[UEFI Practice] OpenSSL in BIOS

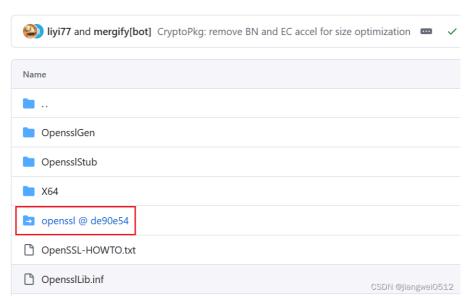


openssI in BIOS

OpenSSL is a cryptographic library or cryptographic tool. The blog Cryptography Basics_hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes t-CSDN introduced the basic cryptographic concepts and the use of OpenSSL tools. Here we will introduce how to use OpenSSL under BIOS.

The open source BIOS code library EDK contains a CryptoPkg, which contains the cryptographic library interface required by BIOS. By including the opensal cryptographic library code, various cryptographic algorithms and tools can be used under BIOS. It should be noted that the EDK code does not directly contain the opensal code, but is implemented through external links, as shown in the following figure:

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Clicking the red box will jump to the corresponding code base, where the number after @ is the corresponding version. This is because both EDK and opensal codes are constantly being updated, so there are compatibility issues. By specifying version information, it can be ensured that EDK can compile and use opensal normally.

In this way, when we download the EDK code directly, it will not contain the opensal code, and an additional download is required, which can be downloaded through the submodule subcommand of git. The test code https://gitee.com/jiangwei0512/edk2-beni.git used later has provided a one-click compilation method, and the corresponding opensal version will be downloaded during the first compilation.

Code Processing

After downloading the openssI code, EDK uses existing libraries OpenssILib to include the code and compile it. There are multiple such libraries, and the difference lies in the openssI functions included. If you need to support the TLS function in HTTPS, include it if necessary OpenssILib.inf, otherwise OpenssILibCrypto.inf just include it:

 1
 !if \$(NETWORK_TLS_ENABLE) == TRUE

 2
 OpensslLib|CryptoPkg/Library/OpensslLib/OpensslLib.inf

 3
 !else

 4
 OpensslLib|CryptoPkg/Library/OpensslLib/OpensslLib/Crypto.inf

 5
 !endif

Others include OpensslLibAccel.inf, OpensslLibFull.inf, OpensslLibFullAccel.inf etc., which have no essential differences, except for the number of functions they include.

It should be noted that this <code>OpensslLib</code> library is not directly used by other EDK codes. There is also a layer of EDK general library wrapped in the middle. These libraries correspond to different stages or functions of BIOS:

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bash
 1 # SEC
 2
    [Components]
 3
 4
      # SEC Phase modules
      OvmfPkg/Sec/SecMain.inf {
 8
          NULL \mid \texttt{MdeModulePkg/Library/LzmaCustomDecompressLib/LzmaCustomDecompressLib.info} \\
 9
           NULL|OvmfPkg/IntelTdx/TdxHelperLib/SecTdxHelperLib.inf
10
          BaseCryptLib|CryptoPkg/Library/BaseCryptLib/SecCryptLib.inf
11
12
13
14
    [LibraryClasses.common]
15
      BaseCryptLib|CryptoPkg/Library/BaseCryptLib/BaseCryptLib.inf
16
17
    [LibraryClasses.common.DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER]
18
19
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Therefore, when you need to use openssl under BIOS, you need to include libraries such as BaseCryptLib and introduce BaseCryptLib.h header files in the code.

In addition, there are several points to note.

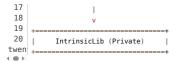
First, in order for the open source openssl to be compiled normally in the EDK source code, some basic functions of its underlying layer need to be included, such as the very commonly used memset() functions in the openssl code. If it is compiled under Linux, the C standard library can be directly included, but there is no C standard library in the EDK source code. Therefore, in order to support this command, these basic functions need to be packaged, which introduces another C RunTime Library (CrtLib) under EDK, which can be seen from edk2\CryptoPko\Library\Include\CrtLibSupport.h:

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                                                                                                                                                                           run
    #ifndef __CRT_LIB_SUPPORT_H_
#define __CRT_LIB_SUPPORT_H_
  4
     #include <Library/BaseLib.h>
     #include <Library/BaseMemoryLib.h>
  5
  6
     #include <Library/DebugLib.h>
     #include <Library/PrintLib.h>
  q
     #define OPENSSLDIR ""
     #define ENGINESDIR ""
 10
 11
     #define MODULESDIR
 12
 13
     #define MAX_STRING_SIZE 0x1000
 14
 15
      // 中间略
 16
 17
     //
 18
     // Macros that directly map functions to BaseLib, BaseMemoryLib, and DebugLib functions
 19
 20 #define memcpy(dest, source, count)
                                                    CopyMem(dest,source,(UINTN)(count))
twen #define memset(dest, ch, count)
                                                    SetMem(dest,(UINTN)(count),(UINT8)(ch))
twen #define memchr(buf, ch. count)
                                                    ScanMem8(buf.(UINTN)(count).(UINT8)ch)
                                                    (int)(CompareMem(buf1.buf2.(UINTN)(count)))
twen #define memcmp(buf1, buf2, count)
twen #define memmove(dest, source, count)
                                                    CopyMem(dest,source,(UINTN)(count))
                                                    (size_t)(AsciiStrnLenS(str,MAX_STRING_SIZE))
     #define strlen(str)
     \texttt{\#define} \ \ \mathsf{strncpy}(\mathsf{strDest}, \ \mathsf{strSource}, \ \mathsf{count}) \quad \mathsf{AsciiStrnCpyS}(\mathsf{strDest}, \ \mathsf{MAX\_STRING\_SIZE}, \ \mathsf{strSource}, \ (\ \mathsf{UINTN}) \ \mathsf{count})
 27
     #define strcat(strDest, strSource)
                                                    AsciiStrCatS(strDest,MAX STRING SIZE,strSource)
                                                    (int)(AsciiStrnCmp(string1,string2,(UINTN)(count)))
 28
     #define strncmp(string1, string2, count)
 29
     #define strcasecmp(str1, str2)
                                                    (int)AsciiStriCmp(str1,str2)
     #define strstr(s1, s2)
                                                    AsciiStrStr(s1,s2)
     #define sprintf(buf, ...)
                                                    AsciiSPrint(buf,MAX_STRING_SIZE,__VA_ARGS__)
 32
     #define localtime(timer)
                                                    NULL
 33
     #define assert(expression)
     34
                                       AsciiStrDecimalToUintn(nptr)
     #define atoi(nptr)
 36
     #define gettimeofday(tvp, tz) do { (tvp)->tv_sec = time(NULL); (tvp)->tv_usec = 0; } while (0)
 37
 38 #endif
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The functions in the C standard library can be implemented through other libraries under EDK (such as the IntrinsicLib library). The internal implementation of the C standard library header functions such as stdlib.h included in opensal is to include the header file CrtLibSupport.h:

This creates the following pattern:

```
bash
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 2
    | EDK II Firmware Module/Library |
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 4
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 8
    | TlsLib |
                      BaseCryptLib
10
         ^
11
12
13
14
          OpensslLib (Private)
15
16
```



Secondly, EDK includes OpenSSL in the form of a library, but there are different ways to implement this library, which can be a real library or include Protocol or PPI in the library. The former should be a little faster, while the latter can reduce the space occupied by OpenSSL included in EDK.

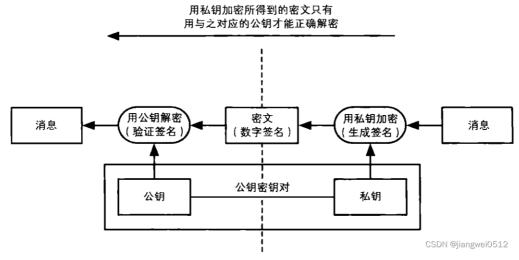
bash				Al generated projects	登录复制
1 2	+=====+ EDK II PEI	+=====+ EDK II DXE/UEFI	+======+ EDK II SMM		
3	Module/Library	Module/Library	Module/Library		
4 5	+=====+	+=====+	+=======+		
6	1 1				
7	v v	v v	v		
8	+=====+ TlsLib BaseCryptLib	+=====+ TlsLib BaseCryptLib	+======+ TlsLib BaseCryptLib		
10	++	+	+		
11 12	BaseCryptLib	BaseCryptLib	BaseCryptLib		
13	OnPpiProtocol/ PeiCryptLib.inf	OnPpiProtocol/ DxeCryptLib.inf	OnPpiProtocol/ SmmCryptLib.inf		
14	+=====+	+=====+	+=======+		
15	^	^	^		
16 17	(Dynamic)	(Dynamic) v	(Dynamic)		
18	v +=====+	V +=====+	V +=====+		
19 20	Crypto PPI	Crypto Protocol	Crypto SMM Protocol		
twen	+ CryptoPei	 CryptoDxe	CryptoSmm		
twen twen	+=====+	+=====+	+=====+		
twen	1 1	1 1			
25	v	v	v		
26	+=====+	+=====+	+======+		
27 28	TlsLib +=====+ v	TlsLib +=====+ v	TlsLib		
29	^ +======+	^ +======+	^ +======+		
30	BaseCryptLib	BaseCryptLib	BaseCryptLib		
31	+=====+	+=====+	+======+		
32 33	^				
34	1 I V V	1	l l V V		
35	+=====+	+=====+	+=======+		
36	OpensslLib	OpensslLib	OpensslLib		
37 38	+=====+	+=====+	+=======+		
39	1		1		
40	v	V	v		
41 42	+=====+ IntrinsicLib	+=====+ IntrinsicLib	+=====+ IntrinsicLib		
43	+=====+	+=====+	+======+		
4 @ }			收起 へ		

Depending on the size of the BIOS binary being used, different methods can be chosen.

Code Sample

During the BIOS startup process, the BootLoader will be executed to load the system. The most commonly used one is GRUB, which may be a UEFI application named bootx64.efi. At the end of the BIOS startup, the control will be handed over to this bootx64.efi, and the latter will start the system. But there is a problem here, how to ensure that this application is really what we need? If the application is modified or even replaced, resulting in the execution of some code that we do not want to execute, it is a very serious security vulnerability.

After reading the blog Cryptography Basics_hex string is too short, padding with zero bytes t-CSDN, you can know that you can use digital signatures to solve the problem of bootx64.efi being modified. The principle is shown in the figure below:



The actual process used is as follows:

- 1. Use the private key to encrypt bootx64.efi. The private key is retained by the provider of bootx64.efi and cannot be disclosed.
- 2. Put the public key in the BIOS code, and use this public key to verify bootx64.efi during startup. If successful, load this program, otherwise do not load it.

Through this operation, if bootx64.efi is modified, this program will not be executed, thus preventing the execution of abnormal code. The following will introduce the contents of these two parts.

Private key encryption

The first step is to create a private key, which can be done through the openssI tool.

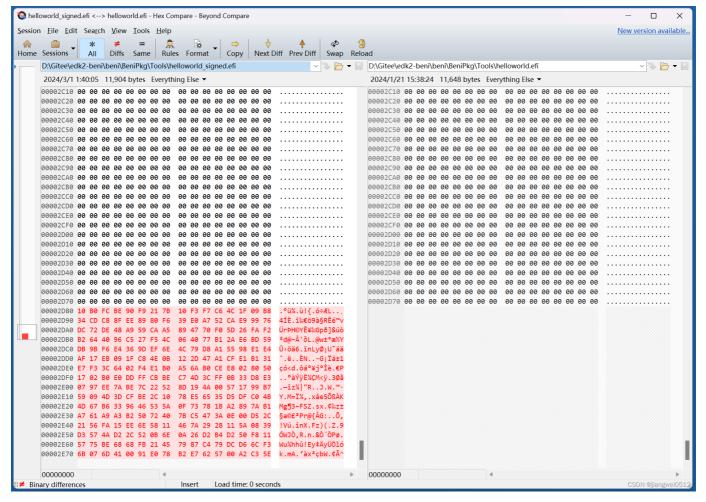
Create a private key

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bash Al generated projects 登录复制 $1 \hspace{0.2cm} |\hspace{0.08cm} \texttt{D:\Gitee} \setminus \texttt{dk2-beni} \setminus \texttt{BeniPkg} \setminus \texttt{Tools-openssl.exe} \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{genrsa} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{-out} \hspace{0.2cm} \texttt{private.pem} \hspace{0.2cm} \textbf{2048}$ 2 Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus (2 primes) 5 e is 65537 (0x010001) 2. Extract the public key from the private key: Al generated projects 登录复制 $1 \mid \texttt{D:\backslash Gitee\backslash edk2-beni\backslash beni\backslash BeniPkg\backslash Tools>openssl.exe rsa -in private.pem -pubout -out public.pem}$ 2 writing RSA key 3. Encrypt the SHA256 hash value of bootx64.efi (this file is not available at hand, use helloworld.efi instead): 登录复制 bash Al generated projects $1 \mid \texttt{D:\Gitee} \mid \texttt{dk2-beni} \mid \texttt{beni} \mid \texttt{Beni} \mid \texttt{kg} \mid \texttt{Tools} \mid \texttt{openssl.exe} \mid \texttt{dgst} \mid \texttt{-sign} \mid \texttt{private.pem} \mid \texttt{-sha256} \mid \texttt{-out} \mid \texttt{sign.bin} \mid \texttt{helloworld.efi} \mid \texttt$ private.pem is the private key created earlier, helloworld.efi is the signed file (used to replace bootx64.efi for testing), and sign.bin is the output file, which represents the digital signature of helloworld.efi. 4. If you want to verify the signature, you can use the following command: 登录复制 bash Al generated projects 1 D:\Gitee\edk2-beni\beni\beni\BeniPkg\Tools>openssl.exe dgst -verify public.pem -sha256 -signature sign.bin helloworld.efi 2 Verified OK You can see " Verified OK", indicating that the verification is successful. Here public.pem is the corresponding public key. Our subsequent code is to implement this step. 5. Finally, put the original file (here is helloworld.efi) and the digital signature together to get the final efi file: Al generated projects 登录复制 bash $1 \hspace{0.2cm} \mid \texttt{D:\backslash Gitee\backslash edk2-beni\backslash beni\backslash BeniPkg\backslash Tools>copy} \hspace{0.2cm} \textit{/b helloworld.efi+sign.bin helloworld_signed.bin}$

Finally, we get a helloworld_signed.efi, which is compared with the original version. The differences are as follows:



Public key decryption

This part requires BIOS code to implement, and a command called exec is used here for testing

First, let's look at the original code, which is located in beni/BeniPkg/DynamicCommand/ExecuteShellAppCommand/Exec.c · jiangwei/edk2-beni - Code Cloud - Open Source China (gitee.com) , and its main implementation is:

```
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  1
     VOID
  2
     Exec
  3
       IN CONST CHAR16
                                          *AppName
  4
  5
     1
       EFI STATUS
                                 Status = EFI ABORTED;
  6
       EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL *DevPath = NULL;
  8
                                  *Str = NULL;
  q
 10
       DevPath = gEfiShellProtocol->GetDevicePathFromFilePath (AppName);
       if (NULL == DevPath) {
 11
 12
         DEBUG ((EFI D ERROR, "Device path not found!\n")):
 13
         return;
 14
 15
         Str = ConvertDevicePathToText (DevPath, TRUE, FALSE);
 16
         if (Str)
           DEBUG ((EFI_D_ERROR, "DevPath: %s\n", Str));
 17
 18
           FreePool (Str);
 19
         }
 20
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       Status = qEfiShellProtocol->Execute (&qImageHandle, (CHAR16 *)AppName, NULL, NULL);
       if (EFI ERROR (Status)) {
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         DEBUG ((EFI_D_ERROR, "Execute failed. - %r\n", Status));
 25
 26
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       return
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This is a command under Shell, which is executed by the following command:

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1 exec helloworld.efi

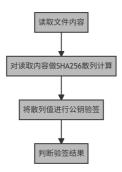
helloworld.efi is a shell application (unencrypted), and this operation will execute this command.

But when the security element is added, there is helloworld_signed.efi, so the code also needs to add relevant processing and Exec() add judgment in the function:

c Al generated projects 登录复制 run

```
VOID
    Exec (
 3
     IN CONST CHAR16
                                        *AppName
 4
 5
    {
 6
      EFI STATUS
                                Status = EFI ABORTED:
      EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL *DevPath = NULL;
 8
                                *Str = NULL;
 q
10
      if (!(SecureCheck (AppName))) {
        ShellPrintHiiEx (-1, -1, NULL, STRING_TOKEN (STR_SECURE_ERROR), mExecHiiHandle);
11
12
13
14
        ShellPrintHiiEx (-1, -1, NULL, STRING_TOKEN (STR_SECURE_SUCCESS), mExecHiiHandle);
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SecureCheck() OpenSSL is needed, and its operation process is as follows:



The following are the steps described above:

- 1. There is no need to explain how to read files, it can be done by calling the general interface.
- 2. SHA256 is used to hash the read content, because SHA256 is used in private key encryption, and the two must correspond. The code is as follows (for easy viewing, only the main code is retained):

It should be noted here that the current application contains two parts: original content and digital signature, while hashing is only for the former part.

3. Next is signature verification. Here you need to use the public key, which has been generated in the introduction of private key encryption, but needs to be converted before it can be used in the code:

```
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 bash
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  1 D:\Gitee\edk2-beni\beni\BeniPkg\Tools>openssl.exe rsa -in private.pem -text
     RSA Private-Key: (2048 bit, 2 primes)
     modulus:
          00:91:ad:ec:3f:4d:85:5f:c0:a7:95:14:92:6c:2f:
          0d:37:6e:58:2d:9a:06:0b:07:c0:15:90:1e:d9:70:
  6
         25:a5:fe:87:68:c3:cd:a2:e5:d4:d7:3c:06:1f:30:
         a3:81:a7:6a:f0:27:aa:26:0c:cb:7d:cb:c2:2c:c6:
          67:b5:76:ef:30:4d:8d:12:6b:4d:20:11:2c:c4:69:
          a6:9b:db:0e:c8:ae:3e:cc:a8:e3:83:b9:80:5b:d2:
 10
         97:3c:e2:e7:85:5a:db:53:23:8a:b4:a0:f8:02:f3:
 11
         03:ec:41:37:97:d0:b5:35:f5:01:d9:3b:e8:24:24:
 12
          ef:39:80:40:5e:c0:c6:b5:3d:32:3b:f1:4b:80:a9:
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         2d:93:06:d4:8e:06:b6:b0:3e:ce:6a:17:75:28:32:
 14
          50:a4:c1:86:4c:c0:46:bb:8d:83:6c:8e:53:96:72:
 15
          7d:99:85:6f:19:b5:0c:33:1e:00:57:19:15:59:6b:
 16
          58:30:dc:c5:00:0d:7c:cc:37:05:00:4f:17:a7:41:
 17
         05:e0:d2:f7:67:67:f8:ce:77:a3:1b:9a:45:cf:04:
         14:04:9a:df:58:9d:2a:99:00:f7:16:94:ad:90:77:
 18
          86:ff:6e:6b:03:d3:80:f3:f6:de:d9:cc:89:cc:bc:
 19
 20
          3b:f9:42:06:5d:ba:9b:93:96:b6:f3:e0:fd:98:a1:
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          ff:9b
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Here, modulus and publicExponent are the values that need to be used in the code, and finally in the code:

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        1 ///
                        /// Public modulus of RSA Key.
        3
                           CONST UINT8 mPublicKey[] = {
                                      0x91, 0xad, 0xec, 0x3f, 0x4d, 0x85, 0x5f, 0xc0, 0xa7, 0x95, 0x14, 0x92, 0x6c, 0x2f, 0x0d, 0x37,
        6
                                      0x6e, 0x58, 0x2d, 0x9a, 0x06, 0x0b, 0x07, 0xc0, 0x15, 0x90, 0xle, 0xd9, 0x70, 0x25, 0xa5, 0xfe,
                                      0x87, 0x68, 0xc3, 0xcd, 0xa2, 0xe5, 0xd4, 0xd7, 0x3c, 0x06, 0x1f, 0x30, 0xa3, 0x81, 0xa7, 0x6a,
                                      0xf0, 0x27, 0xaa, 0x26, 0x0c, 0xcb, 0x7d, 0xcb, 0xc2, 0x2c, 0xc6, 0x67, 0xb5, 0x76, 0xef, 0x30,
                                      0 \times 4 \text{d}, \ 0 \times 8 \text{d}, \ 0 \times 12, \ 0 \times 6 \text{b}, \ 0 \times 4 \text{d}, \ 0 \times 20, \ 0 \times 11, \ 0 \times 2 \text{c}, \ 0 \times 6 \text{d}, \ 0 \times 6 \text{d}, \ 0 \times 9 \text{b}, \ 0 \times 6 \text{d}, 
 10
                                     0x3e, 0xcc, 0xa8, 0xe3, 0x83, 0xb9, 0x80, 0x5b, 0xd2, 0x97, 0x3c, 0xe2, 0xe7, 0x85, 0x5a, 0xdb,
```

```
11
                   0x53, 0x23, 0x8a, 0xb4, 0xa0, 0xf8, 0x02, 0xf3, 0x03, 0xec, 0x41, 0x37, 0x97, 0xd0, 0xb5, 0x35,
                    0xf5, 0x01, 0xd9, 0x3b, 0xe8, 0x24, 0x24, 0xef, 0x39, 0x80, 0x40, 0x5e, 0xc0, 0xc6, 0xb5, 0x3d,
   12
    13
                     0x32, 0x3b, 0xf1, 0x4b, 0x80, 0xa9, 0x2d, 0x93, 0x06, 0xd4, 0x8e, 0x06, 0xb6, 0xb0, 0x3e, 0xce,
                     0x6a, 0x17, 0x75, 0x28, 0x32, 0x50, 0xa4, 0xc1, 0x86, 0x4c, 0xc0, 0x46, 0xbb, 0x8d, 0x83, 0x6c,
   15
                     0x8e, 0x53, 0x96, 0x72, 0x7d, 0x99, 0x85, 0x6f, 0x19, 0xb5, 0x0c, 0x33, 0x1e, 0x00, 0x57, 0x19,
   16
                     0x15,\ 0x59,\ 0x6b,\ 0x58,\ 0x30,\ 0xdc,\ 0xc5,\ 0x00,\ 0x0d,\ 0x7c,\ 0xcc,\ 0x37,\ 0x05,\ 0x00,\ 0x4f,\ 0x17,\ 0x6b,\ 
    17
                     0xa7. 0x41. 0x05. 0xe0. 0xd2. 0xf7. 0x67. 0x67. 0xf8. 0xce. 0x77. 0xa3. 0xlb. 0x9a. 0x45. 0xcf.
                     0x04, 0x14, 0x04, 0x9a, 0xdf, 0x58, 0x9d, 0x2a, 0x99, 0x00, 0xf7, 0x16, 0x94, 0xad, 0x90, 0x77,
   18
    19
                     0x86, 0xff, 0x6e, 0x6b, 0x03, 0xd3, 0x80, 0xf3, 0xf6, 0xde, 0xd9, 0xcc, 0x89, 0xcc, 0xbc, 0x3b,
   20
                    0xf9, 0x42, 0x06, 0x5d, 0xba, 0x9b, 0x93, 0x96, 0xb6, 0xf3, 0xe0, 0xfd, 0x98, 0xa1, 0xff, 0x9b,
twen };
twen
twen ///
twen /// Public exponent of RSA Key.
   25 ///
   26 | CONST UINT8 mRsaE[] = {
   27
                   0x01, 0x00, 0x01
   28
                   };
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Once you have the public key, you can verify the signature, and the code processing is relatively simple:

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    ![exec_helloworld_signed](BIOS.assets/exec_helloworld_signed.png)    Rsa = RsaNew ();
 3
      CryptoStatus = RsaSetKey (Rsa, RsaKeyN, mPublicKey, sizeof (mPublicKey));
 4
      CryptoStatus = RsaSetKey (Rsa, RsaKeyE, mRsaE, sizeof (mRsaE));
 5
 6
      CryptoStatus = RsaPkcs1Verify (
 8
                      Rsa,
 9
                      Digest,
                      SHA256 DIGEST SIZE.
10
                      FileBuffer + (FileSize - RSA LEN),
11
12
                      RSA_LEN
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RsaPkcs1Verify() Accepted parameters:

- Rsa : RSA context.
- Digest, SHA256 DIGEST SIZE: SHA256 hash value and its size.
- FileBuffer + (FileSize RSA_LEN), RSA_LEN: Digital signature and its size. Since a 2046-bit signature is used, this value is 256.

FileBuffer + (FileSize - RSA_LEN) This corresponds to the last 256 bytes of the application.

Test Results

The above binaries and codes are already included in edk2-beni: for learning and verifying UEFI BIOS. (gitee.com), helloworld_signed.efi is included in the code, and it will be placed in fs0: after entering the Shell. The program can be executed successfully, but when any byte in helloworld_signed.efi is modified, an error will be reported:

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Machine View

| P38-10 | F60: | P38-10 | F60: | P38-10 |
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