



TX-RSA: A High Performance RSA Implementation Scheme on NVIDIA Tegra X2

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Abstract. Driven by computer vision and autopilot industries, embedded graphics processing units (GPUs) are now rapidly achieving extraordinary computing power, such NVIDIA Tegra K1/X1/X2, which are widely used in embedded environments such as mobile phones, game console and vehicle-mounted systems. Such performance advantages give embedded GPUs the possibility of accelerating cryptography that also requires high-density computing. In this paper, we implement TX-RSA in embedded GPU platforms, i.e., NVIDIA TX2, to accelerate the most prevailing public-key cryptosystem, RSA. Various optimization methods are employed to promote the efficiency, including multi-threaded Montgomery multiplication and CRT implementation on the resource-constricted embedded GPUs. Within 20 W of power consumption, TX-RSA can deliver 6,423 ops/s of RSA encryption and 131,324 ops/s of RSA decryption, which outperforms implementations in the desktop GPUs and embedded CPUs in the perspective of performance-to-power ratio.

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1 Introduction

With the rapid development of all kinds of network services, a huge number of transactions are generated in electronic commerce, digital publishing, software

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