

# ACM CCS'17 Tutorial

## SGX Security and Privacy

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- Part 1: SGX Introduction and Applications (by Zhiqiang)
- Part 2: SGX Shielding Frameworks and Development Tools (by Chia-che)
- Part 3: Security Issues on SGX (by Taesoo)

# SGX Introduction and Applications

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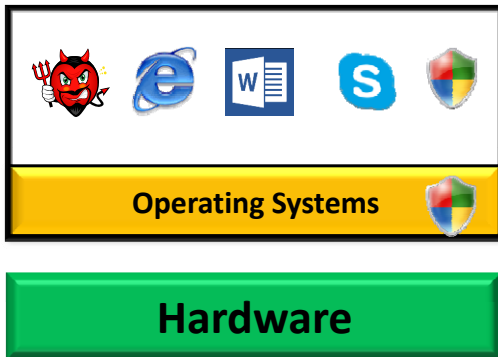
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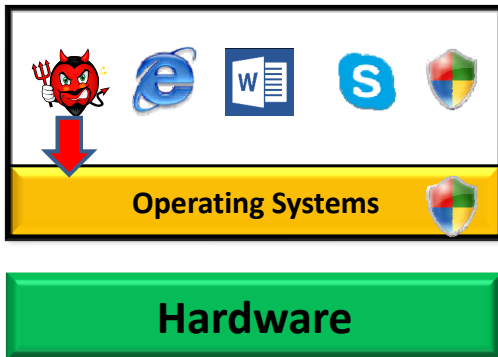


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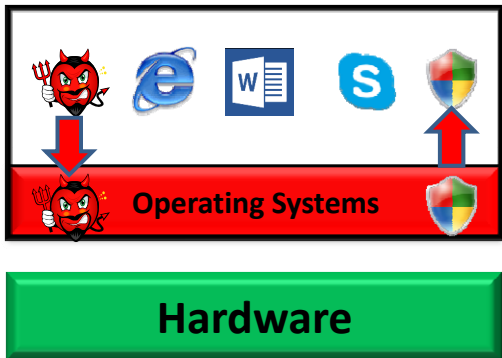




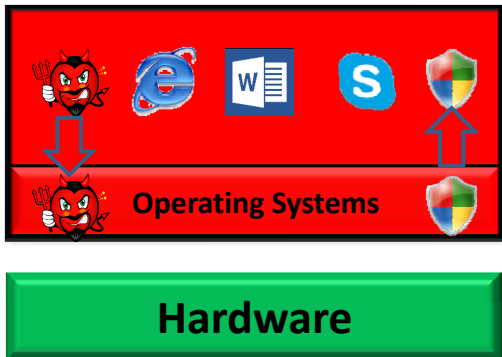
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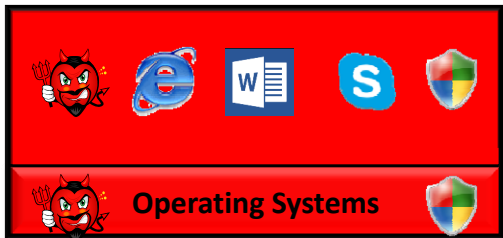
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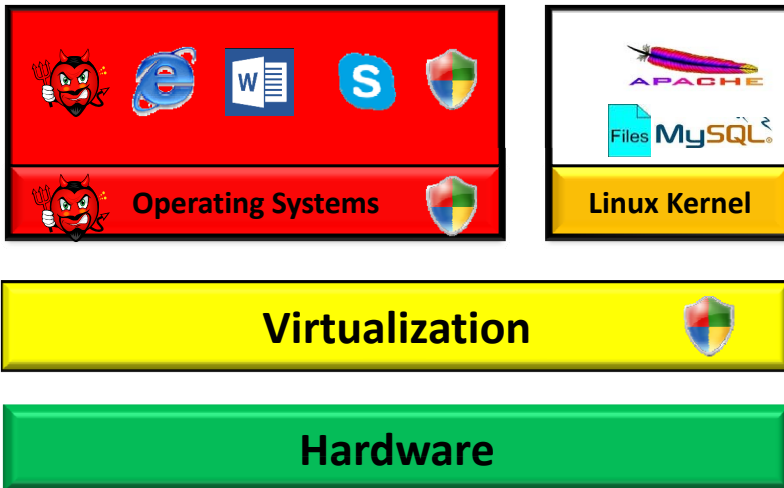
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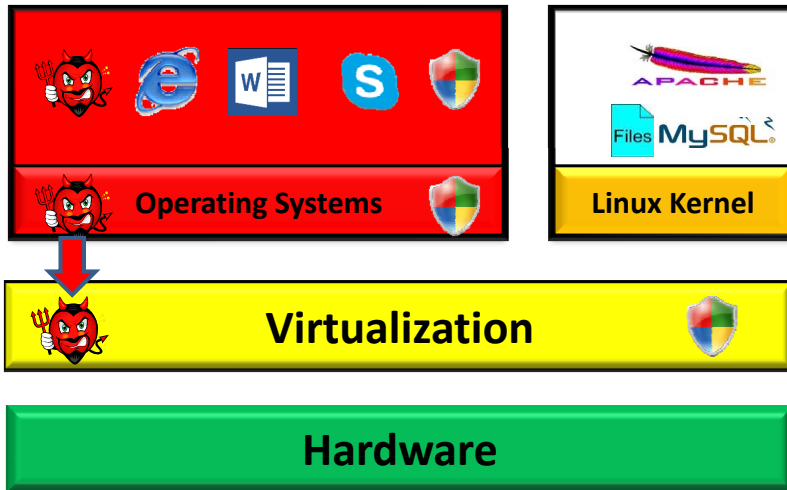
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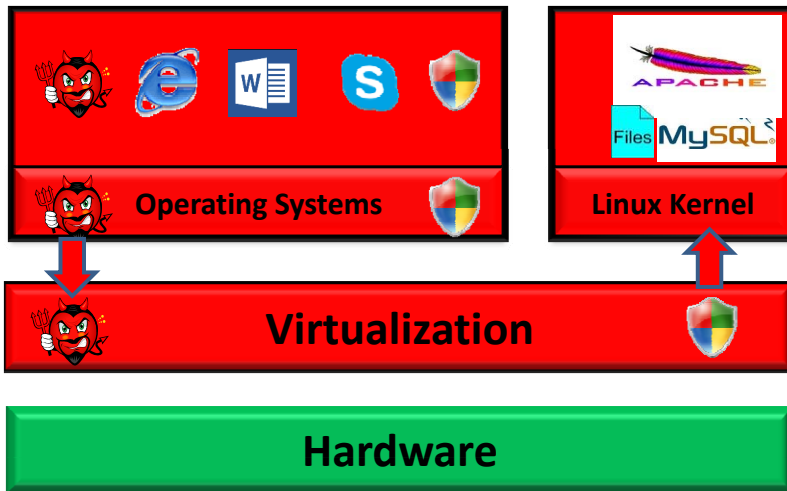
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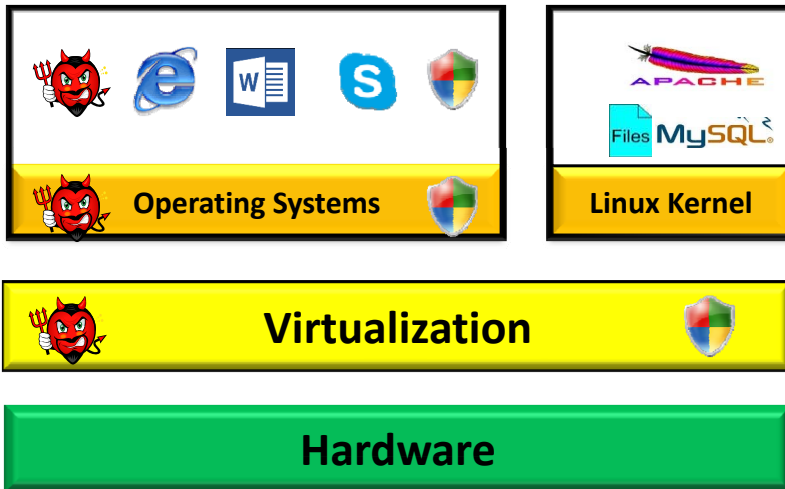
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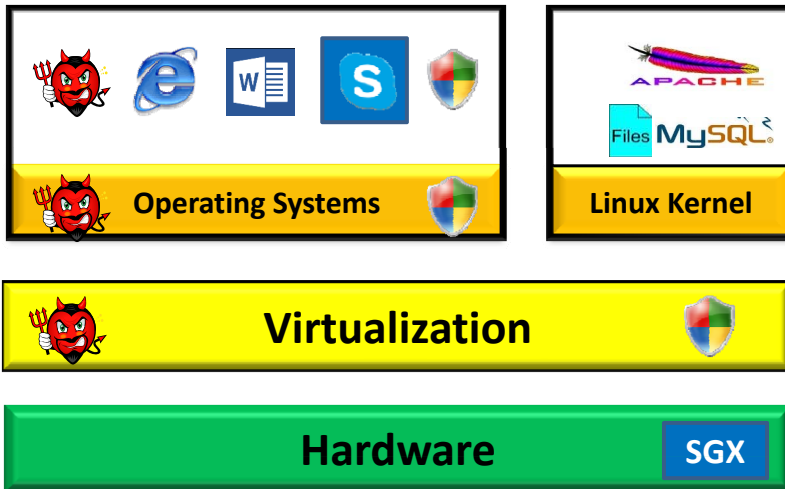


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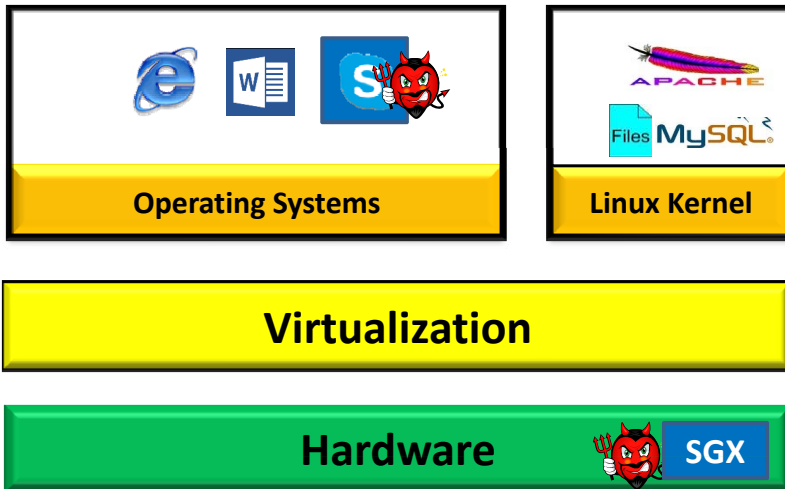




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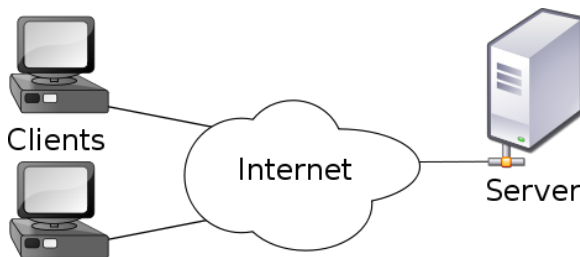
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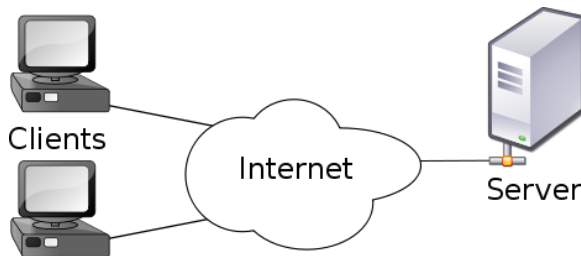


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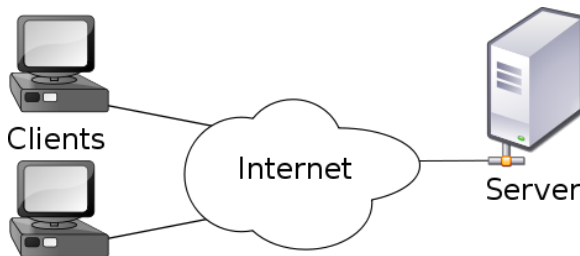
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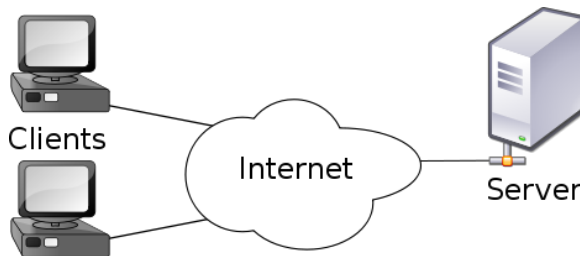
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## Server: Service Providers

- Computer game publishers
- Media streaming providers
- Software vendors (e.g., DRM)

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U	EXE	EEXIT	Exit an enclave	v1
U	SEC	EGETKEY	Create a cryptographic key	v1
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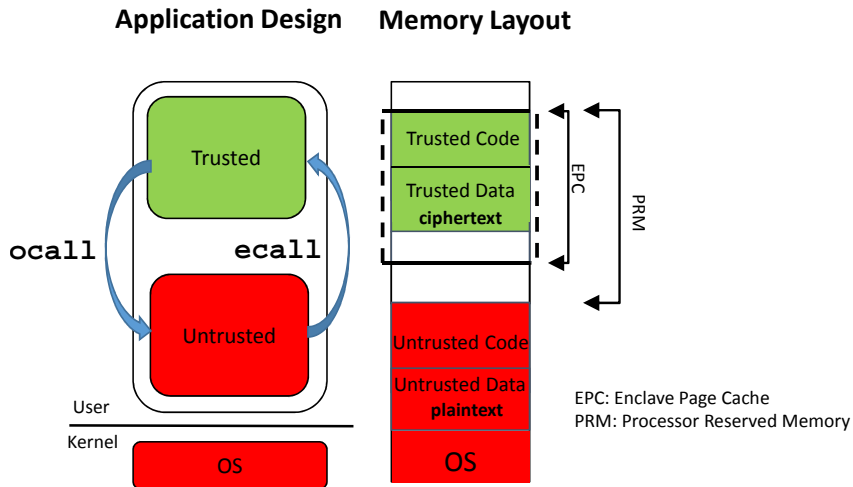
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mov $0x4,%rax
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enclu
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# SGX Data Structures

- 1 SGX Enclave Control Structure (SECS)
- 2 Thread Control Structure (TCS)
- 3 State Save Area (SSA)
- 4 Page Information (PAGEINFO)
- 5 Security Information (SECINFO)
- 6 Paging Crypto MetaData (PCMD)
- 7 Enclave Signature Structure (SIGSTRUCT)
- 8 EINT Token Structure (EINITTOKEN)
- 9 Report (REPORT)
- 10 Report Target Info (TARGETINFO)
- 11 Key Request (KEYREQUEST)
- 12 Version Array (VA)
- 13 Enclave Page Cache Map (EPCM)

# SGX Application Design, and Memory Layout



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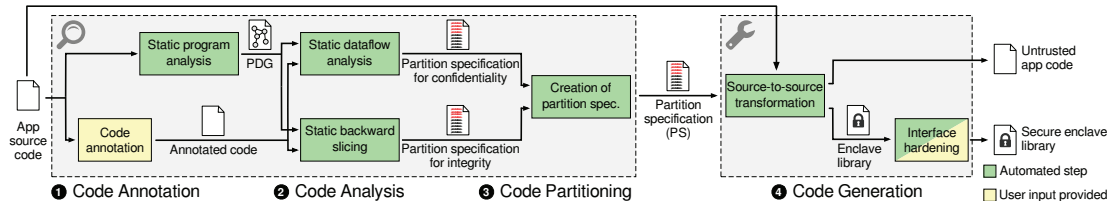
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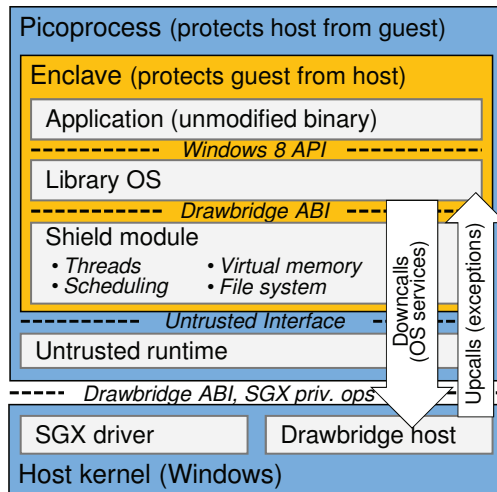


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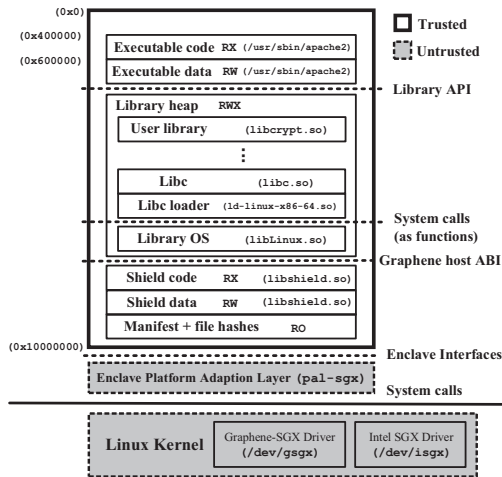
## Approach-II: Enabling Legacy Software with SGX Protection w/o Partitioning

- SGX apps run at ring-3; system level code cannot be executed inside enclave.
- If SGX apps are executed with libOS (which is ring-3), then the problem gets solved
- No partitioning: the library OS approach
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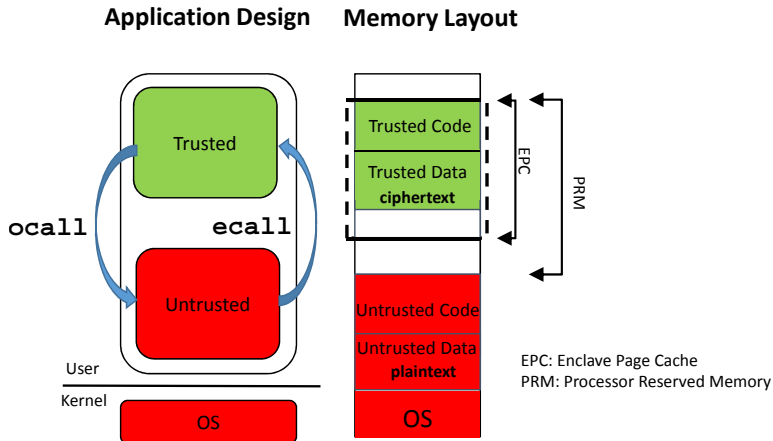


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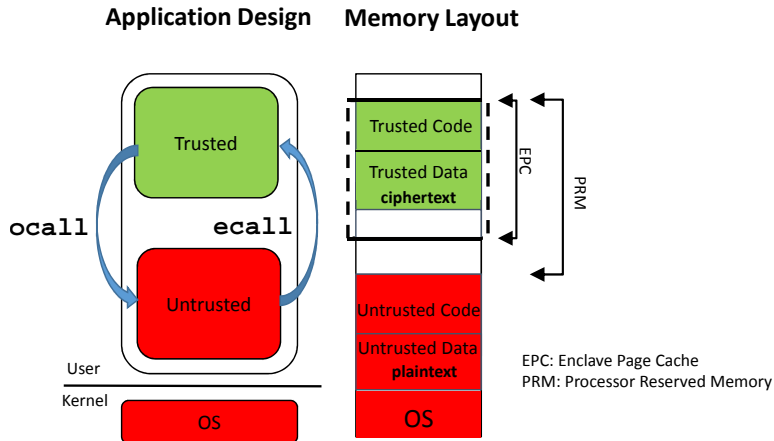
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Partitioning	Small	High	Intel SDK
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## Runtime Overhead

- 1 `ecall`
- 2 `ocall`
- 3 enclave cache
- 4 memory encryption

## Other Overhead

- 1 enclave creation
- 2 enclave deletion
- 3 SGX attestation

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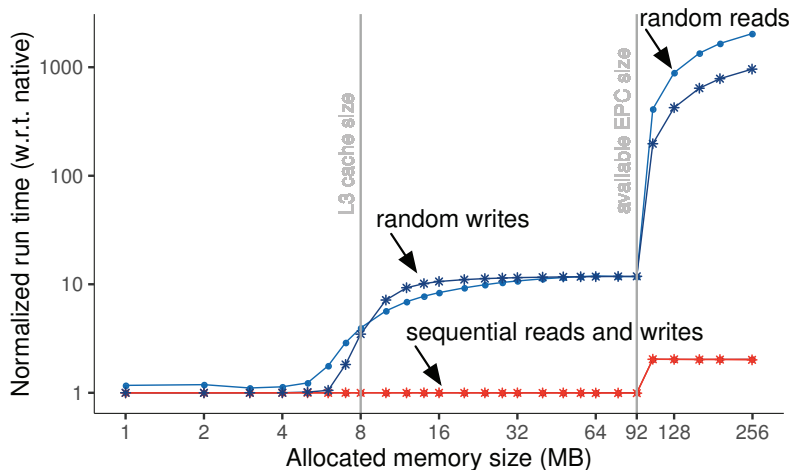
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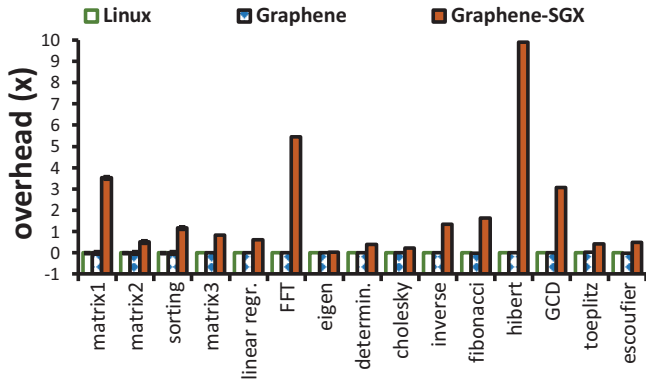
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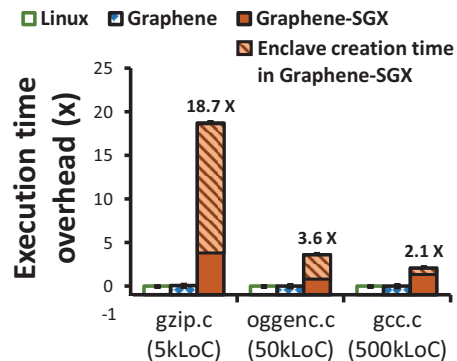


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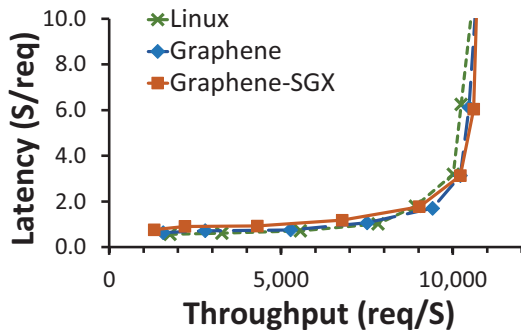


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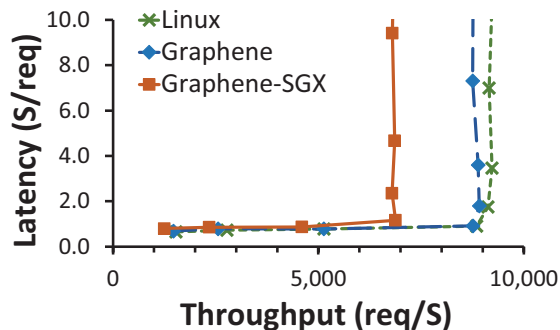


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# Throughput of HTTP Servers: Tested by Graphene-SGX [TPV17]



(a) Lighttpd (25 threads)



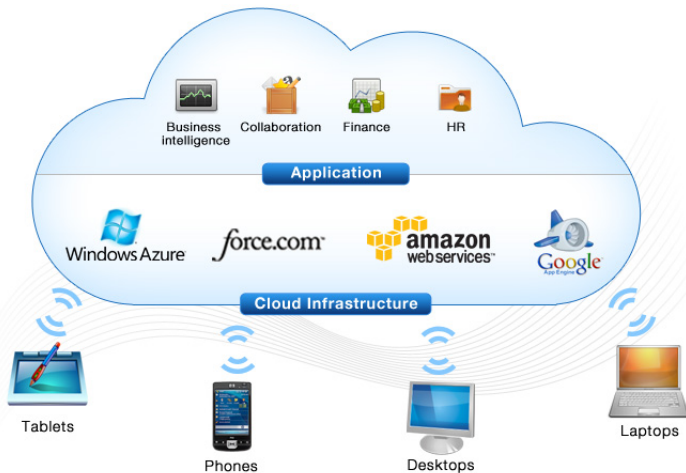
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M2R: Enabling Stronger Privacy in MapReduce Computation	USENIX SEC'15	Data Analytics
Oblivious Multi-Party Machine Learning on Trusted Processors	USENIX SEC'16	Data Analytics
SCONE: Secure Linux Containers with Intel SGX	OSDI'16	App Hardening
SecureKeeper: Confidential ZooKeeper using Intel SGX	Middleware'16	Data Analytics
Attestation Transparency: Building secure Internet services for legacy clients	ASIACCS'16	<b>Secure Service</b>
S-NFV: Securing NFV states by using SGX	SDN-NFVSec'16	<b>Cloud NFV</b>
PANOPLY: Low-TCB Linux Applications with SGX Enclaves	NDSS'17	App Hardening
SGX-Log: Securing System Logs With SGX	ASIACCS'17	<b>Securing Logging</b>
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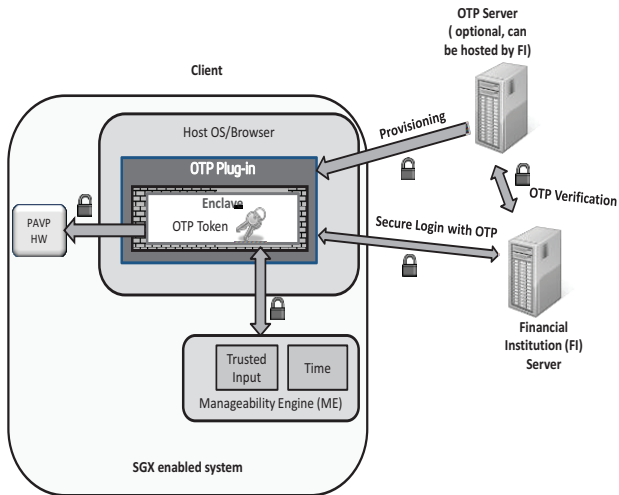
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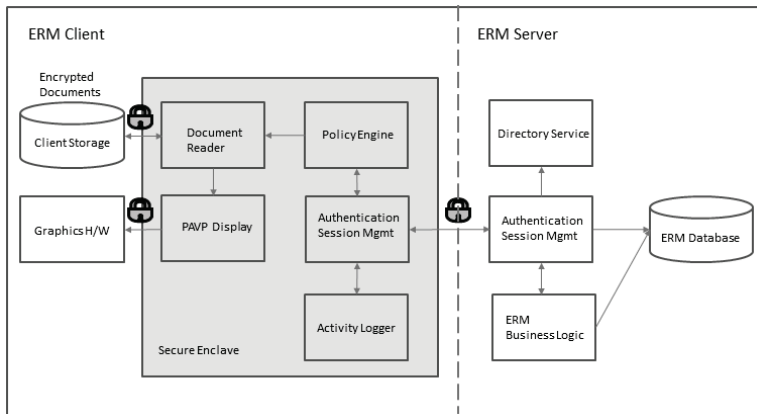
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Password Manager with Intel SGX	Tutorial@16	Password Manager
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A Case for Protecting Computer Games With SGX	SysTEX'16	Game Protection
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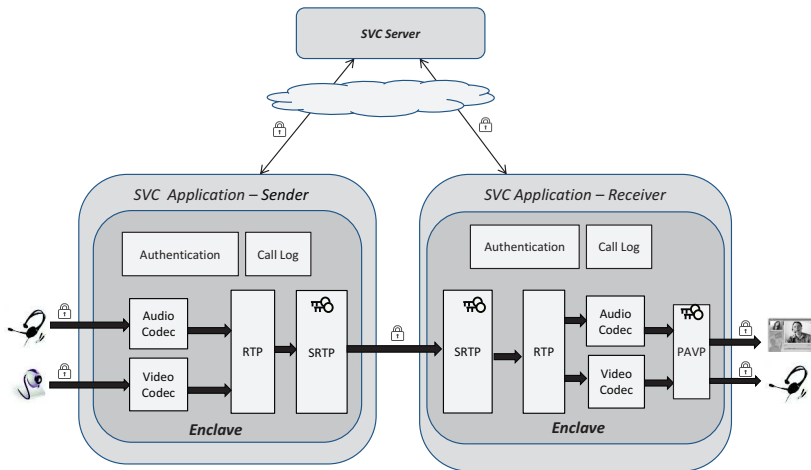
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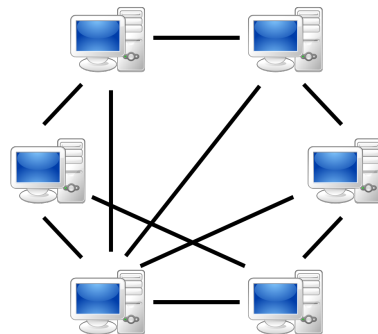
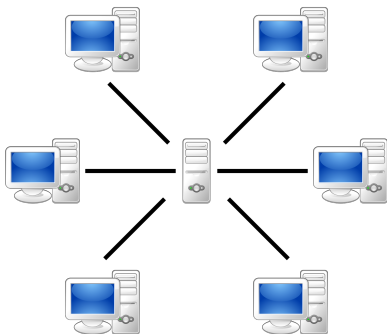
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# Client Server Model, and Distributed Computing Model



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Ryoan: a distributed sandbox for untrusted computation on secret data	OSDI'16	App Hardening
Proof of Luck: an Efficient Blockchain Consensus Protocol	SysTEX'16	Byzantine fault tolerance
Town Crier: An Authenticated Data Feed for Smart Contracts	CCS'16	Smart Contracts
Secure Content-Based Routing Using Intel SGX	Middleware'16	Content-Based Routing
Enhancing Security and Privacy of Tor's Ecosystem by Using TEE	NSDI'17	Tor network
Hybrids on Steroids: SGX-Based High Performance BFT	EuroSys'17	Byzantine fault tolerance

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