Zymbit Hardware Security Module for Secure Internet of Things

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Module 1.3 Zymbit Library Structure and Binding

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Zymkey Libraries

- Zymbit develop libraries and software 'driver' in order host system talk to zymkey.
- Script install_zk_sw.sh is the installation script that download the libraries and dependencies to operate zymkey.
- The script install required software and do the binding process between zymkey and Rpi.
- Development binding is the temporary binding between zymkey and Rpi.
- Production binding is the real binding setup for real production grade zymkey.

Inside Zymkey Install Script

- 1. Ensure we are running as root
- 2. Ensure group gpio exist in the system
- 3. Install python and other required Linux libraries
- 4. Install zymbit gpg key
- 5. Add zymbit repo to system
- 6. Install zymbit package
- 7. Restart zkifc
- 8. Reboot Rpi

List of Zymbit Package and Libraries

- Libzk main library that perform the operation to zymkey HSM. Close Sources
- Libzkkeyssl
- Zkbootrtc
- Zkifc user space C code that control the link to Zymkey. Act as 'driver'
- Zkapputilslib
- Zksaapps
- Zkpkcs11
- Cryptsetup user space program to handle SD card encryption
- Zku
- zk_luks
- zk prep encr

Binding Process

- Binding is where the Device ID of zymkey and unique system information is being bind or tie together.
- The process is done internally in the install script. (no detail process explained)
- Developer Mode is temporary binding. Zymkey can be move to other Rpi.
- Production Mode binding is permanent binding. Zymkey will permanently bind to one Rpi.
- For production mode, we need to configure the perimeter detect event, encrypt SD card and cut the cut-2-lock pin in zymkey.

Zymkey Cut-2-Lock









Conclusion

- Zymbit forbid us to know detail mechanism of hardware access to secure element and Atmel ARM processor inside zymkey.
- The binding process is where zymkey is being tie (permanently or temporarily) to a host (Rasberry Pi in our case).