



# UEFI TECHNICAL UPDATES & PLATFORM INNOVATIONS

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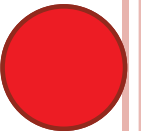
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## INTRODUCTION – Dong Wei



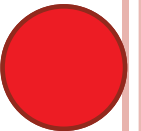
- Distinguished Technologist/Strategist, HP
- Senior Member, IEEE
- Executive MBA
- Vice President, the UEFI Forum
- Secretary, the ACPI SIG
- Chair, PCI SIG Firmware WG



## INTRODUCTION - Vincent Zimmer



- Principal Engineer, Intel
- Member IEEE, ACM
- BS EE Cornell University,  
MS CS University of Washington
- Lead of PI Security Subteam &  
Network Subteam in UEFI Forum
- 200+ issued patents, lead/co-  
author on 3 books, 2 book  
chapters, 10+ conference papers,  
1 RFC



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# INDUSTRY BIOS TRANSITION

Pre-2000

All Platforms BIOS were proprietary

2000

Intel invented the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) and provided sample implementation under free BSD terms

2004

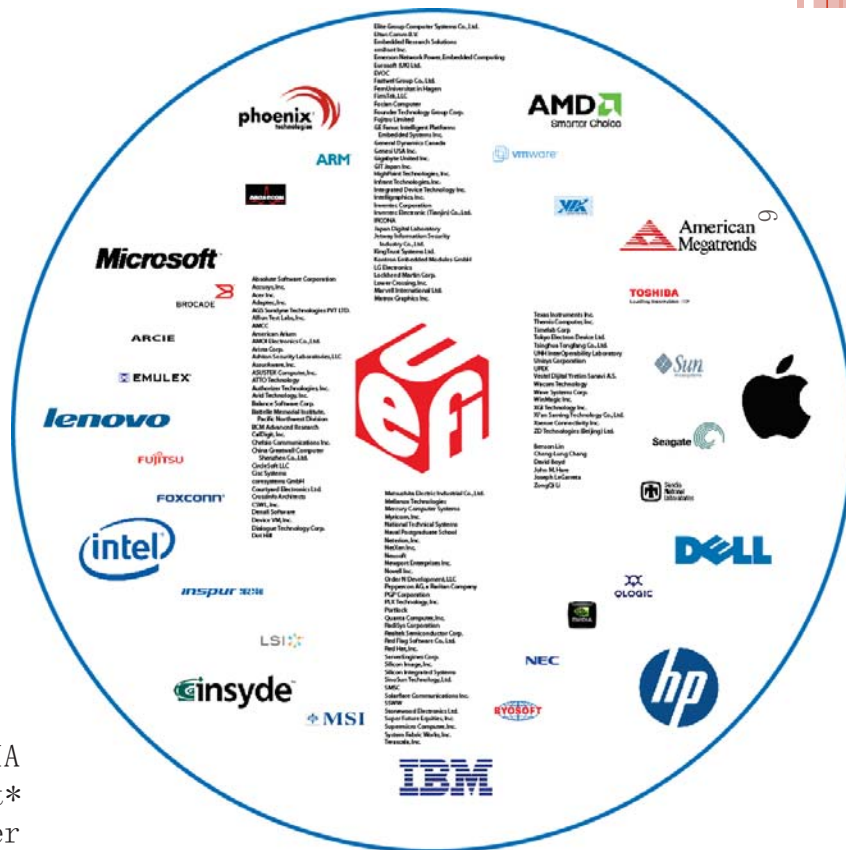
tianocore.org, open source EFI community launched

2005

Unified EFI (UEFI) Industry forum, with 11 members, was formed to standardize EFI

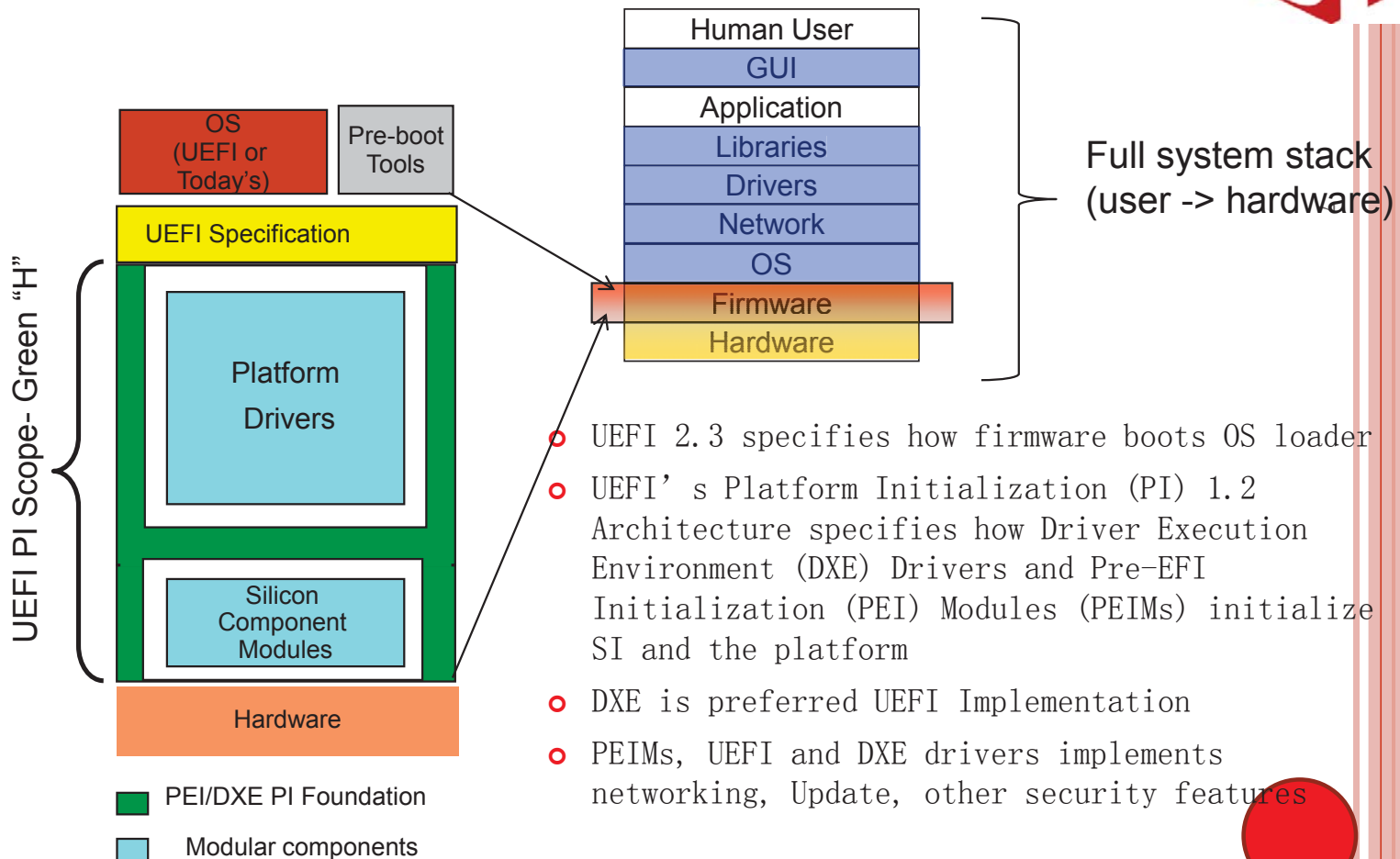
2010

160 members and growing!  
Major MNCs shipping; UEFI platforms crossed 50% of IA worldwide units; Microsoft\* UEFI x64 support in Server 2008, Vista\* and Win7\*; RedHat\* and Novell\* OS support

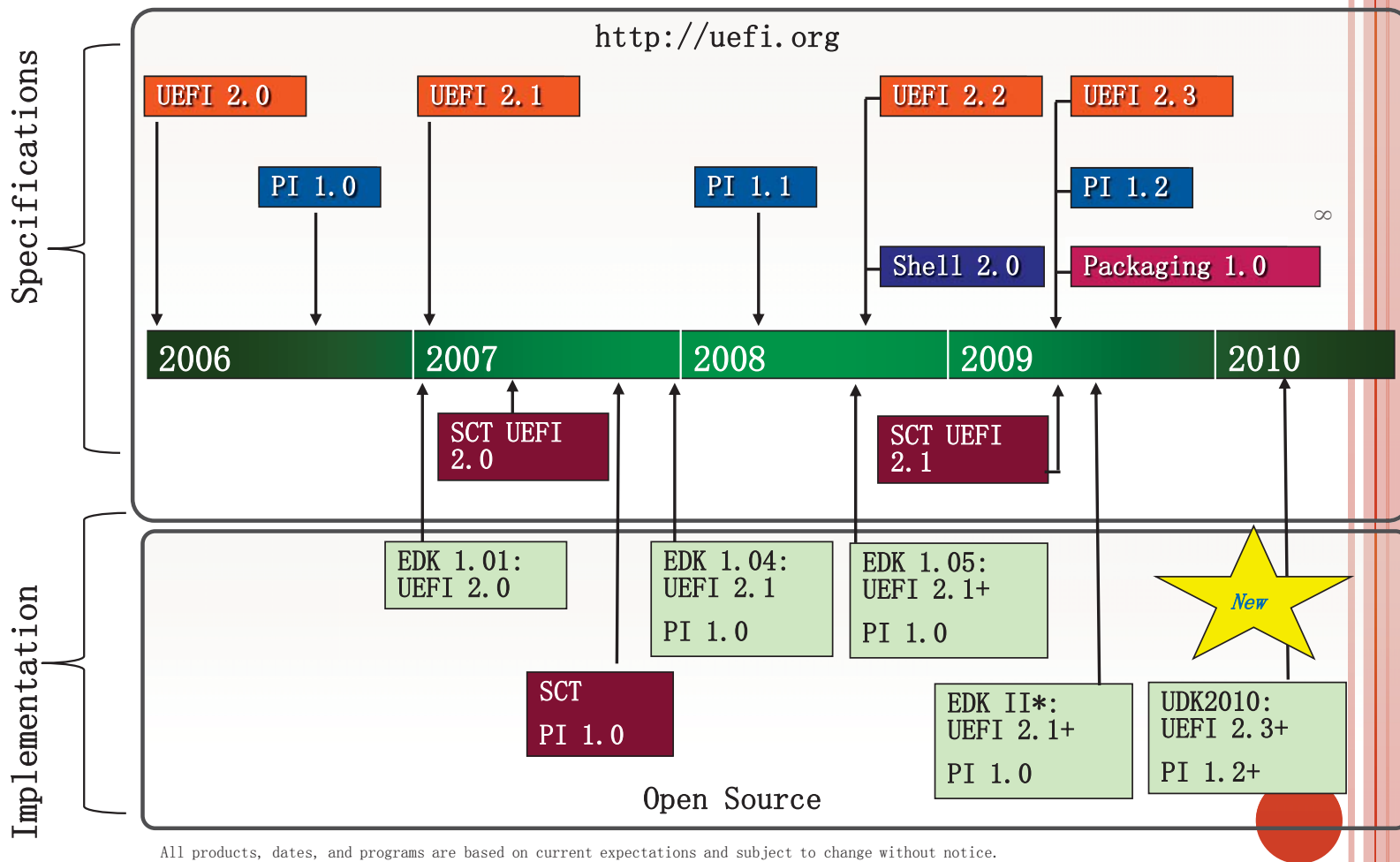




# UEFI PLATFORM INITIALIZATION OVERVIEW



# UEFI SPECIFICATION TIMELINE



All products, dates, and programs are based on current expectations and subject to change without notice.

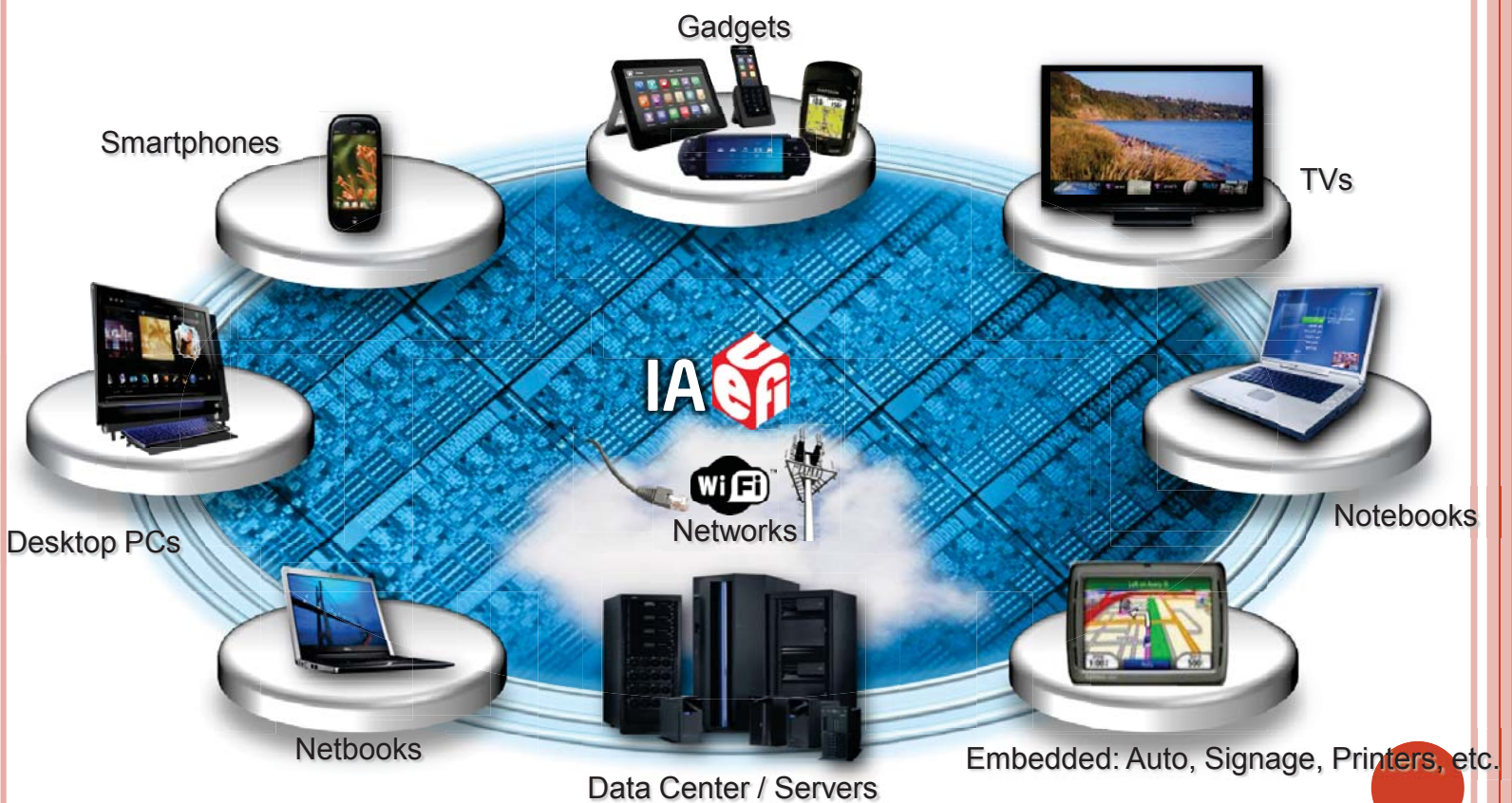
**\* EDK II is same code base as UDK2010**



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INTEL® UDK2010 ENABLES A COMMON FIRMWARE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION ACROSS THE COMPUTE CONTINUUM



# Intel® UDK2010 Key Features

## Industry Standards Compliance

- UEFI 2.0, UEFI 2.1, UEFI 2.2, UEFI 2.3; PI 1.0, PI 1.1, PI 1.2

## Extensible Foundation for Advanced Capabilities

- Pre-OS Security
- Rich Networking
- Manageability

## Support for UEFI Packages

- Import/export modules source/binaries to many build systems

## Maximize Re-use of Source Code\*\*

- Platform Configuration Database (PCD) provides “knobs” for binaries
- ECP provides for reuse of EDK1117 (EDK I) modules
- Improved modularity, library classes and instances
- Optimize for size or speed

## Multiple Development Environments and Tool Chains\*\*

- Windows, Linux, OSX
- VS2003, VS2005, WinDDK, Intel, GCC

## Fast and Flexible Build Infrastructure\*\*

- 4X+ Build Performance Improvement (vs EDK I)
- Targeted Module Build Flexibility

\*\* benefit of EDK II codebase



# INTEL® UDK2010 VALUE PROPOSITION

## OEMs/ODMs

- Reduced Development costs (code sharing)
- Fast TTM (quick integration, fast build, ref code)
- Flexibility to use modules from different suppliers
- Quality and Rich Development Foundation
- Easy to Innovate and Differentiate

## End Users

- New standard-based Features (e.g. IPV6/IPSec)
- Advanced OEMs Innovative Capabilities
- Easy to use and configure systems
- Improved UI; Consistent Look & Feel
- Intelligent, Efficient and Secure Updates

## IBVs

- Common scalable solutions
- Improved module deployment efficiency
- Support multiple customers efficiently
- Alignment with Intel dev foundation direction

## OSVs

- Optimized Boot with Modern Look
- Pre-OS system software verification
- Enhanced network protocols for deployment
- System Boot from large capacity hard drives

## SI Vendors/IHVs

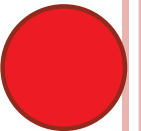
- IP Protection/Binary Modules deployment oppty
- Reduced Development costs
- Improved Validation and Debug-ability
- Comply with OEMs requirements
- Multi-Tier Customers Enabling

## ISVs

- New opportunities for innovation (UEFI apps)
- Advanced Secure Pre-Boot App environment

## Spotlight on Select Intel® UDK2010 Features

- Packaging
- Driver Health
- Firmware Management protocol
- IP6 Networking
- UEFI Image signing
- UEFI User Identity

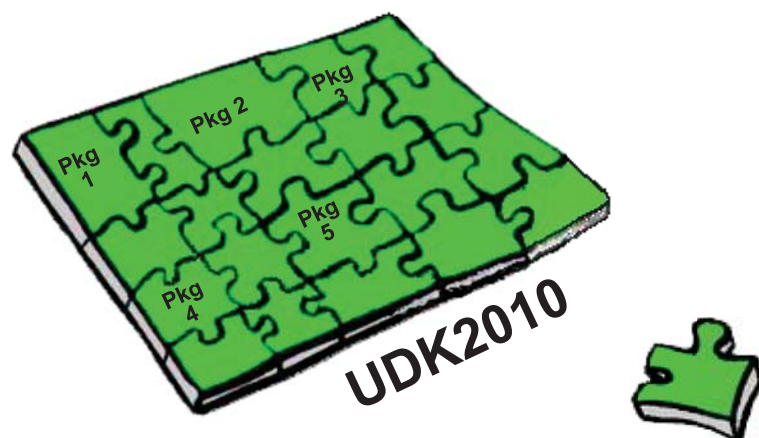


## PACKAGING: ENABLING FAST DELIVERY OF ADVANCED CAPABILITIES TO MARKET

### Monolithic source tree

/sample/universal  
/  
/other/maintained  
/  
?

Firmware Developer



### Example of Package-based deployment

- Package 1 Industry standard modules and drivers
- Package 2 Chipset PEIM' s and DXE drivers
- Package 3 System board code
- Package 4 OEM Value-add

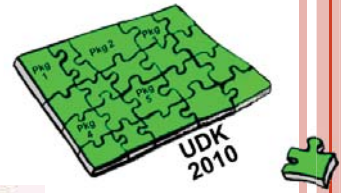
*UDK2010 enables all the pieces to fit together and work!*



# HEALTH AND MANAGEMENT

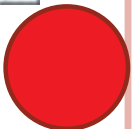
## ○ Driver Health Protocol

- Allow for self-healing / correcting devices
- Drivers and platform boot manager work in concert to correct & diagnose issues
- Moving more autonomics into the platform



## ○ Firmware Management Protocol

- Consistent way for driver adapters and system board to allow for updates
- More manageable elements that can
  - Update from error/bug
  - Fix field issue
  - Prevent roll-back to 'bad' image
- Extend component manageability



*Rich set of features for package-driven deployment*

# IP6 NETWORKING

- UEFI 2.3 network stack infrastructure
  - SAN/Datacenter boot
    - TCP-based iSCSI
    - Cryptographic logon
    - Multi-path/fail-over
  - IPsec for end-to-end security
  - Supports US Government requirements for IPV6 transition

<http://www.antd.nist.gov/usgv6/usgv6-v1.pdf>

- Technology includes
  - IP4/6, UDP4/6, TCP4/6, DHCP4/6, VLAN, IPsec
    - Allows for concurrent network applications via design based upon MNP
    - Features dual stack: IP4, IP6, or both
  - Evolution of network boot to IPV6
    - Defined in IETF RFC 5970

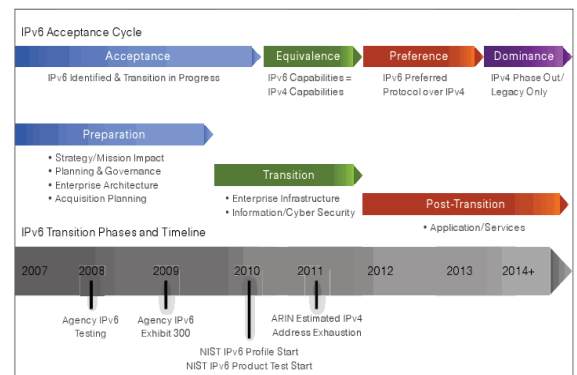
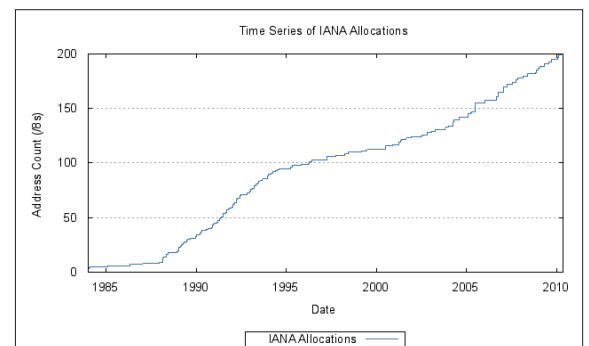


Figure 2: Federal IPv6 Transition Phases and Timelines

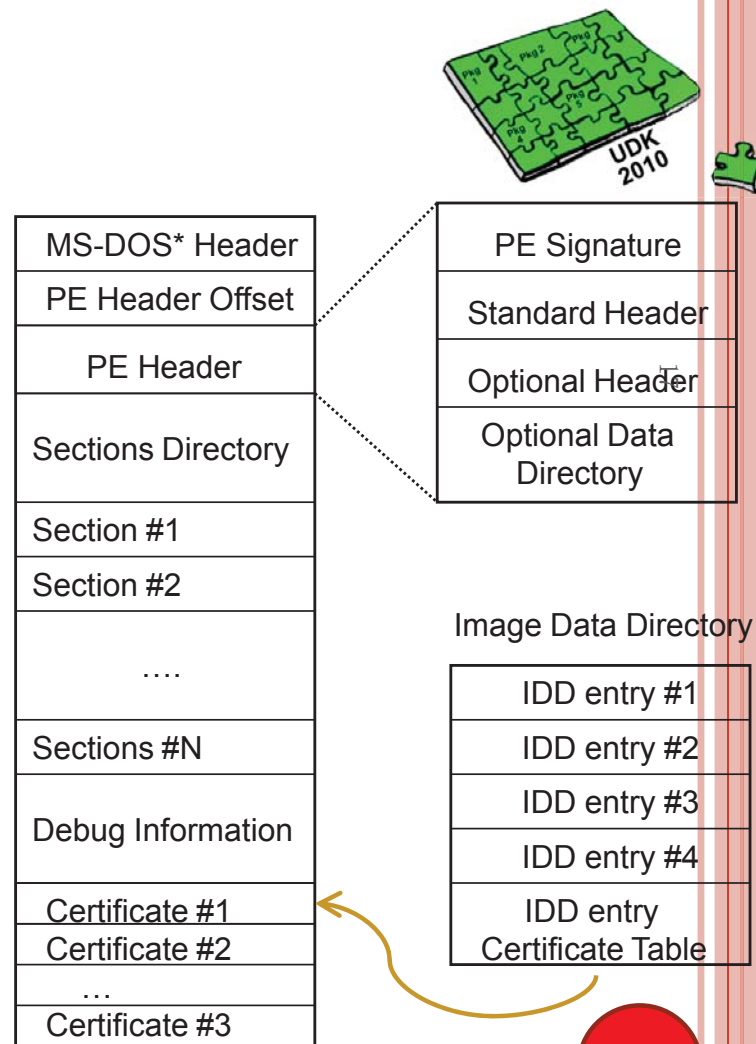


*US Government moving to IPV6 for equipment procurement*



## UEFI DRIVER SIGNING

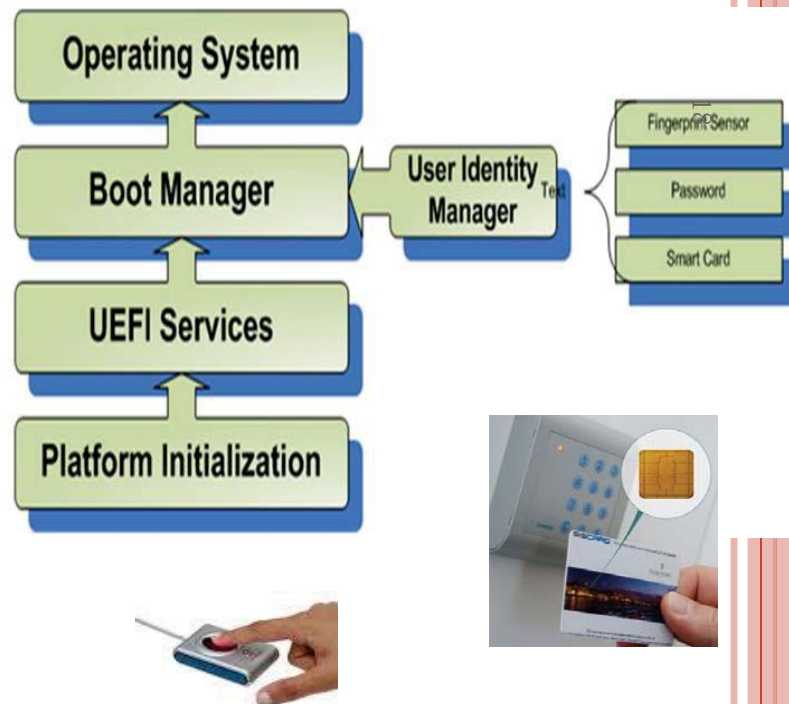
- Adds policy around UEFI and its 3<sup>rd</sup> party image extensibility
  - Admixture of OS loaders, apps, and drivers in system
  - Gives IT control around these executables
  - Detects/prevents malware
- Technology includes
  - Supports “known-good” and “known-bad” signature databases
  - Policy-based updates to list
  - Rich signature types
    - SHA-1, SHA-256, RSA2048/SHA-1, RSA2048/SHA-256 & Authenticode\*



*Extensible integrity architecture*

# UEFI USER IDENTIFICATION

- Facilitates appropriate user and platform administrator existence
  - Ensures 'right' party applies policy/changes
  - Keeps out hacker/unlawful user
- Technology includes
  - Uses UEFI Human Interface Infrastructure (HII) to display information to the user
  - Introduces optional policy controls for connecting to devices, loading images and accessing setup pages
  - A standard framework for user-authentication devices
    - Network auth protocols, Smart cards, smart tokens & fingerprint sensors



*Support for various pre-boot authenticators*

# INTEL® UDK2010 PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER



## UDK2010 Packages

Mde  
Network/IScsi  
Security  
ECP  
Shell

- UEFI 2.2, 2.3, PI 1.1, 1.2
- UEFI 2.3 and PI1.2 definitions
- UEFI2.3/PI 1.2 Tool updates
- Backward compatible solution for PI 1.1 SMM/S3/SMBIOS
- IP4 stack update for IP6-readiness
- IP6 stack, ISCSI, PXE, Ipsec, VLAN
- Configuration Tools
- User identification
- Authenticated Variable
- Driver Signing
- Compatibility package
- UEFI Shell 2.0

## Silicon Packages

- Platform, chipset & CPU

Platform  
ROM Image

- Build system

Advanced Development Environment  
*Modular. Flexible. Extensible.*

UDK2010: AVAILABLE AT TIANOCORE.ORG



[tianocore.org](http://tianocore.org)

UDK2010  
*Open Source*  
UEFI Development Kit

*Develop. Contribute. Advance.*

<http://www.tianocore.Sourceforge.net>



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# UEFI DEVELOPMENT IN HP

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# HP UEFI SUPPORT STATUS



- Integrity Business Critical Servers
  - Lead in the use of EDK II/UDK2010
- Printers/Scanners/Copiers/Laserjets
- Notebooks and Tablet PCs
  - HP innovating based on the UEFI technology: e.g., Diag, DayStarter
  - Commercial systems support UEFI boot
- Desktops and Workstations
  - Adopt a common UEFI codebase
  - Collaborate with Commercial Notebooks on HP features that provide enhanced manageability, security and ease of use
- Embedded: e.g., Storage, Network
  - Using UEFI to deliver next generation storage arrays
- UEFI/PI framework has enabled code sharing opportunities among business entities and with partners/vendors.
- HP supports UEFI in x64, ARM and Itanium architectures
  - UEFI provides opportunities of code sharing among systems based on different processor architectures



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# MISSION-CRITICAL CUSTOMER CHALLENGES

## Financial Services

Every minute of downtime = a minute of lost revenue!



## Manufacturing and Distribution

Production comes to grinding halt



## Healthcare

Patient outcomes depend on 24x7 access to data



## Public Sector, and Communications, Media & Entertainment

Customer retention and fraud detection at risk



No tolerance for downtime

Increasing Service Level Agreements with decreasing budgets

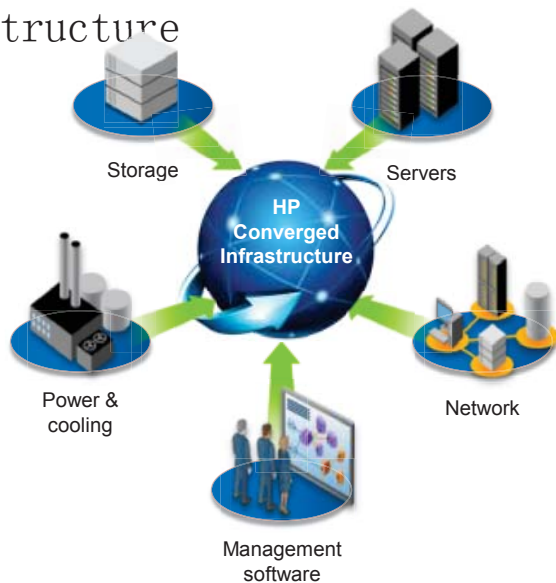
Islands of legacy apps and monolithic systems

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# THE FIRST MISSION-CRITICAL CONVERGED INFRASTRUCTURE

oNew Integrity systems optimized for the converged infrastructure



A common, modular architecture that simplifies, consolidates, and automates everything

A mission-critical infrastructure delivering the highest levels of reliability and flexibility

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# WHAT HP LOOKS FOR IN FIRMWARE

## ○ HP Firmware Requirements

- Advanced Features support
  - Path to support network boot over IPv6, etc.
- HP Platform Innovations
  - Platform value-add modules
  - Protect intellectual property
- Improve Execution Excellence
  - Limited engineering resources
  - Faster time to market
  - Separate the hardware basic execution away from HP innovations
  - Reduced Integration & Validation Time
  - Used packaging supplied by Silicon driver modules from Silicon supplier
  - Maximize proper code reuse
  - Build-once, use by multiple platforms

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# INTEGRITY<sup>†</sup> LEADS HP EDK II TRANSITION

EDK II Enables HP Platform Innovation and Execution Excellence

## Single Source Tree

For Superdome 2,  
Blades and Rack  
Servers

## Superior Packages

Ability to reuse  
Single module/solution  
owner  
Global visibility for bug fix

## ECP Works Well

Reuse existing silicon  
modules, applications

## Superdome 2

The ultimate mission-critical  
consolidation platform



## Integrity Server Blades

c3000



c7000



## BladeSystem Matrix with HP-UX

First Converged  
Infrastructure  
platform for shared services,  
now mission-critical



## Integrity 2s Rack Server

8-core scalability in 3x  
less compute density—  
without sacrificing RAS



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# HP CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDK II

## An Early Adopter

- Provided review/guidance that helped to refine EDK II to the present form
- Provided multiple feedback on simplification
- Recommended the use industry-standard tools instead of proprietary tools
- Provided fixes of build tool bugs
- Identified EDK II issues that arose when enabling compiler optimization with the Intel C compiler.
- Discovered multiple EDK II bugs
  - For example, a subtle design issue with the UEFI network stack that leads to severe performance degradation on large systems

HP Contributions benefited the entire open-source community



# UEFI TRANSITION RECOMMENDATIONS

## Development Challenge

- Code development required large-scale source tree updates
  - Updates needed on average every 2-3 months
  - Expected in early adoption phase

UDK2010 addresses this challenge through *code base maturity, packaging technology, and catching up with the latest specs*

## Developers Recommendation

- Pay close attention to the specifications/errata
- Parallel versions for different spec versions
- Maintain the infrastructure support and compatibility
  - Keep “deprecated” version of lib/include/PCD
  - Avoid changing build tools/lib/include/PCD
- Proactively communicate when a bug is fixed

## OEMs/IBVs Recommendation

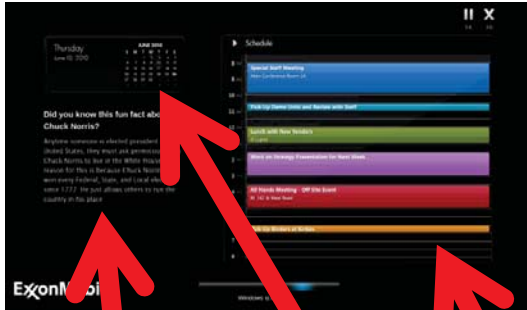
- Take advantage of parallel versions if available
  - Get small-scale source updates needed
- Pull in the latest code at least every 2 months
- Use EDK II package solution
  - Create vendor-specific modules

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# HP DAYSTARTER: OUR APPROACH TO INSTANT-ON USER EXPERIENCE

## A Better User Experience



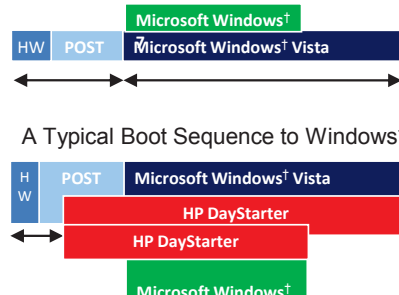
Customizable information

Calendar

To-do List

- Customer benefit:
  - Instant-on User Experience
  - displays user's info
    - calendar
    - to-do list
    - customizable info
  - before Windows<sup>†</sup> is booting.

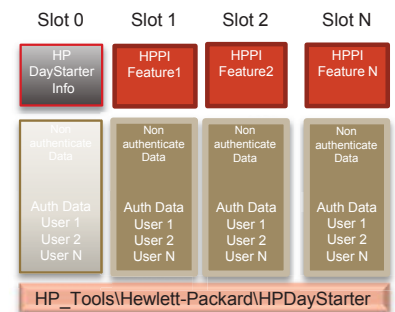
## Boot Sequence Improvements



## Innovative Technology

The main technology behind the HP DayStarter is for **UEFI** BIOS to locate the proper JPEG image and use the System Management Mode (SMM) to update the frame buffer content until Windows<sup>†</sup> is ready for system login. At runtime, the HP DayStarter implements an Microsoft Outlook plug-in to capture the calendar information.

## Extensible Architecture



## An HP Platform Innovation enabled by UEFI

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## SUMMARY

- Intel® UDK2010 meets the OEMs advanced requirements for platform development and enables common firmware foundation across the compute continuum
- EDK II/UDK2010 enables HP Platform Innovations and Excellent Execution
- UDK2010 is available on [tianocore.org](http://tianocore.org)

