



Introduction to Trusted Systems

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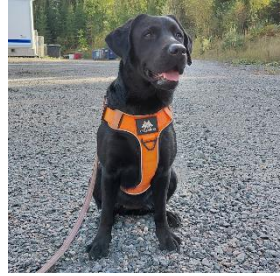


Introduction





Trust and Attestation of me....



Professor of Practice @ Oulu,
Lead Scientist @ Nokia Standards
Startup founder (medical stuff)
Works with dogs, horses and occasionally humans too

25+ years telecoms and critical system experience
200+ papers & other publications
100+ patents
1 book (some more in progress)
10th or 11th CRIM ... lost count, can't remember



Best Seller



How the World ends



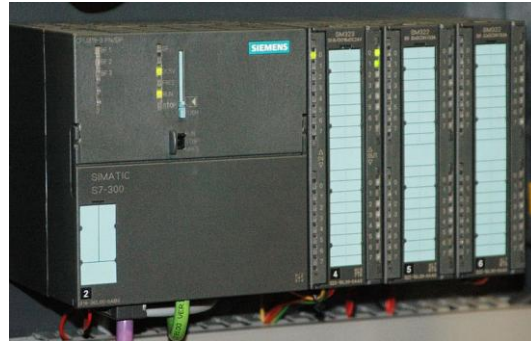


How the World ends...





Examples



Photos of an NSA “upgrade” factory show Cisco router getting implant

Servers, routers get “beacons” implanted at secret locations by NSA’s TAO team.

JOHN GALLAGHER, 5/14/2014, 10:30 PM



(TS//SI//NF) Left: Intercepted packages are opened carefully; Right: A “load station” implants a beacon



Philosophy





Trust

How do we trust systems?

- a) how to ensure they are WHO they claim to be?
- b) how to ensure they are WHAT the claim to be?

Trust is a POSITIVE EXPECTATION regarding the BEHAVIOUR of a system



A bit of philosophy...

The trust relationship between things:

2-place trust: A trusts B

3-place trust: A trusts B to do X

Doxastic: *trust* = *believes*, A trusts B to do X \Rightarrow A believes B will/can/does do X

Non-doxastic: trust = A is optimistic that B will do X

Modality: deontic (obligation, permission), epistemic (knowledge)

$O(A \text{ trusts } B \text{ to do } X) \Rightarrow \text{not } K(A \text{ trusts } B \text{ to do } X)$

Proof: for A trusts B to be valid, B must prove their trust to A



A bit of philosophy...

Trustworthy systems:

- A system is trustworthy if it can provide evidence that it can be trusted.

Question: what does “trustworthy AI” mean?

- What are the criteria for trust?

Trust \propto Risk⁻¹

- Who takes the risk?

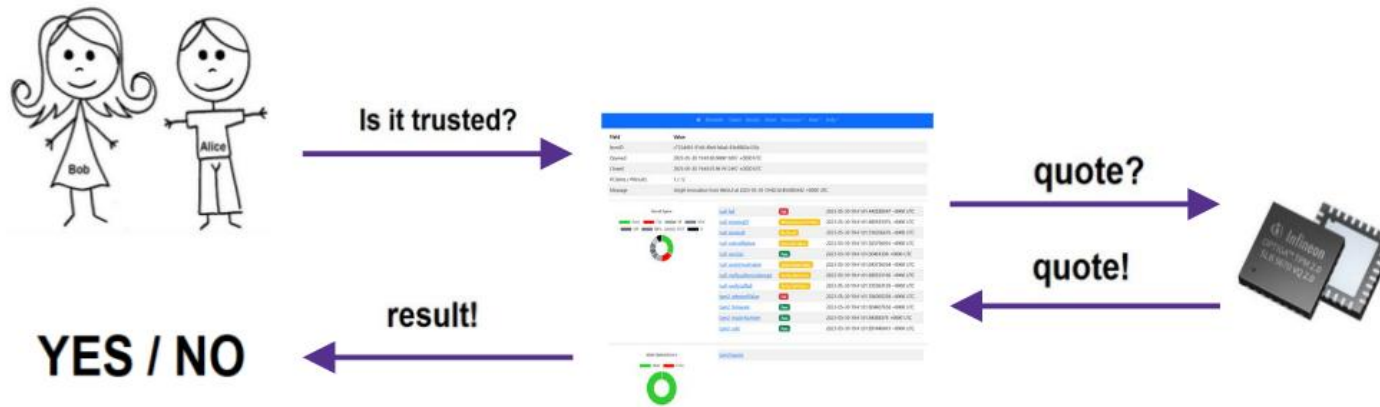


Establishing Trust



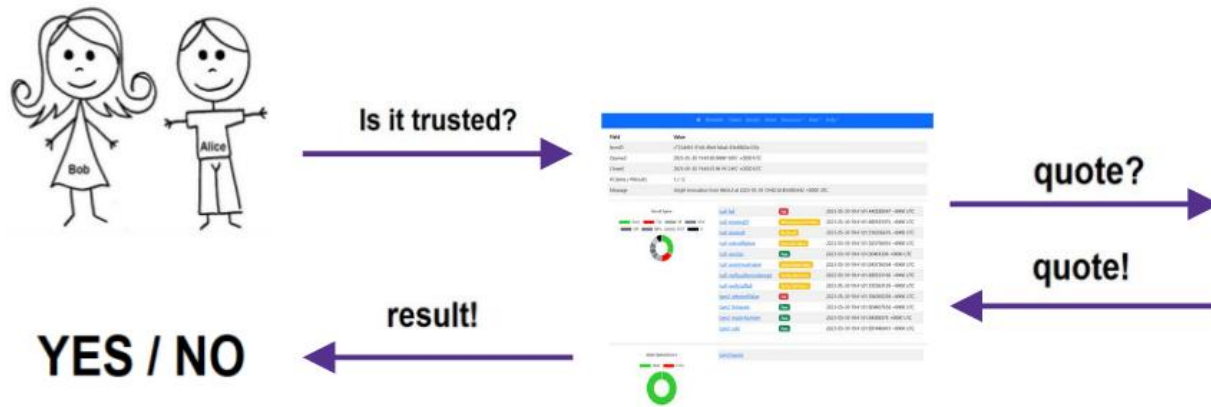


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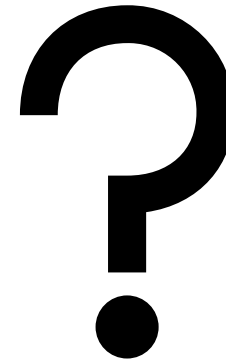
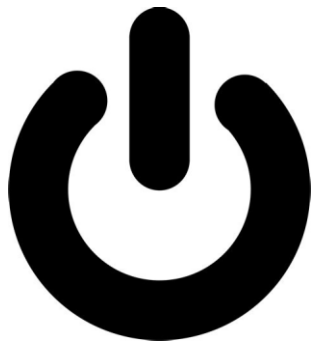


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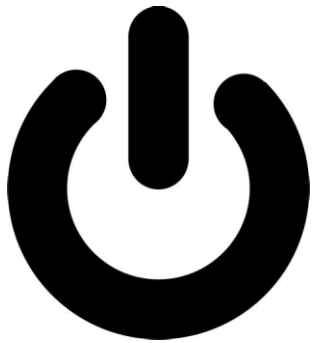


Power On





x86 -Power On

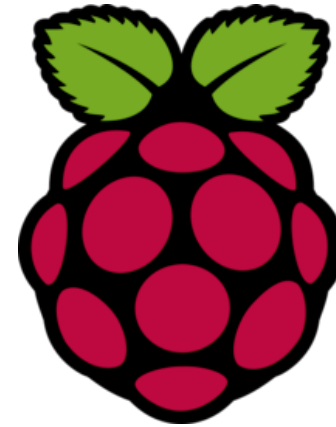
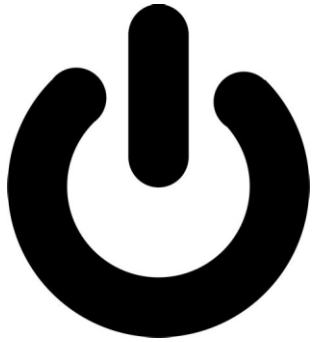


Secure Boot
Trusted Boot
Measured Boot





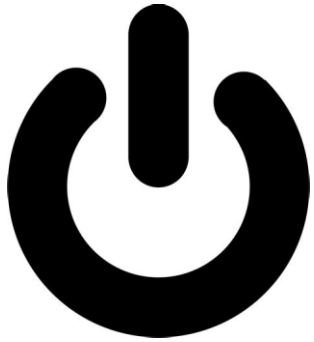
arm/pi - Power On



Secure Boot?
Trusted Boot?
Measured Boot?



arduino - Power On



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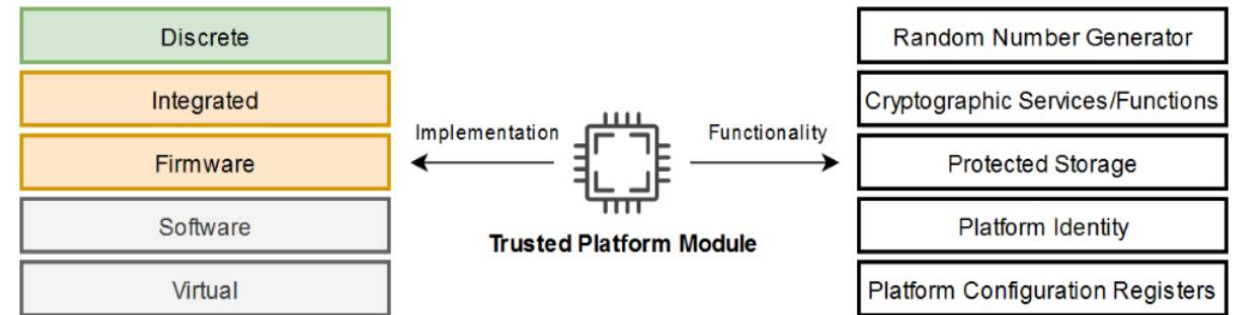
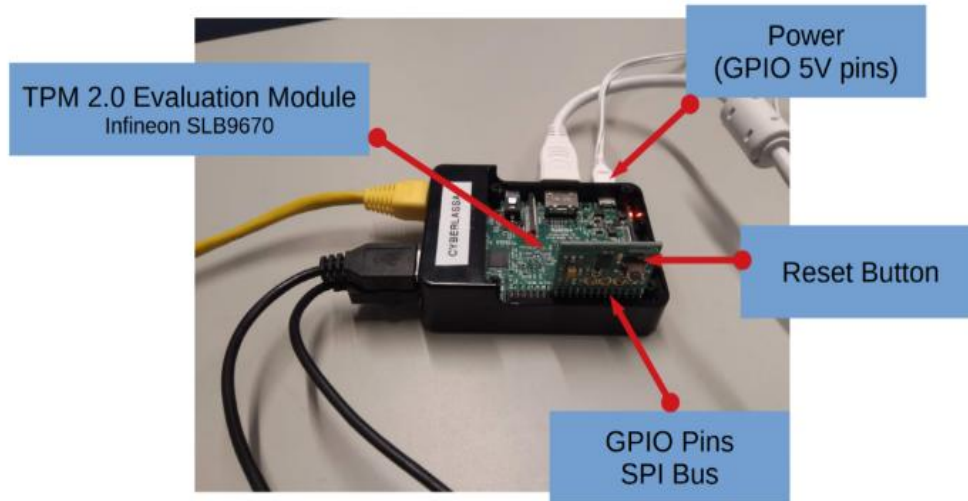


Trusted Platform Module





TPM

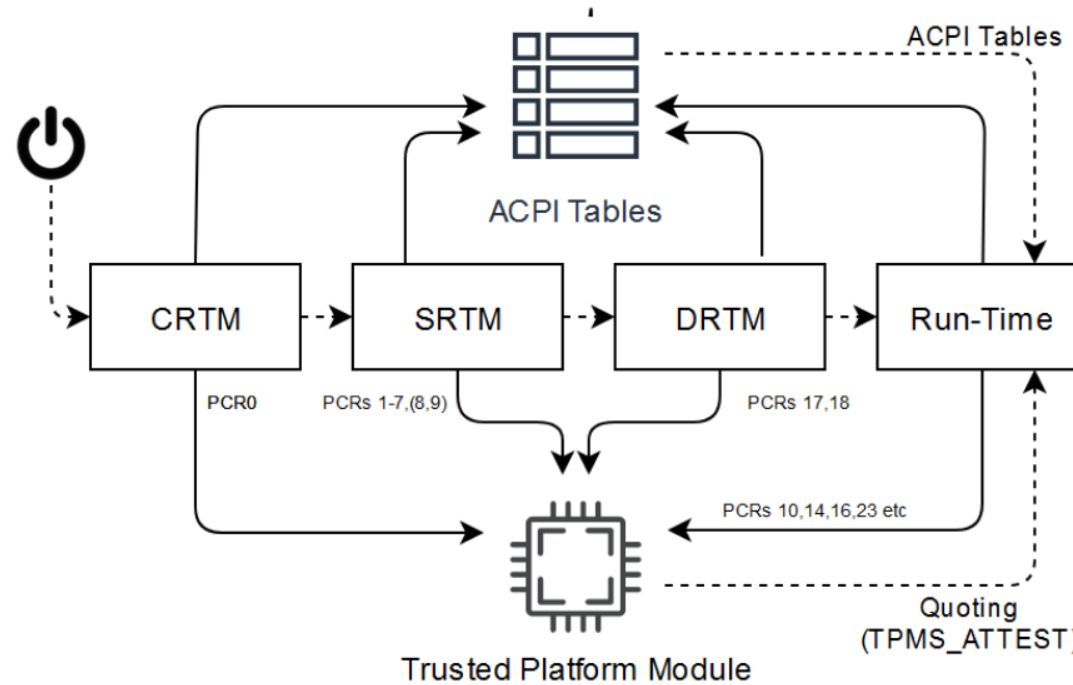


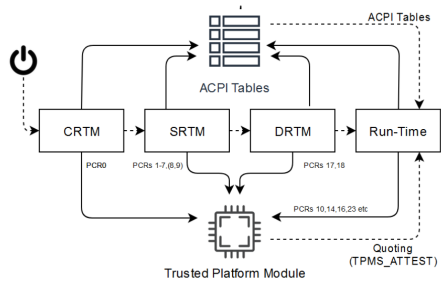
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6HWK8PF5MU>

Ian Oliver, **Trusting your Raspberry Pi** – Code::Dive 2019



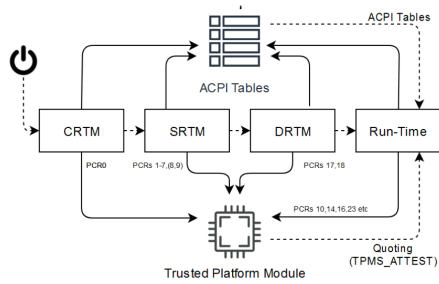
TPM – PC Boot Sequence



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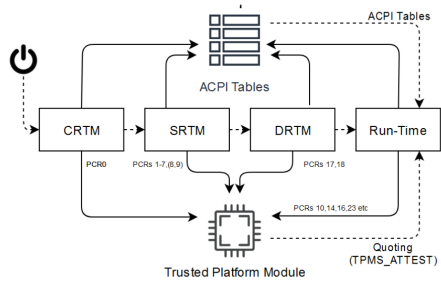
UEFI Eventlog (location)



```
tpm0 : bash — Konsole
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ian@debianwork:/sys/kernel/security/tpm0$ ls -l
total 0
-r--r----- 1 root tss 0 Sep 28 18:08 binary_bios_measurements
ian@debianwork:/sys/kernel/security/tpm0$ tpm2_eventlog ./binary_bios_measurements
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UEFI Eventlog (contents)

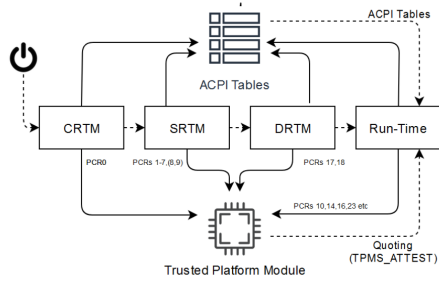


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version: 1
events:
- EventNum: 0
  PCRIndex: 0
  EventType: EV_NO_ACTION
  Digest: "00000000000000000000000000000000"
  EventSize: 45
  SpecID:
  - Signature: Spec ID Event03
    platformClass: 0
    specVersionMinor: 0
    specVersionMajor: 2
    specErrata: 0
    uintnSize: 2
    numberOfAlgorithms: 4
    Algorithms:
    - Algorithm[0]:
      algorithmId: sha1
      digestSize: 20
    - Algorithm[1]:
      algorithmId: sha256
      digestSize: 32
    - Algorithm[2]:
      algorithmId: sha384
      digestSize: 48
    - Algorithm[3]:
      algorithmId: sha512
      digestSize: 64
      vendorInfoSize: 0
- EventNum: 1
  PCRIndex: 0
  EventType: EV_S_CRTM_VERSION
  DigestCount: 4
  Digests:
  - AlgorithmId: sha1
    Digest: "1489f923c4dca729170b3e323345050d8dddf29"
  - AlgorithmId: sha256
    Digest: "96a296d224f285c67bee93c30f8a309157f0daa35dc5b87e410b78630a09cfc7"
  - AlgorithmId: sha384
    Digest: "1dd6f7b457ad880d840d41c961283bab688e94e4b59359ea45686581e90feccea3c624b1226113f824f315eb60ae0a7c"
  - AlgorithmId: sha512
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  EventSize: 2
  Event: "0000"
- EventNum: 2
  PCRIndex: 0
  EventType: EV_EFI_PLATFORM_FIRMWARE_BLOCK
  DigestCount: 4
  Digests:
  - AlgorithmId: sha1
    Digest: "a77d11b5c305d8640b28cd54f945ebf4f0a157ec"
  - AlgorithmId: sha256
    Digest: "65da839e9e3b06966e2f91e6a21295c49d0653e11aa83ab175c6681f5575dd6e"
  - AlgorithmId: sha384
    Digest: "e3f6fc8df659b4de0f16f6acfd12be106279e04b07cd5bf7b2ef476f286ec8f1106175bc6e0ec78a166dcd73c026e2"
  - AlgorithmId: sha512
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  EventSize: 16
  Event:
    BlobBase: 0x2020000
    BlobLength: 0xe0000
- EventNum: 3
  PCRIndex: 0
  EventType: EV_EFI_PLATFORM_FIRMWARE_BLOCK
  DigestCount: 4
  Digests:
  - AlgorithmId: sha1
```



Linux IMA



```
GRUB_DISTRIBUTOR='( . /etc/os-release && echo ${NAME} )'  
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="quiet ima_audit=1 ima_policy=tcb ima_hash=sha256 ima_template=ima-ng"  
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX=""
```

```
ima : bash — Konsole  
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ian@debianwork:/sys/kernel/security/ima$ ls -l  
total 0  
lr--r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 28 18:08 ascii_runtime_measurements -> ascii_runtime_measurements_sha1  
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 28 18:08 ascii_runtime_measurements_sha1  
-r--r--r-- 1 root root 0 Sep 28 18:08 ascii_runtime_measurements_sha256  
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- : sudo — Konsole  
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ian@debianwork:/sys/kernel/security/ima$ sudo more ascii_runtime_measurements  
10 c2282550a641b1c51242838af2941966a96917d5 ima-ng sha256:7685735f66018f97e360eb861c21a7359f9e555978c042e3cafe45c62f0c04d0 boot_aggregate  
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10 b5906a4ab0a94b3642c2b4f0889e0631ccd8a7b ima-ng sha256:daa5744b852336b1ede78a80da7ba555ec92f92ee5b22d36c29b1684f885b9b /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-  
gnu/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2  
10 47d8f5dc48def0afa760d1b21d71b0f5b5129c53 ima-ng sha256:c8e841e9976284688f690cb4e3dc6745df0025be2f3a56a2d4472e2975d37e0 /etc/ld.so.cache  
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dev-blacklist.conf  
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microcode-blacklist.conf  
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gnu/libresolv.so.2  
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Table 1. TPM 2.0 Quote (TPMS_ATTEST) Fields[illegible]

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Not Secure

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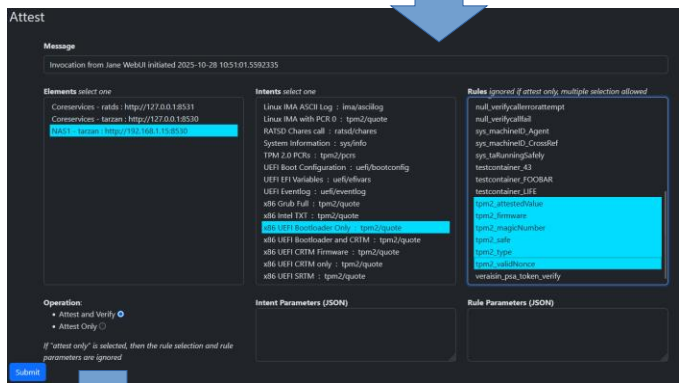
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Element	Coreservices terzan A10HTTPRESTv2 http://127.0.0.1:8530	Signature
Intent	x86_UEFI_CRTM_Firmware tpm2/quote	
Session	417a2a20-5e24-420c-b6bd-f78f8f7dfc4	
Additional Parameters	map[]	
Call Parameters	map[banks:sha256 PCRSelection:0,1,2,3 tpm2/akhandle:0x810100AA tpm2/device:/dev/tpmrm0 tpm2/nonce:FH6NbBbPQV1unFKjaATNL32ePY368nZg]	
Requested, Received	2025-10-17 08:47:42.0320715 2025-10-17 08:47:42.5135695	

Body:

tpm2/quote

Quote

Field	Reported value
PCR Digest	OHl6L6KF6p5UNwAggmUtomPaae9EKI8g500HpNf1co=
PCR Selection	{0 [{0 11 {15 0 0}]}}
Firmware	5000000044102
Magic	ff544347 (default value is ff544347)
Type	8018 (default value is 8018)
ClockInfo	Clock18561189102
	Reset286
	Restart0
	Safe Safe (false)
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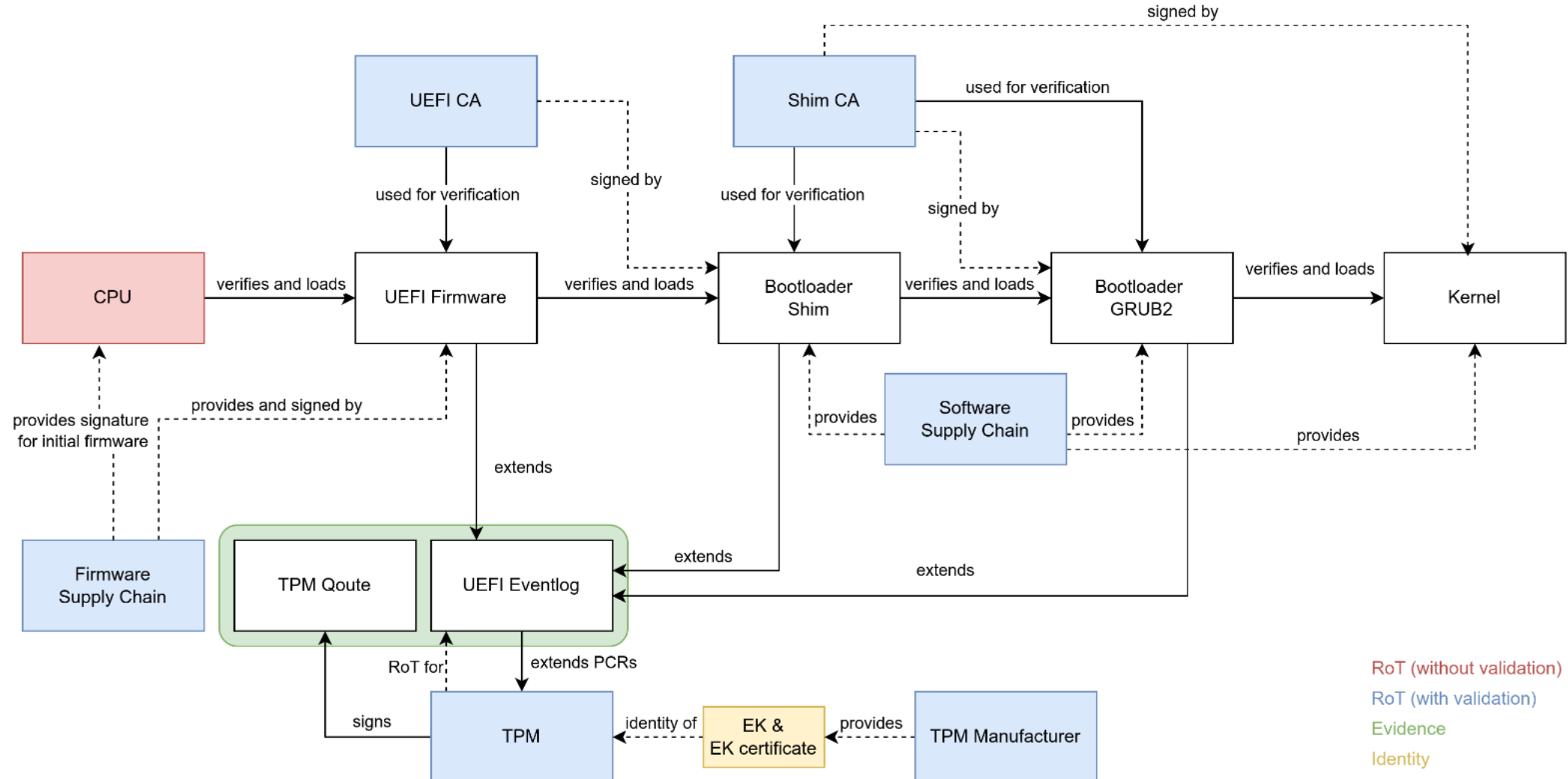


Result	
Element Information	
Field	Value
Rule Name	tpm2_safe
VerifiedAt	2025-10-17 08:44:23.6237973
Result	Fail
Expected Value	
Element	
Intent	
Claim	4db8dd7b-ef5b-4d64-952e-c6294976cdc1
Session	2169e978-848c-4930-9675-5e4ab52c0f1f
Message	Uncommanded device/TPM shutdown. TPM safe value is false
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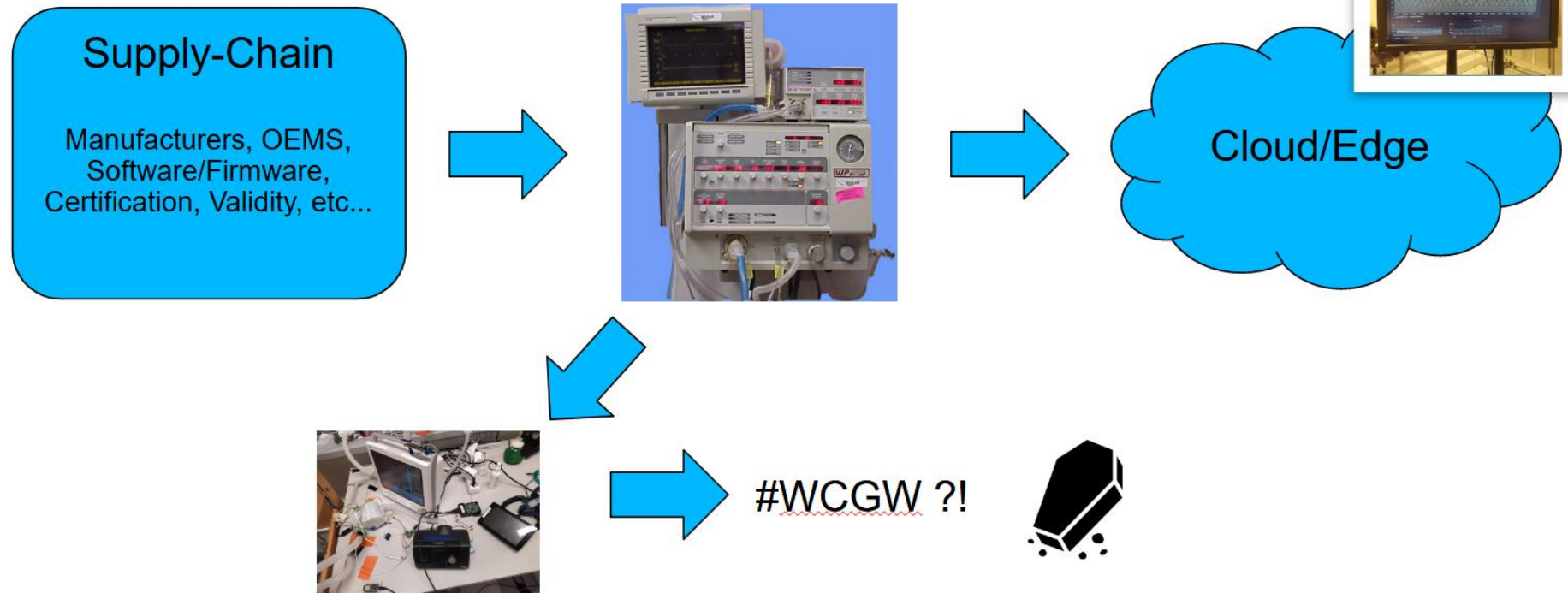


Chains of Trust





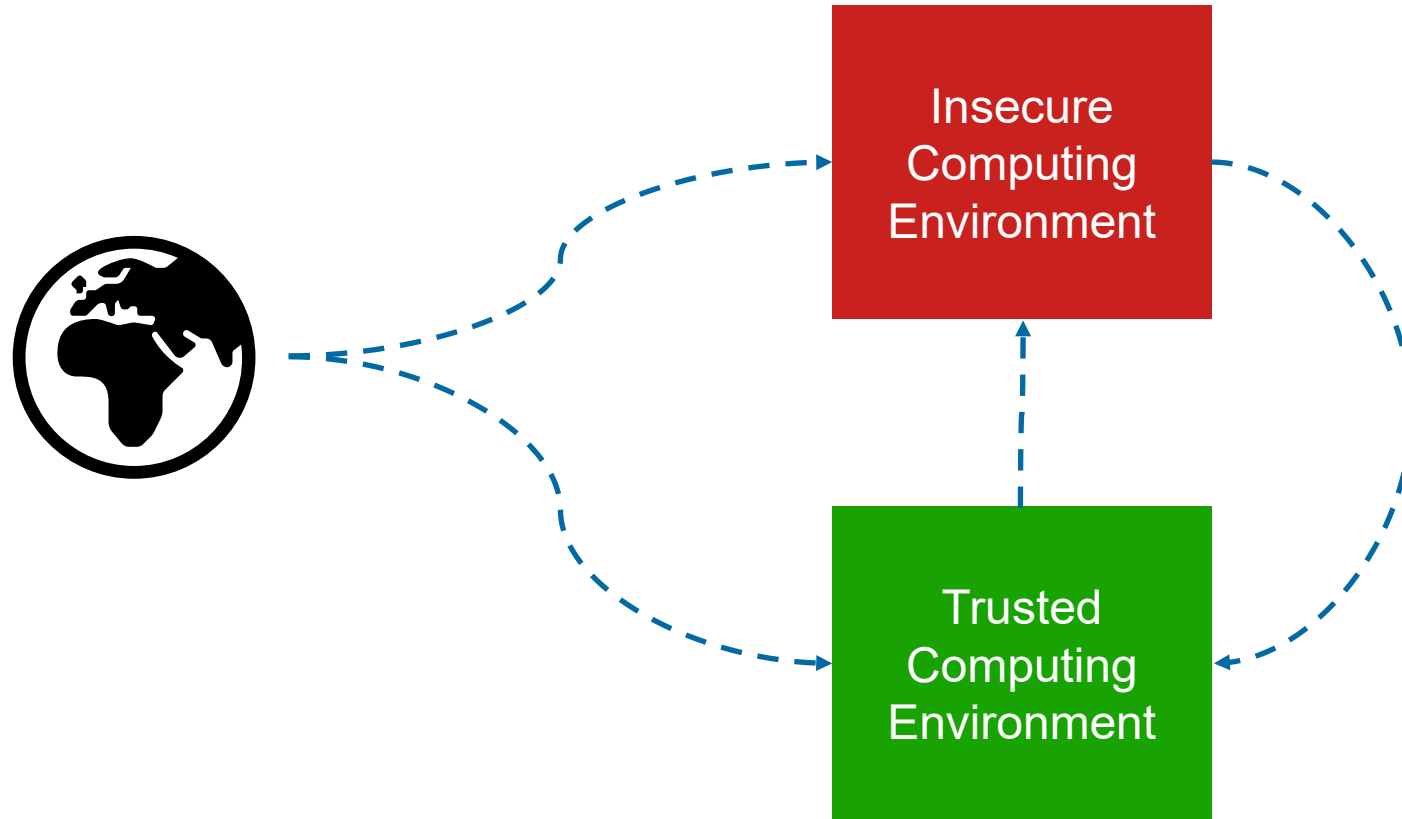
Supply-Chain



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Enclaves & Confidential Computing



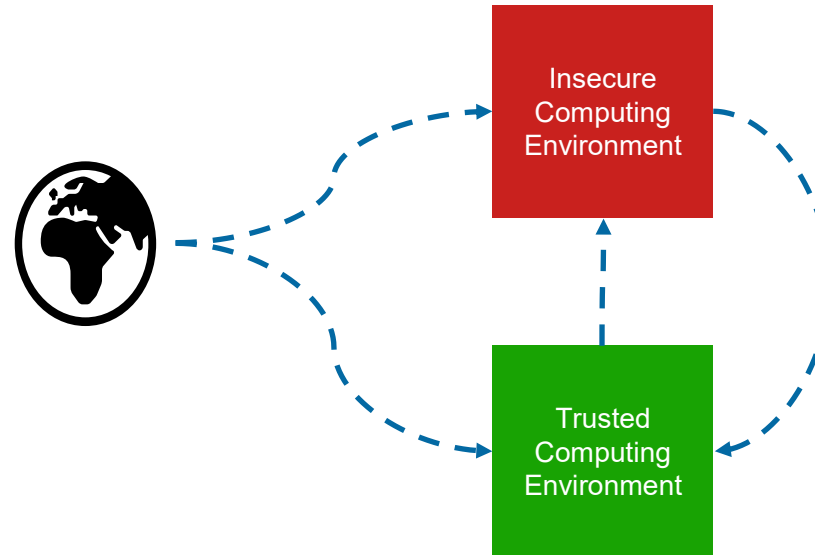
- Identity of the components
- Identity of the workload
- Integrity of the components
- Integrity of the workload
- Ensuring that the workload is untampered, its data is untampered and is running in an identified and attested workspace.



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- AMD PSP, SEV
- Arm TrustZone, CCA
- IBM Secure Execution (z15)
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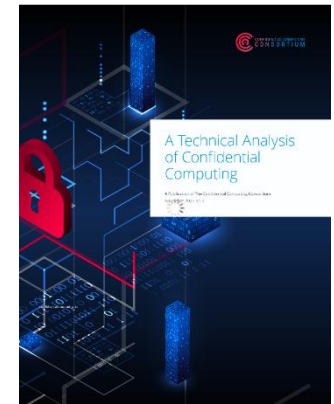
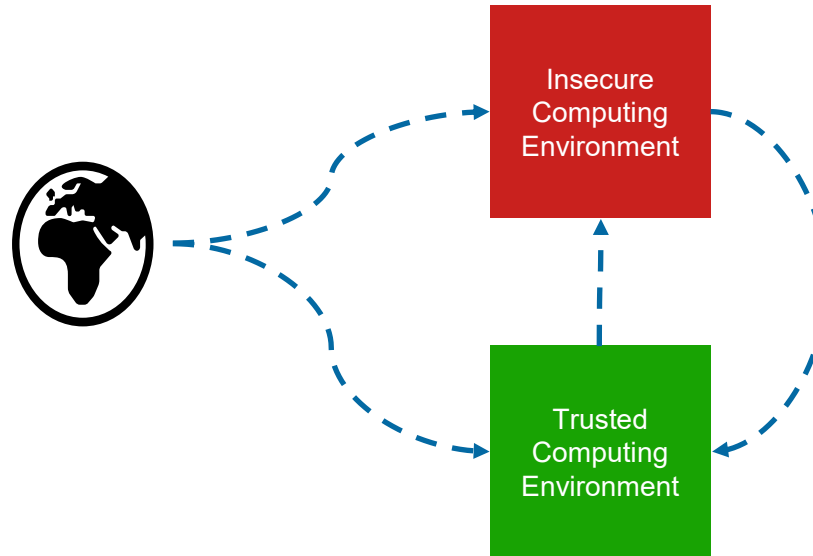
- JavaCard,
- USIM,
- NFC Secure Execution
- HSM





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-
- Requires customized software (eg: SGX)
 - Containers/Virtual Machines were too big
 - Confidential Containers Project (<https://confidentialcontainers.org/docs/overview/>)



https://confidentialcomputing.io/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/03/CCC-A-Technical-Analysis-of-Confidential-Computing-v1.3_unlocked.pdf



Intel TDX

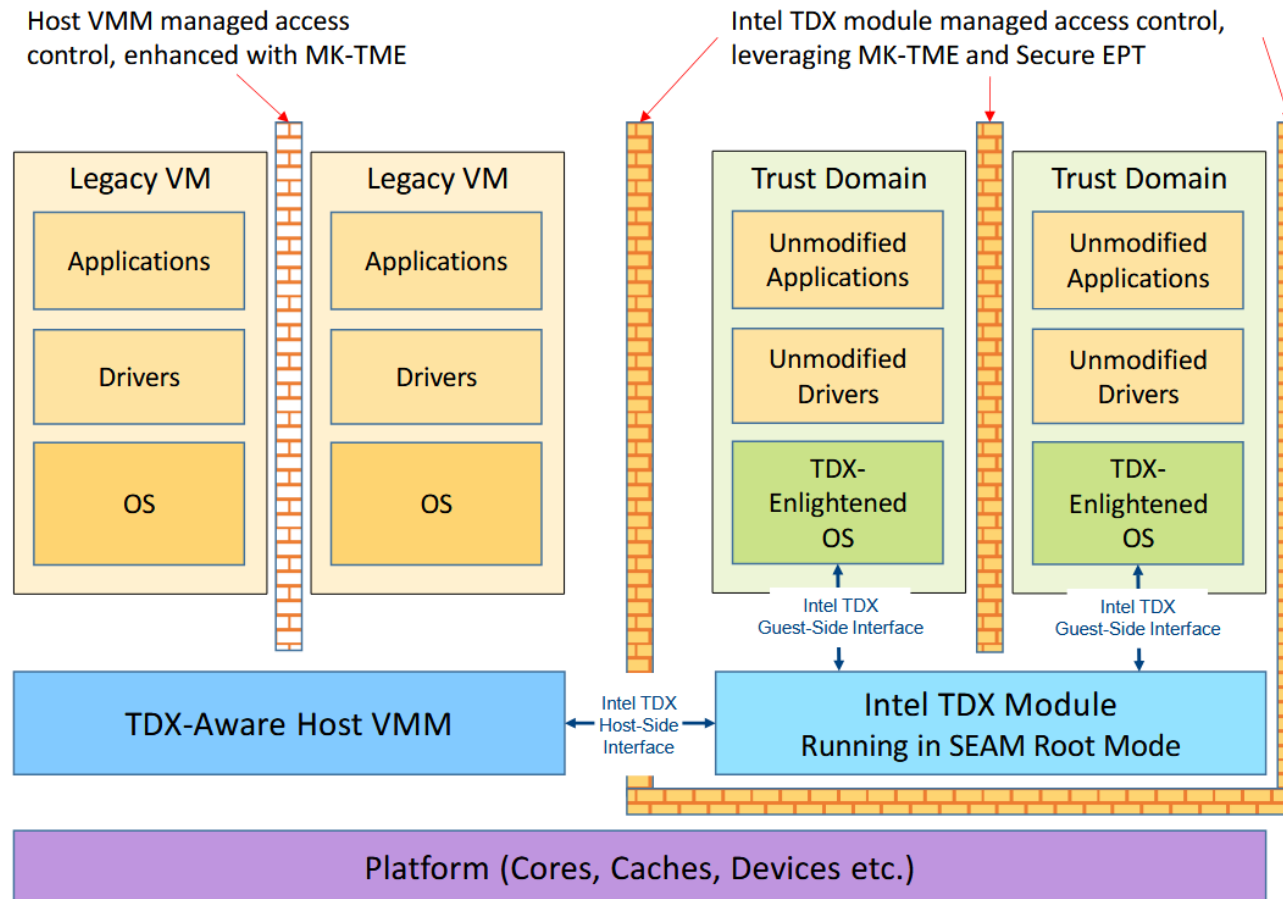
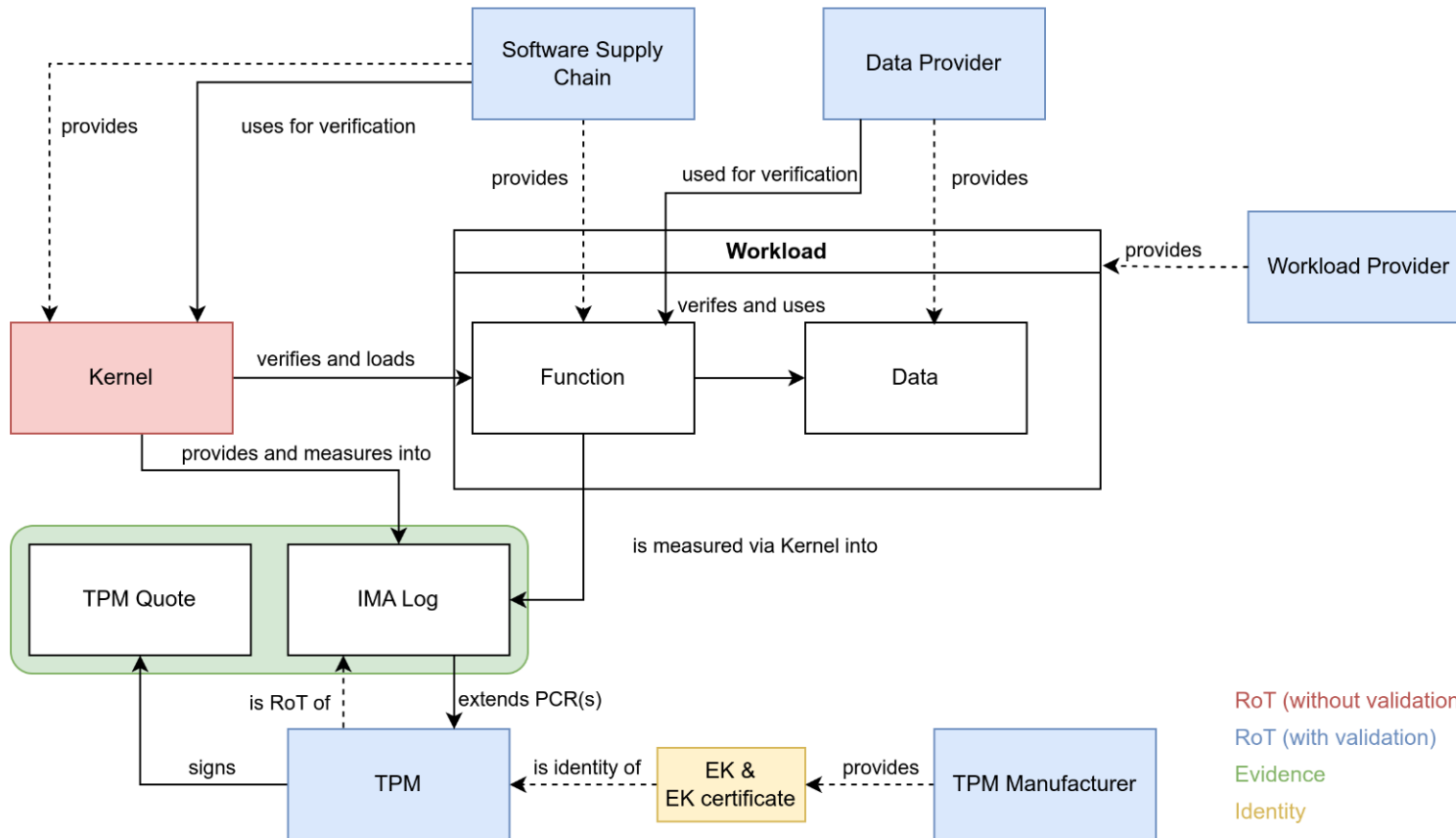


Figure 2.1: Intel® Trust Domain Extension Components Overview

- CPU Overhead
- Early SGX was very limited
 - Cache coherency
 - Shared memory structures in CPU etc
- Untrusted-world communication
 - Requires additional silicon
 - Memory encryption
 - Cryptographic functions
 - IPC
 - I/O (off-chip)
- Attestation Mechanisms
- Malicious code is still code....
- Code signing/attestation before execution
- Privacy Concerns?
- Do you trust the CPU manufacturer's code?



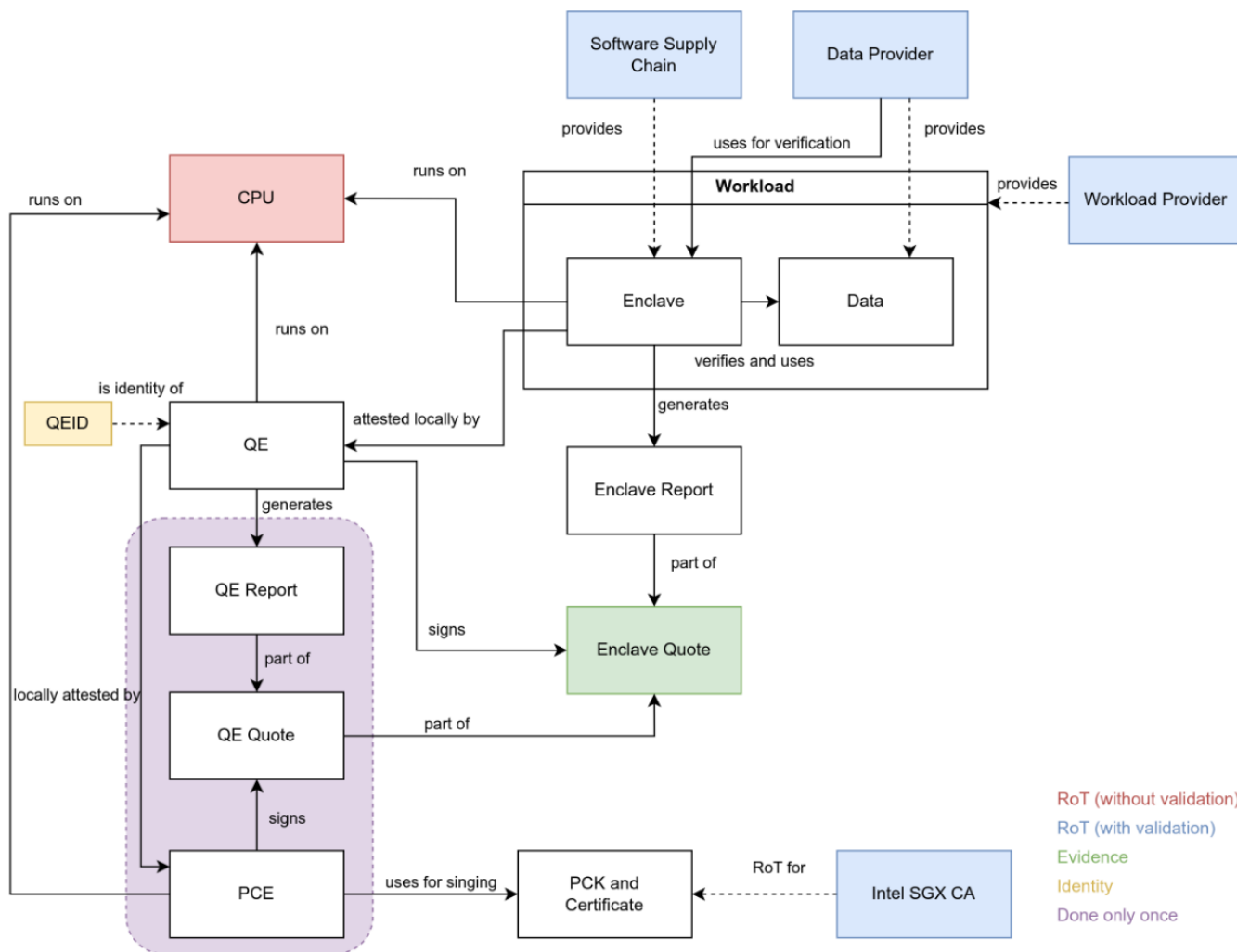
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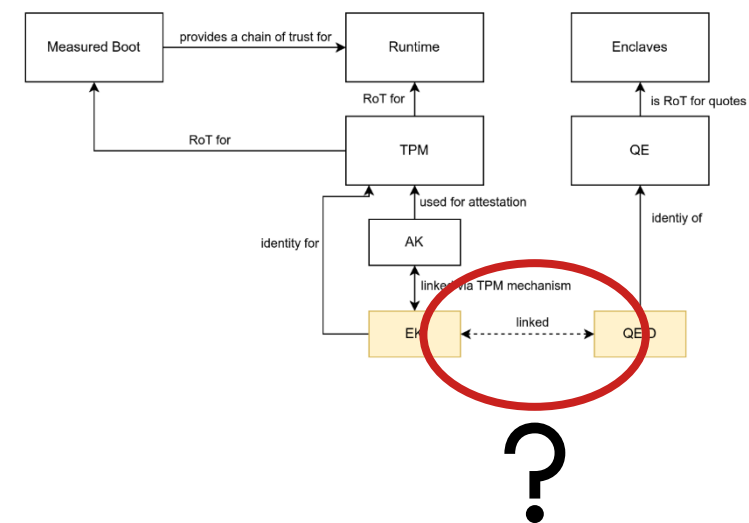
- We can use the TPM to establish the veracity of the system
- IMA to establish veracity at run-time
- No confidentiality



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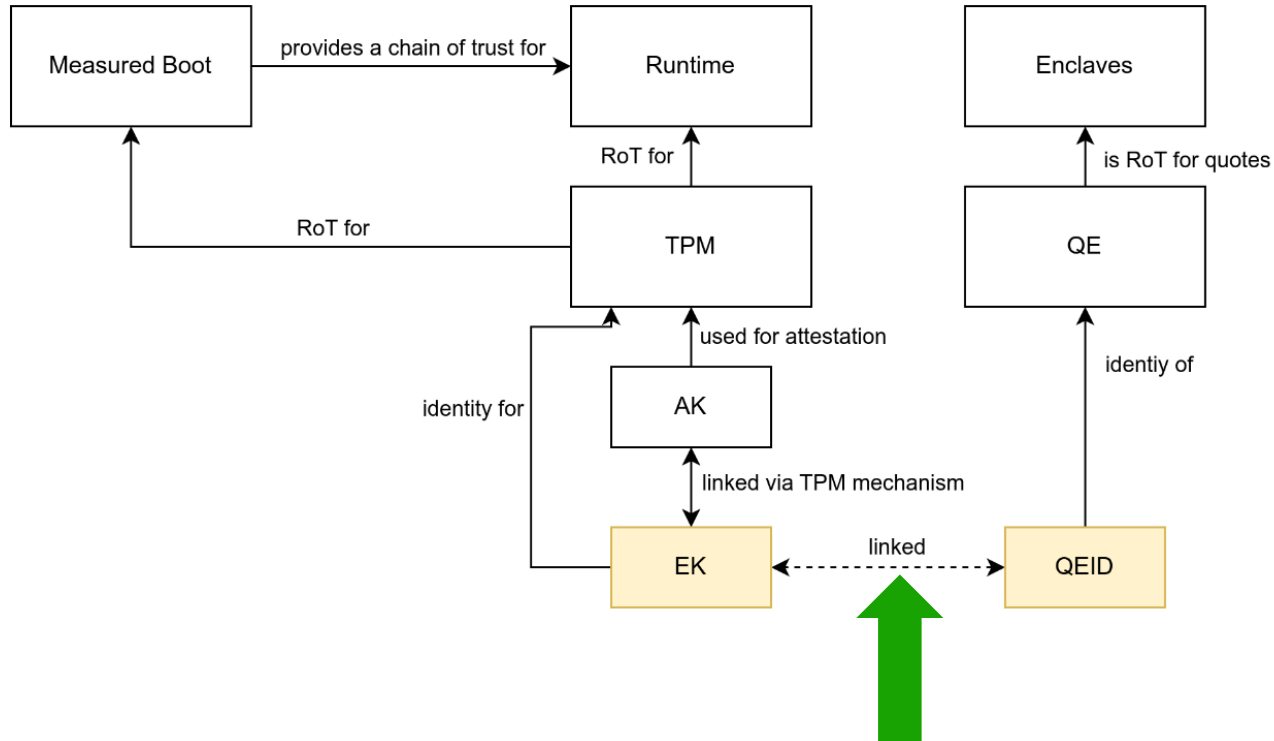


- CPU Enclaves vs TPM
- CPU identity not linked to TPM identity
- CPU integrity not linked to TPM measurements





Chains of Trust (4)



CPU identity & integrity part of boot/run-time attestation processes....hard.

...and still unsolved for a general case...MSc/PhDs available





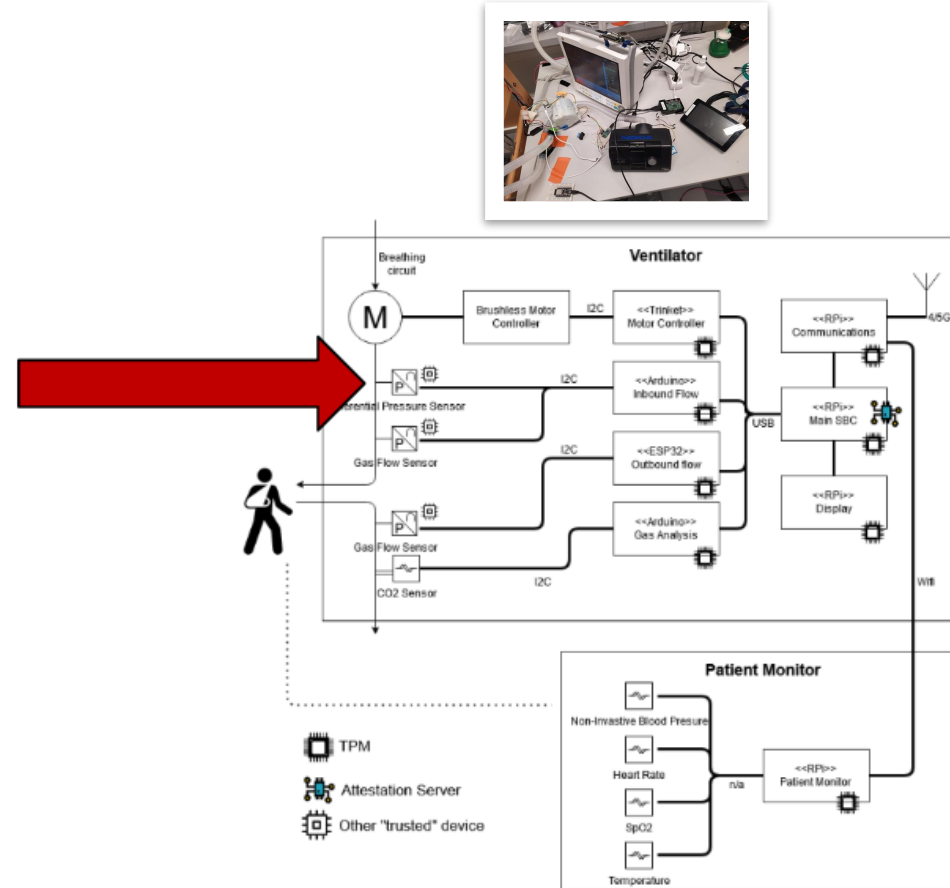
Forensics





Changes...

If I change this sensor's
firmware, identity,
configuration...





- Magic number? Type?
- Signed? Verified?
- QualifiedSigner?
- AttestedValue?
- Clock? Reset? Restart? Safe?

What about the history of quotes?

- Clock updating?
- PCR's changing after updates?
- Which PCR's etc....
- UEFI eventlog, Manufacturer certs, Other roots of trust, other cross-referencing...
- etc...



Analysing Trust Failures

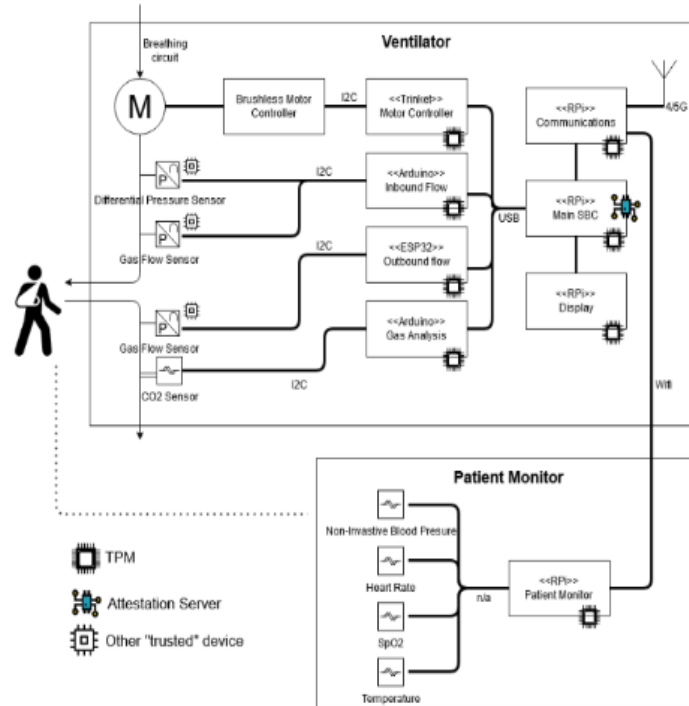
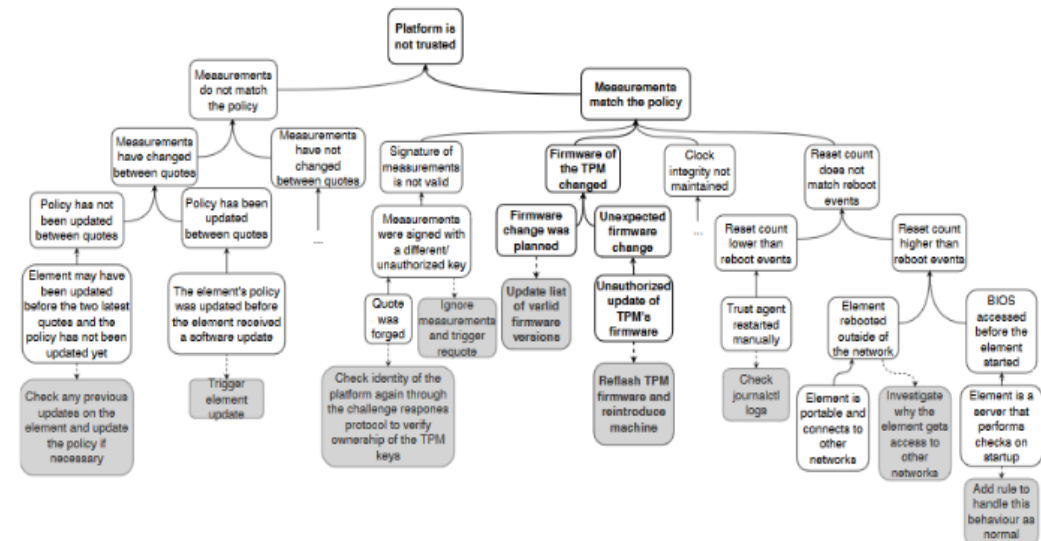


Fig. 1. Ventilator Components

Are we sure that this is a secure failure?





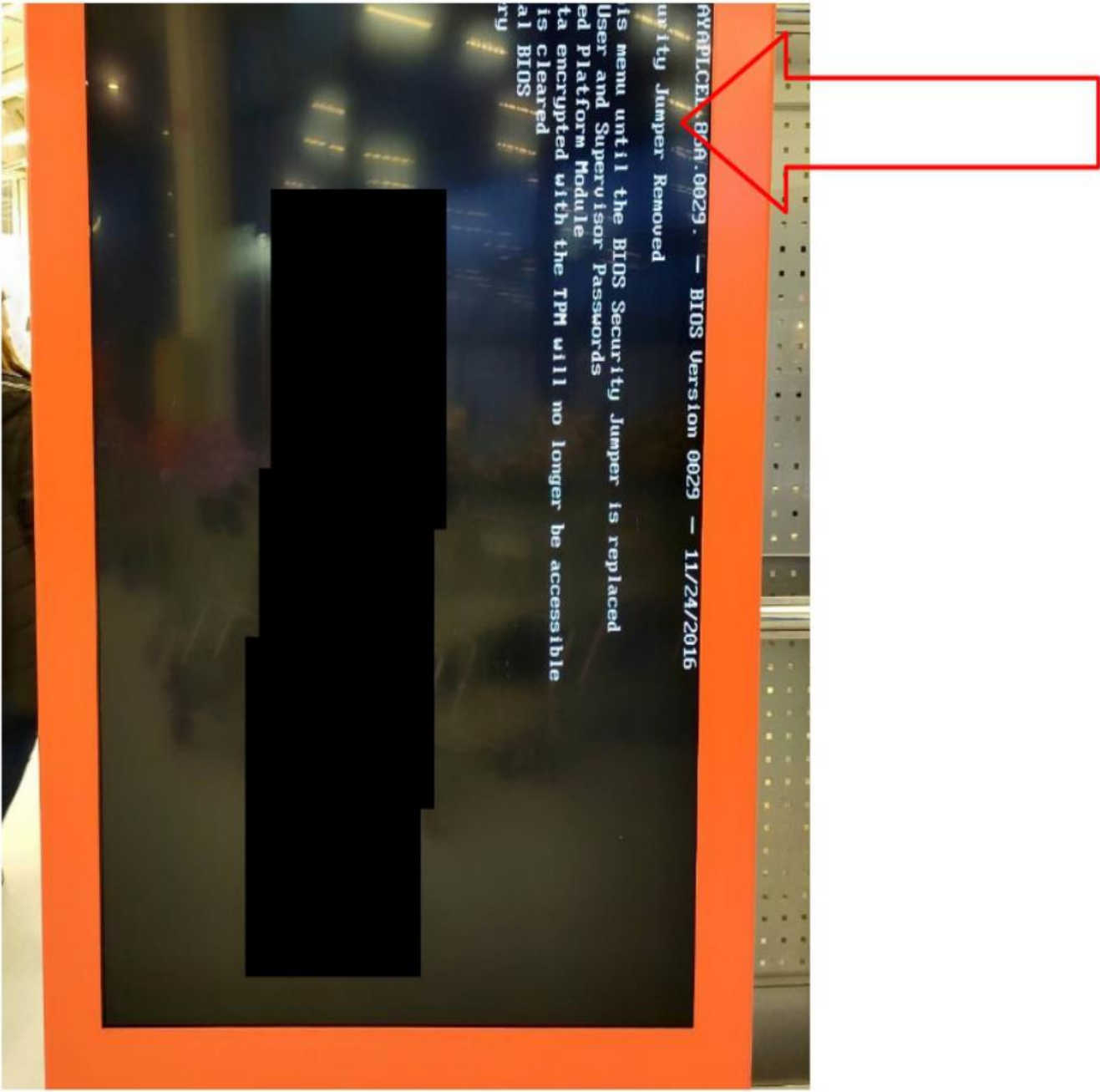
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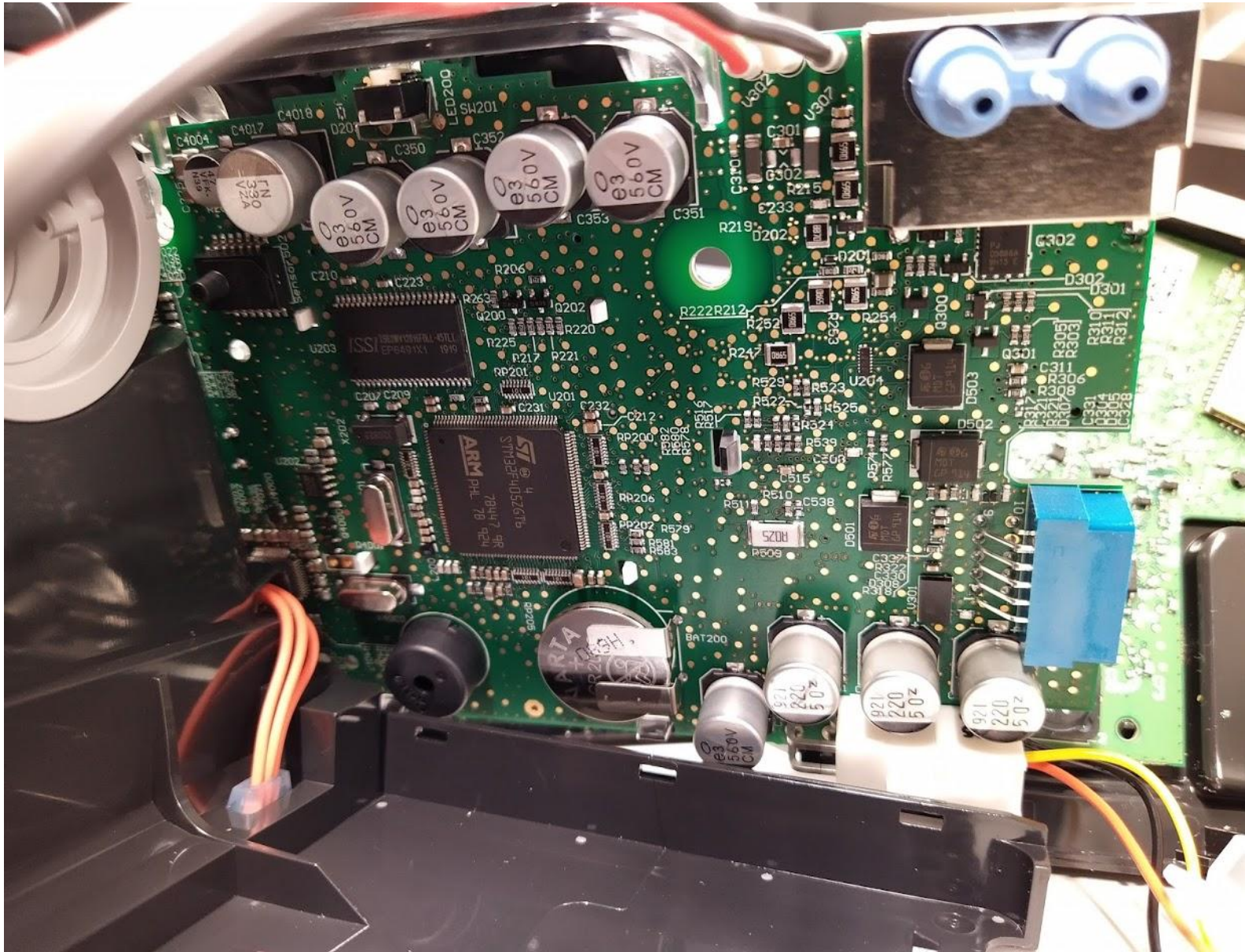


Examples











Case Studies





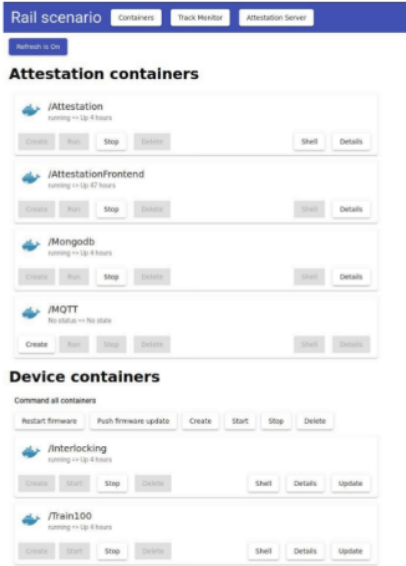
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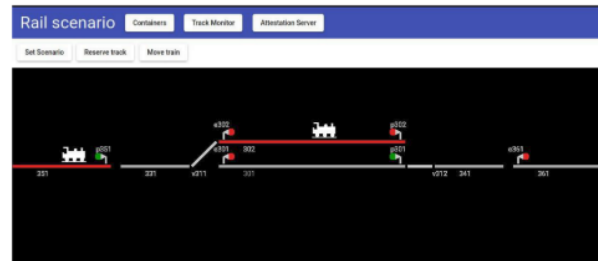
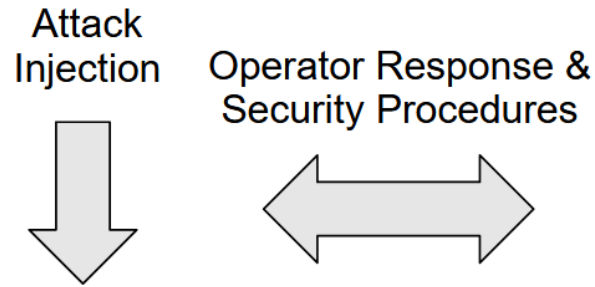
1. Changing environment
2. Device provisioning vs Device Interactions
3. Real-Time Data Flows
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7. Remote Working



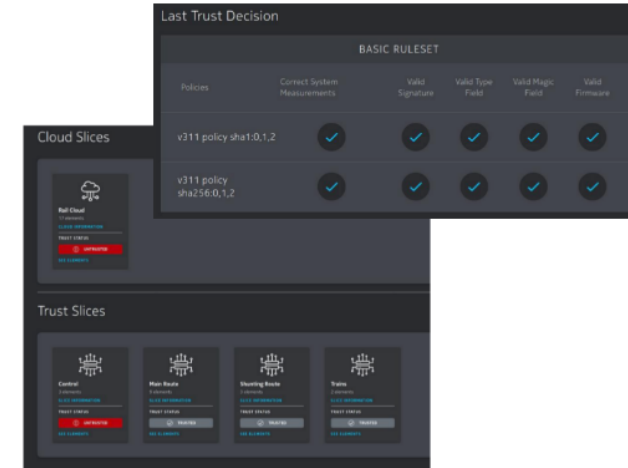
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Administration



Operator & Simulation Control



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Additional Information





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MSc/BSc thesis topics available

Jane: Experimental Attestation Server

<https://github.com/iolivergithub/jane/>

Includes: attestation server, trust agent, policy system, example code,

TPM Course (forked from Nokia TPM Course)

<https://github.com/iolivergithub/TPMCourse>

Includes docker container with TPM simulator, TPM tools, CRIM worksheets!



The End