

Security in IoT

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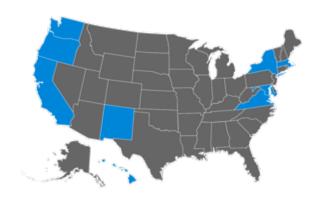
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IoT Security Legislation is Happening



Multiple states have already introduced bills that resemble California's CCPA example

Virginia	(HB 2793)
Oregon	(HB 2395)
Hawaii	(SB 418)
Maryland	(SB 0613)
Massachusetts	(SD 341)
New Mexico	(SB 176)
New York	(S00224)
Rhode Island	(SB 234)
Washington	(SB 5376)

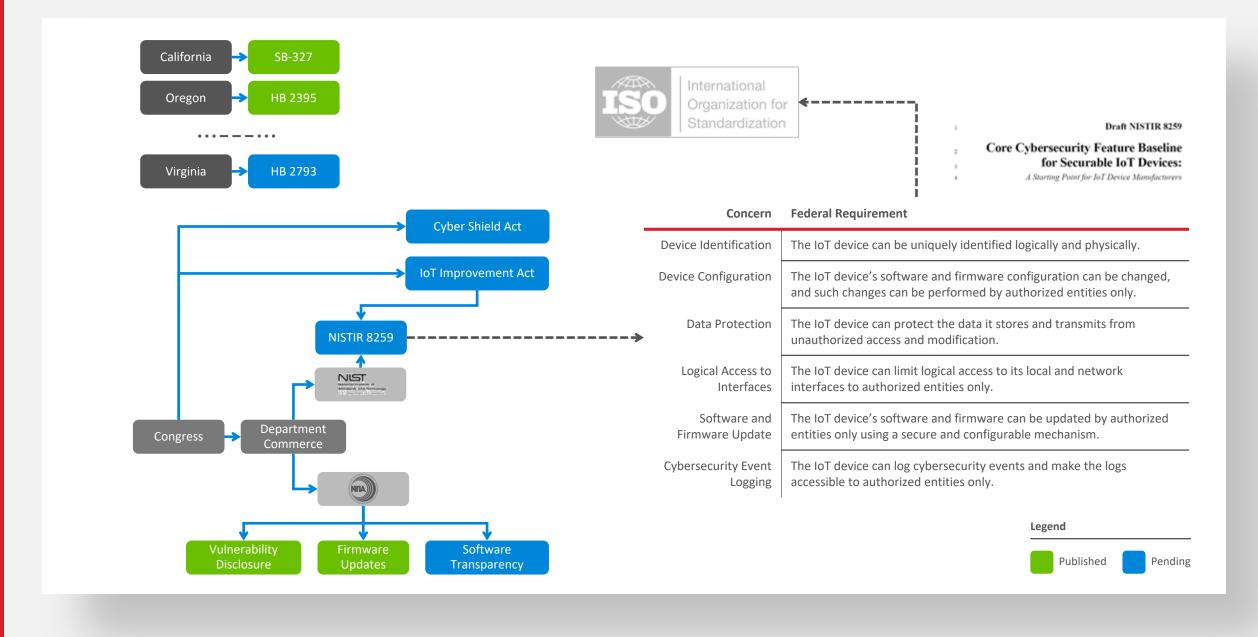
California Consumer Privacy Act (§ SB-327)

Introduced Feb 13, 2017Approved Sept 28, 2018

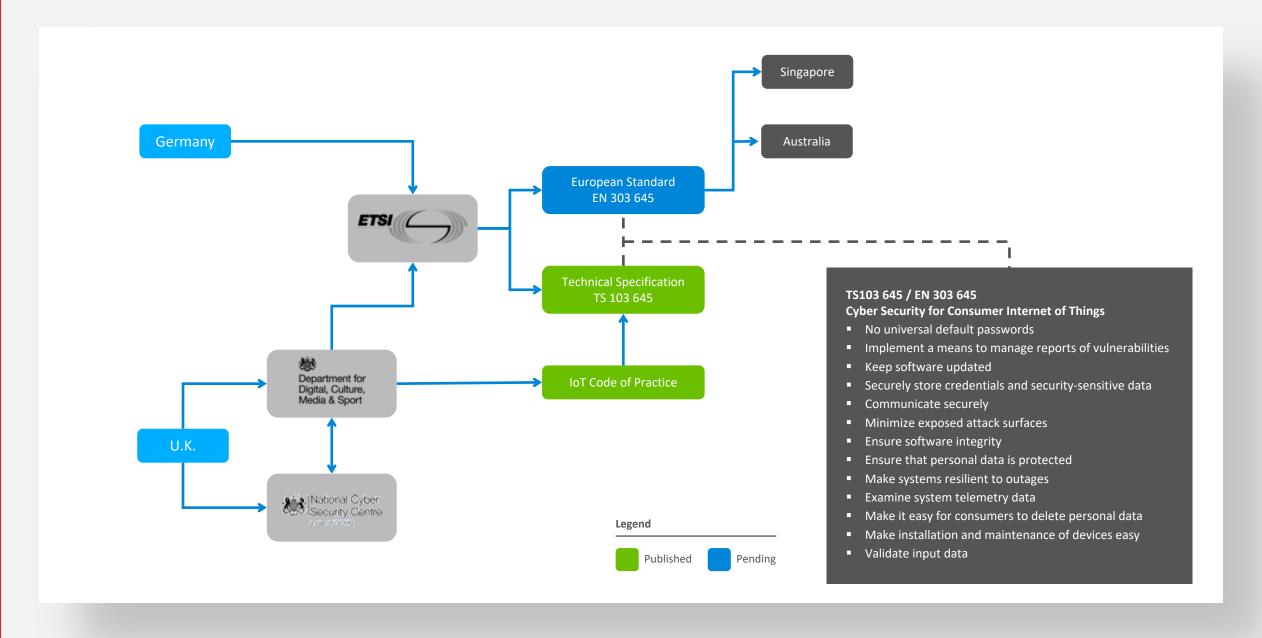
Effective Jan 1, 2020 (<3yrs)

- Requires 'reasonable security features'
 - appropriate to the nature and function of the device
 - appropriate to the information it may collect, contain, or transmit
 - designed to protect the device and any information contained therein from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure
 - Pre-programmed passwords are unique in each device manufactured

Governmental Regulatory Landscape – United States



Governmental Regulatory Landscape — Europe (& extended adoptees)



Mapping Security Requirements to Security Features

Security Requirement	Security Feature
The IoT device can be uniquely identified logically and physically	Secure Attestation
The IoT device's software and firmware configuration can be changed, and such changes can be performed by authorized entities only	Secure Upgrade
The IoT device can protect the data it stores and transmits from unauthorized access and modification	Secure Key Storage
The IoT device can limit logical access to its local and network interfaces to authorized entities only	Secure Debug
The IoT device's software and firmware can be updated by authorized entities only using a secure and configurable mechanism	Secure Upgrade
The IoT device can log cybersecurity events and make the logs accessible to authorized entities only	Anti-Tamper
Ensure software integrity	Secure Boot

Security Portfolio







Feature	Basic	+Root of Trust	+Secure Element	Secure Vault
TRNG with continuous health check	✓	✓	✓	✓
Crypto Engine	√	✓	✓	✓
Secure Boot	√	✓	✓	✓
Secure Boot with RTSL	-	✓	✓	✓
ARM® TrustZone®	-	✓	✓	✓
Debug Access Lock/Unlock	-	✓	✓	✓
DPA Countermeasures	-	-	✓	✓
Anti-Tamper	-	-	-	✓
Secure Attestation	-	-	-	✓
Secure Key Management	-	-	-	✓
Secure Key Storage	-	-	-	✓
Advanced Crypto	-	-	-	✓
	Series 1 – xG1x 90nm M4	Series 2 – xG22 40nm M33	Series 2 – xG21A 40nm M33	Series 2 – xG21B 40 nm M33

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Secure Boot and Secure Updates

code

LOCAL & REMOTE ATTACK VECTOR Dual CPU Architecture **Secure Element CPU Application CPU Second Stage First Stage** ROM **Application Code** Bootloader Bootloader Immutable memory, check Check second stage Check application code, Execute trusted application secure element bootloader bootloader code (SSB), can can update application code against immutable code (SEB), can update SEB update SSB code memory and through full code

chain of trust

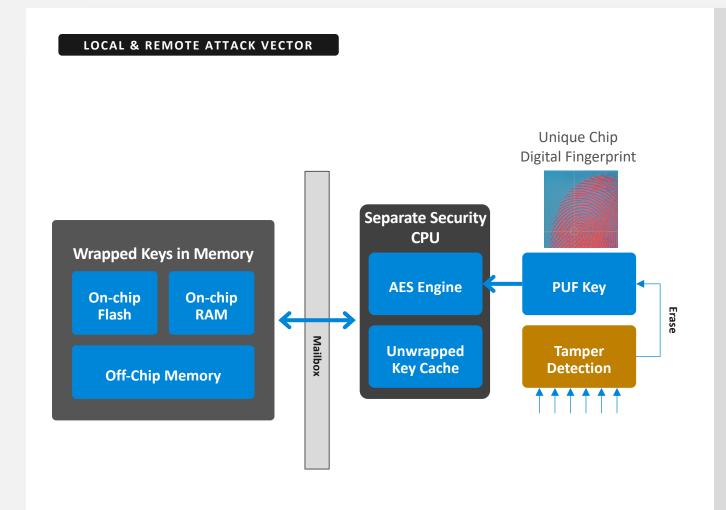
- Vulnerabilities
 - Replacing code with 'look-alike code' makes a product appear normal. Hackers use it to copy/re-direct data to alternate servers.
- Secure Boot with RTSL (Root-of-Trust & Secure Loader)
 - Use and execute only trusted application code against immutable memory and through a full chain of trust
 - Authenticate firmware upgrades prior to applying the update

Anti-Rollback Protection

LOCAL & REMOTE ATTACK VECTOR **Failure** Attempt to load v2 Update is not applied Device Device Device software Version Software Software remains Version Version 3 unchanged **Success** Attempt to load v3 Update is applied Device Device Version Software software Software Version is updated Version 2

- Vulnerabilities
 - Adversaries may have knowledge of a security flaw present in older firmware
- Anti-Rollback Protection
 - Prevents older digitally signed firmware from being re-loaded into a device to re-expose patched flaws

Secure Key Storage



Vulnerabilities

 When an attacker learns how to extract keys or content from a device, they use the same attack vector to attack other devices

Secure Key Storage

- A Physically Unclonable Function creates a secret, random,
 & unique key, from individual device imperfections
- The PUF-key encrypts all keys in the secure key storage. It is generated at startup and is not stored in flash

DPA Countermeasures

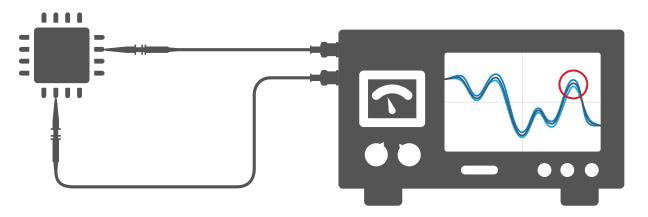
LOCAL ATTACK VECTOR



A Differential Power Analysis (DPA) attack requires hands-on access to the device.



Monitoring electromagnetic radiation and fluctuations in power consumption during crypto operations may reveal security keys and other data.



Vulnerabilities

- Observing subtle signal differences during given internal operations can provide insight into cryptographic functions
- DPA Countermeasures
 - Countermeasures add masks and random timings to internal operations and distorts DPA snooping

Secure Attestation

LOCAL ATTACK VECTOR Request Device Certificate EFR32xG2x Device Certificate containing Device Public Key Challenge: Sign this random number 1872783878 EFR32xG2x Response signed with Device Secret Key

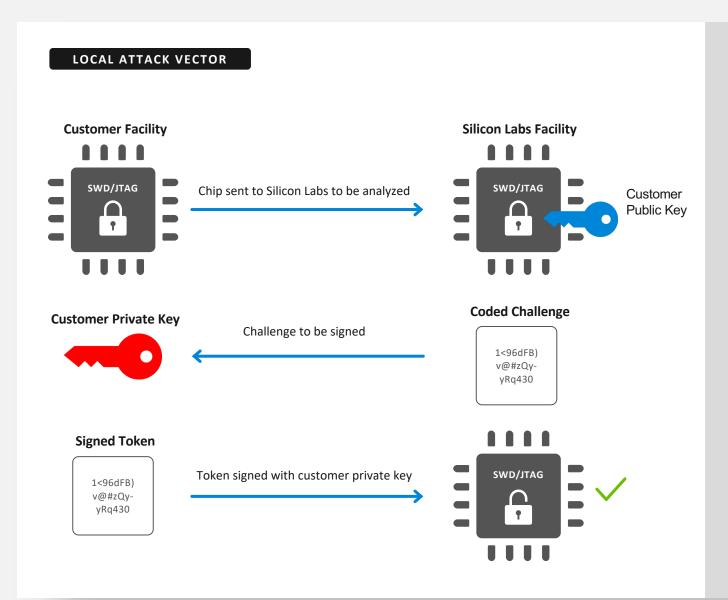
Vulnerabilities

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- Most successful companies suffer counterfeit products and "ghost shifts"

Secure Attestation

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Secure Debug



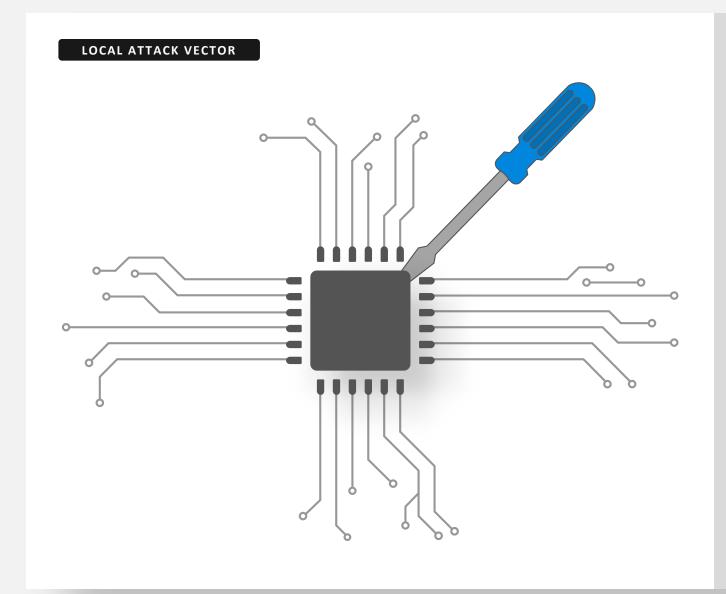
Vulnerabilities

- Unlocked ports are a significant security vulnerability
- Unlocking debug ports typically wipes the memory to protect
 IP but this limits device failure analysis capabilities

Secure Debug

 Lock the emulation port and use optional cryptographic tokens to unlock it allowing memory to remain intact

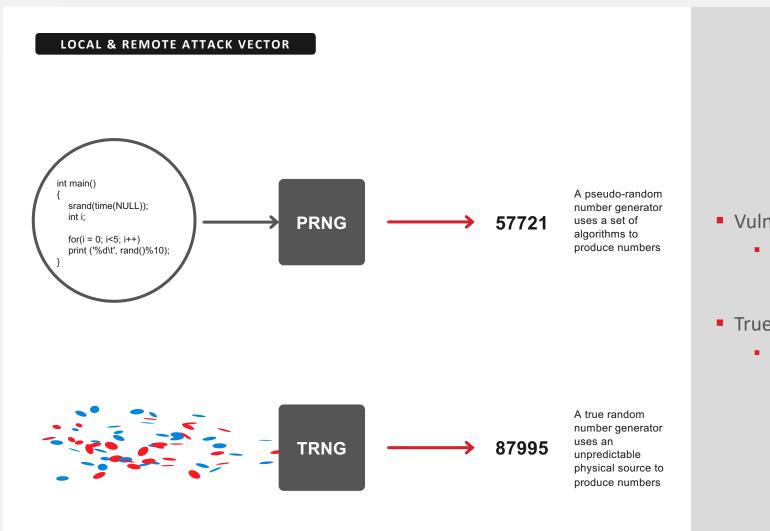
Anti-Tamper



Vulnerabilities

- Tamper attacks come from single or multiple vectors.
- Common attacks include voltage glitching, magnetic interference and forced temperature adjustment
- Tamper detection and rapid response
 - Anti-tamper requires both an attack detection and suitable rapid response which may include key deletion.

True Random Number Generator



Vulnerabilities

- If any bias in generating a number can be determined, hackers leverage that to reduce the time and effort they need to acquire secret keys
- True Random Numbers
 - True Random Number Generator that meets NIST SP 800-90 and AIS-31

Thank You!

Q & A

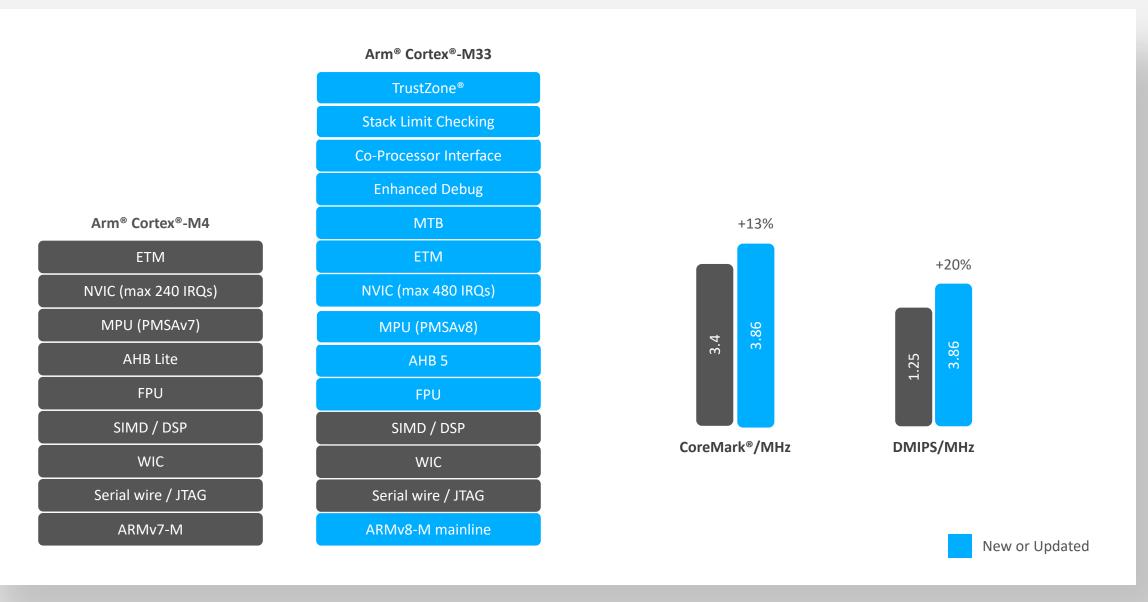
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Cortex-M33 enhancements over Cortex-M4



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TrustZone® for Arm v8-M



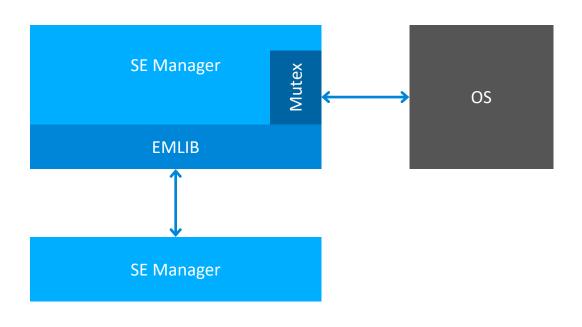
Why

- Added security in case of software bugs or malicious attacks
 - There is no such thing as perfect, bug-free software
 - Best practice prevent tasks from being able to interfere with other tasks
 - Firmware source may not be in our control
 - Most projects include 3rd party libraries and other untrusted code
- Give access to 3rd parties and "app"-stores without system wide access

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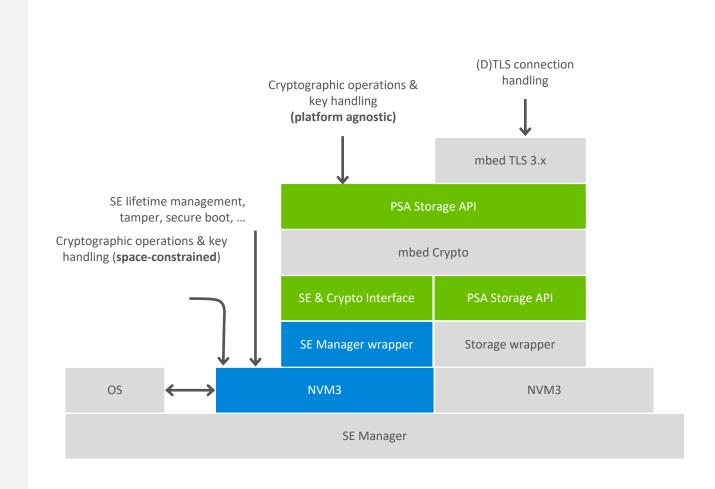
- Arm Cortex-M TrustZone provides software isolation to code, memory and I/O whilst retaining real-time deterministic response and minimal switching overhead
- Application code is separated into "Secure" and "non-Secure" code

SE Manager



- EMLIB provides an abstraction of the mailbox interface, allowing to construct messages and set up cryptoDMA transfers
- On top of EMLIB, SE Manager provides an abstraction of the SE's command set. This is e.g. doing cryptographic operations, writing OTP memory, setting up tamper, initializing the secure boot key, etc. The SE Manager also provides thread synchronization.
- The SE Manager provides these functions:
 - Initialization
 - Device status
 - Accessing user data
 - Debug access control
 - Secure boot setup
 - Internal SE lock API
 - Secure key storage
 - Cryptographic operations
 - Tamper set up

Secure Element Manager Integration with mBed



SE Manager gets wrapped by a lightweight translation layer, mapping the mbed Crypto 'Secure Element' interface (crypto_se_driver.h) and crypto acceleration calls to SE Manager calls.



Secure Boot Differences Between Series 1 and Series 2 Silicon

	Basic	+ Root of Trust	+ Secure Element
Chip (Example)	xG12	xG22	xG21
Security Implementation	SSB Integrity and immutability of the Public Key (Locked Bits area)	Root of Trust (ROM based)	Root of Trust (ROM based)
Boot from Immutable Memory	No	Yes	Yes
First Stage Bootloader Authentication	No	Yes (Virtual SE)	Yes (SE)
Second Stage Bootloader Authentication	No	Yes ⁽¹⁾	Yes ⁽¹⁾
Application Code Authentication	Optional	Yes ⁽¹⁾	Yes ⁽¹⁾
Naming	Gecko Bootloader Secure Boot	Secure Boot with RTSL	Secure Boot with RTSL

Note (1): with enabled Secure Boot bit

Series 1 without Secure Element

Cortex M4

Flash

Lock Bits Page (Special Area of Flash)

Customer Supplied Application Public Key

First Stage Bootloader

No Signature check

Second Stage Bootloader

No Signature check

Application Code

■ ECDSA P-256 Signature

Application M4 CPU

M4 User Mode GECKO BOOTLOADER IN User Flash App Code

First Stage Bootloader

Second Stage Bootloader

Application Code

- Check for Second Stage Bootloader update and apply it if available
- Check for Application Code update and apply it if available
- Check Application Code Authenticity
- Execute Code

Series 2 without Secure Element (only xG22 BLE for now)



SVE OTP

- Secure Boot Enabled bit
- Customer Supplied Application Public Key

ROM

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First Stage Bootloader

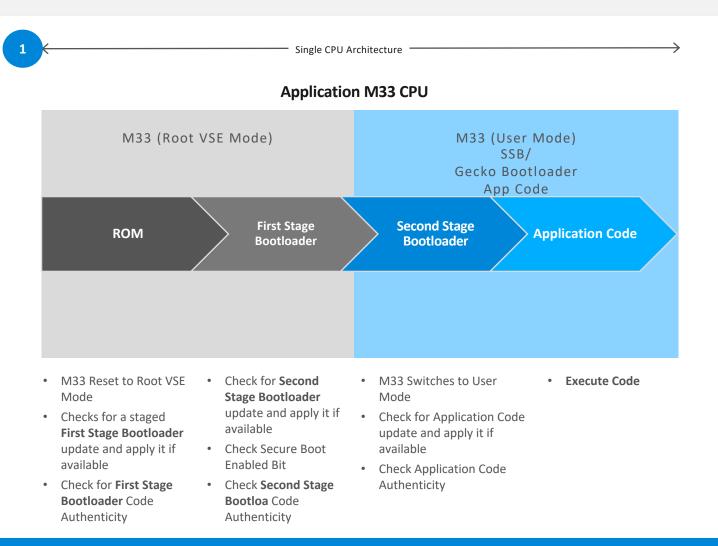
VSE Code Signature

Second Stage Bootloader

■ ECDSA P-256 Signature

Application Code

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Series 2 implementation takes advantage of Secure Boot with Root of Trust and Secure Loader



Secure Vault – A Deeper Dive

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Secure Vault Features – Deeper Dive

Threats evolve.
So should your device security.
Introducing Secure Vault.



Secure Element

Provide hardware isolation between security functions and host processor

Secure Element Subsystem

Security isolation in hardware

True Random Number Generator

Generate keys for proper cryptography

Secure Boot with RTSL

Only boot authenticated firmware

Crypto Engine

Up to 512-bit ciphers and elliptic curves

Secure Debug with Lock / Unlock

Allow enhanced FAs

Secure Key Management

Isolate encrypted keys from application code

Secure Attestation

Ensure integrity and authenticity

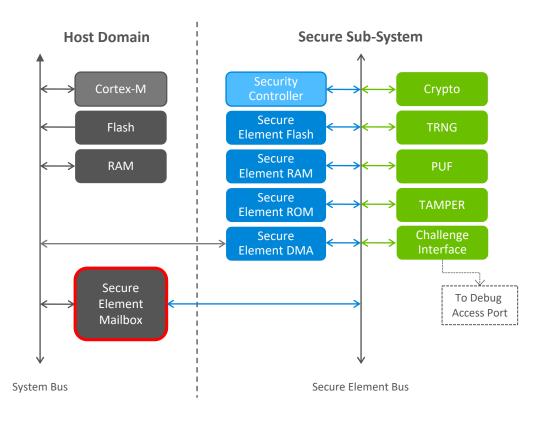
Anti-tamper

Detect tamper and protect keys/data

DPA Countermeasures

Resist side channel attacks

Secure Element Subsystem



All cryptographic functions use a dedicated crypto-coprocessor

- Random number generation
- Symmetric encryption/decryption
- Hashing
- Keypair generation
- Key storage
- Signing / Verifying signatures

Limited accessibility to crypto-coprocessor

- Via a Host mailbox interface
- Debug pins (with Debug Challenge Interface, or DCI)

Crypto-coprocessor is not customer programmable

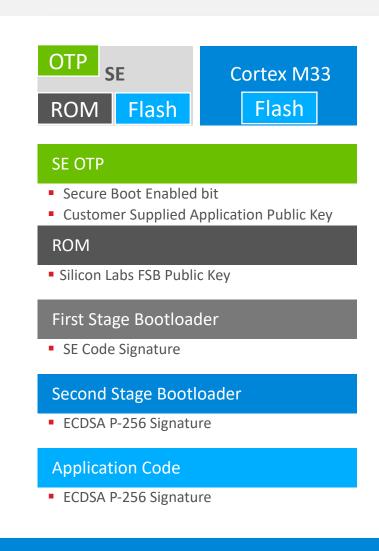
(but can be securely updated)

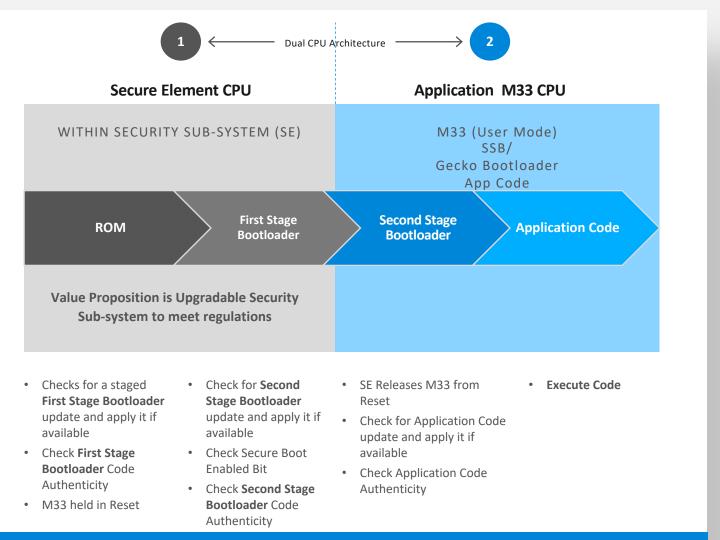
Crypto-coprocessor benefits

- Increases security: access to crypto functions is tightly controlled, supports key isolation, supports Secure Boot
- Frees the Host Processor for other tasks



Secure Boot with Root of Trust and Secure Loader

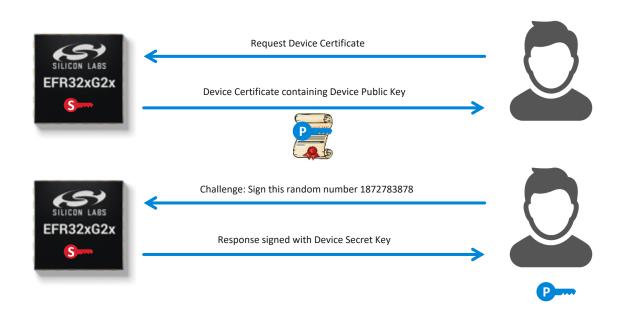




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Secure Attestation



Why

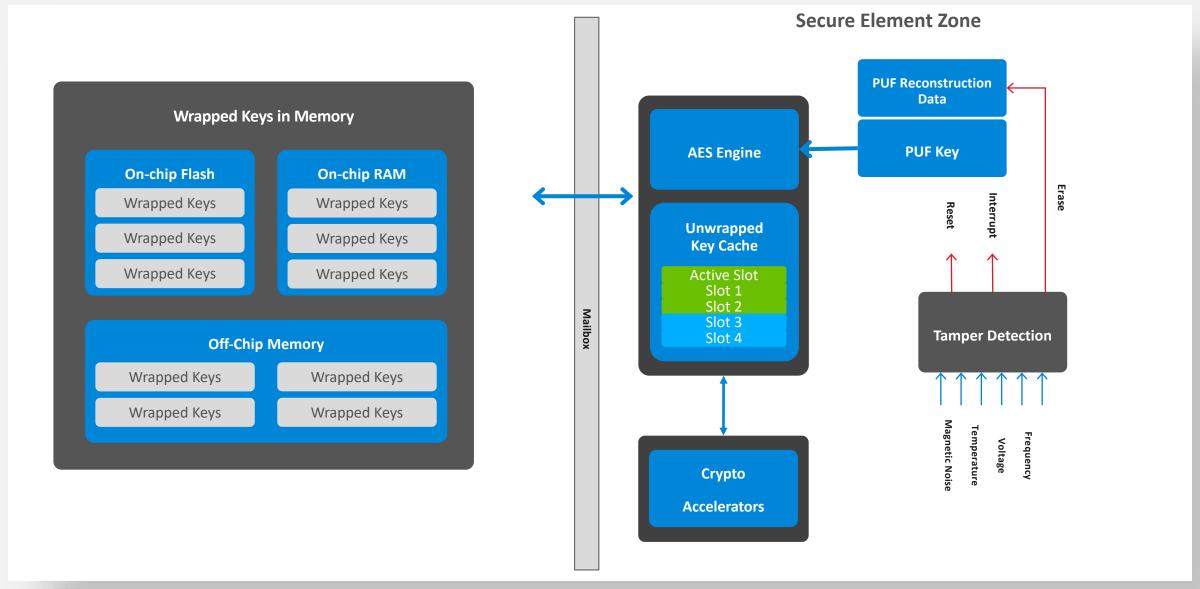
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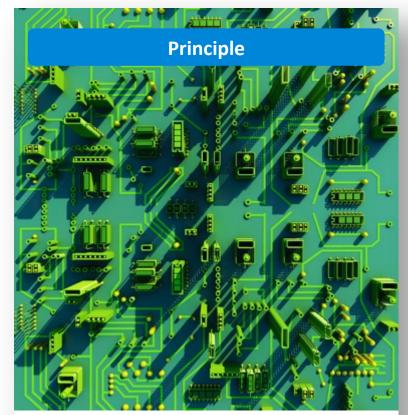


Secure Key Management

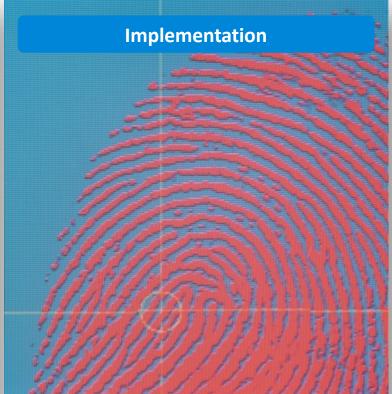




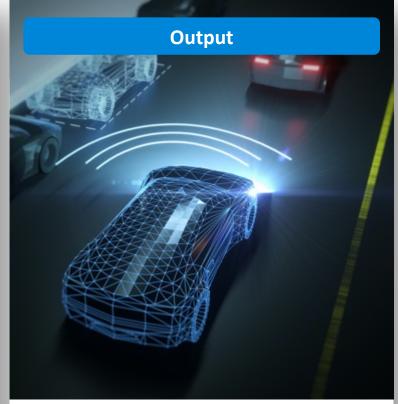
SRAM-PUF TECHNOLOGY (Physically Unclonable Function)



- Based on process disparities during manufacturing
- Create small variations of transistor properties
- Every chip is unique and unclonable



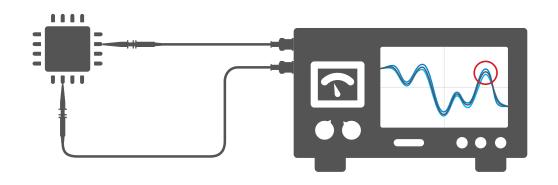
- SRAM startup values are random
- An array creates a unique fingerprint

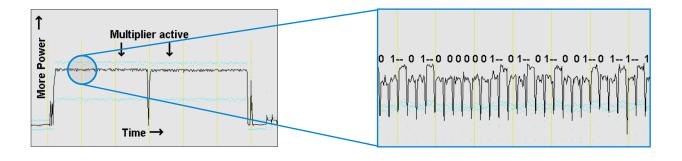


 Fingerprint is converted into a unique root key per chip



Differential Power Analysis Countermeasures





Why

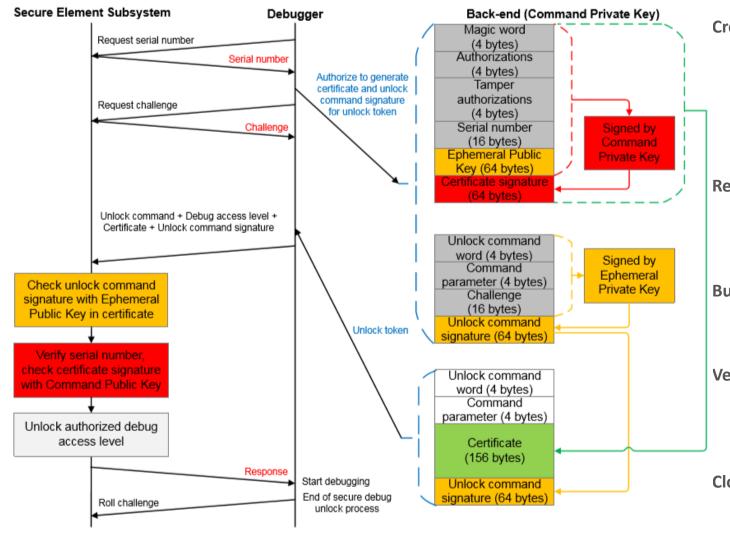
- Cryptographic systems can expose secrets via the power trace
- This is called a Differential Power Analysis (DPA) attack
- Local 'Hands-On' accessibility is typically normal with IoT devices
- Low power engines are intrinsically hardened against such attacks
- DPA equipment has recently become easily available for little cost

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 Devices contain patented countermeasures that randomize power consumption to further hide the secrets



Secure Debug with Lock/Unlock



Create Unlock Certificate

- Request serial number of device over the Debug Challenge Interface (DCI) and check to make sure the correct device is being debugged
- Debug Access Level defines whether the Secure or Non-secure part of the CM33 is to be debugged and at what privilege level
- Create the Unlock Certificate containing the Ephemeral Public Key and sign with the Private Command Key.

Request a Challenge and build Challenge Response

- Request a challenge from the device which will return a nonce (random number)
- Sign the Unlock Command, Debug Access Level, and the Challenge with the Ephemeral Private Key

Build and send the Unlock Token

 Build a packet with the Unlock Command, Debug Access Level, Unlock Certificate, and Ephemeral Signature and send to the device.

Verify the Unlock Token and open the debug port

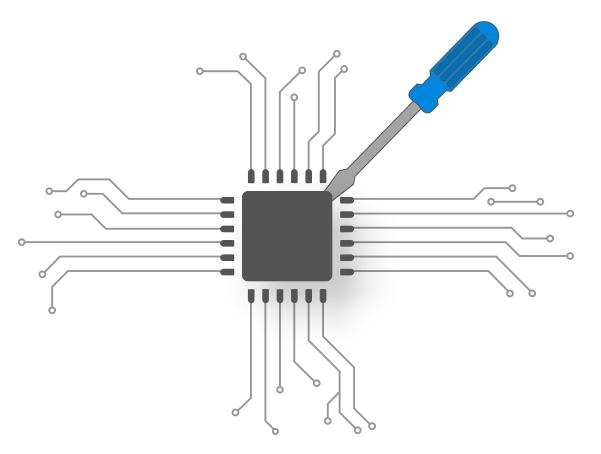
- Check the Unlock Certificate Signature with Command Public key stored in OTP
- Check the Ephemeral Signature with the Ephemeral Key that was delivered in the Unlock Certificate

Close the Debug Session

 Issue a command to the device to roll the Challenge. This will obsolete the Unlock Token as Ephemeral signature will no longer match



Anti-Tamper (1/2)



Why

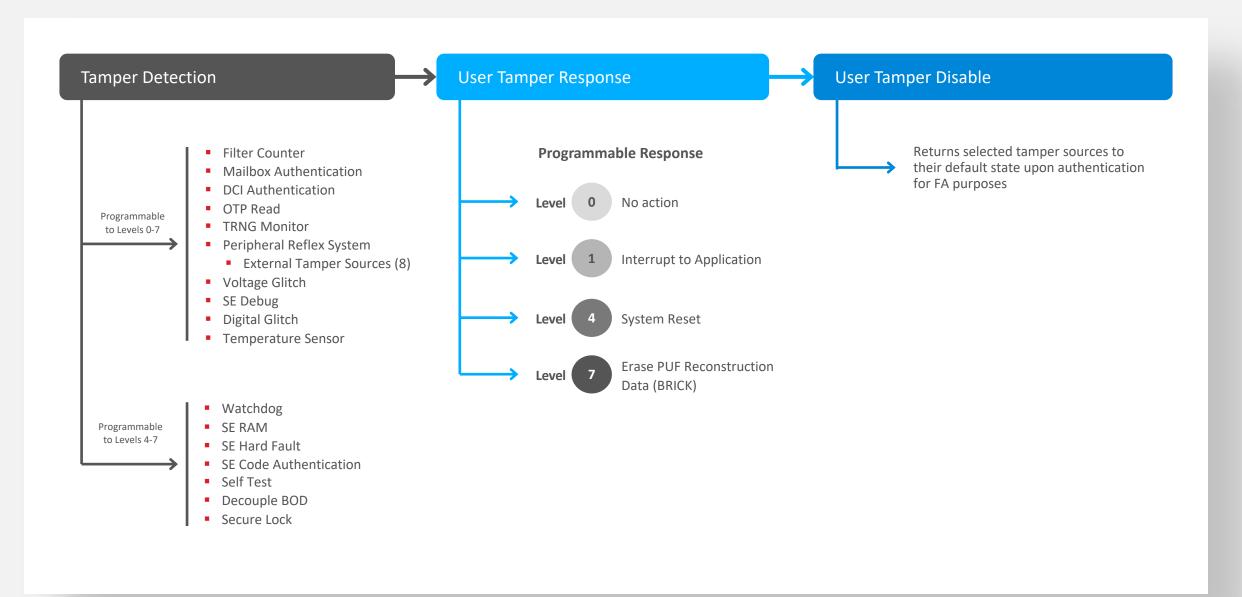
- Many attacks force a device outside its standard operating range(s)
 - temperature, voltage, clock-inputs, magnetic noise
 - Debuggers running at a high rate, reboots at a high rate
- Cost of these attacks is now low enough for both large scale and hobbyists

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- Implemented an ability to detect when these attacks happen
 - Voltage, clock, temperature and magnetic tamper detectors in our devices
 - Secure boot, secure debug use counters to flag abnormal behavior
 - External triggers from broken enclosures via buttons and traces
- Implemented an ability to respond to these attacks
 - Programmable tamper response
 - Includes an ability to perform rapid deletion of Secure Key Storage (forced bricking)



Anti-Tamper (2/2)



Cryptography Engine (1/4)

What & Why

- Cryptography is be used to encrypt, decrypt and sign data
- Any secure system requires:
 - integrity (signatures)
 - authenticity (signatures)
 - confidentiality (encryption)
- Cryptography should be common-place
 - Firmware updates,
 - On sensitive data
 - In communications with other devices or the cloud
 - Eg. Bluetooth, ZigBee, TLS (IP-connections) etc.

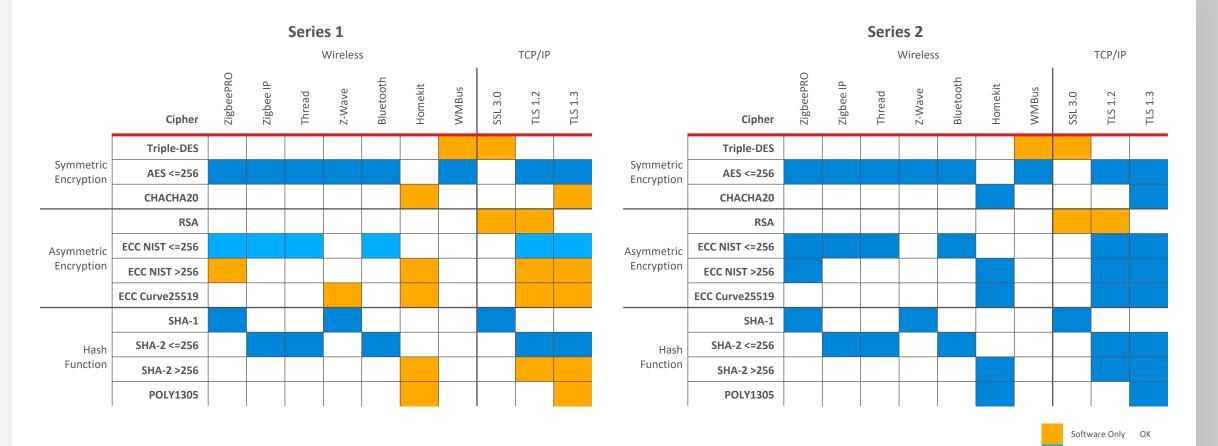
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- Lightning fast hardware engines that supports all major IoT ciphers
- An optimized mbed TLS library to our hardware engines
- SW libraries (eg. Wireless stacks, & secure bootloaders) use hardware crypto engines



Cryptography Engine (2/4)

Protocol Usage & Support



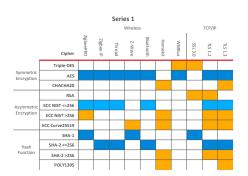
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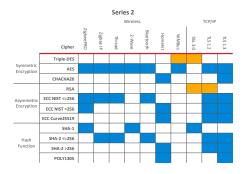


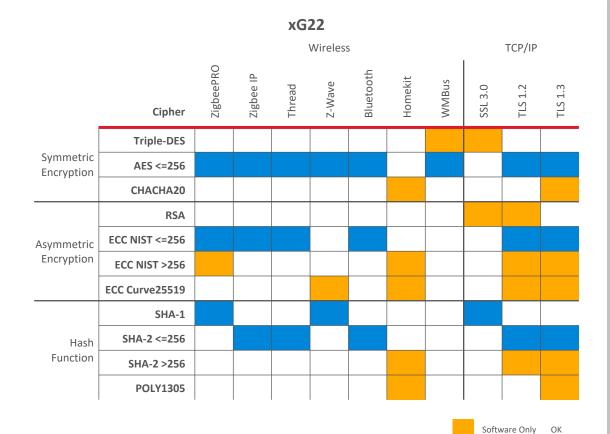
Cryptography Engine (3/4)

Protocol Usage & Support

- Not all Series 2 devices have the full hardware support to implement all ciphers in hardware
- xG22 is designed to focus on cost targets
 - Some additional security ciphers (over Series 1) in hardware
 - All ciphers still implemented whether in software or hardware







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Cryptography Engine (4/4)

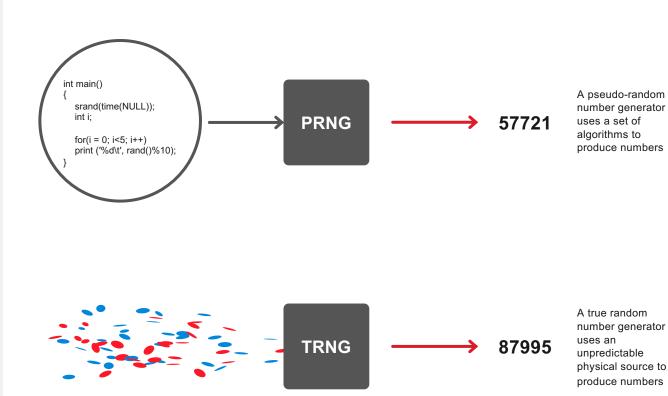
Cryptography Comparison Across Products*

		Series 1	Series 2	Notes
AES	Engine speed (128/256-bits)	54/75 cycles	22/30 cycles	2x faster on Series 2
	Engine speed (P-256 sign)	~2500k cycles	~350k cycles	7x faster on Series 2
PKI	Autonomous	No	Yes	Less CPU demand
	Cipher support (bits)	P≤256	P≤256, P≤521, Curve25519	Zigbee PRO, HomeKit, Z-Wave S2
Hoch	Digest size	SHA≤256	SHA≤256 SHA≤512	HomeKit
Hash	Engine speed (SHA-256)	66 cycles 512 bit	66 cycles 512 bit	
AEAD	ChaCha20-Poly1305		Yes	HomeKit / TLS 1.3
Key	DPA countermeasures		Yes (AES and ECC)	Protection from side channel attacks
Protection	Key Isolation		Yes	
	Secure key storage		Yes	

*Subject to Hardware support In Development



True Random Number Generators



Why

- Random numbers are
 - often used as secret keys
 - must be unpredictable to the adversary to be effective
 - necessary for many cryptographic algorithms and communication protocols to work
- True randomness is hard

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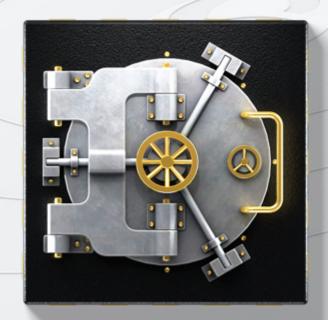
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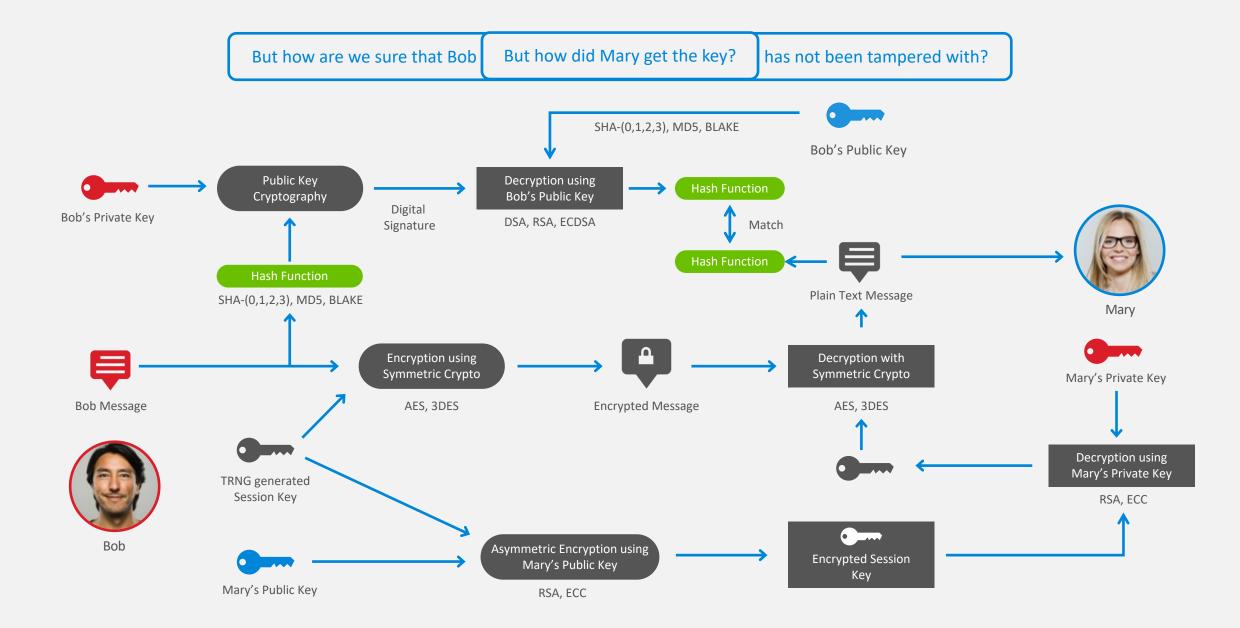
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Basics of Modern Cryptography



Thank you!

