
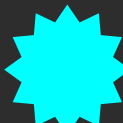



# UEFI & EDK II Training

UEFI Aware Operating System

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# LESSON OBJECTIVE

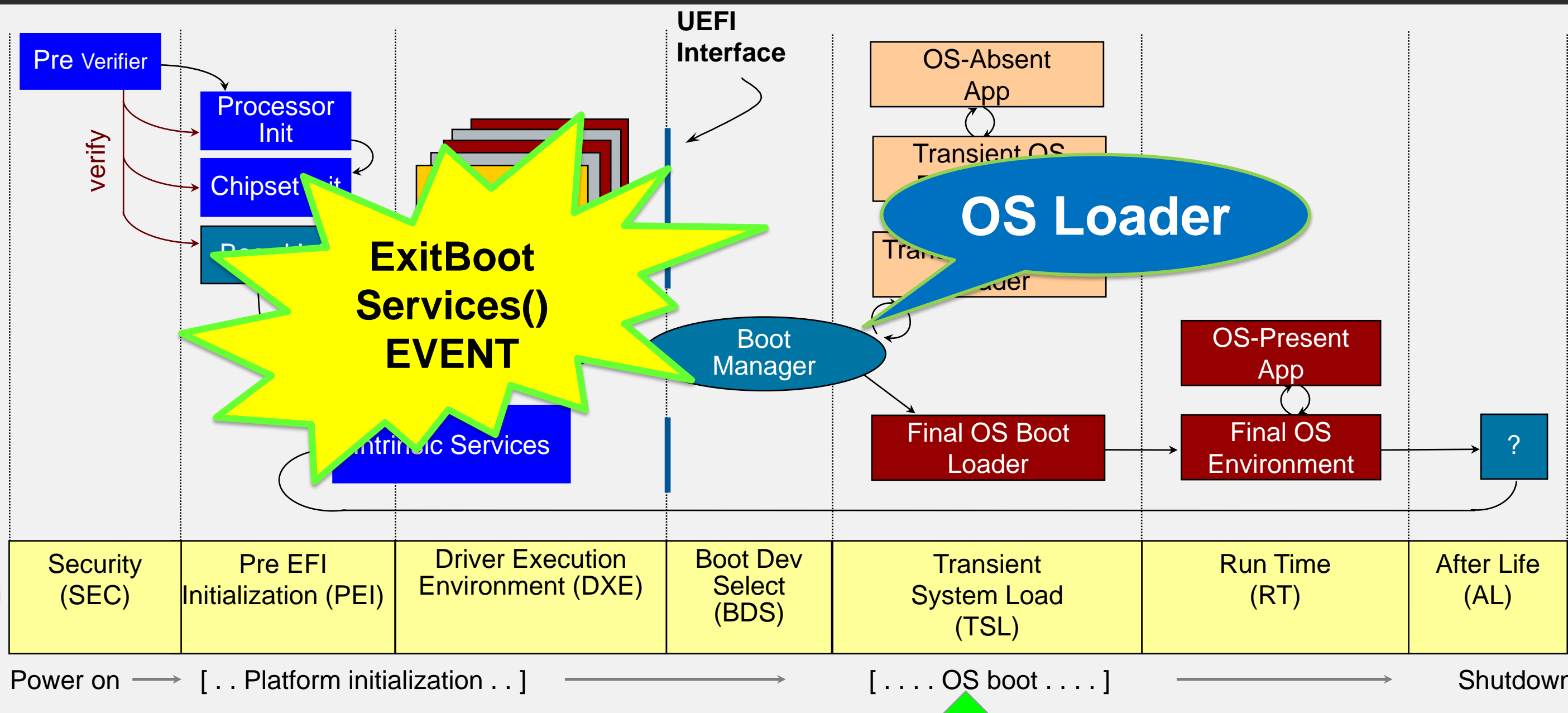
-  Explain How the OS and UEFI Work together
-  Explain the UEFI Requirements for UEFI aware OS
-  Explain How Secure Boot Fits with UEFI

# UEFI AWARE OS REQUIREMENTS

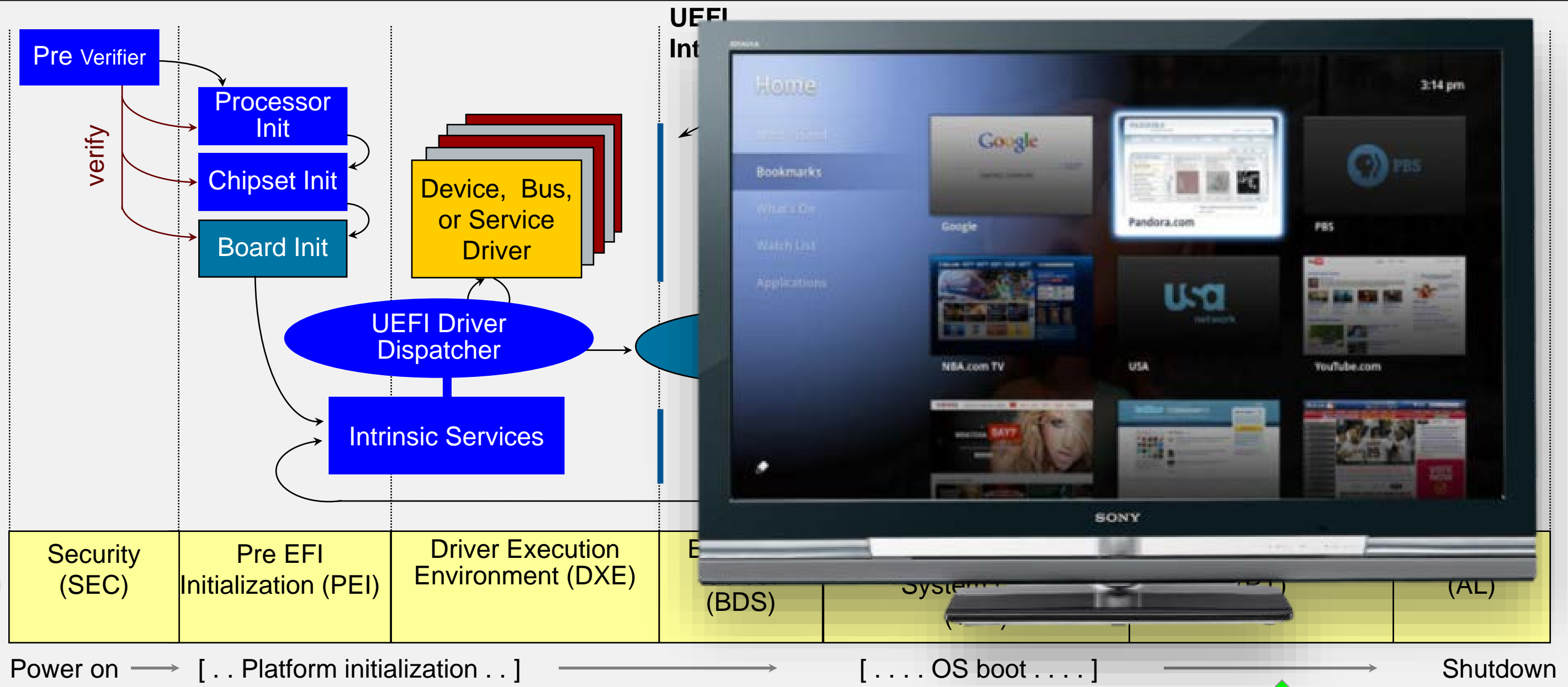
## Common Requirements

# UEFI OPERATING SYSTEMS









# UEFI OS REQUIREMENTS

UEFI Drivers:  
Boot devices/console

UEFI OS installer

UEFI OS Loader

Disk  
Partition/Formats

Firmware  
Requirements

Set Boot Path to  
Boot to UEFI OS

# UEFI System Classes (based on firmware interfaces)

## UEFI Class 0

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- No UEFI or UEFI PI Interfaces

## UEFI Class 1

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- Uses UEFI / PI Interfaces
- Only legacy BIOS runtime Interfaces

## UEFI Class 2

- Boots Legacy - int 19 or UEFI
- Uses UEFI / PI Interfaces
- Legacy BIOS runtime Interfaces w/ **CSM**

## Limited Benefits

- ✓ OEMs / ODMs Internal
- ✓ Double code development
- ✓ Compromised security – MBR exposure



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- Uses UEFI / PI Interfaces
- Runtime exposes only UEFI interfaces

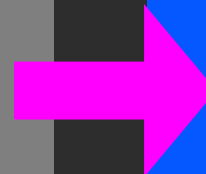
# UEFI System Classes (based on firmware interfaces)

## Full Benefits

- ✓ UEFI Innovation
- ✓ Smaller code size/  
Validation
- ✓ Extensibility

## Only Class after 2020

Enabling *Secure Boot*  
creates another Class



## UEFI Class 3 +

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UEFI Secure Boot “ON”

# Required UEFI Drivers: OS Install & Boot

**Boot Device**

**Console Output**

**Console Input**

**NVRAM Driver**

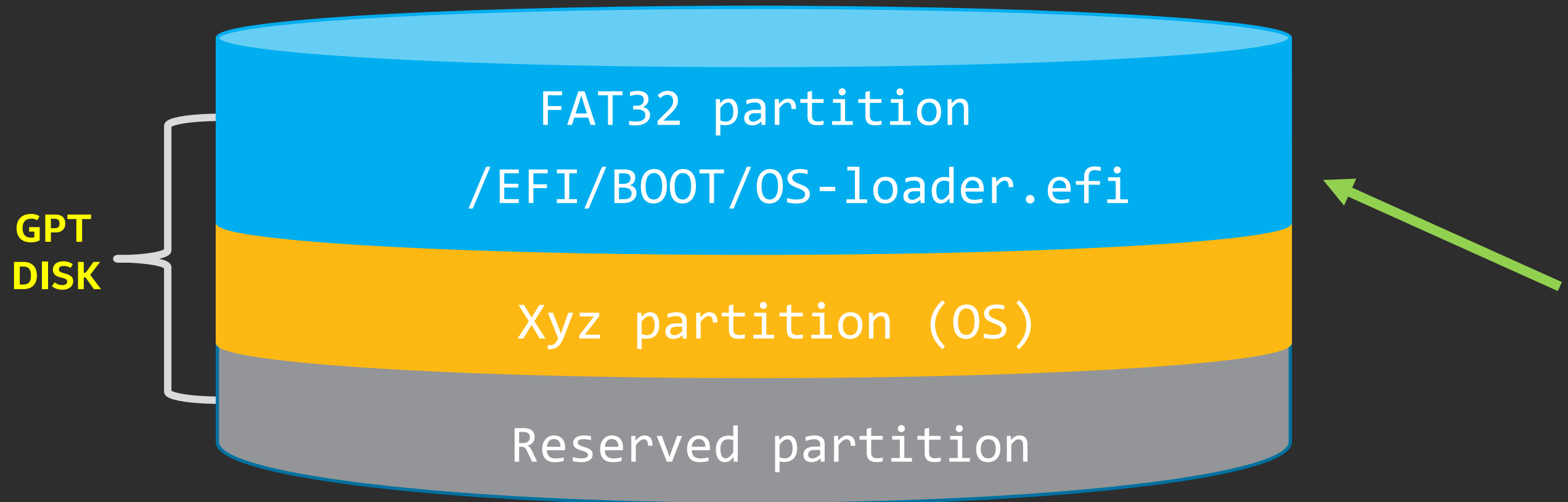
# UEFI OS LOADER

- OS install process includes UEFI loader
  - `/efi/boot/bootx64.efi` `/efi/redhat/grub.efi`
- Call UEFI boot & runtime services to start OS
- Exit UEFI Boot Services
- Transfer control to native OS

# UEFI OS INSTALLER

- Discover UEFI storage devices
- Setup storage device: GPT w/ FAT32 boot partition
- Create boot variables `BootXXXX` and set the `BootNext`

# Disk Partition and Format

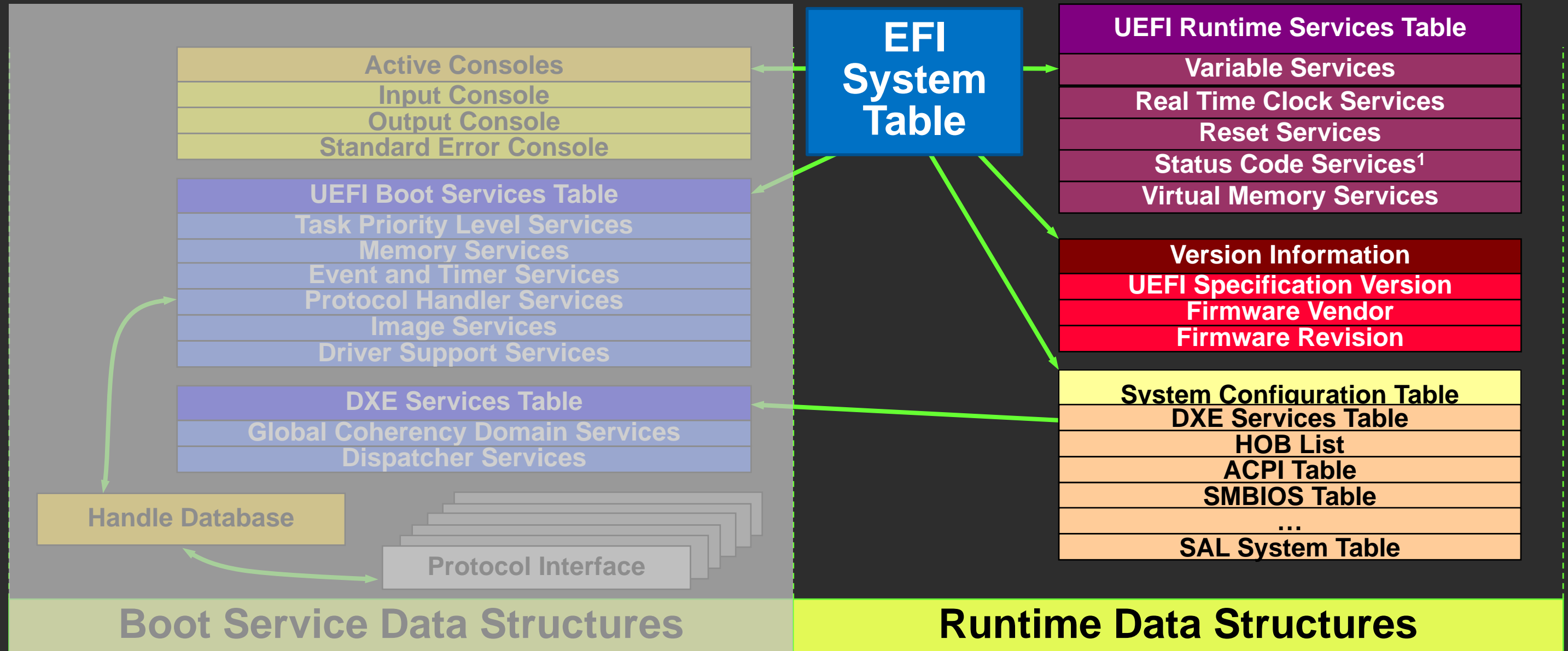


# INTERFACE INSIDE OS RUNTIME

UEFI Runtime Services



# Runtime Services Available to the UEFI Aware OS





# Accessing RT services from Windows API

- GetFirmwareEnvironmentVariable: [MSDN Link](#)
- SetFirmwareEnvironmentVariable: [MSDN Link](#)
- Example: (determine if UEFI or Legacy BIOS)

```
int main(int argc, char*argv[])
{
    GetFirmwareEnvironmentVariableA("",
        "{00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000}", NULL, 0);
    if (GetLastError() == ERROR_INVALID_FUNCTION) {
        printf("Legacy"); // This.. is.. LEGACY BIOS....
        return 1;
    } else{
        printf("UEFI"); // This.. is.. UEFI
        return 0;
    }
    return 0;
}
```



# Accessing RT services from Linux OS

Firmware Test Suite, it includes a Linux kernel driver to help with it's interactions with UEFI. Note that this is a Linux-centric test suite, solution won't work for other OSes.

- <http://kernel.ubuntu.com/git/hwe/fwts.git>
- <https://bugs.launchpad.net/ubuntu/+source/linux/+bug/1633506>
- <https://patchwork.kernel.org/patch/9323781/>
- <http://www.basicinputoutput.com/2016/03/introduction-to-firmware-test-suite-fwts.html>

# SECURITY WITH UEFI

How does UEFI ensure the Operating System is trusted?

Security Resources: <https://github.com/tianocore/tianocore.github.io/wiki/EDK-II-Security-White-Papers>

# BOOT SECURITY TECHNOLOGIES

**Hardware Root of Trust**

Boot Guard, Intel® TXT

**Measured Boot**

Using TPM<sup>1</sup> to store hash values

**Verified Boot**



Boot Guard +  
UEFI Secure Boot

<sup>1</sup>TPM – Trusted Platform Module

Resources: <https://firmwaresecurity.com/2015/07/29/survey-of-boot-security-technologies/>

# HARDWARE ROOT OF TRUST

## Boot Guard

CPU verifies signature

Verification occurs before system FW starts

Hash of public key is fused in CPU

Verification

## Intel® TXT

Uses a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) & cryptographic

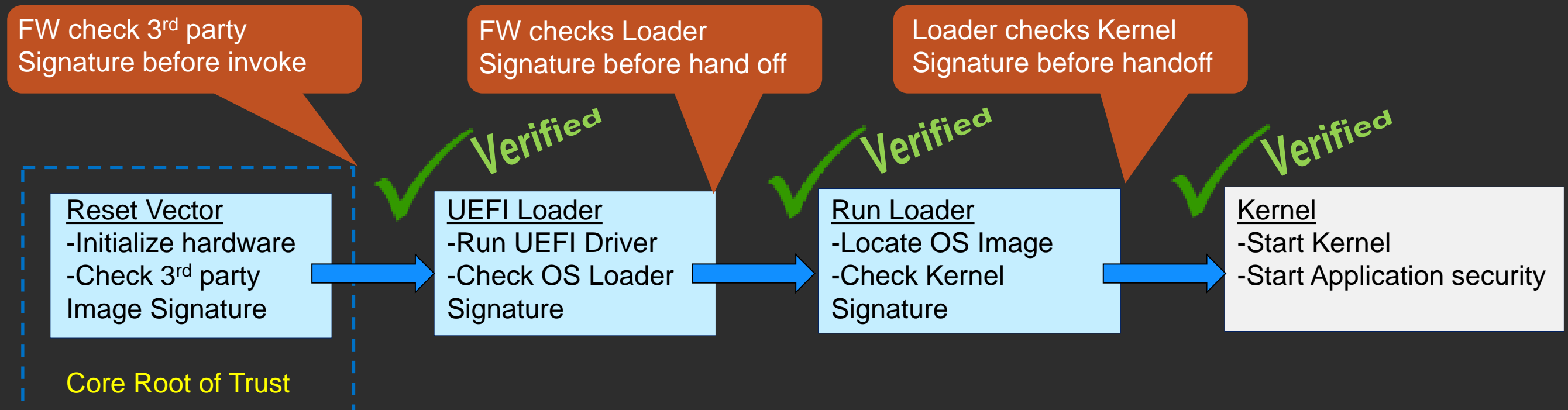
Provides Measurements

Measurements



Software ID checking during every step of the boot flow:

1. UEFI System FW (updated via secure process)
2. Add-In Cards (signed UEFI Option ROMs)
3. OS Boot Loader (checks for “secure mode” at boot)



# AUTHENTICATED VARIABLES

PK

KEK

DB

DBX

SetupMode

SecureBoot

```
2.0 Shell> dmpstore SecureBoot
```

```
Variable - RS+BS - '8BE4DF61-93CA-11D2-AA0D-00E098032B8C:SecureBoot' - DataSize
```

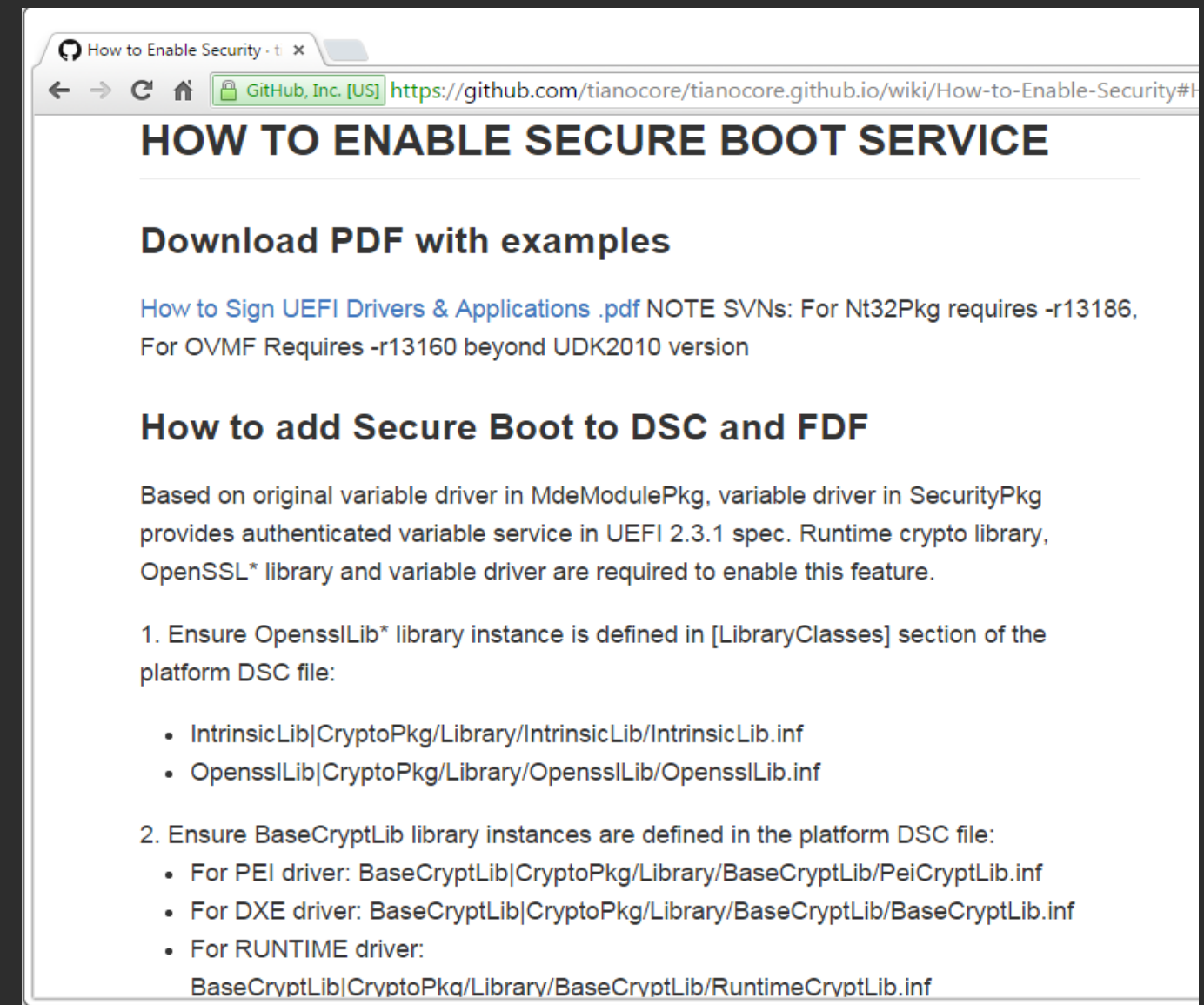
```
= 0x01
```

```
00:
```

```
00 * *
```

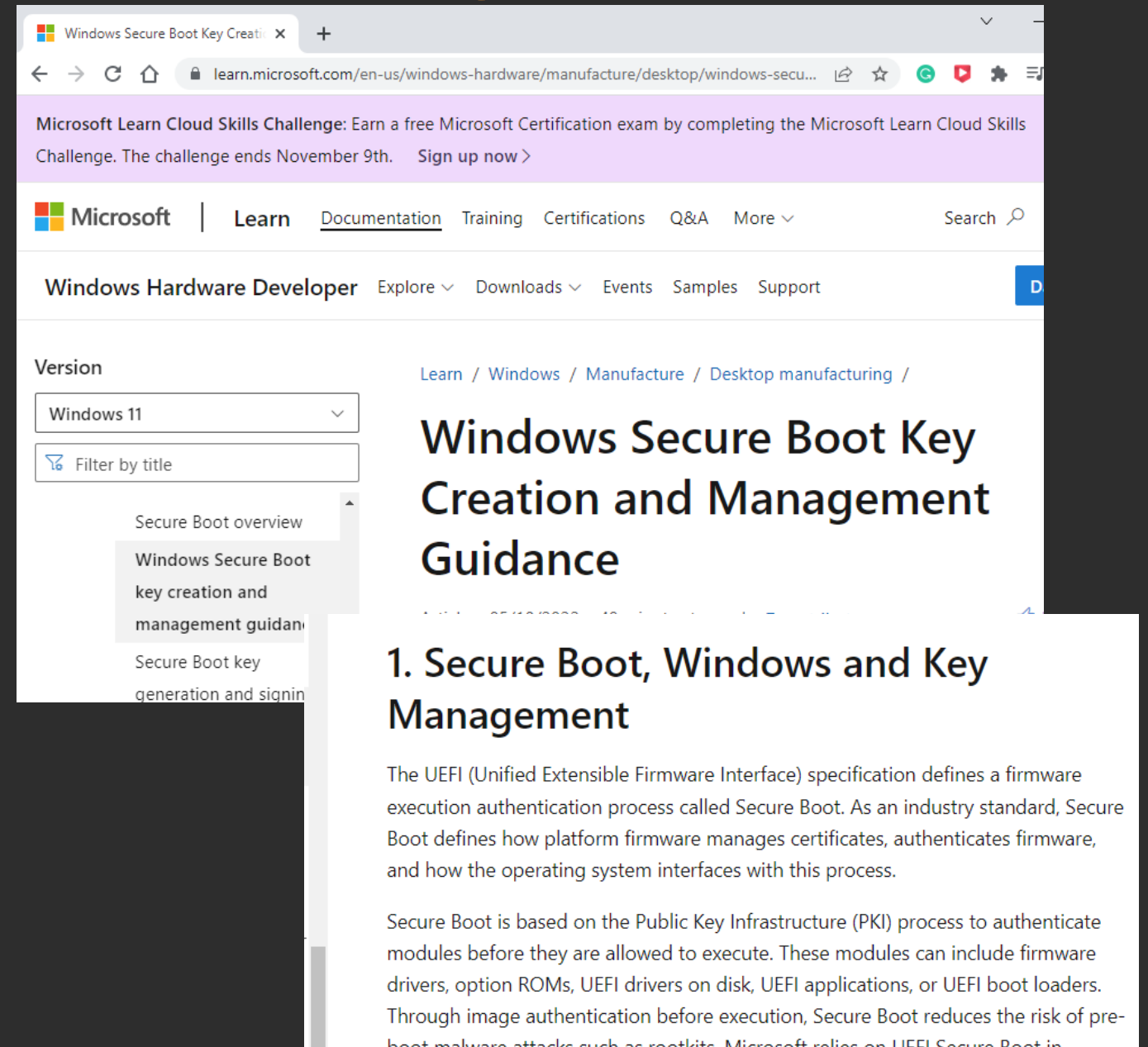
# Security Package Project Page [Wiki Link](#)

- Wiki Link: [How-to-Enable-Security](#)
- PDF: [How to Sign UEFI Images V1.31](#)
- [Beyond BIOS UEFI Secure Boot](#)
- Build command line switch -  
SECURE\_BOOT\_ENABLE = TRUE
- Install the OpensslLib CryptoPkg :  
From edk2: “git submodule update --init”



# Windows Secure Boot Key Creation and Management Guidance

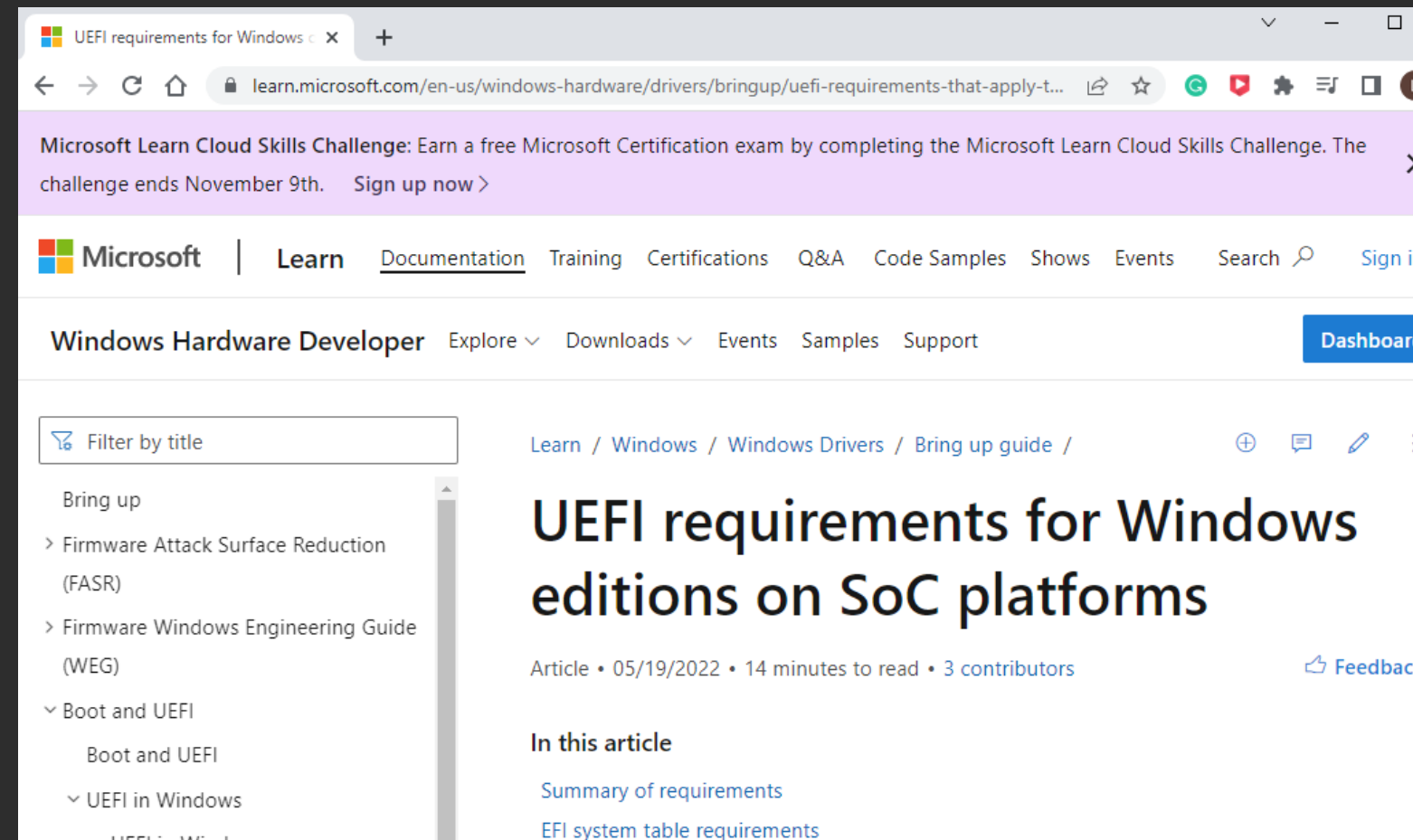
- Windows - Secure Boot Key Creation & Management Guide
- Creation and management of the Secure Boot keys and certificates in a manufacturing environment.
- Addresses questions related to creation, storage and retrieval of Platform Keys (PKs), secure firmware update keys, and third-party Key Exchange Keys (KEKs).



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Microsoft Learn Cloud Skills Challenge banner at the top, which offers a free Microsoft Certification exam by completing the challenge by November 9th. Below the banner is the Microsoft Learn navigation bar with links to Learn, Documentation, Training, Certifications, Q&A, and More. The main content area is titled "Windows Secure Boot Key Creation and Management Guidance" and is part of the "Windows Hardware Developer" section. The page includes a sidebar with a "Version" dropdown set to "Windows 11" and a "Filter by title" search bar. The main content area shows the title "Windows Secure Boot Key Creation and Management Guidance" and the first section, "1. Secure Boot, Windows and Key Management". The text in the first section explains that the UEFI (Unified Extensible Firmware Interface) specification defines a firmware execution authentication process called Secure Boot, which defines how platform firmware manages certificates, authenticates firmware, and how the operating system interfaces with this process. It also states that Secure Boot is based on the Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) process to authenticate modules before they are allowed to execute, reducing the risk of pre-boot malware attacks such as rootkits.

# Many Platforms are Requiring UEFI Secure Boot Enabled

- Secure Boot now mandated for specific platforms
- See “Security requirements” on UEFI requirements for Windows editions on SoC Platforms



# SUMMARY

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# Questions?



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# BACKUP

- Deficiency: Boot path malware targets
- UEFI and Secure Boot harden the boot process
- Firmware/software in the boot process must be signed by a trusted Certificate Authority (CA)
- Firmware image is hardware-protected
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party drivers signed using CA-holding trusted keys
- Trusted signing key's database factory-initialized and OS-updated



# WHY??? SECURE BOOT WITH UEFI

## Without

**Possible corrupted or destroyed data**

- BootKit virus – MBR Rootkits
- Network boot attacks e.g. PXESPOILT
- Code Injection Attacks



## With

**Data integrity**

- Trusted boot to OS
- Trusted drivers
- Trusted Applications



# UEFI SECURE BOOT FLOW

