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How many "Secure Elements" have you encountered in the last weeks?





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, and many others...







From Smartcards to embedded to integrated Secure Elements – Core Drivers





Definitions (as used in this presentation, others exist in the market):

- "embedded SE" == still a dedicated security IC but permanently bound and a small part to a complex device (smartphone, car, wearable, IoT devices, ...)
- "integrated SE" == also bound to a device but integrated into a larger System-on-Chip

Evolution to "embedded SEs" driven by:

- Separation of the device owner from the subscription provider (in Telco market)
- Need for a strong hardware security anchor to securely boot, system management and to support security solutions the OEM is interested in (e.g. OEM Pay)

Evolution to "integrated SEs" driven by:

- Substantial cost savings (no dedicated IC needed)
- Shared-memories, peripherals, and higher-source powers enable more complex use-cases

How does an "integrated secure element" look like and how does it differ from a stand-alone Security IC?





Figure 3-1 TOE components and their interfaces to the SoC



Figure 3-3 TOE hardware components

- Example: Qualcomm SPU230 (first Common Criteria AVA_VAN.5 certified iSE, BSI 2019)
- Integrated as a Hard Macro (independently synthesized) into larger SoC designs:
 - connected via SoC standard busses
 - use of shared memories protected by TOE encryption techniques
 - integrated into the power domains of the SoC
- Design (this TOE, many other design strategies exist):
 - Dedicated crypto core, including secure key store
 - Secure ROM, RAM and DMA
 - Dedicated external memory management unit controlling shared (untrusted) memory usage
 - Dedicated Units to control (untrusted) externals, like power and clock







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1. "You are not alone" (Device manufacturers integrate secure elements and supporting HW not only for your use case, but for many other purposes, like secure boot, securing keys, commercial use cases)

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- 2. "You can no longer interface with an iSE using an interface defined by few use case specific extensions to standard protocols (like ISO716, ISO14443-based Smartcard Command layers) "

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- 4. "Attacking a SoC-HW is more complex but what is most critical are scalable SW exploits"

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The Core Challenges for efficient security evaluations

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Recap: How do we evaluate traditional Smartcard Solutions (NPA, eGK...)?





Most complex scenario we handle:

- 1. Evaluate and certify Security IC HW, Firmware, Crypto Lib of Vendor A (10 months)
- 2. Evaluate and certify Card OS of Developer B (8 months)
- 3. Evaluate product application of Developer C (6 months)
- 4. Luckily updates hardly needed because single, simple use case only. Migration to new chip version (~ 6 months?)
- 5. Key provisioning is usually part of the production process and integrated I the evaluation

In principle an integrated Secure Element can also achieve a high attack resistance!



Why not use an iSE in a mobile to host an NPA, eGK, ...?



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Increasing system complexity and resource sharing



Detailed problems / unsolved questions:

- Traditional approaches of manual code reviews do scale well to a massive increase of the "Trusted Code Base" – how to scale / augment / replace manual code review with other techniques?
- Multi-purpose use of iSEs implies more and more "noninterfering" code in the same security domain - how to deal with this situation?
- Data exchange with an iSE is no longer restricted by an APDU buffers and the SW stack becomes more complex so the software attack surface will substantially increase

Our running example:

 Assume there is an multi-purpose iSE that offers means to load additional applications for governmental IDs. However, this iSE is also responsible for secure device boot, and contains substantial code that is a cornerstone of OEM security solutions (OEMPay, etc...)

What are your market observations and solution proposals?

Complex, heterogeneous infrastructures



Detailed problem characteristics / Unsolved problems:

- Key areas: key provisioning + key access control (Trusted UI) + use case application logic interfere with the device / OEM infrastructures that are non-standardized => how to evaluate these?
- Increasing specialization leads to an increasing fragmentation of the landscape (IP providers, HW integrators, OS providers, OS driver extensions, OEMs...) => how to compose all of these?
- Security is addressed but in many different forms (bounty programs, internal blue teams, external security assessment, proprietary schemes, ...) => how to leverage on this?

Our running example:

 How to deploy an Governmental ID on eSE / iSEs of *all* big OEMs and how to evaluate all the different deployment device infrastructures?

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Faster and continuous develop and update cycles



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Detailed problem characteristics / Unsolved problems:

- What the market needs from security evaluations: baseline in months, updates in weeks, and security patch in days
- update becomes as heterogeneous as the system (ROM patch, boot-loader update, OS update, driver loading, application loading...)
- Most updates will relate not to the security solution but to other (still security sensitives) parts of the system
- devices operating security solutions matures and adapts over time – snapshot-evaluations of a specific product version are no longer viable

Our running example:

What happens to a deployed Governmental ID if supporting parts of the system evolve?

What are your observations and solution proposals?

New technology characteristics and evolution of rating methodologies



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Detailed problem characteristics / Unsolved problems:

- Hardware more difficult to decompose (e.g. package-on-package, ...)
- Approaches to Fault Injection and Side Channel Analysis have to evolve (attacking the SE w/o impacting the SoC, differing noise and acquisition speeds, ...)
- Scalable SW attacks have the most devastating effect, a single device hacks a lesser concern => not well covered in current rating methodologies

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Solutions ???	Automation and tools Accumulative assurance	Black-box composition and ight-weight integration iSE API Standardization	"Predictive assurance" Security monitoring	SW Quality metrics like potential vulnerability density
Sol	Minimization of the TCB	Meta-schemes		Exploit mitigations





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