

# Secure OTA updates for small devices with Uptane and RIOT

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- **Uptane** is a specification for secure over-the-air updates. Alternative to e.g. **SUIT**.
- Uptane is based in **TUF** (The Update Framework), adopted among the others by Docker, Digital Ocean and pip.
- **HERE OTA Connect** is one of the implementations of Uptane. Another is **OTAmatic** from Airbiquity.
- We had an Uptane client implementation for Linux-based devices, MCU support was missing.

- Develop a static library that the users/customers will be able to integrate into their bootloaders.
- Make a demo project using this library.
- Hardware platform:
  - Raspberry Pi with CAN dongle as an Uptane primary (gateway)
  - KEA129LEDLIGHTRD as an Uptane secondary (target device)

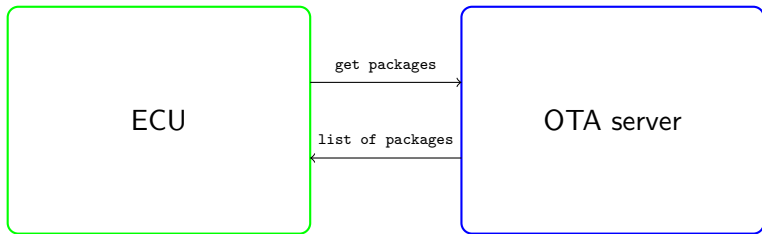
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- A great opportunity to contribute to RIOT OTA.

- Static library (**libuptiny**)
- BSP code for KEA128LEDLIGHTRD for RIOT (on a PR now)
- Basic demo on KEA128LEDLIGHTRD (on a PR)
- Good intentions

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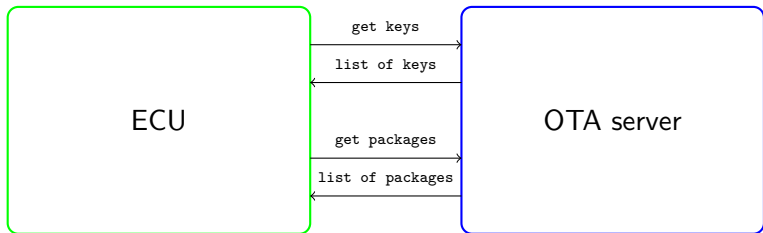




- Installation is initiated by the device.
- Server gives out the list of available packages, device chooses what to install.
- This scenario is typical for user-controlled devices (i.e. infotainment panel).

## targets.json

```
1 {
2   "signatures": [
3     {
4       "keyid": "ce69f17a69ca6...",
5       "method": "ed25519",
6       "sig": "gd945ORLpvCGo..."
7     }
8   ],
9   "signed": {
10    "_type": "Targets",
11    "expires": "3021-07-13T01:02:03Z",
12    "targets": {
13      "first_firmware.txt": {
14        "hashes": {
15          "sha256": "1bbb15aa921...",
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17        "length": 2092
18      },
19      "second_firmware.txt": {
20        "hashes": {
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22        },
23        "length": 3120
24      }
25    },
26  },
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29 }
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- Additional piece of metadata (**root**) holding public keys for **targets** metadata and for itself.
- Makes key rotation possible: new keys are signed with the old ones.
- Initial set of keys needs to be provisioned to the device.

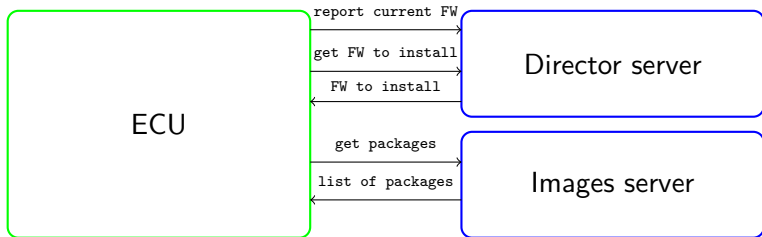
# Key rotation (metadata)

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## root.json

```
1 {
2   "signatures": [...],
3   "signed": {
4     "_type": "Root",
5     "expires": "3021-07-13T01:02:03Z",
6     "keys": {
7       "ce69f17a6...": {
8         "keytype": "ED25519",
9         "keyval": {
10          "public": "1FAE772EF364C0..."
11        }
12      }
13    },
14    "roles": {
15      "root": {
16        "keyids": [
17          "ce69f17a69ca6..."
18        ],
19        "threshold": 1
20      },
21      "targets": {
22        "keyids": [
23          "ce69f17a69ca6..."
24        ],
25        "threshold": 1
26      }
27    },
28    "version": 1
29  }
30 }
```



- Now control is inverted: **director** tells the device what to install.
- **Images server** still tells what images exist and are valid.
- Both have **root** and **targets** metadata, format of the latter is slightly different for the two.
- **Director** metadata will be normally generated on the fly and is signed with **online keys**.
- **Images** metadata can be signed with **offline keys** (i.e. by the ECU vendor or OEM) for more security.

## Director targets.json

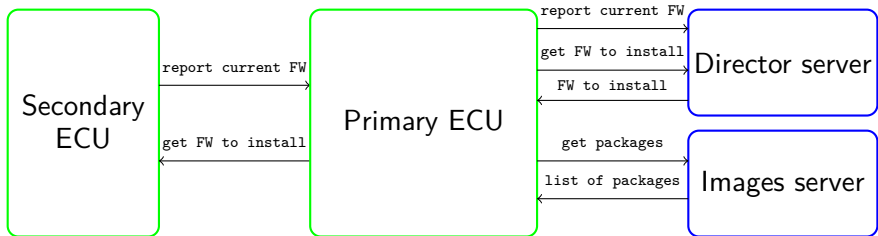
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4   "targets": {
5     "second_firmware.txt": {
6       "custom": {
7         "eculidentifiers": {
8           "IVI-Unit": {
9             "hardwareid": "RPi3b"
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## Images targets.json

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```

## manifest.json

```
1 {  
2   "attacks_detected": "",  
3   "ecu_serial": "IVI-Unit",  
4   "installed_image": {  
5     "fileinfo": {  
6       "hashes": {  
7         "sha256": "f309846c846..."  
8       },  
9       "length": 3120  
10    },  
11    "filepath": "second_firmware.txt"  
12  }  
13 }
```



- Normally only one device can communicate to the remote server directly, it is called **primary** in Uptane specification.
- Other devices (**secondaries**) are connected to the primary.
- Secondaries also verify metadata and firmware, so that compromised primary doesn't immediately compromise secondaries.
- **Libuptiny** is targeted at secondary devices.

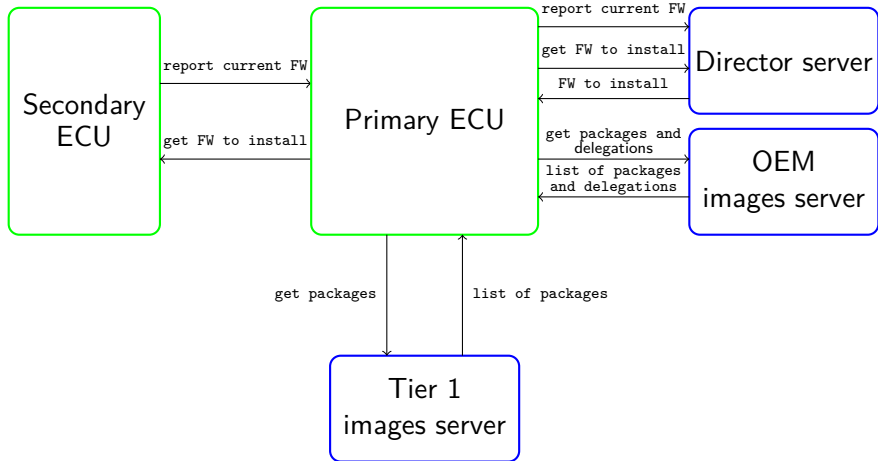


# Multiple ECUs (director targets metadata)

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4   "targets": {
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# Multiple ECUs (manifest)

```
1 {
2   "ecu_version_manifests": {
3     "Lights-controller": {
4       "signatures": [
5         ...
6       ],
7       "signed": {
8         "attacks_detected": "",
9         "ecu_serial": "Lights-controller",
10        "installed_image": {
11          "fileinfo": {
12            "hashes": {
13              "sha256": "f309846c846..."
14            },
15            "length": 2092
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17          "filepath": "first_firmware.txt"
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22      "signatures": [
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24      ],
25      "signed": {
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28    }
29  },
30  "primary_ecu_serial": "IVI-Unit"
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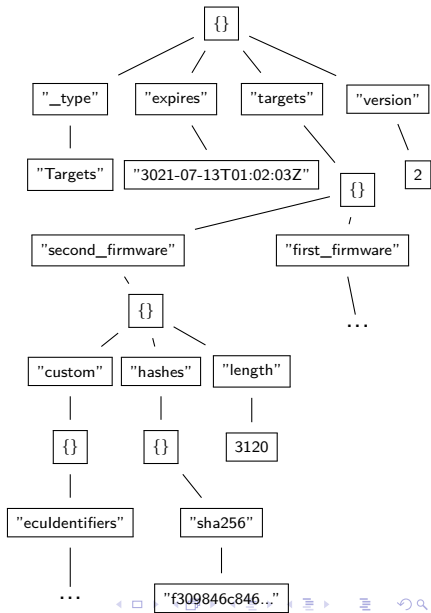
- Main images repository may **delegate** trust to other images repositories with their own keys.
- E.g. car vendor (OEM) delegates to component manufacturer.

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- Backend developers love JSON.
- After all it could have been XML.
- So how do we implement it?
  - Parse the whole JSON object into traversable structure ("DOM" approach)
  - Parse JSON token by token ("SAX" approach)
  - Something hacky

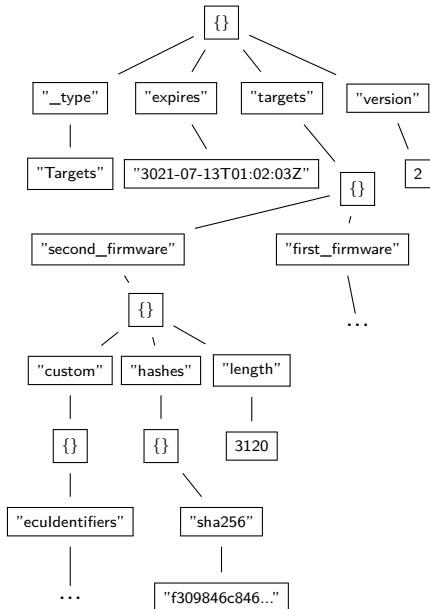
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# Why not the whole tree?

- Around 200-300 (and growing!) bytes per target in metadata.
- 10s to 100s of devices in a vehicle.
- Holding that array of data in RAM is not really an option.



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"second\_firmware.txt"

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16      "length": 3120
17    },
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19      "custom": {
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21          "Lights-controller": {
22            "hardwareId": "LEDLIGHTRD"
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"IVI-Unit"

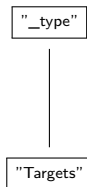
- State explodes really fast.
  - Where are we?
  - What was already read and what is still expected?
- The code quickly becomes unmanageable.
- Code generators might have helped

"IVI-Unit"

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1 {
2   "_type": "Targets",
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4   "targets": {
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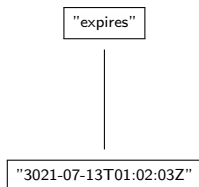
{

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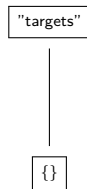




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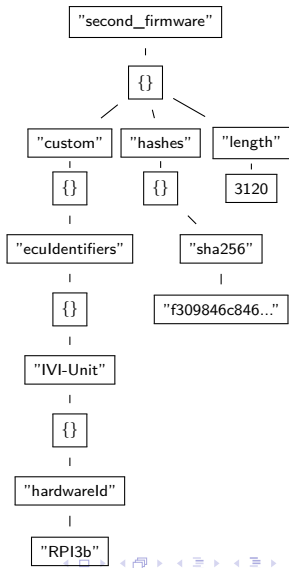


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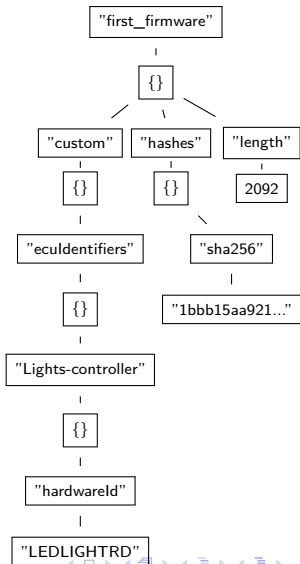
# Something hacky

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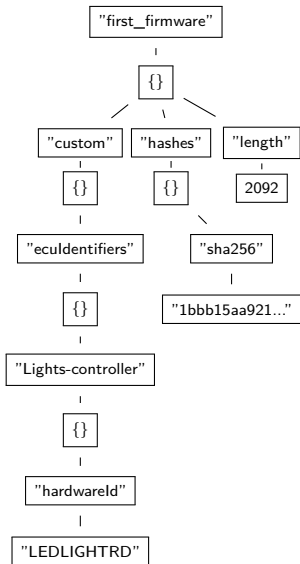


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- **libuptiny** uses **jsmn** as a tokenizer and structure parser.
- JSON is fed to libuptiny in a streamed fashion. Data that was not consumed is returned to the caller to be fed again.
- jsmn is "rewound" when necessary.
- The result is still not that tiny (8Kb flash for metadata parsing and Uptane logic only), but it was the best we could achieve with JSON.



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- libuptiny and crypto library are interfaced as RIOT modules.

```
MODULE = libuptiny
include $(RIOTBASE)/Makefile.base
```

- Libuptiny demo is a RIOT application.
- Contributions and suggestions for improvements are most welcome.
- BSP code for the demo board is on the review in RIOT repo.
- Improvements for CAN and ISO/TP are following.
- Project be integrated with RIOT's OTA as soon as it's there.

- Uptane: <https://uptane.github.io/>
- Aktualizr: implementation of Uptane primary, secondaries and minimal backend:  
<https://github.com/advancedtelematic/aktualizr>
- libuptiny is a part of aktualizr, available under  
<https://github.com/advancedtelematic/aktualizr/tree/master/partial/libuptiny>
- jsnm, a minimalistic JSON tokenizer and primary parser:  
<https://github.com/zserge/jsnm>



Thanks!