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TF-M Workshop TF-M Secure Storage

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PSA Storage

- Provides a key/value storage interface to access device-protected storage
- Simple access control: each partition can access only its own assets
- Two varieties:
 - Internal storage provided by the PSA Root of Trust: PSA Internal Trusted Storage
 - External storage protected by the Application Root of Trust: PSA Protected Storage

ITS vs PS

PSA Internal Trusted Storage (ITS)

- Internal storage only
- Storage is inherently trusted: no encryption, authentication or rollback protection required in service itself
- Small datasets (e.g. keys)
- PSA RoT Service
- Implemented by TF-M ITS service

PSA Protected Storage (PS)

- Can use external storage
- Storage may be accessible to attacker: option for encryption, authentication and rollback protection in service
- Large datasets
- Application RoT Service
- Implemented by TF-M Secure Storage (SST) service

TF-M Secure Storage

- SST and ITS services each provided by their own partition in TF-M
 - ITS is PSA RoT, SST is Application RoT
 - SST depends on Crypto, which depends on ITS
- Both services use same lightweight flash filesystem as backend
 - Non-hierarchical, integer file IDs, create/write/delete APIs
 - Reliability in case of power failure
 - Can use 2 or >=4 flash blocks
 - No fragmentation
 - Flash layer can use internal or external flash device
- ITS is smallest possible wrapper around FS
 - Main addition is access control based on client IDs
- SST also adds protection for data-at-rest
 - Encryption, authentication, rollback protection
 - Controlled by build flags, depending on required level of protection
 - Authentication & encryption: AEAD (AES-128-GCM) using HUK, via Crypto service
 - Rollback protection: collect MACs in table, keep version in NV counter

Upcoming features

- Sharing common filesystem code between ITS and PS
 - SST calls ITS APIs as its backend 'filesystem'
 - SST partition essentially becomes an encryption, authentication and rollback protection layer on top of ITS
 - Shrinks the stack size of SST, at cost of concurrent requests to ITS/PS APIs requests having to wait
- Protected Storage 1.0
- New HUK management design, using Crypto service
- Smaller internal buffers
 - Support for different profiles
- Key diversification
 - One key per client, or per asset

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