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CHAPTER 1

Generic Chapter

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For the purpose of this guide, the main LaTeXconstructs and how to use them will be explained here. Other thematic chapters will follow, i.e., which will trace the chapters that should be present in your thesis. Delete this generic chapter once you have learned this contents.

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This is an *itemize*, where you can put a list of items, like this:

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@inproceedings{urias2018cyber,
  title={Cyber Range Infrastructure Limitations and Needs of Tomorrow: A Position Paper},
  author={Urias, Vincent E and Stout, William MS and Van Leeuwen, Brian and Lin, Han},
  booktitle={2018 International Carnahan Conference on Security Technology (ICCST)},
  pages={1--5},
  year={2018},
  organization={IEEE}
}
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1. For IEEE Xplore, click on the paper name, then click on “Cite This”, “BibTeX”, and you can find the entry;

2. For Google Scholar, click on the "Cite" voice under the paper name, then click "BibTeX", and you can find the entry.

Just copy and paste such an entry in the .bib file. If you find a paper on Scholar that is nevertheless published by IEEE, by convention you should take the entry from the IEEE website and not from Scholar. To do this, just click on the title of the paper. This will redirect you to the resource page on IEEE Xplore. Once here, follow instructions at point 1.

When you compile, a correct number will automatically be assigned to the citation in the text, and the complete entry will appear at the bottom of the document, in the "Bibliography" chapter.

If you need to cite a generic online resource, which does not necessarily correspond to a scientific paper, use the @misc entry in the `.bib` file. A @misc entry looks like this:

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@misc{nist2018,
    author = "{NIST}",
    title = "Cyber Ranges",
    year = "2018",
    howpublished = "\url{https://www.nist.gov/system/files/documents/2018/02/13/cyber_ranges.pdf}",
    note = "[Online; Accessed 2019, 28 November]"
  }
```

You have to manually create this entry from scratch and manually type these fields. Remember not to forget any of these fields. You can choose the label with which to refer to the resource. The title of the website (which you can see at the top of the tab of your browser showing the page) can be used as the title of the resource.

In general, enter a citation of this type for sites only when there are data, phrases, or images that you intend to report. Instead, if you want to cite names of software or hardware devices, prefer the use of the \footnote, in which you will only have to specify the URL of the item.

Remember that citations, both in the text and in the image captions, usually go to the end of a sentence, before the fullstop, as in this case [**?**]. In case of long periods, they can also be placed before other detachment signs, such as commas or semicolons, or colons if they precede a list, itemized or enumerated. An exemption is allowed in the event that the name of research projects, described in some scientific resource, is being introduced, as in this case:

Cybertropolis [**?**] is described in a very good paper by Gary Deckard.

Remember to put citations very often to justify your claims, especially when you report data or results. Just consider them as a justification of what you, in an original way, are writing. Citations are not needed to have permission to copy and paste sentences from online resources, which should NEVER be done - always try to rephrase the concept with your words.

This is an image example. Images must ALWAYS be understandable: never introduce images that have text smaller than the text in your document. If you create the images yourself, try not to make them clash too much with the style of your document, and use the same font as this thesis. If they are not images of your own creation, you MUST reference them. In the caption of the image, you need to insert a citation to the resource from which you took the image, at the end of the caption sentence, before the fullstop. Each image you enter MUST be referenced in the text, using a formula similar to this:

Figure 1.1 describes the architecture of the system.

You can refer to the image using \ref followed by the image label, that you put in the \label entry of the figure. Remember to use the word Figure with a capital F.

Remember that the more your text is adorned with figures, the more understandable, appreciable and readable it becomes.

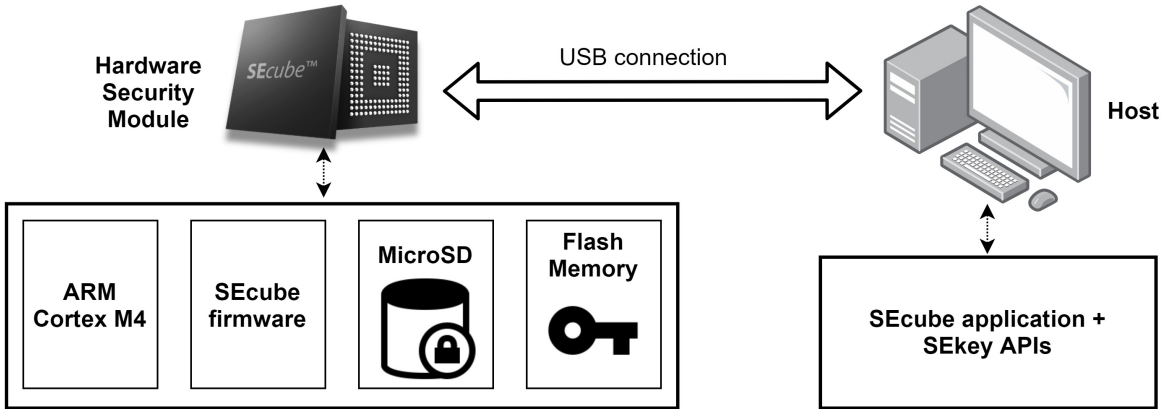

Figure 1.1: This is the image *caption*.

Table 1.1: Preliminary Experimental Results

Benchmark	**Inputs**	**Processing time**
SHA	Message of 100 KB	368449 s
RIJNDAEL	Message of 100 KB	1083568 s
DIJKSTRA	Matrix of 100x100 32-bit integers	324782 s
STRING	1331 50-char strings	178616 s
BITCOUNT	12800 32-bit integers	419545 s

1.1 Section title

This is a section under a chapter. The number of sections also contributes to greater readability of your text, and to a better display of the content in the index. In fact, sections are automatically shown in the Table of Contents. However, try not to make sections shorter than two pages. For smaller portions of your text, use subsections.

You can refer to a section using its label, using the \ref directive as for images, like this:

This concept has been explained in Section 1.1.

Remember to use the word Section with a capital S. This is also valid for chapters.

1.1.1 Subsection title

This is a subsection under the section.

The following is a table.

If you want to write a formula, you can do like this:

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n e^{-ik\frac{2\pi}{N}n} \qquad k = 0, \ldots, N-1 \tag{1.1}$$

Tables and formulas are extensively documented online, and any doubts about their syntax can be easily resolved with a simple search. As for figures and sections, the same rules also apply to tables

and formulas: mandatory reference in the text, possibility to use \label to label them, and naming with capital letter (e.g., “as in Table 1.1, as in Formula 1.1).

The following is a piece of code:

```
int func(int N, int M) {
  float (*p)[N][M] = malloc(sizeof *p);
  if (!p)
    return -1;
  for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
    for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
      (*p)[i][j] = i + j;
  print_array(N, M, p);
  free(p);
  return 1;
}
```

You can customize the style of your code, changing the language, the colors of keywords, of comments or the background by changing the settings inside the \lstset directive found in the main file. Usually, the listings are not referenced within the text as happens for figures, tables, formulas and sections. Do not overdo the code within your text: use it only for short passages (e.g., function prototypes, or 2 to 5 lines of code within a function to help the reader in better understanding the meaning of the text).

You can also write in-text code using the \lstinline directive,
like this: `int main(int argc, char** argv);`.

CHAPTER 2

Introduction

In the last years, the number of small electronic devices that can be connected with big computational units grew exponentially. By the end of 2022 the number of IoT devices connected to the Internet is expected to reach the astonishing number of 14.4 billions [3]. This leads to the necessity of having a secure way to identify these devices preventing attackers to impersonate someone they are not.

The current best practice for providing a secure authentication source in such devices is to place a secret key inside a nonvolatile memory inside the device and use hardware cryptographic operations such as digital signature or encryption [4]. This approach is expensive both in terms of design area and power consumption and vulnerable to attacks.

A promising innovative is the use of physical unclonable functions (PUFs). This method avoids the need of having secure EEPROMs and other expensive hardware. In fact, instead of storing secres in digital memory, PUFs derive the secret from the physical characteristics of the integrated circuit (IC).

Several reasons make the use of PUFs more advantageous that the other solutions:

1. PUF hardware uses simple digital circuitry and is therefore cheaper that other EEPROM/RAM solutions with antitamper and cryptographic circuitry.

2. The secret resides in memory only when the IC is powered on, so attacks could only take place when the chip is powered on.

3. Invasive attacks are difficult to execute since they would modify the physical characteristic of the chip from which the secret is derived.

All these characteristics contribute to making PUFs an interesting technology to look into for providing a secure and cheap authentication method.

The remainder of the document is organized as follows.
In Chapter 2, ...;
In Chapter 3, ...

CHAPTER 3

Background

In the background chapter you should provide all the information required to acquire a sufficient knowledge to understand other chapters of the report. Suppose the reader is not familiar with the topic; so, for instance, if your project was focused on implementing a VPN, explain what it is and how it works. This chapter is supposed to work kind of like a "State of the Art" chapter of a thesis. Organize the chapter in multiple sections and subsections depending on how much background information you want to include. It does not make any sense to mix background information about several topics, so you can split the topics in multple sections.
Assume that the reader does not know anything about the topics and the tecnologies, so include in this chapter all the relevant information. Despite this, we are not asking you to write 20 pages in this chapter. Half a page, a page, or 2 pages (if you have a lot of information) for each 'topic'(i.e. FreeRTOS, the SEcube, VPNs, Cryptomator, PUFs, Threat Monitoring....thinking about some of the projects...).

CHAPTER 4

Implementation Overview

In this chapter you should provide a general overview of the project, explaining what you have implemented staying at a high-level of abstraction, without going too much into the details. Leave details for the implementation chapter. This chapter can be organized in sections, such as goal of the project, issues to be solved, solution overview, etc.
It is very important to add images, schemes, graphs to explain the original problem and your solution. Pictures are extremely useful to understand complex ideas that might need an entire page to be explained.
Use multiple sections to explain the starting point of your project, the last section is going to be the high-level view of your solution...so take the reader in a short 'journey' to showcase your work.

CHAPTER 5

Implementation Details

This is where you explain what you have implemented and how you have implemented it. Place here all the details that you consider important, organize the chapter in sections and subsections to explain the development and your workflow.
Given the self-explicative title of the chapter, readers usually skip it. This is ok, because this entire chapter is simply meant to describe the details of your work so that people that are very interested (such as people who have to evaluate your work or people who have to build something more complex starting from what you did) can fully understand what you developed or implemented.
Don't worry about placing too many details in this chapter, the only essential thing is that you keep everything tidy, without mixing too much information (so make use of sections, subsections, lists, etc.). As usual, pictures are helpful.

CHAPTER 6

Results

In this chapter we expect you to list and explain all the results that you have achieved. Pictures can be useful to explain the results. Think about this chapter as something similar to the demo of the oral presentation. You can also include pictures about use-cases (you can also decide to add use cases to the high level overview chapter).

6.1 Known Issues

If there is any known issue, limitation, error, problem, etc...explain it in this section. Use a specific subsection for each known issue. Issues can be related to many things, including design issues.

6.2 Future Work

Adding a section about how to improve the project is not mandatory but it is useful to show that you actually understood the topics of the project and have ideas for improvements.

CHAPTER 7

Conclusions

This final chapter is used to recap what you did in the project. No detail, just a high-level summary of your project (1 page or a bit less is usually enough, but it depends on the specific project).

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APPENDIX A

User Manual

In the user manual you should explain, step-by-step, how to reproduce the demo that you showed in the oral presentation or the results you mentioned in the previous chapters.
If it is necessary to install some toolchain that is already well described in the original documentation (i.e., Espressif's toolchain for ESP32 boards or the SEcube toolchain) just insert a reference to the original documentation (and remember to clearly specify which version of the original documentation must be used). There is no need to copy and paste step-by-step guides that are already well-written and available.
The user manual must explain how to re-create what you did in the project, no matter if it is low-level code (i..e VHDL on SEcube's FPGA), high-level code (i.e., a GUI) or something more heterogeneous (i.e. a bunch of ESP32 or Raspberry Pi communicating among them and interacting with other devices).

APPENDIX B

API

If you developed some source code that is supposed to be used by other software in order to perform some action, it is very likely that you have implemented an API. Use this appendix to describe each function of the API (prototype, parameters, returned values, purpose of the function, etc).