RISC V International Security Committee Meeting

Helena Handschuh, Rambus, Chair

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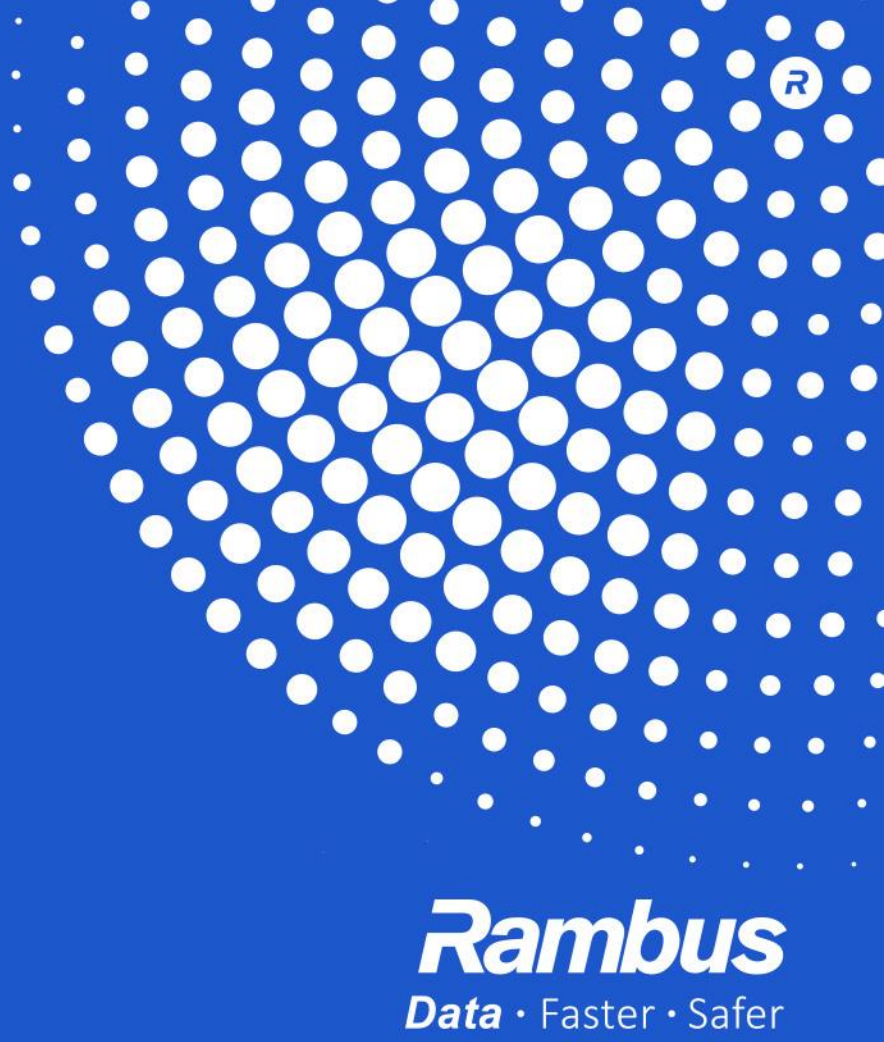

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Agenda

- Role Call: Kuniyasu, Gernot, Mathieu, Michael, Morton, Nick, Nicole, Qing Li, Steve, Steven, David, Andy, Akira, Rich, Mark, Allen, Yanjun, Stephano, Helena
- Security Committee Charter (reminder)
- RISCV Forums: Security – current submission deadline March 6th, event on April 14th (7-10am PST)
- Elections : currently TG chairs/vice-chairs elections, upcoming HC/IC elections
- Security related Task Groups – quick updates
  - Security response team (SIG)
  - Crypto TG
  - TEE TG
  - Blockchain SIG
  - CMO TG → create informal fence.t group for security
- Last week's Speaker Program – Andy Glew presented fence.t proposal
  - Continue discussions today
- Open discussion topics (all)
- AOB

Security Committee

chair: Helena Handschuh, Rambus
vice-chair: Joe Kiniry, Galois

website: https://lists.riscv.org/g/security (internal)
mailing list: security@lists.riscv.org (public)
committee meeting minutes: https://lists.riscv.org/g/security/files/Meeting%20Notes (internal)
Presentations: https://lists.riscv.org/g/security/files/Speaker%20Program (internal)
Alternating timezone meetings: Wednesdays 9:00am-10:00am PST and 4:00pm-5:00pm PST
Speaker Program: approx. every other meeting (i.e. once a month approx.)

- Security Standing Committee Charter:
  - Promote RISC-V as an ideal vehicle for the security community
  - Liaise with other internal RISC V committees and with external security committees
  - Create an information repository on new attack trends, threats and countermeasures
  - Identify top 10 open challenges in security for the RISC-V community to address
  - Propose security committees (Marketing or Technical) to tackle specific security topics
  - Recruit security talent to the RISC-V ecosystem (e.g., into committees)
  - Develop consensus around best security practices for IoT devices and embedded systems

Security Response Team (SIG) - update

- Don Bailey appointed as Chair and Alistair Francis appointed as Vice-Chair.
  - Next step: need final charter.

  - Proposed initial Charter for the new group:
  - The RISC-V Security Response Team (SRT) shall be tasked with the reception, evaluation, and coordinated remediation of security flaws within the RISC-V specification. To achieve these goals, SRT shall define both policy and methodology for working with external researchers, RISC-V members, and RISC-V implementers, that clearly and easily defines each facet of the security response process. The overall goal is to ensure the integrity of the RISC-V architecture by creating an open channel for acceptance and processing of security flaws. SRT shall, where possible, work with third party organizations capable of and experienced in the vulnerability disclosure process.
- Don and Helena had a second call with HackerOne to discuss the platform they offer for encouraging hackers and security experts to take a look at our work products, i.e. ISA specifications and extensions; the platform allows to submit security vulnerability disclosures and to discuss possible solutions, and file CVEs

Task Groups relating to Security – Crypto Extensions TG

Crypto Task Group

Chairs: Richard Newell, Microchip and Derek Atkins, Veridify

Note: Full version of this update in the RISCV Member's Day folder
Status page on the Wiki.

Scalar Cryptographic Extension:

- CSR for accessing a hardware entropy source for generating random numbers (NIST and BSI compatible)
- New dedicated instructions for AES/SHA (NIST) and SM3/SM4
- Shared with Bitmanip extension:
  - Rotations / Permutations
  - Carryless Multiply
- Email went out today calling it "stable" unless any objections; "freeze" still needs some work.
- Support on SPIKE already there. Support group being created. Could help us with additional simulation.
- *Technical Lab Partners* now helping out: IIT Madras and PLTC; helping finish the missing items to get us to ratification

Vector Cryptographic extension:

- Stable for quite a while, but depends on vector being stable/frozen; hope to be part of RVA22 (planned December 2021)
- Built on top of base vector extensions; Low-latency limited-rounds instructions for AES, SHA2
- Full-rounds instructions for AES, SHA2
- Vector Bit-manip (rotate/permute/vector carryless multiply)
- SAIL models depend on vector ones, so vector crypto will move forward when vector is ready; need help from support group.

Task Groups relating to Security – TEE TG

Joe Xie, Nvidia and Nick Kossifidis, Forth

Tuesday weekly meetings at 8:00am pacific time

All links to specs on TEE wiki page (PMP, TBI)

ePMP

New internal poll for last minute spec update. Done with the spec.
There is a LowRISCV implementation and a Seagate implementation; see if we can use their implementations as PoCs.

Public review

Still waiting for CSR assignment approval. Currently top of the list in O&C review. Should hopefully happen soon.

Other proposals

•Lightweight TEE discussion; sort of privilege level on m-mode; early stage; idea is to cover scenarios where we do not have s-mode; how to run third party service isolated on m mode?
• fast context switch between PMP settings; also early stage discussions
•TBI/PM proposal (Joined effort, with J-group)
-Pointer masking proposal discussed in J group. Plan to ratify in Q2. Spec is close to done. Compiler has been updated.
•sPMP and IOPMP
-Current plan is to get sPMP through internal TEE poll in Q1.
-Need to discuss how sPMP will work with hypervisor extension
-IOPMP planning to go through internal TEE poll in Q2. Andes and SiFive (Worldguard) have proposals. Nvidia and Microchip also have an internal implementation. Looking to unify all these into IOPMP proposal. Draft on Wiki.

Need a security rep at the profiles meeting/group/email list

New proposal: Blockchain SIG

- Preliminary Charter:

The Blockchain SIG is proposed to develop a strategy and provide oversight for blockchain technology and solutions in RISC-V architecture and software ecosystem. The goals are to ensure there are no gaps in the ISA or software and it meets or exceeds industry expectation in performance and security (e.g. privacy-preserving, cryptographic algorithms, Trusted Execution, data ownership, integrity, provenance, etc.)

In addition, the Blockchain SIG will work with the Implementation HC to make sure someone in the community develops a RISC-V based Proof of Concept (PoC) to ensure the whole stack from HW to SW meets the goals.
As with all groups, the SIG will engage and interact with other appropriate committees and groups.

- Appointed Acting Chairs:
  - Patty Tu, Wxblockchain
  - Gary Xu, aitos.io

- Please take a look at the proposed preliminary Charter and provide any feedback/comments
- Call for candidates went out on the tech announce list last week.

Speaker Program – Andy Glew, SiFive

- Fence.t proposal, i.e. Cache Management for Security purposes
- Slides posted here:
- https://github.com/AndyGlew/comp-arch.net/blob/master/FENCE.T%20%2B%20security%20flushes%20-%20Ri5%20Security%20Committee%20-%202021-02-17.pptx
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- Recording of the presentation posted in security group folder here: https://lists.riscv.org/g/security/files/Speaker%20Program

- Will continue discussion today and create a small group to have more focused technical discussions.
- Will revert results after some discussion to this group.

Open discussion items

- Cache timing side-channels
  - Came to realization that security and regular cache management requirements/goals may be too different from each other and not easy to put under the same hood
  - Proposal is to spin up a “fence.t” informal subgroup that can fast-track the instruction when ready
    - i.e. cache flush operations when switching security domains etc. AISA etc.(Gernot’s proposal)
    - Academic paper available and video from the Summit. Slides available from Andy. Rich sent pointers.
  - Andy gave the Security Committee an overview of current cache management proposal. Discussions ongoing.
- Security Reviews:
  - In discussing the newly created Security Response Team SIG it was suggested that we might also need another HSC/SIG that would deal with spec reviews produced by other TGs within RISCV, in addition to a Security Incident Response Team that will deal with externally submitted security vulnerability disclosures.
  - Need a security rep at the profiles group meetings/email discussions
  - To be discussed at next SSC meeting.
  - Current Security TGs build their extensions with security as a primary goal, but other specifications would benefit from security reviews as well, i.e. Debug etc.
- GlobalPlatform TEE APIs
  - Kuniyasu (AIST) published a new paper about performance evaluation and comparison of the GP TEE APIs on Intel SGX and RISCV Keystone
  - Posted into RISCV internal website in Security Folder under Publications

AOB

Thank you!

Speaker Program

- Gernot Heiser from Data61 on Timing Attacks:
  - Propose creating a Flush instruction and partitioning as mitigation
- Dayeol Lee from Berkeley on the Keystone project (TEE TG):
- Jose Renau from Esperanto on Timing Attack Mitigation Ideas
  - Propose using TimeDomain IDs and other ideas for mitigations
- Jon Geater from Thales provided insights into Trustzone and TEEs (TEE TG)
- Daniel Genkin: Foreshadow
- Stefan Mangard from IAIK Graz : side-channel attacks, control flow integrity, secure memory access
- NXP: SESIP light-weight certification scheme for IoT
- Nicole Fern from Tortuga Logic presented on their security verification tool
- Ted Speers: Vision for the Future in Security for RISCV Foundation
- Gil Bernabeu, Introduction to GlobalPlatform
- Ben Marshall, Xcrypto extensions (not based on vector extensions)
- Greg Sullivan, Dover Microsystems on CoreGuard
- Martin Maas, Google on J extension
- Robert Watson, Cambridge on CHERI
- Dominic Rizzo, lowRISC on OpenTitan
- Gernot Heiser, Timing Fences
- Patrick Schaumont, WPI, Domain-oriented masking for RISCV ISA
- Tim Fritzmann, Georg Sigl, RISQ-V extensions for PQC
- Andy Glew, SiFive on fence.t proposal
- Planning to Invite: David Oswald, Platypus

- **Next:**
  - Earlier suggestions
    - Yunsi Fei, Georgia Tech; RISCV Boom with side-channel protections?
    - Power management attacks:V0LTpwn? https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.04870v1.pdf
  - CHES 2020: FENL paper?

Communication from GlobalPlatform director

1 – TEE lightweight configuration

The TEE committee has confirmed interest to create a simplified TEE configuration and would like to listen to RISC-V requirements .
FYI, GlobalPlatform publishes Configuration specifications - implementation guide of a reduced set of features from specification to address specific market.
This publication effort can be expedite quickly (<100 days) . We'd like to set up a conf call with the TEE group in order to understand RISC-V scope and start the publication process.
Could you help us to invite the right RISC-V expert?

2 – SESIP evaluation methodology

GlobalPlatform has started a public review of a new security evaluation methodology for IoT Platform.
Details are available at : https://globalplatform.org/specifications/for-public-review/
The Public review ends on January 10th
Could you please transfer the public review details to your group so we can have RISC-V comments ?

We'd like to make a presentation to your group as this evaluation methodology answers today's IoT market requirements to manage security evaluation in an optimized process. We'll be excited to make a presentation about SESIP in a future RISC-V meeting.

3 – Protection profile.

GlobalPlatform has published a TEE protection profile that can be used for TEE security evaluation.
The protection profile is available at : https://www.commoncriteriaportal.org/files/ppfiles/anssi-profil_PP-2014_01.pdf

We are planning to create a Secure micro controller Protection profile and we'll be also interested to present an overview of this document in May/June time frame.