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# Uptane: Open Source Summit Japan

Securing Software Updates and Supply Chains on Connected Vehicles

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# Agenda

- *What Uptane is, what it does, and how it works*
- *Uptane prevents or deflects specific attacks*
- *Fundamental security assumptions and best practices*
- ***Break***
- *International standards and national and regional regulations*
- *Emerging critical issues*
- *Closing thoughts*

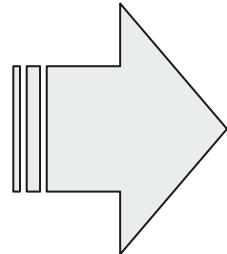
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# What Uptane is, What it Does and How it Works

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# Who Cares about Hacking Cars?

2015: Guys in tracksuits



Present: Attackers with nation-state level resources

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## Attacker Goals

**Read** the contents of updates to discover confidential information, reverse-engineer firmware, or identify security fixes to determine the fixed security vulnerability.

**Deny** installation of updates to prevent vehicles from fixing software problems.

**Disrupt** ECUs in the vehicle, denying use of the vehicle or of certain functions.

**Control** ECUs within the vehicle, and possibly the vehicle itself.



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# Uptane Goals

- Prevent known attacks on software update systems
- Provide compromise resilience and security by design
- Minimize damage from a compromised signing key or repository

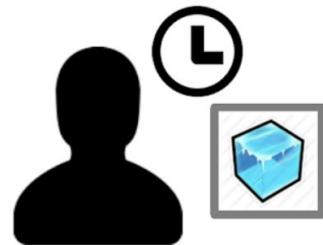


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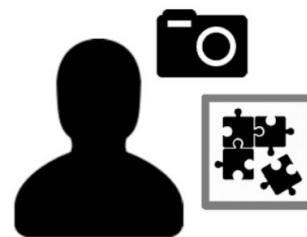
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(Root of Trust)



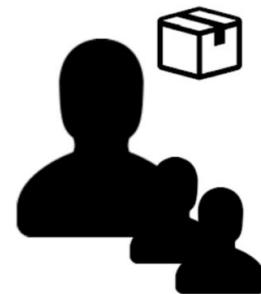
Timestamp

(Freshness)



Snapshot

(Consistency)



Targets

(Authenticity)

# Offline and Online Keys on Repos both fail

The OEM needs to tell ECUs which software is authentic and should be installed

If the keys for authenticity are kept **online** (on the repository, even in a HSM, etc.):

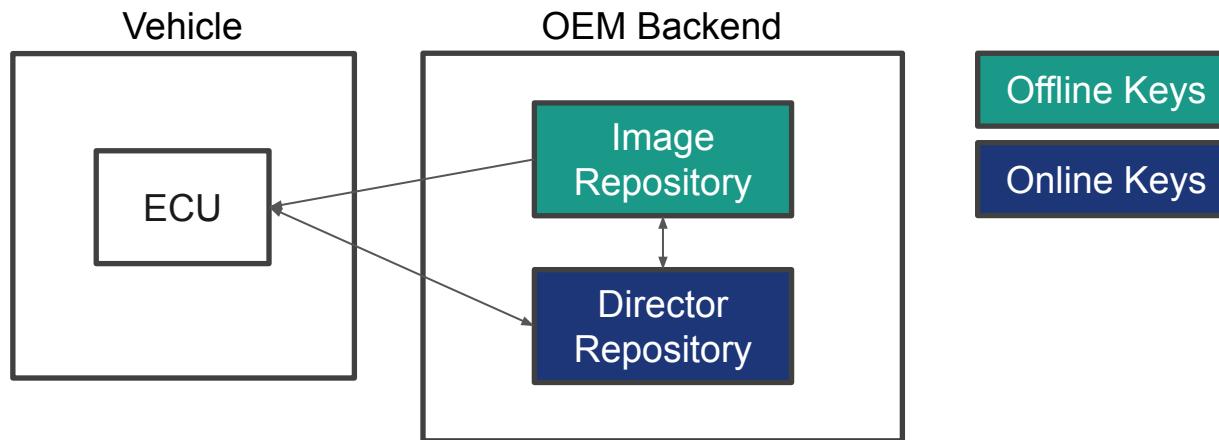
- A repository hack compromises all users

If the keys that instruct what software to install are **offline** (e.g., Yubikey kept in a locked desk drawer):

- It is completely unusable, because the key needs to be used repeatedly.



# Offline and Online Keys



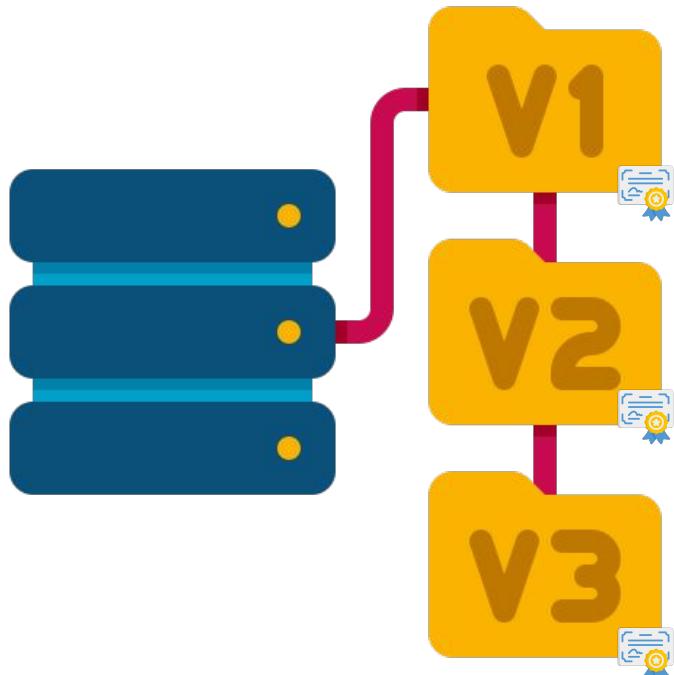
Uptane uses two repositories to provide OEMs with both **security** and **flexibility**!

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# Image Repository

## Authenticity of software images

- 1) Human managed
- 2) Offline keys
- 3) Infrequent updates
- 4) Provides flexible delegation for image signing



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# Director Repository

Which software should be installed

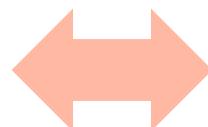
- 1) Automated
- 2) Online Keys
- 3) Frequent Requests
- 4) Generates signed vehicle specific manifest
- 5) Let's OEM control what images are installed
- 6) Works in coordination with a vehicle configuration database



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## How much work should an ECU do?

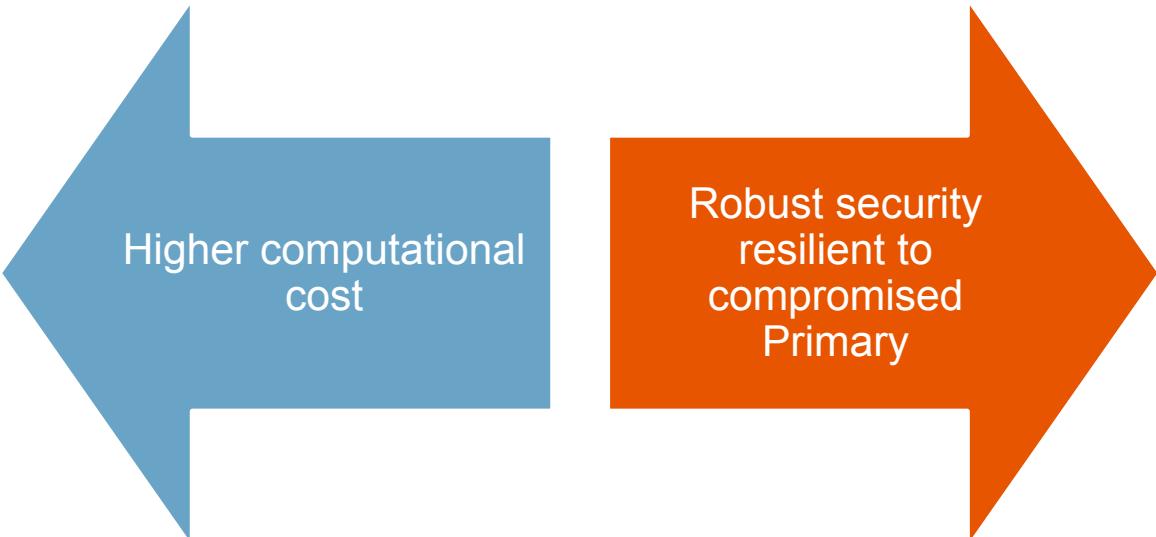
If all ECUs must do a lot  
of security verification,  
few can be protected



If all ECUs do very little  
security verification,  
protections are limited

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## Full Verification of Secondaries



Higher computational cost

Robust security  
resilient to  
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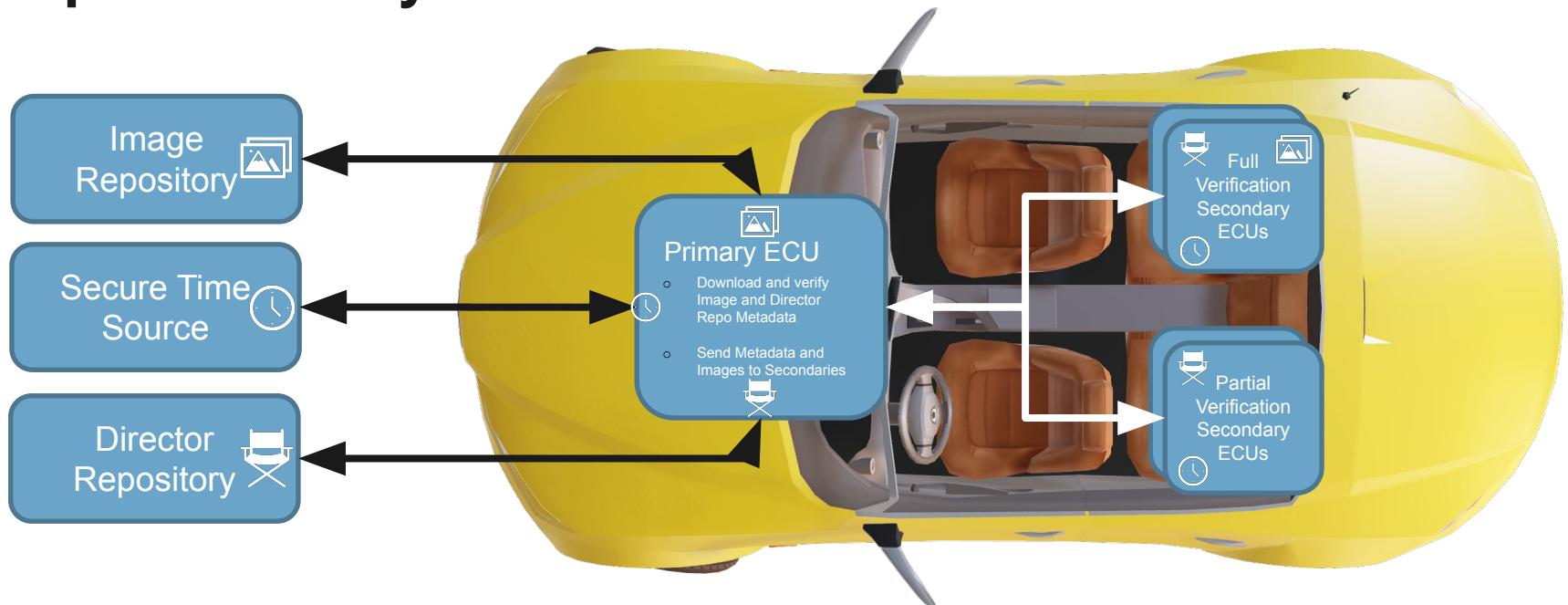
## Partial Verification of Secondaries



Reduced resilience  
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Fewer signature  
checks for  
constrained systems

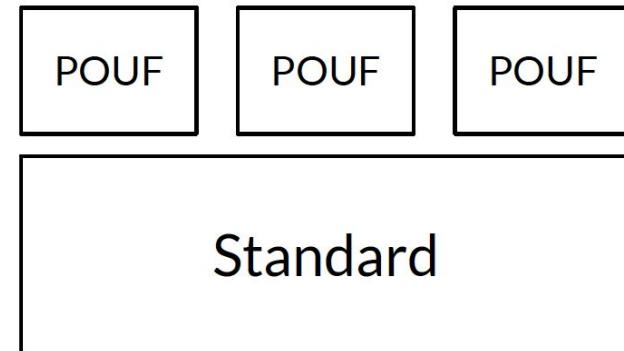
# Uptane Ecosystem



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## Uptane POUFs (Protocols, Operations, Usage, and Formats)

- A profile layer on top of the Uptane Standard
- Allows for interoperable Uptane implementations
- Describes an implementation
  - Choices made from the Uptane Standard and Deployment Considerations
  - Networking information, file storage and data definitions



# PUREs

- Modeled on TAPs from The Update Framework
- A formal method for the community to propose additions or modifications of the Uptane Standard
- Two PUREs approved to date

## Proposed Uptane Revisions and Enhancements (PUREs)

### Accepted

- PURE 1: Title: PURE Purpose and Guidelines
- PURE 2: Title: Offline Updates

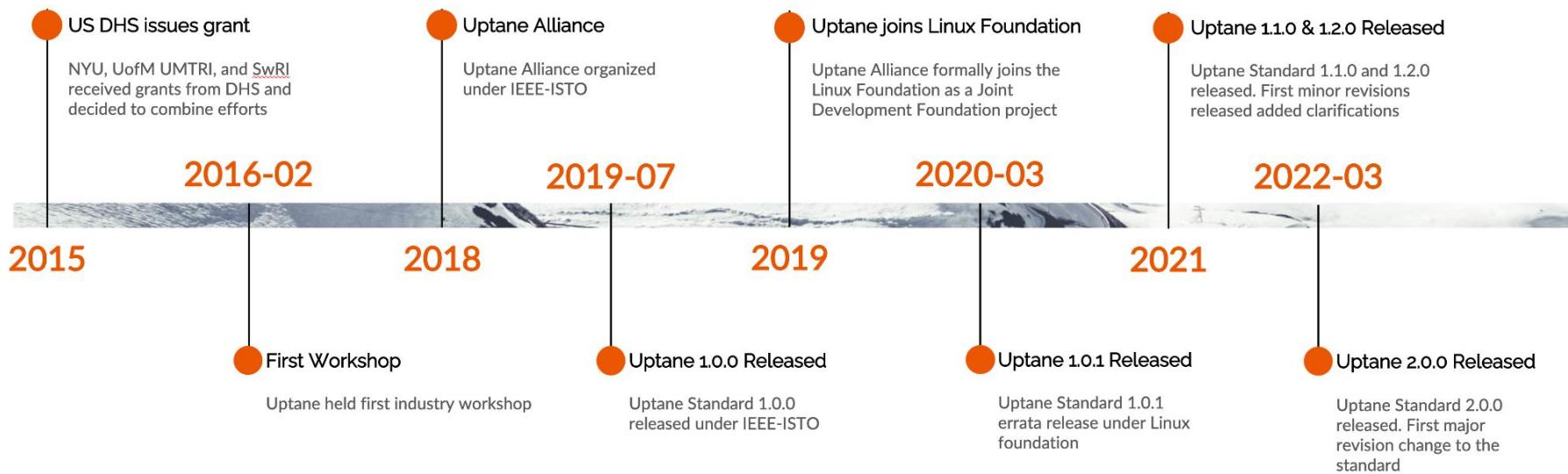
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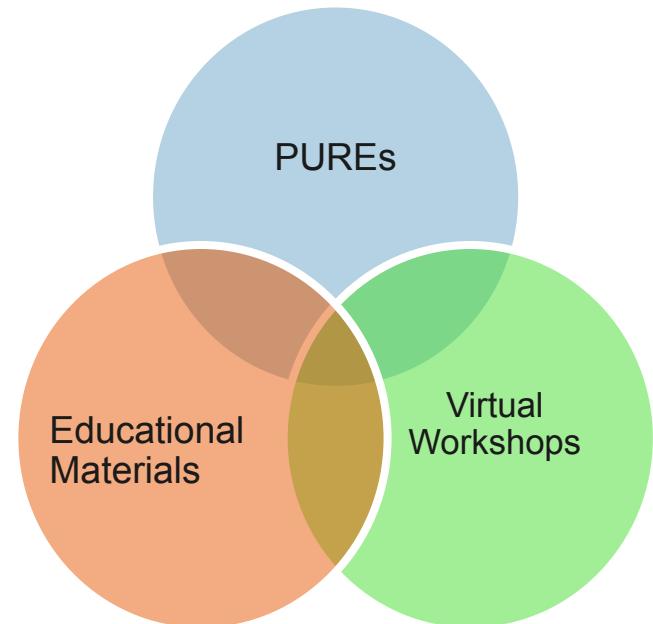
# Timeline for Uptane Development



# Outreach Beyond Standards

**Recent Uptane initiatives in addition to issuing Standards:**

- Establishing policy for accepting proposed contributions to the Standard (PUREs)
- Publishing whitepapers, videos, and tutorials to address new or emerging areas of concern in cybersecurity
- Sharing Uptane stories across borders



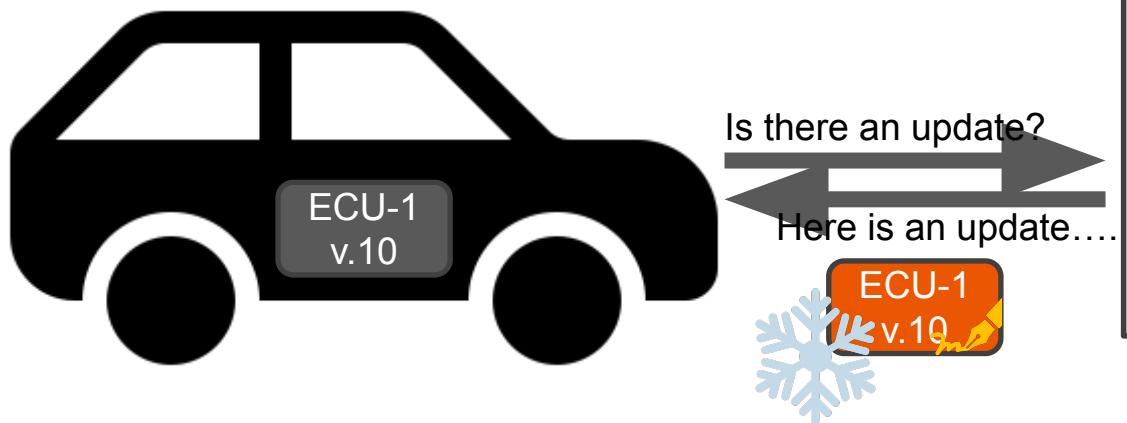
# Uptane Mitigates Specific Attacks

# Uptane protects against four categories of attacks

- Read updates
- Deny updates
- Deny functionality
- Loss of control

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# Freeze Attack



Software Repository

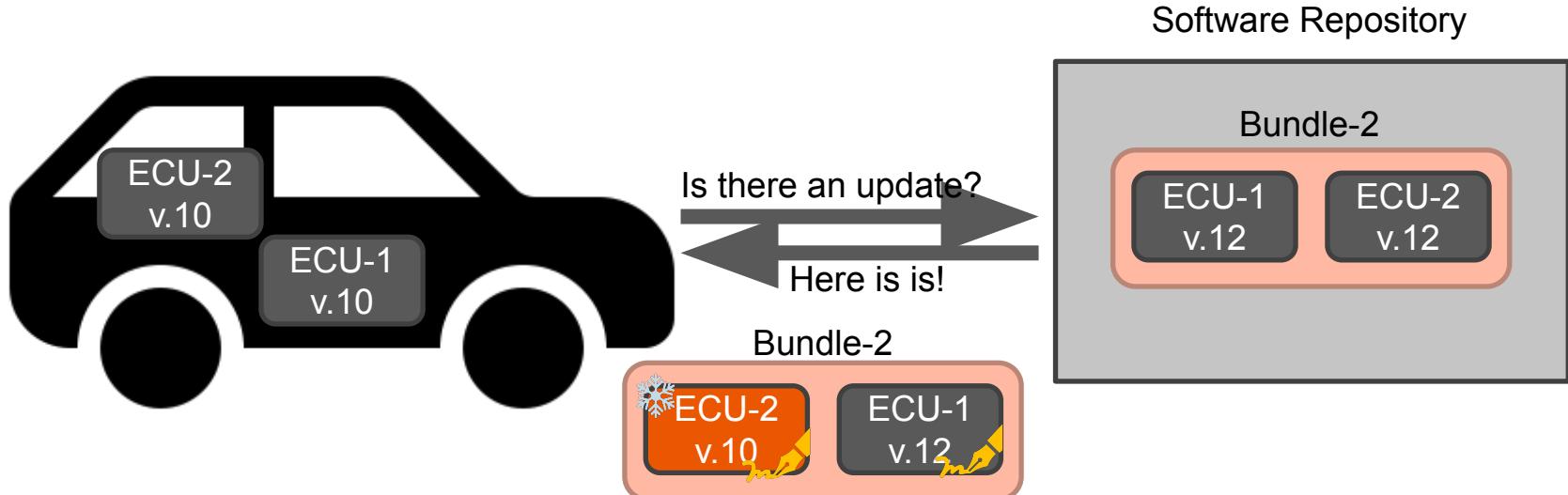
ECU-1  
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## Uptane Protections: Freeze Attack

- The Timestamp metadata includes a timestamp with a short expiration date
- Vehicle can detect that the timestamp is invalid

# Partial Freeze Attack



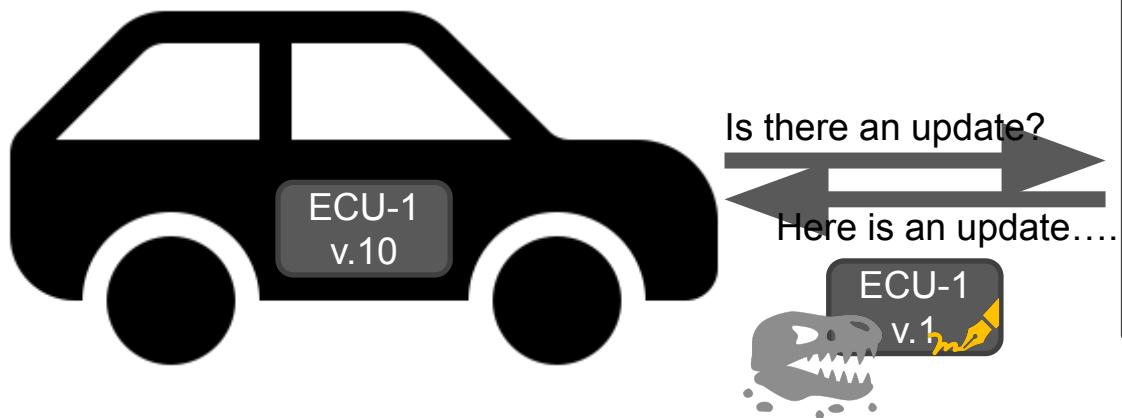
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## Uptane Protections: Partial Freeze Attack

- Snapshot metadata lists all current targets metadata
- Timestamp signs digest of snapshot

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# Rollback Attack



Software Repository

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## Uptane Protections: Rollback Attack

- Snapshot metadata lists all current targets metadata
- Vehicle checks that all versions numbers are strictly increasing

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# Arbitrary Software Attack



# Uptane Protections: Arbitrary Software Attack

- Targets metadata signs the contents of all updates
- Signed by both repositories
  - Image repository uses offline keys
  - Director repository directs updates

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# Uptane Community Considers Additional Device Security Issues



- 1) Securing interfaces
- 2) Choosing strong crypto algorithms
- 3) Ensuring entropy
- 4) Protecting keys
- 5) Preventing data leaks
- 6) Securing the time source

# Break



# Emerging Critical Issues



# Alignment with Standards and Regulations

## Standards

### **ISO/SAE 21434**

Road vehicles — Cybersecurity engineering

### **ISO/DIS 24089**

Road Vehicles – Software Update Engineering

Base requirements for SUMS



## Regulations

### **UN R155**

Cybersecurity and cybersecurity management system (CSMS)



### **UN R156**

Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regards to **software update** and **software update management systems** (SUMS)



# Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

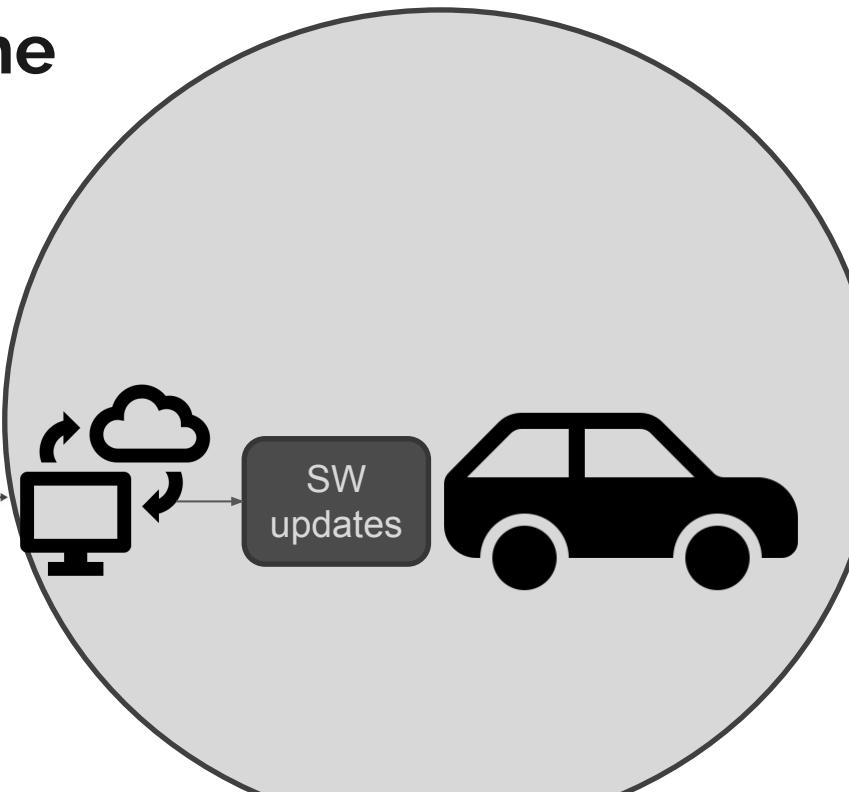
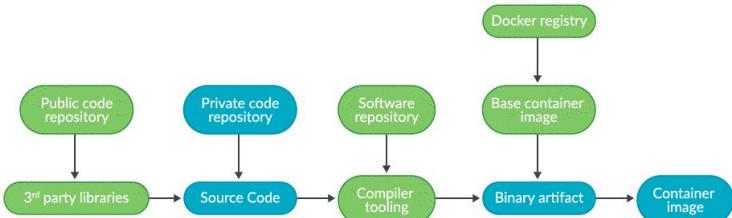
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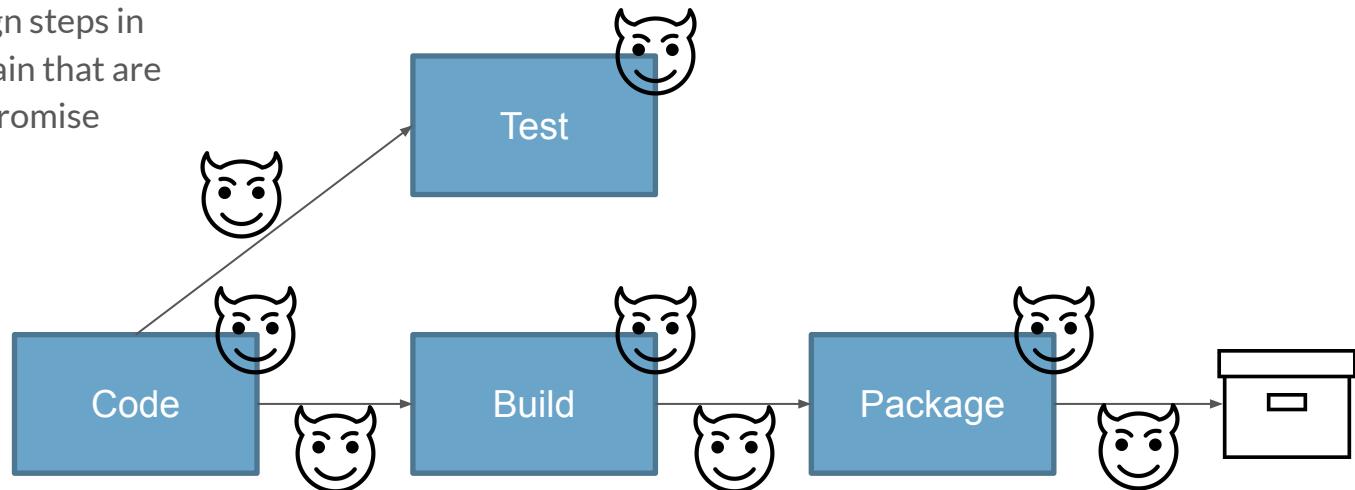
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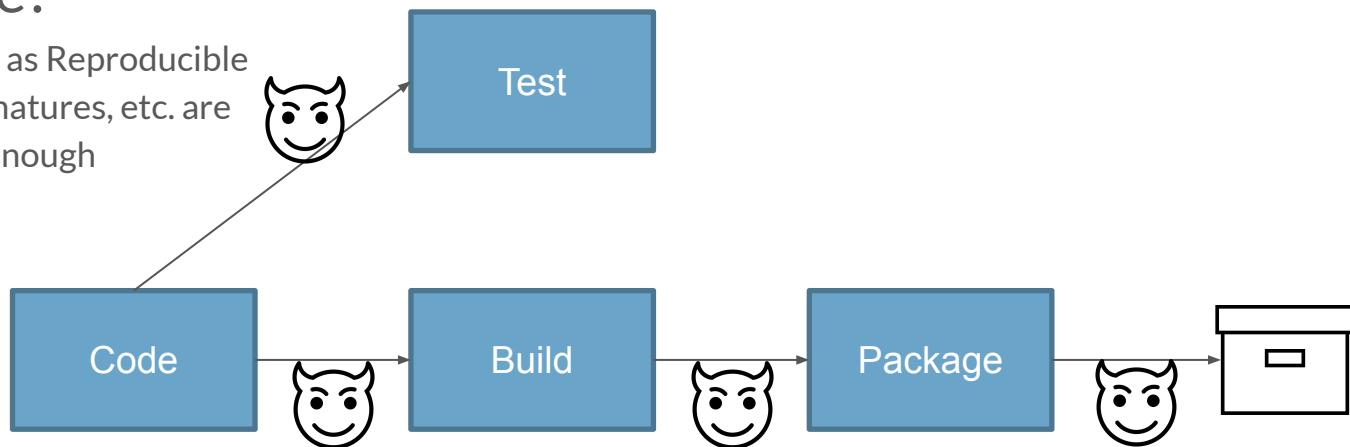


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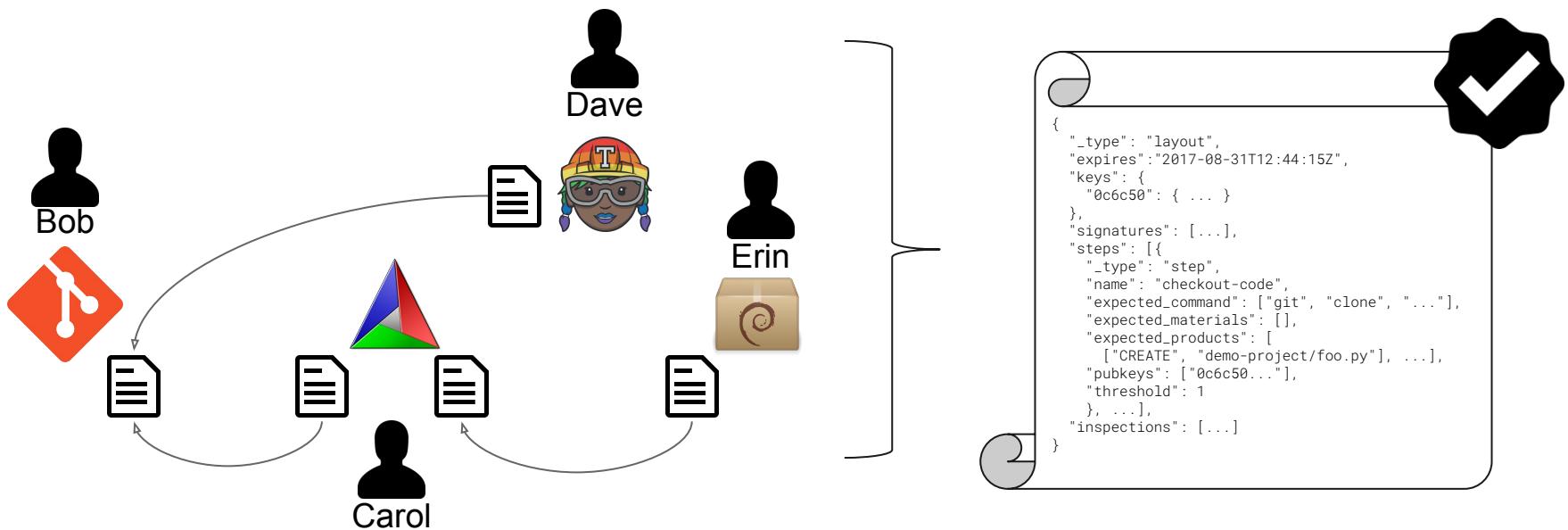




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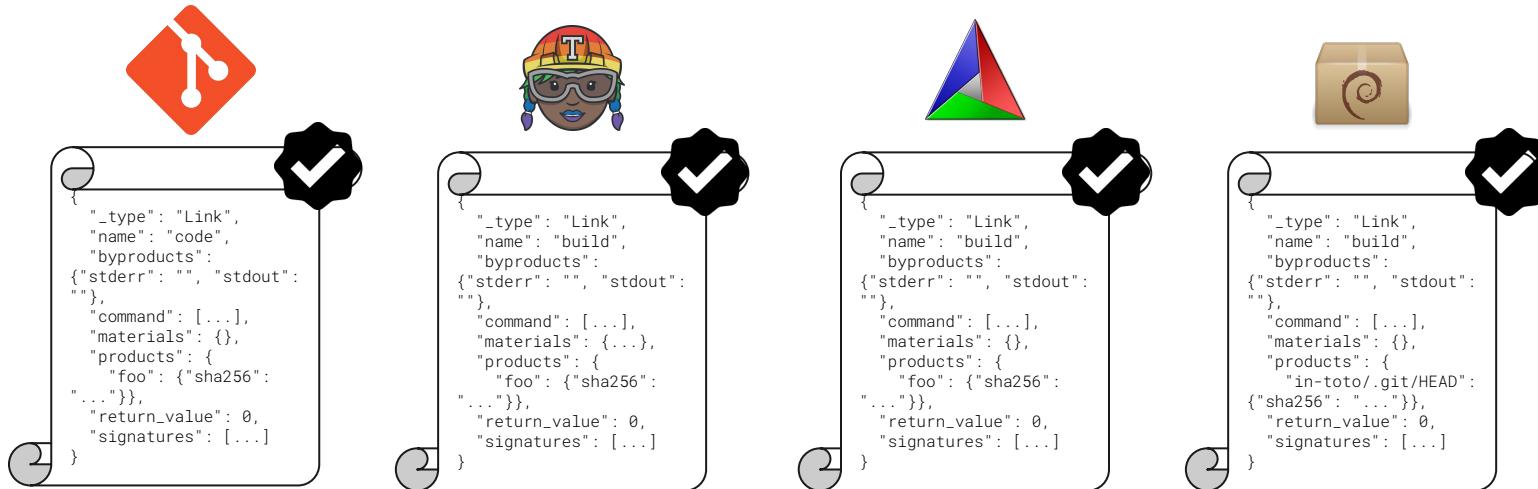
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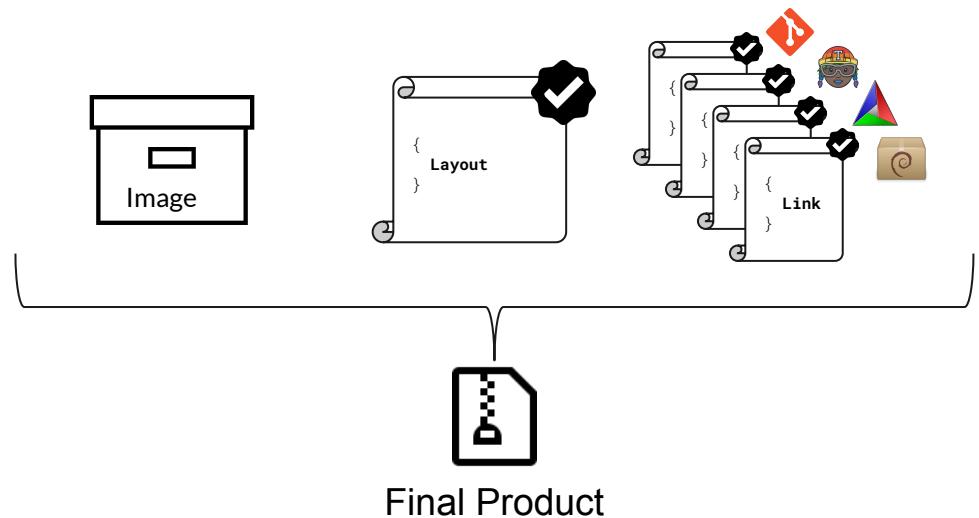
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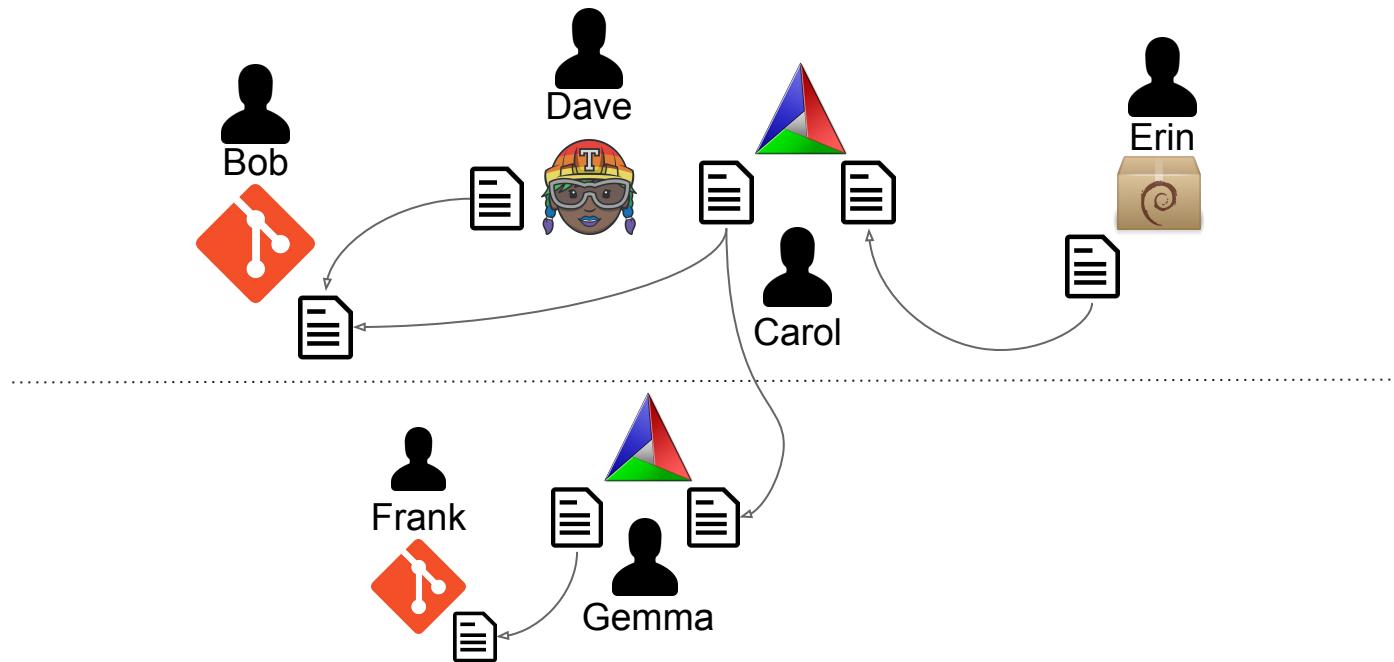


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# What about vendor supply chains?



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## in-toto Integrations and Adoptions



debian



Reproducible  
Builds



DATADOG



kubernetes

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## Scudo = in-toto + Uptane

- Securely distributing metadata for all images before installation
- Identifying ECU responsibilities for in-toto verification on vehicles
- Providing support for vehicles with constrained ECUs
- Supporting vendor supply chains

# Uptane Adoptions Outside Automotive



# Add Content

# Closing Thoughts

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# Conclusions

- At this time, the Uptane Standard is mature and has been deployed in real-world systems.
- Uptane can be used to guide to develop and deploy secure SOTA.
- Using some Uptane ideas is better than not using them at all.

# Conclusions

- Uptane will continue to refine and improve the specification, increasingly focusing on motivation and education
  - Mapping of threats to Uptane modules/requirements to understand what individual Uptane modules/requirements contribute to overall system security (similar to a TARA)
  - Provide strategies to transition from existing SOTA systems to Uptane systems (or improve existing systems with ideas from Uptane)
  - Refine guidance in the Deployment Best Practices
  - Focus on aftermarket devices/systems

# Uptane Roadmap Planning

1st quarter 2023	2nd quarter 2023	3rd quarter 2023	4th quarter 2023	1st quarter 2024	2nd quarter 2024
Release V.2.1 of Standard and Deployment Best Practices	Hold in-person community meeting (North America)	Hold virtual workshop (Europe)	Release V.2.2 of Standard/Deployment	Hold virtual community meeting	Release V.3.0.0 of Standard/Deployment
Release whitepaper on transitioning to Uptane		Release whitepaper on compliance with regulations and standards		Release whitepaper on aftermarket materials	Hold in-person community meeting (North America)
Hold virtual community meeting					

Please contact us if you are interested to join, contribute and/or learn more:

<https://uptane.github.io/participate.html>

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# Thank you.



# Appendix

# Educational Materials

- Whitepapers, Videos, Tutorials, etc.
- Communicating emerging issues in automotive cybersecurity
- Promoting awareness of cybersecurity issues to the automotive community
- Addressing software supply chain issues
- Topics for upcoming whitepapers: Compliance with regulations and standards, Security issues in the use of aftermarket materials, Transitioning to Uptane



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# Industry Workshops

- Offering virtual workshops to reach a global audience at only a fraction of the cost of in-person meetings
- Effective option for a Covid-impacted world
- Two workshops have already been held, one for North America in May 2020 and another for Europe in September 2021
- Soliciting community input on how and when to hold Industry Workshops



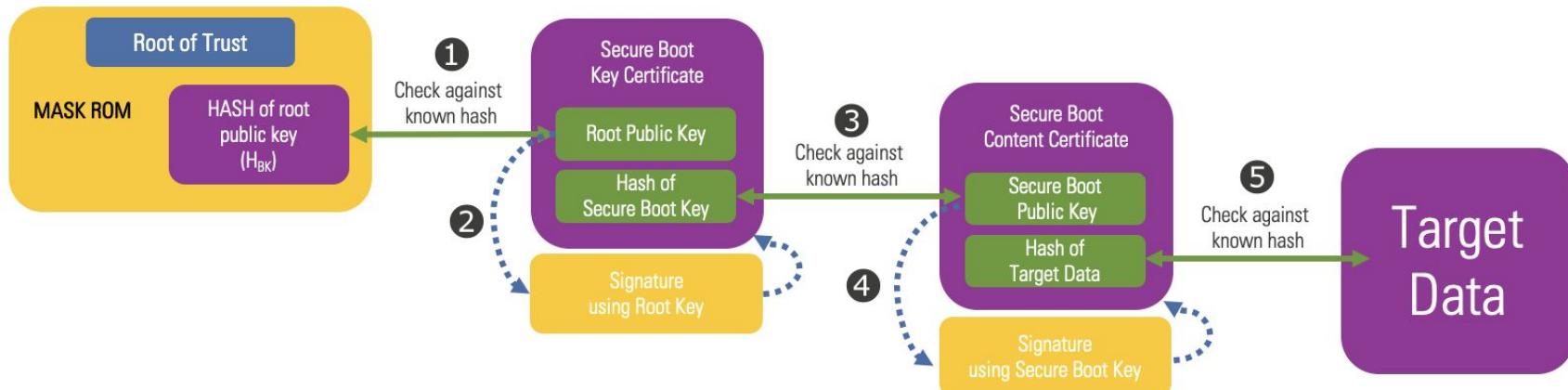
# Appendix: Security Assumptions and Best Practices

# Secure Device Provisioning

How do you initially provision software (including Uptane) on to a device?

- Devices need a mechanism to securely program the initial software and root keys
- Usually root keys are fused in device or are set in OTP flash
- How to protect those keys?

# Hardware Assisted Secure Boot



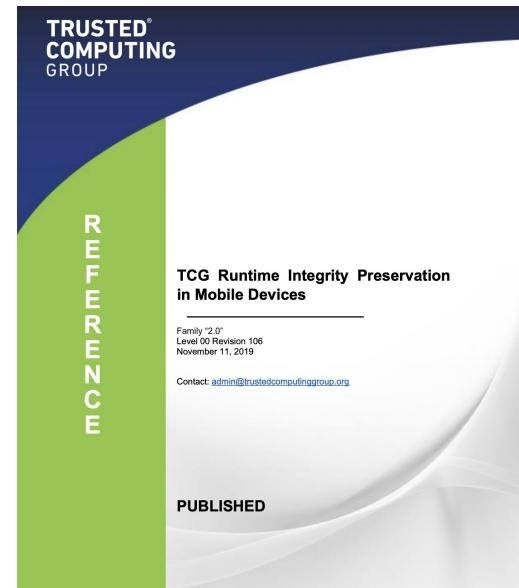
Example Secure Boot Sequence



# Hardware Assisted Runtime Integrity

Once secure boot is complete, how to maintain integrity during runtime?

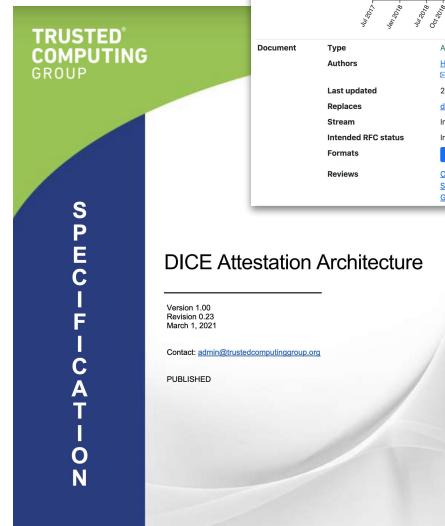
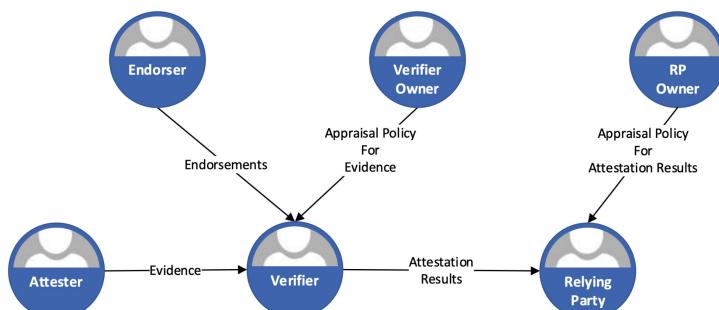
- Runtime integrity tries to answer this question



# Hardware Assisted Device Attestation

How to determine when a device can be trusted?

- TCG DICE Attestation Architecture
- IETF Remote Attestation Procedures Architecture (RATS)



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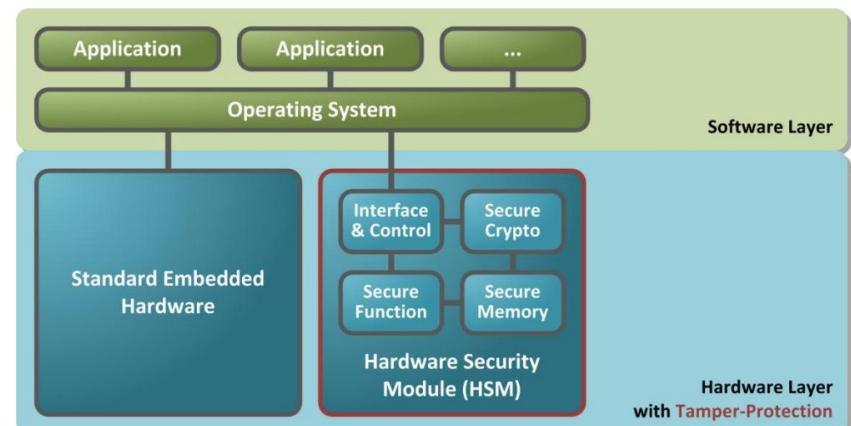
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# Hardware Protected Security Environments

- Secure segmentation
- Crypto acceleration
- Secure storage of keys
- Secure boot
- SAE J3101



# ECU Hardening

- Hardware resistance to fault injection attacks
- Secure coding practices to resist FI attacks
- Tamper protection
- Constant time algorithms
- Security testing of update system



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# Tool Hardening

Make tools unappealing for attackers

- No secret keys in tool
- No secret algorithms in tool
- Authenticate user roles
- Authenticate communication with ECU
- Authenticate communication with backend
- Use end-to-end encryption of binaries  
(Tool doesn't need the unencrypted binary image)
- Take advantage of certificates



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## Aftermarket - Current Scenario

Aftermarket companies (think of Mopar and AutoCare) are providing services and equipment that are outside of the OEM sphere

- Following end-of-life support from OEMs
- Adding functionality to a vehicle through aftermarket vendors

Owners/car enthusiasts are customizing cars

- Following the right to repair
- Successfully reverse-engineering
- Configuration adjustments





# Concerns

## Aftermarket concerns

- Responsibility for component operation
- Integration with existing components

## OEM concerns

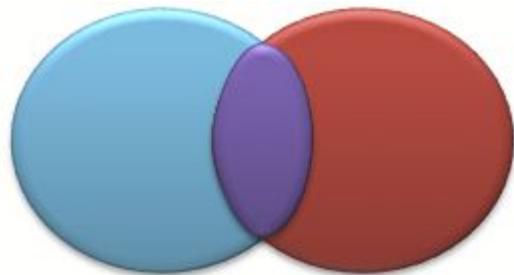
- Responsibility for safe operation of entire vehicle
  - Including right to repair
  - After end-of-life (minor)
- IP protection

## Shared concerns

- Secure the vehicle from both electronic and physical intrusion

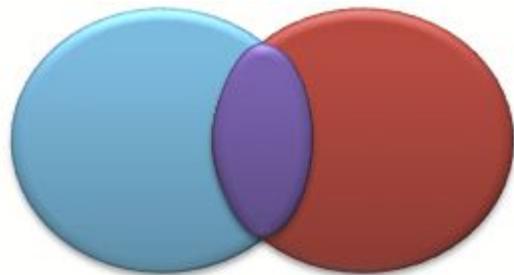
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## Next steps

1. Identify/verify concerns of different stakeholders
2. Rank/identify new alternatives
3. Recommend modifications to Uptane standard

# Software Supply Chain Security



SBOMs have emerged as key building blocks in software supply chain security

It is a nested inventory, a list of ingredients that make up software artifacts

Regulations like Executive Order 14028 on improving the nation's cybersecurity call for them

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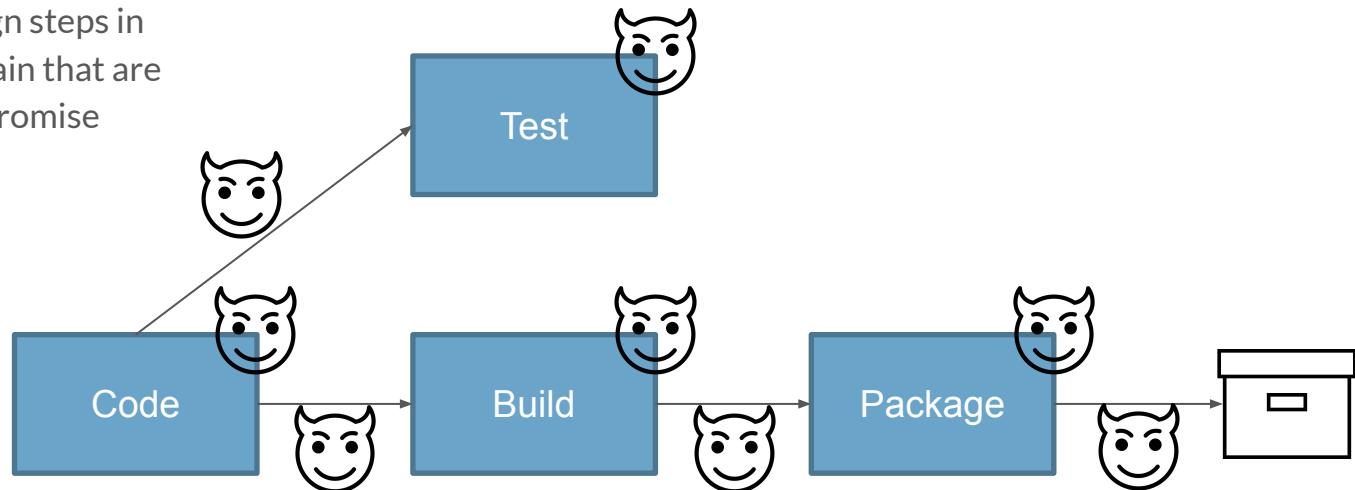
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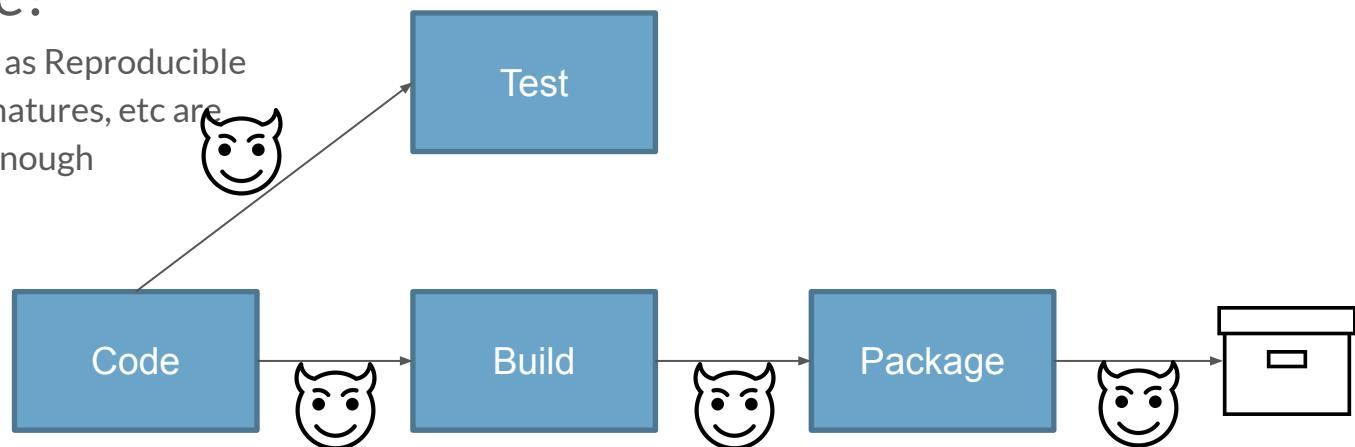


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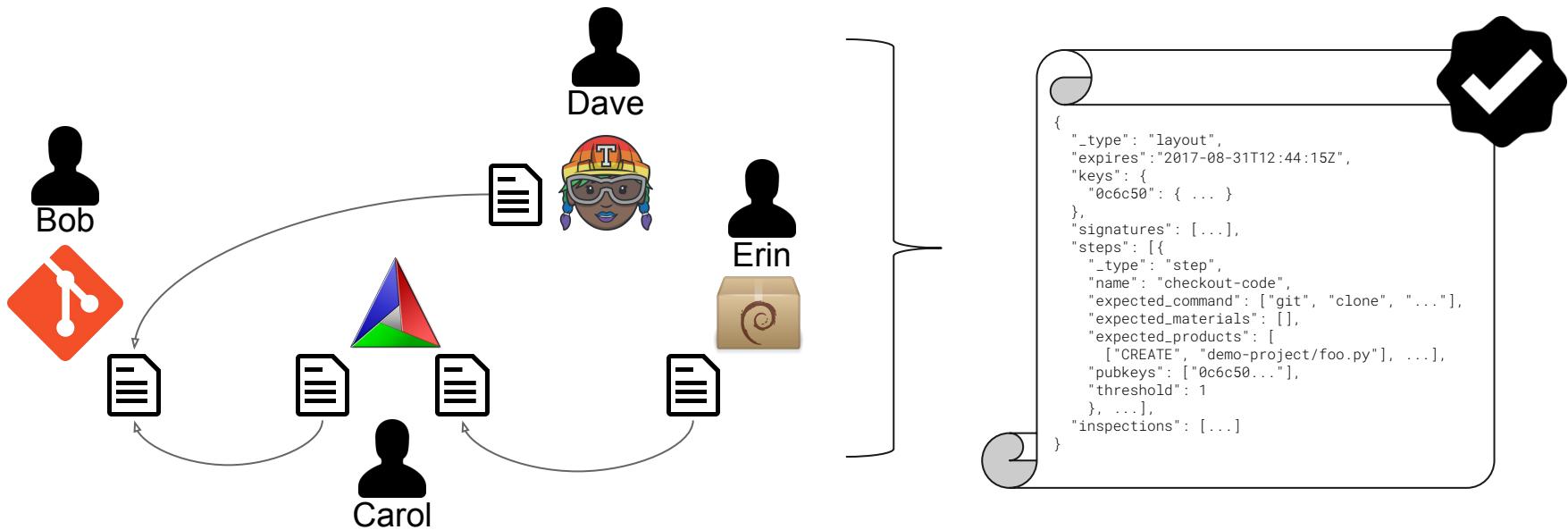




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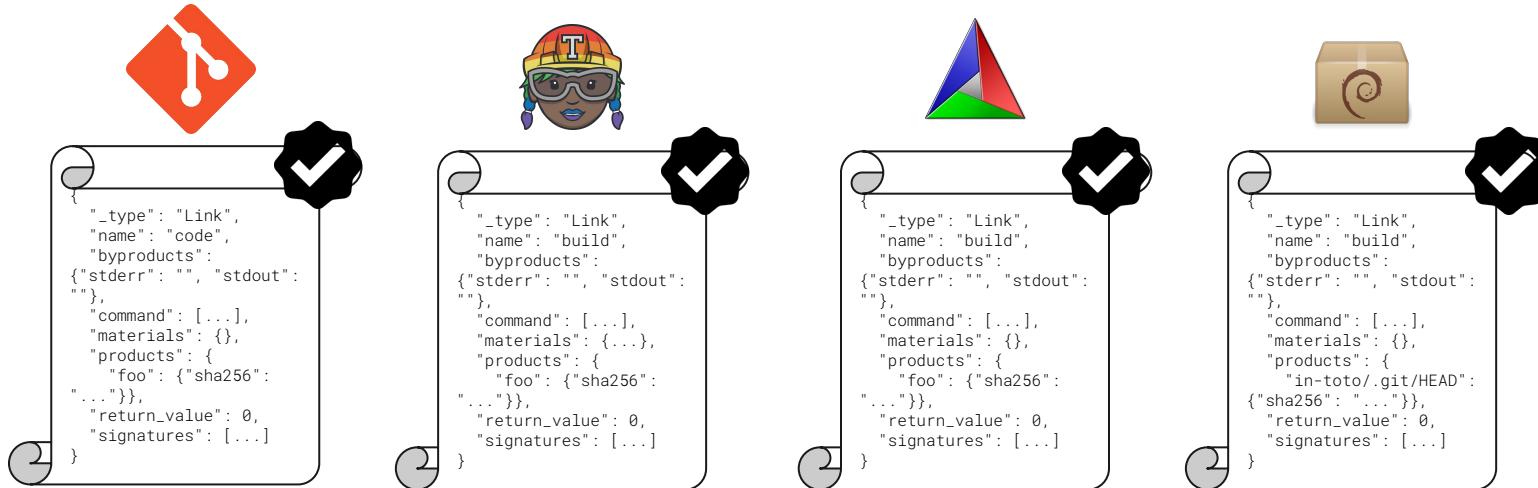
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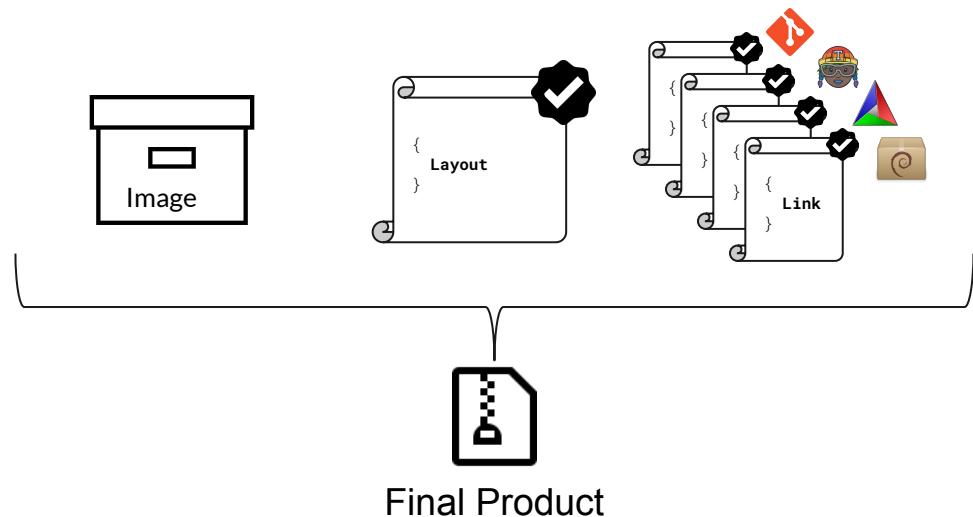
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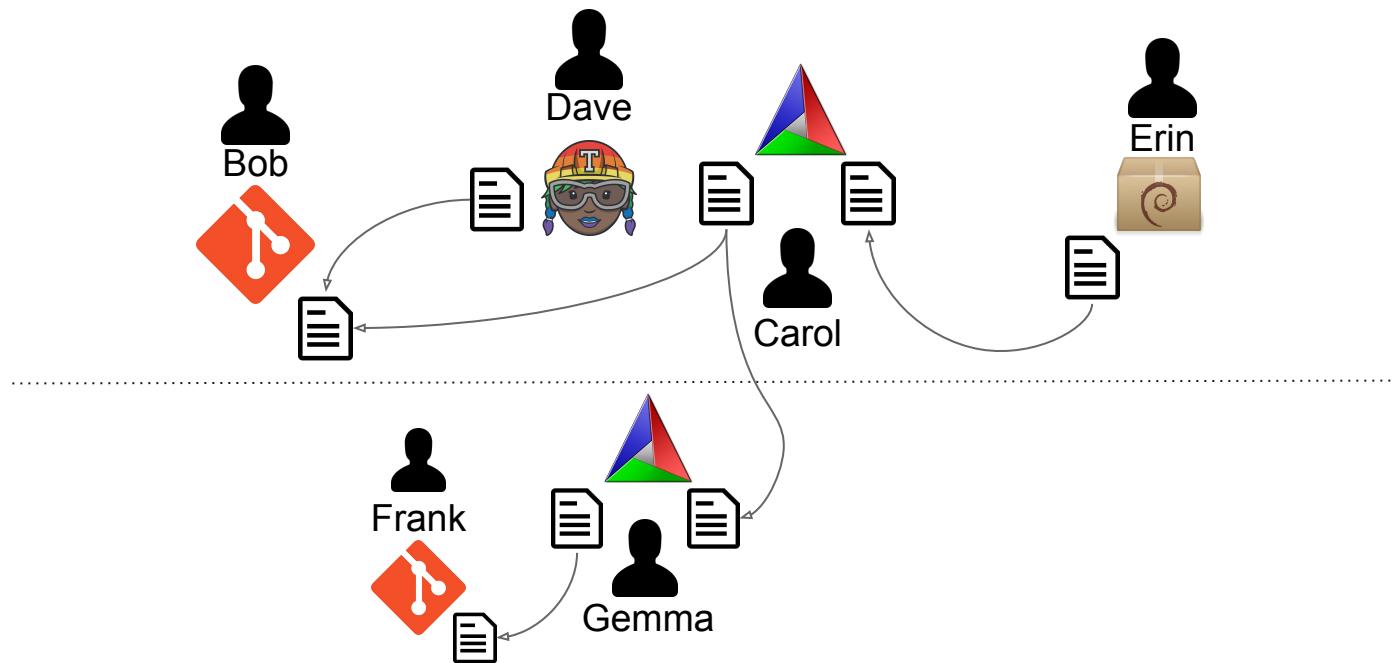


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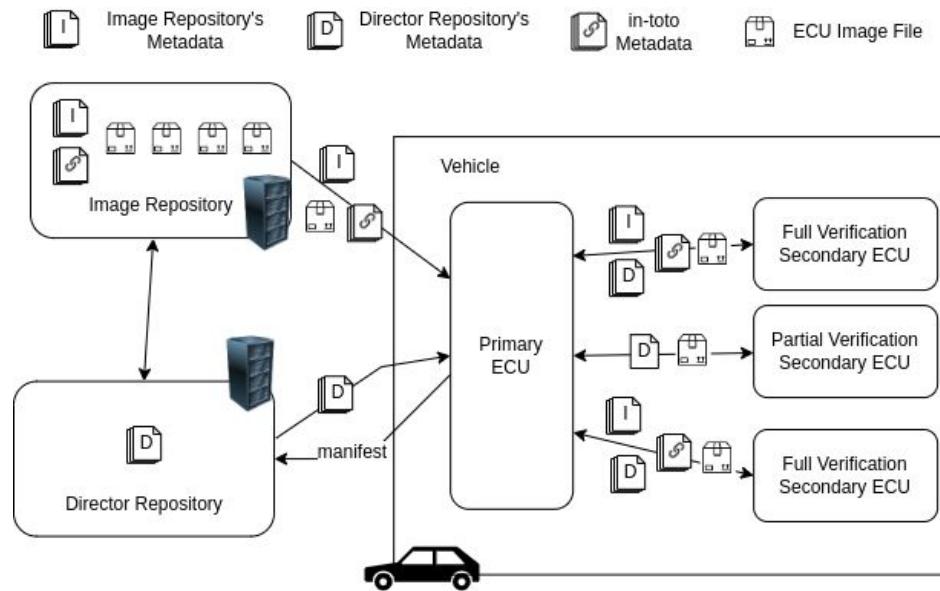
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<https://www.datadoghq.com/blog/engineering/secure-publication-of-datadog-agent-integrations-with-tuf-and-in-toto/>

Integrated in-toto with Uptane considers the nuances of the auto industry:

<https://uptane.github.io/papers/scudo-whitepaper.pdf>

More advanced specification of Scudo available as an upcoming Uptane PURE:

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