

# Preparing industrial device manufacturers for the upcoming EU CRA

from a secure embedded software development perspective



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## Cloud connectivity for remote devices

- Industrial mobile apps
- Development, support and maintenance

## Device cyber-security

- Secure Firmware Update
- IEC 62443 compliance analysis



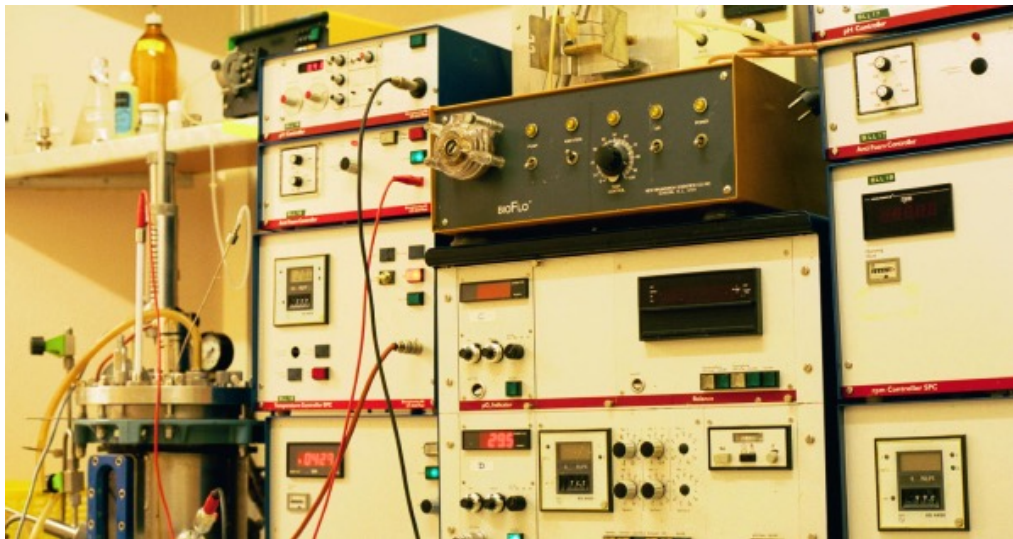
# Why our experience matters

## PROEKSPERT

- 31 years
- 170+ people
- Software engineers' company

Over **1 Million** manhours of embedded software development since **1993**

*Danfoss* VLT® drives



Bioreactor control software for pharma  
*(device remote control and monitoring)*



Smart Card and ATM banking software  
*(device security and secure data transactions)*

# What we do today

## PROEKSPERT

Custom software solutions for  
Industrial Device Manufacturers

- Embedded software
- Device-cloud integration
- Technician apps



# What is European Cyber Resilience Act (EU CRA)?

Unifies EU cybersecurity rules for more secure hardware and software products

Postponed until Q3 2024

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/cyber-resilience-act>



# What the EU CRA wants to achieve?

- Protect the end-users of internet-connected devices against cyber-attacks
- Increase the responsibility of software developers and device manufacturers



# Why it matters – cyber threats are real

## Common myths about Industrial Control Systems

- We are offline from internet (<https://www.shodan.io/>)
- Control systems are behind a firewall
- Hackers don't understand control systems
- Our facility is not a target
- Our safety systems will protect us (Iranian steel mill attack 2022)

Target	Method
2010 Iran Uranium Enrichment	Stuxnet
2013 ICS Supply Chain attack	Havex
2014 German Steel Mill	spear phishing/ social-engineering
2015 Ukraine Power Grid	BlackEnergy KillDisk
2016 Ukraine Substation	CrashOverride
2017 Global shipping company	NotPetya
2017 IoT permanent DDos attack	BrickerBot
2017 Health care, Automotive, many others	WannaCry
2017 Saudi Arabia Petrochemical	TRITON/TRISIS
2019 Norwegian Aluminum Company	LockerGaga
2021 Colonial Pipeline	DarkSide
2022 Bridgestone Tire	ransomware
2023 DP World Australia	

# EU CRA main requirements

- Get products assessed or certified
- Provide Software Bill of Materials
- Report vulnerabilities
- Provide security updates to fix the vulnerabilities





# EU CRA certification requirements

Products must be assessed or certified

Common products  
require **self-assessment**

- Smart home devices
- Toys

Critical products  
require **3rd party assessment**

- Microcontrollers & processors
- General purpose operating systems
- Anti-virus software
- Firewalls
- VPN servers & clients
- Public key infrastructures

Highly critical products  
require **certification**

- Smart cards
- Hardware devices with security boxes
- Smart meter gateways



# EU CRA requirements for device manufacturers

## Compile Software Bills of Materials (SBOM)

- Define software suppliers
- Define who is responsible of software modules & stages

## Report product vulnerabilities

- Monitor software components
- Reporting process yet to be defined

## Ensure security updates

- Define intended purpose and requirements of the product
- Provide security updates over product lifetime (without delay and free of charge)



# What is SBOM?

Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) is a list of all the open-source and third-party components present in a system's code

- Lists the licenses that govern the components, the versions of the components used in the code, and their patch status
- Allows for quick identification of any security or license risk

Component	Version	Prioroty	License	Vulnerabilities
apache-commons-codec	1.16.1	HIGH	Apache-2.0	4
apache-commons-lang	3.11.0	MEDIUM	Apache-2.0	None
jsoup	1.13.1	HIGH	MIT	None
postgresql	42.2.17	LOW	PostgreSQL License	None
agent-base	4.1.1	HIGH	MIT	None
acorn	6.0.7	MEDIUM	MIT	None
bzip2	1.0.3	HIGH	BSD-1-Clause	1
cglib	2.1.3	LOW	Apache-2.0	None

## SBOM elements

<b>Supplier Name</b>	The name of an entity that creates, defines and identifies components
<b>Component name</b>	Designation assigned to a unit of software defined by the original supplier
<b>Version of the component</b>	Identifier used by software component supplier
<b>Other unique identifiers</b>	Additional identifiers of the component
<b>Dependency relationship</b>	A relationship between two pieces of software where one piece of software relies on the other to function properly
<b>Author of SBOM data</b>	The name of the entity that creates the SBOM data for the component
<b>Timestamp</b>	SBOM data assembly timestamp

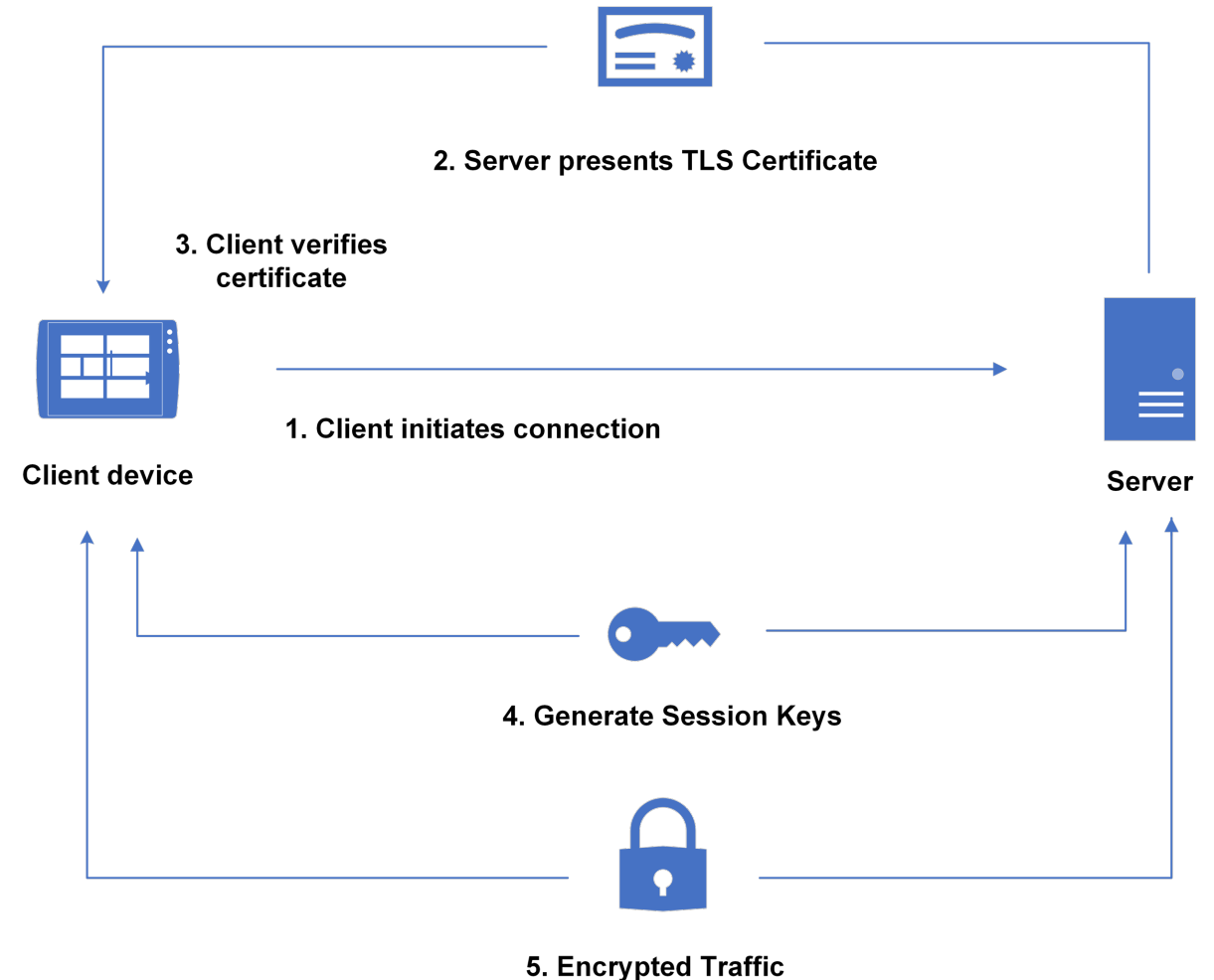
# Ways of delivering security updates (securely)

- *Device PIN code/ username + password (not recommended)*

## 1. Secure Over-the-Air (OTA) update (HTTPS/TLS)

1. IT standard for secure communication with Certificates
2. Recommended in IEC 62443

## 2. Device verifies the firmware (FW) package signature



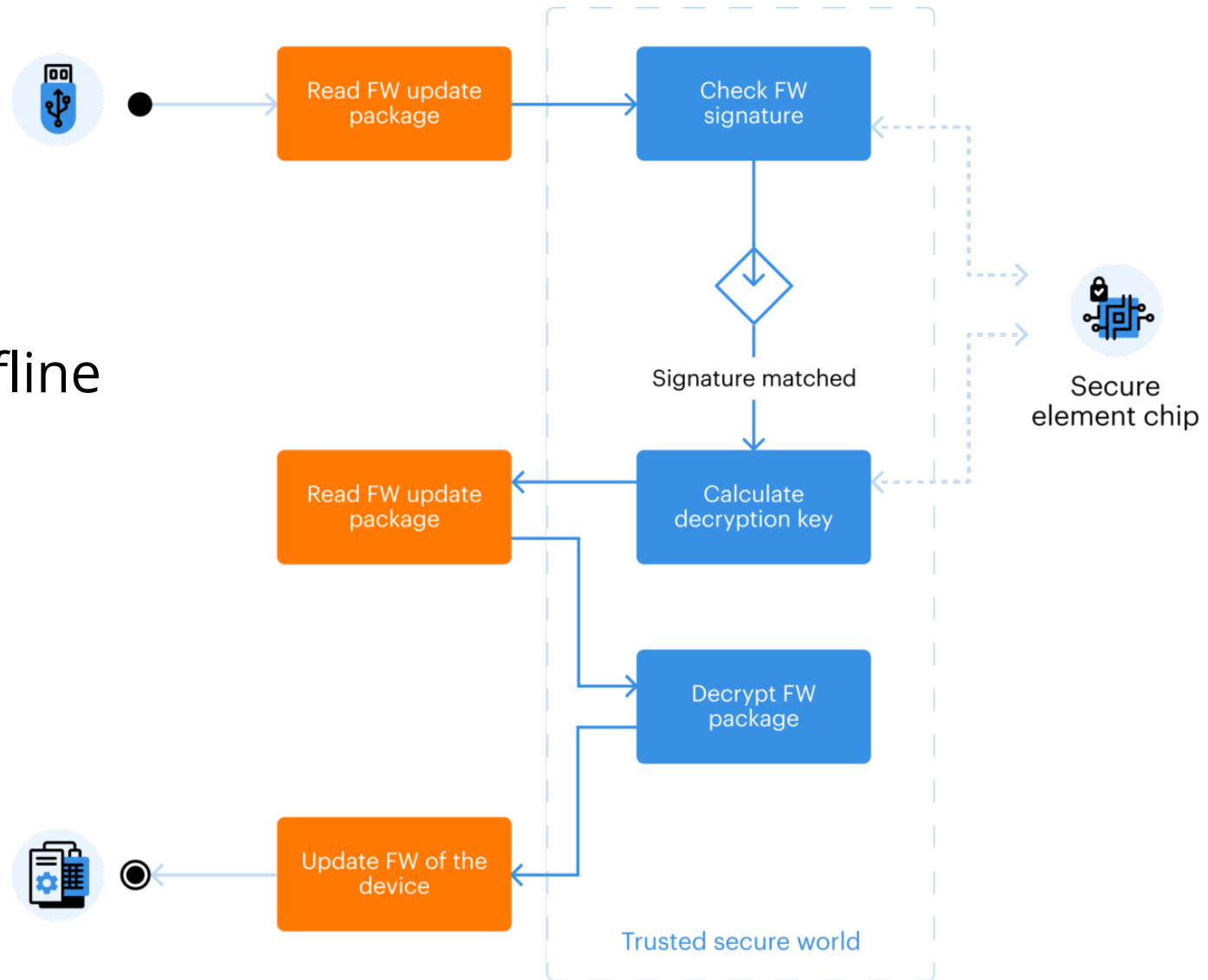
# Devices as tamper-proof identities (1)

- Device-level encryption for offline security
- Integrated crypto chip provides hardware-level security
- MCUs with security features like TrustZone (e.g. PIC32CM LS60 or STM32L55)
- Full control over device firmware/ license



# Devices as tamper-proof identities (2)

- Device-level encryption for offline security
- Integrated crypto chip provides hardware-level security
- MCUs with security features like TrustZone (e.g. PIC32CM LS60 or STM32L55)
- Full control over device firmware/ license



# How we assist our clients (in security solutions)

- **Self-assessment** of device cyber-security risks (IEC 62443)
- **Software development processes** and tools (SBOM)
- **Implement security update delivery mechanisms** (Secure OTA update)



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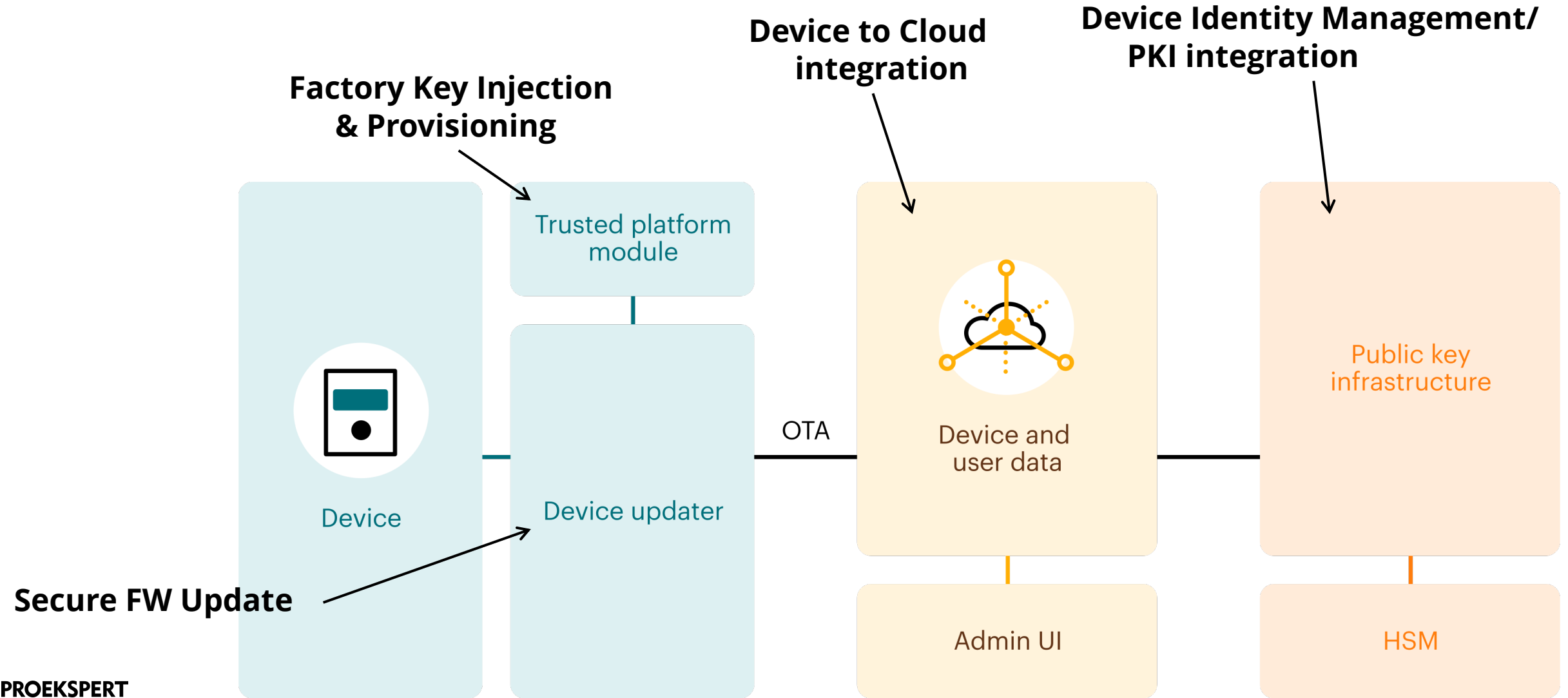
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# Our secure solutions



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