

FARE PAYMENT METHOD, APPARATUS, AND DEVICE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present patent application claims priority to Chinese Patent Application No. 201810093234.3 filed with the Chinese Patent Office on January 31, 2018 and
5 entitled "FARE PAYMENT METHOD, APPARATUS, AND DEVICE", which is incorporated here by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present specification relates to the field of information technologies, and in particular, to fare payment methods, apparatuses, and devices.

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BACKGROUND

[0003] Currently, when a user takes a public transportation tool such as a subway or a bus, the user can pay a fare through QR (quick response) code verification.

[0004] Specifically, for example, a user takes a subway. When the user comes to a subway gate to prepare to enter a station, the user can use an application on a mobile
15 phone to display a QR code including payment-related data information of the user to the subway gate, and the subway gate can obtain the payment-related data information of the user after scanning the QR code. Subsequently, the subway gate verifies the payment-related data information. If the verification succeeds, the subway gate can control the entrance to be open to allow the user to enter the station, and request a
20 server to deduct a fare from an account corresponding to an account identifier included in the payment-related data information and pay the deducted fare to a subway management system.

[0005] Based on the existing technology, a more convenient fare payment method is needed.

SUMMARY

[0006] Implementations of the present specification provide fare payment methods, apparatuses, and devices, to alleviate a problem that an existing fare payment method is inconvenient for users.

5 [0007] To alleviate the previous technical problem, the implementations of the present specification are implemented as follows:

[0008] Implementations of the present specification provide a fare payment method, where an application is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the method includes: receiving, by the
10 application, an HCE-based routing instruction sent by an operating system of the terminal device, where the routing instruction is sent by a collection device of a public transportation system to the terminal device; establishing, by the application, a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the
15 collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0009] Implementations of the present specification provide a fare payment method, including: sending, by a collection device of a public transportation system,
20 an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction; establishing an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction; receiving, by using the NFC connection, payment-related
25 data information transmitted by the application; and verifying the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deducting a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

[0010] Implementations of the present specification provide another fare payment method, where an application is installed on a terminal device that supports
30 host-based card emulation (HCE), and the method includes: receiving, by an operating system of the terminal device, an HCE-based routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system; determining, based on an HCE function and an application identifier included in the routing instruction, the application that is

installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier; and sending the routing instruction to the determined application, so that the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device based on the routing instruction, and transmits payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0011] Implementations of the present specification provide a fare payment apparatus, where the apparatus is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus includes: a first receiving module, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by an operating system of the terminal device, where the routing instruction is sent by a collection device of a public transportation system to the terminal device; a connection module, configured to enable the apparatus to establish a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and a transmission module, configured to transmit payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0012] Implementations of the present specification provide another fare payment apparatus, including: a first sending module, configured to send an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction; a connection module, configured to establish an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction; a receiving module, configured to receive, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and a verification module, configured to verify the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deduct a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

[0013] Implementations of the present specification provide another fare payment apparatus, where an application is installed on a terminal device that supports

host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus includes: a receiving module, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system; a determining module, configured to determine, based on an HCE function and an application identifier included in the routing instruction, the application that is installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier; and a sending module, configured to send the routing instruction to the determined application, so that the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device based on the routing instruction, and transmits payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0014] Implementations of the present specification provide a terminal device, where the terminal device supports host-based card emulation (HCE) and the terminal device includes one or more processors and memories, the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps: receiving a routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system; establishing a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0015] Implementations of the present specification provide a collection device, including one or more processors and memories, where the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps: sending an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction; establishing an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction; receiving, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and verifying the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds,

deducting a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

[0016] It can be seen from the previous technical solutions provided in the implementations of the present specification that, in the implementations of the present specification, an application can be pre-installed on a terminal device that supports HCE. When a user takes the ride, the user can move the terminal device to a vicinity of a collection device of a public transportation system. The collection device can send an HCE-based routing instruction to the terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to the application based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction, and then the application establishes an NFC connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction. Then, the application can transmit payment-related data information to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device can deduct a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds. According to the implementations of the present specification, the user only needs to move the terminal device to a vicinity of the collection device without performing relatively complicated operations to cooperate with the collection device in scanning a QR code, and the application installed on the terminal device can transmit the payment-related data information to the collection device by using the NFC connection established with the collection device, to pay the fare. This is more convenient for users.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0017] To describe the technical solutions in the implementations of the present specification or in the existing technology more clearly, the following briefly describes the accompanying drawings needed for describing the implementations or the existing technology. Clearly, the accompanying drawings in the following descriptions merely show some implementations of the present specification, and a person of ordinary skill in the art can still derive other drawings from these accompanying drawings without creative efforts.

[0018] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a fare payment method, according to an implementation of the present specification;

[0019] FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram illustrating a fare payment apparatus, according to an implementation of the present specification;

[0020] FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram illustrating another fare payment apparatus, according to an implementation of the present specification;

5 [0021] FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram illustrating another fare payment apparatus, according to an implementation of the present specification;

[0022] FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram illustrating a terminal device, according to an implementation of the present specification;

[0023] FIG. 6 is a schematic diagram illustrating a collection device, according to
10 an implementation of the present specification.

DESCRIPTION OF IMPLEMENTATIONS

[0024] Currently, a collection device of a public transportation system can obtain payment-related data information of a user by scanning a QR code displayed by the user. The payment-related data information includes an account identifier of the user,
15 and can be used to pay a fare. However, in this method, the user needs to perform relatively complicated operations: unlocking a terminal device screen, starting a specified application, triggering a QR code including payment-related data information in an interface of the specified application, and displaying the QR code to a collection device for scanning. Especially, when the light in a riding environment is
20 relatively dark, the collection device scans the QR code at a low success rate, and therefore the user needs to make multiple attempts. Clearly, the existing fare payment method causes much inconvenience to users.

[0025] The technical solutions that claim protection in the present specification aim to enable a user to transmit payment-related data information to a collection device to
25 pay a fare without displaying a QR code to the collection device. As such, the user does not need to perform the previous relatively complicated operations.

[0026] Specifically, the HCE technology can be used to implement card emulation of a terminal device without involvement of a security element (SE). When the terminal device is in an HCE mode, an application installed on the terminal device can
30 establish an NFC connection with a collection device by using the terminal device, and transmit payment-related data information of a user to the collection device, to pay a fare.

[0027] To make a person skilled in the art better understand the technical solutions in the present specification, the following clearly and comprehensively describes the technical solutions in the implementations of the present specification with reference to the accompanying drawings in the one or more implementations of the present specification. Clearly, the described implementations are merely some rather than all of the implementations of the present specification. All other implementations obtained by a person of ordinary skill in the art based on the implementations of the present specification without creative efforts shall fall within the protection scope of the present specification.

[0028] The technical solutions provided in the implementations of the present specification are described in detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0029] FIG. 1 is a flowchart illustrating a fare payment method, according to an implementation of the present specification. The method includes the following steps.

[0030] S100. A collection device of a public transportation system sends an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device.

[0031] In implementations of the present specification, the public transportation system can be a management system of a public transportation institution such as a bus company or a subway company, and the collection device of the public transportation system can be a subway gate, a card reader on a bus, etc. The terminal device can be an intelligent device applicable to a mobile payment scenario, such as a mobile phone, a tablet computer, or a notebook computer of a user.

[0032] In implementations of the present specification, an NFC chip is built in each of the collection device and the terminal device. In addition, the terminal device should support HCE. Specifically, an Android system (such as a version later than Android 4.4) that supports HCE or another system that supports HCE can be installed on the terminal device.

[0033] It is worthwhile to note that the user needs to pre-set a mode of the terminal device to an HCE mode, to activate an HCE function of the terminal device. In addition, the user further needs to pre-install an application of a specified application developed based on HCE on the terminal device of the user. The specified application can be an application with a fare payment function that is developed based on HCE.

[0034] The application can pre-register an application identifier in an operating system of the terminal device. A management party of the application can pre-provide

the application identifier for the public transportation system, and reaches such an agreement that the collection device of the public transportation system requests a grant from the terminal device to establish an NFC connection with the application corresponding to the application identifier when the collection device of the public transportation system detects that the terminal device in the HCE mode is in a vicinity of the collection device of the public transportation system.

[0035] As such, when the user takes the ride, the user can move the terminal device to a vicinity of the collection device. When a distance between the collection device and the terminal device is not greater than an NFC sensing distance (usually 10 cm), the collection device can detect the terminal device in the HCE mode, and the collection device sends the HCE-based routing instruction to the terminal device. The routing instruction includes the application identifier of the application.

[0036] S102. The operating system of the terminal device determines, based on the HCE function and the application identifier included in the routing instruction, the application that is installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier.

[0037] S104. The operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to the determined application.

[0038] After receiving the routing instruction sent by the collection device, the operating system of the terminal device determines whether the application identifier included in the routing instruction exists in registered application identifiers; and if the application identifier included in the routing instruction exists in the registered application identifiers, forwards the routing instruction to the application corresponding to the application identifier included in the routing instruction; or if the application identifier included in the routing instruction does not exist in the registered application identifiers, returns a failure result to the collection device.

[0039] S106. The application establishes an NFC connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction.

[0040] It is worthwhile to note that establishment of the NFC connection does not depend on the Internet or a local area network. Therefore, when both the terminal device and the collection device are offline, the application can still establish the NFC connection with the collection device.

[0041] S108. The application transmits payment-related data information of the user to the collection device by using the NFC connection.

[0042] S110. The collection device verifies the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information.

[0043] In implementations of the present specification, the payment-related data information is information that is provided by the user for the collection device for verification to settle a fare when the user takes the ride. After the verification on the payment-related data information succeeds, the collection device usually deducts the fare from the account of the user based on the payment-related data information. Specifically, the collection device can send an account identifier of the user that is included in the verified payment-related data information to a server corresponding to the application, so that the server deducts the fare from the account corresponding to the account identifier, and pays the deducted fare to the public transportation system. It is worthwhile to emphasize that the collection device can verify the received payment-related data information in an offline state. When the collection device is connected to a network, the collection device requests a grant from the server to deduct the fare from the account of the user.

[0044] In the existing technology, the payment-related data information is usually converted into a QR code, and the collection device can obtain the payment-related data information by scanning the QR code. However, in implementations of the present specification, the user does not need to use the application on the terminal device to display a QR code for scanning by the collection device. Instead, the application directly transmits the payment-related data information to the collection device by using the established NFC connection.

[0045] It is worthwhile to note that the payment-related data information of the user usually includes the account identifier of the user and other related information (such as a serialized number of a public transportation system that acknowledges the validity of the payment-related data information, a validity period of the payment-related data information, and identity information of the user). The payment-related data information needs to be signed by using a private key of the user, and further needs to be signed by using a private key of the public transportation system that is agreed by the management party of the application in advance. After receiving the payment-related data information of the user, the collection device mainly verifies the signatures of the user and the public transportation system. If the

verification succeeds, it means that the validity of the payment-related data information has been acknowledged by the user and the public transportation system.

5 [0046] It is worthwhile to further note that the private key of the user needed for generating the payment-related data information of the user usually has a validity period. When the application generates the payment-related data information based on payment-related data of the user, if the application determines that the stored private key of the user is invalid, the application can generate the payment-related data information after obtaining a valid private key of the user.

10 [0047] In the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, an application can be pre-installed on a terminal device that supports HCE. When a user takes the ride, the user can move the terminal device to a vicinity of a collection device of a public transportation system. The collection device can send an HCE-based routing instruction to the terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to the application based on an application identifier of
15 the application included in the routing instruction, and then the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction. Then, the application can transmit payment-related data information to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device can deduct a fare from an account of the user based on the
20 payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0048] In the method shown in FIG. 1, the user does not need to perform the following relatively complicated operations: unlocking a terminal device screen, starting a specified application, triggering a QR code including payment-related data
25 information in an interface of the specified application, and displaying the QR code to a collection device for scanning. The user only needs to move the terminal device to a vicinity of the collection device, and the application installed on the terminal device can transmit the payment-related data information to the collection device by using the NFC connection established with the collection device, to pay the fare. This is
30 more convenient for users.

[0049] In addition, in implementations of the present specification, impact of a light condition can be precluded. Regardless of the light condition, the terminal device can successfully transmit the payment-related data information to the collection

device for verification, so that a problem of a low success rate of code scanning in the existing technology does not occur.

[0050] In addition, in implementations of the present specification, the application can obtain the payment-related data information of the user by using the following several methods, and when the user moves the terminal device to a vicinity of the collection device, the application transmits the obtained payment-related data information to the collection device by using the established NFC connection.

[0051] 1. The application obtains the payment-related data information of the user from the server corresponding to the application. In this case, the terminal device needs to be in an online state, so that the application exchanges data with the server. The payment-related data information is actually generated by the server based on the voucher-related data of the user. The voucher-related data of the user is data used to generate the payment-related data information. The voucher-related data of the user can specifically include the account identifier of the user, the previously described other related information (such as the serialized number of the public transportation system that acknowledges the validity of the payment-related data information, the validity period of the payment-related data information, and the identity information of the user), the private key of the user, the private key of the public transportation system, etc. Generating the payment-related data information based on the voucher-related data is actually signing the account identifier of the user and the other related information by using the private key of the user and the private key of the public transportation system, where a character string obtained after the signing is the payment-related data information.

[0052] 2. The application obtains the voucher-related data of the user from the server corresponding to the application, and generates the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data. In this case, the terminal device also needs to be in an online state.

[0053] 3. The application locally obtains the pre-stored voucher-related data of the user, and generates the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data. In this case, the voucher-related data of the user is locally pre-stored by the application. When the application needs to generate the payment-related data information, the terminal device can be in an offline state.

[0054] It is worthwhile to note that the previous three methods for obtaining the payment-related data information can separately have different priorities. For

example, the application can preferentially attempt to locally obtain the voucher-related data of the user. If the obtaining fails, the application can obtain the payment-related data information by using the other two methods.

5 [0055] In addition, public transportation systems in different places are independent of each other, and the management party of the application may cooperate with multiple different public transportation systems to obtain authorization of the multiple public transportation systems. Therefore, for each public transportation system, the application needs to transmit, to a collection device of the public transportation system, payment-related data information that is only applicable to taking a public transportation tool of the public transportation system.

10 [0056] Therefore, in implementations of the present specification, the collection device can send a public transportation system identifier stored in the collection device to the application by using the established NFC connection, and the application can transmit the payment-related data information of the user corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the collection device by using the NFC connection. Specifically, the application can obtain the voucher-related data of the user corresponding to the public transportation system identifier, and then generate the payment-related data information based on the obtained voucher-related data.

15 [0057] In addition, to prevent the payment-related data information of the user from being intercepted by a malicious user when being transmitted to the collection device, causing leakage of sensitive information (such as privacy of the user), the application can encrypt the payment-related data information based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the public transportation system, to obtain encrypted information, and then transmit the encrypted information to the collection device.

20 After receiving the encrypted information, the collection device can decrypt the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information for verification.

25 [0058] In addition, it is well known that sub-packet transmission can improve data transmission efficiency. In implementations of the present specification, to enable the collection device to imminently receive the payment-related data information transmitted by the application, the payment-related data information can be sent through sub-packet transmission.

30 [0059] Specifically, the collection device can first send a data offset to the application by using the NFC connection, and the application splits the

payment-related data information into data packets based on the received data offset, and then transmits the data packets to the collection device. After receiving the data packets, the collection device assembles the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

5 **[0060]** The data offset received by the application is usually a natural number sequence (which can be referred to as an offset sequence) that starts with number 0. The data packets obtained by splitting the payment-related data information based on the offset sequence are also sequentially arranged, and there is a mapping relationship between a natural number and a data packet at the same rank.

10 **[0061]** More specifically, the application can split the payment-related data information into the data packets based on the received data offset by using the following method: The application can perform the following steps for natural numbers in the offset sequence sequentially based on an arrangement sequence of the natural numbers in the offset sequence:

15 **[0062]** For a natural number N , data from the $(N+1)$ th unit to the M th unit in the payment-related data information is encapsulated into one data packet, where M is a next natural number arranged behind the natural number N in the offset sequence, and the unit includes but is not limited to bit, character, byte, and another unit used to represent a data amount. If the natural number N is the last natural number in the
20 offset sequence, data from the $(N+1)$ th unit to the last unit in the payment-related data information is encapsulated into one data packet.

[0063] The collection device can assemble the data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset by using the following method: The collection device can sequentially concatenate the data packets
25 corresponding to the natural numbers based on the arrangement sequence of the natural numbers in the offset sequence, to obtain the payment-related data information.

[0064] For example, if the offset sequence is "0, 3, 6", and the payment-related data information is "20180714", based on the offset sequence, for the first natural number
30 0, the application can encapsulate the first character "2" through the third character "1" of the payment-related data information into a data packet "201"; for the second natural number 3, the application can encapsulate the fourth character "8" through the sixth character "7" of the payment-related data information into a data packet "807"; and for the third natural number 6, the application can encapsulate the seventh

character "1" through the following character of the payment-related data information into a data packet "14". After receiving the data packets, the collection device can sequentially concatenate the data packet "201" corresponding to the natural number 0, the data packet "807" corresponding to the natural number 3, and the data packet "14" corresponding to the natural number 6 based on the arrangement sequence of the natural numbers in the offset sequence, to obtain the payment-related data information "20180714".

[0065] Further, after the application splits the payment-related data information to be transmitted into the data packets, the application can encrypt each data packet based on the encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the public transportation system, to obtain an encrypted data packet corresponding to each data packet, and then transmit each encrypted data packet to the collection device by using the NFC connection. After receiving each encrypted data packet, the collection device can decrypt each encrypted data packet based on the decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain each data packet, and then assemble the data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset for verification.

[0066] In addition, in implementations of the present specification, the collection device can further send a verification result of the payment-related data information to the application by using the NFC connection, and the application can display the received verification result to prompt the user.

[0067] Based on the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, implementations of the present specification further correspondingly provide a fare payment apparatus. As shown in FIG. 2, the apparatus is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus includes: a first receiving module 201, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by an operating system of the terminal device, where the routing instruction is sent by a collection device of a public transportation system to the terminal device; a connection module 202, configured to enable the apparatus to establish a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and a transmission module 203, configured to transmit payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data

information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0068] The apparatus further includes an acquisition module 204, configured to: before the transmission module 203 transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, obtain the payment-related data information of the user from a server corresponding to the apparatus; or obtain voucher-related data of the user from a server corresponding to the application, and generate the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data; or locally obtain pre-stored voucher-related data of the user, and generate the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data.

[0069] The apparatus further includes a second receiving module 205, configured to: before the transmission module 203 transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, receive, by using the NFC connection, a public transportation system identifier sent by the collection device; and the transmission module 203 is configured to transmit the payment-related data information of the user corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the collection device.

[0070] The transmission module 203 is configured to encrypt the payment-related data information based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the public transportation system, to obtain encrypted information; and transmit the encrypted information to the collection device, so that the collection device decrypts the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information.

[0071] The apparatus further includes a third receiving module 206, configured to: before the transmission module 203 transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, receive, by using the NFC connection, a data offset sent by the collection device; and the transmission module is configured to split the payment-related data information into data packets based on the data offset; and transmit the data packets to the collection device, so that the collection device assembles the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

[0072] The apparatus further includes a display module 207, configured to receive, by using the NFC connection, a verification result that is of the payment-related data

information and that is sent by the collection device, and display the verification result.

[0073] Based on the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, implementations of the present specification further correspondingly provide another fare payment apparatus.

5 As shown in FIG. 3, the apparatus includes: a first sending module 301, configured to send an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction; a connection module 302, configured to establish an NFC
10 connection with the application in response to the routing instruction; a receiving module 303, configured to receive, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and a verification module 304, configured to verify the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deduct a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data
15 information.

[0074] The apparatus further includes a second sending module 305, configured to: before the receiving module 303 receives the payment-related data information transmitted by the application, send a public transportation system identifier stored in the apparatus to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application
20 transmits the payment-related data information corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the apparatus.

[0075] The receiving module 303 is configured to receive encrypted information transmitted by the application, where the encrypted information is obtained by the application by encrypting the payment-related data information of the user based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the apparatus; and decrypt the encrypted
25 information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information.

[0076] The apparatus further includes: a third sending module 306, configured to: before the receiving module receives the payment-related data information transmitted
30 by the application, send a data offset to the application by using the NFC connection; and the receiving module is configured to receive data packets transmitted by the application, where the data packets are obtained by the application by splitting the payment-related data information of the user based on the data offset; and assemble

the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

[0077] The apparatus further includes a fourth sending module 307, configured to send a verification result of the payment-related data information to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application displays the verification result.

[0078] Based on the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, implementations of the present specification further correspondingly provide another fare payment apparatus. As shown in FIG. 4, an application is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus includes: a receiving module 401, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system; a determining module 402, configured to determine, based on an HCE function and an application identifier included in the routing instruction, the application that is installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier; and a sending module 403, configured to send the routing instruction to the determined application, so that the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device based on the routing instruction, and transmits payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0079] Based on the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, implementations of the present specification further correspondingly provide a terminal device. As shown in FIG. 5, the terminal device supports HCE and the terminal device includes one or more processors and memories, the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps: receiving a routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system; establishing a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

[0080] Based on the fare payment method shown in FIG. 1, implementations of the present specification further correspondingly provide a collection device. As shown in FIG. 6, the device includes one or more processors and memories, the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps: sending an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application included in the routing instruction; establishing an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction; receiving, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and verifying the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deducting a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

[0081] The implementations of the present specification are described in a progressive way. For same or similar parts of the implementations, mutual references can be made to the implementations. Each implementation focuses on a difference from other implementations. Especially, the devices shown in FIG. 5 and FIG. 6 are basically similar to method implementations, and therefore are described relatively briefly. For related parts, references can be made to some descriptions in the method implementations.

[0082] In the 1990s, whether a technical improvement is a hardware improvement (for example, an improvement to circuit structures, such as a diode, a transistor, or a switch) or a software improvement (an improvement to a method process) can be clearly distinguished. However, as technologies develop, current improvements to many method processes can be considered as direct improvements to hardware circuit structures. Almost all designers program an improved method process into a hardware circuit, to obtain a corresponding hardware circuit structure. Therefore, a method process can be improved by using a hardware entity module. For example, a programmable logic device (PLD) (for example, a field programmable gate array (FPGA)) is such an integrated circuit, and a logical function of the PLD is determined by a user through device programming. A designer performs programming to "integrate" a digital system into a single PLD, without requiring a chip manufacturer to design and manufacture a dedicated integrated circuit chip. In addition, at present, instead of manually manufacturing an integrated circuit chip, such programming is

mostly implemented by using "logic compiler" software. The "logic compiler" software is similar to a software compiler used to develop and write a program. Original code needs to be written in a particular programming language before compilation. The language is referred to as a hardware description language (HDL).

- 5 There are many HDLs, such as the Advanced Boolean Expression Language (ABEL), the Altera Hardware Description Language (AHDL), Confluence, the Cornell University Programming Language (CUPL), HDCal, the Java Hardware Description Language (JHDL), Lava, Lola, MyHDL, PALASM, and the Ruby Hardware Description Language (RHDL). The Very-High-Speed Integrated Circuit Hardware
- 10 Description Language (VHDL) and Verilog are most commonly used at present. A person skilled in the art should also understand that a hardware circuit that implements a logical method process can be readily obtained provided that the method process is logically programmed by using several of the previous hardware description languages and is programmed into an integrated circuit.
- 15 **[0083]** A controller can be implemented by using any appropriate method. For example, the controller can be in a form a microprocessor or a processor, or a computer readable medium that stores computer readable program code (such as software or firmware) that can be executed by the microprocessor or the processor, a logic gate, a switch, an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a programmable
- 20 logic controller, or a built-in microprocessor. Examples of the controller include but are not limited to the following microprocessors: ARC 625D, Atmel AT91SAM, Microchip PIC18F26K20, and Silicone Labs C8051F320. The memory controller can also be implemented as a part of control logic of the memory. A person skilled in the art also knows that, in addition to implementing the controller by using only the
- 25 computer readable program code, method steps can be logically programmed to allow the controller to implement the same function in forms of the logic gate, the switch, the ASIC, the programmable logic controller, and the built-in microcontroller. Therefore, such controller can be considered as a hardware component, and an apparatus that is included in the controller and configured to implement various
- 30 functions can also be considered as a structure in the hardware component. Alternatively, the apparatus configured to implement various functions can even be considered as both a software module implementing the method and a structure in the hardware component.

[0084] The system, apparatus, module, or unit illustrated in the previous implementations can be specifically implemented by using a computer chip or an entity, or can be implemented by using a product having a certain function. A typical implementation device is a computer. Specifically, the computer can be, for example,
5 a personal computer, a laptop computer, a cellular phone, a camera phone, a smartphone, a personal digital assistant, a media player, a navigation device, an email device, a game console, a tablet computer, a wearable device, or a combination of any of these devices.

[0085] For ease of description, when being described, the previous apparatus is
10 divided into various units based on functions for separate description. Certainly, when the present specification is implemented, functions of the units can be implemented in one or more pieces of software and/or hardware.

[0086] A person skilled in the art should understand that implementations of the present specification can be provided as a method, a system, or a computer program
15 product. Therefore, the present specification can use a form of hardware only implementations, software only implementations, or implementations with a combination of software and hardware. Moreover, the present specification can use a form of a computer program product that is implemented on one or more computer-usable storage media (including but not limited to a magnetic disk memory,
20 a CD-ROM, an optical memory, etc.) that include computer-usable program code.

[0087] The present specification is described with reference to the flowcharts and/or block diagrams of the method, the device (system), and the computer program product according to the implementations of the present specification. It is worthwhile to understand that computer program instructions can be used to implement each
25 process and/or each block in the flowcharts and/or the block diagrams and a combination of a process and/or a block in the flowcharts and/or the block diagrams. These computer program instructions can be provided for a general-purpose computer, a dedicated computer, an embedded processor, or a processor of another programmable data processing device to generate a machine, so that the instructions
30 executed by a computer or a processor of another programmable data processing device generate an apparatus for implementing a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

[0088] Alternatively, these computer program instructions can be stored in a computer readable memory that can instruct a computer or another programmable

data processing device to work in a specific way, so that the instructions stored in the computer readable memory generate an artifact that includes an instruction apparatus. The instruction apparatus implements a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

- 5 **[0089]** Alternatively, these computer program instructions can be loaded onto a computer or another programmable data processing device, so that a series of operations and steps are performed on the computer or another programmable device, thereby generating computer-implemented processing. Therefore, the instructions executed on the computer or another programmable device provide steps for
10 implementing a specific function in one or more processes in the flowcharts and/or in one or more blocks in the block diagrams.

[0090] In a typical configuration, a computing device includes one or more processors (CPUs), input/output interfaces, network interfaces, and computer readable storage media.

- 15 **[0091]** The computer readable storage medium includes persistent, non-persistent, movable, and unmovable media that can store information by using any method or technology. The information can be a computer readable instruction, a data structure, a program module, or other data. Examples of the computer readable storage medium include but are not limited to a phase-change RAM (PRAM), a static RAM (SRAM),
20 a dynamic RAM (DRAM), a RAM of another type, a ROM, an electrically erasable programmable read only memory (EEPROM), a flash memory or another memory technology, a compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM), a digital versatile disc (DVD), or another optical storage, a cassette, a cassette magnetic disk storage, or another magnetic storage device, or any other non-transmission media. The computer
25 readable storage medium can be configured to store information that can be accessed by a computing device. As defined in the present specification, the computer readable medium does not include computer readable transitory media such as a modulated data signal and a carrier.

- [0092]** It is worthwhile to further note that, the terms "include", "comprise", or
30 their any other variants are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion, so that a process, a method, a product, or a device that includes a list of elements not only includes those elements but also includes other elements that are not expressly listed, or further includes elements inherent to such process, method, product, or device. Without more constraints, an element preceded by "includes a ..." does not preclude

the existence of additional identical elements in the process, method, product, or device that includes the element.

[0093] The present specification can be described in the general context of computer-executable instructions executed by a computer, for example, a program module. Generally, the program module includes a routine, a program, an object, a component, a data structure, etc. executing a specific task or implementing a specific abstract data type. The present specification can alternatively be practiced in distributed computing environments in which tasks are performed by remote processing devices that are connected through a communications network. In a distributed computing environment, the program module can be located in both local and remote computer storage media including storage devices.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A fare payment method, wherein an application is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the method comprises:

5 receiving, by the application, an HCE-based routing instruction sent by an operating system of the terminal device, wherein the routing instruction is sent by a collection device of a public transportation system to the terminal device;

 establishing, by the application, a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and

10 transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein before the transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device, the method further comprises:

 obtaining, by the application, the payment-related data information of the user from a server corresponding to the application; or

20 obtaining, by the application, voucher-related data of the user from a server corresponding to the application, and generating the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data; or

 locally obtaining, by the application, pre-stored voucher-related data of the user, and generating the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data.

25 3. The method according to claim 1, wherein before the transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device, the method further comprises:

 receiving, by using the NFC connection, a public transportation system identifier sent by the collection device; and

30 the transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device specifically comprises:

transmitting the payment-related data information of the user corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the collection device.

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting payment-related data information to the collection device specifically comprises:

5 encrypting the payment-related data information based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the public transportation system, to obtain encrypted information; and

 transmitting the encrypted information to the collection device, so that the collection device decrypts the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm
10 corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein before the transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device, the method further comprises:

15 receiving, by using the NFC connection, a data offset sent by the collection device; and

 the transmitting payment-related data information to the collection device specifically comprises:

 splitting the payment-related data information into data packets based on the
20 data offset; and

 transmitting the data packets to the collection device, so that the collection device assembles the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises:

25 receiving, by using the NFC connection, a verification result that is of the payment-related data information and that is sent by the collection device, and displaying the verification result.

7. A fare payment method, comprising:

 sending, by a collection device of a public transportation system, an HCE-based
30 routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application comprised in the routing instruction;

establishing an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction;

receiving, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and

5 verifying the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds, deducting a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein before the receiving payment-related data information transmitted by the application, the method further
10 comprises:

 sending a public transportation system identifier stored in the collection device to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application transmits the payment-related data information corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the collection device.

15 9. The method according to claim 7, wherein the receiving payment-related data information transmitted by the application specifically comprises:

 receiving encrypted information transmitted by the application, wherein the encrypted information is obtained by the application by encrypting the payment-related data information of the user based on an encryption algorithm
20 pre-agreed on with the public transportation system; and

 decrypting the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information.

10. The method according to claim 7, wherein before the receiving
25 payment-related data information transmitted by the application, the method further comprises:

 sending a data offset to the application by using the NFC connection; and

 the receiving payment-related data information transmitted by the application specifically comprises:

30 receiving data packets transmitted by the application, wherein the data packets are obtained by the application by splitting the payment-related data information of the user based on the data offset; and

 assembling the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

11. The method according to claim 7, wherein the method further comprises:

sending a verification result of the payment-related data information to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application displays the verification result.

5 12. A fare payment method, wherein an application is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the method comprises:

receiving, by an operating system of the terminal device, an HCE-based routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system;

10 determining, based on an HCE function and an application identifier comprised in the routing instruction, the application that is installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier; and

15 sending the routing instruction to the determined application, so that the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device based on the routing instruction, and transmits payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

20 13. A fare payment apparatus, wherein the apparatus is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus comprises:

a first receiving module, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by an operating system of the terminal device, wherein the routing instruction is sent by a collection device of a public transportation system to the terminal device;

25 a connection module, configured to enable the apparatus to establish a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and

30 a transmission module, configured to transmit payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

14. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the apparatus further comprises an acquisition module, configured to: before the transmission module transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, obtain the

payment-related data information of the user from a server corresponding to the apparatus; or obtain voucher-related data of the user from a server corresponding to the application, and generate the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data; or locally obtain pre-stored voucher-related data of the user, and generate the payment-related data information of the user based on the voucher-related data.

15. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the apparatus further comprises a second receiving module, configured to: before the transmission module transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, receive, by using the NFC connection, a public transportation system identifier sent by the collection device; and

the transmission module is configured to transmit the payment-related data information of the user corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the collection device.

16. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the transmission module is configured to encrypt the payment-related data information based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the public transportation system, to obtain encrypted information; and transmit the encrypted information to the collection device, so that the collection device decrypts the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the payment-related data information.

17. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the apparatus further comprises a third receiving module, configured to: before the transmission module transmits the payment-related data information of the user to the collection device, receive, by using the NFC connection, a data offset sent by the collection device; and

the transmission module is configured to split the payment-related data information into data packets based on the data offset; and transmit the data packets to the collection device, so that the collection device assembles the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

18. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the apparatus further comprises a display module, configured to receive, by using the NFC connection, a verification result that is of the payment-related data information and that is sent by the collection device, and display the verification result.

19. A fare payment apparatus, comprising:

a first sending module, configured to send an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application comprised in the routing instruction;

5 a connection module, configured to establish an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction;

a receiving module, configured to receive, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and

a verification module, configured to verify the payment-related data information;

10 and if the verification succeeds, deduct a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.

20. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the apparatus further comprises a second sending module, configured to: before the receiving module receives the payment-related data information transmitted by the application, send a public
15 transportation system identifier stored in the apparatus to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application transmits the payment-related data information corresponding to the public transportation system identifier to the apparatus.

21. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the receiving module is
20 configured to receive encrypted information transmitted by the application, wherein the encrypted information is obtained by the application by encrypting the payment-related data information of the user based on an encryption algorithm pre-agreed on with the apparatus; and decrypt the encrypted information based on a decryption algorithm corresponding to the encryption algorithm, to obtain the
25 payment-related data information.

22. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the apparatus further comprises a third sending module, configured to: before the receiving module receives the payment-related data information transmitted by the application, send a data offset to the application by using the NFC connection; and

30 the receiving module is configured to receive data packets transmitted by the application, wherein the data packets are obtained by the application by splitting the payment-related data information of the user based on the data offset; and assemble the received data packets into the payment-related data information based on the data offset.

23. The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the apparatus further comprises a fourth sending module, configured to send a verification result of the payment-related data information to the application by using the NFC connection, so that the application displays the verification result.

5 24. A fare payment apparatus, wherein an application is installed on a terminal device that supports host-based card emulation (HCE), and the apparatus comprises:

 a receiving module, configured to receive an HCE-based routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system;

 a determining module, configured to determine, based on an HCE function and
10 an application identifier comprised in the routing instruction, the application that is installed on the terminal device and that corresponds to the application identifier; and

 a sending module, configured to send the routing instruction to the determined application, so that the application establishes a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device based on the routing instruction, and transmits
15 payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

25 25. A terminal device, wherein the terminal device supports host-based card emulation (HCE) and the terminal device comprises one or more processors and memories, the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps:

 receiving a routing instruction sent by a collection device of a public transportation system;

25 establishing a near field communication (NFC) connection with the collection device in response to the routing instruction; and

 transmitting payment-related data information of a user to the collection device by using the NFC connection, so that the collection device deducts a fare from an account of the user based on the payment-related data information after verification
30 on the received payment-related data information succeeds.

26. A collection device, comprising one or more processors and memories, wherein the memories store programs, and the programs are configured to be executed by the one or more processors to perform the following steps:

sending an HCE-based routing instruction to a terminal device, so that an operating system of the terminal device sends the routing instruction to an application installed on the terminal device based on an application identifier of the application comprised in the routing instruction;

5 establishing an NFC connection with the application in response to the routing instruction;

 receiving, by using the NFC connection, payment-related data information transmitted by the application; and

 verifying the payment-related data information; and if the verification succeeds,

10 deducting a fare from an account of a user based on the payment-related data information.