontroller

A range of general-purpose MCUs built on an ultra-low-power architecture ideal for battery-operated, low-power applications including embedded IoT applications.

SCL

serial clock line (SCL)

SDA

serial data line (SDA)

UID

unique identifier (UID)

UMCC

ultraminiature coax connector (UMCC)

USB

universal serial bus (USB)

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