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# **Azure Sphere**

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#### Microcontrollers (MCUs) low-cost, single chip computers





# **9 BILLION** new MCU devices built and deployed every year





# **Opportunity** Risk

#### Connected devices create profoundly better customer experiences.



**How does** a consumer know the compressor in their fridge needs to be replaced?

Option 1 Melted ice cream

**Option 2** Predictive maintenance What happens when you connect a device to the internet?

target more IoT devices in 2018"

"Huge IoT botnet may be used for Ukraine attack"

"Industrial IoT to equip new era of corporate intruders coming in through devices"

"Security experts warn of dangers of connected home devices"

"Hacking these IoT baby monitors is child's play, researchers reveal"

"Hackers infect 500,000 consumer routers all over the world with malware"

"Your smart fridge may kill you: The dark side of IoT"

"The Lurking Danger of Medical Device Hackers"

> "Why the KRACK Wi-Fi mess will take decades to clean up

"Hacking critical infrastructure via a vending machine? The IOT reality"

"When smart gadgets spy

on you: Your home life is

less private than you think"

# "Ransomware attacks will

"Protecting Your Family: The

Hackers Creepy New Options"

**Internet of Things Gives** 

#### Mirai Botnet attack

Everyday devices are used to launch an attack that takes down the internet for a day

100k devices

Exploited a well known weakness

No early detection, no remote update



#### Hackers attack casino

Attackers gain access to casino database through fish tank

Entry point was a connected thermometer

Once in, other vulnerabilities were exploited

Gained access to high-roller database



#### No manufacturer wants to make insecure devices

From: Hackers To: Consumer Subject: Your Fridge

We control your fridge. Send us \$5 in bitcoin or else...



Terrorists Ignite Thousands of House Fires with Hacked Stoves



# SECURITY IS FOUNDATIONAL It must be built in from the beginning.

## The 7 properties of highly secured devices



#### Some properties depend only on hardware support





#### Hardware Root of Trust

Unforgeable cryptographic keys generated and protected by hardware

- Hardware to protect Device Identity
- Hardware to Secure Boot
- Hardware to attest System Integrity

#### Some properties depend on hardware and software





#### **Dynamic Compartments**

Internal barriers limit the reach of any single failure

- Hardware to **Create Barriers**
- Software to Create Compartments

#### Some properties depend on hardware, software and cloud





#### **Renewable Security**

Device security renewed to overcome evolving threats

- Cloud to Provide Updates
- Software to Apply Updates
- Hardware to **Prevent Rollbacks**

# Azure Sphere is an end-to-end solution for securing MCU powered devices





#### **Azure Sphere Certified MCUs**

from silicon partners, with built-in Microsoft security technology provide connectivity and a dependable **hardware root of trust**.





#### The Azure Sphere OS

secured by Microsoft for the devices 10-year lifetime to create **a trustworthy platform** for new IoT experiences

#### The Azure Sphere Security Service

guards every Azure Sphere device; it **brokers trust** for device-to-device and device-to-cloud communication, **detects emerging threats**, and **renews device security**.

# Azure Sphere certified MCUs create a secured root of trust for connected, intelligence edge devices

**CONNECTED** with built-in networking

**SECURED** with built-in Microsoft silicon security technology including the Pluton Security Subsystem

**CROSSOVER** Cortex-A processing power brought to MCUs for the first time



# Pluton is the hardware root of trust in an Azure Sphere device.



Pluton guarantees the authenticity of your software.



# Pluton protects against downgrade attacks.



# Pluton guarantees the authenticity of your device.



# Pluton reduces supply chain risk.



# Pluton accelerates cryptographic tasks.



# Pluton protects against low entropy attacks.



# Azure Sphere MCU's create a secured foundation for intelligent edge devices

#### Pluton features implemented in silicon include

#### A hardware root of trust that

-accelerates common cryptographic operations (ECC and AES) -generates public/private keypairs -implements secure boot (via ECDSA)

#### A dedicated core and memory (TCM) that

-resists side-channel attacks that focus on a single core

#### A true random number generator that

-defends against low-entropy attacks

#### Measured boot and remote attestation that

-uses a digest accumulator register and nonce register





#### SECURITY



## SECURITY PORTABILITY



# SECURITY PORTABILITY EXTENSIBILITY



#### Isolation

The Cortex-A provides process-level isolation via its Memory Management Unit (MMU). The Azure Sphere IoT OS leverages the MMU as part of the application container to protect other applications and services.



#### Specialized operating system

The Azure Sphere OS includes the Azure Sphere runtime and a custom Linux kernel with special IoT functionality. Example: Azure Sphere OS reduces its attack surface by not using passwords, a shell or login. All benefits of a Linux kernel without wasted overhead.



#### Authentication

Azure Sphere OS uses client and server certificate authentication for cloud communication.



#### Authorization

Azure Sphere OS authorizes access to resources via a custom capability system secured by Pluton.



## **Cortex-A: Portability**

#### Accelerated time to market

MMU provides address-space virtualization. Azure Sphere OS provides hardware abstraction. Application code is written once and portable across Azure Sphere chips.



## **Cortex-A: Portability**

#### Source portability

Open source software (OSS) libraries are often written against the POSIX standard. Azure Sphere OS includes a large subset of the POSIX standard, allowing rapid porting of OSS software to your application platform.



## **Cortex-A: Extensibility**

#### A7 headroom for the future

Machine learning, machine translation, vision and AI will be the future of many products. The Cortex-A has headroom for new product features and customer experiences that will set your products apart.



#### A secure foundation in silicon

Microsoft firewalls Implement the principle of leastprivilege. Software behind the firewall is given access to only those resources that it is given explicit permission.



#### Comprehensive protection

This principle applies to every resource in the system: RAM, network, flash and peripherals.



#### Hackers have no way out

Compromised software cannot access new resources.



#### Sticky from the start

Further, firewalls are sticky. Even if the layer that controls the firewall is compromised, it is not possible to reconfigure until the chip is reset.



#### I/O Cortex-M

#### Real-time computation

MCUs targeted at real-time computation and real-time interaction with peripherals.



## I/O Cortex-M

#### Low-friction migration

Azure Sphere MCUs provide Cortex-M series MCUs to run your existing MCU collateral secured by Pluton.



## I/O Cortex-M

#### Maximum flexibility

Manufacturers are free to run any Cortex-M runtime.

Microsoft will provide a reference M4 runtime.



#### **Our Silicon Partners**



MediaTek



ARM



STMicroelectronics



NXP





Nordic

VeriSilicon

nuvoTon

Nuvoton



Hilscher



Toshiba





Qualcomm

# The Azure Sphere OS is optimized for IoT, security, and agility

#### **Secure Application Containers**

Compartmentalize code for agility, robustness & security

**On-chip Cloud Services** Provide update, authentication, and connectivity

**Custom Linux kernel** Empowers agile silicon evolution and reuse of code

Security Monitor

Guards integrity and access to critical resources



## Azure Sphere OS: Defense in depth on a mature OS core

#### Curated user-mode environment

e.g., no passwords, no shell, no user accounts Azure Sphere application runtime provides long-term compatibility with OS

#### OS Services manage connectivity & chip resources

e.g., TLS connection, mutual authentication, peripheral access

#### **Custom Linux Kernel**

Linux Security Module protects resource acquisition Kernel integrates with Pluton services (e.g., RNG)

#### Security monitor protects critical resources

Guards against corruption using a technique called "erasure coding" Boot health-check detects and self-heals corrupted data



## **Azure Sphere online services in action**

**Protects** your devices and your customers with certificate-based authentication of all communication

**Detects** emerging security threats through automated processing of on-device failures

**Responds** to threats with fully automated on-device updates of OS

**Allows** for easy deployment of software updates to Azure Sphere powered devices



## **Azure Sphere online services in action**

#### Using attestation to control access to online services

Up-to-date devices are issued a short-lived certificate

Any service that can validate the cert chain can verify attestation completed successfully

Out-of-date devices may be forced to update



#### Modernize MCU development with Azure Sphere and Visual Studio

**Simplify development** Focus your device development effort on the value you want to create

**Streamline debugging** Experience interactive, context-aware debugging across device and cloud

**Collaborate across your team** Apply tool-assisted collaboration across your entire development organization



#### Three components. One low price. No subscription required.

An Azure Sphere certified MCU

The Azure Sphere OS with 10 years of on-device security updates

The Azure Sphere Security Service for the lifetime of your device



#### Azure Sphere is Open.

**Open to any MCU manufacturer** We are licensing our Pluton security subsystem royalty **free for use** in any chip\*

**Open to any innovation** MCU manufacturers are free to innovate with our GPL'd OSS Linux kernel code base

Open to any cloud

Azure Sphere devices are free to connect to Azure or any other cloud, proprietary or public for application data

# Let's secure the future.



#### SECURED FROM THE SILICON UP

Thank you!

