Implementation of GlobalPlatform TPS Keystore using OPTEE

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What is GlobalPlatform and TPS Keystore?

GlobalPlatform: is a technical standards organization that focuses on producing specifications and standards concerning secure component technologies and providing certifications for trusted digital services and devices. GlobalPlatform-certified SEs and TEs are widely implemented in devices across multiple sectors. GlobalPlatform Standards are created in 3 committees: TES, SE and SESIP. The Trusted Platform Service (TPS) Working Group is under TES Committee.

TPS Goals

One of the main goals of TPS is to provide easy access from REE OS to the Secure Services implemented in Secure Components. It does so by creating an architecture that utilizes various hardware-assisted isolation implementations, abstracting away the details of the secure component and thus introducing ease of use for vendors and developers wishing to incorporate security services offered by Trusted Applications. As well as be Platform independent such that it supports various Operating system seamlessly.

- Secure hardware architecture independence
- Ease of integration
- Multiple OS support
- Compatible with IoT and resource constrained devices

The TPS Keystore is an example of a TPS accessible through the TPS Client API.

TPS Client APIs

TPS APIs define a universal language to access secure services provided, in our case TPS Keystore, which could be implemented on different types of Secure Components for instance GlobalPlatform SEs and TEs or TCG’s TPM. These APIs are optimized for IoT and built with an attestation by design mindset.

OP-TEE is an open source implementation of TEE, based on ARM TrustZone. However OP-TEE is compatible with other isolated that are suitable with TEE concepts.

TPS Keystore Implementation: The TPS Client communicates via the TPS Client API that passes the request to the Connector. The connector is service oriented hence it handles interferences with the underlying architecture implementing the TPS Keystore. The TPS Keystore receives the request, decoding the CBOR message, matching it to the correct implementation that then utilizes the TEE Internal API to carry out cryptographic operations.

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