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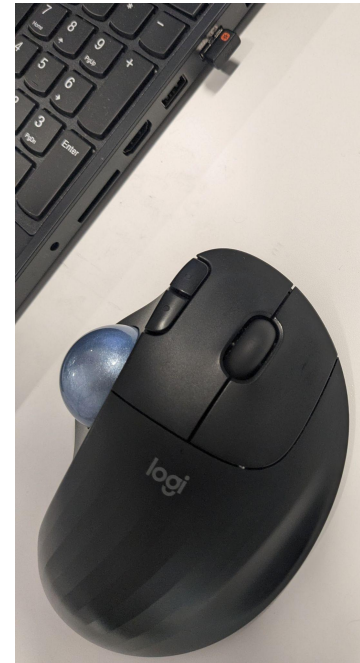
Securing Human Interface Devices

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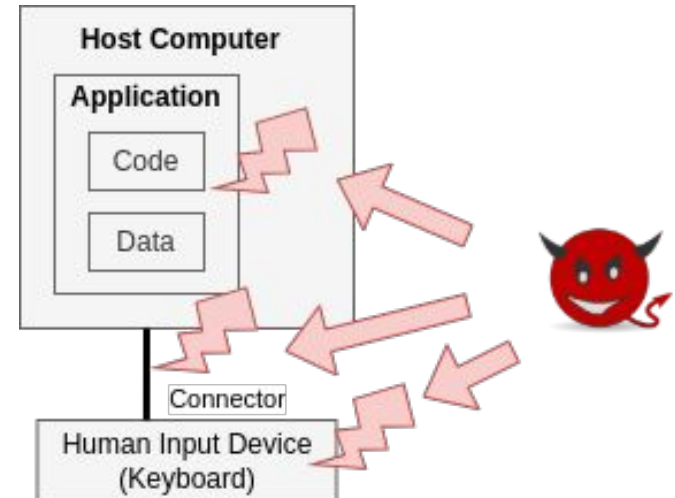
Human Input Device (HID)

- Keyboard and Mouse etc... send data to host computer



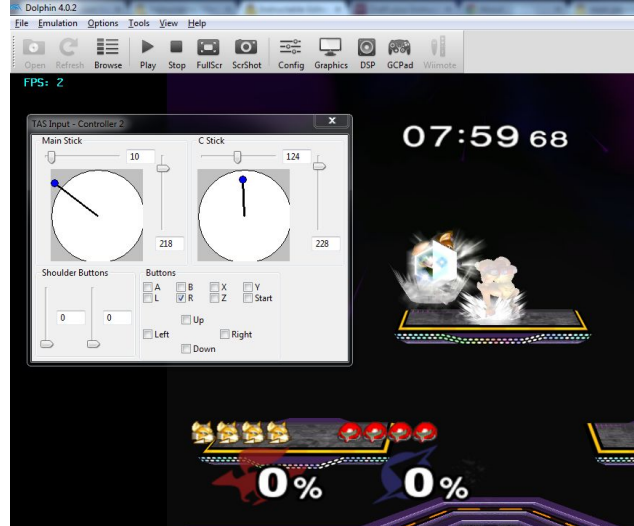
Security Problem for HID

- Attacker has full access to the hardware and software
 - modify application code and data
 - intercept data between HID and computer
 - upload a new firmware to HID
- Attacker can not:
 - observe the key press directly



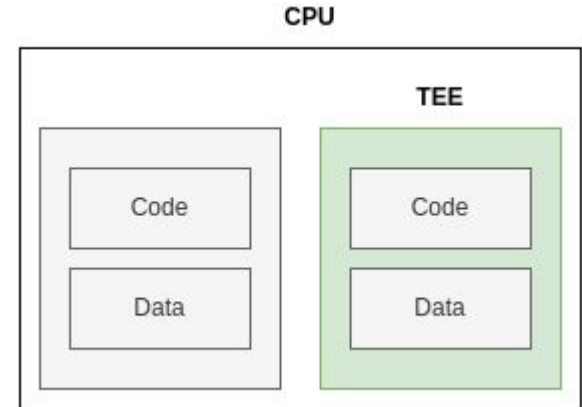
Why is unsecure HID device a problem?

1. Enterprise setting
 - a. Keylogger, bad USB cable to leak secrets
2. Video game setting
 - a. Aimbot, program to cheats that send fake inputs



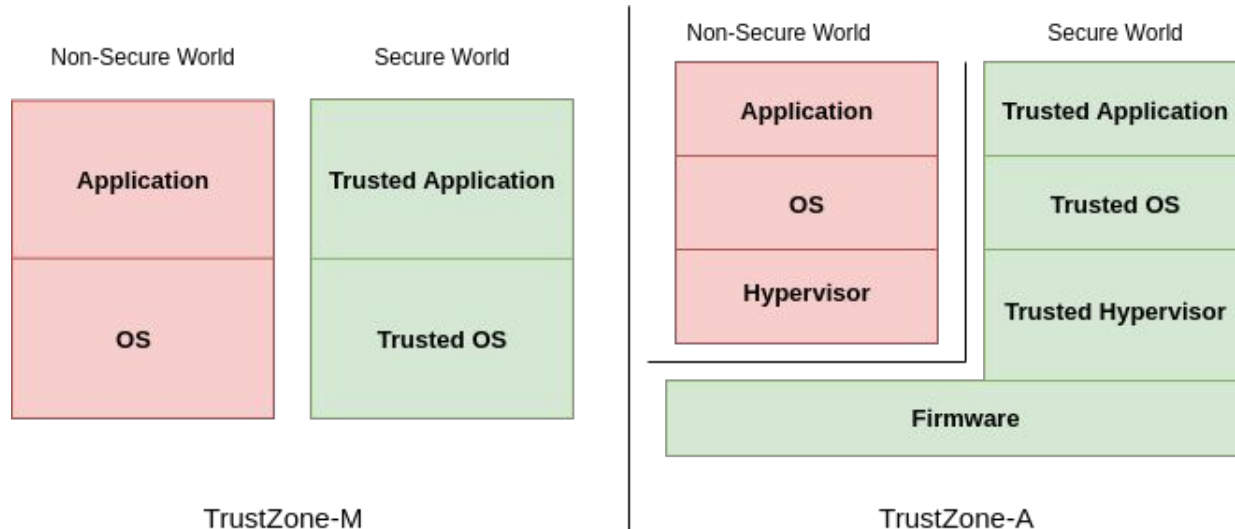
Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)

- trusted, tamper-proof component in the CPU.
- provides security guarantees of code and data inside
 - confidentiality
 - integrity
- secure against attacker with access to both SW and HW
- implementations:
 - Intel SGX, ARM TrustZone, RISC-V Keystone



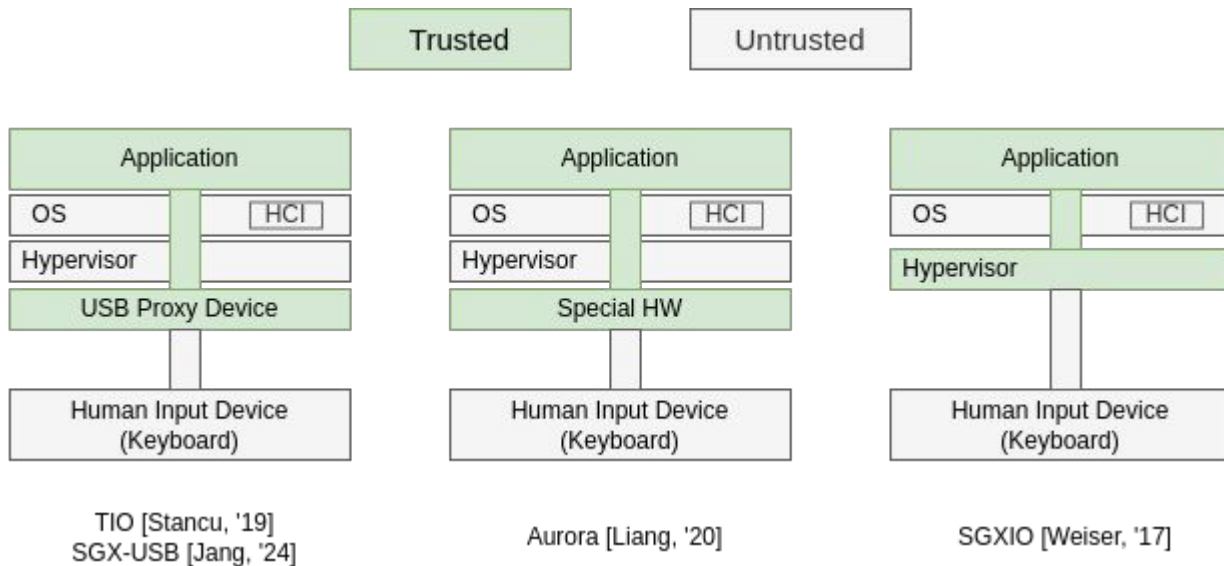
ARM TrustZone

- Two type of TrustZone:
 - TrustZone-M: for embedded devices
 - TrustZone-A: for rich computing resource devices



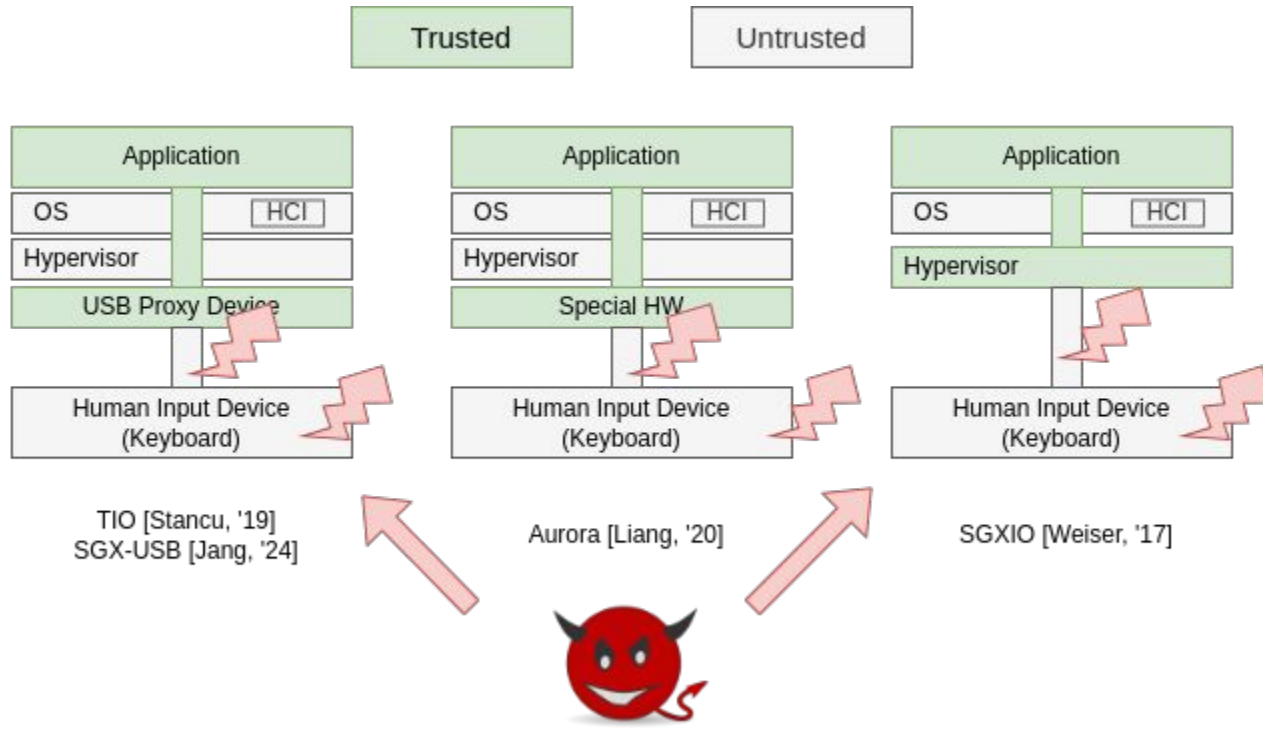
Related Works

- TIO / SGX-USB: Need special trusted USB proxy device
- Aurora: Need special trusted hardware on host motherboard
- SGXIO: Need trusted hypervisor



Problem of Existing Related Works

- Attacker is able to tamper with the connector and HID



Threat Model

- TEE is correctly implemented
 - We trust the TEE
- HID is tampered against intrusions
 - Attacker can't observe the key press by directly looking into or modifying keyboard
- Attacker has full access to the hardware and software
 - intercept data between HID and computer
 - upload malicious firmware to HID

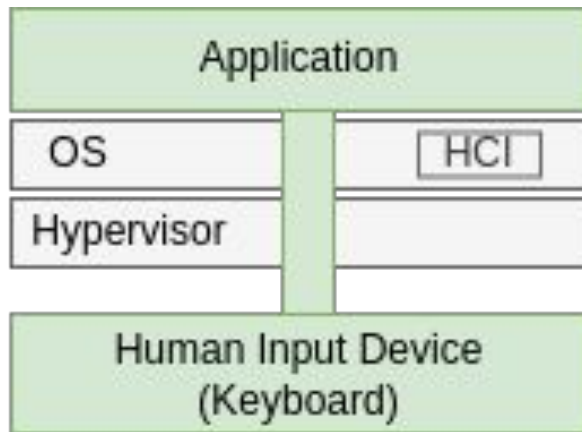
Challenges

- Ensure confidentiality and integrity at connector and device.
- Attest the device's firmware and device itself.
- Minimum hardware and software modifications.

Overview

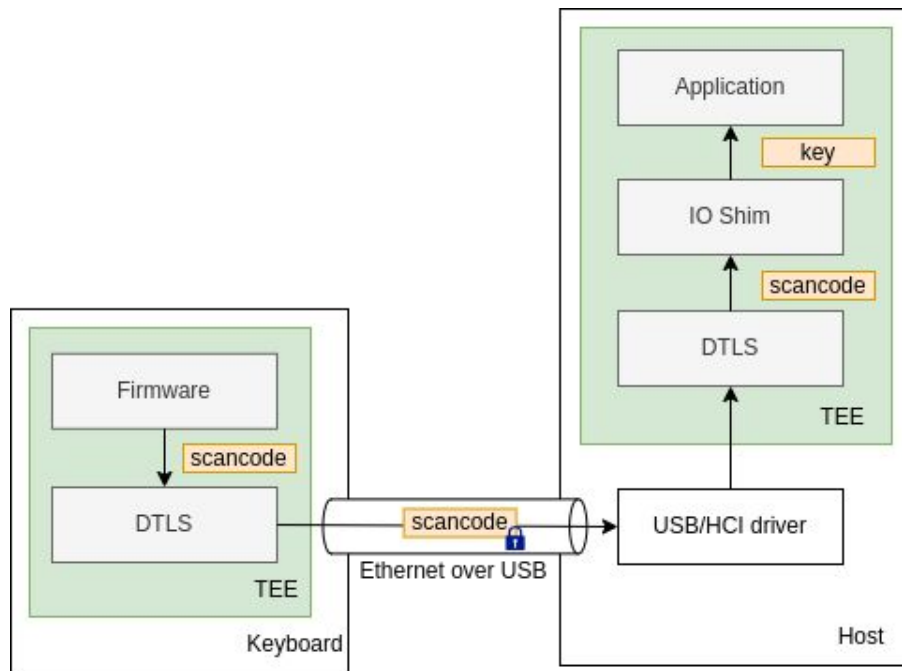
Key Idea: End-to-End trusted connection between Application and HID

- Only need to trust application and HID



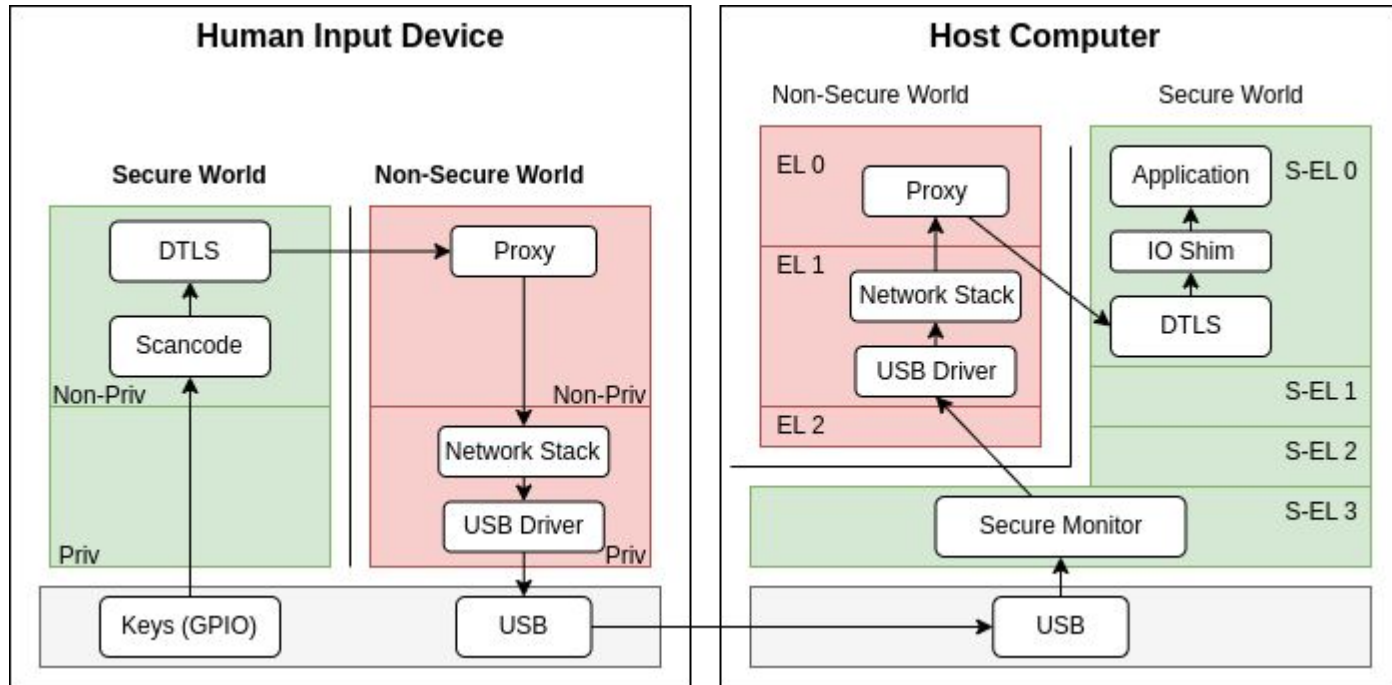
Architecture

- **Host:**
 - Application, IO Shim and DTLS in TEE
- **HID (Keyboard):**
 - Firmware and DTLS mechanism in TEE
- **Connection:**
 - DTLS ensures confidentiality and integrity of data



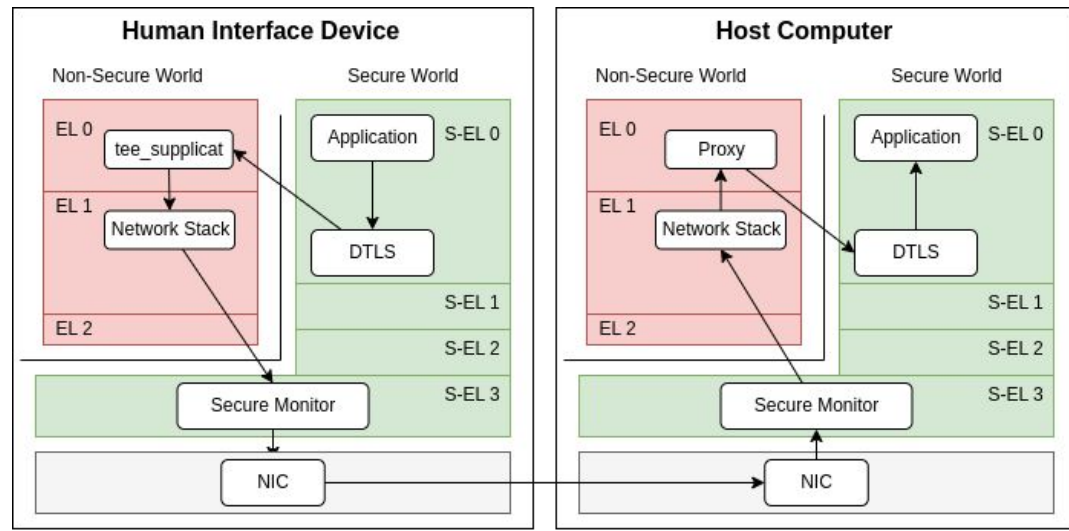
Ideal Implementation

- TrustZone-M for HID, TrustZone-A for Host



Our Implementation

- OP-TEE
 - I did: port existing code to OP-TEE + DTLS library (MbedTLS)
 - Challenges in doing so: **Build Server in TEE**
- Raspberry Pi 3B V1.2
- TrustZone-A on both sides
- Use ethernet

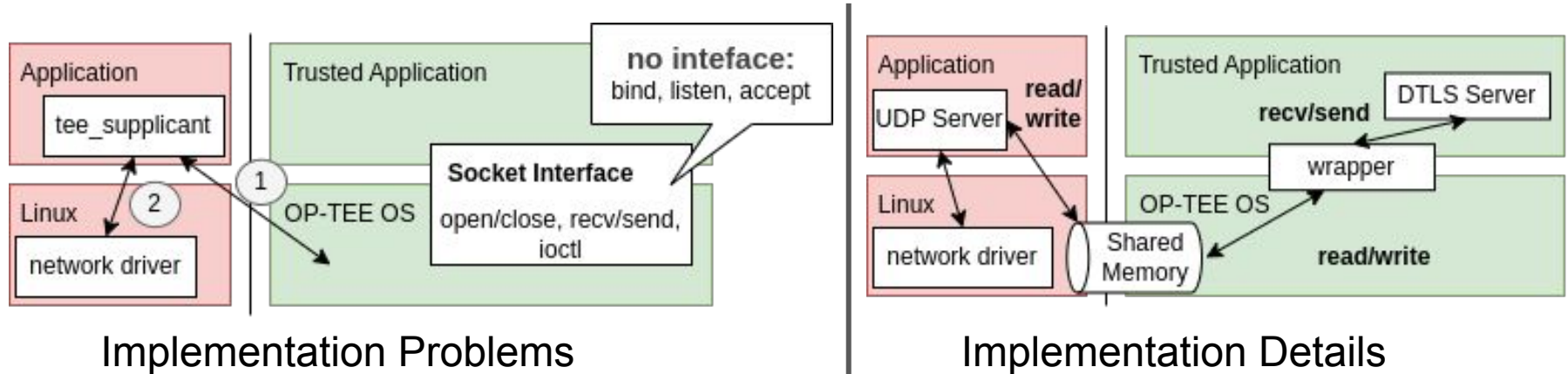


Implementation Challenges (1/2)

Trusted Application in OP-TEE could not be a UDP/DTLS server.

- No network access from Secure World
- No interface to make socket for server

To enable to make the UDP/DTLS server, I designed a REE-side Proxy Model.

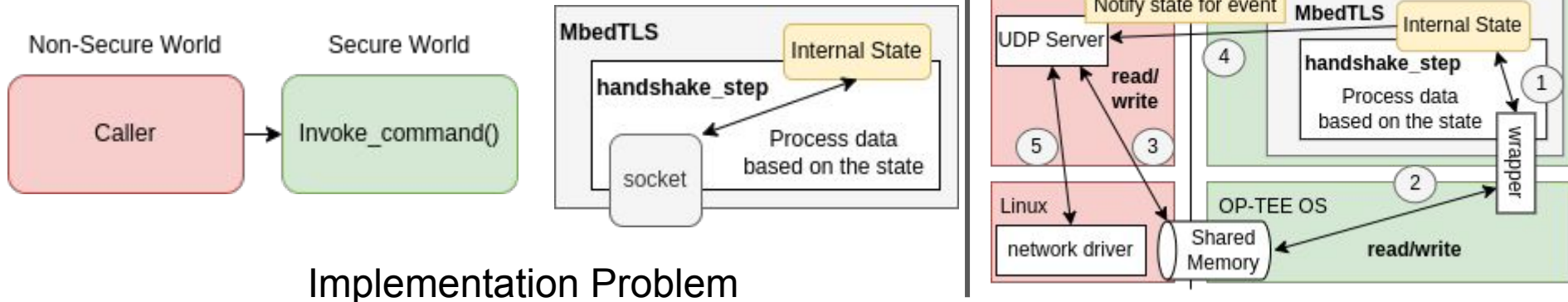


Implementation Challenges (2/2)

DTLS handshake of MbedTLS library use own internal state to manage the step execution.

- Trusted Application has only one entrypoint from Non-Secure world.
- MbedTLS has internal state for DTLS handshake.

To enable to connect to our proxy model, I converted internal state to event for REE-side proxy.



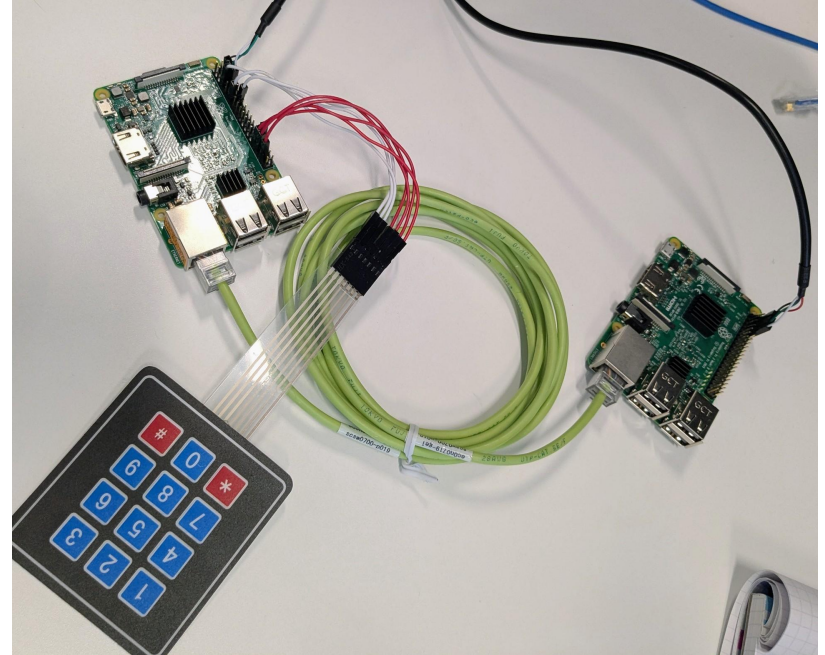
Performance Evaluation Environment

Hardware:

- Raspberry Pi 3B V1.2 as a client/server
 - Cortex-A53 1.2GHz 4 core
 - connected with 100 Base-t Ethernet
 - TrustZone-A support
- keypad with GPIO

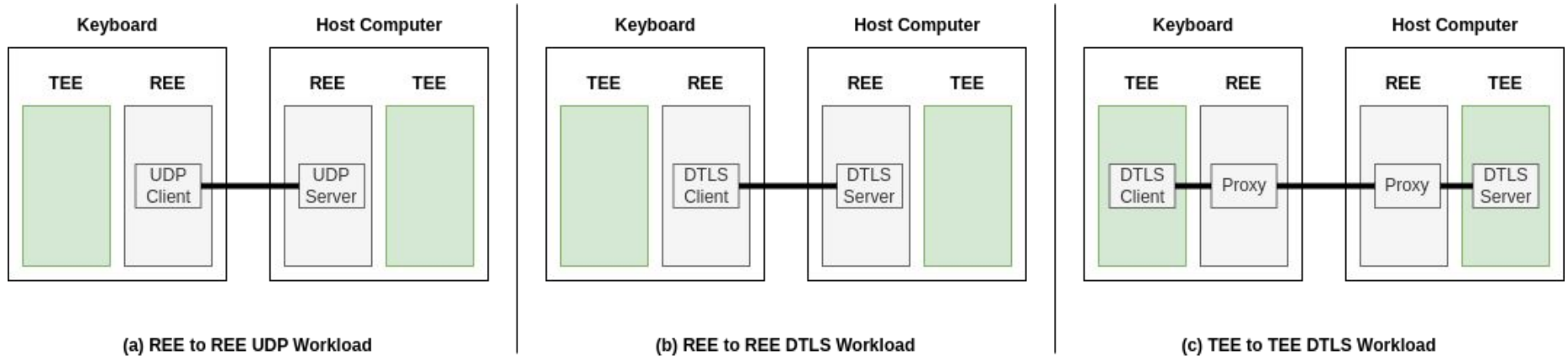
Software:

- TrustedFirmware-A v2.6
- OP-TEE OS 4.7.0
- Uboot 2021.10
- MbedTLS v3.6.0
- Linux v6.7.0-rc6-v8



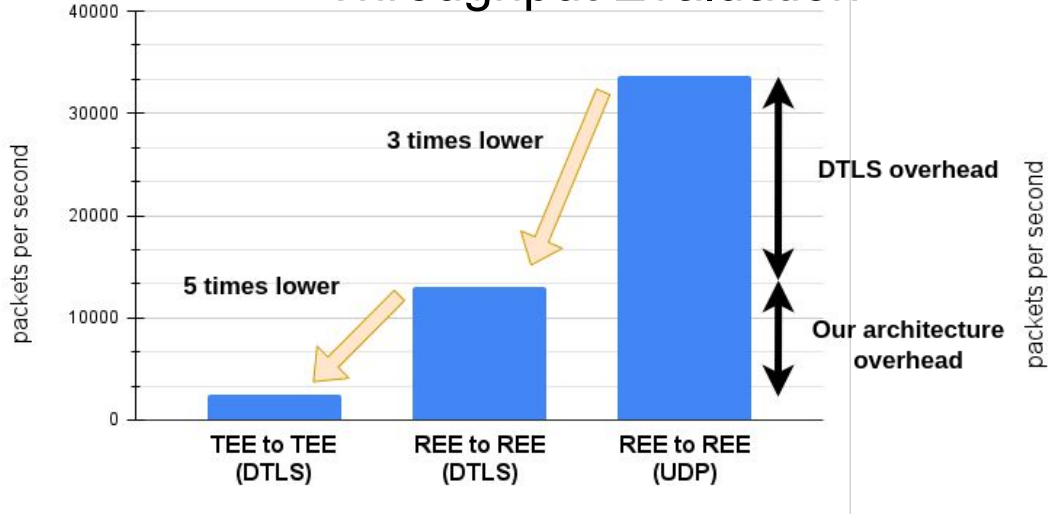
Performance Evaluation Workloads

- UDP/DTLS throughput
- 3 cases:
 - a. REE to REE UDP: max performance
 - b. REE to REE DTLS: overhead of DTLS
 - c. TEE to TEE DTLS: overhead of TEE

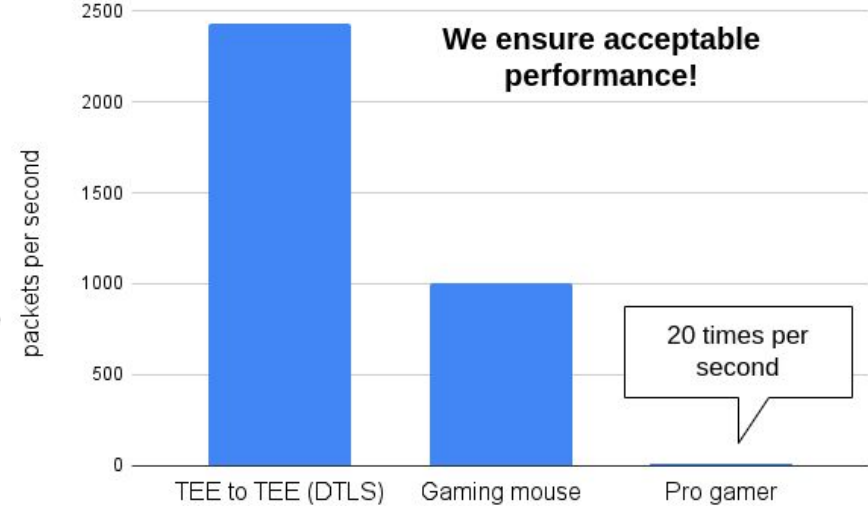


Performance Evaluation Results (Throughput)

Throughput Evaluation



Comparison



- Comparison
 - Pro gamer: 10 actions per second
 - Gaming mouse: 1000 updates per second

Conclusion

- **Problem:** HID connection not secure, attacker can learn secrets or input keys
- We propose End-to-End trusted connection between host computer and Human Input Devices (HID)
- Our evaluation indicates our proposal provides acceptable throughput and latency for HID

Future Works:

- Implementation for TrustZone-M (Pi Pico 2)
- Implement attestation and firmware update mechanisms
- Use Ethernet over USB

インターンについて

- **インターン経歴**

- FFRI Internship 2023, 1 week
 - 開発経験や職場体験
- GMO Pepabo Internship 2024 2 weeks
 - 開発系、実際のサービスに貢献
- SECOM Lab Internship 2024, 2 weeks
 - 調査系、OSSの解析（R&Dのような開発もある）
- IIJ Lab Internship 2025, 2 months
 - 研究系、調査・実装・評価・論文記述