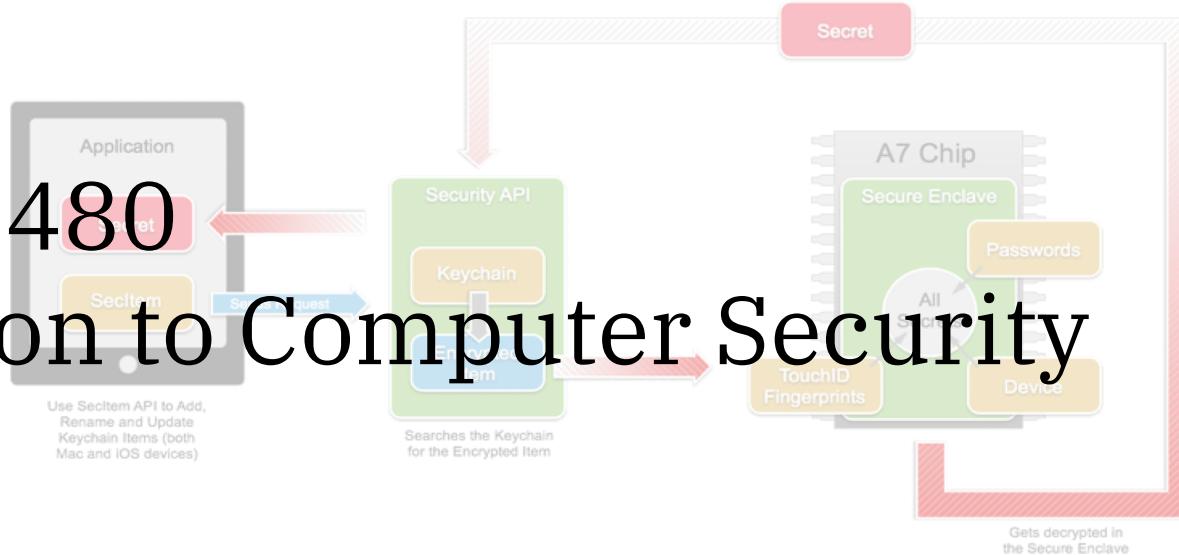


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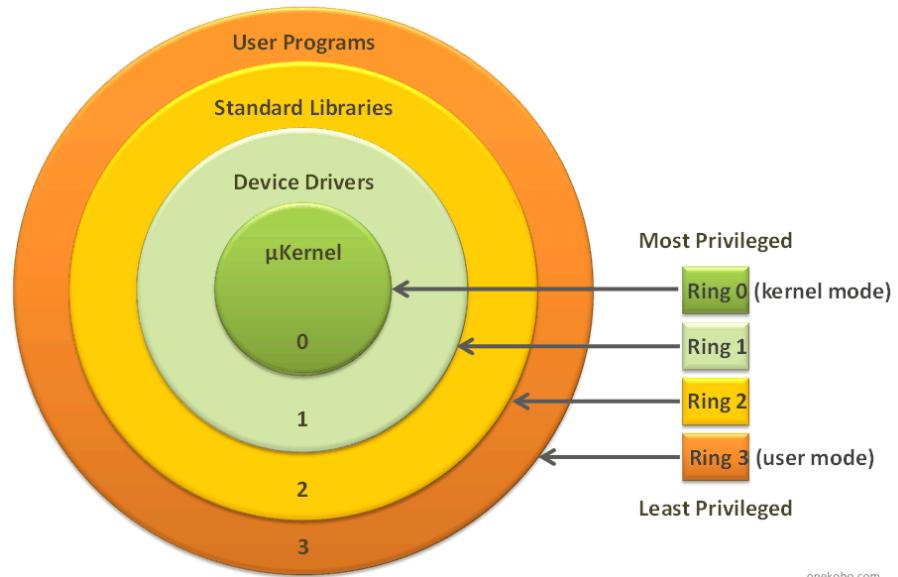
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Operating System Security Basics

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Operating systems: protection rings.

- Kernel runs in Ring 0.
- Device drivers run in Ring 1.
- Standard libraries run in Ring 2.
- User programs run in Ring 3.



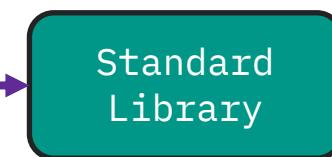
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Examples.

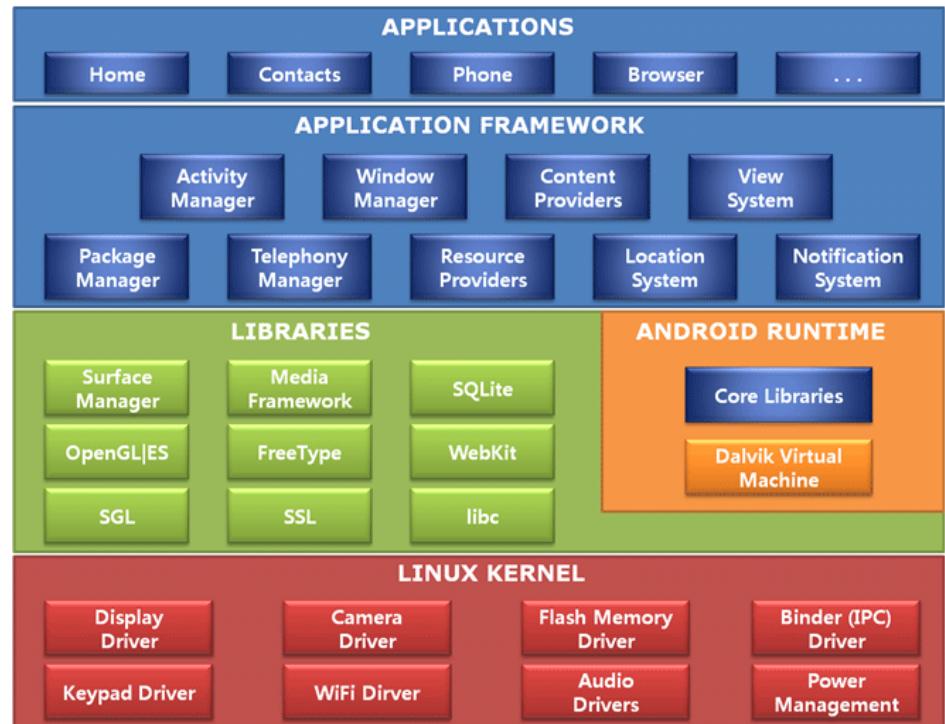


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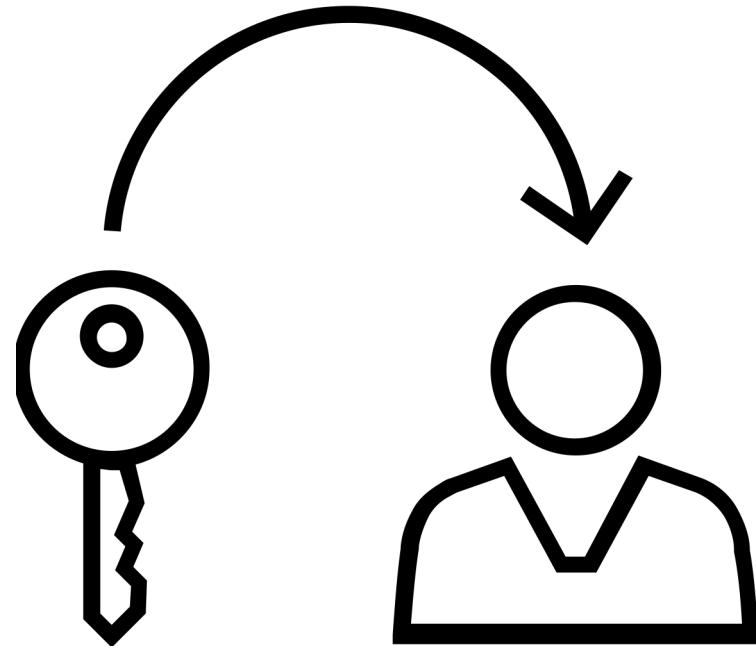
What's managed by an operating system?

- *Subjects*: Users and processes.
- *Objects and resources*: Files (system integrity), hardware I/O (devices, private data), scheduling, network access...
- In Linux:
 - /dev: Devices.
 - /etc: Configuration files
 - /usr: Libraries, etc.



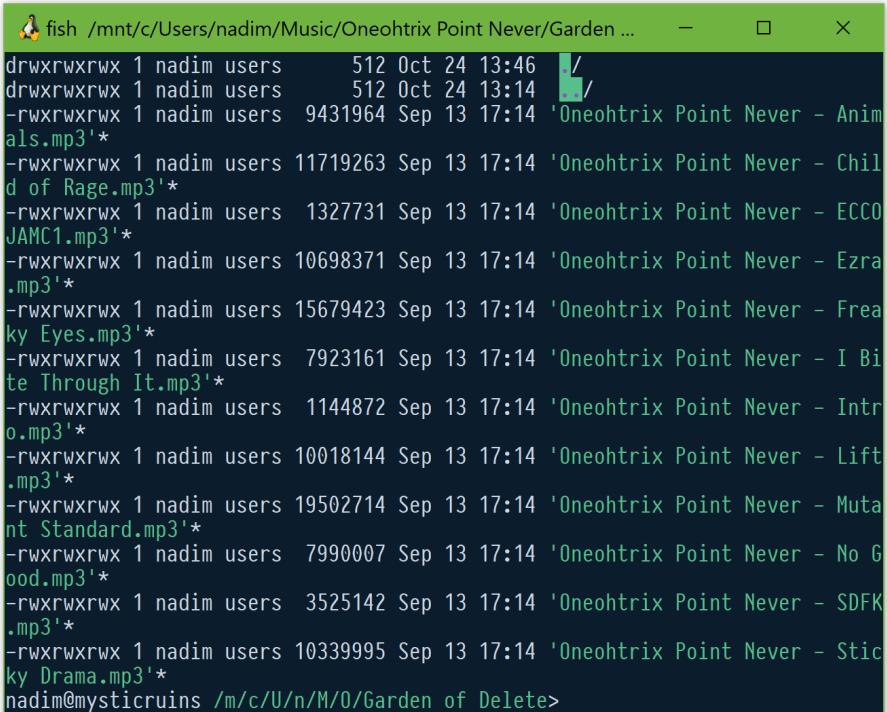
Principle of least-privilege.

- Services may need root access:
 - OpenSSH.
 - Apache, NGINX, Lighttpd...
 - Crond
 - Sendmail, Postfix
- Minesweeper does not.



POSIX permissions model.

- First letter: special mode operator.
 - d: Directory.
 - l: Symbolic link.
 - s: setuid/setgid.
 - t: sticky bit.



A screenshot of a terminal window titled "fish /mnt/c/Users/nadim/Music/Oneohtrix Point Never/Garden ...". The window displays a list of files with their permissions, names, and sizes. The permissions column starts with either "drwxrwxrwx" or "-rwxrwxrwx", indicating they are directories or regular files respectively. The names of the files are mostly mp3 songs by Oneohtrix Point Never. The terminal window has a dark background with light-colored text and includes standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close) at the top right.

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POSIX permissions model.

- First three letters: owner permissions.
- Second three letters: group permissions.
- Third three letters: public permissions.
- Also represented using numbers:
 - 4: read.
 - 2: write.
 - 1: execute.
 - $-\text{rwxrwx-r--} = 764$.

Symbolic Notation	Numeric Notation	English
-----	0000	no permissions
-rwx-----	0700	read, write, & execute only for owner
-rwxrwx---	0770	read, write, & execute for owner and group
-rwxrwxrwx	0777	read, write, & execute for owner, group and others
---x---x--x	0111	execute
--w--w--w-	0222	write
--wx-wx-wx	0333	write & execute
-r--r--r--	0444	read
-r-xr-xr-x	0555	read & execute
-rw-rw-rw-	0666	read & write
-rwxr-----	0740	owner can read, write, & execute; group can only read; others have no permissions



Test your knowledge!

What does the permission code 600 represent?



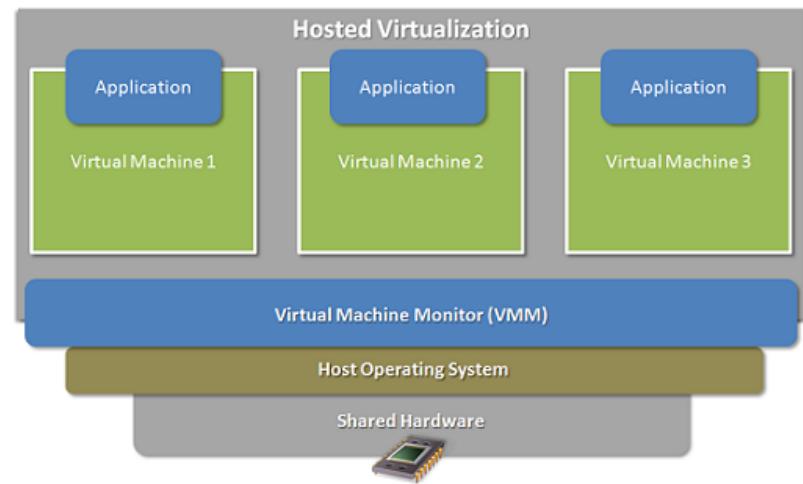
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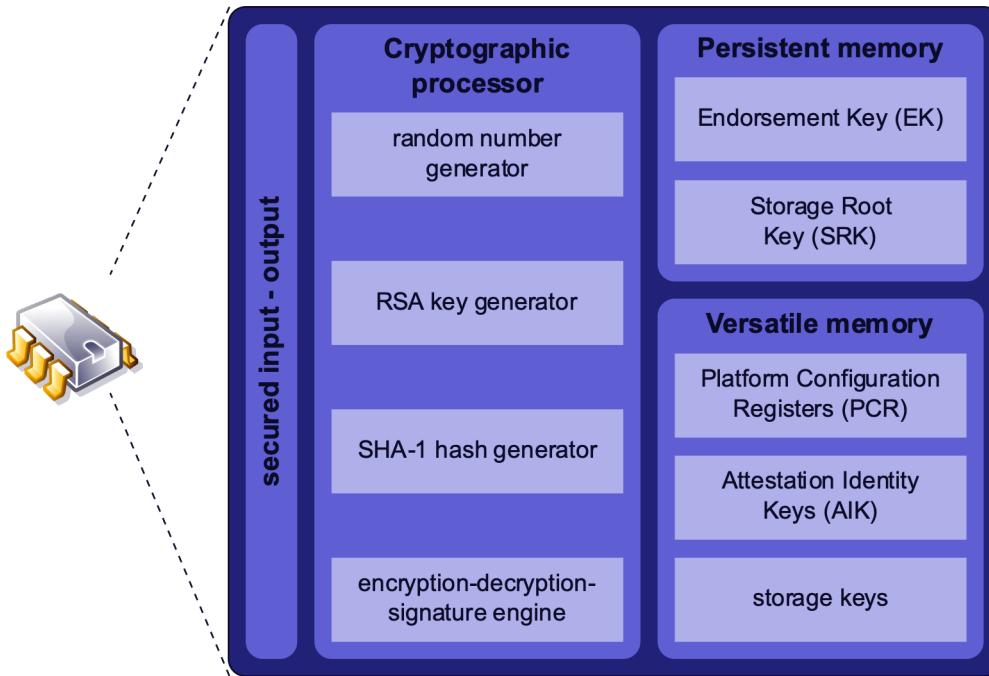
Only the owner may read or write, but not execute.
Group and public can do nothing. (-rw-----).

Isolation in operating systems.

- Chroot: Limits file system view.
- FreeBSD jails, Linux containers:
 - Limit network access.
 - Limit file system, device access...
- Virtualization.



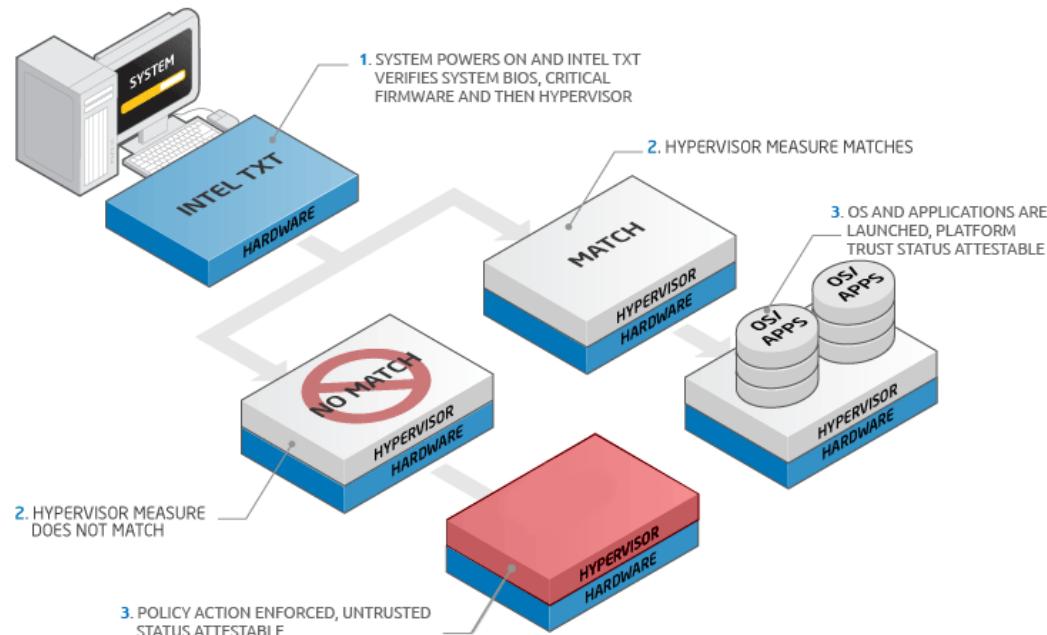
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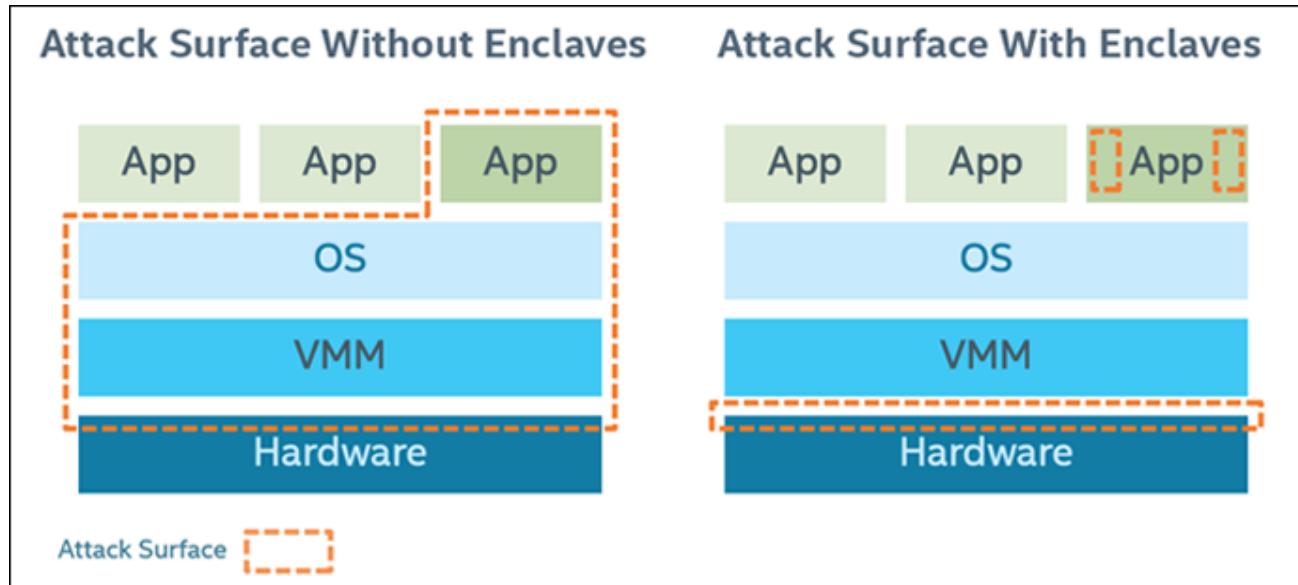
Intel Trusted Execution.

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Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX).



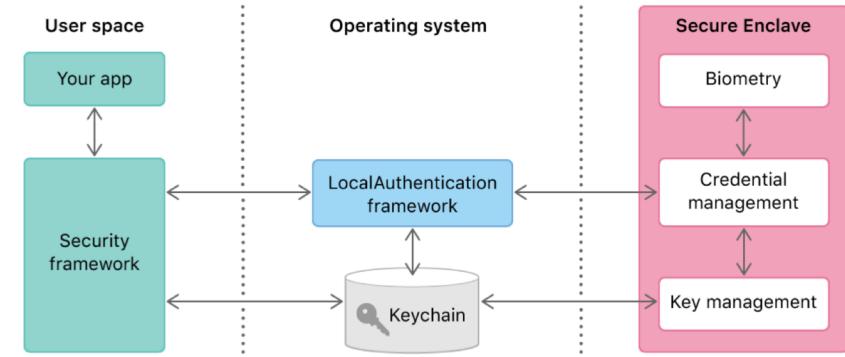
Case Study: Apple T2 Chip

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Apple T2 Chip: Secure Enclave Component.

Secure enclave:

- Self-contained, independent computer with its own "jurisdiction".
- Encrypted memory.
- Hardware-based *true* random number generator.
- Even if system kernel/CPU is compromised, Secure Enclave maintains integrity.
- Resistant to reverse engineering/forensic analysis.



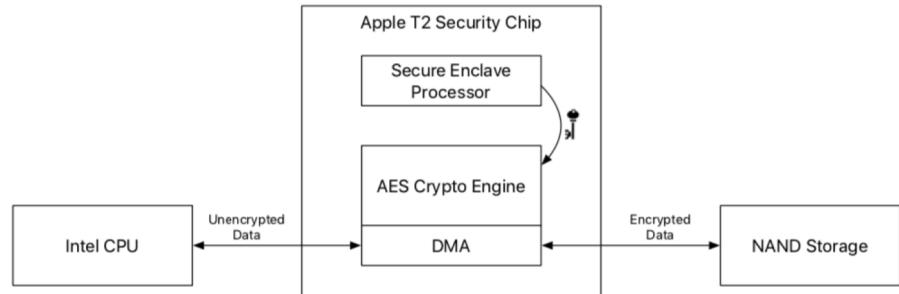
Apple T2 Chip: Secure Enclave Component.

- Design benefits:
- Hardware lock dependent on user events/password entry.
- Secure key wiping.
- Brute force attack protection.
- Fingerprint data stored inside Secure Enclave, not visible to actual device.
- Can hardware-disconnect microphone.
- Encryption keys never exposed to CPU!

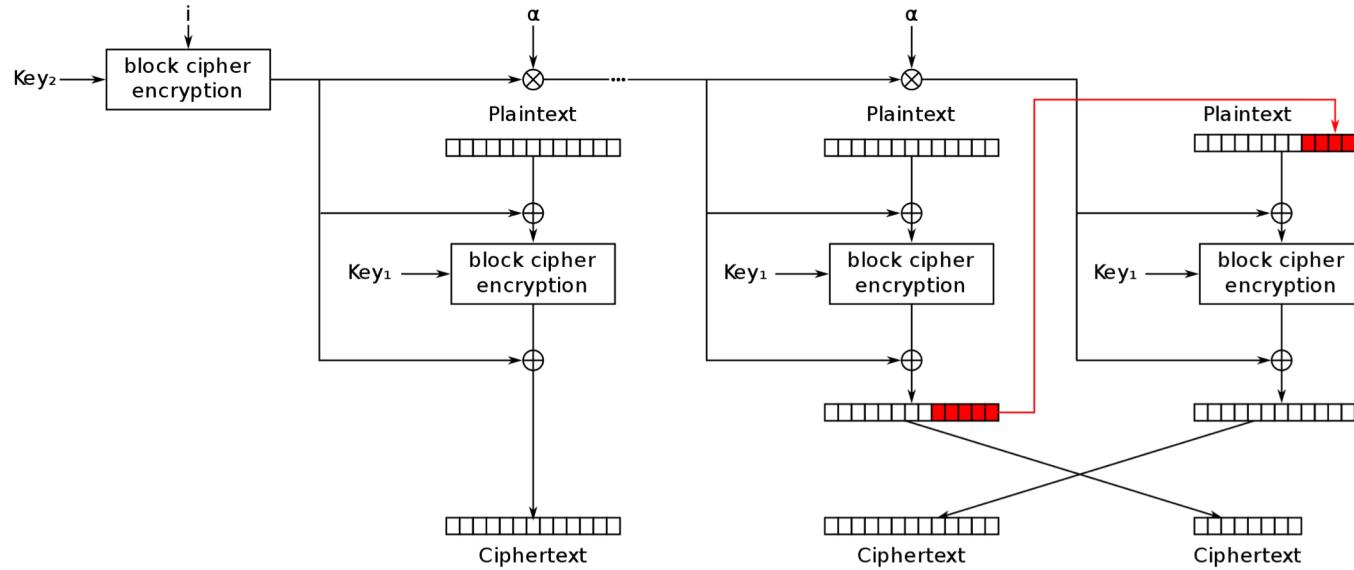
The screenshot shows a news article from 9TO5Mac.com. The headline reads "FBI officially confirms hack it used does not work with the iPhone 5s or later iPhones". The article is by Ben Lovejoy and was published on April 7th, 2016, at 6:19 am PT. Below the headline is a large photograph of a modern forensics lab with glass walls, showing several people working inside. At the bottom of the article, there are social media sharing options for Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, and Reddit, with a count of 98 comments. A sidebar note states: "It has been [widely speculated](#) that the method used by the [FBI](#) to access the San Bernardino iPhone might not work with phones that have the [Secure Enclave](#), and this has now been effectively confirmed. FBI director James Comey told [CNN](#) that the method doesn't work with the latest iPhones." Another sidebar note says: "The FBI director also said the purchased tool worked only on a "narrow slice of phones" that does not include the newest Apple models, or the 5S."

Apple T2 Chip: Core Concepts.

- File encryption engine built into the DMA path between flash storage and main system memory.
 - *DMA: Direct Memory Access (access RAM without going through CPU.)*
- Each Mac has a unique UID and AES keys baked in at the factory.
 - Secure enclave design prohibits key extraction.
 - Keys generated *within* secure enclave.



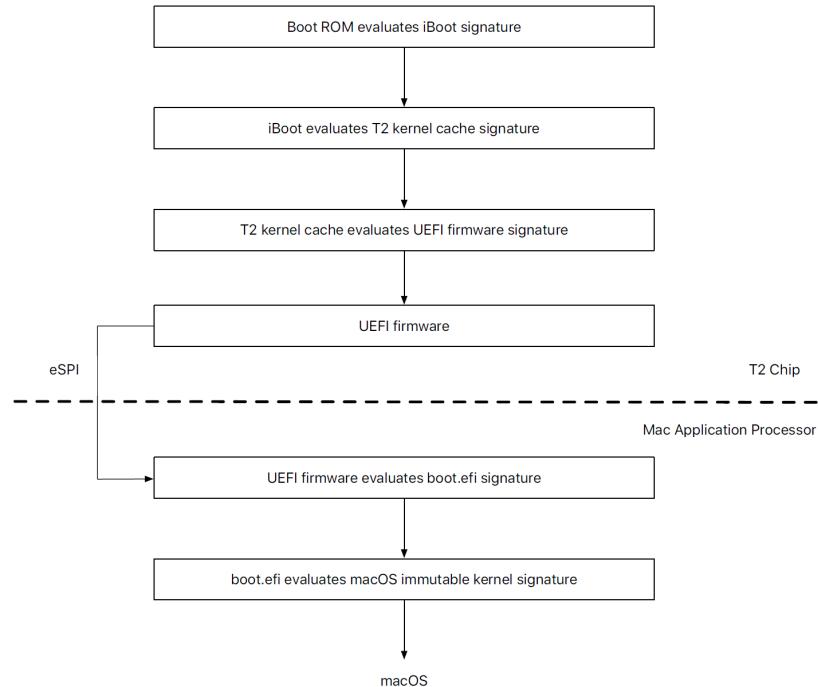
AES-XTS: Used only for disk encryption.



XEX with tweak and ciphertext stealing (XTS) mode encryption

Goal: prevent targeted malleability (easier in other modes such as CBC, CTR.)

Apple Secure Boot.





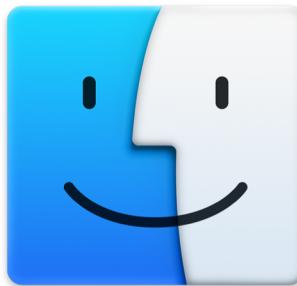
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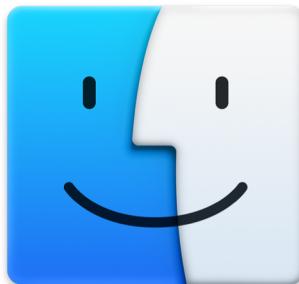
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