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Secure Boot, Network Boot, Verified Boot, oh my

Vincent Zimmer

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Agenda

History

UEFI Overview

Secure boot

Network boot

Coreboot

Verified boot

Building it

Testing it

Background

ToorCamp 2012

- Talked about UEFI Secure boot in 2012
- New features, new ecosystem
- Open core/closed platform

ToorCamp 2014

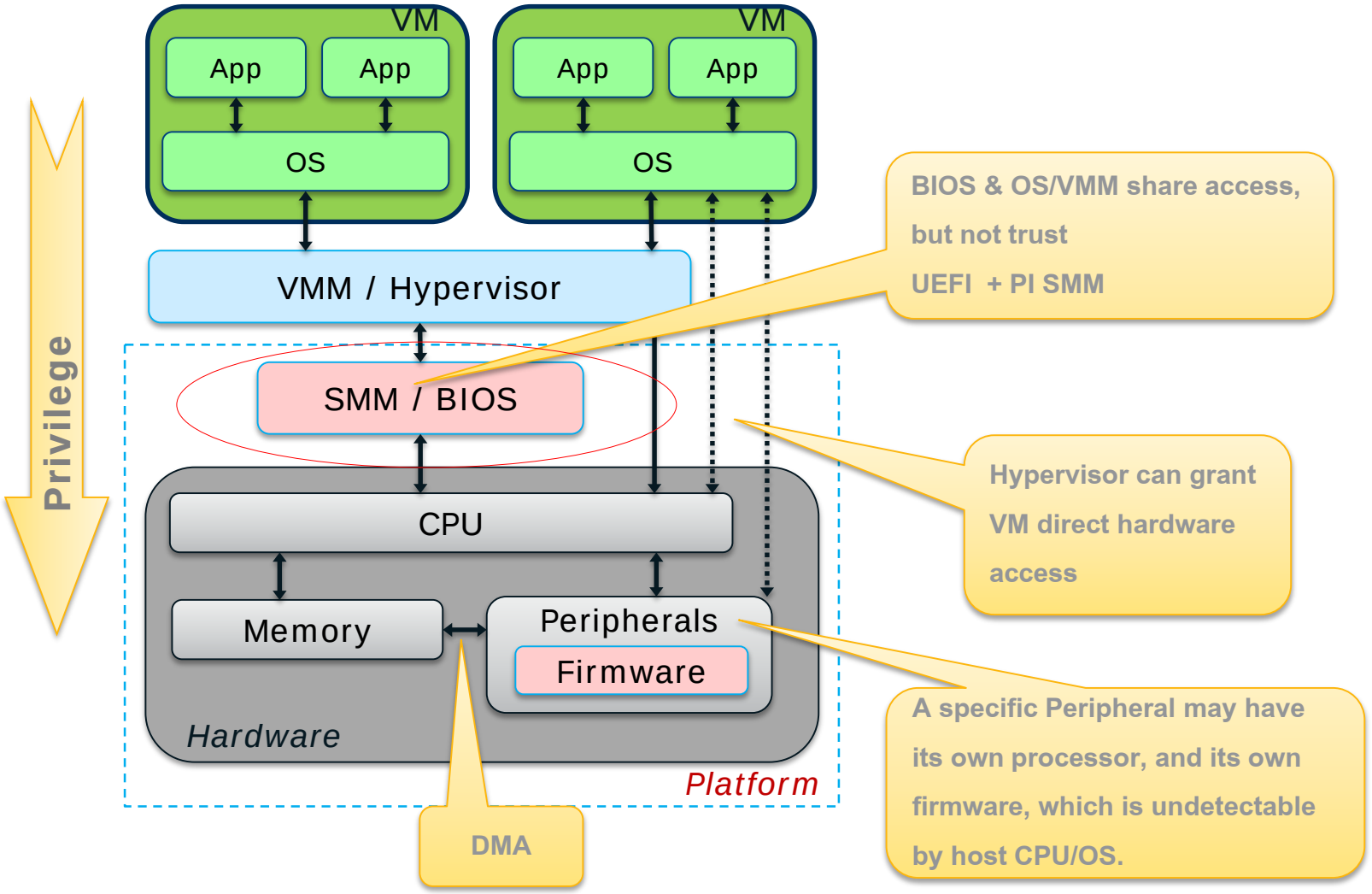
- Shipped several generations on UEFI
- More open platforms, ARM32/64 added, other fw

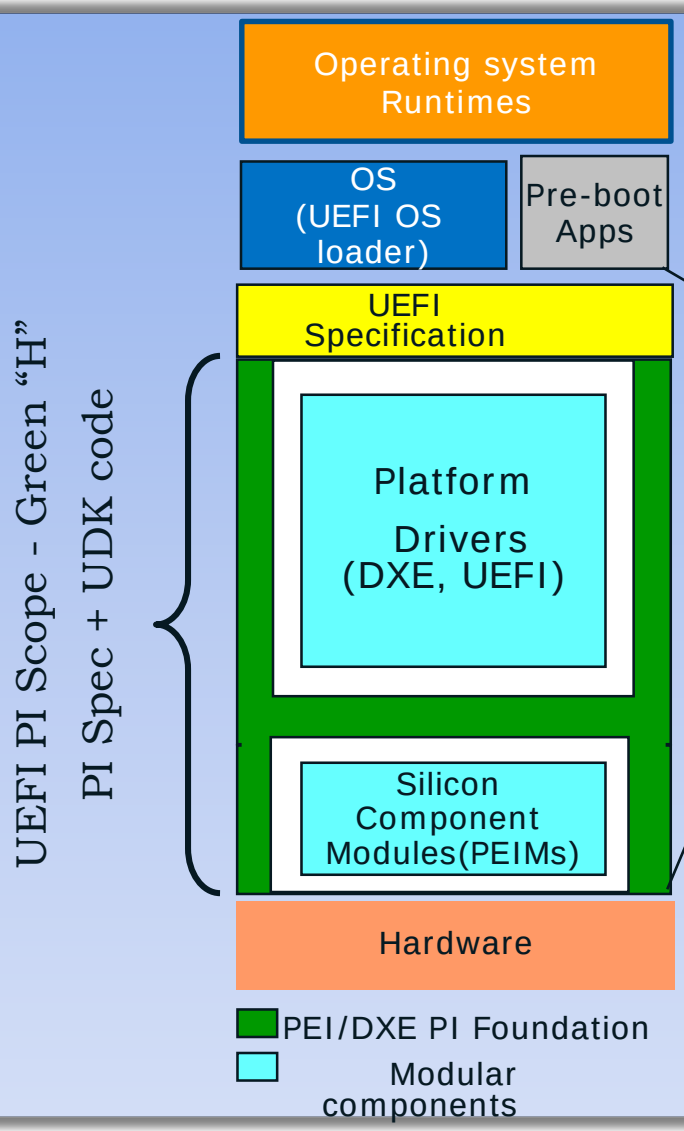
Challenge

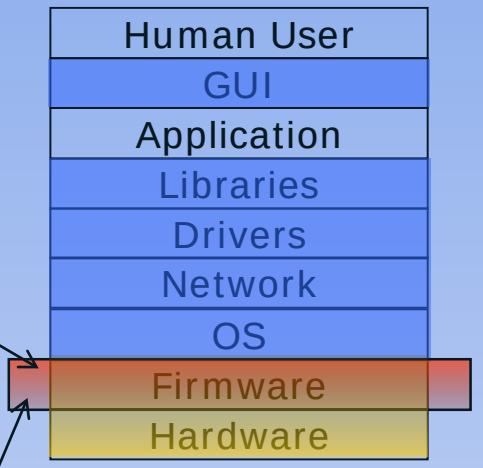
  - More attacks, more defenses, more scale

A reminder from the KGB school of cipher security: "You never attack the standard, you attack the implementation, including the process." - Grugq

Where are we (BIOS / UEFI firmware / Coreboot)?



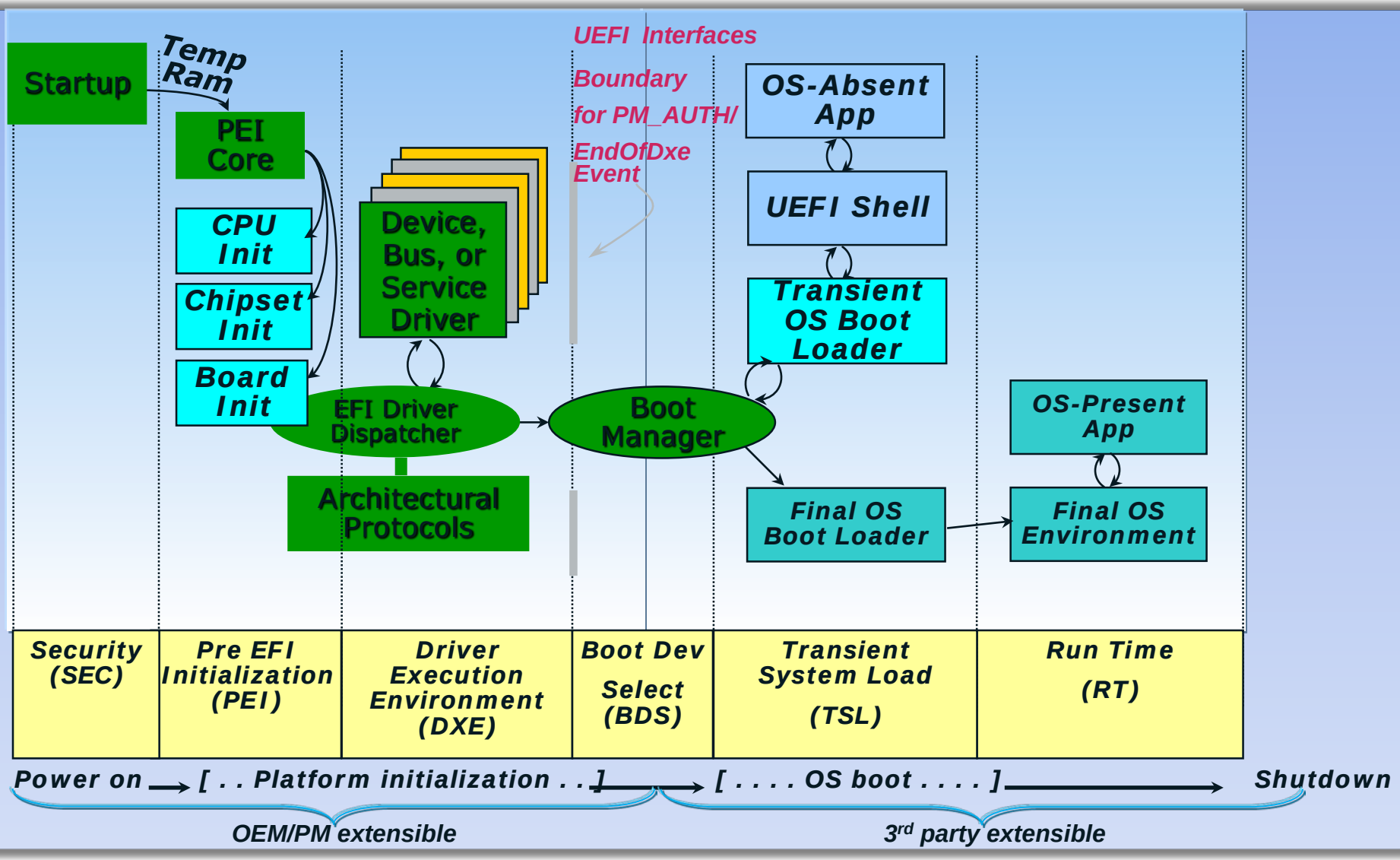




Full system stack (user -> hardware)

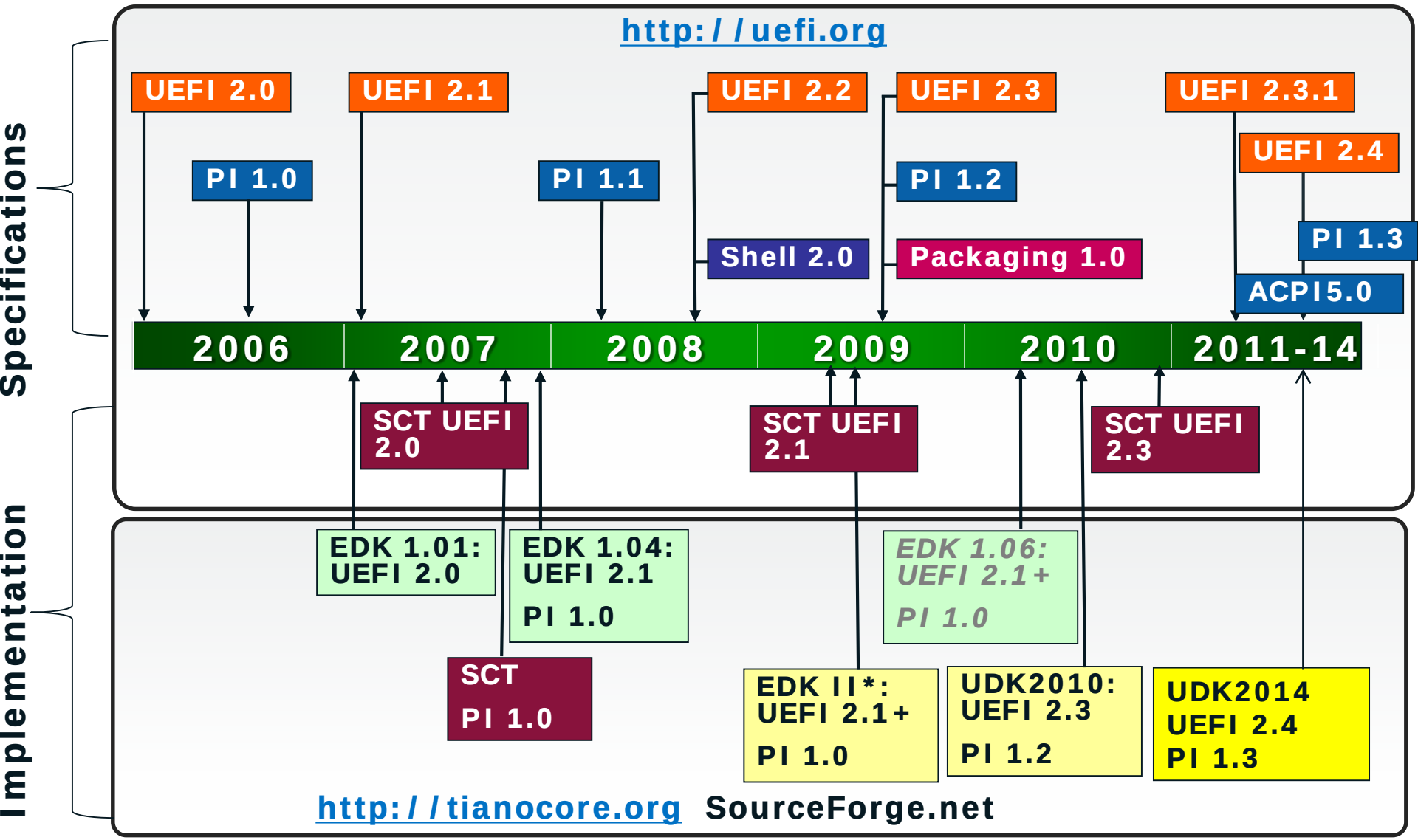
- UEFI 2.4 specifies how firmware boots OS loader and drivers– **3rd party extensible**
- UEFI's Platform Initialization (PI) 1.2.1
- Architecture specifies how Driver Execution Environment (DXE) Drivers and Pre-EFI Initialization (PEI) Modules (PEIMs) initialize Silicon and the platform
- DXE is preferred UEFI Implementation
- PEIMs, UEFI and DXE drivers implements networking, Update, other security features - **Only Update by the OEM**

Stacking UEFI – Platform Initialization (PI)



Overall UEFI Boot Timeline

Specification & Tianocore.org Timeline



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

Industry BIOS Transition

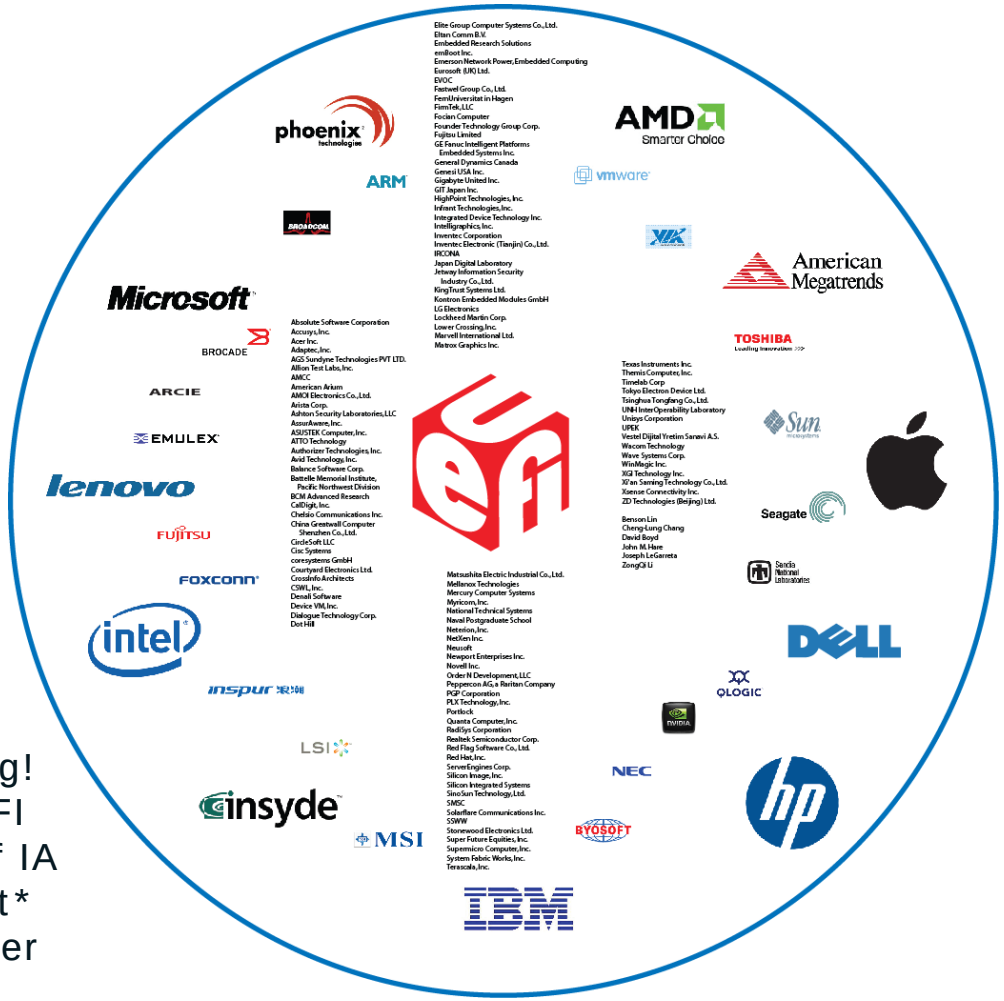
Pre-2000 All Platforms BIOS were proprietary

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

2014 240 members and growing! Major MNCs shipping; UEFI platforms crossed most of IA worldwide units; Microsoft* UEFI x64 support in Server 2008, Vista* and Win7*; RedHat* and SuSEl* OS support. Mandatory for Windows 8 client. ARM 32 and 64 bit support. ACPI added.



How to build UEFI? UDK2014

Industry Standards Compliance
- UEFI 2.0, UEFI 2.1, UEFI 2.2, UEFI 2.3, UEFI2.4; PI 1.0, PI 1.1, PI 1.2, PI1.3, ACPI1.0-5.0

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

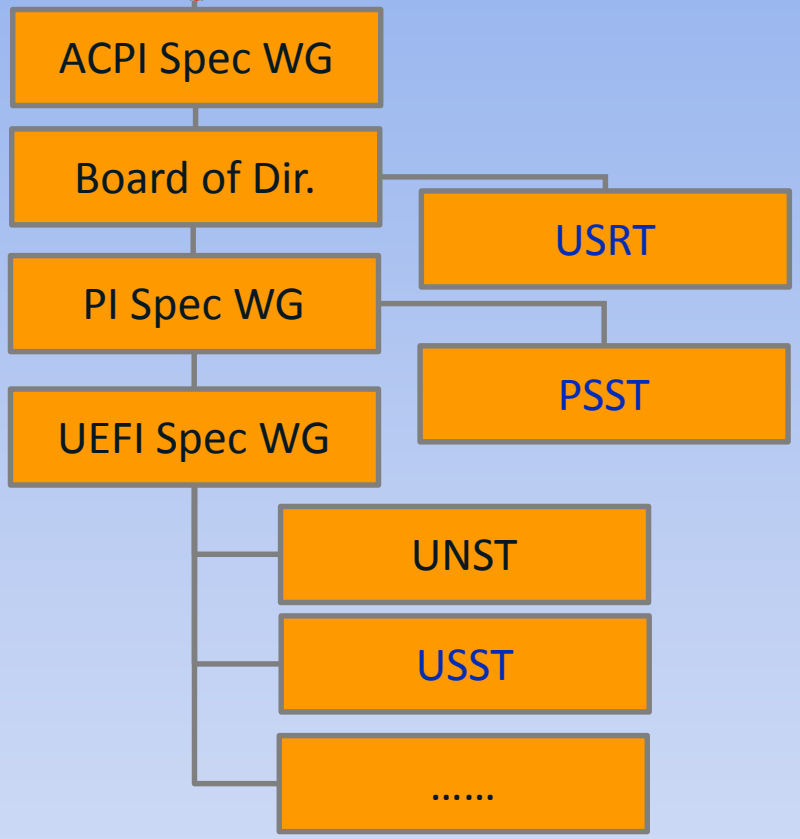
Multiple Development Environments and Tool Chains**
- Windows, Linux, OSX
- VS2003, VS2005, WinDDK, Intel, GCC

Fast and Flexible Build Infrastructure**
- 4X+ Build Performance Improvement (vs EDKI)
- Targeted Module Build Flexibility

** benefit of EDK II codebase

Maximize the open source at www.tianocore.org

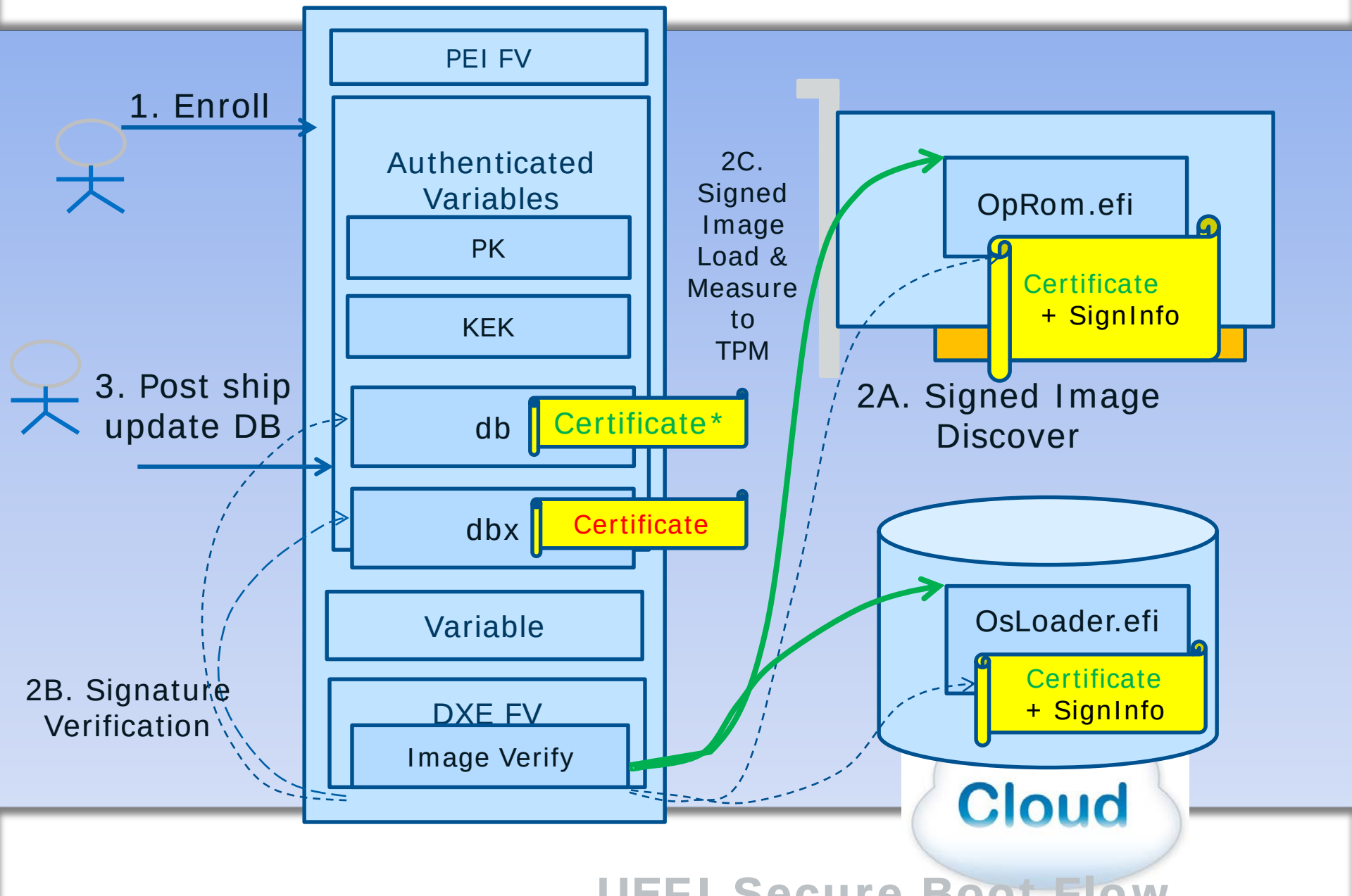
https://edk2.sourceforge.net



- **UNST**
  - **U**EFI **N**etwork **S**ub-**T**eam
  - Chaired by Vincent Zimmer (Intel)
  - Responsible for evolving network boot – wireless, IPV6, data center, including network security
- **USST**
  - **U**SWG **S**ecurity **S**ub-**t**eam
  - Chaired by Vincent Zimmer (Intel)
  - Responsible for all security related material and the team has been responsible for the added security infrastructure in the UEFI
- **PSST**
  - PIWG Security Sub-team
  - Chaired by Vincent Zimmer (Intel)
  - Produce design guide(s) and security requirements, and identify architectural and implementation issues that cause the requirements not to be met.

Note: Engaged in firmware/boot
Related WG's of Trusted Computing Group (TCG), IETF, DMTF

Security Working Groups in UEFI



UEFI Secure Boot Flow

*Including UEFI CA

Network boot

What about networking in firmware?

- Rationale - How to get to an OS (i.e., boot)
  - Provisioning/installation
  - Diskless client/server nodes
  - Recovery

Today’s practice

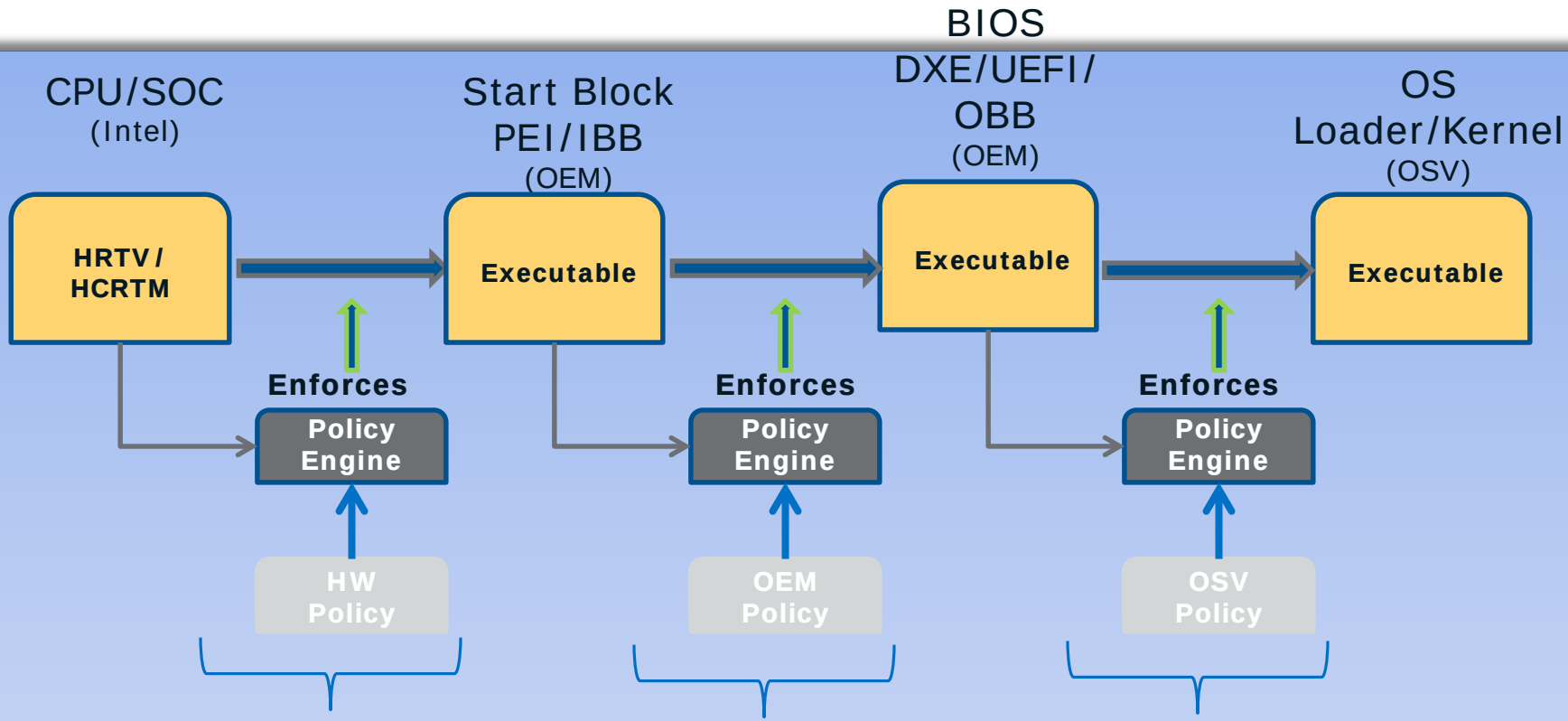
- Pxe2.1/Netboot6 using TFTP in standards, UEFI edk2 network pkg, ipxe, other - closed networks

Moving

- Boot from web-server, wireless, …., the internet

Challenge

  - Credentialing, larger attack surface, complexity



Hardware Secure Boot, such as "Intel® Device Protection Technology with Boot Guard"

http://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/us/en/documents/product-briefs/4th-gen-core-family-mobile-brief.pdf

OEM PI Verification Using PI Signed Firmware Volumes

Vol 3, section 3.2.1.1 of PI 1.3 Specification or Custom internal chain Maintenance (IPC to Sec, etc)

OEM UEFI 2.4 Secure Boot

Chapter 27.2 of The UEFI 2.4 Specification

Figure 5 of **http://www.uefidk.com/sites/default/files/resources/Platform_Security_Review_Intel_Cisco_White_Paper.pdf**

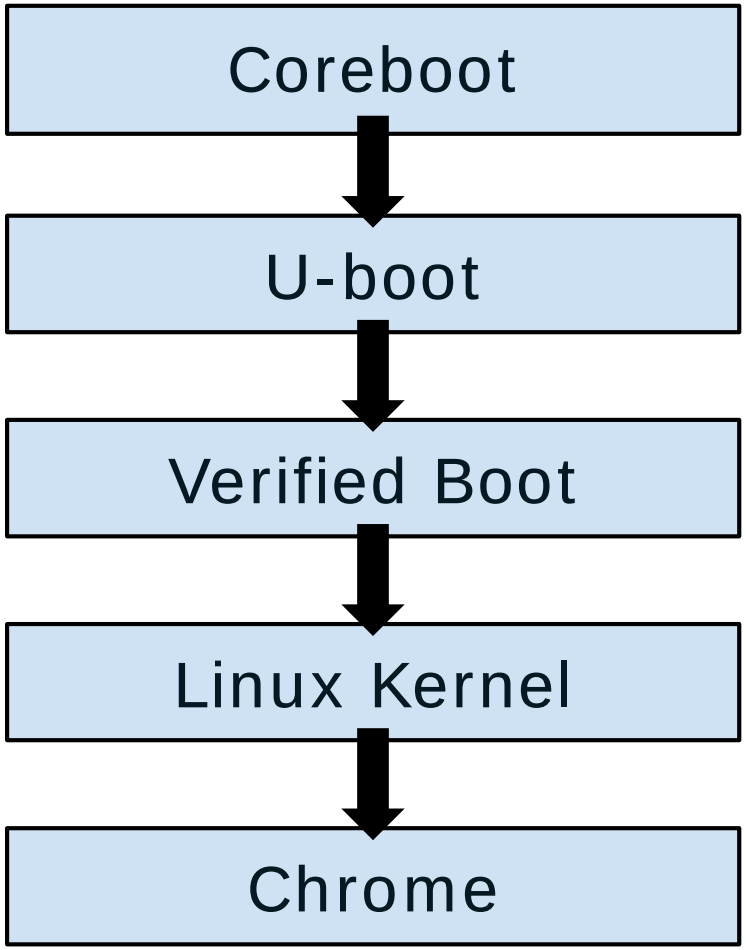
Different flavors of "Secure Boot'

Just UEFI/EDK2? Also Intel booting via Coreboot for Chromebooks

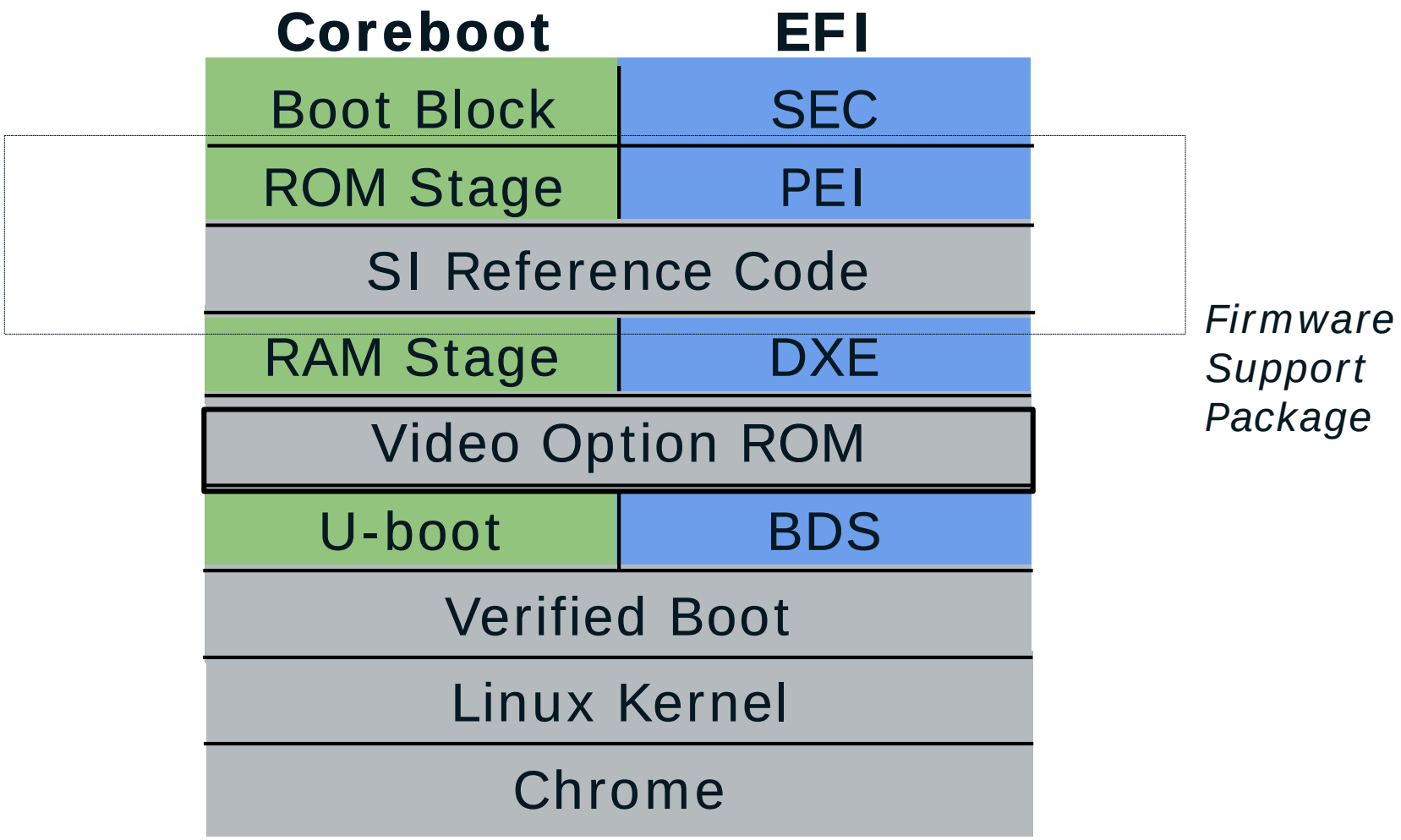
Open

- GPLv2
- Mostly written in C
- Kconfig and modified Kbuild
- High-level organization not too different from EFI
  - Well-defined boot phases
  - Modular CPU, Chipset, Device support
- NOT a bootloader
  - Support for various payloads
  - Payloads can boot Linux, DOS, Windows, etc

Basic Coreboot Boot Flow



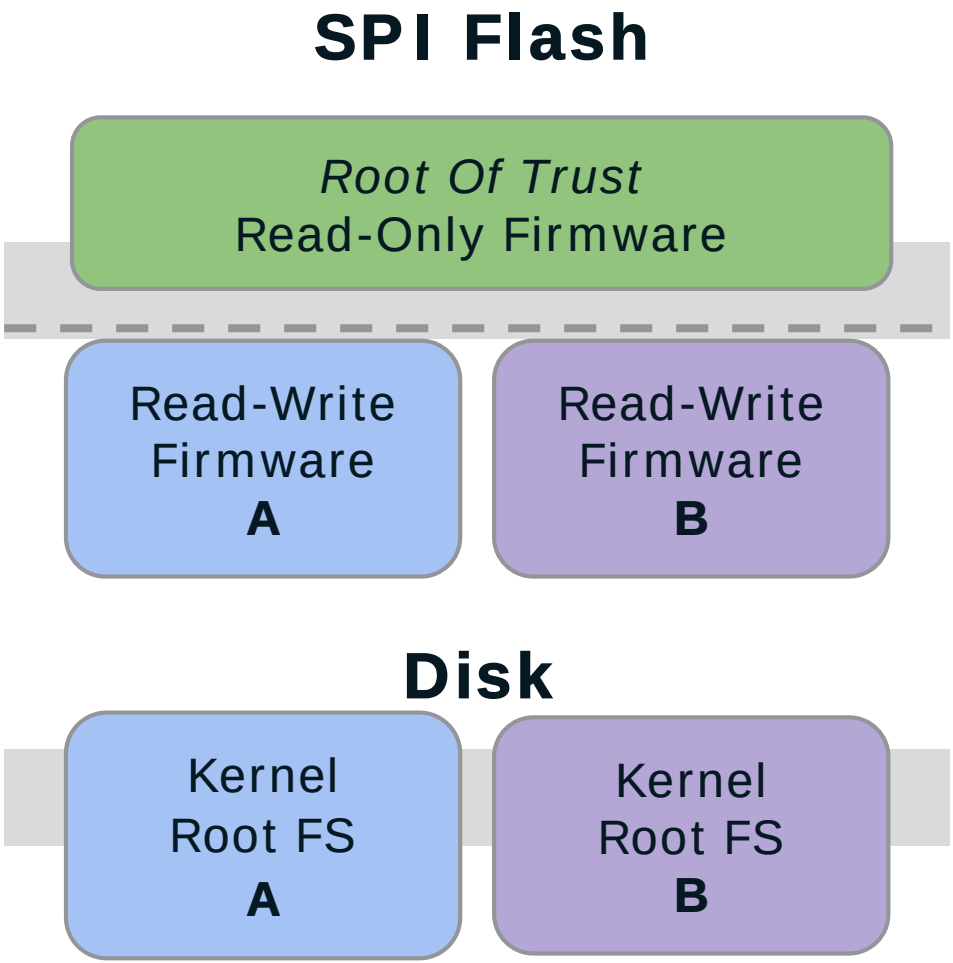
Coreboot vs. UEFI



Verified Boot - Firmware

- Root Of Trust is in read-only firmware
  - Reset vector must be in RO flash
  - Complicated by SPI Flash Descriptor and ME
- RO firmware can verify signed RW firmware
- Firmware verifies signed kernel from disk
- Reference implementation available
  - chromiumos/platform/vboot_reference.git

Verified Boot - Overview



Paths to openness

More platforms, more implementations

Intel FSP to build full platforms w/ Open Source IA firmware ecosystems

www.Coreboot.org

www.Tianocore.org

UEFI community at www.uefidk.com

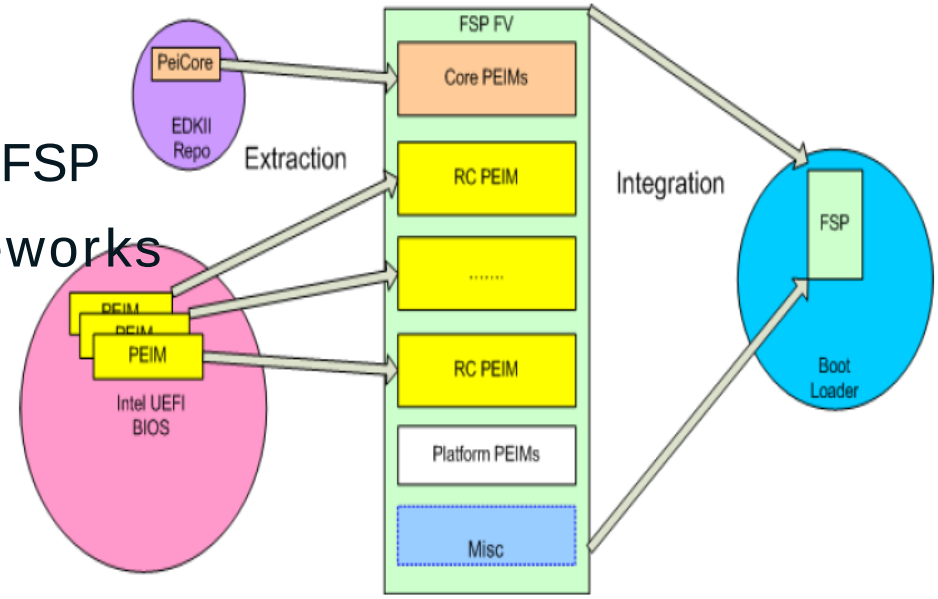
Full platform sources for Intel Quark/Galileo, including feature rich UEFI build (1MByte image) and scaled down “TinyQuark”

Minnowl Atom

Intel® Firmware Support Package (FSP) Overview

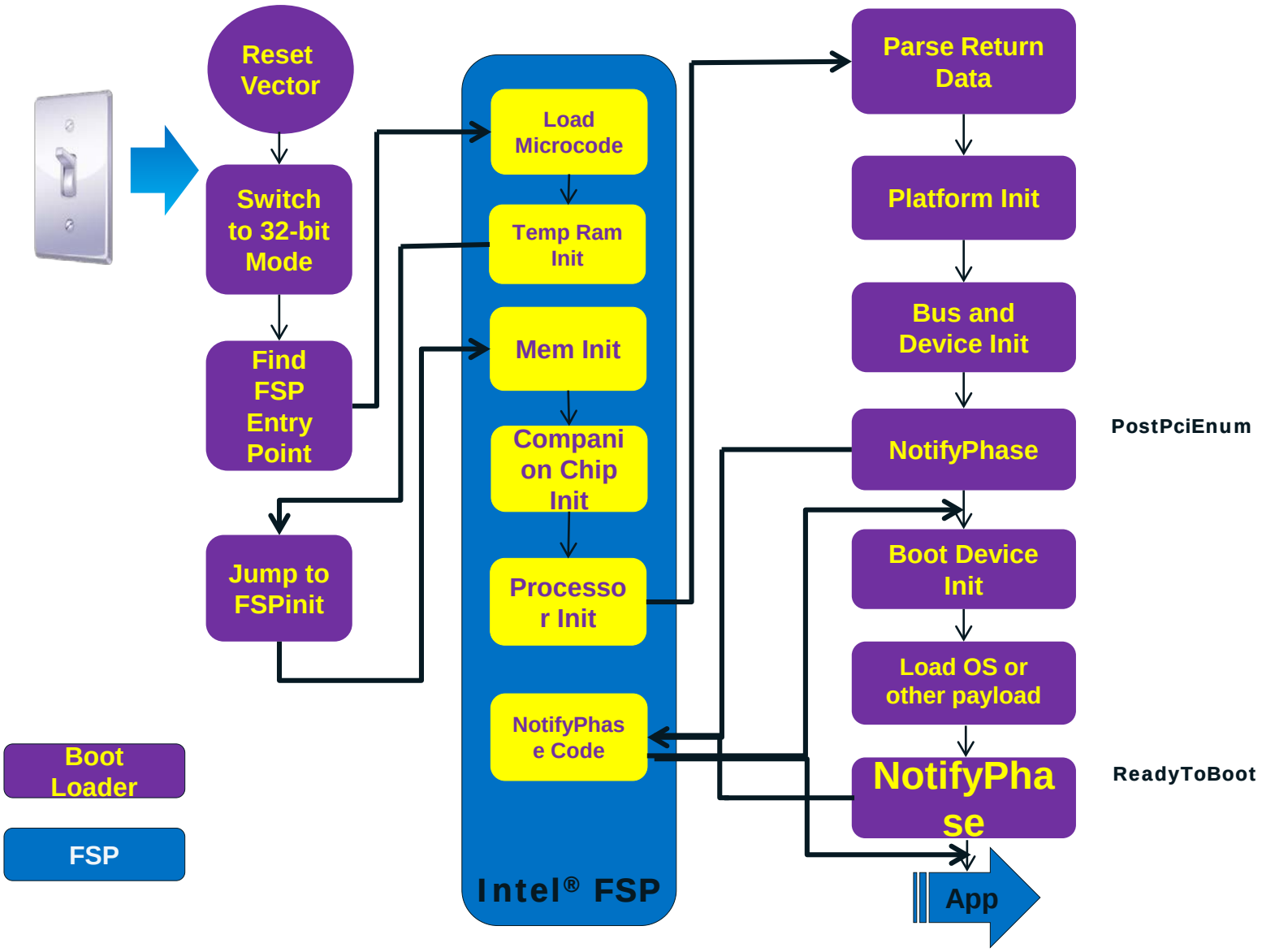
The Intel ® FSP provides processor & chipset initialization in a format that can easily be incorporated into many existing boot loader frameworks without exposing the Intellectual Property (IP) of Intel.

- Distributed as single binary
- Silicon PEIMs packaged into FSP
- Plugs into existing f/w frameworks
- Binary customization



More information at www.intel.com/fsp

Intel® FSP Boot Flow



What to build & defend – Rationale for a threat model

"My house is secure" is almost meaningless

- Against a burglar? Against a meteor strike? A thermonuclear device?

"My system is secure" is almost meaningless

- Against what? To what extent?

Threat modeling is a process to define the goals and constraints of a (software) security solution

- Translate user requirements to security requirements

We use threat modeling for firmware codebases

- We believe the process and findings are applicable to driver implementations as well as UEFI implementations in general

Defining, using a threat model

A Threat Model (TM) defines the security assertions and constraints for a product

- Assets: What we're protecting
- Threats: What we're protecting it against
- Mitigations: How we're protecting our Assets

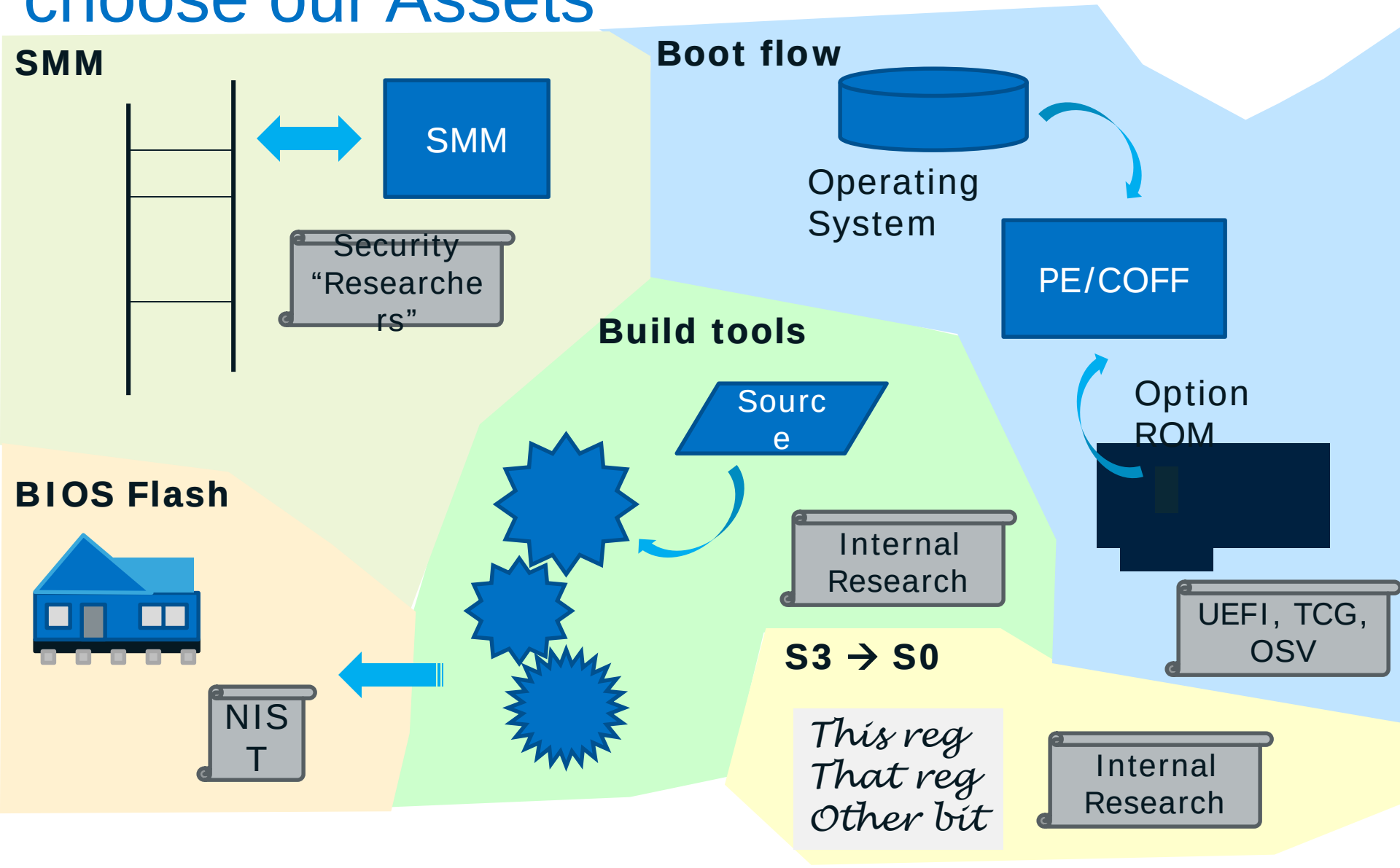
Use TM to narrow subsequent mitigation efforts

- Don't secure review, fuzz test all interfaces
- Select the ones that are critical

TM is part science, part art, part experience, part nuance, part preference

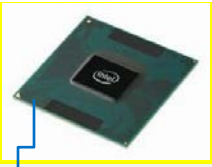
- Few big assets vs lots of focused assets

We don’t always get to choose our Assets



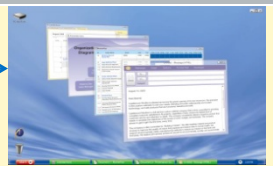
Technologies – putting it together

Reset



TCG Measurements into PCRs 0...7

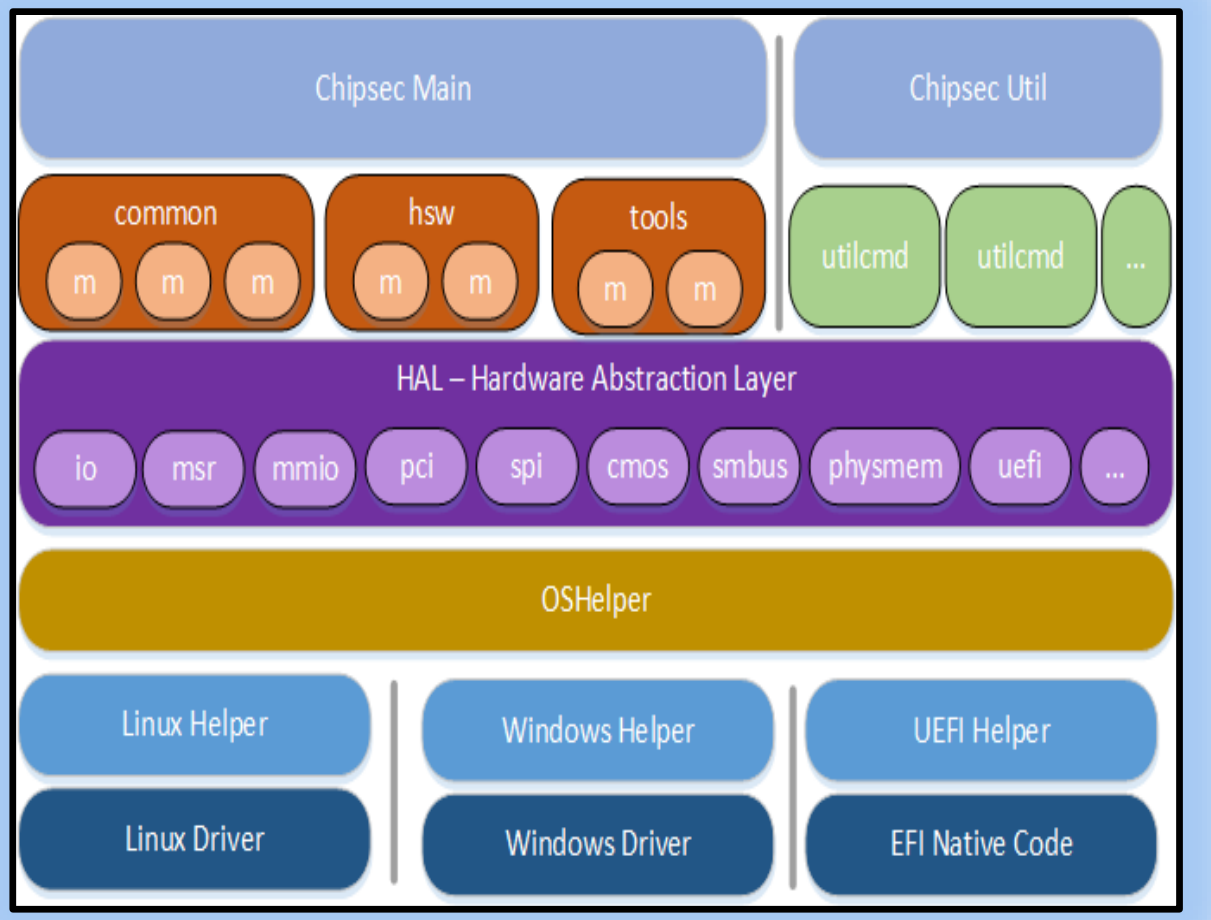
Assets	Threats	
BIOS Flash	ROM Swap Bit rot	H/W Spec
System BIOS NIST SP800-147. Recovery. DXE SMM, UEFI Core. Coreboot	Erase flash part Overwrite flash part	SP800-147
Option ROMs BIOS device drivers	Erase op ROM Overwrite op ROM	UEFI 2.4
Network Boot IPv6 for the cloud	Network attacks	
OS Boot loader BIOS loads the OS To BIOS, Hv/VMM is an OS	Spoof boot loader	



Different colors for different vendors

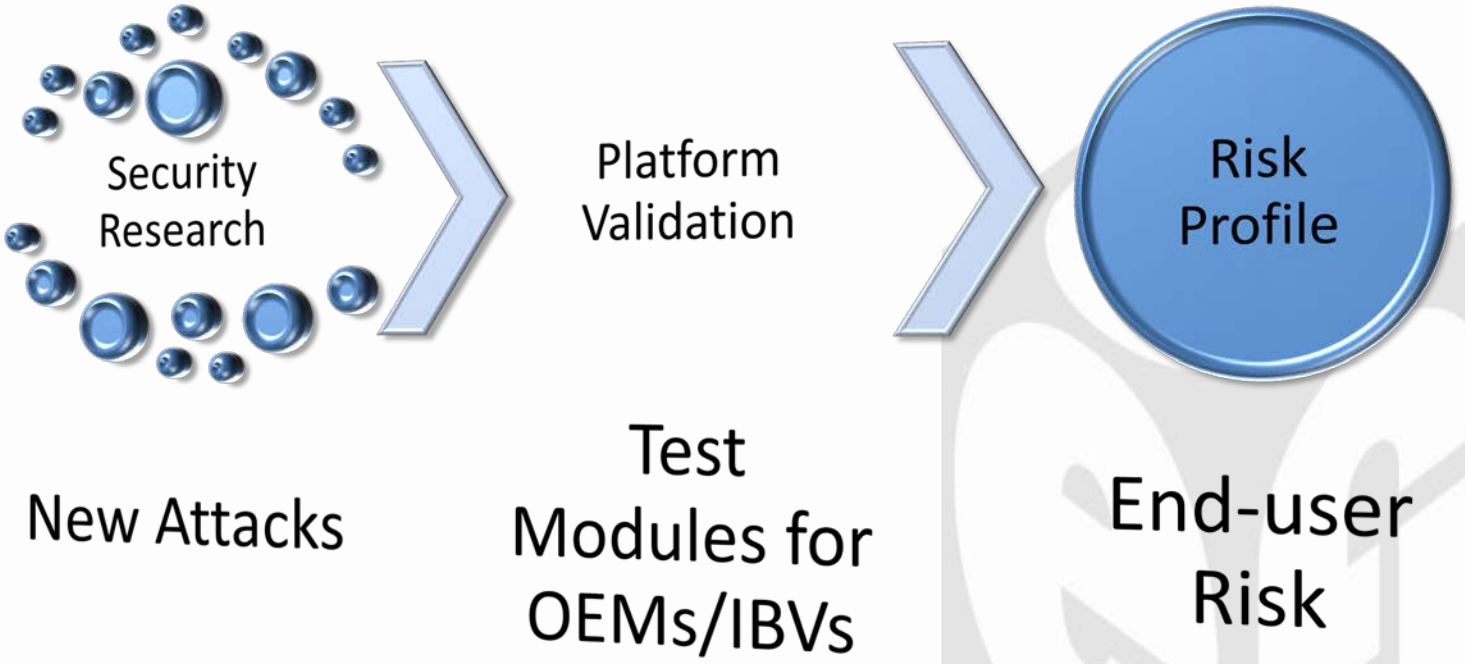
chipsec - Platform Security Assessment Framework

A single test designed to run in multiple environments



https://github.com/chipsec/chipsec

How do we raise the bar?



Empowering End-Users to Make a Risk Decision

Known Threats and CHIPSEC modules

Issue	CHIPSEC Module	Public Details
SMRAM Locking	common.smm	CanSecWest 2006
BIOS Keyboard Buffer Sanitization	common.bios_kbrd_buffer	DEFCON 16 2008
SMRR Configuration	common.smrr	ITL 2009 CanSecWest 2009
BIOS Protection	common.bios_wp	BlackHat USA 2009 CanSecWest 2013 Black Hat 2013 NoSuchCon 2013 Flashrom
SPI Controller Locking	common.spi_lock	Flashrom Copernicus
BIOS Interface Locking	common.bios_ts	PoC 2007
Access Control for Secure Boot Keys	common.secureboot.keys	CanSecWest 2014
Access Control for Secure Boot Variables	common.secureboot.variables	HITB 2014

Example: BIOS Write Protection

Black Hat USA 2013 "BIOS Security" – MITRE (Kovah, Butterworth, Kallenberg)
NoSuchCon 2013 "BIOS Chronomancy: Fixing the Static Root of Trust for Measurement" – MITRE (Kovah, Butterworth, Kallenberg)

Is BIOS correctly protected?

common.bios_wp

```
[+] imported chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[x][ ================================================================
[x][ Module: BIOS Region Write Protection
[x][ ================================================================
BIOS Control (BDF 0:31:0 + 0xDC) = 0x2A
[05]    SMM_BWP = 1 (SMM BIOS Write Protection)
[04]    TSS     = 0 (Top Swap Status)
[01]    BLE     = 1 (BIOS Lock Enable)
[00]    BIOSWE  = 0 (BIOS Write Enable)

[+] BIOS region write protection is enabled (writes restricted to SMM)

[*] BIOS Region: Base = 0x00500000, Limit = 0x00FFFFFF
SPI Protected Ranges
------------------------------------------------------------
PRx (offset) | Value    | Base     | Limit    | WP? | RP?
------------------------------------------------------------
PR0 (74)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
PR1 (78)     | 8FFF0F40 | 00F40000 | 00FFF000 | 1   | 0
PR2 (7C)     | 8EDF0EB1 | 00EB1000 | 00EDF000 | 1   | 0
PR3 (80)     | 8EB00EB0 | 00EB0000 | 00EB0000 | 1   | 0
PR4 (84)     | 8EAF0C00 | 00C00000 | 00EAF000 | 1   | 0

[!] SPI protected ranges write-protect parts of BIOS region (other parts of BIOS can be
modified)

[+] PASSED: BIOS is write protected
```

Direct HW Access for Manual Testing

```
Examples:
        chipsec_util msr 0x200
        chipsec_util mem 0x0 0x41E 0x20
        chipsec_util pci enumerate
        chipsec_util pci 0x0 0x1F 0x0 0xDC byte
        chipsec_util io 0x61 byte
        chipsec_util mmcfg 0 0x1F 0 0xDC 1 0x1
        chipsec_util cmos dump
        chipsec_util ucode id
        chipsec_util smi 0x01 0xFF
        chipsec_util idt 0
        chipsec_util cpuid 1
        chipsec_util spi read 0x700000 0x100000
bios.bin
        chipsec_util decode spi.bin
        chipsec_util uefi var-list
        ..
```

Forensics

Live system firmware analysis

```
chipsec_util spi info
chipsec_util spi dump rom.bin
chipsec_util spi read 0x700000 0x100000 bios.bin
chipsec_util uefi var-list
chipsec_util uefi var-read db D719B2CB-3D3A-4596-A3BC-DAD00E67656F db.bin
```

Offline system firmware analysis

```
chipsec_util uefi keys PK.bin
chipsec_util uefi nvram vss bios.bin
chipsec_util uefi decode rom.bin
chipsec_util decode rom.bin
```

Moving Forward

Test tools complement the SCT, but **the community can do more!**

Changing our development philosophy?

- "Testing shows the presence, not the absence of bugs" (*Dijkstra,1970*)
- Better Living Through Tools? (*Zimmer, 2013*)

Getting code coverage closer to 100%?

- Internal Intel effort using DDT with EDK II
- Moving to KLEE (open source)

"Infrastructure for automatic code checking" (coreboot)

- Automated system including KLEE, Splint, Frama-C

Summary

- Threats of firmware attacks & UEFI extensibility are real
- Address w/ open standards and open source
- Secure boot is here
- Platforms under attack
- More focus on implementation, less on feature
- Continue to open, open, open

For more information - UEFI Secure Boot

Intel Technology Journal, Volume 15, Issue 1, 2011, UEFI Today: Bootstrapping the Continuum, UEFI Networking and Pre-OS Security, page 80 at ITJ Secure Boot

Rosenbaum, Zimmer, "A Tour Beyond BIOS into UEFI Secure Boot," Intel Corporation, July 2012
http://sourceforge.net/projects/edk2/files/General%20Documentation/A_Tour_Beyond_BIOS_into_UEFI_Secure_Boot_White_Paper.pdf/download

UEFI 2.3.1 specification: Sections 7.2 (Variable Services) and Sections 27.2 through 27.8 (Secure Boot) of the at www.uefi.org

Beyond BIOS: Developing with the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface, 2nd Edition, Zimmer, et al, ISBN 13 978-1-934053-29-4, Chapter 10 – Platform Security and Trust, http://www.intel.com/intelpress

"Hardening the Attack Surfaces," MSFT 2012 UEFI Plugfest
http://www.uefi.org/learning_center/UEFI_Plugfest_2012Q1_Microsoft_AttackSurface.pdf

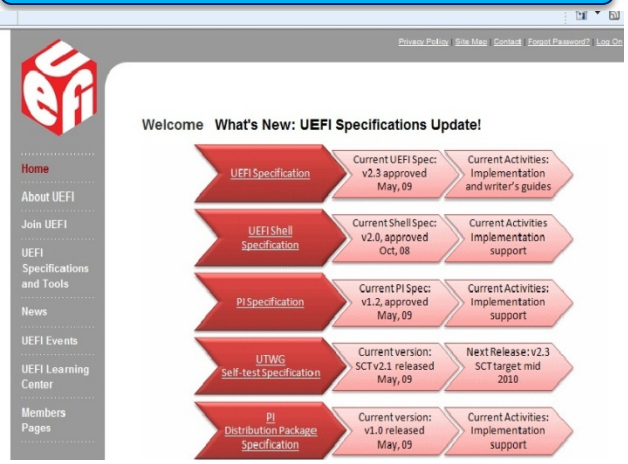
"Building hardware-based security with a TPM" MSFT BUILD
http://channel9.msdn.com/Events/BUILD/BUILD2011/HW-462T

Lin, Oswald, Zimmer, "UEFI Secure Boot in Linux," Intel Developer Forum, San Francisco, September 11, 2013
https://intel.activeevents.com/sf13/connect/fileDownload/session/A25811835C1B6573651FC73FB20D0F6C/SF13_STTS002_100.pdf

A Tale of One Software Bypass of Windows 8 Secure Boot by Andrew Furtak, Oleksandr Bazhaniuk and Yuriy Bulygin, Blackhat 2013

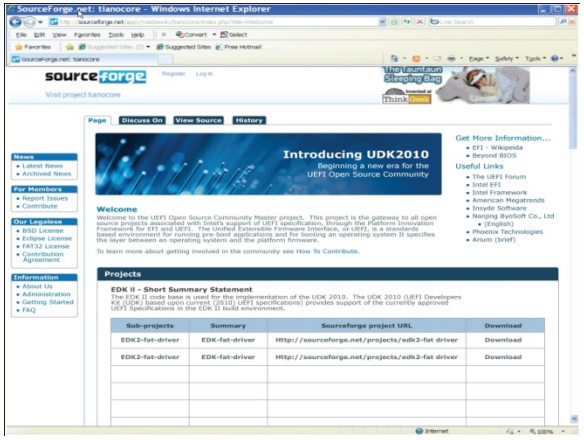
UEFI Industry Resources

UEFI Forum



www.uefi.org

UEFI Open Source



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Intel UEFI Resources

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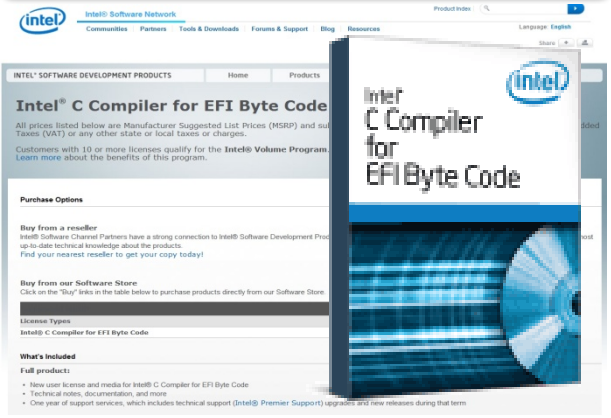
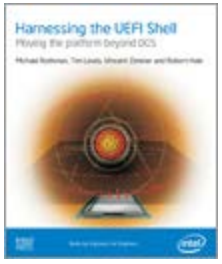
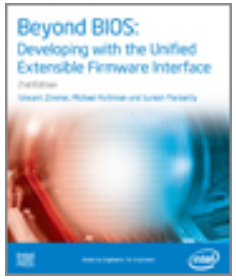
Intel EBC Compiler

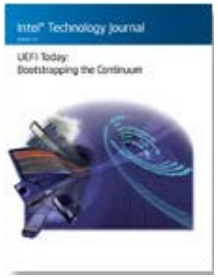


http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-c-compiler-for-efi-byte-code-purchase/

UEFI Books/ Collateral







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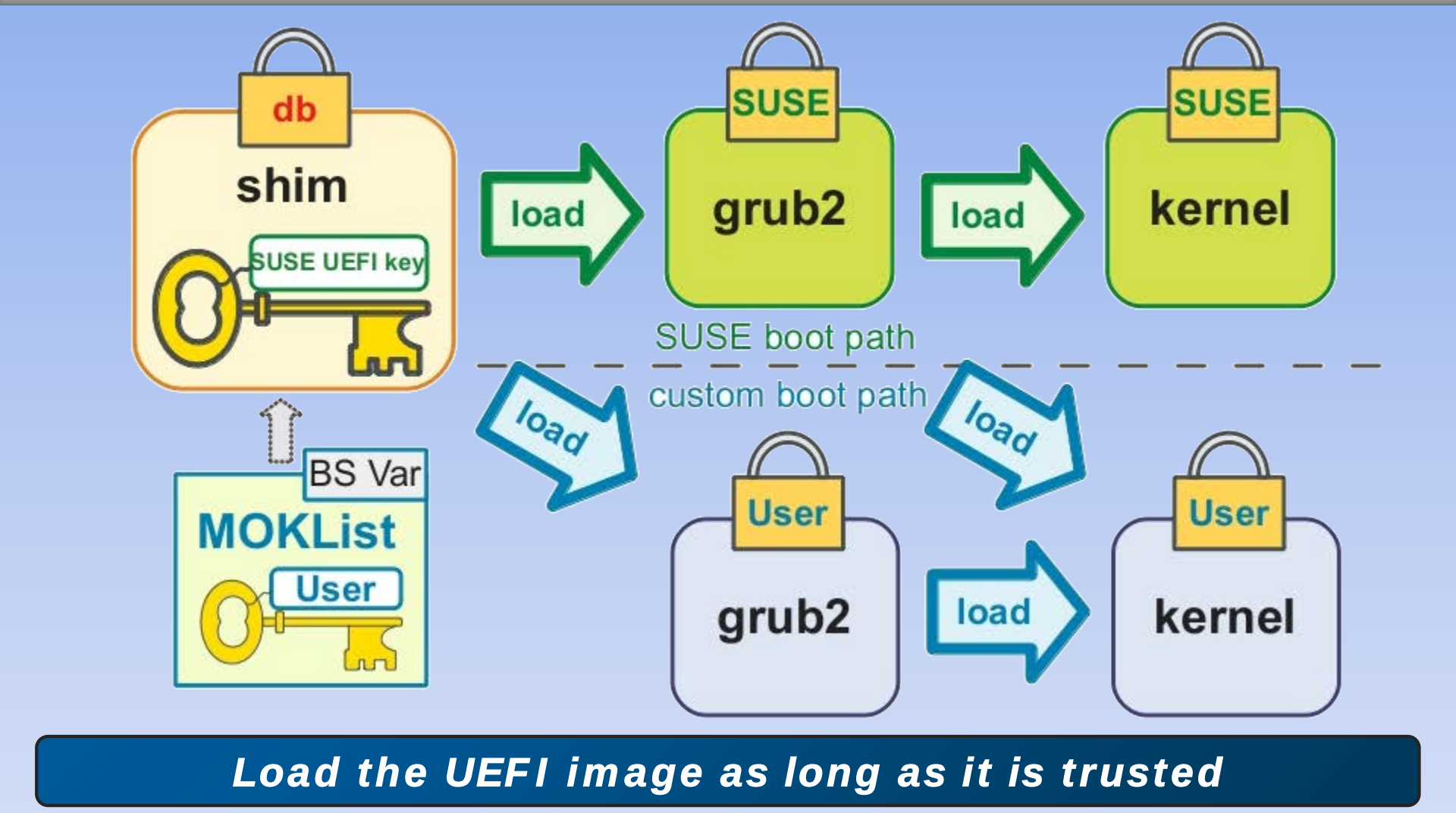
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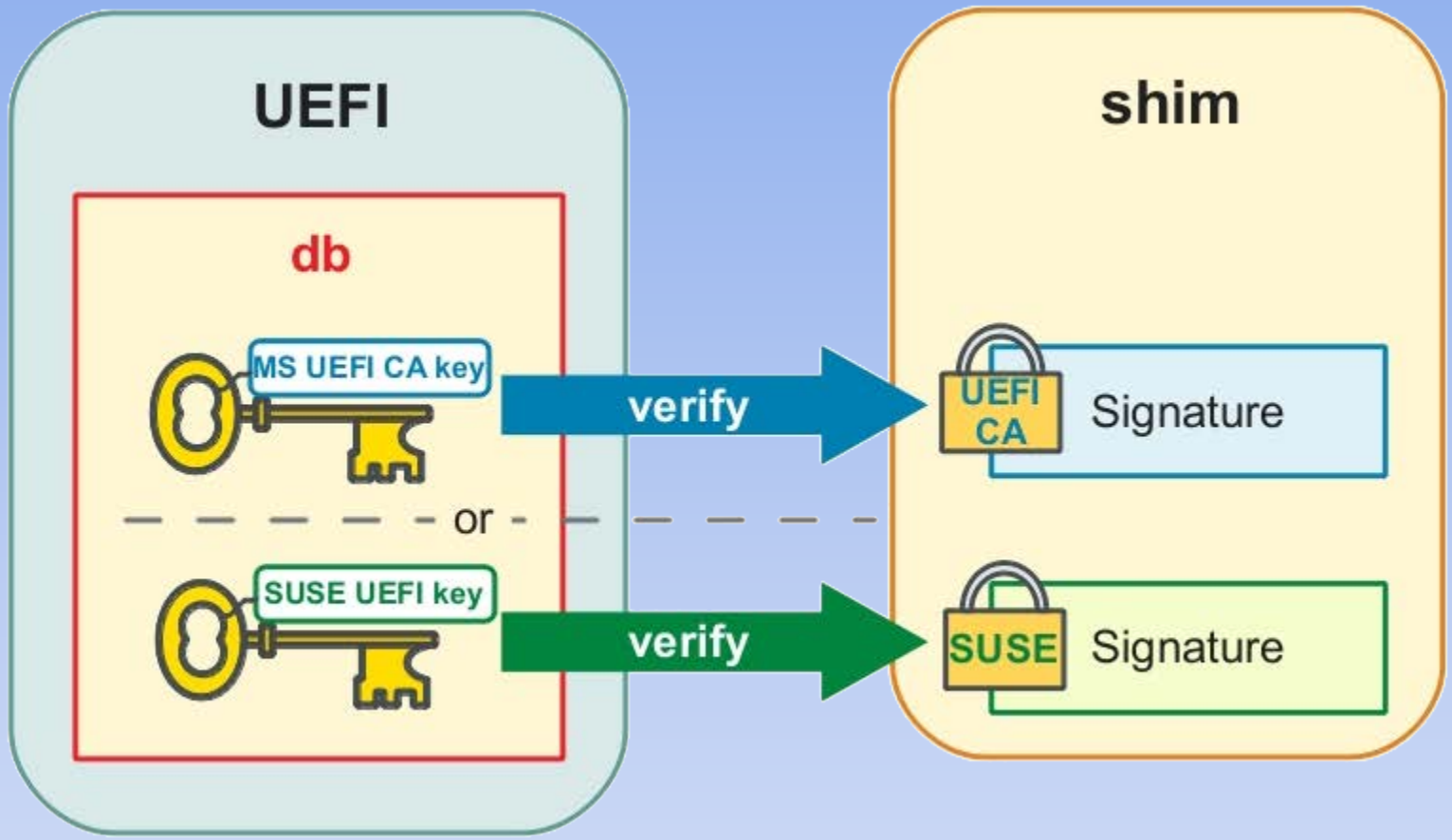

Either the UEFI CA key or SUSE key will let the shim boot with UEFI secure boot

RandomNumberGenerator

UEFI driver implementing the EFI_RNG_PROTOCOL from the UEFI2.4 specification

TCG

PEI Modules & DXE drivers implementing Trusted Computing Group measured boot

EFI_TCG_PROTOCOL and EFI_TREE_PROTOCOL from the TCG and Microsoft MSDN websites, respectively

UserIdentification

DXE drivers that support multi-factor user authentication

Chapter 31 of the UEFI 2.4 specification

Library

DxeVerificationLib for “UEFI Secure Boot”, chapter 27.2 of the UEFI 2.4 specification + other support libs

VariableAuthenticated

SMM and runtime DXE authenticated variable driver, chapter 7 of the UEFI2.4 specification

https://svn.code.sf.net/p/edk2/code/trunk/edk2/SecurityPkg

UDK2014 SecurityPkg

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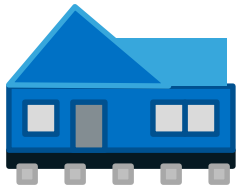


NIST SP800-147 says

- Lock code flash except for update before Exit Mfg Auth
- Signed update (>= RSA2048, SHA256)
- High quality signing servers
- Without back doors (“non-bypassability”)

Threats

- PDOS – Permanent Denial of Service
  - System into inefficient room heater
- Elevation of privilege
  - Owning the system at boot is an advantage to a virus

Known attacks

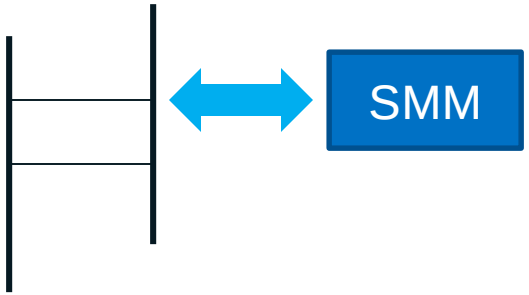
- CIH / Chernobyl 1999-2000
- Mebroni 2010

Mitigations include

- Reexamining flash protection methods – use the best even if its new
- Using advanced techniques to locate and remove (un)intentional backdoors

** or tomorrow’s equivalent NV storage

SMM



SMM is valuable because

- It’s invisible to Anti Virus, etc
- SMM sees all of system RAM
- Not too different from PCI adapter device firmware

Threats

- Elevation
  - View secrets or own the system by subverting RAM

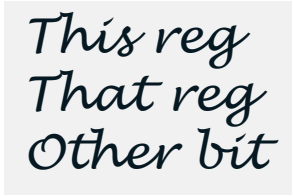
Known attacks

- See e.g Duflot

Mitigations include

- Validate “external” / “untrusted” input
- Remove calls from inside SMM to outside SMM

Resume from S3



ACPI says that we return the system to the S5→S0 configuration at S3→S0

- Must protect the data structures we record the cold boot config in

Threats

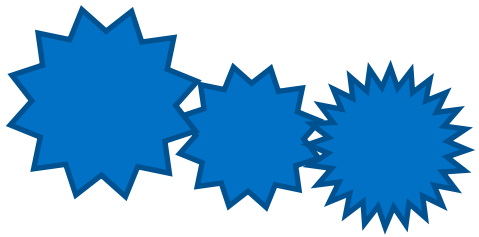
- Changing data structures could cause security settings to be incorrectly configured leaving S3
- Reopen the other assets' mitigated threats

No known attacks

Mitigations include

- Store data in SMM -or-
- Store hash of data structures and refuse to resume if the hashes don't compare

Tool chain



Tools create the resulting firmware

- Rely on third party tools and home grown tools
- Incorrect or attacked tools leave vulnerabilities

Threats

- Disabled signing, for example

Known attacks

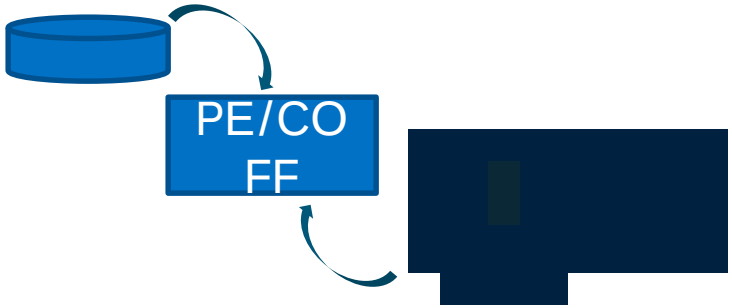
- See e.g. *Reflections on Trust*, Ken Thompson**

Mitigation

- Difficult: For most tools, provided as source code
- Review for correct implementation
- Use static, dynamic code analysis tools
  - PyLint for Python, for example

** CACM, Vol 27, No 8, Aug, 1984, pp. 761-763

Boot flow



Secure boot

- Authenticated variables
- Based on the fundamental Crypto being correct
- Correct location for config data

Threats

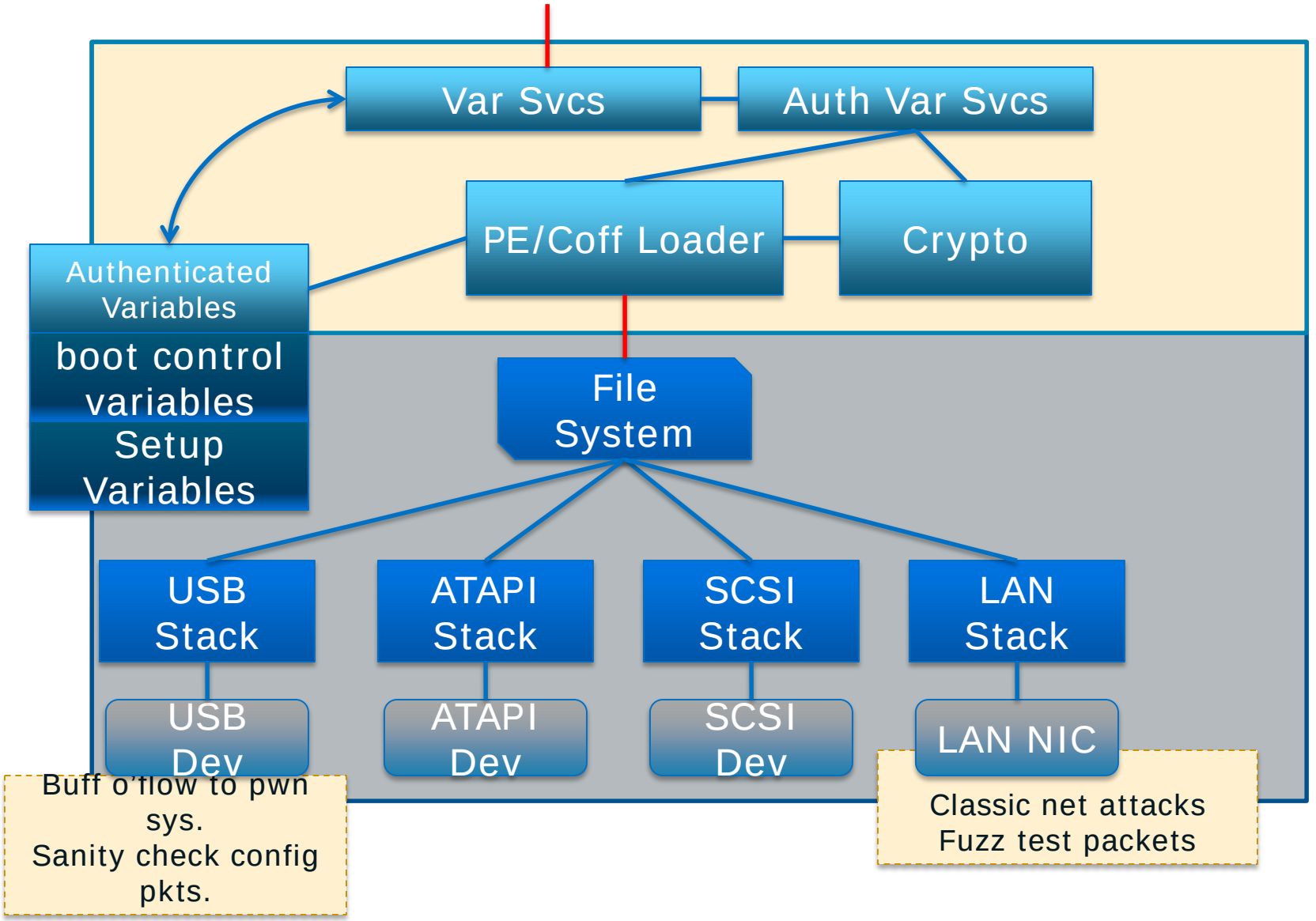
- Run unauthorized op roms, boot loaders
- PDOS systems with bad config variables

Known attacks

Mitigations include

- Sanity check config vars before use, use defaults
- Reviews, fuzz checking, third party reviews, etc.

TM to Modules: Boot flow



Assets or not?

Variable content sanity checking?

- If you randomly fill in your Setup variables, will your system still boot?
- Fit in as a part of boot flow

ACPI? We create it but don’t protect it

TPM support? We fill in the PCRs but don’t use them (today)

Quality ≠ Security

Analyze and Mark external Interfaces where input can be attacker controlled data, comment headers

```
/**
  Install child handles if the Handle supports GPT partition structure.

  Caution: This function may receive untrusted input.
  The GPT partition table is external input, so this routine
  will do basic validation for GPT partition table before install
  child handle for each GPT partition.

  @param[in]  This       Calling context.
  @param[in]  Handle     Parent Handle.
  @param[in]  DevicePath Parent Device Path.

**/
EFI_STATUS
PartitionInstallGptChildHandl
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UDK2010 example:
http://edk2.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/edk2/trunk/edk2/MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/PartitionDxe/Gpt.c