

# BASTION-SGX: Bluetooth and Architectural Support for Trusted I/O on SGX

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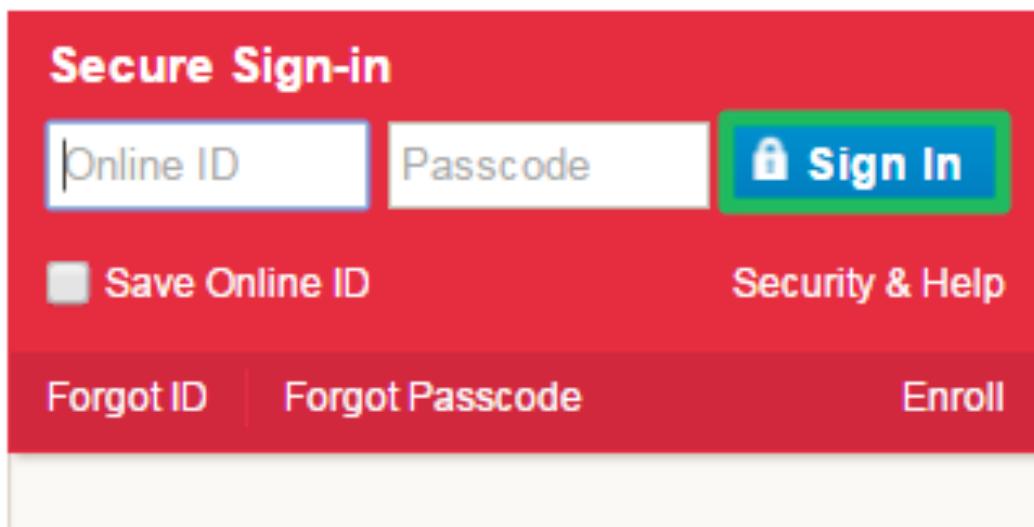
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# Outline

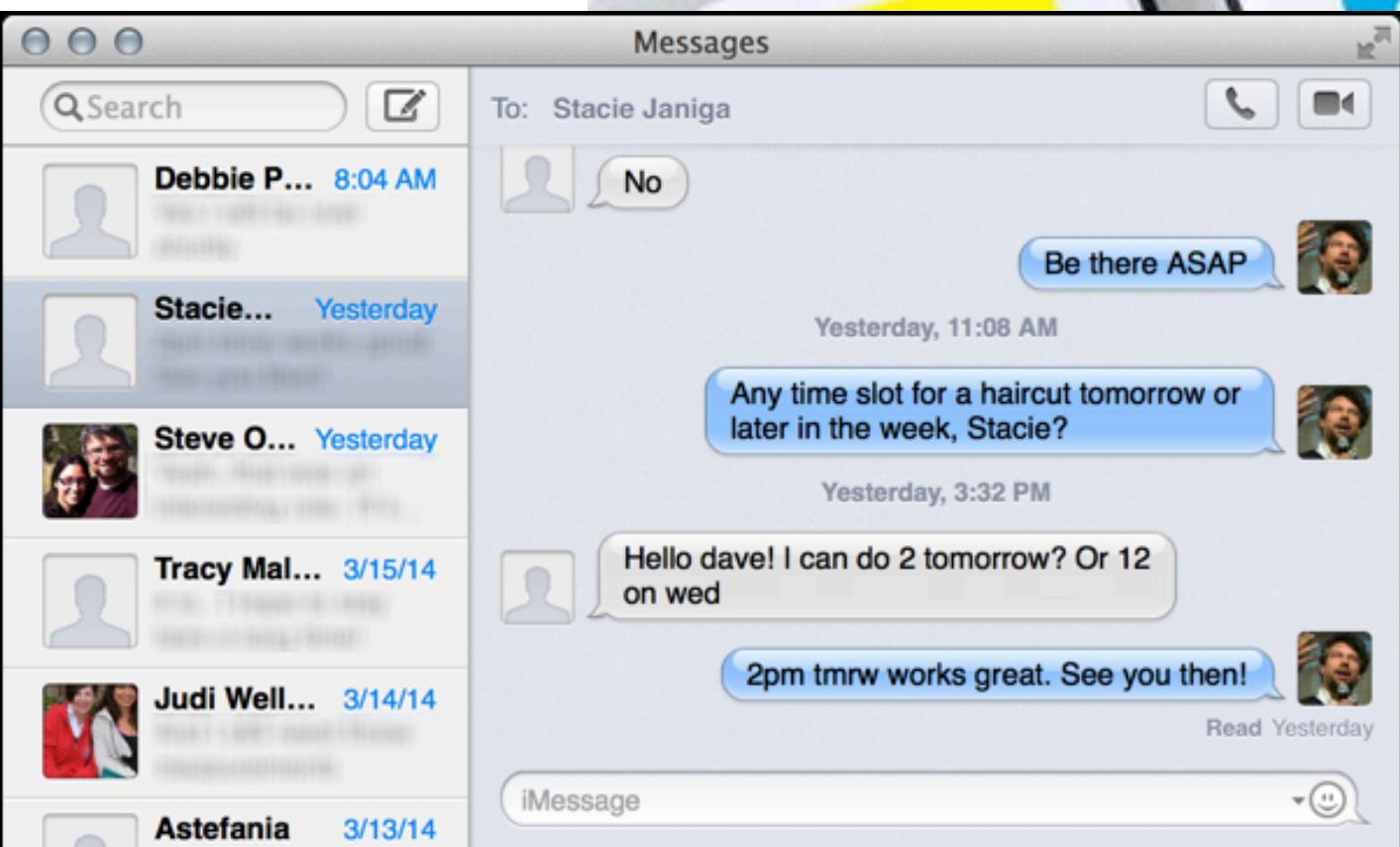
- Motivation  
*App security & the insecurity of I/O – we need app security + I/O security!*
- BASTION-SGX  
*A novel Bluetooth Trusted I/O architecture*
- Challenges  
*Fine-grained channel selection & security policy enforcement*
- Proof-of-Concept  
*Delivering secure input from Bluetooth keyboards to SGX apps*
- Conclusion  
*Take-aways and future work*

# App Security is Imperative...

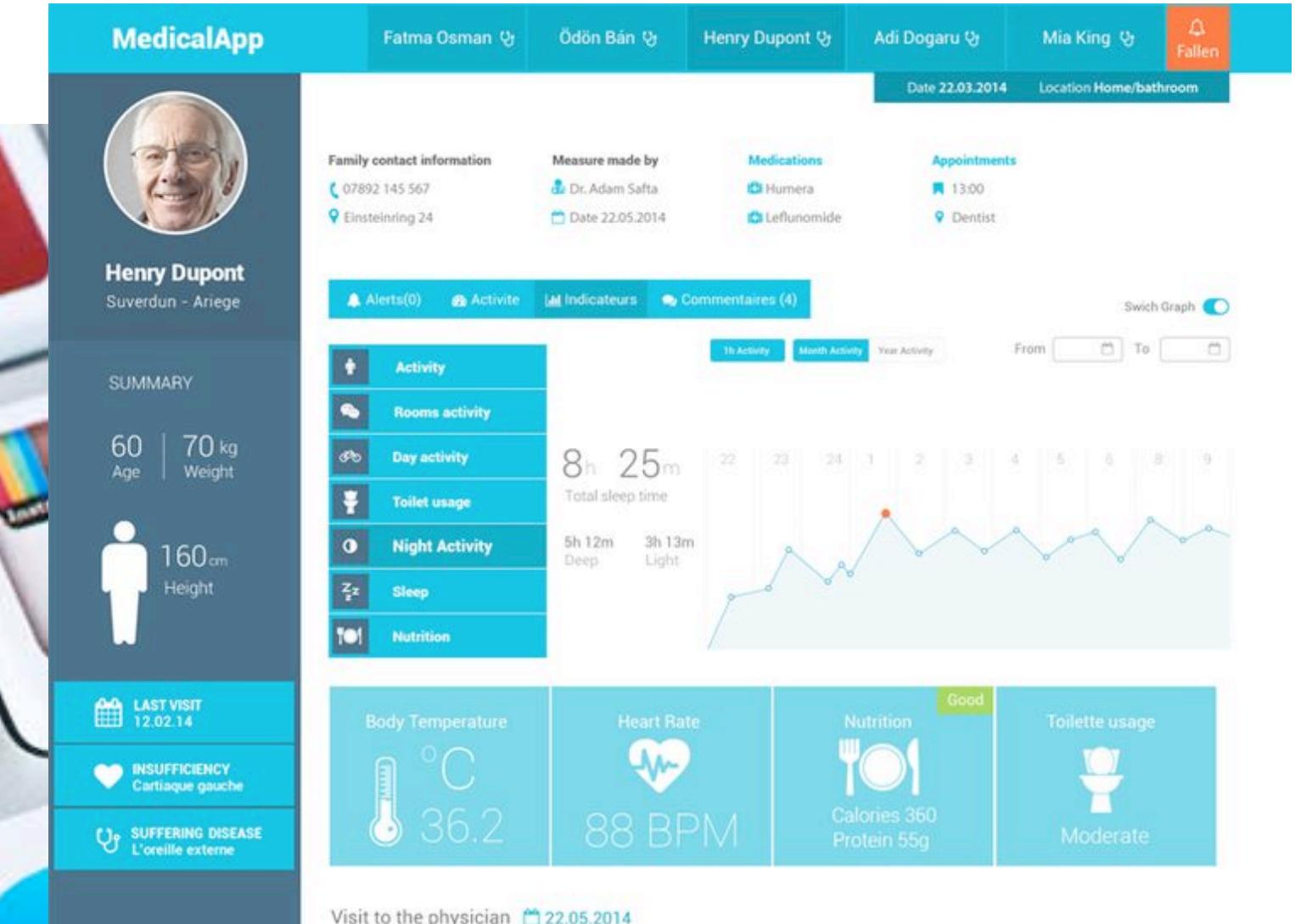
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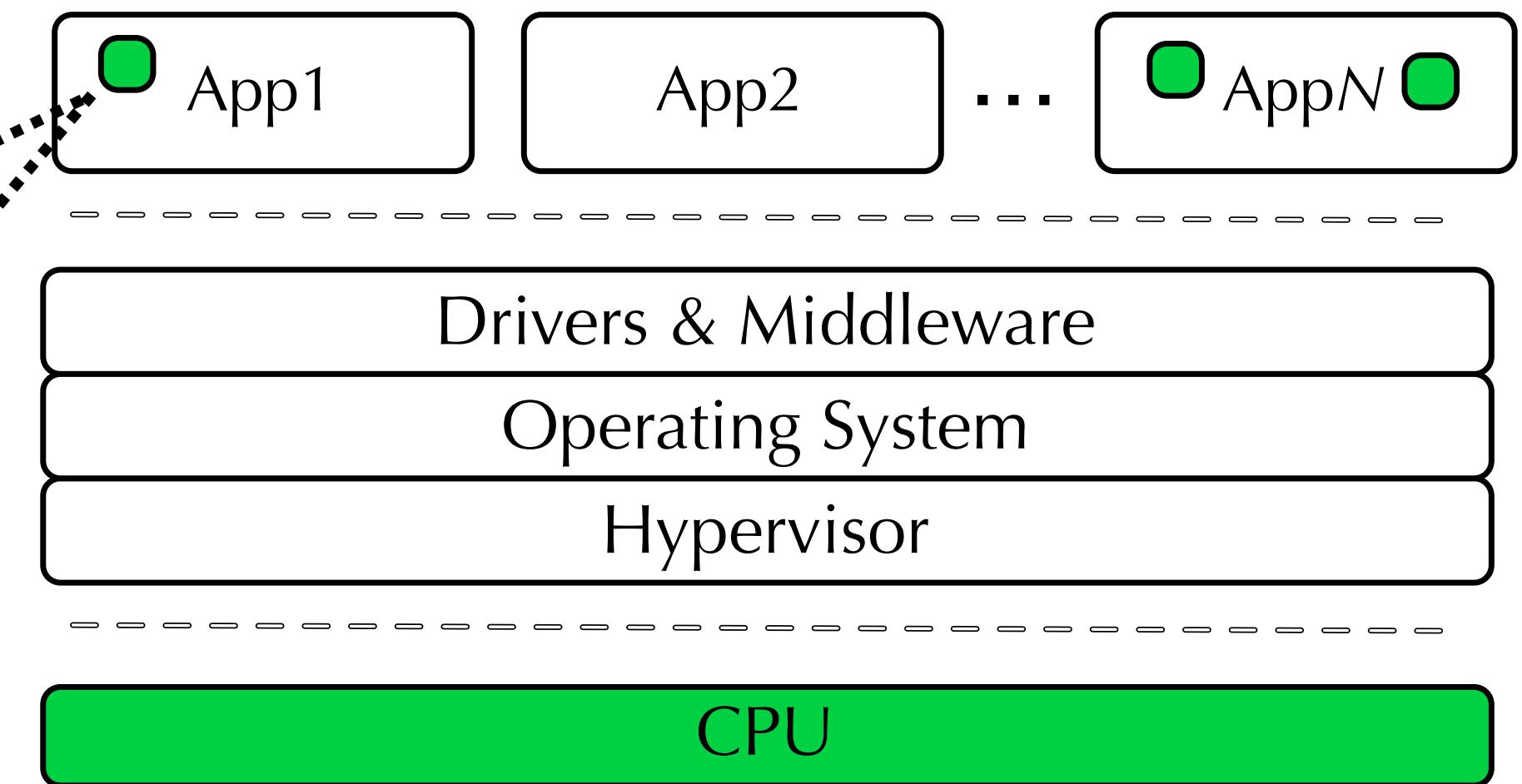
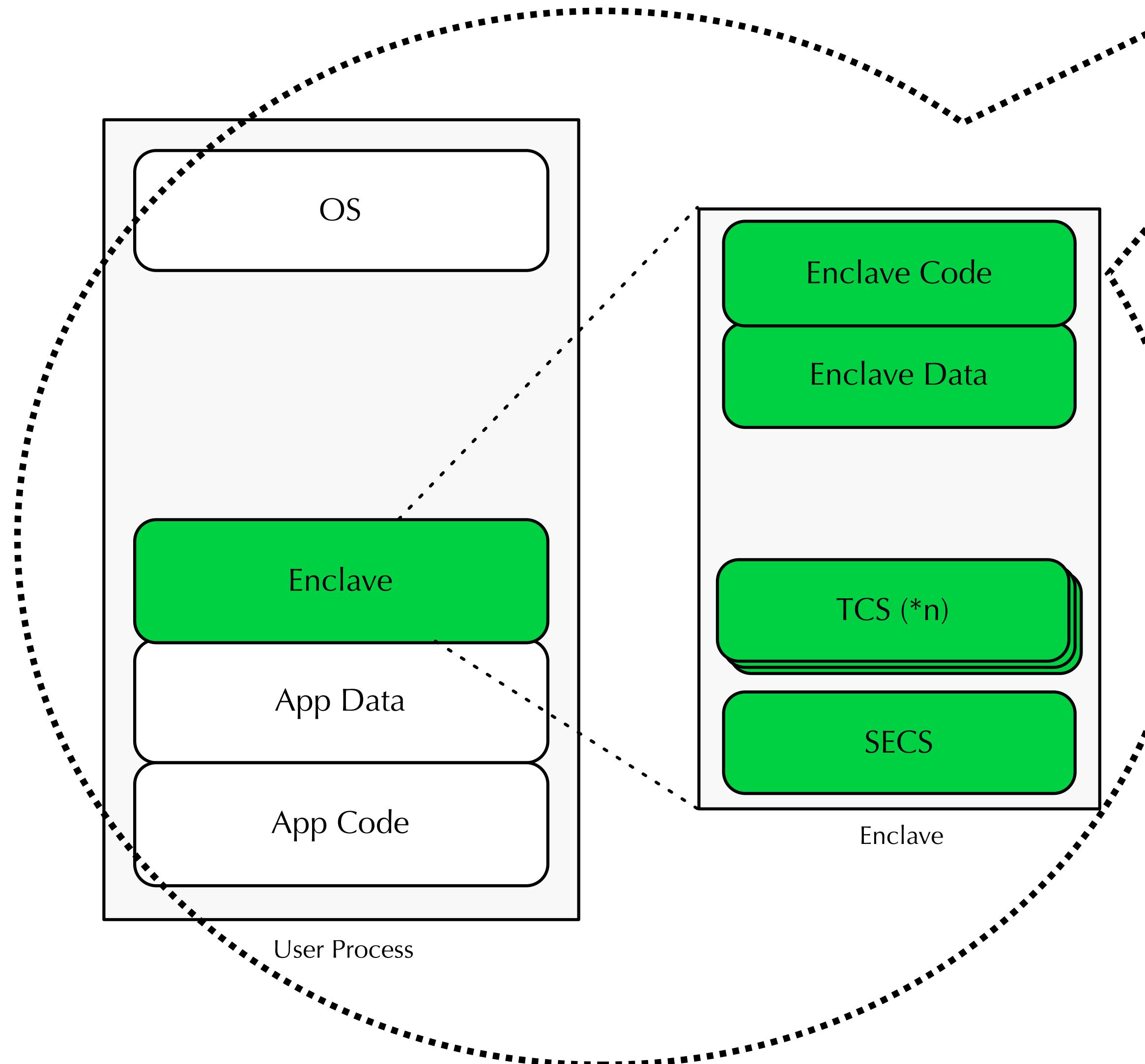
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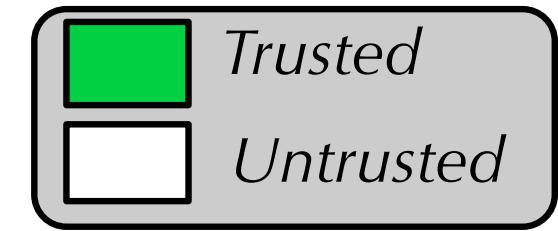


# Intel's SGX Can Help!



## Properties:

- Has its own code and data
- Provides confidentiality & integrity
- Full access to app memory



## Highlights:

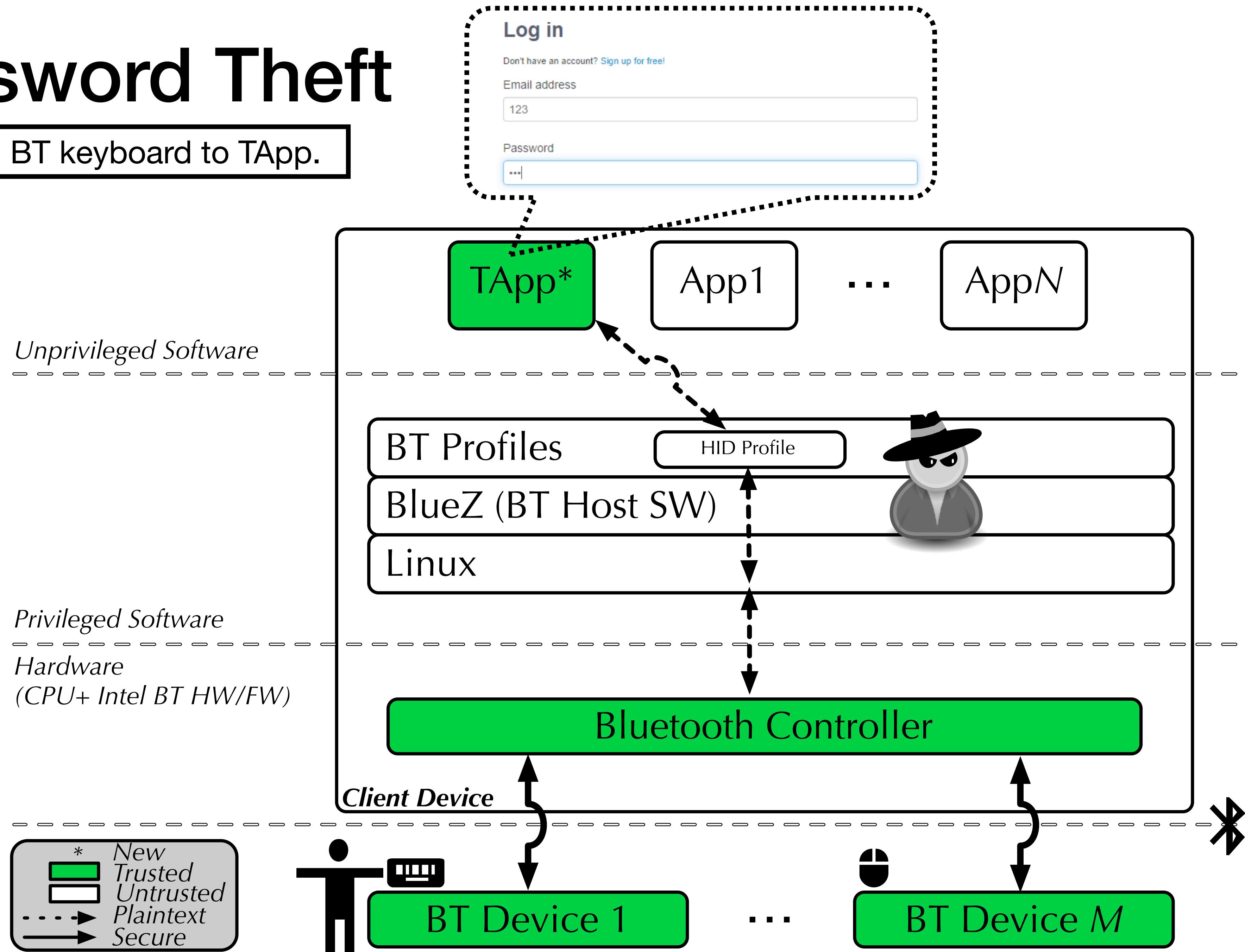
- Small attack surface (app + processor)
- Prevents even privileged SW from stealing or tampering w/ app secrets

# I/O Security is Also Imperative!



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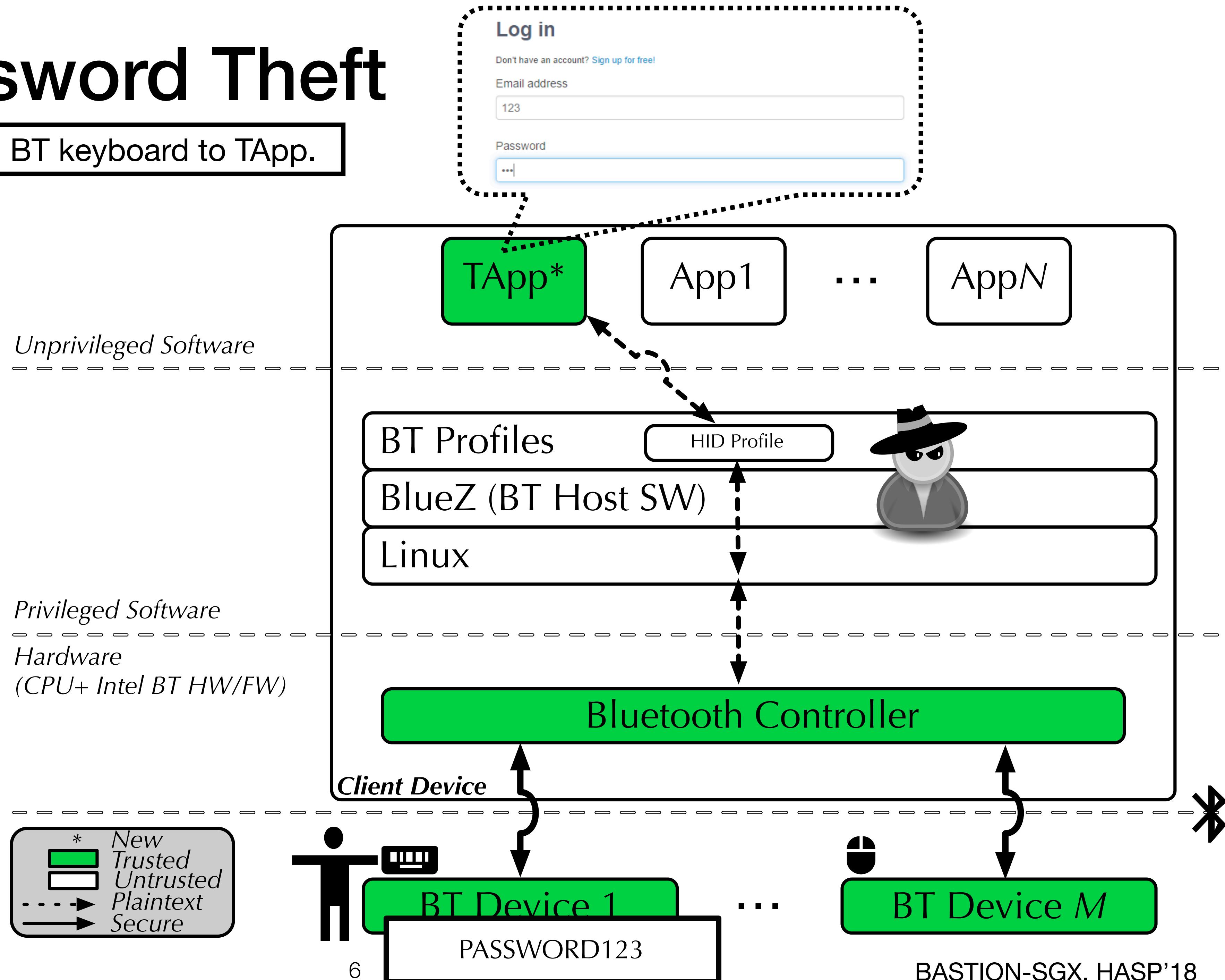
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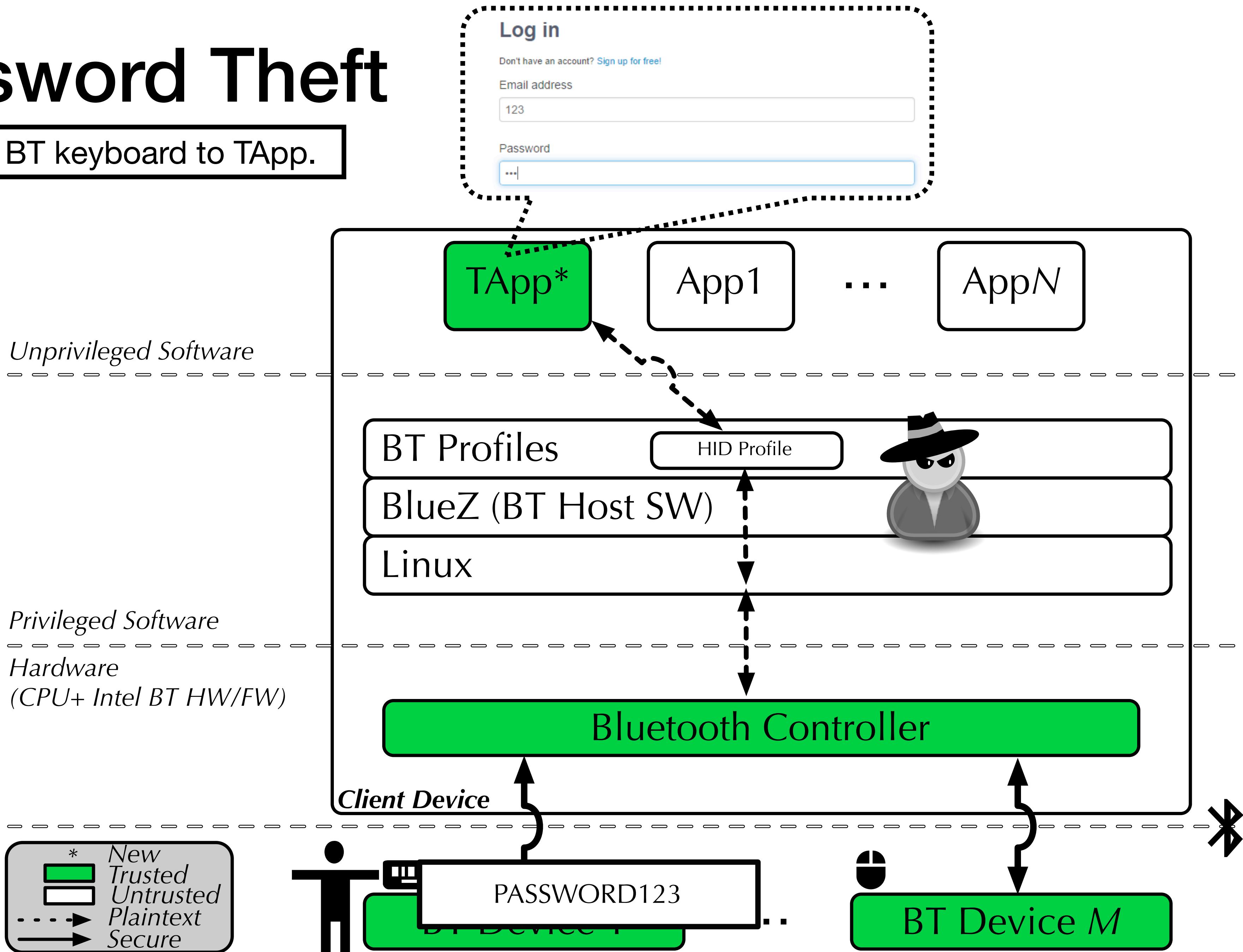
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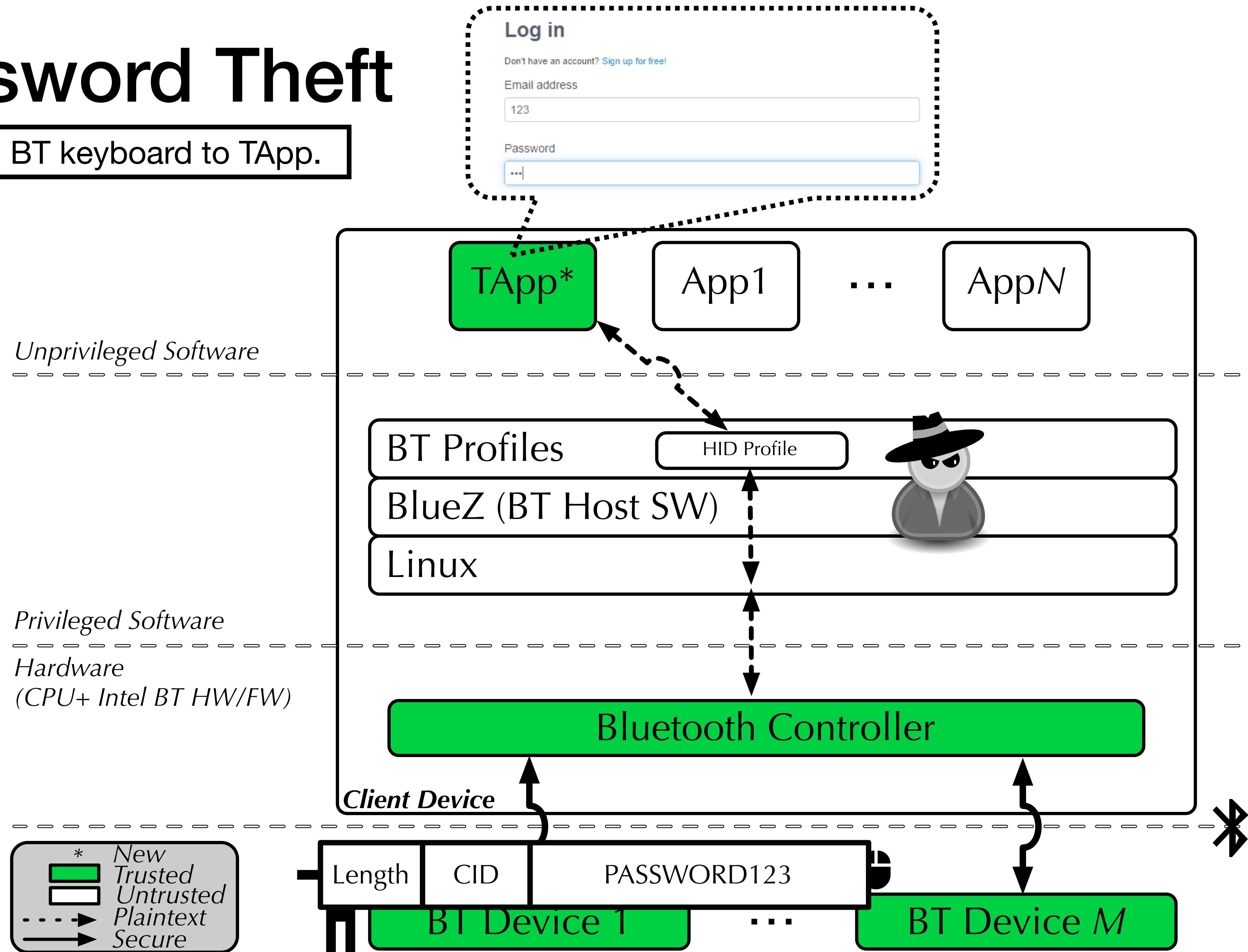
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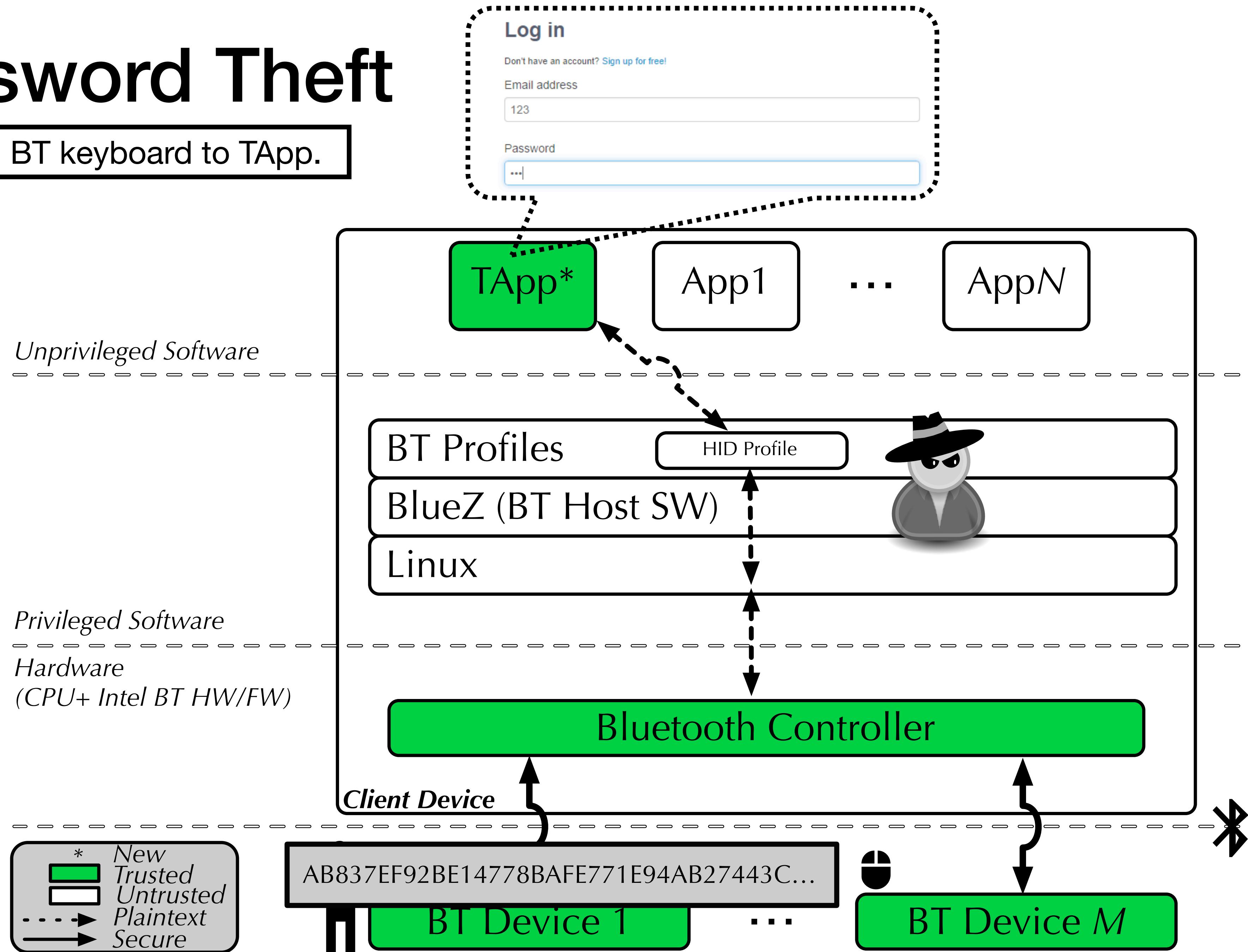
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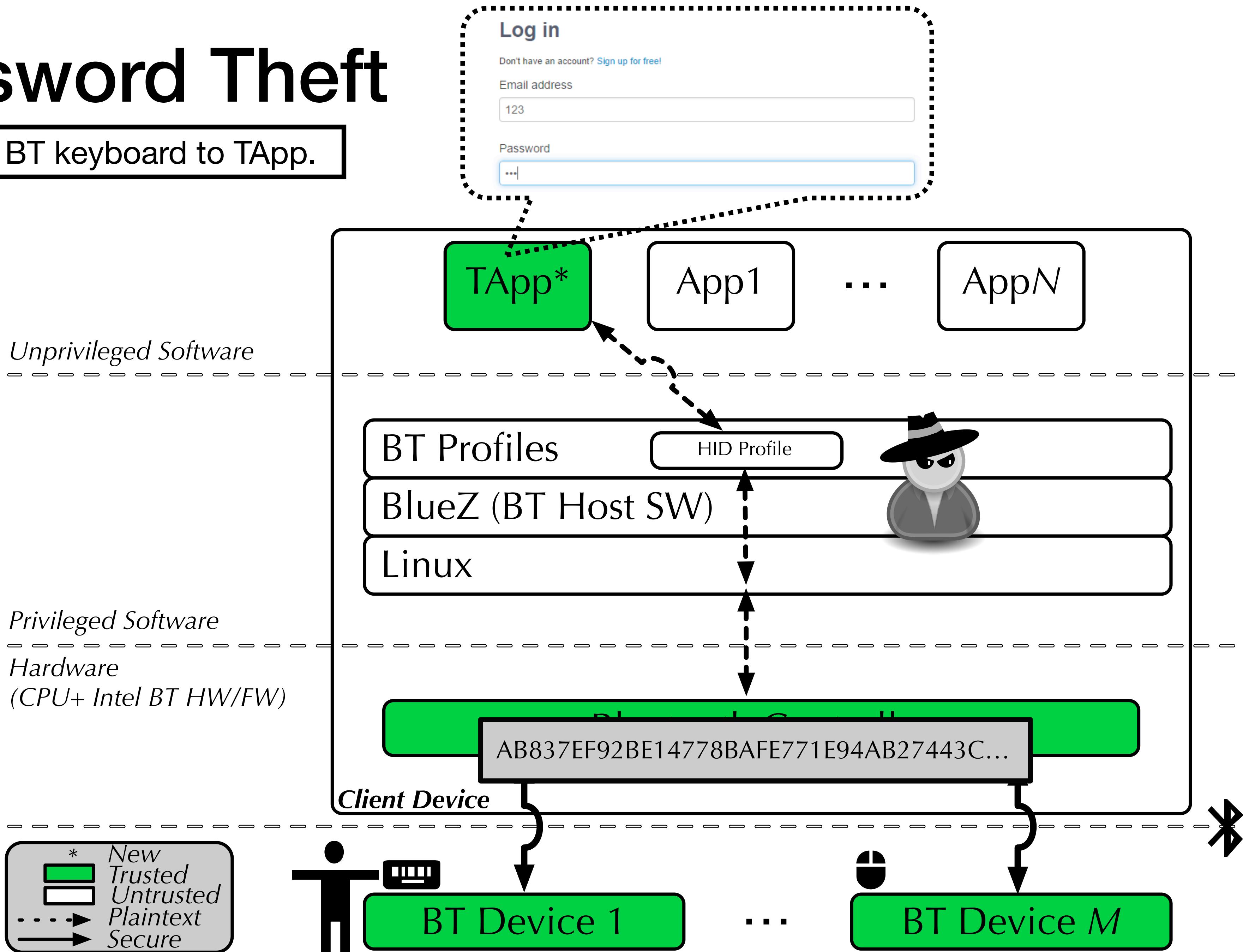
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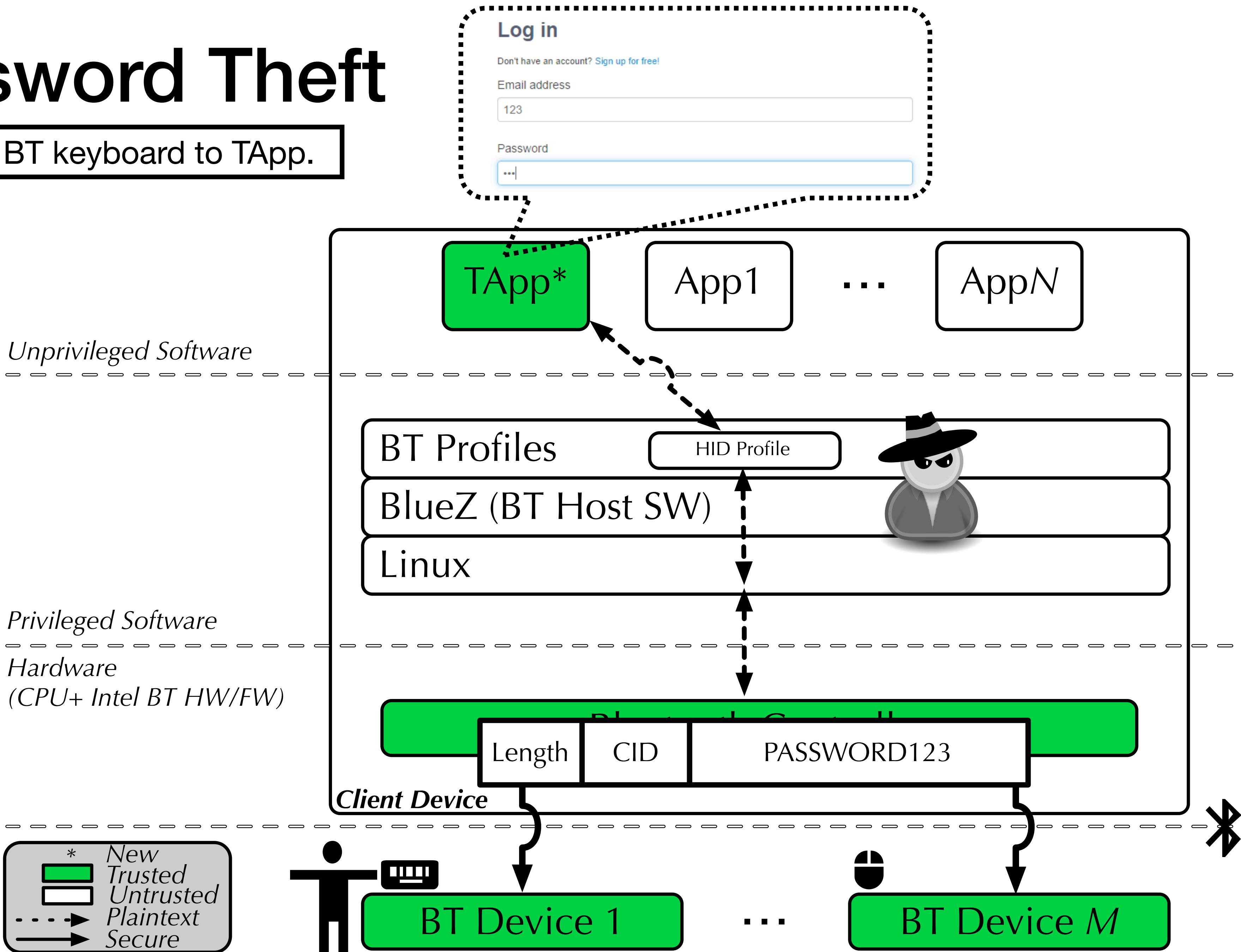
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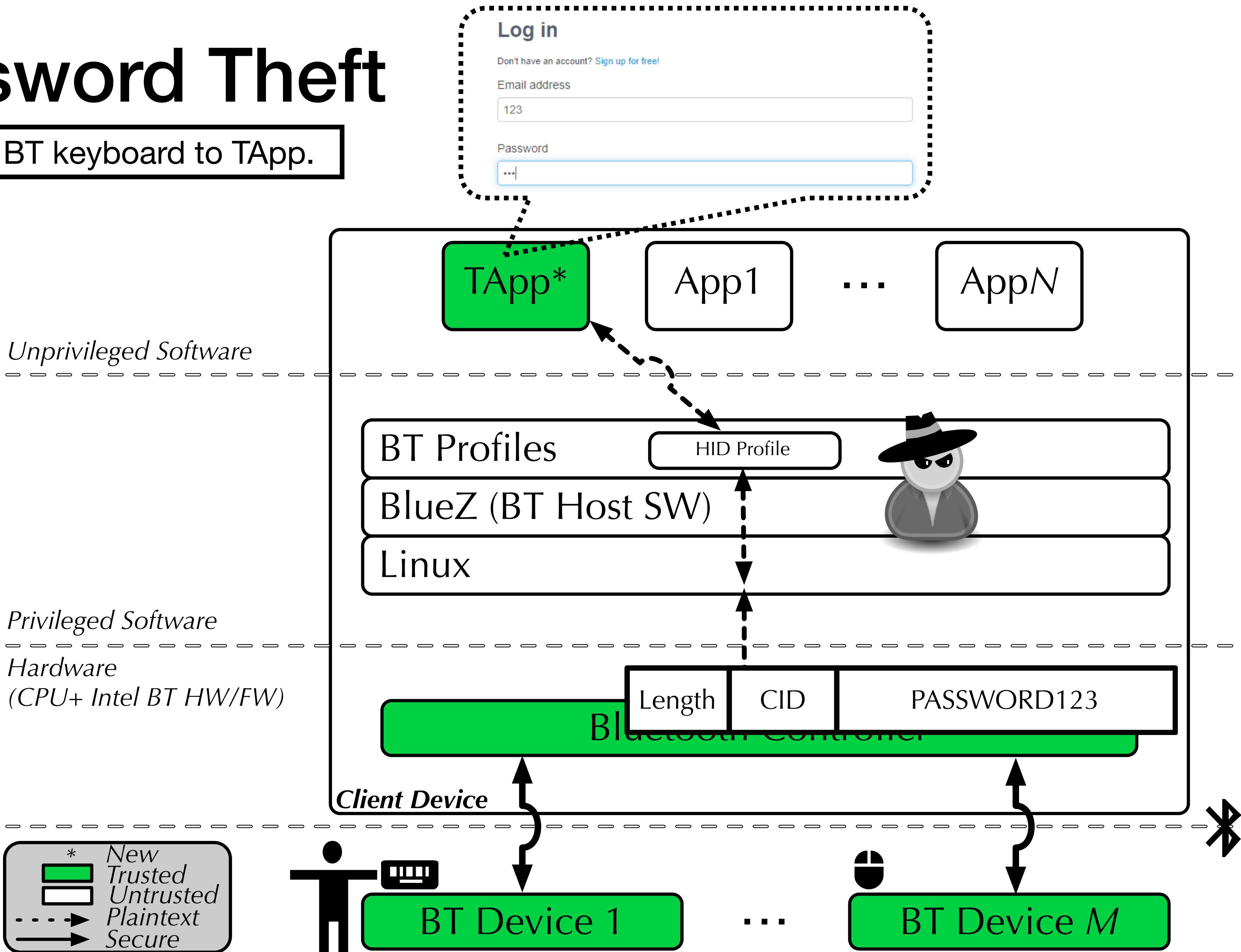
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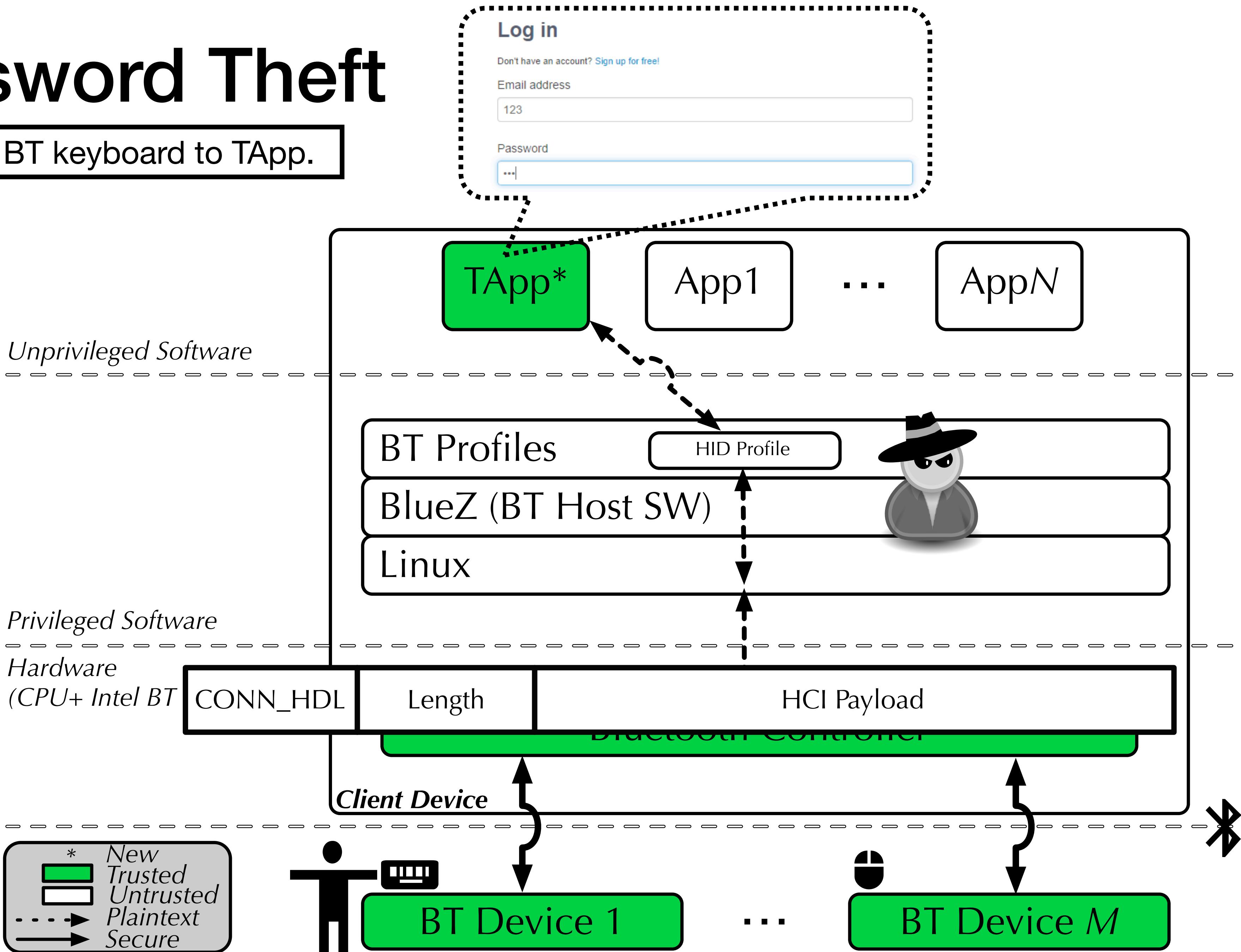
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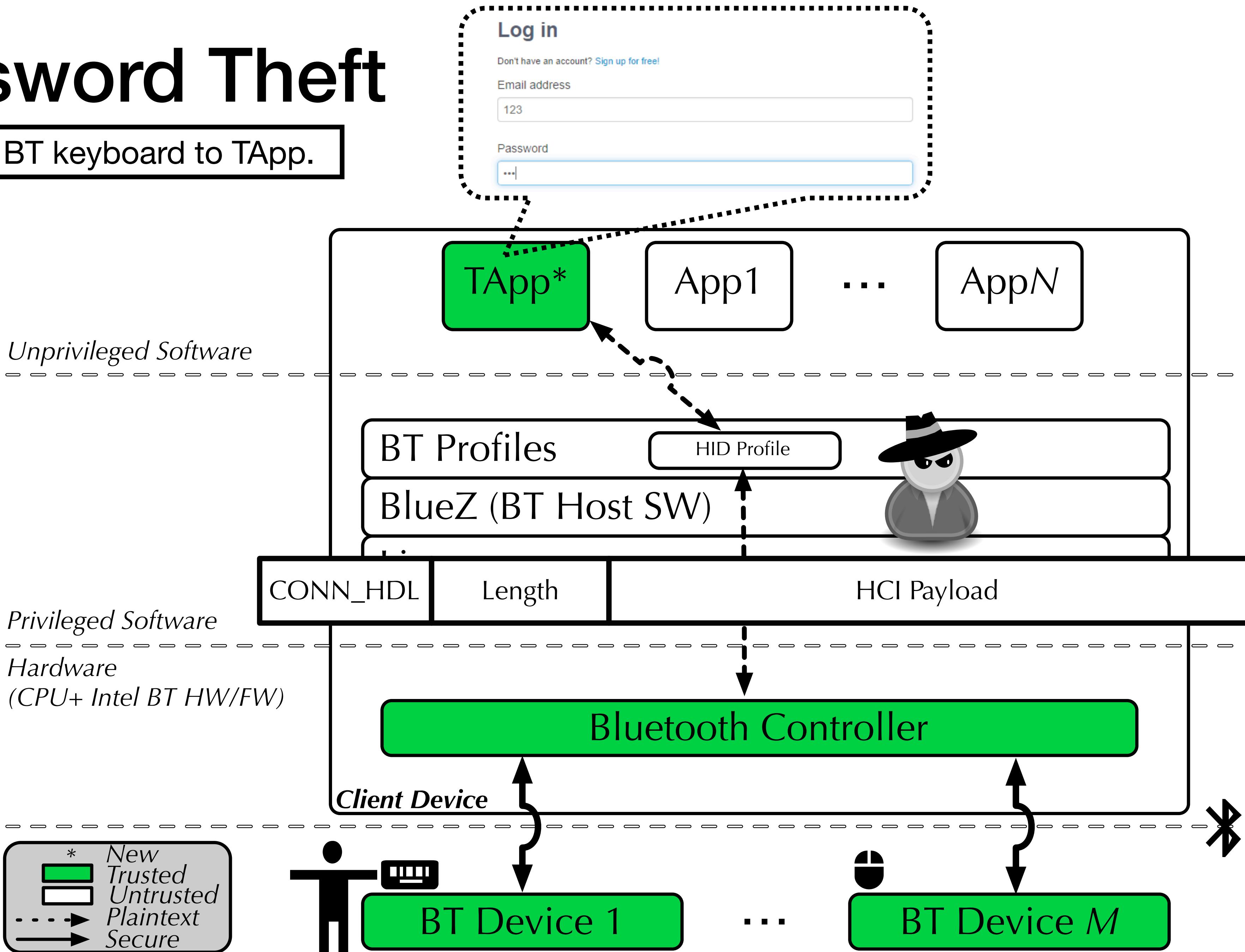
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**Password is stolen!**

**Without Trusted I/O,  
data is vulnerable!**

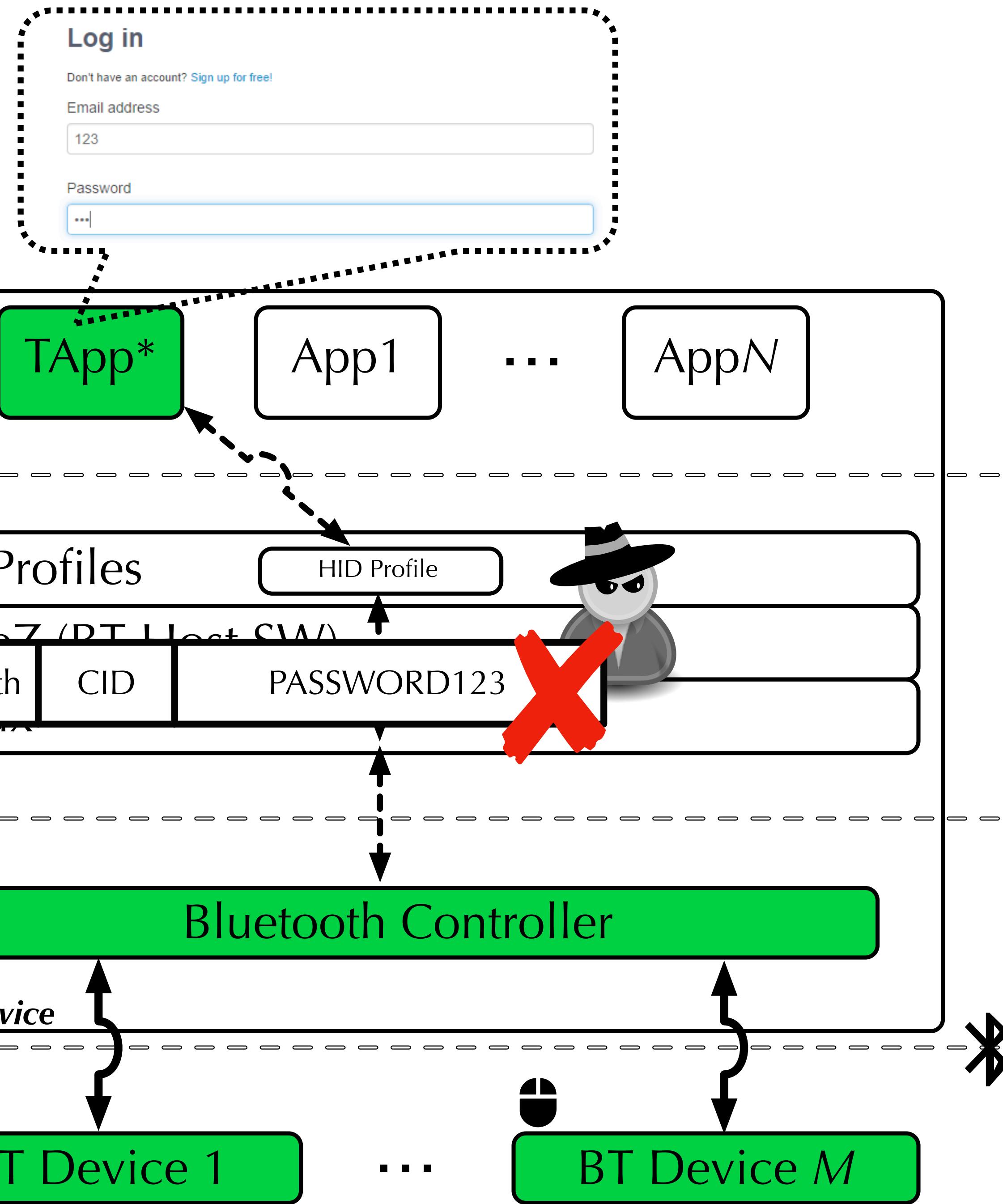


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# Trusted I/O

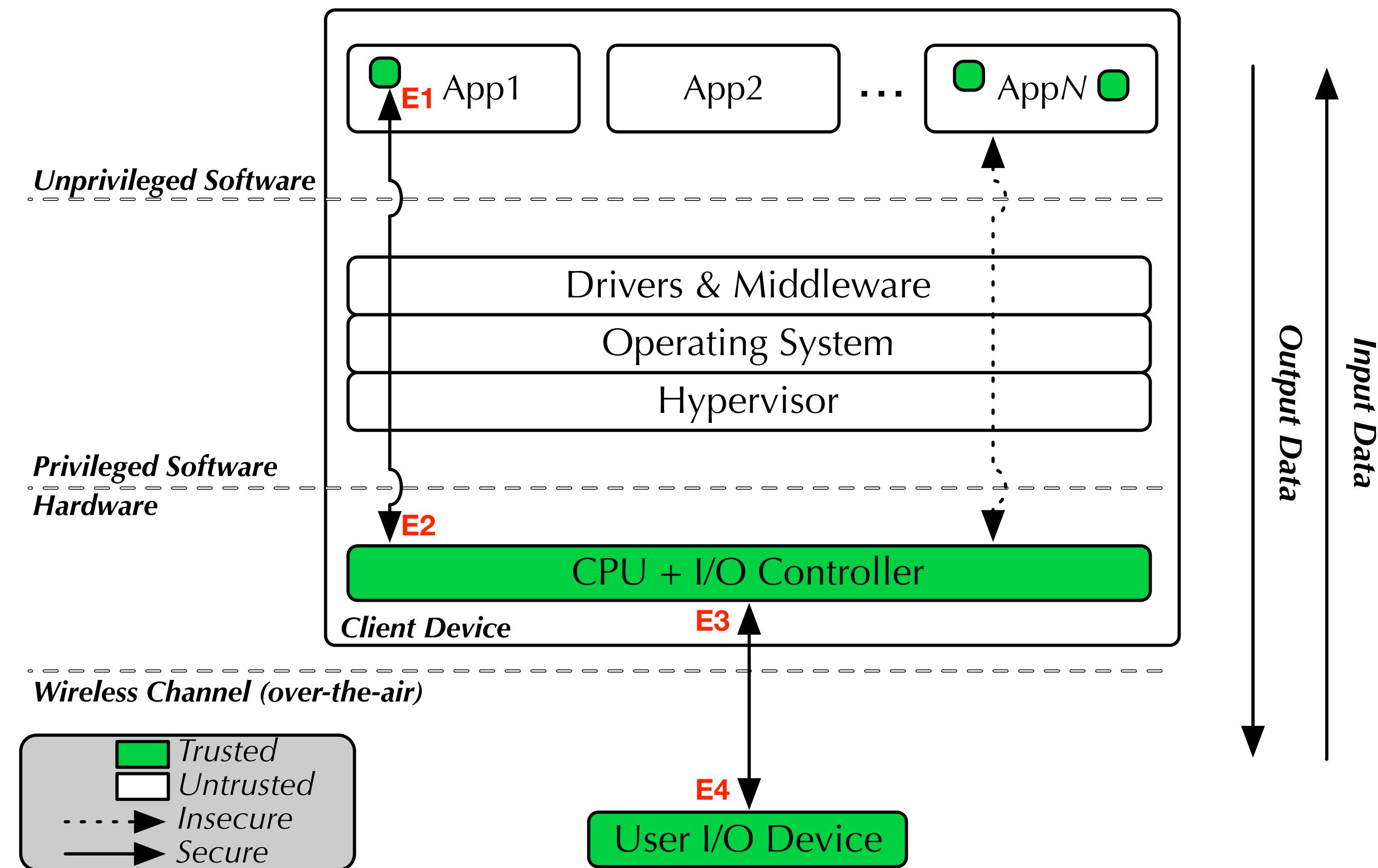
**Key Insight:** Break path into two subpaths (E1-E2, E3-E4).  
Re-encrypt data between E1-E2 (enclave-controller).  
Use existing OTA security between E3-E4 (client-device).

## Our Goal:

- E2E security for select I/O data
  - No new HW
  - No changes to BT stack/devices
  - No dependency on system SW
- Minimal TCB!

## This paper/talk:

- Focus on feasibility
- Secure *input* data from keyboard



# Proposed Architecture: BASTION-SGX

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O Monitor & Filter

- Monitor *all* ingress/egress packets
- Update Metadata Table according to BT channel/connection-related events
- Send packets matching security policy to BT-TIO Security Module

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O Metadata Table

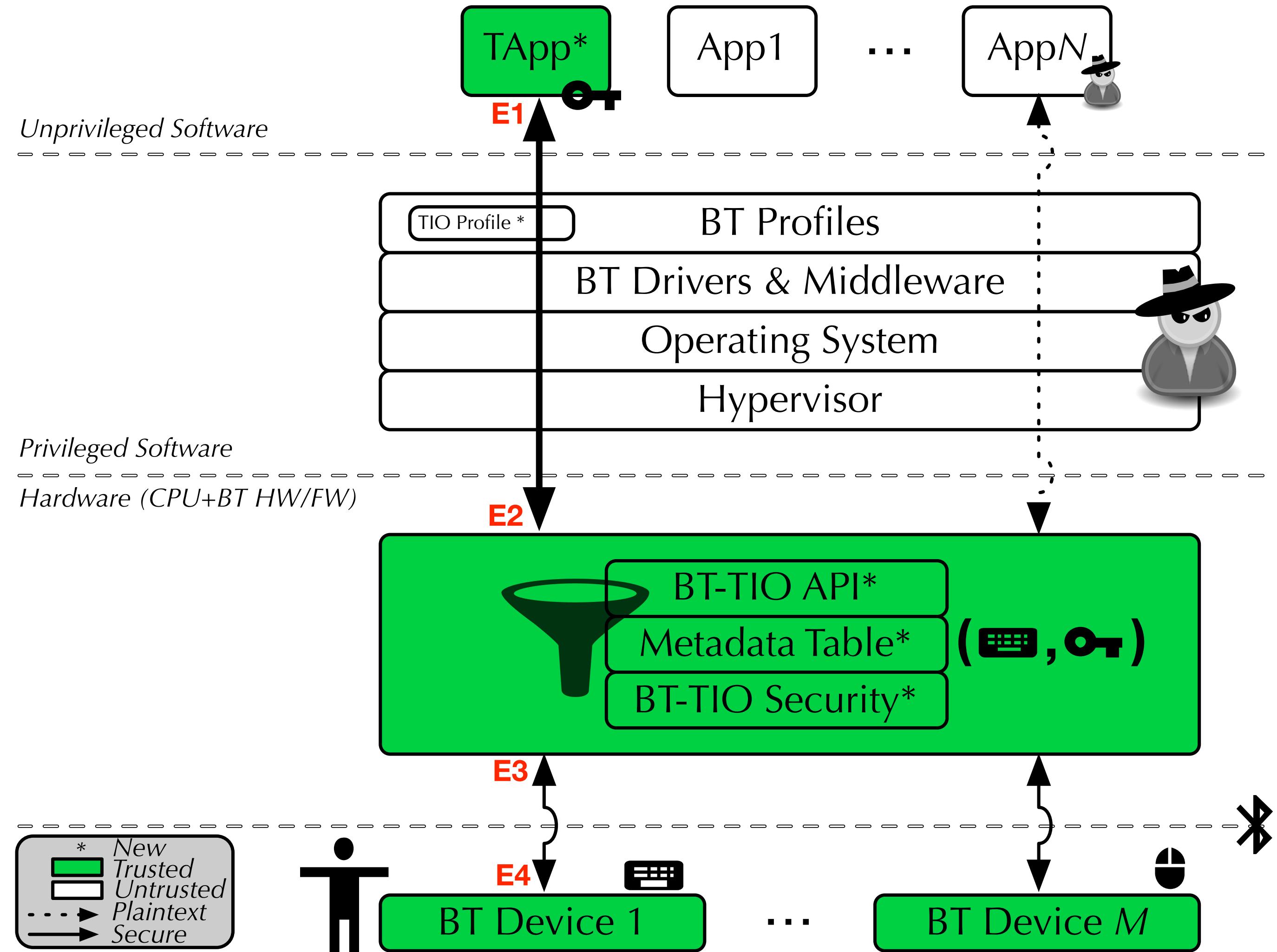
- Store connection/channel metadata

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O API

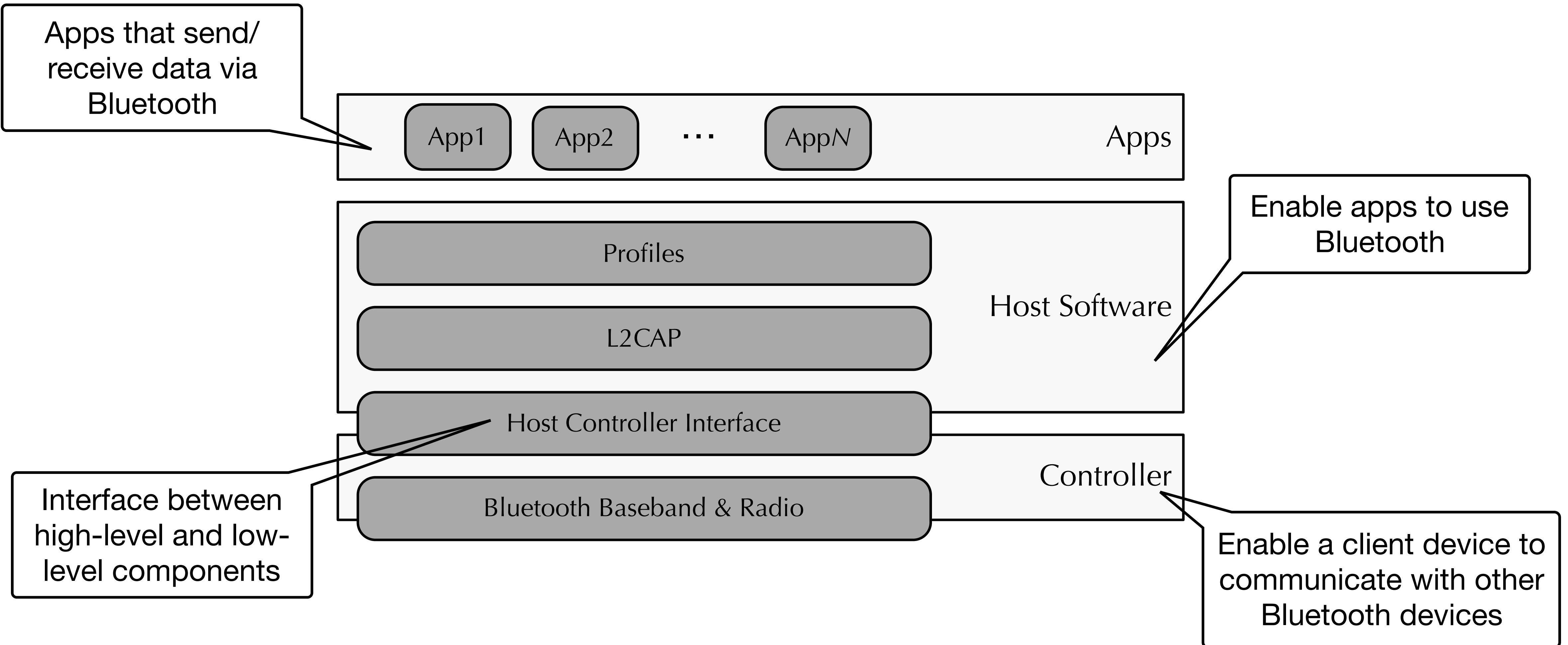
- Enable apps to program security policies (i.e., tuple of (CHANNEL-ID & KEY))
- Use extensible interface for 3rd party features (Vendor Specific Debug Commands)

## Bluetooth Trusted Security Module

- Cryptographic operations (e.g., encryption, decryption)



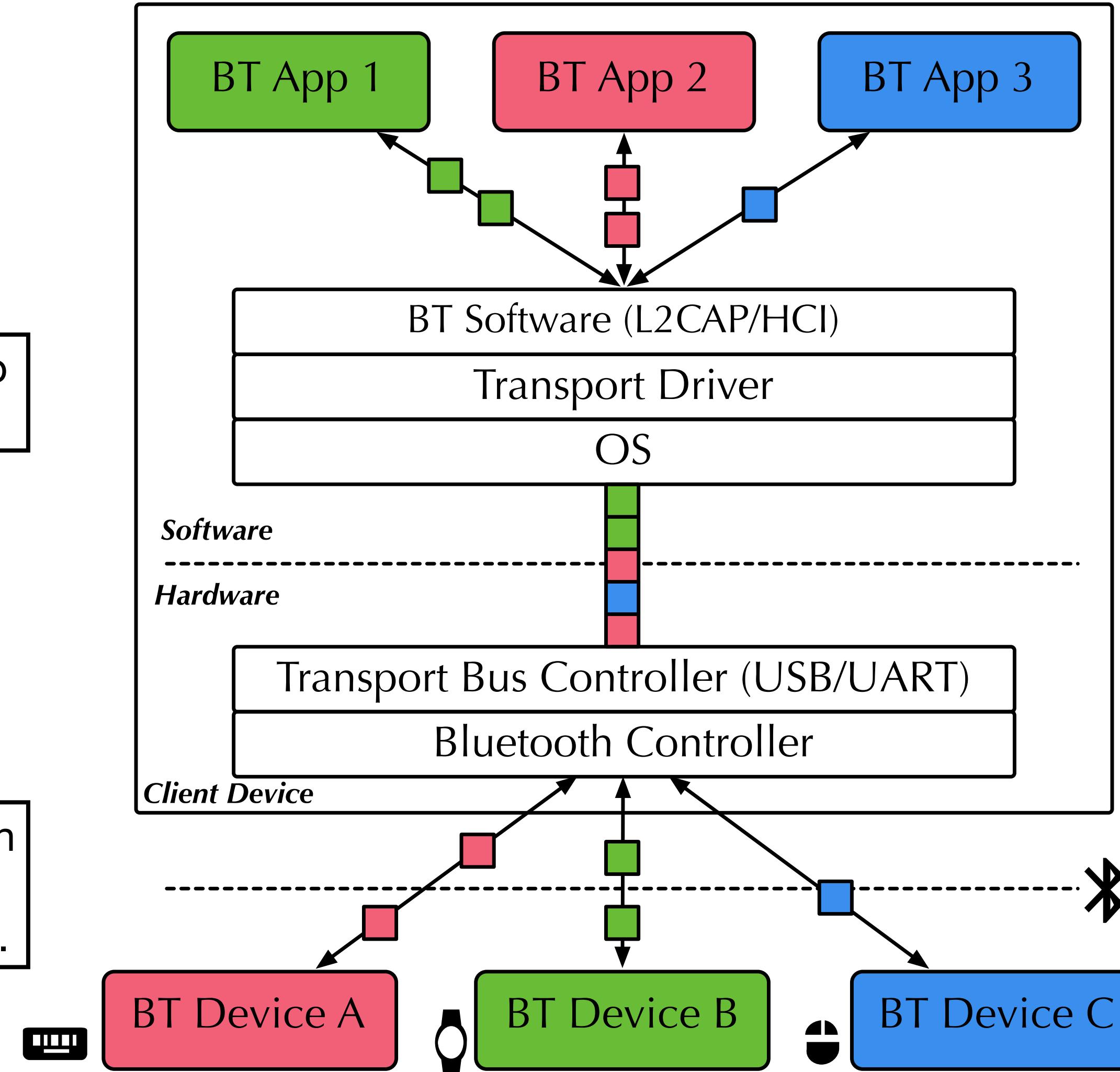
# Bluetooth Architecture Overview



# Requirements & Challenges

3. Security should only be applied to **data** packets, not **control** packets.

1. All packets are multiplexed within the Client's Bluetooth Controller & sent to Host SW in a single stream.

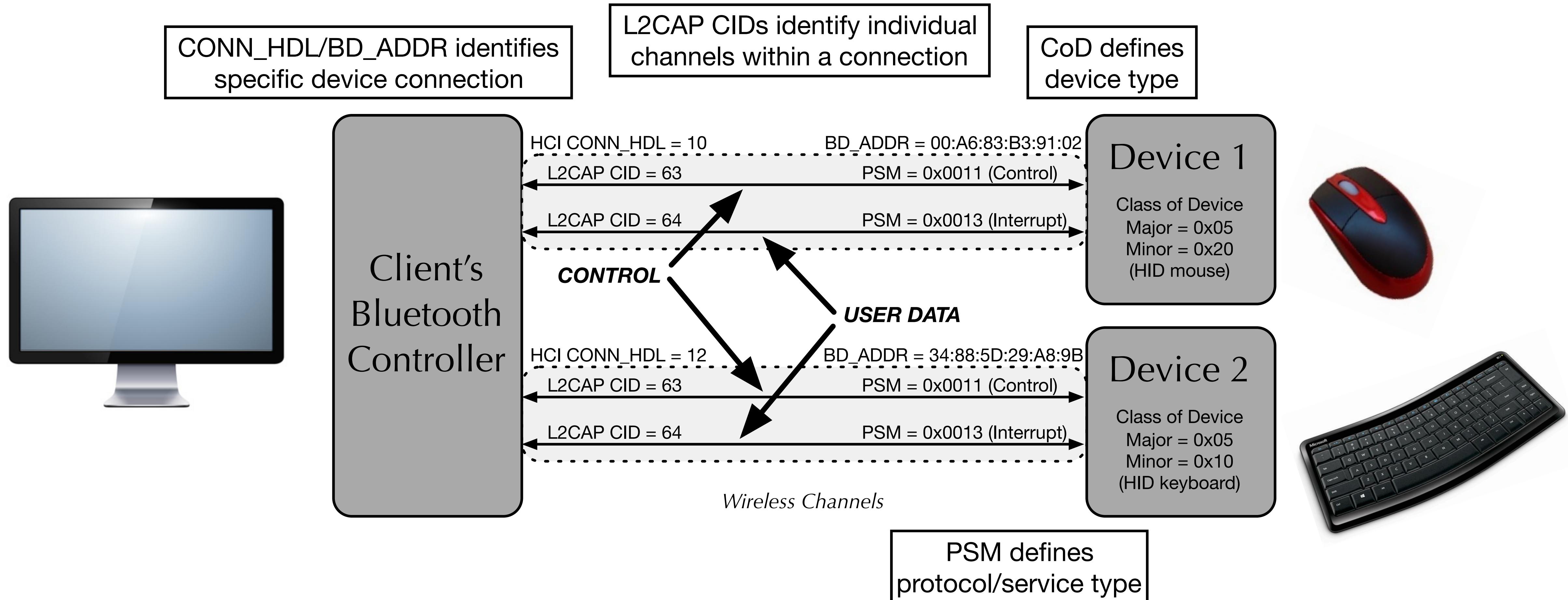
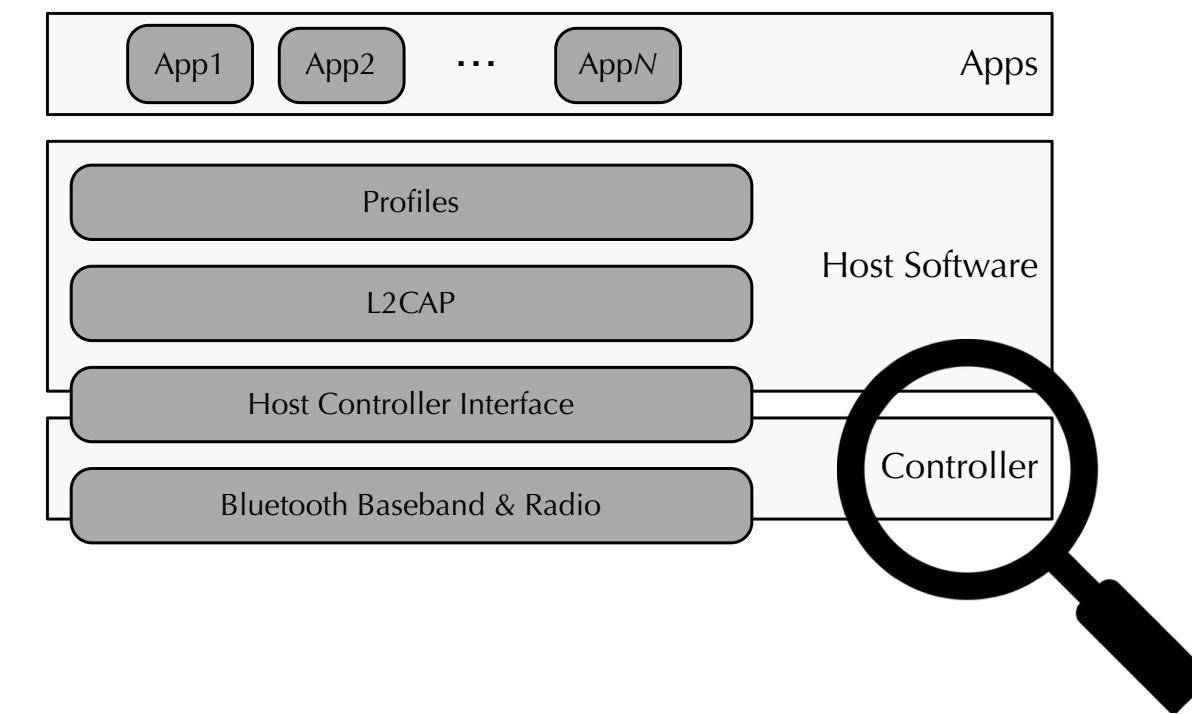


4. Security applied to one channel should not affect other BT channels.

2. Host SW is responsible for using **HCI** and **L2CAP** packet headers for HCI transport and routing.

# Anatomy of BT Connection

**Q:** How can a Bluetooth Controller identify specific channels over which to enforce Trusted I/O security?



# Case Study: Securing HID Input

## Setup:

- Implement BASTION-SGX architecture (Section 4)
- Implement trusted app (TApp) for password input
- Install privileged keylogger malware — logs *all* HID data

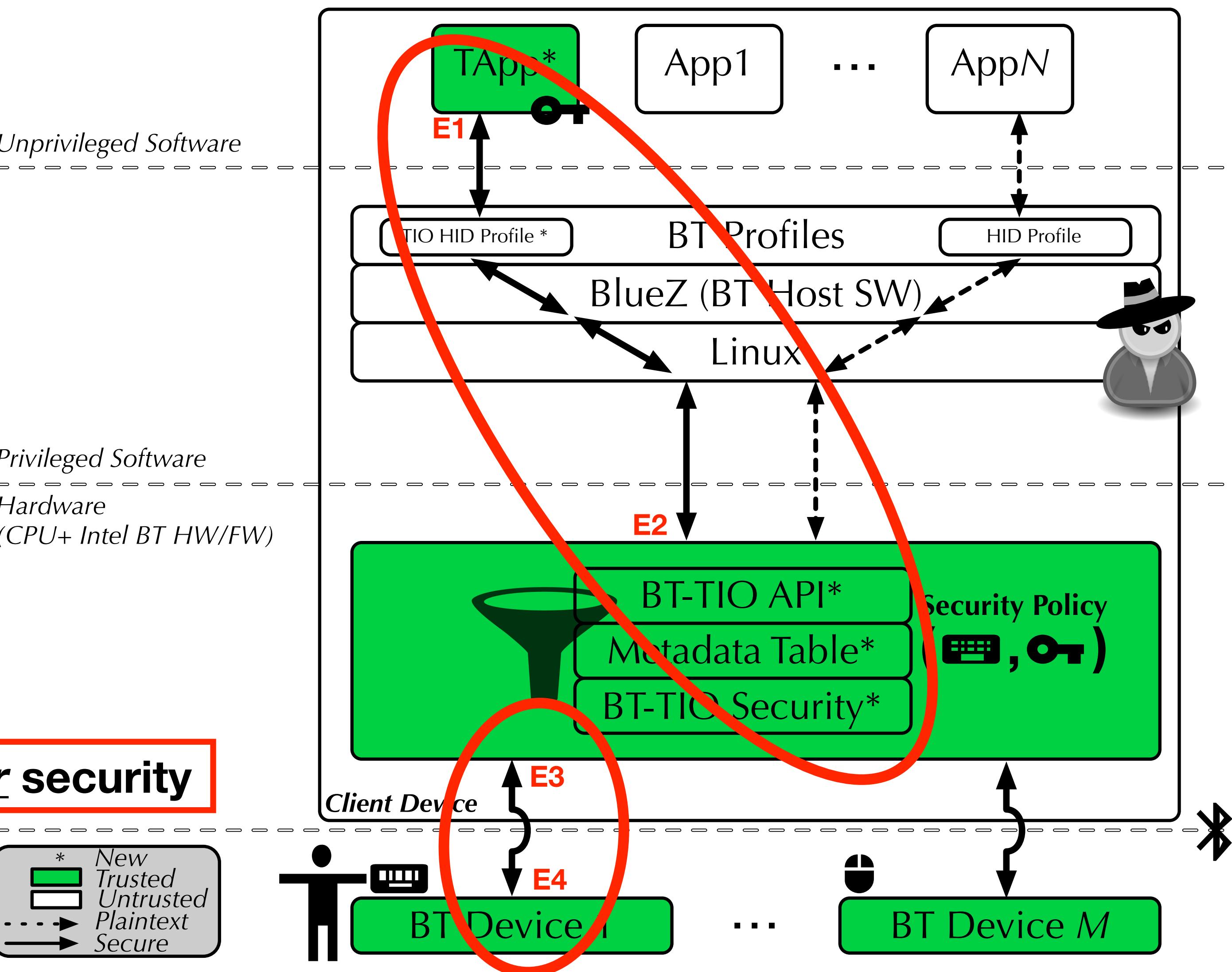
## Goals:

- Validate Bluetooth Controller's capabilities (re: fine-grained channel selection)
- Validate that even privileged malware cannot decipher input while security policy is programmed into the Bluetooth Controller

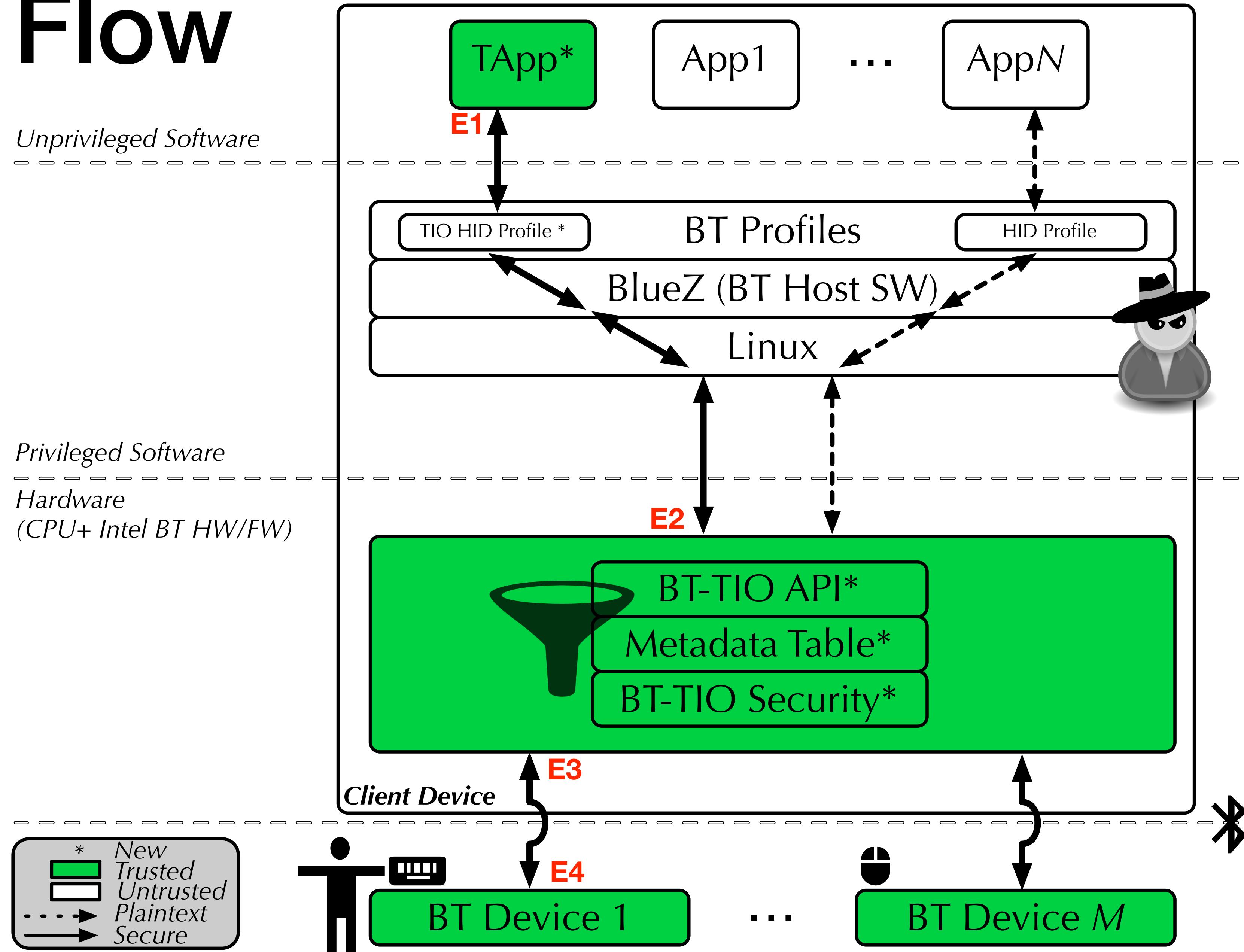
We show that **end-to-end (device-to-app) security** is possible where....

**E1-E2 is secured w/ new in-host security**

**E3-E4 is secured w/ existing over-the-air security**



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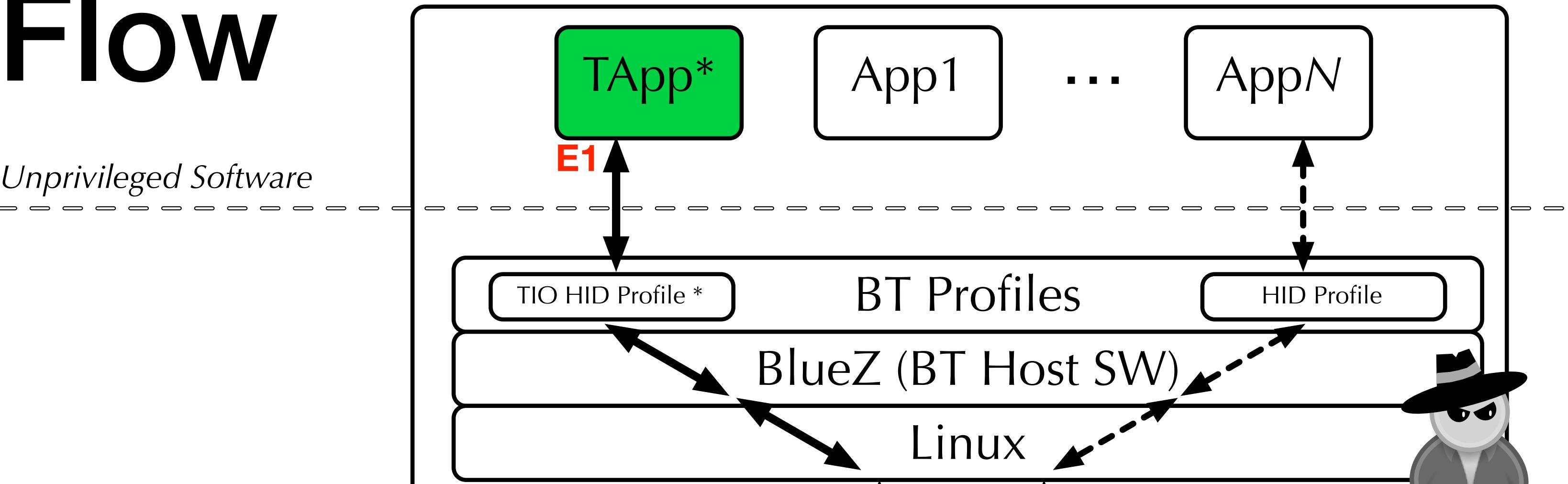
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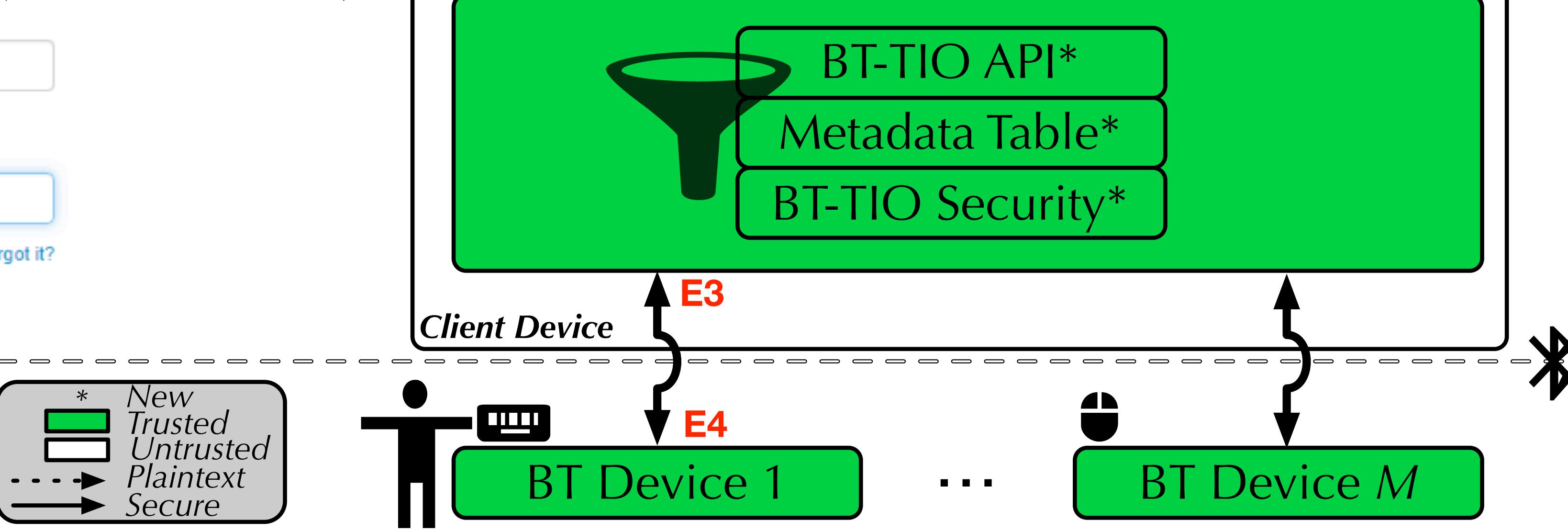
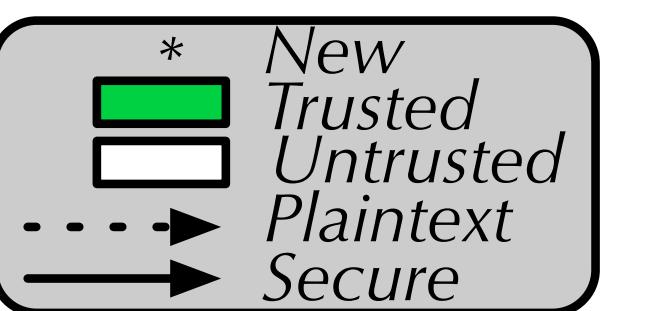
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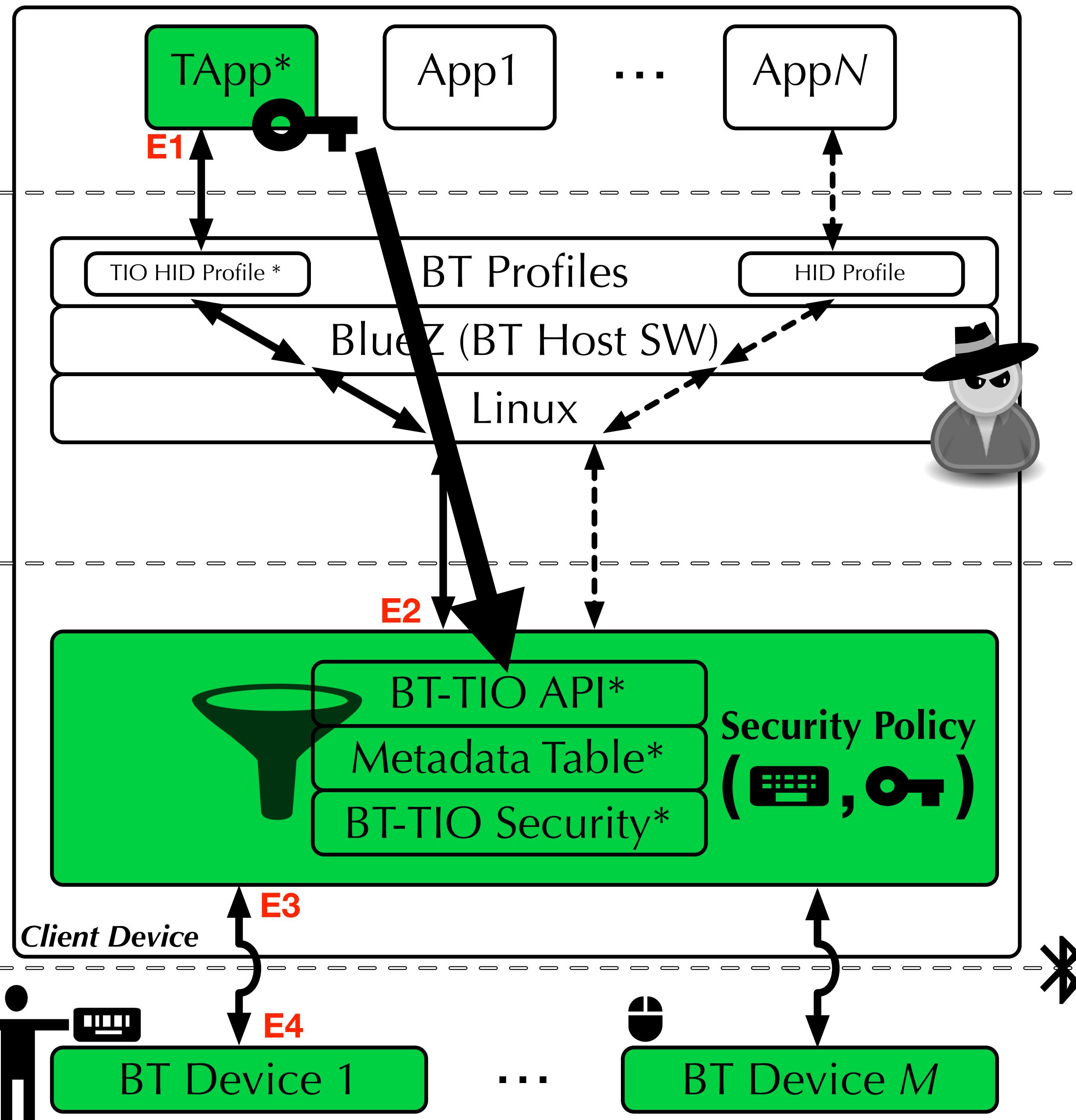
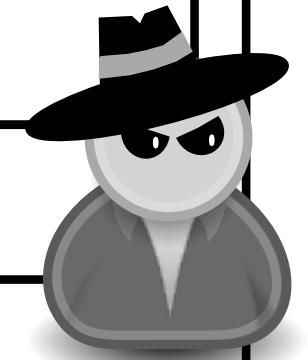
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BT Profiles

HID Profile

BlueZ (BT Host SW)

Linux



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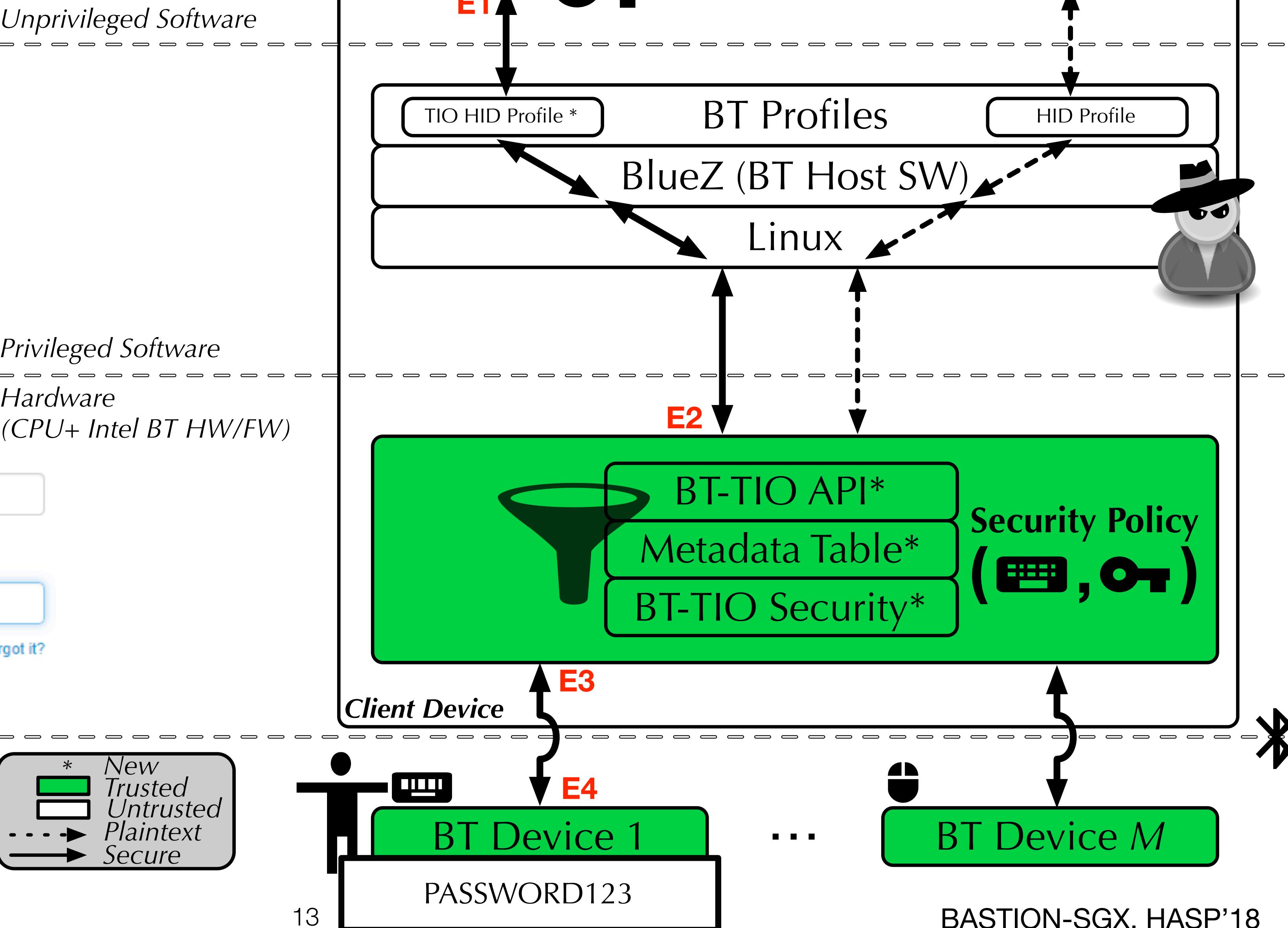
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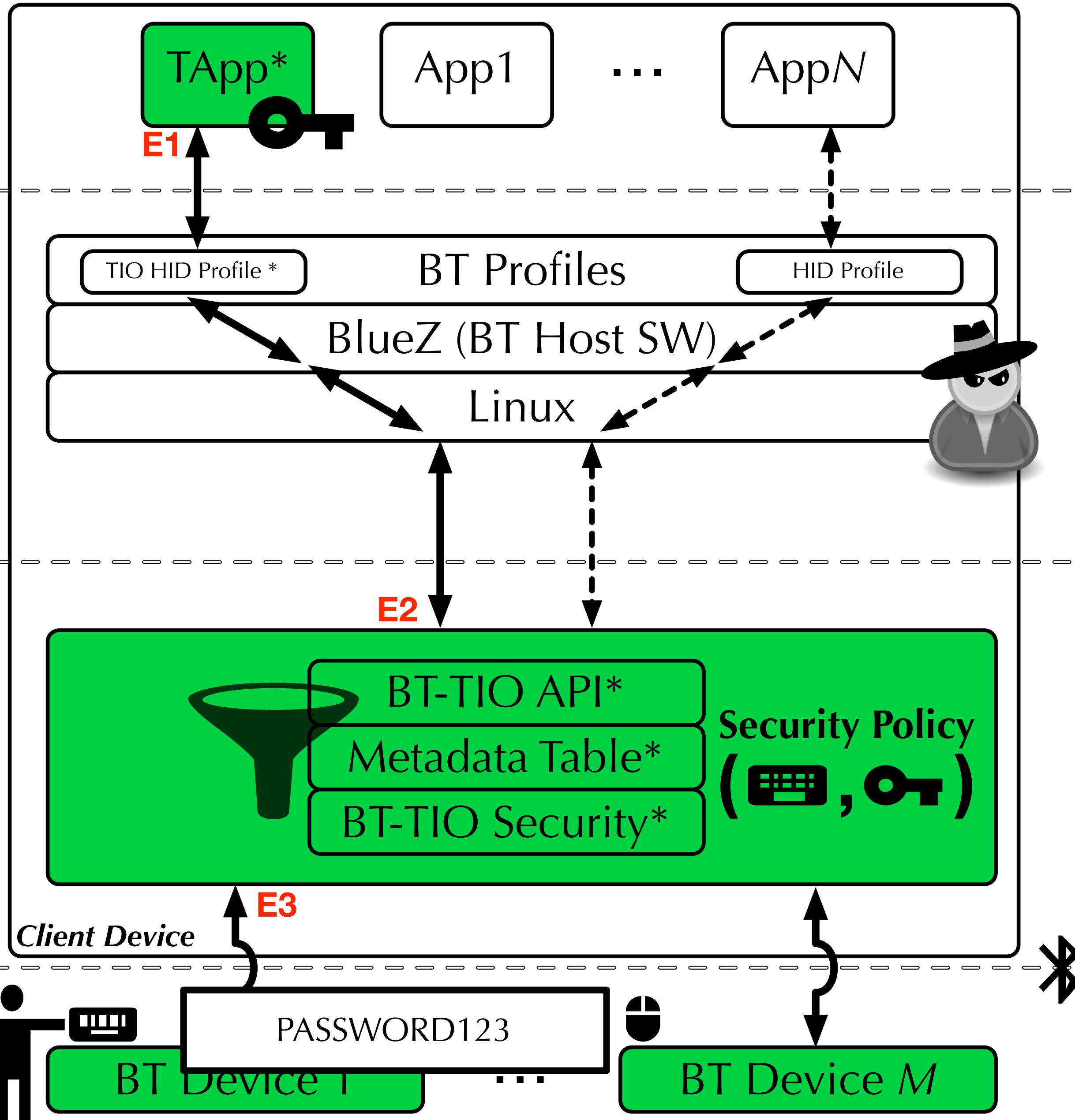
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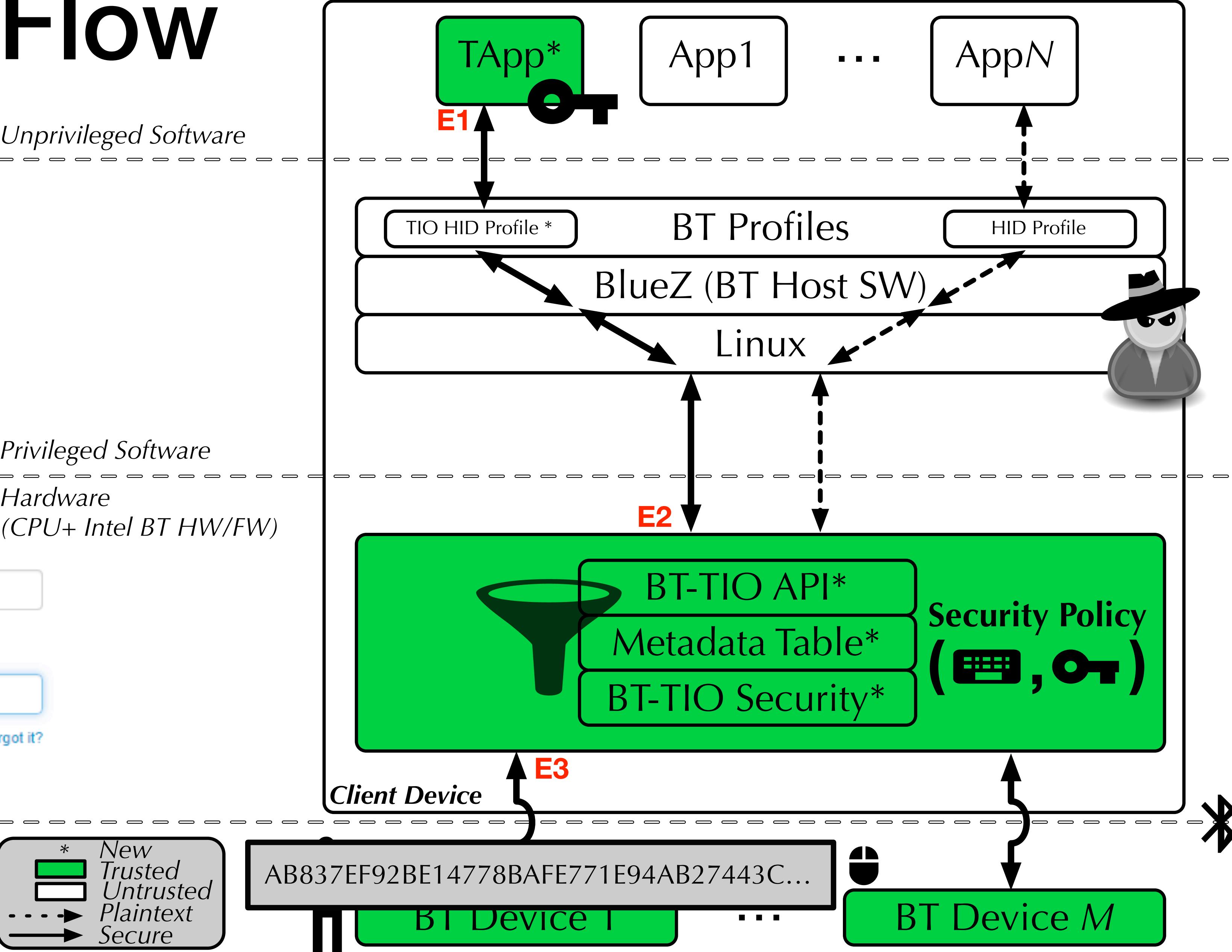
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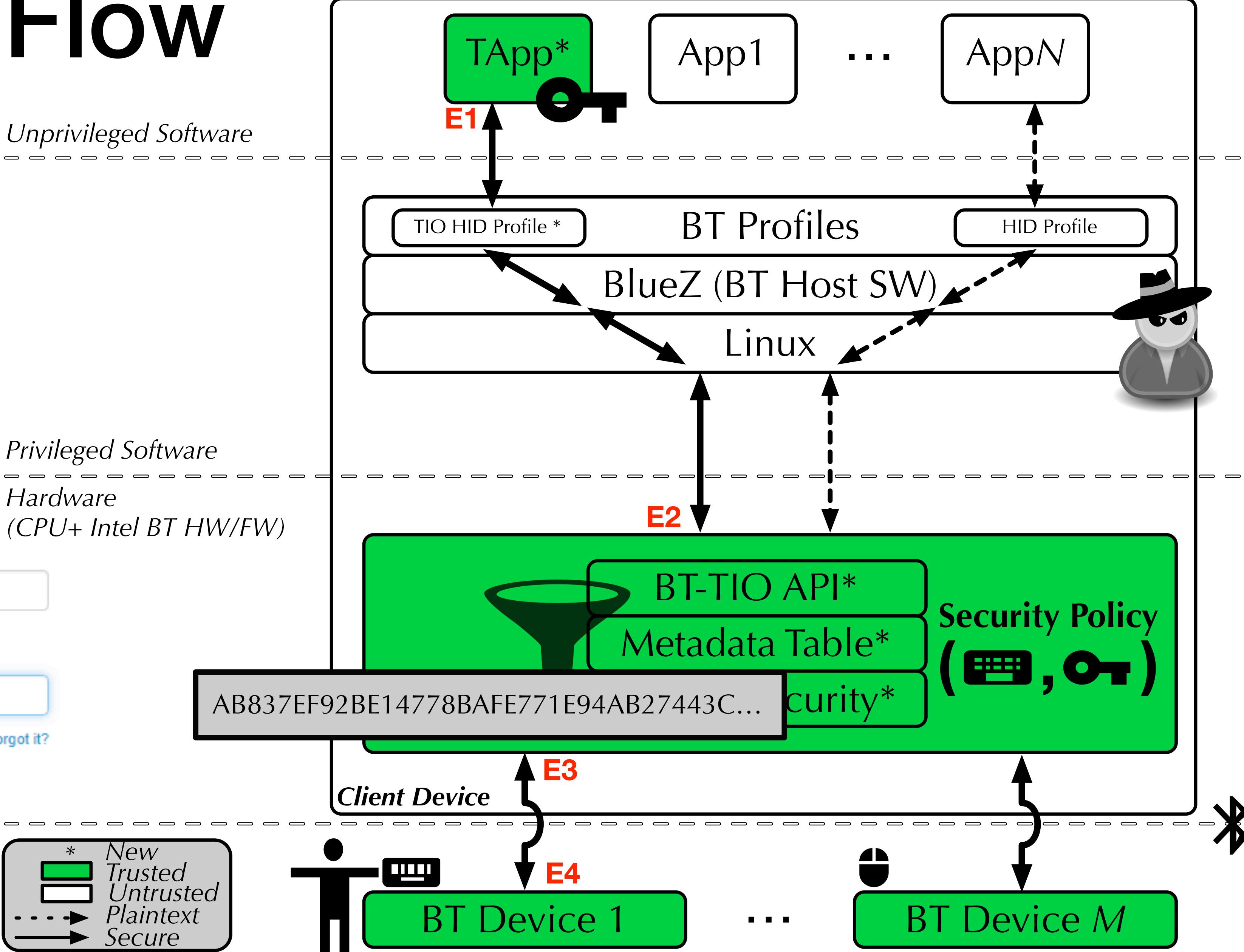
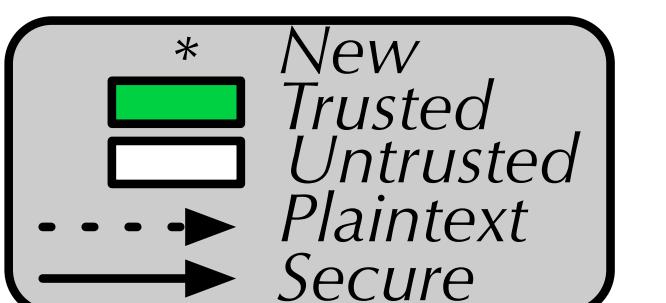
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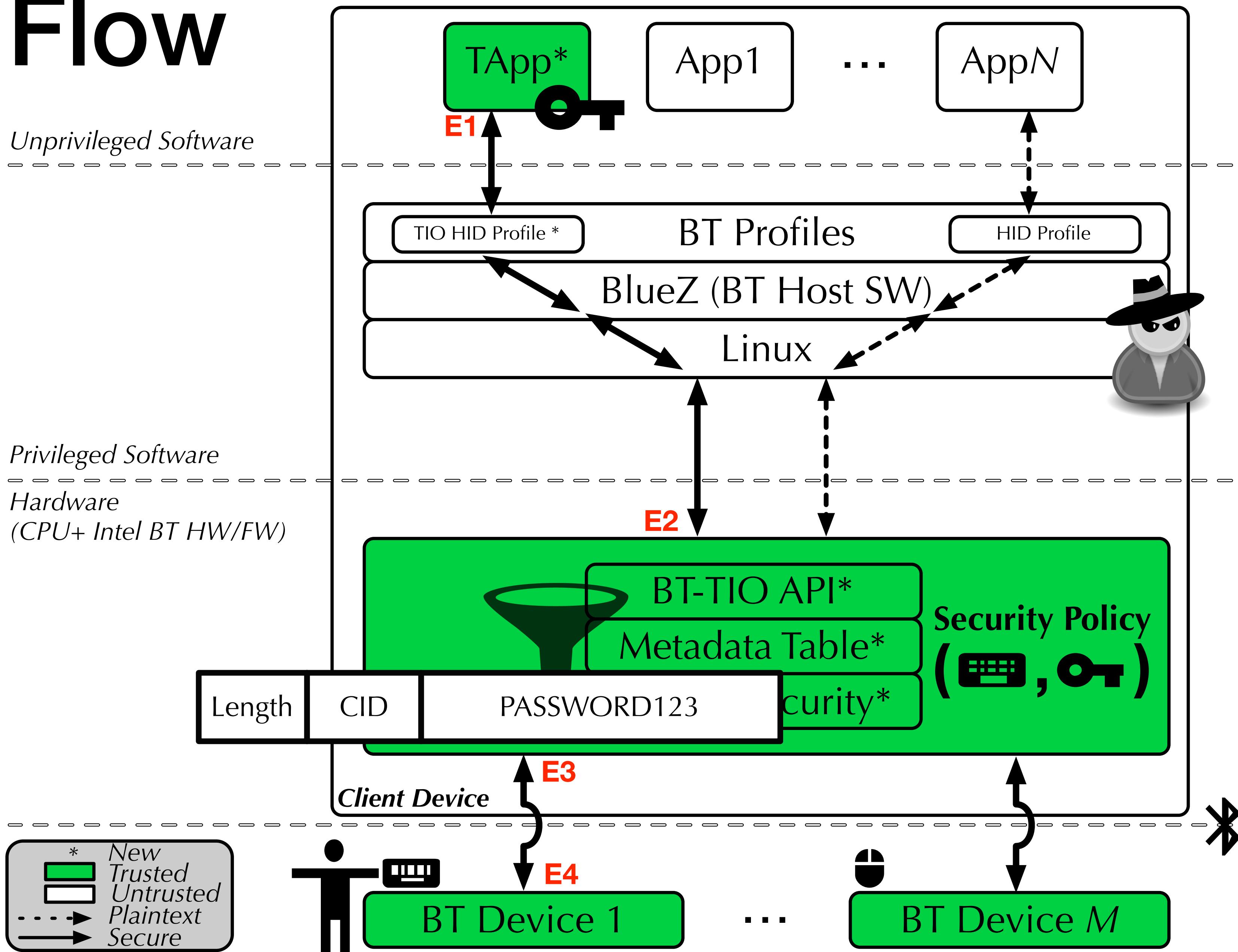
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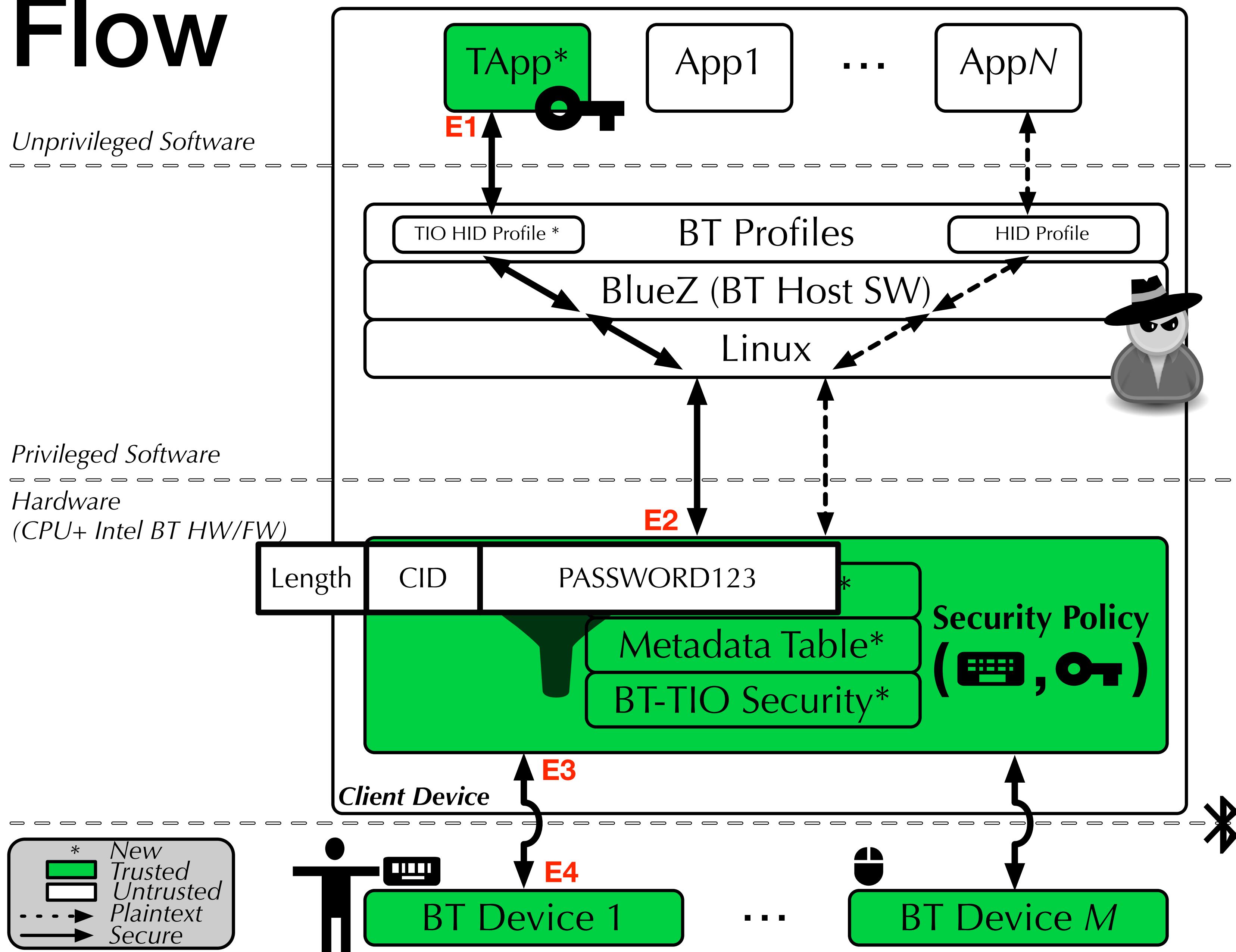
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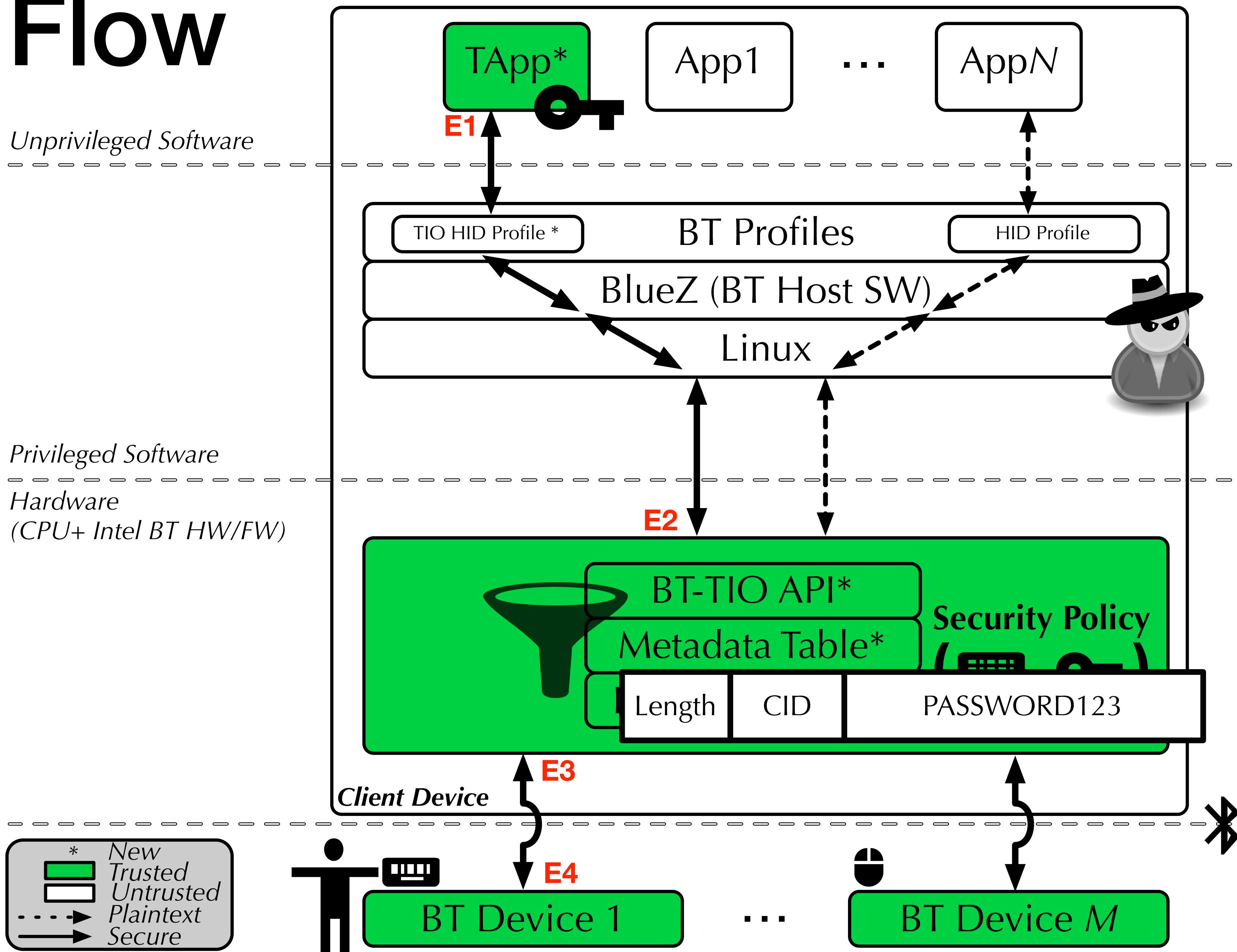
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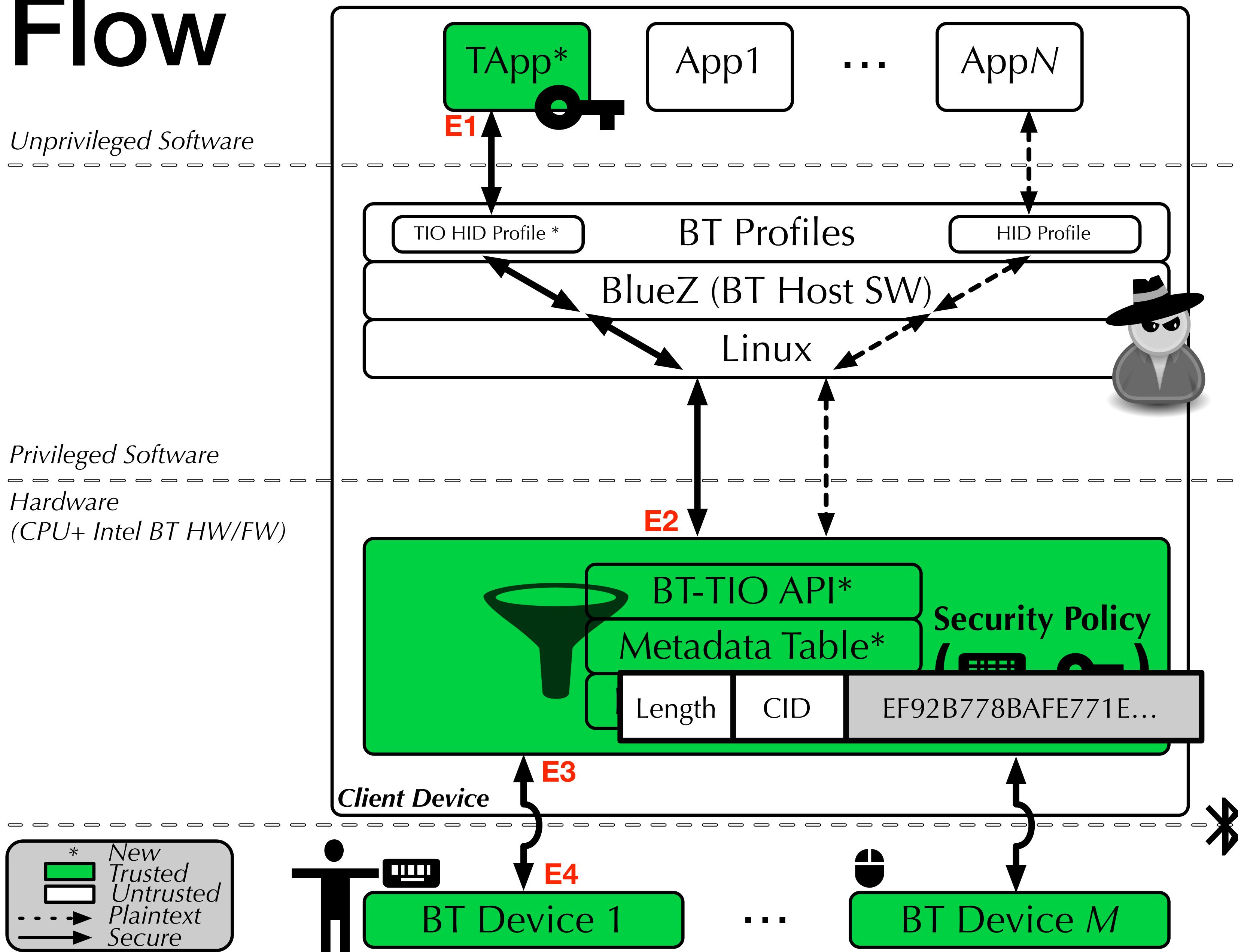
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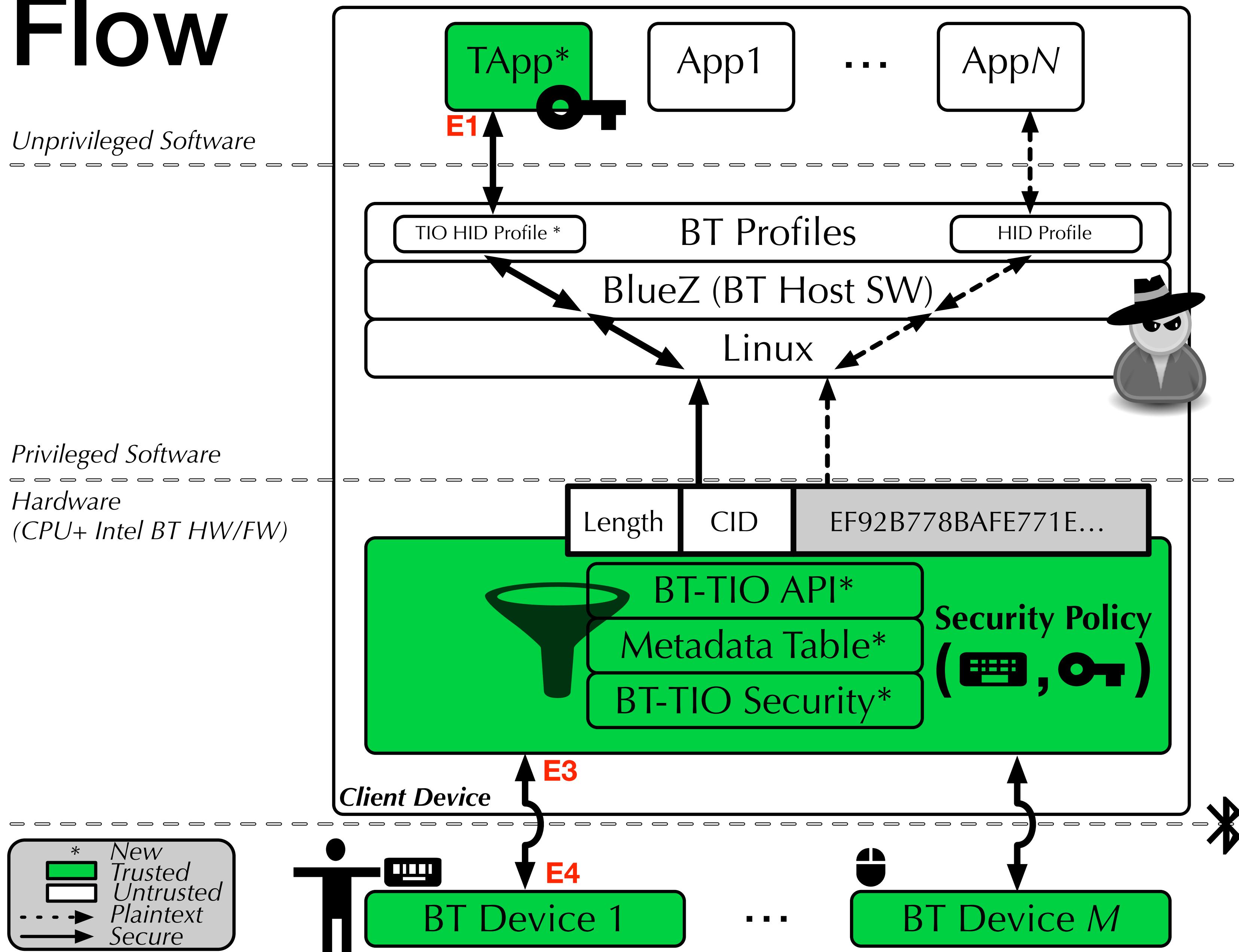
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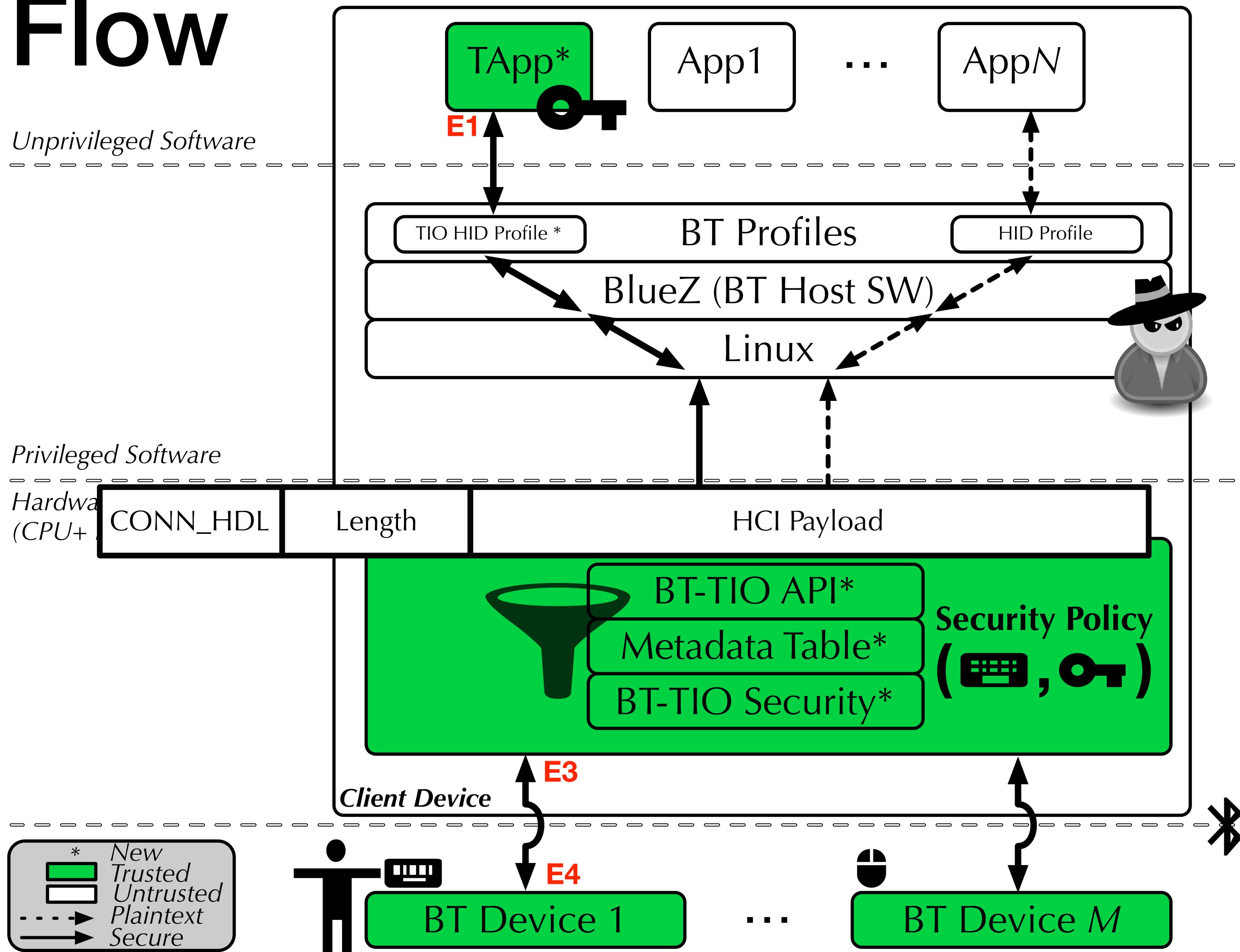
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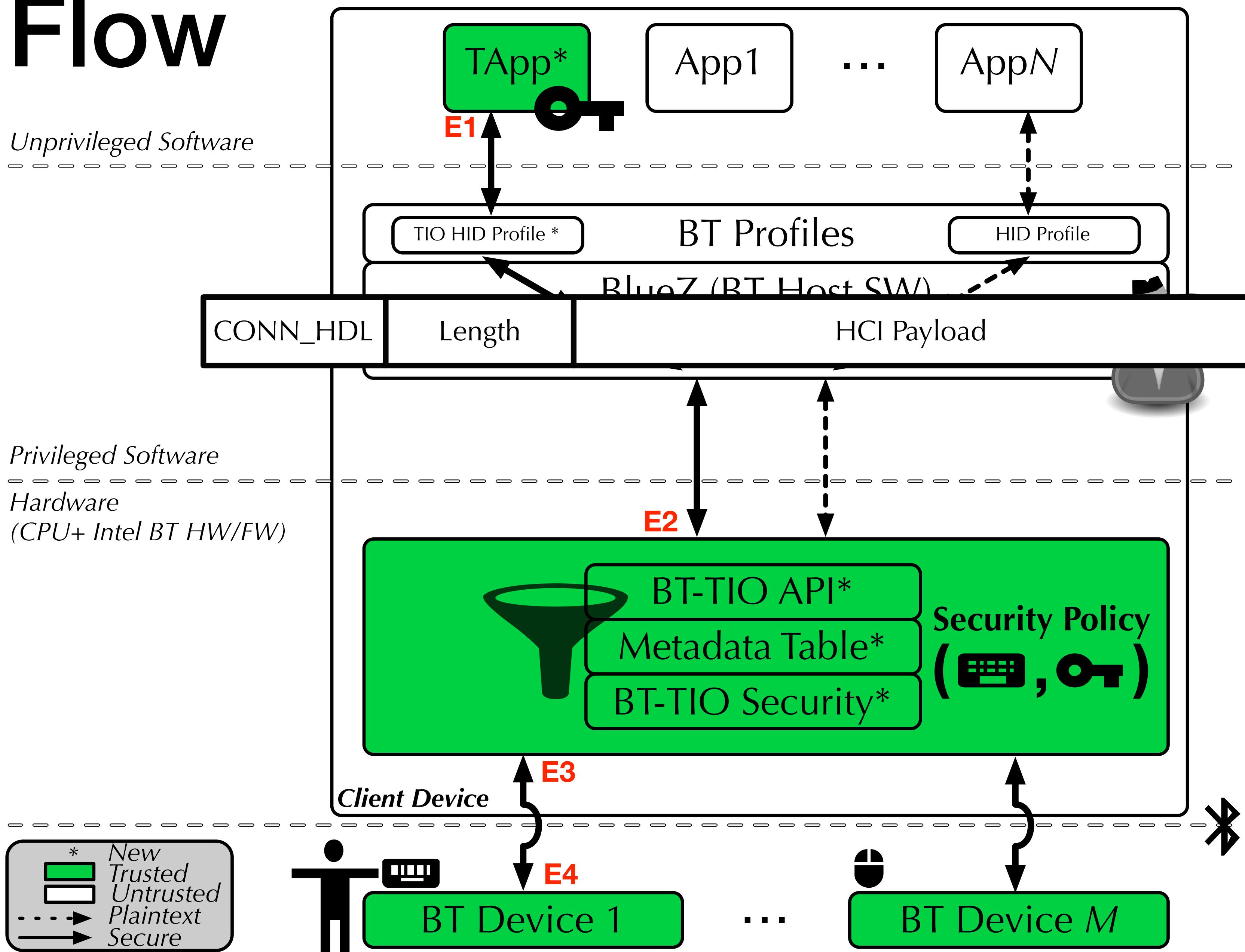
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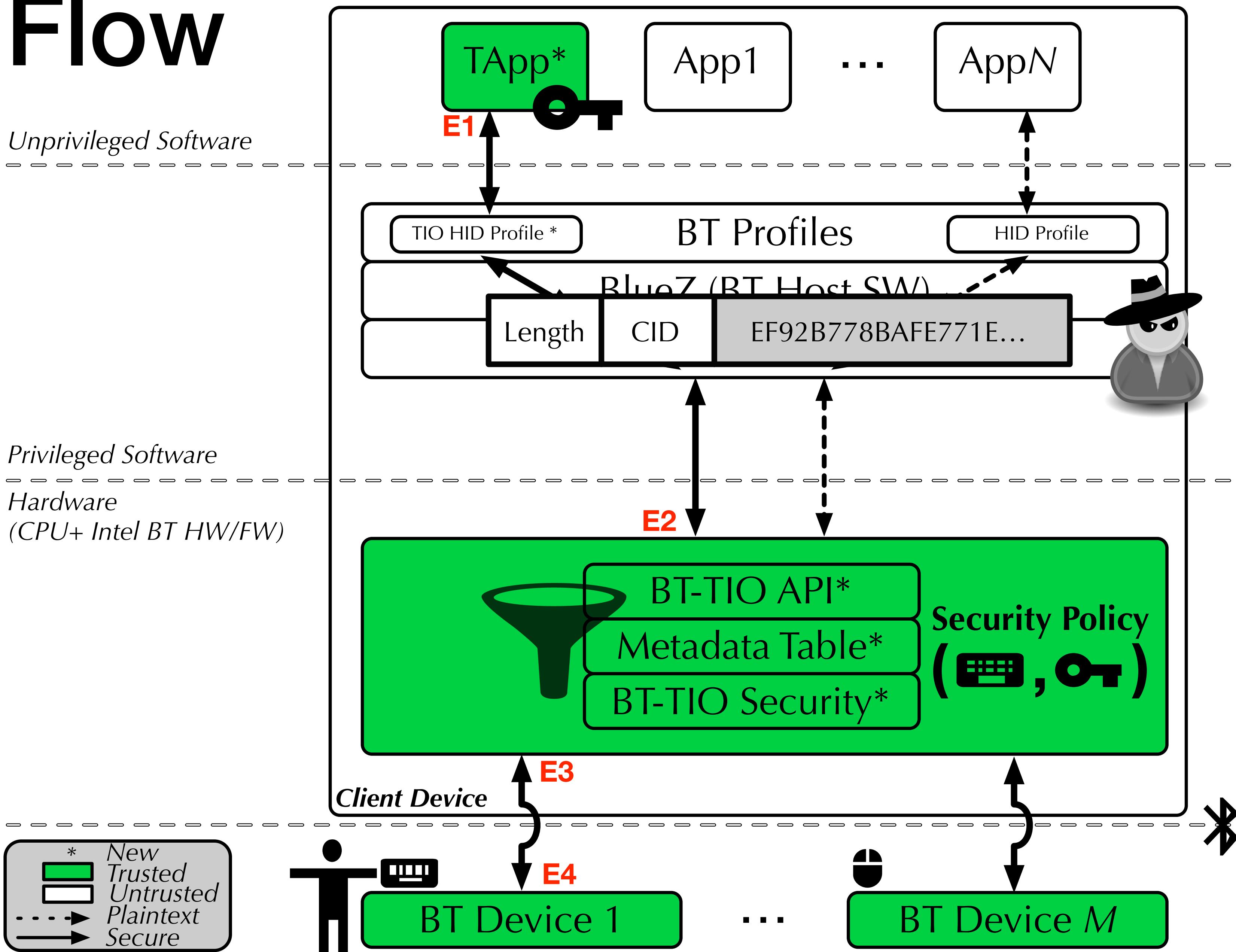
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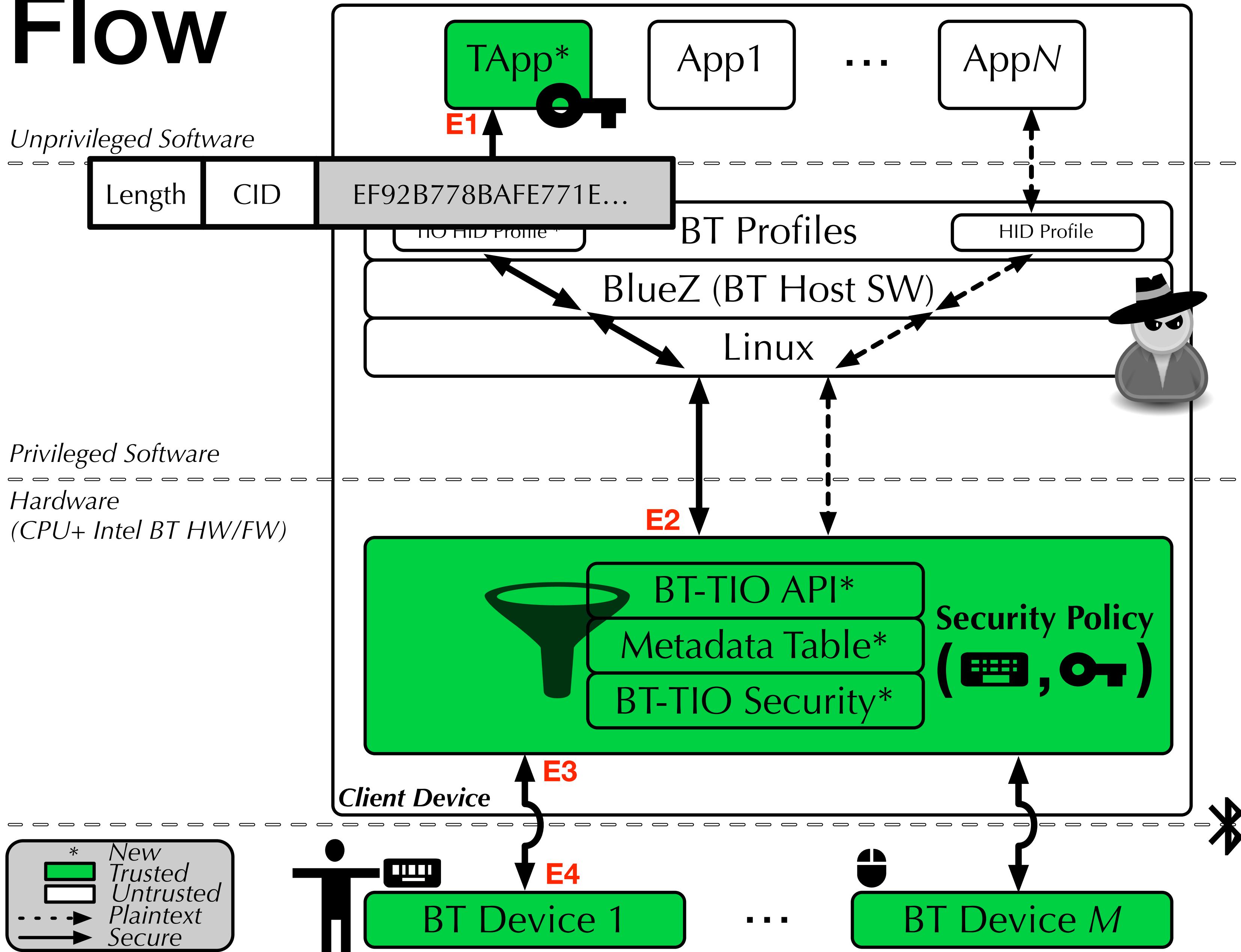
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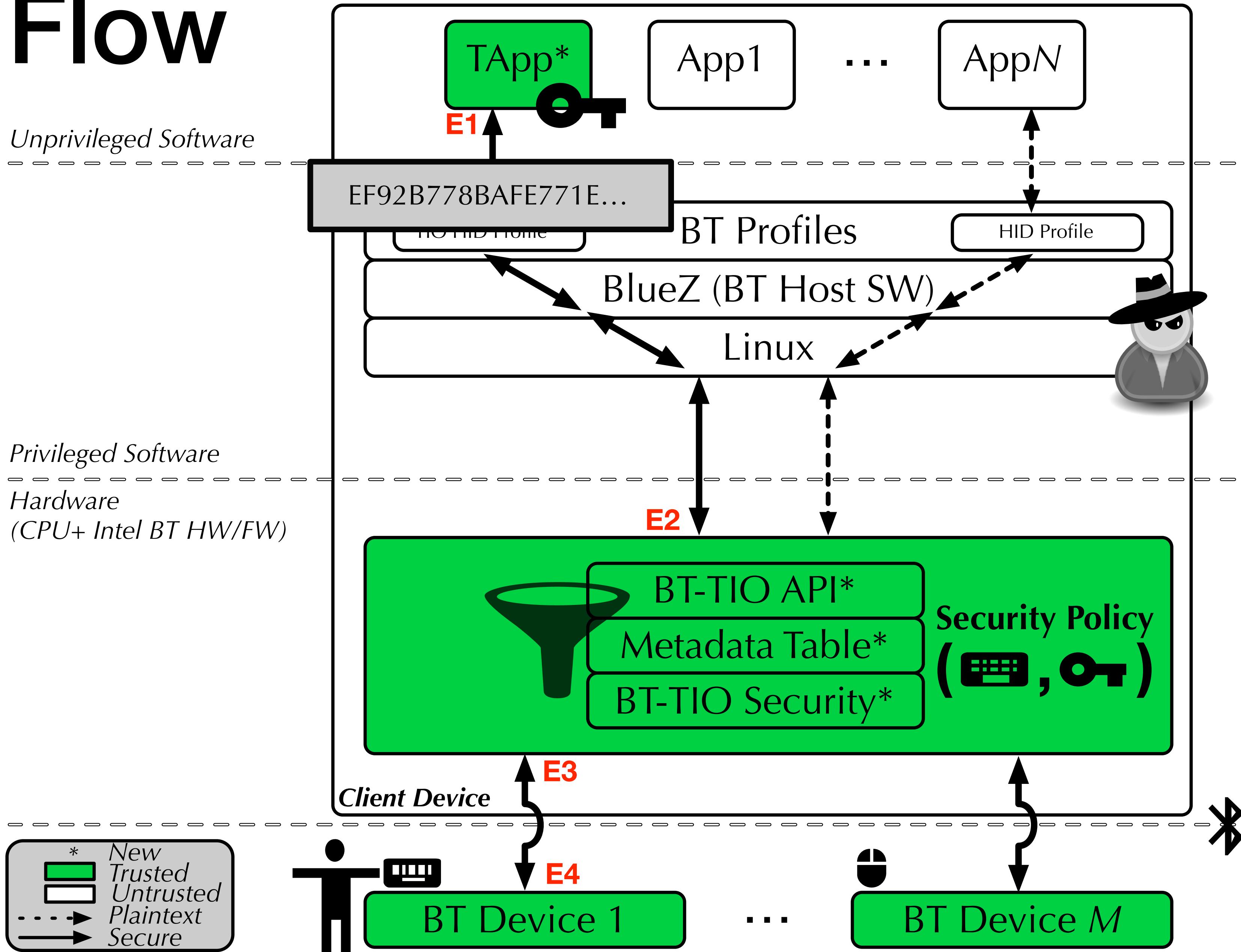
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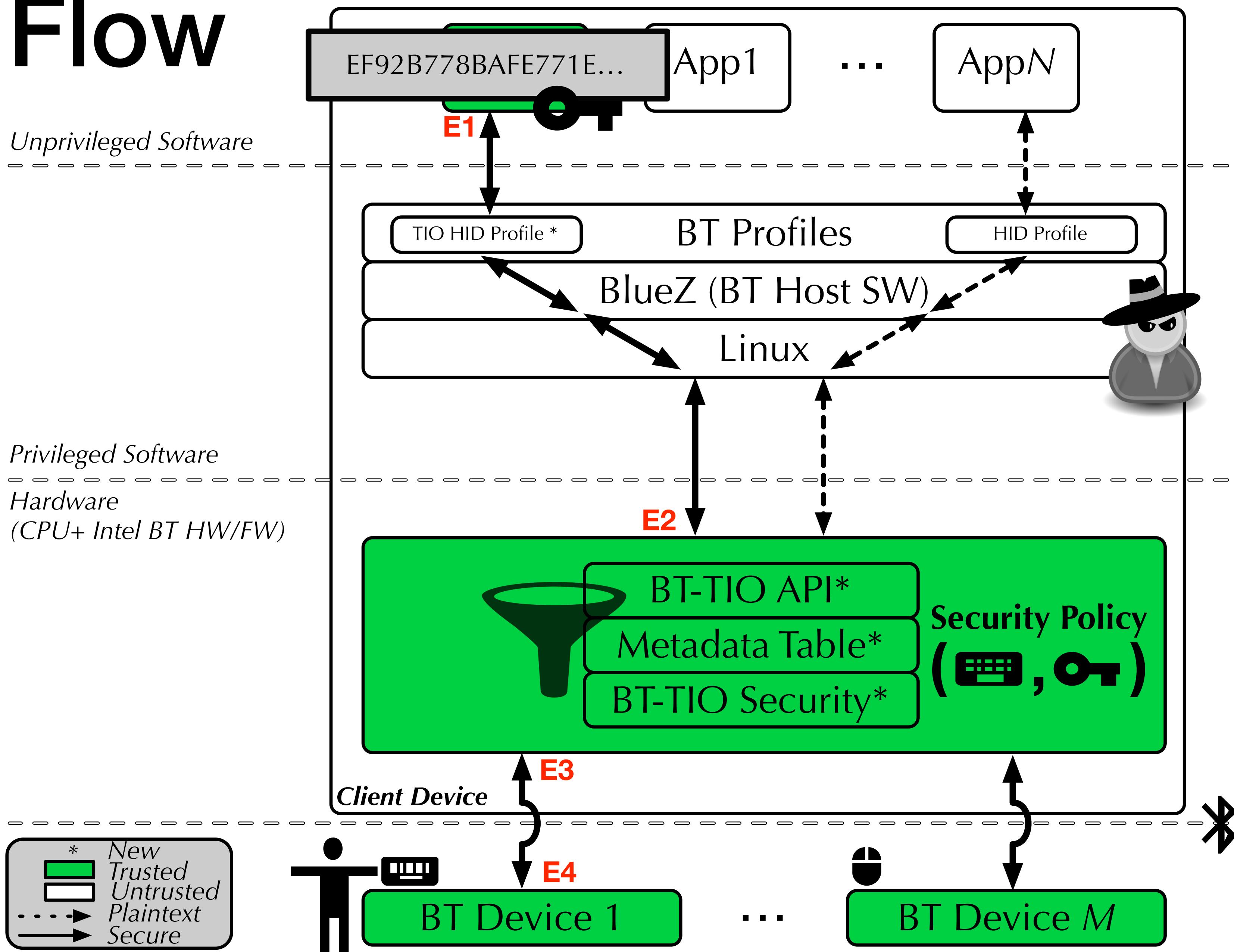
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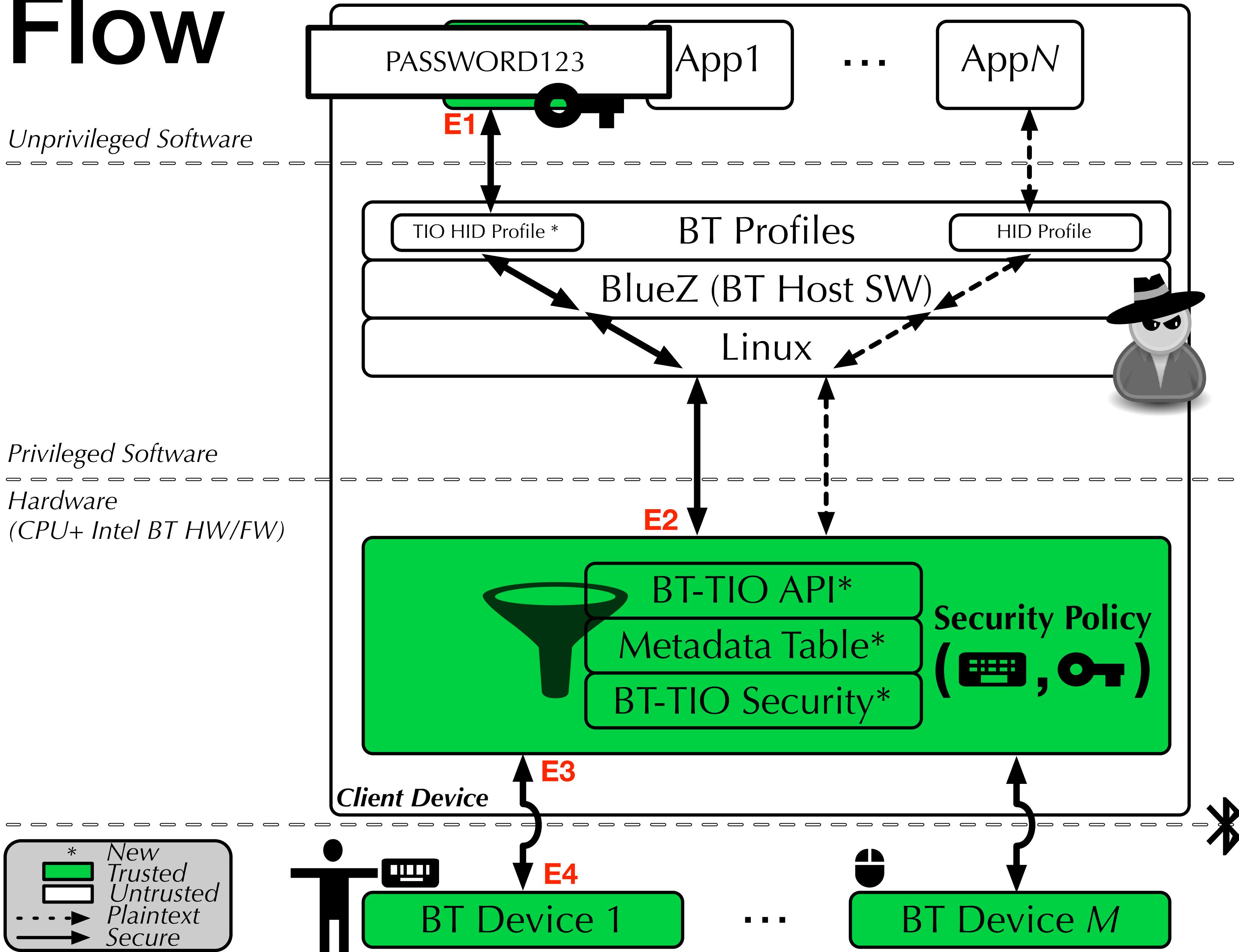
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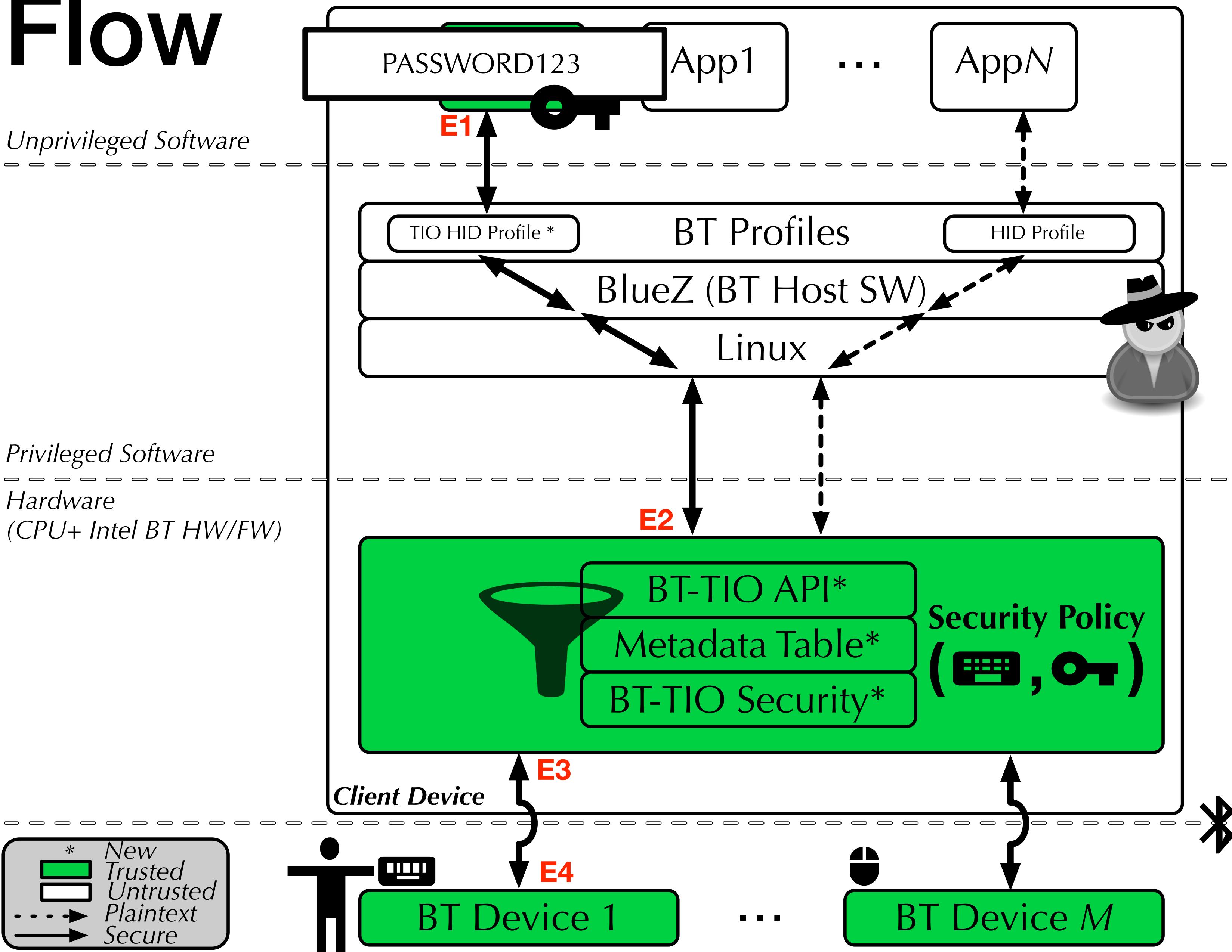
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# Conclusion

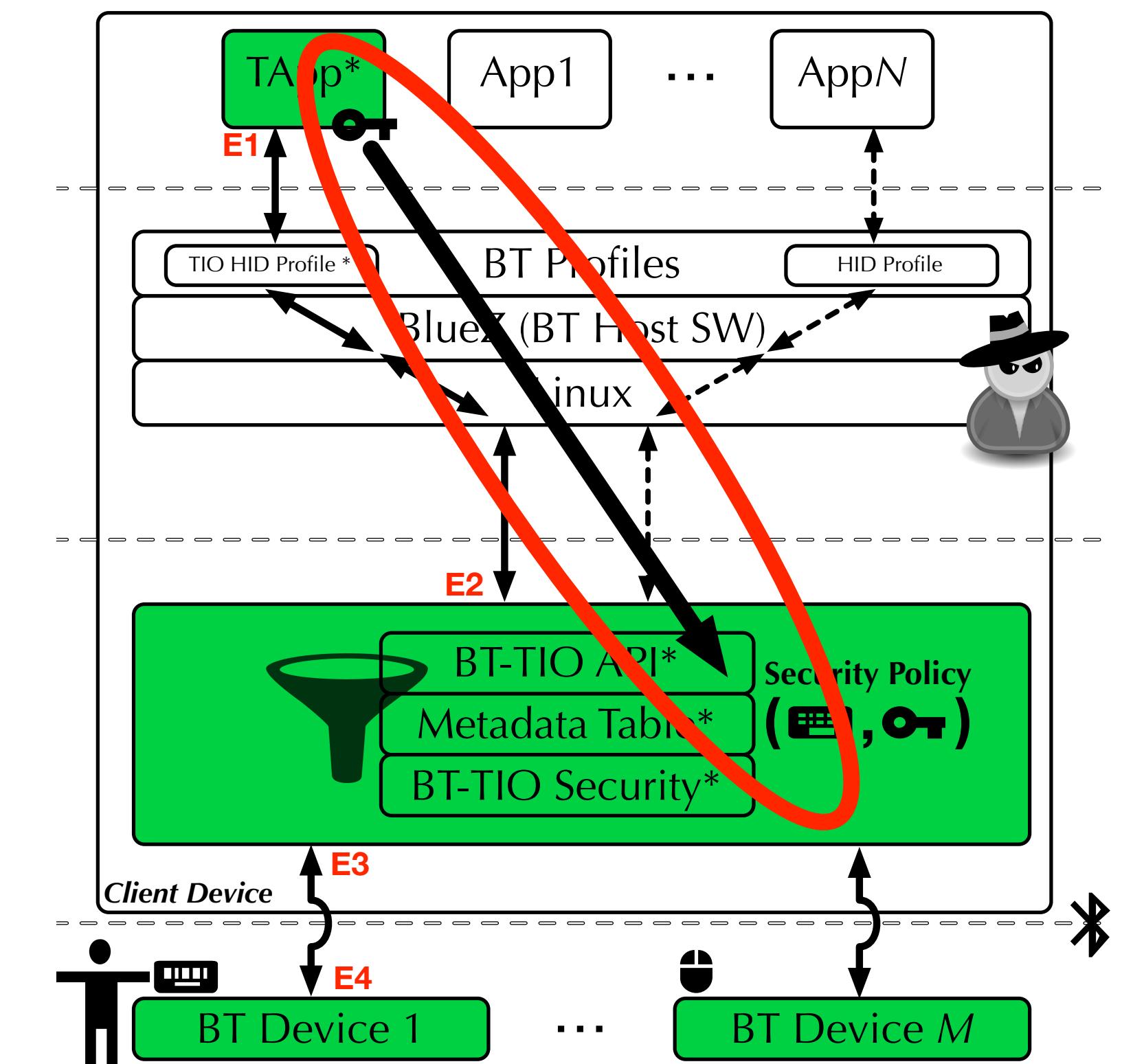
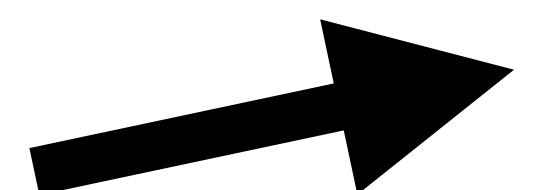
## Take-aways

- Achieved E2E (app-to-device) security by extending the Bluetooth Controller firmware.
- Our extensions unobtrusively collect per-connection/per-channel metadata for Bluetooth Trusted I/O.
- Use metadata to secure Bluetooth I/O data between SGX app and Bluetooth Controller **without...**
  - relying on untrusted host software.
  - requiring changes to SGX, Bluetooth device, or Bluetooth standard.
- PoC demonstrates how privileged keylogger cannot access user input data from connected Bluetooth device (keyboard).

Look in the paper\* for details on...

- Dynamic key provisioning (Section 4.1.4) to establish secure channel for security policy key programming – re: PCIe & USB-C approach
- Future considerations
  - Extensions to other I/O paths (e.g., Wi-Fi, NFC)
  - Performance evaluation

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**Thanks You!**

**Questions? Comments?**

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