

# Open-TEE Tutorial

**An open virtual Trusted Execution Environment**

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# What is a TEE?



Execution Environment

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Processor, memory,  
storage, peripherals

## Trusted Execution Environment

Isolated and integrity-  
protected

Chances are that:

You have devices with hardware-based TEEs in them!

But you probably don't have (m)any apps using them

From the "normal" execution environment  
(Rich Execution Environment)

# Outline

- Introduction - Asokan
  - Why do mobile devices have TEEs?
  - What constitutes a TEE?
  - Mobile hardware security APIs
- Nuts and Bolts of Open-TEE - Brian

Why do most mobile devices today have TEEs?

**A LOOK BACK**

# Platform security for mobile devices

## Mobile network operators

1. Subsidy locks → immutable ID
2. Copy protection → device authentication, app separation
3. ...



## Regulators

1. RF type approval → secure storage
2. Theft deterrence → immutable ID
3. ...



## End users

1. Reliability → app separation
2. Theft deterrence → immutable ID
3. Privacy → app separation
4. ...



Closed → open  
Different expectations  
compared to PCs

# Early adoption of platform security

Both IMSI and IMEI require physical protection.

**GSM 02.09, 1993**

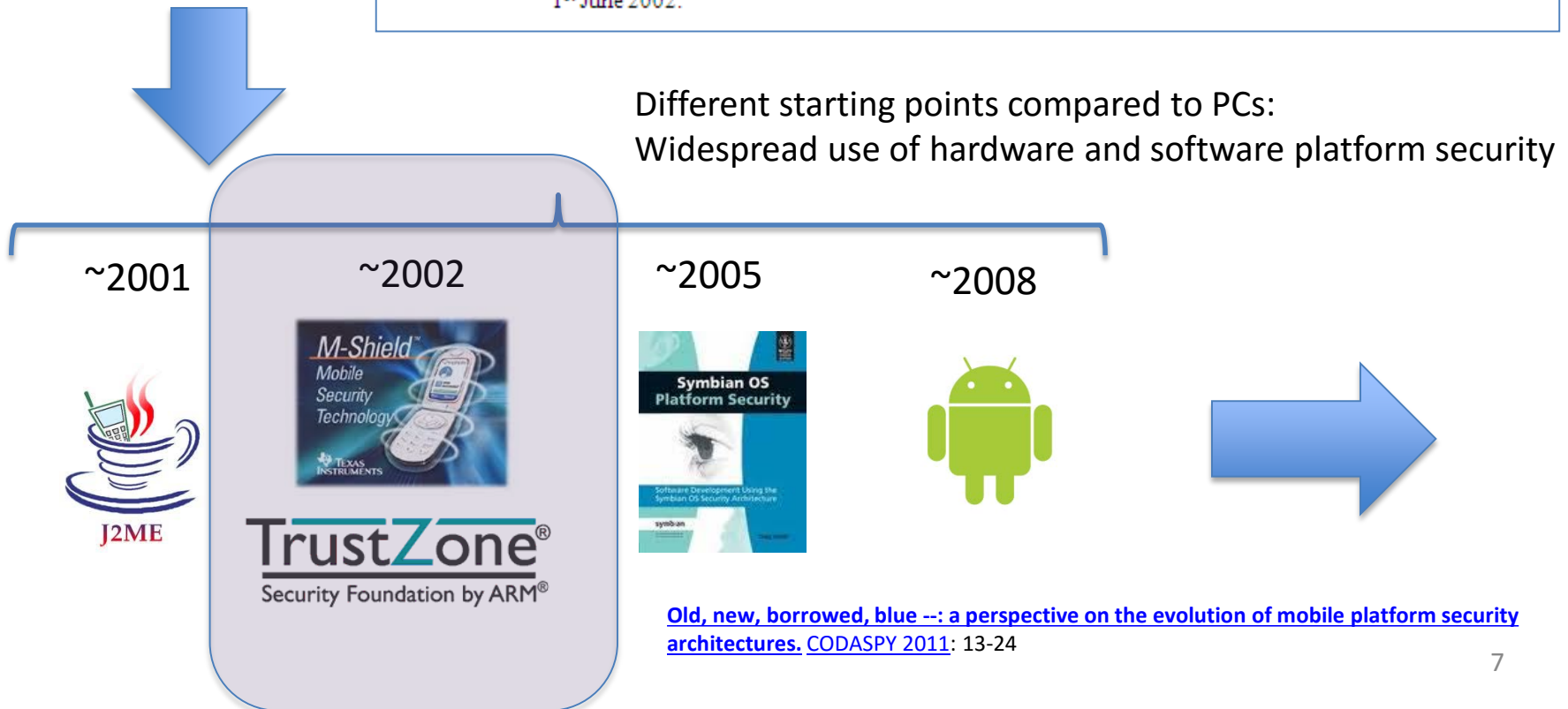
Physical protection means that manufacturers shall take necessary and sufficient measures to ensure the programming and mechanical security of the IMEI. The manufacturer shall also ensure that the IMEI (where applicable) remains

The IMSI is stored securely within the SIM.

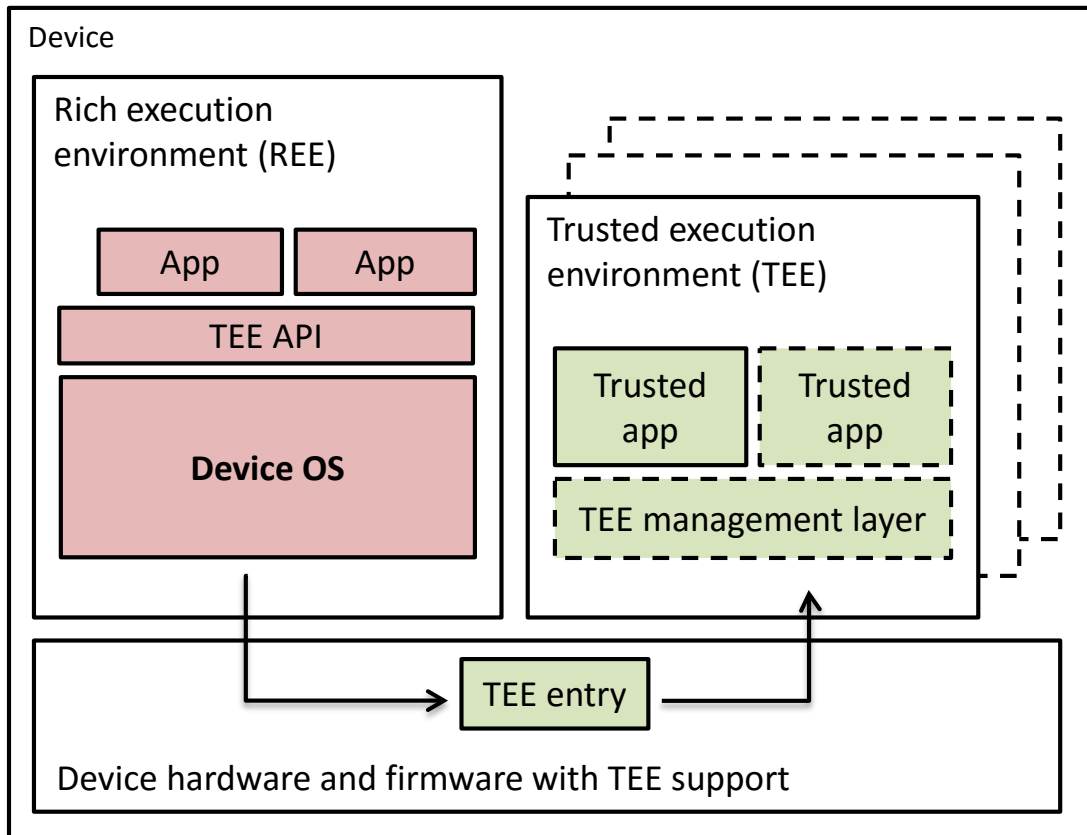
**3GPP TS 42.009, 2001**

The IMEI shall not be changed after the ME's final production process. It shall resist tampering, i.e. manipulation and change, by any means (e.g. physical, electrical and software).

NOTE: This requirement is valid for new GSM Phase 2 and Release 96, 97, 98 and 99 MEs type approved after 1<sup>st</sup> June 2002.



# TEE system architecture



## Architectures with single TEE

- ARM TrustZone
- TI M-Shield
- Smart card
- Crypto co-processor
- Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

## Architectures with multiple TEEs

- Intel SGX
- TPM (and "Late Launch")
- Hypervisor



**Legend:**  
SoC : system-on-chip  
OTP: one-time programmable

# TEE hardware realization alternatives

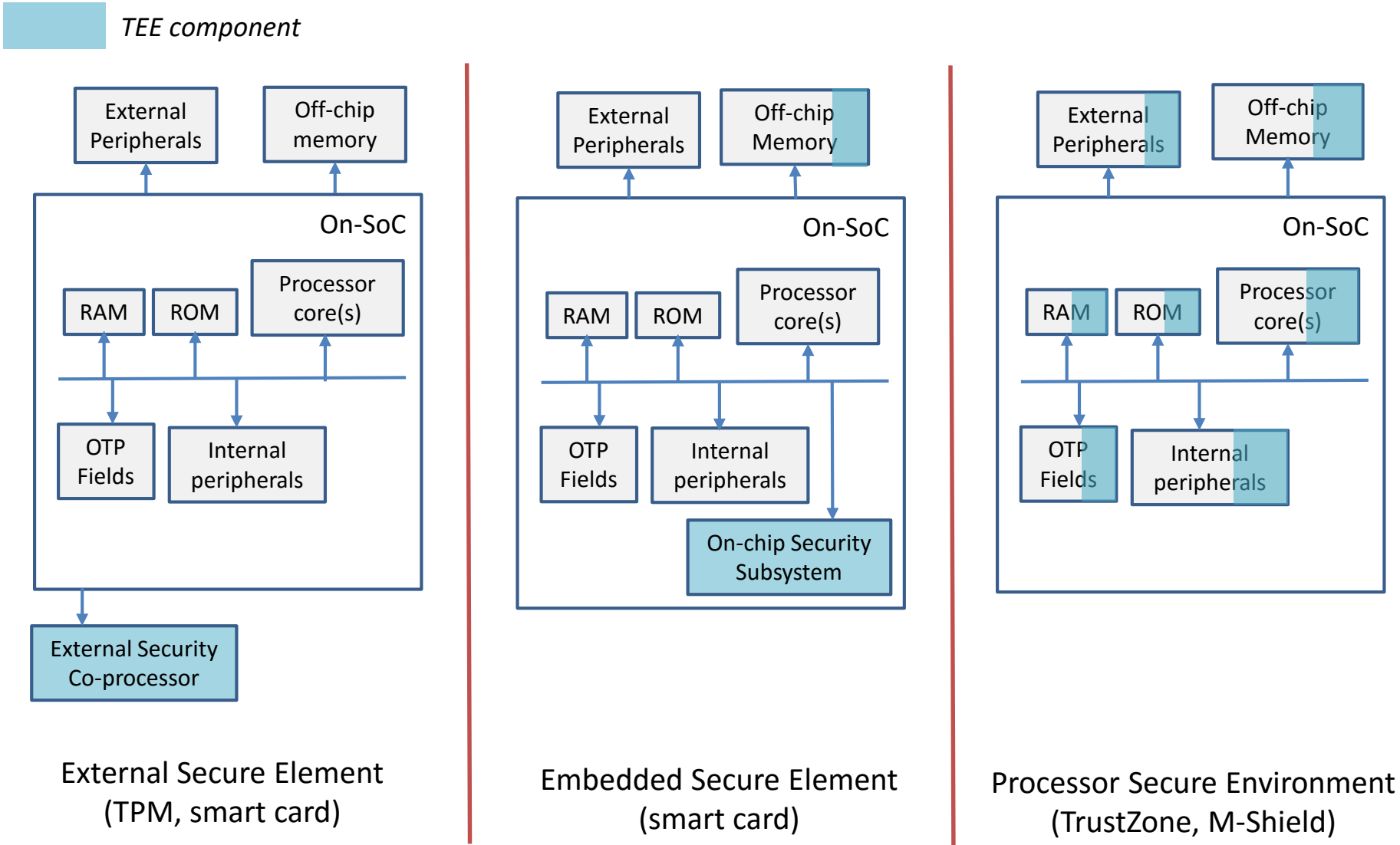
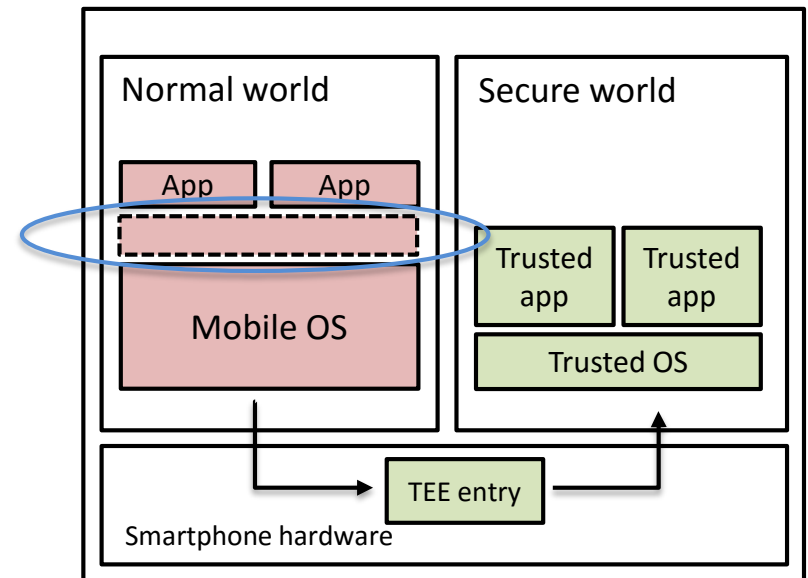


Figure adapted from: Global Platform. [TEE system architecture](#). 2011. 9

# Mobile TEE deployment

- TrustZone support available in majority of current smartphones
- Mainly used for manufacturer internal purposes
  - Digital rights management, Subsidy lock...

- *APIs for developers?*



# Android Key Store API

## Android Key Store example

### *// create RSA key pair*

```
Context ctx;  
KeyPairGeneratorSpec spec = new KeyPairGeneratorSpec.Builder(ctx);  
spec.setAlias("key1")  
...  
spec.build();  
  
KeyPairGenerator gen = KeyPairGenerator.getInstance("RSA", "AndroidKeyStore");  
gen.initialize(spec);  
KeyPair kp = gen.generateKeyPair();
```

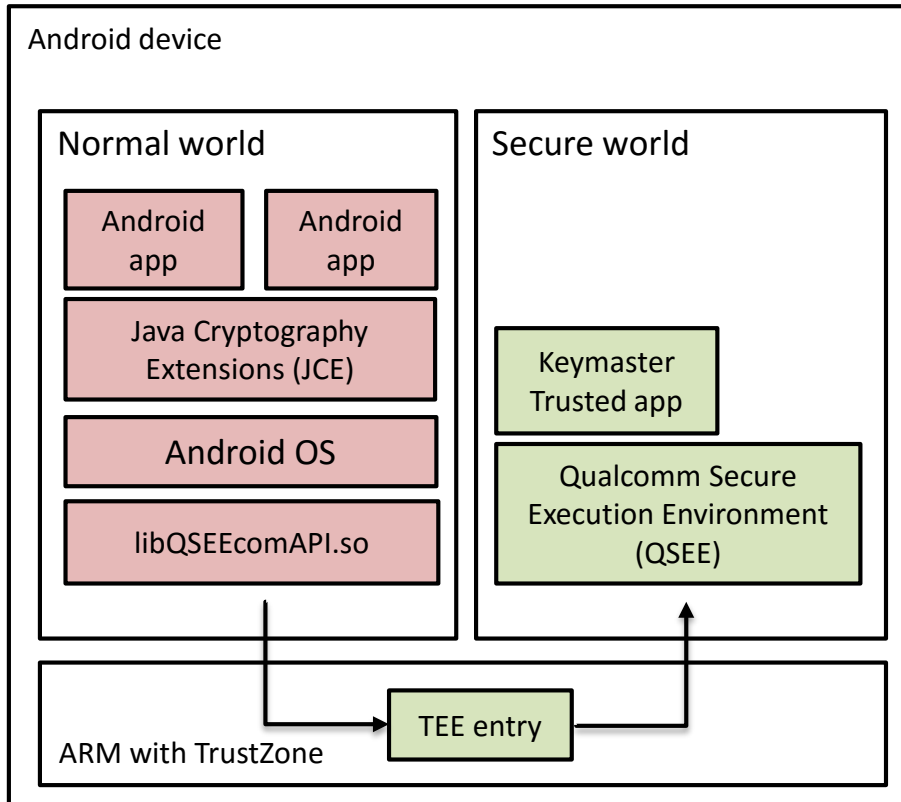
### *// use private key for signing*

```
AndroidRsaEngine rsa = new AndroidRsaEngine("key1", true);  
PSSSigner signer = new PSSSigner(rsa, ...);  
signer.init(true, ...);  
signer.update(signedData, 0, signedData.length);  
byte[] signature = signer.generateSignature();
```

Elenkov, [Credential storage enhancements in Android 4.3](#), 2013.

Elenkov, [Keystore redesign in Android M](#), 2015.

# Key Store implementation: example



## Keymaster operations

- Public key algorithms
- Symmetric key algorithms (AES, HMAC) from v1.0
- Access control, key usage restrictions

Persistent storage on Normal World

# Android Key Store

- Available operations
  - Signatures
  - Encryption/decryption
- Developers cannot utilize programmability of mobile TEEs
  - Not possible to run arbitrary trusted applications
- Global Platform is standardizing TEE APIs
- Different API abstraction and architecture needed...
  - Example: [On-board Credentials](#)

# Open-TEE

- Specifications provide sufficient basis for TA development
- Issues
  - Application installation (provisioning) model not yet defined
  - Access to TEE typically controlled by the manufacturer
  - User interaction
- Open TEE
  - Virtual TEE platform for prototyping and testing
  - Implements GP TEE interfaces
  - <https://github.com/Open-TEE>

[Open-TEE - An Open Virtual Trusted Execution Environment](#), TrustCom/BigDataSE/ISPA (1) 2015: 400-407



# Extra slides