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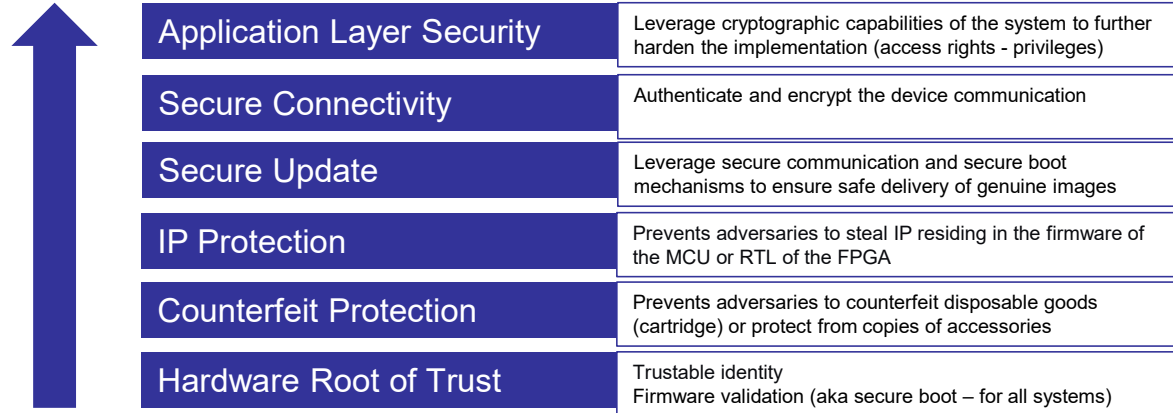
## Accessories Authentication with TrustFLEX Secure Elements

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# Embedded Security Snapshot

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



**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



# Save Costs, Reduce Risk, Protect Revenue

## Secure Your Ecosystem



- **Brand protection and preserve quality**
  - Avoid counterfeit
  - Avoid low quality and low performance
  - Controlled ecosystem strategy



- **Revenue stream protection**
  - Start with authentication from the start
  - Protect user experience
  - Avoid discounted copies



- **Enable service revenue streams**
  - Maintenance service strategy
  - Part replacement strategy



- **Reduce cost**
  - Makes sure the IP in your firmware is genuine
  - Reduce/mitigate warranty cost of returned products

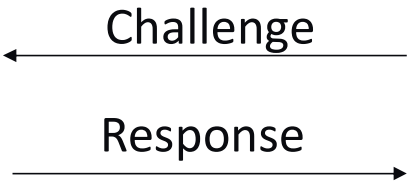
# Accessories Authentication

The **value** is the Intellectual Property (IP) that represent the **accessory**.

Consequently, the signed code needs to be verified at any relevant point of time during the operation of the system.

# Applications

**CLIENT**  
= The peripheral



**HOST**  
= The central  
computing unit



Gaming Accessories



Computing Peripherals



Tablet / Smartphone  
Accessories



Mobile Phone  
Battery Authentication



Docking Station  
Authentication



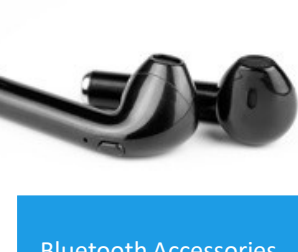
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Power Delivery



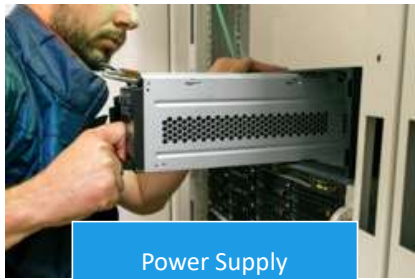
Virtual  
Reality



Qi Wireless Charging  
Authentication (Tx)



Bluetooth Accessories



Power Supply  
Data Center

# 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

JVFDvdfvJvfdnjjk543524cds9ics9cCDSCcs0dcw8eidpciswsn8934XSCDS

- The Enemy **Knows** the System

Claude Shannon

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

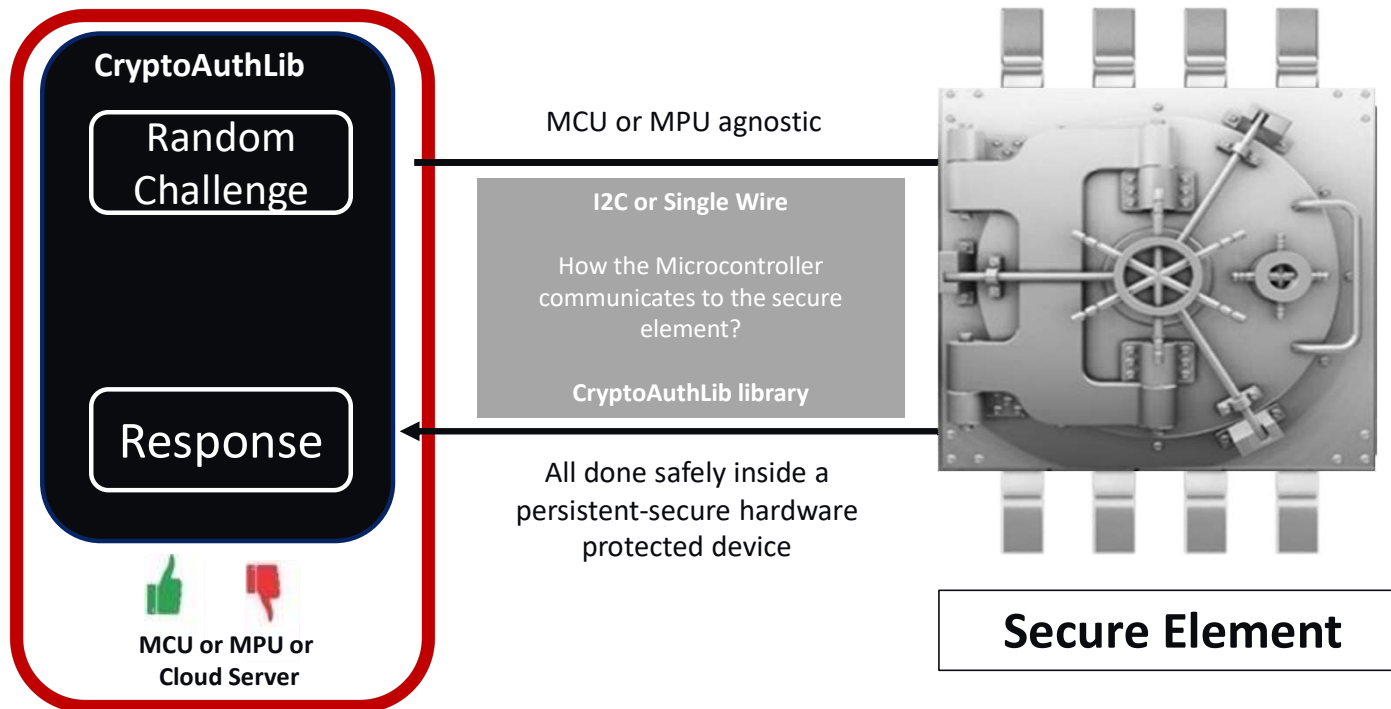
# How to Protect the Keys in an IoT System ?

## Use a Secure Element

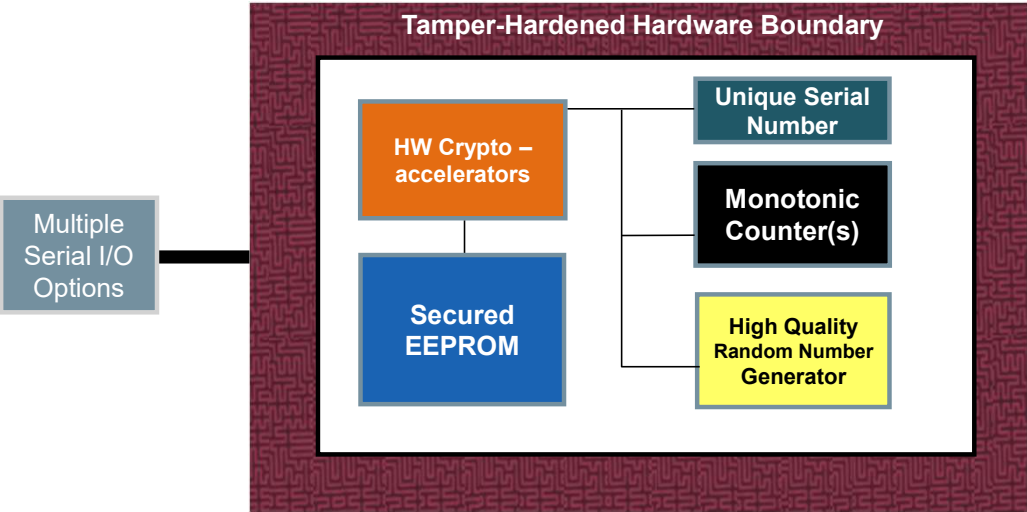
A secure element is a **vault that protects secrets**, it's a companion device to the microcontroller

Inside the vault secrets are **generated during manufacturing** - inside Microchip secured factories

The secrets (keys, certificates) are **not exposed** and handled by Microchip **secure provisioning** process



# Secure Element Basic Architecture



# The Challenge

## Notion of Personalization

- **Customization due to each key being unique to each product.**
- **How to handle security complexity and customization:**
  - In product development?
  - In the supply chain?

# Microchip Trust Platform



<b>Pre-configured</b>		YES	YES	NO
<b>Pre-provisioned</b>		YES	YES (flexible)	NO
<b>MOQ</b>	<b>Low MOQ flow</b>	10 units	2 000 units	4 000 units
	<b>High Volume flow*</b>	30 000 units	30 000 units	30 000 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
<b>Devices</b>		ATECC608A	ATECC608A ATSHA204A (w/o RBH) – Q4/2020	ATECC608A ATSHA204A (w/o RBH) – Q3/2020

\* MOQ depending on Package / Silicon – showing here the lowest MOQ through the whole product portfolio – **Minimum Annual Business of 100ku**

# TrustFLEX : Overview

## Use Cases



- What if the customer likes Trust&GO, but their use case requires more than Trust&GO?
- TrustFLEX allows an overlay of Trust&GO functionality with any combination of the following use cases:
  - Start with pre-configured only device policies
  - Cover 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
  - Use cases that require some customer information:
    - Secure boot public key
    - Secure boot master public key
    - Accessory / IP protection master secret
    - PKI chain

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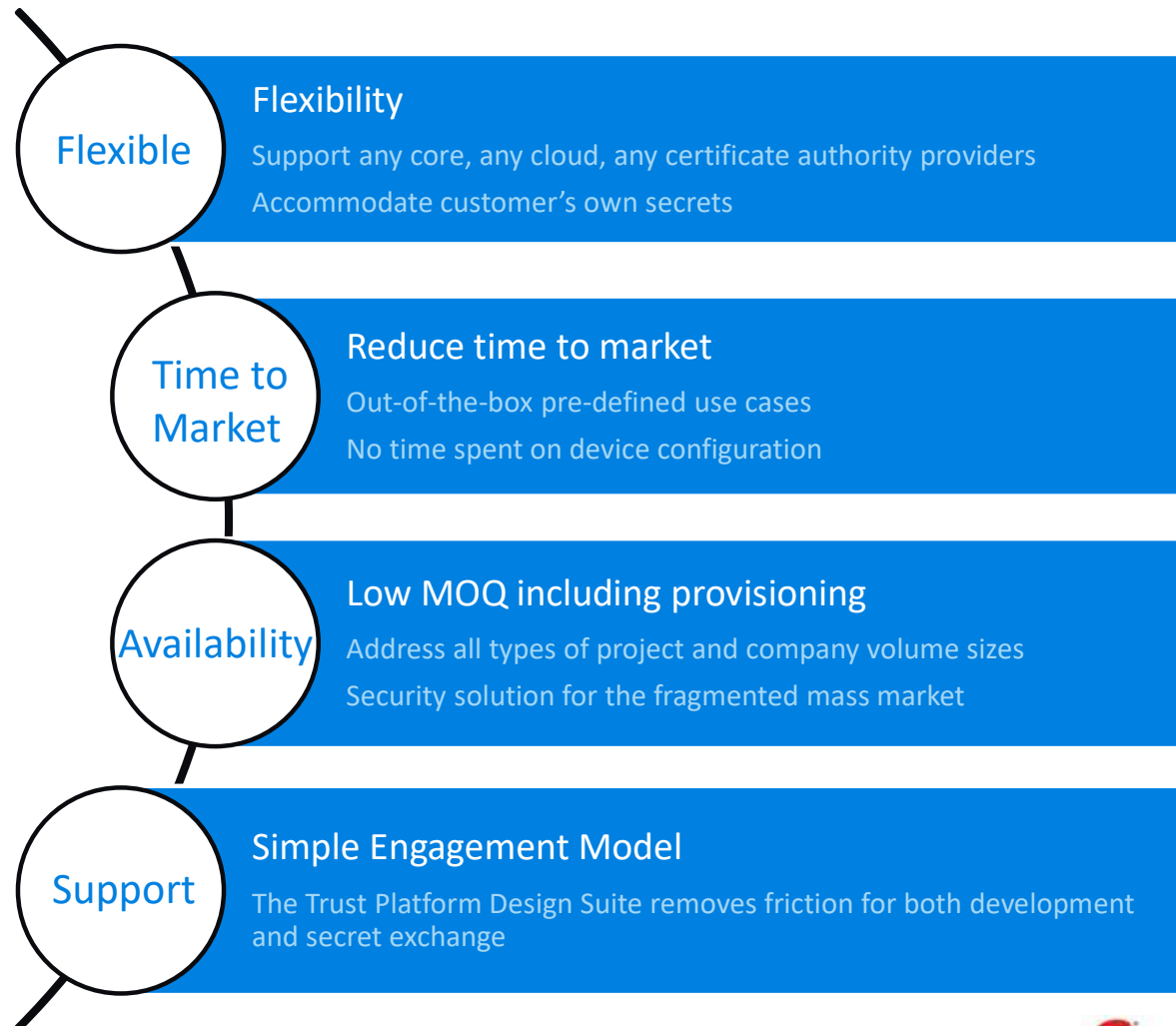


# TrustFLEX

## Advantages



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# Accessory Secure Authentication

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Ecosystem control

# What do we want to achieve ?

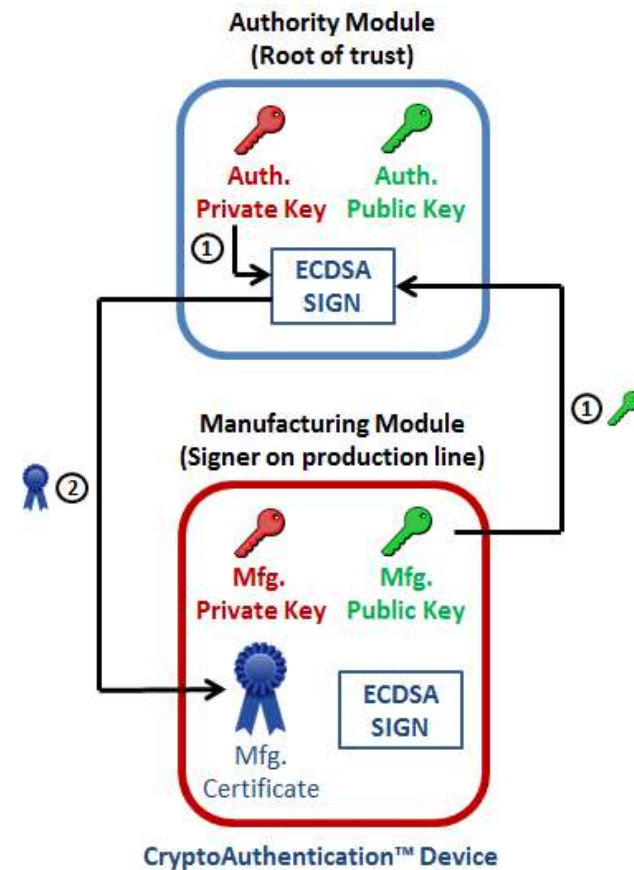
Establish **TRUST** between the host and the accessory

- The host will need to prove itself to the accessory
- The accessory will need to prove itself to the host

# A Genuine Manufacturing Site

The resultant Manufacturing Certificate is sent back to the Manufacturing Module.

This establishes the manufacturing site as a genuine authorized producer of end products



Legend:  
Auth. = Authority  
Mfg. = Manufacturing



# Authenticating the End Product

- **Step 3:**

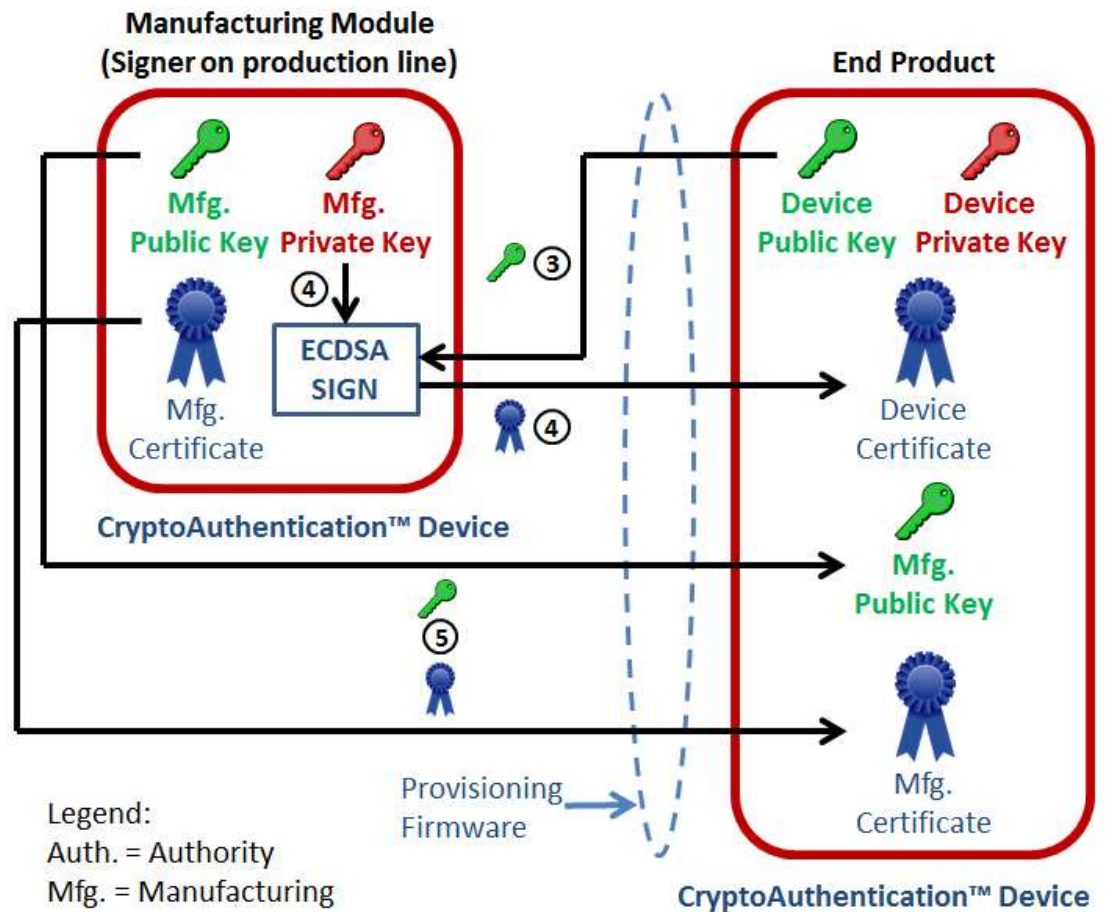
During production, provisioning firmware is run which supplies the End Product (device) Public Key to the Manufacturing Module.

- **Step 4:**

The Manufacturing Module signs the device public key with its Private key and supplies a Device Certificate to the end product.

- **Step 5:**

The Manufacturing public key and the Manufacturing certificate are placed in the end product at the time of manufacture.



# Authenticating the Accessories

- **Step 1:**

Verify Signer Public Key: The Host requests the Manufacturing Public key and Certificate. The Host verifies the certificate with the Authority Public key.

- **Step 2:**

Verify Device Public Key: If the verification is successful, the Host requests the Device Public key and Certificate. The Host verifies the certificate with the Manufacturing Public key.

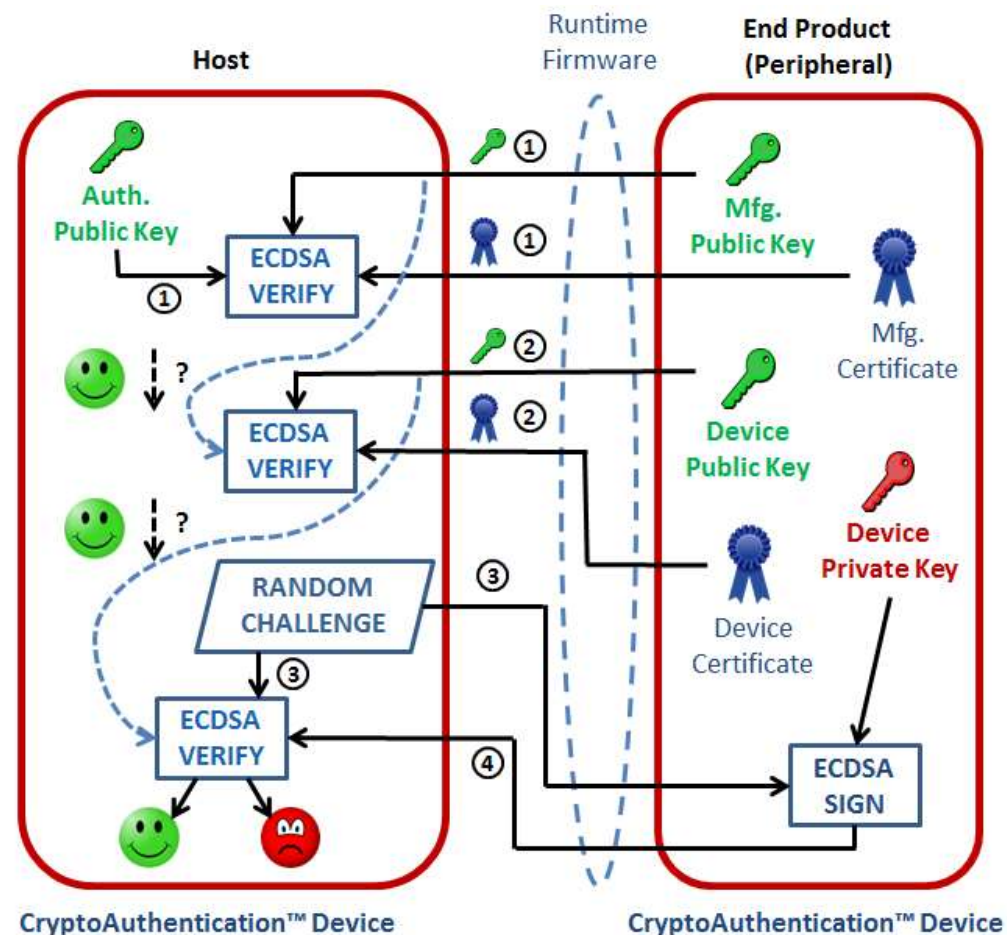
- **Step 3:**

Challenge – Response: If the verification is successful, the Host creates a random number challenge and sends it to the End Product (Peripheral). The End Product signs the random number challenge with the Device Private key.

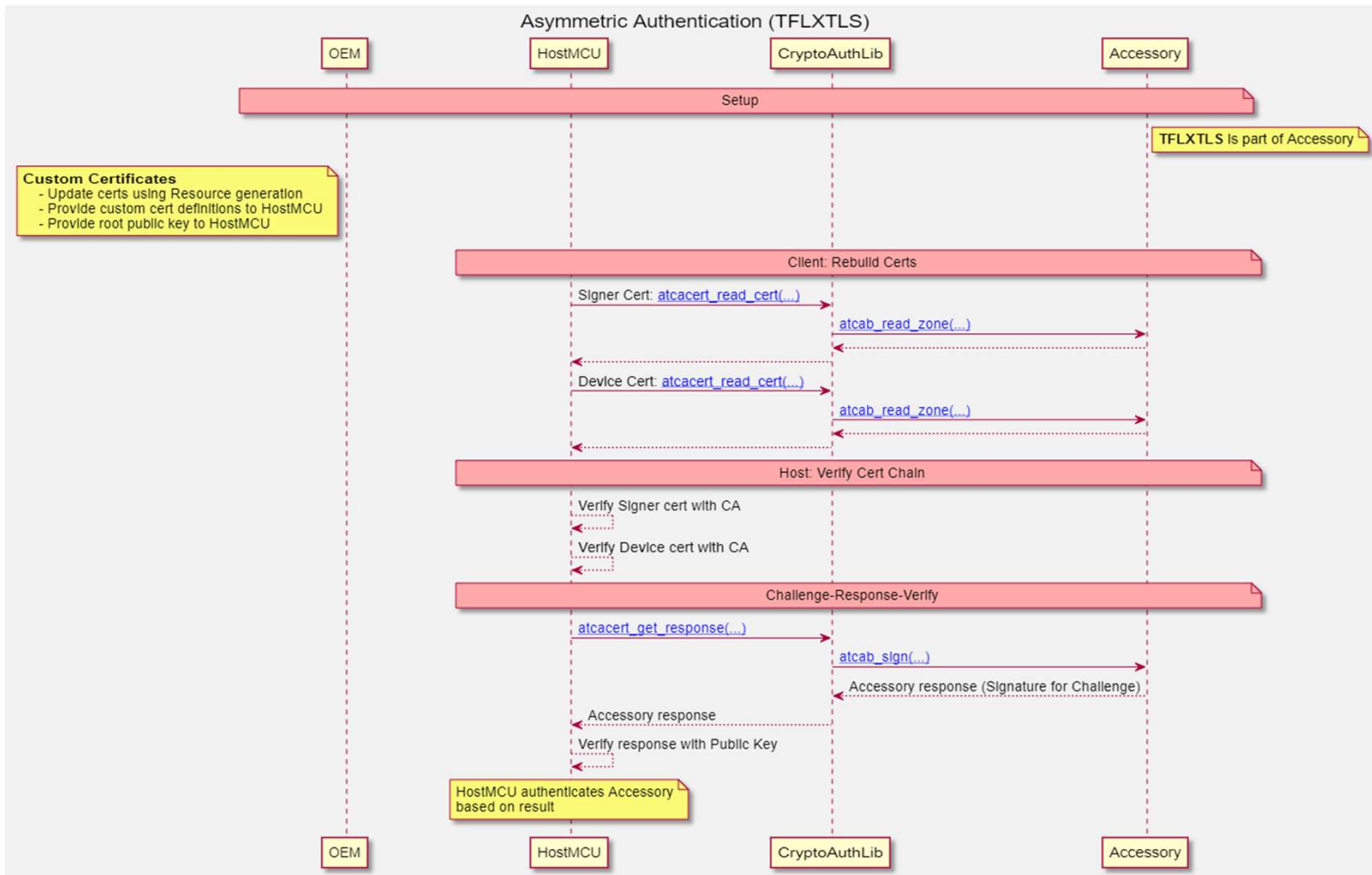
- **Step 4:**

The signature is sent back to the Host for verification using the Device Public key.

The Chain of Trust has been verified back to the Root of Trust.



# Transaction Diagram



# 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

## Mikroe.com Socket



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

## AT88CKSCKTUDFN

CryptoAuthentication™ Socket Kit



- UDFN8 socket
- SOIC8 socket
- Xplain PRO form factor

# Simpler Onboarding

## Trust Platform Design Suite Software

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Define



Map use case to configuration

Use Case Tool

2

Prototype

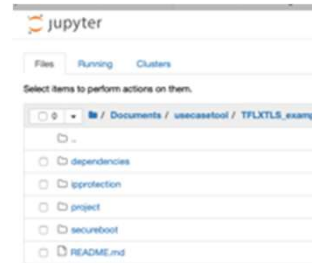


Python executable tutorial

Jupyter Notebook

3

Develop



C-code projects for each use case

Any IDE

4

Release

Number	Key Use-case	Description
Key 0	Primary private key	Primary authentication key
Key 1	Internal sign private key	Private key that can only be used to sign on this device. Can't be used to sign and
Key 2	Secondary private key 1	Secondary private key for other users.
Key 3	Secondary private key 2	Secondary private key for other users.
Key 4	Secondary private key 3	Secondary private key for other users.
Key 5	Secret key	Storage for a secret key
Key 6	IP protection key	Key used to protect the I2C bus comm. commands. Requires setup before use
Key 7	Secure boot digest	Storage location for secureboot digest; no reads or writes are enabled.
Key 8	General data	General public data storage (all bytes)
Key 9	ATC key	Intermediate key storage for ECCP and
Key 10	Device compressed certificate	Certificate primary public key in the CA compressed format.
Key 11	Signer public key	Public key for the CA signant that signs
Key 12	Signer compressed certificate	Certificate for the CA signant (certifia

Generates secret exchange file

Secret Exchange

Download from : <https://microchipdeveloper.com/authentication:trust-platform>

# 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

# Microchip Trust Platform



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# Thank You

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