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## Abstract—Abstract

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## I. INTRODUCTION

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## II. ISOLATION MODEL

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## III. INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEM

This section aims at describing the industrial ecosystem and the needs for a security architecture based on isolation. First, we identify and define the stakeholders involved in the use and management of an IOT or M2M device. The responsibilities of each actor are then described and finally, the requirements for an isolation-based architecture are listed.

In this section, we consider that a domain is an isolated area which belongs to an entity. The notion of domain is further precised in section IV-A.

We distinguish device ressources and domain ressources. Device ressources correspond to the isolated partitions (domains) and the ressources exposed by software installed in the manufacturer or owner domains or the sensors & actuators drivers. Domain ressources correspond to the ressources that are exposed by a particular domain and created by applications or services in this domain.

### A. Actors

We identify 6 stakeholders, namely the manufacturer, maintainer, owner, administrator, service provider and user, which interact with the IOT or M2M device.

1) *Manufacturer*: It issues the device and the isolation solution. It also provides each device an identifier that will subsequently allow it to be identified as well as initial secrets that will allow the owner to access the device. It may also provide the drivers and software components for the sensors or actuators on the device.

2) *Maintainer*: It maintains the device, monitors the hardware components status and applies the patches delivered by the manufacturer. This role can either be assumed or delegated to a third party by the manufacturer.

3) *Owner*: The device belongs to the Owner who defines an access policy to authorize which other entities are authorized to use or manage the device or domains within the device. The Owner can possess several devices. It receives initial credentials from the manufacturer that allows it to access each device in his fleet.

4) *Administrator*: It enforces the policy defined by the owner for his fleet of devices. If any modification, such as adding a new entity or modifying its granted permissions, is required, it requests a decision from the owner. This role can either be assumed or delegated to a third party by the owner.

5) *Service Provider*: It delivers a user-friendly service on one or multiple devices using the resources authorized by the Owner. It installs or activates a service within the device. Multiple Service Providers can co-exist on the same device.

6) *User*: Users consume the services provided by the entities mentioned above. We can distinguish platform users and technical users. Service users subscribe to the services provided by the Service Providers. Technical users are typically members of the Owner, Manufacturer, Maintainer entities and they will perform authorized administration actions such as creating a new domain, granting rights to a new user, loading a service on the device. In the rest of this article we focus on platform users.

### B. Responsibilities model

The manufacturer provides the mechanisms and temporary credentials to personalize the device. At delivery, it provides the keys of the owner domain. The manufacturer is responsible for providing drivers which are compatible with virtualization and usage by multiple entities. For example, to control the position of an armed robot, it is better to literally express the coordinates of the destination. The command "go to (x=10;y=40;z=20)" leads to less confusion than "go to current position + (x=10; y=20; z=30). The manufacturer provides a platform in a safe state to the owner and does not keep any access to the manufacturer domain. In particular, the

manufacturer does not manage access control to the drivers.

The Owner finalizes the personalization of the device after delivery by the manufacturer. In particular, the owner should modify its temporary credentials. Owner authorizes the usage of the device resources. If some resources are very sensitive, he provides the access to them through the use of a token which he delivers and verifies. The owner can choose that some resources are accessible freely without the use of a token and thus reducing the security. The owner must not have any control or visibility on the actions performed by other entities unless it touches sensitive functions which the owner has decided to control through token verification.

If the owner delegates his tasks to an administrator, then the administrator can configure which resources need to be accessed with a token and the administrator is responsible for verifying the token and should not be able to control or visualize the actions performed by other actors unless they concern his perimeter of action.

The maintainer keeps the firmware, driver or any software in his perimeter up to date. This responsibility is key in the future as the regulators start to take actions on this point. For instance, the European Commission's overall security strategy [1] requires vendors to the commit to update their software in the event of newly disclosed vulnerabilities, as part of "duty of care" principle. Such initiative also exists in the United States with the Internet Of Things (IoT) Cybersecurity Improvement Act of 2017 [2].

Any entity which owns a partition (administrator, service provider, and maintainer) has to authenticate the machine (or user) who is sending the commands to the partition. This entity can choose to not perform and access control verification, thus reducing the security of the system. Any entity which owns a partition (administrator, service provider, and maintainer) is responsible for modifying the temporary credentials of its associated domains.

The responsibilities described in this section are summarized in table I.

### C. Architecture requirements

1) *Domain isolation*: Two services which run in two isolated domains should not be able to access the memory of one another, gain information about each other or interfere with each other's execution.

2) *Owner non-interference*: Although the owner or the administrator have access to a privileged domain, they must not have any control or visibility on the actions performed by other entities if these actions do not involve device resources which are under the responsibility of the owner.

3) *Ressource access control*: A device resource access policy under the control of the owner or the administrator is

mandatory. For each domain, a domain resource access policy under the control of the domain owner (maintainer, service provider) is optional.

4) *Minimal on-device processing*: The processing required to authorize an action in the device must be minimal.

## IV. PROPOSED SECURITY MODEL AND ARCHITECTURE

This section describes the architecture based on the use of tokens proposed in the ODSI project. First, we define the notion of domain in this architecture as well as its components. Then, we describe the communication and management models.

### A. Definition of a domain

In this architecture, the device is shared between several parties with different roles (described in section III-A). As one party can execute various code in different space, the following vocabulary is used:

- A partition is a piece of code managed by one party with its own memory
- A domain is the union of all partitions managed by one party.

Do we design ODSI platform & ODSI Mesovisor specifically in this article ?

Domains are implemented in ODSI Mesovisor via the hierarchical memory model. As the memory space of partition can contain the (disjoint) memory space of several sub-partitions (which can themselves contains others sub-sub-partitions), the parent partition controller by one party is the party domain and every enclosed partitions are controlled by the same party.

### B. Components of a domain

This section describes the role of the components which enforce the proposed security model, namely the Configuration Manager, the Administration Manager, the Token & Security Validator and the Key Vault. The architecture is also based on the use of virtual sensors and actuators.

1) *Configuration Manager*: The Configuration Manager can be divided into two functions and sub-components, the isolation manager and the internal communication manager. The isolation manager provides the tools to create, read, modify or delete a domain. This module also contains a security policy which indicates which tasks and partitions should be started when the domain is started. This security policy also creates the communication channels between the tasks and partitions in the domain. The internal communication manager is the unique entry point of the domain.

2) *Virtual sensors or actuators*: The drivers are provided by the manufacturer of the device and are stored in a separate domain. Each domain contains a virtual sensor or actuator which exposes the functions of the actual sensor or actuator and acts as an interface with it. This allows the entity which owns the domain to see his domain as an actual device without knowledge of the isolation. The instruction and response are transmitted to and from the real driver using the internal communication mechanism.

TABLE I  
RESPONSIBILITIES MATRIX

Requirements	Manufacturer	Maintainer	Owner	Administrator	Service Provider
Provide mechanisms & temporary credentials for initial device personalization before delivery to the owner	X				
Provide drivers compatible with virtualization & multi-tenant usage	X				
Provide temporary credentials for initial domain personalization to entities after delivery to the owner			X	X	
Update regularly the credentials to access the domain under its responsibility	X	X	X	X	X
Provide the device to owner without a remote backdoor access	X				
Create / Modify / Delete a domain before delivery to owner	X				
Create / Modify / Delete a domain after delivery to owner			X	X	
Configure the access policy of the device ressources			X		
Enforce the device ressource access policy			X	X	
Configure the domain ressource access policy	X	X	X	X	X
Enforce the domain ressource access policy	X	X	X	X	X
Keep the firmware & drivers up to date	X	X			
Keep the service applications up to date					X

3) *Administration Manager*: This module exposes the domain's ressources to an external server managed by the entity which owns the domain. It routes the command to read, write, execute the ressource to the expected manager or virtual sensor, actuator. It sends each command received to the Token & Security Validator (T&S Validator).

4) *Token & Security Validator*: The Token & Security Validator (T&S Validator) validates each device management command against the token provided in the command and optionally an internal security policy. For example, the security policy defines which ressources require a token verification to be accessed or whether a specific command can be processed according to the device battery status.

5) *Key Vault*: This module stores the keys that are used by the domain. In particular, the keys used by the Token & Security Validator are stored here. It also provides the functions to add a new key, modify or delete an existing key.

### C. Management model

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The model proposed is based on a master/agent model. Each domain contains an agent, the administration manager which receives commands from a master, generally an application in a server.

1) *Token scheme*: The token format should contain at minimum a payload and a signature of this payload. Compatible token formats include JWT (JSON Web Token) [3] and CWT (CBOR Web Token) [4].

The token's objectives are to 1) ensure that any command will reach the intended destination, 2) give the rights to request some operations on ressources, 3) prove that the entity initiating the command has been authenticated authorized and protect against replay.

In order to achieve these goals, the token should contain at minimum:

- the ID of the partition to which this token is destined,
- the rights granted,
- a proof ensuring that the token was generated by the token provider,
- a token ID and/or an expiration date.

The proof can either be a digital signature, such as ANS X9.31, ANS X9.62 or PKCS#1 as recommended by NIST [5] or a Keyed-hash Message Authentication Codes (HMACs) compliant NIST recommendations and using a NIST-approved hash algorithm such as SHA-256 [6], [7], depending on the level of security and non-repudiation required. The token ID and expiration date are used to prevent replay. The token ID can be compared to a set of previously used IDs stored in a cache. The size of the cache should be adapted to the memory constraints of the partition and device. The combination of the size of the cache and the expiration date allows achieving best effort replay detection. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to use both elements and to tune them carefully.

2) *Domain ressources management*:

3) *Device ressources management*:

### D. Communication model

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The main requirement for the communication protocol is to allow master/agent communication and the transport of a payload with the command content and an associated token. Protocols such as TCP/IP or CoAP are eligible. LwM2M [8] cannot be used as such because it does not allow adding the token in its payload.

1) *Internal communication*:

2) *External communication*:

## V. EVALUATION

TBD. Section to show how the isolation model allows to address the industrial needs

## VI. CONCLUSION

TBD. The conclusion goes here. Next steps : implementation and performance evaluation

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