

# OPTIGA™ TPM Application Note

## Linux Trusted Keys

### Devices

- OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9670 TPM2.0
- OPTIGA™ TPM SLI 9670 TPM2.0
- OPTIGA™ TPM SLM 9670 TPM2.0

## About This Document

### Scope and purpose

This document explains how an OPTIGA™ TPM SLx 9670 TPM2.0 can be integrated into a Raspberry Pi® to enable the Linux Trusted and Encrypted Keys.

Trusted Keys require the availability of a TPM to function for added security, while Encrypted Keys do not depend on a TPM but it can be protected by a specified master key. A master key can be a regular user-key or a trusted-key type. Encrypted Keys can be used by some useful subsystems, e.g., encrypted file system and Extended Verification Module (EVM), both will be covered in this document.

The OPTIGA™ TPM SLx 9670 TPM2.0 uses a SPI interface to communicate with the Raspberry Pi®. The OPTIGA™ TPM SLx 9670 TPM2.0 product family with SPI interface consists of 3 different products:

- OPTIGA™ TPM SLB 9670 TPM2.0 standard security applications
- OPTIGA™ TPM SLI 9670 TPM2.0 automotive security applications
- OPTIGA™ TPM SLM 9670 TPM2.0 industrial security applications

OPTIGA™ TPM SLx 9670 TPM2.0 products are fully TCG compliant TPM products with CC (EAL4+) and FIPS certification. The OPTIGA™ TPM SLx 9670 TPM2.0 products standard, automotive, and industrial differ with regards to supported temperature range, lifetime, quality grades, test environment, qualification, and reliability to fit the target applications requirements. An overview of all Infineon OPTIGA™ TPM products can be found on Infineon's website [2][3]. More information on TPM specification can be found on Trusted Computing Group (TCG) in reference [4].

### Intended audience

This document is intended for customers who want to increase the security level of their platforms using a TPM 2.0 and like to evaluate the implementation of Linux Trusted and Encrypted Keys for their target applications.

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### Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Definition
DEK	Disk Encryption Key
EVM	Extended Verification Module
IMA	Integrity Measurement Architecture
KMK	Kernel Master Key
Rootfs	Root file system
TPM	Trusted Platform Module

## 1 Prepare Raspberry Pi®

This section describes all the steps necessary for building a Raspberry Pi® bootable SD card image.

### 1.1 Prerequisites

- Raspberry Pi® 4
- Flash the Raspberry Pi® OS image (2020-08-20 release from [5]) on a micro-SD card (≥8GB)
- Host machine running Ubuntu 18.04 LTS
- OPTIGA™ TPM (TPM2.0)
  - SLB 9670
  - SLI 9670
  - SLM 9670



**Figure 1** Infineon Iridium SLx 9670 TPM2.0 SPI Board on Raspberry Pi® 4

### 1.2 Kernel Build Guide

This guide is for cross-compilation only. Optionally, native-compilation guide can be found at [6].

Install required dependencies on a host machine:

#### Code Listing 1

```
001      $ sudo apt install git bc bison flex libssl-dev make libc6-dev  
        libncurses5-dev libncurses5-dev
```

Download the Git repository [1]:

#### Code Listing 2

```
001      $ cd ~  
002      $ git clone https://github.com/Infineon/linux-trusted-key-  
        optiga-tpm
```

Install toolchain and set environment variable:

#### Code Listing 3

```
001      $ cd ~  
002      $ git clone https://github.com/raspberrypi/tools  
003      $ export PATH=$PATH:~/tools/arm-bcm2708/arm-linux-  
        gnueabi/f/bin
```

Download Linux kernel source:

#### Code Listing 4

```
001      $ cd ~  
002      $ git clone -b rpi-5.4.y https://github.com/raspberrypi/linux  
003      $ cd linux  
004      $ git checkout raspberrypi-kernel_1.20200902-1
```

Build Linux kernel source:

#### Code Listing 5

```
001      # Prepare  
002      $ KERNEL=kernel7l  
003      $ make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi/f-  
        bcm2711_defconfig  
004  
005      # Configure  
006      $ make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi/f- menuconfig  
007  
008      Security options --->  
009      <M> TRUSTED KEYS  
010      <M> ENCRYPTED KEYS  
011  
012      # Build  
013      $ make -j$(nproc) ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi/f-  
        zImage modules dtbs
```

Transfer kernel modules, kernel image, and device tree blobs to a SD card (remember to set /dev/sd?1 and /dev/sd?2 accordingly, find this information with command “sudo fdisk -l”):

**Code Listing 6**

```

001      $ mkdir mnt
002      $ mkdir mnt/fat32
003      $ mkdir mnt/ext4
004      $ sudo umount /dev/sd?1
005      $ sudo umount /dev/sd?2
006      $ sudo mount /dev/sd?1 mnt/fat32
007      $ sudo mount /dev/sd?2 mnt/ext4
008      $ sudo env PATH=$PATH make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-
          gnueabihf- INSTALL_MOD_PATH=mnt/ext4 modules_install
009      $ sudo cp mnt/fat32/$KERNEL.img mnt/fat32/$KERNEL-backup.img
010      $ sudo cp arch/arm/boot/zImage mnt/fat32/$KERNEL.img
011      $ sudo cp arch/arm/boot/dts/*.dtb mnt/fat32/
012      $ sudo cp arch/arm/boot/dts/overlays/*.dtb*
          mnt/fat32/overlays/
013      $ sudo cp arch/arm/boot/dts/overlays/README
          mnt/fat32/overlays/
014      $ sudo umount mnt/fat32
015      $ sudo umount mnt/ext4
016      $ sync

```

**1.3 Enable TPM**

Insert the flashed SD card and boot the Raspberry Pi®.

Open the kernel config in an editor:

**Code Listing 7**

```

001      $ sudo nano /boot/config.txt

```

Insert the following lines to enable SPI and TPM.

**Code Listing 8**

```

001      dtoverlay=tpm-slbf9670

```

Save the file and exit the editor.

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and check if TPM is activated.

**Code Listing 9**

```

001      $ ls /dev | grep tpm
002      tpm0
003      tpmrm0

```

**1.4 Install TPM Software**

Install the following software on the Raspberry Pi®:

**Table 1 TPM 2.0 software**

Software	Link	Version
tpm2-tss	<a href="https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tss">https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tss</a>	3.0.3



tpm2-tools	<a href="https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tools">https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tools</a>	5.0
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Install dependencies:

#### Code Listing 10

```
001      $ sudo apt update
002      $ sudo apt -y install autoconf-archive libcmocka0 libcmocka-
      dev procps iproute2 build-essential git pkg-config gcc
      libtool automake libssl-dev uthash-dev autoconf doxygen
      libgcrypt-dev libjson-c-dev libcurl4-gnutls-dev uuid-dev
      pandoc
```

Install TPM software stack:

#### Code Listing 11

```
001      $ cd ~
002      $ git clone https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tss.git
003      $ cd tpm2-tss
004      $ git checkout 3.0.3
005      $ ./bootstrap
006      $ ./configure
007      $ make -j$(nproc)
008      $ sudo make install
009      $ sudo ldconfig
```

Install TPM tools:

#### Code Listing 12

```
001      $ cd ~
002      $ git clone https://github.com/tpm2-software/tpm2-tools.git
003      $ cd tpm2-tools
004      $ git checkout 5.0
005      $ ./bootstrap
006      $ ./configure
007      $ make -j$(nproc)
008      $ sudo make install
009      $ sudo ldconfig
```

## 2 Linux Trusted and Encrypted Keys

This section describes how to setup trusted and encrypted keys on a Raspberry Pi®.

### 2.1 TPM Initialization

Authorize non-privileged access to TPM device nodes:

#### Code Listing 13

```
001      $ sudo chmod a+rw /dev/tpmrm0
```

Clear the TPM:

#### Code Listing 14

```
001      $ tpm2_clear -c p
```

Create primary key and store it as persistent key. The auth value must set to 40 hexadecimal characters for keyctl to work:

#### Code Listing 15

```
001      $ tpm2_createprimary -c primary.ctx -G ecc -p  
          hex:0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567  
002      $ tpm2_evictcontrol -C o -c primary.ctx 0x81000001
```

### 2.2 Create Trusted Key

Create a TPM-protected kernel master key (KMK):

#### Code Listing 16

```
001      $ sudo modprobe trusted  
002      $ keyctl add trusted kmk "new 32 keyhandle=0x81000001  
          keyauth=0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567" @s  
003      $ keyctl show @s
```

### 2.3 Create Disk Encryption Key

Create a KMK-protected disk encryption key (DEK). The description must set to 16 hexadecimal characters for ecryptfs to work:

#### Code Listing 17

```
001      $ sudo modprobe encrypted-keys  
002      $ keyctl add encrypted 0123456789abcdef "new ecryptfs  
          trusted:kmk 64" @s  
003      $ keyctl show @s
```

### 2.4 Create EVM Key

Create a KMK-protected EVM key:

**Code Listing 18**

```
001      $ sudo modprobe encrypted-keys
002      $ keyctl add encrypted evm-key "new trusted:kmk 32" @s
003      $ keyctl show @s
```

## 2.5 Make Keys Persistent

Create a target directory:

**Code Listing 19**

```
001      $ mkdir ~/keys
```

Backup the KMK:

**Code Listing 20**

```
001      $ keyctl pipe `keyctl search @s trusted kmk` > ~/keys/kmk.blob
```

Backup the DEK:

**Code Listing 21**

```
001      $ keyctl pipe `keyctl search @s encrypted 0123456789abcdef` >
      ~/keys/dek.blob
```

Backup the EVM key:

**Code Listing 22**

```
001      $ keyctl pipe `keyctl search @s encrypted evm-key` >
      ~/keys/evm-key.blob
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and load the keys:

**Code Listing 23**

```
001      $ sudo modprobe trusted
002      $ keyctl add trusted kmk "load `cat ~/keys/kmk.blob`
      keyhandle=0x81000001
      keyauth=0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567" @s
003      $ sudo modprobe encrypted-keys
004      $ keyctl add encrypted 0123456789abcdef "load `cat
      ~/keys/dek.blob`" @s
005      $ keyctl add encrypted evm-key "load `cat ~/keys/evm-
      key.blob`" @s
006      $ keyctl show @s
```

### 3 KEYCTL Cheat Sheet

Keyctl is a tool to allow user-space programs to perform key manipulation on a Linux system. Table 2 shows a short list of useful commands.

**Table 2** Keyctl cheat sheet

Command	Description
<b>Code Listing 24</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl clear @s</pre>	Unlink all keys attached to a session keyring.
<b>Code Listing 25</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl unlink &lt;key&gt;</pre>	Unlink a specific key from all keyrings.
<b>Code Listing 26</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl show @s</pre>	Display current session's keyrings/keys.
<b>Code Listing 27</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl add user kmk       "password" @s</pre>	Create a plain key with following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key type: user</li> <li>• Description: kmk (kernel master key)</li> <li>• Data: password</li> <li>• Keyring: session keyring</li> </ul>
<b>Code Listing 28</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl add trusted       kmk "new 32           keyhandle=0x81000001           keyauth=&lt;auth-           value&gt;" @s</pre>	Create a TPM-protected key with following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key type: trusted</li> <li>• Description: kmk</li> <li>• Data: 32 bytes long random numbers</li> <li>• Sealed by TPM key handle: 0x81000001</li> <li>• TPM key auth value: 40 bytes hexadecimal</li> <li>• Keyring: session keyring</li> </ul>
<b>Code Listing 29</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl add encrypted       enc-key "new user:kmk       32" @s</pre>	Encrypted keys are created from kernel generated random numbers and are encrypted/decrypted using a specified master key. In this example, the key is created with following properties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key type: encrypted</li> <li>• Description: enc-key</li> <li>• Data: 32 bytes long random numbers</li> <li>• Master key: kmk</li> <li>• Keyring: session keyring</li> </ul>
<b>Code Listing 30</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl search @s user       kmk</pre>	Search a keyring (@s) for a key of a particular type (user) and description (kmk). If discovered, the ID of the key will be shown.
<b>Code Listing 31</b> <pre>001 \$ keyctl print &lt;key&gt;</pre>	Print the data field of a key.

<b>Code Listing 32</b> <pre>001  \$ keyctl pipe &lt;key&gt; &gt;       key.blob</pre>	Backup a key.
<b>Code Listing 33</b> <pre>001  \$ keyctl add &lt;key-type&gt;       &lt;description&gt; "load       `cat ~/key.blob`" @s</pre>	Load a backup key. This method only works with trusted and encrypted key types.

## 4 Encrypted File System

This section describes how DEK from section 2.3 can be used to setup an encrypted file system.

Install ecryptfs:

### Code Listing 34

```
001      $ sudo apt install ecryptfs-utils
```

Create a target directory:

### Code Listing 35

```
001      $ mkdir ~/vault
```

Mount the directory as an ecryptfs file system:

### Code Listing 36

```
001      $ sudo mount -i -t ecryptfs -o
      ecryptfs_sig=0123456789abcdef,ecryptfs_fnek_sig=0123456789ab
      cdef,ecryptfs_cipher=aes,ecryptfs_key_bytes=32 ~/vault
      ~/vault
```

Create a file in the vault directory:

### Code Listing 37

```
001      $ echo "secret" > ~/vault/data
002      $ xxd ~/vault/data
003      00000000: 7365 6372 6574 0a secret.
```

Unmount the file system and notice the difference, filename and the content are both encrypted now:

### Code Listing 38

```
001      $ sudo umount ~/vault
002      $ ls ~/vault
003      ECRYPTFS_FNEK_ENCRYPTED.FWY...
004      $ xxd ~/vault/ECRYPTFS_FNEK_ENCRYPTED.FWY...
005      00000000: 0000 0000 0000 0007 b245 eee8 8ec4 591d .....E....Y.
006      00000010: 0300 000a 0000 1000 0002 8c2d 0409 0301 .....-....
007      00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 605a ec8c 8901 0c03 .....`Z.....
008      00000030: 6fa9 8896 e23c 8fa3 ca63 ed0a 7de9 9859 o....<...c..}..Y
009      00000040: 2dd5 6938 d1a9 81d0 36ed 1662 085f 434f -.i8....6..b._CO
010      00000050: 4e53 4f4c 4500 0000 0001 2345 6789 abcd NSOLE.....#Eg...
011      ...
```

Mount the directory as an ecryptfs file system to regain access to the file.

## 5 Platform Integrity Protection

This section describes how an evm-key from section 2.4 can be used to setup Linux IMA and EVM subsystems to protect the integrity of a platform.

The IMA subsystem is responsible for verifying the integrity of file contents. This is possible by appraising a file's measurement against a "good" value stored as a file's extended attribute (e.g., security.ima).

The EVM subsystem is responsible for verifying the integrity of security-sensitive extended attributes with the help of EVM key to prevent offline tempering of files.

### 5.1 Kernel Re-build

First time Git setup, insert your username and email.

#### Code Listing 39

```
012      $ git config --global user.name "your name"
013      $ git config --global user.email your-email@example.com
```

Apply the following patch and skip 5.1.1; otherwise, for detailed steps please follow 5.1.1.

#### Code Listing 40

```
001      $ cd linux
002      $ git am ~/linux-trusted-key-optiga-tpm/patches/code-listing-
          39-40-41.patch
```

#### 5.1.1 Kernel Source Change

Modify line 142 of file security/integrity/ima/ima\_policy.c. The change restricts IMA/EVM appraisal to files that are owned and access by root only.

#### Code Listing 41

```
001      static struct ima_rule_entry default_appraise_rules[]
002          __ro_after_init = {
003          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = PROC_SUPER_MAGIC,
004           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
005          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = SYSFS_MAGIC,
006           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
007          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = DEBUGFS_MAGIC,
008           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
009          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = TMPFS_MAGIC,
010           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
011          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = RAMFS_MAGIC,
012           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
013          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = DEVPTS_SUPER_MAGIC, .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
014          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = BINFMIFS_MAGIC,
015           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
016          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = SECURITYFS_MAGIC,
017           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
018          {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = SELINUX_MAGIC,
019           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
```

**Code Listing 41**

```

011         {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = SMACK_MAGIC,
012           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
013         {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = NSFS_MAGIC,
014           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
015         {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic = EFIVARFS_MAGIC,
016           .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
017         {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic =
018           CGROUP_SUPER_MAGIC, .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
019         {.action = DONT_APPRAISE, .fsmagic =
020           CGROUP2_SUPER_MAGIC, .flags = IMA_FSMAGIC},
021         {.action = APPRAISE, .fowner = GLOBAL_ROOT_UID,
022           .fowner_op = &uid_eq,
023           .uid = GLOBAL_ROOT_UID, .uid_op = &uid_eq, .flags =
024           IMA_FOWNER | IMA_UID},
025     };

```

Since IMA/EVM appraisal can be triggered in the early boot process; therefore, TPM and SPI must be made available before IMA/EVM. In general, a kernel module can be prioritized by configuring it from loadable to built-in. However, some modules do require additional changes, in this instance, the SPI subsystem. Edit the following line in drivers/clk/bcm/clk-bcm2835.c:

**Code Listing 42**

```

001     postcore_initcall( bcm2835_clk_driver_init);

```

Replace it with:

**Code Listing 43**

```

001     subsys_initcall( bcm2835_clk_driver_init);

```

**5.1.2 Kernel Re-configure**

Apply the following configuration:

**Code Listing 44**

```

001     $ make ARCH=arm CROSS_COMPILE=arm-linux-gnueabi- menuconfig
002
003     Device Drivers --->
004         [*] SPI support --->
005             <*> BCM2835 SPI controller
006
007     Device Drivers --->
008         Character devices --->
009             *- TPM Hardware Support --->
010                 <*> TPM Interface Specification 1.3 Interface / TPM 2.0
011                     FIFO Interface - (SPI)
012
013     Security options --->
014         <*> TRUSTED KEYS
015         *- ENCRYPTED KEYS
016         [*] Enable different security models

```



**Code Listing 44**

```
016      -- Enable the securityfs filesystem
017      [*] Integrity subsystem
018      [*] Integrity Measurement Architecture (IMA)
019      [*] Appraise integrity measurements
020      [*] ima_appraise boot parameter
021      [*] EVM support
022      [*] FSUUID (version 2)
```

Build and transfer the kernel image according to section 1.2.

Boot the Raspberry Pi® and edit the kernel boot parameters:

**Code Listing 45**

```
001      $ sudo nano /boot/cmdline.txt
```

Append the following to the existing line:

**Code Listing 46**

```
001      ima_policy=tcb
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and check if IMA is activated. The return value must be greater than 1.

**Code Listing 47**

```
001      $ sudo cat /sys/kernel/security/ima/runtime_measurements_count
002      1517
```

## 5.2 Install Extended Attributes Utility

Install the utility on the Raspberry Pi®:

**Code Listing 48**

```
001      $ sudo apt install attr
```

Check if the installation is ok:

**Code Listing 49**

```
001      $ getfattr --version
002      getfattr 2.4.48
```

## 5.3 IMA Appraisal

The IMA appraisal feature enables a local system to perform file integrity validation.

### 5.3.1 Setup

Before IMA appraisal can be enabled, the filesystem must be labelled with extended attribute “security.ima”. This can be done by editing the kernel boot parameter:

**Code Listing 50**

```
001      ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=fix
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and check if the IMA labelling is working by looking for the extended attribute “security.ima” using the utility getfattr.

**Code Listing 51**

```
001      $ sudo su -c "echo 'hello world' > data"
002      $ getfattr -de hex -m - data
003      # file: data
004      security.ima=0x0122596363b3de40b06f981fb85d82312e8c0ed511
```

Execute the following to label the file system. Only files that meet the policies (Code Listing 41) will be labelled. This process will take some time (up to 20mins):

**Code Listing 52**

```
001      $ sudo su -c "time find / -fstype ext4 -type f -uid 0 -exec dd
      if='{' of=/dev/null count=0 status=none \;"
```

Now, activate IMA appraisal by editing the kernel boot parameter:

**Code Listing 53**

```
001      ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=enforce
```

**5.3.2 Verify**

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and check if the IMA is still working by repeating Code Listing 51.

To demonstrate an IMA appraisal failure, create a root owned file and permit a non-root user to edit the file (this is for testing only). Since user actions do not trigger the appraisal due to the specified policies; therefore, the extended attribute is not updated. Consequently, appraisal will fail, and the file will become inaccessible in root.

**Code Listing 54**

```
001      $ sudo rm data
002      $ sudo su -c "echo 'hello world' > data"
003      $ getfattr -de hex -m - data
004      # file: data
005      security.ima=0x0122596363b3de40b06f981fb85d82312e8c0ed511
006      $ sudo cat data
007      hello world
008      $ sudo chmod a+w data
009      $ echo "world hello" >> data
010      $ getfattr -de hex -m - data
011      # file: data
012      security.ima=0x0122596363b3de40b06f981fb85d82312e8c0ed511
013      $ sudo cat data
014      cat: data: Permission denied
```

## 5.4 EVM Appraisal

With IMA appraisal enabled, EVM appraisal can be introduced to protect the IMA extended attribute using a KMK-protected EVM key.

For EVM appraisal to work, KMK and EVM key must be loaded before EVM activation. This is where initramfs comes in, it provides a miniature filesystem just enough to populate the keyring and activate EVM before rootfs gets mounted.

### 5.4.1 Setup

Download the Git repository [1] on the Raspberry Pi®:

#### Code Listing 55

```
001      $ cd ~
002      $ git clone https://github.com/Infineon/linux-trusted-key-
          optiga-tpm
```

An initramfs image can be created using the utility initramfs-tools [7].

After completing section 2.4 & 2.5, both KMK and EVM key are available at directory ~/keys.

Create a hook script “ima-hook” (is also available in ~/linux-trusted-key-optiga-tpm/initramfs-tools) in the directory /etc/initramfs-tools/hooks/. Hook scripts are used to indicate what files to be included in an initramfs image. These scripts will not be included in the image itself.

#### Code Listing 56

```
001      #!/bin/sh
002      PREREQ=""
003      prereqs()
004      {
005          echo "$PREREQ"
006      }
007
008      case $1 in
009          prereqs)
010              prereqs
011              exit 0
012              ;;
013          esac
014
015      . /usr/share/initramfs-tools/hook-functions
016      # Begin real processing below this line
017
018      # Copy executables we need to initramfs
019      copy_exec /bin/keyctl /usr/bin
020
021      # Copy other files to initramfs
022      mkdir -p $DESTDIR/etc/keys
023      cp /home/pi/keys/kmk.blob $DESTDIR/etc/keys
024      cp /home/pi/keys/evm-key.blob $DESTDIR/etc/keys
025
026      exit 0
```

Create a boot script “ima-boot” (is also available in ~/linux-trusted-key-optiga-tpm/initramfs-tools) in the directory /etc/initramfs-tools/scripts/local-top/. Boot script as its name suggests is executed at initramfs boot time to load KMK and EVM keys before enabling EVM. Boot scripts will be included in the initramfs image.

**Code Listing 57**

```

001      #!/bin/sh
002      PREREQ=""
003      prereqs()
004      {
005          echo "$PREREQ"
006      }
007
008      case $1 in
009      prereqs)
010          prereqs
011          exit 0
012          ;;
013      esac
014
015      echo "initramfs keys loading start..." > /dev/kmsg 2>&1 <
/dev/console
016
017      # import KMK and EVM key
018      keyctl add trusted kmk "load `cat /etc/keys/kmk.blob`
keyhandle=0x81000001
keyauth=0123456789abcdef0123456789abcdef01234567" @u
019      keyctl add encrypted evm-key "load `cat /etc/keys/evm-
key.blob`" @u
020
021      # change evm-key permission to grant full access to processor
and owner
022      EVM_KEY=`keyctl show @u | grep evm-key | sed "s/ *//" | sed
"s/`.*//"`
023      KMK_KEY=`keyctl show @u | grep kmk | sed "s/ *//" | sed "s/
.*//"`
024      keyctl setperm $EVM_KEY 0x3f000000
025      keyctl setperm $KMK_KEY 0x3f000000
026      echo "initramfs, kmk and evm-key loaded successfully: " >
/dev/kmsg
027      keyctl show > /dev/kmsg
028
029      # mount securityfs
030      mount -n -t securityfs securityfs /sys/kernel/security
031
032      # enable EVM
033      echo "1" > /sys/kernel/security/evm

```

Make both scripts executable:

**Code Listing 58**

```

001      $ sudo chmod a+x /etc/initramfs-tools/hooks/ima-hook
002      $ sudo chmod a+x /etc/initramfs-tools/scripts/local-top/ima-
boot

```

Disable IMA appraisal by editing the kernel boot parameters. The file is not accessible from within Raspberry Pi® OS due to IMA appraisal is in enforcement mode; instead, access it externally with a microSD card reader.

**Code Listing 59**

```
001      ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=fix evm=fix
```

Boot the Raspberry Pi® then create an initramfs image in the directory /boot:

**Code Listing 60**

```
001      $ sudo update-initramfs -c -k $(uname -r)
```

Verify the image by checking if keys and boot script are copied over:

**Code Listing 61**

```
001      $ mkdir ~/initramfs
002      $ cd ~/initramfs
003      $ zcat /boot/initrd.img-5.4.51-v7l+ | cpio -idmv
004      $ ls etc/keys/
005      evm-key.blob  kmk.blob
006      $ ls scripts/local-top/
007      ima-boot  ORDER
```

Insert the following lines to kernel config:

**Code Listing 62**

```
001      initramfs initrd.img-5.4.51-v7l+
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and check if EVM is activated:

**Code Listing 63**

```
001      $ sudo cat /sys/kernel/security/evm
002      1
```

Execute the following to label the file system. Only files that meet the policies (Code Listing 41) will be labelled. This process will take some time (up to 20mins):

**Code Listing 64**

```
001      $ sudo su -c "time find / -fstype ext4 -type f -uid 0 -exec dd
      if='{' of=/dev/null count=0 status=none \;"
```

Activate IMA and EVM appraisal by editing the kernel boot parameter to the following without including “evm=fix”:

**Code Listing 65**

```
001      ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=enforce
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi®.

## 5.4.2 Verify

After completing section 5.4.1, a new extended attribute “security.evm” can be observed by:

### Code Listing 66

```
001    $ sudo rm data
002    $ sudo su -c "echo 'hello world' > data"
003    $ getfattr -de hex -m - data
004    # file: data
005    security.evm=0x0284513b42309bf4f084203396853df0edb5c9a1bf
006    security.ima=0x0122596363b3de40b06f981fb85d82312e8c0ed511
```

To demonstrate the effect of EVM, disable early activation of EVM by editing the kernel config (Code Listing 67) and editing the kernel boot parameters (Code Listing 68). Again, they are not accessible from within Raspberry Pi® OS due to IMA & EVM appraisal are in enforcement mode; instead, access them externally with a microSD card reader.

### Code Listing 67

```
001    #initramfs initrd.img-5.4.51-v7l+
```

### Code Listing 68

```
001    ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=fix evm=fix
```

Boot the Raspberry Pi® and check if EVM is disabled:

### Code Listing 69

```
001    $ sudo cat /sys/kernel/security/evm
002    0
```

To demonstrate an EVM appraisal failure, execute the following to corrupt the EVM attribute. Observe EVM attribute is not changed despite the group owner change (IMA attribute keep track of file content. EVM attribute keep track of file metadata, e.g., ownership, IMA attribute, ...).

### Code Listing 70

```
001    $ sudo chgrp pi data
002    $ getfattr -de hex -m - data
003    # file: data
004    security.evm=0x0284513b42309bf4f084203396853df0edb5c9a1bf
005    security.ima=0x0122596363b3de40b06f981fb85d82312e8c0ed511
```

Activate EVM by editing the kernel config:

### Code Listing 71

```
001    initramfs initrd.img-5.4.51-v7l+
```

Activate EVM appraisal by editing the kernel boot parameter to the following without including “evm=fix”:

### Code Listing 72

```
001    ima_policy=appraise_tcb ima_appraise=enforce
```

Reboot the Raspberry Pi® and observe the file is no longer accessible:

#### Code Listing 73

001	\$ sudo cat data
002	cat: data: Permission denied

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