



# Leveraging OP-TEE as a generic HSM via PKCS#11 for secure OTA

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# Introduction

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# IoT Security Needs



- Device security
  - Trusted and authentic software / firmware execution
  - Secure and verified boot
- Network security
  - Data integrity
  - Authentication via unique device identity
  - Data communication protection

# Hardware Security Module



- Physical computing device for protecting and managing keys
- Key materials and cryptographic operations hard to tamper
- Allows importing, generating, deriving keys and cipher
- Encryption, decryption, sign and verify operations
- Used via platform-independent standards such as PKCS#11



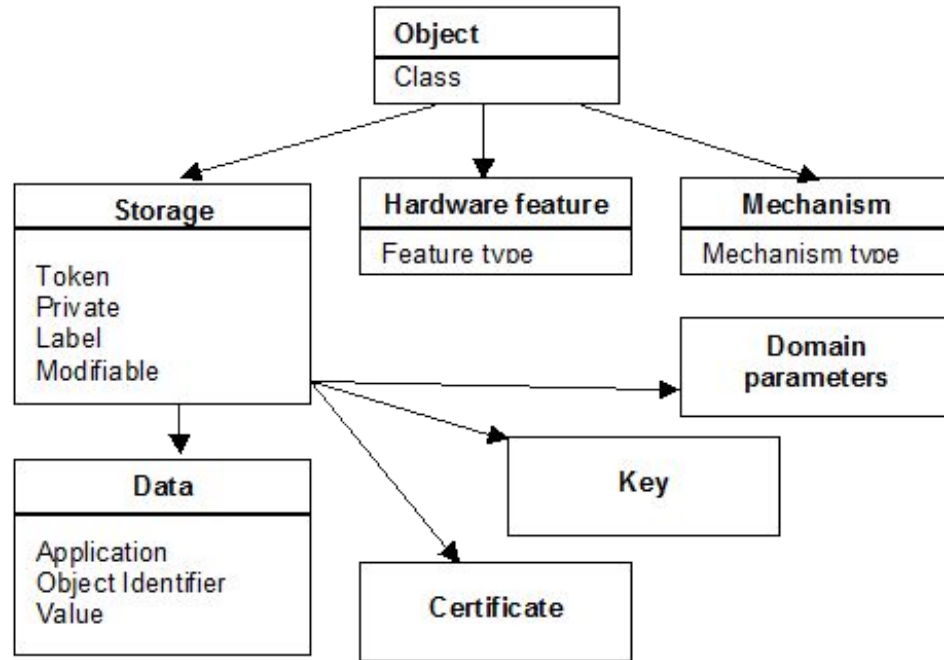
# PKCS#11 - Cryptoki



- High-level platform-independent API to cryptographic devices
- The 'standard' API for smartcards and HSM
- Supported by OpenSSL, GnuTLS, wolfSSL and many others
- Great tooling support, including complete software implementations
- Simple API and data managed in an object based approach
- Latest specification release is v2.40, with v3.0 to be released soon

# PKCS#11 - Cryptoki

`C_Initialize()`  
`C_GetInfo()`  
`C_GenerateKey()`  
`C_Encrypt()`  
`C_Decrypt()`  
`C_Digest()`  
`C_Sign()`  
`C_Verify()`  
`C_Finalize()`

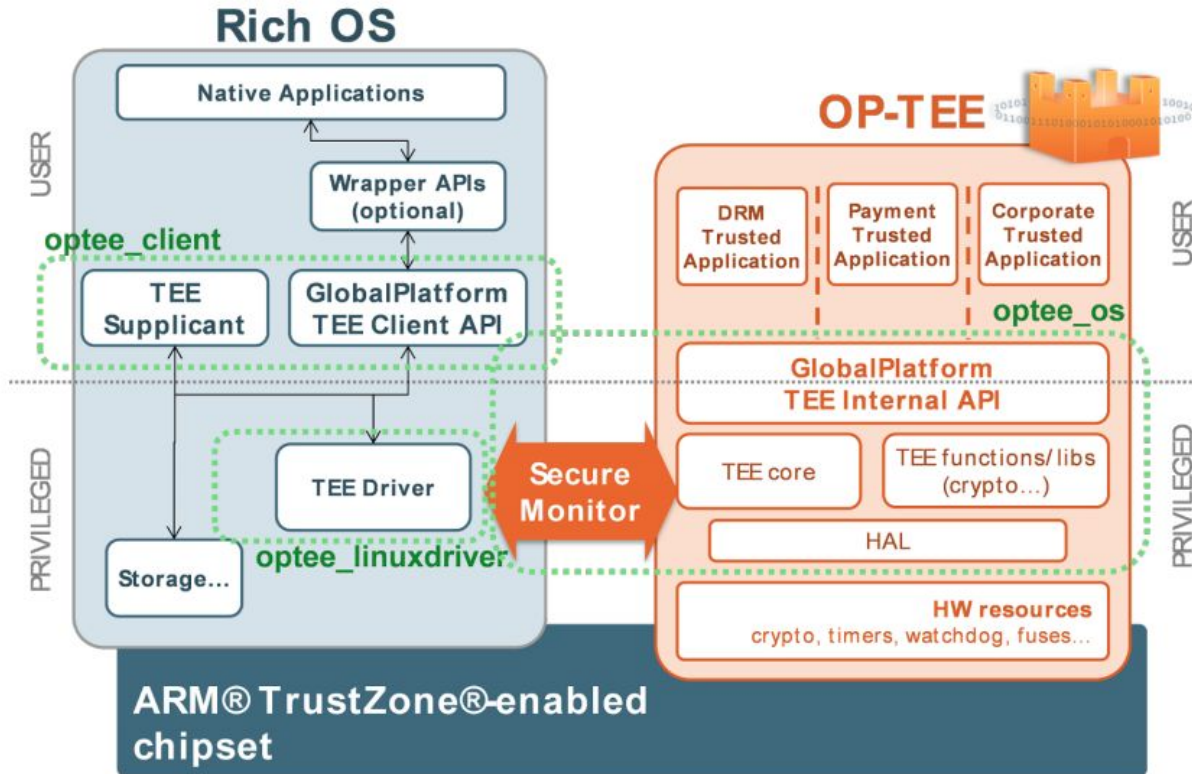


# Why not simply use HSM on IoT?



- Cost
  - Several IoT devices and applications are cost constrained
  - TPM as alternative, but known to be complex to manage
- Proprietary implementation
  - Unable to review the software implementation
  - Bug fixes can only be provided by the module vendor
- ARM-based devices are the majority of the IoT space
  - Possibility to use Trusted Execution Environment as a HSM
  - Open source secure OS available - OP-TEE

# ARM TrustZone / OP-TEE





# OP-TEE



- Open Source Trusted Execution Environment maintained by Linaro
- Uses GlobalPlatform APIs for the Client and Core
- TEE Client API
  - Used by Linux client to communicate to a Trusted Application
  - Functions calls exposed via commandID, up to 4 parameters
  - Shared memory
- TEE Internal Core API
  - Trusted Storage API for Data and Keys
  - Cryptographic, Time and Arithmetical Operations API
- TEE API satisfies the need of software-based HSM

# OP-TEE Client API



```
TEEC_Result TEEC_InitializeContext(...)  
void TEEC_FinalizeContext(...)  
TEEC_Result TEEC_OpenSession (...)  
void TEEC_CloseSession (...)  
TEEC_Result TEEC_InvokeCommand(  
    TEEC_Session* session,  
    uint32_t commandID,  
    TEEC_Operation* operation,  
    uint32_t* returnOrigin)
```

# OP-TEE Secure Key Services



- Open source implementation of PKCS#11 services as TA
- Started by Etienne Carriere <etienne.carriere@linaro.org>
- RFC available at [https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_os/pull/2732](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os/pull/2732)
- Libsks as PKCS#11 client library
- SKS TA implementing the HSM side of PKCS#11
  - Responsible for managing and operating keys
  - Uses TEE Internal Core API for secure storage
- Foundries.IO tree available at <https://github.com/foundriesio/optee-sks>
  - Upstreaming in process

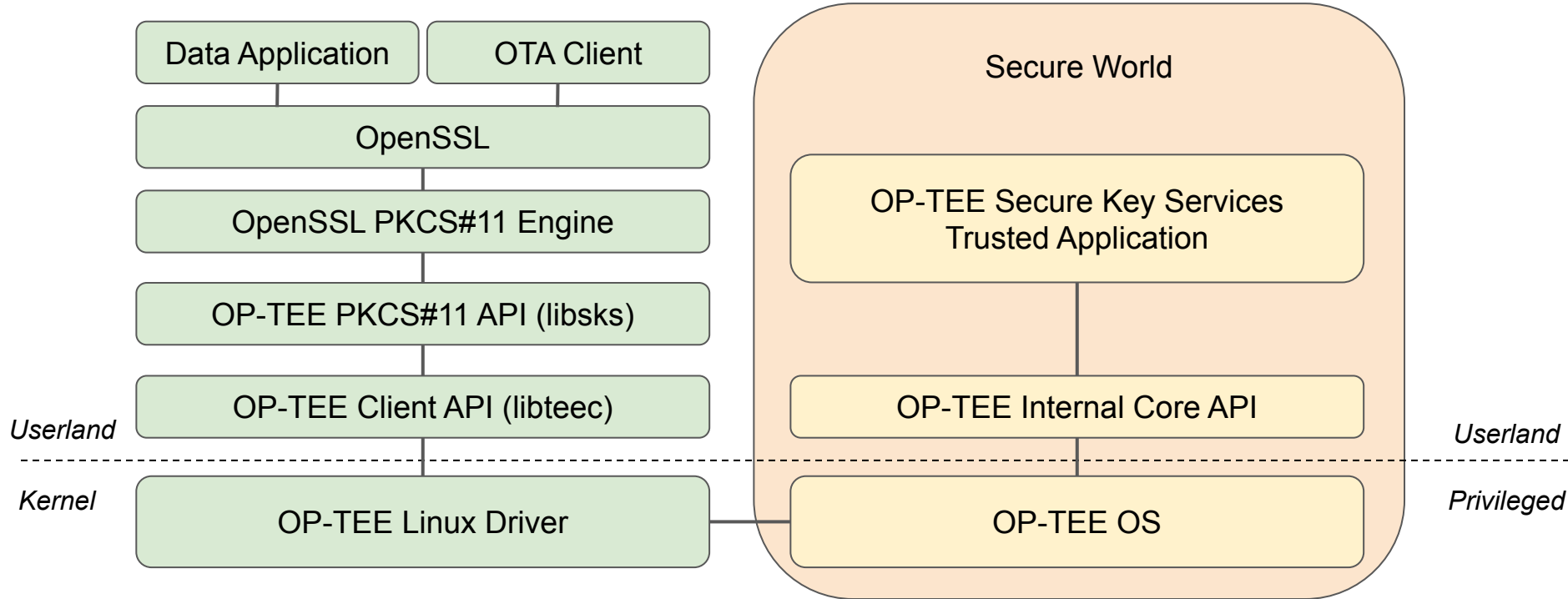
# OP-TEE Secure Key Services API



- PKCS#11 function calls mapped to TEE commandID
- Function parameters mapped to TEE command parameters
- Shared memory for both data and serialization

<code>C_InitToken()</code>	<code>SKS_CMD_CK_INIT_TOKEN</code>
<code>C_EncryptInit()</code>	<code>SKS_CMD_ENCRYPT_INIT</code>
<code>C_EncryptUpdate()</code>	<code>SKS_CMD_ENCRYPT_UPDATE</code>
<code>C_EncryptFinal()</code>	<code>SKS_CMD_ENCRYPT_FINAL</code>
<code>C_CloseSession()</code>	<code>SKS_CMD_CK_CLOSE_SESSION</code>

# OP-TEE Secure Key Services Usage



✕ rsalveti@evapro: ~ (mosh-client)

```
rsalveti@evapro:~/tmp/qemu$ qemu-system-aarch64 -device virtio-net-device,netdev=net0,mac=52:54:00:12:35:02 -netdev user,id=net0,hostfwd=tcp::2222-:22 -drive if=virtio,file=/tmp/qemu/lmp-gateway-image-qemuarm64.img,format=raw -no-reboot -no-acpi -bios bl1.bin -d unimp -semihosting-config enable,target=native -nographic -machine virt,secure=on -cpu cortex-a57 -m 1057 -smp 2 -S -serial telnet:127.0.0.1:4444,server,nowait -serial telnet:127.0.0.1:4445,server,nowait
```

QEMU 4.0.0 monitor - type 'help' for more information

(qemu) c

(qemu)

✕ rsalveti@evapro: ~ (mosh-client)

NOTICE: Booting Trusted Firmware

NOTICE: BL1: v2.1(release):v2.1-347-ge9e74aa4c

NOTICE: BL1: Built : 00:00:00, Jan 1 1970

WARNING: Firmware Image Package header check failed.

NOTICE: BL1: Booting BL2

NOTICE: BL2: v2.1(release):v2.1-347-ge9e74aa4c

NOTICE: BL2: Built : 00:00:00, Jan 1 1970

WARNING: Firmware Image Package header check failed.

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WARNING: Firmware Image Package header check failed.

NOTICE: BL1: Booting BL31

✕ rsalveti@evapro: ~ (mosh-client)

/TC: Switching console to device: /pl011@9040000

I/TC: OP-TEE version: 3.6.0-dev #1 Wed Jul 31 23:25:34 UTC 2019 aarch64

D/TC:0 0 check\_ta\_store:687 TA store: "Secure Storage TA"

D/TC:0 0 check\_ta\_store:687 TA store: "REE [buffered]"

D/TC:0 0 mobj\_mapped\_shm\_init:446 Shared memory address range: f200000, 11200000

I/TC: Initialized

D/TC:0 0 init\_primary\_helper:1096 Primary CPU switching to normal world boot

D/TC:1 generic\_boot\_cpu\_on\_handler:1135 cpu 1: a0 0x0

D/TC:1 select\_vector:1018 SMCCC\_ARCH\_WORKAROUND\_1 (0x80008000) available

D/TC:1 select\_vector:1020 SMC Workaround for CVE-2017-5715 used

D/TC:1 init\_secondary\_helper:1120 Secondary CPU Switching to normal world boot

D/TC:1 tee\_entry\_exchange\_capabilities:101 Dynamic shared memory is enabled

D/TC:1 0 core\_mmu\_entry\_to\_finer\_grained:794 xlat tables used 5 / 5

D/TC:? 0 tee\_ta\_init\_pseudo\_ta\_session:280 Lookup pseudo TA fd02c9da-306c-48c7-a49c-bbd827ae86ee

D/TC:? 0 load\_ldelf:744 ldelf load address 0x40006000

F/TC:? 0 trace\_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall\_log)

```
Current directory: /sysroot/home/root
Seeding random number generator from /dev/urandom...
... seeding complete in 0.00114s
Use existing SQL storage: "/var/sota/sql.db"
meta with role root in repo director not present in db
meta with role root in repo image not present in db
Slot manufacturer.....: Linaro
Slot description.....: 94e9ab89-4c43-56ea-8b35-45dc07226830
Slot token label.....: aktualizr
Slot token manufacturer: Linaro
Slot token model.....: OP-TEE SKS TA
Slot token serialnr....: 0000000000000000
Loading PKCS#11 engine library: /usr/lib/engines-1.1/pkcs11.so
Checking if device is provisioned...
* set default crypto engine 'pkcs11'
... provisioned OK
put request body:
{
    "capabilities" :
    {
        "smp" : "Symmetric Multi-Processing"
    },
    "claimed" : true,
    "class" : "system",
    "description" : "Computer",
    "id" : "qemuarm64",
    "width" : 64
}

* Trying 35.194.54.53:8443...
```

```
rsalveti@evapro: ~ (mosh-client)
* Mark bundle as not supporting multiuse
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Server: nginx/1.13.7
< Date: Sat, 03 Aug 2019 15:14:48 GMT
< Content-Type: application/json
< Content-Length: 994
< Connection: keep-alive
< x-ats-version: director/0.7.0-7-g8cbbcc3
<
* Connection #0 to host ota-ce.foundries.io left intact
response http code: 200
response: {"signatures": [{"keyid": "a045d63a8e943c50b50bf790ff0d5e75a398b48dd07285e1630c9cc827ff3c98", "method": "rsassa-pss-sha256", "sig": "UxN8FEL1VAL1wKcrDiECtJjSCXwDSa6EZn3Fh5E+Qwu3IFB0pWtnHXynf4pGKrBUZ/fGPyz6870QzlnZegoRPUBVbSB541/AiktHcx9efHGDJ5YxjVKEbrXTXoxKe8uNsxopUD194pQ0o+kbgcJwUgJTuiBEhGsH7knZi4SNbHPQntib7RzjuV7XhmyQ5djpapbm+NtdsJkV17wcQGLduqMyyuBFTpMNV/BCG8z/GpxeSt2wrCoKVXYlH3pQNstFGU0XzbkVc7GFruuuhwj+m3MxvWJXkiXv6m07XoaB+3DTpG6mfckSTmEtfcshSk600/7uNheSLkUYhR8I4rkg=="}, {"type": "Targets", "expires": "2019-09-01T15:16:09Z", "targets": {"qemuarm64-lmp-6": {"hashes": {"sha256": "2eb4ce30b764d3e5400c7200a9dbe9b93484c2eec61ad4600de481dd125ca668"}, "length": 0, "custom": {"ecuIdentifier": "3c31d2f610f49c507ca13afaacedfb05fefed1631d0391198f5e9e7c859375e", "hardwareId": "qemuarm64", "ecuIdentifiers": {"3c31d2f610f49c507ca13afaacedfb05fefed1631d0391198f5e9e7c859375e": {"hardwareId": "qemuarm64"}}}}}], "version": 1, "custom": {"correlationId": "urn:here-ota:mtu:3e24ad10-ad9c-4f56-96fe-258635f84ed0"}}}
No new updates found in Uptane metadata.
```

```
rsalveti@evapro: ~ (mosh-client)
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #31 (syscall_cryp_obj_copy)
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall_log)
I/TA: SKSs1: init processing ECDSA SIGN
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall_log)
D/TA: TA_InvokeCommandEntryPoint:357 SKS TA exit: SKS_CMD_SIGN_INIT rc 0x00000000/OK
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall_log)
D/TA: TA_InvokeCommandEntryPoint:160 SKS_CMD_SIGN_ONESHOT ctrl 4@0x40060fb0, in 64@0x4005fdc0, out 72@0x4005e420
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #39 (syscall_asymm_operate)
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall_log)
I/TA: SKSs1: processing ECDSA SIGN
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #17 (syscall_cryp_state_free)
F/TC:? 0 trace_syscall:127 syscall #1 (syscall_log)
D/TA: TA_InvokeCommandEntryPoint:357 SKS TA exit: SKS_CMD_SIGN_ONESHOT rc 0x00000000/OK
```



# OP-TEE SKS Next Steps



- Improve testing coverage via optee\_test
- Extend support for additional mechanisms
- Upstream into OP-TEE (available as part of the main project)
- Add support to PKCS#11 v3.0

# References



- OP-TEE official documentation: <https://optee.readthedocs.io>
  - Several useful presentations available
- OASIS PKCS#11 TC: [https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc\\_home.php?wg\\_abbrev=pkcs11](https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=pkcs11)
- OP-TEE SKS RFC: [https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_os/pull/2732](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os/pull/2732)
- Aktualizr: <https://github.com/advancedtelematic/aktualizr/tree/master/docs>



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