



# Verifying the TPM: How I learned to love the monad

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# Objectives

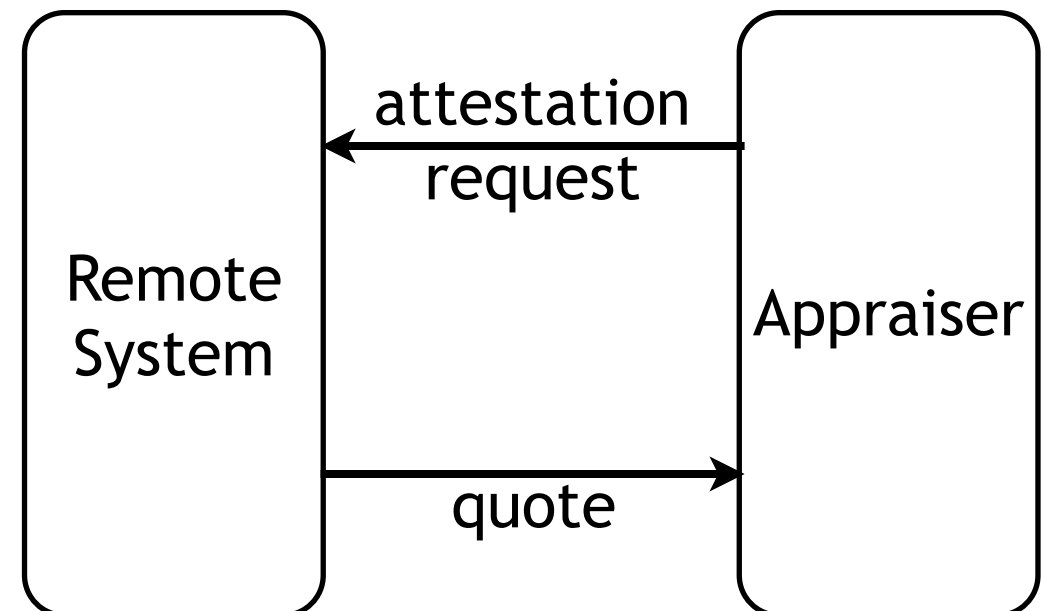
- What is a Trusted Processor Module?
  - remote attestation for trustworthiness
  - protecting secrets and locking data to machines
- What are our intellectual tools for verification?
  - bisimulation
  - Galois Connection
  - monadic models
- What do our computational tools look like?
  - modeling languages
  - automated theorem proving
- Would you like to have a “play date” with ITTC?
  - we have neat problems
  - we have fun toys



# Remote Attestation

- Appraiser requests a quote
  - specifies information is needed
  - includes a nonce for freshness
- Remote system gathers evidence
  - hashes of executing software
  - hashes of hardware
- Remote system generates a quote
  - evidence describing system
  - the original nonce
  - cryptographic signature
- Appraiser assesses quote
  - correct boot process
  - correct parts
  - evidence integrity

Zero-knowledge proof of trustworthiness



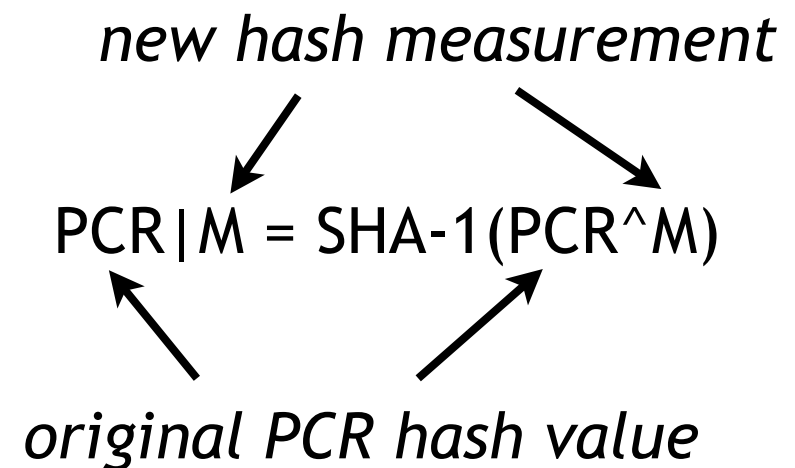
# Trusted Processor Module (TPM)

- Platform Configuration Registers (PCRs)
  - extendable hash storage
  - monotonic behavior
- Platform key pairs
  - platform Endorsement Key (EK) uniquely identifying the TPM
  - Storage Root Key (SRK) for wrapping keys
- Cryptographic engine
  - SHA-1 functionality for signature generation
  - DSA cryptographic functionality for sealing and encryption
  - Random number and asymmetric key generators
- Security protocol support
  - quote and signature generation
  - sealing data and wrapping keys



# Process Configuration Registers

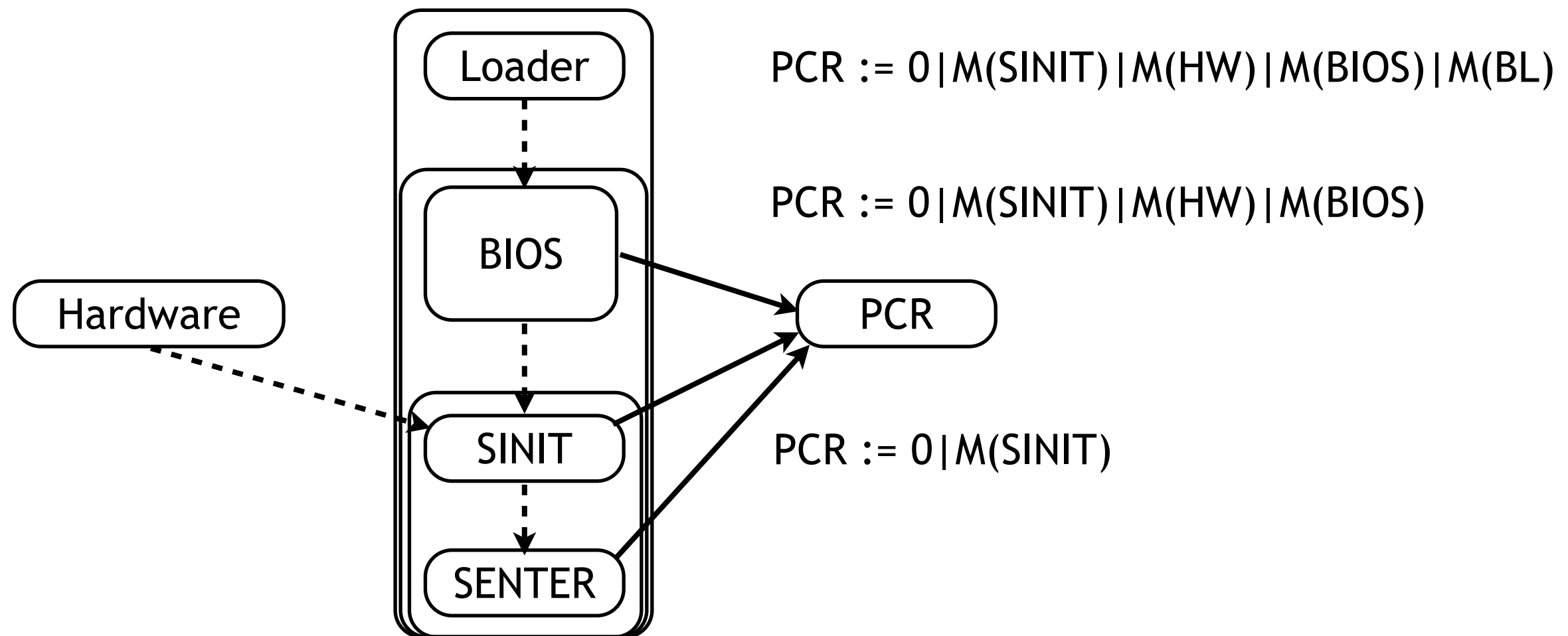
- PCRs contain measurements
  - SHA-1 hashes of images and data
  - uniquely identifies the state of a system
- Stored in volatile RAM
  - minimum of 12, 120-bit registers
  - monotonic access control
- PCRs are extended rather than set
  - SHA-1 of the PCR concatenated with a new measurement hash value
  - captures the original value, new value, and order
- Records the state of a system and trajectory of states
  - used in attestation to evaluate system state
  - used to seal secrets to system state



$PCR \parallel M \neq M \parallel PCR$   
*order matters!*



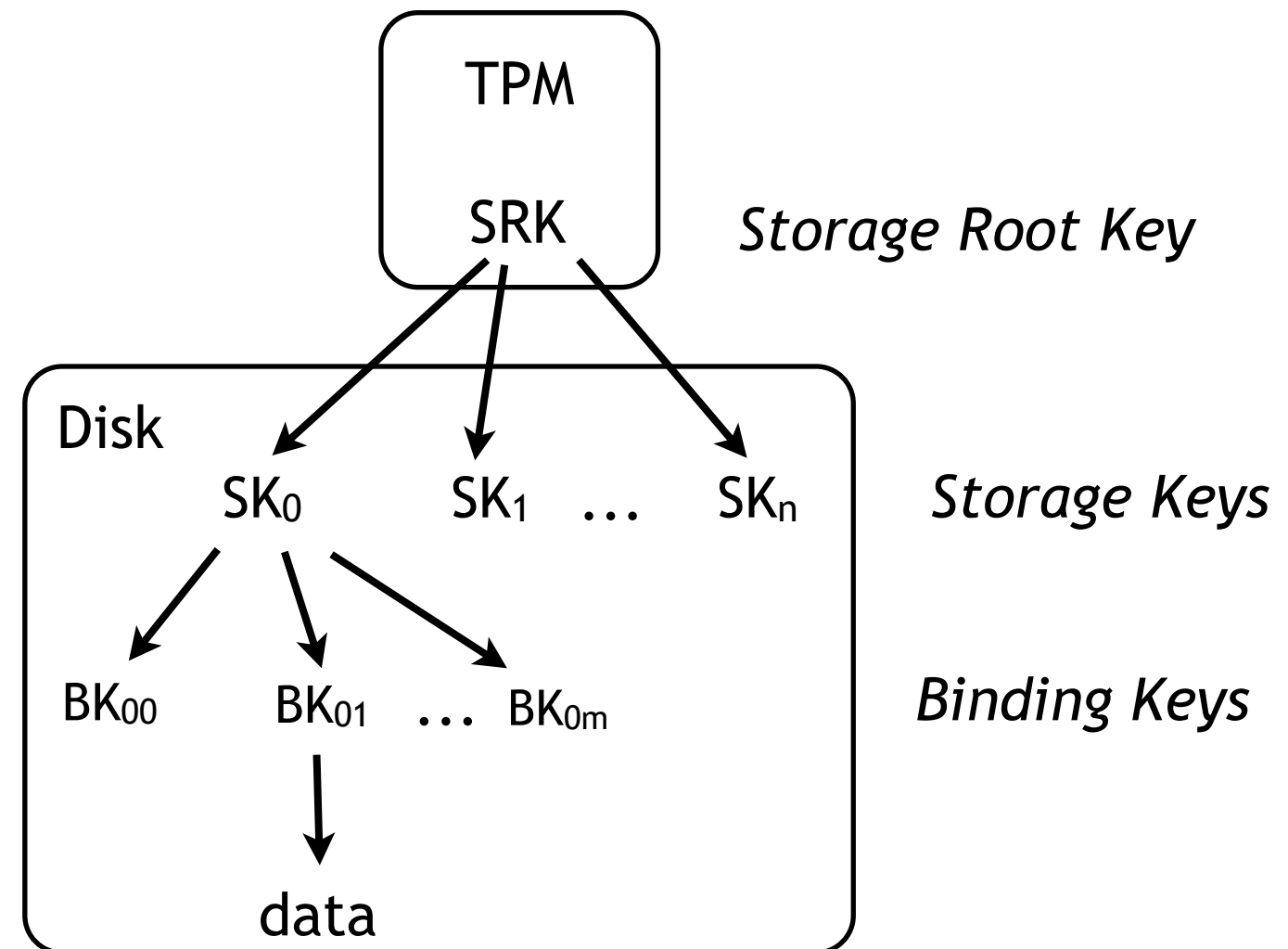
# Measured Boot



Core Root of Trust for Measurement  
place to stand for the “bottom turtle”

# Keys and Data

- Storage Root Key Pair (SRK)
  - generated by TPM when “owned”
  - private key stored in TPM non-volatile RAM
  - public key wraps storage keys on disk
- Storage Keys
  - wrapped key - ( $\{SK^{-1}\}_{SRK}, SK$ )
  - exclusively used to encrypt keys
- Binding Keys
  - wrapped key - ( $\{BK^{-1}\}_{SK}, BK$ )
  - encrypts keys and small data
- Wrapped key is sealed
  - TPM PCRs saved when encrypted
  - will not decrypt if TPM PCRs are in a bad state



# TPM Functions

- Unique identifier for each TPM
  - factory certificate links TPM to machine
  - nonrepudiation is easier as anonymity is gone
- Quote generation
  - delivering high integrity quotes -  $\{|PCR,n|\}_{EK}^{-1}$
  - delivering high integrity evidence -  $(\langle E,n \rangle, \{|\#E,PCR,n|\}_{EK}^{-1})$
- Sealing data to state
  - $\{D,PCR\}_K$  will not decrypt unless PCRs = current PCRs
  - data is safe even in the presence of malicious machine
- Linking data to TPMs and machines
  - $(\{K^{-1}\}_{SRK}, K) - \{D\}_K$  cannot be decrypted unless SRK is present
  - migrating data securely among TPMs becomes possible





**As a core root of trust for measurement and storage  
that cannot be assessed at run-time the TPM warrants  
formal verification**



# Formally Verifying Systems

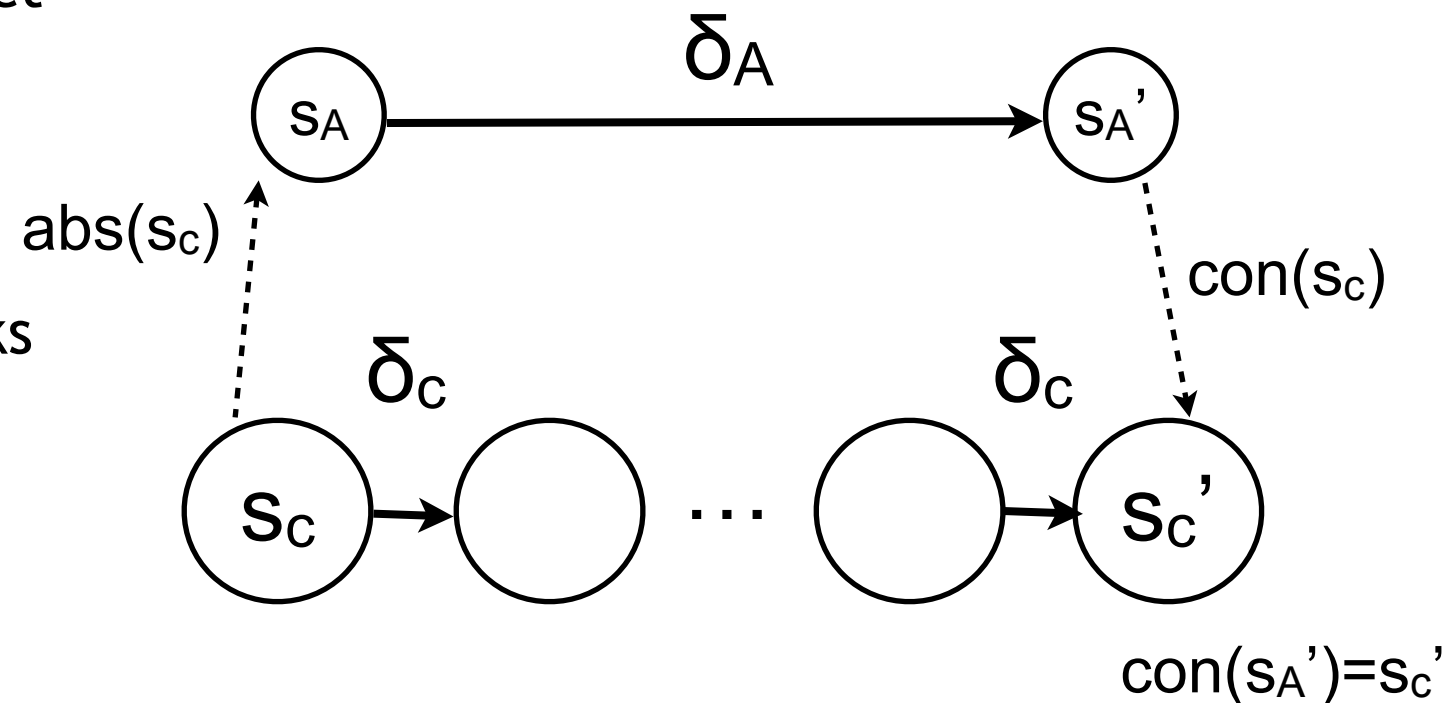
- Bisimulation - Milner
  - comparison between abstract requirements
  - defines observational equivalence
- Abstraction Functions - Galois, Cousot
  - relationship between abstract and concrete state spaces
  - defines safety of abstractions
- Monadic Semantics - Moggi, Wadler
  - encapsulate computations
  - define stateful computation in pure languages



# Bisimulation

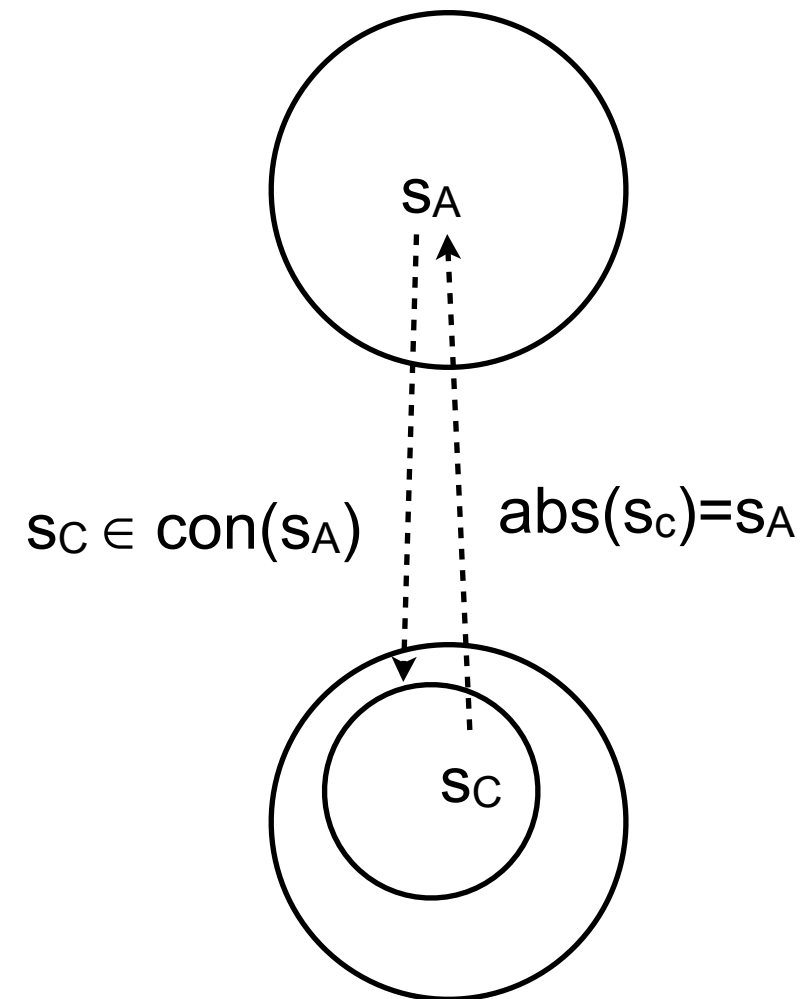
- Does a system meet requirements?
  - implementation *exhibits* requirements
  - homomorphism between abstract and concrete
- Behavioral equivalence
  - bisimulation between models
  - if it walks like a duck and quacks like a duck...
- Two dominant forms
  - bisimulation implies one-to-one state mapping
  - weak bisimulation ignores intermediate states
- Milner's model for equivalence in process algebras

$$\text{abs}(s_c)=s_A \Rightarrow \text{abs}(\delta_c^*(s_c')) = \delta_A(s_A')$$



# Soundness of Abstraction

- Is the abstraction sound?
  - does it discard anything important?
  - properties of the abstraction should hold in the original
- Galois connection
  - between type of  $s_A$  and type of  $s_C$
  - really only need half
- Cousot's model for soundness
  - widening and narrowing is alternative
  - Milner also addresses this in process algebras



# Monads and Effectful Computation

- Monads encapsulate computations

- $M$  is the monad type constructor  $M\ a$
- $a$  is the encapsulated computation

- `unit a` (also called “return”)  $\text{unit} : a \rightarrow M\ a$

- lifts  $a$  into the monad
- result is trivial computation

- `m >>= f` (called “bind”)  $\text{>>=} : M\ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow M\ b) \rightarrow M\ b$

- forces computation of  $M\ a$
- calculates  $M\ b$  using result
- returns new a monad ready to run

 $\text{>>} : M\ a \rightarrow M\ b \rightarrow M\ b$ 

- Useful for

- stateful computation semantics
- completing partial functions
- error value computation
- context and environment

1.  $(\text{return } x) \text{ >>= } f == f\ x$

2.  $m \text{ >>= } \text{return} == m$

3.  $(m \text{ >>= } f) \text{ >>= } g ==$   
 $m \text{ >>= } \lambda x . (f\ x \text{ >>= } g)$



# Automated Proof

- Prototype Verification System (PVS)
  - typed higher-order logic with functions
  - automated rewriting
  - strong decision procedures
  - assistance for establishing  $M \vdash \phi$
- Symbolic Analysis Laboratory (SAL)
  - typed linear temporal logic (LTL)
  - BDD and Buchi based checkers
  - deadlock, bounded, and infinite state checkers
  - automated determination of  $M \models \phi$
- We verify virtually nothing by hand
  - proofs are not mathematically “interesting”
  - proofs are frequently numerous and huge
  - theory modification necessitates constant re-verification



**And we're off...**



# The State Monad

```
StateMonad[A,S:TYPE+] : THEORY
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
State : DATATYPE
```

*Encapsulated computation*

```
BEGIN
```

```
state(runState:[S->[A,S]]):state?
```

```
END State
```

```
unit(x:A):State = state(LAMBDA (s:S) : (x,s));
```

*Lift a state into the monad*

```
>>= (m:State,f:[A->State]):State =
```

```
state(LAMBDA(s0:S):
```

```
LET (a,s1) = runState(m)(s0) IN
```

```
runState(f(a))(s1));
```

*Perform the first computation  
and thread the state through*

```
>> (m:State,f:State):State =
```

```
state(LAMBDA(s0:S):
```

```
LET (a,s1) = runState(m)(s0) IN
```

```
runState(f)(s1));
```

*Perform the second computation  
with the result of the first*





# The Monad Laws

```
left_identity: LAW FORALL (a:A, f:[A->State]) :  
  unit(a) >>= f = f(a)
```

```
right_identity: LAW FORALL (m:State) :  
  m >>= unit = m
```

```
associativity: LAW FORALL (m:State, f, g:[A->State]) :  
  m >>= f >>= g = m >>= (lambda(x:A): f(x) >>= g)
```

*All three laws verified automatically using  
rewriting and structural equivalence*



# Useful State Operations

```
% Replace current state
put(a:A,s1:S) : State =
    state(LAMBDA(s0:S):(a,s1))

% Modify current state
modify(a:A,f:[S->S]) : State =
    state(LAMBDA(s0:S):(a,f(s0)))

% Generate output from state
output(f:[S->[A,S]]) : State =
    state(LAMBDA(s0:S):f(s0))

END StateMonad;
```



# TPM State Monad

```
tpmState : TYPE = [#  
    srk : (asymKey?),  
    eik : (asymKey?),  
    keys : KEYSET, ← TPM state  
    pcrs : PCRS,  
    locality : LOCALITY  
#];
```

```
IMPORTING StateMonad[tpmOutput, tpmState];
```

*State monad with TPM state as S and TPM output as A*

```
%% Unknown state
```

```
tpmUnknown : tpmState
```

*Useful TPM state values*

```
%% Power on state
```

```
tpmPower : tpmState =  
    (# pcrs:=pcrsPower, locality:=0, keys:=emptyset,  
    srk:=inverse(srkVal), eik:=inverse(eikVal) #);
```



# TPM Command Definitions

```
tpmExtend(s:tpmState,n:PCRINDEX,h:HV) : tpmState =  
  s WITH [ `pcrs := pcrsExtend(pcrs(s),n,h) ];
```

*Extending a PCR*

```
extendPCR(h:HV,n:PCRINDEX):State =  
  modify(outNothing,(LAMBDA (s:tpmState): tpmExtend(s,n,h)));
```

```
tpmDecryptKey(s:tpmState,d:(encrypt?)) : BLOB =  
  CASES key(d) OF  
    wrapKey(w,k) : IF member(inverse(w),add(srk(s),keys(s)))  
                     THEN blob(d)  
                     ELSE nothing  
                  ENDIF
```

```
    ELSE nothing  
  ENDCASES;
```

*Unwrapping a key*

```
decryptTPM(d:(encrypt?)) : State =  
  output((LAMBDA (s:tpmState):(outBlob(tpmDecryptKey(s,d)),s)));
```



# Sequencing TPM Commands

```
runState(powerTPM
  >> senderResetTPM
  >> senderHashSinitTPM
  >> installKeyTPM(k)
  >> decryptTPM(encrypt(k,b))
  >>= unit)
(tpmUnknown)
```

*Using the state monad*

***Which is clearer?***

```
decryptTPM(encrypt(k,b),
  installKeyTPM(k,
    senderHashSinitTPM(
      senderResetTPM(
        powerTPM(tpmUnknown))))
```

*Using explicit state passing*



# And Finally a Theorem

```
replay_detection: THEOREM FORALL (d:B, asp:B, n0,n1:B) :
```

```
  LET (q0,s0) = runState(
```

```
    extendPCR(hash(asp),0)
```

*Extend the PCR with n0*

```
  >> extendPCR(hash(n0),0)
```

```
  >> extendPCR(hash(d),0)
```

```
  >> quotePCR
```

```
  >>= unit)
```

```
    (tpmReset),
```

```
  (q1,s1) = runState(
```

```
    extendPCR(hash(asp),0)
```

*Extend the PCR with n1*

```
  >> extendPCR(hash(n1),0)
```

```
  >> extendPCR(hash(d),0)
```

```
  >> quotePCR
```

```
  >>= unit)
```

```
    (tpmReset) IN
```

```
  n0/=n1 => q0/=q1;
```

*If the nonces are different,  
the quotes are different*

*Proved using skolemization,  
rewriting and structural  
equivalence:*

*PVS> (grind)*

*PVS> (decompose-equality)*



# Sample Theorems

- Ordering lemmas
  - PCR extension is antisymmetric
  - skipping sender is detectable
  - skipping reset is detectable
  - reset takes us to a known state
  - quote returns the correct PCRs
- Boot integrity
  - wrong MLE element boot detectable via quote
  - wrong boot order detectable via quote
- Key installation
  - wrapped keys are not installed if wrapping key is not installed
  - key chaining has integrity
  - unsealing secrets has integrity



# Status and Future Work

- Current model is defined at the requirements level
  - identify correctness conditions and continue verification
  - complete the instruction set model
  - verify important command sequences
- Verify implementation model
  - define state and state monad
  - define and verify abstraction function from concrete state to abstract state
  - verify bisimulation relationship for command set





# Things to think about...

- Correctness by construction
  - techniques demonstrating correctness at synthesis time
  - techniques for composing correct components into correct systems
- Coalgebraic/comonadic specification
  - better for non-terminating systems
  - compilation from coalgebras to operational systems
- Defining institutions among semantic domains
  - understand and verify interactions among semantically different models
  - examine emergent properties of systems-of-systems
- Type systems
  - dependent typing and applications to verification
  - encoding and checking invariants as types
  - encoding and checking general proof conditions as types
- Stop worrying about the proof
  - finding the proof automatically - like type checking
  - just show that it exists and move on

