

# **Smart Card Training from Wolfgang Rankl**

## **Some Basics about the SIM**

# Description

- These examples show some **transactions with a SIM** (subscriber identity module). The SIM is the smart card used in GSM mobile phones.
- **Overview** about the transactions: In the first step the ATR will be received after the reset of the SIM. In the next step the PIN will be verified and some DFs and EFs will be selected. In the the next steps some data will be read out from EFs with different file structures.
- The intension of this examples is to give people without tools and smart cards an **understanding about the basics of communication** and **data elements** from typical smart cards.
- For a better understanding of the examples it is recommendable to read the corresponding chapters from the **Smart Card Handbook** or **Handbuch der Chipkarten** from Wolfgang Rankl ([www.wrankl.de](http://www.wrankl.de)) and Wolfgang Effing and the corresponding ETSI specification **GSM 11.11** available from [www.etsi.org](http://www.etsi.org).

# User Interface

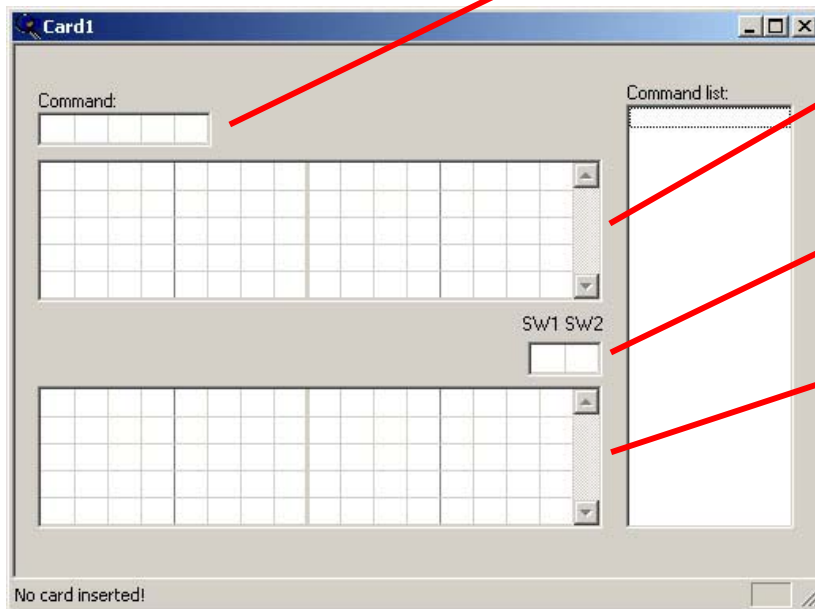
This is a short description of the user interface of a PC based communication tool. The communication with the smart card is done with a PC tool which is able to send commands and receive responses to and from a smart card. For the following command response sequences the transport protocol T=0 is used.

This is the field for the command header with CLASS || INSTRUCTION || P1 || P2 || P3.

This is the field for the command body with DATA 1 || DATA 2 || ...

This is the field for the response returncode with SW1 || SW2.

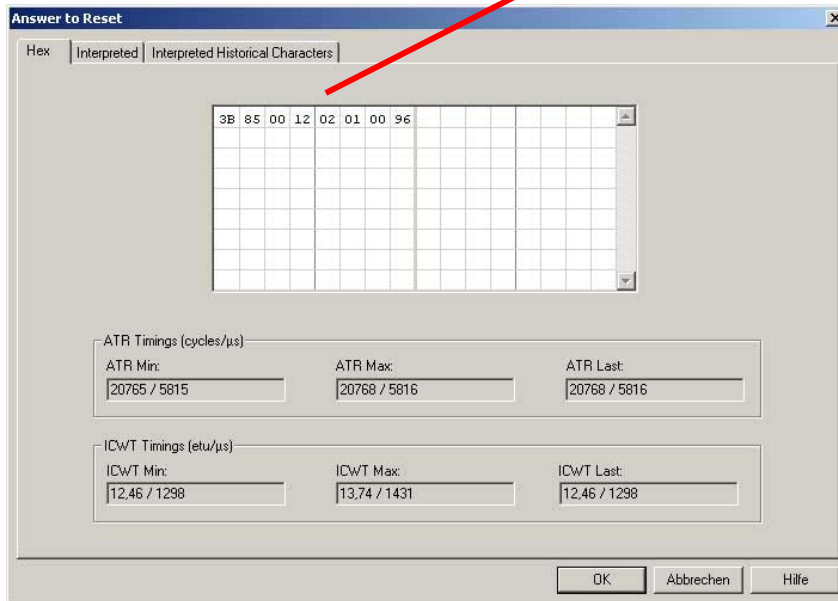
This is the field for the response data with DATA 1 || DATA 2 || ...



# ATR – hexadecimal notation

Step 1: A reset of the card is executed and the ATR will be received.

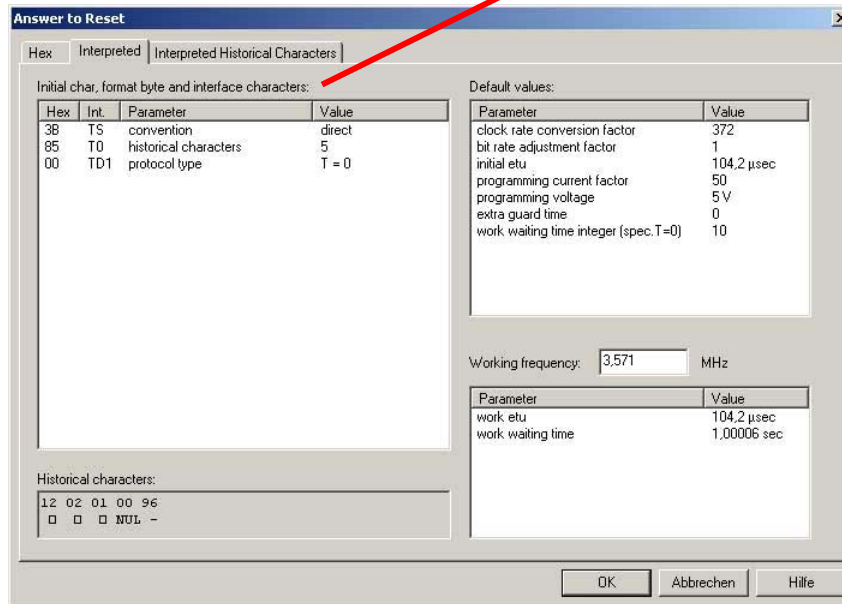
This is the ATR in hexadecimal notation



# ATR - decoded

Step 1: A reset of the card is executed and the ATR will be received.

This is the ATR in decoded notation. It is a quite simple ATR which informs the terminal. that direct convention ('3B') and T=0 is used. There are 5 historical characters.



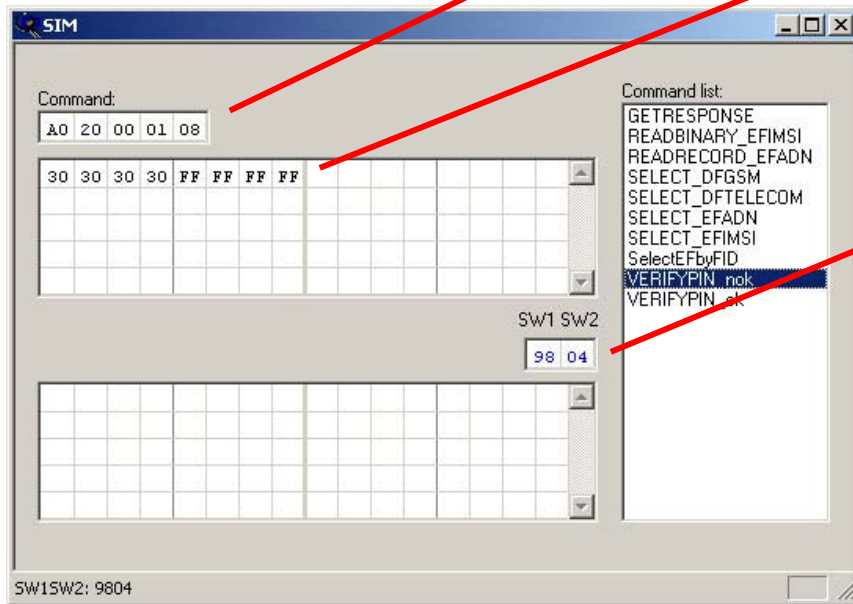
# VERIFY PIN – bad case

Step 2: Now the user enter a false 4 digit PIN („0000“) and the terminal send it to the SIM. The SIM verifies the PIN and send the answer back.

This is the VERIFY PIN command header.

This is the command body with a 4 digit false PIN „0000“. The PIN is coded in ASCII, left adjusted and filled up to 8 byte with 'FF'.

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9804' means that the PIN verification was not successful.



# VERIFY PIN – good case

Step 3: Now the user enter his correct 4 digit PIN („1234“) and the terminal send it to the SIM. The SIM verifies the PIN and send the answer back.

This is the VERIFY PIN command header.

This is the command body with the 4 digit PIN „1234“. The PIN is coded in ASCII, left adjusted and filled up to 8 byte with 'FF'.

The screenshot shows a SIM terminal window with the following details:

- Command:** A0 20 00 01 08
- Command list:** GETRESPONSE, READBINARY\_EFIMSI, READRECORD\_EFADN, SELECT\_DFGSM, SELECT\_DFTELECOM, SELECT\_EFADN, SELECT\_EFIMSI, SelectEFbyFID, **VERIFYPIN** (highlighted)
- SW1 SW2:** 90 00
- Command body:** 31 32 33 34 FF FF FF FF
- Status:** Normal Processing

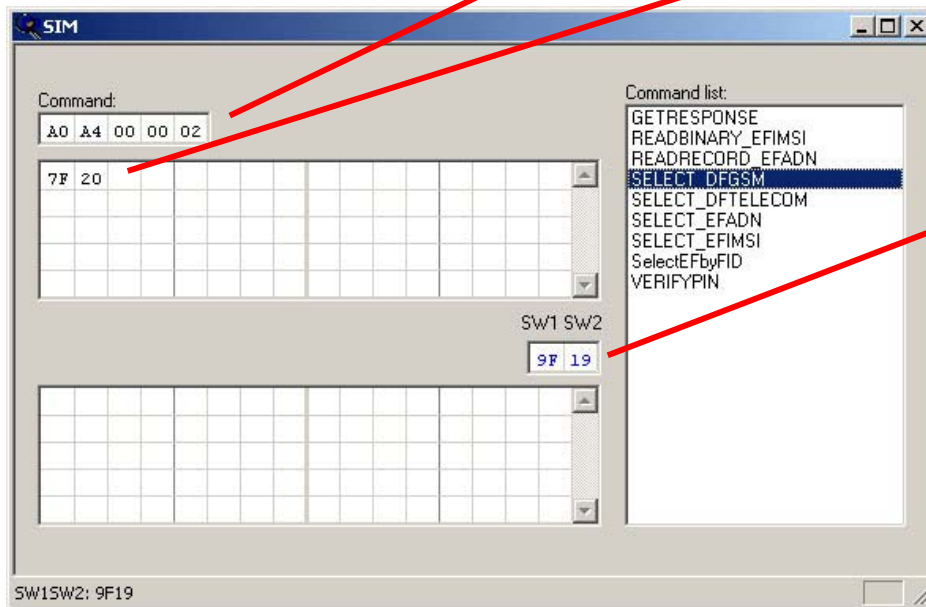
This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means that the PIN verification was successful and the error counter of the PIN is set to zero.

# SELECT DF GSM – part 1 of 2

Now the DF GSM will be selected.

This is the SELECT command header. The body have a length of 2 byte.

This is the command body with the 2 byte FID '7F20' for the DF GSM.



This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9F19' means SELECT command successful executed and '19' byte (= 25 byte decimal) additional information can be optional fetched by a GET RESPONSE command.



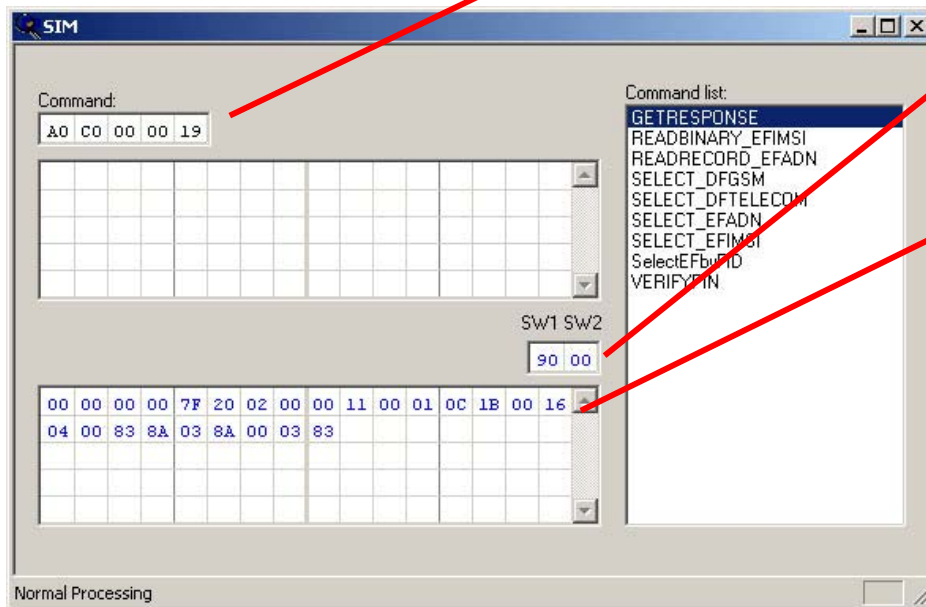
# SELECT DF GSM – part 2 of 2

Step 5: The additional information about the previous selected file will be fetched by a GET RESPONSE command. GET RESPONSE is a typical command within the T=0 protocol.

This is the GET RESPONSE command header. '19' byte (= 25 byte decimal) will be fetched from the card.

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means GET RESPONSE successful executed.

This is the response body with informations about the DF GSM.

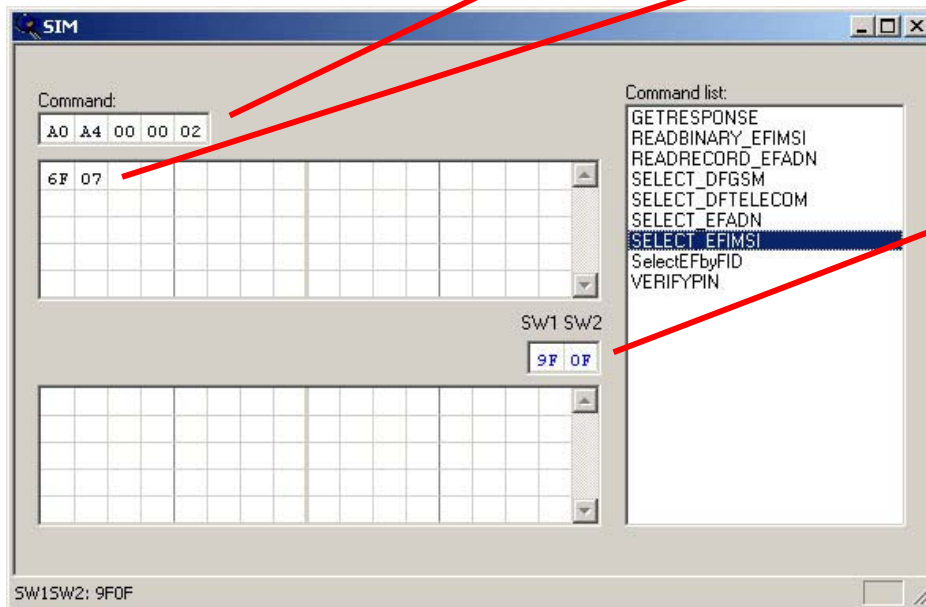


# SELECT EF IMSI – part 1 of 2

Step 6: The EF IMSI (international mobile subscriber information) will be selected.

This is the SELECT command header. The body have a length of 2 byte.

This is the command body with the 2 byte FID '6F07' for the EF IMSI.



This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9F0F' means SELECT command successful executed and '0F' byte (= 15 byte decimal) additional information can be optional fetched by a GET RESPONSE command.

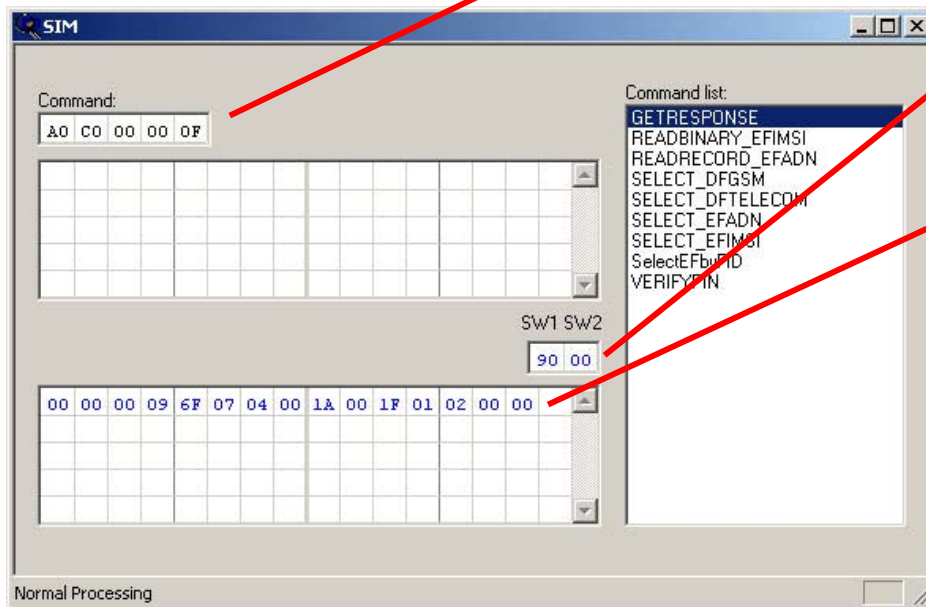
# SELECT EF IMSI – part 2 of 2

Additional information about the previous selected file will be fetched by a GET RESPONSE command. GET RESPONSE is a typical command within the T=0 protocol.

This is the GET RESPONSE command header. '0F' byte (= 15 byte decimal) will be fetched from the card.

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means GET RESPONSE successful executed.

This is the response body with informations about the EF IMSI.



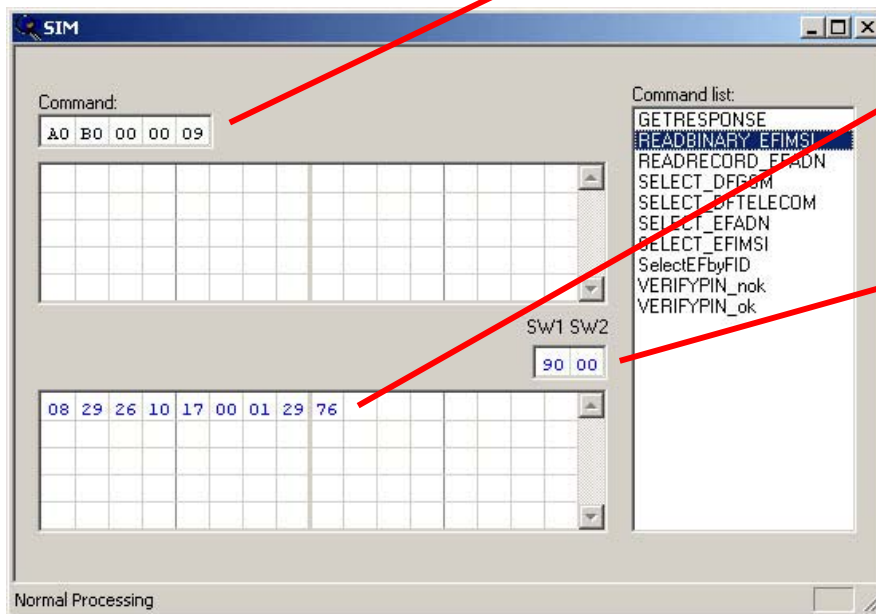
# READ BINARY EF IMSI

The data of the transparent structured EF IMSI (international mobile subscriber information) are read from the SIM by a READ BINARY command.

This is the READ BINARY command header. The whole (= 9 byte) transparent structured EF IMSI will be read.

This is the response body with the 9 byte file content of EF IMSI.  
D1: length of the IMSI  
D2 ... D9: IMSI

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means READ BINARY successfully executed.

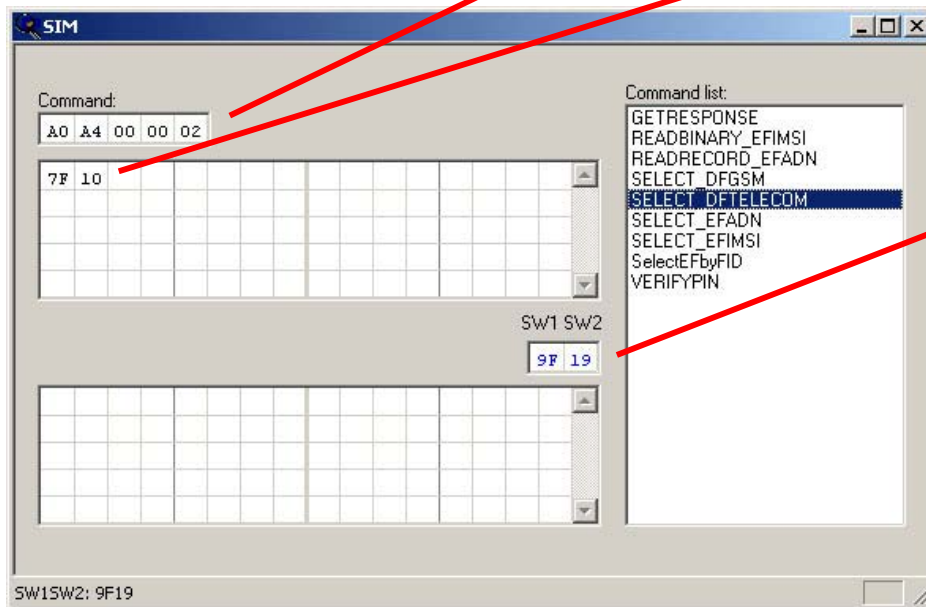


# SELECT DF Telekom – part 1 of 2

The DF Telekom is selected and the card signaled that 25 byte file information could be fetched by a following GET RESPONSE command.

This is the SELECT command header. The body have a length of 2 byte.

This is the command body with the 2 byte FID '7F10' for the DF Telekom.



This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9F19' means SELECT command successful executed and '19' byte (= 25 byte decimal) additional information can be optional fetched by a GET RESPONSE command.

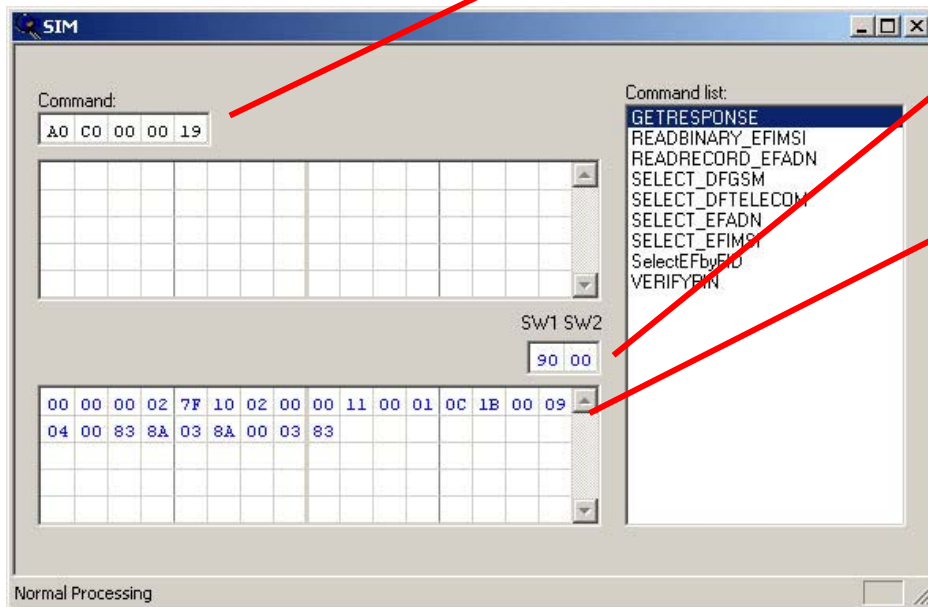
# SELECT DF Telekom – part 2 of 2

Additional information about the previous selected file will be fetched by a GET RESPONSE command. GET RESPONSE is a typical command within the T=0 protocol.

This is the GET RESPONSE command header. '19' byte (= 25 byte decimal) will be fetched from the card.

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means GET RESPONSE successful executed.

This is the response body with informations about the DF GSM.

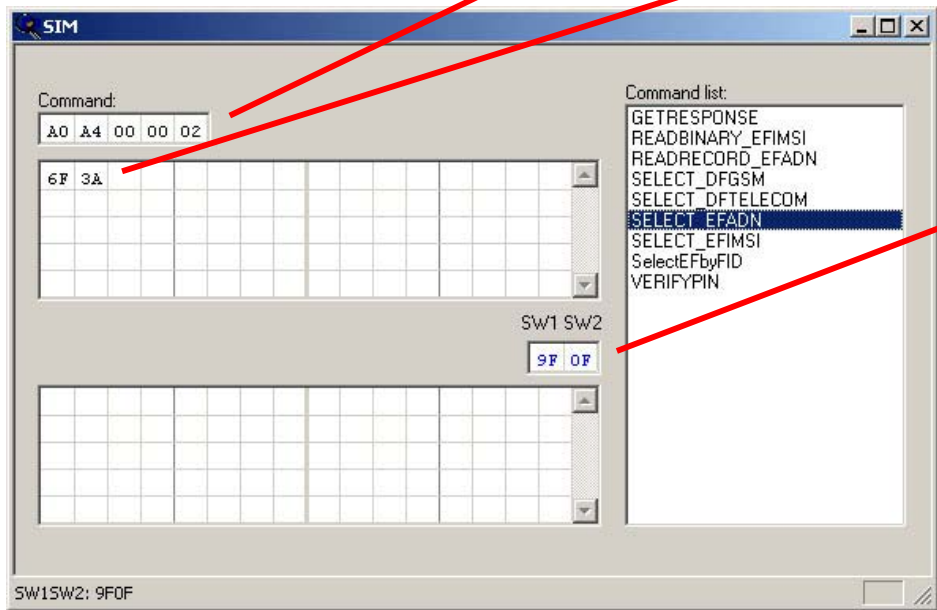


# SELECT EF ADN – part 1 of 2

The EF ADN (abbreviated dialing numbers) with the file structure linear fixed is selected and the card signaled that 15 byte file information could be fetched by a following GET RESPONSE command.

This is the SELECT command header. The body have a length of 2 byte.

This is the command body with the 2 byte FID , '6F3A' for the EF ADN.



This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9F0F' means SELECT command successful executed and '0F' byte (= 15 byte decimal) additional information can be optional fetched by a GET RESPONSE command.

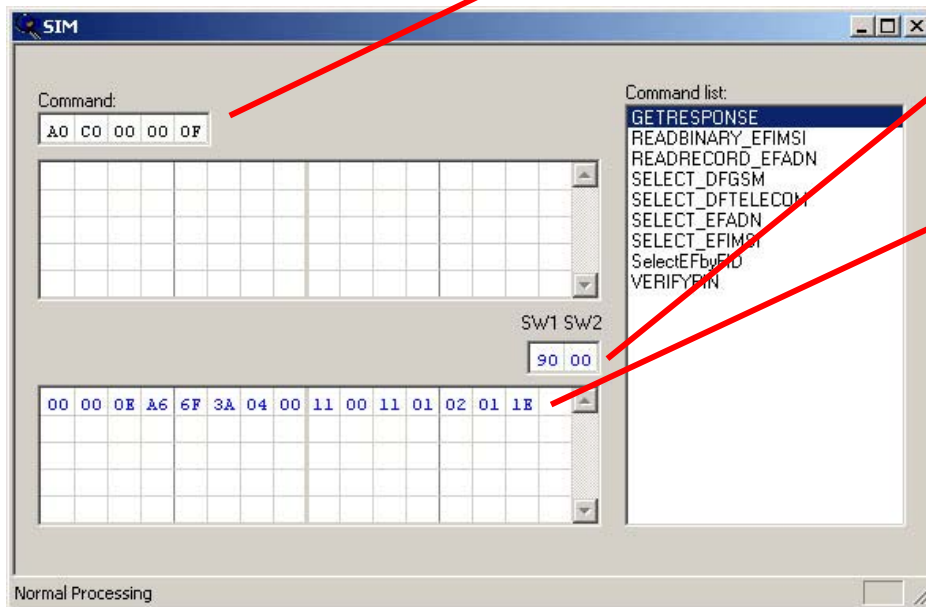
# SELECT EF ADN – part 2 of 2

Additional information about the previous selected file will be fetched by a GET RESPONSE command. GET RESPONSE is a typical command within the T=0 protocol.

This is the GET RESPONSE command header. '0F' byte (= 15 byte decimal) will be fetched from the card.

This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '90 00' means GET RESPONSE successful executed.

This is the response body with informations about the EF IMSI.

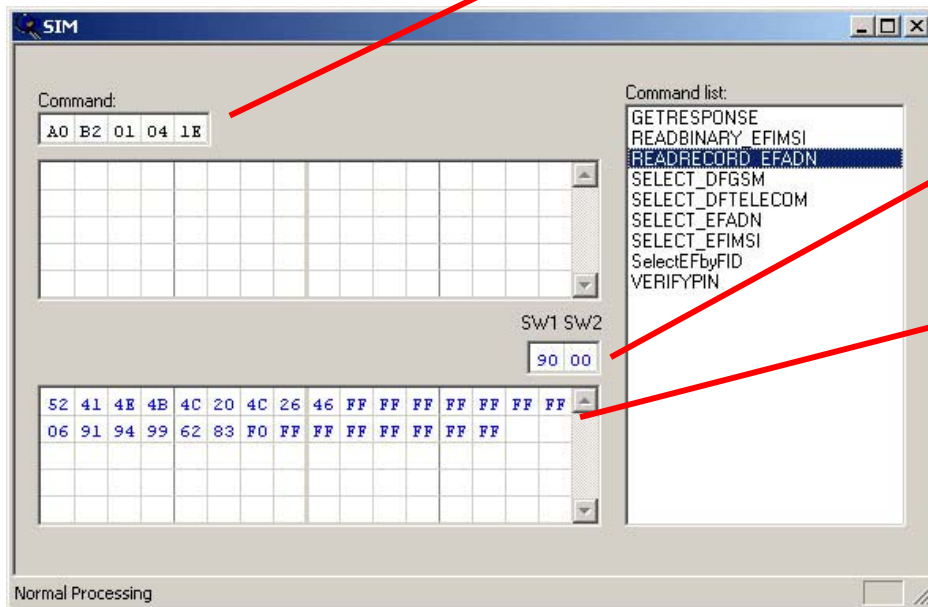




# READ RECORD in EF ADN

The first record of the linear fixed structured EF ADN (abbreviated dialling numbers) is read from the SIM by a READ RECORD command.

This is the READ RECORD command header. The record will be addressed absolutely (P2='04'). The record with the record number 1 (=P1) and the length 30 byte (= '1E') will be read .



This is the returncode SW1 SW2 of the card. '9000' means READ RECORD successfully executed.

This is the command body with the content of record number 1.

# End of this training

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