

ArmoredWitness

Putting verifiable transparency
in your verifiable transparency



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Logs

A log provides a verifiable
globally consistent,
append-only list of data.





Witnesses

A witness:

- cosigns consistent checkpoints with what it last signed

Quorum of witnesses:

- ensures no split view

A witness only verifies hashes!





Omniwitness

TrustFabric witness + policy

- Go SumDB
- WithSecure Armory Drive
- Sigstore
- Android BT
- LVFS
- Armored Witness !!
- Bastion support





Armored Witness

Omniwitness + armor

- open source hardware & software
- reproducible builds installed from a log
- full boot-chain verification from mask ROM to running software





Reputation

Armored Witness = Our Reputation

But... why?!

A fleet of devices provides:

- Resilience
- Geographic coverage
- Awareness & buy-in

Transparency provides:

- Accountability
- Showcase





How does it work?

Two ways:

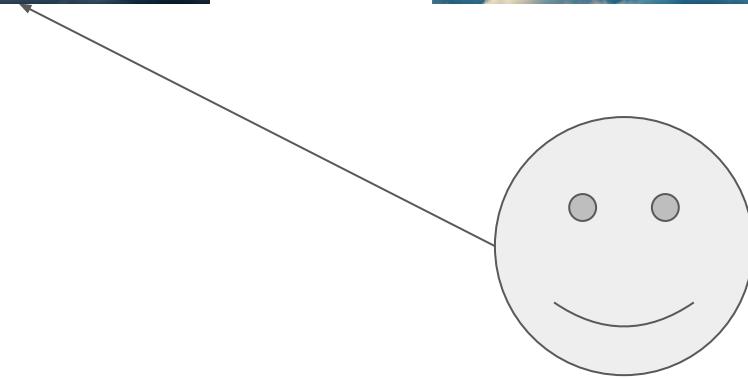
- Synchronous
- Asynchronous





Sync Flow

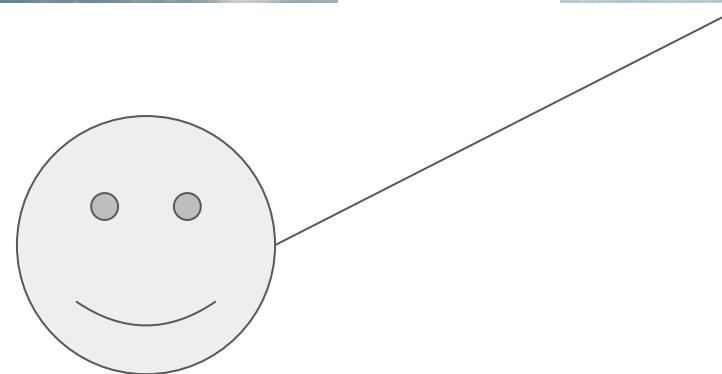
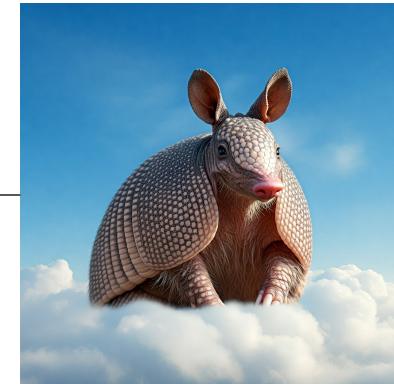
BASTION





Async Flow

DISTRIBUTOR





Distributor

Makes witnessed checkpoints easily available via a simple API

- Witnesses stay hidden
- Clients get as many sigs as they request





Demo: Distributor

```
> go run github.com/transparency-dev/distributor/cmd/client@main --n=3
```

...

```
Log "sum.golang.org" (a32d071739c062f4973f1db8cc1069f517428d77105962b285bbf918c4062591)
```

✓ Got checkpoint:

```
go.sum database tree
```

```
30446855
```

```
09K73A2OPhyKqqJBdeHiQ89Mr8YBQ3MZv6CWzMKys+0=
```

```
— sum.golang.org Az3gruON2RIF6cTv4gDgb9jL/41foh2RRfRBQjiWk0eAgfyK6JXDt1g1uTjATqGrJrVNUyyr7SLRwEFYQHeON+JjgAE=
```

```
— ArmoredWitness-snowy-sound
```

```
iEWJ76Sm+mYAAAAAomo5F9A/j9+FaiYhZ127gAj0DOO92KHRMSEsZvJqVy9Be/99mV9HmBFO+j21he61mouNXFbVukaFdf9PN7DyBg==
```

```
— ArmoredWitness-small-breeze
```

```
nRq5Ubam+mYAAAAAuByf3Fn6LWZ++Mo6qfwERcBKoW+gxFUztpzzhft75EAAIKufOD9ssQers/izj7BWjYYpAlCDdq5DE1yIUxViCA==
```

```
— ArmoredWitness-dry-sunset
```

```
uS6j96Gm+mYAAAAAwfmOma3668VmgGCaGSvldlr+92VyqK7nUycbY0RYm9oHfaRATpCV9fnql8EqA9kOOx/orB8VBRhLOqzXIXKXCg==
```

Witness timestamps:

```
— ArmoredWitness-snowy-sound: 3 minutes ago (2024-09-30T14:24:52+01:00)
```

```
— ArmoredWitness-small-breeze: 2 minutes ago (2024-09-30T14:25:10+01:00)
```

```
— ArmoredWitness-dry-sunset: 3 minutes ago (2024-09-30T14:24:49+01:00)
```

...



Recap

A lightweight "plug and play" witness implementation.

Goals:

1. Help kick-start a diverse **witness network**
2. Be reasonably **resistant to tampering** and team coercion
3. Serve as a reference **example of firmware transparency**



Armored Witness

Building a Trusted Notary unikernel

Kick-starting a cross-ecosystem
witness network



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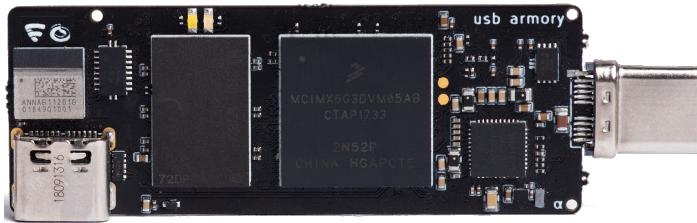
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USB armory  and TamaGo 

Spoke at too many conferences...

Background focused on security auditing and security engineering
on safety critical systems in the automotive, avionics, industrial domains.





The USB armory is a tiny, but powerful, embedded platform for personal security applications.

Designed to fit in a pocket, laptops, PCs, server and networks.

The USB armory targets the following primary applications:

- Encrypted storage solutions
- Hardware Security Module (HSM)
- Enhanced smart cards
- Electronic vaults (e.g. cryptocurrency wallets) and key escrow services
- Authentication, provisioning, licensing tokens
- USB firewall



Building a hardware witness

The key goal is to build a device for *custodians* to:

- Help transparency-enabled ecosystems to further tighten their security properties (Go's sum DB, Sigstore, Pixel BT, LVFS, SigSum, Amory Drive).
- Allow **low-touch and maintenance-free** operation.
- Demonstrate and promote **firmware transparency**.

Device goals:

- Full transparency, **open hardware and software**.
- **Reduced attack surface**.
- **Plug-and-go**.

Combining our skills and projects:

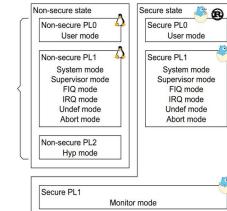
USB armory



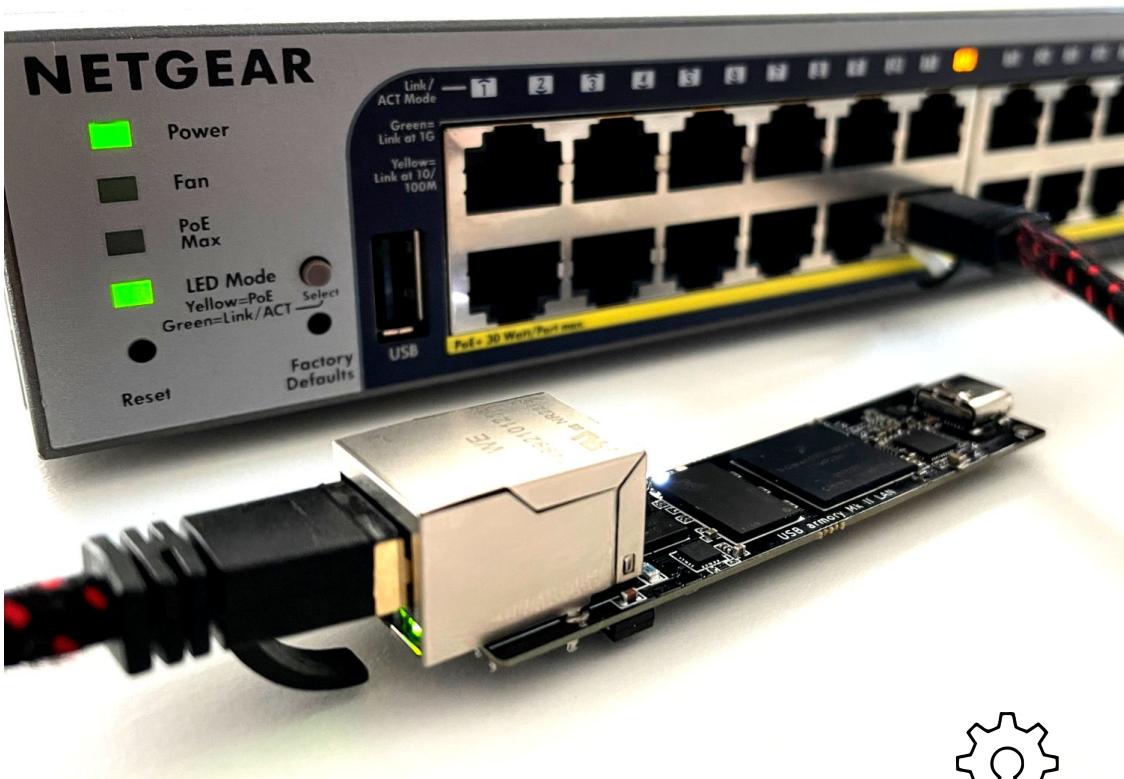
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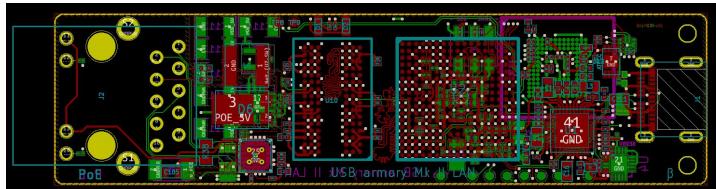
GoTEE



USB armory Mk II LAN



<https://github.com/usbarmory/usbarmory/wiki/Mk-II-LAN>



A new bespoke variant created specifically for the Armored Witness project.

- RAM: 512 MB or 1 GB DDR3
- Internal storage: 16 GB eMMC
- External secure element: NXP SE050
- SoC: NXP i.MX6UL/i.MX6ULL
(ARM® Cortex™-A7 528/900 MHz)
- Ethernet: 10/100-Mbps with IEEE 802.3af Power over Ethernet
- USB 2.0 over USB-C: DRP plug



It can be powered by either USB or PoE, acts as USB host or device depending on power mode.

Provides the same security features of the USB only model, full OSS tooling (no NXP blobs).

Hardware security features

High Assurance Boot (HAB)

SoC Boot ROM authentication of initial bootloader (i.e. Secure Boot).

CAAM (i.MX6UL) | DCP+RNGB (i.MX6ULZ)

SoC cryptographic accelerators and TRNG.

Secure Non-Volatile Storage (SNVS)

Encrypted storage of arbitrary data using unique keys,
voltage, temperature, clock tamper sensors.

Bus Encryption Engine (BEE)

On i.MX6UL SoC it provides on-the-fly (OTF)
AES-128-CTR RAM encryption/decryption.

NXP SE050

External SE with hardware acceleration for elliptic-curve
cryptography as well as hardware based key storage.

Replay Protected Memory Block (RPMB)

The internal eMMC allows replay protected authenticated
access to flash memory partition areas, using a shared secret
between the host and the eMMC.



TamaGo: Killing C

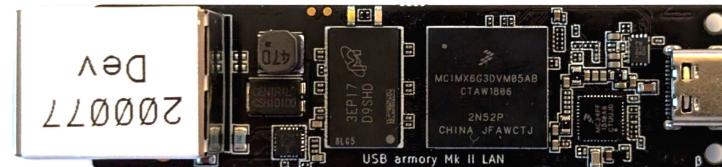
When security matters software and hardware optimizations matter less.

This means that less constrained hardware (e.g. SoCs in favor of MCUs) and higher level code are perfectly acceptable.

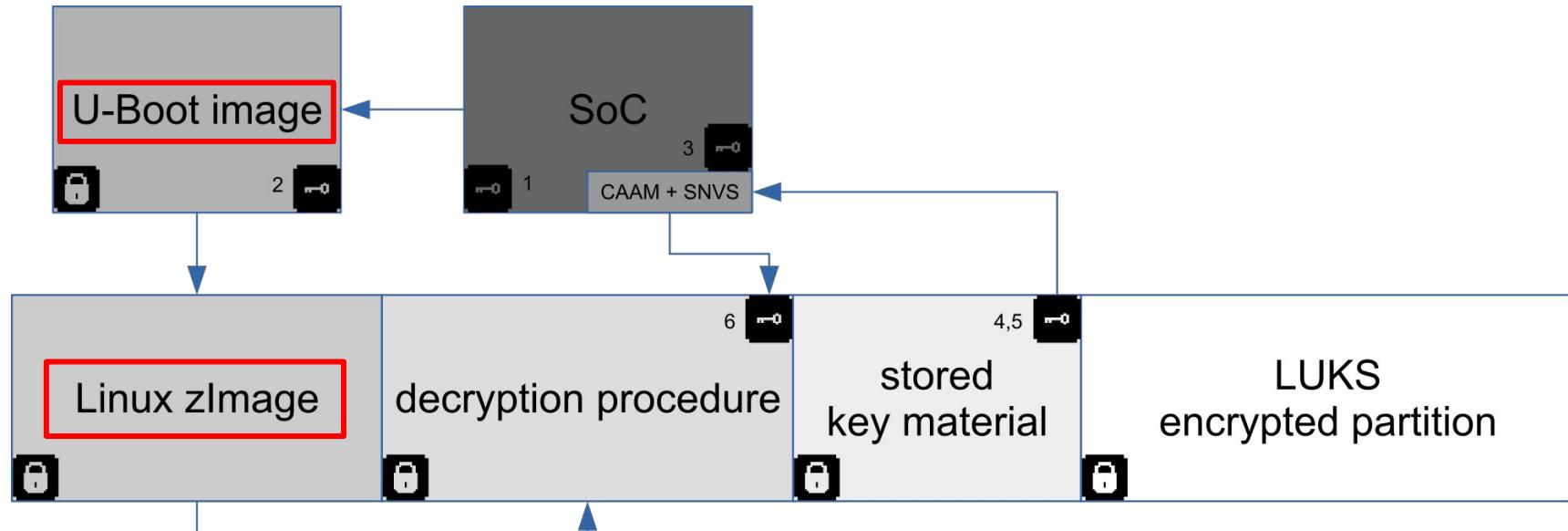
However high level programming typically entails several layers (e.g. OS, libraries) to serve runtime execution.

TamaGo spawns from the desire of **reducing the attack surface** of embedded systems firmware by **removing any runtime dependency on C code and inherently complex Operating Systems**.

In other words we want to **avoid shifting complexity around** and run a **higher level language**, such as Go in our effort, **directly on the bare metal**.

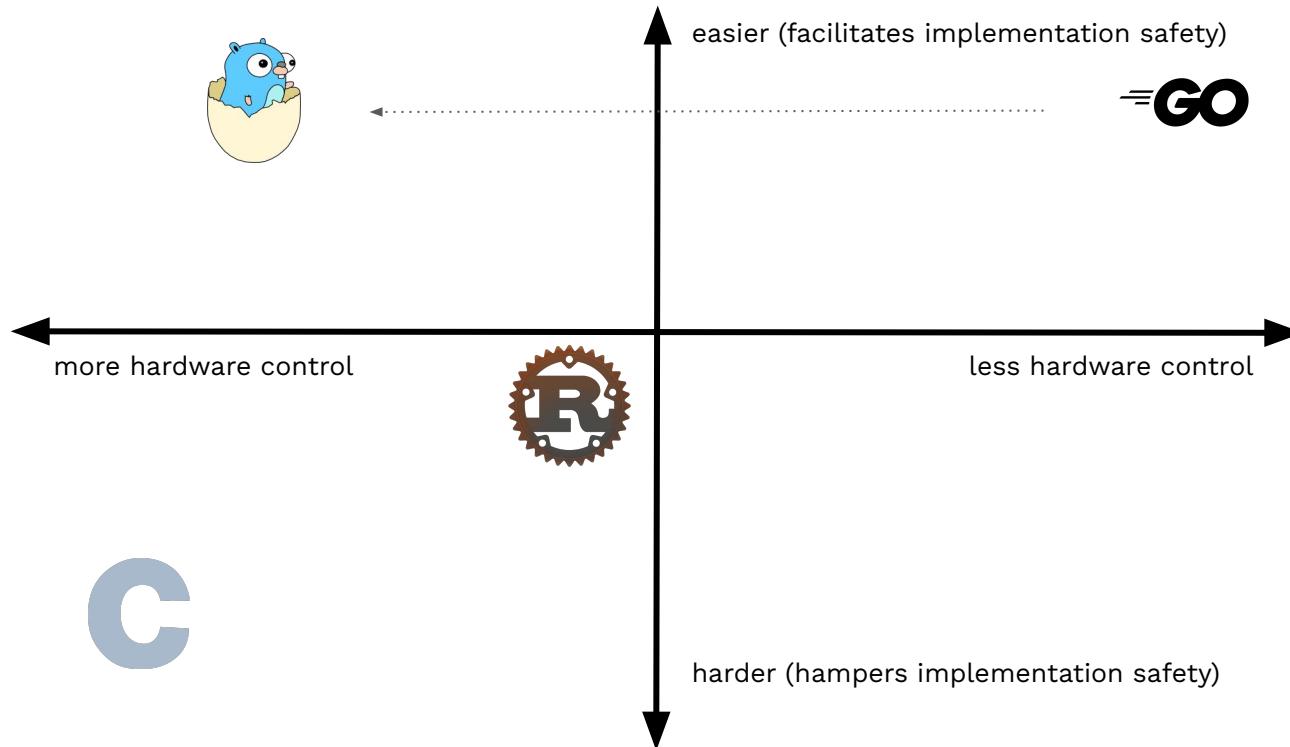


Reducing the attack surface



Typical secure booted firmware with authentication and confidentiality on an NXP i.M6UL.

Speed vs Safety



Disclaimer: chart presented for discussion and not to claim that language X is better than language Y, also scale is subjective.

Unikernels¹ are a single address space image to execute a “library operating system”, typically running under bare metal.

The focus is reducing the attack surface, carrying only strictly necessary code.

“True” unikernels are mostly unicorns, as a good chunk of available ones do not fit in this category and represent “fat” unikernels running under hypervisors and/or other (mini) OSes. And just shift around complexity (e.g. the app is PID 1).

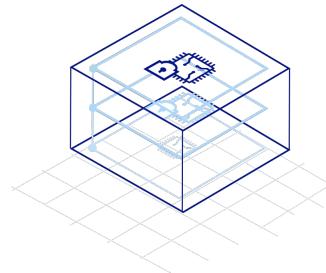
Apart from some exceptions there is always still a lot of C/dependencies involved in the underlying OS, drivers or hypervisor.

Running or importing *BSD kernels

Rump kernels (NetBSD based)
OSv (re-uses code from FreeBSD)

Running under hypervisor and 3rd party kernel

MirageOS (Solo5)
ClickOS (MiniOS)



Running under hypervisor

Nanos (Xen/KVM/Qemu) HalVM (Haskell, Xen)
LING (Erlang, Xen) RustyHermit (KVM)

Bare metal

GRISP (Erlang)
IncludeOS

¹ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unikernel>

TamaGo in a nutshell

TamaGo is made of two main components.

- A **minimally¹** patched Go distribution to enable GOOS=tamago support, which provides freestanding execution on GOARCH=arm and GOARCH=riscv64 bare metal.
- A set of packages² to provide board support (e.g. hardware initialization and drivers).

TamaGo currently provides drivers for SoC families
NXP i.MX6UL (USB armory Mk II), BCM2835
(Raspberry Pi Zero, Pi 1, Pi 2) and SiFive FU540.

On the i.MX6UL we target development of security applications, TamaGo is fully integrated with our existing open source tooling for i.MX6 Secure Boot (HAB) image signing.

TamaGo also provides full hardware initialization removing the need for intermediate bootloaders.



¹ <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-go>

² <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago>

TamaGo not only proves that it is possible to have a bare metal Go runtime, but does so with **clean and minimal modifications against the original Go distribution**².

Much of the effort has been placed to understand whether Go bare metal support can be achieved without complex re-implementation of memory allocation, threading, ASM/C OS primitives that would “pollute” the Go runtime to unacceptable levels.

Less is more. Complexity is the enemy of verifiability.

The acceptance of this (and similar) efforts hinges on maintainability, ease of review, clarity, simplicity and **trust**.

- ★ Designed to achieve upstream inclusion and with commitment to always sync to latest Go release.
- ★ ~5000 LOC of changes against Go distribution with clean separation from other GOOS support.
- ★ Strong emphasis on code reuse from existing architectures of standard Go runtime, see [Internals](#)¹.
- ★ Requires only one import (“library OS”) on the target Go application.
- ★ Supports unencumbered Go applications with nearly full runtime availability.
- ★ In addition to the compiler, aims to provide a complete set of peripheral drivers for SoCs.

¹ <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki/Internals>

² Which by the way is self-hosted and has reproducible builds.

Go distribution modifications¹

Glue code - patches to adds GOOS=tamago to the list of supported architectures and required stubs for unsupported operations. All changes are benign (no logic/function):

```
// +build aix darwin dragonfly freebsd js,wasm linux nacl netbsd openbsd solaris tamago
```

Re-used code - patches that clone original Go runtime functionality from an existing architecture to (e.g. js, wasip1) GOOS=tamago, either unmodified or with minimal changes:

- plan9 memory allocation is re-used with 2 LOC changed (brk vs simple pointer)
- js, wasm locking is re-used identically (with JS VM hooks removed)
- nacl in-memory filesystem is re-used (raw SD/MMC access implemented in imx6)

New code - basic syscall and memory layout support:

rt0_tamago_arm.s
sys_tamago_arm.s
os_tamago_arm.go

rt0_tamago_riscv64.s
sys_tamago_riscv64.go
os_tamago_riscv64.go

<https://github.com/golang/go/compare/go1.23.0...usbarmory:tamago1.23.0>

¹ As of tamago1.23.0 against go1.23.0



```
$ git diff go1.23.0 tamago1.23.0 --stat --stat-width "$(tput cols)" --color=always -- :(exclude)*tamago_test.go" | sort -t ' '| -n -k2 "$@"
```

315 files changed, 6468 insertions(+), 325 deletions(-)

src/cmd/go/internal/imports/build.go	1 +
...	
src/runtime/proc.go	14 +-
src/syscall/asm_tamago_arm.s	14 ++
src/syscall/asm_tamago_riscv64.s	14 ++
src/internal/syscall/unix/nonblocking_tamago.go	15 ++
src/os/sys_tamago.go	15 ++
src/os/pipe_tamago.go	16 ++
src/runtime/malloc.go	16 +-
src/runtime/sigqueue_tamago.go	16 ++
src/time/zoneinfo_tamago.go	17 ++
src/os/signal/signal_tamago.go	23 +++
src/runtime/mem_tamago.go	24 +++
src/syscall/zsyscall_tamago_arm.go	25 +++
src/syscall/zsyscall_tamago_riscv64.go	25 +++
src/internal/goos/zgoos_tamago.go	27 +++
src/crypto/rand_tamago.go	29 +++
src/os/exec/lp_tamago.go	29 +++
src/os/dirent_tamago.go	30 +++
src/os/user/lookup_tamago.go	35 ++++
src/net/sockopt_tamago.go	37 +++
src/runtime/rt0_tamago_riscv64.s	42 +++
src/internal/syscall/unix/net_tamago.go	44 +++
src/os/stat_tamago.go	51 +++++
src/time/sys_tamago.go	54 +++++
src/testing/testing_tamago.go	55 +++++
src/runtime/rt0_tamago_arm.s	56 +++++
src/testing/testing_tamago.s	64 ++++++
src/testing/run_example_tamago.go	76 +++++++
src/runtime/sys_tamago_riscv64.s	122 ++++++*****
src/runtime/lock_tamago.go	169 ++++++*****
src/net/net_tamago.go	210 ++++++*****
src/runtime/sys_tamago_arm.s	220 ++++++*****
src/runtime/os_tamago_riscv64.go	226 ++++++*****
src/runtime/os_tamago_arm.go	251 ++++++*****
src/syscall/fd_tamago.go	261 ++++++*****
src/syscall/syscall_tamago.go	328 ++++++*****
src/syscall/tables_tamago.go	494 ++++++*****
src/syscall/fs_tamago.go	872 ++++++*****
src/syscall/net_tamago.go	954 ++++++*****

Go low level access

```
func (hw *BEE) Init() {
    hw.mu.Lock()
    defer hw.mu.Unlock()

    hw.ctrl = hw.Base + BEE_CTRL
    hw.addr0 = hw.Base + BEE_ADDR_OFFSET0
    hw.addr1 = hw.Base + BEE_ADDR_OFFSET1
    hw.key = hw.Base + BEE_AES_KEY0_W0
    hw.nonce = hw.Base + BEE_AES_KEY1_W0

    // enable clock
    reg.Set(hw.ctrl, CTRL_CLK_EN)
    // disable reset
    reg.Set(hw.ctrl, CTRL_SFTRST_N)

    // disable
    reg.Clear(hw.ctrl, CTRL_BEE_ENABLE)
}

func (hw *BEE) generateKey() (err error) {
    // avoid key exposure to external RAM
    key, err := dma.NewRegion(uint(hw.key), aes.BlockSize, false)

    if err != nil {
        return
    }

    addr, buf := key.Reserve(aes.BlockSize, 0)

    if n, err := rand.Read(buf); n != aes.BlockSize || err != nil {
        return errors.New("could not set random key")
    }

    if addr != uint(hw.key) {
        return errors.New("invalid key address")
    }

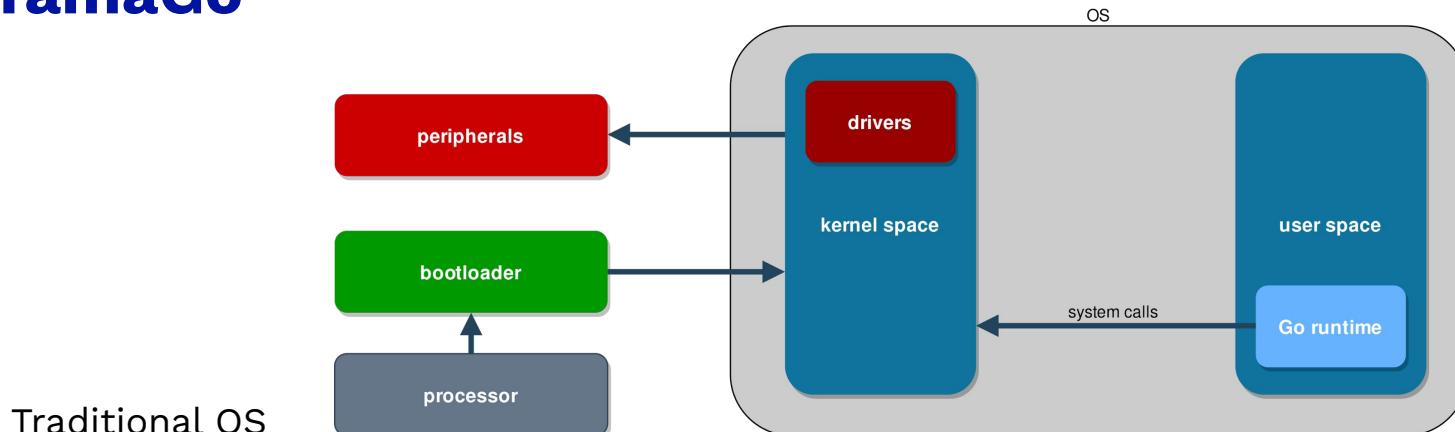
    return
}
```

Example: BEE initialization

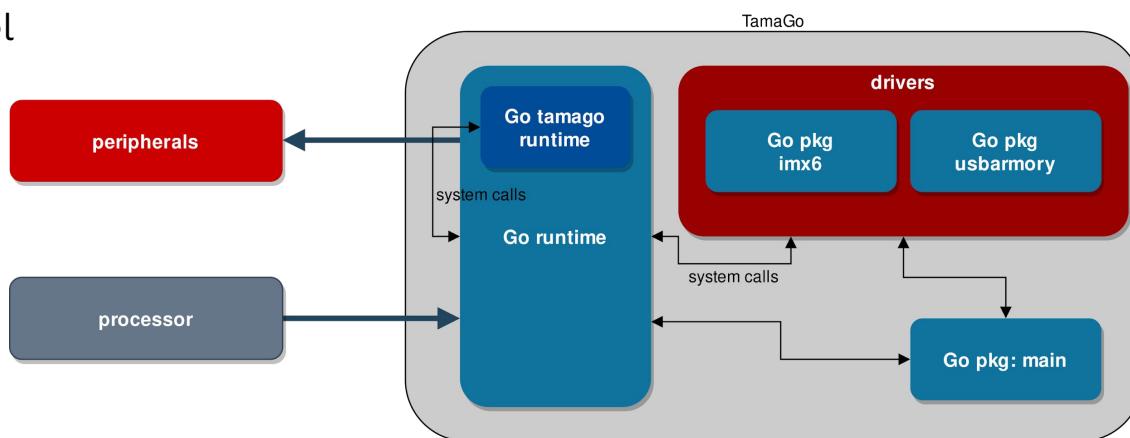
Go's `unsafe` can be easily identified to spot areas that require care (e.g. pointer arithmetic), it is currently used only in register and DMA memory manipulation primitives.

There are overall only 3 occurrences of `unsafe` used in `dma` and `reg` packages.

Applications are never required to use any `unsafe` function.



TamaGo unikernel



Developing, building and running

The full Go runtime is supported¹ without any specific changes required on the application side (Rust on bare metal², for comparison, requires `#![no_std]` pragma).

```
package main

import (
    _ "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/board/usbarmory/mk2"
)

func main() {
    // your code
}
```

```
GO_EXTLINK_ENABLED=0 CGO_ENABLED=0 GOOS=tamago GOARM=7 GOARCH=arm \
${TAMAGO} build -ldflags "-T 0x80010000 -E _rt0_arm_tamago -R 0x1000"
```

All Go ecosystem features in terms of build reproducibility, dependency management, profiling, debugging, remain intact.

Firmware can be compiled just as easily on Linux, Windows, macOS.

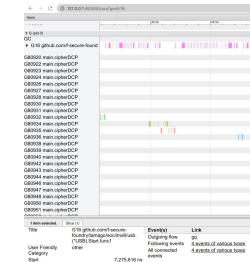
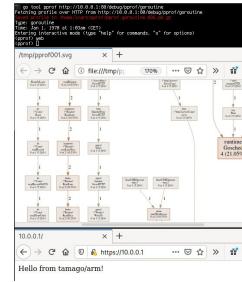
¹ <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki/Compatibility>

² <https://rust-embedded.github.io/book/intro/no-std.html>

1. The application requires a single import for the board package to enable necessary initializations.
2. Go code can be written with very few limitations and the SoC package exposes driver APIs.
3. go build can be used as usual (reproducible builds!) with few linker flags to define entry point.
4. The SoC package supports native loading (no bootloader required!).

Reducing the attack surface

Block	LOCs	Driver support
ARM	900	CPU MMU, timer, exceptions, IRQ handling
BEE	130	OTF AES RAM encryption/decryption
CAAM	840	accel. AES/ECC/CMAC/SHA/TRNG, HUK derivation
DCP	450	accel. AES/SHA, HUK derivation
ENET	400	10/100-Mbps Ethernet driver, MII support
RNGB	80	True Random Number Generator
RPMB	230	Replay Protected Memory Block
RTIC	90	Run Time Integrity Checker
SNVS	180	tamper proof sensors
USB	1200	USB 2.0 in device mode
USDHC	1100	eMMC (HS200 speed) / SD (SDR104 speed)
MK2	680	USB armory Mk II board support package

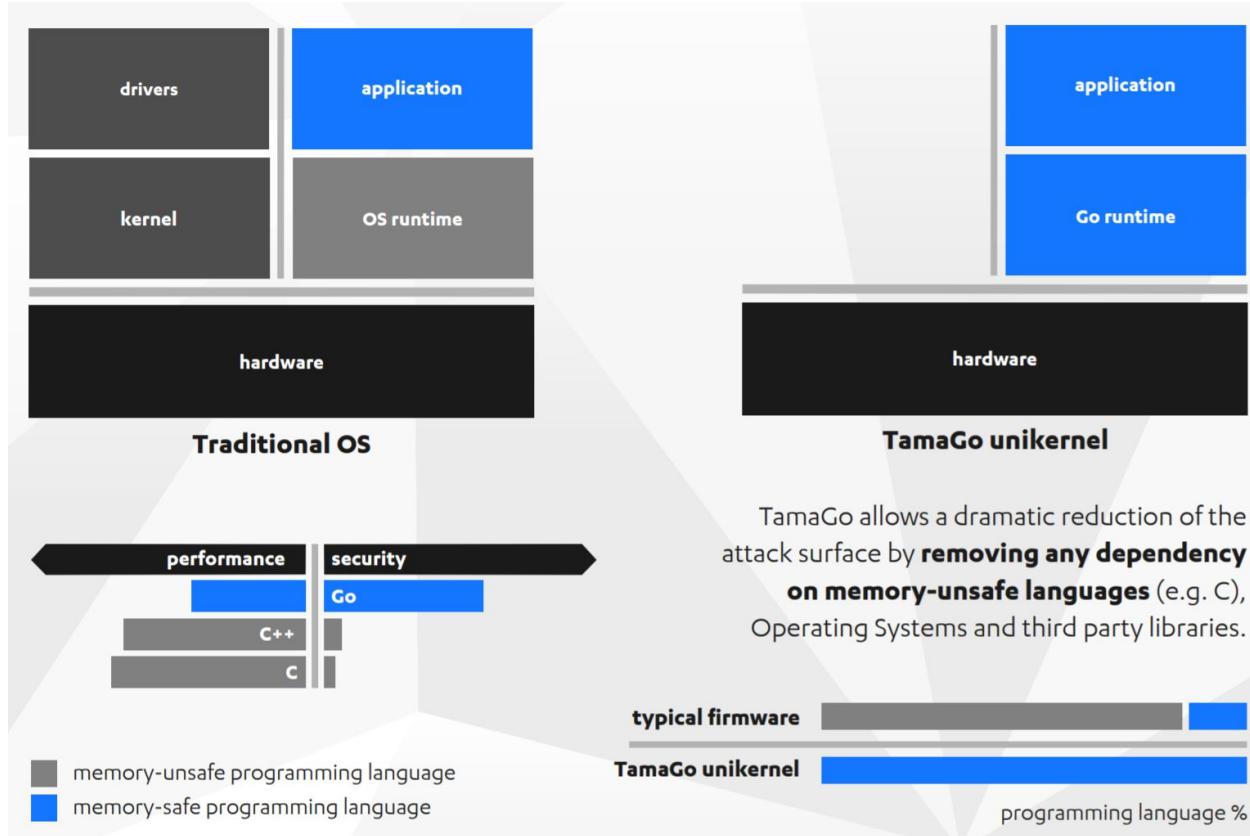


```
module github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE
go 1.23.0

require github.com/usbarmory/tamago v0.0.0-20240924114619-273d67cd811d
```

The TamaGo firmware allows creation of true unikernels, incorporating in a single binary boot code, peripheral drivers, libraries and application code with minimal dependencies and all the benefits of the full Go ecosystem, including supply chain security, build reproducibility and debugging.

Improving memory safety



```
$ make qemu
```

```
tamago/arm (go1.22.1) • 5e1f6aa lcars@lambda on 2024-03-20 08:02:11 • i.MX6UL 1188 MHz (emulated)

ble          (time in RFC339 format)?
date         # BLE serial console
dcp          # show/change runtime date and time
dns          # benchmark hardware encryption
exit, quit   # resolve domain (requires routing)
help         # close session
i2c          # this help
info         # IC bus read
kem          # device information
led          # benchmark post-quantum KEM
md           # LED control
mmc          # memory display (use with caution)
mw           # MMC/SD card read
ntp          # memory write (use with caution)
otp          <host> # change runtime date and time w/ NTP
otp          <bank> <word> # OTP fuses display
rand         # gather 32 random bytes
reboot       # reset device
stack        # stack trace of current goroutine
stackall     # stack trace of all goroutines
test         # launch tests

> kem
Kyber1024 89248f2f33f7f4f7051729111f3049c409a933ec904aedadf035f30fa5646cd5 (287.799024ms)
Kyber768 a1e122cad3c24bc51622e4c242d8b8cbcd3f618fee42284006b5ca8f9ea02c2 (209.114896ms)
Kyber512 e9c2bd37133fcba0772f81559f14b1f58dcc1c816701be9ba6214d43baf4547 (149.049056ms)

> rand
db7d46647880be1e51731177b6f73645b71ca504242c97758df3a86842d93236

> md 80000000 96
00000000 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 |.....|
00000010 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 18 f0 9f e5 |.....|
00000020 04 d4 0f 80 38 d4 0f 80 6c d4 0f 80 a0 d4 0f 80 |....8..1.|
00000030 d4 d4 0f 80 00 00 00 00 08 d5 0f 80 3c d5 0f 80 |.....<...|
00000040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
00000050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
```

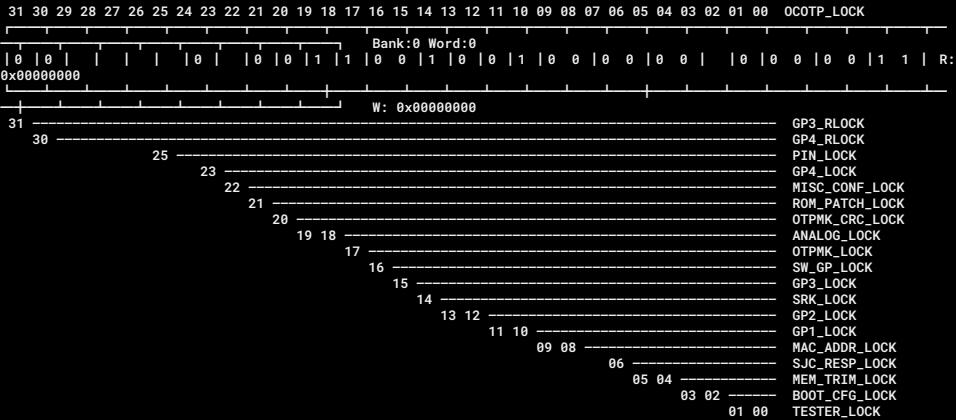
```
> ntp time.google.com
2024-03-20T08:02:11Z
```

```
> info
Runtime .....: go1.22.1 tamago/arm
RAM .....: 0x80000000-0x9f600000 (502 MiB)
Board .....: UA-MKII
SoC .....: i.MX6ULZ 1188 MHz (emulated)
```

```
$ ssh 10.0.0.1
```

```
tamago/arm (go1.22.1) • 5e1f6aa lcars@lambda on 2024-03-20 10:00:48 • i.MX6ULL 900 MHz
```

```
> otp 0 0
OTP bank:0 word:0 val:0x00324003
```



```
> dns www.golang.org
[142.251.215.238 2607:f8b0:400a:805::200e]
```

```
> dcp 65536 10
Doing aes-128 cbc for 10s on 65536 blocks
6201 aes-128 cbc's in 10.00086575s
```

```
> info
Runtime .....: go1.22.1 tamago/arm
RAM .....: 0x80000000-0x9f600000 (502 MiB)
Board .....: UA-MKII-v
SoC .....: i.MX6ULLZ 900 MHz
SSM Status ...: state:0b101 clk:false tmp:false vcc:false hac:4294967295
Boot ROM hash: 1727a0f46dbde555b583e9a138ae359389974b7be4369ffd4a252a8730f7e59b
Secure boot ...: true
Unique ID ....: FE186D5AB312430B
SDP .....: true
Temperature ...: 48.333332
```

GoKey - The bare metal Go smart card

The GoKey application implements a composite USB OpenPGP 3.4 smartcard and FIDO U2F token, written in pure Go (~2500¹ LOC).

It allows to implement a radically different security model for smartcards, taking advantage of TamaGo to safely mix layers and protocols not easy to combine.

For instance authentication can happen over SSH instead of plaintext PIN transmission over USB.

	Trust anchor	Data protection	Runtime	Application	Requires tamper proofing	Encryption at rest
traditional smartcard	flash protection	flash protection	JCOP	JCOP applets	Yes	No
USB armory with GoKey	secure boot	SoC security element	TamaGo	Go application	No	Yes

<https://github.com/usbarmory/gokey>

```
host ~ gpg --card-status
Reader ...: USB armory Mk II (Smart Card Control) (0.1) 00 00
Application ID ...: D276000124010304F5EC09320C0000
Application type ...: OpenPGP
Version .....: 3.4
Manufacturer ...: TamaGo Secure
Serial number ...: D276000124010304F5EC09320C
Name of cardholder: Alice
Language prefs ...: (not set)
Salutation ....:
URL of public key: (not set)
Login PIN .....: forced
Signature PIN ...: forced
Key attributes ...: rsa4096 rsa4096 rsa4096
Max. PIN lengths : 254 127 127
PIN retry counter: 1 0 0
Signature counter : 0 0 0
Signature key ...: 0SEC DEB4 43FA 5C01 9C7A 51A2 E9C8 5194 E346 C285
                   created: 2020-04-03 15:10:30
Encryption key...: 656B E354 EE12 BFFF 988B 1607 556B 9659 5A2C D776
                   created: 2020-04-03 15:01:49
Authentication key: (none)
General key info.: rsa4096/E9C851943E46C285 2020-04-03 Alice <alice@wonderland
                   card-no: F5EC D209320C
sec# rsa4096/CB874C5E15EA0B created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/556B996595A2CD776 created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/E9C851943E46C285 created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
ssb# rsa4096/2E831B5996EE83D created: 2020-04-03 expires: 2022-04-03
host ~ ssh alice@10.0.0.10
GoKey * tamago/arm (go1.14) + 0330e82 user@host on 2020-04-09 07:42:11 * 1.MX6ULL

exit, quit          # close session
help               # this help
init               # initialize card
rand               # gather 32 bytes from TRNG via crypto/rand
reboot             # restart
status             # display card status
lock (all|sig|dec) # key lock
unlock (all|sig|dec) # key unlock, prompts decryption passphrase
resizing terminal (pty-type:80x66)
> unlock all
Passphrase:
VERIFY: 05 EC DE B4 43 FA 5C 01 9C 7A 51 A2 E9 C8 51 94 3E 46 C2 B5 unlocked
VERIFY: 65 6B E3 54 EE 12 FB FB 98 8B 16 07 55 6B 96 59 5A 2C D7 76 unlocked
> exit
logout
closing ssh connection
Connection to 10.0.0.10 closed.
host ~ gpg --decrypt secret.asc
gpg: encrypted with 4096-bit RSA key, ID 556B996595A2CD776, created 2020-04-03
      "Alice <alice@wonderland"
cheshire wrote:
  "Where do you want to go?"
alice wrote:
  "I don't know"
cheshire wrote:
  "Then, it really doesn't matter, does it?"
host ~
```

¹ CCID: ~220 ICC: ~1000 U2F: 200

armory-boot - USB armory boot loader



A primary signed boot loader (~700 LOC) to launch authenticated Linux kernel images on secure booted¹ USB armory boards, replacing U-Boot.

```
func boot(kernel uint, params uint, cleanup func(), region *dma.Region) (err error) {
    table := arm.SystemVectorTable()
    table.Supervisor = exec

    imx6ul.ARM.SetVectorTable(table)

    _kernel = uint32(kernel)
    _params = uint32(params)
    _mmu = (region != nil)

    cleanup()

    if region != nil {
        imx6ul.ARM.SetAttribute(
            uint32(region.Start()),
            uint32(region.End()),
            arm.TTE_EXECUTE_NEVER, 0)
    } else {
        imx6ul.ARM.FlushDataCache()
        imx6ul.ARM.DisableCache()
    }

    svc()

    return errors.New("supervisor failure")
}
```

```
func verifySignature(buf []byte, s []byte) (valid bool, err error) {
    sig, err := DecodeSignature(string(s))

    if err != nil {
        return false, fmt.Errorf("invalid signature, %v", err)
    }

    pub, err := NewPublicKey(PublicKeyStr)

    if err != nil {
        return false, fmt.Errorf("invalid public key, %v", err)
    }

    return pub.Verify(buf, sig)
}

func verifyHash(buf []byte, s string) bool {
    // use hardware acceleration
    sum, _ := imx6ul.DCP.Sum256(buf)

    if hash, err := hex.DecodeString(s); err != nil {
        return false
    }

    return bytes.Equal(sum[:], hash)
}
```

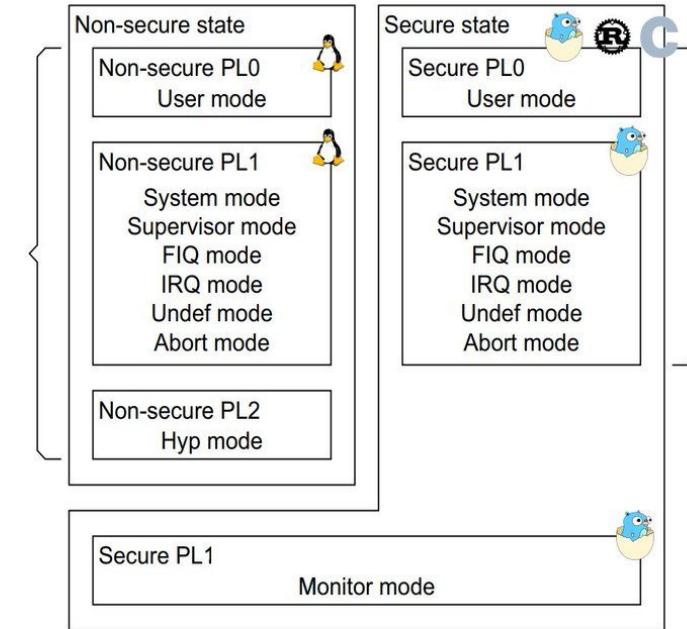


GoTEE - Trusted Execution Environment

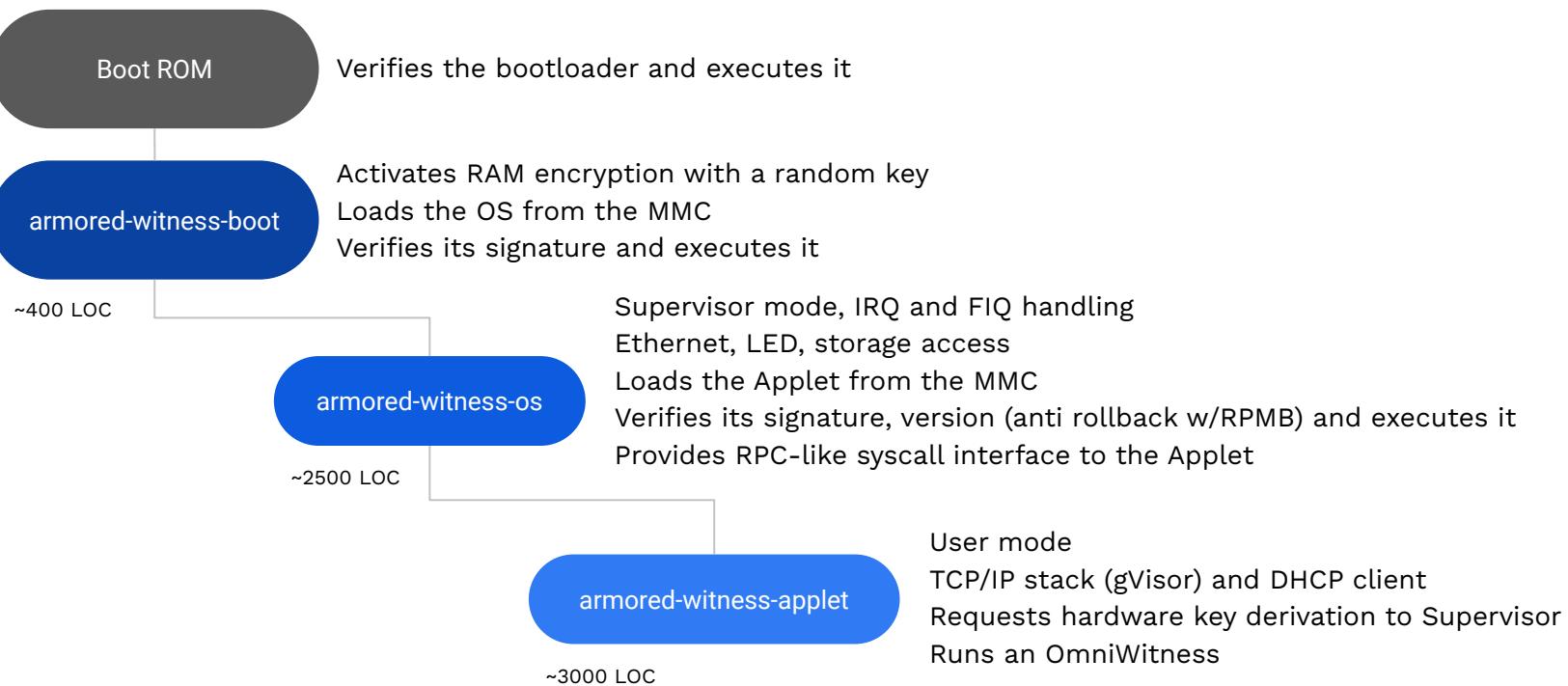
The GoTEE framework implements concurrent instantiation of TamaGo based unikernels in privileged and unprivileged modes, interacting with each other through monitor mode and custom system calls.

With these capabilities GoTEE implements a pure Go Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) bringing Go memory safety, convenience and capabilities to bare metal execution within TrustZone Secure World.

It supports any freestanding user mode applets (e.g. TamaGo, C, Rust) and any “rich” OS running in NonSecure World (e.g. Linux).



Building a hardware witness



All firmware verification past the Boot ROM stage verify, through FT proof bundles, the presence of one or more trusted signatures (multi party signing) on the release manifest. The release manifest includes the binary hash, log checkpoint, the index of the manifest in the log and its corresponding inclusion proof.

The OS and Applet must be published on the log to be usable on the device.

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness>

type BEE

BEE represents the Bus Encryption Engine instance.

func (*BEE) Enable

```
func (hw *BEE) Enable(region0 uint32, region1 uint32) (err error)
```

Enable activates the BEE using the argument memory regions, each can be up to AliasRegionSize (512 MB) in size.

After activation the regions are encrypted using AES CTR. On secure booted systems the internal OTPMK is used as key, otherwise a random one is generated and assigned.

After enabling, both regions should only be accessed through their respective aliased spaces (see AliasRegion0 and AliasRegion1) and only with caching enabled (see arm.ConfigureMMU).

func (*BEE) Init

```
func (hw *BEE) Init()
```

Init initializes the BEE module.

func (*BEE) Lock

```
func (hw *BEE) Lock()
```

Lock restricts BEE registers writing.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/soc/nxp/bee"
    "github.com/usbarmory/tamago/soc/nxp/imx6ul"
)

// Encrypt 1GB of external RAM, this is the maximum extent either
// covered by the BEE or available on USB armory Mk II boards.
region0 := uint32(imx6ul.MMDC_BASE)
region1 := region0 + bee.AliasRegionSize

imx6ul.BEE.Init()
defer imx6ul.BEE.Lock()

if err := imx6ul.BEE.Enable(region0, region1); err != nil {
    log.Fatalf("could not activate BEE: %v", err)
}
```

type ELFImage

```
type ELFImage struct {
    // Region is the memory area for image loading.
    Region *dma.Region
    // ELF is a bootable bare-metal ELF image.
    ELF []byte
    // contains filtered or unexported fields
}
```

func (*ELFImage) Boot

```
func (image *ELFImage) Boot(pre func()) (err error)
```

Boot calls a loaded bare-metal ELF image.

func (*ELFImage) Entry

```
func (image *ELFImage) Entry() uint
```

Entry returns the image entry address.

func (*ELFImage) Load

```
func (image *ELFImage) Load() (err error)
```

Load loads a bare-metal ELF image in memory.

ELFImage represents a bootable bare-metal ELF image.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmy/armory-boot/exec"
)

image := &exec.ELFImage{
    Region: mem,
    ELF:     os.Firmware,
}

if err = image.Load(); err != nil {
    panic(fmt.Sprintf("load error, %v\n", err))
}

log.Printf("armored-witness-boot: starting kernel@%.8x\n", image.Entry())

if err = image.Boot(preLaunch); err != nil {
    panic(fmt.Sprintf("armored-witness-boot: load error, %v\n", err))
}
```

type RPMB

RPMB defines a Replay Protected Memory Block partition access instance.

func Init

```
func Init(card *usdhc.USDHC, key []byte, dummyBlock uint16, writeDummy bool) (p *RPMB, err error)
```

Init returns a new RPMB instance, dummyBlock argument is an unused sector, required for CVE-2020-13799 mitigation to invalidate uncommitted writes.

func (*RPMB) Counter

```
func (p *RPMB) Counter(auth bool) (n uint32, err error)
```

Counter returns the RPMB partition write counter, the argument boolean indicates whether the read operation should be authenticated.

func (*RPMB) ProgramKey

```
func (p *RPMB) ProgramKey() (err error)
```

ProgramKey programs the RPMB partition authentication key.

func (*RPMB) Read

```
func (p *RPMB) Read(offset uint16, buf []byte) (err error)
```

Read performs an authenticated data transfer from the card RPMB partition, the input buffer can contain up to 256 bytes of data.

func (*RPMB) Write

```
func (p *RPMB) Write(offset uint16, buf []byte) (err error)
```

Write performs an authenticated data transfer to the card RPMB partition, the input buffer can contain up to 256 bytes of data.

type CAAM

CAAM represents the Cryptographic Acceleration and Assurance Module instance.

func (*CAAM) DeriveKey

```
func (hw *CAAM) DeriveKey(diversifier []byte, key []byte) (err error)
```

DeriveKey derives a hardware unique key in a manner equivalent to NXP Symmetric key diversifications guidelines (AN10922 - Rev. 2.2) for AES-256 keys.

The diversifier is used as message for AES-256-CMAC authentication using a blob key encryption key (BKEK) derived from the hardware unique key (internal OTPMK, when SNVS is enabled, through Master Key Verification Blob).

WARNING: when SNVS is not enabled a default non-unique test vector is used and therefore key derivation is **unsafe**, see snvs.Available().

The unencrypted BKEK is used through DeriveKeyMemory. An output key buffer previously created with DeriveKeyMemory.Reserve() can be used to avoid external RAM exposure, when placed in iRAM, as its pointer is directly passed to the CAAM without access by the Go runtime.

Package monitor

```
type ExecCtx struct {
    R0  uint32
    ...
    R15 uint32 // PC

    // Memory is the executable allocated RAM
    Memory *dma.Region
    // Handler, if not nil, handles user syscalls
    Handler func(ctx *ExecCtx) error
    // Server, if not nil, serves RPC calls over syscalls
    Server *rpc.Server
}
```

func Load

```
func Load(entry uint, mem *dma.Region, secure bool) (ctx *ExecCtx, err error)
```

Load returns an execution context initialized for the argument entry point and memory region, the secure flag controls whether the context belongs to a secure partition (e.g. TrustZone Secure World) or a non-secure one (e.g. TrustZone Normal World).

func (*ExecCtx) Run

```
func (ctx *ExecCtx) Run() (err error)
```

Run starts the execution context and handles system or monitor calls. The execution yields back to the invoking Go runtime only when exceptions are caught. The function invokes the context Handler() and returns when an unhandled exception, or any other error, is raised.

```
import (
    "github.com/usbarmory/armory-boot/exec"
    "github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/monitor"
)

image := &exec.ELFImage{
    Region: appletRegion,
    ELF:     elf,
}

if err = image.Load(); err != nil {
    return
}

if ta, err = monitor.Load(image.Entry(), image.Region, true); err != nil {
    return nil, fmt.Errorf("SM could not load applet: %v", err)
}

ta.Handler = handler
ta.Server.Register(ctl.RPC)
ta.Run()
```

type RPC

RPC represents an example receiver for user/system mode RPC over system calls.

```
type RPC struct {
    RPMB      *RPMB
    Storage   Card
    Ctx       *monitor.ExecCtx
    // sha256.Sum256([]byte(AppletManifestVerifier))
    Diversifier [32]byte
}
```

```
import (
    "github.com/usbaremory/GoTEE/applet"
    "github.com/usbaremory/GoTEE/syscall"
)

// underlying implementation uses Go stdlib net/rpc/jsonrpc
if err := syscall.Call("RPC.Status", nil, &status); err != nil {
    return fmt.Errorf("failed to fetch Status: %v", err)
}
```

func (*RPC) DeriveKey

```
func (r *RPC) DeriveKey(diversifier [aes.BlockSize]byte, key *[sha256.Size]byte) (err error)
```

DeriveKey derives a hardware unique key ,the diversifier is AES-CBC encrypted using the internal OTPMK key.

func (*RPC) HAB

```
func (r *RPC) HAB(srk []byte, _ *bool) error
```

HAB activates secure boot.

func (*RPC) ReadRPMB

```
func (r *RPC) ReadRPMB(buf []byte, n *uint32) error
```

ReadRPMB performs an authenticated data transfer from the card RPMB partition sector allocated to the Trusted Applet. The input buffer can contain up to 256 bytes of data, n can be set to retrieve the partition write counter.

Boot ROM

Secure Boot keys are created and fused by the **device owner** using open source tools. A low level USB protocol (SDP) allows to interact with the Boot ROM to perform register read, write and firmware load, this allows **inspection** of a unit provisioning state and contents **without its firmware interference**. The Boot ROM remains the only blob (can be read for RE).

func BuildDCDWriteReport

```
func BuildDCDWriteReport(dcd []byte, addr uint32) (r1 []byte, r2 []byte)
```

BuildDCDWriteReport generates USB HID reports (IDs 1 and 2) that implement the SDP DCD_WRITE command sequence, used to load a DCD binary payload (p327, 8.9.3.1.5 DCD_WRITE, IMX6ULLRM).

func BuildFileWriteReport

```
func BuildFileWriteReport(imx []byte, addr uint32) (r1 []byte, r2 [][]byte)
```

BuildFileWriteReport generates USB HID reports (IDs 1 and 2) that implement the SDP FILE_WRITE command sequence, used to load an imx binary payload (p325, 8.9.3.1.3 FILE_WRITE, IMX6ULLRM).

func BuildJumpAddressReport

```
func BuildJumpAddressReport(addr uint32) (r1 []byte)
```

BuildJumpAddressReport generates the USB HID report (ID 1) that implements the SDP JUMP_ADDRESS command, used to execute an imx binary payload (p328, 8.9.3.1.7 JUMP_ADDRESS, IMX6ULLRM).

func BuildReadRegisterReport

```
func BuildReadRegisterReport(addr uint32, size uint32) (r1 []byte)
```

BuildReadRegisterReport generates USB HID reports (ID 1) that implement the SDP READ_REGISTER command for reading a single 32-bit device register value (p323, 8.9.3.1.1 READ_REGISTER, IMX6ULLRM).

USB armory

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/usbarmory>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/usbarmory/wiki>

HAB/OTP tool: <https://github.com/usbarmory/crucible>

TamaGo

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago/wiki>

API: <https://pkg.go.dev/github.com/usbarmory/tamago>

Example: <https://github.com/usbarmory/tamago-example>

GoTEE

Repository: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE>

Documentation: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE/wiki>

Example: <https://github.com/usbarmory/GoTEE-example>

Armored Witness

Repository: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness>

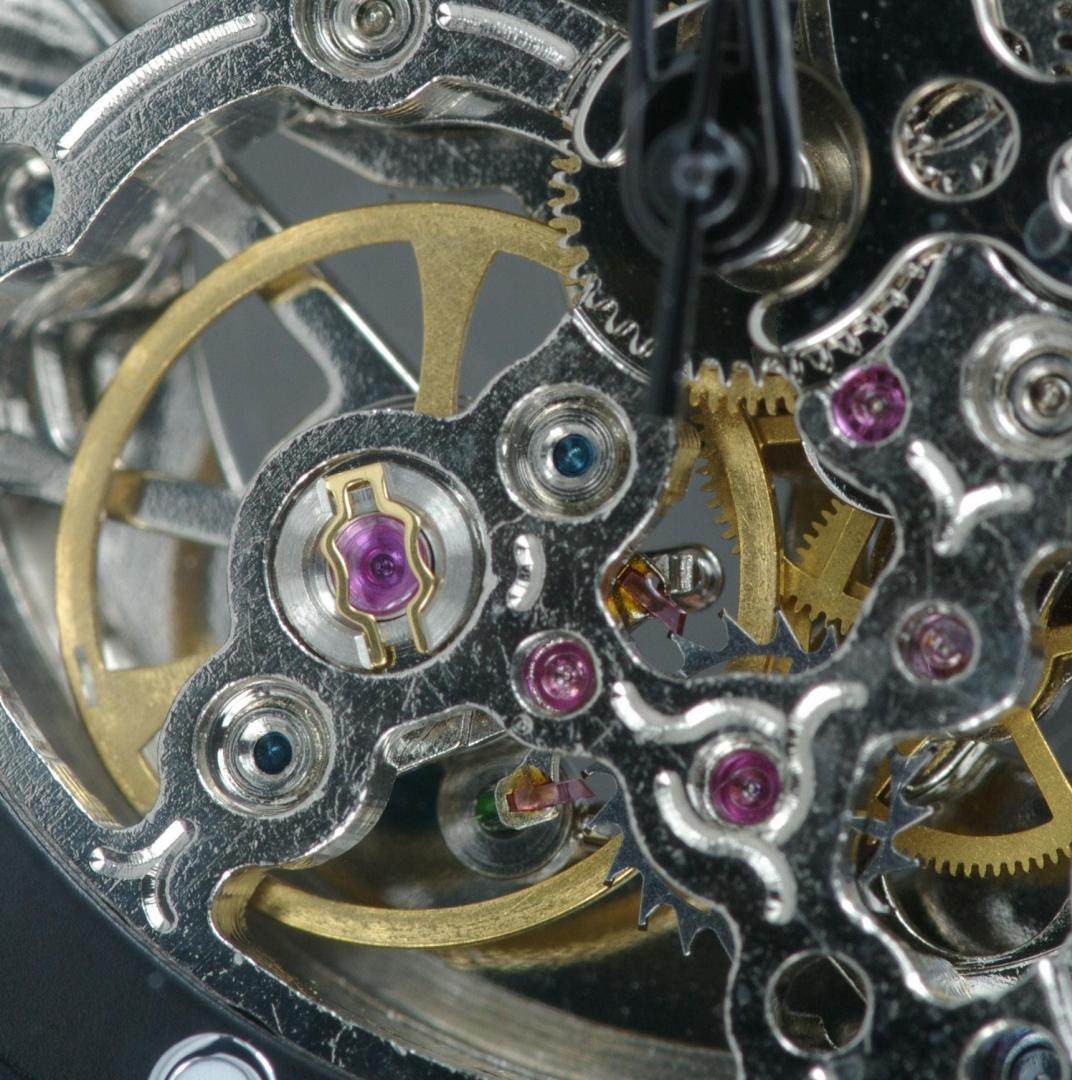
Bootloader: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-boot>

OS: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-os>

Applet: <https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-applet>



Firmware Transparency





100% open source*

Firmware: Bootloader & Recovery, OS, and Applet.

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-boot>

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-os>

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness-applet>

Tooling, docs, build pipeline config, witness IDs, public keys, etc.:

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness>

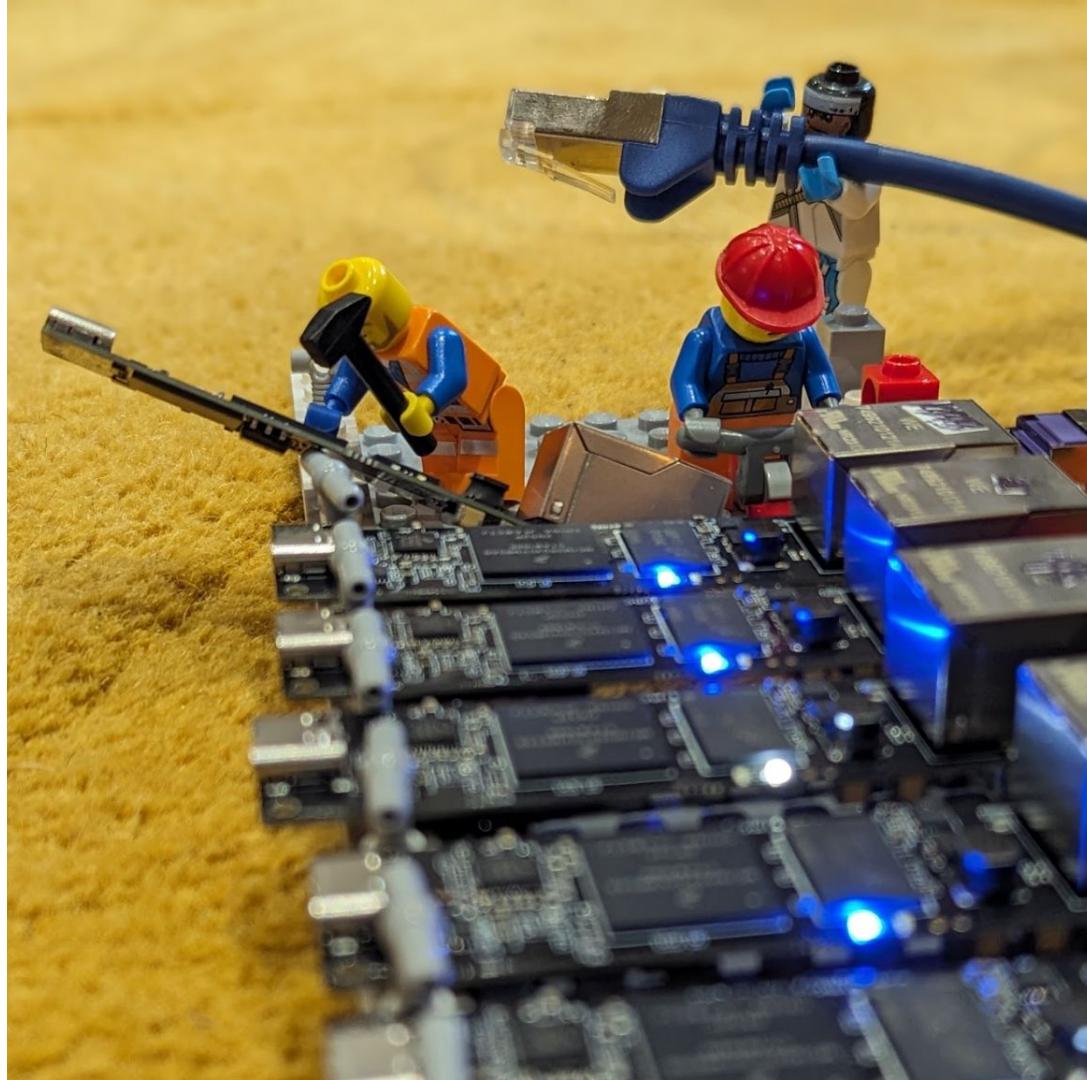


Firmware Builds

4 images:
**Bootloader, Monitor, Applet,
Recovery**

All are 100% bare-metal Go
(TamaGo).

Automatically **built, signed, and
transparency logged** by build
pipeline.





Firmware Transparency: logged metadata

```
{  
    "schema_version": 0,  
    "component": "TRUSTED_APPLET",  
    "git": {  
        "tag_name": "0.2.1",  
        "commit_fingerprint": "b91543149d15d0166cd9470f0547d6022f108eb2"  
    },  
    "build": {  
        "tamago_version": "1.22.4",  
        "envs": [  
            "FT_LOG_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/prod/log/1",  
            "FT_BIN_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/prod/artefacts/1",  
            "LOG_ORIGIN=transparency.dev/armored-witness/firmware_transparency/prod/1",  
            "LOG_PUBLIC_KEY=transparency.dev-aw-ftlog-prod-1+3e6d87ee+Aa3qdhefd2cc/98jV3b1s1JT2L+iFR8WKHeGcgFmyjnt",  
            "APPLET_PUBLIC_KEY=transparency.dev-aw-applet-prod+d45f2a0d+AZSnFa8GxH+jHV6ahELk6peqV0bbPKrYAdYyMjrzNF35",  
            "OS_PUBLIC_KEY1=transparency.dev-aw-os1-prod+985bdfd2+AV7mmRamQp6VC9CutzSXzqtNhYNyNmQQRcLX07F6q1C1",  
            "OS_PUBLIC_KEY2=transparency.dev-aw-os2-prod+662add8c+AebLJIKJhx57T3mWmHKe0sasFnXmtIQNTGRaoj2PQLrY",  
            "REST_DISTRIBUTOR_BASE_URL=https://api.transparency.dev/prod",  
            "BASTION_ADDR=bastion.glasklar.is:443",  
            "BEE=1",  
            "DEBUG=1",  
            "SRK_HASH=77e021cc51b5547fb0c2192fb32710bfa89b4bbaa7dab5f97fc585f673b0b236"  
        ]  
    },  
    "output": {  
        "firmware_digest_sha256": "PcM1yItuFrBxRgo5CaLIufmDTDREqMfb1/nh30nQVhg="  
    }  
}  
  
- transparency.dev-aw-applet-prod 1F8qDWHhg7KdKDGEbHRY9ugcKEaINmPWrwIBgha9YvpywRW9IpFqbfdLAxrkMJ6rUc1QF/G9uIDrkFtKEvyy0jLNQE=
```

But is that claim true?

Yes [hopefully 🤞] ... but don't trust us; try it for yourself!

https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness/tree/main/cmd/verify_build

```
$ docker build . -t armored-witness-build-verifier -f ./cmd/verify_build/Dockerfile
$ docker run armored-witness-build-verifier
...
I0219 12:23:00.470332      1 verify.go:162] Leaf index 125: ✓ reproduced build BOOTLOADER@0.0.1707929407-incompatible
(373ce9ef15cc7937e1dc024a7288e4d4b1c33eab) => 7ac229b8c166d26c93006586ffb4e46a0f13c31d881fda85b09816f88c1ebc31
E0219 12:23:01.898909      1 verify.go:158] Leaf index 126: ✗ failed to reproduce build RECOVERY@0.0.0
(74060722c9aa92bbdcf3725ed0d0be4ebe8f8687) => (got b7e32298bb284c92f1cdceaffa39fa8840d21b19e4b08167023985a4a60206b2,
wanted d59b4eaf94b1a895264b2a11eaeee60c2a5a89c4a5b115fe29d78171187fb4df1)
I0219 12:23:01.898934      1 verify.go:94] 🔎 Evidence of failed build: /tmp/armored-witness-build-verify2690175259
(126: RECOVERY@74060722c9aa92bbdcf3725ed0d0be4ebe8f8687)
I0219 12:23:02.815427      1 verify.go:162] Leaf index 127: ✓ reproduced build RECOVERY@0.0.0
(850baf54809bd29548d6f817933240043400a4e1) => b7e32298bb284c92f1cdceaffa39fa8840d21b19e4b08167023985a4a60206b2
I0219 12:23:03.857585      1 verify.go:162] Leaf index 128: ✓ reproduced build BOOTLOADER@0.0.1707998563-incompatible
(6062287365c4d7bab79532940d70d1bab846ef78) => 70d2fc2cc57de625f9a04e8923e2e0a99060c7694c3df758def16ca0f030aa4c
```



Provisioning

Turns "blank" device into an ArmoredWitness:

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness/tree/main/cmd/provision>

- Uses a compiled-in template for configuration: "CI" or "PROD"
 - Which FT log to use for firmware images to install
 - Which keys should be used to verify images & checkpoint signatures during installation
- Downloads firmware images from FT log, verifies inclusion, signatures etc.
- Flashes images + offline proofs onto device.
- Permanently fuses device into Secure Boot



Custodian verification

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness/blob/main/docs/custodian.md>

```
$ sudo ${PWD}/verify --template=prod
I0412 10:40:28.663867 2193170 main.go:98] Using template flag setting --firmware_log_url=https://api.transparency.dev/armored-witness-firmware/prod/log/1/
... <More template flags elided>
I0412 10:40:28.663982 2193170 main.go:98] Using template flag setting --os_verifier_2=transparency.dev-aw-os2-prod+662add8c+AebLJKJhx57T3mWmHKe...
I0412 10:40:29.681000 2193170 fetcher.go:88] Fetching RECOVERY bin from "8271e2a8ccfb6c4df48889fcbb35343511501e3bcd527317d9e63e2ac7349e3"
I0412 10:40:29.879505 2193170 main.go:217] Successfully fetched and verified recovery image
I0412 10:40:29.879519 2193170 main.go:218]
I0412 10:40:29.879523 2193170 main.go:219] 🔘 🔘 🔘 🔘 OPERATOR: please ensure boot switch is set to USB, and then connect device ⚡
I0412 10:40:29.879526 2193170 main.go:220]
I0412 10:40:29.879530 2193170 main.go:223] Recovery firmware is 1924096 bytes + 16384 bytes HAB signature
I0412 10:40:29.879540 2193170 recovery.go:64] Waiting for device to be detected...
I0412 10:46:13.033524 2193170 sdp.go:85] found device 15a2:007d Freescale SemiConductor Inc SE Blank 6UL
I0412 10:46:13.092825 2193170 sdp.go:111] Attempting to SDP boot device /dev/hidraw0
I0412 10:46:13.092912 2193170 sdp.go:123] Loading DCD at 0x00910000 (976 bytes)
I0412 10:46:13.096387 2193170 sdp.go:128] Loading imx to 0x8000f400 (1940480 bytes)
I0412 10:46:14.288277 2193170 sdp.go:133] Sending jump address to 0x8000f400
I0412 10:46:14.288651 2193170 sdp.go:138] Serial download on /dev/hidraw0 complete
I0412 10:46:15.289152 2193170 recovery.go:51] Witness device booting recovery image
I0412 10:46:15.289210 2193170 recovery.go:106] Waiting for block device to appear
I0412 10:46:18.876369 2193170 recovery.go:118] Waiting for block device to settle...
I0412 10:46:19.897030 2193170 main.go:230] ✓ Detected device "/dev/hidraw0"
I0412 10:46:19.897079 2193170 main.go:231] ✓ Detected blockdevice /dev/disk/by-id/usb-F-Secure_USB_armory_Mk_II_720A9DEAD4413E39-0:0
I0412 10:46:19.900369 2193170 main.go:370] Found config at block 0x4fb0
I0412 10:46:19.900394 2193170 main.go:375] Reading 0x2d6c00 bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0x400
I0412 10:46:20.045080 2193170 main.go:370] Found config at block 0x5000
I0412 10:46:20.045122 2193170 main.go:375] Reading 0xdce65 bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0xa0a000
I0412 10:46:20.765940 2193170 main.go:370] Found config at block 0x200000
I0412 10:46:20.765988 2193170 main.go:375] Reading 0xf09521 bytes of firmware from MMC byte offset 0x4000a000
I0412 10:46:21.695851 2193170 main.go:291] ✓ Bootloader: proof bundle is self-consistent
I0412 10:46:21.695923 2193170 main.go:314] ✓ Bootloader: proof bundle checkpoint(@7) is consistent with current view of log(@7)
I0412 10:46:21.714944 2193170 main.go:291] ✓ TrustedOS: proof bundle is self-consistent
I0412 10:46:21.715029 2193170 main.go:314] ✓ TrustedOS: proof bundle checkpoint(@7) is consistent with current view of log(@7)
I0412 10:46:21.735579 2193170 main.go:291] ✓ TrustedApplet: proof bundle is self-consistent
I0412 10:46:21.735666 2193170 main.go:314] ✓ TrustedApplet: proof bundle checkpoint(@7) is consistent with current view of log(@7)
I0412 10:46:21.735672 2193170 main.go:128] ✓ Device verified OK!
```



Boot security

ROM

Bootloader

Trusted OS

Trusted Applet

SecureBoot fuses blown.

Bootloader is authenticated via key fused at provision time.

Bootloader:

- Enables bus encryption
- Loads/verifies OS+proof
 - metadata signature
 - hash(OS)
 - Checkpoint signature
 - Inclusion proof of meta
- Jumps to OS

OS:

- Manages H/W
- Provides services to applet
- Loads/verifies Applet+proof
 - metadata signature
 - hash(Applet)
 - Checkpoint signature
 - Inclusion proof of meta
- Launches Applet in TEE

Applet (TEE):

- Runs witness code
- Runs TCP/IP stack
- Responsible for f/w updates



Witness IDs & Keys

Derived on-device from per-device secrets in H/W security module (CAAM).

Corresponding public keys are here:

<https://github.com/transparency-dev/armored-witness/tree/main/devices>



So... what?

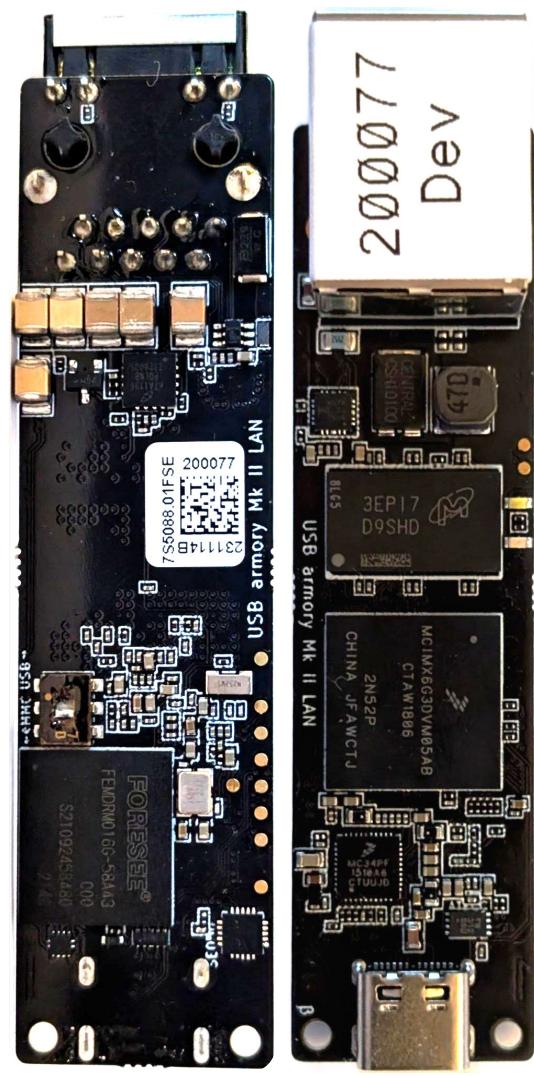
In essence:

It makes it hard for us, or anyone else, to **covertly** tamper with a device.

- Custodians can at any time **verify** and know *the totality* of what's running.
 - ⇒ Custodians can **inspect source@<commit>** and see exactly what it's programmed to do.
 - ⇒ They **call us out** if anything looks wrong.
 - ⇒ TrustFabric can't ship devices out with **dodgy covert firmware pre-installed**.
- TrustFabric **cannot sneak dodgy firmware onto devices** via updates.
 - ⇒ We'd have to do it in the open, and leave a trail of **easily discoverable evidence**.
- Anyone with **physical access can't boot inauthentic firmware**.
 - ⇒ Nor older authentic firmware versions.
- Impenetrable and uncrackable?
 - ⇒ No, of course not.
 - ⇒ But to do much you'd probably need to physically get hold of at least half of them without anyone noticing...



Thanks!



% online (assuming 15 devices)

