

# TPM 2.0 Key Certification

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## Relevant Background Definitions

### Key Attributes

FixedTPM: non-duplicable

Restricted: operations are limited to TPM-generated data

### Key Types

Primary: Created by TPM based on the current Primary Seed when executing the TPM2.CreatePrimary command. May be persisted within the TPM. Otherwise must be recreated after a TPM reset.

Ordinary: Created by TPM based on seed taken from the RNG when executing the TPM2.Create command. Must be the child of another key. May be persisted within the TPM or persisted external to the TPM in the form of an encrypted key blob. The blob is only loadable using the parent key's authorization.

### Certificates

X.509 Digital Certificate

Public key and data about the subject (i.e., identity) signed by a certificate authority

Validating a certificate requires a certificate chain in order to verify a chain of trust to a trust anchor (e.g., a root certificate)

## Secure Device Identifiers

### Definition

Identifier that is cryptographically bound to a device

## Requirements

Attestation Key (AK): FixedTPM Restricted signing key

Device Identification Key (DevID): FixedTPM non-Restricted signing key

## Initial Keys (IAK/IDevID)

Created by OEM at manufacturing time

Should be Primary keys

Recommended to be used only for enrollment of an LAK/LDevID

Typically the IAK certificate is the trust anchor for certificates created later

## Local Keys (LAK/LDevID)

Created by owner

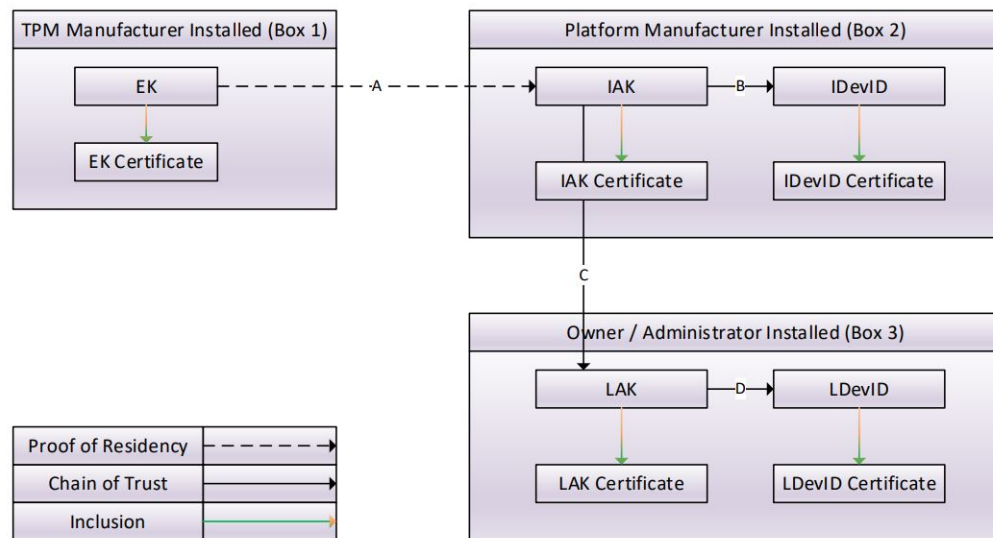
Should be Ordinary keys

Recommended to be used only for one application

## Note regarding Endorsement Key (EK)

Cannot be used as a secure device identifier because it is a storage key (not a signing key) and identifies a TPM (not a device)

## Relationships of Keys/Certificates



Box 1: The EK Certificate is signed by the TPM Manufacturer's CA and binds the EK to a specific TPM

Line A: The IAK is verified by the OEM's CA to have the correct key properties and to be resident in the same TPM as the EK

Line B: The IDevID is verified by the OEM's CA to have the correct key properties and to be resident in the same TPM as the IAK

Box 2: The IAK Certificate and IDevID Certificate is signed by the OEM's CA and binds the IAK and IDevID to a specific device

Line C: The LAK is verified by the Owner's CA to have the correct key properties and to be resident in the same TPM as the IAK

Line D: The LDevID is verified by the Owner's CA to have the correct key properties and to be resident in the same TPM as the LAK

Box 3: The LAK Certificate and LDevID Certificate is signed by the Owner's CA

## Certificate Authority

### General Requirements

Must verify TPM residency of a key

Should support a standard certificate transport protocol that provides protection from replay attacks and provides confidentiality and integrity (e.g., Enrollment over Secure Transport (EST))

### OEM Creation of IAK Certificate based on EK Certificate

Procedure assures that the new IAK is resident in the same TPM as the EK and that the EK resident in this TPM corresponds to the EK certificate

#### Detailed Procedure

0. The OEM creates and loads the IAK (a FixedTPM Restricted Signing key)
1. The OEM builds the certificate signing request (i.e., the TCG-CSR-IDEVID structure) containing
  - (a) Platform identity information (includes the device model and serial number)
  - (b) The EK certificate
  - (c) The IAK public area
2. The OEM uses TPM2\_Hash on the CSR so that the IAK can sign it (since IAK is Restricted)
3. The OEM uses TPM2\_Sign on the hash of the CSR using the IAK (proves control of the IAK to the CA)
4. The OEM sends the CSR and the signed hash of the CSR to the CA

5. The CA verifies the received data by
  - (a) Checking that the hash matches the CSR
  - (b) Checking the signature on the hash of the CSR using the IAK public key (extracted from the CSR)
  - (c) Checking the signature on the the EK certificate using the TPM manufacturer's CA public key
  - (d) Verifying the attributes of the IAK
6. The CA uses TPM2\_Hash on the IAK public area to calculate the cryptographic name of the IAK
7. The CA uses TPM2\_GetRandom to generate a nonce
8. The CA uses TPM2\_MakeCredential to produce an encrypted credential blob containing
  - (a) The cryptographic name of the IAK
  - (b) Secret nonce
  - (c) Encrypted with the EK
9. The CA sends the encrypted credential blob to the OEM
10. The OEM uses TPM2\_ActivateCredential command to release the nonce by
  - (a) Decrypting the credential blob using the EK (proves the EK is loaded on the TPM)
  - (b) Verifying the name of the IAK (proves the IAK private part is loaded on the same TPM)
11. The OEM returns the nonce to the CA
12. The CA verifies the nonces match
13. The CA issues the IAK certificate

### **Symbolic Representation**

0. OEM executes TPM2\_CreatePrimary to get IAK,  $IAK^{-1}$
1. OEM makes TCG\_CSR\_IDevID containing
  - (a) deviceInfo = (prodModel, prodSerial)
  - (b)  $cert_{EK} = [(EK, tpmInfo)]_{TM\_CA^{-1}}$
  - (c) IAK
2. OEM executes TPM2\_Hash to get #CSR

3. OEM executes TPM2\_Sign to get  $[\#CSR]_{IAK^{-1}}$
4. OEM sends CSR and  $[\#CSR]_{IAK^{-1}}$  to CA
5. CA verifies CSR and  $[\#CSR]_{IAK^{-1}}$ 
  - (a) CheckHash  $\#CSR$  with CSR
  - (b) CheckSig  $[\#CSR]_{IAK^{-1}}$  with IAK
    - i. Extract IAK from CSR
  - (c) CheckSig  $cert_{EK}$  with TPM\_CA
  - (d) check attributes of IAK
6. CA executes TPM2\_Hash to get  $\#IAK$
7. CA executes TPM2\_GetRandom to get  $r$
8. CA executes TPM2\_MakeCredential to get  $\{cred_{IAK}\}_{EK}$  with  $cred_{IAK}$  containing
  - (a)  $\#IAK$
  - (b)  $r$
9. CA sends  $\{cred_{IAK}\}_{EK}$  to OEM
10. OEM executes TPM2\_ActivateCredential to get  $r'$ 
  - (a) Decrypt  $\{cred_{IAK}\}_{EK}$  with  $EK^{-1}$
  - (b) Check  $\#IAK$
11. OEM sends  $r'$  to CA
12. CA checks  $r' = r$
13. CA sends  $cert_{IAK} = [(IAK, deviceInfo)]_{OEM\_CA^{-1}}$  to OEM

### Owner Creation of LAK Certificate based on IAK Certificate

Procedure assures that the new LAK is resident in the same TPM as the IAK

#### Detailed Procedure

0. The Owner creates and loads the LAK (a FixedTPM Restricted Signing key)
1. The Owner uses TPM2\_Certify to produce a signed TPM2B\_Attest structure (proves the LAK is loaded on the same TPM as the IAK)

2. The Owner builds the certificate signing request (i.e., the TCG-CSR-LDEVID structure) containing
  - (a) The signed TPM2B\_Attest structure
  - (b) The IAK certificate
3. The Owner uses TPM2\_Hash on the CSR so that the LAK can sign it (since LAK is Restricted)
4. The Owner uses TPM2\_Sign on the hash of the CSR using the LAK (proves control of the LAK to the CA)
5. Owner sends the CSR and the signed hash of the CSR to the CA
6. The CA verifies the received data by
  - (a) Checking that the hash matches the CSR
  - (b) Checking the signature on the hash of the CSR using the LAK public key (extracted from the TPM2B\_Attest structure)
  - (c) Checking the signature on the TPM2B\_Attest structure using the IAK public key (extracted from the IAK certificate)
  - (d) Checking the signature on the IAK certificate using the OEM's CA public key
  - (e) Verify the attributes of the LAK
7. The CA issues the LAK certificate

### Symbolic Representation

0. Owner executes TPM2\_Create to get LAK,  $LAK^{-1}$
1. Owner executes TPM2\_Certify to get  $[TPM2B\_Attest_{LAK}]_{IAK^{-1}}$
2. Owner makes TCG\_CSR\_LDevID containing
  - (a)  $[TPM2B\_Attest_{LAK}]_{IAK^{-1}}$
  - (b)  $cert_{IAK} = [(IAK, deviceInfo)]_{OEM\_CA^{-1}}$
3. Owner executes TPM2\_Hash to get  $\#CSR$
4. Owner executes TPM2\_Sign to get  $[\#CSR]_{LAK^{-1}}$
5. Owner sends CSR and  $[\#CSR]_{LAK^{-1}}$  to CA
6. CA verifies CSR and  $[\#CSR]_{LAK^{-1}}$ 
  - (a) CheckHash  $\#CSR$  with CSR
  - (b) CheckSig  $[\#CSR]_{LAK^{-1}}$  with LAK

- i. Extract LAK from  $[\text{TPM2B\_Attest}_{\text{LAK}}]_{\text{IAK}^{-1}}$  in CSR
  - (c) CheckSig  $[\text{TPM2B\_Attest}_{\text{LAK}}]_{\text{IAK}^{-1}}$  with IAK
    - i. Extract IAK from  $\text{cert}_{\text{IAK}}$  in CSR
  - (d) CheckSig  $\text{cert}_{\text{IAK}}$  with OEM\_CA
  - (e) check attributes of LAK
7. The CA sends  $\text{cert}_{\text{LAK}} = [(\text{LAK}, \text{deviceInfo})]_{\text{Owner\_CA}^{-1}}$  to Owner

## Related Works

TPM 2.0 Keys for Device Identity and Attestation [2]  
 Trusted Platform Module Library Specification, Family 2.0 [3]  
 Formal Analysis of Protocols Based on TPM State Registers [1]  
 Automated Proof for Authorization Protocols of TPM 2.0 in Computational Model [4]

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