



Secure Java Native Interface using Intel SGX

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Intel SGX(Quick Look)

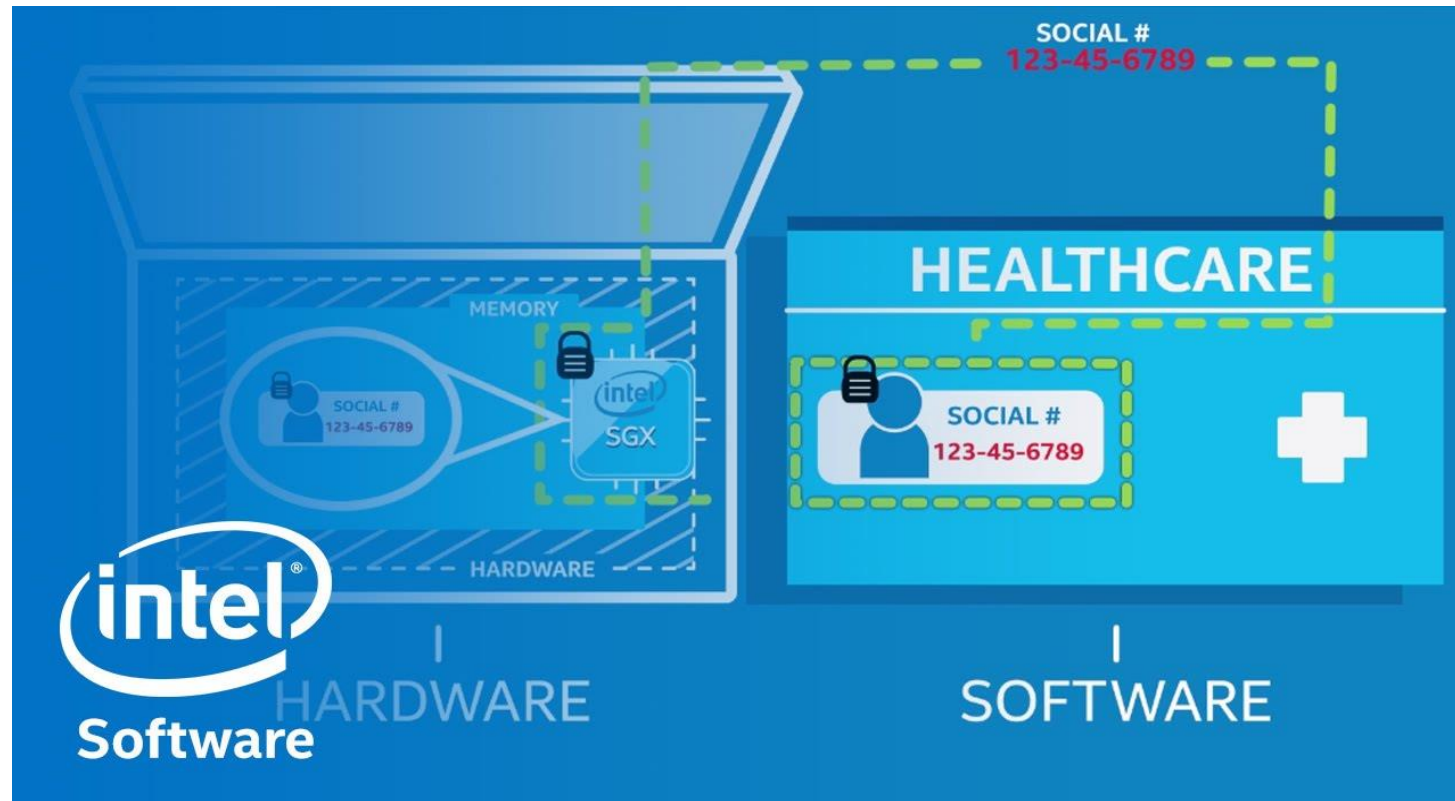
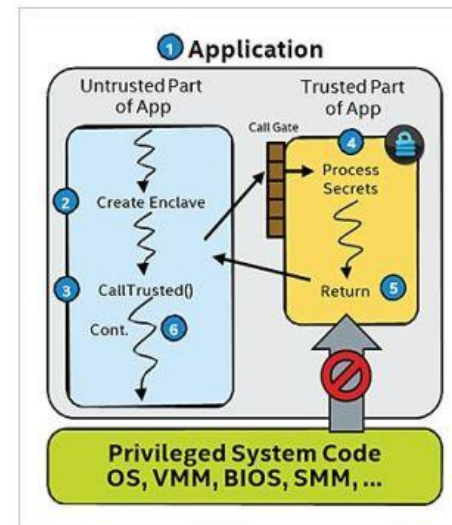
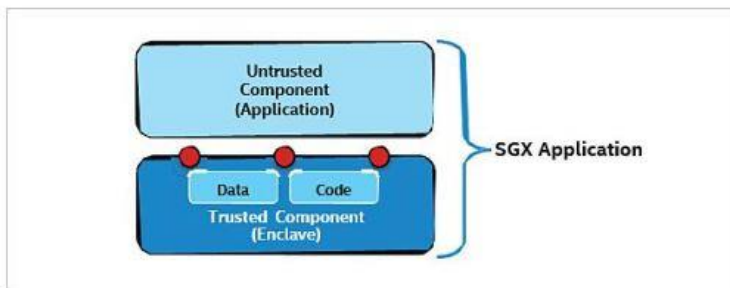


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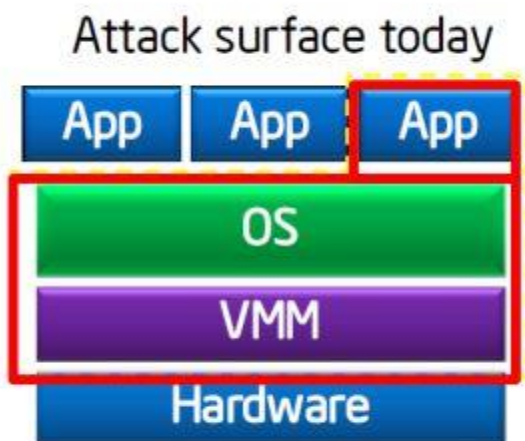
Securing App using Intel SGX (Quick Recap)




- Application code can be put into an enclave.
- Intel® provides SGX Software Development Kit (SDK).
- Currently available only for C/C++.

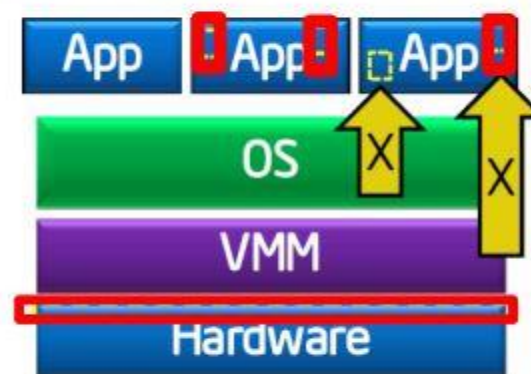
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Attack Surface 

Attack surface with Enclaves



Attack Surface 

- Application gains ability to defend its own secret.
- Reduced Attack Surface.

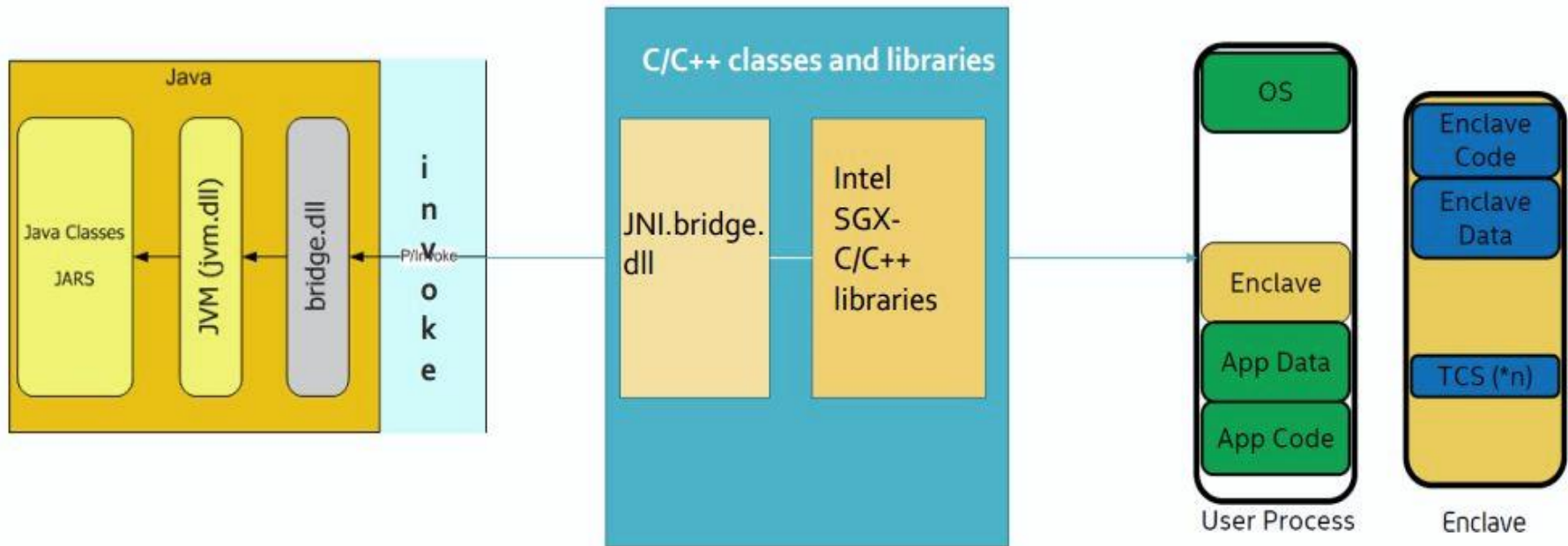
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Java Client-Server App (Intel SGX and JNI)

Problem Statement

- To implement a server side Application using SGX and Java.
- It accepts arithmetic expressions(secrets) from Java clients.
- Puts them into the enclave.
- Evaluates them with the code residing in the enclave.
- Return the result the back to the client.

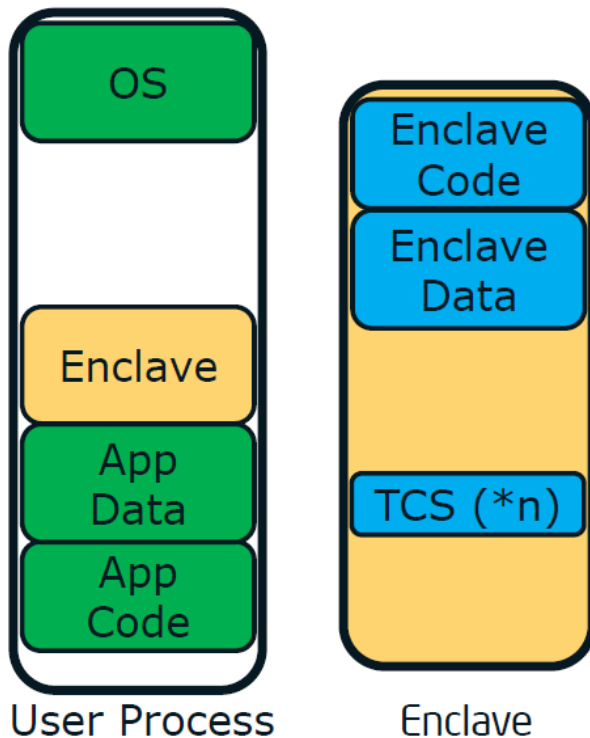
Java Implementation of Intel SGX



The Core of SGX Technology

Developer perspective of an SGX Enclave

Trusted execution environment embedded in a process



Intel® SGX generates a **cryptographic log** of all the build activities

- **Content:** Code, Data, Stack, Heap
- **Location** of Page within the enclave
- **Security flags** being used

The Challenge – Provisioning Secrets to the Enclave

- An enclave is in the clear before instantiation.
- Secrets come from outside the enclave
 - Keys
 - Passwords
 - Sensitive data
- The enclave must be able to convince a 3rd party that it's trustworthy and can be provisioned with the secrets. (Trusted Computing)
- Subsequent runs should be able to use the secrets that have already been provisioned.

Developer perspective of an SGX Enclave

MRENCLAVE (“Enclave Identity”) is a 256-bit digest of the log represents the **enclave’s software TCB**

EReport: generates a cryptographic REPORT that binds MRENCLAVE to the target enclave’s REPORT KEY

EGETKEY provides the REPORT KEY to verify the REPORT

A **Software TCB** verifier should

- Securely obtain the enclave’s software TCB
- Securely obtain the expected enclave’s software TCB (Ex. Intel own Authentication Server)
- Compare the two values

Two ways Intel provides the functionality

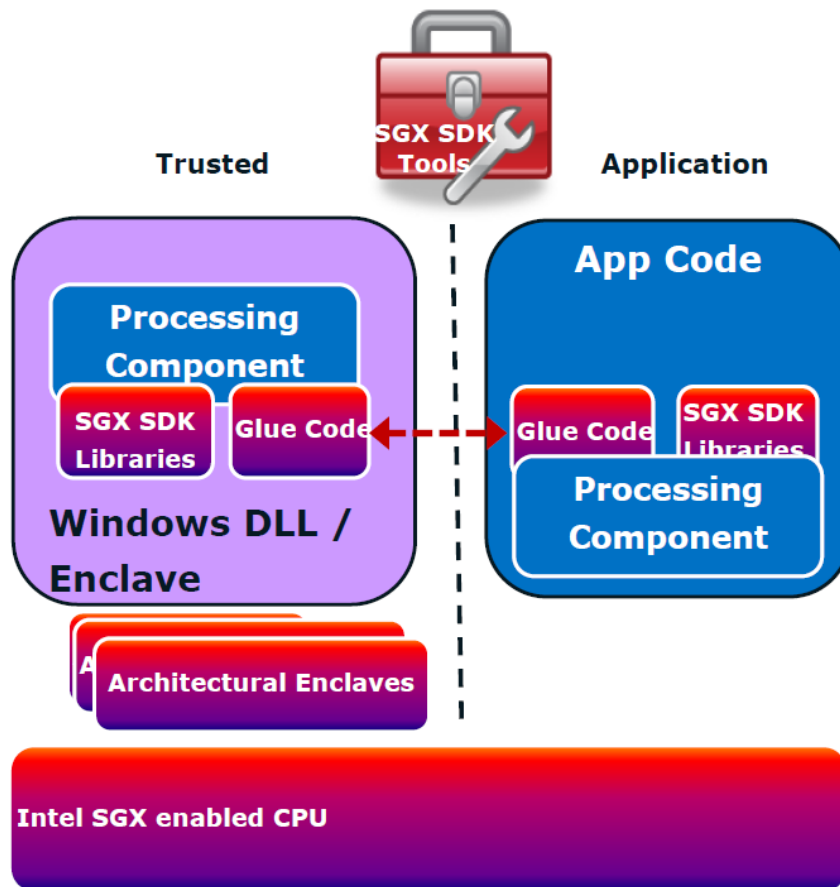
Local Attestation.

The process by which one enclave attests its TCB to another enclave on the same platform.

Remote Attestation.

The process by which one enclave attests its TCB to another entity outside of the platform.

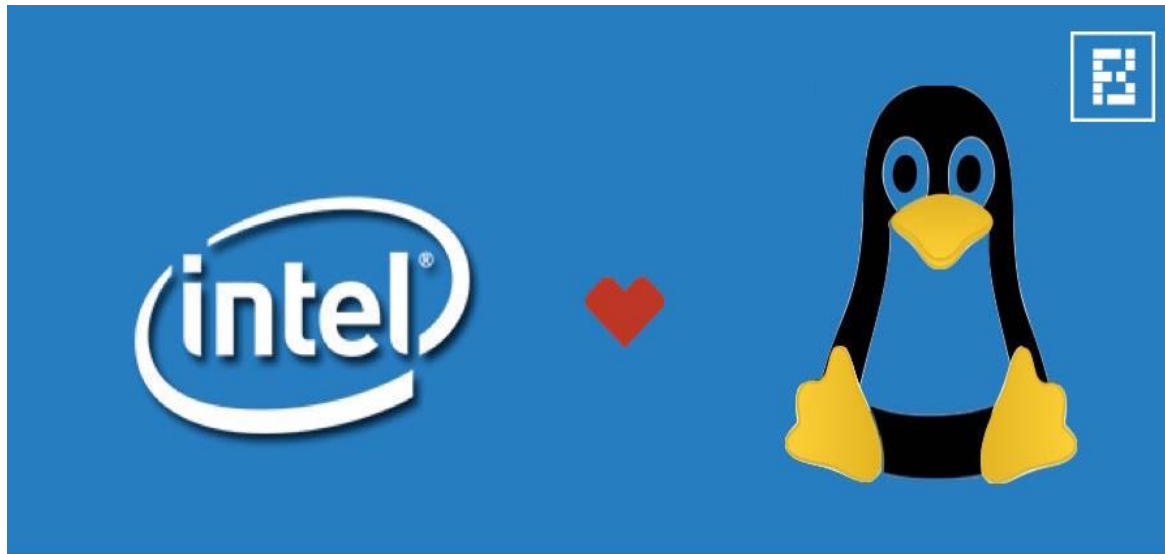
Development of a SGX Application.



From a **developers perspective**:

1. Create trusted and untrusted part of the application.
2. Configure enclave parameters.
3. Define calls to a enclave(**ECALLS**)
4. Define calls from enclave(**OCALLS**)
5. Initialize enclave(s).
6. Add data and secrets.

Putting Theory into Practice



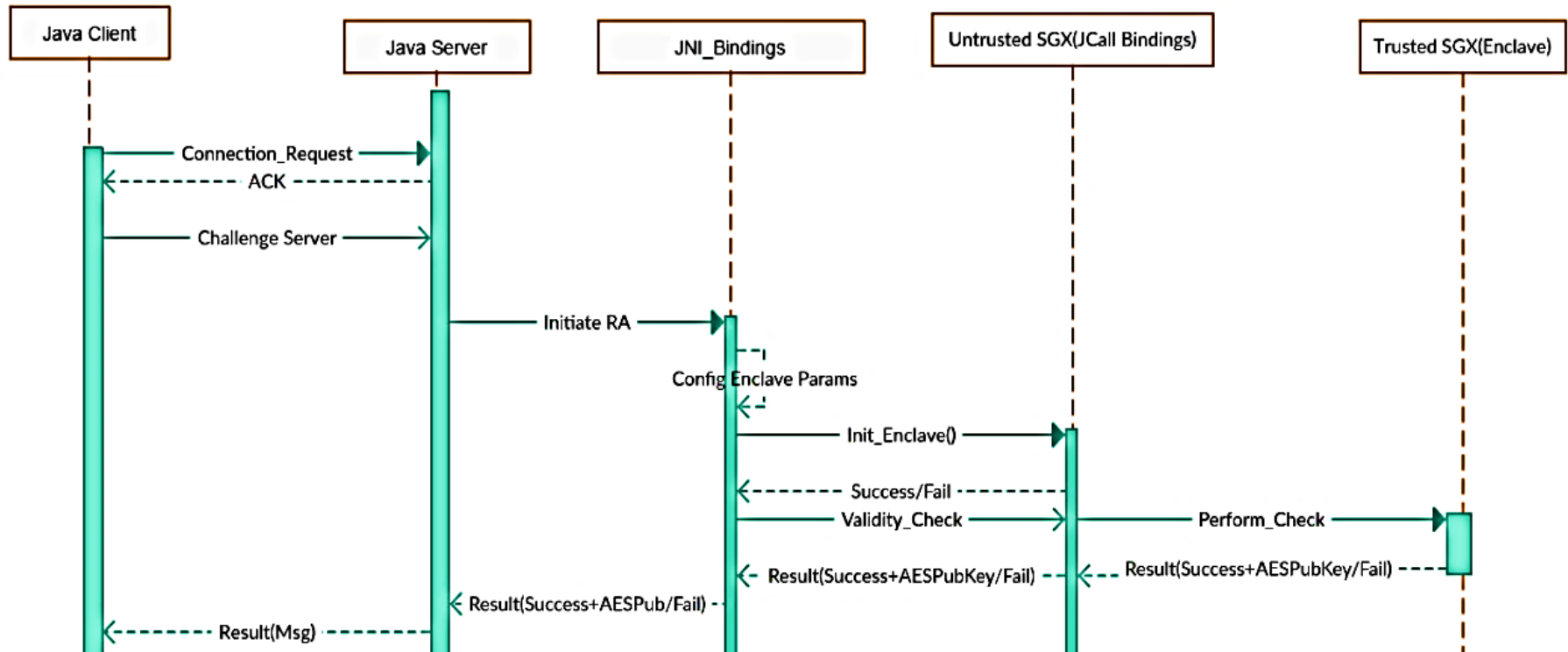
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SGX - Intel's tool to protect code is now open source

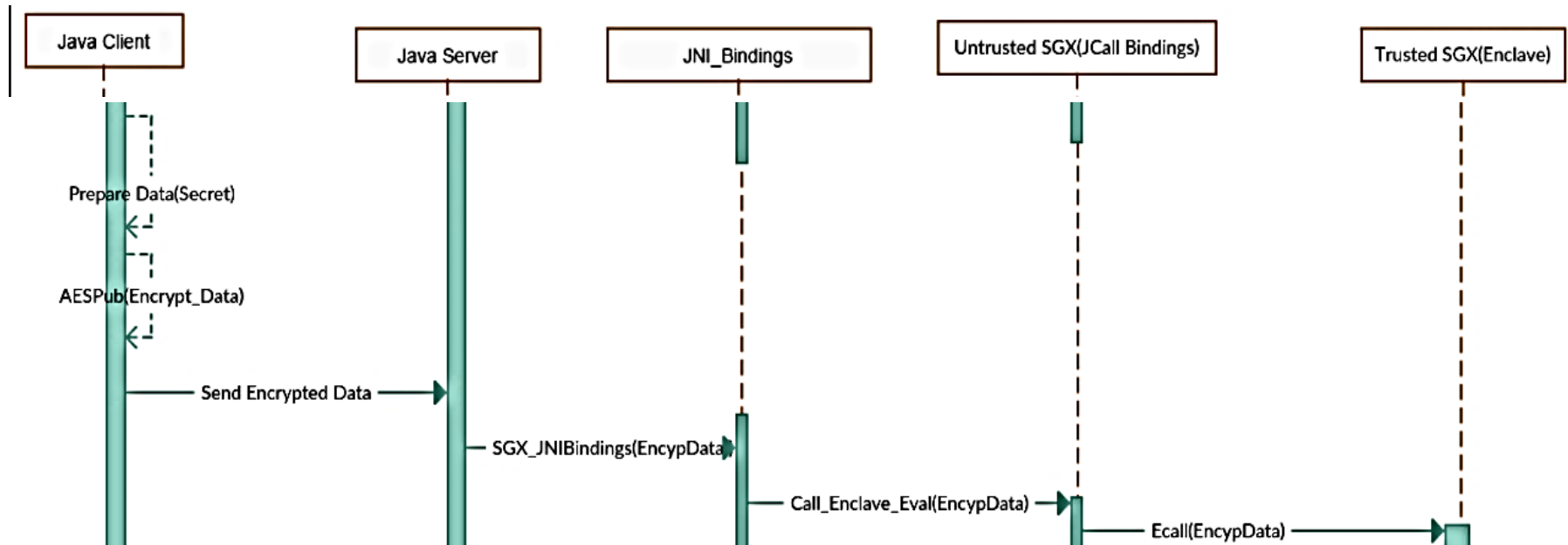
Implementation Sequence Diagram

1. Initialization of enclave and the key exchange with remote enclave



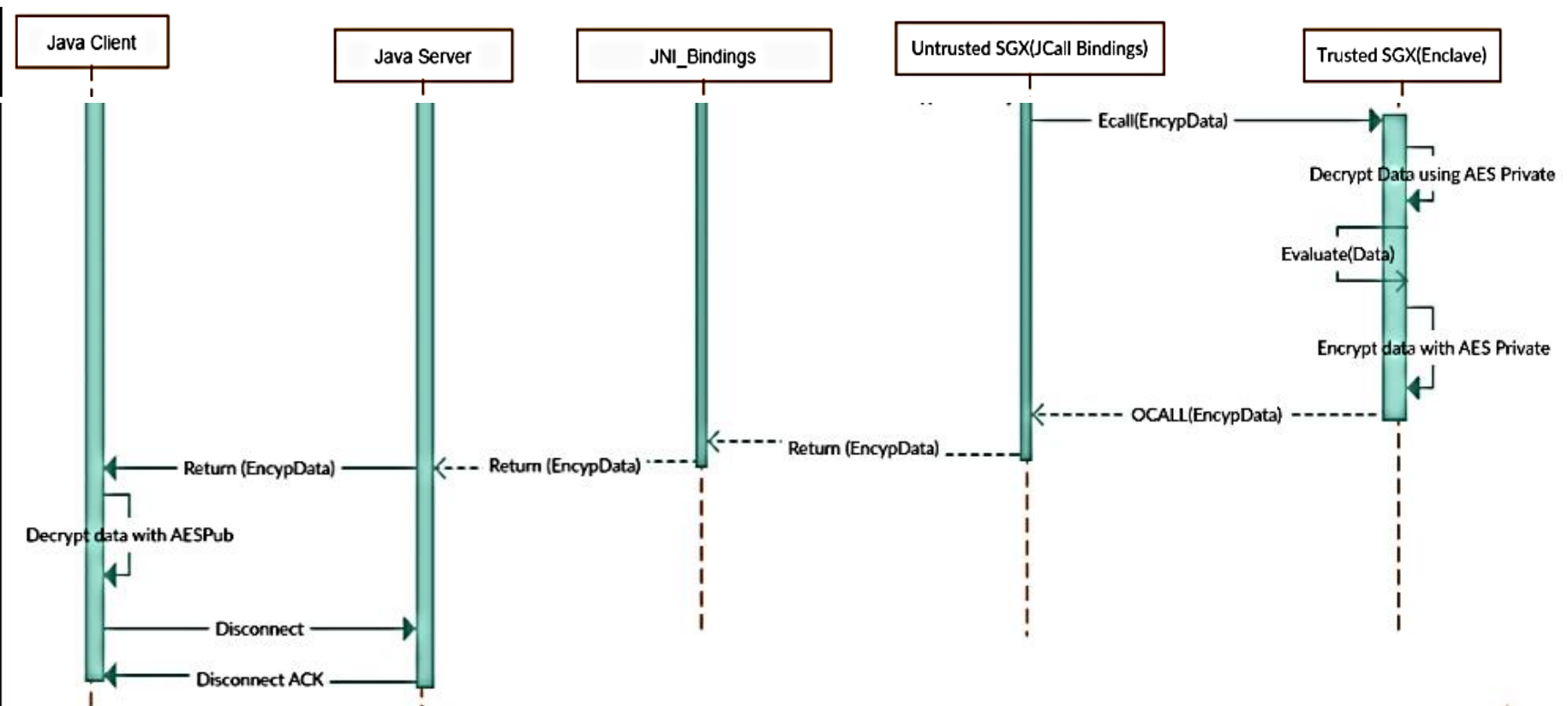
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2. Encryption and sending of data to remote enclave



Implementation Sequence Diagram

3. **Decryption, evaluation** and sending back **encrypted result** to client from remote enclave



Using Java native interfaces(JNI) in SGX

```
/*
 * Class:      Java_Main
 * Method:     func_init_enclave_ra
 * Signature:  (III)I
 */
JNIEXPORT jint JNICALL Java_Java_1Main_func_1init_1enclave_1ra
    (JNIEnv *, jobject, jint, jint, jint);
```

Initialization of Enclave

```
/*
 * Class:      Java_Main
 * Method:     config_extended_ID
 * Signature:  (I)I
 */
JNIEXPORT jint JNICALL Java_Java_1Main_config_1extended_1ID
    (JNIEnv *, jobject, jint);
```

Configuration of Enclave

```
/*
 * Class:      Java_Main
 * Method:     send_MSG0
 * Signature:  (I)I
 */
JNIEXPORT jint JNICALL Java_Java_1Main_send_1MSG0
    (JNIEnv *, jobject, jint);
```

Other function calls to
Untrusted part

```
/*
 * Class:      Java_Main
 * Method:     send_MSG1
 * Signature:  (I)I
 */
```

Enclave Description Language(EDL)



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```
untrusted {
    void ocall_Arith_Core_sample([in, string] const char *str);
};

trusted {
    public int ecall_Arith_Core_sample();
    public int ecall_Arith_Core([in, string]char* x,[out, size=buffer_size]char* result,int buffer_size);
    public int ecall_add(int x, int y);

    public void ecall_encrypt([in, size=ptxt_size] char* ptxt, int ptxt_size,
        [out, size=ctxt_size] char* ctxt, int ctxt_size);

    public void ecall_decrypt([in, size=ctxt_size] char* ctxt, int ctxt_size,
        [out, size=ptxt_size] char* ptxt, int ptxt_size);

    public void ecall_add_enc([in, size=size1] char* ctxt1, int size1,[in, size=size2] char* ctxt2, int size2,
        [out, size=buffer_size] char* buffer, int buffer_size);

    //public int ecall_Arith_Core();
};
```

Rule of the Thumb:

- Trusted part contains all the ECALLS.
- Untrusted part contains all the OCALLS of the application.

How can a Remote Enclave be trusted?

By procedure of **Remote Attestation** offered by Intel SGX.



A verifying enclave becomes the **Quoting Enclave**.

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Remote Attestation by Intel SGX.



After verifying the REPORT the, QE signs the REPORT with the EPID private key and converts it into a QUOTE.

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Remote Attestation by Intel SGX.



Remote platform verifies the QUOTE with the EPID public key and verifies MRENCLAVE against the expected value

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Demo of the Application

Application Demo

Conclusion

- While Intel SGX provides new paradigm into securing application and its secrets using hardware enabled measures. It is highly platform and **hardware dependent**.
- Using JNI we can access C and C++ code which adds **performance boost**.
- However, JNI uses native languages which mean it has **portability Issue**.
- **Code Debug** could be one of the major problems for the developers who use JNI features in JAVA.

Thank You!