Course Outline

1. Introduction to RFID Technology

Discusses the essentials of radiofrequency identification including tags, readers, frequencies as well as benefits and applications.

2. Introduction to RFID Middleware

Introduces RFID middleware and underlines its importance. Furthermore it surveys main RFID middleware projects/products including OSS initiatives.

3. Introduction to EPC and EPC Architecture

Provides a close overview on the EPC Protocol, its architecture and its capabilities.

4. EPC Middleware Standards

Analyzes the EPC-related standards and the corresponding key concepts, giving a functional and technical area overview.

5. ASPIRE and AspireRfid

Provides a high-level overview of the ASPIRE project and the related open-source AspireRfid project.

6. ASPIRE Architecture and Middleware

Provides an in-depth discussion about the modules that comprise the ASPIRE architecture, their interfaces and internal functions.

7. ASPIRE Programmable Language and Engine

Presents the concept of programmability in the project. Analyzes the programmable language developed in terms of the project and the engine responsible for implementing the described actions.

8. ASPIRE Tools and IDE

Presents the functionality offered by the tools developed in the scope of the project, the IDE and describes how all these together can offer complete RFID solutions.

9. ASPIRE Pilots

Presents the use cases that were designed and demonstrated in the scope of the project, outlining the respective objectives, main observations and conclusions.