



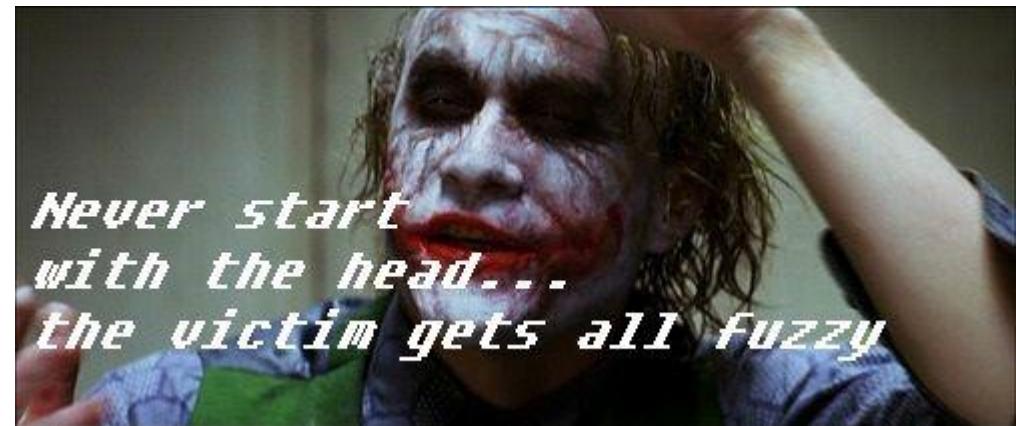
# UEFI Firmware Rootkits: Myths and Reality

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# Agenda

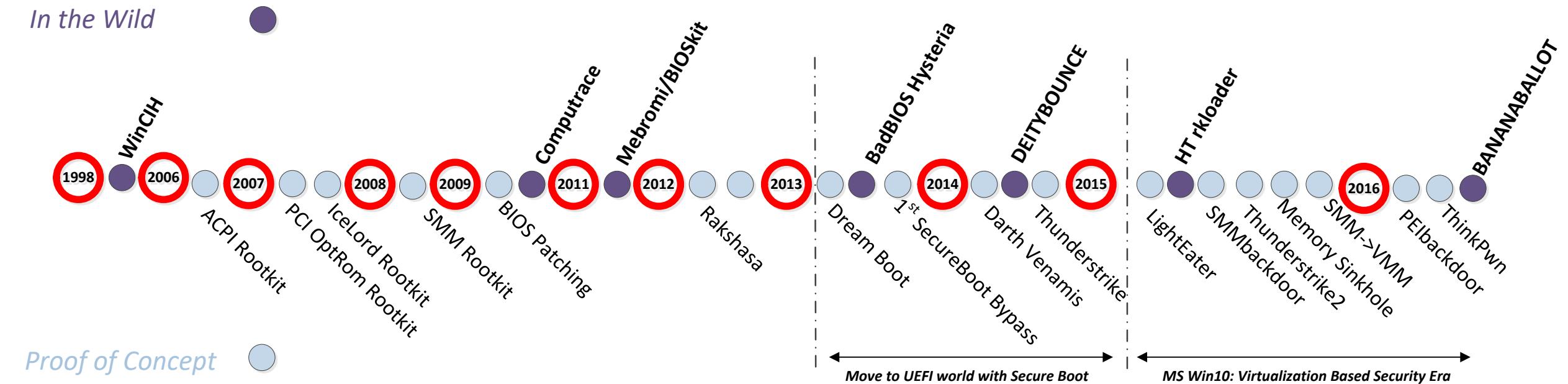
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  - ✓ BIOS Implants
  - ✓ Computrace/LoJack
- BIOS Update Issues
- Secure Boot Issues
- Forensic Approaches



# History of BIOS rootkits

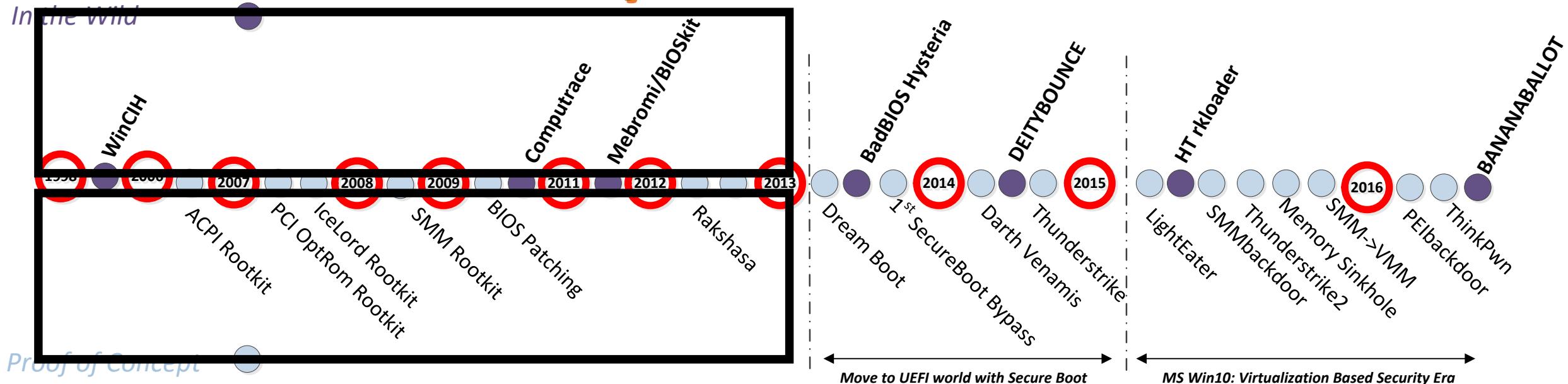


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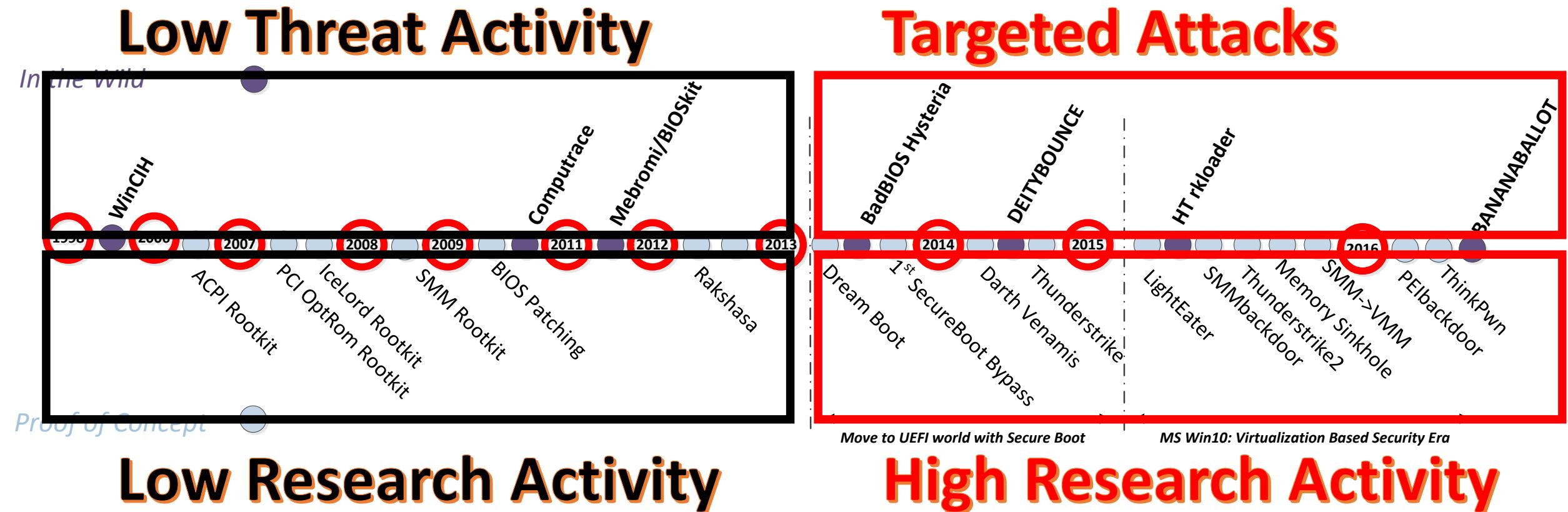
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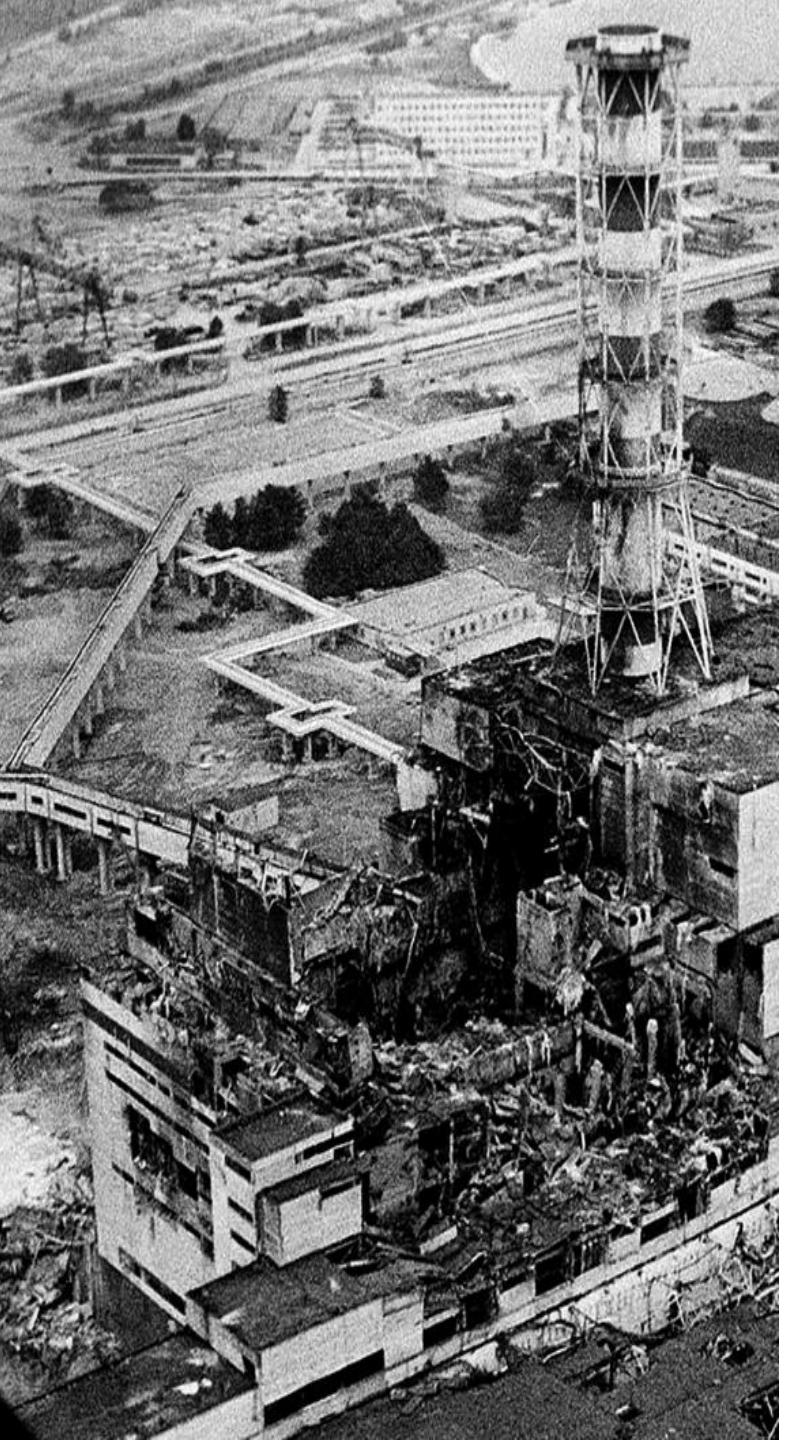
## Low Threat Activity



## Low Research Activity

# History of BIOS rootkits





# In The Beginning...

In 1998-99 **CIH (Chernobyl) virus**  
written by a student of Taipei Tatung  
Institute of Technology in Taiwan  
infected ~60 million PCs

**CIH (Chernobyl) erased BIOS ‘ROM’ boot  
block and boot sectors on a hard drive  
causing ~1B US dollars in damage**



## Signed BIOS Updates Are Rare

- Mebromi malware includes BIOS infector & MBR bootkit components
- Patches BIOS ROM binary injecting malicious ISA Option ROM with legitimate BIOS image mod utility
- Triggers SW SMI 0x29/0x2F to erase SPI flash then write patched BIOS binary

# Threat Model for UEFI Rootkits



## OS Kernel-Mode (Ring 0)

- **Mitigations:** PatchGuard, Code Signing Policy
- **Prevention:** AV HIPS

## Boot code (MBR/VBR)

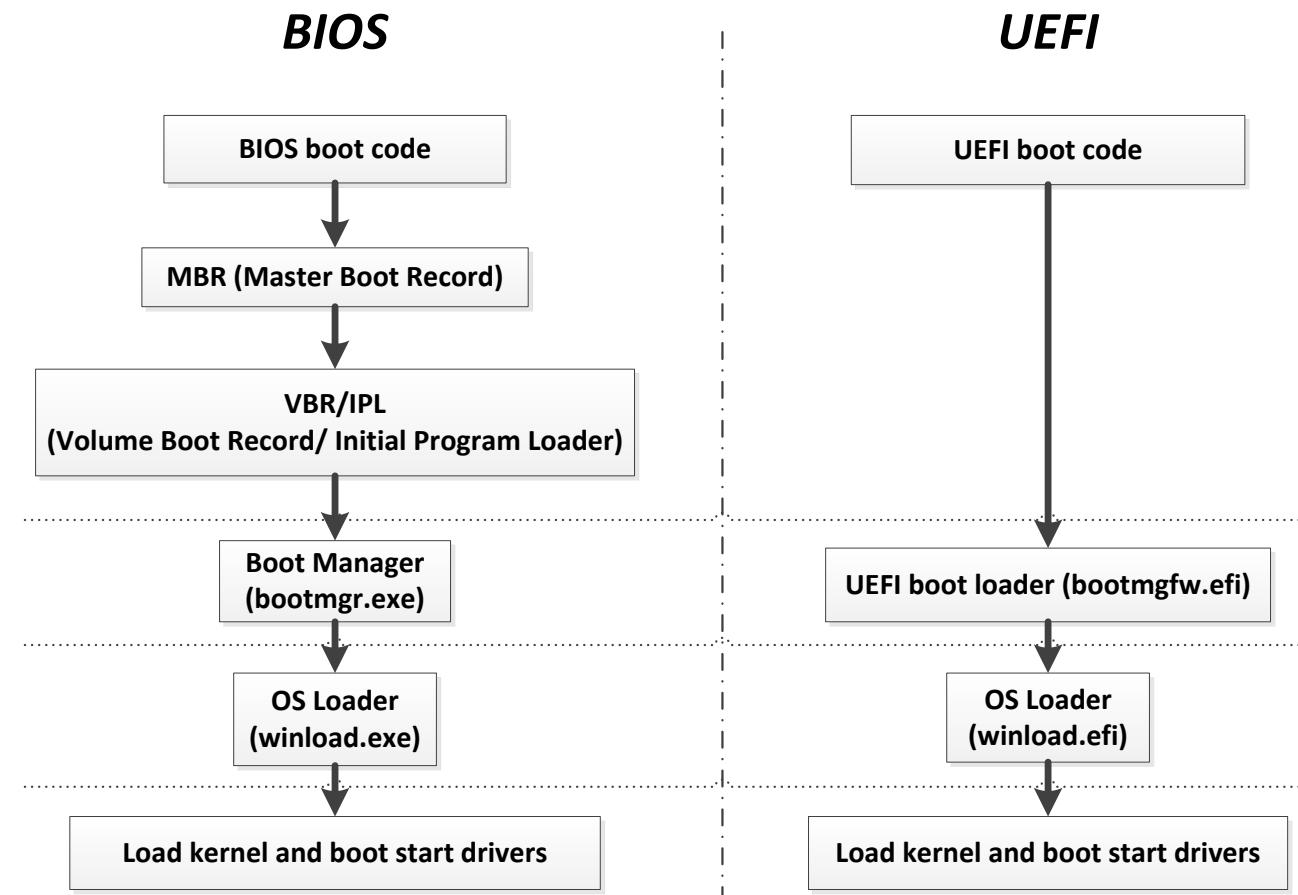
- **Mitigations:** Secure/Measured Boot, Boot Guard
- **Prevention:** AV HIPS

## BIOS/UEFI Firmware SMM (Ring -2)

- **Mitigations:** ??? (STM? but nobody used)
- **Prevention:** ???

# Legacy BIOS vs. UEFI

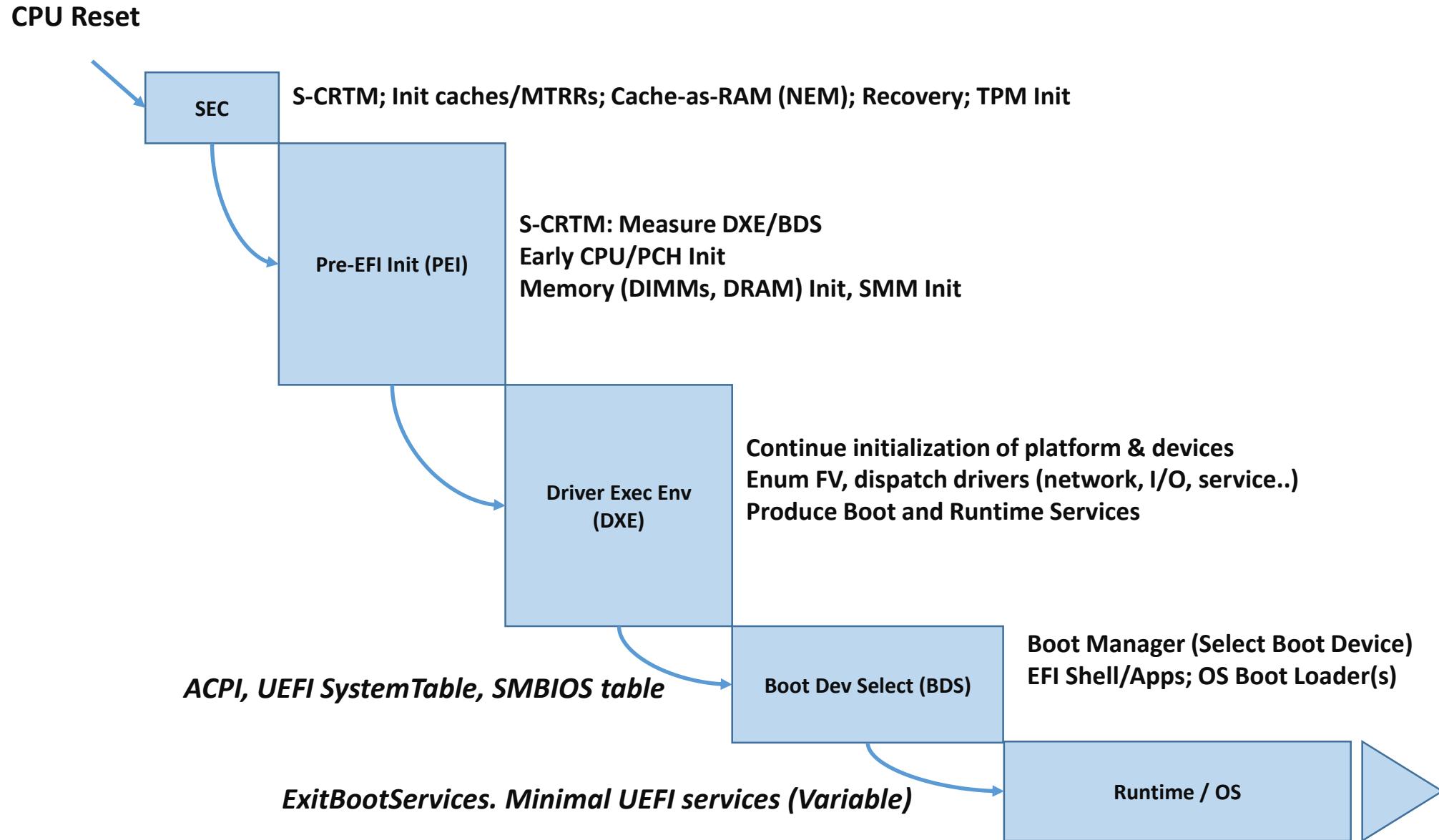
- No more MBR and VBR/IPL code
- Different hard drive partitioning scheme: GPT (GUID Partition Table)
- Secure Boot and Measured Boot



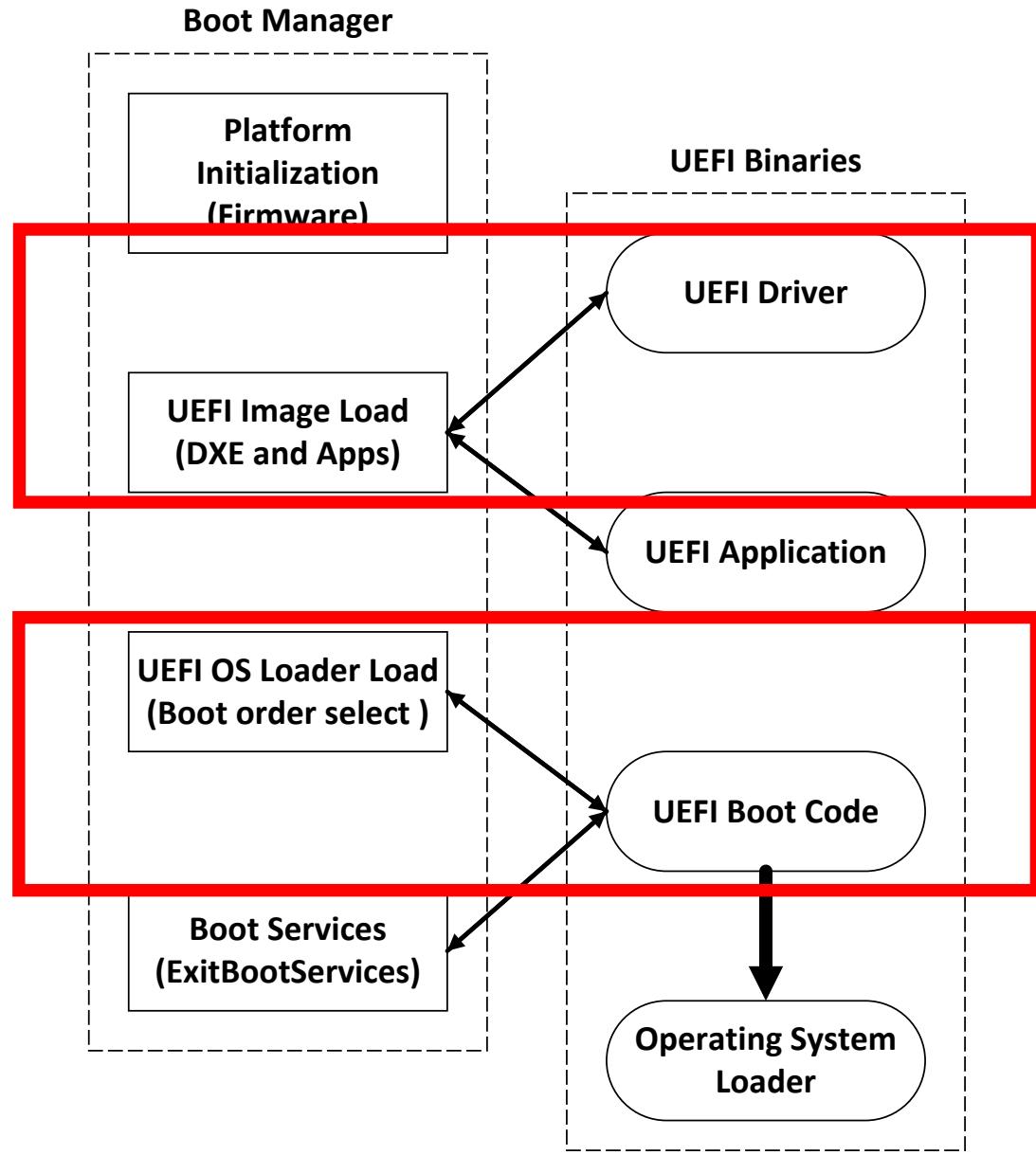
# Legacy BIOS vs. UEFI

	Legacy BIOS	UEFI firmware
<b>Architecture</b>	Unspecified firmware development process. All BIOS vendors independently support their own code base	Unified specification for firmware development and Intel reference code (EDKI/EDKII)
<b>Implementation</b>	Mostly on Assembly Language	C/C++
<b>Memory Model</b>	16-bit Real-Mode	32/64-bit Protected-Mode
<b>Bootstrap Code</b>	MBR and VBR	none (firmware controls the boot process)
<b>Partition Scheme</b>	MBR partition table	GUID partition table (GPT)
<b>Disk IO</b>	System Interrupts	UEFI Services
<b>Boot Loaders</b>	bootmgr and winload	bootmgfw.efi and winload.efi
<b>OS Interaction</b>	BIOS Interrupts	UEFI Services

# UEFI BIOS Firmware



# UEFI BIOS Firmware Rootkits



## Patching UEFI “Option ROM”

UEFI DXE Driver in Add-On Card (Network, Storage ..)  
Non-Embedded in FV in ROM

## Adding/Replacing DXE Driver

Modified DriverOrder / Driver#### EFI variables

## Replacing Windows Boot Manager

EFI System Partition (ESP) on Fixed Drive  
ESP\EFI\Microsoft\Boot\bootmgfw.efi

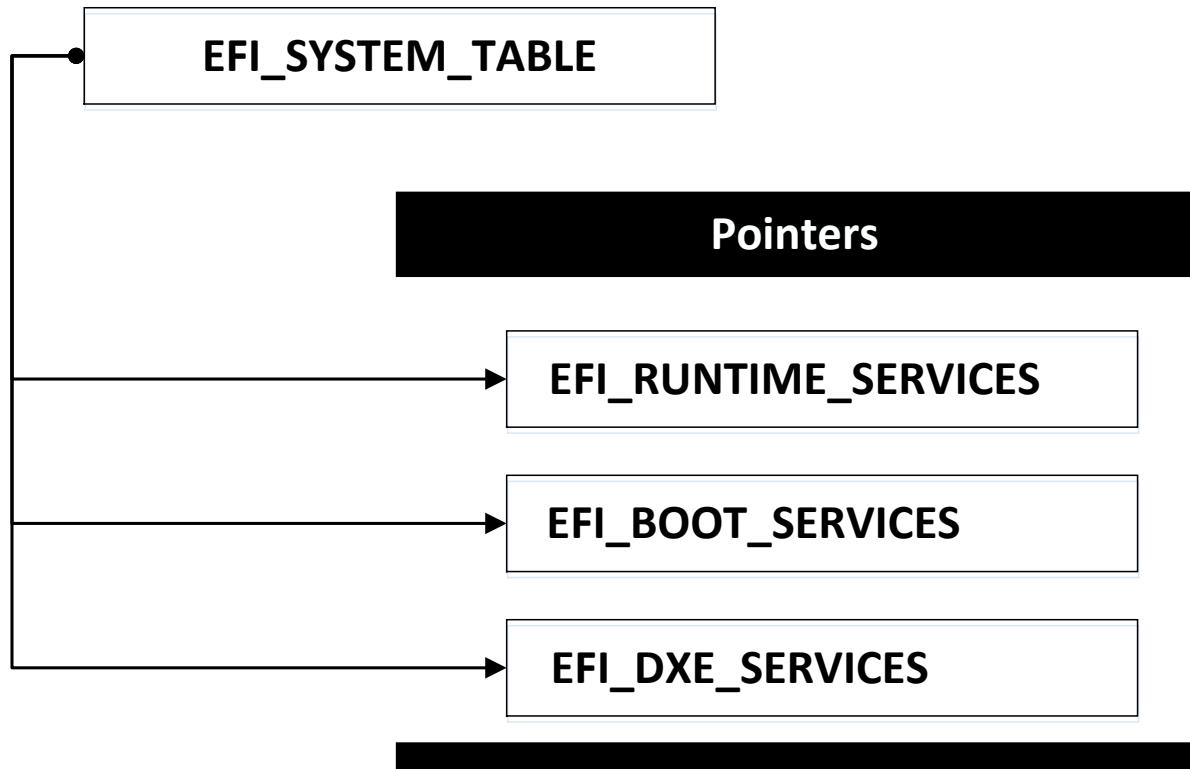
## Replacing Fallback Boot Loader

ESP\EFI\Boot\bootx64.efi

## Adding New Boot Loader (bootkit.efi)

Modified BootOrder / Boot#### EFI variables

# EFI\_RUNTIME\_SERVICES and HAL

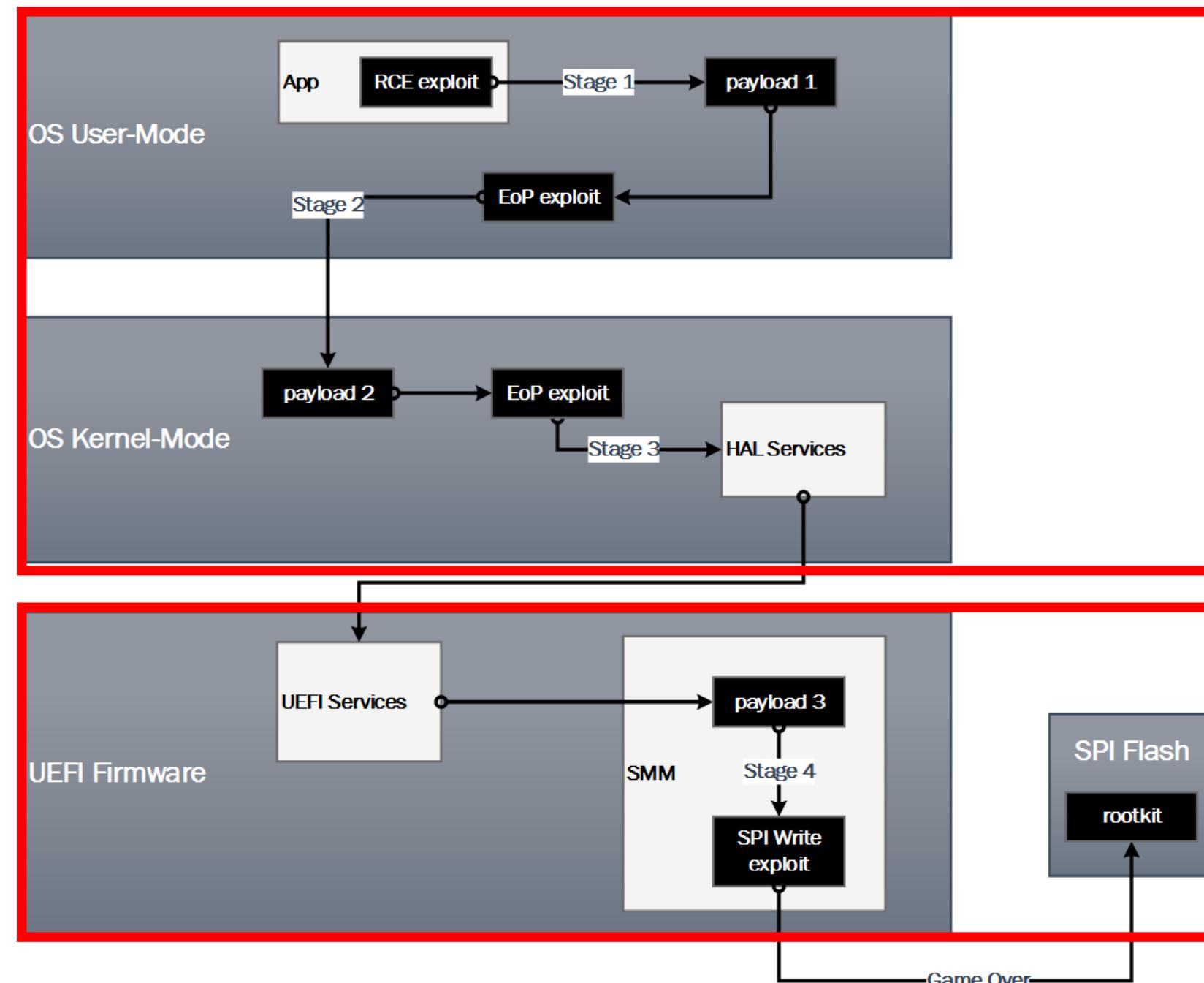


Module: hal.dll	
Name	Address
D HalpIsEFIRuntimeActive	FFFFF800476329E0
D HalEfiRuntimeServicesBlock	FFFFF800476690C0
D HalpEfiBugcheckCallbackNextRuntimeServiceIndex	FFFFF80047669108
D HalEfiRuntimeServicesTable	FFFFF80047669118
D HalpEfiRuntimeCallbackRecord	FFFFF8004766BC58

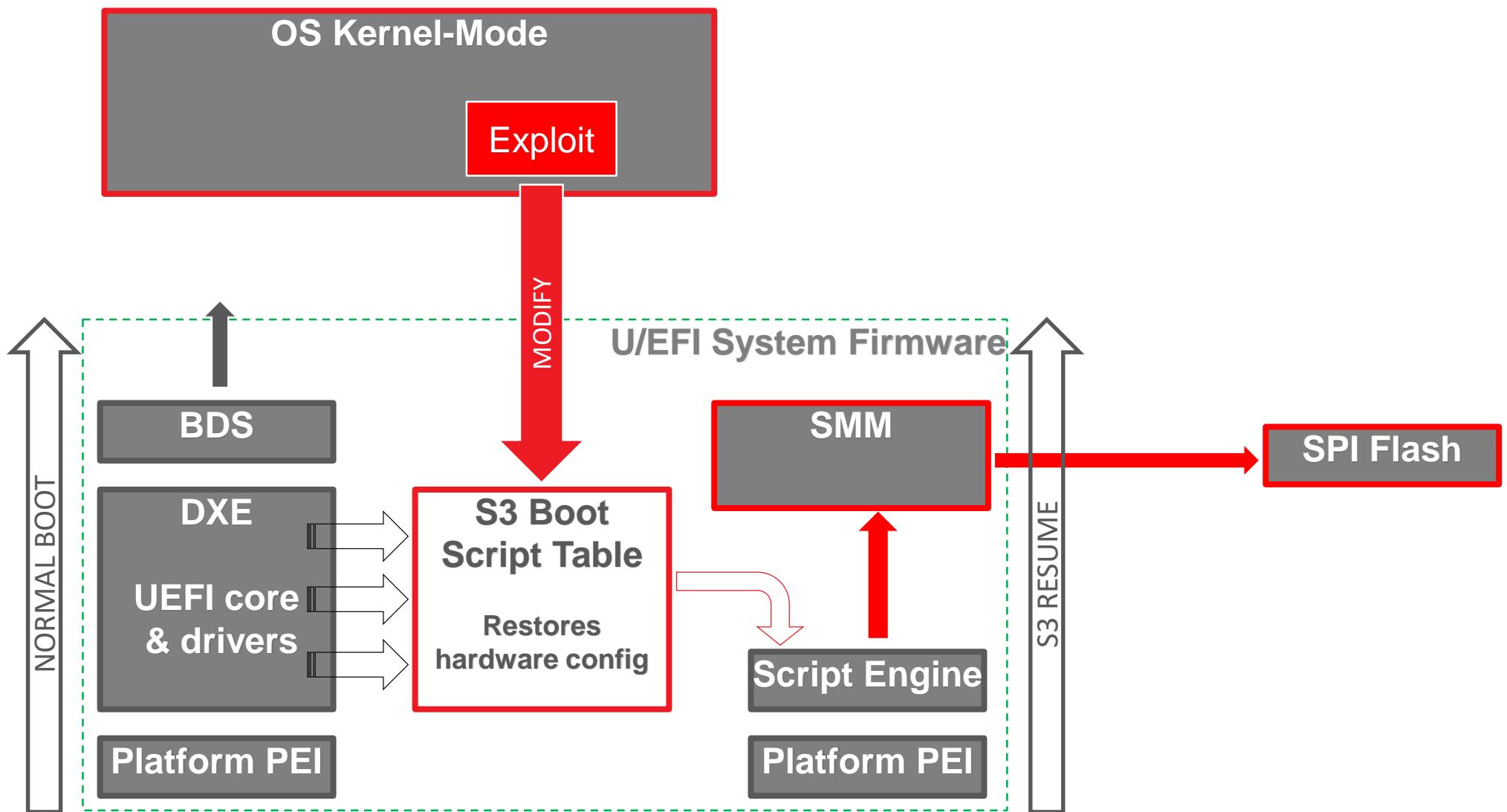


# Firmware Rootkit

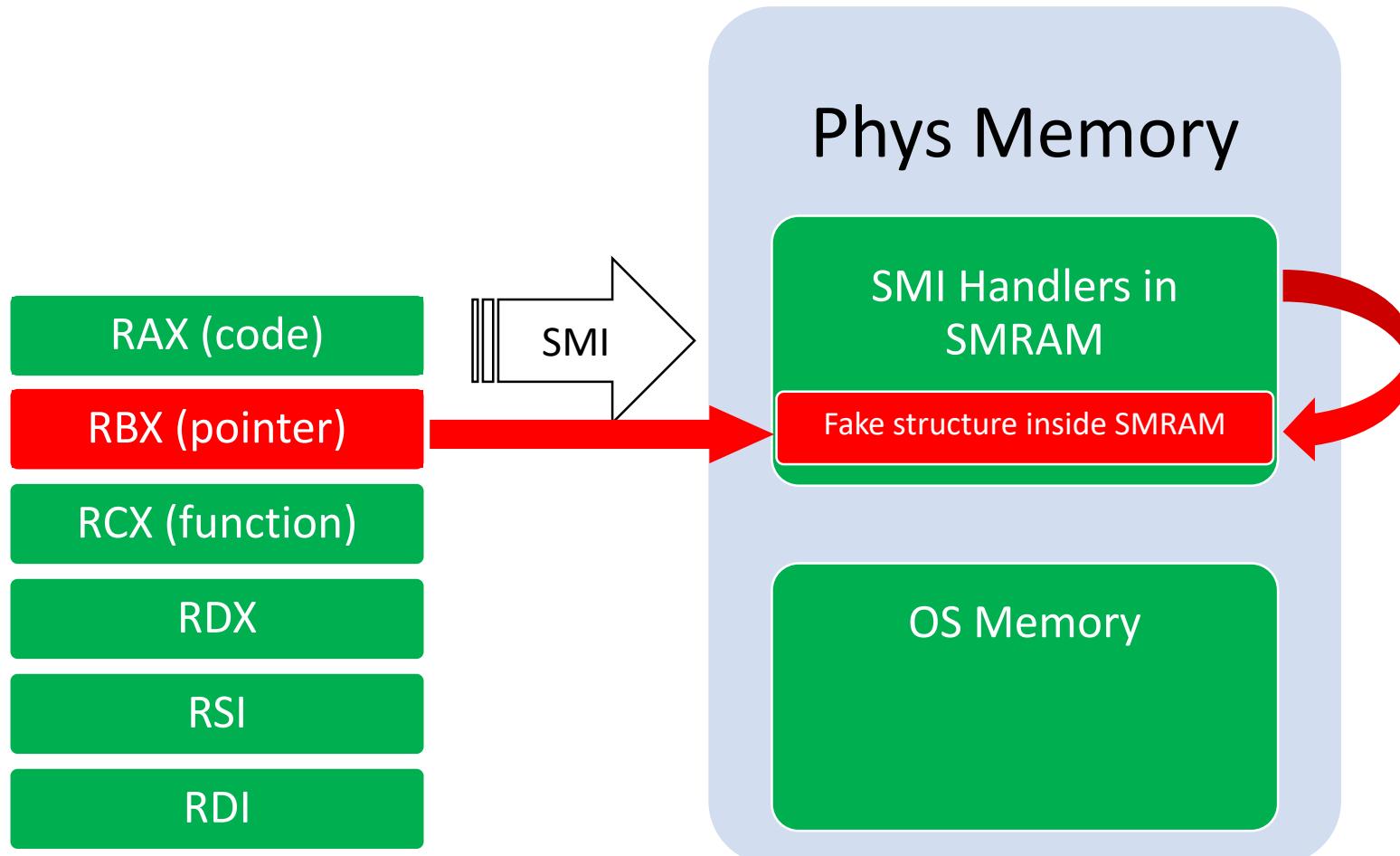
- Stage 1:
  - ✓ Client-Side Exploit drop installer (1)
  - ✓ Installer Elevate Privileges to System
- Stage 2:
  - ✓ Bypass Code Signing Policies
  - ✓ Install Kernel-Mode Payload (2)
- Stage 3:
  - ✓ Execute SMM exploit
  - ✓ Elevate Privileges to SMM
  - ✓ Execute Payload (3)
- Stage 4:
  - ✓ Bypass Flash Write Protection
  - ✓ Install Rootkit into Firmware



# Expose S3 boot script table (VU #976132) for BIOS Rootkits



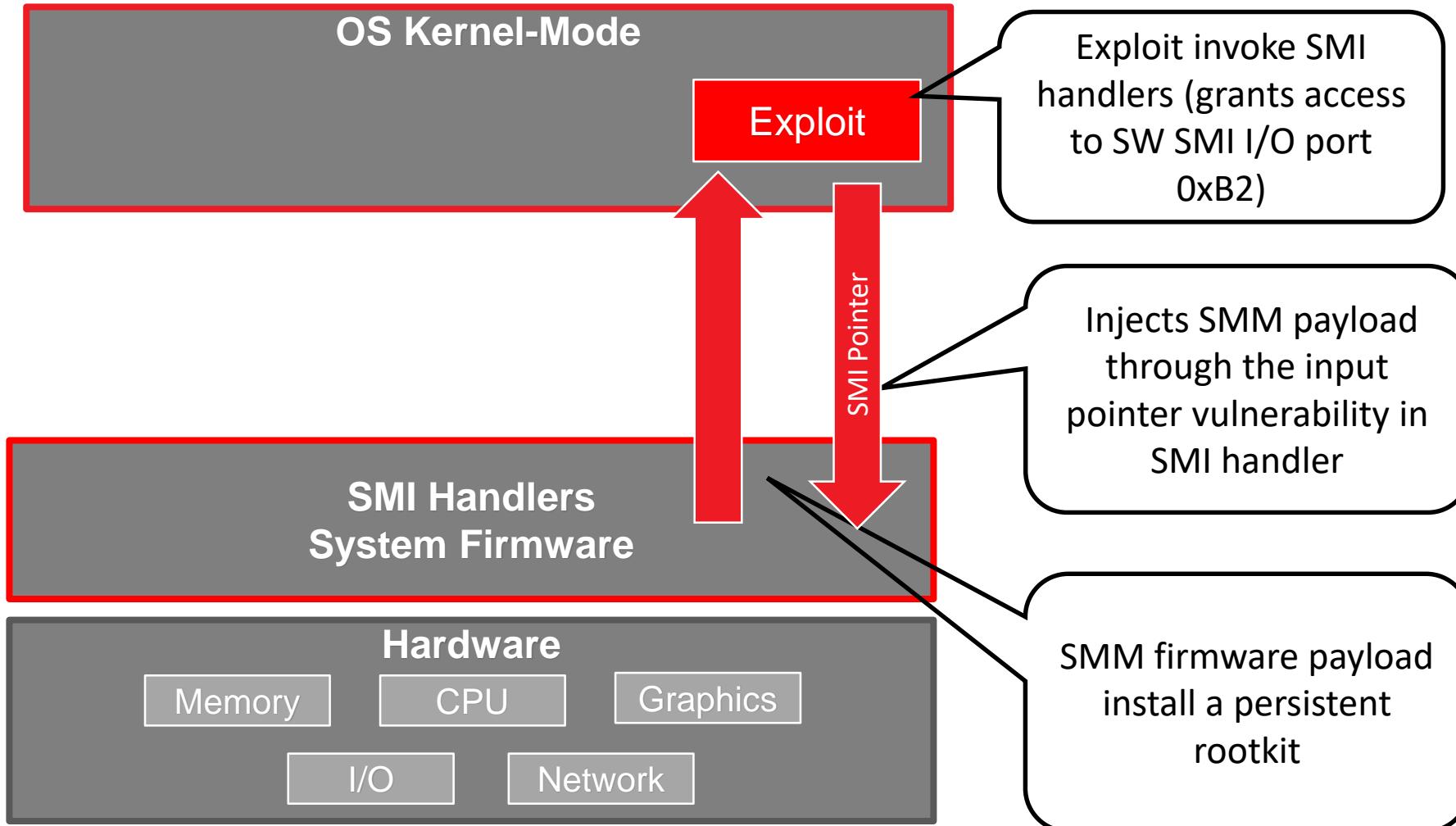
# Pointer Vulnerabilities in SMI Handlers



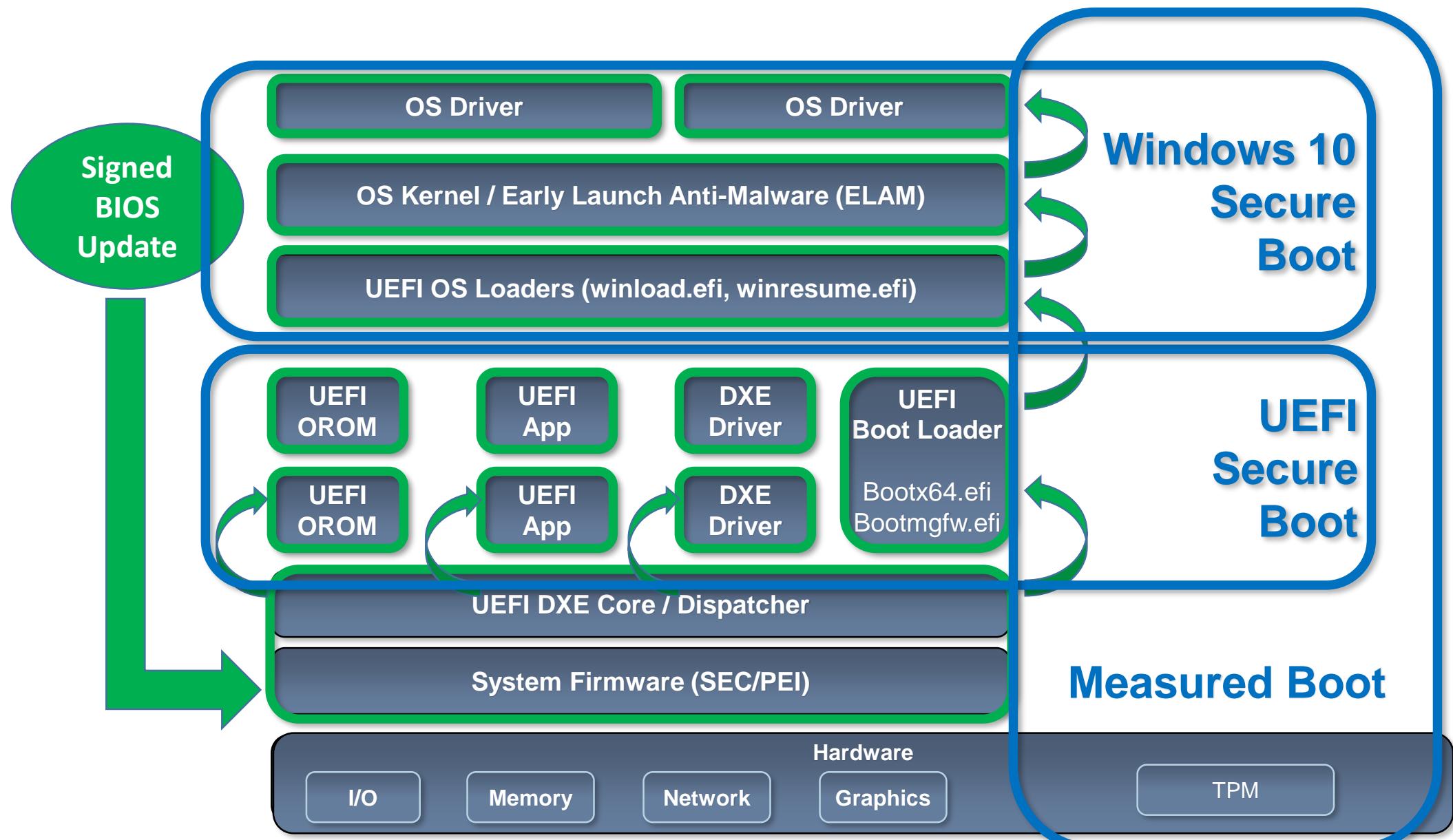
Exploit tricks SMI handler to write to an address **inside SMRAM**

[Attacking and Defending BIOS in 2015](#)

# Exploiting firmware SMI handler



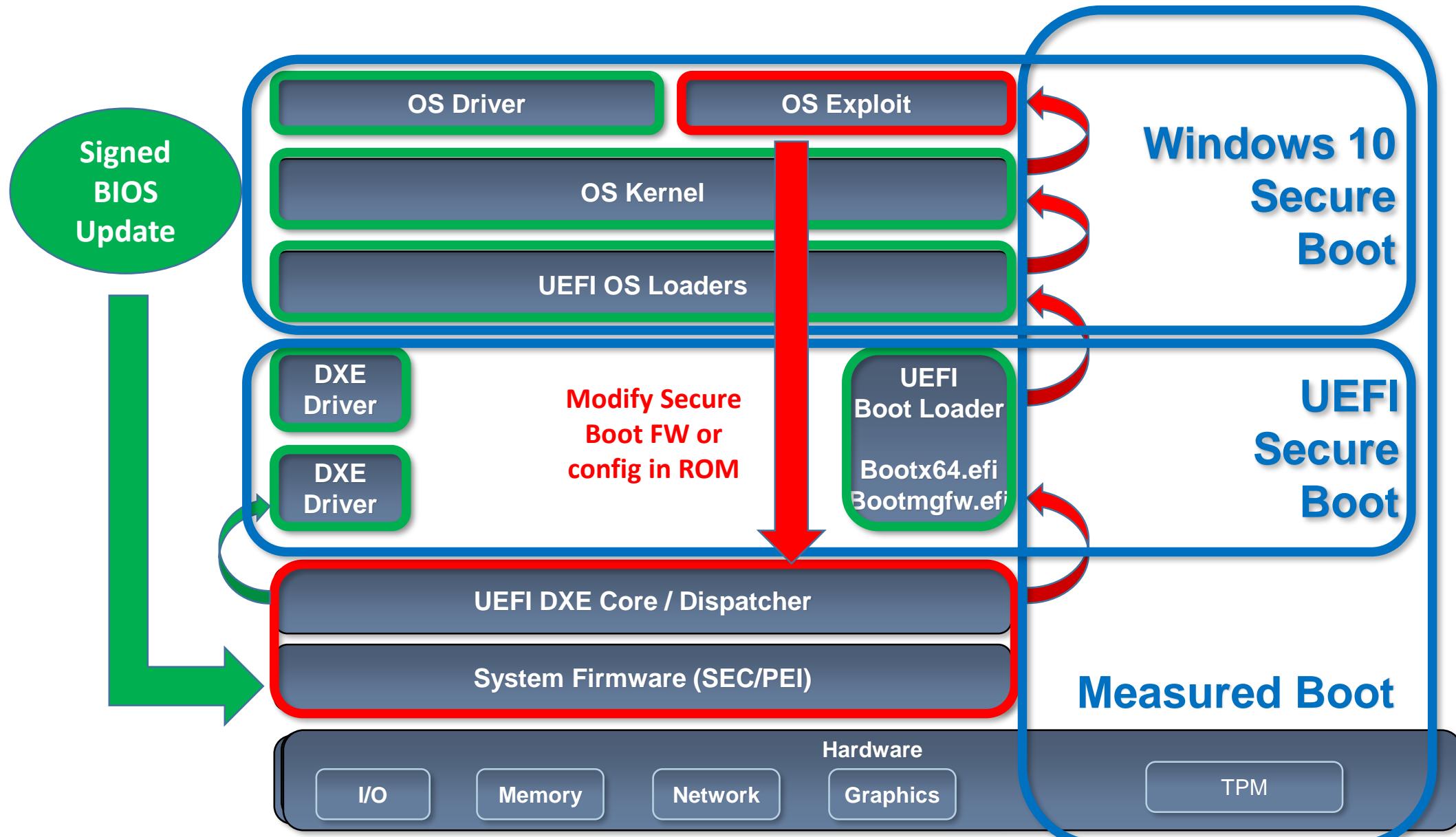
# What about Secure Boot?



Madness, as you  
know, is a lot like  
gravity, all it takes  
is a little push.



# Going deeper or bypass still possible?



# BIOS Rootkits In-The-Wild

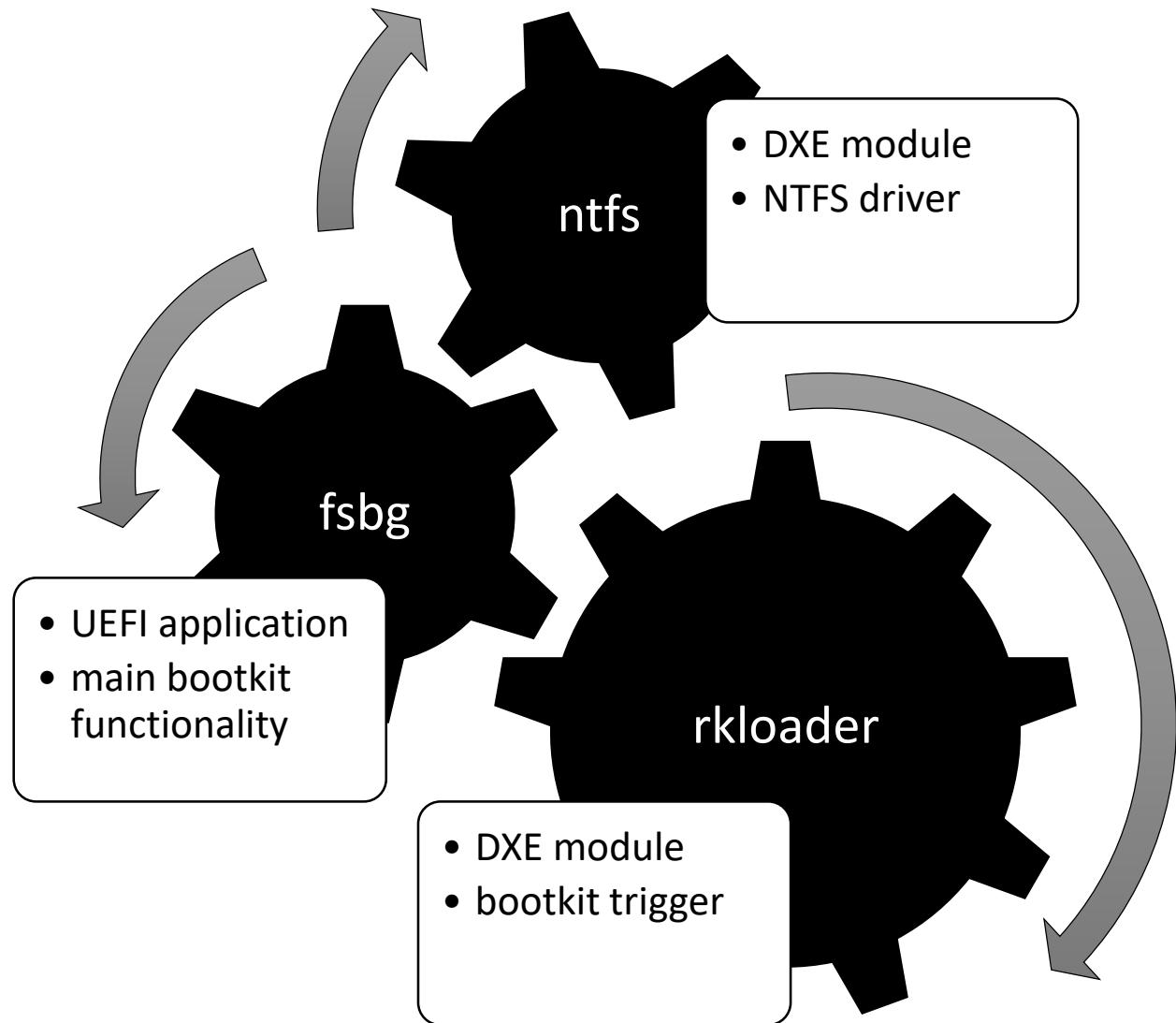


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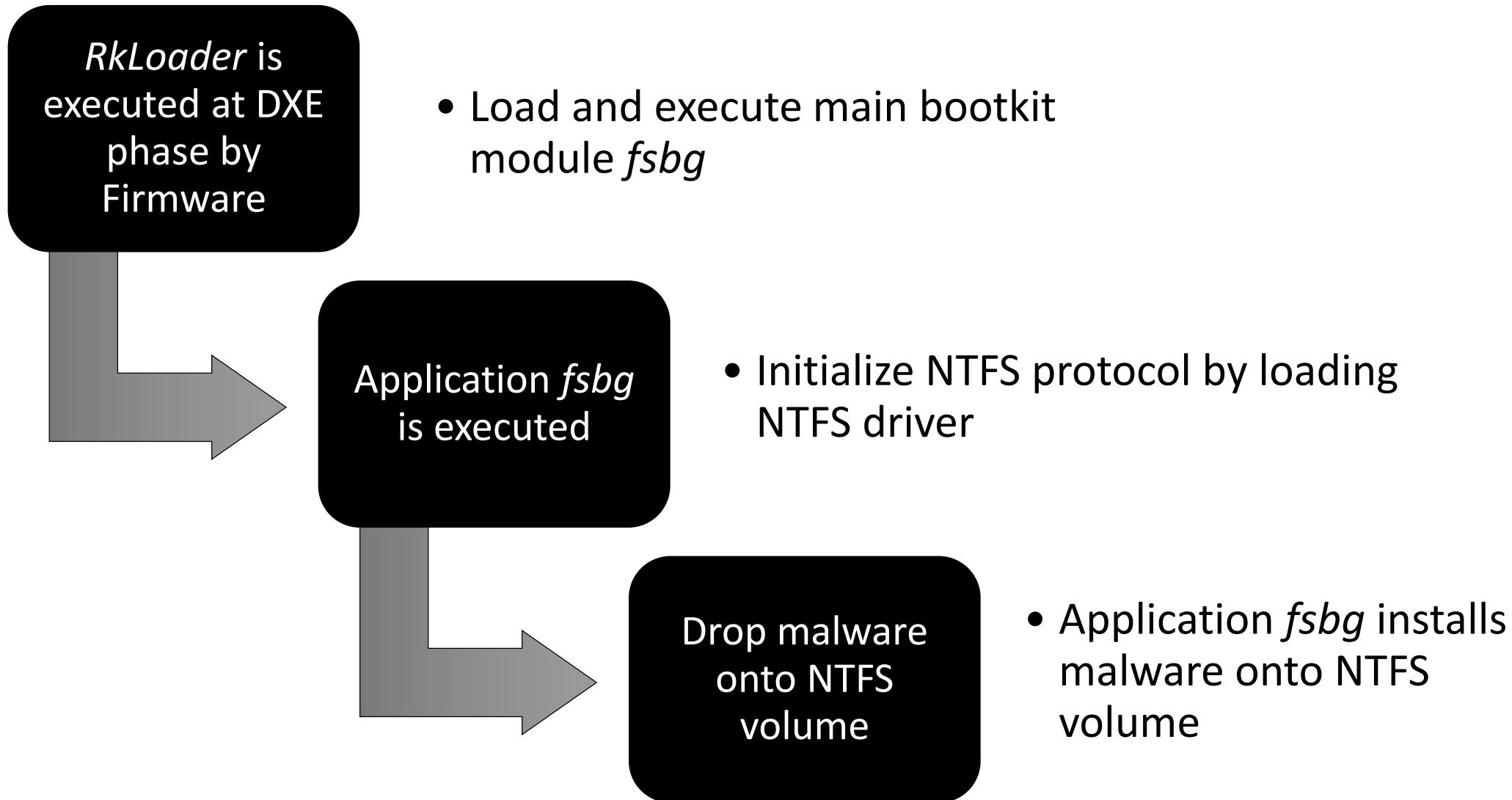
# Hacking Team UEFI Implant

- First\* discovery of non-PoC UEFI Malware
- Persistent copy of malicious agent inside BIOS

# Hacking Team UEFI Implant : Modules



# Hacking Team UEFI Implant: How It Works



# Hacking Team UEFI Implant: How It Works

```
EFI_STATUS
EFIAPI
_ModuleEntryPoint (
    IN EFI_HANDLE          ImageHandle,
    IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE    *SystemTable
)
{
    EFI_EVENT Event;

    DEBUG((EFI_D_INFO, "Running RK loader.\n"));
    InitializeLib(ImageHandle, SystemTable);

    gReceived = FALSE; // reset event!

    //CpuBreakpoint();

    // wait for EFI EVENT GROUP READY TO BOOT
    gBootServices->CreateEventEx(0x200, 0x10, &CallbackSMI, NULL, &SMBIOS_TABLE_GUID, &Event);

    return EFI_SUCCESS;
}
```

```
...
EFI_GUID [LAUNCH_APP] =
{
    0xeaa9aec,
    0xc9c1,
    0x46e2,
    { 0x9d, 0x52, 0x43, 0x2a, 0xd2, 0x5a, 0x9b, 0x9b }
};

...
NewFilePathProtocol = (EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL *) ((UINT8 *) NewDevicePathProtocol + DevicePathLength);
NewFilePathProtocol->Type = 0x04;
NewFilePathProtocol->SubType = 0x06;
NewFilePathProtocol->Length[0] = 0x14;
NewFilePathProtocol->Length[1] = 0x00;
gBootServices->CopyMem((CHARS *) (NewFilePathProtocol) + 4), &LAUNCH_APP, sizeof(EFI_GUID));

NewDevicePathEnd = (EFI_DEVICE_PATH_PROTOCOL *) ((UINT8 *) NewDevicePathProtocol + DevicePathLength + sizeof(EFI_GUID) + 4);
NewDevicePathEnd->Type = 0x7f;
NewDevicePathEnd->SubType = 0xff;
NewDevicePathEnd->Length[0] = 0x84;
NewDevicePathEnd->Length[1] = 0x00;

Status = gBootServices->LoadImage(FALSE, gImageHandle, NewDevicePathProtocol, NULL, 0, &ImageLoadedHandle);

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    IN EFI_HANDLE      ImageHandle,
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    return EFI_SUCCESS;
}
```

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    NewFilePathProtocol = (EFI_DEVICE_  
    NewFilePathProtocol->Type = 0x04;  
    NewFilePathProtocol->SubType = 0x0  
    NewFilePathProtocol->Length[0] = 0  
    NewFilePathProtocol->Length[1] = 0  
    gBootServices->CopyMem((CHAR8 *)(  
  
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    ...  
    EFI_STATUS  
    EFI API  
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        IN EFI_HANDLE ImageHandle,  
        IN EFI_SYSTEM_TABLE *SystemTable  
    )  
    {  
        EFI_EVENT Event;  
  
        DEBUG((EFI_D_INFO, "Running RK load  
        InitializeLib(ImageHandle, SystemT  
        gReceived = FALSE; // reset event  
  
        // wait for EFI EVENT GROUP READY  
        gBootServices->CreateEventEx(0x200  
  
        return EFI_SUCCESS;  
    }  
};  
FIND_XXXXX_FILE_BUFFER_SIZE  
CALC_OFFSET  
UefiMain  
CheckfTA  
SetfTA  
DevicePathLength);  
CheckAL  
InstallAgent  
GUID));  
InsertFileLock  
DevicePathLength + sizeof(EFI_GUID) + 4);  
RemoveFileLock  
TestIsUserNotEmpty  
FileHandleGetInfo  
FileHandleGetPosition  
, &ImageLoadedHandle);  
FileHandleIsDirectory  
FileHandleFindFirstFile  
FileHandleRead  
GetHandleListByProtocol  
FileHandleFindNextFile  
CheckUsers  
GetImageFromFv  
GetImageEx  
UefiMain  
ent);
```

# Hacking Team UEFI Implant: How It Works

```
#define FILE_NAME_SCOUT L"\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\"  
#define FILE_NAME_SOLDIER L"\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Start Menu\Programs\Startup\"  
#define FILE_NAME_ELITE L"\AppData\Local\"  
#define DIR_NAME_ELITE L"\AppData\Local\Microsoft\"  
  
// (20 * (6+5+2))+1) unicode characters from EFI FAT spec (doubled for bytes)  
#define MAX_FILE_NAME_LEN 512  
#define FIND_XXXXX_FILE_BUFFER_SIZE (SIZE_OF_EFI_FILE_INFO + MAX_FILE_NAME_LEN)  
#define CALC_OFFSET(type, base, offset) (type)((UINTN)base + (UINT32) offset)  
  
#ifdef FORCE_DEBUG  
UINT16 g_NAME_SCOUT[] = L"scoute.exe";  
UINT16 g_NAME_SOLDIER[] = L"soldier.exe";  
UINT16 g_NAME_ELITE[] = L"elite";  
#else  
//32 byte per inserire 16 caratteri unicode  
UINT16 g_NAME_SCOUT[] = L"6To_6057K_FU06yjEhjh5dpFw96549UU";  
UINT16 g_NAME_SOLDIER[] = L"kdfas7835jfwe09j29FKFLDOR3r35fJR";  
UINT16 g_NAME_ELITE[] = L"eorpekf3904kLDKQ0023iosdn93smMXK";  
#endif
```

# Hacking Team : Results

How can I deploy the Agent?

- Via SPI programmer circuit (physical access to motherboard);
- Via Service Mode (recovery device);
- Via firmware upgrade (actually SecureFlash limitation to bypass);
- **Via exploitation of firmware vulnerability**

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**DEITYBOUNCE**

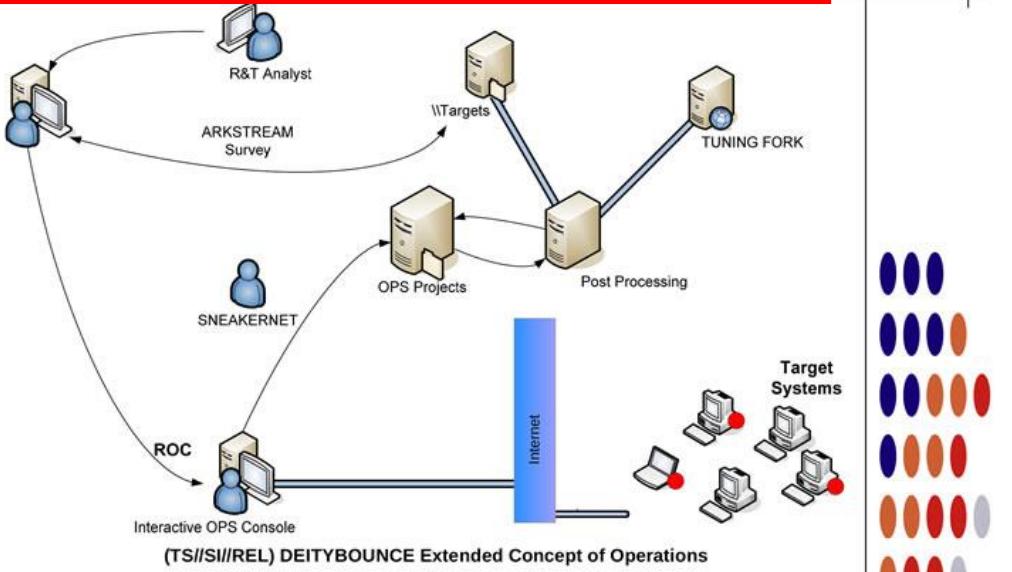


# DEITYBOUNCE

## ANT Product Data

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(TS//SI//REL) DEITYBOUNCE provides software application persistence on Dell PowerEdge servers by exploiting the motherboard BIOS and utilizing System Management Mode (SMM) to gain periodic execution while the Operating System loads.



(TS//SI//REL) This technique supports multi-processor systems with RAID hardware and Microsoft Windows 2000, 2003, and XP. It currently targets Dell PowerEdge 1850/2850/1950/2950 RAID servers, using BIOS versions A02, A05, A06, 1.1.0, 1.2.0, or 1.3.7.

(TS//SI//REL) Through remote access or interdiction, ARKSTREAM is used to reflash the BIOS on a target machine to implant DEITYBOUNCE and its payload (the implant installer). Implantation via interdiction may be accomplished by non-technical operator through use of a USB thumb drive. Once implanted, DEITYBOUNCE's frequency of execution (dropping the payload) is configurable and will occur when the target machine powers on.

Status: Released / Deployed. Ready for Immediate Delivery

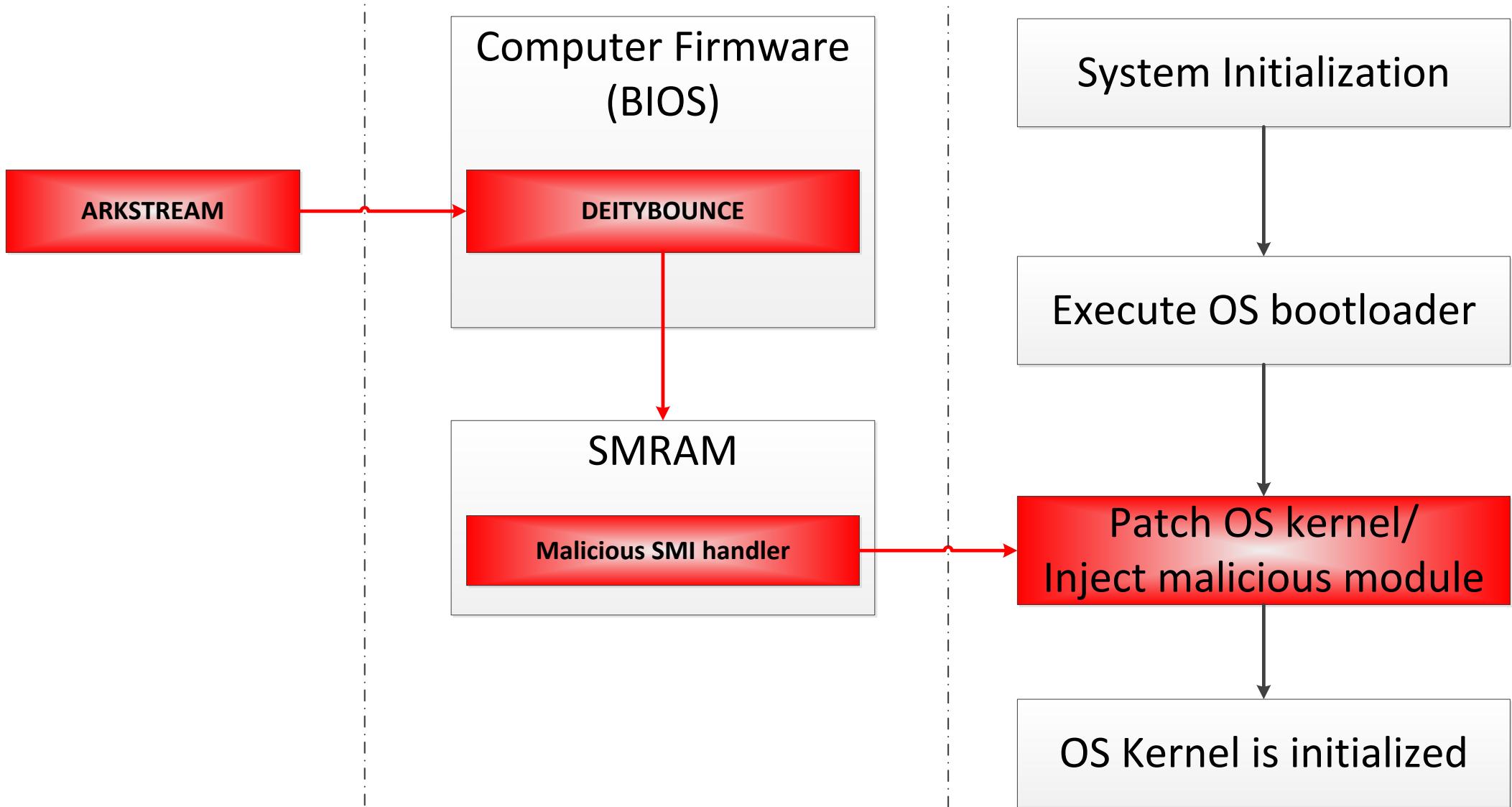
Unit Cost: \$0

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Derived From: NSA/CSSM 1-52  
Dated: 20070108  
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- Only Snowden-leaked documentation is available for analysis
- Safe to assume that servers use legacy BIOS<sup>1</sup>

# DEITYBOUNCE Workflow



# BANANABALLOT and JETPLOW (Equation Group)

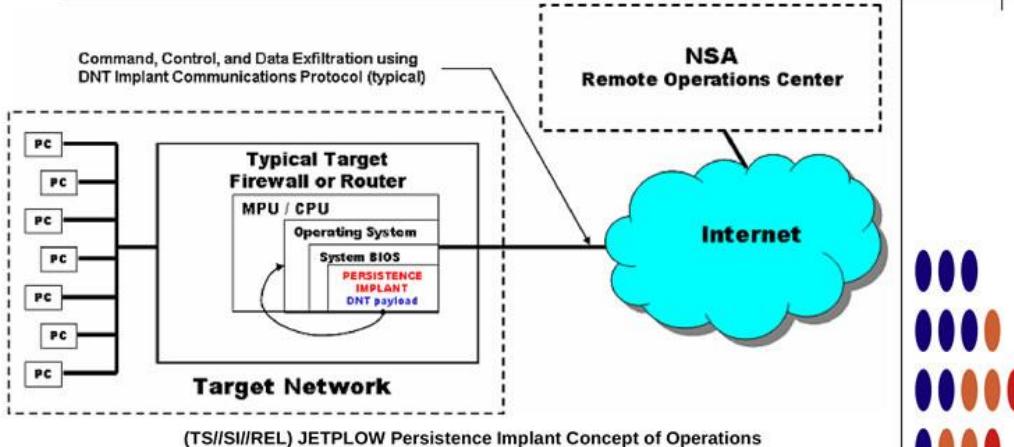


# JETPLOW

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(TS//SI//REL) JETPLOW is a firmware persistence implant for Cisco PIX Series and ASA (Adaptive Security Appliance) firewalls. It persists DNT's BANANAGLEE software implant and modifies the Cisco firewall's operating system (OS) at boot time. If BANANAGLEE support is not available for the booting operating system, it can install a Persistent Backdoor (PBD) designed to work with BANANAGLEE's communications structure, so that full access can be reacquired at a later time. JETPLOW works on Cisco's 500-series PIX firewalls, as well as most ASA firewalls (5505, 5510, 5520, 5540, 5550).

(TS//SI//REL) A typical JETPLOW deployment on a target firewall with an exfiltration path to the Remote Operations Center (ROC) is shown above. JETPLOW is remotely upgradeable and is also remotely installable provided BANANAGLEE is already on the firewall of interest.

**Status:** (C//REL) Released. Has been widely deployed. Current availability restricted based on OS version (inquire for details).

**Unit Cost:** \$0

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## BBALL\_AM29F4-2131.mod \*

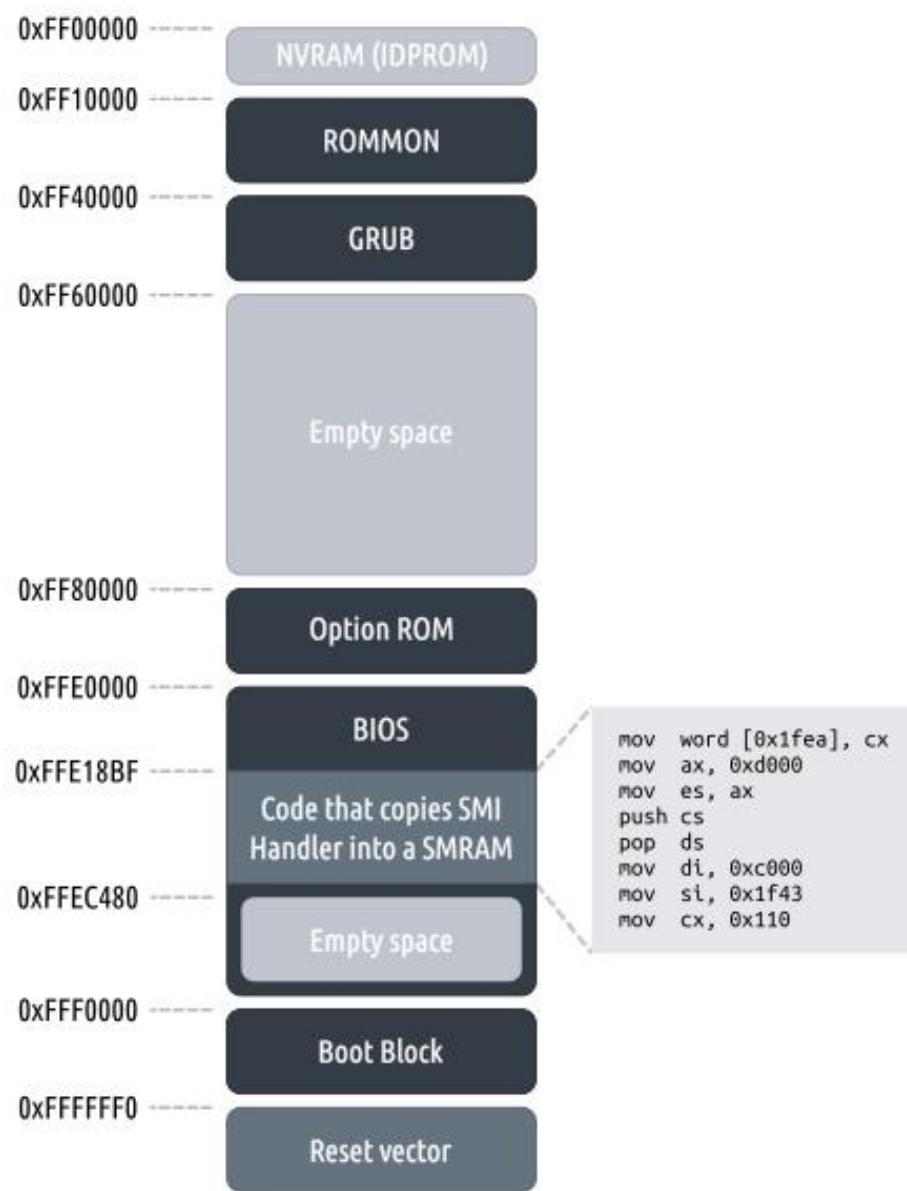
```

1  File: BBALL_AM29F4-2131.exe
2  Name: biosModule_AM29F4
3  Version: 0x02010301
4  Priority: 10
5  ID: 65793
6  chain: 0x10000000
7  Command: handler_readBIOS
8  Command: handler_writeBIOS
9  Command: handler_setCmos
10 MUNGE
11 FINAL
12 <interface>
13 <menu>
14   <menuItem>
15     <itemText> Read BIOS_AM29F4 Memory</itemText>
16     <queryList>
17       <query> Enter Bios Address:</query>
18       <query> Enter number of bytes to read:</query>
19     </queryList>
20     <miniProg>
21       <progName>BM_readBIOS</progName>
22       <handler>handler_readBIOS</handler>
23       <argList>
24         <arg>--biosaddr</arg>
25         <arg>--bioslen</arg>
26       </argList>
27     </miniProg>
28   </menuItem>
29
30   <menuItem>
31     <itemText> Write a file to BIOS_AM29F4 memory</itemText>
32     <queryList>
33       <query> Address to write data:</query>
34       <query> Enter Filename of binary data to write: </query>
35     </queryList>
36     <miniProg>
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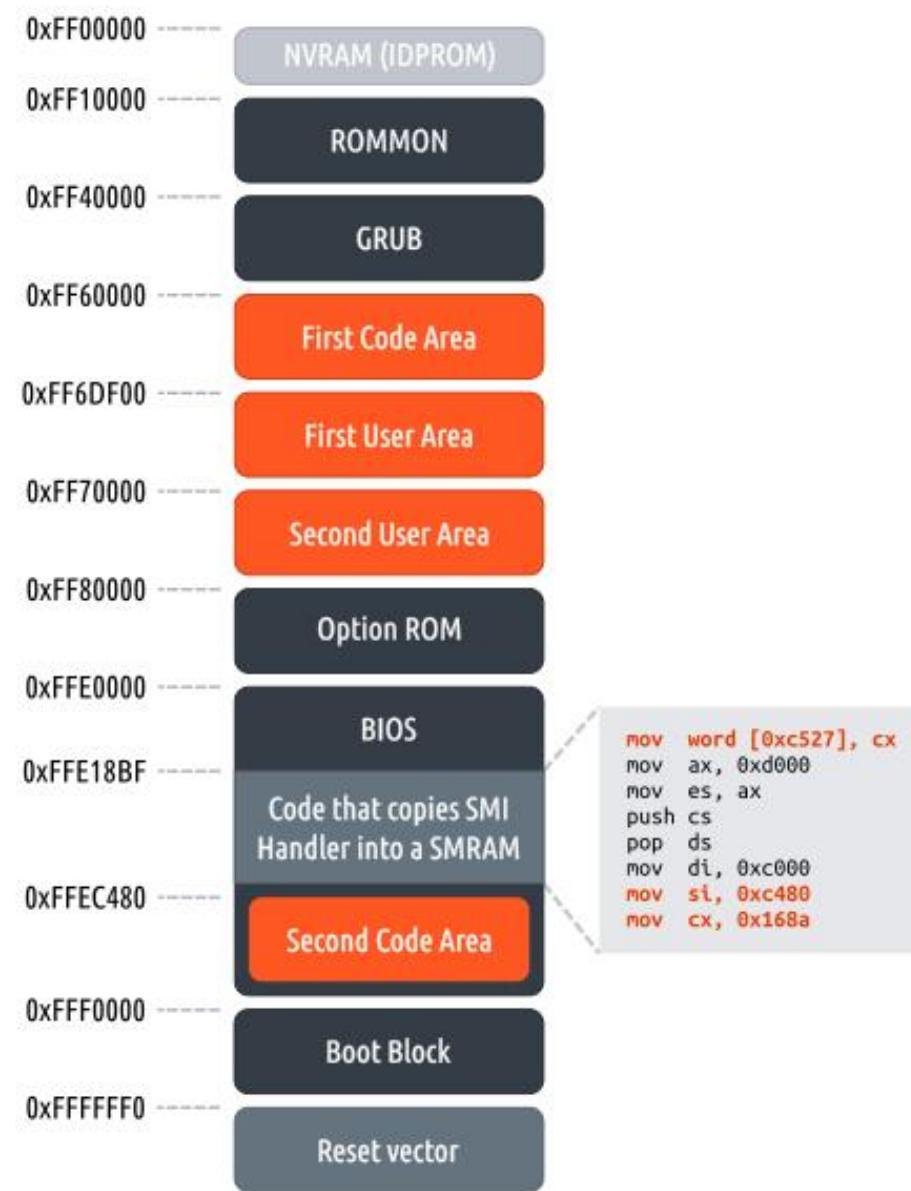
```

Name	Address
writeBios_asaBios	00001350
chipRead_asaBios	000017C0
kmodData	000021C0
reverse6	00001EC0
reverse4	00001E90
sizeof_kmodData	000021A0
comparePixOSVersion	00001F70
checksum_uint32	00001D20
cmosReadByte	00001B50
writeBios	00000410
readBios_asaBios	00001300
checksum_bios	00000080
handler_writeBIOS	00000ED0
handler_readBIOS	00000BD0
isPixOS	00001FO0
fix_ip_cksum_incr	00001E20
setupTable	000000F0
reverse2	00001E70
unsetupTable	000001F0
readBios	000002D0
Platform_5505	00002160
chipWrite_asaBios	000018D0
determineBios	00000940
unlock_asaBios	000013B0
NewChecksum	00001D50
compareNetscreenOSVersion	00002060
_i686.get_pc_thunk.bx	00002125
_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_	00002DC0
handler_setCmos	00001210
unlock_asaBios_5505	000015A0
entryPoint	000000E0
getPhysicalAddress	00000200
free	000020F0
cmosWriteByte	00001B70
OS_VER	00000065
_etext	00002DA4
_start	00000000
GOT_START	00000070

```
if ( !isPixOS(*(NET + 4)) )
    return 1;
if ( bfl_fetchOsUns(NET + 8, "BiosClassAddr", &temp1) )
{
    fprintf("Bios Class Address information could not be read\n", 1, 49, stdout);
    fprintf("You will not be able to read or Write to Bios\n", 1, 46, stdout);
    a1[6] = 0;
    result = 0;
}
else
{
    v2 = NET;
    v3 = *(NET + 4) < 0x700u;
    v4 = *(NET + 4) == 1792;
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'checksum_bios.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'entryPoint.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'pageTable.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'coreBiosModule.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'determineBios.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'writeSpeedPlow.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'asaBios.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'cmos.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'Components/Modules/BiosModule/Implant/ASABIOS/..../asaBios_asm.S'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'checksum_uint32.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'byteOrdering.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'osVersionChecking.c'
.got_loader:00000000 ; Source File : 'free_stub.c'
    v5 = &stdout;
    fprintf("Bios Lock Address information could not be read\n", 1, 48, stdout);
    goto LABEL_7;
}
a1[9] = temp1;
if ( bfl_fetchOsUns(NET + 8, "BiosWriteAddr5", &temp1) )
{
    v5 = &stdout;
    fprintf("Bios Write Address information could not be read\n", 1, 49, stdout);
    goto LABEL_7;
}
a1[7] = temp1;
return 1;
}
```



*Original BIOS layout of ASA5505  
ROMMON 1.0(12)13*



*Infected BIOS layout of ASA5505  
ROMMON 1.0(12)13*

# Computrace/LoJack

# Computrace/LoJack

- Legitimate application that provides anti-theft protection.
- Implements rootkit functionality to “persist” on the system
- Contains UEFI BIOS components to perform its activities

File Action Help

Structure

Name	Action	Type	Subtype	Text
> F746D37F-F6C6-43C0-94DB-466F5F1...		File	SMM module	LenovoFingerprintSmm
> D8ACE7CE-B0E9-42E5-AE7E-10000001...		File	DXE driver	LenovoComptraceDxe
8FEEECF1-BCFD-4A78-9231-4801566...		File	Application	AbsoluteComputraceInstaller
PE32 image section		Section	PE32 image	
User interface section		Section	User interface	
Version section		Section	Version	
4EFC51DA-23A6-4790-A292-4985C7F...		File	DXE driver	LenovoComptraceEnablerDxe
DXE dependency section		Section	DXE dependency	
PE32 image section		Section	PE32 image	
User interface section		Section	User interface	
Version section		Section	Version	
4589CBF3-03F9-4998-9D6F-26343C6...		File	DXE driver	LenovoComptraceLoaderDxe
DXE dependency section		Section	DXE dependency	
PE32 image section		Section	PE32 image	
User interface section		Section	User interface	
Version section		Section	Version	
18578E75-D073-4203-90D2-8788A87...		File	SMM module	LenovoComptraceSmiServices
SMM dependency section		Section	SMM dependency	
PE32 image section		Section	PE32 image	
User interface section		Section	User interface	
Version section		Section	Version	
> 4C7D1568-CF73-4676-A079-16F7F96...		File	SMM module	LenovoSecuritySmiDispatch
> 621DE6C6-0F5E-4EE3-A102-0BDE769...		File	DXE driver	LenovoRemoteConfigUpdateDxe

Information

File GUID: 8FEEECF1-BCFD-4A78-9231-4801566B3567  
Type: 09h  
Attributes: 00h  
Full size: D66Eh (54894)  
Header size: 18h (24)  
Body size: D656h (54870)  
State: F8h

Messages

```
parseRegion: ME region is empty
parseVolume: unknown file system FFF12B8D-7696-4C8B-A985-2747075B4F50
parseFile: non-empty pad-file contents will be destroyed after volume modifications
```



# Computrace/LoJack

AbsoluteComputraceInstaller\_PE32\_image\_section\_body.bin

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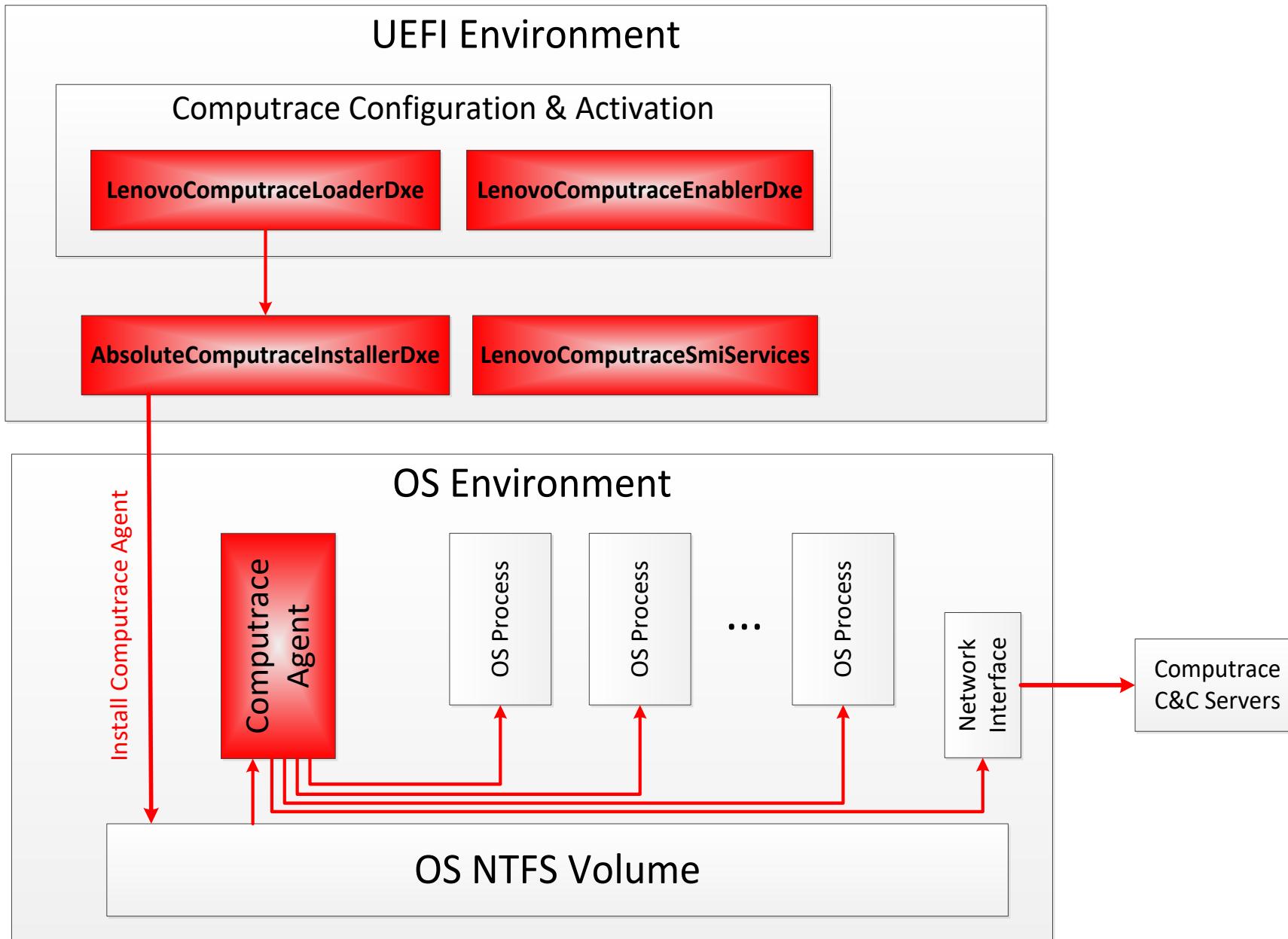
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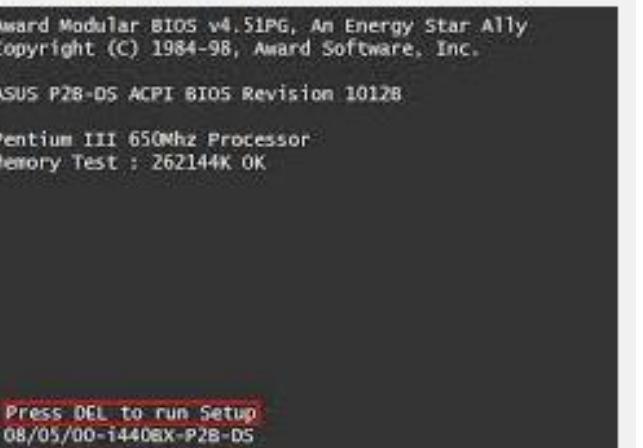
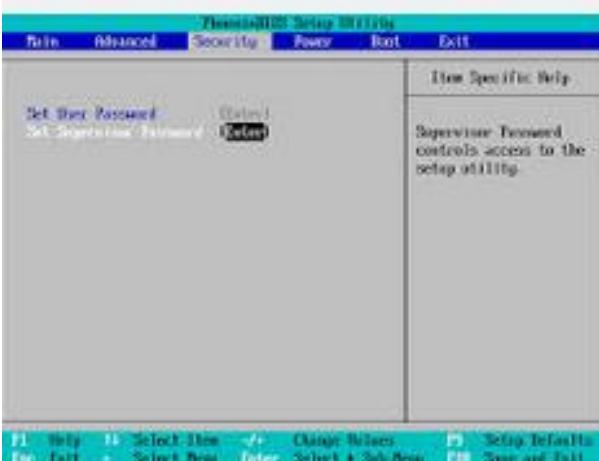
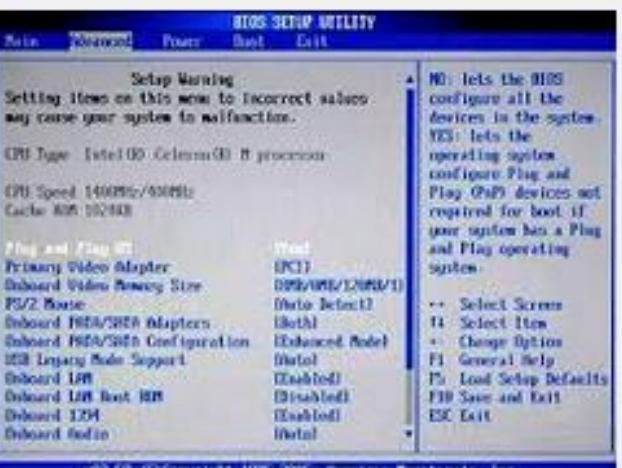
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\SystemRoot\System32\AUTOCHK.BAK
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\Registry\Machine\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\rpcnetp
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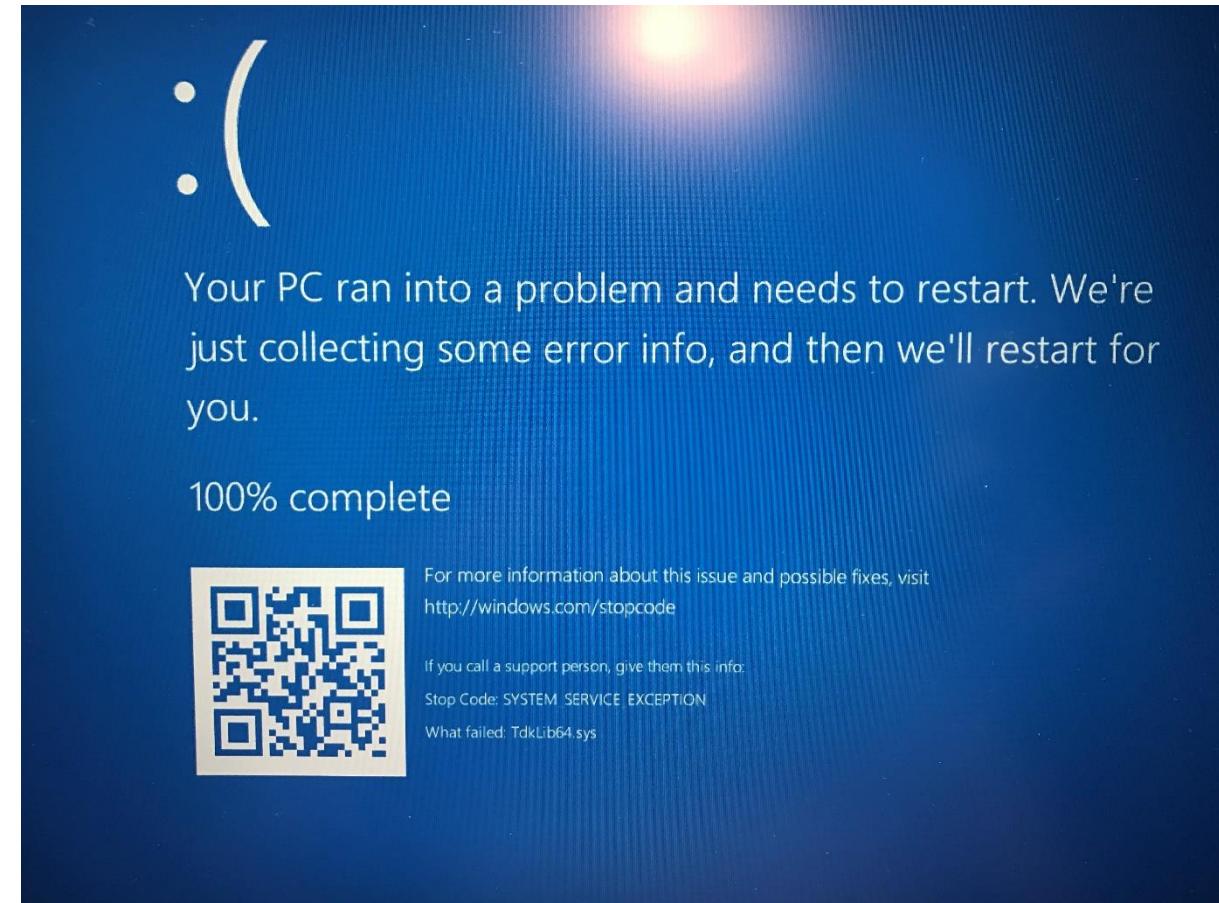
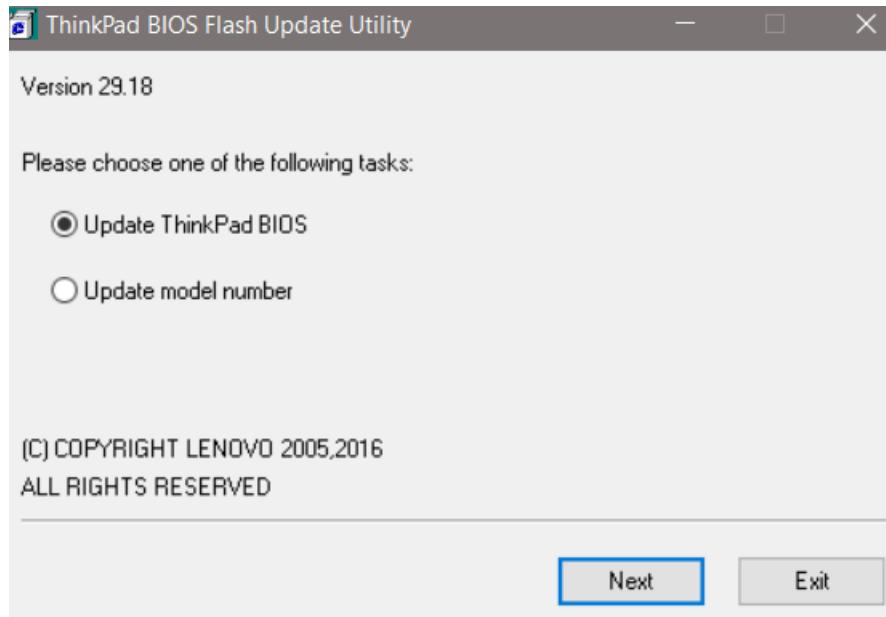
# Computrace/LoJack



# BIOS Update Issues



# Lenovo BIOS Update on MS Win10 with Device Guard



# Forensic Approaches

**GOOD  
OR  
BAD** BIOS



# Firmware Forensics with CHIPSEC



## Live system firmware analysis

```
chipsec_util spi info  
chipsec_util spi dump rom.bin  
chipsec_util spi read 0x700000 0x100000 bios.bin  
chipsec_util uefi var-list  
chipsec_util uefi var-read db  
D719B2CB-3D3A-4596-A3BC-DAD00E67656F db.bin
```

## Offline system firmware analysis

```
chipsec_util uefi keys PK.bin  
chipsec_util uefi nvram vss bios.bin  
chipsec_util uefi decode rom.bin  
chipsec_util decode rom.bin
```

# Firmware Forensics with CHIPSEC



<https://github.com/chipsec/chipsec/blob/master/chipsec/modules/tools/uefi/blacklist.json>

```
{  
  
    "HT_rkloader" : { "guid": "F50248A9-2F4D-4DE9-86AE-BDA84D07A41C" },  
    "HT_rkloader_name" : { "name": "rkloader" },  
    "HT_Ntfs" : { "guid": "F50258A9-2F4D-4DA9-861E-BDA84D07A44C" },  
    "HT_Ntfs_name" : { "name": "Ntfs" },  
    "HT_app" : { "guid": "EAEA9AEC-C9C1-46E2-9D52-432AD25A9B0B" },  
  
    "ThinkPwn_SmmRuntimeProtGuid" : { "regexp": "\xA1\x97\x68\xA5 ... \x9A" },  
    "ThinkPwn_SystemSmmRuntimeRt_name" : { "name": "SystemSmmRuntimeRt.efi" },  
    "ThinkPwn_SystemSmmRuntimeRt" : { "guid": "7C79AC8C-5E6C-4E3D-BA6F-C260EE7C172E" },  
    "ThinkPwn_SmmRuntime_name" : { "name": "SmmRuntime" },  
    "ThinkPwn_SmmRuntime" : { "guid": "A56897A1-A77F-4600-84DB-22B0A801FA9A" }  
}
```

<https://github.com/chipsec/chipsec/blob/master/chipsec/modules/tools/uefi/blacklist.py>

**chipsec\_main.py -i -m tools.uefi.blacklist [-a <fw\_image>,<blacklist>]**

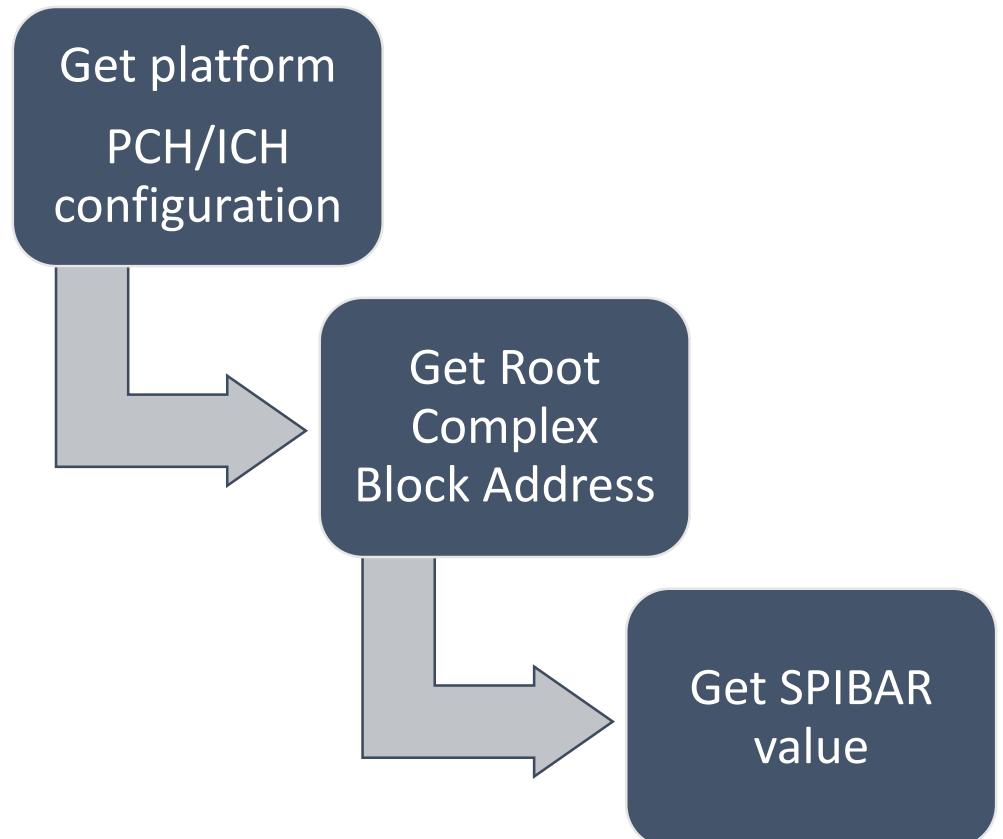
**chipsec\_main.py -i --no\_driver -m tools.uefi.blacklist -a uefi.rom,blacklist.json**

<https://github.com/chipsec/chipsec>

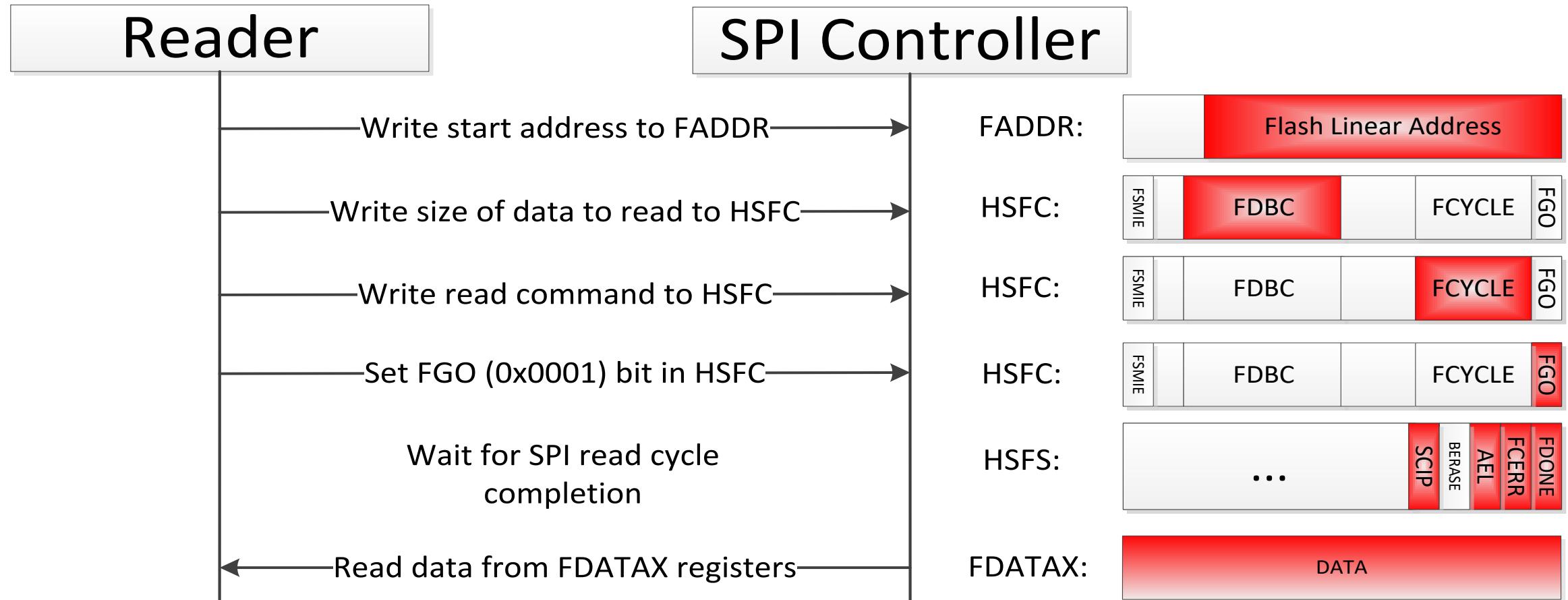
# How to dump SPI Flash?

# SPI Flash Dump – Dumping from OS

- SPI Controller
  - Get SPI Base Address Register (refer to ICH/PCH documentation) -- SPIBAR
- Memory-mapped SPI Registers
  - SPIBAR + 0x04: HSFS – Status Register
  - SPIBAR + 0x06: HSFC – Control Register
  - SPIBAR + 0x08: FADDR – Address Register
  - SPIBAR + 0x10: FDATAX – Data Registers



# SPI Flash Dump – Dumping from OS



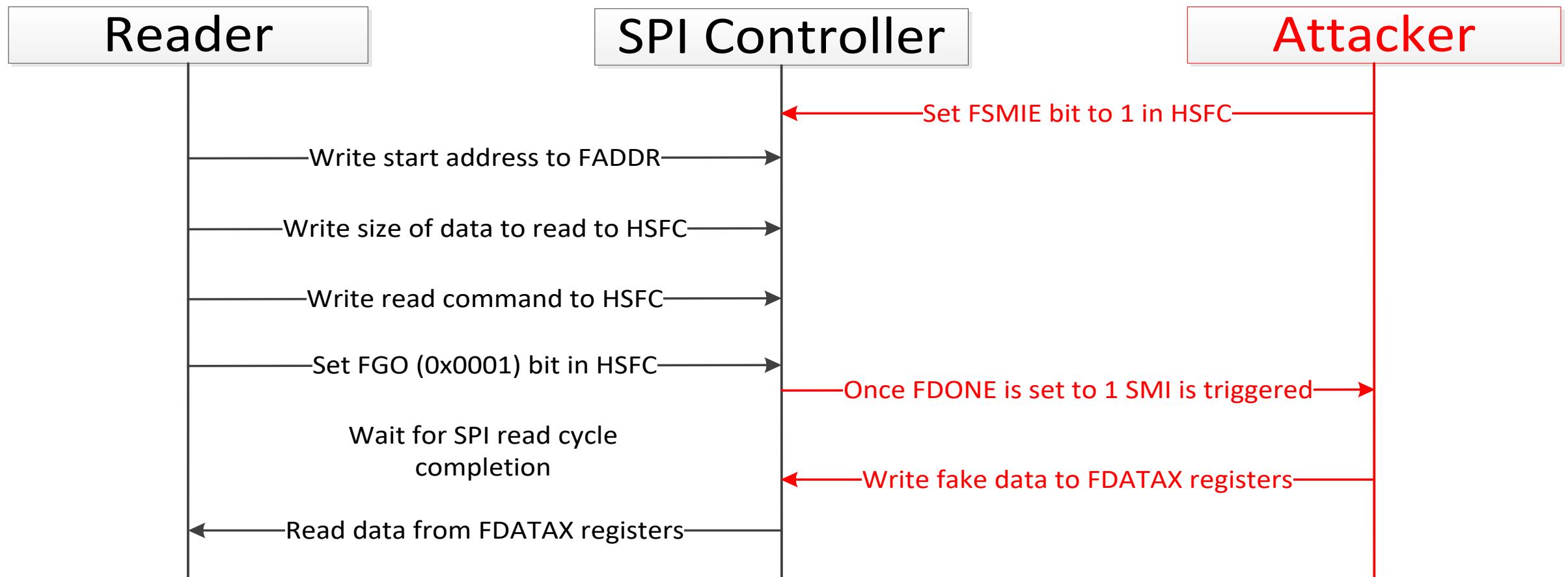
# SPI Flash Dump – Attacker's Possibilities

HSFC:



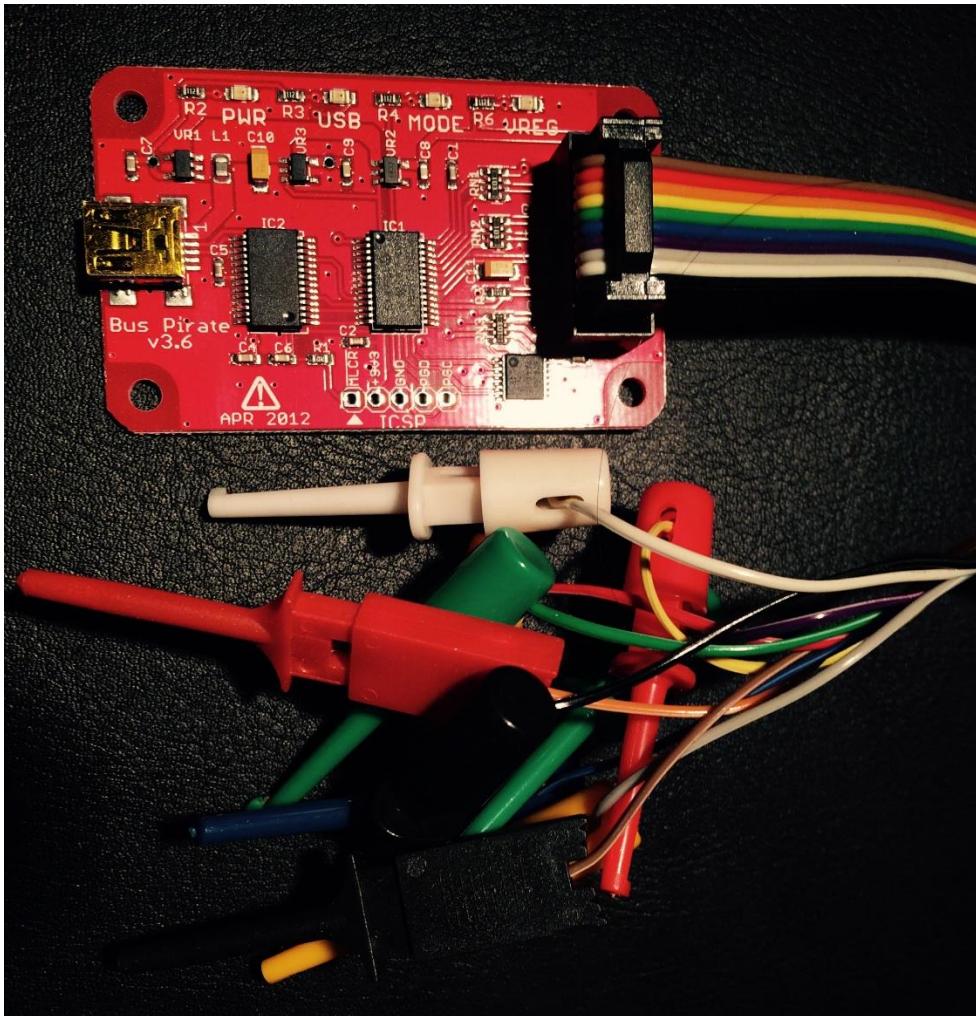
**Flash SPI SMI# Enable (FSMIE)** — R/W. When set to 1, the SPI asserts an SMI# request whenever the Flash Cycle Done (FDONE) bit is 1.

# SPI Flash Dump – Attacker's Possibilities





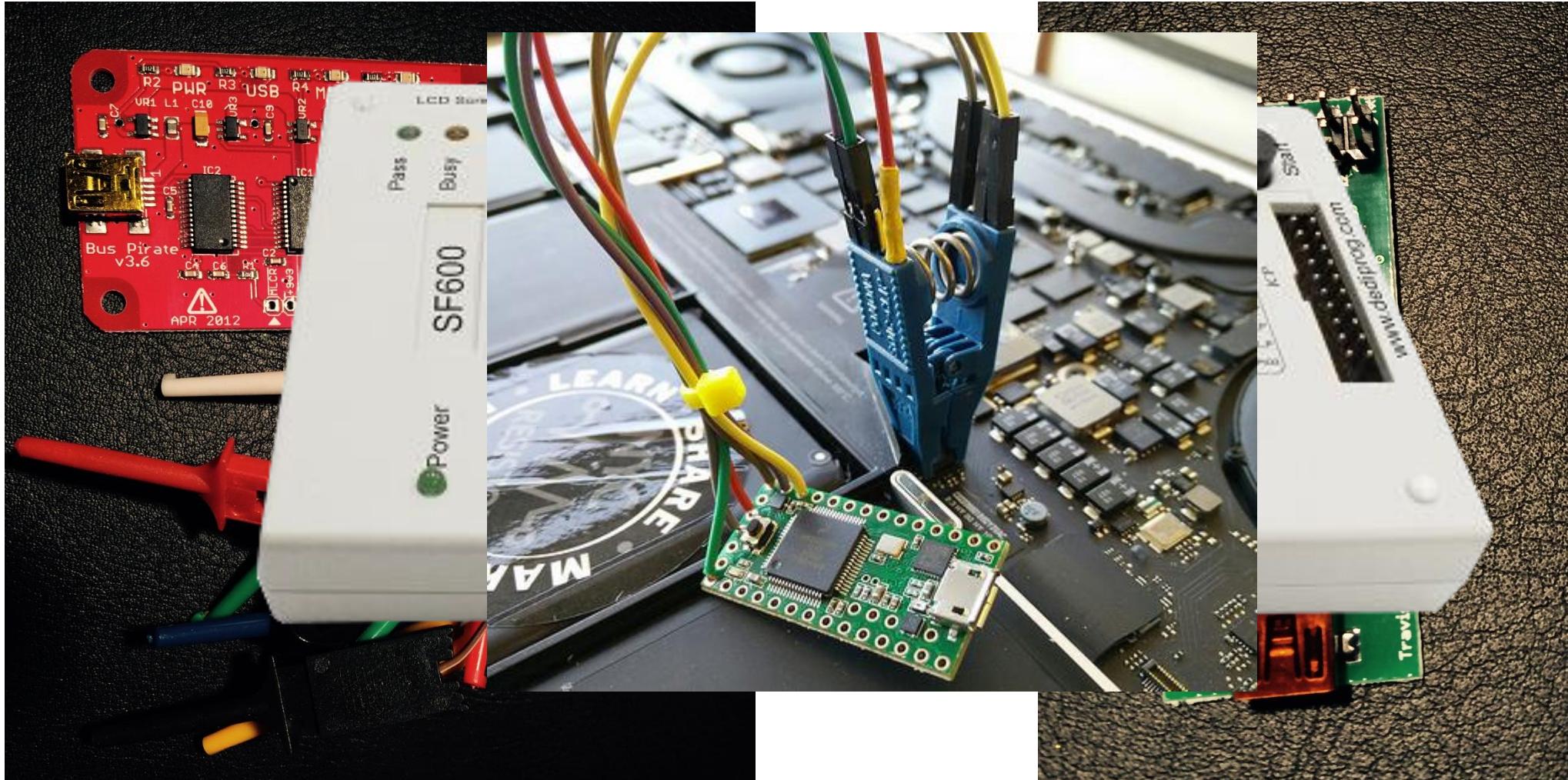
# How to dump BIOS firmware directly from chip?



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# How Debug UEFI Firmware?

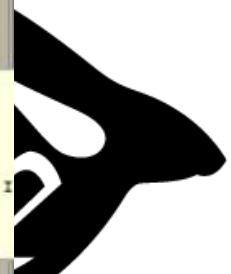


**EMU**



[http://wiki.bios.io/doku.php?id=ida\\_pro\\_tracing](http://wiki.bios.io/doku.php?id=ida_pro_tracing)

# How Debug UEFI Firmware?



The image shows a screenshot of the IDA Pro debugger interface. The main window displays assembly code for a function named `WritePCI_SL_3`. The assembly code includes instructions like `jmp WritePCI_SL_3`, `shl edx, 10h`, `mov ax, 0B0h`, `mov ecx, 80003800h`, and `mov bx, offset write_BAR0`. To the right of the assembly view, there is a detailed register dump showing values for EAX, ECX, EDX, and other registers. Below the assembly view, there is a hex dump of memory starting at address F000:0F00. The bottom of the interface shows various windows for the output window, GDB, and disk status.

boot

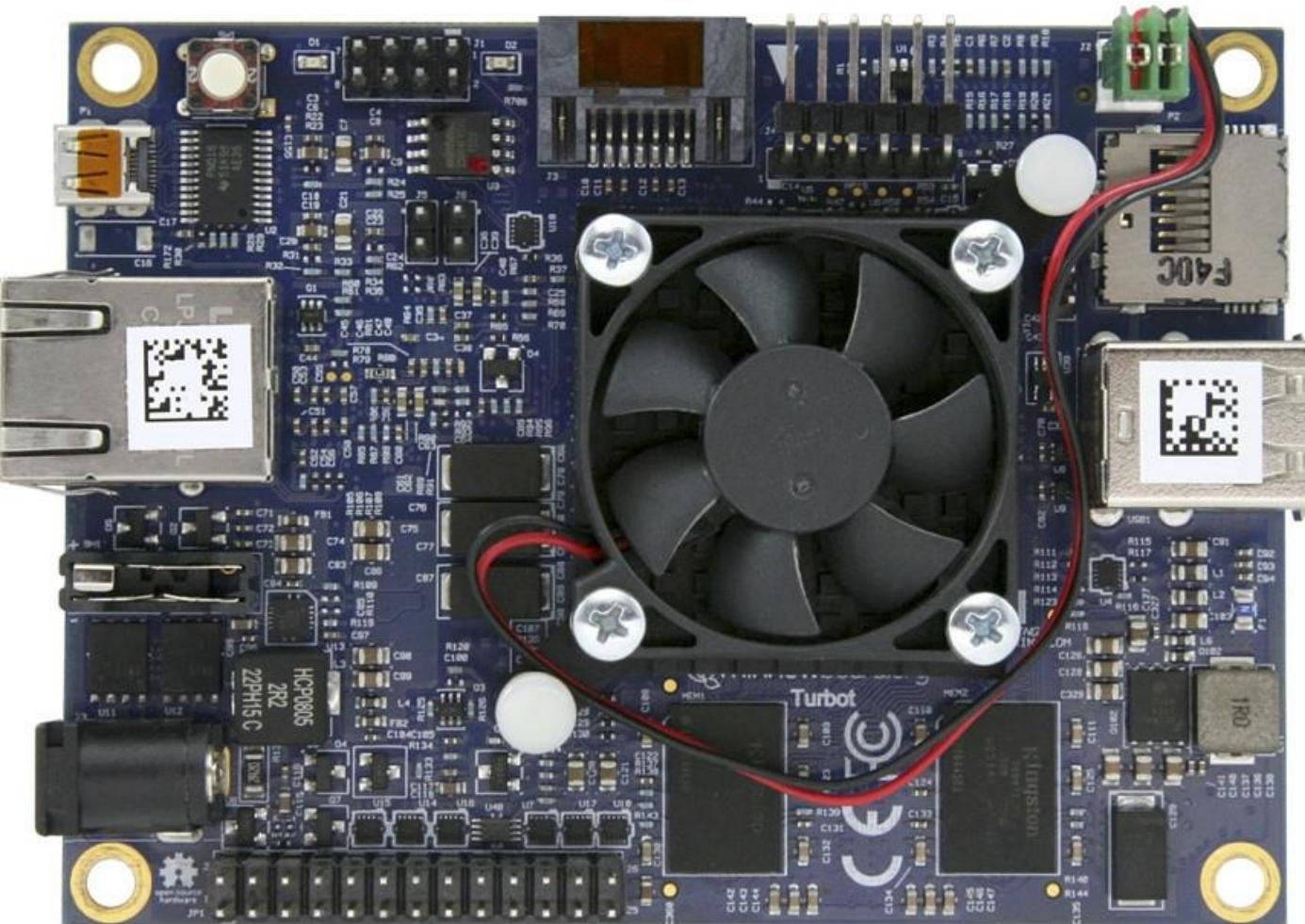
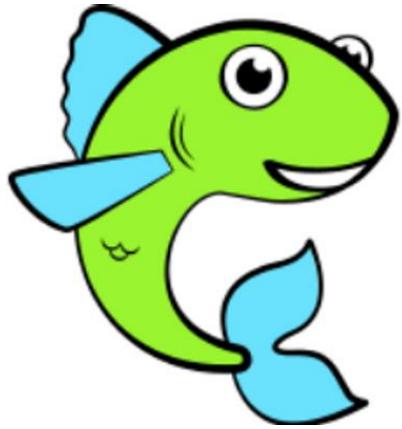
# Intel Virtual Platform



- Perfect simulation of hardware
- Boot after power on, sleep and hibernate
- Dump SMRAM, memory map and other parameters
- Disassembling
- Dynamic check of accesses out of allowable memory regions and SMRAM call-outs

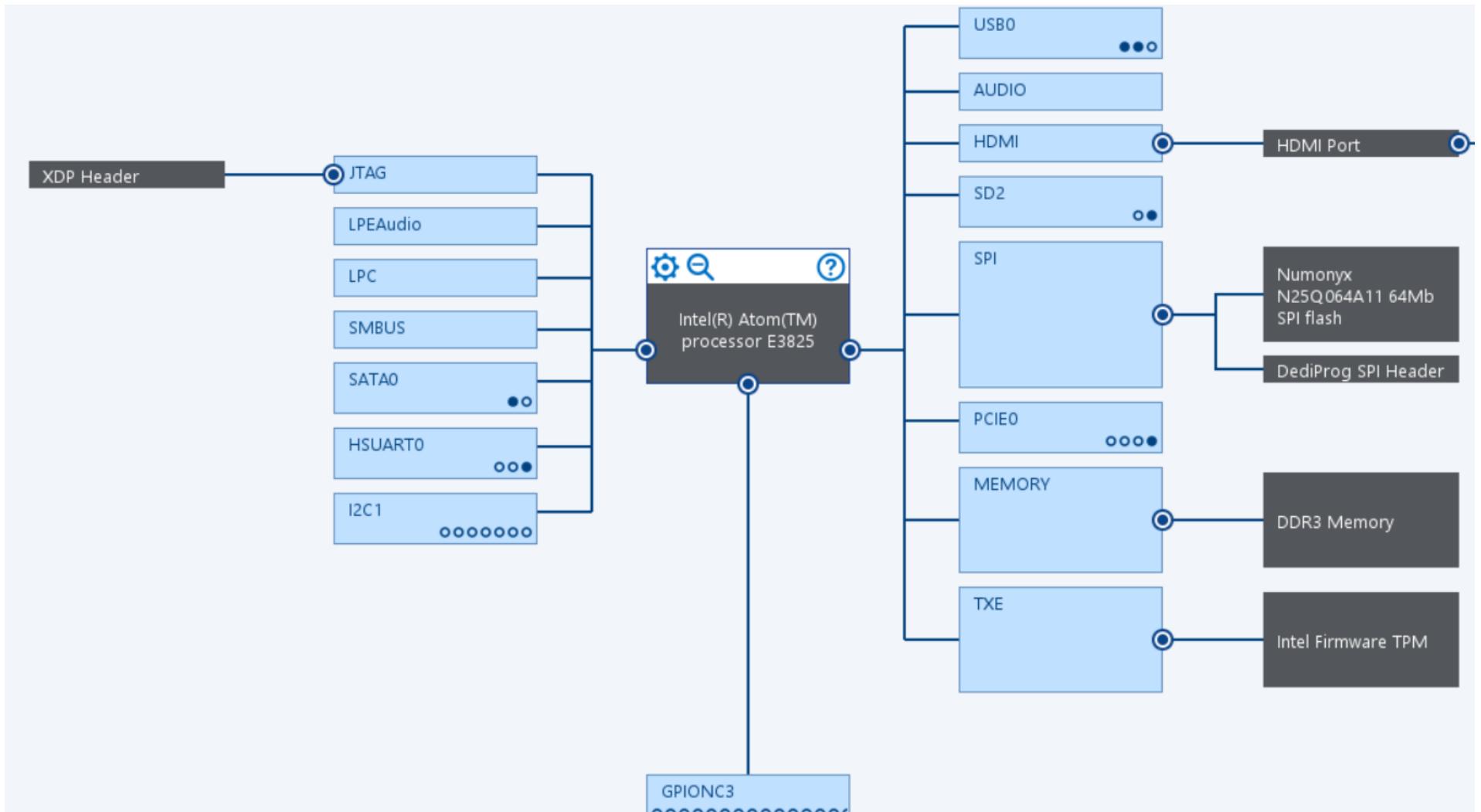
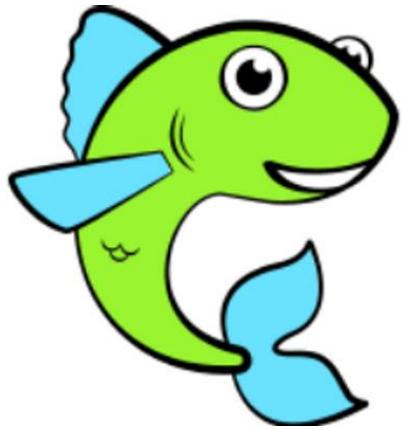
A screenshot of the Wind River Simics software interface. The main window title is "Simics - Wind River Simics". A sub-window titled "Serial Console on minnowmax.board.pcu.com[0]" is open, displaying a log of system boot and driver loading events. The log includes entries such as "SMRAM Map Buffer too small", "SMRAM Map Buffer installed complet", and "Driver 98BBCDA4-18E4-46D3-BD1F-6A3A52044CF8 was discovered but not loaded!!". The bottom half of the screen shows a list of "backport info" messages from the "minnowmax.board.pcu.backport" component, with entries like "[minnowmax.board.pcu.backport info] 0x00a0", "[minnowmax.board.pcu.backport info] 0x0018", and "[minnowmax.board.pcu.backport info] 0x00be".

# Minnowboard Max



<http://wiki.minnowboard.org/>

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**“If you’re good at something,  
never do it for free.” - Joker**

# Intel XDP Hardware Debuggers



# SMM Debug with Intel System Debugger

Intel(R) System Debugger

File Edit View Run Debug Options Help

Asm Assembler: 0x0900:0x00007FD2 to 0x0900:0x0000815A

Location <no active call-frames>

Registers

Register	Value	Description
EAX	0x00000014	
EBX	0x00000064	
ECX	0x00000000	
EDX	0x00000064	
ESI	0x00000001	
EDI	0x8BA558E0	
ESP	0x8BA557A0	
EBP	0x00000000	
CS	0x0900	
DS	0x0000	
SS	0x0000	
ES	0x0000	
FS	0x0000	
GS	0x0000	
EIP	0x00008000	
EFL	0x00010002	EFLAGS Register

Console View X Instruction Trace [LBR]

Debugger Commands

```
SPECIAL BREAK 0 ON "SMM Entry Break" : enabled (S=0,CS=0)
SPECIAL BREAK 1 ON "SMM Exit Break" : enabled (S=0,CS=0)
INFO: Resetting target, this may take a moment...
execution stopped by "Halt Command break"
xdb> IA32CPU "read msr 0x9e"
ERROR: Couldn't read MSR 0x9e: The CPU faulted when accessing an MSR.
xdb> SET PORT 0xB2 = 1
WARNING: Multiple breaks, context is set to the most interesting.
program stopped: SPECIAL BREAK 'SMM Entry Break' (ID=0) at "0x0900:0x00008000"
```

Vector Registers Paging GDT IDT Breakpoints Locals Hardware Threads

Id	Address	Function	File
0		SMM Entry Break	0
1		SMM Exit Break	0

How to enter SMM

The screenshot shows the Intel System Debugger interface with several windows open. The main window displays assembly code from address 0x0900:0x00007FD2 to 0x0900:0x0000815A. The registers window shows various CPU registers with their current values. The breakpoints window lists two special breaks: 'SMM Entry Break' (ID=0) and 'SMM Exit Break' (ID=1). The console view window shows debugger commands and their responses, including setting up special breaks and reading a MSR. The title bar of the application is 'Intel(R) System Debugger'.

Few words about  
UEFI Firmware Mitigations



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A SKNLE  
ON THAT FACE!

# Exploiting AMI Aptio firmware on example of Intel NUC

<http://blog.cr4.sh/2016/10/exploiting-ami-aptio-firmware.html>

# Rootkits and Bootkits

*Reversing Modern Malware and  
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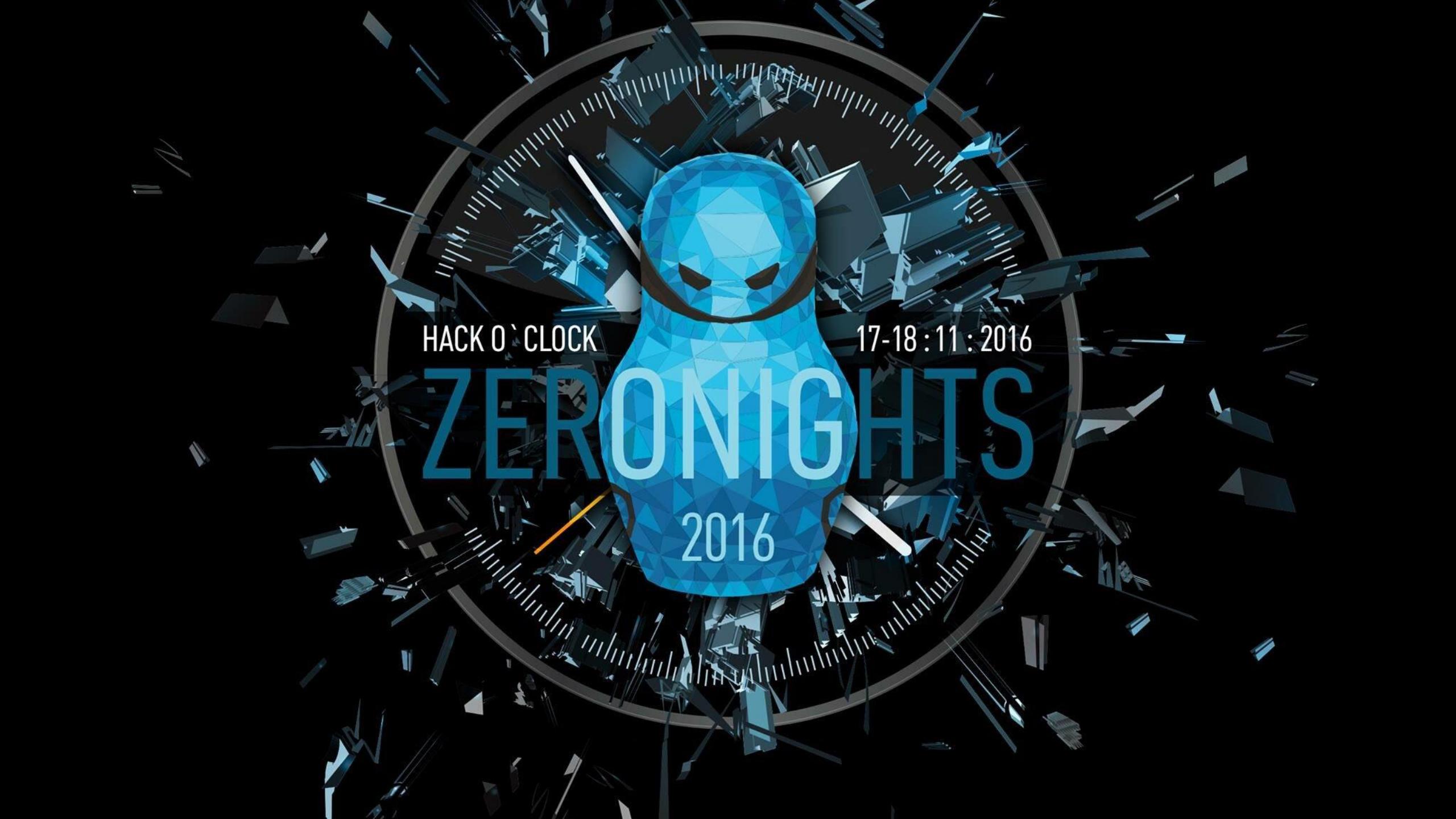


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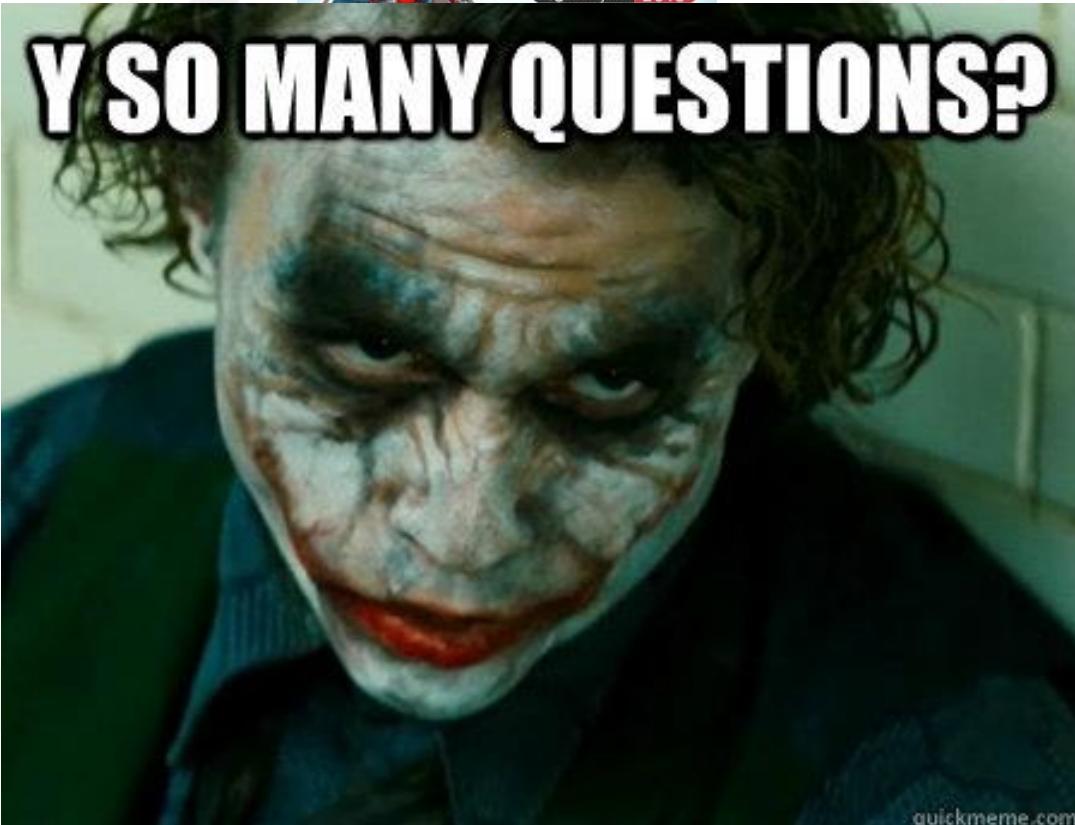
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