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**Trust Platform for the CryptoAuthentication™ Family**

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**Cryptography Basic**

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# Security Basic (CIA)

Confidentiality e.g. AES : Encryption

- The message should not be exposed?
- Encryption/Decryption required.



Integrity e.g. HASH Algorithm, Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- Are you sure the message or data is not modified?
- Need to know if it is the original.



Authenticity e.g. ECDSA Algorithm

- Are you sure if the message comes from the right sender?
- Need to authenticate the sender or requester.



# Symmetric or Asymmetric?

## Symmetric

- Same secret key in both host and client, must be protected
- SHA is the most common hash algorithm
- AES is the most common encryption algorithm
- Fast and small in software
- 128 - 256 bits of key storage required
- **ATSHA204, ATAES132**

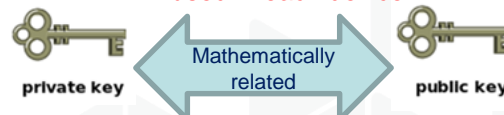
same security key used in all devices



## Asymmetric

- Public key in host is not secret, but must not be changed
- Private key in client needs to be protected
- Typically RSA or ECC; RSA is slower & needs more memory than ECC
  - 768 – 8192 bits of key storage required for RSA
  - 160 – 384 bits of key storage required for ECC
- **ATECCx08**

unique security key pair (private/public key)  
used in each device



PRIVATE KEY

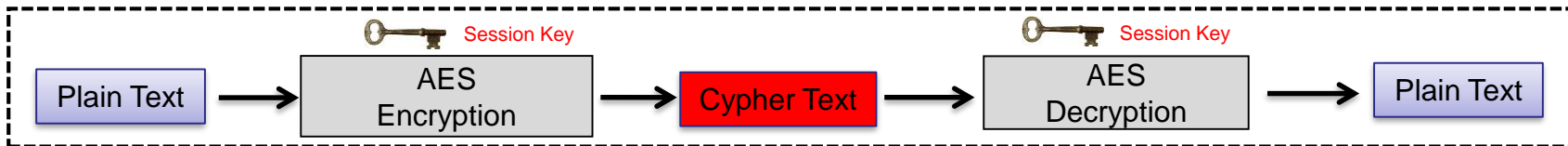
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A3 ED 3F 23 49 81 2E FA 1B FA 83 3B 31 4B F2 59

PUBLIC KEY

DD 46 4D B5 3D 38 31 EC 58 52 E2 F7 4F 97 4A 7A  
B7 31 E2 95 47 03 E5 DA 01 82 CE 1B 84 A9 FE B9  
BC D5 4A F3 5F CC C9 82 90 30 E2 51 53 25 76 17  
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# Security Algorithms on ATECC608

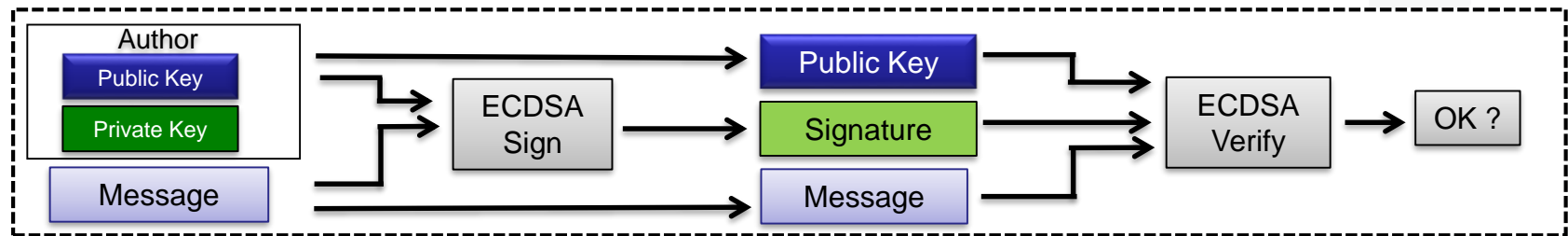
## AES128 Algorithm - Symmetric - Confidentiality



## HASH256 Algorithm - Symmetric - Integrity / Authenticity



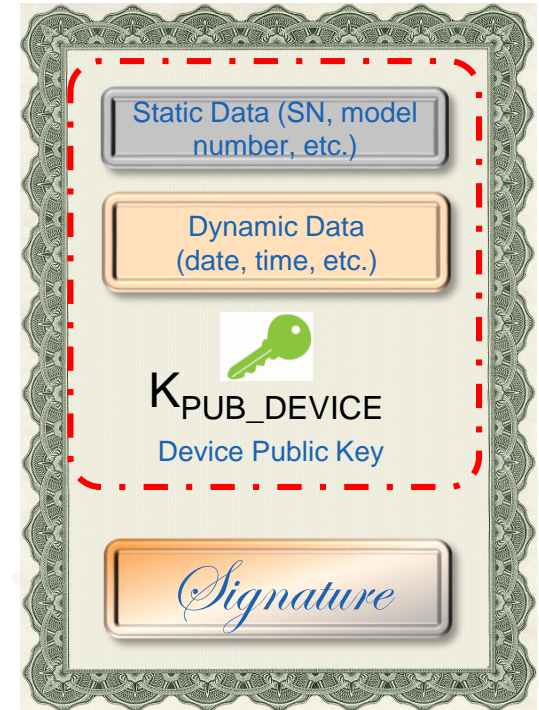
## ECC Algorithm - Asymmetric - Integrity / Authenticity



# What is Digital Certificate?

## The x.509 Digital Certificate

- The Digital Certificate is a unique verifiable form of identity for the node.
- It comprises three main components:
  - The device public key
  - A signature to enable verification of the authenticity
  - Data capturing any attributes the owner intends as part of the identity
- Certificates are standards driven form of identity for the internet.



# Embedded Security Snapshot

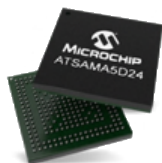
All those features will require a **Crypto-ALGORITHM** (the math) triggered by a **KEY** (the secret)

Application layer security	Leverage cryptographic capabilities of the system to further harden the implementation (access rights - privileges)
Secure Connectivity	Authenticate and encrypts the device communication
Secure update	Leverage secure communication and secure boot mechanisms to ensure safe delivery of genuine images
IP Protection	Prevents adversaries to steal IP residing in the firmware of the MCU or RTL of the FPGA
Counterfeit Protection	Prevents adversaries counterfeit disposable goods (cartridge) or protect from copies of accessories
Hardware Root of Trust	Trustable identity Firmware validation (aka secure boot – for all systems)

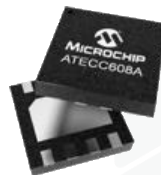
**Microcontrollers**  
32/16/8-bit  
Ex : Arm® Cortex®-M23 +



**Microprocessors**  
Arm® Cortex®-A5



**Secure Elements**  
Common Criteria (JIL) Rated HIGH



**Network controllers**  
Wired & Wireless  
Integrated communication stacks



**FPGA Solutions**



# Importance of Keys in Security

## Security: It's All About the Key

A cryptosystem should be secure if everything about the system – *except the key* – is public knowledge

Kerckhoff's Principle



What a private key really looks like

JVFDvdfvJvfdnjvjk543524c9ics9cCDSCcs0dcw8eidpciswsn8934XSCDS

## The Enemy **Knows** the System

Claude Shannon

Why are the keys important ? With the possession of the key, critical **transactions can be impersonated**

# Today's Weaknesses



**Security by design:** embedded security is now being considered but hard to implement



**Lack of education:** The chain of trust principle is not well understood, complex, hard to implement and consequently incorrectly implemented



**Keys/Certificates mishandling:** Private keys are being handled by software at best and **left accessible in the clear** of the system memory



Backdoors are consequently left open to hackers – they attack the weakest point, in IoT, the **unsecure software** and **exploit the user habits**



**Manufacturing is not trustable,** not secure and create scalability issues



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**Customization Challenges...**

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# Challenge: Notion of Personalization

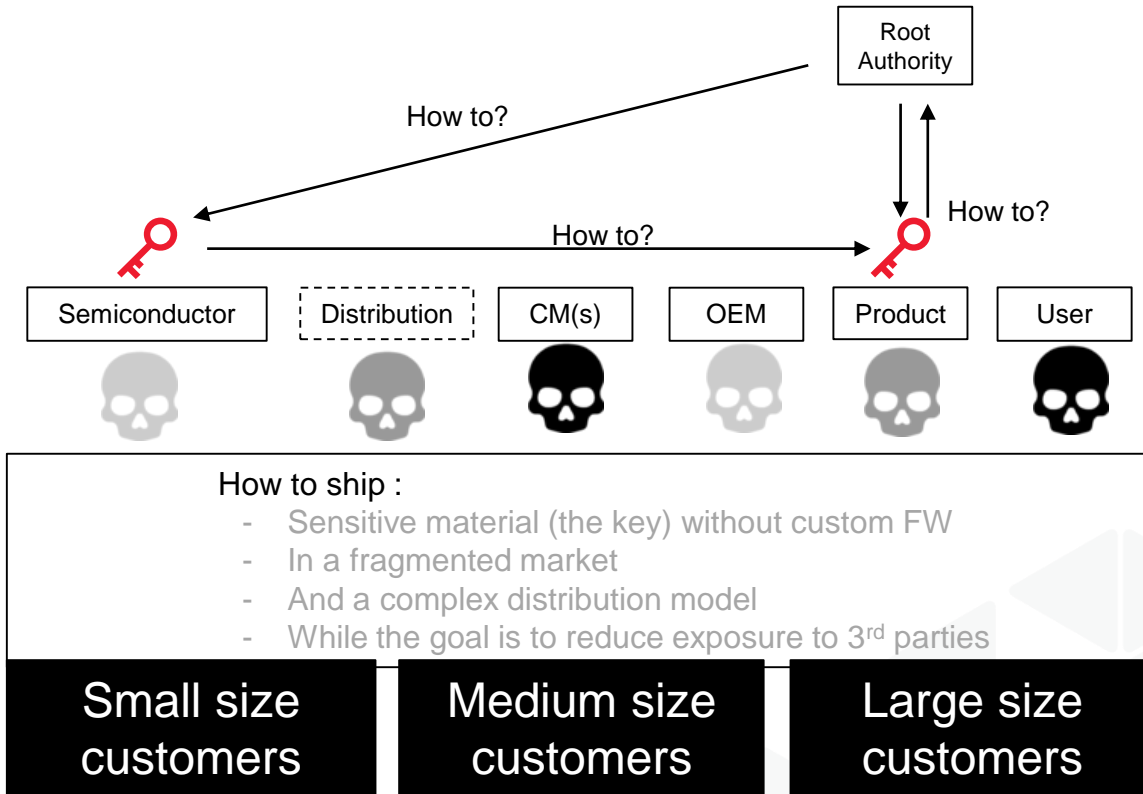


The secure device needs to be personalized

- Find and learn **complex tools** and access **expert knowledge** to start prototyping
- **Configuration** mapping of the use case(s)
- Key ceremony to “exchange secrets” and trigger **provisioning** process
- Manufacture the device in a **secured supply chain** equipped with Hardware Secure Modules (HSM)
- Results in **custom part number** (Today market threshold for direct support and provisioning services >100ku)

# Distributing Keys in Hardware

A logistic problem for global scale



# The Needed Improvements are...



**Improve  
user  
onboarding**



**Reduce friction  
due to  
personalization**



**Make secure key  
storage is  
available to the  
mass**



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# What Are We Launching?

Microchip launches the  
**Trust Platform for the CryptoAuthentication™ Family**

- ... a secure provisioning service
- ... a secured device family
- ... a supply chain channels
- ... packaged code examples
- ... a suite of tools

It's all of it!  
For any project size...



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# A Scalable and Adapted Provisioning Service



<b>Pre-configured</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>Pre-provisioned</b>	YES	YES (flexible)	NO
<b>MOQ*</b>	10 units	2000 units	4000 units
<b>Development time</b>	Lowest	Lower	Custom
<b>Complexity</b>	Lowest	Lower	Custom
<b>Secure key Storage</b>	JIL High	JIL High	JIL High



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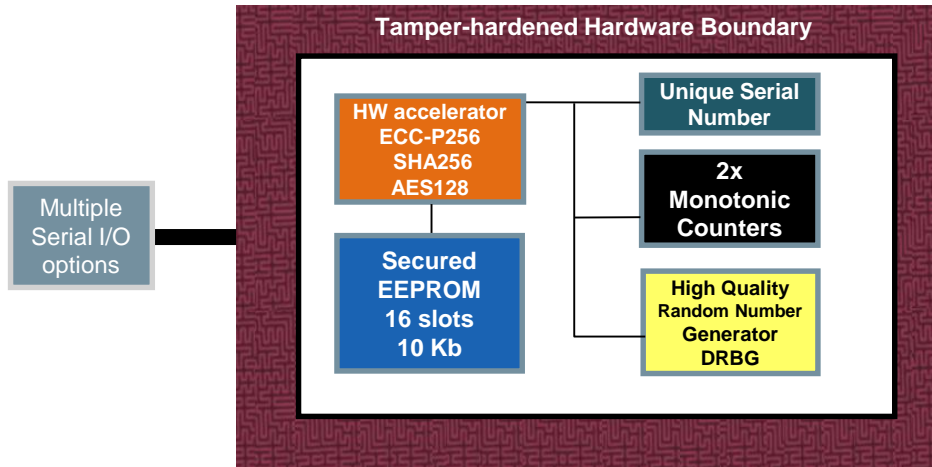
# ATECC608A Isolate Keys in Hardware

The ATECC608a securely store key material for the *lifetime* of the device.

Keys are safely **generated inside the device by the device** using a “best in class” Random Number Generator (RNG) meeting NIST specifications

All critical crypto-primitives are executed inside the device where the keys are

- **This keeps the keys, secrets and primitives *strictly segregated from any vulnerable resources***



- Cryptographic acceleration performs primitives faster and with less power than MCU/MPU
- Information inside is uniquely scrambled and encrypted in EEPROM
- Each device has a unique serial number
- Monotonic counters for usage controls
- Multiple serial I/O options

# How to Make Sure it's Robust?

## Security is Measurable: Common Criteria JIL Rating



Remember the star rating sale model for appliances, energy, water and car safety?



Microchip submitted the ATECC608A to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party lab to extract the keys. In 3 man-months of expert time, they have not managed to extract the keys using various types of attacks.



The ease, or difficulty, in extracting the keys in usage or at rest results in a Joint Interpretation Library (JIL) rating defined by Common Criteria. They range from 1 to 31. ANY NUMBER is bad, as it means some information was gained during testing.



The ATECC608A has received a JIL "HIGH" rating. It's the highest JIL rating available. There is no number because no secrets were revealed. Could be assimilated to EAL6/7.

# CryptoAuthLib library

## CryptoAuthLib source code

- <https://github.com/MicrochipTech/cryptoauthlib>

## CryptoAuthLib Documentation

- <https://microchiptech.github.io/cryptoauthlib/html/index.html>



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# Trust Platform Design Suite

## A Simpler Onboarding

1

Define



Map use case to configuration

Use Case Tool

2

Prototype

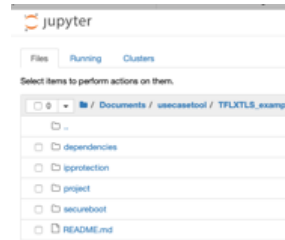


Python executable tutorial

Jupyter Notebook

3

Develop



C-code projects for each use case

Any IDE

4

Release



Generates secret exchange file

Secret Exchange

# Hardware Development Tools

## DM320118

Trust Platform USB Kit



- Direct prototyping
- PC Host via USB (with Python Jupyter Notebook tutorials)
- Or onboard SAMD21 with debugger

## DT100104

ATECC608A Trust Platform Board



- Onboard:
  - Trust&GO,
  - TrustFLEX,
  - TrustCUSTOM
- MikroBUS male

## AT88CKSCKTUDFN

CryptoAuthentication™ Socket Kit



- uDFN8 socket
- SOIC8 socket
- Xplain PRO form factor

## Mikroe.com Socket



- UDFN and SOIC
- Same Functionality as XPRO Socket Boards
- MikroBUS™ male pinout
- Sold through Mikroe.com

# Complete Stack Solutions



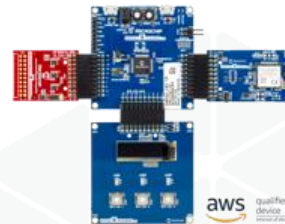
All the code packages include



Wiki user manual



Turnkey code examples



Complete HW solutions





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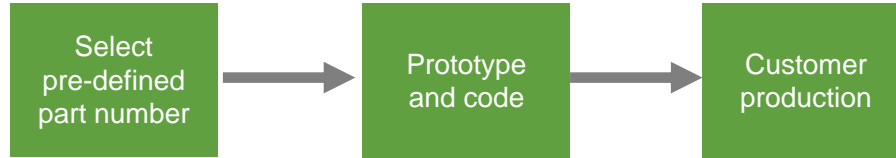
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# A Ready to GO Trust Model



- ❑ Pre-provisioned with generic certificates and keys for thumbprint authentication
- ❑ Fixed configuration with related cloud authentication use cases
- ❑ **IP based cloud with TLS** that accepts “same device certificate across multiple accounts”
  - AWS “Multi Accounts Registration”
  - Google Cloud Platform™: Token authentication
  - Microsoft “Certificate Thumbprint”
  - Private cloud
- ❑ **LoRaWAN®**: Pre-provisioned with
  - Application keys
  - Network keys
  - Re-keying feature available to transfer out of Joint Server
  - Compatible for
    - The Things Industries
    - Actility

# Value of Trust&GO Authentication



## Ease of Use

- **Less complexity:** No expert involvement
- **More affordable:** a full managed PKI involve 10s or 100s of thousands of dollars – not with Trust&GO
- **No certificate authority** involvement due to AWS Multi-Account Registration or Google JWT or Azure Certificate Thumbprint

## Connectivity Agnostic

- **Any TLS** based networks
- **LoRa®** support (different P/N)

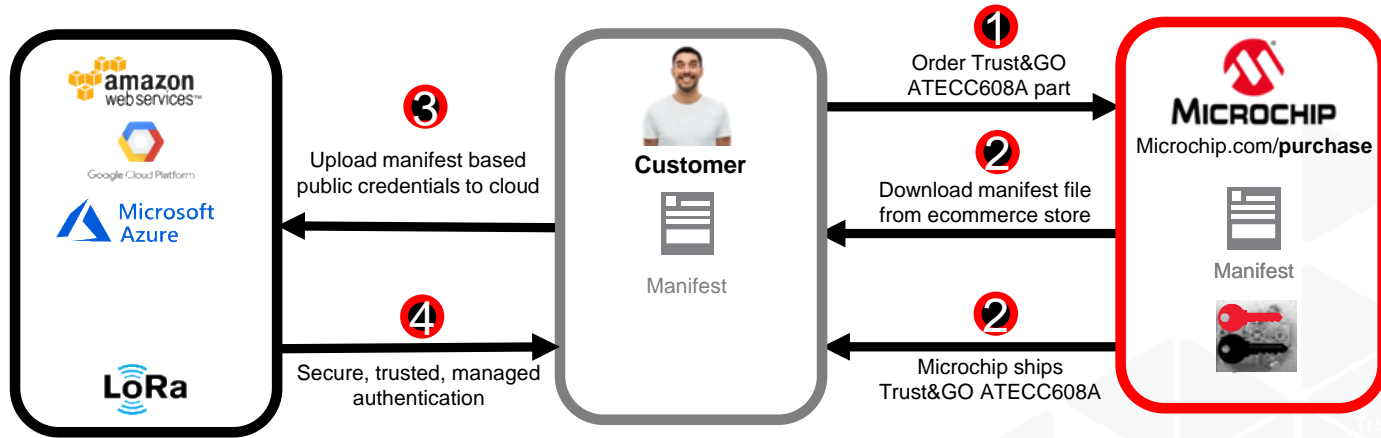
## Very Low MOQ including Provisioning (10 units)

- **Lowest market MOQ** – compare to 100ku-150ku from other providers to get direct support
- **Simplify the logistics** – shipping private keys is now automated
- Make secure key storage **available** for the mass market

## Shorter Time-to-Market

- **More autonomy:** No paperwork (NDA, letter of agreement, ...)
- **Less complexity:** all development happening in the controller with CryptoAuthLib
- **Simplest onboarding** leveraging Microchip and distribution partner ecommerce stores

# Trust&GO: Simple Ordering Process



# TrustFLEX Overview



## What if the customer likes Trust&GO, but their use case requires more?

TrustFlex allows an overlay of Trust&GO functionality with any combination of the following use cases:

- ✓ Start with pre-configured only device policies
- ✓ Cover all the most commonly used use cases
  - ✓ Custom certificate authentication
  - ✓ JWT authentication
  - ✓ Secure boot (with key attestation)
  - ✓ OTA verification
  - ✓ FW IP protection
  - ✓ Message encryption
  - ✓ Key rotation
  - ✓ I/O protection key
  - ✓ Host accessory authentication

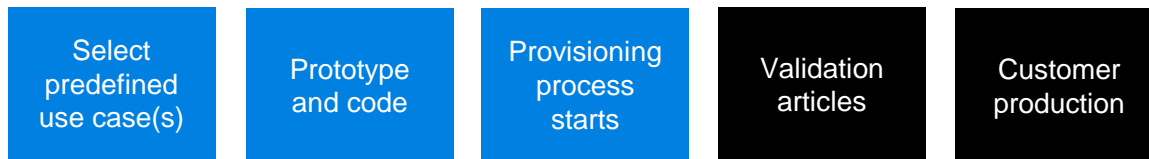
Needs to be provisioned with customer credentials

All these use cases require some customer information:

- ✓ Secure boot public key
- ✓ Secure boot master public key
- ✓ Accessory / IP protection master secret
- ✓ PKI chain



# What's in it?



## Low MOQ (2k units) including provisioning

- Unique low MOQ market offer
- Address all types of project and company volume sizes
- Uncompromised security solution for the masses

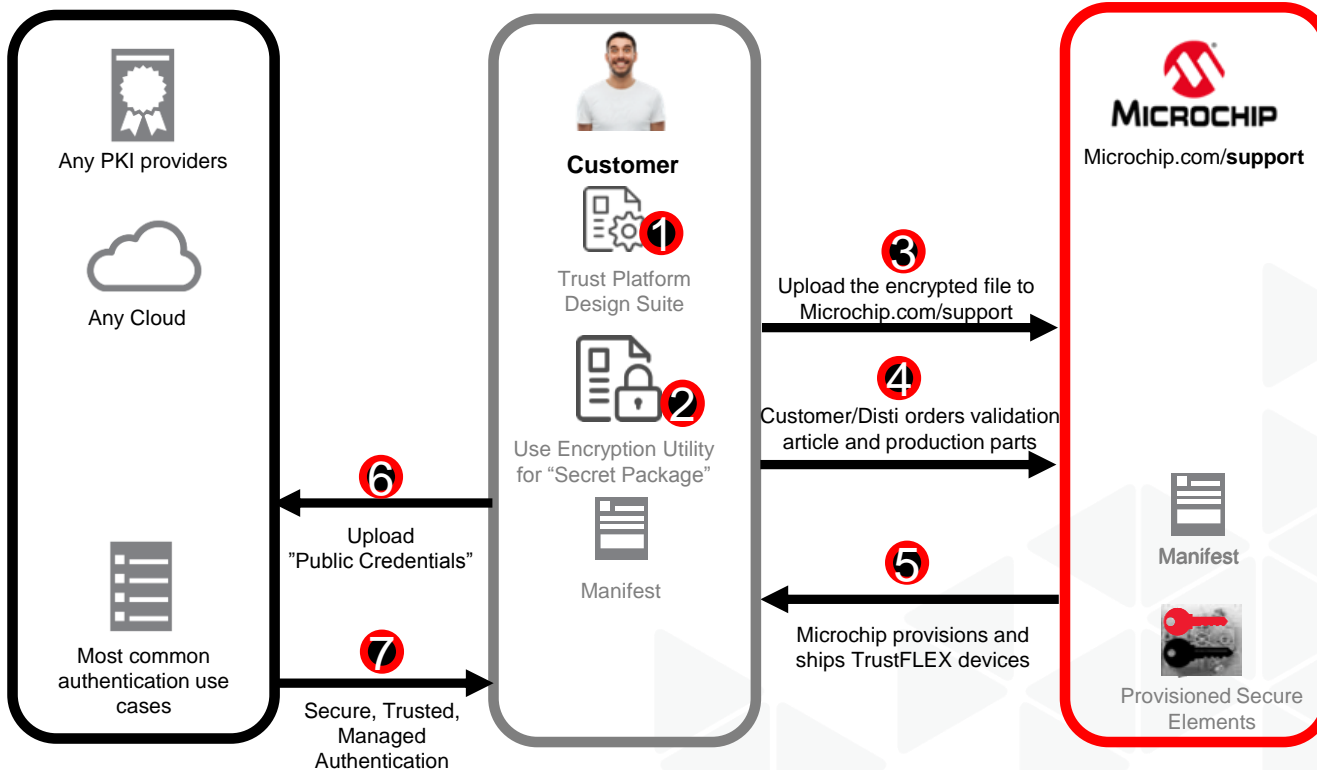
## Pre-defined most common use cases

- Support any cloud
- Compatible to support any certificate authority providers
- Accommodate customer's own secrets

## Simplified engagement model for provisioning process

- The Trust Platform Design Suite removes friction for both development and secret exchange

# TrustFLEX flow



# Fully Customizable Secure Key Storage



## Features

- ✓ Device can become anything
- ✓ Start with blank device
- ✓ Fully customizable
- ✓ Low MOQ = 4 ku
- ✓ Secret exchange using the new configurator
- ✓ Tradeoff: Customer fully responsible for the MCU FW

## Customer Benefits

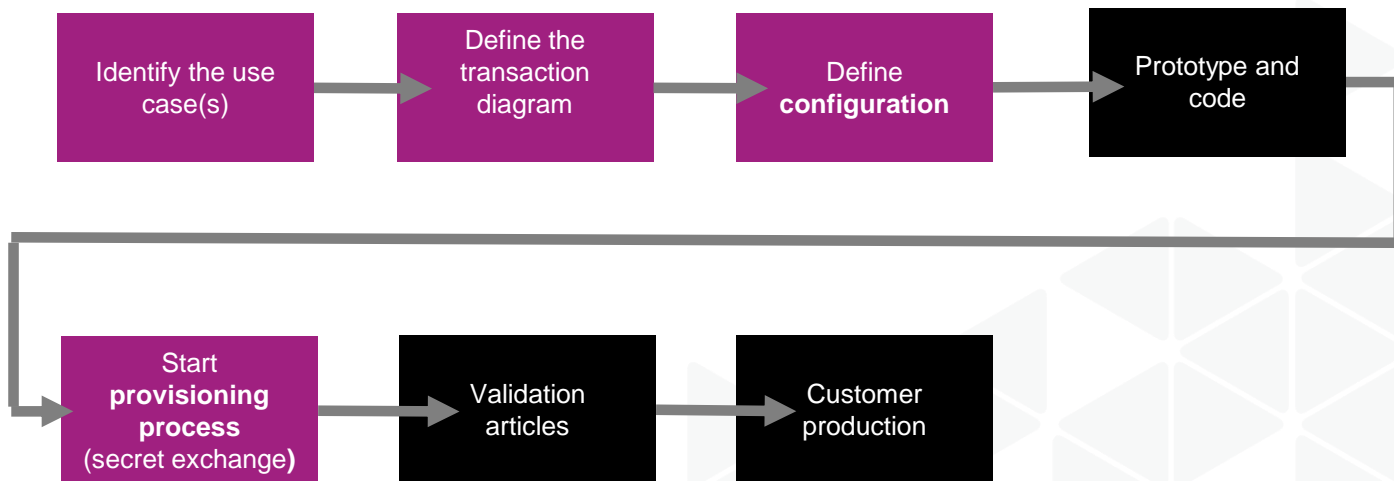
- ✓ Customization accessible to low volume products
- ✓ Simplified onboarding with new tools
- ✓ Keys protected in JIL High secure key storage

# TrustCUSTOM Provisioning Flow



## Onboarding Highlights

- ✓ Easier development starts with the use case tool
- ✓ Easier configuration with the configuration tool
- ✓ Easier onboarding for secret exchange with the XML Generator





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# Customer Journey 1/2



Yes



- USB dongle
- Code from GitHub

- Order on Microchip store or distribution

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- Assigns a custom part number\*

No

OK with using generic certificates for thumbprint authentication?  
 Cloud infrastructure support generic certificate only authentication (no intermediate certificate)?  
 OK with only cloud authentication use case?



Yes



- Use case tool

- Notebooks examples
- Code from GitHub
- USB dongle

- Use case tool

- Submit ticket to send encrypted XML file to MCHP

- Order through Microchip store

- Assigns a custom part number
- Orders direct

OK with pre-defined use cases?

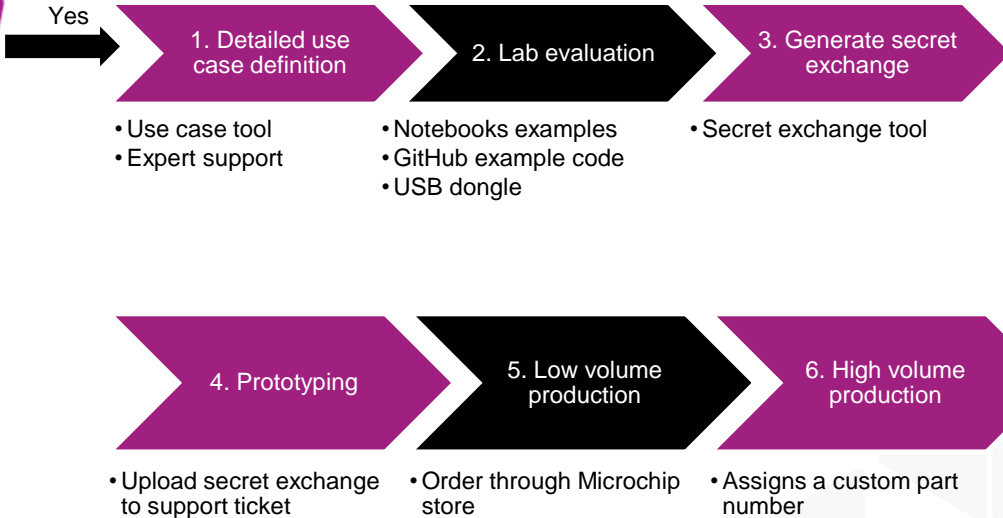
No



# Customer Journey 2/2



Yes



# Trust Platform Device Family

Trust & Go	Description	Trust Flex LorWan	Description
ATECC608A-TNGTLSS-B	Trust & Go TLS, Proto Typing, 8-SOIC, I2C, (10 bulk)	ATECC608A-TFLXLORAS-Proto	Trust Flex LORAWAN, Proto Typing, 8-SOIC (10 bulk)
ATECC608A-TNGTLSSU-B	Trust & Go TLS, Proto Typing, 8-UDFN, I2C, (10 bulk)	ATECC608A-TFLXLORAU-Proto	Trust Flex LORAWAN, Proto Typing, 8-UDFN, I2C, (10 bulk)
ATECC608A-TNGTLSS-C	Trust & Go TLS, Provisioned, 8-SOIC, I2C, (100 unit reel)	ATECC608A-TFLXLORAS	Trust Flex LORAWAN, Provisioned, 8-SOIC 2K MOQ
ATECC608A-TNGTLSSU-C	Trust & Go TLS, Provisioned, 8-UDFN, I2C, (100 unit reel)	ATECC608A-TFLXLORAU	Trust Flex LORAWAN, Provisioned, 8-UDFN 2K MOQ
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ATECC608A-TNGTLSSU-G	Trust & Go TLS, Provisioned, 8-UDFN, I2C, 2K reel		
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# Takeaways



Easier onboarding with **predefined use cases**



Quick development with **simple toolsets**



Simpler flows leveraging **e-commerce stores**



Fitted for Mass Market with **low MoQ** including **provisioning** and **Microchip certificates**



**Architecture Agnostic** with any cloud, any PKI\*, any controller, any connectivity

\*PKI : public key infrastructure



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