

## Getting started with STM32CubeWBA TFM application

#### Introduction

This document describes how to get started with the STM32CubeWBA TFM (trusted firmware for Arm® Cortex®-M) application, delivered as part of the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package.

The STM32CubeWBA TFM application provides a root of trust solution, including Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update functionalities. This solution is used before executing the application. It provides a set of secure services that are isolated from the nonsecure application, but can be used by the nonsecure application at runtime. The STM32CubeWBA TFM application is based on the open-source TF-M reference implementation, ported onto STM32WBA Series microcontrollers (referred to as STM32WBA in this document). This brings the benefit of STM32WBA hardware security features such as:

- Arm® Cortex®-M33 TrustZone® and memory protection unit (MPU)
- TrustZone<sup>®</sup>-aware peripherals
- Memory protections (HDP, WRP)
- Enhanced life-cycle scheme (RDP)

The secure services are implemented as upgradeable code that provides a set of services available at runtime for the nonsecure application. It also manages critical assets isolated from the nonsecure application. The nonsecure application cannot directly access any of the critical assets, but can call secure services that use the critical assets:

- Secure Boot (root of trust services) is a piece of immutable code that is always executed after a system reset. It checks the STM32WBA static protections, activates STM32WBA runtime protections, and then verifies the authenticity and integrity of the installed firmware before every execution. This ensures that invalid or malicious code cannot be run.
- The Secure Firmware Update application is a piece of immutable code. It detects that a new firmware image is available, then checks its authenticity, and the integrity of the code before installing it. The firmware update can be done on the single firmware image, including both secure and nonsecure parts of the firmware image. Alternatively, it can be done on the secure part of the firmware image, on the nonsecure part of the firmware image, or on both independently. The firmware update can also be done either in overwrite mode or in swap mode. Firmware can be received clear or encrypted.

The secure services are upgradeable code implementing a set of services managing critical assets that are isolated from the nonsecure application. This means that the nonsecure application cannot directly access any of the critical assets, but can only use secure services that use the critical assets:

- Crypto: secure cryptographic services, based on opaque key APIs
- · Protected storage: protects data confidentiality/authenticity/integrity
- Internal trusted storage: protects data confidentiality/authenticity/integrity in internal flash memory (the most secure storage space for microcontrollers)
- Attestation: proves product identity via an entity attestation token

The TFM application presented in this document is a complete implementation of [TF-M]. A second application implementing only the Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update functionalities of [TF-M], named STM32CubeWBA SBSFU, is also available in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package. For further information on the SBSFU application, refer to [AN5447].

The first sections of this document (sections 4 to 6) present the open-source TF-M part (v1.3.0). The last sections of this document (sections 7 to 12) present TF-M ported onto the STM32WBA microcontroller and integrated in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package.

STM32CubeWBA TFM application and SBSFU application examples are provided for the NUCLEO-WBA52CG board.

Refer to [TF-M] for more information about the open-source TF-M reference implementation.





## 1 General information

The STM32CubeWBA TFM application runs on STM32WBA Series 32-bit microcontrollers based on the Arm<sup>®</sup> Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M33 processor with Arm<sup>®</sup> TrustZone<sup>®</sup>.

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Table 1 presents the definition of acronyms that are relevant for a better understanding of this document.

Table 1. List of acronyms

Acronym	Description		
AEAD	Authenticated encryption with associated data.		
AES	Advanced encryption standard.		
BL2	Bootloader 2. Name of boot stage in TF-M terminology, based on the MCUboot open-source software. Included in the TFM_SBSFU_Boot project.		
CLI	Command-line interface.		
CTR	Counter mode, a cryptographic mode of operation for block ciphers.		
DHUK	Derived hardware unique key.		
DPA	Differential power analysis.		
EAT	Entity attestation token.		
ECDSA	Elliptic-curve digital signature algorithm. Asymmetric cryptography.		
ECIES	Elliptic curve integrated encryption scheme.		
FIH	Fault injection hardening		
FWU	Firmware update service. Firmware update service provided by TF-M.		
GUI	Graphical user interface.		
HDP	Secure hide protection.		
HUK	Hardware unique key.		
IAT	Initial attestation.		
IPC	Inter process communication.		
ITS	Internal trusted storage service. Internal trusted storage service provided by TF-M.		
NSPE	Nonsecure processing environment (PSA term). In TF-M, this means nonsecure domain typically running an operating system using services provided by TF-M.		
MPU	Memory protection unit.		
OAEP	Optimal asymmetric encryption padding is a padding scheme often used together with RSA encryption.		
PS	Protected storage service. Protected storage service provided by TF-M.		
PSA	Platform Security Architecture. Framework for securing devices.		
RDP	Readout protection.		
RNG	Random number generator.		
RoT	Root of trust.		
RSA	Asymmetric cryptographic system from Rivest–Shamir–Adleman		
SBSFU	Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update. In the STM32CubeWBA, this is the name of the TF-M based application, with Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update functionalities only.		
SFN	Secure function. An entry function to a secure service. Multiple SFN per SS are permitted.		
SP	Secure partition. A logical container for a single secure service.		
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Acronym	Description
SPE	Secure processing environment (PSA term). In TF-M this means the secure domain protected by TF-M.
SPM	Secure partition manager. The TF-M component responsible for enumeration, management, and isolation of multiple secure partitions within the TEE.
SS	Secure service. A component within the TEE that is atomic from a security/trust point of view, which is viewed as a single entity from a TF-M point of view.
TBSA-M	Trusted base system architecture for Arm <sup>®</sup> Cortex <sup>®</sup> -M.
TEE	Trusted execution environment.
TFM	In the STM32CubeWBA, this is the name of the TF-M-based application with complete functionalities.
TF-M	Trusted firmware for M-class Arm. TF-M provides a reference implementation of secure world software for Armv8-M.
TRNG	True random number generator.
WRP	Write protection.

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# 2 Documents and open-source software resources

The resources below are public and available either on the STMicroelectronics website at www.st.com or on third-party websites.

**Table 2. Document references** 

Reference	Document		
[RM0493]	Multiprotocol wireless Bluetooth® Low Energy, Arm®-based 32-bit MCUs - Reference manual <sup>(1)</sup>		
[UM2237]	STM32CubeProgrammer software description - User manual <sup>(1)</sup>		
[UM2553]	STM32CubeIDE quick start guide - User manual <sup>(1)</sup>		
[UM2609]	STM32CubeIDE user guide - User manual <sup>(1)</sup>		
[AN4992]	STM32 MCUs secure firmware install (SFI) overview - Application note <sup>(1)</sup>		
[AN5156]	Introduction to STM32 microcontrollers security - Application note <sup>(1)</sup>		
[AN5447]	Overview of Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update solution on Arm® TrustZone® STM32 microcontrollers - Application note <sup>(1)</sup>		
[PSA API]	PSA developer APIs -		
[FOA_AFI]	developer.arm.com/architectures/architecture-security-features/platform-security#implement(2)		
[RFC7049] Concise binary object representation (CBOR) - tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7049 <sup>(2)</sup>			
[RFC8152]	CBOR object signing and encryption (COSE) - tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8152 <sup>(2)</sup>		

<sup>1.</sup> Available on www.st.com. Contact STMicroelectronics when more information is needed.

Table 3. Open-source software resources

Reference	Open-source software resource
[TF-M]	TF-M ( <i>Trusted firmware-M</i> ) Arm Limited driven open-source software framework: www.trustedfirmware.org/ <sup>(1)</sup>
[MCUboot]	MCUboot open-source software: mcuboot.com/(1)
[mbed-crypto]	mbed-crypto open-source software: github.com/ARMmbed/mbedtls <sup>(1)</sup>
[PSA]	PSA certification website: www.psacertified.org <sup>(1)</sup>

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## 3 STM32Cube overview

STM32Cube is an STMicroelectronics original initiative to improve designer productivity significantly by reducing development effort, time, and cost. STM32Cube covers the whole STM32 portfolio. STM32Cube includes:

- A set of user-friendly software development tools to cover project development from conception to realization, among which are:
  - STM32CubeMX, a graphical software configuration tool that allows the automatic generation of C initialization code using graphical wizards
  - STM32CubeIDE, an all-in-one development tool with peripheral configuration, code generation, code compilation, and debug features
  - STM32CubeCLT, an all-in-one command-line development toolset with code compilation, board programming, and debug features
  - STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg), a programming tool available in graphical and command-line versions
  - STM32CubeMonitor (STM32CubeMonitor, STM32CubeMonPwr, STM32CubeMonRF, STM32CubeMonUCPD), powerful monitoring tools to fine-tune the behavior and performance of STM32 applications in real time
- STM32Cube MCU and MPU Packages, comprehensive embedded-software platforms specific to each microcontroller and microprocessor series (such as STM32CubeWBA for the STM32WBA Series), which include:
  - STM32Cube hardware abstraction layer (HAL), ensuring maximized portability across the STM32 portfolio
  - STM32Cube low-layer APIs, ensuring the best performance and footprints with a high degree of user control over hardware
  - A consistent set of middleware components such as ThreadX, FileX / LevelX, NetX Duo, USBX, touch library, mbed-crypto, TFM, MCUboot, OpenBL, and STM32\_WPAN (including Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> Low Energy 5.3 profiles and services)
  - All embedded software utilities with full sets of peripheral and applicative examples
- STM32Cube Expansion Packages, which contain embedded software components that complement the functionalities of the STM32Cube MCU and MPU Packages with:
  - Middleware extensions and applicative layers
  - Examples running on some specific STMicroelectronics development boards

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# 4 Arm® Trusted Firmware-M (TF-M) introduction

TF-M (refer to [TF-M]) is an Arm Limited driven open-source software framework providing a reference implementation of the PSA standard on the Arm<sup>®</sup> Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M33 (TrustZone<sup>®</sup>) processor:

- PSA immutable RoT (root of trust): immutable "Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update" application
  executed after any reset. This application is based on the MCUboot open-source software (refer to
  [MCUboot]).
- PSA updatable RoT: "secure" application implementing a set of secure services isolated in the secure/ privileged environment that can be called by the nonsecure application at a nonsecure application runtime via the PSA APIs (refer to [mbed-crypto]):
  - Firmware update service: TF-M firmware update (FWU) service implements PSA firmware update
     APIs that allow an application to install a new firmware.
  - Internal trusted storage service: TF-M internal trusted storage (ITS) service implements PSA internal
    trusted storage APIs allowing the writing of data in a microcontroller built-in flash memory region
    that is isolated from nonsecure or from unprivileged applications by means of the hardware security
    protection mechanisms.
  - Cryptography service: the TF-M cryptography service implements the PSA Crypto APIs that allow
    an application to use cryptography primitives such as symmetric and asymmetric ciphers, hash,
    message authentication codes (MACs), authenticated encryption with associated data (AEAD),
    randomization, and key derivation. It comes with a PSA cryptography driver interface to use
    dedicated hardware. It is based on the Mbed Crypto open-source software (refer to [mbed-crypto]).
  - Initial attestation service: the TF-M initial attestation service allows the application to prove the device identity during an authentication process to a verification entity. The initial attestation service can create a token on request, which contains a fix set of device-specific data.
- Application updatable RoT: secure services that are isolated in the secure/unprivileged environment and that can be called by the nonsecure application at a nonsecure application runtime.
  - Protected storage service: The TF-M protected storage (PS) service implements PSA protected storage APIs allowing data encryption and writing the result in a possibly untrusted storage. The PS service implements an AES-GCM-based AEAD encryption policy, as a reference, to protect data integrity and authenticity.
  - Third-party: RoT applications that implement additional product-specific secure services.

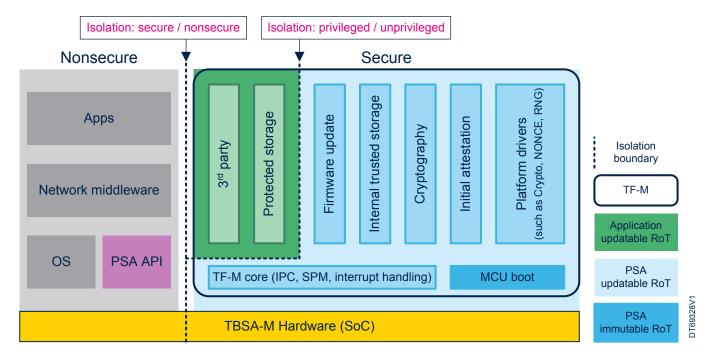


Figure 1. TF-M overview

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# Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update services (PSA immutable RoT)

## 5.1 Product security introduction

A device deployed in the field operates in an untrusted environment, and is therefore subject to threats and attacks. To mitigate the risk of attack, the goal is to allow only authentic firmware to run on the device. Allowing the update of firmware images to fix bugs, or introduce new features or countermeasures, is commonplace for connected devices. However, this is prone to attack if not executed in a secure way.

The consequences may be damaging, for example firmware cloning, malicious software download, or device corruption. Security solutions must therefore be designed in order to protect sensitive data (potentially even the firmware itself), and critical operations.

Typical countermeasures are based on cryptography (with associated key) and on memory protection mechanisms:

- Cryptography ensures integrity (the assurance that data has not been corrupted), authentication (the
  assurance that a certain entity is what it claims to be), and confidentiality (the assurance that only
  authorized users can read sensitive data) during firmware transfer.
- Memory protection mechanisms prevent external attacks (for example by accessing the device physically through JTAG) and internal attacks from other embedded nonsecure processes.

The following chapters describe solutions implementing integrity and authentication services to address the most common threats for an IoT end-node device.

#### 5.2 Secure Boot

Secure Boot (SB) asserts the integrity and authenticity of the user firmware image that is executed: cryptographic checks are used to prevent any unauthorized or maliciously modified software from running. The Secure Boot process implements a root of trust: starting from this trusted component (step 1 in Figure 2), every other component is authenticated (step 2 in Figure 2) before its execution (step 3 in Figure 2).

**Integrity** is verified so as to be sure that the image that is going to be executed has not been corrupted or maliciously modified.

**Authenticity** check aims to verify that the firmware image is coming from a trusted and known source in order to prevent unauthorized entities to install and execute code.

Figure 2. Secure Boot root of trust

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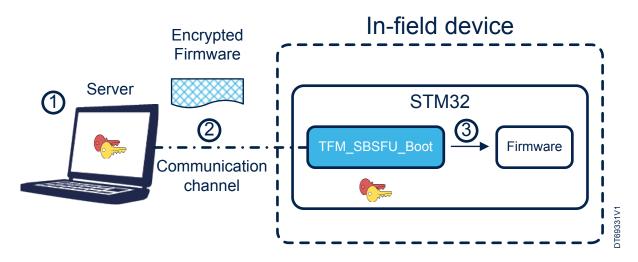
## 5.3 Secure Firmware Update

Secure Firmware Update (SFU) provides a secure implementation of in-field firmware updates, enabling the download of new firmware images to a device in a secure way.

As shown in Figure 3, two entities are typically involved in a firmware update process:

- Server
  - Can be an OEM manufacturer server or web service.
  - Stores the new version of device firmware.
  - Communicates with the device and sends the new image version in an encrypted form if it is available.
- Device
  - Deployed in the field.
  - Embeds code running the firmware update process.
  - Communicates with the server and receives a new firmware image.
  - Authenticates, decrypts, and installs the new firmware image and executes it.

Figure 3. Typical in-field device update scenario



The firmware update runs through the following steps:

- 1. If a firmware update is needed, a new encrypted firmware image is created and stored in the server.
- 2. The new encrypted firmware image is sent to the device deployed in the field through an untrusted channel.
- 3. The new image is downloaded, checked, and installed.

The firmware update is done on the complete firmware image.

Firmware update is vulnerable to the threats presented in Section 5.1 Product security introduction: cryptography is used to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and authentication.

**Confidentiality** is implemented to protect the firmware image, which may be a key asset for the manufacturer. The firmware image sent over the untrusted channel is encrypted so that only devices having access to the encryption key can decrypt the firmware package.

Integrity is verified to be sure that the received image is not corrupted.

**Authenticity** check aims to verify that the firmware image is coming from a trusted and known source, in order to prevent unauthorized entities to install and execute code.

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## 5.4 Cryptography operations

The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application example is delivered with configurable cryptographic schemes (solution for firmware authentication and firmware encryption):

- RSA-2048 asymmetric cryptography for image authenticity verification, AES-CTR-128 symmetric
  cryptography with key RSA-OAEP encrypted for image confidentiality, and SHA256 cryptography for image
  integrity check.
- RSA-3072 asymmetric cryptography for image authenticity verification, AES-CTR-128 symmetric
  cryptography with key RSA-OAEP encrypted for image confidentiality, and SHA256 cryptography for image
  integrity check.
- ECDSA-256 asymmetric cryptography for image authenticity verification, AES-CTR-128 symmetric cryptography with key ECIES-P256 encrypted for image confidentiality, and SHA256 cryptography for image integrity check.

For more information on the cryptographic scheme, refer to the [MCUboot] open-source website.

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### 6 Secure services at runtime

The secure services at runtime are a set of services that can be called at a nonsecure application runtime. They manage critical assets that are isolated from the nonsecure application. A nonsecure application cannot access directly to any of the critical assets but can only use the secure services that use the critical assets. The secure services are provided with two levels of isolation through the privileged/unprivileged mode usage (the processor can limit or exclude access to some resources by executing code in the privileged or unprivileged mode):

- Privileged secure services: secure services executed in privileged mode. Such type of services can access
  any assets in the system (secure or nonsecure, privileged or unprivileged). These services are in PSA
  updatable RoT partition: firmware update service, internal trusted storage service, secure cryptographic
  service, and initial attestation service.
- Unprivileged secure services: secure services executed in unprivileged mode. Such type of services can
  access any assets in the system except the assets stored in a privileged area. These services are in
  application updatable RoT partition: protected storage and third-party service.

## 6.1 Protected storage service (PS)

The TF-M protected storage (PS) service implements PSA protected storage APIs (refer to [PSA\_API] for more information).

The service is backed by hardware isolation of the flash memory access domain. In the current version, it relies on hardware to isolate the flash memory area from nonsecure accesses.

The current PS service design relies on the hardware abstraction level provided by TF-M. The PS service provides a nonhierarchical storage model, as a file system, where a linearly-indexed list of metadata manages all the assets.

The PS service implements an AES-GCM based AEAD encryption policy, as a reference, to protect data confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity.

Additionally, it implements nonvolatile counters as a rollback protection mechanism against malicious attacks.

The design addresses the following high-level requirements as well:

- Confidentiality: Resistance to unauthorized accesses through hardware/software attacks.
- Access authentication: Mechanism to establish the requester's identity (a nonsecure entity, a secure entity, or a remote server).
- Integrity: Resistance to tampering by either the normal users of a product, package, or system or others
  with physical access to it. If the content of the secure storage is changed maliciously, the service is able to
  detect it.
- Reliability: Resistance to power failure scenarios and incomplete write cycles.
- Configurability: High-level configurability to scale the memory footprint up or down to cater for a variety of devices with varying security requirements.
- Performance: Optimized to be used for resource-constrained devices with very small silicon footprint, the PPA (power, performance, area) should be optimal.
- Modularity: The PS partition is placed in an unprivileged; the file system is in a privileged area. This implies dependencies with other services: cryptography, internal trusted storage API, and platform service.

For more information about the hardware isolation mechanism, refer to Section 7 Protection measures and security strategy.

## 6.2 Internal trusted storage service (ITS)

The TF-M internal trusted storage (ITS) service implements PSA internal trusted storage APIs (for more information, refer to [PSA\_API]).

The service is backed by hardware isolation of the flash memory access domain and relies on hardware to isolate the flash memory area from nonsecure access and application updatable RoT at higher levels of isolation.

Contrary to the PS service, the ITS service does not implement any encryption policy. The confidentiality of data is ensured by means of the hardware isolation of the internal flash memory access domain.

The current ITS service design relies on a hardware abstraction provided by TF-M. The ITS service provides a nonhierarchical storage model, as a file system, where a linearly-indexed list of metadata manages all the assets.

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The design addresses the following high-level requirements as well:

- Confidentiality: Resistance to unauthorized accesses through hardware/software attacks, by means of the hardware isolation of the flash memory access domain
- Access authentication: Mechanism to establish the requester's identity (a nonsecure entity, a secure entity, or a remote server).
- Integrity: Resistance to tampering by attackers with physical access is provided by the internal flash memory device itself. Resistance to tampering by nonsecure or application updatable RoT attackers is provided by a hardware isolation mechanism.
- Reliability: Resistance to power failure scenarios and incomplete write cycles.
- Configurability: High level of configurability to scale the memory footprint up or down to cater for a variety of devices with varying requirements.

For more information about the hardware isolation mechanism, refer to Section 7 Protection measures and security strategy.

## 6.3 Secure cryptographic service

The TF-M secure cryptographic service provides an implementation of the PSA Crypto API in a PSA updatable RoT secure partition in TF-M. It is based on mbed-crypto, which is a reference implementation of the PSA Crypto API.

The service can rely on alternate implementations or on dedicated cryptographic drivers that may target a secure element. The storage of cryptographic data (such as persistent keys) is needed so that the TF-M secure cryptographic service has dependencies with the internal trusted storage API.

For more details on the PSA Crypto API or the mbed-crypto implementation, refer directly to the [mbed-crypto] GitHub repository.

The service can be used by other services running in the secure processing environment (SPE), or by applications running in the nonsecure processing environment (NSPE), to provide cryptographic functionalities.

#### 6.4 Initial attestation service

The TF-M initial attestation service allows the application to prove the device identity during an authentication process to a verification entity. The initial attestation service can create an entity attestation token (EAT) on request, which contains a fix set of device-specific data. The device must contain an attestation key pair, which is unique per device. The token is signed with the private part of the attestation key pair. The public part of the key pair is known by the verification entity. The public key is used to verify the token authenticity. The data items in the token are used to verify the device integrity and assess its trustworthiness. Attestation key provisioning is out of scope for the initial attestation service and is expected to take part during product manufacturing.

Attestation keys can be installed within the MCU or within a secure element, which is, in that case, driven from the TF-M secure cryptographic service. Therefore, the TF-M initial attestation service may have dependencies with the PSA Crypto API. For more details on the various options in the implementation to provision the device with the attestation keys, refer to Section 12 Integrator role description.

## 6.5 Firmware update service

The TF-M firmware update (FWU) service implements PSA firmware update APIs (refer to [PSA\_API] for more information). It provides a standard and platform-agnostic interface for updating firmware. It cooperates with the bootloader and has dependencies with the PSA Crypto API and platform services.

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## Protection measures and security strategy

Cryptography ensures integrity, authentication, and confidentiality. However, the use of cryptography alone is not enough. To resist possible attacks, a set of measures and system-level strategy are needed for protecting critical operations, sensitive data (such as a secret key), and the execution flow.

The STM32CubeWBA TFM example uses a security strategy based on the following concepts:

- Ensure single-entry point at reset: force code execution to start with Secure Boot code
- Make TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code and TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot "secrets" immutable: no possibility to modify or alter them once security is fully activated
- Create protected/isolated domains:
  - Secure/privileged: to execute PSA immutable RoT code and then PSA updatable RoT code. Both codes use associated secrets and secure privileged STM32WBA peripherals.
     Note that the immutable PSA RoT piece of code is hidden when its execution is completed.
  - Secure/unprivileged: to execute application updatable RoT using associated secrets, and secure unprivileged STM32WBA peripherals.
- Limit execution surface according to application state:
  - From product reset until the installed application is verified: only TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code execution allowed
  - Once the installed application is verified OK: application code (secure part and nonsecure part)
     execution allowed
- Remove JTAG access to the device.

Secure functions

 Use four build time FIH profile settings to strengthen the critical functions call path of TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot and TFM\_Appli code against fault injection attacks. High profile uses a random delay based on the TRNG to mitigate sensitive code execution.

Figure 4 gives a high-level view of the security mechanisms activated on the STM32WBA Series.

Immutable PSA RoT Unique boot entry Boot lock Secure Boot Root of trust Initial attestation information "Locked" WRP RSA or ECC public key Crypto key Hide flash memory protect Mbed software crypto combined Secure Firmware Update Crypto operations with PKA/SAES/HASH hardware accelerators Firmware images management PSA updatable RoT Dedicated flash memory sectors Antirollback counters "Locked never erased ecure firmware confirmation MPU RDP I 2 Secure image confirmation (privileged "Locked Anti with Secure partitioning TZ password TZ + MPU PSA RoT isolation capability ecure crypto services Keys value correlation Mbed software crypto combined ernal trusted storage with PKA/SAES/HASH hardware Crypto operations accelerators Encryption key DHUK Firmware update Private key NVM data storage "WRP & locked" IAT information secure SRAM2 Protected storage "Locked" MPU (unprivileged)

Figure 4. TFM application using STM32WBA security peripherals

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<sup>\*</sup> Protection tests are implemented in application updatable RoT in the TFM example



## 7.1 Protections against outer attacks

Outer attacks refer to attacks triggered by external tools such as debuggers or probes, trying to access the device. In the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application example, device lifecycle (managed through RDP option bytes), boot lock, protected SRAM2 protections, and antitamper are used to protect the product against outer attacks:

- Device lifecycle: Read protection level 2 achieves the highest protection level. Read protection level 2 with OEM2 password capability is used to ensure that a JTAG debugger cannot access the device, except to inject the OEM2 password. In RDP level 2, when the OEM2 password is injected on the JTAG port, the RDP level is regressed to level 1. The OEM2 password must first have been provisioned when the RDP level is 0.
- **Boot lock**: BOOT\_LOCK option byte is used to fix the entry point to a memory location defined in the option byte. In the TFM application example, the boot entry point after reset is fixed on the TFM SBSFU Boot code.
- **Protected SRAM2**: SRAM2 is automatically protected against intrusion once the system is configured in RDP level 1. SRAM2 content is erased as soon as an intrusion is detected. Moreover, SRAM2 content can be write protected (content is frozen but can be read) until the next reset by activating the lock bit. In the TFM application example, the system has been configured to use the protected SRAM2 to share and to freeze initial attestation information between the TFM SBSFU Boot application and the secure application.
- Antitamper: the antitamper protection is used to protect sensitive data from physical attacks. It is activated at the start of TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot, and remains active during TFM\_Appli and TFM\_Loader applications. In case of tamper detection, sensitive data in SRAM2, caches, and cryptographic peripherals are immediately erased, and a reboot is forced. Both external active tamper pins and internal tamper events are used.

Other STM32WBA peripherals could be used to protect the product against outer attacks, but the current TFM example does not use them:

- Debug: the debug protection consists in deactivating the DAP (debug access port). Once deactivated, the JTAG pins are no longer connected to the STM32WBA internal bus. DAP is automatically disabled with RDP level 2.
- Watchdog IWDG (independent watchdog) is a free-running down-counter. Once running, it cannot be stopped. It must be refreshed periodically before it causes a reset. This mechanism could be used to control the TFM SBSFU Boot execution duration.

### 7.2 Protections against inner attacks

Inner attacks refer to attacks triggered by code running into the STM32. Attacks may be due to either malicious firmware that exploits bugs or security breaches, or unwanted operations. In the TFM application example, the TZ (TrustZone®), MPU (memory protection unit), SAU (security attribution unit), GTZC (global TrustZone® controller), WRP (write protect), and HDP (hide protection) protections preserve the product from inner attacks:

- TZ, secure MPU, and GTZC are combined to put in place different protected environments with different privileges and different access rights:
  - TZ: Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M33 CPU core supports two modes of operation (secure and nonsecure). When the
    Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M33 is in nonsecure mode, it cannot access any STM32WBA resources configured in
    secure
  - MPU: The MPU is a memory protection mechanism that allows specific access rights to be defined for any memory-mapped resources of the device: flash memory, SRAM, and peripheral registers. MPU attributes are only set for CPU access. Other bus controller requests (such as DMA once) are not filtered by the MPU. This protection is dynamically managed at runtime. Secure MPU is used to control CPU access in secure mode and nonsecure MPU is used to control CPU access in nonsecure mode.
  - SAU: The SAU is a hardware unit coupled to the core (as the MPU), responsible for setting the secure attribute of the AHB5 (advanced high-performance bus) transaction.
  - GTZC: provides mechanisms to configure any memories and peripherals to be secure or nonsecure and to be privileged or unprivileged.

TZ and GTZC configuration can start with static settings from **SECWM** (secure watermark) option bytes values. It can also be updated dynamically at runtime by the secure privileged applications. Secure privileged applications can lock the GTZC, the secure MPU configuration, and the secure SAU configuration until the next reset by activating the lock bits. Once TZ, MPU, SAU, and GTZC are configured, the applications can only use or access the memories and the peripherals corresponding to their execution mode, which depends on the Cortex<sup>®</sup>-M33 CPU core mode (secure or nonsecure and privileged or unprivileged).

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In the TFM application example, the system has been defined to put in place different protected execution environments according to the product execution states:

- System state: execution of the TFM SBSFU Boot application (application executed after product reset)
  - Execution environment: secure privileged, to execute the immutable RoT (TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code corresponding to the immutable PSA RoT part).

During the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code execution, only the flash memory area corresponding to the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code can be executed by the CPU in secure mode. The other memories areas (flash memory and SRAMs) are in read/write access rights only. Before launching the verified application, the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application reconfigures the system so that the execution surface is extended with the flash memory area corresponding to the verified application (both secure part and nonsecure part), the other memories areas (flash memory and SRAMs) are in read/write access rights only.

- System state: execution of the application, application executed (executing first the secure part of the application) once the Secure Boot has verified it is OK.
  - Execution environment: secure privileged, to execute the secure privileged part of the application (corresponding to the PSA updatable RoT part), and to store nonvolatile data related to PS and ITS secure services.
  - Execution environment: secure unprivileged, to execute the secure unprivileged part of the application (corresponding to the application updatable RoT part).
  - Execution environment: nonsecure unprivileged (to execute the nonsecure part of the application).

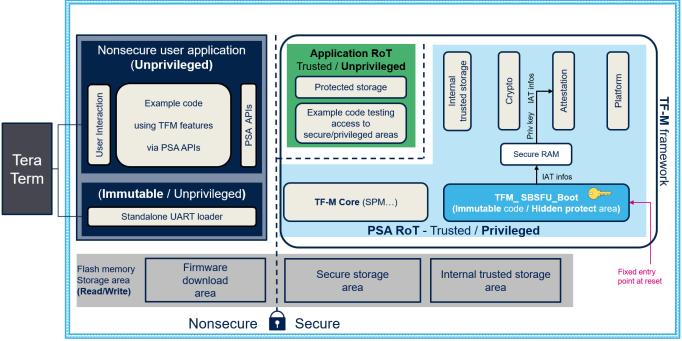
The secure privileged part of the application starts by reconfiguring the system to put in place the protected execution environments listed above that are used during application execution. The execution surface is extended for all the secure part. Once the system reconfiguration is completed, GTZC, the secure MPU configuration, and the secure SAU configuration are locked until the next reset by activating lock bits. The nonsecure application execution is started in privileged mode and is able to reconfigure the nonsecure MPU and lock it if needed.

- WRP: write protection is used to protect trusted code from external attacks or even internal modifications
  such as unwanted writings/erase operations on critical code/data. In the TFM example, the system has
  been configured to make the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code, the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot personalized data, and the
  TFM\_Loader code as immutable data. Additionally, the write protection is locked, so that it cannot be
  removed unless RDP regression to level 0 is performed.
- **HDP**: when the HDP secure hide protection is activated, any accesses to the protected flash memory area (fetch, read, programming, erase) are rejected until the next product reset. All the code and secrets located inside the protected flash memory area are fully hidden. In the TFM example, the system has been configured to hide the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code, the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot personalized data located in flash memory, and the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot nonvolatile counters area located in flash memory just before the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application launches the verified application.
- **Secure backup register:** Secure backup registers can only be accessed by a secure privileged application. In the TFM example, the secure backup registers are not used.
- Interruptions and exceptions:
  - During TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution, the only enabled interruption is the tamper interruption, to trigger a reset in case of a tamper event.
     Regarding exceptions, the NMI manages the flash memory double ECC errors (by skipping any instructions reading a corrupted flash memory address), whereas all others exceptions trigger a reset.
  - During TFM\_Appli execution, the GTZC interruption is enabled to prevent nonsecure accesses to a secure area, including through DMA usage.
  - Secure vector table lock bit: secure vector table address can be locked until next reset by
    activation lock bit. in the TFM example, the secure application locks the secure vector table during
    the initialization phase. The nonsecure application is able to lock the nonsecure vector table if
    needed.

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Figure 5. System protection overview



Refer to Memory protections for more details on memory protections implementation.

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## 8 Package description

The STM32CubeWBA MCU Package proposes two different examples of applications, based on the TF-M reference implementation.

- TFM: application with full TF-M services.
- SBSFU: application with only the Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update services of the TF-M.

This document focuses on the TFM application only. Refer to [AN5447] for more information on the SBSFU application.

This section details the TFM application in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package and the way to use it.

## 8.1 TFM application description

The main features of the Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update application are:

- Configurable asymmetric cryptography for image authentication:
  - RSA-2048
  - RSA-3072
  - EC-256
- SHA256 cryptography for image integrity check.
- Retention of a hash reference porting on each image (boot time acceleration).

  Image verification consists mainly of computing a hash over the image (integrity check) and then generating a signature over this hash (authentication check). With this feature, it is possible to avoid the computation of a signature by reference of its hash that is stored in a fixed location (so-called HASH REF). This area contains the hash of which the signature has already passed the verification process so that the next signature verification can be bypassed. This feature is an optimization (under the MCUBOOT USE HASH REF define) that is applied on each image and is efficient from the second boot.
- AES-CTR cryptography for image encryption, with symmetric key encrypted in RSA-OAEP or ECIES-P256 provided in the image itself. Image encryption is configurable (for example, it can be deactivated).
- Two cryptography modes: Full software cryptography or a mix of software and hardware-accelerated cryptography to accelerate operations and reduce the memory footprint (with or without DPA resistance against side-channel and timing attacks).
- Configurable slots mode:
  - Single primary slot mode, which enables maximizing image size. The downloaded image is in the same memory slot as the installed image. The new downloaded image overwrites the previous installed image.
  - Primary and secondary slots mode, which enables safe image programming. The downloaded image and installed image are in different memory slots.
- Image programming resistant to asynchronous power down and reset.
- Flexible number of application images:
  - Either one application image (secure and nonsecure binaries combined in a single image) with:
    - Unique key pair
    - Antirollback version check
  - Or two application images (a secure image and a nonsecure image) with:
    - Dedicated key pairs per firmware image
    - Dedicated antirollback version check per firmware image
    - Images version dependency management
- Flexible number of data images: one data image (secure or nonsecure) or two images (secure and nonsecure) with the policies defined on application images (authenticity and integrity verification, antirollback version check, decryption).
- Integration of the full entropy TRNG source (RNG hardware peripheral) for random numbers generation (boot seed generation, tamper protection) or random delays (FIH).

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- Configurable firmware image upgrade strategy, for primary and secondary slots mode:
  - Overwrite strategy, for which the image in the secondary slot overwrites the image in the primary slot.
  - Swap strategy, for which the image in primary and secondary slots are swapped. After the swap, the
    new image in the primary slot must be confirmed by the user application, else, at the next boot, the
    images are swapped back.
- System flash memory configuration:
  - Internal flash memory: all firmware slots located in the internal flash memory (secure and nonsecure applications primary and secondary slots).
- Integration of hardware security peripherals and mechanisms in order to implement a root of trust. RDP, BOOT\_LOCK, TZ, MPU, GTZC, SAU, WRP, SECWM, HDP, and TAMPER are combined to achieve the highest security level.
- IDE integrated image tool to prepare the image, provided both as a Windows<sup>®</sup> executable and a Python<sup>™</sup> source code.
- Activation of ICACHE peripheral for internal flash memory access to improve boot time performance.

The main features of the secure services at runtime are:

- PSA level 2 isolation in secure side [PSA].
- Support of nonsecure interrupts in secure application (with priority levels control).
- Cryptography
  - Large set of cryptography primitives such as symmetric and asymmetric ciphers, hash, messages authentication codes (MACs) and authenticated encryption with associated data (AEAD), key random generation, and key derivation.
  - Configurable algorithms list support at compilation stage (AES-CBC, AES-CFB, AES-CTR, AES-OFB, AES-CCM, AES-GCM, RSA, ECDSA, ECDH, SHA1, SHA256, SHA512)
  - Two cryptography modes: Full software cryptography or a mix of software and hardware-accelerated cryptography to accelerate operations and reduce the memory footprint (with or without DPA resistance against side-channel and timing attacks).
  - Opaque key APIs management.
  - Entropy via the true random number generator (RNG hardware peripheral).
  - \*Initial attestation
    - Entity token encoded with CBOR (concise binary object representation).
    - Entity token signature (SHA256 and ECDSA) compliant with COSE (CBOR object signing and encryption).
    - Entity token signed with the STM32WBA microcontroller.
- Protected storage
  - AES-GCM-based AEAD encryption in secure flash memory region, using HUK derived from 256-bit nonvolatile device-unique secret in flash memory (for a mix of software and hardware cryptography), or provisioned HUK (for software cryptography).
  - Restricted access through opaque UID on 64 bits.
  - Resistant to asynchronous power down and reset.
- Internal trusted storage
  - Same as protected storage, with no encryption.

The STM32CubeWBA MCU Package includes sample applications that the developer can use to start experimenting with the code.

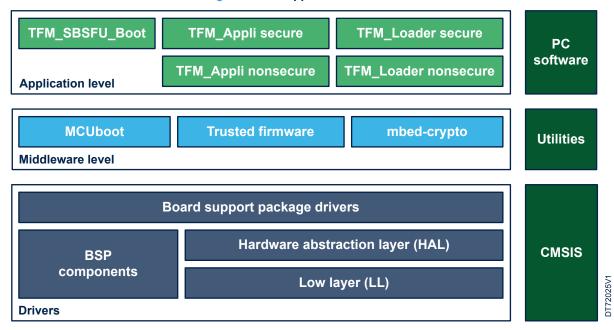
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Feature	SBSFU_Boot	TFM_SBSFU_Boot
- Cutare	(NUCLEO-WBA52CG)	(NUCLEO-WBA52CG)
	RSA-2048	RSA-2048
Crypto schemes	RSA-3072	RSA-3072
	EC-256	EC-256
Image encryption	None	None
image encryption	AES-CTR	AES-CTR
Cryptography modes	Software	Software
Cryptography modes	Mix of hardware and software	Mix of hardware and software
Slot modes	Primary only slot	Primary only slot
Slot modes	Primary and secondary slots	Primary and secondary slots
Images number modes	1 image	1 image
mages number modes	2 images	2 images
Flash memory configuration	Internal flash memory	Internal flash memory
Image upgrade strategy	Overwrite only	Overwrite only
image upgrade strategy	Swap	Swap
Local loader	None	None
Local loadel	Ymodem	Ymodem
	None	None
Antitamper	Internal tampers only	Internal tampers only
	Internal and external tampers	Internal and external tampers

## 8.2 TFM application architecture description

Figure 6. TFM application architecture



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#### 8.2.1 Board support package (BSP)

This layer offers a set of APIs relative to the hardware components in the hardware boards (such as LCD, audio,  $microSD^{TM}$ , and MEMS drivers). It is composed of two parts:

Component

This is the driver relative to the external device on the board and not to the STM32. The component drivers provide specific APIs to the BSP driver external components and could be portable on any other board.

BSP driver

It allows linking the component driver to a specific board and provides a set of user-friendly APIs. The API naming rule is  $BSP_FUNCT\_Action()$ .

```
Example: BSP LED Init(), BSP LED On()
```

The BSP is based on a modular architecture that allows an easy porting on any hardware by just implementing the low-level routines.

## 8.2.2 Hardware abstraction layer (HAL) and low-layer (LL)

The STM32CubeWBA HAL and LL are complementary and cover a wide range of applications requirements:

The HAL drivers offer high-level function-oriented highly portable APIs. They hide the MCU and peripheral
complexity to the end user.

The HAL drivers provide generic multi-instance feature-oriented APIs, which simplify the user application implementation by providing a ready-to-use process. As an example, for the communication peripherals (I2S, UART, and others), they provide APIs allowing initializing and configuring the peripheral, managing data transfer based on polling, interrupt or DMA process, and handling communication errors that may raise during communication.

The HAL driver APIs are split into two categories:

- Generic APIs, which provide common and generic functions to all the STM32 series of microcontrollers and microprocessors.
- Extension APIs, which provide specific and customized functions for a specific product line or a specific part number.
- The low-layer APIs provide low-level APIs at register level, with better optimization but less portability. They require a deep knowledge of the MCU and peripheral specifications.

The LL drivers are designed to offer a fast lightweight expert-oriented layer, which is closer to the hardware than the HAL. Contrary to the HAL, the LL APIs are provided only for the peripherals where optimized access is a key feature. They are not proposed either for the peripherals requiring heavy software configuration, complex upper-level stack, or both.

The LL drivers feature:

- A set of functions to initialize the peripheral main features according to the parameters specified in the data structures
- A set of functions used to fill initialization data structures with the reset values corresponding to each field
- Function for peripheral deinitialization (peripheral registers restored to their default values)
- A set of inline functions for direct and atomic register access
- Full independence from HAL and capability to be used in standalone mode (without HAL drivers)
- Full coverage of the supported peripheral features

#### 8.2.3 mbed-crypto library

The mbed-crypto library is an open-source middleware. It is a C library that implements cryptographic primitives. It supports symmetric and asymmetric cryptography as well as hash computation.

It includes a reference implementation of the PSA cryptography API.

It is used by MCUboot middleware during the "Secure Boot" operation or during the "Secure Firmware Update" operation. It is also used by the TFM middleware to implement cryptographic services.

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#### 8.2.4 MCUboot middleware

MCUboot is an open-source code. It is a secure bootloader for 32-bit microcontrollers. The goal of the MCUboot is to:

- Define a common infrastructure for the bootloader and the system flash memory layout on the microcontroller system.
- Provide a secure bootloader that enables easy software upgrade.

#### 8.2.5 Trusted Firmware-M middleware (TF-M)

TF-M is an open-source middleware. It contains:

- The TF-M core services at runtime: inter-process communication (IPC), secure partition manager (SPM), and interrupt handling.
- The TF-M secure services at runtime: initial attestation, cryptography (relying on the mbed-crypto middleware for the cryptographic part), protected storage, and internal trusted storage.

## 8.2.6 TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application

This application manages the TF-M Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update services. It also manages the first level of security protections on the platform required during TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application execution.

#### 8.2.7 TFM\_Appli secure application

This application manages the secure runtime services offered to the nonsecure application. It also finalizes the security protections required during the application execution.

#### 8.2.8 TFM\_Appli nonsecure application

This application is a sample code of a nonsecure user application. It demonstrates how to use the TF-Msecure services available in the TFM\_Appli secure application.

### 8.2.9 TFM\_Loader nonsecure application

This application is a sample code of a standalone local loader using the Ymodem protocol. This application permits the download of a new version of the secure firmware image (TFM\_Appli secure application) and of the nonsecure firmware image (TFM\_Appli nonsecure application). To store the downloaded image, this application directly accesses nonsecure flash memory areas, and relies on the TFM\_Loader secure application to access secure flash memory areas indirectly.

#### 8.2.10 TFM\_Loader secure application

This application manages the secure flash memory access offered to the TFM Loader nonsecure application.

## 8.3 Memory layout

## 8.3.1 Flash memory layout

The STM32CubeWBA TFM application relies on a flash memory layout defining different regions:

- HASF REF region: region where the SHA256 references are stored (one reference per image).
- BL2 NVCNT region: region where TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot gets nonvolatile information about last installed images (secure and nonsecure) versions for the antirollback feature.
- SCRATCH region: region used by TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot to store the image data temporarily during the image swap process (not used in overwrite-only mode).
- Integrator personalized data region: region to personalize TF-M data specific to the integrator or specific to the STM32WBA microcontroller (the keys used by the SBSFU application, and the keys and information used by the TFM secure application).
- TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot binary region: region to program the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code binary that manages the function "Secure Boot" and the function "Secure Firmware Update.
- HDP activation code: code used to hide all boot code and secrets before starting the application.
- NV COUNTER region: region where the secure application manages the nonvolatile counters used by PS services.

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- PS area: region where the encrypted data of the protected storage service is stored.
- ITS area region: region where the data of the internal trusted storage service is stored in clear.
- Secure image primary slot region: region to program secure image of "active" firmware.
- Nonsecure image primary slot region: region to program nonsecure image of "active" firmware.
- Secure image secondary slot region: region to program secure image of "new" firmware.
- Nonsecure image secondary slot region: region to program nonsecure image of "new" firmware.
- Secure data primary slot region: region to program the secure image of "active" data.
- Nonsecure data primary slot region: region to program the nonsecure image of "active" data.
- Secure data secondary slot region: region to program the secure image of "new" data.
- Nonsecure data secondary slot region: region to program the nonsecure image of "new" data.
- Nonsecure local loader: region to program TFM\_Loader nonsecure code binary.
- Secure local loader: region to program TFM\_Loader secure code binary.

The flash memory layout depends on the slot mode, number of images (application and data), image upgrade strategy, and local loader activation. By default, in the TFM application, the configuration (refer to Table 4) of these features is the following:

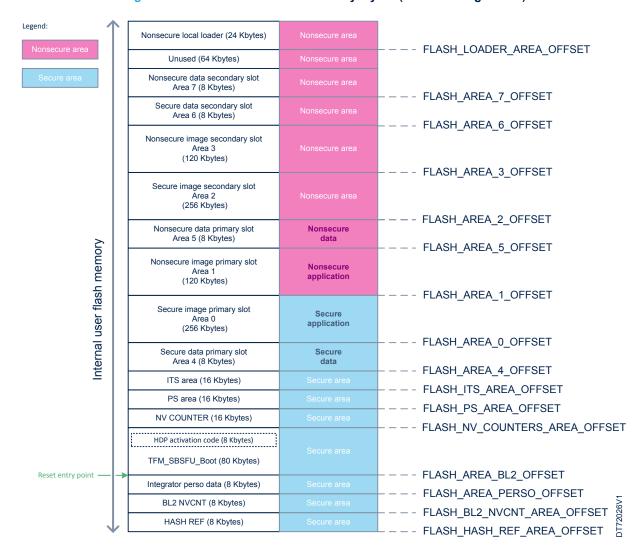
- Slot mode: primary and secondary slots
- Image number mode: four images (two applications image and two data images)
- Image upgrade strategy: overwrite only mode
- Local loader: Ymodem

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In the TFM application default configuration, the flash memory layout is described in Figure 7.

Figure 7. STM32WBA TFM flash memory layout (default configuration)



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In the case of the primary only slot configuration, the secondary slot areas 2 and 3 (application code) are not present and the secondary slot areas 6 and 7 (data code) are not present. Additionally, a local loader secure region is introduced, to permit the download of a secure image in primary slot area 0 (secure area). In this configuration, the flash memory layout is described in Figure 8.

Nonsecure local loader (24 Kbytes) Secure local loader (16 Kbytes) FLASH\_LOADER\_AREA\_OFFSET Unused (48 Kbytes) Nonsecure data primary slot Area 5 (8 Kbytes) FLASH\_AREA\_5\_OFFSET Nonsecure image primary slot Nonsecure Internal user flash memory FLASH\_AREA\_1\_OFFSET Secure image primary slot Secure application (256 Kbytes) FLASH\_AREA\_0\_OFFSET Secure data primary slot Secure Area 4 (8 Kbytes) data FLASH\_AREA\_4\_OFFSET ITS area (16 Kbytes) FLASH\_ITS\_AREA\_OFFSET PS area (16 Kbytes) FLASH\_PS\_AREA\_OFFSET NV COUNTER (16 Kbytes) FLASH\_NV\_COUNTERS\_AREA\_OFFSET HDP activation code (8 Kbytes) TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot (80 Kbytes) FLASH\_AREA\_BL2\_OFFSET Reset entry point -Integrator perso data (8 Kbytes) FLASH\_AREA\_PERSO\_OFFSET BL2 NVCNT (8 Kbytes) FLASH\_BL2\_NVCNT\_AREA\_OFFSET HASH REF (8 Kbytes) FLASH\_HASH\_REF\_AREA\_OFFSET

Figure 8. STM32WBA TFM flash memory layout (primary only slot)

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In the case of one image configuration, the primary slot areas 1 and 3 are not present. Slot areas 0 and 2 receive the assembled image with secure and nonsecure binaries. In this configuration, the flash memory layout is described in Figure 9.

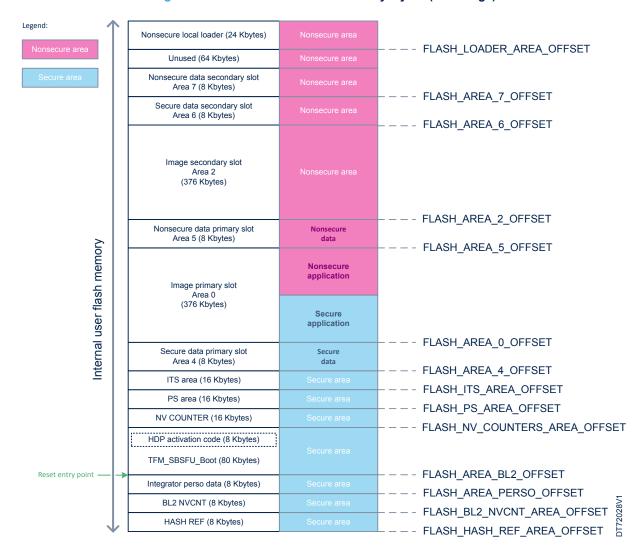


Figure 9. STM32WBA TFM flash memory layout (one image)

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In the case of the swap mode strategy, a SCRATCH region is introduced to permit the swap of images. In this configuration, the flash memory layout is described in Figure 10.

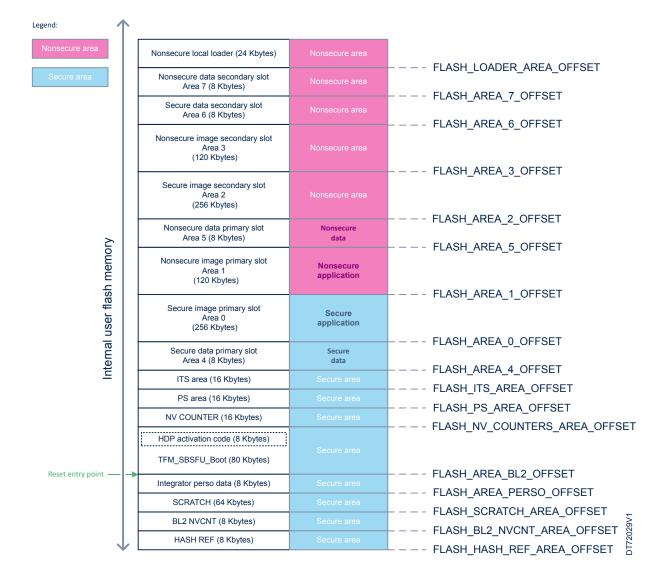


Figure 10. STM32WBA TFM flash memory layout (swap mode)

In the case of no local loader configuration, the local loader area is unused.

All these configuration items can be combined, so that the corresponding flash memory layout changes are combined as well.

The mechanism of firmware images update depends on the number of images, image upgrade strategy, and slots mode configurations. The procedure is described in the figures below, according to the configuration (for simplification, the data images are not illustrated but the same mechanisms apply to them).

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Figure 11. New firmware download and install procedure for overwrite mode, two firmware images configuration, and for primary and secondary slot configuration

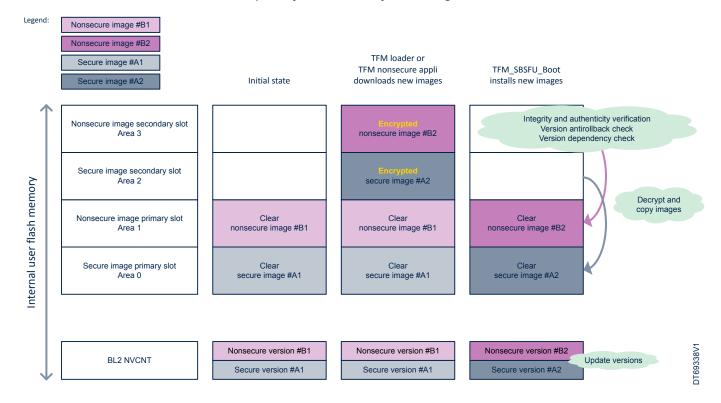
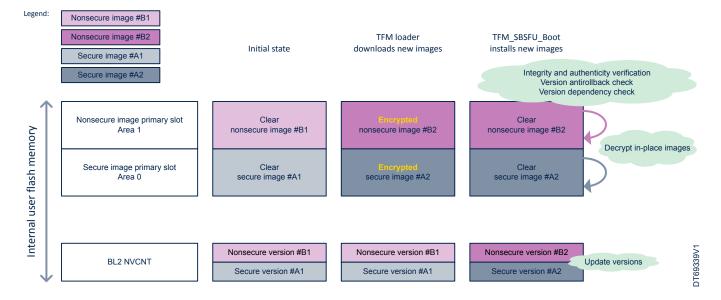


Figure 12. New firmware download and install procedure for overwrite mode, two firmware images configuration and for primary only slot configuration



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Figure 13. New firmware download and install procedure for overwrite mode, one firmware image configuration and for primary and secondary slot configuration

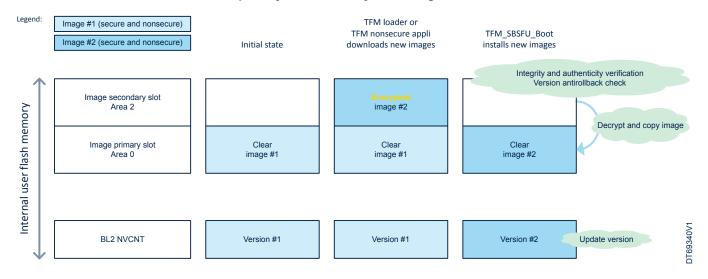


Figure 14. New firmware download and install procedure for overwrite mode, one firmware image configuration and for primary only slot configuration



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Figure 15. New firmware download and install procedure for swap mode, with images confirmation

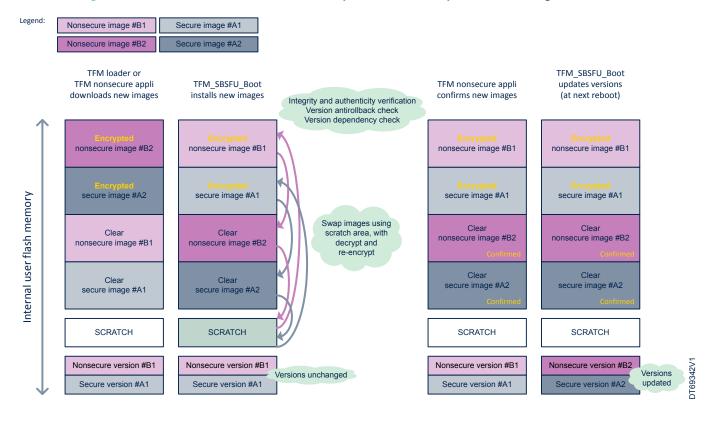
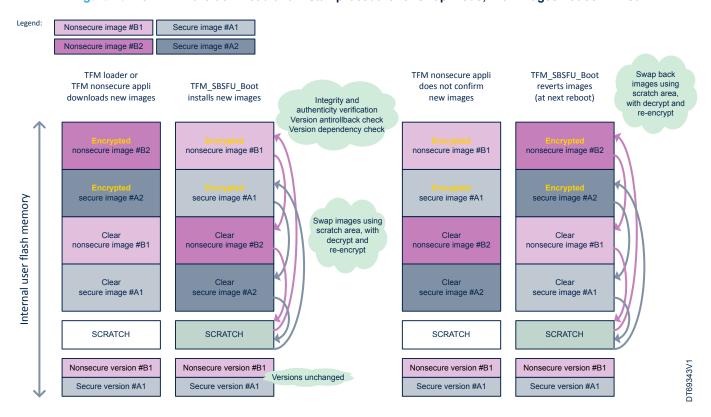


Figure 16. New firmware download and install procedure for swap mode, with images not confirmed



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Note:

The image slots (secure/non-secure and primary/secondary image slots) contain signed images. A signed image consists in a binary encapsulated by a header (1 Kbyte) and TLV (type-length-value) records containing image metadata (< 1 Kbyte).

To trigger an image installation request, a magic data must be written at the very end position in the image slot (by the application in charge of the download).

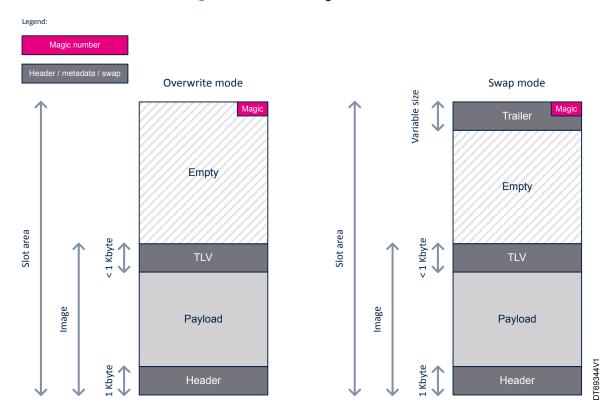
In overwrite mode, the image size is limited to the slot area size minus the magic data size (16 bytes). In swap mode only, a trailer is reserved at the end of the slot, for the swap process, so that the image size is limited to the slot area size minus the trailer size. The trailer size depends on the image and flash memory properties.

Trailer size computation example in the case of a nonsecure slot of a 1-Mbyte flash memory device:

- Input: the flash memory supports 16-byte wide data read and write operation (not less), with a total of 64 sectors (8-Kbyte page size).
- Result: the trailer size is 3072 bytes in direct application of the formula BOOT MAX IMG SECTORS \* min-write-size \* 3.

For more details, refer to [MCUboot].

Figure 17. Firmware image and slot area



The flash memory layout is common to all IDEs even if the size of generated binaries depends on the compiler (see Note below). The memory layout is defined in two files:

- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\Linker\flash layout.h
- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\Linker\region defs.h

It is recommended for the integrator to optimize the default flash memory layout depending on the IDE used and TFM application configuration.

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Note:



#### 8.3.2 SRAM layout

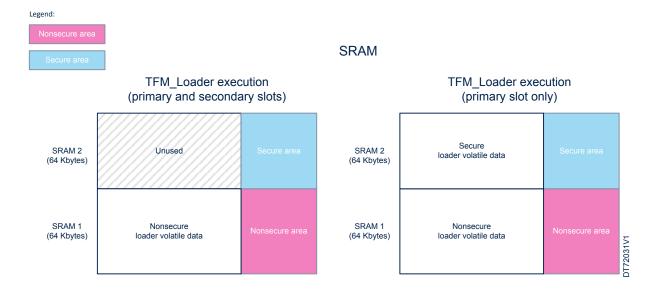
The STM32CubeWBA TFM application relies on a dynamic SRAM layout: the SRAM layout is redefined between the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution and application execution. The SRAM layout defines the following regions:

- TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot shared area: region where TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot stores the secure data needed by the
  secure application in privileged mode for the initial attestation service (boot seed, software measurements,
  implementation ID, EAT private key, instance ID, lifecycle) and secure cryptographic service (provisioned
  HUK for the Crypto software).
- TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot volatile area: region used by TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot for volatile data.
- Secure application privileged volatile area: region used by secure application in privileged mode for volatile data
- Secure application unprivileged volatile area: region used by secure application in unprivileged mode for volatile data.
- Nonsecure application volatile data: region used by nonsecure application in privileged mode for volatile data.

Legend **SRAM** TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution TFM\_Appli execution Secure application unprivileged volatile data (14 Kbytes) TEM SBSEU Boot volatile data (63 Kbytes) SRAM 2 SRAM 2 Secure application (64 Kbytes) (64 Kbytes) privileged volatile data (49 Kbytes) TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot shared data (1 Kbyte) shared data (1 Kbyte) SRAM 1 SRAM 1 Unused Nonsecure application volatile data (64 Kbytes) (64 Kbytes) DT72030V1

Figure 18. STM32WBA user SRAM mapping (1 of 2)

Figure 19. STM32WBA user SRAM mapping (2 of 2)



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## 8.4 Folder structure

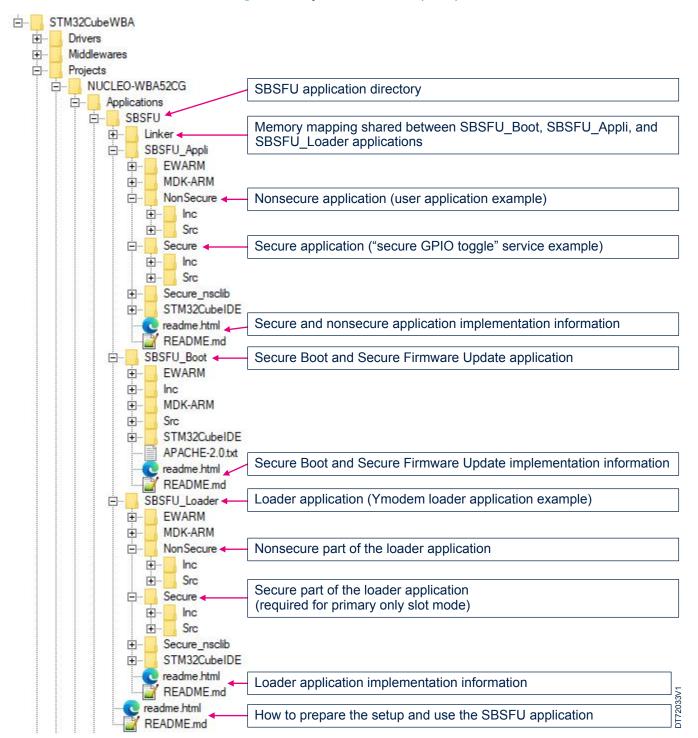
Figure 20. Projects file structure (1 of 3)



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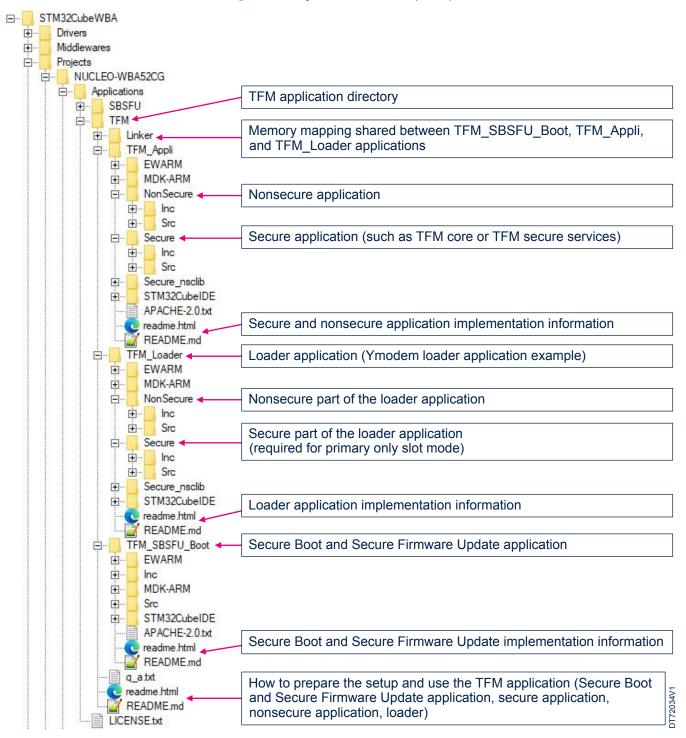
Figure 21. Projects file structure (2 of 3)



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Figure 22. Projects file structure (3 of 3)



#### 8.5 APIs

Detailed technical information about the PSA functional APIs is provided in [PSA\_API].

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## 9 Hardware and software environment setup

This section describes the hardware and software setup procedures.

## 9.1 Hardware setup

To set up the hardware environment, connect the ST-LINK USB port of the NUCLEO-WBA52CG board to a personal computer via a USB cable. This connection with the PC allows the user to:

- Program the board
- Interact with the board via a UART console
- Debug when the protections are disabled

Additionally, the antitamper protection is enabled with active tamper pins usage by default. Connect TAMP\_IN5 (PB7 on CN4 pin 33) and TAMP\_OUT4 (PC13 on CN4 pin 36) on the NUCLEO-WBA52CG board as indicated in Figure 23 and Figure 24. If this is not done, the antitamper protection prevents the application to run. If the tamper pins are opened, then the application is reset and blocked.

Figure 23. NUCLEO-WBA52CG board setup

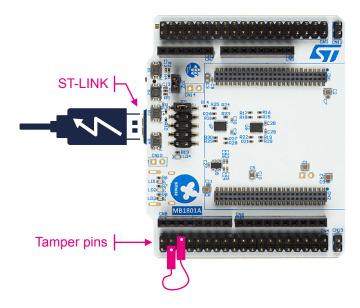


Figure 24. NUCLEO-WBA52CG board setup (detail)

ST morpho connector CN4 (top view)



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#### 9.2 Software setup

This section lists the minimum requirements for the developer to:

- set up the SDK on a Windows<sup>®</sup> 10 host
- · run the sample scenario
- customize the TFM application delivered in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package

### 9.2.1 STM32CubeWBA MCU Package

Copy the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package to the host Windows® hard disk at C: \data (for example), or any other path short enough without any spaces.

To get the right certification configuration, for release STM32CubeWBA v1.0.0, the path must be C:\Packages\en.stm32cubewba-v1-0-0, to get such path C:\Packages\en.stm32cubewba-v1-0-0\Middlewares\.

#### 9.2.2 Development toolchains and compilers

Select one of the integrated development environments supported by the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package (refer to the release notes in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package for the list of supported IDEs).

Allow for the system requirements and setup information provided by the selected IDE provider.

#### 9.2.3 Software tools for programming STM32 microcontrollers

STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) is an all-in-one multi-OS software tool for programming STM32 microcontrollers and microprocessors. It provides an easy to use and efficient environment for reading, writing, and verifying device memory. It can operate through both the debug interface (JTAG and SWD) and the bootloader interface (UART and USB).

STM32CubeProgrammer offers a wide range of features to program STM32 microcontroller internal memories (such as flash memory, RAM, and OTP) as well as external memories. STM32CubeProgrammer also allows option programming and upload, programming content verification, and microcontroller programming automation through scripting.

STM32CubeProgrammer is delivered in GUI (graphical user interface) and CLI (command-line interface) versions. Refer to the STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) software tool on <a href="https://www.st.com">www.st.com</a>.

#### 9.2.4 Terminal emulator

A terminal emulator software is needed to run the application.

It displays some debug information to understand the operations done by the embedded applications. It also permits the interaction with the nonsecure application to trigger some operations.

The example in this document is based on Tera Term, an open-source free software terminal emulator that can be downloaded from the osdn.net/projects/ttssh2/ webpage. Any other similar tool can be used instead (Ymodem protocol support is required).

## 9.2.5 Pvthon<sup>™</sup>

The firmware images are produced during the build process using the tool imgtool, located in the MCUboot middleware. Two versions of the tool imgtool are available: the Windows<sup>®</sup> executable and the Python<sup>™</sup> version. By default, the Windows<sup>®</sup> executable is selected. It is possible to switch to the Python<sup>™</sup> version by:

- installing Python<sup>™</sup> (Python<sup>™</sup> 3.6 or newer) with the required modules from Middlewares\Third\_Party \mcuboot\scripts\requirements.txt: pip install -r requirements.txt
- having Python<sup>™</sup> in the execution path variable
- deleting imgtool.exe in Middlewares\Third Party\mcuboot\scripts\dist\imgtool

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# 10 Installation procedure

To get a complete installation with security fully activated, the STM32WBA product preparation must be done in four steps:

- Step 1: Software compilation (refer to Section 10.1)
- Step 2: STM32WBA device initialization (refer to Section 10.2)
- Step 3: Software programming into the STM32WBA microcontroller internal flash memory (refer to Section 10.3)
- Step 4: Configuring STM32WBA static security protections (refer to Section 10.4)

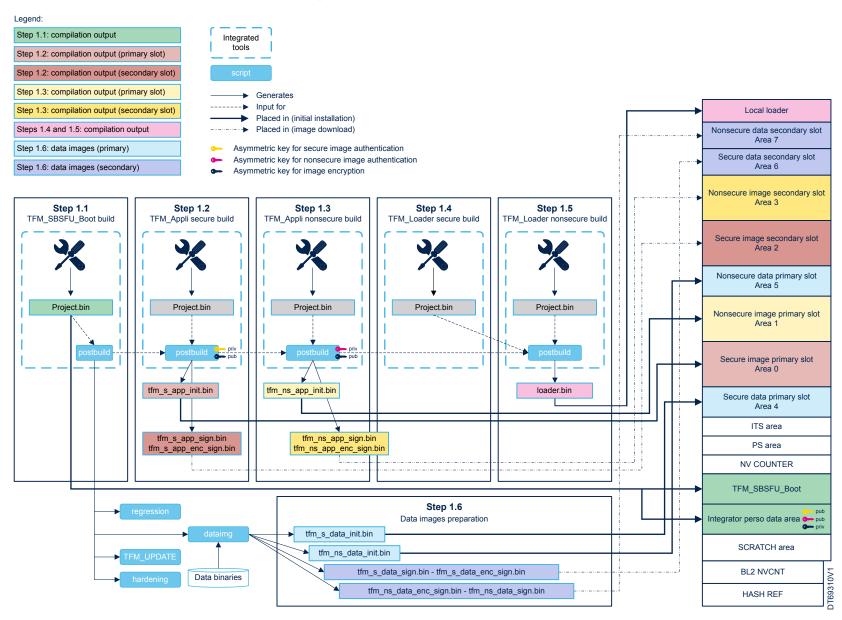
## **10.1** Application compilation process

The compilation process is performed in six steps. The six steps are firstly presented in Section 10.1.1 and then further described in Section 10.1.2.

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#### **Application compilation overview** 10.1.1

### Figure 25. Compilation process overview





### 10.1.2 Application compilation steps

Build the TFM-related projects provided in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package strictly following the order described in the six steps below.

### Step 1.1: build the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application

The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot project is in:

\Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM SBSFU Boot\

It can be built in the development mode or in the production mode. The build configuration mode can be selected via the project compile switch TFM\_DEV\_MODE (managed as a preprocessor symbol of the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot project):

- Switch TFM\_DEV\_MODE enabled: development mode
- Switch TFM DEV MODE disabled: production mode

By default, this switch is enabled, so that the build configuration is development mode. The development mode makes the development process simpler (see the *Note* below), whereas the production mode is required for security in production. The differences between the two modes are described below:

Security setting	Development mode	Production mode
BOOT_LOCK static protection	Not required.	Required.
Static protections configuration	Automatically configured by TFM_SBSFU_Boot code at first execution.	Only checked by TFM_SBSFU_Boot code: boot fails if static protections are not at expected values. The user must configure the static protections.
RDP level	RDP level 1.	RDP level 2 (with password).
WRP lock protection	Not required.	Required.
NSBOOTADD0/1 configuration	Not required.	Configured to SECBOOTADD0 value.
TFM_SBSFU_Boot logs on terminal emulator	Enabled.	Disabled.
Error handling	Nonsecure code is executed (presently an infinite loop). This prevents from multiple resets and allows the developers to debug.	The system reset is initiated to start with secure boot code again. This assumes that the executable secure code is functional and present. An exception concerns the control of the expected RDP level when checking the static protections: an infinite loop is executed in the secure part to prevent multiple resets during the RDP regression.

Table 5. Development versus production mode

Note:

Additionally, before modifying the TFM application, it is recommended to disable the protections (in the  $boot_hallow$  1\_cfg.h file of the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot project). In particular, setting RDP level 0 permits the debug of the TFM application.

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Protections can be disabled with the following flags:

```
/* Static protections */
#define TFM WRP PROTECT ENABLE /*! < Write Protection */
#define TFM_HDP_PROTECT_ENABLE /*!< HDP protection */
#define TFM_SECURE USER_SRAM2 ERASE AT RESET /*!< SRAM2 clear at Reset */
#ifdef TFM DEV MODE
#define TFM OB RDP LEVEL VALUE OB RDP LEVEL 1 /*! < RDP level */
#else
#define TFM OB RDP LEVEL VALUE OB RDP LEVEL 2 /*! < RDP level */
#endif /* TFM DEV MODE */
#define NO TAMPER
                            (0) /*! < No tamper activated */
#define INTERNAL TAMPER ONLY (1) /*!< Only Internal tamper activated */
#define ALL TAMPER
                            (2)/*!< Internal and External tamper activated */
#define TFM_TAMPER_ENABLE ALL_TAMPER
#ifdef TFM DEV MODE
#define TFM OB BOOT LOCK 0 /*! < BOOT Lock expected value */
#define TFM ENABLE SET OB
    /*!< Option bytes are set by TFM SBSFU Boot when not correctly set */
#define TFM ERROR HANDLER NON SECURE
   /*!< Error handler is in Non Secure , this allows regression without jumping */
#define TFM WRP LOCK ENABLE /*! Write Protection Lock */
#define TFM OB BOOT LOCK 1 /*!< BOOT Lock expected value */
#define TFM NSBOOT CHECK ENABLE
   /*!< NSBOOTADD0 and NSBOOTADD1 must be set to TFM SBSFU Boot Vector */
#endif /* TFM DEV MODE */
/* Run time protections */
#define TFM FLASH PRIVONLY ENABLE /*!< Flash Command in Privileged only */
#define TFM BOOT MPU PROTECTION
    /*!< TFM SBSFU Boot uses MPU to prevent execution outside of TFM SBSFU Boot code */
```

Build the project, using the selected IDE.

This step creates the Secure Boot and Secure Firmware Update binary including provisioned user data such as keys and IDs. Check that the binary is correctly created at this location:

- **EWARM**: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\EWARM\NUCLEO-WB A52CG\Exe\Project.bin
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeI DE\Release\TFM SBSFU Boot.bin

### Step 1.2: build the TFM\_Appli secure application

The TFM\_Appli secure project is in \Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\, together with the TFM Appli nonsecure project.

Build the TFM\_Appli secure project, using the selected IDE.

This step creates the TFM secure binary. Check that the binary is correctly created at this location:

- EWARM: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\EWARM\Secure\NUCLEO-WBA52CG S\Exe\Project.bin
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\STM32CubeIDE\Secure\Release\TFM\_Appli\_Secure.bin

Additionally, by means of the postbuild command integrated in the IDE project, it also produces the following application images:

- The clear TFM secure signed application image for initial installation in TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_s\_app\_init.bin
- The encrypted TFM secure signed application image for download in TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_s\_app\_enc\_sign.bin
- The clear TFM secure signed application image for download in TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_s\_app\_sign.bin

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The postbuild command is relying on the tool imgtool located in the MCUboot middleware. The produced firmware images can be parsed using the command <code>imgtool verify</code>, to extract Header and TLV details.

Note:

If the firmware location does not fulfill the conditions indicated in Section 9.2.1 STM32CubeWBA MCU Package, an error might occur during the postbuild script. Any postbuild script error is reported in an output.txt file.

For more information on the signed and encrypted binary formats, refer to the [MCUboot] open-source website.

### Step 1.3: build the TFM Appli nonsecure application

The TFM\_Appli nonsecure project is in  $\Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM_Appli\, together with the TFM_Appli secure project.$ 

Build the TFM\_Appli nonsecure project, using the selected IDE.

This step creates the TFM nonsecure binary. Check that the binary is correctly created at this location:

- EWARM: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\EWARM\NonSecure\NUCL EO-WBA52CG NS\Exe\Project.bin
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\STM32CubeIDE\No nSecure\Release\TFM Appli NonSecure.bin

Additionally, by means of the postbuild command integrated in the IDE project, it also produces the following application images:

- The clear TFM nonsecure signed application image for initial installation in TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_ns\_app\_init.bin
- The encrypted TFM nonsecure signed application image for download in TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_ns\_app\_enc\_sign.bin
- The clear TFM nonsecure signed application image for download in TFM Appli\Binary\tfm ns app sign.bin

The postbuild command is relying on the tool imgtool located in MCUboot middleware. The produced firmware images can be parsed using the command imgtool verify, to extract Header and TLV details.

Note:

If the firmware location does not fulfill the conditions indicated in Section 9.2.1 STM32CubeWBA MCU Package, an error might occur during the postbuild script.

For more information on the signed and encrypted binary formats, refer to the [MCUboot] open-source website.

## Step 1.4: build the TFM\_Loader secure application

The TFM\_Loader secure project is in \Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader, together with the TFM Loader nonsecure project.

Build the TFM\_Loader secure project, using the selected IDE.

This step creates the TFM loader secure binary. Check that the binary is correctly created at this location:

- EWARM: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader\EWARM\Secure\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\_S\Exe\Project.bin
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader\STM32CubeIDE\S ecure\Release\TFM Loader Secure.bin

#### Step 1.5: build the TFM\_Loader nonsecure application

The TFM\_Loader nonsecure project is in: \Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader. Build the TFM Loader nonsecure project, using the selected IDE.

This step creates the TFM\_Loader nonsecure binary. Check that the binary is correctly created at this location:

- EWARM: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader\EWARM\NonSecure\NUC LEO-WBA52CG\_NS\Exe\Project.bin
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader\STM32CubeIDE\N onSecure\Release\TFM Loader NonSecure.bin

Additionally, by means of the postbuild command integrated in the IDE project, it also produces the TFM\_Loader image in Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Loader\Binary\loader.bin. In the case of primary and secondary slot configuration, the TFM\_Loader image is produced from the TFM\_Loader nonsecure binary only. In the case of a primary-only slot configuration, the TFM\_Loader image is produced from the assembled TFM\_Loader secure and nonsecure binaries.

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### Step 1.6: data images preparation

The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot project is delivered with the default raw data binaries of a secure data image (s\_data.bin) and a nonsecure data image (ns\_data.bin). Both binaries are available in: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\Src\. They are provisioned by default with an EAT private key and dummy data respectively as an example.

To prepare the data images, execute the script (before programming):

- **EWARM**: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\EWARM\dataimg.b at
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeI DE\dataimg.sh

The script produces the nonsecure and secure binaries in TFM Appli\Binary:

- Nonsecure binaries:
  - Clear TFM nonsecure signed data image for initial installation (tfm\_ns\_data\_init.bin)
  - Encrypted TFM nonsecure signed data image for download (tfm\_ns\_data\_enc\_sign.bin)
  - Clear TFM nonsecure signed data image for download (tfm ns data sign.bin)
- Secure binaries:
  - Clear TFM secure signed data image for initial installation (tfm\_s\_data\_init.bin)
  - Encrypted TFM secure signed data image for download (tfm\_s\_data\_enc\_sign.bin)
  - Clear TFM secure signed data image for download (tfm s data sign.bin)

Note:

Ignore this step for configurations without data images. Otherwise, run the step at least once. It must then be applied each time a modification is operated on the configuration that affects the images production (crypto scheme for instance).

## 10.2 STM32WBA device initialization

The STM32WBA microcontroller initialization consists in the following operations:

- enabling the TrustZone<sup>®</sup> mode
- disabling the security protections in the option bytes
- · erasing the flash memory
- setting a default OEM2 password (RDP regression)

This can be achieved by using the STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) tool.

To make the device initialization procedure easier, execute an automatic script relying on the STM32CubeProgrammer CLI in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package:

- $\bullet \qquad \texttt{Projects} \verb|\NUCLEO-WBA52CG|\Applications|\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\\| \texttt{EWARM}|\true{regression.bat}|$
- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeIDE\regression .sh

When using this automatic script, the user must check that there is no error reported during the script execution. As an alternative, it is possible to initialize and verify manually the option bytes configuration by means of the STM32CubeProgrammer GUI through the steps below.

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## Step 2.1 - Connection: connect to target with hot plug mode selected

Figure 26. STM32CubeProgrammer connection menu



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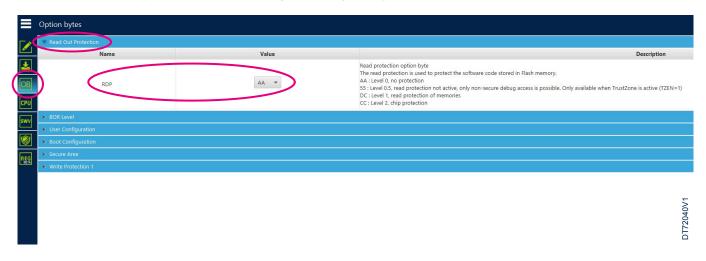


## Step 2.2 - Option bytes settings: menu Option bytes/User Configuration

The following option bytes values must be set:

- RDP level 0
- SRAM2-RST: unchecked (SRAM2 erased when a system reset occurs)
- TZEN: checked (global TrustZone® security enabled)
- HDP: disabled (hide protection area)
- NSBOOTADD0: 0x100000 (0x08000000) (NS user flash memory address)
- NSBOOTADD1: 0x17F200 (0x0BF90000) (system bootloader address)
- SECBOOTADD0: 0x1800C0 (0x0C006000) (Secure Boot base address 0)
- BOOT\_LOCK: unchecked (boot based on the pad/option bit configuration)
- nSWBOOT0: checked (BOOT0 taken from the PH3/BOOT0 pin)
- SECWM: enabled on complete area (secure area)
- WRPA: disabled and unlocked (write protection for area A)
- WRPB: disabled and unlocked (write protection for area B)

Figure 27. STM32CubeProgrammer Option bytes screen (Read Out Protection)



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Option bytes 1 : SRAM1 not erased when a system reset occurs Unchecked : Hardware independent watchdog Checked : Software independent watchdog  $\checkmark$  $\checkmark$ Unchecked : Freeze IWDG counter in stop mode IWDG STOP Checked : IWDG counter active in stop mode
Unchecked : Freeze IWDG counter in standby mode
Checked : IWDG counter active in standby mode V IWDG\_STDBY Unchecked : Hardware window watchdog Checked : Software window watchdog  $\checkmark$ WWDG SW SRAM2 parity check enable  $\checkmark$ SRAM2 PE Unchecked : SRAM2 parity check enable Checked : SRAM2 parity check disable SRAM2 Erase when system reset SRAM2 RST Unchecked : SRAM2 erased when a system reset occurs
Checked : SRAM2 is not erased when a system reset occurs Software BOOT0 nSWBOOT0  $\checkmark$ Unchecked: BOOT0 taken from the option bit nBOOT0 Checked: BOOT0 taken from PH3/BOOT0 pin nBOOT0 option bit  $\checkmark$ DT72041V1 Unchecked : Global TrustZone security disabled Checked : Global TrustZone security enabled

Figure 28. STM32CubeProgrammer Option bytes screen (User Configuration)

Figure 29. STM32CubeProgrammer Option bytes screen (Boot Configuration)



## Step 2.3 - Check OEM2 password provisioning state

The OEM2LOCK option bit is set in FLASH\_NSSR after having provisioned an OEM2 password. If a password is already provisioned other than the default one proposed in the regression script, apply one of the two following solutions:

- either clear it and then use the default password that is proposed in the regression script (development)
- or simply update the regression script with this new password (personalization before production)

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Registers - BETA Peripher... FLASH Device : STM32WBAxx ▼ Search: ▼ FLASH\_NSSR 0x00080000 @ 0x40022020 ReadWrite EOP : bit [0] ReadWrite OPERR: bit [1] ReadWrite PROGERR : bit [3] WRPERR : bit [4] PGAERR: bit [5] ReadWrite SIZERR: bit [6] ReadWrite PGSERR: bit [7] ReadWrite OPTWERR : bit [13] DT72043V1 BSY : bit [16] WDW : bit [17] ReadWrite

Figure 30. STM32CubeProgrammer flash memory nonsecure status register screen (OEM2LOCK)

Refer to [AN4992] for password provisioning and clearing methods.

### Step 2.4 - Disconnect

Figure 31. STM32CubeProgrammer disconnect



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## 10.3 Software programming into STM32WBA internal flash memory

To make the programming of the generated binaries in internal flash memory easier, execute the automatic script relying on the STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) CLI in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package:

- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\EWARM\TFM\_UPDATE.bat
- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeIDE\TFM\_UPDATE
   sh

The script programs all the generated binaries/images into the flash memory. Data format (clear or encrypted) and flash memory location depend on the system configuration used. The script is dynamically updated during the postbuild of TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot compilation (see Section 10.1 Application compilation process, Step 1.2), according to the flash memory layout and to the application configuration. This ensures that the binaries are programmed at the correct flash memory location.

It is important to check that no error is reported during the script execution.

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## 10.4 Configuring STM32WBA static security protections

In the development mode (see Section 10.1 Application compilation process), the static security protections are automatically configured in option bytes by the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code at the first start of the application. No further action is expected from the user.

In the production mode (see Section 10.1 Application compilation process), the user must first choose the 64-bit RDP level 2 password (OEM2 password). It is automatically provisioned using the STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) CLI command in the regression script. Then, the user must configure the static security protections in the option bytes. The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code only checks the static protections and allows the boot procedure only if the static protections are correctly configured. To make the programming of the static protections easier, an automatic script is available in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package:

- Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM SBSFU Boot\EWARM\hardening.bat
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \bf Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeIDE\hardening. \\ sh \end{tabular}$

The user must check that no error is reported during the script execution. In case of errors reported, the script must be executed again so that no errors are reported.

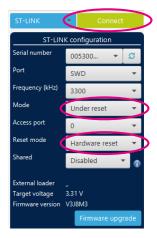
This script, relying on the STM32CubeProgrammer CLI, sets the following static protections HDP, SECWM, WRP, BOOT\_LOCK, and NSBOOTADD0/1 (see Note) according to the flash memory layout and application configuration. The protections setting performed by the hardening script can be verified manually by means of the STM32CubeProgrammer GUI (as described in the steps below). As a second step, the setting of the static protections WRPA lock (UNLOCK\_A option byte), WRPB lock (UNLOCK\_B option byte), and RDP must be performed manually (as described in the steps below).

Note:

According to the recommendation in section 3 of [RM0493], the nonsecure boot address (NSBOOTADD0 and NSBOOTADD1) must be set in user flash memory.

#### Step 4.1 - Connection: connect under reset

Figure 32. STM32CubeProgrammer connection menu



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### Step 4.2 - Option bytes settings: menu Option bytes / User Configuration

The following option byte values have been set first by the hardening script, according to flash memory layout and application configuration, the protection settings can be verified manually by means of the STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) GUI:

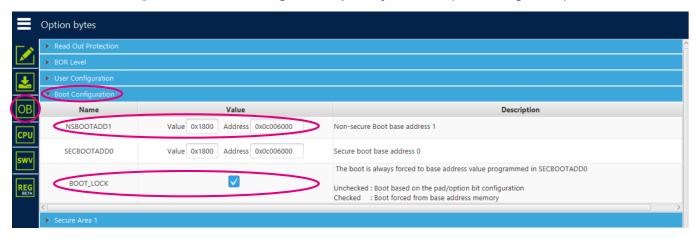
- HDP (hide protect enable)
- WRPA/WRPB (write protect)
- SECWM (secure flash memory area)
- NSBOOTADD0 (nonsecure boot address 0) = SECBOOTADD0
- NSBOOTADD1 (nonsecure boot address 1) = SECBOOTADD0
- BOOT\_LOCK activated (boot entry point fixed to SECBOOTADD0)

The following figures describe the option bytes configuration set by the hardening script for default flash memory layout and default application configuration.

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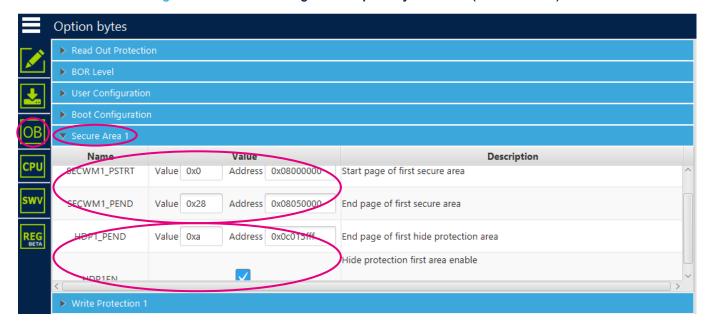
Figure 33. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (Boot Configuration)



Note:

Once BOOT\_LOCK is set, the programmed application must offer the possibility to execute some code in the nonsecure area, in order to enable connection to the target and reinitialize the device.

Figure 34. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (Secure Area 1)



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Figure 35. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (Write Protection 1)

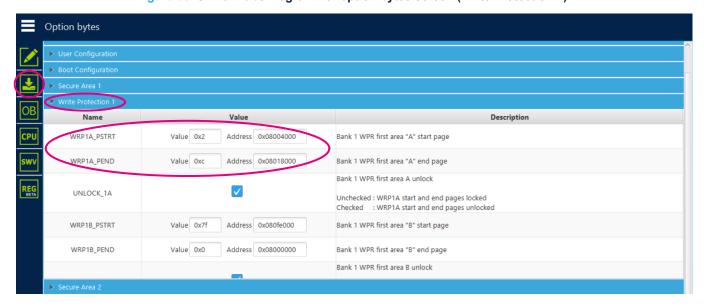
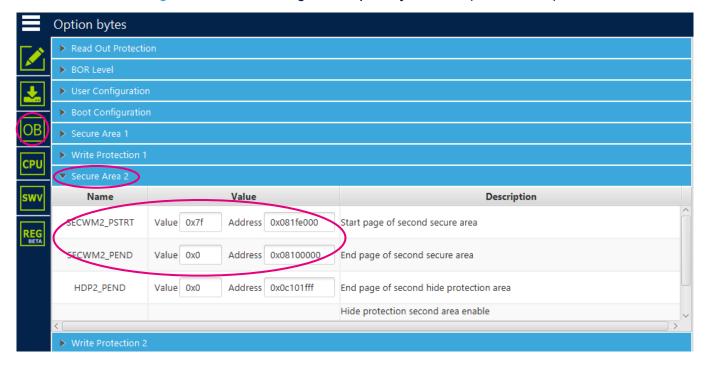


Figure 36. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (Secure Area 2)



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Option bytes Boot Configuratio Secure Area 1 Write Protection 1 Secure Area 2 Write Protection 2 OB Name Value Description CPU WRP2A\_PSTRT Value 0x7d Address 0x081fa000 Bank 2 WPR first area "A" start page swv WRP2A\_PEND Value 0x7f Address 0x081fe000 Bank 2 WPR first area "A" end page Bank 2 WPR first area A unlock REG BETA UNLOCK\_2A Unchecked: WRP2A start and end pages locked Checked : WRP2A start and end pages unlocked WRP2B\_PSTRT Value 0x7f Address 0x081fe000 Bank 2 WPR first area "B" start page Value 0x0 Address 0x08100000 WRP2B\_PEND Bank 2 WPR first area "B" end page

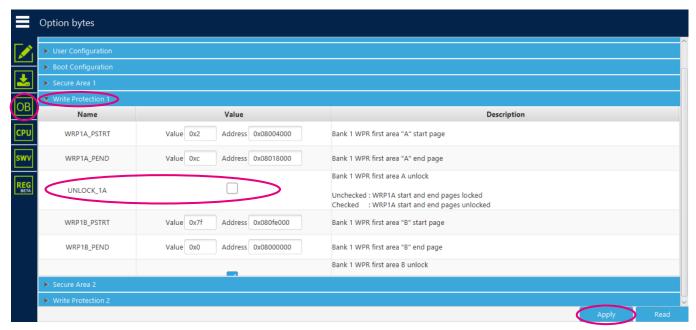
Figure 37. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (Write Protection 2)

As a second step, the WRPA and WRPB locks must be set manually:

- WRPA locked (UNLOCK\_A unchecked)
- WRPB locked (UNLOCK\_B unchecked)

Figure 38. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (WRPA lock)

Bank 2 WPR first area B unlock



And finally, the RDP must be set manually:

• RDP level 2 (JTAG connection only allowed to inject RDP 2 password and obtain device identification)

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Figure 39. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (RDP)

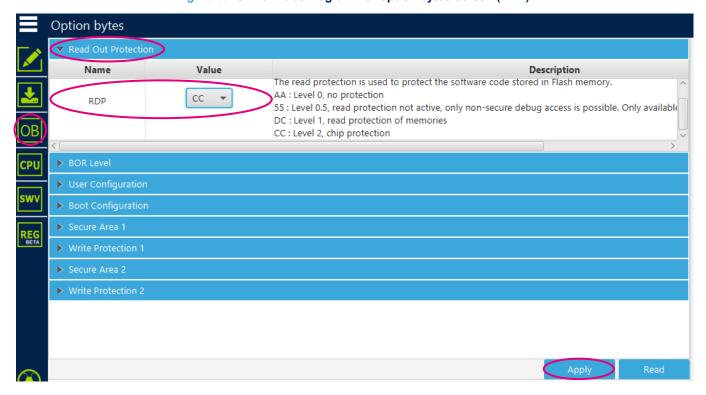
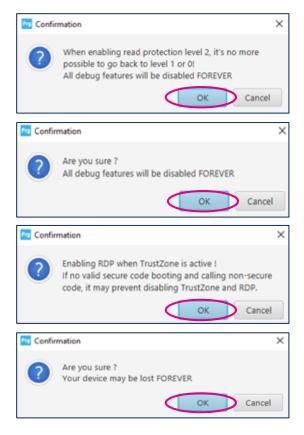


Figure 40. STM32CubeProgrammer option bytes screen (RDP confirmation)



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## Step 4.3 - Disconnect

Figure 41. STM32CubeProgrammer disconnect



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At this step, the device is in freeze state due to the intrusion detection after the RDP level change. As a result, the connection with the device is lost. To recover from the intrusion detection, apply the procedure described in Section 10.5.3 (JP2 jumper (IDD) off and on).

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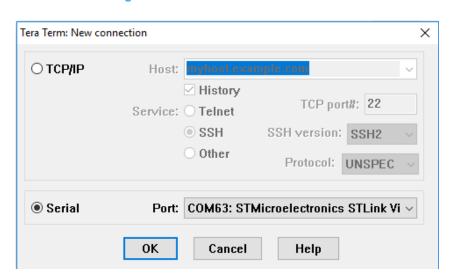
## 10.5 Tera Term connection preparation procedure

Tera Term connection is achieved by applying in sequence the steps described from Section 10.5.1 to Section 10.5.3.

### 10.5.1 Tera Term launch

The Tera Term launch requires that the port is selected as *COMxx: STMicroelectronics STLink Virtual COM port*. Figure 42 illustrates an example based on the selection of port COM63.

Figure 42. Tera Term connection screen

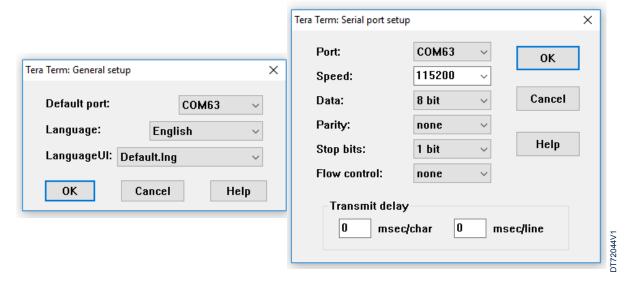


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## 10.5.2 Tera Term configuration

The Tera Term configuration is performed through the *General* and *Serial port setup* menus. Figure 43. Tera Term setup screens illustrates the *General setup* and *Serial port setup* menus.

Figure 43. Tera Term setup screens



Important: After plugging and unplugging the USB cable, the Tera Term serial port setup menu may have to be validated again to restart the connection. **Press the [Reset] button to display the welcome screen**.

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## 10.5.3 ST-LINK disable

The security mechanisms managed by TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot forbid JTAG connection (interpreted as an external attack). The ST-LINK must be disabled to establish a Tera Term connection. The following procedure applies from ST-LINK firmware version V3J8M3 onwards:

Reset the board after programming binaries (see Section 10.3 Software programming into STM32WBA internal flash memory) by pressing the reset button.



Figure 44. Reset button on NUCLEO-WBA52CG

- The TFM SBSFU Boot application starts.
  - In development mode, some information is displayed on the terminal emulator. TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot
    configures the security mechanisms the option bytes are not at the correct values. At this time, the
    microcontroller detects an intrusion due to RDP level 1, so that execution freezes.

Figure 45. Information example displayed on Tera Term in development mode

```
File Edit Setup Control Window Help

[INF] TAMPER SEED [0x4641d8f2,0x250c54ef,0x6f2f6e5d,0x986d88d5]

[INF] TAMPER Activated

[INF] BANK 1 secure flash [0, 40] : 0B [0, 127]

[ERR] Unexpected value for secure flash protection: set unsec1

[INF] BANK 2 secure flash [127, 0] : 0B [0, 127]

[INF] BANK 1 flash unite protection [1, 11] : 0B [127, 0]

[ERR] Unexpected value for unite protection : set unp1

[INF] BANK 2 flash unite protection [125, 127] : 0B [127, 0]

[ERR] Unexpected value for unite protection : set unp2

[INF] BANK 1 secure user flash [0, 10] : 0B [0, 0]

[ERR] Unexpected value for secure user flash protection : set hdp1

[INF] TAMPER SEED [0xd0941c33,0xb0b9b993,0x1046250e,0x8b9aedbc]

[INF] TAMPER Activated

[INF] ROPLevel 0xaa (0xbb)

[ERR] Unexpected value for RDP level

[INF] Programming RDP to bb

[INF] Unplug/Plug jumper JP3 (IDD)
```

 In production mode, TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot logs are disabled so that nothing is visible on the terminal emulator at this step. After completion of the static protections configuration (see Section 10.4 Configuring STM32WBA static security protections), the microcontroller detects an intrusion due to RDP level 2, so that execution freezes.

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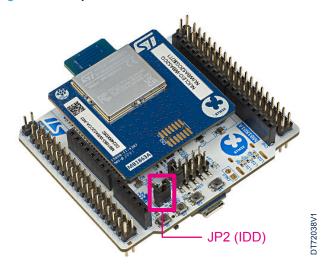


Remove the jumper JP2 (IDD) from the NUCLEO-WBA52CG board, then put it back in place.

**Caution:** 

This step is mandatory, whatever the mode (development/production mode), to recover from intrusion, as soon as RDP is leaving level 0.

Figure 46. Jumper to remove on NUCLEO-WBA52CG board



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 The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application starts with the static protections correctly configured. Then it jumps to the TFM Appli displaying the user application main menu on the terminal emulator.

Figure 47. Information example displayed on Tera Term in development mode

```
## COMS-Tera Term VT

File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help

[INF] TAMPER SEED [0x8023925c.0x567abd31.0xbfe74af0.0xda5bce2c]

[INF] TAMPER Activated

[INF] Flash operation: Op=0x0, Area=0x0, Address=0x0

[INF] Starting bootloader

[INF] Checking BL2 NV area

[INF] Checking BL2 NV area

[INF] Checking BL2 NV counter consistency

[INF] Checking BL2 NV Counter 2 = 0x1000000

[INF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 4 = 0x1000000

[INF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 5 = 0x10000000

[INF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 6 = 0x10000000

[INF] Swap type: none

[INF] counter 0 : ok

[INF] counter 0 : ok

[INF] counter 1 : ok

[INF] counter 1 : ok

[INF] counter 2 : ok

[INF] counter 2 : ok

[INF] counter 3 : ok

[INF] counter 3 : ok

[INF] counter 3 : ok

[INF] bash ref OK

[INF] counter 3 : ok

[INF] bash ref OK

[INF] counter 3 : ok

[INF] bash ref 
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         - □ ×
     COM5 - Tera Term VT
                Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
                                                                                (C) COPYRIGHT 2021 STMicroelectronics
     User App #A = =
      New Fw Image ----- 3
        Non-Secure Data ----- 4
```

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Figure 48. Display on Tera Term in production mode

## 10.6 STM32WBA device reinitialization

Once the TFM application is running on the device (in development mode or in production mode), it is possible to reinitialize the device to install a new TFM application.

- In development mode (RDP level 1), the device reinitialization can be achieved by running the regression script previously described in Section 10.2 STM32WBA device initialization. The RDP then switches to level 0 with a flash memory mass erase.
- In production mode (RDP level 2 with the OEM2 password provisioned) the device reinitialization can be achieved with these steps:
  - Inject the OEM2 password, to switch to RDP level 1.
     For the OEM2 password value example 0xFACEB00C 0xDEADBABE, the command is: ./
     STM32\_Programmer\_CLI -c port=SWD mode=UR ap=1 --hardRst -unlockRDP2
     0xFACEB00C 0xDEADBABE
  - 2. Remove jumper JP2 (IDD), then put it back in place to recover from intrusion.
  - 3. Run the regression script previously described in the section Section 10.2 STM32WBA device initialization. The RDP then switches to level 0 with a flash memory mass erase. If errors are reported during the script execution, the script must be executed again so that no errors are reported.

At this stage, the device is reinitialized (with TrustZone® option bit enabled), and the TFM installation procedure can be performed again (starting from Section 10.1 Application compilation process).

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# 11 Step-by-step execution

## 11.1 Welcome screen display

After the installation procedure, the welcome screen of the TFM nonsecure application is displayed on Tera Term:

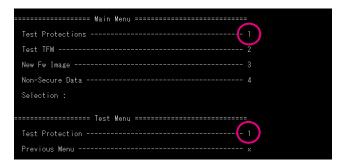
Figure 49. TFM nonsecure application welcome screen

## 11.2 Test protections

By pressing '1', the user enters the test protection menu.

Press then '1' to trigger protected areas (flash memory, SRAM, peripherals) accesses attempts from nonsecure, and secure unprivileged code and DMA.

Figure 50. Test protection menu



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Several access attempts are performed in a row. For each access attempt, the effective behavior is checked against the expected behavior. The result can be one of the following ones:

- DENIED (provoking reset)
- SILENT (read as zero, write no effect)
- ALLOWED

At the end of the sequence, the global test status 'Passed' is displayed if all executed protection tests have succeeded.

Figure 51. Test protection results

```
COM5 - Tera Term VT
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   File Edit Setup Control Window KaniiCode Help
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[TEST_S 26] execute @ BX_LR const 0c04cb3d ALLOWED

[TST_S 27] write_exec @ Exec NPRIV RAM 3003fbfe DENIED

[NF] TAMPER SEED [0x27b7fe16,0x40a9788a,0x865af369,0x586470ae]

[NF] TAMPER Activated

[NF] TAMPER Activated

[NF] Flash operation: Op=0x0, Area=0x0, Address=0x0

[NF] Exerting bootloader

[NF] Checking BL2 NV area

[NF] Checking BL2 NV area header

[NF] Checking BL2 NV Counter consistency

[NF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 3 = 0x1000000

[NF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 4 = 0x1000000

[NF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 5 = 0x1000000

[NF] Consistent BL2 NV Counter 6 = 0x1000000

[NF] Swap type: none

[NF] counter 0 : ok

[NF] counter 0 : ok

[NF] counter 1 : ok

[NF] counter 1 : ok

[NF] counter 2 : ok

[NF] counter 2 : ok

[NF] counter 3 : ok

[NF] verify counter 3 1000000 1000000

[NF] counter 3 : ok

[NF] verify counter 3 : ok

[NF] lymping to the first image slot

[NF] supping to the first image slot

[NF] Bootloader chainload address offset: 0x28000

[NF] supping to the first image slot

[NF] Bu2 SEED d31dladlefeeaf4f..645827c8c32b59db set to BL2 SHARED DATA

[NF] BL2 HUK 5f5f5f5f5f4b5548..5f45554c5f5f5f5f5 set to BL2 SHARED DATA

[NF] BL2 SEED d31dladlefeeaf4f..645827c8c32b59db set to BL2 SHARED DATA

[NF] Code c006000 c01871c

[NF] hash TFM_SBSFU_Boot c5abcc22 . 7a8e3cc9

[Sec Thread] Secure image initializing!

[F-M isolation level is: 0x000000002

Booting TFM v1.3.0
       TEST_S 26] execute @ BX_LR const 0c04cb3d ALLOWED
   [TEST_S 28] end @ Execution successful 00000000 ALLOWED
 TEST Protection : Passed
                                         (C) COPYRIGHT 2021 STMicroelectronics =
  User App #A =
   ------ Main Menu =====================
    Test Protections ------
    New Fw Image -----
    Non-Secure Data -----
```

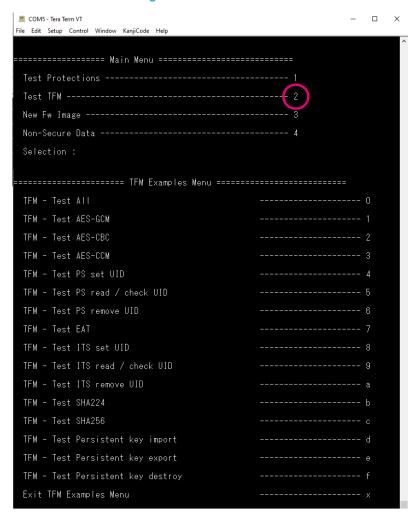
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### 11.3 Test TFM

By pressing '2', the user enters the TFM test menu.

Figure 52. TFM test menu



This menu permits the test of some of the TF-M secure services at runtime.

The user can select the TFM test to run by pressing the corresponding key:

- '1': Test AES-GCM crypto services
- '2': Test AES-CBC crypto services
- '3': Test AES-CCM crypto services.
- '4': Test UID creation in protected storage area
- '5': Test UID read and check in protected storage area
- '6': Test UID removal in protected storage area
- '7': Test initial attestation service
- '8': Test UID creation in internal trusted storage area
- '9': Test UID read and check in internal trusted storage area
- 'a': Test UID removal in internal trusted storage area
- 'b': Test SHA224 crypto services
- 'c': Test SHA256 crypto services
- 'd': Test Persistent key import services
- 'e': Test Persistent key export services

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'f': Test Persistent key destruction services

When pressing '0', all TFM test examples are executed in a row and the overall result is displayed in the log.

Figure 53. TFM test results

```
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   ×
           File Edit Setup Control Window KanjiCode Help
     AES GCM test SUCCESSFUL
AES CBC test SUCCESSFUL
AES CCM test SUCCESSFUL
PS set UID test SUCCESSFUL
PS read / check UID test SUCCESSFUL
PS remove UID test SUCCESSFUL
         00000000
    EAT normal circuit sig test SUCCESSFUL ITS set UID test SUCCESSFUL ITS read / check UID test SUCCESSFUL ITS remove UID test SUCCESSFUL SHA224 test SUCCESSFUL SHA256 test SUCCESSFUL Persistent key import test SUCCESSFUL Persistent key eastroy test SUCCESSFUL PERSISTENT RESULTS TO THE PERSISTENT RESULTS TO THE PERSIST OF TEST OF THE PERSIST OF THE PER
                 ersistent key destroy test SUCCE
UMULATIVE RESULT: 15/15 success
```

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## Additional information regarding the EAT service token response

The entity token is CBOR encoded. It is possible to decode it by following these steps:

- 1. Ensure that a Python<sup>™</sup> version is installed as indicated in Section 9.2.5 Python<sup>™</sup>
- 2. Copy and paste the token response obtained in the terminal emulator into the text file Middlewares\Thir d Party\trustedfirmware\tools\iat-verifier\st tools\eat.txt
- 3. Navigate to Middlewares\Third\_Party\trustedfirmware\tools\iat-verifier and execute the installation of the required packages: python setup.py install
- 4. Decode the token response, from Middlewares\Third\_Party\trustedfirmware\tools\iat-veri fier\st tools, with the private key
  - a. Encode the EAT into the CBOR format: python build.py cbor ./eat.txt ./eat.cbor
  - b. Decode the EAT: check\_iat -k ../../../Projects/NUCLEO-WBA52CG/Applications/TFM/ TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot/Src/tfm\_initial\_attestation\_key.pem ./eat.cbor -p

The example below shows the decoding result of an EAT token response:

```
Signature OK
Token format OK
Token:
   "CHALLENGE":
"BOOT SEED":
"b'033D488570B480CF50BE4ACEC034010411FAEA76AAC9F80C5526B34463727764'",
   "INSTANCE ID":
"b'01FA58755F658627CE5460F29B75296713248CAE7AD9E2984B90280EFCBCB50248'",
   "IMPLEMENTATION ID":
"b'fF90653D48AB2058525B3F369E819111B122A5B0FF860387A2208F3D9D6CAF22'",
   "CLIENT ID": -1,
   "SECURITY LIFECYCLE": "SL SECURED",
   "SW COMPONENTS": [
          "SW COMPONENT TYPE": "SPE",
          "SW COMPONENT VERSION": "1.0.0",
          "SIGNER ID":
"b'FC5701DC6135E1323847BDC40F04D2E5BEE5833B23C29F93593D00018CFA9994'",
          "MEASUREMENT DESCRIPTION": "SHA256",
          "MEASUREMENT VALUE":
"b'81DC0475C98E70A77CCEA1D2198635BD90CD83CD15E9CBBF0CFEC311369037C1'"
       },
          "SW COMPONENT TYPE": "NSPE",
          "SW COMPONENT VERSION": "1.0.0",
          "SIGNER_ID":
"b'E18015993D6D2760B499274BAEF264B83AF229E9A785F3D5BF00B9D32C1F0396'",
          "MEASUREMENT DESCRIPTION": "SHA256",
          "MEASUREMENT VALUE":
"b'F7DF2116E84E7560362A72D34D3CB659DE02BC9FAFE94D5A4550A64FEB5A038E'"
   ],
   "ORIGINATOR": "www.trustedfirmware.org",
   "PROFILE ID": "psa-tfm-profile-1.md",
   "HARDWARE ID": "04090201000000"
```

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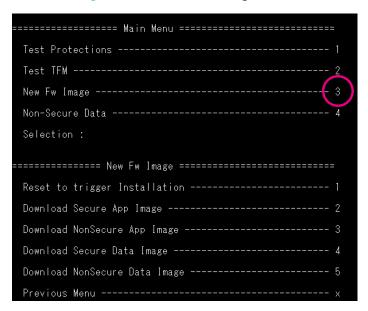


## 11.4 New firmware image

## 11.4.1 New firmware image in overwrite mode configuration (default configuration)

By pressing '3', the user enters the new firmware image menu.

Figure 54. New firmware image menu



It is possible to download a new TFM secure application image, a new TFM nonsecure application image, or both.

- Press '2' to download a secure signed application image
  - either the encrypted secure signed image TFM Appli\Binary\tfm s app enc sign.bin
  - or the clear secure signed image TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_s\_app\_sign.bin
- Press '3' to download a nonsecure signed application image
  - either the encrypted nonsecure signed image TFM Appli\Binary\tfm ns app enc sign.bin
  - or the clear nonsecure signed image TFM Appli\Binary\tfm ns app sign.bin

It is also possible to download a new TFM secure data image, a new TFM nonsecure data image, or both.

- Press '4' to download a secure signed data image
  - either the encrypted secure signed image TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_s\_data\_enc\_sign.bin
  - or the clear secure signed image TFM Appli\Binary\tfm s data sign.bin
- Press '5' to download a nonsecure signed data image
  - either the encrypted nonsecure signed image TFM\_Appli\Binary\tfm\_ns\_data\_enc\_sign.bin
  - or the clear nonsecure signed image TFM Appli\Binary\tfm\_ns\_data\_sign.bin

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In all four cases, send the signed binary with Tera Term by using the menu [File]>[Transfer]>[YMODEM]>[Send...].

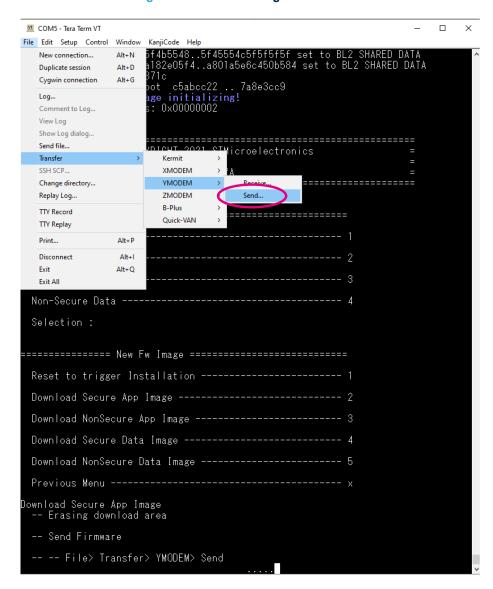
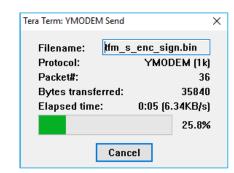


Figure 55. Firmware image transfer start

Once the file is selected, the Ymodem transfer starts. The transfer progress is reported as shown in Figure 56.

Figure 56. Firmware image transfer in progress



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After the download, press '1' to reset the board and trigger the installation (or press the board reset button), as shown in Figure 57.

Figure 57. Reset to trigger installation

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After reset, the downloaded firmware images (one or two) are

- detected
- verified (including version antirollback check)
- 3. decrypted (if needed)
- 4. installed
- 5. executed by TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot

Figure 58. Image installation (in overwrite mode)

```
Install image : reboot
                            TAMPER SEED [0x4da297ea,0xb2b67c08,0x8f756aaa,0x3ebf9f49]
TAMPER Activated
Flash operation: 0p=0x0, Area=0x0, Address=0x0
Starting bootloader
Checking BL2 NV area
Checking BL2 NV area header
Checking BL2 NV Counter consistency
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 3 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 4 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 5 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 6 = 0x1000000
Swap type: test
                [INF] Lons | Supplier | Test | 0 | 1000000 | 1000000
1
                            verify counter 0 10
counter 0 : ok
verify sig key id 0
signature OK
                             Swap type, none
Swap type: none
                            Swap type: none
Image upgrade secondary slot -> primary slot
Erasing the primary slot
Copying the secondary slot to the primary slot: 0x2e000 bytes
verify counter 0 1000000 1000000
counter 0 ok
                            counter O · ok
verify sig key id U
signature OK
                         Booting TFM v1.3.0
5
                                                  (C) COPYRIGHT 2021 STMicroelectronics
                                                                              User App #A
```

In the case of a one-image configuration (and not the two-image configuration by default), the procedure is similar with the exception that the new firmware image menu proposes to download a unique image instead of secure and nonsecure images.

In the case of primary slot only configuration (and not primary and secondary slots configuration by default), the new firmware image menu is not available. This is because the image under execution cannot download a new image at the same address. In this case, the local loader (refer to Section 11.6 Local loader) must be used to download a new image.

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## 11.4.2 New firmware image in swap mode configuration

In the swap mode configuration, the procedure to install a new image is similar to the one described in the overwrite mode configuration (refer to Section 11.4.1 New firmware image in overwrite mode configuration (default configuration)) while the image installation logs differ.

Figure 59. Image installation (in swap mode)

```
-- Install image : reboot
                                                                          Install image : reboot

TAMPER SEED [0x88f4de4b,0x8646b6e7,0x420979fd,0x73d62682]

TAMPER Activated
Flash operation: Op=0x0, Area=0x0, Address=0x0

Starting bootloader
Checking BL2 NV area
Checking BL2 NV area header
Checking BL2 NV Counter consistency
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 3 = 0x1000000

Consistent BL2 NV Counter 4 = 0x1000000

Consistent BL2 NV Counter 5 = 0x1000000

Consistent BL2 NV Counter 6 = 0x1000000

Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x1

Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x1

Swap type: test
24, bc, f3, 42, 93, a0 , 21 ,b5,
4d, 60, 2d, a9, 86, 48 , 9a ,6d,
verify counter 0 10000000 10000000

counter 0 : ok
verify sig key id 0
signature OK
Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x1

Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x1

Swap type: test
b0, ca, d6, f6, d8, b8, 61, d6,
INF] Swap type: test
INF] Swap type: test
INF] 94, c3, d6, 1e, d8, b8, 61, d6,
INF] 94, c3, f5, 8d, 89, 40, 1f, 4a,
INF] verify counter 1 1000000 1000000
INF] counter 1: ok
INF] verify sig key id 1
INF] signature 0K
INF] Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
INF] Boot source: primary slot
INF] Boot source: primary slot
INF] Swap type: none
INF] Swap type: none
[INF] Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Boot source: primary slot
[INF] Srap type: none
[INF] Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Boot source: primary slot
[INF] Boot source: primary slot
[INF] Swap type: none
[INF] Aga da, f5, 88, 12, 2b , be ,e6,
[INF] 3f, ae, fb, fe, b8, 11, x8, e6,
[INF] 3f, ae, fb, fe, b8, 11, x8, e6,
[INF] 4d, bc, f3, 42, 93, a0, 21, b5,
[INF] 4d, bc, f3, 42, 93, a0, 21, b5,
[INF] Swapping secondary and primary slots: 0x2c2bf bytes
[INF] Swapping: swap index 0x0, sector index 0xf, size 0x10000
[INF] Swapping: swap index 0x1, sector index 0x7, size 0x10000
[INF] Swapping: swap index 0x2, sector index 0x0, size 0xe000
[INF] d5, 80, ac, 5b, e9, d2, 30, ac,
[INF] b0, ca, d8, le, d8, b8, 61, d6,
[INF] 94, c3, f5, 8d, 89, 40, 1f, 4a,
[INF] Swapping: swap index 0x0, sector index 0x0, size 0xa000
[INF] cancer 0: ok
[INF] verify counter 0 1000000 1000000
[INF] counter 0: ok
[INF] verify counter 1 1000000 1000000
[INF] counter 1: ok
[INF] hash ref 0K
[INF] bash ref 0K
[
```

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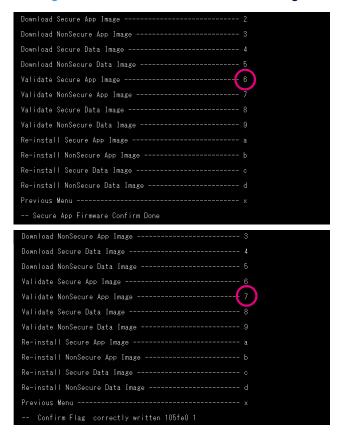


In this the swap mode configuration, once installed, the new image must be validated at the first image boot; otherwise, it is reverted at the next boot. To validate the image after the installation, the user must press '3' to enter the new firmware image menu in the user application, then press '6' or '7'.

Figure 60. New firmware image menu (swap mode)



Figure 61. Validate secure or nonsecure image



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If the new image is not validated, it is then reverted at the next boot.

Figure 62. Image reverted if not validated

```
TAMPER SEED [0xc8dd63fd,0x1d3215ff,0xd5211474,0xb0862263]
TAMPER Activated
Flash operation: Op=0x0, Area=0x0, Address=0x0
Starting bootloader
Checking BL2 NV area
Checking BL2 NV counter consistency
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 3 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 4 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 5 = 0x1000000
Consistent BL2 NV Counter 6 = 0x1000000
Primary image: magic=good, swap_type=0x2, copy_done=0x1, image_ok=0x3
Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
Boot source: none
Swap type: revert
fa, da, f5, 86, 12, 2b , be ,e6,
3f, ae, fb, fe, b8, 11, 83, e6,
verify counter 0 10000000 10000000
counter 0 : ok
verify sig key id 0
signature OK
Primary image: magic=good, swap_type=0x2, copy_done=0x1, image_ok=0x3
Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x2, copy_done=0x1, image_ok=0x3
Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x1, image_ok=0x3
Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
                                                                                                                                                                     SEED [0xc8dd63fd,0x1d3215ff,0xd5211474,0xb0862263]
[INF] Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, Image_ok=0x3
[INF] Swap type: revert
[INF] df, e5, 2c, 55, ds, 9d, 77, 17,
[INF] df, e5, 2c, 55, ds, 9d, 77, 17,
[INF] df, e5, 2c, 55, ds, 9d, 2d, 3d, a8,
[INF] verify counter 1 10000000 10000000
[INF] verify counter 1 1 cok
[INF] verify sig key id 1
[INF] signature OK
[INF] Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Boot source: primary slot
[INF] Swap type: none
[INF] Primary image: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Scratch: magic=unset, swap_type=0x1, copy_done=0x3, image_ok=0x3
[INF] Boot source: primary slot
[INF] Swap type: none
[INF] 24, bc, f3, 42, 93, a0, 21, b5,
[INF] 4d, 60, 2d, a9, 86, 48, 9a, 6d,
[INF] fa, da, f5, 86, 12, 2b, be, e6,
[INF] 3f, ao, fb, fe, b8, 11, 83, e6,
[INF] Swapping secondary and primary slots: 0x2c2bf bytes
                                                                                   fa, da, f5, 80, 12, 26, be .e0, 3f, ac, fb, ie, b8, 11, 83, e6, Swapping secondary and primary slots: 0x2c2bf bytes Swapping: swap index 0x0, sector index 0xf, size 0x10000 Swapping: swap index 0x1, sector index 0x7, size 0x10000 Swapping: swap index 0x2, sector index 0x0, size 0xe000 b0, ca, d8, 1e, d8, b8, 61, d6, 42, 43, 55, 84, 89, 41, 17, 48
                            INF] Swapping: swap index Uxl, sector Index Uxl, Size Uxe000
INF] Swapping: swap index 0x2, sector index 0x0, size 0xe000
INF] b0, ca, d8 le, d8, b8, 61, d6,
INF] 94, c3, f5, 8d, 89, 40, 17, 4a,
INF] df, c5, 2c, 55, d3, 9d, 77, 17,
INF] d5, 80, ac, 5b, e9, d2, 30, a8,
INF] Swapping secondary and primary slots: 0x9640 bytes
INF] Swapping: swap index 0x0, sector index 0x0, size 0xa000
INF] verify counter 0 1000000 1000000
INF] verify counter 1 1000000 1000000
INF] verify counter 1 1000000 1000000
INF] counter 1: ok
INF] hash ref OK
INF] verify counter 2 1000000 1000000
INF] counter 2: ok
INF] hash ref OK
INF] verify counter 3 1000000 1000000
INF] counter 3: ok
INF] bash ref OK
INF] counter 3: ok
INF] bash ref OK
INF] bootloader chainload address offset: 0x38000
INF] Jumping to the first image slot
INF] BL2 HUK 5f5f5f5f5f5f4b5548.5f45554c5f5f5f5 set to BL2 SHARED DATA
INF] BL2 SEED faeaf1db37b16390..87e8a5258d48743 set to BL2 SHARED DATA
INF] Code c016000 c02871c
INF] hash IFM_SBSFU_Boot c6bbfa27...da7cbee
Sec Thread] Secure image initializing!
IF-M isolation level is: 0x000000002
```

The new firmware image menu offers also the possibility to request the reinstallation of a reverted image. Press 'a' or 'b' in the new firmware image menu to request the reinstallation of a reverted secure or nonsecure image. Image reinstallation is then performed at the next reset.

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### 11.5 Nonsecure data

By pressing '4', the user enters the nonsecure data menu. When pressing '1', the primary nonsecure data image content is read and displayed.

Figure 63. Nonsecure data menu



## 11.6 Local loader

By pressing the user button (blue) during board reset, the user enters the local loader menu. The local loader is not part of the TFM nonsecure application, but is an immutable standalone application, in the nonsecure area.

Figure 64. TFM local loader application welcome screen

This local loader allows the download of a new TFM secure image, a new TFM nonsecure image, or both, exactly in the same way as the new firmware image menu of the TFM application (refer to Section 11.4.1 New firmware image in overwrite mode configuration (default configuration)).

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## 12 Integrator role description

STMicroelectronics delivers to customers (also called integrators or OEMs) a complete ecosystem around the STM32WBA microcontroller:

- STM32WBA device: delivered with virgin user flash memory and security not activated in option byte
- Set of reference boards (among which the Nucleo board)
- STM32CubeWBA MCU Package containing: STM32WBA HAL drivers, BSPs for the supported references boards, projects examples (including the certified PSA L3 TFM application example) for three IDEs (IAR Systems® IAR Embedded Workbench®, Keil® MDK-ARM, and STMicroelectronics STM32CubeIDE).
- Tools: STM32CubeProgrammer (STM32CubeProg) for option bytes and flash memory programming, STM32CubeMX for the configuration of STM32 microcontrollers and generation of initialization code, STM32CubeIDE free-of-charge IDE for building, downloading, and debugging applications.

Integrators start to develop their products from the STM32WBA ecosystem delivered by STMicroelectronics. They are responsible for personalizing the product data and for configuring the product security following the guidelines provided by STMicroelectronics:

- Develop product mechanics
- Develop own board (based on STM32WBA device)
- Develop own product software application (at least own nonsecure applications)
- Integrate product software application onto the board
- Prepare the STM32WBA device:
  - STM32WBA user flash memory programming (TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application binary, TFM\_Appli secure, and nonsecure binaries, TFM\_Loader binaries)
  - STM32WBA TFM product personalization (such as integrator personalized parameter)
  - STM32WBA device security configuration
- Product manufacture (hardware board and product mechanics)
- Product maintenance when deployed in the field (update the nonsecure application, update the updatable part of the secure application, or both)

The integrator has full access to the source code delivered in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package and full access to the security features of the STM32WBA device integrated on the board. STMicroelectronics delivers this device in virgin state without any security feature activated.

The integrator is responsible for the security of the product starting from the PSA L3 certified STM32WBA platform. The integrator may want to reuse as much as possible the PSA L3 certified STM32WBA platform from STMicroelectronics in order to make the product certification easier and faster. Nevertheless, the integrator must at least customize or change some parts as described in Section 12.1 Configuration, Section 12.2 Minimal customization, Section 12.3 Other customization, and Section 12.4 Production.

## 12.1 Configuration

The integrator must first select the application configuration by activating the different compiler switches described below.

## Crypto scheme

In the TFM and SBSFU applications, by default, the crypto scheme features an RSA-2048 signature, and an AES-CTR-128 image encryption with the key RSA-OAEP encrypted. This crypto scheme provides a good trade-off between boot time performance and security level. It is possible to select another crypto scheme by means of the CRYPTO SCHEME define in TFM SBSFU Boot\Inc\mcuboot config\mcuboot config.h.

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### Hardware-accelerated cryptography

By default, the cryptography operations in the TFM and SBSFU applications are performed through the hardware cryptography peripherals of the device (PKA, SAES, HASH). The hardware-accelerated cryptography improves performance and is resistant against side channel attacks.

It is possible to disable the hardware acceleration in MCUboot by commenting the BL2\_HW\_ACCEL\_ENABLE define in TFM SBSFU Boot\Inc\config-boot.h.

```
/* HW accelerators activation in BL2 */
#define BL2_HW_ACCEL_ENABLE
```

The hardware acceleration in the TFM crypto service also enables the usage of the hardware secret nonvolatile unique key of the STM32WBA52xx device as HUK for AES-GCM based AEAD encryption in the PS secure service. It is possible to disable hardware acceleration in the TFM crypto service by commenting the TFM\_HW\_ACCEL\_ENABLE define in TFM\_Appli\Secure\Inc\tfm\_mbedcrypto\_config.h. In this case, the HUK for AES-GCM based AEAD encryption in the PS secure service relies on provisioned HUK in the integrator's personalized area.

```
/* HW accelerators activation in TFM */
#define TFM_HW_ACCEL_ENABLE
```

### **Encryption**

In the TFM and SBSFU applications, by default, the image encryption support is enabled, so that the firmware image can be provided either in clear format or in AES-CTR-128 encrypted format. It is possible to disable the image encryption support to reduce the flash memory footprint using the MCUBOOT\_ENC\_IMAGES define in TFM\_S BSFU Boot\Inc\mcuboot config\mcuboot config\ncuboot config.h.

```
#define MCUBOOT_ENC_IMAGES /* Defined: Image encryption enabled. */
```

### **Local loader**

A Ymodem local loader example application is included by default in the TFM and SBSFU applications. It is possible to remove it using the  $\texttt{MCUBOOT\_EXT\_LOADER}$  define in  $\texttt{Linker\flash\_layout.h.}$ 

```
#define MCUBOOT_EXT_LOADER /* Defined: Add external local loader application.

To enter it, press user button at reset.

Undefined: No external local loader application. */
```

## **Number of application images**

The TFM application example is statically defined to manage two application images so that the images are smaller, and the secure image and the nonsecure image can be managed by two distinct entities. However, it is possible to manage a single application image so that the boot time is reduced by adapting the example.

The number of images is one by default in the SBSFU application (one image for both NS and S binaries, with one single signature). It is possible to separate the NS and S binaries into two images with two distinct signatures using the MCUBOOT IMAGE NUMBER define in Linker\flash layout.h.

```
#define MCUBOOT_IMAGE_NUMBER 1 /* 1: S and NS application binaries are assembled in one single image.
2: Two separated images for S and NS application binaries. */
```

The number of images is two by default in the TFM\_Appli application (one nonsecure image and one secure image, each with its own signature).

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### Number of data images

The TFM application example can be provisioned with data images. The installation and update mechanisms are like for the application images. No image, one data image (secure or nonsecure), or two data images (secure and nonsecure) can be defined in Linker\flash\_layout.h. By default, one secure data image and one nonsecure data image are managed.

#### **Provisioned HUK**

The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application places a provisioned HUK in the shared data area so that TFM\_Appli can execute software cryptography for protected storage. By default, no provisioned HUK (SW key) is included in the secure shared data because PS relies on a hardware secret nonvolatile unique key. Enabling this option is specifically mandatory on a target where the hardware-accelerated cryptography is not supported.

By commenting this switch, no provisioned HUK is included in the secure shared data.

```
//#define BL2_USE_HUK_HW /* Use hardware device HUK, else use software HUK provisioned in Perso area, f or TFM PS */
```

#### Slot mode

The TFM application example is statically defined to use the primary and secondary slots. This configuration allows over-the-air firmware image update, because the download of an image in the secondary slot can be performed by the firmware image executing in the primary slot. However, it is possible to adapt the example to use only the primary slot, so that the slot area size can be maximized. In that case, over-the-air firmware update is not possible.

The primary slot only configuration is used by default for each image in the SBSFU application. In this mode, the local loader downloads the encrypted image directly in the primary slot, and the image is decrypted in place during the installation process. It is possible to use primary and secondary slot mode, to have the image decrypted during the installation from the secondary slot to the primary slot. This is configured using the MCUBOOT PRIMARY ONLY define in Linker\flash layout.h.

```
#define MCUBOOT_PRIMARY_ONLY /* Defined: No secondary (download) slot(s),
only primary slot(s) for each image.
Undefined: Primary and secondary slot(s) for each image. */
```

### Image upgrade strategy

MCUboot supports either swap- or overwrite-based image upgrades, for primary and secondary slots configuration.

In the overwrite-based image upgrade mode, the image in the secondary slot overwrites the image in the primary slot. There is no possibility to revert the image in this mode.

In the swap-based image upgrade mode, the images in the primary and secondary slots are swapped. After the swap, the user application must confirm the new image in the primary slot. If this is not done, the images are swapped back at the next boot. By default, the overwrite mode is used. It is possible to select the image upgrade strategy using the MCUBOOT IMAGE NUMBER define in Linker\flash layout.h.

```
#define MCUBOOT_OVERWRITE_ONLY /* Defined: the FW installation uses ovewrite method.

UnDefined: The FW installation uses swap mode. */
```

### **Application RoT**

By default, application RoT is enabled in the TFM secure application, with an example of OEM secure service. It is possible to disable it using the TFM PARTITION APP ROT define in Linker\flash layout.h.

```
#define TFM PARTITION APP ROT /* comment to remove APP ROT partition */
```

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#### **Antitamper**

In the TFM and SBSFU applications, by default the antitamper protection is enabled for both internal tamper events (backup domain voltage threshold monitoring and cryptographic peripherals fault: SAES or AES or PKA or TRNG) and external tamper events (using TAMP\_IN5 (PB7 pin) and TAMP\_OUT4 (PC13 pin)). It is possible to change this configuration using the TFM TAMPER ENABLE define in TFM SBSFU Boot\Inc\boot hal cfg.h.

### 12.2 Minimal customization

At this stage, the integrator must at least customize the following:

Figure 65. Integrator minimal customizations

Legend:

#### ST TFM application example

Nonsecure area

Local loader	
Nonsecure image secondary slot Area 3	
Secure image secondary slot Area 2	
Nonsecure image primary slot Area 1	Nonsecure application
Secure image primary slot Area 0	Secure application
ITS area	Secure area
PS area	Secure area
NV COUNTER	Secure area
HDP activation code TFM_SBSFU_Boot	Secure area
Integrator perso data	Secure area
SCRATCH	Secure area
BL2 NVCNT	Secure area
HASH REF	Secure area



Local loader	Nonsecure area	
Nonsecure image secondary slot Area 3	Nonsecure area	
Secure image secondary slot Area 2	Nonsecure area	
Nonsecure image primary slot Area 1	Nonsecure application	
Secure image primary slot Area 0	Secure application	
ITS area	Secure area	
PS area	Secure area	
NV COUNTER	Secure area	
HDP activation code TFM_SBSFU_Boot	Secure area	
Integrator perso data	Secure area	
SCRATCH	Secure area	
BL2 NVCNT	Secure area	F69366V1
HASH REF	Secure area	T693
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Replace the nonsecure TFM application example delivered in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package by
its own product nonsecure application. Integrators can keep the nonsecure project structure but must
integrate their own source code in the project Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_
Appli\NonSecure.

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- Personalize some TFM immutable data specific to the integrator or product specific. Integrators must build their own binaries containing their own data as listed below:
  - RSA-2048 or RSA-3072 or EC-256 public key for secure image authentication
  - RSA-2048 or RSA-3072 or EC-256 public key for nonsecure image authentication, in the case of two firmware images configuration
  - RSA-2048 or EC-256 private key for AES-CTR key decryption
  - EAT private key (unique to each device) if not preferably provisioned in and retrieved from secure data image
  - HUK (unique to each device) for software-only cryptography

These data can be personalized in the file  ${\tt TFM/TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot/Src/keys.c}$  or in the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot binary itself.

- Personalize the keys used to prepare the images:
  - RSA-2048 or RSA-3072 or EC-256 private key for secure image authentication
  - RSA-2048 or RSA-3072 or EC-256 private key for nonsecure image authentication in case of twoimage configuration
  - RSA-2048 or EC-256 public key for AES-CTR key decryption

These data can be personalized in the default keys files (.pem) in TFM/TFM SBSFU Boot/Src.

Table 6. Integrator personalized data in source code

Personalized data		Variable and source file	In integrator personalized area binary
	RSA-2048 private key for secure image signature generation	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-rsa-2048.pem	No (used by
	RSA-2048 private key for nonsecure image signature generation	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-rsa-2048_1.pem	the TFM_Appli postbuild)
RSA-2048	RSA-2048 public key for secure image signature verification	rsa2048_pub_keyin TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	
crypto scheme	RSA-2048 public key for nonsecure image signature verification	<pre>rsa2048_pub_key_1 in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c</pre>	Yes
	RSA-2048 private key for AES-CTR key decryption	<pre>enc_rsa_priv_key in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c</pre>	
	RSA-2048 public key for AES-CTR key encryption	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\enc-rsa2048-pub.pem	No
	RSA-3072 private key for secure image signature generation	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-rsa-3072.pem	(used by the TFM_Appli postbuild)
	RSA-3072 private key for nonsecure image signature generation	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-rsa-3072_1.pem	pootballa
RSA-3072 crypto scheme	RSA-3072 public key for secure image signature verification	rsa3072_pub_keyin TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	
	RSA-3072 public key for nonsecure image signature verification	<pre>rsa3072_pub_key_1 in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c</pre>	Yes
	RSA-2048 private key for AES-CTR key decryption	enc_rsa_priv_keyin TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	

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Personalized data		Variable and source file	In integrator personalized area binary
RSA-3072 crypto scheme	RSA-2048 public key for AES-CTR key encryption	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\enc-rsa2048-pub.pem	No
EC-256 private key for secure image signature generation TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-ec-p256.pem		TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-ec-p256.pem	(used by the TFM_Appli postbuild)
	EC-256 private key for nonsecure image signature generation	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\root-ec-p256_1.pem	postballa
	EC-256 public key for secure image signature verification	ecdsa_pub_key in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	
for nonsecure image	EC-256 public key for nonsecure image signature verification	ecdsa_pub_key_1 in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	Yes
	EC-256 private key for AES-CTR key decryption	enc_ec256_priv_keyin TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	
	EC-256 public key for AES-CTR key encryption	TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\enc-ec256-pub.pem	No (used by the TFM_Appli postbuild)
encryption for th	CM based AEAD e protected storage software cryptography ly)	huk_value in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c	Yes
EAT private key for the initial attestation service		<pre>initial_attestation_priv_key in TFM\TFM_SBSFU_Boot\Src\keys.c</pre>	

## Key generator procedure

To personalize the keys (mandatory for production to replace the default keys), a script generating random keys is provided in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package:

- EWARM: EWARM: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\EWARM\ke vgen.bat
- STM32CubeIDE: Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot\STM32CubeI DE\keygen.sh

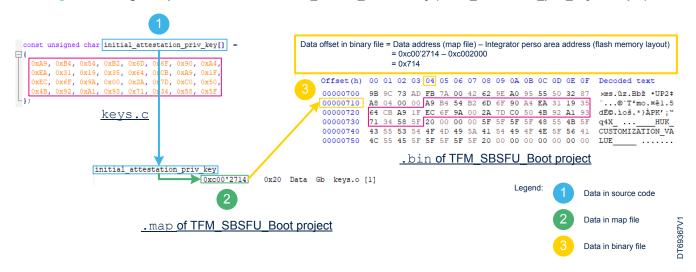
When using these automatic scripts, integrators must check that no error is reported during the script execution. The random-generated keys are placed into the file keys.c and all the .pem files mentioned previously, replacing the default ones. These scripts also generate an attestation private key in the file  $s_{data.bin}$ . The binary is then processed to produce a secure data image (refer to Step 1.6 in Section 10.1 Application compilation process).

The exact location of each data in the binary is toolchain dependent. It can be identified through the map file of the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application.

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Figure 66. Integrator personalized data in TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot binary (initial\_attestation\_priv\_key example)



#### 12.3 Other customization

The integrator can also change or configure the source code of the three TFM projects delivered in the STM32CubeWBA MCU Package via compiler switches to do additional customizations such as:

- integrate additional secure services into the secure application.
- remove some cryptographic algorithms.
- adapt the internal user flash memory mapping.
- change IDE compiler options.
   Tune the scratch area size according to the expected number of upgrades in the product life.
- adapt the SRAM memory layout.

#### For example:

protections.

- Cryptographic algorithms can be disabled through compile switches (refer to Performance).
- The internal user flash memory mapping can be modified in files flash\_layout.h and region\_defs.h (refer to Section 8.3 Memory layout). For example, increase FLASH\_S\_PARTITION\_SIZE, FLASH\_NS\_PARTITION\_SIZE or both. The different flash memory areas can also be tuned to lower the size according to the effective needed size. Indeed, by default, the flash memory areas are sized to be compatible with all possible software configurations and supported IDEs.

  The software programming addresses as well as the protection configurations are automatically updated during the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot postbuild according to the flash memory layout changes in the scripts regression.bat (or .sh), TFM\_UPDATE.bat (or .sh), and hardening.bat (or .sh). However, after having changed the internal user flash memory mapping, it is required that the integrator verifies the security

### 12.4 Production

At the end of the development phase, the integrator must enable the production mode (refer to Section 10.1 Application compilation process).

It is the integrator's responsibility to put in place a secure personalization process in product manufacturing in order to keep the confidentiality of product security assets (TFM immutable data specific to the integrator or specific to a product) until they are provisioned in the STM32WBA device and until the STM32WBA device security is fully activated. Once the STM32WBA microcontroller security is fully activated, the confidentiality of the product security assets is ensured by the STM32WBA microcontroller security protections. However, if the customer cannot rely on a trusted manufacturing, then the secure firmware installation service (refer to [AN4992]) embedded inside STM32WBA can be used.

It is mandatory to change the keys and not use the default keys provided as examples (refer to Key generator procedure in Section 12.2 Minimal customization).

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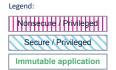
## **Appendix A Memory protections**

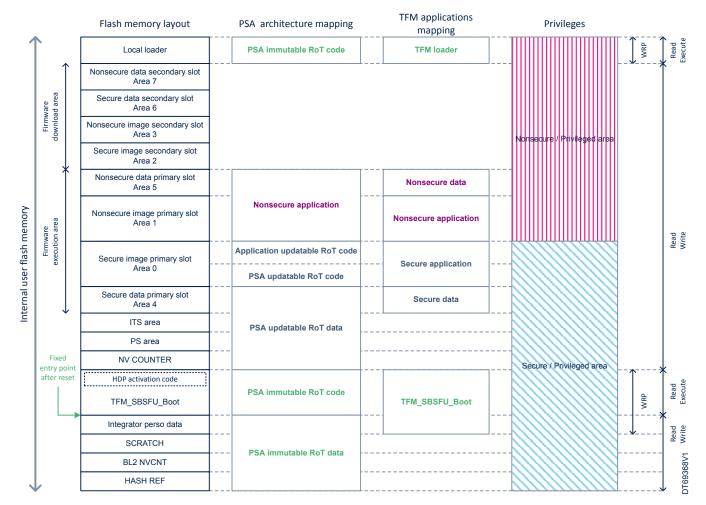
## A.1 Flash memory protections

During the different applications execution, the flash memory protections are achieved by combining SAU, MPU, and GTZC configurations.

During the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution, the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot code area is the only flash memory area allowed to be executed, with the immutable local loader.

Figure 67. Flash memory protection overview during TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application execution





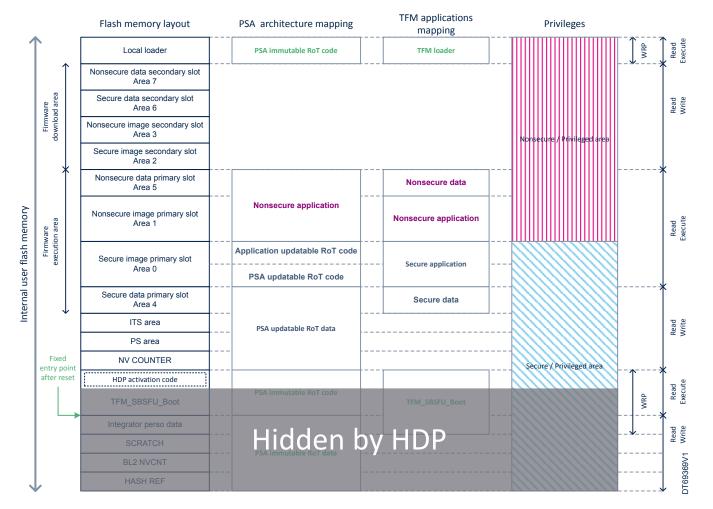
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When leaving the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application for jumping to the secure application, all flash memory areas dedicated to the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution are hidden, and the execution is allowed in the secure and nonsecure primary slot areas.

Figure 68. Flash memory protection overview when leaving TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application to TFM application





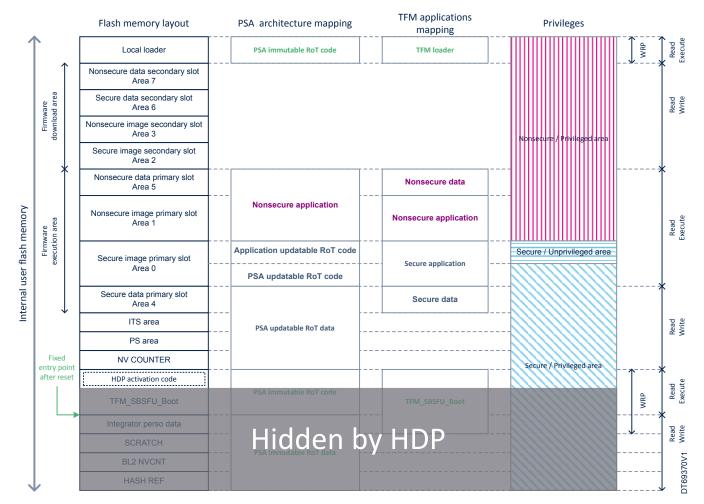
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Once the secure application has performed the SPM initialization, a secure unprivileged area is created inside the secure image primary slot for the application RoT.

Figure 69. Flash memory protection overview during application execution



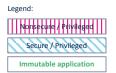


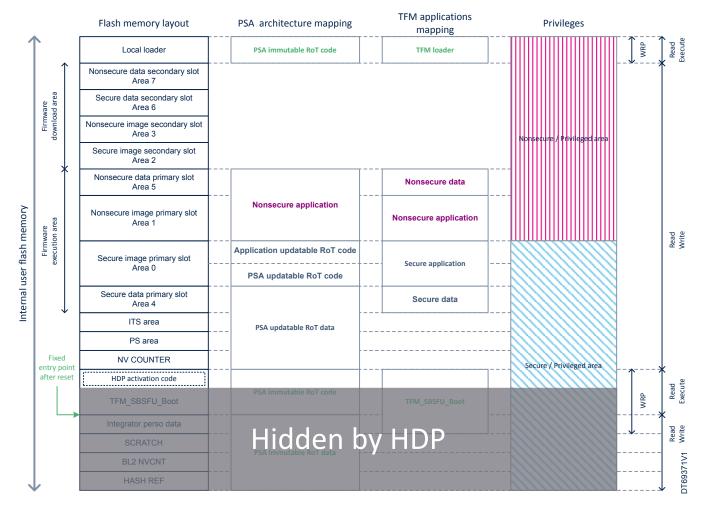
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When leaving the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application for jumping to the nonsecure local loader application (primary and secondary slot configuration), all flash memory areas dedicated to the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution are hidden, and the SAU/MPU configurations are locked.

Figure 70. Flash memory protection overview when leaving TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application to nonsecure local loader application





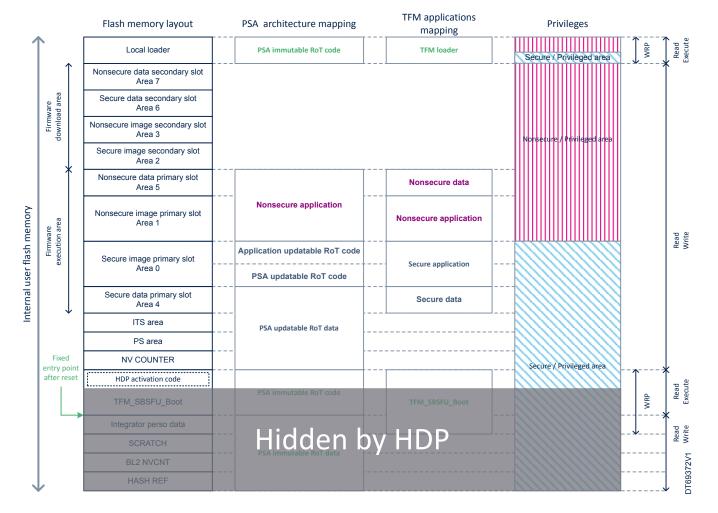
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When leaving the TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application for jumping to the secure and nonsecure local loader application (primary only slot configuration), all flash memory areas dedicated to TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot execution are hidden, the SAU/MPU configurations are locked, and the flash memory area corresponding to the secure part of the local loader is configured as secure.

Figure 71. Flash memory protection overview when leaving TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application to secure and nonsecure local loader application





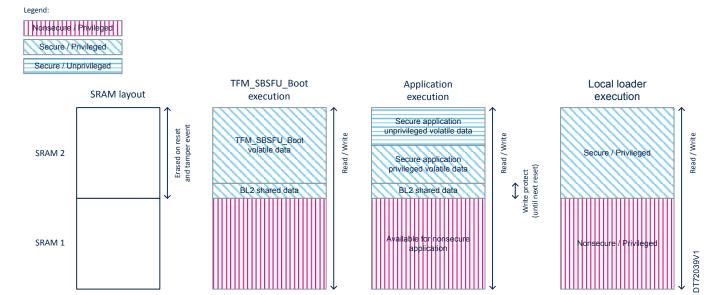
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## A.2 SRAM protections

The SRAM memory protection is achieved by combining the SAU, MPU, and GTZC configurations. GTZC and MPU are used to fix privileged and unprivileged accesses. The GTZC protection prevents illegal accesses from the peripheral bus controller (such as DMA). The MPU prevents the SRAM from being executed. During the application execution, the BL2 shared data area is write protected.

Figure 72. SRAM protections overview



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## **Appendix B Performance**

## B.1 TFM SBSFU Boot application performance

The TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot application implements the "Secure Boot" function and the "Secure Firmware Update" function.

The "Secure Boot" function:

- controls the security static protections and sets up the runtime protections.
- · configures runtime protections.
- verifies the installed images (integrity check, authenticity check, version control).
- computes specific TFM values.
- launches the execution of the verified images.

The "Secure Boot" function is using cryptographic algorithms, which can be implemented in full software (mbed-crypto software implementation) or can be accelerated with STM32WBA hardware cryptographic accelerators. Table 7 lists the cryptographic algorithms used depending on the configured crypto scheme (refer to Section 5.4 Cryptography operations), and clarifies the ones that can be hardware-accelerated.

Crypto scheme	Functionality	Algorithm	Implementation
	Image signature verification	RSA-2048	Hardware accelerated
DCA 2049	Image integrity check	SHA256	Hardware accelerated
RSA-2048	Image decryption	AES-CTR-128	Hardware accelerated
	AES-CTR key decryption	RSA-OAEP	Hardware accelerated
RSA-3072	Image signature verification	RSA-3072	Hardware accelerated
	Image integrity check	SHA256	Hardware accelerated
	Image decryption	AES-CTR-128	Hardware accelerated
	AES-CTR key decryption	RSA-OAEP	Hardware accelerated
	Image signature verification	ECDSA-P256	Hardware accelerated
EC-256	Image integrity check	SHA256	Hardware accelerated
	Image decryption	AES-CTR-128	Hardware accelerated
	AES-CTR key decryption	ECIES-P256	Hardware accelerated

Table 7. TFM\_SBSFU\_Boot cryptographic algorithms

The cryptographic algorithms can be configured to use the mbed-crypto software implementation fully instead of the hardware-accelerated version (refer to Hardware-accelerated cryptography in Section 12.1 Configuration).

The "Secure Boot" function execution timing depends directly on the cryptographic algorithms implementation but also on other system parameters such as:

- Hardware configuration
  - STM32WBA hardware-accelerated cryptography capability
  - Core frequency clock (100 MHz maximum)
- Number of firmware images:
  - Single firmware application image combining the secure application and the nonsecure application
  - Two firmware application images: secure application image and nonsecure application image
- Number of data images:
  - None
  - One data image (secure or nonsecure)
  - Two data images (secure and nonsecure)

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- Number of firmware slots:
  - Primary and secondary slots: new firmware image can be downloaded by the nonsecure application
  - Primary slot only: active image overwritten, new firmware image can only be downloaded by a standalone loader application
- Firmware images size
- Size of flash memory area used for firmware image version storage
- SBSFU crypto scheme configuration
  - Asymmetric crypto scheme based on RSA or on ECC
  - Firmware encryption support
- SBSFU configuration:
  - TFM support
  - Hash reference support
  - FIH that introduces random delays

Moreover, the "Secure Boot" function execution timing depends on the IDE compiler used (such as EWARM, MDK-ARM, or STM32CubeIDE). In the next sections, performance measurement values are provided based on the IAR Embedded Workbench® IDE (toolchain EWARM 9.20.1).

The "Secure Boot" operations consist in:

- SBSFU application initialization:
  - System initialization (CPU at 100 MHz, instruction cache not activated)
  - Peripherals and security protections initialization (cache activated)
  - Flash memory driver initialization
  - Crypto initialization
  - Firmware image version counters consistency and integrity check
- Image integrity check:
  - A hash (SHA256) is computed on the firmware image
- · Image version check:
  - The version of the firmware image is compared with the version in the flash memory area reserved for firmware image version storage.
- Image authentication:
  - The signature of the firmware image is authenticated according to an asymmetric cryptographic algorithm
- Image version update:
  - Update the firmware image version with the version of the authenticated firmware image
- TFM value computation:
  - A hash (SHA256) of the SBSFU code is computed
- SBSFU application deinitialization
  - Activate runtime protection (HDP) and clean SRAM used by SBSFU application

As illustrated in Figure 73, the "Secure Boot" execution timing is the time between the reset and the launch of the verified image.

Figure 73. Secure Boot execution timing

Secure Boot firmware image verification Reset (duplicated for 2 firmware images configuration) SBSFU SBSFU **Image Image Image** Image TFM values Application application integrity version authentication version application computation execution update deinitialization initialization check check check DT69374V Secure Boot execution timing

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Table 8 provides the different "Secure Boot" operations timings for the following reference configurations:

- Hardware configuration: hardware-accelerated cryptography capability, 100 MHz, instruction cache activated
- Number of firmware images: two firmware images
- Number of firmware slots: primary and secondary slots
- Firmware application image sizes: 52 Kbytes (nonsecure) and 169 Kbytes (secure)
- Firmware data image sizes: 1 Kbyte (nonsecure) and 1 Kbyte (secure)
- Size of the flash memory area used for the storage of the firmware image version: 8 Kbytes
- SBSFU crypto scheme configuration: RSA-2048, firmware encryption support
- SBSFU configuration: TFM support

Table 8 also lists the factors that influence the "Secure Boot" operations timing, and gives some performance indications for various configurations.

Table 8. "Secure Boot" operations timing indications

Operation name	Timing influencing factor	Timing for reference configuration <sup>(1)</sup>	Fluctuation versus reference configuration <sup>(1)</sup>
SBSFU application initialization	<ul> <li>Size of RAM used by SBSFU application</li> <li>Size of flash memory area used for firmware image version storage</li> <li>Number of firmware images</li> </ul>	2.3 ms	-
Image integrity check	Image size	14.3 ms (169 Kbytes)	% image size
image integrity check	image size	4.4 ms (52 Kbytes)	% image size
Image version check	Size of flash memory area used for firmware image version storage	1 ms	-
Image authentication check	<ul> <li>Crypto scheme configuration</li> <li>STM32WBA hardware-accelerated cryptography capability</li> </ul>	8 ms (RSA-2048 hardware) per image <sup>(2)</sup>	-
Image version update	Size of flash memory area used for firmware image version storage	0.8 ms	-
TFM value computation	<ul><li>Only applicable when using "TFM" secure application configuration</li><li>Size of SBSFU application</li></ul>	3.5 ms	% SBSFU application code size
SBSFU application deinitialization	Size of RAM used by SBSFU application	2.2 ms	% RAM size used by SBSFU application

- 1. The crypto operation timing slightly fluctuates according to the key value.
- 2. Applicable at the first boot or after an image download (the hash reference makes this operation on subsequent calls unnecessary).

Table 9 gives some "Secure Boot" execution timing values for a set of configurations.

Table 9. "Secure Boot" execution timing value indications

Configuration description <sup>(1)</sup>	Secure Boot execution timing <sup>(2)</sup>
Configuration -1-	
100 MHz, instruction cache activated on internal memories	
2 application images (169 Kbytes, 52 Kbytes)	
No data image	42 ms
• 2 slots	
RSA-2048 with hardware-accelerated cryptography capability	
TFM configuration	

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Configuration description <sup>(1)</sup>	Secure Boot execution timing <sup>(2)</sup>
Configuration -2-	
100 MHz, instruction cache activated on internal memories	
1 firmware image (58 Kbytes)	
No data image	22 ms
• 2 slots	
RSA-2048 with software cryptography	
SBSFU configuration (no TFM secure services)	

- 1. Configuration differences are highlighted in bold.
- 2. The crypto operation timing slightly fluctuates according to the key value.

## **B.2** TFM cryptographic performance

The TF-M framework embeds a large set of cryptographic algorithms, which can be implemented in full software (mbed-crypto software implementation) or can be accelerated with STM32WBA hardware cryptographic accelerators. Several cryptographic algorithms are embedded in the source code files but not all of them are activated. Table 10 lists the cryptographic algorithms activated by default and states the ones that can be hardware accelerated.

Table 10. TFM runtime cryptographic algorithms activated by default

Functionality	Algorithm	Key size	Mode	Implementation
	SHA1	-	-	Hardware accelerated
Hash algorithms	SHA224 / SHA256	-	-	Hardware accelerated
	SHA384 / SHA512	-	-	mbed-crypto software
			CBC	Hardware accelerated
			CTR	Hardware accelerated
Symmetric algorithms	AES	128 256	GCM (aead)	Hardware accelerated
			CCM (aead)	Hardware accelerated
			CFB	Hardware accelerated
	RSA (PKCS#1 v1.5)	1024	-	Hardware accelerated
	RSA (PKCS#1 v2.1)	2048 3072	-	Hardware accelerated
Asymmetric algorithms  ECDH or ECDSA	ECDH or ECDSA	192 224 256 384	Curves: secp192r1, secp224r1, secp256r1, secp384r1, secp521r1, secp192k1, secp224k1, secp256k1, bp256r1, bp384r1, bp512r1	Hardware accelerated
	512 521 Curves: 28	Curves: 25519, 448	mbed-crypto software	
	RSA key gen	1024 2048 3072	-	Hardware accelerated
Key generation and derivation	EC key gen	192 224 256 384	Curves: secp192r1, secp224r1, secp256r1, secp384r1, secp521r1, secp192k1, secp224k1, secp256k1, bp256r1, bp384r1, bp512r1	Hardware accelerated
		512 521	Curves: 25519, 448	mbed-crypto software

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The TFM runtime cryptographic algorithms can be disabled through compile switches in Projects\N UCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\Secure\Inc\tfm\_mbedcrypto\_config.h (such as MBEDTLS\_SHA1\_C, MBEDTLS\_GCM\_C, MBEDTLS\_ECDSA\_C and others). The cryptographic algorithms can be configured to fully use mbed-crypto software implementation instead of the hardware-accelerated version (refer to Hardware-accelerated cryptography in Section 12.1 Configuration).

For the hardware-accelerated versions of cryptographic algorithms, the ciphering operations are performed using the SAES peripheral, which is protected against side-channel and timing attacks. It is possible to use the AES peripheral instead of the SAES peripheral to achieve better performance, by disabling HW\_CRYPTO\_DPA\_AES and HW\_CRYPTO\_DPA\_GCM compile switches in Projects\NUCLEO-WBA52CG\Applications\TFM\TFM\_Appli\Secure\Inc\tfm mbedcrypto config.h.

Note:

Some cryptographic algorithms may not be secure enough for some type of operations (for instance SHA1 may only be accepted for checksum and data integrity). The integrator must use the right cryptographic algorithms according to the product security requirements.

Table 11 lists the cryptographic algorithms embedded in the source code that are not activated.

**Functionality Algorithm Status** ripemd160 Not activated md5 Not activated Hash algorithms md4 Not activated md2 Not activated des Not activated Not activated t-des blowfish Not activated Symmetric algorithms camellia Not activated arc4 Not activated chacha20 Not activated aria Not activated arc4 stream Not activated Cipher block modes and aead chacha20-poly1305 (aead) Not activated

Table 11. Cryptographic algorithms present but not activated

As an indication, some performance measurements are provided in Table 12 for some TFM cryptographic services with and without hardware accelerators usage.

The timings are measured at TFM nonsecure side, when calling PSA APIs, on IAR Embedded Workbench® IDE (toolchain EWARM 9.20.1), with ICACHE enabled on the internal flash memory. They are measured in number of cycles and microseconds, assuming an STM32WBA system clock at 100 MHz.

With other IDEs, the various timings can fluctuate in various proportions for each PSA service.

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Table 12. Performance for cryptographic TFM runtime services

PSA service (called from the TF-M nonsecure application)	Hardware accelerated	mbed-crypto software
Initial attestation (including ECDSA signature)		
psa_initial_attest_get_token(1)	6 902 018 cycles	51 921 090 cycles
(544 bytes)	69 020 µs	509 210 μs
psa_initial_attest_get_token		3 457 846 cycles
(544 bytes)		34 578 µs
AES-CBC - 128-bit key		
	SAES: 179 599 cycles	
psa_cipher_update	1 795 µs	243 881 cycles
(1 392 bytes)	AES: 145 158 cycles	2 438 µs
	1 451 µs	
SHA256		
psa_hash_update	84 908 cycles	94 168 cycles
(1 400 bytes)	849 µs	941 µs

<sup>1.</sup> With the MCU: the performance measurements provided for this TFM runtime service are applicable for the second and subsequent calls to this PSA API. The first call to this service lasts longer, as the EAT public key must be computed first, from the provisioned EAT private key.

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# **Appendix C** Troubleshooting

Table 13 provides some troubleshooting guidelines for some common problems.

**Table 13. Troubleshooting** 

Problem	Possible solution
Regression.bat script failure	The device may be in freeze state due to intrusion detection.
(DEV_CONNECT_ERR)	Recover from intrusion detection with the procedure described in Section 10.5.3 ST-LINK disable (JP2 jumper (IDD) off and on).
No logs on the terminal after the device programming	Same as above.
No logs on the terminal when ST-LINK USB is connected to a board programmed with TFM	Same as above.
The boot is frozen with the following log on the terminal (in development mode):  Boot with TAMPER Event Active	Plug the tamper cable between TAMP_IN5 (PB7 on CN4 pin 33) and TAMP_OUT4 (PC13 on CN4 pin 36) on the NUCLEO-WBA52CG board, then reboot.  Otherwise, disable the external tamper protection (by modifying the TFM_TAMPER_ENABLE flag value in boot_hal_cfg.h), then build and program again.
Error during the postbuild step when building	Check the postbuild logs in the file output.txt to get information on the error reason.

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# **Revision history**

Table 14. Document revision history

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