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The World of RFID in Logistics

- As the concept and the processes of IoT grow, RFID is more and more a vital and necessary component to any successful data collection system
- The purpose of a digital license plate within the four walls of a factory...a store...a warehouse...or a fulfillment center is to facilitate CONSTANT KNOWLEDGE of inventory
- This is a massive amount of continuously flowing data that can ONLY be facilitated by RFID and other over the air data collection scenarios... <u>over</u> <u>which passive RFID has certain CLEAR advantages</u>
 - Cost
 - Speed
 - Specificity of read points
 - Accuracy in any environment
 In the high speed, modern, digitalized facility, barcode-based systems will become less of a factor

RFID as a Super Barcode • RFID uniquely identifies an item, not • RFID uniquely identifies an item, not

- just the SKU
 Line of sight not required e.g. read tags inside boxes/containers
- Read at much greater distances e.g. 30 feet

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Define the product (a product SKU) (but not the instance of that product)

- Read much faster e.g. forty or more tags per second
- You can write or update information on a tag e.g. maintenance count
- Can be embedded inside the product itself (more rugged)



RFID

Defines BOTH the product and the specific instance of that product

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How Does RFID Work?

- <u>Tags/Labels</u> reflect radio signals
- Devices called <u>Readers</u> pick up the signal













Tagged Asset







Readers/Antennas











The Benefits of RFID

Stock Count Speed

Stock Counting

Accuracy Level

300 items/hour

1 to 4 times/year

55 to 80%

Barcode



7,000 items/hour *

1 time / week

97 to 99%



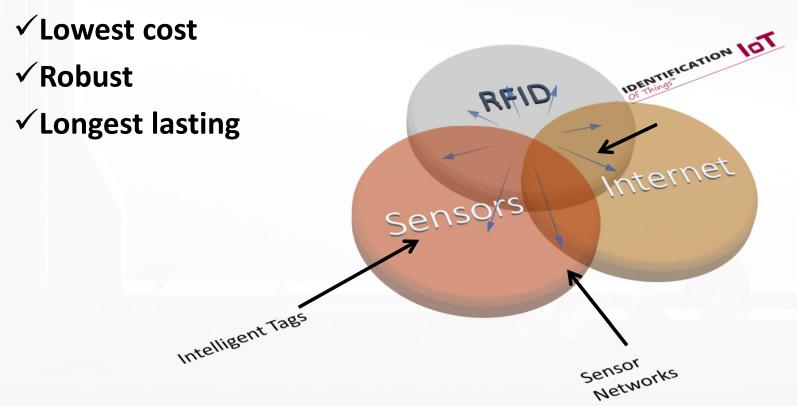
- Less Manual Work
- Less Costs
- Improved Visibility
- Improved Planning
- Visibility of Accurate Real-Time Information
- Fast Locating of Products
- Possibility to Record Losses
- Ability to Plan Product Locations Strategically

- Offers Visibility of Real-Time Stock Movement
- Improves Efficiency
- Increase Accuracy
- Accelerates the Speed of Delivery
- Improves Efficiency
- Increases Accuracy
- Reduces Distribution Costs
- Object authentication



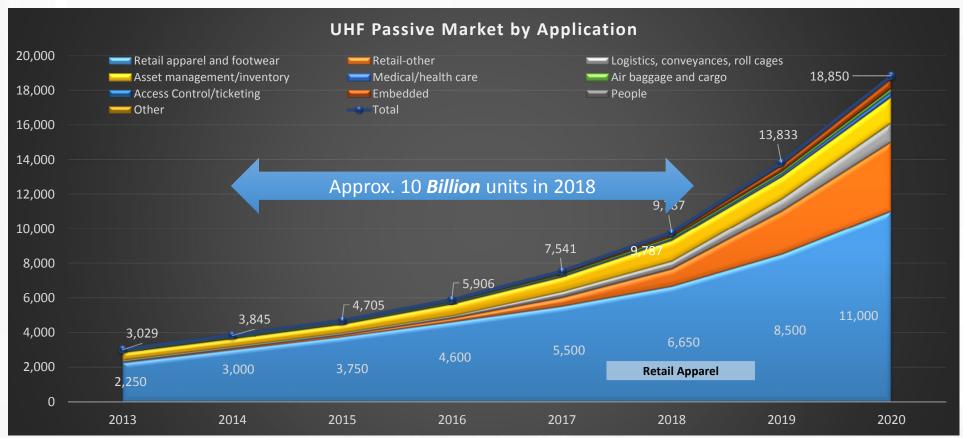
The Benefits of RFID

- Explosive RFID growth is a cornerstone to IoT success
- UHF Passive RFID is the enabling technology for mass-market IoT





UHF Passive IC/Inlay Growth (Millions of Units)





Supply Chain Logistics Tagging Example

- 1. RFID "Smart" labels Applied
 - products, cases, pallets and other aggregated containers.
 - No line of sight required
- 2. RFID readers positioned at stations and choke points.
- 3. Tags are Read
 - As products/pallets move, the reader antenna sends out RF energy and the tag data is read by the antenna.
- 4. Database Update
 - Data is sent to a database for business analytics, visibility, decision tools, etc.

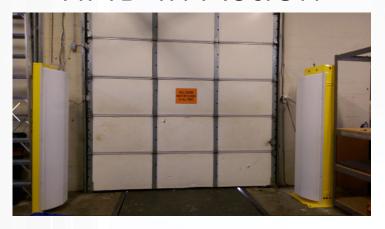






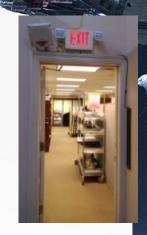


RFID in Action















Three Things to Remember...

- Passive RFID ("RAIN" RFID) is primarily a tracking technology, and not a location technology
 - It creates excellent accuracy on inventory in transit when used to track items from choke point to choke point using fixed reader technology with no human intervention
 - It creates excellent accuracy on static inventory (shelves and racks)using handheld readers or forklift-mounted fixed readers
 - If you are looking to LOCATE items within a tight tolerance (within a 10 foot box inside a 50,000 square foot warehouse), then passive RFID is not a good technology fit, from either an economic or an efficiency standpoint
- Once a process flow and read points are defined, tag selection is THE most critical factor in a successful implementation
 - Read range is largely determined by the tag, and not the reader
 - Tag designs are meant to maximize read rates on specific materials at specific distances
- Your expectation should be 99% read rates
 - Empowered by ever-improving IC design
 - Fulfilled by the right tag design
 - Ensured by the right reader, installed correctly



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