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REVIEW OF:

**”Is there trusted path
implementations in OSX” by
Per Christian Kofstad**

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1 Review

The article describes multiple mechanisms which could arguably be categorized as a trusted path in OSX. These mechanisms are described in such a way that the reader can understand the authors arguments on how they may conform to TCSEC or NISTs definition of trusted path.

The included references supports the descriptions of the mechanisms but does not seem to state or agree that the mechanism is a trusted path in any way. This complies with the conclusion, where the author leaves it up to the reader to decide whether OSX has trusted path mechanisms implemented or not, based on the arguments given in the article.

However, the article does seem a little contradicting because the author blatantly states that some of the mechanisms are examples of trusted paths, but at the same time leaves the conclusion open for discussion. Though that might just be a phrasing issue.

2 Conclusion

I believe this article covers what the assignment asked for.

Mark: **Pass**