

KeyChain Extension and Integration

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Existing Android API

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Java Cryptography Architecture (JCA)

- offers interfaces for `SecretKey`/`PublicKey`/`PrivateKey`
- offers factories for ciphers, signature schemes etc. to work on the corresponding implementation of keys

native (C++) keystore daemon

- stores key material encrypted using phone lock passphrase, pin or pattern
- offers an OpenSSL engine for loading JCA Key objects from the store without exposing the key material itself, but...
 - there is no real access control
 - only RSA keys are supported
 - attempting to use the keys for anything causes a SIGSEGV in dalvik :-(

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- a system app for key management, such as
 - key generation
 - import/export/deletion of key pairs
 - granting key access
- a public API which allows
 - encryption / decryption
 - signing / verification / MAC
 - generation / import of symmetric keys
 - key agreement protocols

Key Identification

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- each key is referenced by a unique string alias
- keys can be assigned to contacts using the *Key Management* app
- each assignment has a *key usage type identifier*
 - arbitrary string token (application defined)
 - apps can request a key with a given type for a given contact
 - this way the user can easily choose which key to use for which app, and replace keys once they are obsoleted

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- API calls are forwarded using binder IPC to the *keychain* system app
- system app checks if the calling app is allowed to use the key
- system app may present the user with a dialog to authorize the access
- if authorized, the system app processes the request and sends the result back to the caller

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- time spent building full images: approx. 80 hours
- RSA 1024-bit key generation
 - regular MIPS emulator image: 10 minutes
 - x86 emulator image using VT-x/AMD-V: less than 5 seconds