

Tyfone picks up another patent, shows off NFC on androids

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NFC-on-microSD specialist Tyfone has been granted another patent that covers its use of memory cards as an NFC-enabler in mobile phones.

US patent 7,828,214, “Mobile phone with electronic transaction card”, was issued on 9 November and covers the use of add-on card in a “magnetic card readers, smartcard circuitry, other point-of-sale interfaces, or any combination thereof.”

“This patent will uniquely enable solutions that will allow consumers to benefit from the convergence of money and mobility,” says Dr Siva Narendra, chief technology officer at Tyfone.”

At the same time, the Portland, Oregon-based firm has released a short video demonstration of its Side Tap microSD cards and wallet software being used to NFC-enable five different Android handsets, ranging from a venerable HTC Google G1 to a Samsung Galaxy S: