Swissbit Secure Boot Solution for Raspberry Pi

The Swissbit Secure Boot Solution for Raspberry Pi allows encryption and access protection of data stored on the microSD card by various configurable security policies.

It protects the boot image and software installation against manipulation, unwanted copying, or removal of a system from a defined network.


Getting started

Step 1: Check Prerequisites

Step 2: Get Swissbit Secure Boot Solution for Raspberry Pi:
   a) Swissbit microSD card “Raspberry Edition”
   b) Swissbit Secure Boot Solution SDK for Raspberry Pi

Step 3: Configure the Swissbit microSD card “Raspberry Edition” with Swissbit Secure Boot SDK by choosing your preferred security policy:
   - PIN policy: PIN entry
   - USB policy: USB as authentication dongle
   - NET policy: Authentication through a network server

Step 4: Install U-Boot

Step 5: Activate protection
Swissbit microSD card PS-45u DP “Raspberry Edition”

Features
- Security policies with flexible and configurable authentication
- Access protection with configurable retry counter
- Authentication is performed during the Swissbit customized pre-boot phase to unlock access
- Works with Raspberry Pi 2 and 3B+

Key Applications
- IP Protection by locking microSD card
- Theft protection by locking microSD card
- License control by providing unique ID (with NET policy)

Function
- Protecting Raspberry Pi boot loader
- Encrypting user and boot code to protect license, know how and IP
- The boot image can be set read-only to prevent from unauthorized modification
- Restricting the access to data on the card by various configurable security policies: PIN or USB or NET policy

Benefits
- Easy-to-integrate CPU independent hardware security
- Cost effective data protection and encryption
- Easy-to-retrofit and future proof security solution

Security Policies and Requirements

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PIN input = Swissbit microSD card PS-45u DP „Raspberry Edition“

Authentication Dongle = Swissbit microSD card PS-45u DP „Raspberry Edition“ + Raspberry Pi


Additional: microSD card min. 8 GB e.g. Swissbit S-45u DP

Where to buy

- www.digikey.com
- www.farnell.com
- www.mouser.com

www.swissbit.com
Use Cases

Robust Boot Media with IP and copy Protection

**Problem**
- Boot device must provide high retention
- Boot partition needs to be protected against manipulation
- System image needs to be protected against IP theft

**Requirement**
- Boot partition readable on each host & write protected
- Read / write storage partition accessible after authentication
- Private partition

**Solution**
- Swissbit Data Protection card with full encryption and protection profile
- Fine granulated access policy with user pin and administrator login
- IP Data can be protected against theft, manipulation and reverse engineering

Data Protection of Control System

**Problem**
- Risk of unauthorized
- Data access or data manipulation
- Device unprotected against manipulation and license fraud

**Requirement**
- Secure license provider to unlock access
- Secure storage extension for control system
- Private partition

**Solution**
- Swissbit microSD card with full encryption and customizable data protection profile
- USB as authentication dongle
- Fine granulated access policy with user pin and administrator login
- Device protection with USB authentication dongle

Protecting Loss or Theft of Data used by Cameras

**Problem**
- The microSD slot provides access to data
- Risk of unauthorized data access, data manipulation and data loss

**Requirement**
- Data protection and encryption
- Role-based access control
- Private partition for recorded data

**Solution**
- Swissbit microSD card with full encryption and customizable data protection profile
- Hardware access protection will only show the protected data if the right authentication has been applied
- Data is protected against reading
Use Cases

Device Integrity by Secure Storage

Problem
- Weak protection against unauthorized access

Requirement
- Access control
- Securing unattended boot
- Preventing insertion of unauthorized hardware (microSD) by pairing of client and server

Solution
- Removable Swissbit microSD card with full encryption and access profiles
- (Automated) Pairing ensures secure storage works only in combination with specific device hardware
- Net-policy-server for access control

Privacy data Protection

Problem
- Risk of unauthorized data access, data manipulation and data loss
- GDPR (DSGVO) legislation requires that customer data must be protected against theft, unauthorized viewing, manipulation

Requirement
- Read / write storage partition accessible only after authentication
- Outside of the Raspberry Pi or without proper authentication applying the data is fully protected
- Only after applying the right authentication the private partition is visible

Solution
- Swissbit data protection microSD card with full encryption and protection profile
- Fine granulated access policy
- Private data is protected against theft, unauthorized viewing and manipulation