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Securing Smart Devices:

Protecting AI at the Edge

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Chip-to-Cloud Security Solutions for the Network Edge



Software, Cloud Services and Ecosystem









# **Today's Webinar**

- Edge Device Security & AI at the Edge -Overview
- Device Security Basics: Secure Boot, Firmware Updates, Failure Recovery, and Cloud Integration
- Methods for Protecting AI at the Edge
- Al at the Edge: Demo
- Resources
- 0 Q&A





# Problem: IoT Devices are at HIGH SECURITY RISK

- **75B** connected devices by 2025
- 48% of firms experienced an IoT security breach at least once
- Cost of an IoT Breach can exceed **10%** of revenues
- AI at the Edge Increases IP exposure
  - 75% of all data will be generated at the Edge



Sources: Researchgate, Poneman Institute, Altman Vilandrie & Company, Gartner



# Why Isn't the IoT Secure?

- Specialized skills
- Steep learning curve
- Fragmented silicon and software options
- Time-to-market pressure



# Edge Device Security - from Design to End-of-Life



- Implement a solution comprising a strong device security framework ensuring end-to-end, chip-to-cloud trust.
- This solution must:
  - Simplify security deployment
  - Work across a fragmented silicon landscape
  - Enable secure manageability
  - Provide a trust anchor for cloud services



# Edge Device Security End-to-End

- Device security using ARM TrustZone®
- Secure Cloud Integration
- Cloud Services for management and updates
- Consistent implementation across silicon platforms

*Device Monitoring Secure Updates Threat Detection Remediation* 





# Understanding ARM TrustZone®

#### Pre-packaged Security





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# Step 1: ROM Boot Loader

- Boot is initiated by Read-Only Memory (ROM)
  - Enabled by hardware (Fuses and Pins)



## Step 2: Secondary Program Loader (SPL)

- ROM Loads the first software Secondary Program Loader (SPL)
  - Loaded from Flash Memory (NVM) to Random Access Memory (RAM)
  - Signature is verified using a cryptographic key
  - ROM verifies key by comparing it to value set in fuses
- After verification, software is loaded and process of decrypting and locating OS and Application software begins





## Step 3: Memory Isolation, Secure Environment (TEE) Establishment

- Secondary Program Loader Separates RAM into two partitions
  - Secure Environment (secure Enclave)
  - Rich-Environment (Non-Secure)
- Secure OS software is verified, decrypted and loaded



## Step 3: Memory Isolation, Secure Environment (TEE) Establishment

- Secure OS called the Trusted Execution Environment (TEE), is set up
  - EmSPARK<sup>™</sup> CoreTEE<sup>™</sup> Secure OS supports this
- CoreTEE<sup>™</sup> loads Keys and Certificates for use by Trusted Applications



## Step 4: Establish Rich (Non-Secure) Environment

- CoreTEE<sup>™</sup> passes control to Secondary Program Loader (SPL)
- SPL sets up the Rich (Non-Secure) environment OS (ex. Linux)



## Step 5: Load Device Applications

- Rich OS (ex. Linux) sets up device applications
- Applications are loaded and decrypted



## Secure Boot - Summary

- Provides authentication and protection for all applications and functions in the boot process
- Isolates critical security resources
  - Memory addresses reserved for rich OS (Linux) and secure OS (Trusted Execution Environment)
  - Shared memory for coordination between OS
- Verifies fidelity of firmware
- Encrypts/Decrypts boot payloads
- Creates Unique Device ID, Tied to Hardware Root of Trust (RoT)



#### Secure Over-the-Air (OTA) Firmware Updates

- Risk of compromise is HIGH during the update process!
  - Incoming payloads need to be authenticated
- Critical functions
  - Key and certificate-based payload authentication
  - Coordination with Linux encrypting file system
  - Location for storing update payloads
  - Customizable enforcement of rollback prevention
  - Generation, signing, and encrypting of a new firmware image



# Secure Over-the-Air Updates - Example

Device sends periodic/event-driven status messages To Cloud Server

Cloud Server provides update details (ex. Location)

Device retieves update and authenticates firmware

Device performs update, sends new status to Cloud



## **Chip-to-Cloud Integration**

- Mutual authentication between device and cloud is required
  - Tied to hardware root-of-trust (RoT), verifying identity
  - Credentials (cert/key) protected storing and verifying in secure domain
- All device data has strong audit trail to source
- Device Tampers and faults can be collected for analysis



## Protecting AI Models at the Edge

- Machine Learning and AI at the edge present new challenges for security
- Applying the principles of device security at the edge becomes critical
- Key principles for protecting AI Models:
  - Ensure the model is authentic
  - Hide the model from attackers



## Protecting IP: Encrypting Rich OS Applications using Trusted Applications

- Applications encrypted and locked to device in storage
- Special CoreLockr Loader to handle protected applications
- Trusted Application verifies permissions and decrypts application
- Trusted Application loads Linux App direct to RAM and runs



# Opaque Keys and Objects How do I protect content on the device?

- EmSPARK<sup>™</sup> provides two mechanisms to send confidential information to a device
  - Opaque Keys Device specific encrypted and signed key to be loaded to key store in TEE
  - Opaque Objects Device Specific encrypted and signed Data to be decrypted on device
- Protecting an application or model
  - Deliver as an Opaque Object
  - Decrypt with Opaque Object to volatile memory
  - Use application or model
  - Clear memory





### Protecting IP: Protecting Rich OS Applications that Rely on Dedicated Hardware

- Applications encrypted and locked to device in storage
- Special CoreLockr Loader to handle protected applications
- Trusted Application verifies permissions and decrypts application
- Trusted Application loads to Isolated VM to run securely



## Virtualization (SECURING THE AI Hardware)

Challenge – Sometimes moving the software and hardware to the secure enclave is too much. How do you protect assets without moving to the secure enclave?

#### Virtualization is the answer!

- Create a virtualized set of guest OS instances to separate domains in the non-trusted side
  - One isolated Linux to run the primary application and user code, but restricted hardware access.
  - One Linux to access the protect hardware and assets
- The isolated Linux is where the primary application, user data, and other less critical applications run





# Today's example

- Appliance that applies AI models for camera feeds
  - Different models can be loaded (ex, store demographics, intersection traffic, etc)
- Secure communication between the device and the cloud
- AI Models are delivered to the device





# Video Feed

- Office traffic
- Key areas of inference:
  - Entry/Exit
  - Faces
  - People
  - Bags





# Al model applied





# Why Al Models are at Risk: Typical Architecture



Shared Linux OS, Apps, and Access! Anyone with access can corrupt the AI Model



# Accessing and Corrupting the Model

# The values in the config file are overridden by values set through GObject # properties.

[property] enable=1 #Width height used **for** configuration to which below configs are configured config-width=1920 config-height=1080 #osd-mode 0: Dont display any lines, rois and text 1: Display only lines, rois and static text i.e. labels 2: Display all info from 1 plus information about counts # osd-mode=2 #Set OSD font size that has to be displayed display-font-size=12 [line-crossing-stream-0]

enable=1 #Label:direction:lc # Direction: 2 coordinates of direction followed by 2 coordinates of virtual line # Label ; direction; direction; line; line line-crossing-Entry=750;670;800;750;300;850;1350;650; line-crossing-Exit=900:1000:850:900:300:1000:1550:760:

# class-id: 0=> people 1=> bag 2=> face class-id=0

#extended when 0- only counts crossing on the configured Line 1- assumes extended Line crossing counts all the crossing # extended=0

# The values in the config file are overridden by values set through GObject # properties.

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enable=1
#Width height used for configuration to which below configs are configured
config-width=1920
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          2: Display all info from 1 plus information about counts
osd-mode=2
#Set OSD font size that has to be displayed
display-font-size=12
[line-crossing-stream-0]
enable=1
#Label:direction:lc
# Direction: 2 coordinates of direction followed by 2 coordinates of virtual
line
# Label ; direction;direction; line;line
line-crossing-Entry=750:670:800:750:300:850:1350:650:
line-crossing-Exit=900;1000;850;900;300;1000;1550;760;
# class-id: 0=> people 1=> bag 2=> face
class-id=5
#extended when 0- only counts crossing on the configured Line
#
               1- assumes extended Line crossing counts all the crossing
extended=0
```

#### #LC modes supported:

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## Change to script renders model useless!



# Al Corrupted!





## Intellectual Property (Models and Data) are Exposed!

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#### root@linuxbox:~

root@linuxbox:~\$ config\_infer\_primary\_peoplenet config\_nvdsanalytics config\_nvdsanalytics.txt.HACKED config\_nvdsanalytics.txt.NORMAL deepstream\_app\_source1\_peoplenet dtest5\_msgconv\_sample\_config labels peoplenet\_video resnet34\_peoplenet\_pruned.etlt resnet34\_peoplenet\_pruned.etlt\_b1\_gpu run-demo tracker\_config.yml



# **Protecting the Al Model: Virtualization**



Cannot be seen or accessed by the Client Cores



# Sequitur Security Platform: The Next Logical Step



Sustain Secure Management



**EmPOWER™ Cloud Services** *Trust as a Service* 

- 40% reduction in security deployment time
- Fraction of in-house development risk
- Consistent implementation across silicon platforms

- Secure updates, management
- Threat detection and remediation
- Authenticated device events and metrics



# Sequitur Labs Security Platform

CoreTEE<sup>™</sup>

- Secure OS enabling access to TrustZone® secured resources
- CoreLockr<sup>™</sup>
  - APIs
  - Trusted applications
  - Code examples
- EmSPARK™ Security Suite

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- Integration Tools
  - Firmware packaging tool
  - Linux patches
- Software Development Kit
  - Software for Custom Trusted Application Development
- Trusted Provisioning Tools

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