



SEC6 - Embedded Security for NXP i.MX-based processors

Objectives

- Understand the unique security challenges faced by embedded systems and i.MX-based processors and learn how to identify potential attack vectors and threats.
- Learn about the latest security standards and best practices for embedded systems, and how to apply them to i.MX-based processors.
- Learn about secure boot and firmware protection mechanisms, and how to implement them on i.MX-based processors.
- Understand the principles of secure network communication and how to implement secure network protocols, such as TLS/SSL, IPSec/IKE, WiFi security, Bluetooth, BLE and UWB
- Learn about the best practices for IoT security at different layers of communication
- Understand the fundamentals of firmware update and management, and how to implement secure firmware update processes and OTA updates

Course environment

- Access to a Linux machine
- Access to a shared filesystem to save and share their work.
- PDF course material
- I.MX8mQEVK evaluation board

Prerequisites

- Familiarity with computer architecture
- Programming skills: Some programming experience, particularly in C
- Knowledge of NXP Implementation and ARM implementations
- Basic understanding of Security Algorithms and Secure coding
- Basic knowledge about Communication and Network protocols
- Basic knowledge in Embedded Linux

Target Audience

- Any embedded systems engineer or technician with the above prerequisites.

Course Outline

First Day

Introduction to embedded security for NXP devices

- Overview of embedded security and its importance
- Threats and attack vectors specific to embedded systems
 - Common attack vectors
 - Malware and exploits
 - Threat landscape for embedded systems
- NXP and security features
 - i.MX Applications processors
 - Layerscape processors
 - ARM MCUs
 - S32 Automotive platform

- QorIQ platform

Secure Development

- Secure coding practices
 - Code reviews and audits
 - Input validation and sanitization
 - Memory management and buffer overflows
- Static and dynamic code analysis tools
 - Using static analysis tools
 - Using dynamic analysis tools
- Secure development lifecycle for i.MX NXP-based devices
 - Requirements gathering and threat modeling
 - Design and implementation
 - Testing and validation
 - Deployment and maintenance

Exercise: Using static and dynamic analysis tools to find vulnerabilities

i.MX secure boot, firmware protection and Hardware assisted security

- Secure boot on NXP Devices
 - Introduction to secure boot
 - Secure boot implementation
 - Secure boot verification and troubleshooting
- Firmware protection on NXP devices
 - Introduction to firmware protection
 - Techniques for protecting firmware on NXP devices
 - Implementation of firmware protection
- Hardware assisted security on NXP devices
 - Introduction to hardware assisted security
 - ARM security features
 - Implementation of hardware assisted security

Exercise: Implementing secure boot on NXP iMX

Second Day

Network Security for NXP-based Devices

- Network Architecture i.MX-based processors
 - Overview of network communication protocols for embedded systems
 - Secure communication protocols
 - Designing a secure network architecture
- Transport Layer Security (TLS)
 - Introduction to TLS and SSL
 - Implementing TLS/SSL
 - Secure communication using TLS/SSL
- IPSec and IKE
 - IPSec Fundamentals
 - IKE Fundamentals
 - IPSec and IKE configuration on NXP devices
 - Advanced IPSec and IKE topics
- WiFi security
 - Overview of WiFi security mechanisms and standards
 - Implementing secure WiFi communication
 - Best practices
- Bluetooth and BLE Security
 - Introduction

- Security Fundamentals
- Bluetooth Security on NXP Devices
- Advanced Bluetooth Security Topics
- Secure Ultra-wideband
 - Introduction to Ultra-Wideband
 - UWB security Fundamentals
 - UWB security on NXP devices
 - Advanced UWB Security Topics

IoT security

- Introduction to IoT Security
 - Unique security challenges faced by IoT devices
 - Overview of the common attack vectors and threats faced by IoT devices
- IoT security best practices
- Securing IoT devices at the network layer
 - IoT-specific network security protocols
- Access control and secure data transfer
 - Overview of authentication and authorization mechanisms for IoT devices
 - Discussion of secure data transfer protocols for IoT, such as MQTT and HTTPS
 - The role of application-level encryption in securing IoT devices

Firmware update and management for NXP devices

- Introduction to firmware update and management
 - Importance of firmware updates in maintaining the security of embedded systems
 - Overview of firmware update methods including manual and over-the-air (OTA) updates
- Secure firmware update processes
- OTA update mechanisms
 - Overview of OTA update mechanisms
 - Implementing OTA updates, including server-side and device-side
 - Best practices for OTA updates, including testing and deployment