



# OWASP Transparency Exchange API - the Data model

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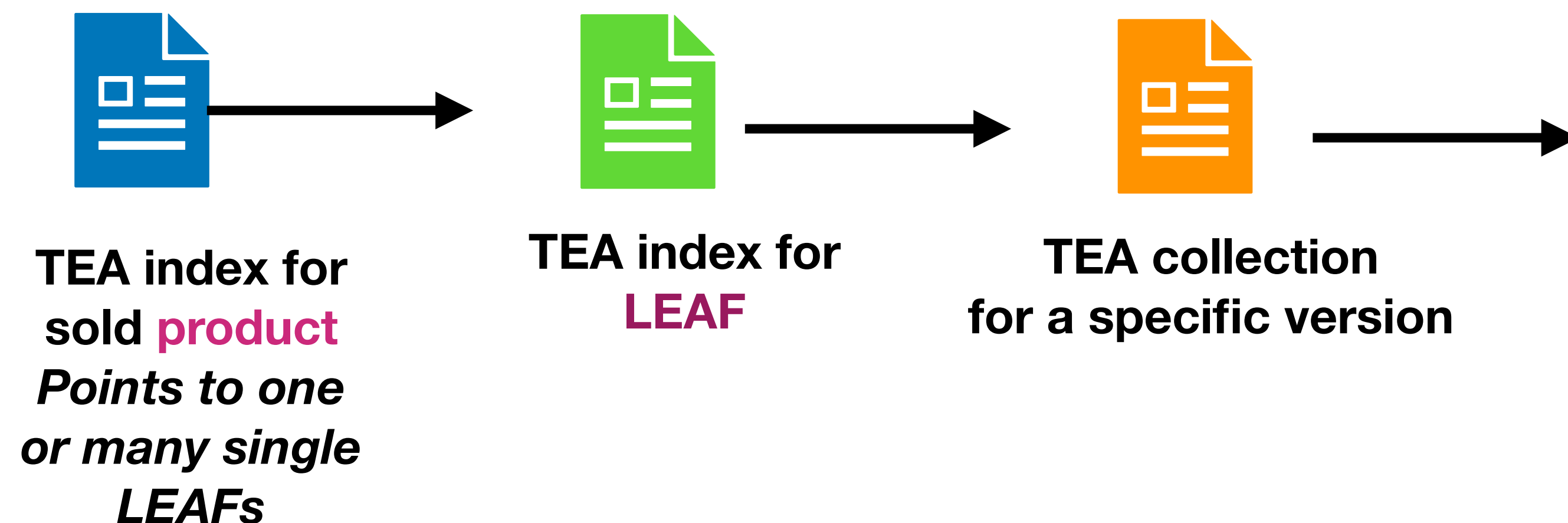
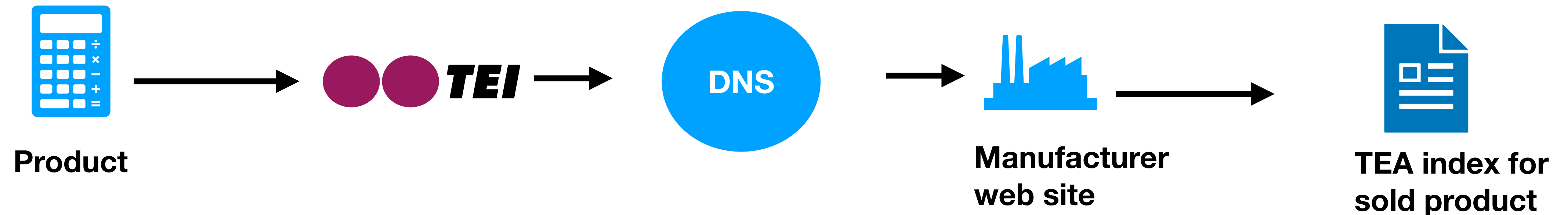


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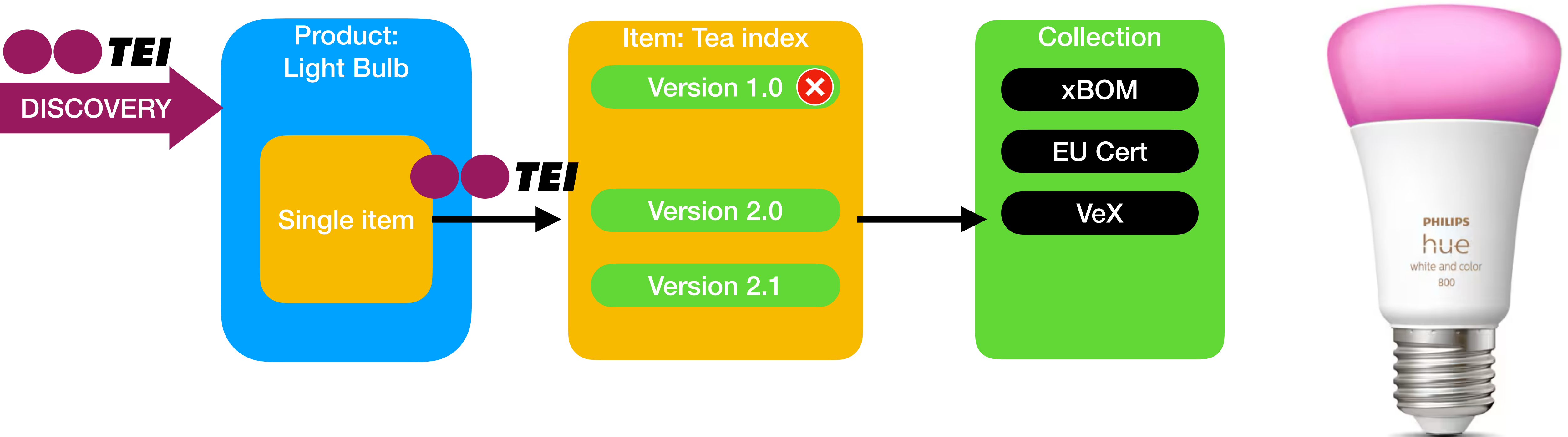




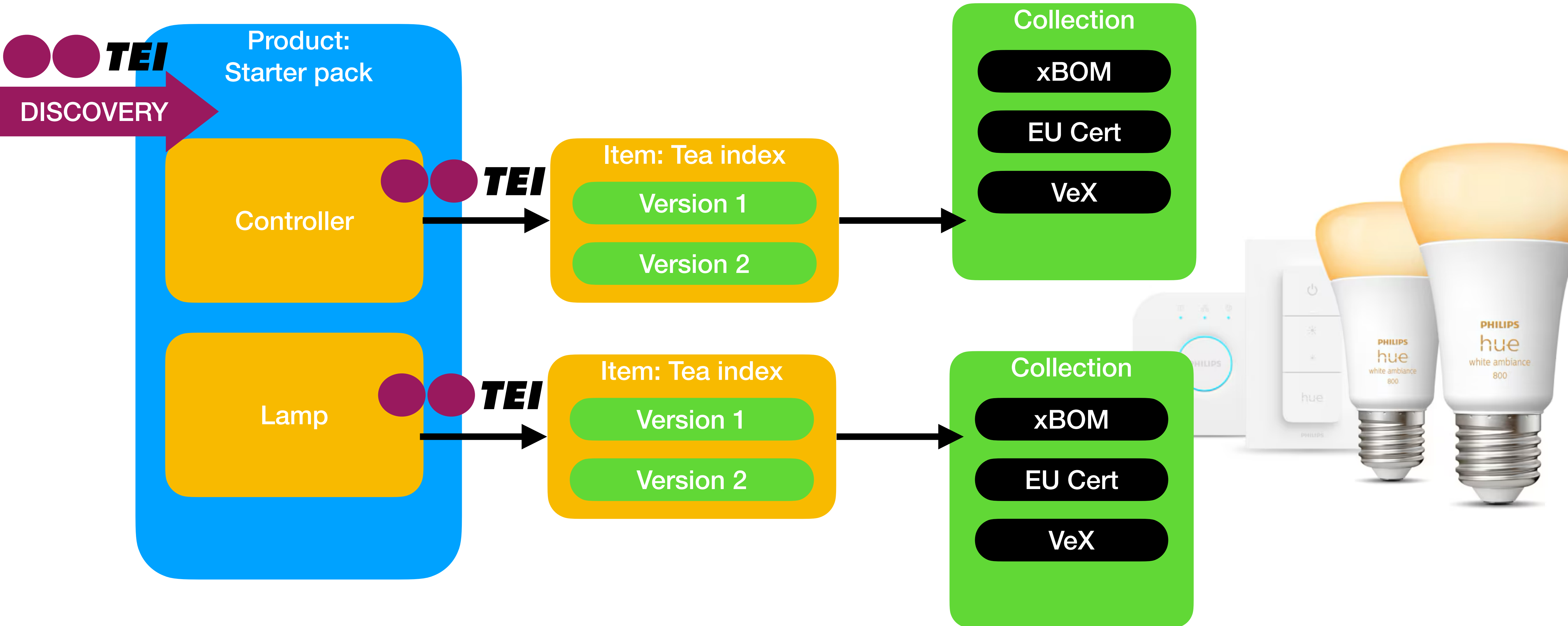
# Discovery of transparency data



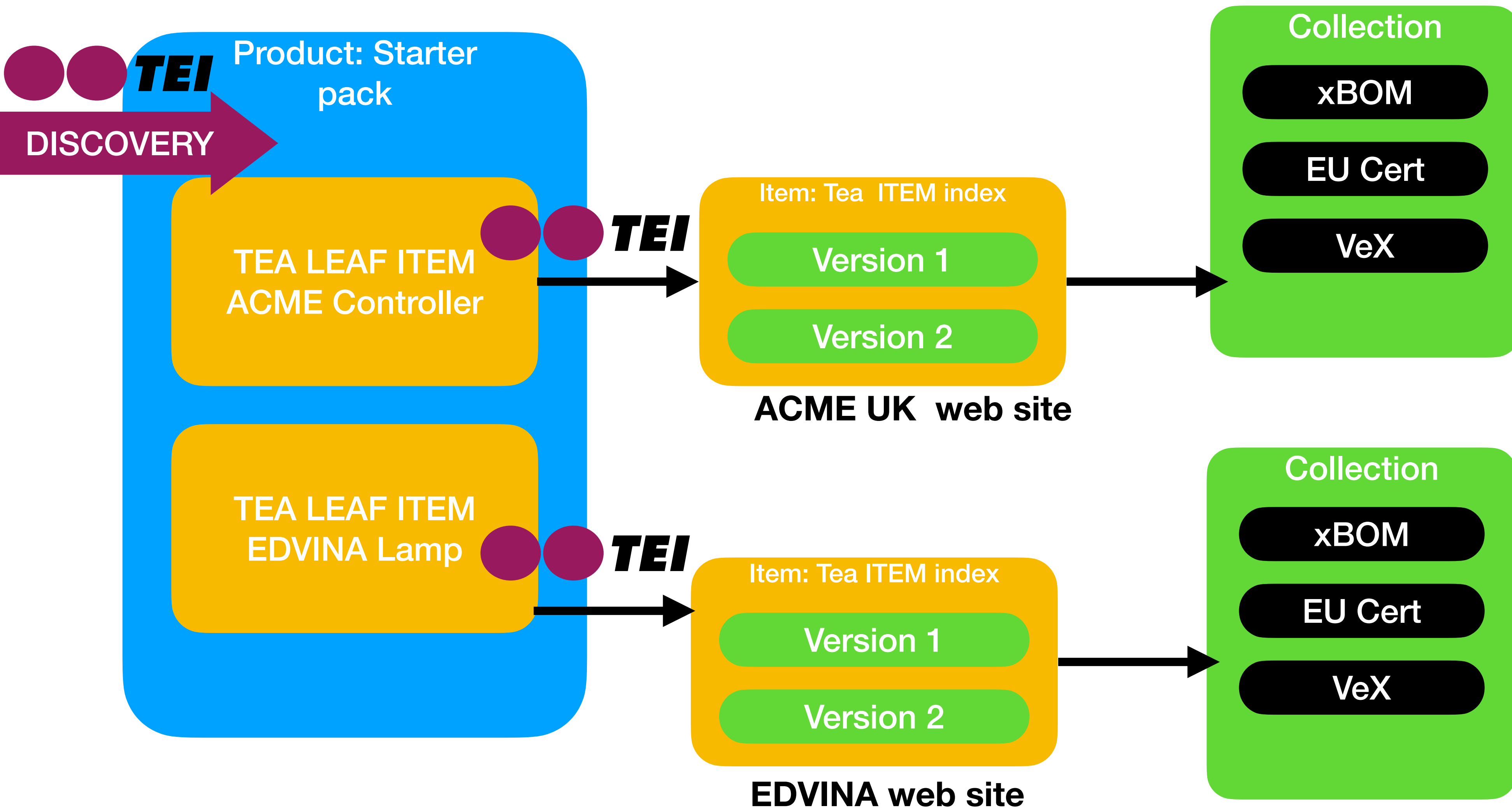
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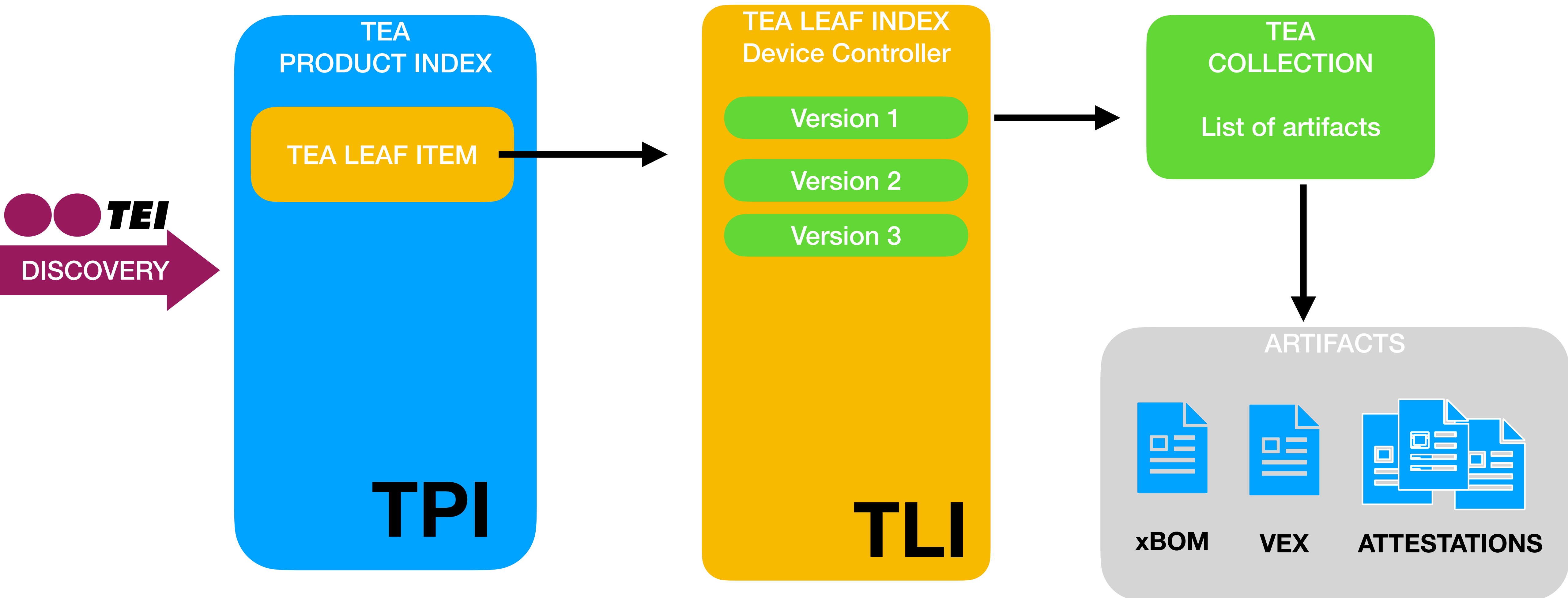
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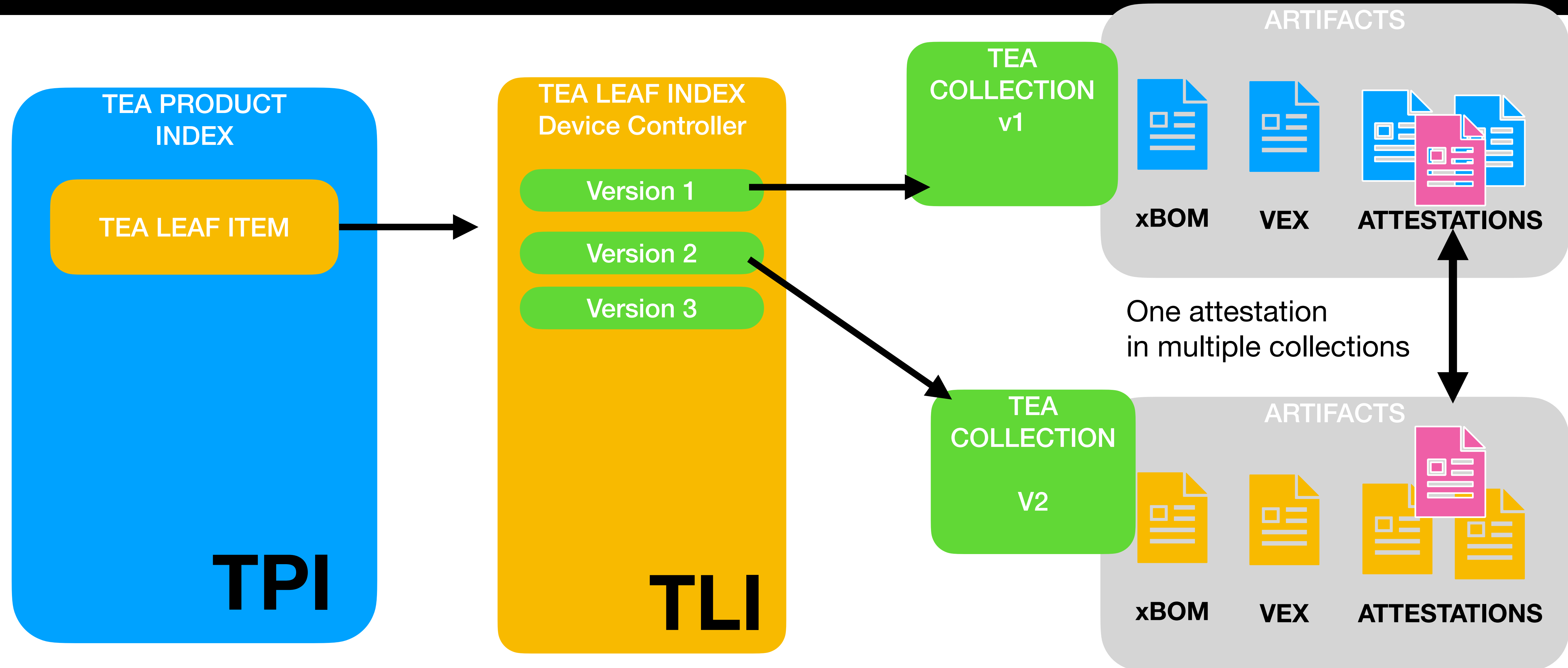
# Pack from multiple vendors



# Overview TEA object model



# The same attestation in multiple collections



# TEA Product Index

## TEA PRODUCT INDEX

Product metadata

TEA LEAF ITEM

- The first point of entry (TPI) for a product is a list of available TLI (version indexes) for various components (one or many)
- For each product, a structured document (TLI) contains a list of UUIDs on where to find the collection for **each supported version** of the product.
- The product can be reached through one or multiple identifiers (TEI)
- The identifier (Tea Product UUID) of the structured document needs to be standardised and persistent in order to support automation.
- A document with no longer supported versions may need to exist as well.
  - *CRA mandates that documents as well as updates shall be available for all versions during the product lifetime*
- We need a redirect facility if products change ownership. (See common lifecycle enumeration - CLE - work in OWASP)



# The TEA Leaf Index

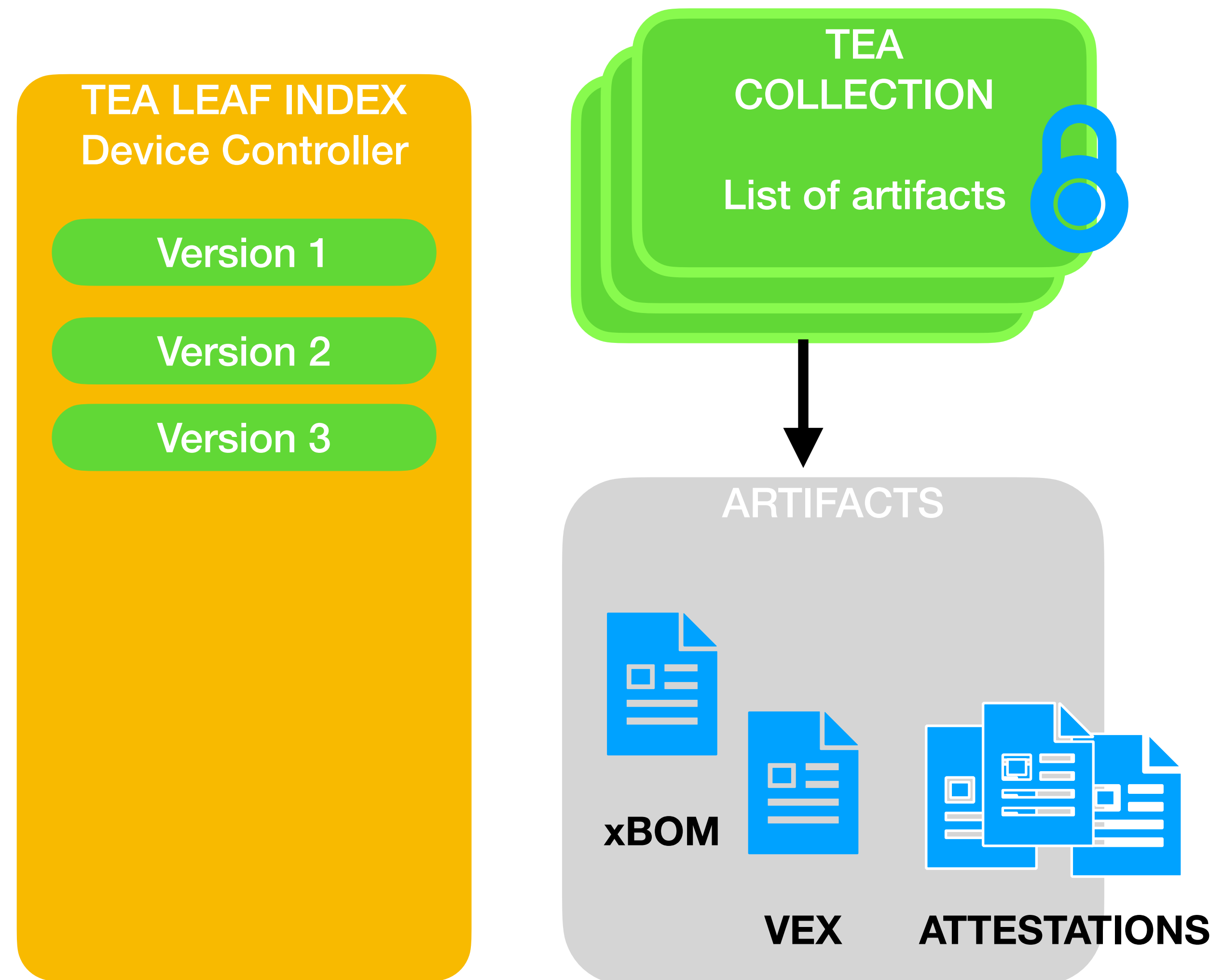
## The TEA Leaf Index is a list of “versions”

The TEA Leaf object has the following parts

- UUID of TEA leaf
- Product name
- Product version (string, no syntax required)
  - Semver
  - Git HASH (sha1)
  - Random name
  - OmniBOR (sha256)
- Product Release date (timestamp)
- State: Pre-release (boolean)

### Notes

- Different Major versions have different TEA LEAF indexes
  - "Major version X"
  - "Major version Y"
- Lifecycle Enumeration ("states") is part of "insights" - i.e. to be documented in Vex



# The TEA Leaf

The TEA Leaf is a list of “versions”

Major X “current”

Minor X

Minor Y

Major version Y

Minor Q

Minor P

TEA LEAF INDEX  
Major X

Leaf

Leaf

TEA LEAF INDEX  
Major Y

Leaf

Leaf

TEA  
COLLECTION

List of artifacts

ARTIFACTS



**xBOM**



**VEX**



**ATTESTATIONS**

# TEA Collections

- The URL for a collection needs to be persistent to support automation
- A collection is a set of files (often signed) that applies to a specific product and version
- The collection index file indicates where to find SBOM, VEX, attestations and similar documents (like a conformance attestation for the CE marking in EU)



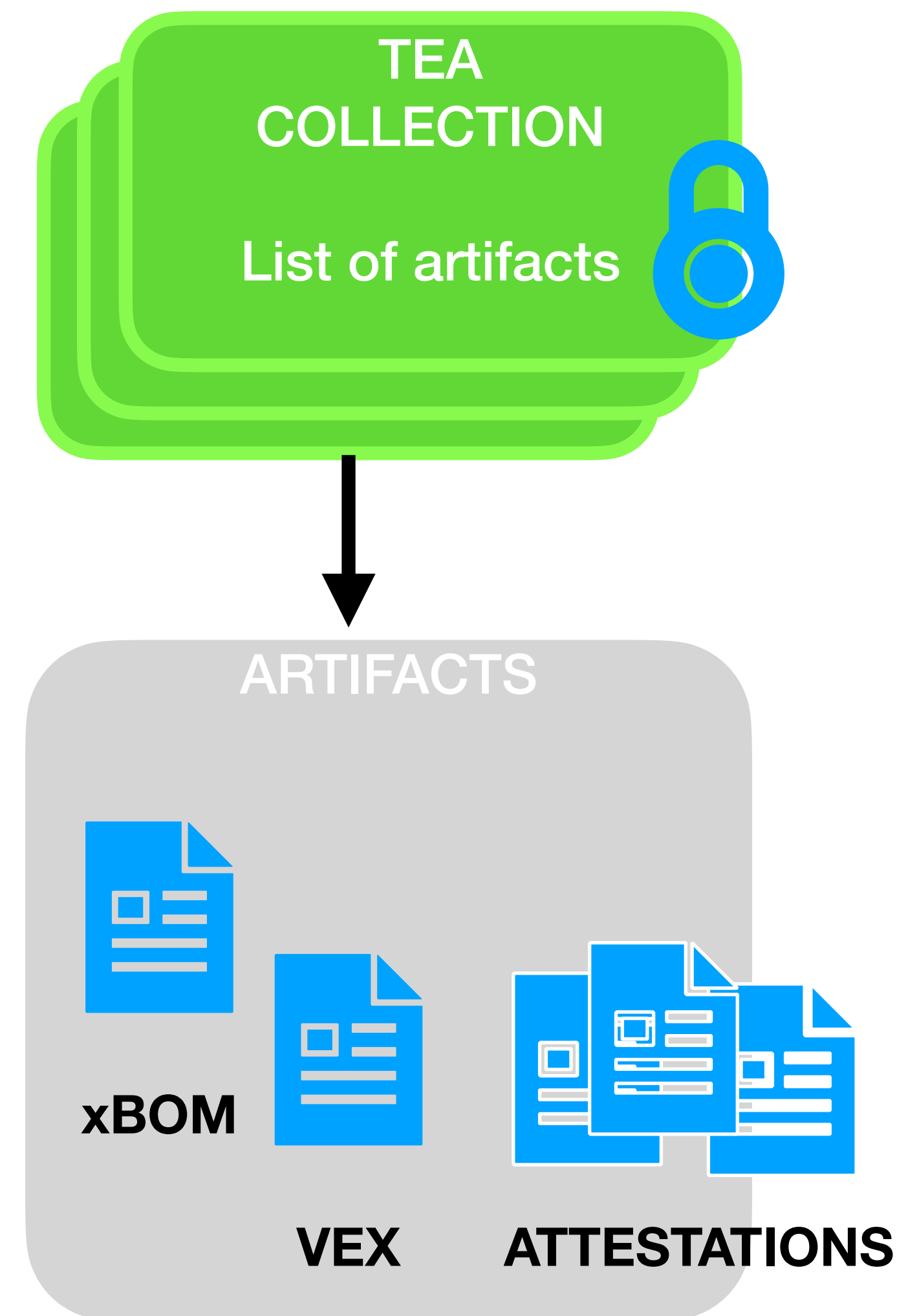
# The TEA Collection

## The TEA collection is a list of artifacts

- For one single version
- it contains references to artifacts

The TEA Collection object has the following parts

- Preamble
- UUID of TEA collection object
- Product name
- Product version
- Product Release date (timestamp)
- Author of TEA Collection (name, email, company)
- TEA Collection object release date (timestamp)
- TEA Collection object version (integer starting with version 1)
- Reason for update/release of TCO - clear text
  - "New product release"
  - "Corrected dependency in SBOM that was faulty"
  - "Added missing In-Toto build attestation"
- List of artifact objects (next slide)
- Optional Signature



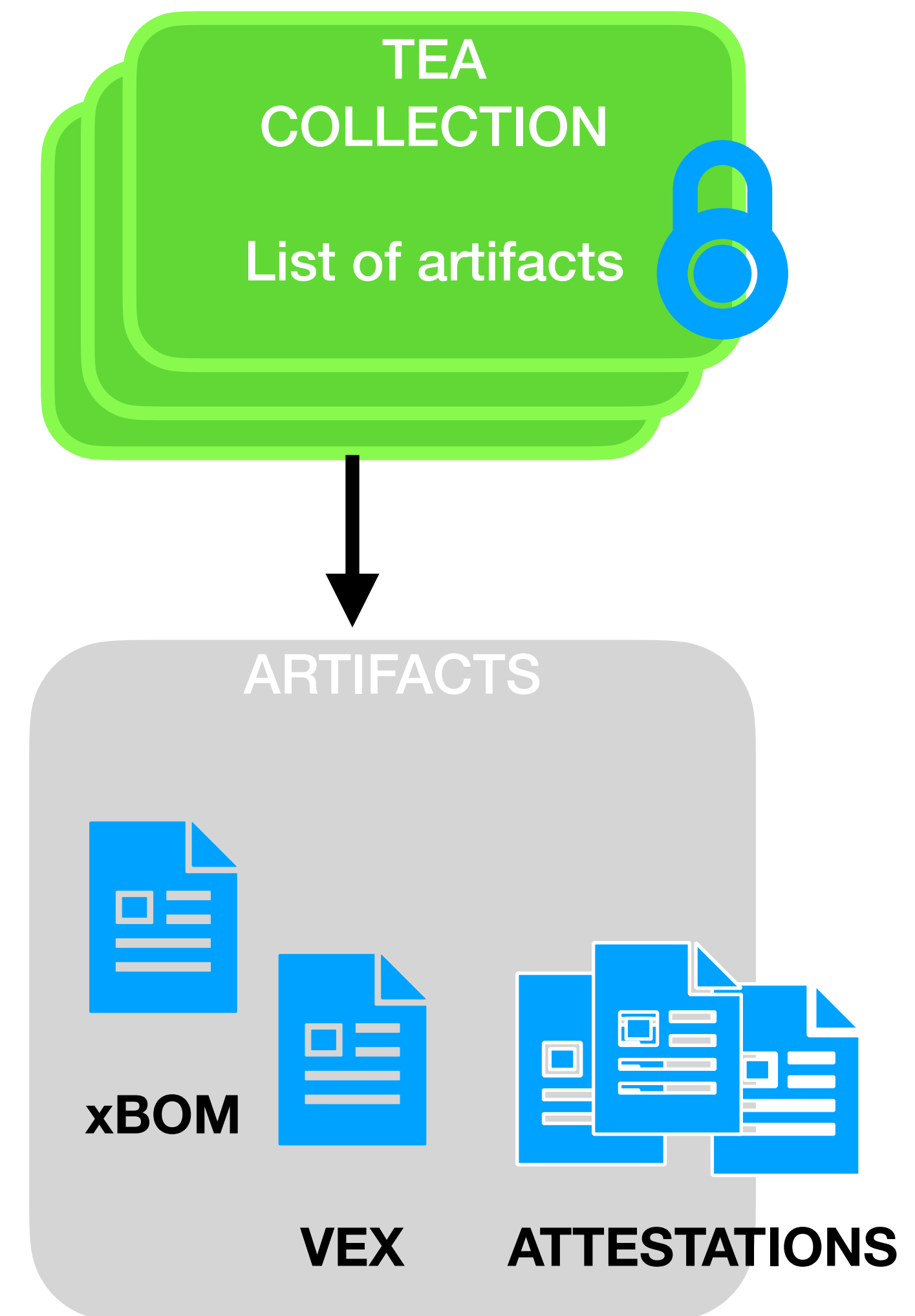
# The TEA Collection artifact

## The TEA artifact is a unique piece of data

- an artifact can be published for multiple collections.

The artifact object has the following parts

- Artifact UUID
- Artifact name
- Author of Artifact (name, email, company)
- List of objects - various formats of the same data. The order of the list has no significance.
  - UUID for artifact
  - Optional BOM identifier
  - SPDX or CycloneDX reference to BOM
  - MIME media type
  - Artifact category (enum)
    - [https://cyclonedx.org/docs/1.6/json/#externalReferences\\_items\\_type](https://cyclonedx.org/docs/1.6/json/#externalReferences_items_type)
  - Description in clear text
  - Size in bytes
  - SHA384 checksum



# Reasons for updating the collection

Updated the VEX

Updated the manual

ENUM list needed!

VEXUPDATE

SBOMUPDATE

MISCCHANGE

Updated the SBOM  
- found a missing dependency  
or an extra non-existing dep

The USER may want to see  
what changed and audit the change.  
Get notifications  
from their system when it happens.



# Summary

- The API is built to handle many kinds of artefacts - is agnostic to format and content
- It will be defined using OpenAPI for interoperability
- One API for consuming transparency artifacts and one for publishing
- The object definitions will evolve, but we good a good starting point



# Join the work!

**We are working on writing specifications for  
the API and the various formats.**

Join the OWASP CycloneDX Transparency Exchange API working group today to participate. We have a channel in the CycloneDX slack space to communicate.

<https://github.com/CycloneDX/transparency-exchange-api>

<https://cyclonedx.org/about/participate/>



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