HSM Hardware Security Module

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Highlights

- 32 bit ARM Cortex M3 processor with up to 100 MHz CPU speed
- > MPU (Memory Protection Unit)
- > PKC ECC 256 and SHA224/256 Hardware Accelerators
- > True Random Number Generator

Key Features	Customer Benefits
AES128 and TRNG implemented in HW	> AES-128 Hardware Accelerator and TRNG for cryptography
HW implemented PKC and HASH SHA- 224/SHA-256	 Fast signature generation, verification and generic data integrity check
Secure key storage in separate HSM DFlash portion	 Secured boot and communication, Tuning protection, Authentication, Immobilizer

HSM AES128 and TRNG implemented in HW



- The AES module is a fast hardware device that supports encryption and decryption via a 128-bit key AES (Advanced Encryption System)
- It enables plain/simple encryption and decryption of a single 128-bit data (i.e., plain text or cipher text) block as well as encryption or decryption of a multitude of data blocks of 128 bits each. For these, several so called modes of operation are implemented
 - ECB (electronic code book mode)
 - CBC (cipher block chaining mode)
 - CTR (32-bit counter mode)
 - OFB (output feedback mode)
 - CFB (cipher feedback mode)
- > This enables also the additional modes
 - GCM (Galois counter mode)
 - XTS (XEX-based Tweaked Code Book mode (TCB) with Cipher Text Stealing (CTS))
- > TRNG generates Random Numbers:
 - Keys for cryptographic algorithm
 - Support Protocols (Challenges, blinding values, padding bytes, etc.)
 - Fully compliant to the AIS 20/31 standard



- > True Random Number Generator (TRNG) is used to generate Random Numbers for:
 - Keys for cryptographic algorithms
 - Support protocols (challenges,..)
- > High "entropy" is required
 - Uncertainty associated with a random variable
 - The lower the entropy, the more predictable the bit values
 - Post processing implemented to increase the entropy
- > The Quality (min. entropy req.) is defined by:
 - AIS-31 publication by German BSI
- > The time needed to generate a random number is not constant:
 - Depends on the "entropy" level of the source
 - For a clock frequency of 100MHz the typical throughput is approximately Rtyp = 360kb/s

HSM HW implemented PKC and HASH SHA-224/SHA-256



- The hash module is capable of executing MD-5, SHA-1 or SHA-224/SHA-256 functions using a common internal engine
- > The module supports multi-tasking environments
- > Less than 2 µs latency for a 512 bit block
- The timer required to process one 512-bit input data block depends on the selected algorithm

Hash Algorithms and Performance

Algorithm	Clock cycles per 512-bit Data Block	Notes
MD-5	65	-
SHA-1	81	_
SHA-224	65	Special software handling needed
SHA-256	65	

Note: 65 cycles corresponds to theoretical reachable 98 Mbyte/s SHA256 module performance.

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- The Public Key Cryptography (PKC) module is a hardware module that supports fast signature generation and verification with ECDSA.
 In particular, it enables modular and non-modular operations on integers and binary polynomials up to 256 bit length:
 - Multiplication
 - Modular addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and inversion
- > It enables also complex algorithms on all common elliptic curves of bit length up to 256:
 - Addition of two points in affine coordinates
 - Doubling of a point in affine coordinates
 - Scalar multiplication
- The supported curves are all curves defined over finite fields of the type F_p and GF(2^d) = F₂[X]/f of bit length up to 256 bit length:
 - This includes the NIST curves P-192, P-224, P-256, K-163, B-163, K-233, B-233, as well as the Brainpool curves brainpoolP160r1, brainpoolP192r1, brainpoolP224r1, brainpoolP256r1
 - Additionally support for operations on Curve25519 and Ed25519 is included
- > Furthermore, the PKC module supports the following features:
 - Storage for 32 values (integers or binary polynomials) of up to 256 bit length
 - Generation of 200 ECDSA-signature/s @100MHz for elliptic curves of key-length 256
 - Verification of 100 ECDSA-signature/s @100MHz for elliptic curves of key-length 256

HSM Secure key storage in separate HSM DFlash portion



- Secured key storage, secured data and counters can be saved in a dedicated Data Flash area
- > 128 KB of DFlash (DF1) reserved for HSM
- > Data Flash content is refreshed in Round Robin via FEE drivers
- The segregation of the sensible information inside the HSM P/DFlash can be enforced using the feature "exclusive access", which allows the read and write access only to the HSM core
- A dedicated HSM Data Flash allows that the execution of the TriCore™ application can fetch and read code or data from Program Flash while updating secured non-volatile information in DF1

HSM System integration



- > HSM is connected with the device via the SPB (System Peripheral bus)
- The Bridge module acts as a "firewall" so the HSM internal resources are protected from accesses by other masters
- P/DFlash of the HSM are shared with the device, but can be protected via an "exclusive access" from TriCore[™] and other masters accesses
- > HSM, as a system on chip, is a bus master on the SPB



Application example Chip tuning protection





Overview

- > Challenge Response Authentication
- > Closed Debugger Interface
- > IP Protection
- > Tuning Protection

Advantages

- Memory protection plus the option to close the debug interfaces protects against unauthorized read and write access
- An exchange of the micro can be prevented by means of challengeresponse authentication



Revision history

Revision	Description of change
V1.0	Initial version

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