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# UEFI, Open Platforms, and the Defender's Dilemma

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# **Agenda**

- Background on UEFI
- Security Features
- Trust Model
- EDK II on MinnowMax
- EDK II on Galileo
- Futures

Background on UEFI

# **Old Day**

Machine

19XX

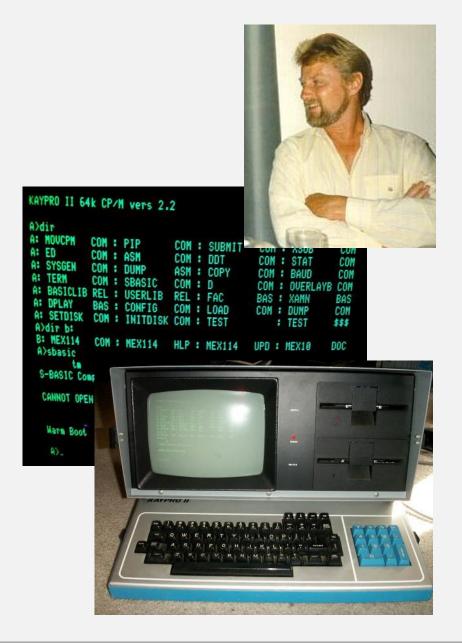
### **Pioneer**

CP/M

BIOS (machine specific CP/M)

8080/Z80

1974 <u>Basic I/O</u> (Sub) <u>System</u> by Gary Kildall in CP/M



# **PC/AT BIOS**

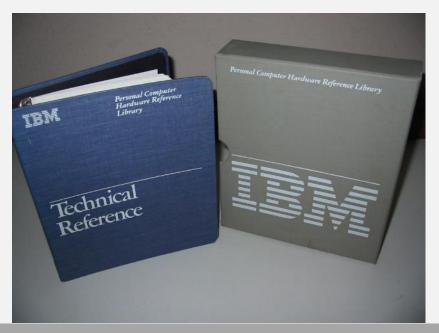
DOS

BIOS (de facto standard)

8088

1981 IBM PC





# PC/AT BIOS -> EFI

IPF Windows/Linux

EFI (Intel Standard)

IPF (Merced)

2000 Extensible Firmware Interface Intel/HP IPF



intel

Extensible Firmware Interface Specification

Version 1.02 December 12, 2000

# **Broader adoption**

Windows/Linux

UEFI
(Industry Standard)

IA32/X64/IPF/ARM

2006 January

<u>U</u>nified <u>E</u>xtensible <u>F</u>irmware <u>I</u>nterface















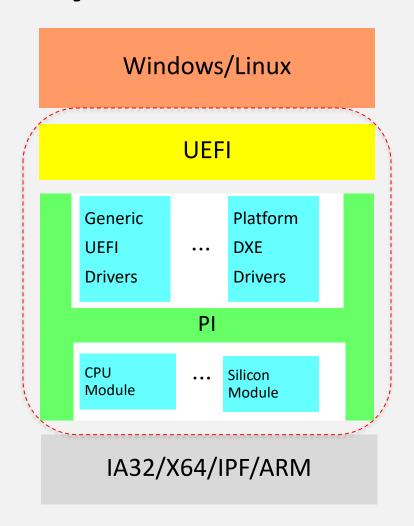








# **Today**



UEFI + PI

2006 Aug Platform Initialization

## **Industry 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

2015

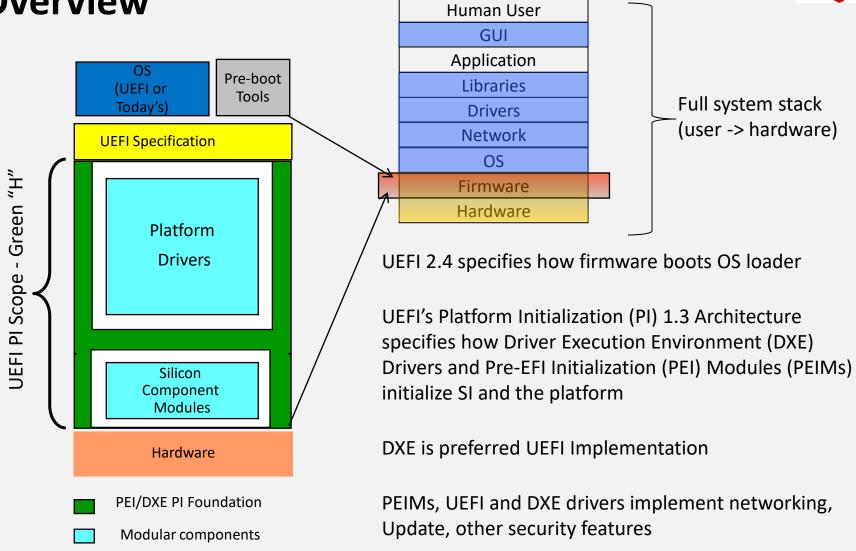
240 members and growing!
Major MNCs shipping; UEFI platforms crossed most of IA worldwide units;
Microsoft\* UEFI x64 support in Server 2008, Vista\* and Win7\*; RedHat\* and SuSEI\* OS support. Mandatory for Windows 8 client. ARM 32 and 64 bit support. ACPI added.



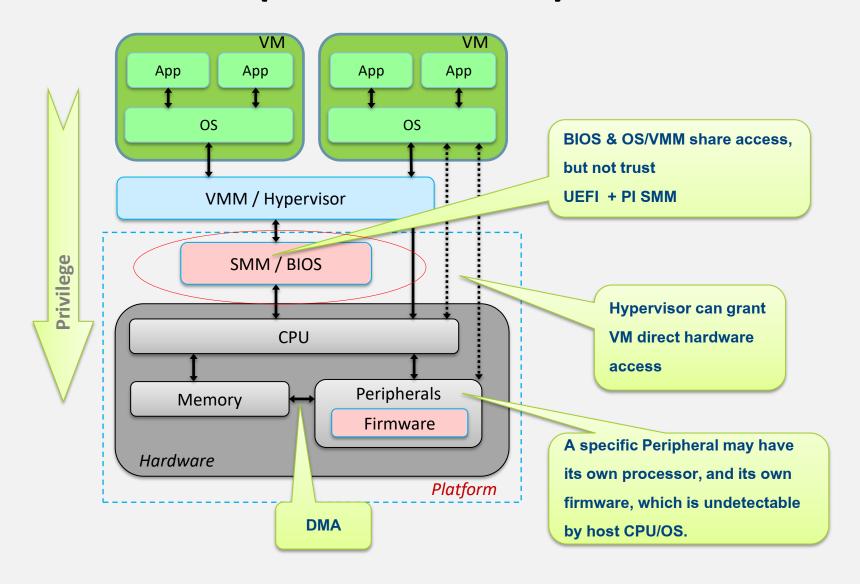
### What is UEFI? UEFI Platform Initialization







# Where are we (UEFI firmware)?



### What's in UEFI







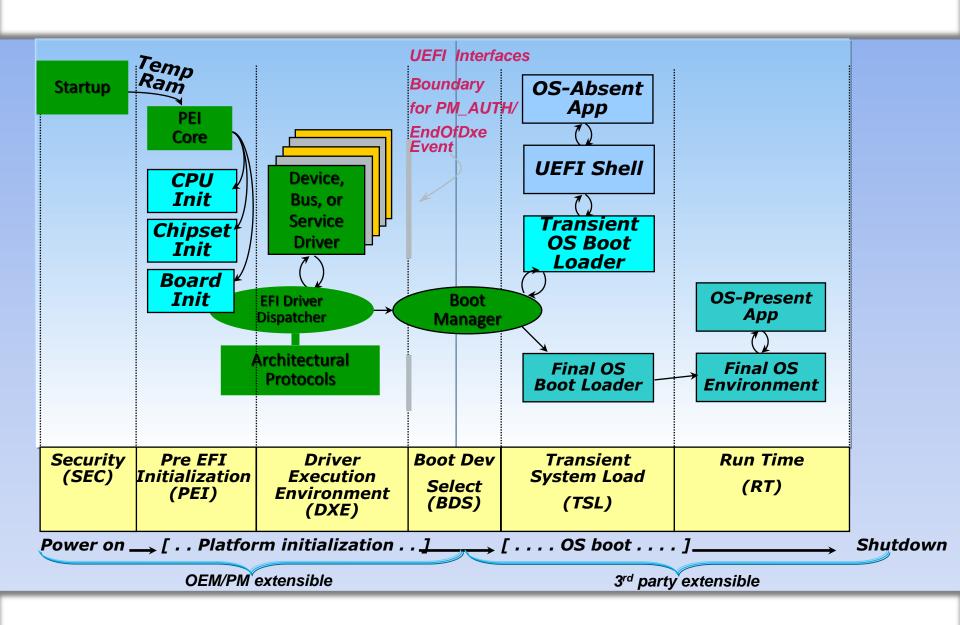








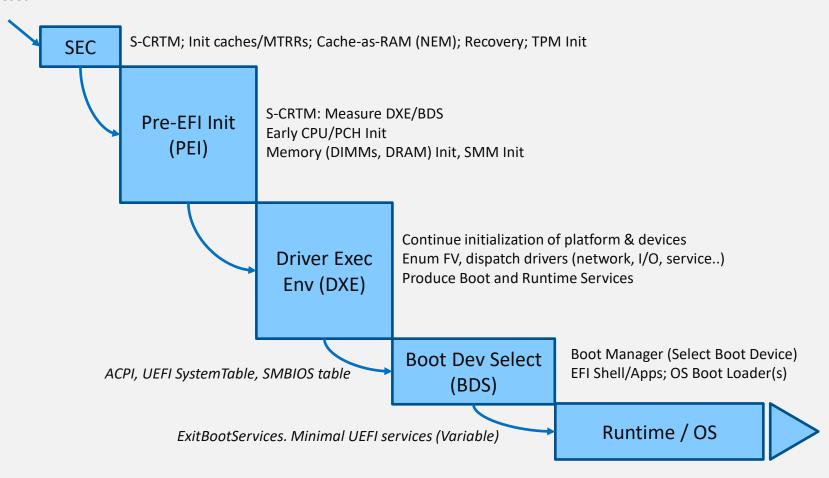




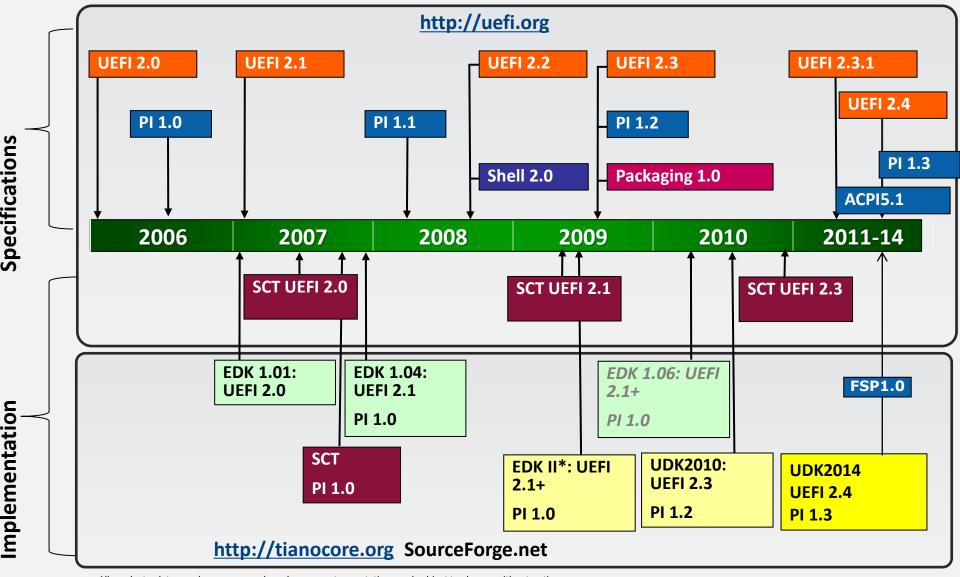
**Overall UEFI Boot Timeline** 

## **UEFI** [Compliant] Firmware

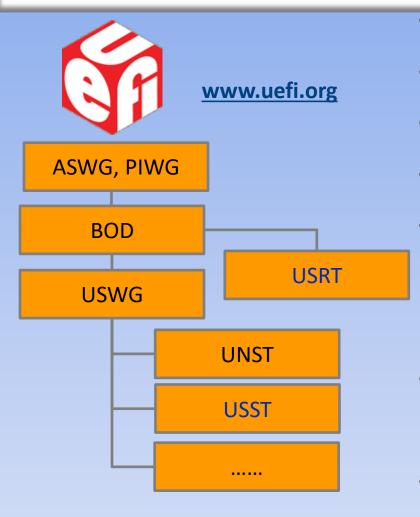
**CPU Reset** 



### **Specification & Tianocore.org Timeline**



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



Note: Engaged in firmware/boot

Related WG's of Trusted Computing Group (TCG), IETF, DMTF

#### • USWG

• **U**EFI **S**pecification **W**orking **G**roup

#### PIWG

Platform Initialization Working Group

#### ASWG

ACPI Specification Working Group

#### BOS

Board Of Directors

#### USST

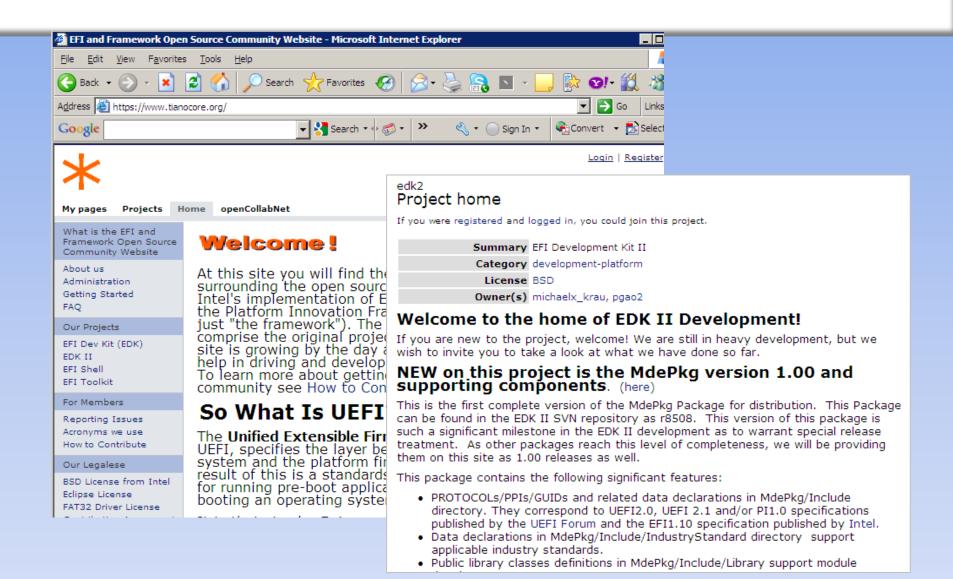
- **U**SWG **S**ecurity **S**ub-**t**eam
- Chaired by Vincent Zimmer (Intel)
- Responsible for all security related material and the team that has added security infrastructure in the UEFI spec

#### USRT

- UEFI Security Response Team
- Chaired by Dick Wilkins (Phoenix)
- Provide response to security issues.

#### UNST

- UEFI Network Sub-team (VZ chairs, too)
- Evolve network boot & network security infrastructure for UEFI Specification



### How to build it? UDK2014

#### **Industry Standards Compliance**

• UEFI 2.0, UEFI 2.1, UEFI 2.2, UEFI 2.3, UEFI 2.4; PI 1.0, PI 1.1, PI 1.2, PI1.3, ACPI 5.1

#### **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\*\*

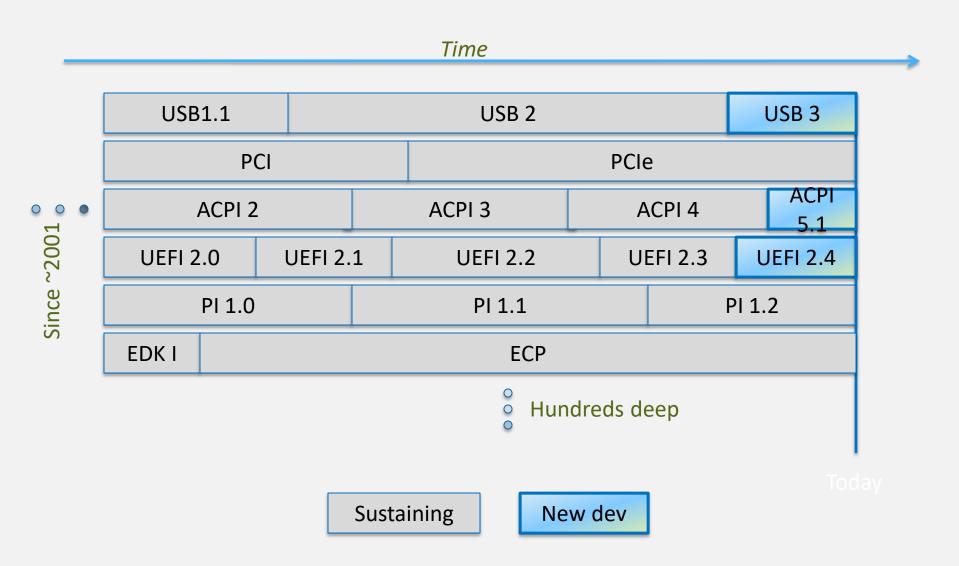
- Windows, Linux, OSX
- VS2003, VS2005, WinDDK, Intel, GCC

#### Fast and Flexible Build Infrastructure\*\*

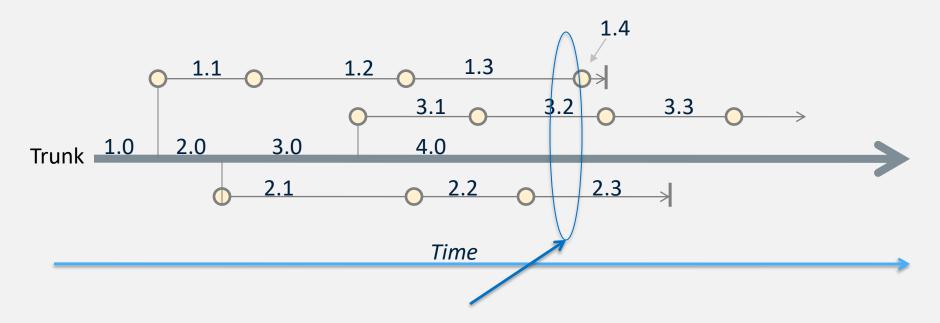
- 4X+ Build Performance Improvement (vs EDKI)
- Targeted Module Build Flexibility

#### Maximize the open source at www.tianocore.org

### **Contents**

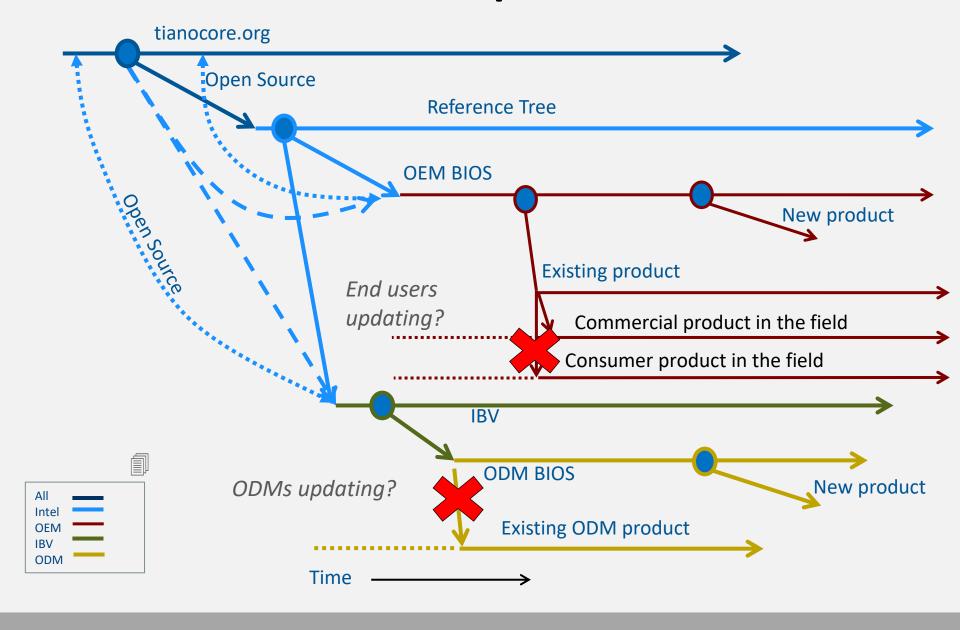


### **Core evolution**



Different branches to support

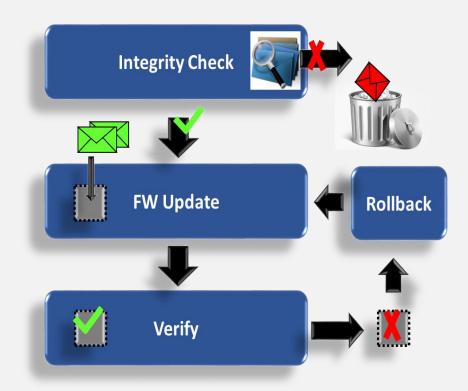
# The road from core to platform



**Security Features** 

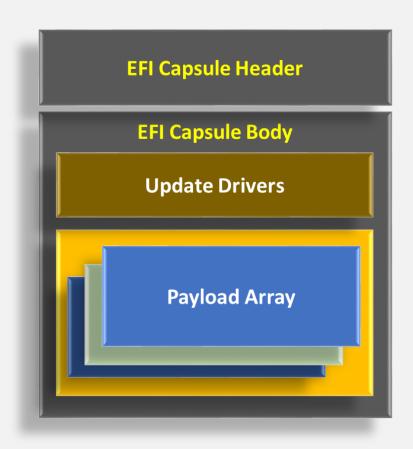
### **Solving Firmware Update**

- Reliable update story
  - Fault tolerant
- Scalable & repeatable
- How can UEFI Help?
  - Capsule model for binary delivery
  - Bus / Device Enumeration
  - Managing updates via
    - EFI System Resource Table
    - Firmware Management Protocol
    - Capsule Signing

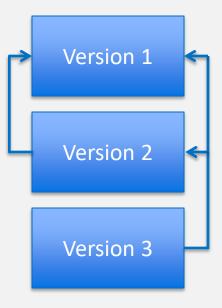


## **Delivering Firmware Binaries**

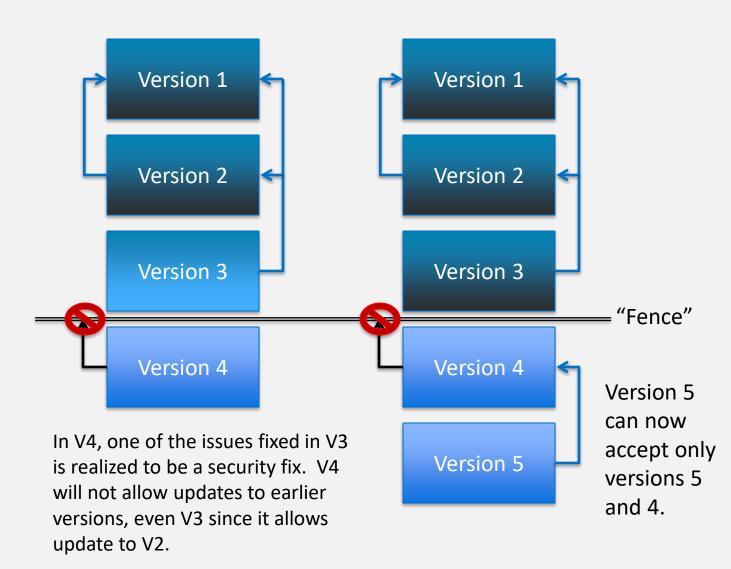
- UEFI supports Capsule format
  - Tools for capsule generation
  - Core logic for capsule handling
- Extensible Capsule format
  - Self-contained
  - Discrete updates
  - Composite updates
- Firmware Management Protocol allows
  - Reading / updating firmware
  - Integrity checks



### **Rollbacks with fences**

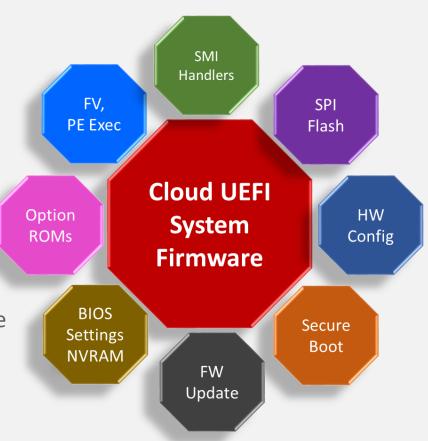


Each version fixes some issues with the previous. Since none are known to have security flaws, each new version allows updates to all older versions.



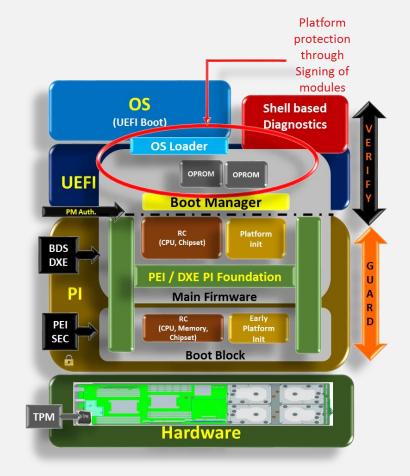
### **Security Solutions**

- Signed capsule updates
- UEFI Secure boot
  - local / network
- TPM on the platform
  - Measured boot
  - Root of Trust for Reporting
  - Storage
- Protect machine configuration & UEFI Secure boot trust anchors
- In-band and out-of-band network security



# **Guarding & Verifying in Pre-boot**

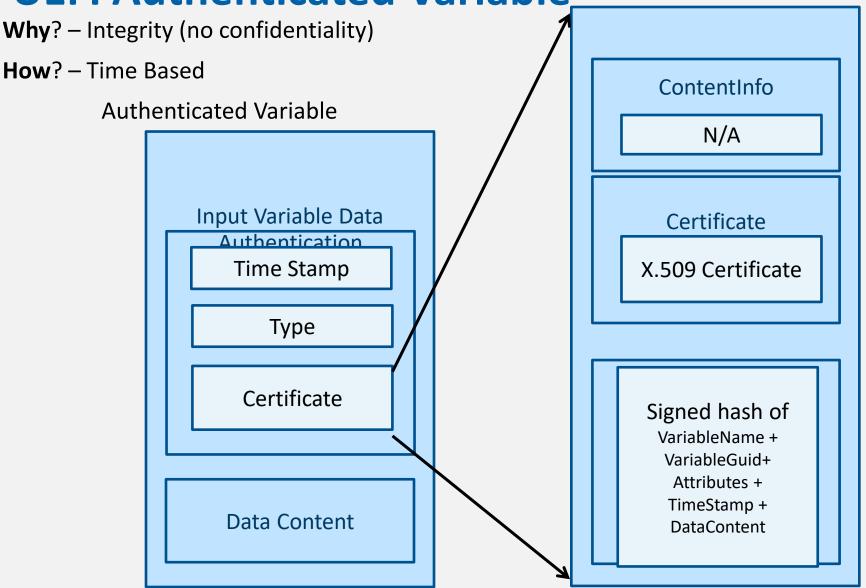
- PI & UEFI complement each other to impart platform security through guarding and verification during pre-boot.
- PI facilitates platform hardening by guarding internal firmware ingredients that consume reset vector, initialization of CPU, Memory, Chipset etc.
- UEFI signing allows robust platform scaling through verified inclusion of external firmware ingredients such as OPROMS into the trust chain



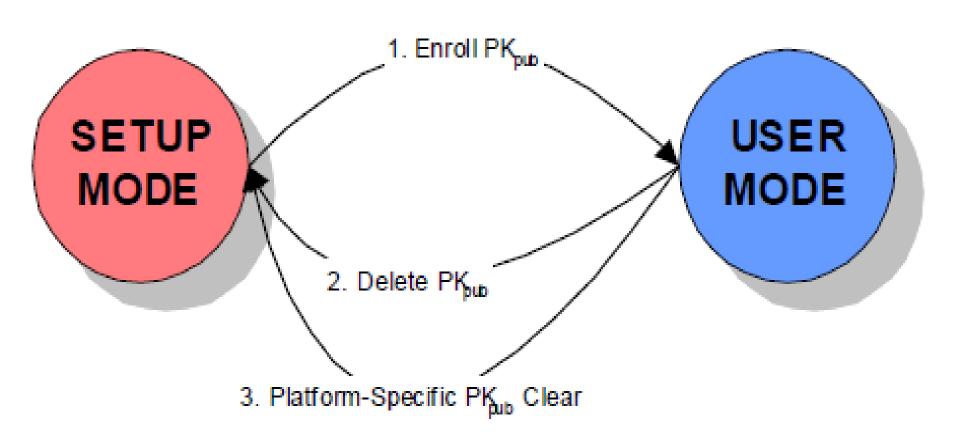
# **UEFI Driver Signing**

Why? - Origin & Integrity PKCS#7 + **Authenticode Ext How?** – Authenticode PE PE Image Contentinfo PE Header PE file hash Certificate Directory **Certificate** Section 1 X.509 Certificate Section N **SignInfo** Type Signed hash of Attribute ContentInfo Certificate Table

**UEFI Authenticated Variable** 



# **Put them altogether: UEFI Secure Boot**



### **UEFI Secure Boot VS TCG Trusted Boot**

UEFI authenticate OS loader (pub key and policy)

Check signature of before loading

- UEFI Secure boot will stop platform boot if signature not valid (OEM to provide remediation capability)
- UEFI will require remediation mechanisms if boot fails

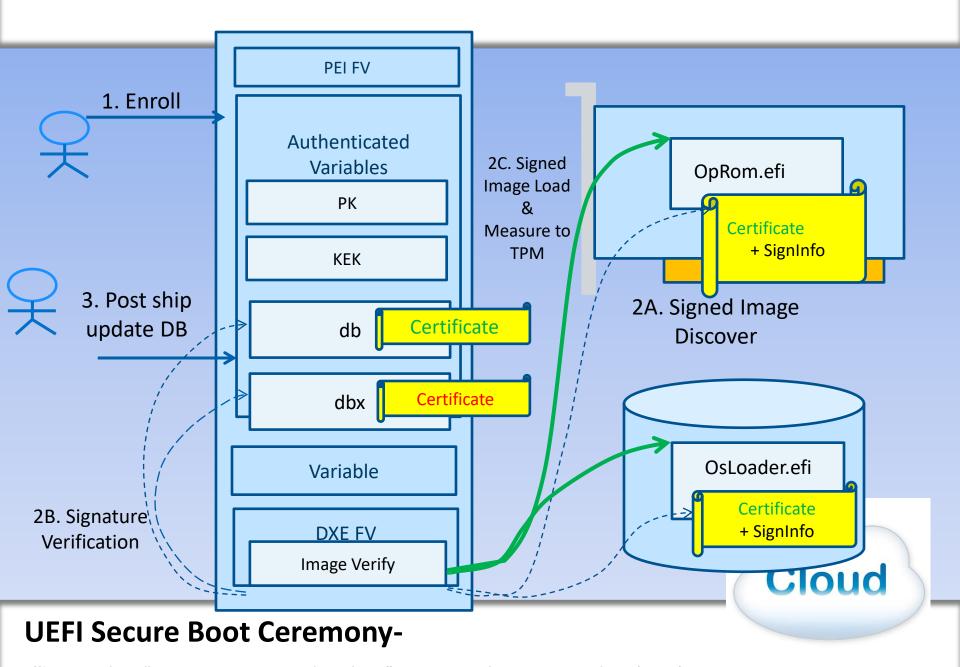
loader & UEFI drivers into TPM (1.2 or 2.0) PCR **UEFI Firmware** (Platform Configuration Register) UEFI OS Ldr, **Drivers** ecord in PCR **TPM** Kernel **Drivers** Apps TCG Trusted boot will never fail

UFFI PI will measure OS

Incumbent upon other SW to

attestation

make security decision using



**Ellison**, Carl M. "**Ceremony** Design and Analysis," IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive (2007): 399. https://eprint.iacr.org/2007/**399.pdf** 

# Relevant open source software packages/routines for Authorization flow

MdeModulePkg

#### **LoadImage Boot Service**

gBS->LoadImage CoreLoadImage()

#### EFI\_SECURITY\_ARCH\_PROTOCOL SecurityStubDxe

SecurityStubAuthenticateState()

#### **DxeSecurityManagementLib**

RegisterSecurityHandler()
ExecuteSecurityHandlers()

### SecurityPkg **DxeImageVerificationLib**

DxeImageVerificationHandler()
HashPeImage()
HashPeImageByType()
VerifyWinCertificateForPkcsSignedData()
DxeImageVerificationLibImageRead()
IsSignatureFoundInDatabase()
IsPkcsSignedDataVerifiedBySignatureList()
VerifyCertPkcsSignedData()

#### **Authenticated Variables**

gRT->GetVariable

#### MdePkg BasePeCoffLib

|PeCoffLoaderGetImageInfo()

### CryptoPkg **BaseCryptLib**

Sha256Init()
Sha256Update()
Sha256Final()
Sha256GetContextSize()

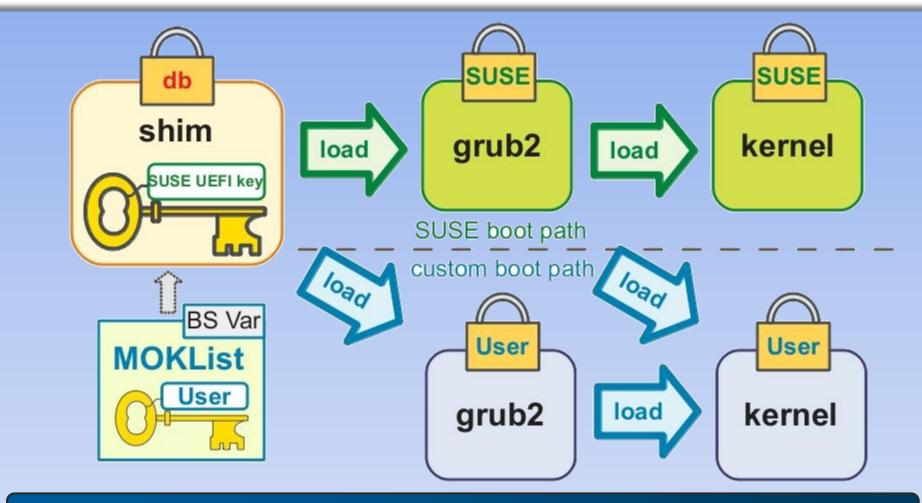
AuthenticodeVerify()
Pkcs7Verify()
WrapPkcs7Data()

#### **OpenSslLib**

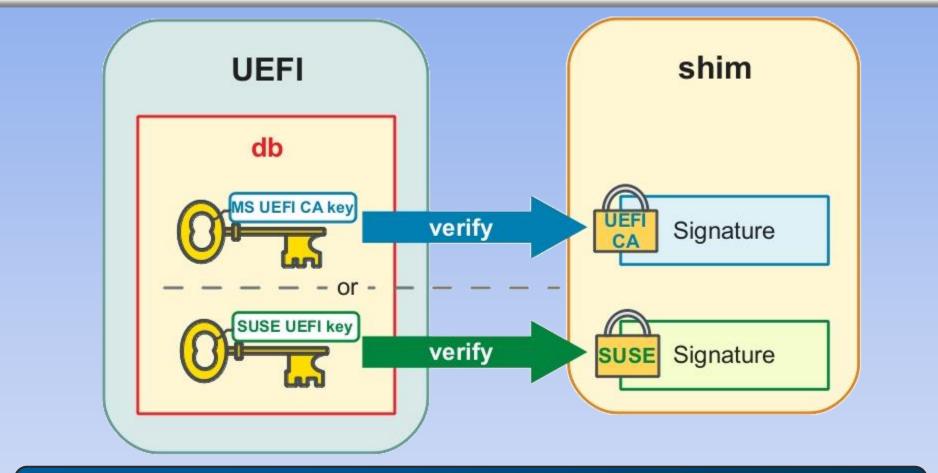
Openssl-0.9.8w

#### **IntrinsicLib**

See Rosenbaum, Zimmer, "A Tour Beyond BIOS into UEFI Secure Boot," for more details



Load the UEFI image as long as it is trusted



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**

#### Variable Lock Protocol

Make variables read-only
<a href="https://github.com/tianocore/edk2/blob/master/MdeModulePkg/Include/Protocol/VariableLock.h">https://github.com/tianocore/edk2/blob/master/MdeModulePkg/Include/Protocol/VariableLock.h</a>

#### Lock Box

Protect content across re-starts

<u>https://github.com/tianocore/edk2-</u> <u>MdeModulePkg/blob/master/Include/Protocol/LockBox.h</u>

#### Capsule Update

Generic capsule update driver support

http://comments.gmane.org/gmane.comp.bios.tianocore.devel/8402

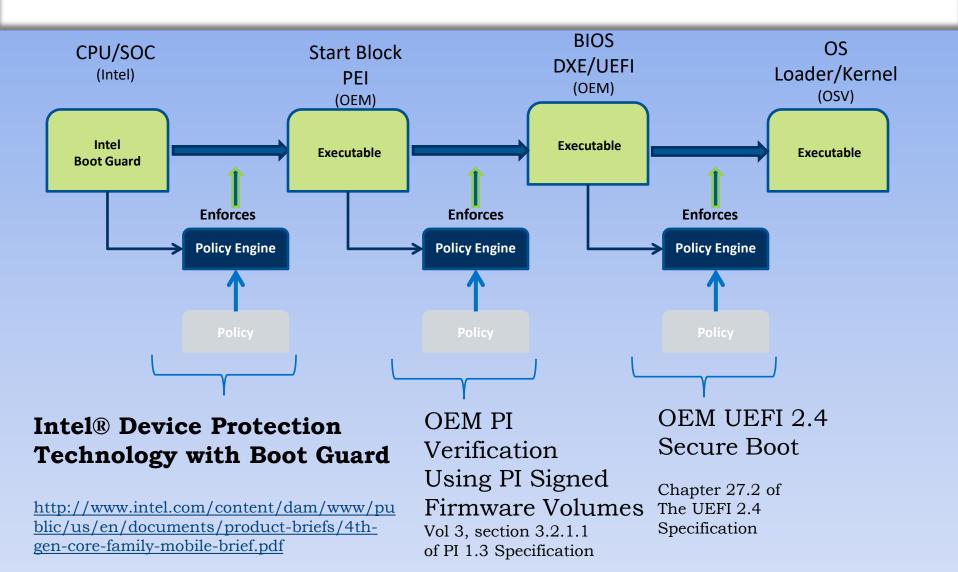
https://svn.code.sf.net/p/edk2/code/trunk/edk2/

Additional capabilities in the open source

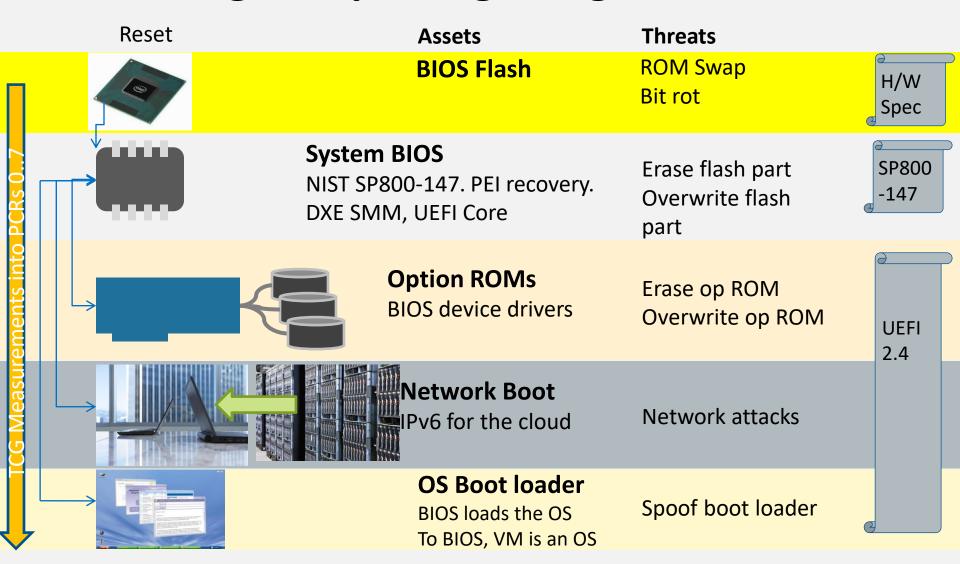
# Analyze and Mark external Interfaces where input can be attacker controlled data, comment headers

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/**
 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
```

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



# **Technologies – putting it together**



Different colors for different vendors

# Trust Model

# **System**

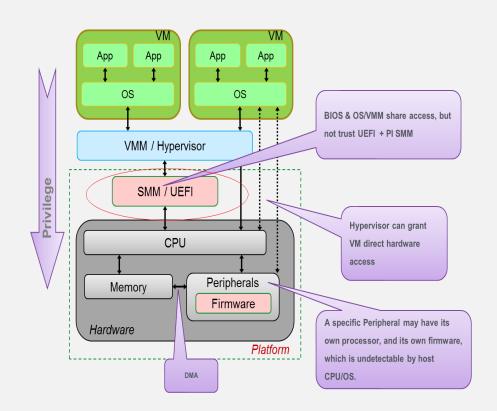
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BIOS ROM	<4K	40K	512K	4M
Processor	8080	8088	Pentium III	Ivy Bridge
OS	CP/M	DOS	Win98	Win8

# **Security**

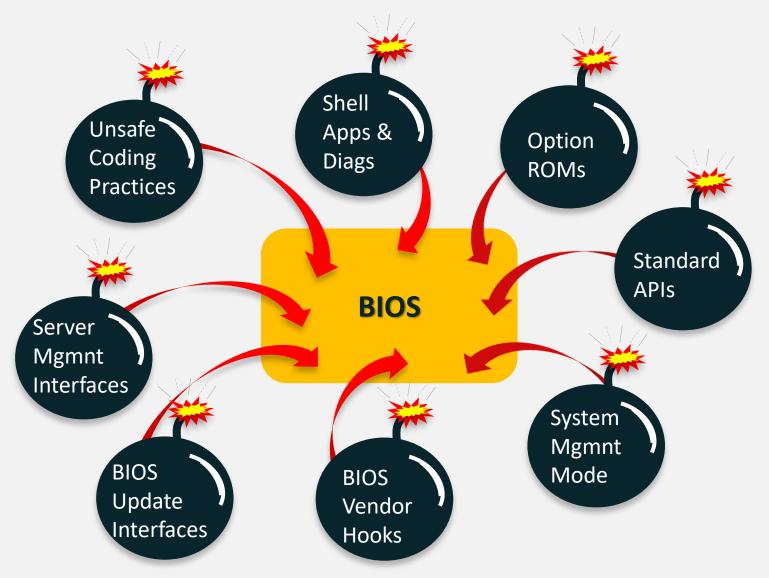
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# **Security Challenges**

- Different elements in platform from many vendors
- How to establish trust anchor in the hardware
- How to protect elements
- How to protect the platform
- How to allow platform scaling



# **BIOS Potential Attack Surfaces**



**BIOS Malware** 

**UEFI** Rootkits

**Bootkits** 

**SMM Rootkits** 

**Device FW Malware** 

**ACPI** Rootkits

Option ROM Malware

**Evil Maid** 

**HVM** Rootkits (Blue Pill)

**HW Trojans** 



Missed a Detail

**Source: Jeff Forristal** 

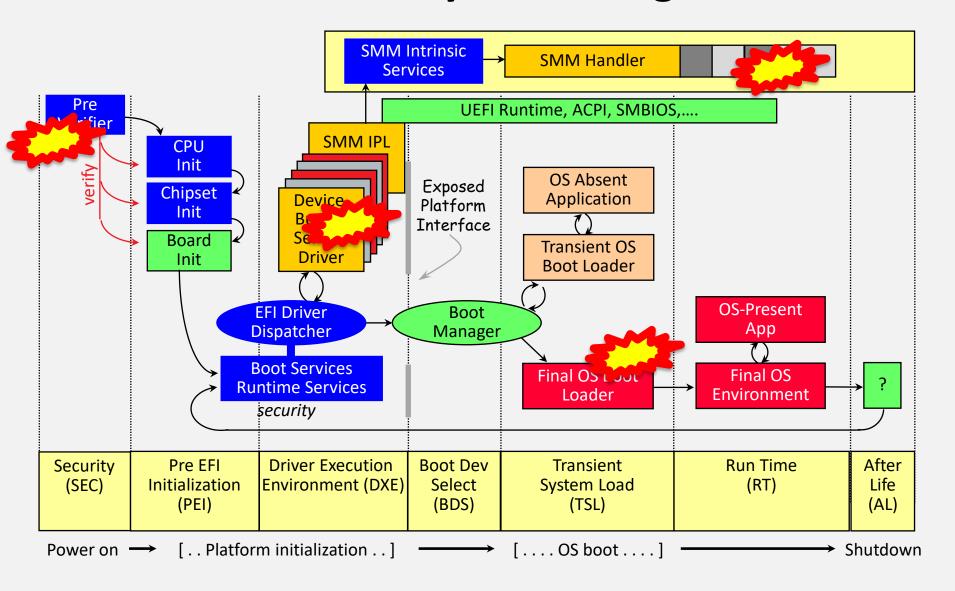
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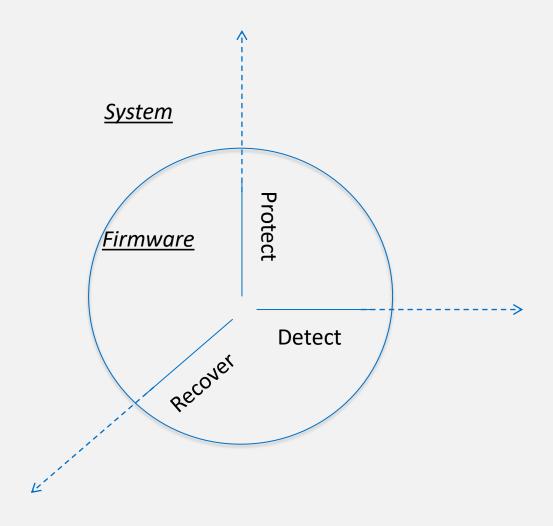
# Security Fundamentals



# What Could Possibly Go Wrong???



# Things need consider



# 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 used threat modeling for our UEFI / PI codebase

 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

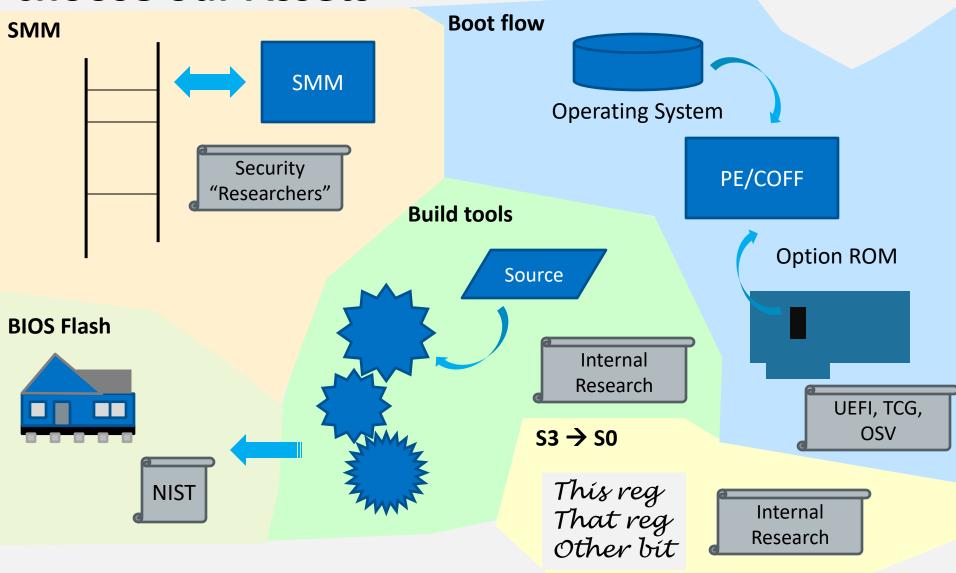
Use TM to narrow subsequent mitigation efforts

- 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



## Flash\*\*



#### 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**

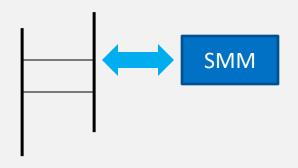
- PDOS Permanent Denial of Service
  - System into inefficient room heater
- Elevation of privilege
  - Owning the system at boot is an advantage to a virus

#### **Known attacks**

- CIH / Chernobyl 1999-2000
- Mebroni 2010

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

# **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, Legbacore

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

# **Resume from S3**

This reg That reg Other bit

ACPI says that we return the system to the S5 $\rightarrow$ S0 configuration at S3 $\rightarrow$ 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

#### Known attacks

- 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

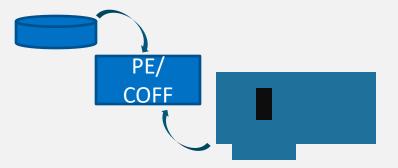
#### Known attacks

■ 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

# **Boot flow**



#### Secure boot

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

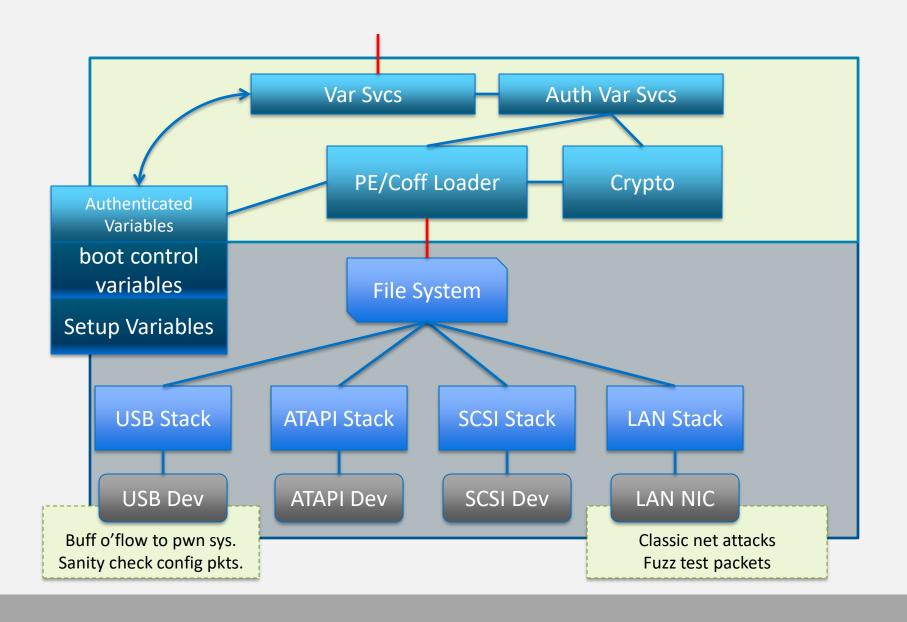
#### **Threats**

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

#### Known attacks

- 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

# **Vulnerability VS Threat**

# Vulnerability Cases:

- Unauthorized Firmware Update
  - Unauthorized 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Code
    - Critical Register Unlocked
      - Buffer Overflow
  - Secret Used but not Cleared
  - Default Passphrase to Access

#### Threat:

- S: Spoof user identity
- T: Tampering
- R: Repudiation
- I: Information disclosure
- P: Permanent Denial of Service
- E: Elevation of privilege
- D: Denial of service

# EDK II on MinnowMax

# **MinnowMax**

Open hardware platform

Baytrail single or dual core

From <a href="http://firmware.intel.com/projects">http://firmware.intel.com/projects</a>



This project focus in on the firmware source code (and binary modules) requried to create the boot firmware image for the MinnowBoard MAX. The UEFI Open Source (EDKII project) packages for MinnowBoard MAX are available at <a href="http://tianocore.sourceforge.net/wiki/EDK2">http://tianocore.sourceforge.net/wiki/EDK2</a>. To learn more about getting involved in the UEFI EDKII project visit the <a href="http://toanocore.sourceforge.net/wiki/EDK2">How to Contribute</a> page.

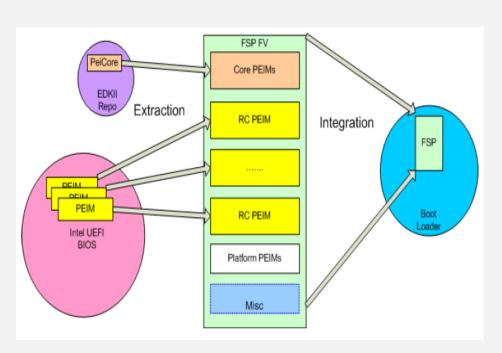
The source code builds using Microsoft Visual Studios and GNU C Compiler (for both 32 and 64 bit images) - production and debug execution environments. The source code builds the same UEFI firmware image shipping on MinnowBoard MAX.

- See more at: <a href="http://firmware.intel.com/projects#sthash.1oOc8srY.dpuf">http://firmware.intel.com/projects#sthash.1oOc8srY.dpuf</a>

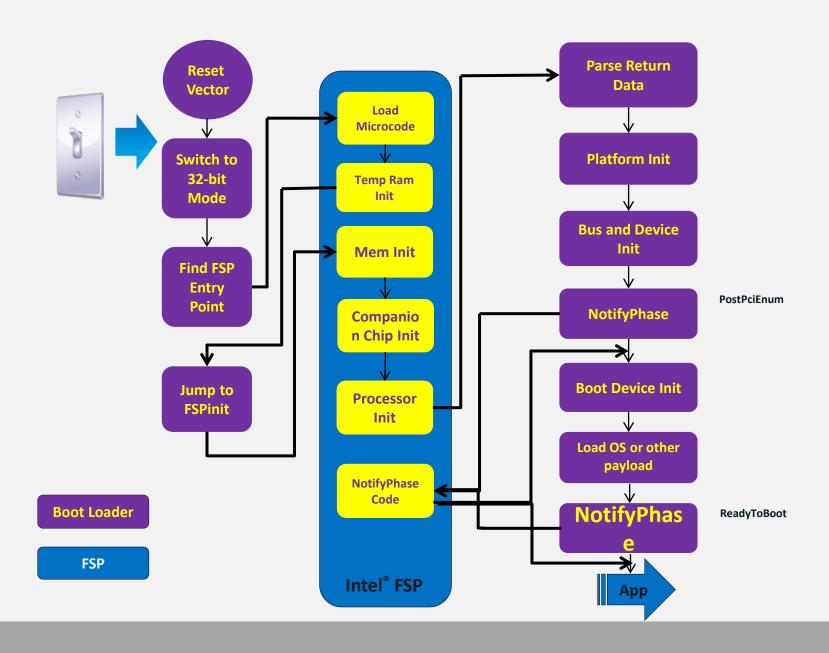
# Intel® Firmware Support Package (FSP) Overview

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



# Intel® FSP Boot Flow



# **MinnowMax**

Focused on the maker community, but....

64-bit Intel® Atom™ E38xx Series SOC

Has UEFI Secure Boot

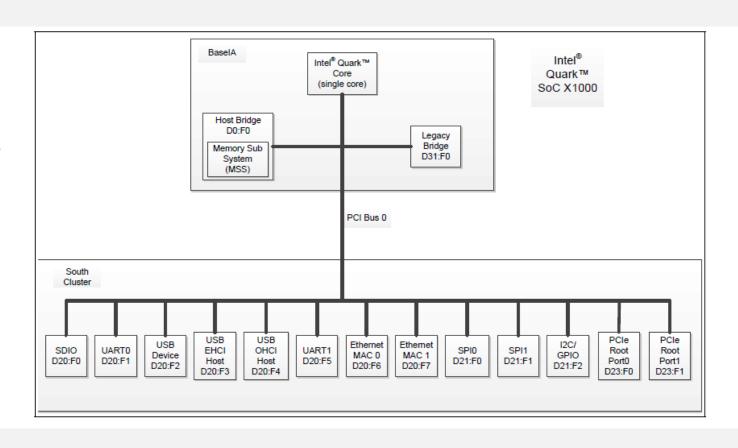
Built off of live tree

Ability to update w/ latest capabilities on <a href="http://www.tianocore.org">http://www.tianocore.org</a>

# EDK II on Galileo

# Intel® Quark™ SoC – Hardware Overview

- 32 bit Intel<sup>®</sup>
   Pentium<sup>®</sup> ISA class processor
- PCI
- USB
- 12C
- Single core



# **UEFI** for Intel<sup>®</sup> Quark<sup>™</sup> SoC

First fully open source Intel-based platform

Builds on Intel® UDK2014 packages like MdePkg, MdeModulePkg w/ a 32-bit build, adding

- IA32FamilyCpuBasePkg
- QuarkPlatformPkg
- QuarkSocPkg

Standard build is 1 Mbyte image w/full features

 Capsule update, SMM, S3, PCI, recovery, full UEFI OS support, FAT OS support, UEFI variables

# **Quark and security**

Support for I2C-attached TPM

Hardware Secure Boot option

**UEFI Secure Boot implementation** 

UEFI Capsule update support w/ hardware verification assist

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Demonstrates one way to build out UEFI Security Features w/ a full open source platform tree

# **Futures**

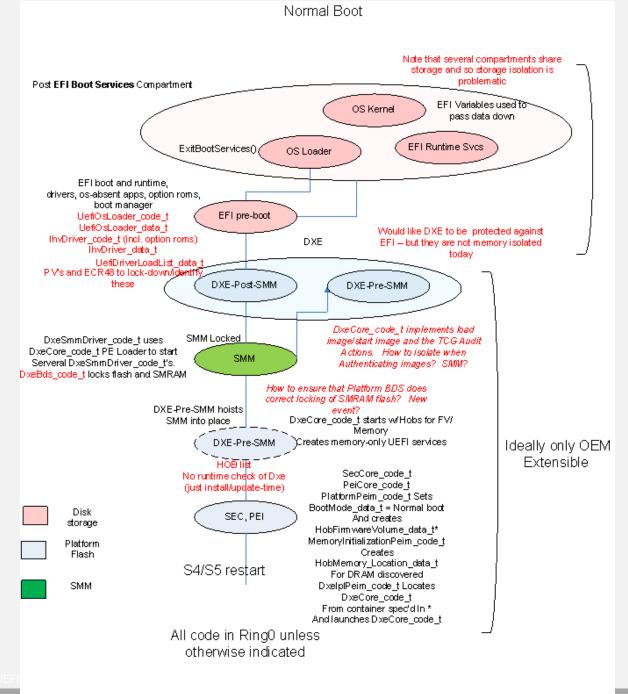
#### Integrity analysis of Pre-OS via Compartments - CW/BIBA

Business goals dictate isolation boundaries called compartments (cpts)

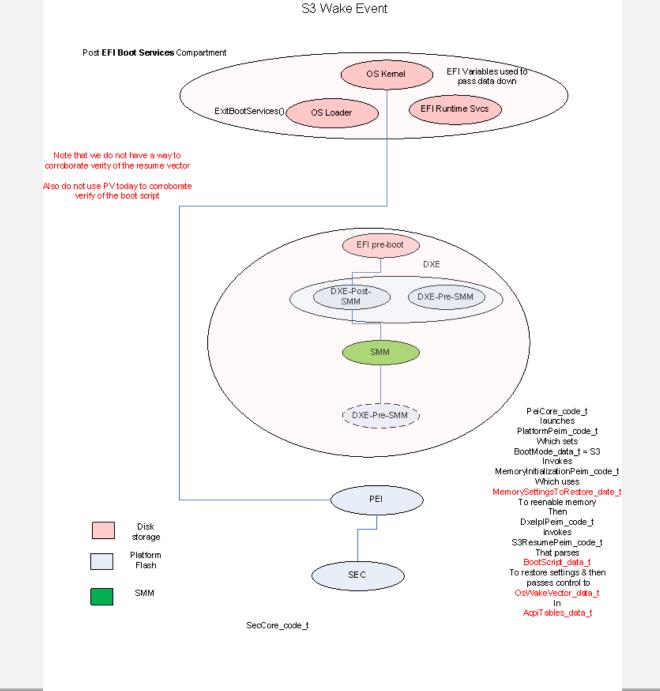
- Platform Manufacturer wants to protect self from 3<sup>rd</sup> party pre-OS and OS/Hv
- OS/Hv- protect self from pre-boot extensibility
- Idealized isolation boundary is a compartment (cpt)—
  - Not a thing like process, interface table, handle etc
- Security types are actual data types that are used in the cpt.
  - Eg: Smm code t, efi iface tbl data t in OEM cpt

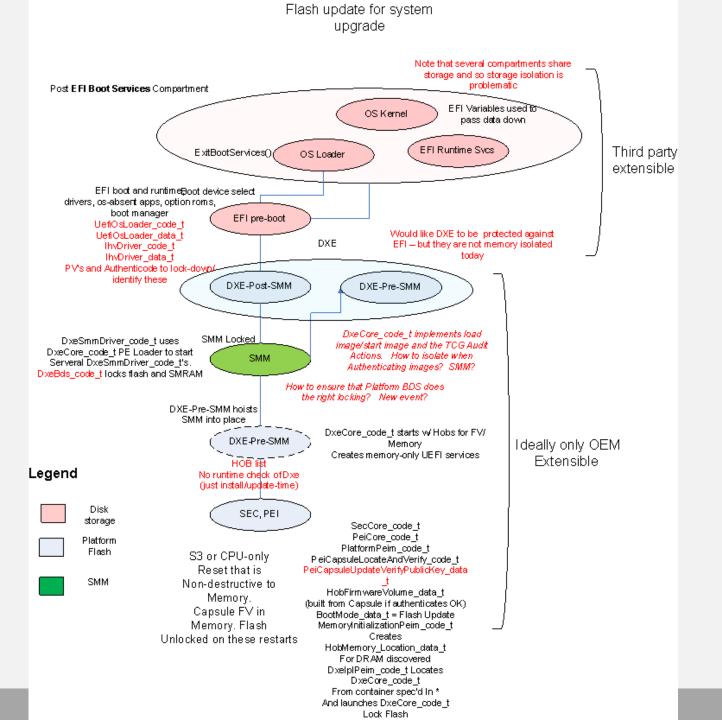
Security analysis checks if something is a compartment

- Checking a number of information flow rules
  - Code and data in compartment have verifiable integrity
    - Compartment needs storage isolated from other compartments
    - Compartment needs execution isolation
  - Compartment transitions have chokepoints and are protected via guards
    - Interfaces into the compartment for code and data must be validated
  - Admin model of compartment must be fully specified
    - Admin tasks must be "minimized" to reduce TCO & chance of bugs
  - Audit (e.g.,TPM measurements) All integrity affecting operations must be audited
    - Availability of audit log is also a requirement



#### Normal boot





# **Moving Forward**

More open source examples

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

Continue to evolve 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%?

Early effort using <u>DDT</u> with EDK II, Moving to <u>KLEE</u> (open source)

More fuzzers, from custom to public (e.g., Peach)

More Isolation – lots of hardware, esp. that built for OS/Hv. Leverage for platform firmware where it makes sense

- Map the CW/BIBA CPT analysis to specs & code
- Information flow and analysis
- NX, ALSR, Stack Canaries

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