



# HKG18-402: Secure Key Services in OP-TEE

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- Overview of Secure Key Services
  - What is OP-TEE?
  - Which Client Interface?
  - Implementation: the SKS
  - What's next?



# HSM, SE, TPM, TEE: Secure Services

- Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- Secure Elements as Smartcard, SIM cards.



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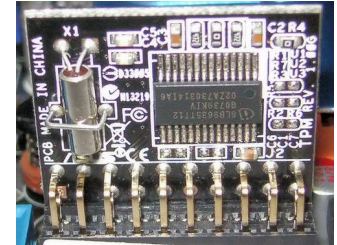
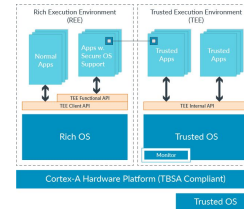


- Trusted Platform Modules (TPM devices)

<https://trustedcomputinggroup.org/work-groups/trusted-platform-module/>

- Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)  
Several standards including the GPD TEE

<https://www.globalplatform.org/specificationsdevice.asp>



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# HSM, SE, TPM, TEE: Secure Keys

HSMs, SEs, TPMs provide secure key management services:

- Key materials and cryptographic operations are very hard to tamper with.
- Client can import, generate, derive keys and cipher, sign, authenticate data.
- Secure keys have usage constraints.
- Use of secure keys may require user authentication.

How can the open source help in secure key management services?

TEEs as OP-TEE are suitable to propose such HSM services.

Sadly there is no uniform interface on which OP-TEE could build such a service.





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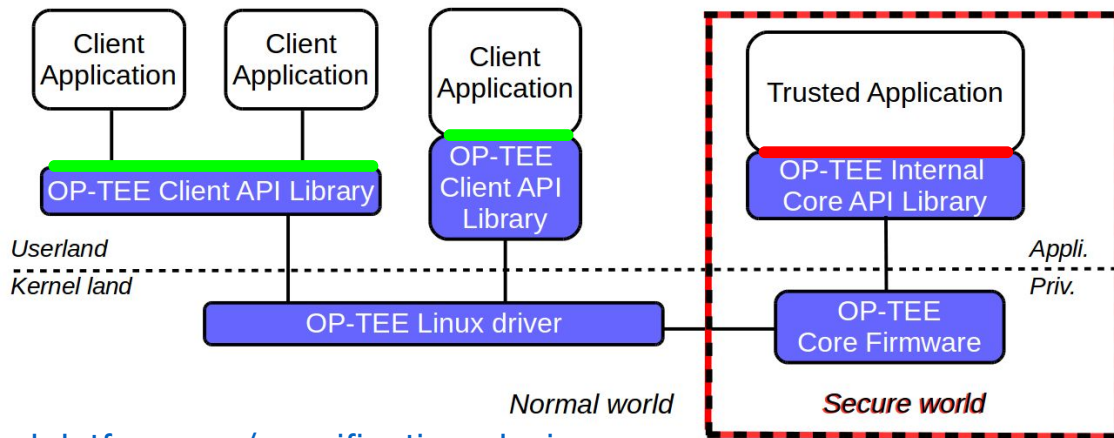
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# What is OP-TEE?

- Open source Trusted Execution Environment for Armv7/Armv8-A platforms.
- OP-TEE relies on the GPD TEE Client API specifications
- OP-TEE relies on the GPD TEE Internal Core API specifications.



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# What is OP-TEE?

OP-TEE relies on the GPD TEE Client and Internal Core API specifications

Step 1: Client opens a session toward a trusted application (TA).

- ➡ Trusted application identifies client and returns a session handle.

Step 2: Client invokes TA commands each with up to 4 parameters.

- ➡ Trusted application checks the 32bit command ID and its parameters.
- ➡ Trusted application executes the command.
- ➡ Trusted application returns a status, eventually output data.

Step 3: Client closes the session.



# What is OP-TEE?

GPD TEE Internal Core API functions for secure storage and cryptography:

- Secure Storage relates functions

`TEE_CreatePersistentObject()`, `TEE_OpenPersistentObject()`,  
`TEE_CloseAndDeletePersistentObject1()`, `TEE_ReadObjectData()`,  
`TEE_WriteObjectData()`, `TEE_TruncateObjectData()`, `TEE_SeekObjectData()`.

- Cryptographic operations functions

`TEE_DigestInit/Update/DoFinal()`, `TEE_CipherInit/Update/DoFinal()`,  
`TEE_MACInit/Update/ComputeFinal/CompareFinal()`, `TEE_DeriveKey()`,  
`TEE_AEInit/AEUpdateAAD/AEUpdateAAD/AEEncryptFinal/AEDecryptFinal()`,  
`TEE_AsymmetricEncrypt/Decrypt/SignDigest/VerifyDigest()`, `TEE_GenerateKey()`.







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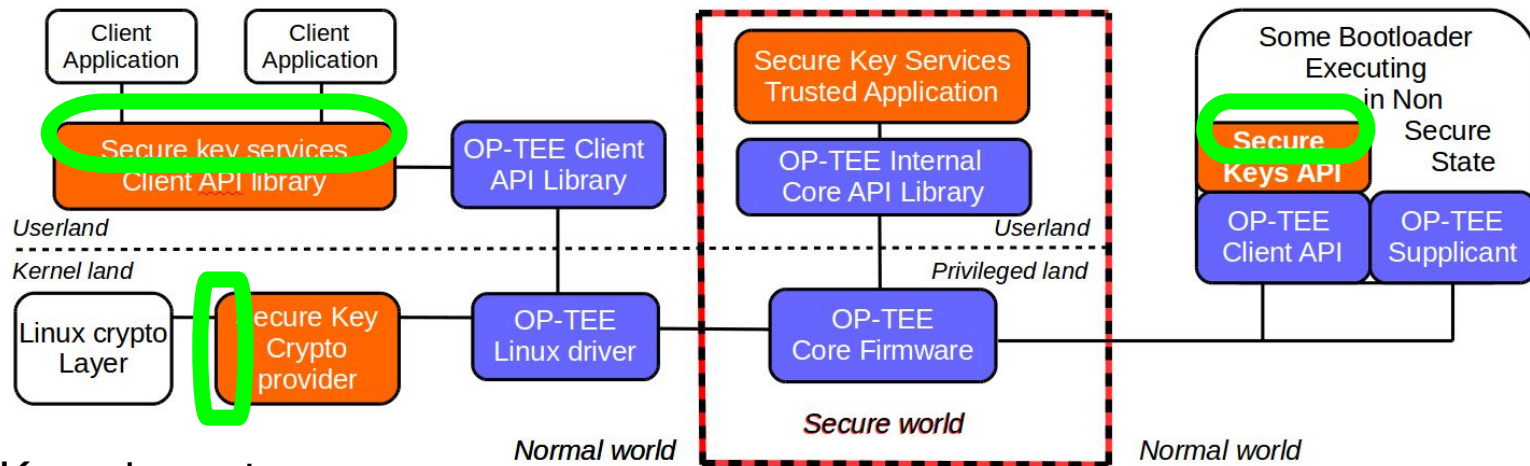
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# Secure Key Services: Which Client Interface?

Userland Applications

Bootloader



Kernel crypto services

... also for Trusted Applications?



# Secure Key Services: Which Client Interface?

## Linux kernel services:

- OP-TEE could register transformation providers to the Linux kernel Crypto API.  
<https://www.kernel.org/doc/html/v4.15/crypto/index.html>
- Requires integration of the kernel client API in OP-TEE Linux driver.

## Bootloader clients

- An OP-TEE portable client library to leverage TEE from bootloaders?
- OP-TEE secure storage currently relies on physical media access through REE. Secure key service at boot implies TEE supplicant services in the bootloader.



# Secure Key Services: Which Client Interface?

Userland clients: which API?

- Mainly proprietary libraries and interfaces in vendor solutions.
- TPM Interface (<https://trustedcomputinggroup.org/tpm-library-specification>)
  - TPM already comes with an integration framework (TSS).
  - TPM lacks secure time to bound object time validity.
- Android Keystore (<https://developer.android.com/.../keystore.html>)
  - Very rich featured API but requires some of the Android support.
- PKCS #11/Cryptoki (<https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/pkcs11>)
  - Quite rich and extendable interface.
- Others libraries or APIs defined in the open source community?



# Secure Key Services: Which Client Interface?

Lot of convergence of Android Keystore and PKCS #11 APIs:

- Crypto algorithms, operations atomicity, objects generic attributes.

PKCS #11:

- Referenced in many frameworks (i.e [simalliance](#), [amazon-freertos](#), [linuxonibm](#)).
- User authentication is restricted to a Security Officer and a single user.
- Flexible for extensions of object attributes and crypto schemes.

Android Keystore (far not exhaustive):

- More key attributes and rich binding with client application identity.
- Attestation of keys and device information using certificates.





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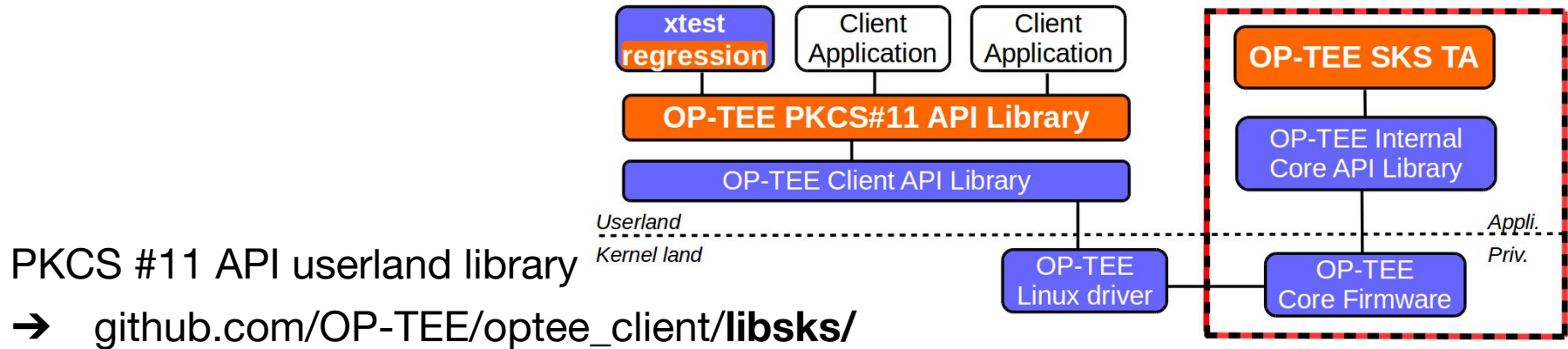
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# OP-TEE SKS Proposal



PKCS #11 API userland library

→ [github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_client/libskfs/](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_client/libskfs/)

Trusted Application: the SKS TA

→ [github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_os/ta\\_services/secure\\_key\\_services/](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os/ta_services/secure_key_services/)

OP-TEE regression test environment

→ [github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_test/host/xtest/regression\\_xxxx.c](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_test/host/xtest/regression_xxxx.c)



# OP-TEE SKS Proposal

First start by a workbase delivery:

- Very reduced cryptographic support (AES flavors, maybe a bit of RSA or ECC).
- Reduced set of PKCS #11 functions.
- Integration with Linux userland applications only.

Then will come more cryptographic support.

Then will come kernel and bootloader interfaces.

Then will come extended object attributes?

Contributions will be welcome!



# OP-TEE SKS Proposal

PKCS #11 Cryptographic Token - <https://www.oasis-open.org/committees/pkcs11/>

Latest as of today (March 2018) is the Specifications Version 2.40 Plus Errata 01:

- The [Interface Base Specification](#) defines the functions and most ABI.
- The [Current Mechanisms Specification](#) lists mechanisms and their parameters.
- The [Interface Historical Mechanisms](#) lists historical mechanisms (i.e DES).

- Three [C/C++ code header files](#):

<a href="#">Name</a>	<a href="#">Last Modified</a>	<a href="#">Size</a>
<a href="#">pkcs11.h</a>	13-May-2016 16:00	8k
<a href="#">pkcs11f.h</a>	13-May-2016 16:00	27k
<a href="#">pkcs11t.h</a>	13-May-2016 16:00	70k



# SKS TA API

- PKCS #11 defines API functions and their arguments.
  - ➡ The SKS TA API defines one command per PKCS #11 function.  
TA command parameters reflect the PKCS #11 function arguments.

<code>C_InitToken()</code>	→	<code>SKS_CMD_CK_INIT_TOKEN</code>
<code>C_CreateObject()</code>	→	<code>SKS_CMD_IMPORT_OBJECT</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>



# SKS TA API

**Objects:** An object is a collection of **attributes**

- Class and type in class, i.e a symmetric key for an AES processing.
- Secret object secret value(s), i.e an AES key value.
- Identification means: label, ID, and very few others.
- Storage attributes: persistent, non modifiable, etc...
- Use constraints: allowed operations, time validity, user authentication, etc...

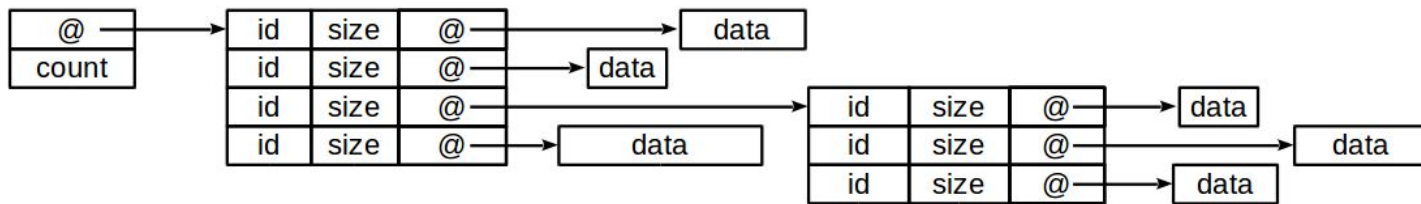
CKA\_CLASS, CKA\_KEY\_TYPE, CKA\_VALUE, CKA\_LABEL, CKA\_ID, CKA\_START\_DATE, CKA\_END\_DATE, CKA\_TOKEN, CKA\_PRIVATE, CKA\_ENCRYPT, CKA\_DECRYPT, CKA\_DERIVE, CKA\_SIGN, CKA\_VERIFY, CKA\_EXTRACTABLE, CKA\_SENSITIVE, CKA\_MODIFIABLE, CKA\_COPYABLE, CKA\_DESTROYABLE, CKA\_MECHANISM\_TYPE, CKA\_ALLOWED\_MECHANISMS, CKA\_UNWRAP\_TEMPLATE, etc...



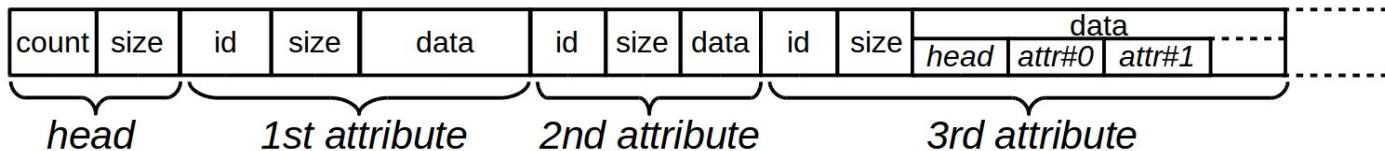
# SKS TA API

**Objects:** An object is a collection of **attributes**.

An attribute is a triplet **attribute-ID/value-byte-size/value-data**.



Representation of an object in the PKCS#11 ABI



Representation of an object in the SKS TA ABI





# SKS TA API

**Mechanisms** are cryptographic operation schemes defined by:

- An identification number;
- Formatted parameters required to initialize a crypto operation;
- Ability to execute processing modes or functions (i.e encrypt, sign, derive).

Examples of PKCS #11 mechanisms:

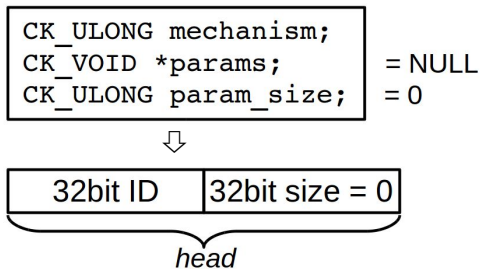
- AES MAC: CKM\_AES\_MAC, no parameter, supports sign and verify.
- AES CBC: CKM\_AES\_CBC, requires an IV, supports encryption and decryption.
- AES GCM: CKM\_AES\_GCM, requires an IV, an AAD and a tag size, can be used to encrypt and decrypt Authenticated Encryption (AE) messages.



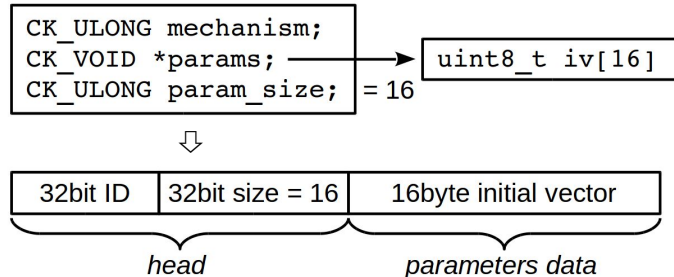
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## Format of mechanism parameters in the PKCS #11 and SKS TA ABIs

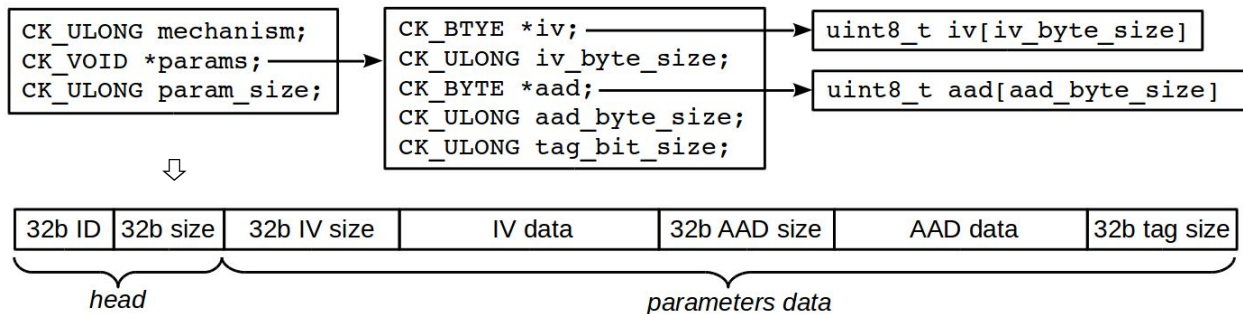
AES MAC  
has no  
parameter



AES CBC  
needs a  
16-byte IV



AES GCM  
requires a  
structured  
parameters  
set



# SKS TA: Processing

Processing functions follow the same sequence in the SKS trusted application:

- Get/check parameters. `C_DeriveKey()`
- Check function against session state. `C_EncryptInit()`
- Prepare created key (if any) attribute list. `C_GenerateKey()`
- Check created key (if any) against session state. `C_VerifyUpdate()`
- Check created key (if any) against function. `...`
- Check used key (if any) against session state.
- Check used key (if any) against function.
- Process requested crypto operation → wrap to GPD TEE crypto API.
- Register created key (if any).
- Return a status and an object handle or processed data.





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# Current Status

As of March 2018:

- Proposed an API for the TA that reflects the PKCS #11 API.
- Supports token info retrieve and sessions functions.
- Supports persistent storage of keys and token state.
- Import and generation of generic secrets and AES keys.
- AES in modes ECB, CBC, CTS, CTR, GCM and CCM.
- SHAxxx HMACs, AES CMAC, AES CBC MAC.
- Several token management and set/get attributes functions are **not** supported.
- Test environment still weak.





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## What's Next - Short Term

- Enhance the tests and constraints on client parameters.  
Existing PKCS #11 test frameworks?
- Consider delivery in OP-TEE 3.1.0 if mature enough.
- Contributions will be welcome to enhance the set of crypto algorithms and mature the implementation.





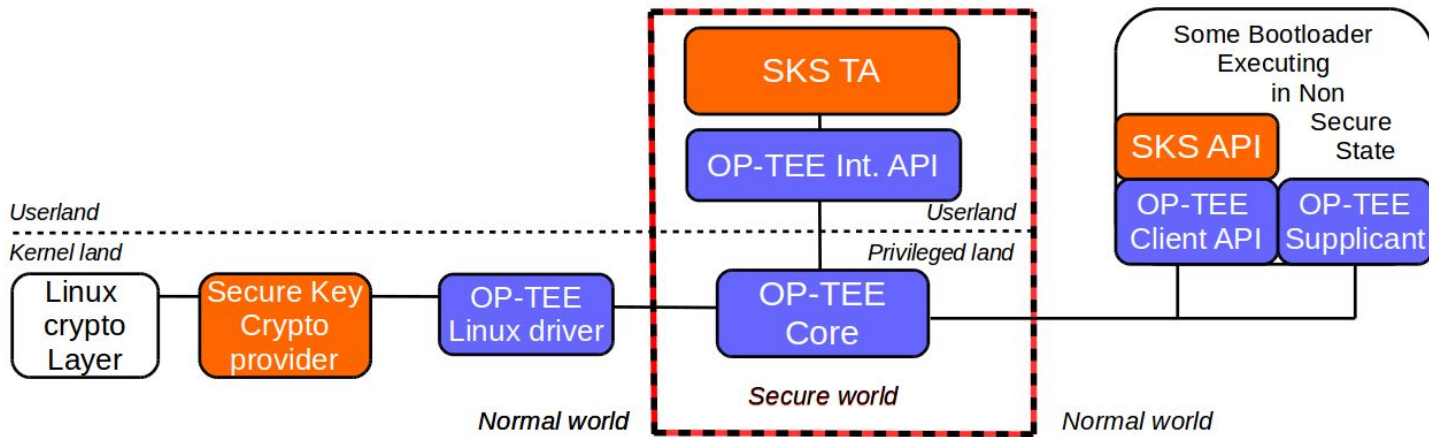
# What's Next - Long Term

- Issue #1: certificate support
  - Current OP-TEE does not provide any certificate support.
  - Secure parsing of X.509 certificates is known to be touchy.
- How to provision the SKS key database with platform secrets (i.e OTP fuses)?
- Interface keys and operations deported in a more secure backend HSM/SE?
- Consider convergences with an Android keystore solution.
- Looking forward PKCS #11 Version 3.0 ([cryptsoft.com](https://cryptsoft.com)).



# What's Next

- Integrate in a filesystem encryption setup
  - May requires SKS TA services at boot stage (on going work by Igor Opaniuk for a portable OP-TEE client library).
  - Requires the OP-TEE kernel client API in the Linux optee driver.
  - SKS TA can be a transformation providers in the Linux Crypto API.





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# What's Next - Short Term

## Provisioning and token ownership

- Clarify the provisioning sequences.
- How should we handle several PKCS #11 tokens?
- Can we create on request provisioned tokens with delegated ownership?

## Release the SKS TA during long lasting operations

- An OP-TEE TA is not reentrant.
- Could the SKS TA delegate a crypto processing to a TA instance?





# Thank You

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# PKCS #11 Attributes (1/3)

- Attribute CKA\_CLASS  
CKO\_DATA, CKO\_CERTIFICATE, CKO\_PUBLIC\_KEY, CKO\_PRIVATE\_KEY, CKO\_SECRET\_KEY, CKO\_HW\_FEATURE, CKO\_DOMAIN\_PARAMETERS, CKO\_MECHANISM, CKO\_OTP\_KEY, CKO\_VENDOR\_DEFINED.
- Attribute CKA\_KEY\_TYPE  
CKK\_RSA, CKK\_DSA, CKK\_DH, CKK\_EC, CKK\_AES, CKK\_SHA256\_HMAC, CKK\_HOTP, CKK\_DES3, CKK\_GENERIC\_SECRET, and more.
- Attribute CKA\_CERTIFICATE\_TYPE  
CKC\_X\_509, CKC\_X\_509\_ATTR\_CERT, CKC\_WTLS, CKC\_VENDOR\_DEFINED





# PKCS #11 Attributes (2/3)

- Boolean Attributes

CKA_TOKEN	CKA_PRIVATE	CKA_ALWAYS_AUTHENTICATE
CKA_ENCRYPT	CKA_DECRYPT	CKA_DERIVE
CKA_WRAP	CKA_UNWRAP	
CKA_SIGN	CKA_SIGN_RECOVER	
CKA_VERIFY	CKA_VERIFY_RECOVER	
CKA_EXTRACTABLE	CKA_NEVER_EXTRACTABLE	
CKA_SENSITIVE	CKA_ALWAYS_SENSITIVE	
CKA_MODIFIABLE	CKA_COPYABLE	CKA_DESTROYABLE
CKA_LOCAL	CKA_TRUSTED	CKA_WRAP_WITH_TRUSTED



# PKCS #11 Attributes (3/3)

- Other Attributes

CKA\_VALUE, CKA\_VALUE\_LEN,  
CKA\_LABEL, CKA\_OBJECT\_ID, CKA\_APPLICATION, CKA\_ID,  
CKA\_START\_DATE, CKA\_END\_DATE,  
CKA\_WRAP\_TEMPLATE, CKA\_UNWRAP\_TEMPLATE, CKA\_DERIVE\_TEMPLATE,  
CKA\_MODULUS, CKA\_PRIVATE\_EXPONENT, CKA\_PRIME, CKA\_EC\_PARAMS, etc...,  
CKA\_CERTIFICATE\_CATEGORY, CKA\_ISSUER, CKA\_SERIAL\_NUMBER, etc...,  
CKA\_OTP\_FORMAT, CKA\_OTP\_LENGTH, CKA\_OTP\_TIME\_INTERVAL,  
CKA\_KEY\_GEN\_MECHANISM, CKA\_LOCAL,  
CKA\_MECHANISM\_TYPE, CKA\_ALLOWED\_MECHANISMS,  
CKA\_VENDOR\_DEFINED



# Android Keystore: Object Attributes

- Same common attributes as PKCS #11 for algo/function constraints on keys.
- PIN/password assignment per key.
- Key wrapped inside the secure device.
- Secret can be bound to boot stages.
- Specific encrypt/sign and decrypt/verify expiration dates.
- Bandwidth restrictions, access count restrictions.

<https://source.android.com/security/keystore/tags>



# Android Keystore: Object Attributes

Tag::PURPOSE   Tag::ALGORITHM   Tag::KEY\_SIZE

Tag::UNIQUE\_ID   Tag::APPLICATION\_DATA   Tag::APPLICATION\_ID

Tag::BLOB\_USAGE\_REQUIREMENTS   Tag::BOOTLOADER\_ONLY

Tag::MAX\_USES\_PER\_BOOT   Tag::MIN\_SECONDS\_BETWEEN\_OPS

Tag::USER\_SECURE\_ID   Tag::USER\_AUTH\_TYPE   Tag::NO\_AUTH\_REQUIRED

Tag::ORIGINATION\_EXPIRE\_DATETIME   Tag::USAGE\_EXPIRE\_DATETIME

...

<https://source.android.com/security/keystore/tags>



# Android Keystore: API Functions

- Import/export raw symmetric keys and formatted asymmetric keys.
- Generate and derive keys and usual ciphering and/or authentication algo.
- Attest a key: export a certificate for a given key.
- Attest a device hardware information in a certificate.

`addRngEntropy()`, `getHardwareFeatures()`,  
`generateKey()`, `importKey()`, `getKeyCharacteristics()`,  
`exportKey()`, `deleteKey()`, `deleteAllKeys()`, `destroyAttestationIds()`,  
`begin()`, `update()`, `finish()`, `abort()`.

<https://source.android.com/security/keystore/implementer-ref>





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