

Concept for a Web-of-Trust-based certificate management in RIOT OS

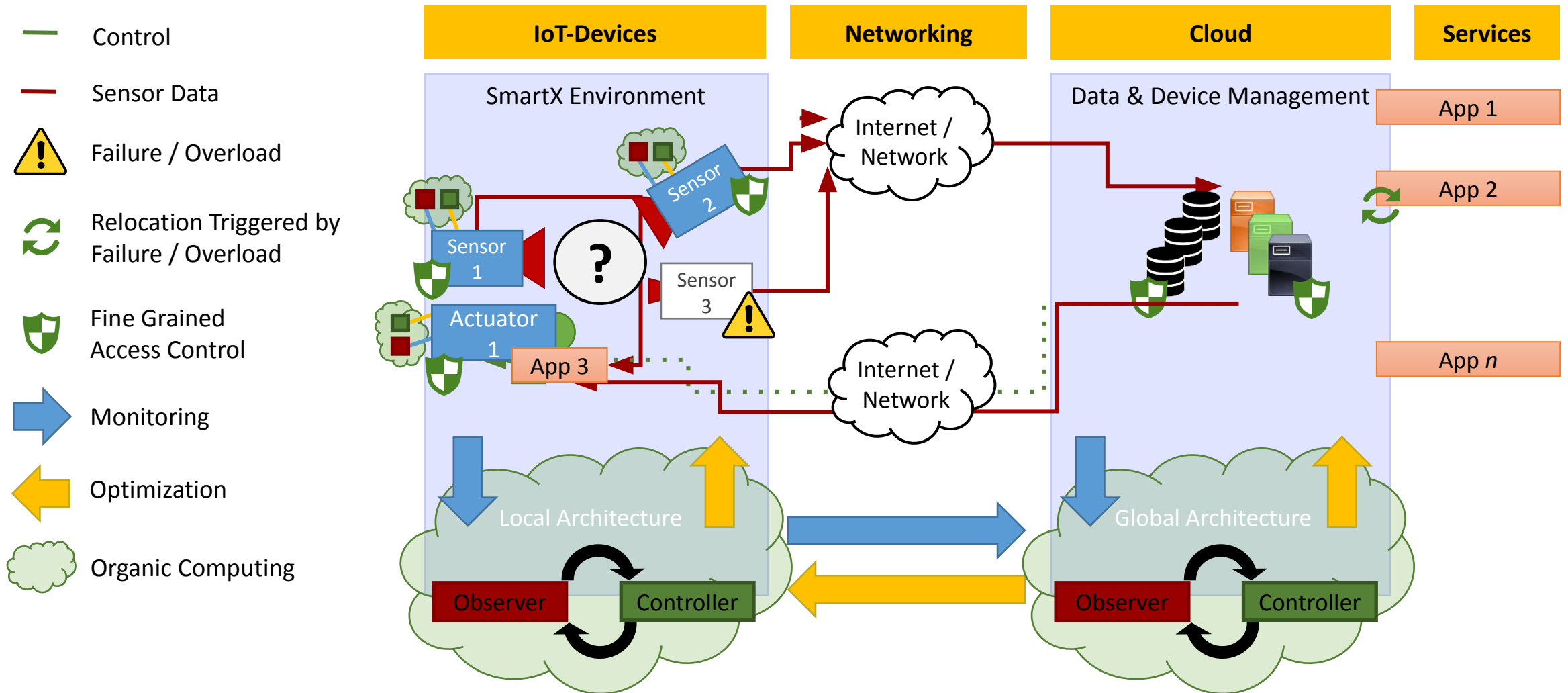
Master Thesis kick off

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DoRIoT Architecture



Motivation

- Cloud dependency of IoT platforms
- Cloud interface provides registration and management of devices
- Central management of certificates for authentication can be single-point of failure
- Device management becomes difficult when number of devices are large

Proposed Solution and Scope of thesis

- Decentralized solutions for key management based on Web of Trust(WoT) approach
- Decentralized, hierarchical WoT-topologies are known to reduce the communication overhead in IoT scenarios[1]
- Key management infrastructure do not yet exist for the approach
- Thesis should propose a concept for certificate chain discovery protocol for encryption and authentication
- The implementation should run on RIOT Operating System[2]

Thesis Plan

- Literature review regarding Web of Trust solutions for IoT.
- Specification of a protocol for certificate chain discovery, supporting a hierarchical WoT topology as proposed in [1]. It should be CoAP-based and can make use of CoAP Resource Discovery, or CoAP Resource Directories, as stated in [1].
Ex-changed certificates should be encoded according to the C509 standard [3]
- Implementation of certificate chain discovery protocol within RIOT.
- Evaluation of solution in terms of communication overhead.
- Discussion of the approach and comparison to Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

Warm-up Task

Program a tool which converts x509 certificates to c509 standard

- Assumptions
 - encryption is ECDSA
 - extensions are omitted
- Implementation
 - wolfssl library[4] is used to decode x509 certificates in .pem format
 - tiny-cbor[5] is used to encode the certificates to cbor

Warm-up Task

x509 example

```
adarsh@adarsh-SVF15318SNW:~/RIOT/warmup/c509_encoder$ openssl x509 -in wolftest.pem -noout
-text
Certificate:
  Data:
    Version: 3 (0x2)
    Serial Number:
      08:1a:be:1b:2e:5a:c5:aa:2c:e5:6d:db:20:22:31:b5
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
    Issuer: C = US, ST = Montana, L = Bozeman, O = Sawtooth, OU = Consulting, CN = www.
wolfssl.com, emailAddress = info@wolfssl.com
    Validity
      Not Before: May  6 21:14:47 2020 GMT
      Not After : Sep 19 21:14:47 2021 GMT
    Subject: C = US, ST = MT, L = Bozeman, O = yourOrgNameHere, OU = yourUnitNameHere,
CN = www.yourDomain.com, emailAddress = yourEmail@yourDomain.com
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
      Public-Key: (256 bit)
      pub:
        04:8e:dc:b9:92:59:51:40:2e:3f:33:44:55:70:80:
        16:bc:41:84:ab:47:3e:8b:93:6a:a0:16:78:0a:e9:
        49:9a:d5:fe:08:cc:c3:23:2f:26:5a:14:cc:b1:8e:
        db:94:8d:ad:3c:57:a4:3b:4f:e2:f0:7e:28:33:01:
        40:57:f0:85:b5
      ASN1 OID: prime256v1
      NIST CURVE: P-256
    X509v3 extensions:
      X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
        DNS:localhost, DNS:example.com, DNS:127.0.0.1
    Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
      30:44:02:20:36:08:d9:df:9e:7f:c2:1c:0c:db:06:26:3d:fe:
      8e:82:6e:64:07:6e:9b:fb:47:97:0a:d0:63:f6:6c:59:2a:82:
      02:20:37:5c:00:eb:0d:7d:95:51:5d:8e:e9:06:c7:a5:6f:7d:
      8b:1d:69:8d:8e:f8:5b:ba:13:0e:2a:5f:b4:86:1b:12
```


Warm-up Task

Field	Value
Version	CBOR int
Serial Number	CBOR byte array
Issuer	Issuer CN as CBOR text string
Validity	UTC time stamp as CBOR unsigned integer
Subject	Subject CN as CBOR text string
Public key	64 byte uncompressed ecPublicKey as CBOR byte string
Signature	ECDSA-Sig-Value ::= SEQUENCE {r INTEGER, s INTEGER} as CBOR byte string

```
adarsh@adarsh-SVF15318SNW:~/RIOT/warmup/c509_encoder$ openssl x509 -in wolftest.pem -noout
-text
Certificate:
    Data:
        Version: 3 (0x2)
        Serial Number:
            08:1a:be:1b:2e:5a:c5:aa:2c:e5:6d:db:20:22:31:b5
        Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
        Issuer: C = US, ST = Montana, L = Bozeman, O = Sawtooth, OU = Consulting, CN = www.
wolfssl.com, emailAddress = info@wolfssl.com
        Validity
            Not Before: May  6 21:14:47 2020 GMT
            Not After : Sep 19 21:14:47 2021 GMT
        Subject: C = US, ST = MT, L = Bozeman, O = yourOrgNameHere, OU = yourUnitNameHere,
CN = www.yourDomain.com, emailAddress = yourEmail@yourDomain.com
        Subject Public Key Info:
            Public Key Algorithm: id-ecPublicKey
            Public-Key: (256 bit)
            pub:
                04:8e:dc:b9:92:59:51:40:2e:3f:33:44:55:70:80:
                16:bc:41:84:ab:47:3e:8b:93:6a:a0:16:78:0a:e9:
                49:9a:d5:fe:08:cc:c3:23:2f:26:5a:14:cc:b1:8e:
                db:94:8d:ad:3c:57:a4:3b:4f:e2:f0:7e:28:33:01:
                40:57:f0:85:b5
            ASN1 OID: prime256v1
            NIST CURVE: P-256
        X509v3 extensions:
            X509v3 Subject Alternative Name:
                DNS:localhost, DNS:example.com, DNS:127.0.0.1
        Signature Algorithm: ecdsa-with-SHA256
        30:44:02:20:36:08:d9:df:9e:7f:c2:1c:0c:db:06:26:3d:fe:
        8e:82:6e:64:07:6e:9b:fb:47:97:0a:d0:63:f6:6c:59:2a:82:
        02:20:37:5c:00:eb:0d:7d:95:51:5d:8e:e9:06:c7:a5:6f:7d:
        8b:1d:69:8d:8e:f8:5b:ba:13:0e:2a:5f:b4:86:1b:12
adarsh@adarsh-SVF15318SNW:~/RIOT/warmup/c509_encoder$
```

```
adarsh@adarsh-SVF15318SNW:~/RIOT/warmup/c509_encoder$ sudo make BOARD=native term
/home/adarsh/RIOT/warmup/c509_encoder/bin/native/c509_encoder.elf /dev/ttyACM0
RIOT native interrupts/signals initialized.
LED_RED_OFF
LED_GREEN_ON
RIOT native board initialized.
RIOT native hardware initialization complete.

main(): This is RIOT! (Version: 2021.10)
x509 CBOR encoder
> cbor_encode wolftest.pem
cbor_encode wolftest.pem
version: 3

serial number: 08:1A:BE:1B:2E:5A:C5:AA:2C:E5:6D:DB:20:22:31:B5

issuer: /C=US/ST=Montana/L=Bozeman/O=Sawtooth/OU=Consulting/CN=www.wolfssl.com/emailAddress
=info@wolfssl.com

not before: 20200506211447Z

not after::20210919211447Z

subject: /C=US/ST=MT/L=Bozeman/O=yourOrgNameHere/OU=yourUnitNameHere/CN=www.yourDomain.com/
emailAddress=yourEmail@yourDomain.com

public key: 04:8E:DC:B9:92:59:51:40:2E:3F:33:44:55:70:80:16:BC:41:84:AB:47:3E:8B:93:6A:A0:1
6:78:0A:E9:49:9A:D5:FE:08:CC:C3:23:2F:26:5A:14:CC:B1:8E:DB:94:8D:AD:3C:57:A4:3B:4F:E2:F0:7E
:28:33:01:40:57:F0:85:B5

signature: 30:44:02:20:36:08:D9:DF:9E:7F:C2:1C:0C:DB:06:26:3D:FE:8E:82:6E:64:07:6E:9B:FB:47
:97:0A:D0:63:F6:6C:59:2A:82:02:20:37:5C:00:EB:0D:7D:95:51:5D:8E:E9:06:C7:A5:6F:7D:8B:1D:69:
8D:8E:F8:5B:BA:13:0E:2A:5F:B4:86:1B:12

c509 cert:880350081ABE1B2E5AC5AA2CE560DB202231B56F7777772E776F6C6673736C2E636F6D1A5EB328C71
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C7A56F7D8B1D698D8EF85BBA130E2A5FB4861B12
>
```


CBOR

[Diagnostic](#) ☒ plain hex

← 197 Bytes ☐ as text ☐ utf8 ☐ emb cbor ☐ cborseq

enter hex below or No file selected.

```
[3, h'081ABE1B2E5AC5AA2CE56DD8202231B5', "www.wolfssl.com", 1588799687, 1632086087, "www.yourDomain.com",  
h'048EDCB9925951402E3F334455708016BC4184AB473E8B936AA016780AE9499AD5FE08CCC3232F265A14CCB18EDB948DAD3C57A43B4FE2F0  
7E2833014057F085B5',  
h'3608D9DF9E7FC21C0CDB06263DFE8E826E64076E9BFB47970AD063F66C592A82375C00EB0D7D95515D8EE906C7A56F7D8B1D698D8EF85BBA  
130E2A5FB4861B12']
```

```
88 # array(8)
03 # unsigned(3)
50 # bytes(16)
081ABE1B2E5AC5AA2CE56DD8202231B5 # "\b\x1A\xBE\xe.Z\xC5\xAA,\xE5m\xDB \"1\xB5"
6F # text(15)
7777772E776F6C6673736C2E636F6D # "www.wolfssl.com"
1A 5EB328C7 # unsigned(1588799687)
1A 6147A847 # unsigned(1632086087)
72 # text(18)
7777772E796F7572446F6D61696E2E636F6D # "www.yourDomain.com"
58 41 # bytes(65)

048EDCB9925951402E3F334455708016BC4184AB473E8B936AA016780AE9499AD5FE08CCC3232F265A14C  
CB18EDB948DAD3C57A43B4FE2F07E2833014057F085B5 # "\x04\x8E\xDC\xB9\x92YQ@.?3DUp  
\x80\x16\xBCA\x84\xABG>\x8B\x93j\xA0\x16x\n\xE9I\x9A\xD5\xFE\b\xCC\xC3#/&Z\x14\xCC  
\xB1\x8E\xDB\x94\x8D\xAD<W\xA4;0\xE2\xF0~(3\x01@W\xF0\x85\xB5"  
58 40 # bytes(64)

3608D9DF9E7FC21C0CDB06263DFE8E826E64076E9BFB47970AD063F66C592A82375C00EB0D7D95515D8EE  
906C7A56F7D8B1D698D8EF85BBA130E2A5FB4861B12 # "6\b\xD9\xDF\x9E\x7F\xC2\x1C\xf  
\xDB\x06&=\xFE\x8E\x82nd\an\x9B\xFBG\x97\n\xD0c\xF6LY*\x827\\x00\xEB\r}\x95Q]  
\x8E\xE9\x06\xC7\xA5o}\x8B\x1D\x8D\x8E\xF8[\xBA\x13\x0E*_\xB4\x86\xe\x12"
```

Thank you for your attention !

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