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- Hardware integrity
- Software integrity
- Device authenticity check

What we are building

- Hardware × Software
- Non-custodial wallet for digital identity and digital assets
    - Focus on ease of use and safe defaults
    - User can’t “hold it wrong”
- Wearable hardware wallet (NFC, BLE, SE)
    - Companion to the mobile software wallet
    - Co-signer in multisig transactions
    - Can participate in wallet recovery

Unreleased product, everything here can change

Components

- The pieces:
  - MCU + BLE
  - secure element (SE) + NFC
  - sensors: capacitive, force, fingerprint [opt.]
- Secure element
  - keeps user secrets
  - component auth codes (more below)
  - protection from physical and side-channel attacks
  - provides TRNG
- Extremely constrained form factor (power, size)

System perspective

Hardware integrity (1)

- PUF in MCU and FP components
- PUF: physical uncloneable function
  - derived from physical irregularities of the silicon
  - device-unique and uncloneable
  - immutable
  - key does not need to be programmed
  - key does not exist anywhere when power is off
- Used to key-wrap and derive other keys, and to authenticate components (in conjunction with the SE)

Hardware integrity (2)

- At mfg time, write PUF auth code into the SE
  - one-time-write
  - can be read freely, since auth codes themselves are not keys (need original silicon to recover the key)
- At runtime, use auth code to reconstruct key on demand
  - derived keys for actual use
  - minimize time the reconstructed key exists in memory
- Permanently bond together MCU + SE + FP components

Hardware integrity (3)

- MCU ⇢ key-wrapped keys:
  - Encrypt bus comms
    - MCU ⇄ SE (secure channel)
    - MCU ⇄ FP (image capture data)
  - Encrypt sensitive data in flash (FP templates)
- FP ⇢ derived keys:
  - Encrypt bus comms
- Swapping out any component breaks its comms
- Can be used as part of a composite authenticity check

Software integrity

- Bootloader only accepts firmware images signed by Proxy
  - two image slots
  - automatically revert invalid images
  - image downgrade protection
- MCU debugger interface
- MCU memory protection of bootloader region
- SE applets
  - field-upgradable (except for applets storing user data and system authenticity info)
  - verification of load file signatures on install (gp)

Device authenticity check (🚧)

- At manufacture time, register SE generated key and hash of PUF auth codes generated on device
- Mobile app presents challenge over NFC, reads back a cryptogram that can be verified by `proxy.com` if device was manufactured by Proxy

“Do better” list

- Secure code integrity checks
  - MCU signature check must rely on code running on the MCU; subject to glitch attacks and silicon vendor bugs
  - participate in device authenticity check
- Transparent encryption of ext. memory reads/writes
  - currently done “manually” by MCU, only some data
  - cannot use with DMA controller
- Physical tamper evidence
- Authenticity check using WebBluetooth / WebNFC from browser

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