

# TamaGo

## Bare metal Go

Secure embedded unikernels  
with drastically reduced attack surface

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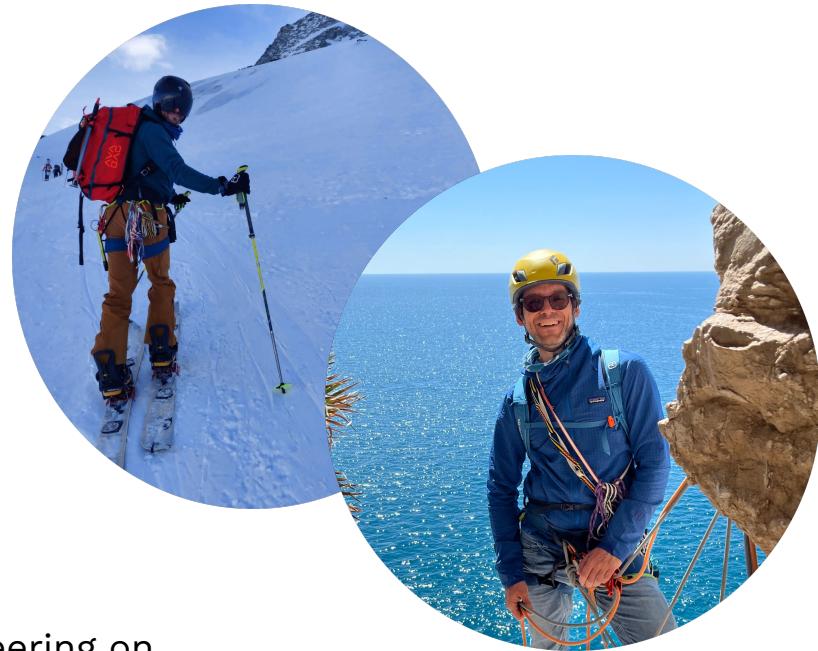
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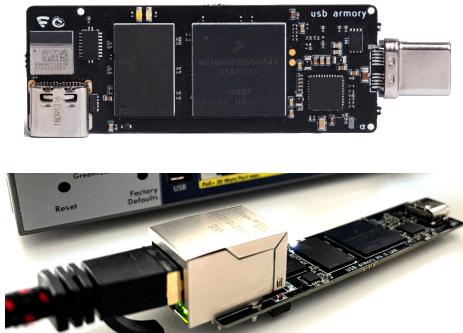
Now also hacking compilers and runtimes...

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# Motivation: USB armory firmware

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The USB armory is a tiny, but powerful, embedded platform for personal security applications.

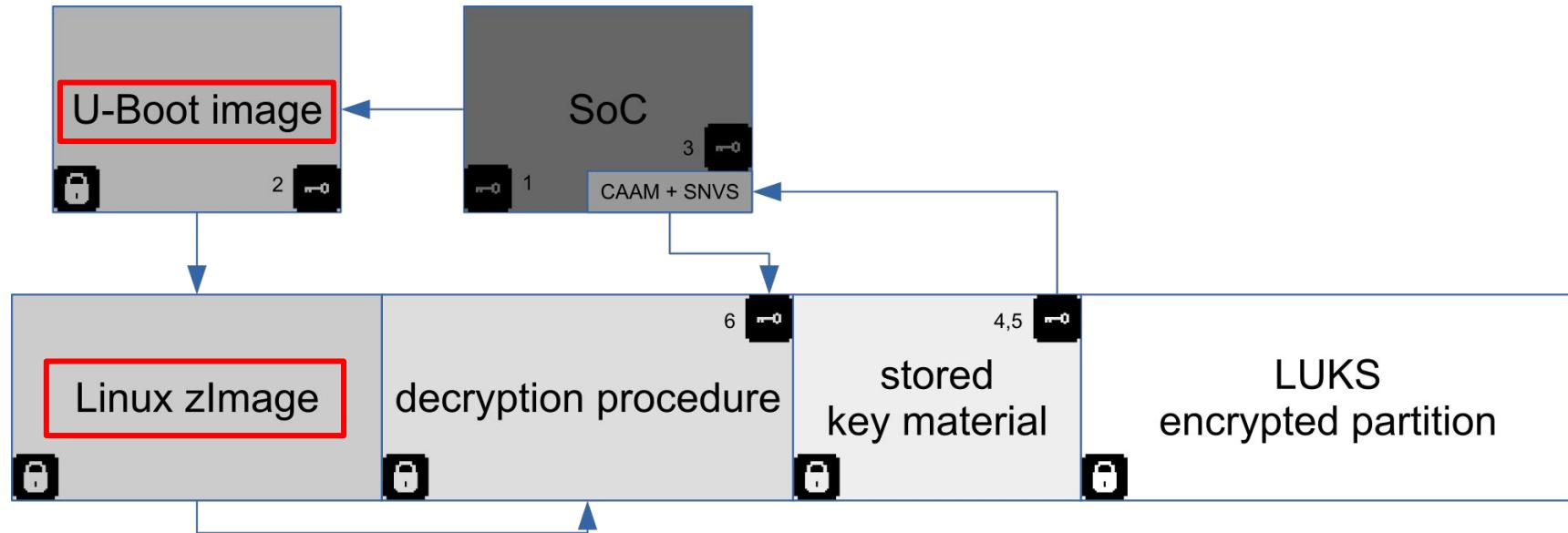
Designed to fit in a pocket, laptops, PCs, server and networks (LAN model with PoE).

The USB armory targets the following primary applications:

- Encrypted storage solutions
- Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- Enhanced smart cards
- Electronic vaults (e.g. cryptocurrency wallets) and key escrow services
- Authentication, provisioning, licensing tokens
- USB firewall



# Reducing the attack surface



Typical secure booted firmware with authentication and confidentiality on an NXP i.M6UL.



# Motivation

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In an ideal world **you should be free to choose the programming language you prefer.**

In an ideal world **all compilers would generate machine code with the same efficiency.**

However in real world lower specs heavily dictate language choices:

Microcontroller (MCU) firmware == unsafe<sup>1</sup> low level languages (C)



Examples:      cryptographic tokens, cryptocurrency wallets, hardware data diodes,  
lower specs IoT and “smart” appliances.

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<sup>1</sup> **Pro tip:** certification does not matter.



# Motivation

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In an ideal world using **higher level languages should not entail complex dependencies**.

In an ideal world **higher level languages should reduce complexity**.

**Complexity should be reduced for the entire environment**, not just being shifted away.

However in real world higher specs heavily dictate OS requirements:

System-on-Chip (SoC) firmware == complex OS + safe (or unsafe<sup>1</sup>) languages



Examples: TEE applets, infotainment units, avionics gateways, home routers, higher specs IoT and “smart” appliances.

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<sup>1</sup> Privileged C-based apps running under Linux to “parse stuff” are very common, like your car infotainment/parking ECU.



# Killing C

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When security matters software and hardware optimizations matter less.

This means that less constrained hardware (e.g. SoCs in favor of MCUs) and higher level code are perfectly acceptable.

However high level programming typically entails several layers (e.g. OS, libraries) to serve runtime execution.

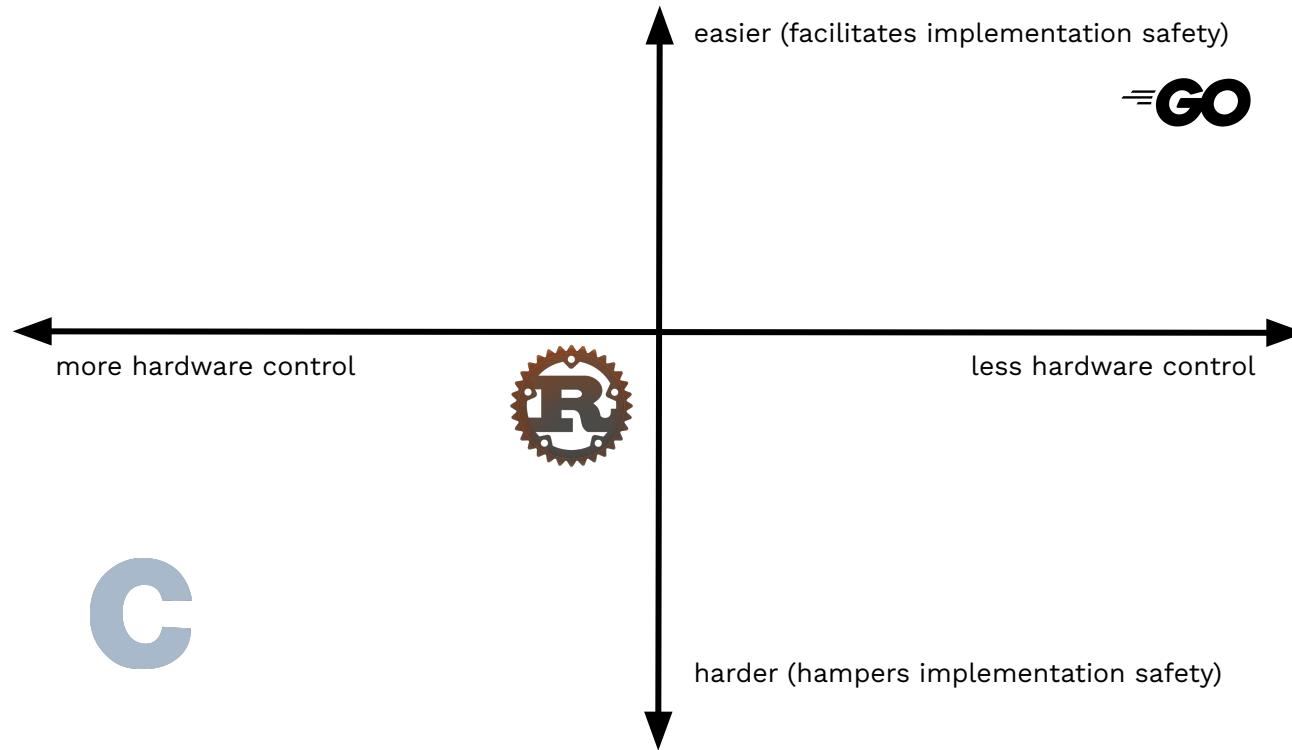
TamaGo spawns from the desire of **reducing the attack surface** of embedded systems firmware by **removing any runtime dependency on C code and inherently complex Operating Systems**.

In other words we want to **avoid shifting complexity around** and run a **higher level language**, such as Go in our effort, **directly on the bare metal**.



# Speed vs Safety

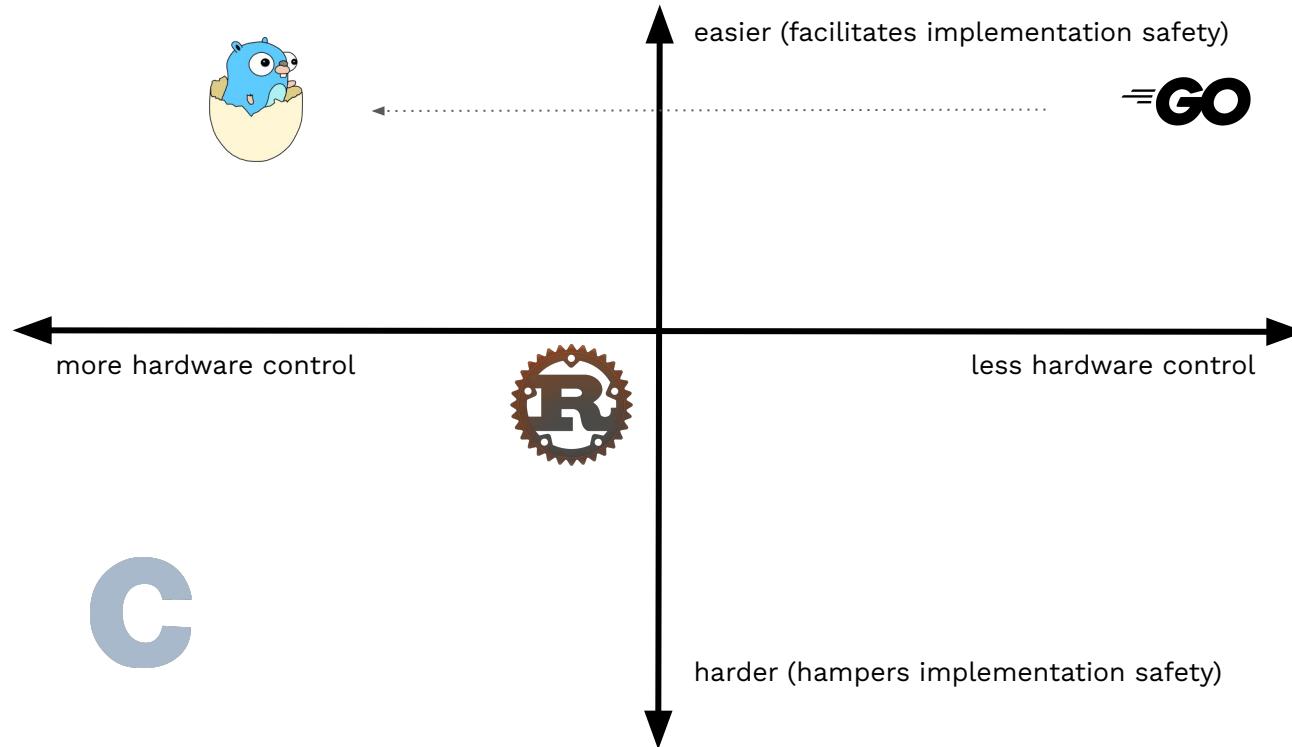
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# Unikernels / library OS

Unikernels<sup>1</sup> are a single address space image to execute a “library operating system”, typically running under bare metal.

The focus is reducing the attack surface, carrying only strictly necessary code.

“True” unikernels are mostly unicorns, as a good chunk of available ones do not fit in this category and represent “fat” unikernels running under hypervisors and/or other (mini) OSes. And just shift around complexity (e.g. the app is PID 1).

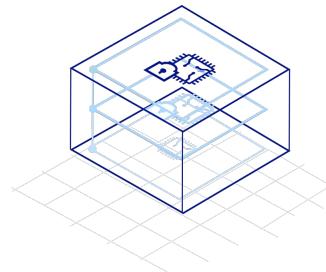
Apart from some exceptions there is always still a lot of C/dependencies involved in the underlying OS, drivers or hypervisor.

## Running or importing \*BSD kernels

Rump kernels (NetBSD based)  
OSv (re-uses code from FreeBSD)

## Running under hypervisor and 3rd party kernel

MirageOS (Solo5)  
ClickOS (MiniOS)



## Running under hypervisor

Nanos (Xen/KVM/Qemu) HalVM (Haskell, Xen)  
LING (Erlang, Xen) RustyHermit (KVM)

## Bare metal

GRISP (Erlang)  
IncludeOS

<sup>1</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unikernel>



# Unikernel security

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From a security standpoint leveraging on Unikernels (whatever the kind) to run multiple applications or an individual C applications is not ideal<sup>1</sup>.

Having an industry standard OS is necessary to support required security measures which otherwise are not present or rather primitive on most Unikernels.

Again, we want to **kill C** from the entire environment while keeping code efficiency, developing drivers having “only” to worry about interpreting reference manuals.

Unlike most unikernel projects focus started on **small embedded systems**, later focus **expanded** to TEEs, KVMs and bootloader applications.

We chose **Go** for its shallow learning curve, productivity, strong cryptographic library and standard library.

Languages like Rust have already proven they role in bare metal world, Go on the other hand needs to ... and it really can!

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<sup>1</sup> <https://research.nccgroup.com/2019/02/04/assessing-unikernel-security/>



# TamaGo in a nutshell

- A **minimally<sup>1</sup>** patched Go distribution to enable GOOS=tamago support, which provides freestanding execution on GOARCH={ amd64 | arm | arm64 | riscv64 } bare metal.
- A set of packages<sup>2</sup> for platform support, including hardware initialization (e.g. boot).

## AMD64

cloud_hypervisor/vm	Cloud Hypervisor
firecracker/microvm	Firecracker
qemu/microvm	QEMU microvm, Google Compute Engine
uefi/x64	UEFI

## ARM

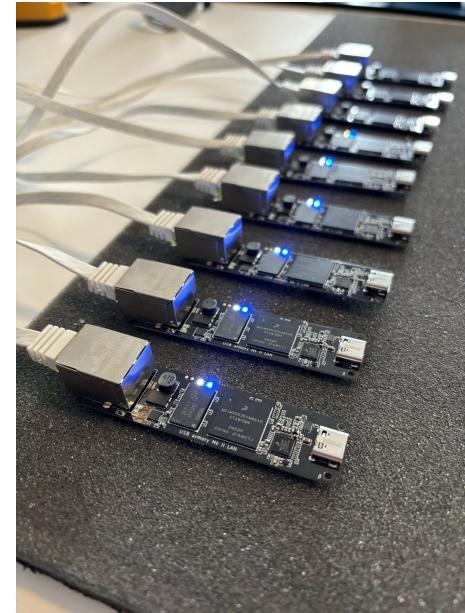
nxp/mx6ull-evk	NXP MCIMX6ULL-EVK
raspberrypi/pi1	Pi 1
raspberrypi/pi2	Pi 2
raspberrypi/pizero	Pi Zero
usbarmory/mk2	USB armory Mk II (USB+LAN)

## ARM64

nxp/imx8mpevk	NXP 8MPLUSLPD4-EVK
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## RISCV64

qemu/sifive_u	QEMU SiFive HiFive Unleashed
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<sup>1</sup> <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-go>

<sup>2</sup> <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago>



# Similar efforts

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## Past/existing efforts

(all these projects greatly supported us in proving feasibility and identify TamaGo unique approach, diversity is good)

Biscuit (inactive) - <https://github.com/mit-pdos/biscuit>

Go kernel for non-Go software underneath, larger scope, needs two C bootloaders,  
hijacks GOOS=linux, only for GOARCH=amd64, redo memory allocation and threading.

G.E.R.T (inactive) - <https://github.com/ycoroneos/G.E.R.T>

ARM adaptation of Biscuit but without non-Go software support, needs two C bootloaders,  
hijacks GOOS=linux for GOARCH=arm, redo memory allocation and threading.

AtmanOS (inactive) - <https://github.com/atmanos>

Similar to TamaGo but targets the Xen hypervisor, adds GOOS=atman but with limited runtime support.

TinyGo (active) - <https://github.com/tinygo-org>

LLVM based compiler (not original one) aimed at MCUs and minimal footprint, does not  
support the entire runtime and Go language support differs from standard Go.

Embedded Go (active) - <https://github.com/embeddedgo>

Similar to TamaGo but targets ARMv7-M/ARMv8-M (w/ Thumb2) adding new support for it,  
as not native to Go. Adds GOOS=noos GOARCH=thumb .

Egg OS (inactive) - <https://github.com/icexin/eggos>

Targets x86, uses native compiler and wraps GOOS=linux syscalls back to Go.



# Enabling trust

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TamaGo not only proves that it is possible to have a bare metal Go runtime, but does so with **clean and minimal modifications against the original Go distribution**<sup>2</sup>.

Much of the effort has been placed to understand whether Go bare metal support can be achieved without complex re-implementation of memory allocation, threading, ASM/C OS primitives that would “pollute” the Go runtime to unacceptable levels.

**Less is more. Complexity is the enemy of verifiability.**

The acceptance of this (and similar) efforts hinges on maintainability, ease of review, clarity, simplicity and **trust**.

- ★ Designed to achieve upstream inclusion and with commitment to always sync to latest Go release.
- ★ ~7000 LOC of changes against Go distribution with clean separation from other GOOS support.
- ★ Strong emphasis on code reuse from existing architectures of standard Go runtime, see [Internals](#)<sup>1</sup>.
- ★ Requires only one import (“library OS”) on the target Go application.
- ★ Supports unencumbered Go applications with native runtime and stdlib support.
- ★ In addition to the compiler, aims to provide a complete set of peripheral drivers for SoCs.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki/Internals>

<sup>2</sup> Which by the way is self-hosted and has reproducible builds.



# Go distribution modifications

**Glue code** - patches to adds GOOS=tamago to the list of supported architectures and required stubs for unsupported operations. All changes are benign (no logic/function):

```
// +build aix darwin dragonfly freebsd js,wasm linux nacl netbsd openbsd solaris tamago
```

**Re-used code** - patches that clone original Go runtime functionality from an existing architecture to (e.g. js, wasip1) GOOS=tamago, either unmodified or with minimal changes:

- plan9 memory allocation is re-used with 2 LOC changed (brk -> simple pointer)
- nacl in-memory filesystem is re-used (raw SD/MMC access implemented in imx6)
- net package is supported for networking through an external Socket function
- minimal architecture dependent code, unified {amd64, arm, arm64, riscv64} support

**New code** - basic syscall, memory layout and testing support:

```
rt0_tamago_{amd64,arm,arm64,riscv64}.s  
sys_tamago_{amd64,arm,arm64,riscv64}.s  
os_tamago_{amd64,arm,arm64,riscv64}.go
```

```
testing_tamago_{amd64,arm,arm64,riscv64}.go  
testing_tamago.go  
os_tamago.go
```

<https://github.com/golang/go/compare/go1.25.0...usbarmory:tamago1.25.0>

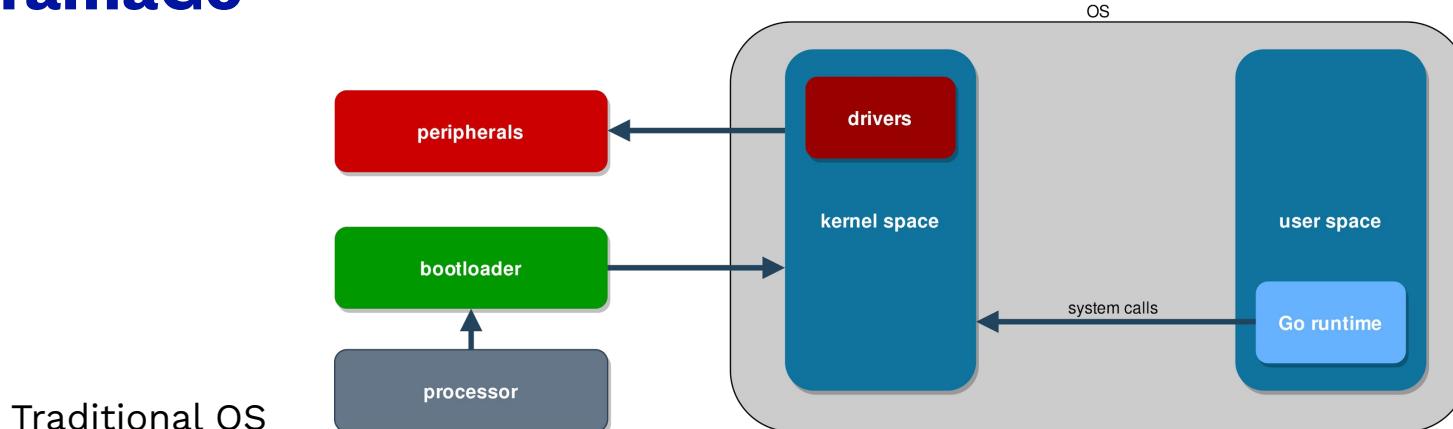


```
$ git diff go1.24.0 tamago1.24.0 --stat --stat-width "$(tput cols)" --color=always -- :(exclude)*tamago_test.go" | sort -t ' '| -n -k2 "$@"
```

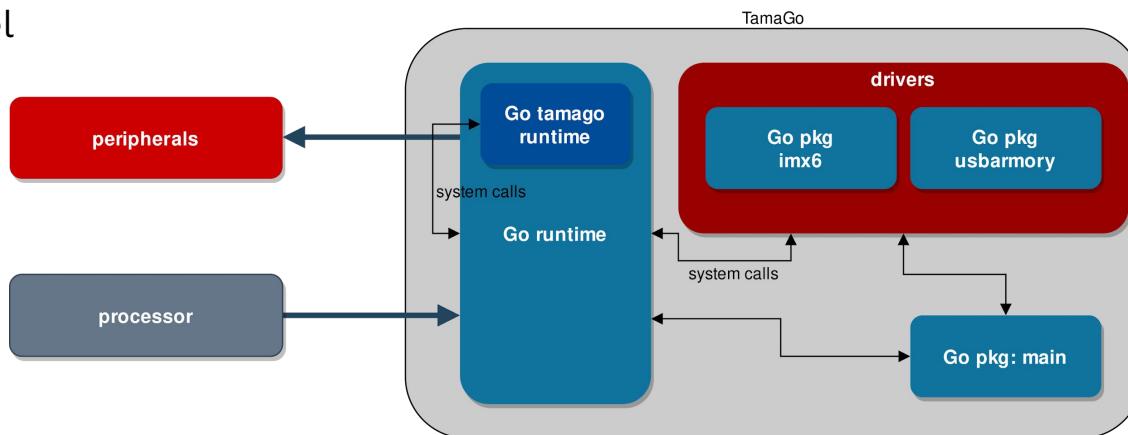
```
272 files changed, 5961 insertions(+), 319 deletions(-)
```

src/runtime/proc.go	14 +----
...	
src/crypto/internal/sysrand/rand_tamago.go	21 +++++++
src/os/signal/signal_tamago.go	23 +++++++
src/runtime/mem_tamago.go	24 +++++++
.github/PULL_REQUEST_TEMPLATE	25 -----
src/syscall/zsyscall_tamago_amd64.go	25 +++++++
src/syscall/zsyscall_tamago_arm.go	25 +++++++
src/syscall/zsyscall_tamago_riscv64.go	25 +++++++
.github/workflows/build.yml	26 +++++++
src/internal/goos/zgoos_tamago.go	27 +++++++
src/os/exec/lp_tamago.go	29 +++++++
src/os/dirent_tamago.go	30 +++++++
src/runtime/os_tamago_riscv64.go	30 +++++++
src/os/user/lookup_tamago.go	35 +++++++
src/net/sockopt_tamago.go	37 +++++++
src/runtime/rt0_tamago_amd64.s	37 +++++++
src/runtime/rt0_tamago_arm.s	37 +++++++
src/runtime/rt0_tamago_riscv64.s	38 +++++++
src/runtime/os_tamago_amd64.go	39 +++++++
src/runtime/note_tamago.go	40 +++++++
src/internal/syscall/unix/net_tamago.go	44 +++++++
src/runtime/os_tamago_arm.go	47 +++++++
src/os/stat_tamago.go	51 +++++++
src/time/sys_tamago.go	54 +++++++
src/testing/testing_tamago.go	55 +++++++
src/testing/testing_tamago_riscv64.s	56 +++++++
src/testing/testing_tamago_amd64.s	61 +++++++
src/testing/testing_tamago_arm.s	66 +++++++
src/testing/run_example_tamago.go	76 +++++++
src/runtime/sys_tamago_riscv64.s	127 +++++++
src/runtime/lock_tamago.go	166 +++++++
src/runtime/os_tamago.go	199 +++++++
src/net/net_tamago.go	211 +++++++
src/runtime/sys_tamago_arm.s	222 +++++++
src/runtime/sys_tamago_amd64.s	251 +++++++
src/syscall/fd_tamago.go	261 +++++++
src/syscall/syscall_tamago.go	329 +++++++
src/syscall/tables_tamago.go	494 +++++++
src/syscall/fs_tamago.go	872 +++++++
src/syscall/net_tamago.go	954 +++++++

# TamaGo



## TamaGo unikernel



# Go low level access

```
func (hw *BEE) Init() {
    hw.mu.Lock()
    defer hw.mu.Unlock()

    hw.ctrl = hw.Base + BEE_CTRL
    hw.key = hw.Base + BEE_AES_KEY0_W0

    reg.Set(hw.ctrl, CTRL_CLK_EN)           // enable clock
    reg.Set(hw.ctrl, CTRL_SFTRST_N)         // disable reset
    reg.Clear(hw.ctrl, CTRL_BEE_ENABLE)     // disable
}

func (hw *BEE) generateKey() (err error) {
    // avoid key exposure to external RAM
    key, err := dma.NewRegion(uint(hw.key), aes.BlockSize, false)

    if err != nil {
        return
    }

    addr, buf := key.Reserve(aes.BlockSize, 0)

    if n, err := rand.Read(buf); n != aes.BlockSize || err != nil {
        return errors.New("could not set random key")
    }

    if addr != uint(hw.key) {
        return errors.New("invalid key address")
    }

    return
}
```

Example: encrypted RAM init

Go's `unsafe` can be easily identified to spot areas that require care (e.g. pointer arithmetic), it is currently used only in register and DMA memory manipulation primitives.

There are overall only 3 occurrences of `unsafe` used in `dma` and `reg` packages.

Applications are never required to use any `unsafe` function.

No language changes mean that goroutines, channels, mutexes, interfaces can be used as usual.



## type Region

Region represents a memory region allocated for DMA purposes.

### func NewRegion

```
func NewRegion(addr uint, size int, unsafe bool) (r *Region, err error)
```

NewRegion initializes a memory region for DMA buffer allocation.

To avoid unforeseen consequences the caller must ensure that allocated regions do not overlap among themselves or with the global one (see Init()).

To allow allocation of DMA buffers within Go runtime memory the unsafe flag must be set.

### func (\*Region) Alloc

```
func (r *Region) Alloc(buf []byte, align int) (addr uint)
```

Alloc reserves a memory region for DMA purposes, copying over a buffer and returning its allocation address, with optional alignment. The region can be freed up with Free().

If the argument is a buffer previously created with Reserve(), then its address is returned without any re-allocation.

The optional alignment must be a power of 2 and word alignment is always enforced, 0 means 4 on 32-bit platforms and 8 on 64-bit ones.

## type BEE

BEE represents the Bus Encryption Engine instance.

### func (\*BEE) Enable

```
func (hw *BEE) Enable(region0 uint32, region1 uint32) (err error)
```

Enable activates the BEE using the argument memory regions, each can be up to AliasRegionSize (512 MB) in size.

After activation the regions are encrypted using AES CTR. On secure booted systems the internal OTPMK is used as key, otherwise a random one is generated and assigned.

After enabling, both regions should only be accessed through their respective aliased spaces (see AliasRegion0 and AliasRegion1) and only with caching enabled (see arm.ConfigureMMU).

### func (\*BEE) Init

```
func (hw *BEE) Init()
```

Init initializes the BEE module.

### func (\*BEE) Lock

```
func (hw *BEE) Lock()
```

Lock restricts BEE registers writing.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/soc/nxp/bee"
    "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/soc/nxp/imx6ul"
)

// Encrypt 1GB of external RAM, this is the maximum extent either
// covered by the BEE or available on USB armory Mk II boards.
region0 := uint32(imx6ul.MMDC_BASE)
region1 := region0 + bee.AliasRegionSize

imx6ul.BEE.Init()
defer imx6ul.BEE.Lock()

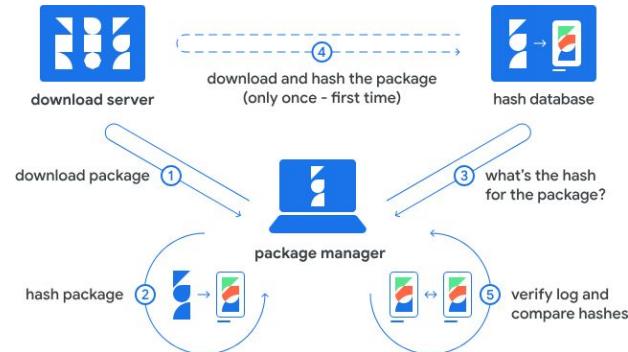
if err := imx6ul.BEE.Enable(region0, region1); err != nil {
    log.Fatalf("could not activate BEE: %v", err)
}
```

# Reducing the attack surface

Package	LOCs	Driver support
<b>MK2</b>	680	USB armory Mk II board support package
<b>ARM</b>	900	MMU, timer, exceptions, IRQ handling
<b>BEE</b>	130	OTF AES RAM encryption/decryption
<b>CAAM</b>	840	accel. AES/ECC/CMAC/SHA/TRNG, HUK derivation
<b>DCP</b>	450	accel. AES/SHA, HUK derivation
<b>ENET</b>	400	10/100-Mbps Ethernet driver, MII support
<b>RNGB</b>	80	True Random Number Generator
<b>RPMB</b>	230	Replay Protected Memory Block
<b>RTIC</b>	90	Run Time Integrity Checker
<b>SNVS</b>	180	tamper proof sensors
<b>USB</b>	1200	USB 2.0 in device mode
<b>USDHC</b>	1100	eMMC (HS200 speed) / SD (SDR104 speed)
<b>AMD64</b>	1000	MMU, SMP, exceptions, IRQ handling
<b>MICROVM</b>	150	Firecracker/QEMU microVM board support packages
<b>UEFI</b>	100	UEFI x64 support package
<b>IOAPIC</b>	60	Interrupt Controller
<b>PCI</b>	200	Peripheral Component Interconnect
<b>RTC</b>	50	Real Time Clock
<b>CLOCK</b>	30	KVM Clock Pairing
<b>PVCLOCK</b>	80	KVM PV Clock
<b>VIRTIO</b>	600	VirtIO over MMIO/PCI

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<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/tree/master/soc/intel>

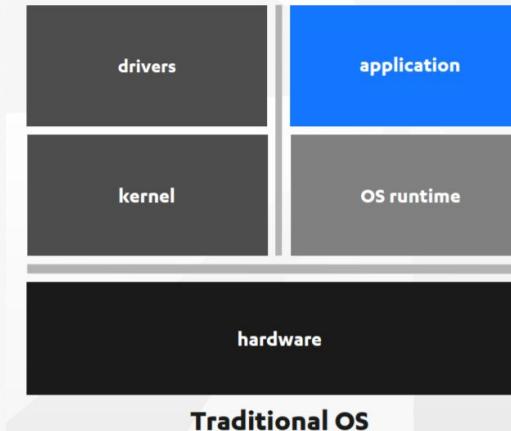


```
module github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE           go.mod
go 1.25.0

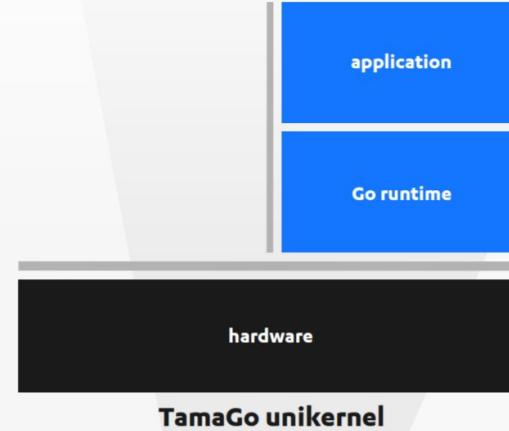
require github.com/usbarmory/tamago v1.25.0
```

TamaGo allows creation of true unikernels, incorporating in a single binary boot code, peripheral drivers, libraries and application code with minimal dependencies and all the benefits of the full Go ecosystem, including supply chain security, build reproducibility and debugging.

# Improving memory safety



Traditional OS



TamaGo unikernel



memory-unsafe programming language  
memory-safe programming language

TamaGo allows a dramatic reduction of the attack surface by **removing any dependency on memory-unsafe languages** (e.g. C), Operating Systems and third party libraries.



# Developing, building and running

The full Go runtime is supported<sup>1</sup> without any specific changes required on the application side (Rust on bare metal<sup>2</sup>, for comparison, requires `#![no_std]` pragma).

```
package main

import (
    _ "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/board/usbarmory/mk2"
)

func main() {
    // your code
}
```

```
GOOS=tamago GOARM=7 GOARCH=arm
${TAMAGO} build -ldflags "-T 0x80010000 -R 0x1000" main.go
```

All Go ecosystem features in terms of build reproducibility, dependency management, profiling, debugging, remain intact.

Firmware/unikernels can be compiled just as easily on Linux, Windows, macOS.

1. The application requires a single import for the board package to enable necessary initializations.
2. Go code can be written with very few limitations and the SoC package exposes driver APIs.
3. go build can be used as usual (reproducible builds!) with few linker flags to define entry point.
4. SoC and KVM packages support native loading (no bootloader!).

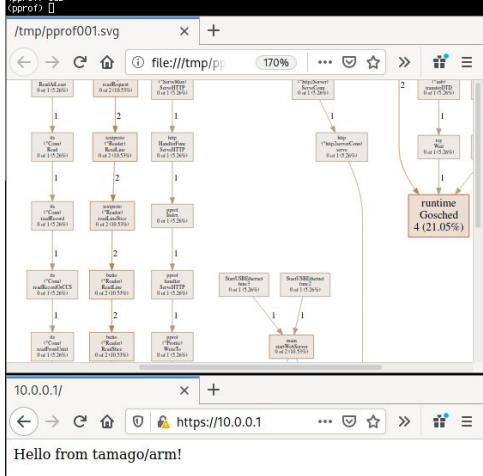
<sup>1</sup> <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki/Compatibility>

<sup>2</sup> <https://rust-embedded.github.io/book/intro/no-std.html>



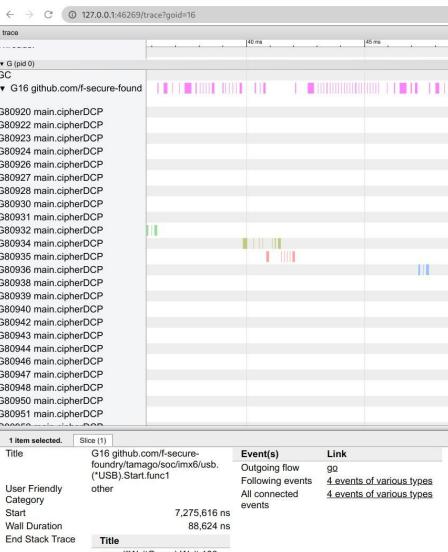
# Debugging

```
[[ go tool pprof http://10.0.0.1:80/debug/pprof/goroutine
Fetching profile over HTTP from http://10.0.0.1:80/debug/pprof/goroutine
Saved profile in /home/luca/Downloads/pprof/goroutine.826.pb.gz
Type: goroutine
Time: Jan 1, 1970 at 1:03am (CET)
Entering interactive mode (type "help" for commands, "o" for options)
(pprof) web
```



GDB can be used as usual, on emulated (QEMU) targets or real ones (JTAG).

The `pprof` package can be used as usual for tracing or profile guided optimization.



```
Breakpoint 1, main.main () at /mnt/git/public/tamago-example/example.go:206
206 func main() {
Assembly
0x00431354 main.main+0 ldr r1, [r0, #0]
0x00431358 main.main+4 cmp sp, r1
0x00431360 main.main+8 bne .L1
0x00431364 main.main+12 str lr, [sp, #-0x10]
Expressions
History
Memory
Registers
r0 0x00431354 r1 0x00000000 r2 0x00000000
r1 0x00000000 sp 0x20054fb4 DBGRQ 0x00000000
r2 0x00000000 PCNTLR 0x00000000 PMEVINTR 0x00000000
PMEVINTR 0x00000000 PMEVINTR 0x00000000 PMEVINTR 0x00000000
SCR_S 0x00000000 SUER_S 0x00000000 AF5R8L_EU1_1 0x00000000
HCR_S 0x00000000 MDRCL_EU2_S 0x00000000 AF5R8L_EU2_1 0x00000000
HACR_EU2_S 0x00000000 HACR_EU2_S 0x00000000 PCINTR 0x00000000
DBGRQ 0x00000000 DBGRQ 0x00000000 DBGRQ 0x00000000
DBGRQ 0x00000000 DBGRQ 0x00000000 DBGRQ 0x00000000
INVRAS_S 0x00000000 CTR 0x84d48003 TCHT 0x00000000
AIOR 0x00000000 CSSEL_R 0x00000000 CHTV_CTL 0x00000000
VBRB_EU2 0x00000000 VMP_IDR 0x00000000 TEECR 0x00000000
ESR 0x00000000 ESR 0x00000000 PMSEEDR 0x00000000
DBGRQ 0x00000000 DBGRQ_S 0x00000000 DEVDR 0x00000000
ID_MIFR_S 0x10111105 ID_DRFR 0x02010555 ID_MIFR1 0x40000000
PAR_S 0x00000000 PAR 0x00000000 DABR_S 0x00000003
DBGRB 0x00000000 DBGSR 0x00000000 DABR 0x00000000
DBGRB 0x00000000 DBGSR 0x00000000 DABR 0x00000000
ID_MIFR 0x10111121 ID_MIFR 0x10111141 ID_MIFR 0x40000000
TBTB1 0x00000000 TBTB2_S 0x0000000000000000 HITBR 0x00000000
CINTV_CVAL_S 0x00000000 CINTV_CVAL 0x0000000000000000 DBGSR 0x00000000
IFPR_S 0x00000000 MFR 0x00000000 FTBC 0x00000000
TBTB2 0x00000000 SREGS 0x00000000 FTR 0x00000000
TBTB2 0x00000000 JMCR 0x00000000 PMEVINTR 0x00000000
PMEVINTR 0x00000000 CINTKCTL 0x00000000 DBGBW 0x00000000
PMEVINTR 0x00000000 FDSR_S 0x00000000 ACTLR_EU1_1 0x00000000
DBGRQ_S 0x00000000 FDSR 0x00000000 TEECR 0x00000000
SCR_L1 0x00000000 FDSR 0x00000000 SCR_L1 0x00000000
SCTR_EU2_L1 0x00000000 FDSR 0x00000000 SCTR_EU2_1 0x00000000
PMR 0x00100248 JSOCR 0x00000000 PMDSR 0x00000000
Source TestUSDHCC(card, count, readSize)
201
202 }
203 }
204 }
205
206 func main() {
207     start := time.Now()
208
209     log.Println(banner)
210
211     example(true)
212
Stack
200 from 0x00431354 in main.main+0 at /mnt/git/public/tamago-example/example.go:206
201 arguments
202 The stack
211 id from 0x00431354 in main.main+0 at /mnt/git/public/tamago-example/example.go:206
```



# TamaGo runtime API

As part of the upstreaming proposal, the implementation of GOOS=tamago has been refined in a “Rosetta Stone” for integration of a freestanding Go runtime.

MMU initialization, exception and IRQ handling are implemented outside the Go runtime and imported as architecture packages (e.g. amd64, arm).

This means low-level APIs (e.g. TrustZone), networking, can can be regular packages.

The Go runtime modifications are board and architecture independent.

This entails that hardware ports can be achieved through external packages, whether bare metal, OS kernel space, OS user space, TEE monitor or TEE applet.

# Go runtime “Rosetta Stone”

## Proposal Details

I propose the addition of a new `GOOS=none` target, such as `GOOS=none`, to allow Go runtime execution under specific application defined exit functions, rather than arbitrary OS syscalls, enabling freestanding execution without direct OS support.

This is currently implemented in the [GOOS=tamago](#) project, but for reasons laid out in the *Proposal Background* section it is proposed for upstream inclusion.

Go applications built with `GOOS=none` would run on bare metal, without any underlying OS. All required support is provided by the Go runtime and external driver packages, also written in Go.

## Go runtime changes

### Note

The changes are also documented in package [tamago/doc](#)

A working example of all proposed changes can be found in the [GOOS=tamago implementation](#).

Board support packages or applications would be required (only under `GOOS=none`) to define the following functions to support the runtime.

If the use of `go:linkname` is undesirable different strategies are possible, right now linkname is used as convenient way to have externally defined functions being directly invoked in the runtime early on.

These hooks act as a “Rosetta Stone” for integration of a freestanding Go runtime within an arbitrary environment, whether bare metal or OS supported.

For bare metal examples see the following packages: [usbarmory](#), [uefi](#), [microvml](#).

For OS supported examples see the following tamago packages: [linux](#), [applet](#).

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# Go runtime API

```
func GetRandomData(b []byte)
```

Must be linked as `runtime.GetRandomData`, generates `len(b)` random bytes and writes them into `b`.

```
func InitRNG()
```

Must be linked as `runtime.initRNG`, initializes random number generation.

```
// defined in rng.s                                              amd64/rng.go
func rdrand() uint32

// GetRandomData returns len(b) random bytes gathered from the RDRAND instruction.
//
//go:linkname GetRandomData runtime.GetRandomData
func GetRandomData(b []byte) {
    read := 0
    need := len(b)

    for read < need {
        read = rng.Fill(b, read, rdrand())
    }
}

//go:linkname initRNG runtime.initRNG
func initRNG() {}
```



# Go runtime API

```
func Hwinit0()
```

Must be linked as `runtime.hwinit0`, takes care of lower level initialization triggered before runtime setup (pre World start).

```
func Hwinit1()
```

Must be linked as `runtime.hwinit1`, takes care of lower level initialization triggered early in runtime setup (post World start).

```
//go:linkname Init runtime.hwinit0          arm/init.go

func Init() {
    if int(read_cpsr())&0x1f != SYS_MODE {
        // initialization required only when in PL1
        return
    }

    vfp_enable()
}
```

It must be defined using Go's Assembler to retain Go's commitment to backward compatibility.

Otherwise care must be taken as the lack of World start does not allow memory allocation.

```
//go:linkname Init runtime.hwinit1          microvm/microvm.go

func Init() {
    // initialize CPU
    AMD64.Init()

    // initialize I/O APIC
    IOAPIC0.Init()

    // initialize serial console
    UART0.Init()

    runtime.Exit = func(_ int32) {
        AMD64.Reset()
    }
}
```



# Go runtime API

```
func Nanotime() int64
```

Must be linked as `runtime.nanotime1`, returns the system time in nanoseconds.

```
func Printk(c byte)
```

Must be linked as `runtime.printk`, handles character printing to standard output.

```
//go:linkname nanotime1 runtime.nanotime1
func nanotime1() int64 {
    return ARM.GetTime()
}
```

imx6ul/timer.go

```
func (cpu *CPU) GetTime() int64 {
    return int64(float64(read_cntpct())*cpu.TimerMultiplier) + cpu.TimerOffset
}
```

arm/timer.go

```
//go:linkname printk runtime.printk
func printk() {
    imx6ul.UART2.Tx(c)
}
```

usbarmory/mk2/console.go

Must be defined using Go's Assembler to retain Go's commitment to backward compatibility.

Otherwise care must be taken as the lack of World start does not allow memory allocation.



# Go runtime API

RAM layout defined by architecture and board packages

```
var ramStart uint  
var ramSize uint  
var ramStackOffset uint
```

```
//go:linkname ramStart runtime.ramStart  
var ramStart uint32 = MMDC_BASE  
  
//go:linkname ramSize runtime.ramSize  
var ramSize uint32 = 0x20000000 // 512MB
```

imx6ul/timer.go  
usbarmory/mk2/mem.go

CPU idle time management (optional)

```
var Idle func(until int64)
```

```
func (cpu *CPU) Init(vbar uint32) {  
    runtime.Idle = func(pollUntil int64) {  
        // we have nothing to do forever  
        if pollUntil == math.MaxInt64 {  
            cpu.WaitInterrupt()  
        }  
    }  
}
```

arm/arm.go

Runtime termination (optional)

```
var Exit func(code int32)
```

Network socket implementation (optional)

```
var SocketFunc func(ctx context.Context,  
    net string,  
    family, sotype int,  
    laddr, raddr Addr) (interface{}, error)
```

```
func (iface *Interface) Socket(ctx context.Context ...) {  
    ...  
    gonet.DialContextTCP(ctx, stack, rFullAddr, proto)  
}  
  
// hook interface to Go runtime  
net.SocketFunc = iface.Socket
```

imx-enet/runtime.go  
tamago-example/network/imx-enet.go



# Go runtime API

SMP

HW/OS threading (optional)

```
var Task func(sp mp, gp, fn unsafe.Pointer)
```

The call is invoked only when `runtime.GOMAXPROCS > 1`.

The initialization of supplemental cores (APs) is entirely outside the Go distribution, only `Task` is required as runtime hook.

```
> info
Runtime .....: go1.25.1 tamago/amd64 GOMAXPROCS=8
RAM .....: 0x10000000-0x50000000 (1024 MiB)
Board .....: micromv
CPU .....: 11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-1165G7 @ 2.80GHz
Cores .....: 8
Frequency ....: 2.8032 GHz
VirtIO Net0 ...: 52:54:00:12:34:56

> smp 100
8 cores detected, launching 100 goroutines from CPU 0
CPU 1 8: [redacted]
CPU 3 14: [redacted]
CPU 5 9: [redacted]
CPU 6 13: [redacted]
CPU 7 24: [redacted]
CPU 0 13: [redacted]
CPU 2 19: [redacted]
Total 100
```

amd64/smp.go

```
// Task schedules a goroutine on a previously initialized
// Application Processor.
func (cpu *CPU) Task(sp, mp, gp, fn unsafe.Pointer) {
    t := &task{
        sp: uint64(uintptr(sp)),
        mp: uint64(uintptr(mp)),
        gp: uint64(uintptr(gp)),
        pc: uint64(uintptr(fn)),
    }
    ...
    t.Write(taskAddress)

    // set last initialized CPU, signal task via NMI
    cpu.init += 1
    cpu.LAPIC.IPI(cpu.init, 0, lapic.ICR_DLV_NMI)
}

// NumCPU returns the number of logical CPUs initialized on
// the platform.
func (cpu *CPU) NumCPU() (n int) {
    return 1 + len(cpu.apis)
}

// ID returns the processor identifier.
func (cpu *CPU) ID() uint64 {
    return uint64(cpu.LAPIC.ID())
```



# Re-implementing Linux as “2nd class port”

cpuinit	→ sys_mmap(ramStart, ramSize, PROT_READ PROT_WRITE, ...)
func GetRandomData(b []byte)	→ sys_getrandom(b, len(b))
func Nanotime() int64	→ sys_clock_gettime()
func Printk(c byte)	→ sys_write(c)
func Task(sp, mp, gp, fn unsafe.Pointer)	→ sys_clone(flags, sp, mp, gp, fn)
runtime.Exit	→ sys_exit_group

user/linux/syscall\_arm64.s

```
TEXT cpuinit(SB),NOSPLIT|NOFRAME,$0
    MOVD    runtime·ramStart(SB), R0
    MOVD    runtime·ramSize(SB), R1
    MOVW    $0x3, R2        // PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE
    MOVW    $0x22, R3       // MAP_PRIVATE | MAP_ANONYMOUS
    MOVW    $0xffffffff, R4
    MOVW    $0, R5
    MOVW    $SYS_mmap, R8
    SVC

    B      _rt0_tamago_start(SB)

// func sys_exit(code int32)
TEXT ·sys_exit(SB), $0-4
    MOVW    code+0(FP), R0
    MOVD    $SYS_exit, R8
    SVC
    RET
```

A single unified Go file allows hookup of TamaGo runtime API back to Linux.

Architecture specific Go assembly files, which are verbatim copies of relevant functions from Sys\_linux\_{amd64,arm,arm64,riscv64}.s provide Linux system call hooks.

This approach allow creation of support for GOOS=tamago in OS userspace for testing and user/linux packages.



# Userspace execution

---

```
package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "net"
    "os"

    _ "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/user/linux"
)

func main() {
    _, err := net.Dial("tcp", "8.8.8.8:53")
    fmt.Printf("** I can't get out!    ;-( ** %s\n", err)

    _, err = os.ReadFile("/etc/passwd")
    fmt.Printf("** I can't get out!    ;-( ** %s\n", err)
}

$ GOOS=tamago ./bin/go run main.go

** I can't get out!    ;-( ** dial tcp 8.8.8.8:53: net.SocketFunc is nil
** I don't see the FS! ;-( ** open /etc/passwd: No such file or directory
```

Any imported package can implement the required runtime changes with OS supervision instead of bare metal drivers.

This allows user space execution with the benefit of system calls isolation.

The executable cannot leverage on the Go runtime to directly access OS resources.

This allows custom APIs for networking, RNG, time handling and is also used for Trusted Applet implementation (see later GoTEE coverage).

<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki#userspace-targets>

# Go distribution testing for GOOS=tamago

---

```
$ cd tamago-go
$ GO_BUILDER_NAME=tamago GOOS=tamago GOARCH=arm64 ./bin/go tool dist test

##### Testing packages.
ok    archive/tar      1.465s
ok    archive/zip     156.222s
ok    bufio      0.683s
ok    bytes      88.814s
ok    cmp       0.106s
ok    compress/bzip2  0.299s
ok    compress/lzw   0.501s
ok    compress/zlib   3.909s
ok    container/heap  0.116s
ok    container/list  0.103s
ok    container/ring  0.099s
ok    context      0.195s
ok    crypto       0.105s
ok    crypto/aes    0.175s
ok    crypto/cipher 0.124s
ok    crypto/des    0.149s
ok    crypto/dsa    814.124s
ok    crypto/ecdh    3.932s
ok    crypto/ecdsa   79.698s
ok    crypto/ed25519  4.154s
ok    crypto/elliptic 14.773s
ok    crypto/hmac    0.218s
...
ok    cmd/internal/src    0.138s
ok    cmd/internal/test2json 0.115s
ok    cmd/link      0.216s
ok    cmd/link/internal/benchmark 0.161s
ok    cmd/link/internal/ld    0.346s
ok    cmd/link/internal/loader 0.268s
ok    cmd/nm       0.254s
ok    cmd/objdump   0.249s
ok    cmd/pack      0.224s
ok    cmd/pprof      0.321s
ok    cmd/relnote   0.164s
ok    cmd/trace      0.257s
ok    cmd/vet      0.290s
```

Demonstrates importing, execution and test compliance for the entire Go stdlib on **GOARCH={amd64, arm, arm64, riscv64}**.

Runs under Linux (natively or using qemu via binfmt\_misc) bridging required external functions with Linux syscalls.

In-memory filesystem and networking support testdata access and network tests.

<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki/Compatibility>

# Releases

## v1.25.2 Latest

This release introduces improved CPU idle management support functions for `amd64`, extending the [pattern enabled by the previous release on single-core](#) to multi-core CPUs:

```
runtime.Idle = func(pollUntil int64) {
    if pollUntil == 0 {
        return
    }

    cpu.SetAlarm(pollUntil)
    cpu.WaitInterrupt()
    cpu.SetAlarm(0)
}
```

Major changes for [tamago package API](#):

- `amd64`, `arm`, `riscv64`: `(*CPU).DefaultIdleGovernor` new function to export default CPU idle time management
- `amd64.(*CPU).ClearInterrupts`: new function to signal end-of-interrupt safely under SMP ([#e4346ed](#))
- `amd64.(*CPU).EnableInterrupts`: function deprecated in favor of `(*CPU).ClearInterrupts` ([#e4346ed](#))

Major changes for tamago package internals:

- `amd64`: interrupt are now enabled on supplemental cores (APs)
- `amd64`: IRQ handling implementation improved to prevent SMP race conditions
- `amd64`: tight loops on register wait are now avoided also under SMP ([#c4bd784](#))
- `amd64`: fix page tables setup for correct operation under WSL and Google Cloud KVMs ([#53](#))

Full Changelog: [v1.25.1...v1.25.2](#)

This release requires `GOOS=tamago` support in the Go distribution, it requires at least [tamago-go1.25.2](#).

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<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/releases>

## tamago-go1.25.2 Latest

This is a release for the Go distribution as modified by the [TamaGo framework](#), which enables compilation and execution of unencumbered Go applications on bare metal AMD64/ARM/RISC-V processors.

This release adds `GOOS=tamago` support to [Go 1.25.2](#).

Major changes for `GOOS=tamago` `GOARCH=amd64` [runtime API](#):

- `runtime.Asleep`: new function to verify targets for `runtime.Wake` and aid race-free SMP ISR patterns ([#3d633a7](#))
- `testing`: new `user_linux` build tag now [required](#) with `go test` to distinguish from regular `testing` import ([#6d5e3fe](#))

Major changes for `GOOS=tamago` runtime internals:

- added support for `GOOS=arm64` ([#113](#))
- `testing`: relocated testing runtime initialization to fix [test run detection for all platforms](#) ([#631b797](#))

Full Changelog: [tamago-go1.25.1...tamago-go1.25.2](#)

Upstream comparison: [go1.25.2...tamago-go1.25.2](#)

### Release binaries

The release assets include the pre-compiled modified Go distribution required to compile [applications using the TamaGo framework](#) on amd64 and armv7l (such as the [USB armory Mk II](#)) Linux hosts.

Installation:

```
sudo tar -xvf tamago-go<version>.linux-<arch>.tar.gz -C /
```

You should now be able to compile the [example application](#) by setting the `TAMAGO` environment variable as follows:

```
export TAMAGO=/usr/local/tamago-go/bin/go
```

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<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-go/releases>



# i.MX6ULZ driver: Data Co-Processor (DCP)

The DCP provides hardware accelerated crypto functions and use of the SoC unique OTPMK key for device unique encryption/decryption operations. The driver takes ~450 LOC.

```
workPacket := WorkPacket{}
workPacket.Control0 |= (1 << DCP_CTRL0 OTP_KEY)
...
workPacket.Control1 |= (AES128 << DCP_CTRL1_CIPHER_SELECT)
workPacket.Control1 |= (CBC << DCP_CTRL1_CIPHER_MODE)
workPacket.Control1 |= (UNIQUE_KEY << DCP_CTRL1_KEY_SELECT)

workPacket.BufferSize = uint32(len(diversifier))
workPacket.SourceBufferAddress = dma.Alloc(diversifier, 0)
defer dma.Free(workPacket.SourceBufferAddress)

workPacket.DestinationBufferAddress = dma.Alloc(key, 0)
defer dma.Free(workPacket.DestinationBufferAddress)

workPacket.PayloadPointer = dma.Alloc(iv, 0)
defer dma.Free(workPacket.PayloadPointer)

buf := new(bytes.Buffer)
binary.Write(buf, binary.LittleEndian, &workPacket)

pkt := dma.Alloc(buf.Bytes(), 0)
defer dma.Free(pkt)

reg.Write(HW_DCP_CH0CMDPTR, pkt)
reg.Set(HW_DCP_CHOSEMA, 0)
```

```
diversifier := []byte{0xde, 0xad, 0xbe, 0xef}
iv := make([]byte, aes.BlockSize)

key, err := imx6.DCP.DeriveKey(diversifier, iv)
```

```
-- i.mx6 dcp -----
imx6_dcp: derived test key 75f9022d5a867ad430440feec6611f0a
```

USB armory Mk II example DCP + SNVS run (w/ Secure Boot)

```
-- i.mx6 dcp -----
imx6_dcp: error, SNVS unavailable, not in trusted or secure state
```

USB armory Mk II example DCP + SNVS run (w/o Secure Boot)

Note that Go defined structs (such as `WorkPacket`) can be easily made C-compatible<sup>1</sup> if required.

On i.MX6UL a full CAAM driver is available.



## type CAAM

CAAM represents the Cryptographic Acceleration and Assurance Module instance.

### func (\*CAAM) DeriveKey

```
func (hw *CAAM) DeriveKey(diversifier []byte, key []byte) (err error)
```

DeriveKey derives a hardware unique key in a manner equivalent to NXP Symmetric key diversifications guidelines (AN10922 - Rev. 2.2) for AES-256 keys.

The diversifier is used as message for AES-256-CMAC authentication using a blob key encryption key (BKEK) derived from the hardware unique key (internal OTPMK, when SNVS is enabled, through Master Key Verification Blob).

\*WARNING\*: when SNVS is not enabled a default non-unique test vector is used and therefore key derivation is *\*unsafe\**, see snvs.Available().

The unencrypted BKEK is used through DeriveKeyMemory. An output key buffer previously created with DeriveKeyMemory.Reserve() can be used to avoid external RAM exposure, when placed in iRAM, as its pointer is directly passed to the CAAM without access by the Go runtime.

# i.MX6ULZ driver: Random Number Generator

The RNGB provides a hardware True Random Number Generator, useful to gather the initial seed on embedded systems without a battery backed RTC (and not much else<sup>1</sup>). The driver takes ~80 LOC and is hooked as provider for crypto/rand.

```
var getRandomDataFn func([]byte)

//go:linkname getRandomData runtime.getRandomData
func getRandomData(b []byte) {
    getRandomDataFn(b)
}

func (hw *rngb) getRandomData(b []byte) {
    read := 0
    need := len(b)

    for read < need {
        if reg.Get(hw.status, HW_RNG_SR_ERR, 0x1) != 0 {
            panic("imx6_rng: panic\n")
        }

        if reg.Get(hw.status, HW_RNG_SR_FIFO_LVL, 0xf) > 0 {
            val := *hw fifo
            read = fill(b, read, val)
        }
    }
}
```

```
for i := 0; i < 10; i++ {
    rng := make([]byte, size)
    rand.Read(rng)
    fmt.Printf("%x\n", rng)
}
```

```
-- rng --
imx6_rng: self-test
imx6_rng: seeding
f90b00053a50b9edd42df027c982769d1a7d25445e31ce98486bd4a9676bef42
56bafecc32bf02fb9d09c2d8c607baa487e2283b6856486b42cdf954277d4d5
49fc0c03f8cbc45f7ae858ba71c0d561a91dbeae697d7bc511482697bf96b2f8
345db47ab3395272a9db9531f03160b3e1654b7e8b7267c1a3bc97206f3cb8c7
cb54154b105a2bd3938fdb99f1f2f5409c0be09dc5f64189f473ae905d264b25
275994ee93e0c779f3eb30d770eeabfc5ab0b8a5da68cc28a07dfbdb46a1e08
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d691d7f93c57a54462f90ca76528beec4bda1a40220e5d5fb43986308f9013b
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4544d5dff957471972331532aaaf34eb5644bc430f854dd6593177640e07e4f00
```

USB armory Mk II example TRNG run

<sup>1</sup> [https://media.ccc.de/v/32c3-7441-the\\_plain\\_simple\\_reality\\_of\\_entropy](https://media.ccc.de/v/32c3-7441-the_plain_simple_reality_of_entropy)



# i.MX6ULZ driver: USB

```
func buildDTD(n int, dir int, ioc bool, addr uint32, size int) (dtd *dTD) {
    dtd = &dTD{};

    // interrupt on completion (ioc)
    if ioc {
        bits.Set(&dtd.Token, 15)
    } else {
        bits.Clear(&dtd.Token, 15)
    }

    // invalidate next pointer
    dtd.Next = 0b1

    // multiplier override (Mult0)
    bits.SetN(&dtd.Token, 10, 0b11, 0)
    // active status
    bits.Set(&dtd.Token, 7)

    // total bytes
    bits.SetN(&dtd.Token, 16, 0xffff, uint32(size))

    dtd._buf = addr
    dtd._size = uint32(size)

    for n := 0; n < DTD_PAGES; n++ {
        dtd.Buffer[n] = dtd._buf + uint32(DTD_PAGE_SIZE*n)
    }

    buf := new(bytes.Buffer)
    binary.Write(buf, binary.LittleEndian, dtd)
    dtd._dtd = dma.Alloc(buf.Bytes()[0:DTD_SIZE], DTD_ALIGN)

    return
}
```

Example of Endpoint Transfer Descriptor (dTD) configuration.

A custom DMA allocator is used to copy structures on memory reserved for DMA operation, with required alignments.

```
addr = dma.Alloc(buf, align)
defer dma.Free(addr)
```

Buffers can be also reserved by the application to spare re-allocation (automatic detection of slices already in DMA memory).

Using Go goroutines, channels, mutexes, interfaces freely in low level drivers is a delight!

All in ~1200 LOC !



# i.MX6ULZ driver: USB networking



```
func configureEthernetDevice(device *usb.Device) {
    // Supported Language Code Zero: English
    device.SetLanguageCodes([]uint16{0x0409})

    // device descriptor
    device.Descriptor = &usb.DeviceDescriptor{}
    device.Descriptor.SetDefaults()
    device.Descriptor.DeviceClass = 0x2
    device.Descriptor.VendorId = 0x0525
    device.Descriptor.ProductId = 0xa4a2
    device.Descriptor.Device = 0x0001
    device.Descriptor.NumConfigurations = 1

    iManufacturer, _ := device.AddString(`TamaGo`)
    device.Descriptor.Manufacturer = iManufacturer

    iProduct, _ := device.AddString(`RNDIS/Ethernet Gadget`)
    device.Descriptor.Product = iProduct

    iSerial, _ := device.AddString(`0.1`)
    device.Descriptor.SerialNumber = iSerial

    // device qualifier
    device.Qualifier = &usb.DeviceQualifierDescriptor{}
    device.Qualifier.SetDefaults()
    device.Qualifier.DeviceClass = 2
    device.Qualifier.NumConfigurations = 2
}
```

```
func configureECM(device *usb.Device) {
...
    conf.Interfaces = append(conf.Interfaces, iface)

    ep1IN := &usb.EndpointDescriptor{}
    ep1IN.SetDefaults()
    ep1IN.EndpointAddress = 0x81
    ep1IN.Attributes = 2
    ep1IN.MaxPacketSize = 512
    ep1IN.Function = ECMTx

    iface.Endpoints = append(iface.Endpoints, ep1IN)

    ep1OUT := &usb.EndpointDescriptor{}
    ep1OUT.SetDefaults()
    ep1OUT.EndpointAddress = 0x01
    ep1OUT.Attributes = 2
    ep1OUT.MaxPacketSize = 512
    ep1OUT.Function = ECMRx

    iface.Endpoints = append(iface.Endpoints, ep1OUT)
}
```

The USB Ethernet (CDC ECM) Driver is integrated with Google netstack (gvisor.dev/gvisor/pkg/tcpip) for pure Go networking.

```
func ECMTx(_ []byte, lastErr error) ([]byte) {
    // gvisor tcpip channel link
    pkt := <-link.C:

...
    // Ethernet frame header
    in = append(in, hostMAC...)
    in = append(in, deviceMAC...)
    in = append(in, proto...)
    // packet header
    in = append(in, hdr...)
    // payload
    in = append(in, payload...)

    return
}

func ECMRx(out []byte, lastErr error) ([]byte) {
...
    pkt := tcpip.PacketBuffer{
        LinkHeader: hdr,
        Data:       payload,
    }

    // gvisor tcpip channel link
    link.InjectInbound(proto, pkt)

    return
}
```



# i.MX6ULL driver: Ethernet networking



```
func (ring *bufferDescriptorRing) init(rx bool, n int) uint32 {
    ring.size = n
    ring.bds = make([]*bufferDescriptor, n)

    descSize := len(&bufferDescriptor{}).Bytes()
    ptr, desc := dma.Reserve(n*descSize, bufferAlign)

    dataSize := MTU + (bufferAlign - (MTU % bufferAlign))
    addr, data := dma.Reserve(n*dataSize, bufferAlign)

    for i := 0; i < n; i++ {
        off := dataSize * i

        bd := &bufferDescriptor{
            Addr: uint32(addr) + uint32(off),
            data: data[off : off+dataSize],
        }

        ...

        off = descSize * i
        bd.desc = desc[off : off+descSize]
        copy(bd.desc, bd.Bytes())

        ring.bds[i] = bd
    }

    return uint32(ptr)
}
```

```
func (hw *ENET) Rx() ([]byte) {
    hw.Lock()
    defer hw.Unlock()

    buf = hw.rx.pop()
    reg.Set(hw.rdar, RDAR_ACTIVE)

    return
}

func (hw *ENET) Tx(buf []byte) {
    hw.Lock()
    defer hw.Unlock()

    if len(buf) > MTU {
        return
    }

    hw.tx.push(buf)
    reg.Set(hw.tdar, TDAR_ACTIVE)
}
```

```
// enable IRQs, start interface
eth.EnableInterrupt(enet.IRQ_RXF)
eth.Start(false)

// hook interface into Go runtime
net.SocketFunc = iface.Socket
```

```
// interrupt handling
func handleEthernetInterrupt(eth *enet.ENEt) {
    for buf := eth.Rx(); buf != nil; buf = eth.Rx() {
        eth.RxHandler(buf)
        eth.ClearInterrupt(enet.IRQ_RXF)
    }
}

func isr() {
    if irq := imx6ul.GIC.GetInterrupt(true); irq == eth.IRQ {
        handleEthernetInterrupt(eth)
    }
}

func StartInterruptHandler(eth *enet.ENEt) {
    imx6ul.GIC.Init(true, false)
    imx6ul.GIC.EnableInterrupt(eth.IRQ, true)
    arm.ServiceInterrupts(isr)
}
```

The physical Ethernet driver for the PoE model consists of 400 LOC.

It features full IRQ handling support.



```
$ ssh 10.0.0.1
tamago/arm (go1.22.1) • 5e1f6aa lcars@lambda on 2024-03-20 10:00:48 • i.MX6ULL 900 MHz

> otp 0 0
OTP bank:0 word:0 val:0x00324003

31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 09 08 07 06 05 04 03 02 01 00 OCOTP_LOCK
| 0 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | R:
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| 0 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | R:
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
Bank:0 Word:0
W: 0x00000000

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GP3_RLOCK
GP4_RLOCK
PIN_LOCK
GP4_LOCK
MISC_CONF_LOCK
ROM_PATCH_LOCK
OTPMK_CRC_LOCK
ANALOG_LOCK
OTPMK_LOCK
SW_GP_LOCK
GP3_LOCK
SRK_LOCK
GP2_LOCK
GP1_LOCK
MAC_ADDR_LOCK
SJC_RESP_LOCK
MEM_TRIM_LOCK
BOOT_CFG_LOCK
TESTER_LOCK

> dns www.golang.org
[142.251.215.238 2607:f8b0:400a:805::200e]

> dcp 65536 10
Doing aes-128 cbc for 10s on 65536 blocks
6201 aes-128 cbc's in 10.00086575s

> info
Runtime .....: go1.22.1 tamago/arm
RAM .....: 0x80000000-0x9f600000 (502 MiB)
Board .....: UA-MKI1-y
SoC .....: i.MX6ULZ 900 MHz
SSM Status .....: state:0b1101 clk:false tmp:false vcc:false hac:4294967295
Boot ROM hash .....: 1727a0f46dbde55b583e9a138ae359389974b7be4369ffd4a252a8730f7e59b
Secure boot .....: true
Unique ID .....: FE186D5AB312430B
SDP .....: true
Temperature .....: 48.333332
```

```
> tailscale $YOURKEY
```

```
tsnet --- [v1] using fake (no-op) tun device
tsnet --- [v1] using fake (no-op) OS network configurator
tsnet --- [v1] using fake (no-op) DNS configurator
tsnet --- dns: using dns.noopManager
tsnet --- link state: interfaces.State{defaultRoute= ifs={} v4=false v6=false}
tsnet --- magicsock: disco key = d:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
tsnet --- Creating WireGuard device...
tsnet --- Bringing WireGuard device up...
tsnet --- wg: [v2] UDP bind has been updated
tsnet --- wg: [v2] Interface state was Down, requested Up, now Up
tsnet --- Bringing router up...
tsnet --- [v1] warning: fakeRouter.Up: not implemented.
tsnet --- Clearing router settings...
tsnet --- [v1] warning: fakeRouter.Set: not implemented.
tsnet --- Starting network monitor...
tsnet --- Engine created.
tsnet --- tsnet running state path /tsnet-tamago/tailscaled.state
tsnet --- pm: migrating "_daemon" profile to new format
tsnet --- [vJSON]{"Hostinfo":{"IPNVersion":"1.49.0-dev20230906-t7a0be7f2c-dirty","OS":"tamago","Package":"tsnet","Hostname":"tamago","GoArch":"arm","GoArchVar":"7","GoVersion":"go1.21.0"}}
tsnet --- logpolicy: using UserCacheDir, "/Tailscale"
tsnet --- [v1] netmap packet filter: (not ready yet)
tsnet --- tsnet starting with hostname "tamago", varRoot "/tsnet-tamago"
tsnet --- Start
tsnet --- generating new machine key
"
netmap: self: [0xGGM] auth=machine-authorized u=xxxxxxxxxx@gmail.com [100.xxx.xx.82/32 fd7a:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx/128]
tsnet --- control: [v1] mapRoutine: netmap received: state:synchronized
tsnet --- control: [v1] sendStatus: mapRoutine-got-netmap: state:synchronized
tsnet --- active login: xxxxxxxxx@gmail.com
tsnet --- [v1] netmap packet filter: 1 filters
tsnet --- [v1] magicsock: got updated network map; 3 peers
tsnet --- [v2] netstack: registered IP 100.xxx.xx.82/32
tsnet --- [v2] netstack: registered IP fd7a:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx/128
"
tsnet --- peerapi: serving on http://100.xxx.xx.82:63151
tsnet --- peerapi: serving on http://[fd7a:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx:xxxx]:63151
tsnet --- netcheck: UDP is blocked, trying ICMP
tsnet --- control: [v1] HostInfo:
{"IPNVersion":"1.49.0-dev20230906-t7a0be7f2c-dirty","BackendLogID":"xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx9b2efd","OS":"tamago","Package":"tsnet","Hostname":"tamago","GoArch":"a
rm","GoArchVar":"7","GoVersion":"go1.21.0","Services":[{"Proto":"peerapi4","Port":63151},{"Proto":"peerapi6","Port":63151}],"Userspace":true,"UserspaceRouter":true}
tsnet --- control: [v1] PollNetMap: stream=false ep=[]

starting web server at 100.117.90.82:80
tsnet --- control: [v1] successful lite map update in 316ms
starting ssh server (SHA256:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) at :22
```

### Machine Details

Information about this machine's network. Used to debug connection issues.

Creator	[REDACTED]	Created	Jun 15, 2023 at 1:06 PM GMT+2
Machine name	tamago Copy	Last seen	1:06 PM GMT+2
OS hostname	tamago	Key expiry	6 months from now
OS	Tamago	CLIENT CONNECTIVITY	—
Tailscale version	1.38.4-dev20230612	Varies	—
Tailscale IPv4	100. [REDACTED] Copy	Halpinning	—
Tailscale IPv6	fd7a: [REDACTED] Copy	IPv6	—
ID	nf4 [REDACTED]	UDP	—
Endpoints	—	UPnP	—
Relays	—	PCP	—
		NAT-PMP	—

# GoKey - The bare metal Go smart card

The GoKey application implements a composite USB device implementing an [OpenPGP 3.4](#) smartcard, a [FIDO U2F](#) token, an [age plugin](#) and a [PKCS#11 over RPC](#) server, written in pure Go (~2700<sup>1</sup> LOC).

It allows to implement a radically different security model for smartcards, taking advantage of Go to safely mix layers and protocols not easy to combine.

For instance authentication can happen over SSH instead of plaintext PIN transmission over USB.

	Trust anchor	Data protection	Runtime	Application	Requires tamper proofing	Encryption at rest
<b>traditional smartcard</b>	flash protection	flash protection	JCOP	JCOP applets	Yes	No
<b>USB armory with GoKey</b>	secure boot	SoC security element	TamaGo	Go application	No	Yes

```
host ~ gpg --card-status
Reader :...: USB armory Mk II (Smart Card Control) (0.1) 00 00
Application ID :...: D2760000124010304F5ECD209320C0000
Application type : OpenPGP
Version .....: 3.4
Manufacturer :...: Secure
Serial number :...: D2760000124010304F5ECD209320C
Name of cardholder: Alice
Language prefs ...: (not set)
Salutation .....
URL of public key : (not set)
Login PIN .....: forced
Signature PIN :...: forced
Key attributes ...: rsa4096 rsa4096 rsa4096
Max. PIN lengths : 254 127 127
PIN retry counter : 1 0 0
Signature counter : 0 0 0
Encryption key :...: 0SEC DEB4 43FA 5C01 9C7A 51A2 E9C8 5194 3E46 C2B5
Signature key :...: created: 2020-04-03 15:10:30
Encryption key :...: 656B E354 EE12 BFFF 988B 1607 556B 9659 5A2C D776
Signature key :...: created: 2020-04-03 15:01:49
Authentication key: (none)
General key info.:...: rsa4096/E9C851943E46C2B5 2020-04-03 Alice <alice@wonderland
info>
sec# rsa4096/CB674C5E15EA0B created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/556B96595A2CD776 created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/E9C851943E46C2B5 created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/2E831B5E996EE83D created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
host ~ ssh alice@10.0.0.10
host ~ tamago/arm (go1.14) + 0330e82 user@host on 2020-04-09 07:42:11 * 1.MX6ULL
exit, quit # close session
help # this help
init # initialize card
rand # gather 32 bytes from TRNG via crypto/rand
reboot # restart
status # display card status
lock (all|sig|dec) # key lock
unlock (all|sig|dec) # key unlock, prompts decryption passphrase
resizing terminal (pty:0x66)
> unlock all
Passphrase:
VERIFY: 05 EC DE B4 43 FA 5C 01 9C 7A 51 A2 E9 C8 51 94 3E 46 C2 B5 unlocked
VERIFY: 65 6B E3 54 EE 12 FB FB 98 88 16 07 55 6B 96 59 5A 2C D7 76 unlocked
> exit
logout
closing ssh connection
Connection to 10.0.0.10 closed.
host ~ gpg --decrypt secret.asc
gpg: encrypted by 4096-bit RSA key, ID 556B96595A2CD776, created 2020-04-03
    "Alice <alice@wonderland>"
cheshire wrote:
    "Where do you want to go?"
alice wrote:
    "I don't know"
cheshire wrote:
    "Then, it really doesn't matter, does it?"
host ~
```



# Demo: GoKey



<https://github.com/usbarmory/gokey>

<https://youtu.be/WeO2eiYSeWM>

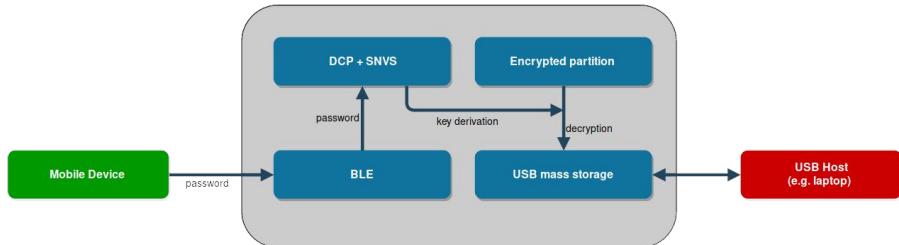
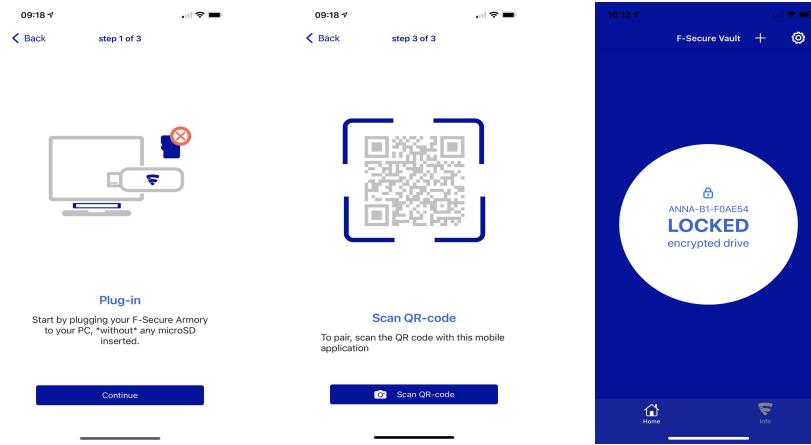


# Armory Drive - Encrypted USB Mass Storage

Armory Drive implements the **easiest to use encrypted drive solution** allowing secure access to any microSD card.

Unlike existing encrypted drive solutions the key is unlocked with **3 factors** (user + mobile phone + armory) and **over Bluetooth**. No trust (or driver requirements) are delegated to the host.

It consists of **~3000 LOC** of pure TamaGo code and an iOS app.



It uses Google Firmware Transparency framework to enable firmware update authentication on the installer as well as the device itself.

# armory-boot - USB armory boot loader

A primary signed boot loader (~700 LOC) to launch authenticated Linux kernel images on secure booted<sup>1</sup> USB armory boards, replacing U-Boot.

```
func boot(kernel uint, params uint, cleanup func(), region *dma.Region) (err error) {
    table := arm.SystemVectorTable()
    table.Supervisor = exec

    imx6ul.ARM.SetVectorTable(table)

    _kernel = uint32(kernel)
    _params = uint32(params)
    _mmu = (region != nil)

    cleanup()

    if region != nil {
        imx6ul.ARM.SetAttribute(
            uint32(region.Start()),
            uint32(region.End()),
            arm.TTE_EXECUTE_NEVER, 0)
    } else {
        imx6ul.ARM.FlushDataCache()
        imx6ul.ARM.DisableCache()
    }

    svc()

    return errors.New("supervisor failure")
}
```

```
func verifySignature(buf []byte, s []byte) (valid bool, err error) {
    sig, err := DecodeSignature(string(s))

    if err != nil {
        return false, fmt.Errorf("invalid signature, %v", err)
    }

    pub, err := NewPublicKey(PublicKeyStr)

    if err != nil {
        return false, fmt.Errorf("invalid public key, %v", err)
    }

    return pub.Verify(buf, sig)
}

func verifyHash(buf []byte, s string) bool {
    // use hardware acceleration
    sum, _ := imx6ul.DCP.Sum256(buf) {

        if hash, err := hex.DecodeString(s); err != nil {
            return false
        }

        return bytes.Equal(sum[:], hash)
    }
}
```



## **type ELFImage**

```
type ELFImage struct {  
    // Region is the memory area for image loading.  
    Region *dma.Region  
    // ELF is a bootable bare-metal ELF image.  
    ELF []byte  
    // contains filtered or unexported fields  
}
```

## **func (\*ELFImage) Boot**

```
func (image *ELFImage) Boot(cleanup func()) (err error)
```

Boot calls a loaded bare-metal ELF image.

## **func (\*ELFImage) Entry**

```
func (image *ELFImage) Entry() uint
```

Entry returns the image entry address.

## **func (\*ELFImage) Load**

```
func (image *ELFImage) Load() (err error)
```

Load loads a bare-metal ELF image in memory.

ELFImage represents a bootable bare-metal ELF image.

```
import (  
    "github.com/usbarmy/armory-boot/exec"  
)  
  
image := &exec.ELFImage{  
    Region: mem,  
    ELF:     os.Firmware,  
}  
  
if err = image.Load(); err != nil {  
    panic(fmt.Sprintf("load error, %v\n", err))  
}  
  
log.Printf("armored-witness-boot: starting kernel@%.8x\n", image.Entry())  
  
if err = image.Boot(preLaunch); err != nil {  
    panic(fmt.Sprintf("armored-witness-boot: load error, %v\n", err))  
}
```

# go-boot - UEFI boot manager

A TamaGo unikernel implementing a **UEFI Shell** and **OS loader** for AMD64 platforms.

It supports loading of arbitrary EFI images, Linux kernels and Windows UEFI boot manager.

It provides a clean pure Go API to UEFI Boot and Runtime services in ~2000 LOC.

It results in a 3MB EFI application which performs as fast, if not faster, than equivalent functionality  
Implemented in other C/Rust based efforts.

It supports **UEFI networking** through SNP, bringing full Go network I/O in your pre-boot environment.

```
initializing EFI services
initializing console (text)

go-boot * tamago/amd64 (go1.24.2) * UEFI x64

.           <path>          # load and start EFI image
build       <path>          # build information
cat         <path>          # show file contents
clear      <leaf> <subleaf>   # clear screen
cpuid      <leaf> <subleaf>   # show CPU capabilities
date        (time in RFC339 format)? # show/change runtime date and time
exit,quit   # exit application
halt,shutdown # shutdown system
info        # device information
linux,1,lr  (<loader entry path>) # boot Linux kernel image
log         # show runtime logs
lspci      # list PCI devices
memmap     (e800)?          # show UEFI memory map
mode        <mode>          # set screen mode
peek        <hex offset> <size>    # memory display (use with caution)
poke        <hex offset> <hex value> # memory write (use with caution)
protocol   <registry format GUID> # locate UEFI protocol
reset      (cold|warm)?    # reset system
stack      # goroutine stack trace (current)
stackall   # goroutine stack trace (all)
stat        <path>          # show file information
uefi       # UEFI information
uptime     # show system running time
windows,win,w # launch Windows UEFI boot manager

.uefi
UEFI Revision .....: 2.70
Firmware Vendor ....: EDK II
Firmware Revision ..: 0x10000
Runtime Services ...: 0xbff9ecb98
Boot Services .....: 0xbfeaf5720
Frame Buffer .......: 1280x800 @ 0xc0000000
Configuration Tables: 0xbff9ec098
ee4e5898-3914-4259-9d6e-dc7bd79403cf (0xbff8ebef98)
05ad34ba-6f02-4214-952e-4da0398e2bb9 (0xbffea54a0)
7739f124c-93d7-11d4-9a3a-0090273fc14d (0xbff8e7818)
4c19049f-4137-4dd3-9c10-8b97a83ffdfa (0xbffea54e0)
49152e77-1ada-4754-b7a2-7afefad95e8b (0xbffea6180)
060cc026-4c0d-4dda-8f41-595fef00a502 (0xbff940018)
eb9d2d31-2d98-11d3-9a16-0090273fc14d (0xbff93f000)
eb9d2d30-2d98-11d3-9a16-0090273fc14d (0xbfb7e000)
8868e871-e4f1-11d3-bc22-0088c73c8881 (0xbfb7e014)
dcfa911d-26eb-469f-a220-38b7dc461220 (0xbbebb6018)
```



initializing EFI services  
initializing console (text)

```
go-boot • tamago/amd64 (go1.25.1) • UEFI x64

.
.
build <path> # `.\efi\boot\bootx64.efi`  
cat <path> # load and start EFI image  
clear # build information  
cpuid <leaf> <subleaf> # show file contents  
date (time in RFC339 format)? # clear screen  
dns <host> # show CPU capabilities  
exit,quit # resolve domain  
gemini # show/change runtime date and time  
halt,shutdown # exit application  
help # ask gemini  
info # shutdown system  
linux,1 # this help  
linux,1,\r # device information  
log <loader entry path>? # boot Linux kernel image  
ls <path>? # `l \loader\entries\arch.conf`  
lspci # show runtime logs  
memmap <e820>? # list PCI devices  
mode <mode> # show UEFI memory map  
net <ip> <mac> <debug>? # set screen mode  
peek <hex offset> <size> # memory display (use with caution)  
poke <hex offset> <hex value> # memory write (use with caution)  
protocol <registry format GUID> # locate UEFI protocol  
reset <cold|warm>? # reset system  
stack # goroutine stack trace (current)  
stackall # goroutine stack trace (all)  
stat <path> # show file information  
uefi # show system running time  
uptime # UEFI information  
windows,win,w # launch Windows UEFI boot manager
```

```
> net 10.0.0.1/24 : 10.0.0.2  
network initialized (10.0.0.1/24 56:6d:ab:80:04:5b)  
> gemini I am talking to you from an UEFI bootloader, isn't that amazing? Shall I  
boot Linux or Windows today?
```

That \*is\* amazing! It's cool to think I'm communicating with you directly from the UEFI environment.

As for your question, whether to boot Linux or Windows is entirely up to you! It depends on what you want to do today. Here's a little thought process to help you decide:

- \* \*\*\*What tasks do you have planned?\*\*  
 \* \*\*Linux:\*\* If you're planning on doing software development, system administration, using specific Linux-only tools, or prefer its command-line environment, Linux might be the better choice.  
 \* \*\*Windows:\*\* If you're planning on gaming, using Windows-specific applications (like Microsoft Office), or prefer its user interface, Windows might be the better choice.
- \* \*\*\*What are you in the mood for?\*\*  
 \* Sometimes, it's just about which operating system you feel like using!

Ultimately, the decision is yours. Have fun with whichever OS you choose! Let me know if you need any more help or have any other questions.



# type Services

Services represents the UEFI services instance.

```
type Services struct {
    // EFI System Table instance
    SystemTable *SystemTable

    // UEFI services
    Console *Console
    Boot    *BootServices
    Runtime *RuntimeServices
    // contains filtered or unexported fields
}
```

## func (\*Services) Address

```
func (s *Services) Address() uint64
```

Address returns the EFI System Table pointer.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmory/go-boot/uefi"
)

UEFI := &uefi.Services{}

if err = UEFI.Init(imageHandle, systemTable); err != nil {
    panic(fmt.Sprintf("could not initialize EFI services, %v\n", err))
}

root, _ = UEFI.Root()
UEFI.Boot.LoadImage(0, root, "EFIShell.efi")
```

## func (\*Services) Root

```
func (s *Services) Root() (root *FS, err error)
```

Root returns an EFI Simple File System instance for the current EFI image root volume.

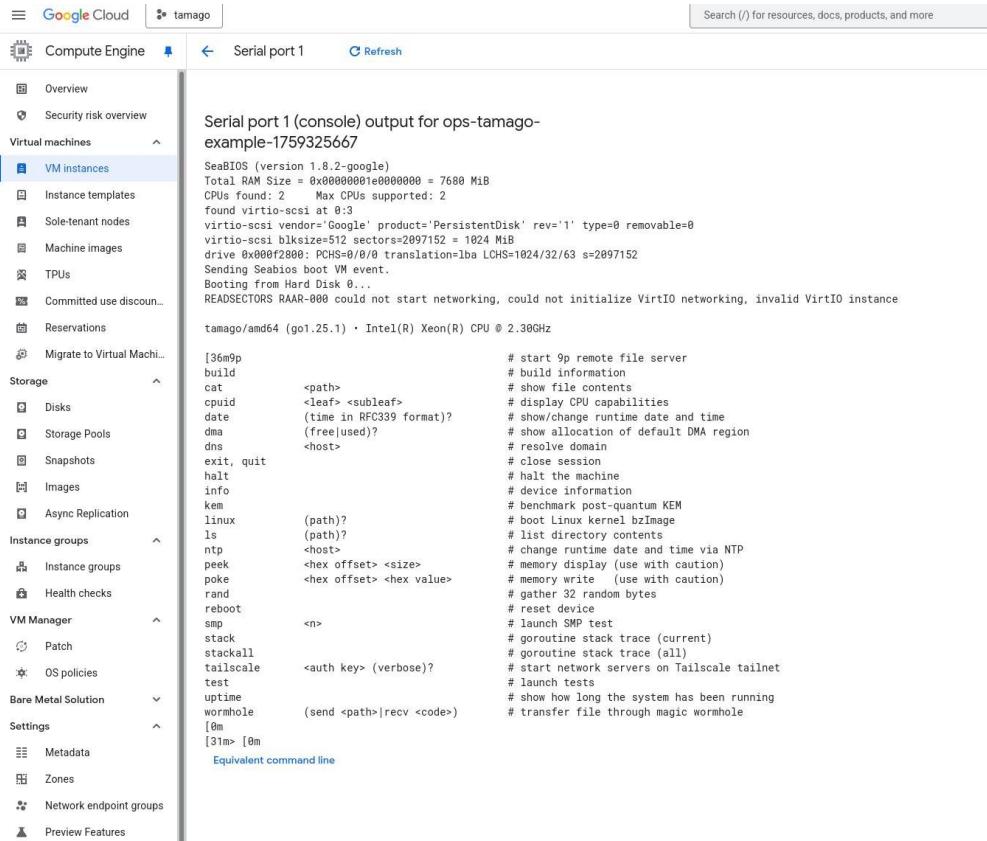
# Cloud deployments

TamaGo unikernels can be deployed in cloud environments.

Unikernels can be converted to raw MBR disk images to be launched as VMs on **Google Compute Engine** or **Amazon EC2**.

Tools like ops from NanoVMs can be used to launch Go unikernels directly on arbitrary cloud providers without requiring an orchestration layer.

On compute platforms with UEFI support it is also possible to simply boot as UEFI binary.



The screenshot shows the Google Cloud Compute Engine interface. The left sidebar lists various service categories: Overview, Security risk overview, Virtual machines, VM instances (selected), Instance templates, Sole-tenant nodes, Machine images, TPUs, Committed use discounts, Reservations, Migrate to Virtual Machine, Storage (Disks, Storage Pools, Snapshots, Images, Async Replication), Instance groups (selected), Health checks, VM Manager (Patch, OS policies), Bare Metal Solution, Settings (Metadata, Zones, Network endpoint groups, Preview Features). The main content area shows the serial port 1 output for a VM named 'ops-tamago-example-1759325667'. The output displays the SeaBIOS version, memory size, CPU count, and a log of boot events. It includes a command-line interface for managing the VM, such as 'start 9p' for mounting a file system and 'halt' to shutdown the machine.

```
Serial port 1 (console) output for ops-tamago-example-1759325667

SeaBIOS (version 1.8.2-google)
Total RAM Size = 0x00000001e0000000 = 7680 MiB
CPUs found: 2 Max CPUs supported: 2
found virtio-scsi at 0:3
virtio-scsi vendor='Google' product='PersistentDisk' rev='1' type=0 removable=0
virtio-scsi blksize=512 sectors=2097152 = 1024 MiB
drive 0x00f2000: PCHS:0/0/0 translation=lba LCHS=1024/32/63 s=2097152
Sending Seabios boot VM event.
Booting from Hard Disk 0...
READSECTORS RAA0-000 could not start networking, could not initialize VirtIO networking, invalid VirtIO instance

tamago/amd64 (go1.25.1) • Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 2.80GHz

[36m0p
build
cat <path>
cpuid <leaf> <subleaf>
date (time in RFC339 format)?
dma (free|used)?
dns <host>
exit, quit
halt
info
kem
linux (path)?
ls (path)?
ntp <host>
peek <hex offset> <size>
poke <hex offset> <hex value>
rand
reboot
smr <n>
stack
stackcall
tailscale <auth key> (verbose)?
test
uptime
wormhole (send <path>|recv <code>)
[0m
[31m: [0m
Equivalent command line
```

<https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-example/tree/master/tools#google-compute-engine>

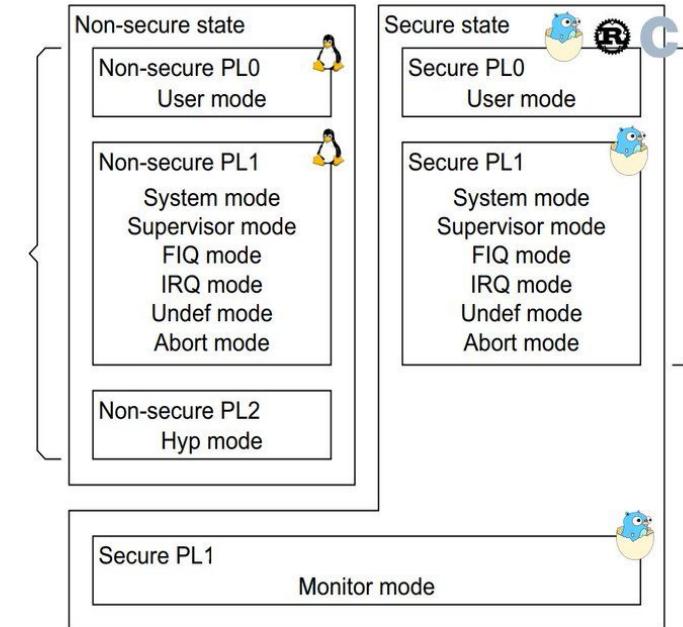


# GoTEE - Trusted Execution Environment

The GoTEE framework implements concurrent instantiation of TamaGo based unikernels in privileged and unprivileged modes, interacting with each other through monitor mode and custom system calls.

With these capabilities GoTEE implements a pure Go Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) bringing Go memory safety, convenience and capabilities to bare metal execution within TrustZone Secure World.

It supports any freestanding user mode applets (e.g. TamaGo, C, Rust) and any “rich” OS running in NonSecure World (e.g. Linux).



## Package monitor

```
type ExecCtx struct {
    R0  uint32
    ...
    R15 uint32 // PC

    // Memory is the executable allocated RAM
    Memory *dma.Region
    // Handler, if not nil, handles user syscalls
    Handler func(ctx *ExecCtx) error
    // Server, if not nil, serves RPC calls over syscalls
    Server *rpc.Server
}
```

### func Load

```
func Load(entry uint, mem *dma.Region, secure bool) (ctx *ExecCtx, err error)
```

Load returns an execution context initialized for the argument entry point and memory region, the secure flag controls whether the context belongs to a secure partition (e.g. TrustZone Secure World) or a non-secure one (e.g. TrustZone Normal World).

### func (\*ExecCtx) Run

```
func (ctx *ExecCtx) Run() (err error)
```

Run starts the execution context and handles system or monitor calls. The execution yields back to the invoking Go runtime only when exceptions are caught. The function invokes the context Handler() and returns when an unhandled exception, or any other error, is raised.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmory/armory-boot/exec"
    "github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/monitor"
)

image := &exec.ELFImage{
    Region: appletRegion,
    ELF:     elf,
}

if err = image.Load(); err != nil {
    return
}

if ta, err = monitor.Load(image.Entry(), image.Region, true); err != nil {
    return nil, fmt.Errorf("SM could not load applet: %v", err)
}

ta.Handler = handler
ta.Server.Register(ctl.RPC)
ta.Run()
```

```

> gotee
PL1 tamago/arm (go1.18.3) • TEE system/monitor (Secure World)
PL1 loaded applet addr:0x9c000000 size:4719809 entry:0x9c06f188
PL1 loaded kernel addr:0x80000000 size:4384184 entry:0x8006db70
PL1 starting mode:SYS ns:true sp:0x00000000 pc:0x8006db70
PL1 starting mode:USR ns:false sp:0x9e000000 pc:0x9c06f188
PL1 tamago/arm (go1.18.4) • system/supervisor (Normal World)
PL1 in Normal World is about to perform DCP key derivation
PL1 in Normal World successfully used DCP (df3eed2a50c9dd22daf7cf864f27bb90)
PL1 in Normal World is about to yield back
    r0:00000000  r1:814243f0  r2:00000001  r3:00000000
    r4:00000000  r5:00000000  r6:00000000  r7:8146bf14
    r8:00000007  r9:00000034  r10:814040f0  r11:802e9b21  cpsr:600001d6 (MON)
    r12:00000000  sp:8146bf54  lr:80185518  pc:80185648  spsr:600001df (SYS)
PL1 stopped mode:SYS ns:true sp:0x8146bf54 lr:0x80185518 pc:0x80185648 err:exit
PL0 tamago/arm (go1.18.4) • TEE user applet (Secure World)
PL0 obtained 16 random bytes from PL1: 10e742f0dad15db3f00aea14ee4a5acc
PL1 loaded kernel addr:0x80000000 size:4384184 entry:0x8006db70
PL1 re-launching kernel with TrustZone restrictions
PL1 starting mode:SYS ns:true sp:0x00000000 pc:0x8006db70
PL1 tamago/arm (go1.18.4) • system/supervisor (Normal World)
PL1 in Normal World is about to perform DCP key derivation
    r0:02280000  r1:814683a0  r2:8143c588  r3:00000001
    r4:00000000  r5:00000000  r6:00000000  r7:8146bf14
    r8:00000007  r9:00000044  r10:814040f0  r11:802e9b21  cpsr:200001d6 (MON)
    r12:00000000  sp:8146bf28  lr:80180398  pc:80011340  spsr:200001df (SYS)
PL1 stopped mode:SYS ns:true sp:0x8146bf28 lr:0x80180398 pc:0x80011340 err:DATA_ABORT
PL1 in Secure World is about to perform DCP key derivation
PL1 in Secure World successfully used DCP (df3eed2a50c9dd22daf7cf864f27bb90)

```

```

$ ssh 10.0.0.1
PL1 tamago/arm (go1.18.3) • TEE system/monitor (Secure World)

    help                                # this help
    reboot                             # reset the SoC/board
    stack                               # stack trace of current goroutine
    stackall                            # stack trace of all goroutines
    md <hex offset> <size>           # memory display (use with caution)
    mw <hex offset> <hex value>      # memory write (use with caution)

    gotee                               # TrustZone test w/ TamaGo unikernels
    linux <uSD|eMMC>                 # boot NonSecure USB armory Debian image
    lockstep <% fault>                # tandem applet example w/ fault injection

    dbg                                 # show ARM debug permissions
    csl                                 # show config security levels (CSL)
    csl <periph> <slave> <hex csl>   # set config security level (CSL)
    sa                                  # show security access (SA)
    sa <id> <secure|nonsecure>       # set security access (SA)

> dbg
| type          | implemented | enabled |
|-----|-----|-----|
| Secure non-invasive | 1 | 0 |
| Secure invasive | 1 | 0 |
| Non-secure non-invasive | 1 | 1 |
| Non-secure invasive | 1 | 0 |

> linux eMMC
armory-boot: loading configuration at /boot/armory-boot-nonsecure.conf
PL1 loaded kernel addr:0x80000000 size:7603616 entry:0x80800000
PL1 launching Linux
PL1 starting mode:SVC ns:true sp:0x00000000 pc:0x80800000
Booting Linux on physical CPU 0x0
Linux version 5.15.52-0 (usbarmory@usbarmory) arm-linux-gnueabihf-gcc (Ubuntu 9.4.0-1ubuntu1~20.04.1)


```

# Opportunistic soft lockstep

---

```
> lockstep 0.01
SM loading applet in lockstep shadow memory
SM loaded applet addr:0x10000000 entry:0x10082658 size:5002440
SM starting mode:USR sp:0x12000000 pc:0x10082658 ns:false
tamago/arm • TEE user applet
applet obtained 16 random bytes from monitor: 2c4337ed2da3d3570d7120d7d52dbda5
applet requests echo via RPC: hello
applet received echo via RPC: hello
applet will sleep for 5 seconds
applet says 1 mississippi
applet says 2 mississippi
!! injecting register fault !!
SM stopped mode:USR sp:0x11ffffd0 lr:0x101accb4 pc:0x101acbc0 ns:false err:lockstep failure
  r0:00000002  r1:11ff02a0  r2:00000000  r3:00000002
  r4:00000000  r5:00000000  r6:00000000  r7:00000001
  r8:00000001  r9:10365178  r10:10363e00  r11:00000007 cpsr:200001d3 (SVC)
  r12:584875b0  sp:11ffffd0  lr:101accb4  pc:101acbc0 spsr:200001d0 (USR)
shadow context:
  r0:00000003  r1:11ff02a0  r2:00000000  r3:00000002
  r4:00000000  r5:00000000  r6:00000000  r7:00000001
  r8:00000001  r9:10365178  r10:10363e00  r11:00000007 cpsr:200001d3 (SVC)
  r12:584875b0  sp:11ffffd0  lr:101accb4  pc:101acbc0 spsr:200001d0 (USR)
stack trace:
  github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/syscall/syscall_arm.s:37
  github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/applet/nanotime_syscall1.go:21

>
```

GoTEE supports [lockstep execution](#) of any deterministic execution context, such a Trusted Applet.

The tandem progression of a Trusted Applet executable allows detection of injected or naturally occurred faults.

To achieve this a shadow execution context is paired to the primary one for comparison at each monitor call.

All it takes is the definition of a function that re-configures virtual memory addressing so that the same applet can be allocated in two separate physical memory areas.

```
ta, _ := monitor.Load(taEntry, taMemory, true)
ta.Shadow = ta.Clone()

flags := arm.MemoryRegion|arm.TTE_AP_011<<10

ta.MMU = func() {
    imx6ul.ConfigureMMU(start, end, primaryStart, flags)
}

ta.Shadow.MMU = func() {
    imx6ul.ConfigureMMU(start, end, shadowStart, flags)
}
```

# GoTEE in the wild: space!

On May 22nd 2023 (UTC 05:00:32) the USB armory Mk II got a lift to space!

On February 27th 2024 (UTC 07:27:00) the same unit went back to space.

GoTEE supervised a TamaGo based unikernel (acting as Trusted Applet) and a full Linux instance isolated in NonSecure World to test Post Quantum Key exchanges.

For this occasion TamaGo and GoTEE have been updated with full watchdog and interrupt support.

The payload remained operation for the entire flight duration performing exactly 400 PQC key exchanges. As far as we know this is the first time bare metal Go executed in space.



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Yesterday (UTC 05:00:32) @WithSecure USB armory got a lift (~225 km apogee) from the MAPHEUS-13 rocket launched from the Esrange Space Center.

Thanks to @DLR\_de @adesso\_SE for this amazing collaboration!

Our bare metal GoTEE performed Post Quantum key exchange in space!



# GoTEE in the wild: Armored Witness

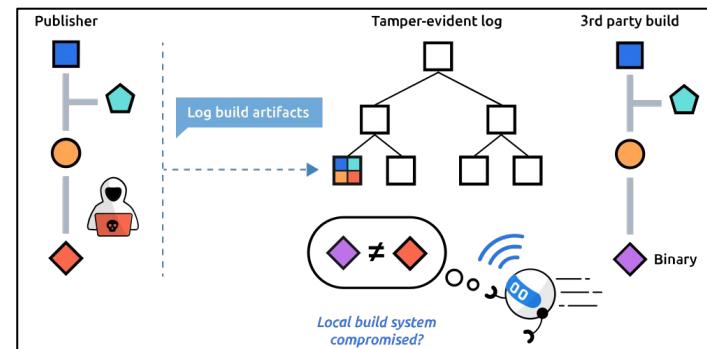
The applet observes public transparency logs verifying that they're operating in an append-only fashion, and counter-signing those checkpoints which it has determined are consistent with all previous checkpoints its seen from the same log.

The counter-signed checkpoints are sent to a **distributor**, which then collates counter-signatures for a given checkpoint from one or more Armored Witness devices, and serves them via a public API.

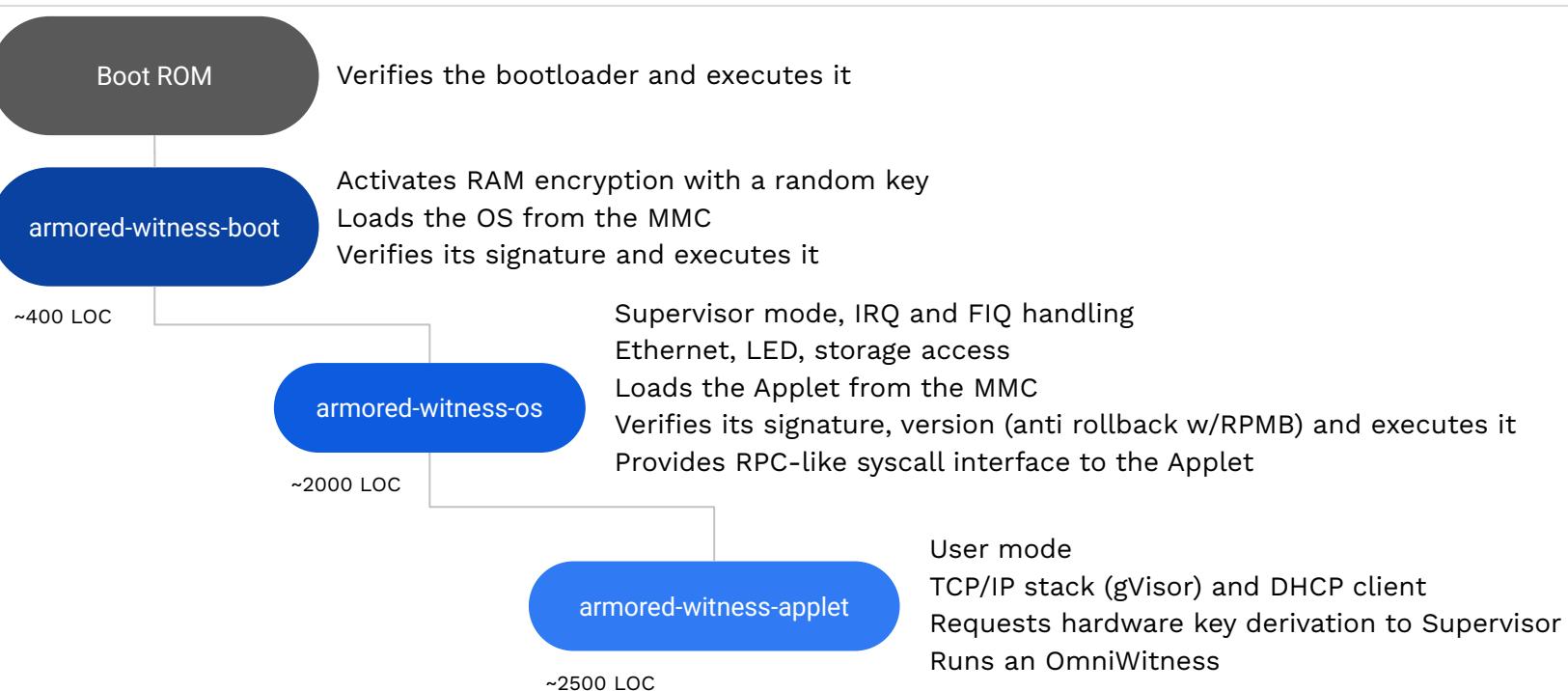
The benefit of this system comes through **removing trust from log operators** to behave honestly, and **placing some of that trust in the witnesses**.

Splitting the trust across multiple parties in this way means that **a larger number of parties must collude to hide malfeasance**, and as other witness implementations/networks start to appear, the number of parties required to collude increases correspondingly.

However, **we can minimise the amount of trust required** to be placed in the Armored Witness by having it be **as transparent as possible** too.



# Armored Witness architecture



All firmware verification past the Boot ROM stage verify, through FT proof bundles, the presence of one or more trusted signatures (multi party signing) on the release manifest. The release manifest includes the binary hash, log checkpoint, the index of the manifest in the log and its corresponding inclusion proof.

**The OS and Applet must be published on the log to be usable on the device.**

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness>

# Minimising trust

All firmware is open source, written in TamaGo, and is build-reproducible by anyone. All firmware is logged to a Firmware Transparency log at build and release time.

The provision tool will only use firmware artefacts discovered in the FT log in order to program devices. The on-device self-update process requires that updated firmware is hosted in the FT log.

The verify tool can be used by *custodians* to inspect the device, extract the firmware components from it, and verify that they are present in the FT log.

The verify\_build command continuously monitors the contents of the FT log, and tests that every logged firmware is indeed reproducibly built.

Google is able to quickly become aware of misuse of their signing identities to release unauthorised firmware updates.

**Anyone can verify that each firmware can be rebuilt consistently with what is running, logged and its source.**

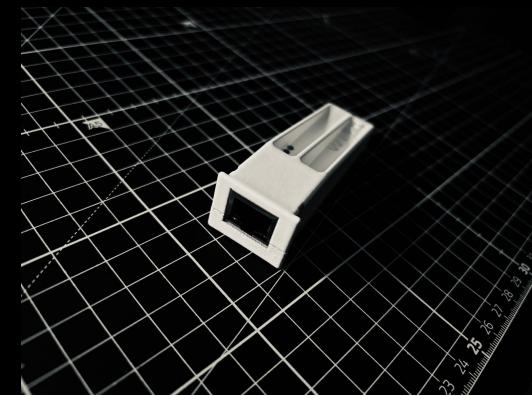
```
{  
    "schema_version": 0,  
    "component": "TRUSTED_APPLET",  
    "git": {  
        "tag_name": "0.3.1709910063-incompatible",  
        "commit_fingerprint": "9651fc25839d9937acc041057cf3906f26fc1ae5"  
    },  
    "build": {  
        "tamago_version": "1.22.0",  
        "envs": [  
            "FT_LOG_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/ci/log/2",  
            "FT_BIN_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/ci/artefacts/2",  
            "LOG_ORIGIN=transparency.dev/armored-witness/firmware_transparency/ci/2",  
            "LOG_PUBLIC_KEY=transparency.dev-aw-ftlog-ci-2+f77c6276+AZXqiaARpwF4MonOxx46kuiIRjrML0PDTm+c7BLaAmT6",  
            "APPLET_PUBLIC_KEY=transparency.dev-aw-applet-ci+3ff32e2c+AV1fgxtByjXuPjPfi0/7qtBEB1PGGCyxqr6ZppoLoz3",  
            "OS_PUBLIC_KEY1=transparency.dev-aw-os1-ci+7a0eaef3+AcsgvrmrcKIBs21H2Bm2fWb6oFWn/9MmLGNc6NLJtyzeQ",  
            "OS_PUBLIC_KEY2=transparency.dev-aw-os2-ci+af8e4114+AbBJk5MgxRB+68KhGojhUdSt1ts5GAdRIT1Eq9zEkgQh",  
            "REST_DISTRIBUTOR_BASE_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/ci",  
            "BEE=1",  
            "DEBUG=1",  
            "SRK_HASH=b8ba457320663bf006accd3c57e06720e63b21ce5351cb91b4650690bb08d85a"  
        ]  
    },  
    "output": {  
        "firmware_digest_sha256": "1LPLT5T02+Ln71cByKhVvNFyAL47Iz00SGoXNKVSCvU="  
    }  
}  
-- transparency.dev-aw-applet-ci  
P/MuLoFW8473+PNMa58SZA2/rw1aEaIaLTw/aNfdawSiyFEcDjGksYqCTFMnHHGAhhbfnITkkktL1...
```

**The entire Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) can be managed with Go ecosystem tools (e.g. go.mod + go.sum, go mod graph).**

```

boot: tamago/arm • i.MX6UL
boot: starting kernel@1007dee8
os: tamago/arm • TEE security monitor (Secure World system/monitor)
os: loading applet from MMC storage
os: SM applet verification pub:RWQiFth4tAgsVQT5caaZGJGgUzZFnwCdeVHe5XpobGWc9XzCJmjJ56t0
os: SM applet loaded addr:0x20000000 entry:0x20081700 size:15323136
os: SM applet started mode:USR sp:0x30000000 pc:0x20081700 ns:false
ta: tamago/arm • TEE user applet
ta: SM starting network
ta: SNVS - Deriving hardware key
ta: Opening storage - CardInfo: {BlockSize:512 Blocks:8388608}
os: SM registering applet event handler g:0x21803900 p:0x21826000
ta: MAC:26:76:04:d4:4d:db IP:10.0.0.1/24 GW:10.0.0.0/24 DNS:8.8.8.8:53
ta: Starting witness...
ta: TA starting ssh server (SHA256:IH0WYxV66dvixx0PDhAalAvWg+sQC...) at 10.0.0.1:22
ta: Feeder "go.sum database tree" goroutine started
ta: Feeder "Armory Drive Prod 2" goroutine started
ta: Feeder "rekor.sigstore.dev - 3904496407287907110" goroutine started
ta: Feeder "rekor.sigstore.dev - 2605736670972794746" goroutine started
ta: Feeder "developers.google.com/android/binary_transparency/0" goroutine started
ta: "sum.golang.org: go.sum database tree" grew - @0: → @19895786: 3c9b8f49f56cb...
ta: "armory-drive-log: Armory Drive Prod 2" grew - @0: → @2: 02a14ca4a7313d868a4...
ta: "rekor.sigstore.dev: 2605736670972794746" grew - @0: → @36541297: 0d491271b9...
ta: "pixel_transparency_log: ./binary_transparency/0" grew - @0: → @235: f98458...
ta: "rekor.sigstore.dev: 3904496407287907110" grew - @0: → @4163431: 4d006aa46ef...
ta: "lvfs: lvfs" grew - @0: → @12749: 6ac429c550b8b28b7c65b6e61c99c9c76303d14012...
ta: No checkpoint

```



\$ ssh 10.0.0.1

TA tamago/arm (go1.22.1) • TEE user applet (User Mode)

date	(time in RFC339 format)?	# show/change runtime date and time
dns	<fqdn>	# resolve domain (requires routing)
exit, quit		# close session
hab	<hex SRK hash>	# secure boot activation (*irreversible*)
help		# this help
led	(white blue yellow green) (on off)	# LED control
mmc	<hex offset> <size>	# MMC card read
reboot		# reset device
stack		# stack trace of current goroutine
stackall		# stack trace of all goroutines
status		# status information

> status

----- Trusted Applet -----

Runtime .....: go1.22.1 tamago/arm

----- Trusted OS -----

Serial number .....: 3bee6cda358f0c33

Secure Boot .....: false

Revision .....: 70ffeda

Build .....: lcars@lambda on 2024-03-21 08:50:01

Version .....: 1696495801 (2024-03-21 08:50:01 +0000 UTC)

Runtime .....: go1.22.1 tamago/arm

Link .....: true

Witness/Identity .....: DEV:ArmoredWitness-still-tree+e1f17ea8+AZvDSL1C0...

Witness/IP .....: 10.0.0.1

```
$ ssh armory
tamago/arm (go1.22.1) • 4112c8d lcars@lambda on 2024-03-08 12:06:34 • i.MX6UL 528 MHz

ntp      <host>                                # change runtime date and time via NTP
tailscale <auth key> (verbose)?                # start network servers on Tailscale tailnet
witness
wormhole (send <path>|recv <code>)          # transfer file through magic wormhole

> ntp time.google.com
2024-03-08T12:06:58Z
> witness
starting omniwitness on :8080 (tamago-example-ephemeral-witness+599e290c+Afszq5oPlHBvi/cyjEkGGGHS+r96hhedJK4C71BdqP1G)
```

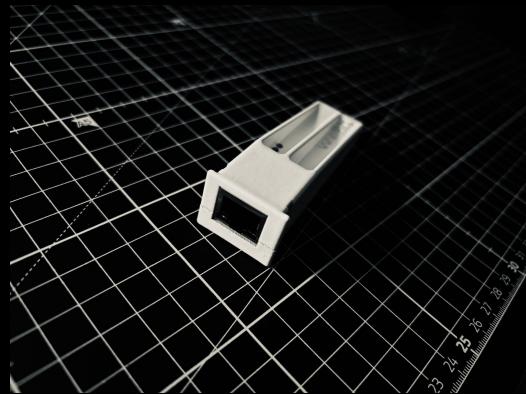
```
I0308 12:07:04.123431 Feeder "lvfs" goroutine started
I0308 12:07:04.135195 Feeder "go.sum database tree" goroutine started
I0308 12:07:04.142646 Feeder "Armory Drive Prod 2" goroutine started
I0308 12:07:04.148453 Feeder "rekor.sigstore.dev - 3904496407287907110" goroutine started
I0308 12:07:04.157244 Feeder "developers.google.com/android/binary_transparency/0" goroutine started
```

```
> witness
Armory Drive Prod 2 2 AqFMpKcxPYaKTmihsFbQvb758iSzJvvJBX5thVJ7r/k=                                // log checkpoint root hash
- armory-drive-log FlQbj/vNC0bZUS8GUCMAwA4A3GOMRU+ZkhVTpmGXTuFST75f2v92/021lu6euikoSbFTlzMmCNDT6wor5VB/X5z91bMAA= // log signature
- tamago-example-ephemeral-witness 6SKM5Gj/6mUAAAALhy5ei/8YVJBYTzZWSP8p2ST+868EDQkXUtz40JRSwtz1Y0qQ4W6o4g+vneP9rNkiEAN/gQGXGqd9Jz2HQ5JDw==
```

```
rekor.sigstore.dev - 3904496407287907110 4163431 TQBqpG78tcfdudkAsSE3VMUMySucNAXGw1YdnWovMjk=
- rekor.sigstore.dev wNI9ajBGAiEA8NoGSE0tPoD0tk5kNKQdM4Sxv4L5551vMsbvavFkD1ICIQDW1QsPAS1jGQAqjwOqpWft0m+Iw5P/Kd2ImoUdMgez4g=
- tamago-example-ephemeral-witness 6SKM5Gj/6mUAAAAPv8+I7roAQgSLMOxxIJ7jZ32mAttz1m1ZfiLyqogUjni59h478pruCKgJbK5sDzQL9JFeVygO3G4te5bkHDg==
```

```
developers.google.com/android/binary_transparency/0 324 vSoSuFDnfUfaKNJne2AtZjQD1CPORv+BLqnSXJE4phE=
- pixel_transparency_log csh42zBFAiEAK7GYrVxnXVZW9UDGMk3vdEOwbHB12EMUZ0XQ0zz7e3MCIDH0puL0uvx305pyHW132jJd1ldkClzcS/VUVTbMogsE
- tamago-example-ephemeral-witness 6SKM5Gj/6mUAAAAdGRDGrZ5UQwnanHsDWhUqpzXY8+6RqTvQcprdMtHr1pJP8nE6G6NvKzWJhcnc0BkCDITSWbSAqAaA6EEHDg==
go.sum database tree 23470203 fA/vQxRCMYYCzwGMoSaYipBC0tT0NEv4IpQgL8yCr8=
- sum.golang.org Az3grl+gARGNedljWIgZ62fx334EBbUFiPdkuoEZIVqgKKWccG0L9GXKzNBUNGK6MAUx4b5/f3ogAfftTCRV05W54Qa=
- tamago-example-ephemeral-witness 6SKM5Gn/6mUAAAAdpA/9Fte0cuJtPoztsjc+ksmieezmxhzF+y1+8TMgCbMjBEumBuraML92PLu10TNriB6ocf/pPkwyBzsIAA==
```

```
Lvfs 14770 TVcAhxR0NKIKoKwGAsVSouDSiQ1o2IA9LT1ZPZYMnSY=
- lvfs eQjRQuZh1Vt9r1JR1xMhTbZz9xtL/tiRdrOnkakyycwJkKLvoAA2PGUsWi0uwxFdxTgb1l5VijHQX3ddTos204=
- tamago-example-ephemeral-witness 6SKM5Gn/6mUAAAAdAZ/uaA9ptWcQKdrt3esieSL9XjAQQmKFVolEomVTKD+gUYXxVQY6GHK0KbuQdeIAGEyBiGGuQF2xJyJih7NvoBA==
```



```
$ sudo ./provision --template=ci
""

Fetching TRUSTED_OS bin from "f2a54c9ff38f27b92afe9f0db6794d528e34cf508e60f90d7399f87f6f8143b1"
Fetching TRUSTED_APPLET bin from "a2012b90c44e8e4e48aa04f41f005813342e9f461cdf9f705e72fa1f4dd0f870"
Fetching BOOTLOADER bin from "1285e82d785723a054e2f43d19af3edf8d7f1092ef5dee58c5010753ec6f039b"
Fetching RECOVERY bin from "8271e2a8ccefb6c4df48889fcbb35343511501e3bcd527317d9e63e2ac7349e3"

⚠ OPERATOR: please ensure boot switch is set to USB, and then connect unprovisioned device
Recovery firmware is 1924096 bytes + 16384 bytes HAB signature
Waiting for device to be detected...
found device 15a2:007d Freescale Semiconductor Inc SE Blank 6UL
Attempting to SDP boot device /dev/hidraw0
Loading DCD at 0x00910000 (976 bytes)
Loading imx to 0x8000f400 (1940480 bytes)
Serial download on /dev/hidraw0 complete
Witness device booting recovery image
Waiting for block device to appear
Waiting for block device to settle...
✓ Detected device "/dev/hidraw0"
✓ Detected blockdevice /dev/disk/by-id/usb-F-Secure_USB_armory_Mk_II_720A9DEAD439211E-0:0
Bootloader firmware is 2976768 bytes + 16384 bytes HAB signature
Flashing images...
✓ os @ 0x5000
✓ bootloader @ 0x2
✓ boot config @ 0x4fb0
✓ applet @ 0x200000
✓ Flashed images
⚠ OPERATOR: please change boot switch to MMC, and then reboot device ⚡
Waiting for device to boot...
Waiting for armored witness device to be detected...
✓ Detected device "/dev/hidraw0"
✓ Witness serial number 720A9DEAD439211E found
✓ Witness serial number 720A9DEAD439211E is not HAB fused
⚠ OPERATOR: please reboot device ⚡
Waiting for device to boot...
✓ Witness ID DEV:ArmoredWitness-nameless-rain+192be1c1+AY5ob1kU0v3w4obdEBXVC0ygvNhco8wDMkOMIk1YGZdv provisioned
✓ Device provisioned!
```

```
$ docker run armored-witness-build-verifier continuous \
--log_origin=transparency.dev/armored-witness/firmware_transparency/ci/3 \
--log_url=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/ci/log/3/ \
--log_pubkey=transparency.dev-aw-ftlog-ci-3+3f689522+Aa1Eifq6rRC8qiK+bya07yV1fXyP156pEMsX7CFBC6gg

No previous checkpoint, starting at 0
Running Monitor.From (0, 5]
Downloading and installing tamago 1.22.0
Installed tamago 1.22.0 at /usr/local/tamago-go/1.22.0
Leaf index 0: ✓ reproduced build TRUSTED_APPLET@0.3.1710338359-incompatible (fc52bc11b0d543de847eed44b285acfe7eabed03) => 4f36a18f64014ee9f7c56568c8aec3bc07d9b05849d3b96c9ff3ad3e8aa721f
Leaf index 1: ✓ reproduced build TRUSTED_OS@0.3.1710338980-incompatible (90eb1cb61f0981fe1bdcf5b23b08ae8bf44bbbe) => 7f562e45ac78487679d422ec6a7adffe9e0bbbc8d4d44d3622a4978bf4c68075
Leaf index 2: ✓ reproduced build TRUSTED_APPLET@0.3.1710339913-incompatible (7a5de51228e9299b7185440c73b54c86baefb117) => f226de72b0c56c7f8443fb90112c9d5169165e038f7eb9e7bbe2a21951ce3097
Leaf index 3: ✓ reproduced build RECOVERY@0.3.1710340256-incompatible (850baf54809bd29548d6f817933240043400a4e1) => 8271e2a8ccefb6c4df48889fcbb35343511501e3bcd527317d9e63e2ac7349e3
Leaf index 4: ✓ reproduced build BOOTLOADER@0.0.1710340266-incompatible (86aef7e97bc3a96814e52b8c01bdd67e26cc837) => 1285e82d785723a054e2f43d19af3edf8d7f1092ef5dee58c5010753ec6f039b
No known backlog, switching mode to poll log for new checkpoints. Current size: 5
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$ sudo ./verify --template=ci
...
Fetching RECOVERY bin from "8271e2a8ccefb6c4df48889fcbb35343511501e3bcd527317d9e63e2ac7349e3"
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⚠ Operator, please ensure boot switch is set to USB, and then connect device ⚠
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Recovery firmware is 1924096 bytes + 16384 bytes HAB signature
Waiting for device to be detected...
found device 15a2:007d Freescale Semiconductor Inc SE Blank 6UL
Attempting to SDP boot device /dev/hidraw0
Loading DCD at 0x00910000 (976 bytes)
Loading imx to 0x8000f400 (1940480 bytes)
Sending jump address to 0x8000f400
Serial download on /dev/hidraw0 complete
Witness device booting recovery image
Waiting for block device to appear
Waiting for block device to settle...
✓ Detected device "/dev/hidraw0"
✓ Detected blockdevice /dev/disk/by-id/usb-F-Secure_USB_armory_Mk_II_720A9DEAD4390E1F-0:0
Found config at block 0x4fb0
Reading 0x2d6c00 bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0x400
Found config at block 0x5000
Reading 0xdbd965 bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0xa0a000
Found config at block 0x200000
Reading 0x102a51a bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0x4000a000
✓ Bootloader: proof bundle is self-consistent
✓ Bootloader: proof bundle checkpoint(@10) is consistent with current view of log(@10)
✓ TrustedOS: proof bundle is self-consistent
✓ TrustedOS: proof bundle checkpoint(@10) is consistent with current view of log(@10)
✓ TrustedApplet: proof bundle is self-consistent
✓ TrustedApplet: proof bundle checkpoint(@10) is consistent with current view of log(@10)
✓ Device verified OK!
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⚠ Operator, please ensure boot switch is set to MMC, and then reboot device ⚠
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# Performance

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Go code runs (expectedly) with identical, or improved, speed compared to the same code executed under a full blown OS.

TamaGo drivers operates comparably to their Linux counterparts, no serious overhead is present and anyway absolute performance is not a main focus of the effort, which remains security oriented.

Go ECDSA testsuite <sup>1</sup>	TamaGo	Linux
ECDSA sign+verify p224	115 ms	116 ms
ECDSA sign+verify p256	48 ms	46 ms
ECDSA sign+verify p384	1.85 s	1.89 s
ECDSA sign+verify p521	3.48 s	3.60 s

AES-128-CBC encryption w/ DCP	TamaGo	OpenSSL (afalg)
65536 blocks for 10s	6208	4528
4096 blocks for 10s	70326	60204

Go standard libraries run with comparable performance, while TamaGo hardware drivers highlight increased performance.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://github.com/golang/go/blob/go1.32.0/src/crypto/ecdsa/ecdsa\\_test.go#L76](https://github.com/golang/go/blob/go1.32.0/src/crypto/ecdsa/ecdsa_test.go#L76)



# What have we<sup>1</sup> learned?

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Bare metal applications can play a big role in the future of secure embedded systems and can be built by **reducing complexity**.

We feel the need for a paradigm shift and think there is no place for C code in complex drivers or applications anymore.

Go is a language that, among others, can definitely play a role in this.

To achieve trust we proved that Go distribution modifications can be minimal to achieve bare metal execution.

We completely **killed C<sup>2</sup>**.

It's all about enabling choice and building trust.

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<sup>1</sup> "We" as in the authors, but maybe the audience as well.

<sup>2</sup> The SoC boot ROM or BIOS jumps directly to Go runtime.



## USB armory

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/usbarmory>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/usbarmory/wiki>

HAB/OTP tool: <https://github.com/usbarmory/crucible>

## TamaGo

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki>

API: <https://pkg.go.dev/github.com/usbarmory/tamago>

Example: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-example>

## GoTEE

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/wiki>

Example: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE-example>

## Armored Witness

Repository: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness>

Bootloader: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-boot>

OS: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-os>

Applet: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-applet>

## go-boot

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/go-boot>

HCL: <https://github.com/usbarmory/go-boot/wiki>

# TamaGo

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