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Abstract

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1 Introduction

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2 Background

2.1 Ascon

Ascon is a family of algorithms for lightweight cryptography, designed to be used in constrained environments, like embedding computing. Designed by cryptographers from Graz University of Technology, Infineon Technologies, Intel Labs, and Radboud University, Ascon has been selected as the new standard for lightweight cryptography in the new NIST Lightweight Cryptography competition (2019–2023).

2.2 RISC-V

3 Implementation

The device used for this research is the MangoPi MQ-Pro, a SBC powered with a Allwinner D1 chip and 1GB DDR3 of RAM, with Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and HDMI video output. The Allwinner D1 chip contains a T-Head Xuantie C906 core, a RISC-V 64-bit 1GHz CPU supporting RV64GC ISA. The board runs Ubuntu Server 23.04, running the latest Linux kernel.

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4 Results

5 Discussion

6 Conclusions

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