

# Install SGX

Got problems with using DCAP in your system? Please ask in the Telegram or Discord for help. For Validators, you can also ask in the SN Validators chat. Ensure your hardware is [Hardware Compliance](#).

If you're running a local machine and not a cloud-based VM -

1. Go to your BIOS menu
2. Enable SGX (Set to "YES", it's not enough to set it to "software controlled")
3. Disable Secure Boot
4. Disable Hyperthreading
- 5.

During this brief testing phase for the SGX hardware, if feasible, please shut down your active node to avoid any potential app-hashing crashes.

To shutdown your node temporarily, use:

```
sudo systemctl stop secret-node
```

To restart your node after the SGX test, run:

```
sudo systemctl restart secret-node
```

Check latest SGX DCAP driver

Make sure the SGX driver is installed. The following devices should appear:

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```
Copy /dev/sgx_enclave /dev/sgx_provision
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If your kernel version is 5.11 or higher, then you probably already have the SGX driver installed. Otherwise - please update the kernel version to 5.11 or higher to ensure that these two devices appear.

To upgrade to kernel 5.11 on Ubuntu 20.04 LTS, please install the Hardware Enablement Stack (HWE):

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Copy sudo apt install linux-generic-hwe-20.04
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Also make sure that the user under which the node is supposed to run has privileges to access SGX:

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```
Copy sudo groupadd sgx_prv sudo usermod -a -G sgx_prv USER
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## Check if the above has effect, by the following command

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groups
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The `sgx_prv` should appear.

If it does not - Logout and re-login may be needed, for the change to take effect.

Install the DCAP runtime and AESM service

First, you need to add the Intel repository to APT and install the necessary SGX libraries:

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Copy curl -fsSL https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu/intel-sgx-deb.key | sudo apt-key add - && sudo apt-key add - ./etc/os-release;
VERSION_CODENAME={VERSION_CODENAME} sudo add-apt-repository "deb https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu VERSION_CODENAME main" && sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install -y libsgx-aesm-launch-plugin\
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libsgx-enclave-common\ libsgx-epid\ libsgx-launch\ libsgx-quote-ex\ libsgx-uae-service\ libsgx-qe3-logic\ libsgx-pce-logic\ libsgx-aesm-pce-plugin\ libsgx-dcap-q\ libsgx-dcap-quote-verify\ libsgx-urts\ sgx-aesm-service\ libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin\ libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-plugin\ libsgx-ae-qve\ libsgx-dcap-default-qpl

sudo apt upgrade

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If your system has 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processor(s)

For the DCAP attestation to work, you'll need to register your platform with Intel. This is achieved by the following:

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Copy sudo apt-get install -y sgx-ra-service

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You can check the file /var/log/mpa\_registration.log , to see if the platform is registered successfully.

Configure Quote Provider

The Quote Provider library is needed to provide the data for DCAP attestation. The configuration file for it should can be found here:

/etc/sgx\_default\_qcnf.conf

1. Running a baremetal/physical machine
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The simplest would be to use the PCCS run by SCRT Labs. Modify the following parameters in the file:

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Copy //PCCSserveraddress "pccs\_url":"https://pccs.scrtlabs.com/sgx/certification/v4/"

...

You can set those parameters by the following command:

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Copy sudo cp /etc/sgx\_default\_qcnf.conf /etc/sgx\_default\_qcnf.conf.BKP sudo sed -i 's/localhost:8081/pccs.scrtlabs.com/' /etc/sgx\_default\_qcnf.conf

...

1. Running on Cloud VPS providers
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For cloud VPS providers, the cloud service providers may provide their own PCCS. Please see their documentation for more information.

Note: You'll need to restart the AESMD service each time the configuration is changed. Next, restart your aesmd service for the changes to take effect.

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Copy sudo systemctl restart aesmd.service

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Use check-hw to test the DCAP attestation

Download and run the check-hw tool (included in the [Release package here](#) ). You should see the following:

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That would mean all the above steps are ok, and you're good to go.

In case you see some error messages, but at the end the following:

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```
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```

...

That would mean there's a problem with DCAP attestation.

However the EPID attestation still works. Although you may technically run the node, it's strongly recommended to fix this. The EPID will be phased-out by Intel on April 2025.

To get a more detailed error info, run `check-hw --testnet`

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