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# Secure boot, trusted boot and remote attestation for ARM TrustZone-based IoT Nodes

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Relevance for thesis



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## Goals

- IoT devices
- ARM (TrustZone)
- Assure integrity
- Defend against
  - Hardware attacks
  - OS/Firmware attacks
  - Software attacks



## Solutions

- Hybrid booting
  - Secure boot
  - Trusted boot
- Process integrity measurement
  - Pagebased attestation

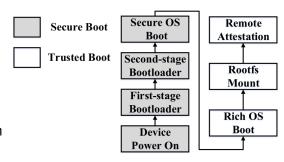


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## Secure boot

- Offline phase
  - Measure image
  - Hash
  - Sign
- Secure boot phase
  - First-stage bootloader trusted base
  - Locate next
  - Verify

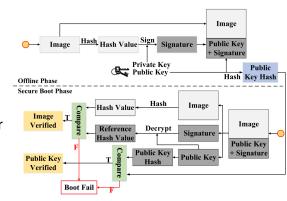
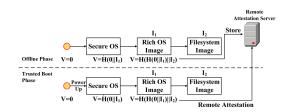


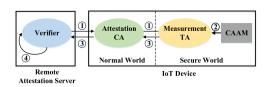
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## Trusted boot

- Offline phase
  - Calculate hash
  - Encrypt with symmetric key
  - Store
- Trusted boot phase
  - 1. TLS connection nonce
  - 2. Encrypt nonce & hash
  - Respond
  - Hash verification (integrity) Nonce verification (replay)





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# Trusted boot encryption

- Symmetric key
- Safe at server
- Storage in IoT device
  - Generate blob key (RNG)
  - Encrypt and MAC
  - Derive BKEK using MK
  - Concatenate parts
  - SNVS for Master Key



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## Idea

- Secure boot base
- Runtime integrity
- Measure code pages
- Measurement TA
- Remote Attestation Server

## Process integrity measurement

- 1. Map address of init\_task
- 2. Obtain physical address
- Transform to virtual address
- 4. Calculate page boundaries
- 5. Measure each page

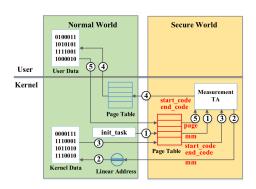


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# Process integrity attestation

- Request nonce
- 2. Calculate measurement
- 3. Encrypt attestation info
- Send cyphertext and repeat 2 or continue
- 5. Send cyphertext to verifier
- 6. Verify (new, modified)

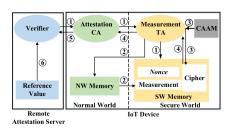


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## Results

#### Performance

- Secure boot doubles secure OS boot-time
- Trusted boot adds little overhead (0.5%)
- Measurement TA and attestation CA overhead (-0.5% ≈ +0.5%)

### Security

- Secure boot gives secure base
- Measurement method relies on NW

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## Focus shift

- Secure boot (engineering)
- Attestation
  - Informing user
  - Securing NW
- Reproduction
  - Process measurement
  - Process attestation
- Adjustments
  - Remote server
  - Reliance on NW OS

## **Differences**

#### **Paper**

- Secure boot
- Trusted boot
- Remote attestation
- IoT devices

#### **Thesis**

- Secure boot assumed
- No Trusted boot
- SW attests NW
- Secure Open platform

## Questions?



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## References



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