

RATS Architecture Design Team Status and Walkthrough

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WHEN: Tuesdays 10am EST.
(+ a few Fridays/adhoc)

14 meetings since IETF106

ISSUES: 13 open, 20 closed

Pull requests:

2 open, 39 closed

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Overview of presentation

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- 2) Summary of Open Issues
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Open Issues / Pull Requests

- **#73 What are "role compositions"?**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/73>
- **#71 Section 4.2 and 4.3 should use similar conventions for section names and figures**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/71>
- **#69 create pull requests with time-sequence and table of time points**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/69>
 - #75 Time considerations <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/pull/75>
- **#67 Class of claims for messages that 'transit' entities involved in Role interactions**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/67>
- **#66 Have preferred serialization formats**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/66>
- **#65 More thorough definition of Endorser or Endorsement**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/65>
- **#57 Trust Model Section, Evidence consumed by an Endorser**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/57>
- **#55 Evidence description misses the mark**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/55>
- **#54 Attestation Results description too limited**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/54>
- **#42 to what extent does the security considerations talk about how long things are valid?**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/42>
- **#39 It seems to miss a final conclusion for the second paragraph in section 5.1**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/39>
- **#19 Entity and Sub-Entity & Composite Device and Component**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/19>
- **#18 Claim is used heavily but not in the terminology section**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/issues/18>
 - #74 Define claim <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/pull/74>
- **#60 Update Trust Model with Implicit Trust Example**
 - <https://github.com/ietf-rats-wg/architecture/pull/60>

Previously Open Issues

- Introduction!
- ~~Terminology discussion mostly done~~
 - Last argument is about “Claim”
- ~~Need to get consensus on Layered approach pull request~~
- Published -02: feature complete.
 - Not all issues are show stoppers, some may be unresolvable.

Walkthrough: Conceptual Data Flow

Endorsements come from an external authority

- (e.g., OEM, owner)

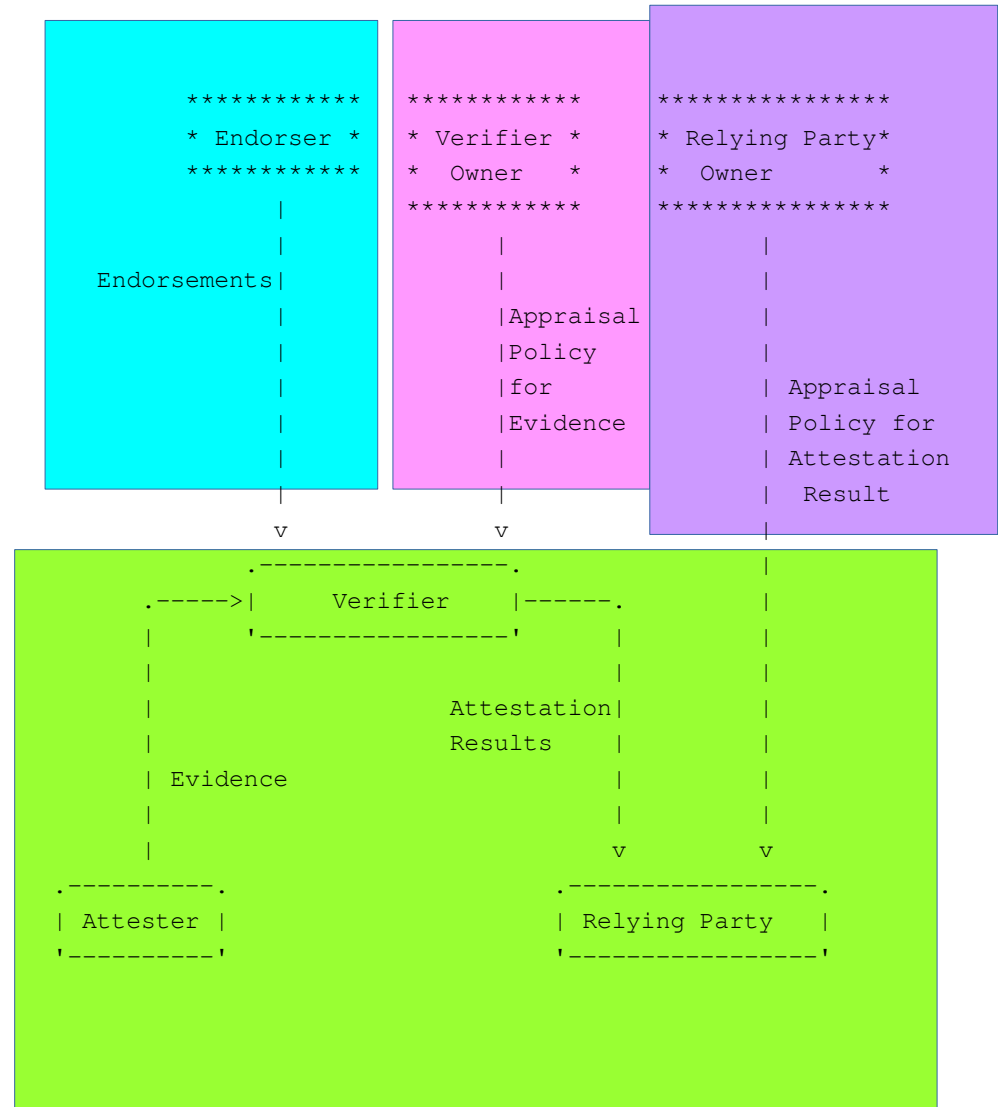
Appraisal Policy is set by Operator

Relying Party sets its own policy

Not in current charter for
IETF RATS WG

Attester, Verifier, and
Relying Party are connected
by Evidence and Attestation
Results

In Scope



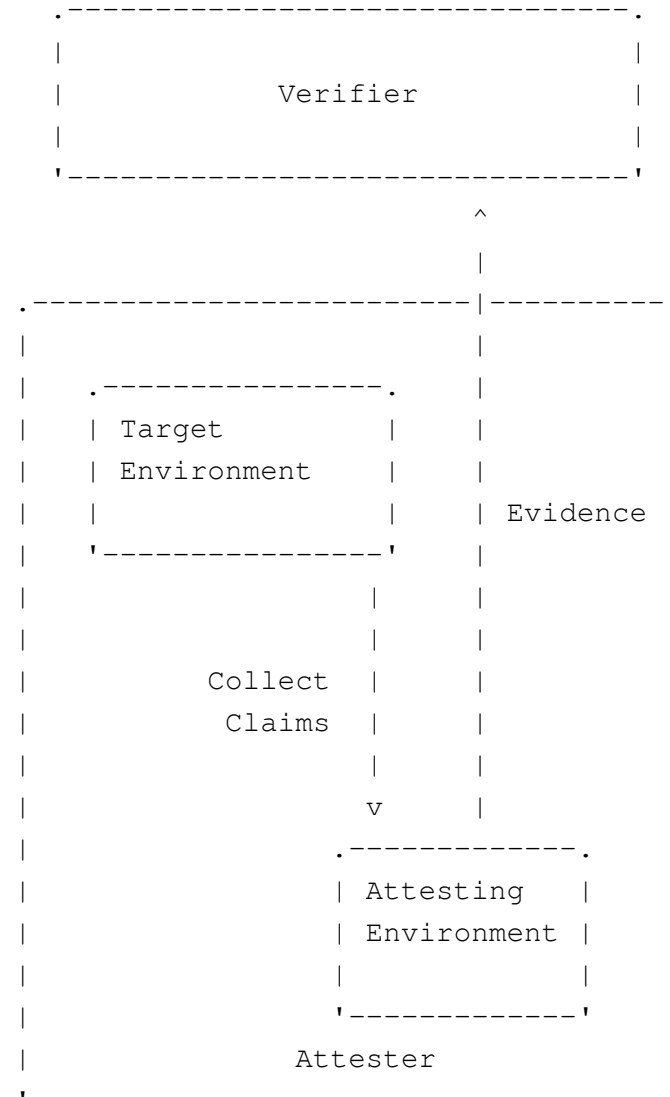
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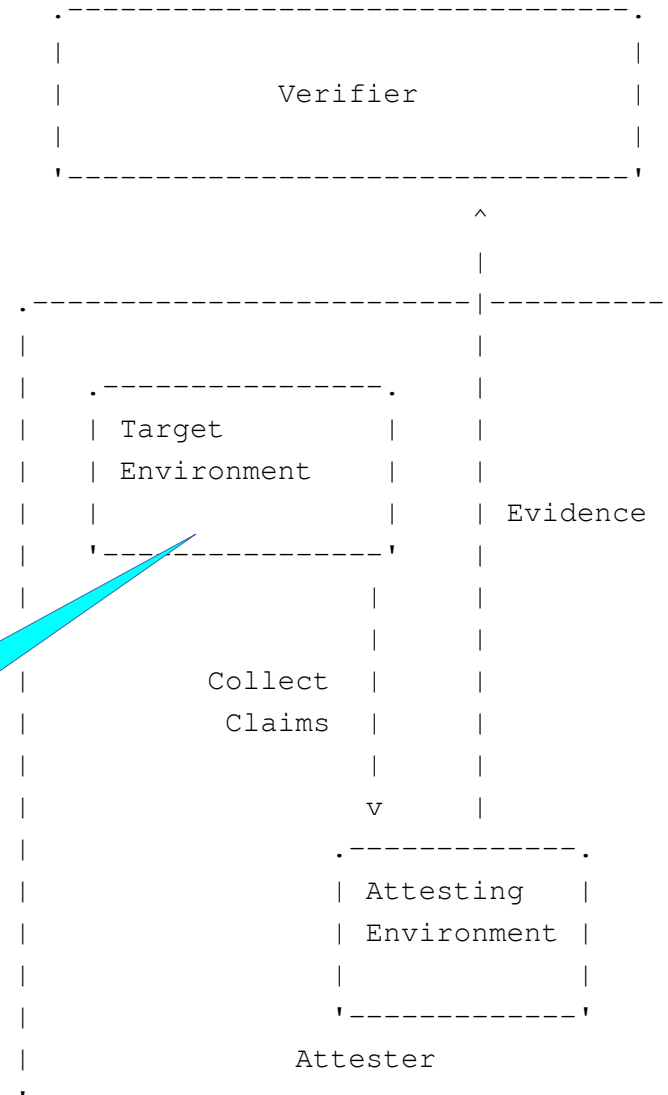
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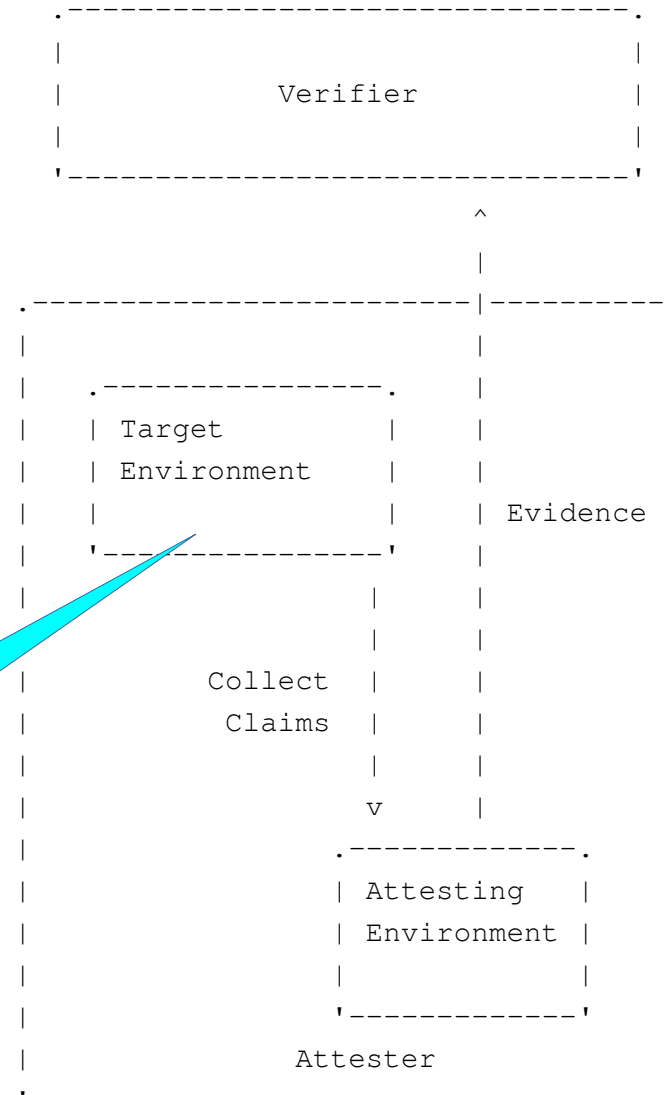
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make sense, but
VERIFIER is responsible
To decide this

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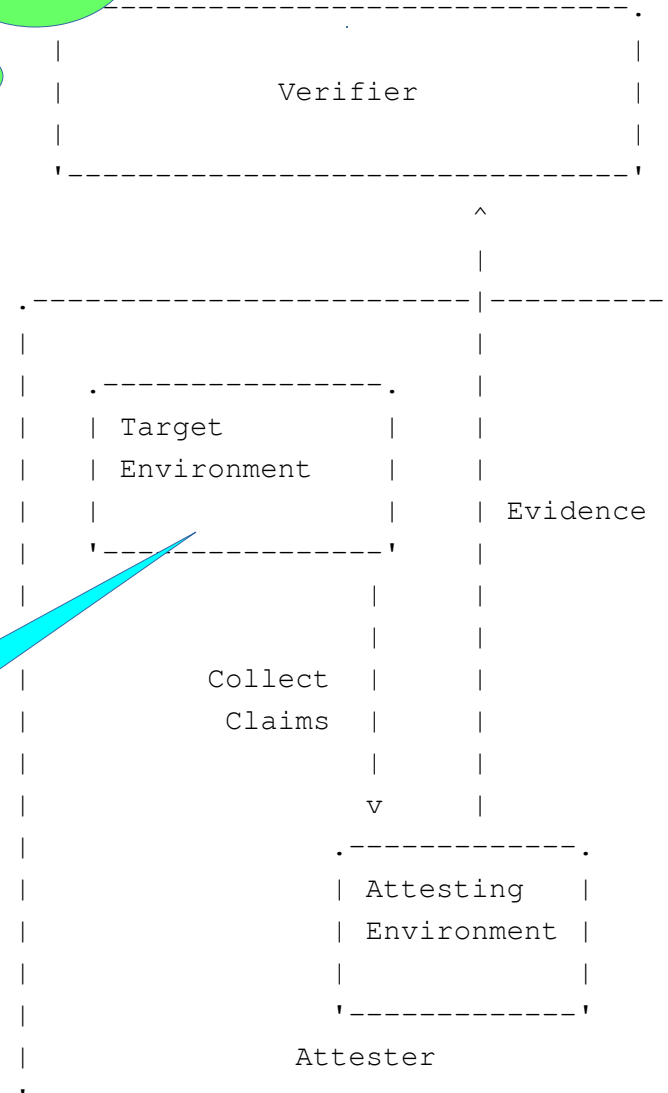
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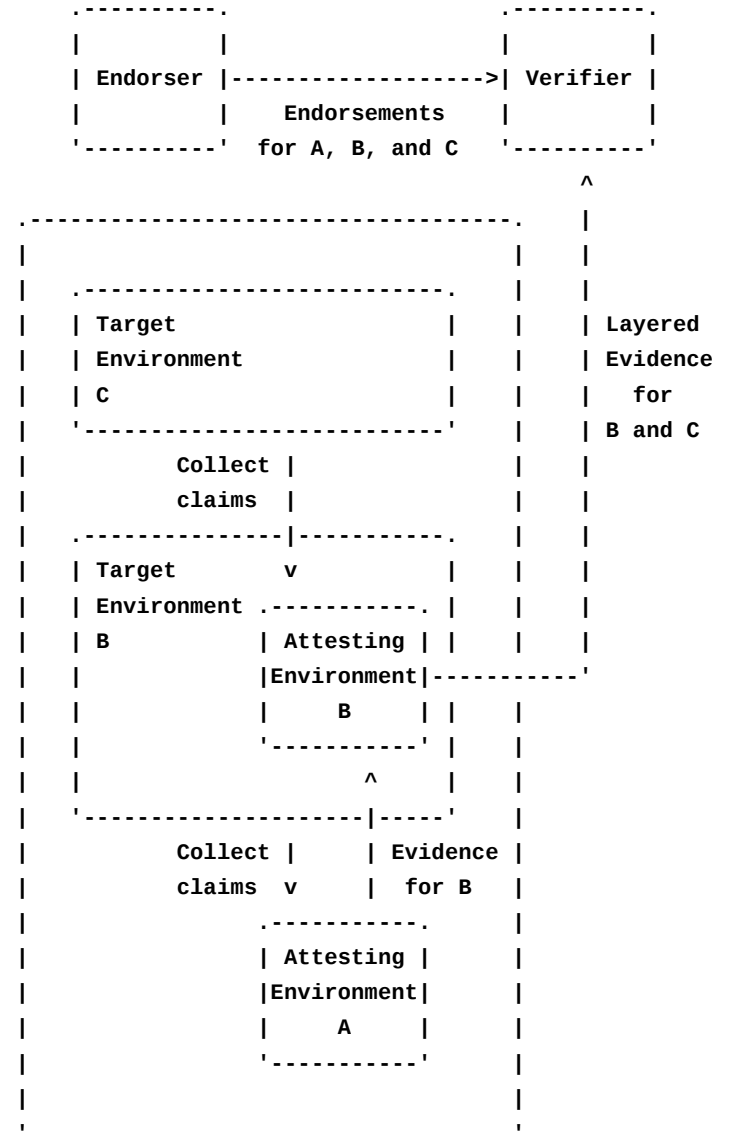
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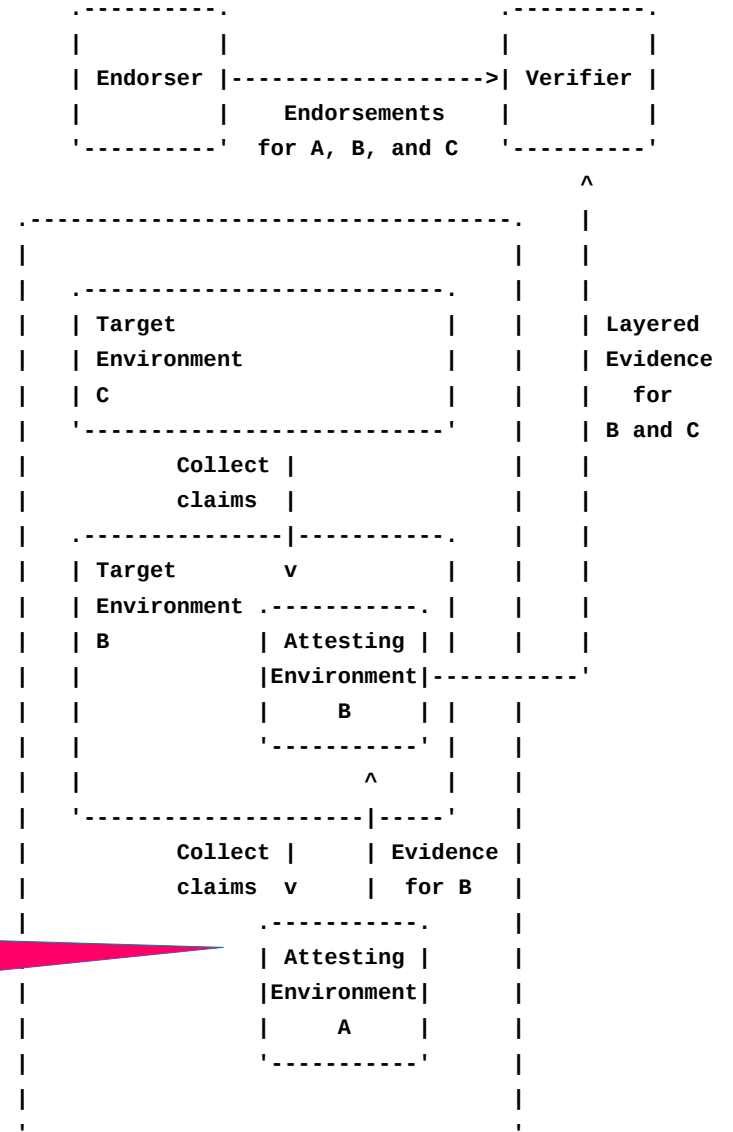
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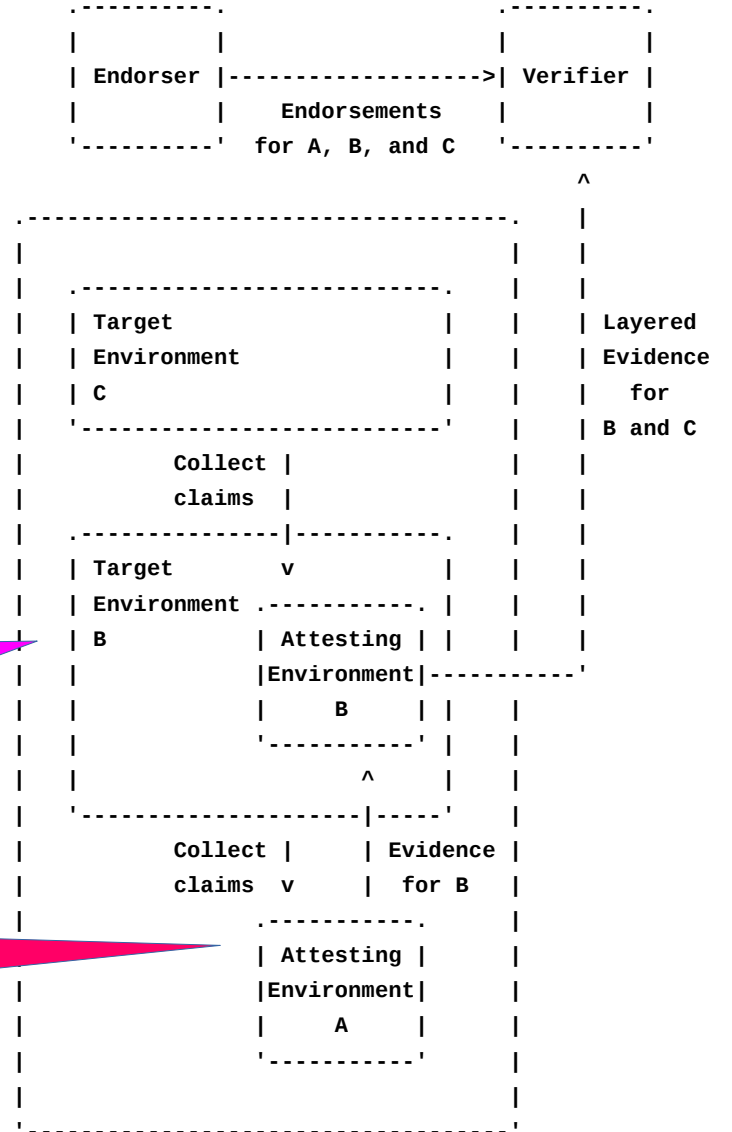


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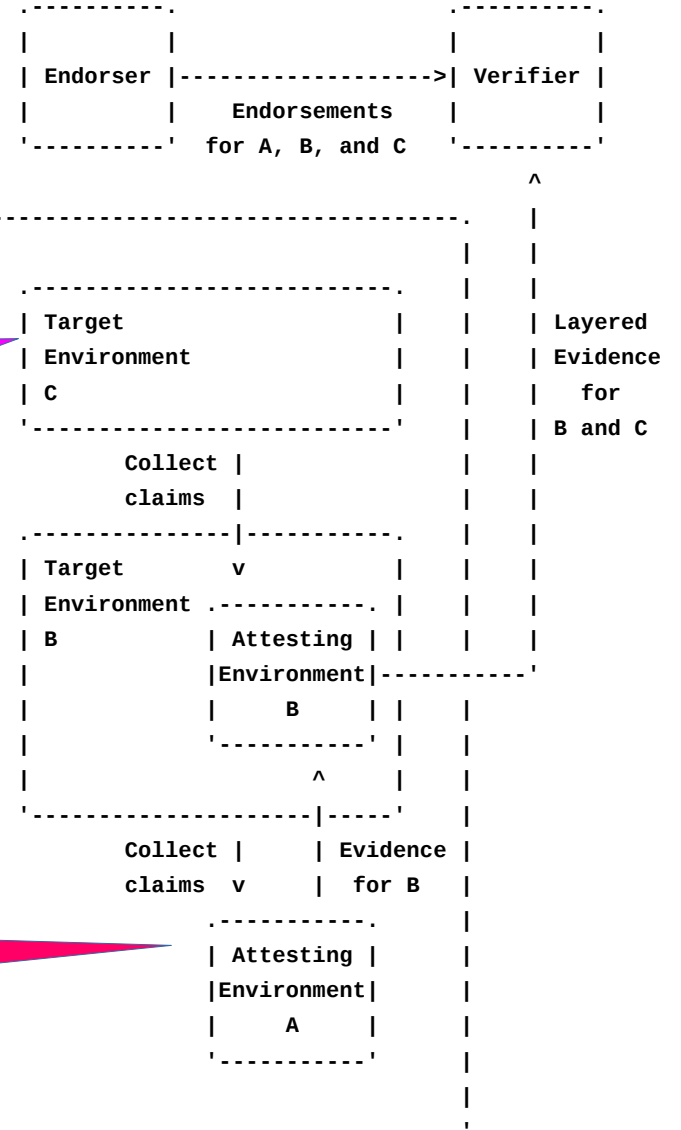
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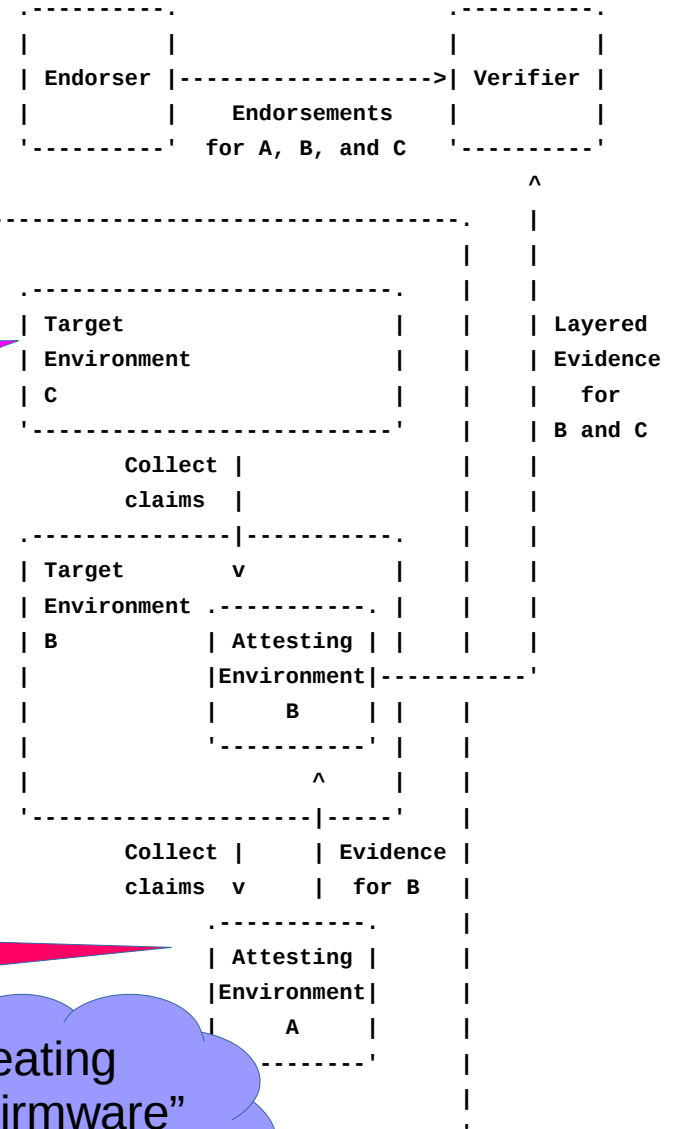
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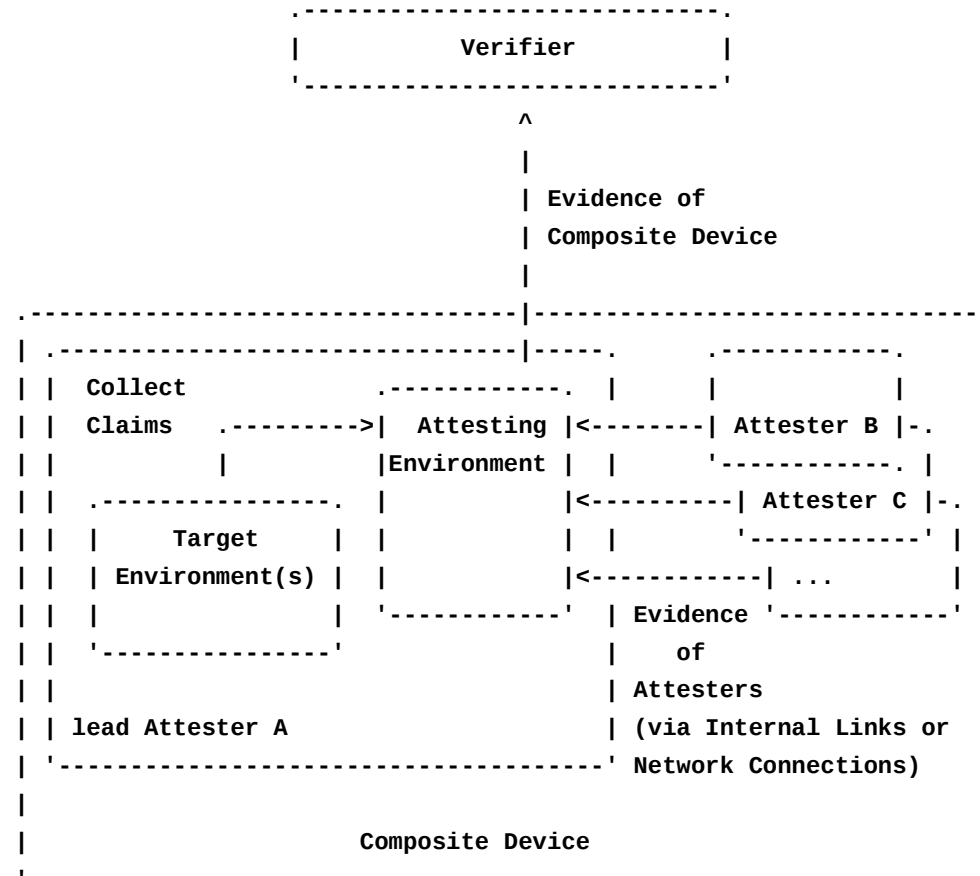
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We hate repeating “(U)EFI, BIOS, Firmware” please find us a better, but inclusive term

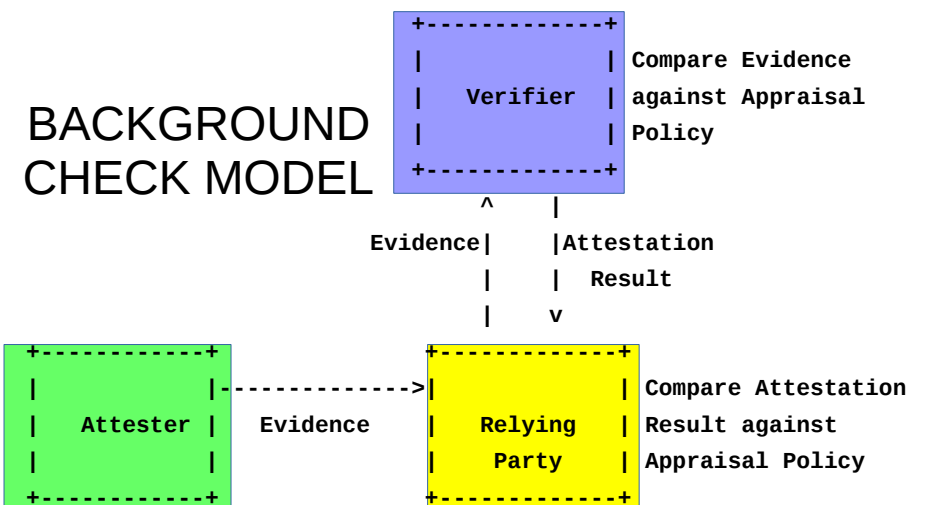
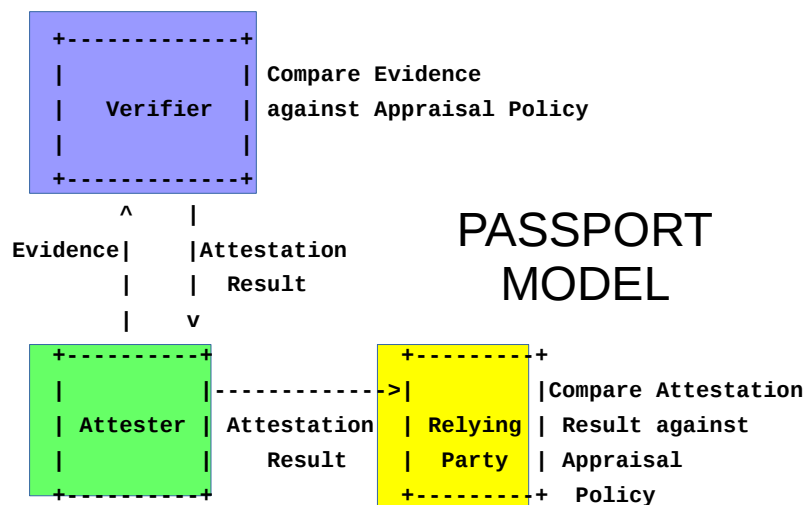
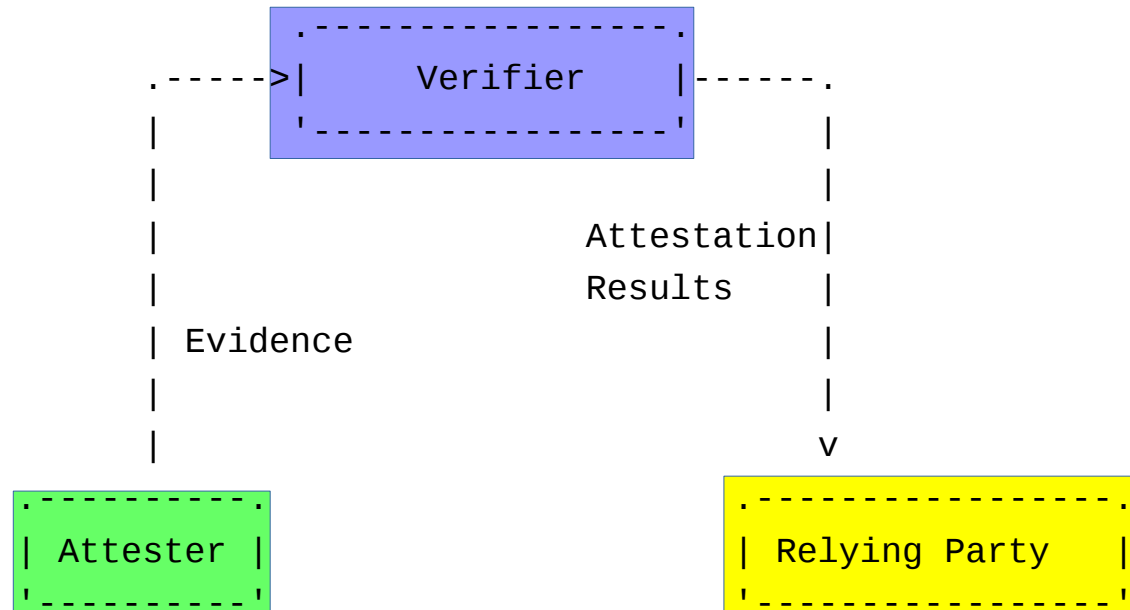


Composite Device

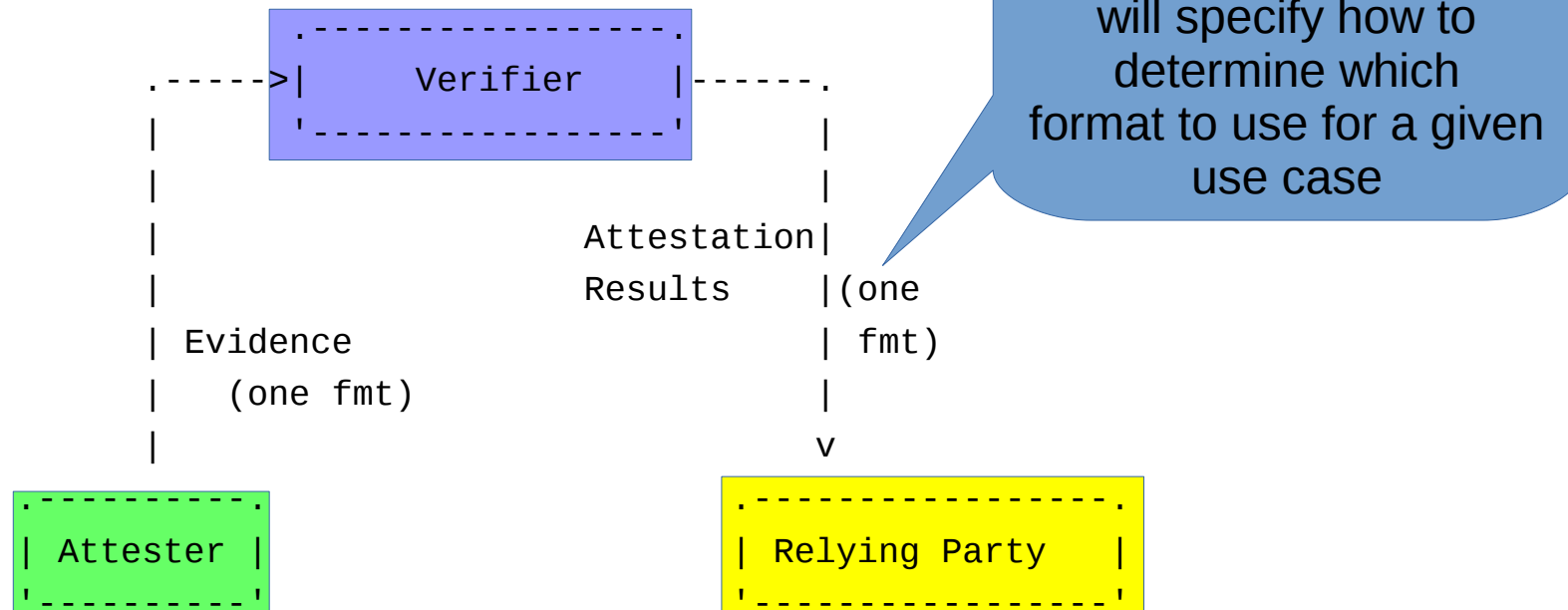
- lead Attester has connection to Verifier
- other components may be:
 - line cards in a chassis
 - aggregates of similar systems
 - Smartphone (main CPU relays evidence from broadband CPU)
 - Devices attached to system bus (each device has firmware)
 - ...



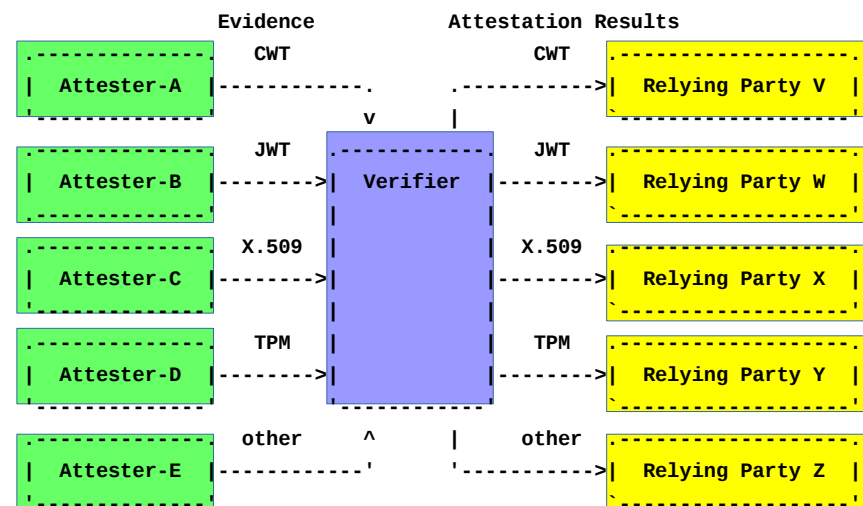
Topology models



Encoding Formats



- Attester produces a specific format
- Relying Party demands a specific format
- Either the protocol specifies the format, or it specifies a way to negotiate it dynamically



Here is an example of applying this architecture

- Passport with
negotiation

Here is another example of applying this architecture

- Background check,
no negotiation