

Trusted Execution

– and how far you can trust it

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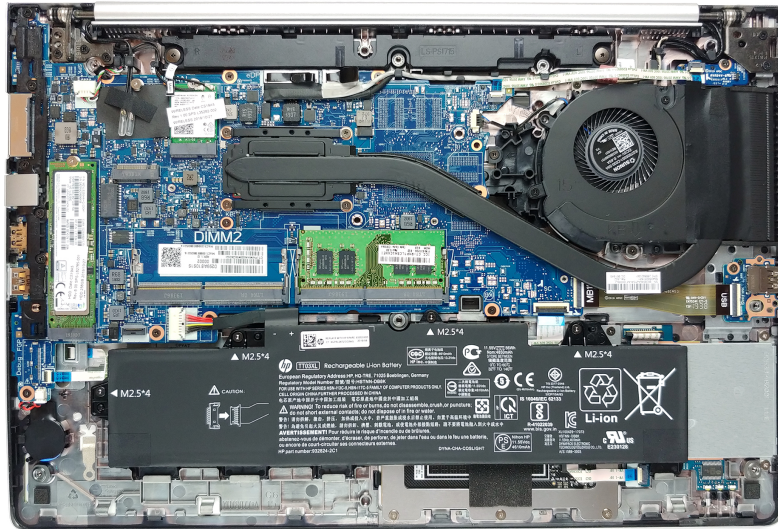
Trusted Computing...

- Strong integrity protection and isolation for software components
- Software attestation: cryptographically bind a software to the executing hardware
- Sealed storage: bind data to attested software

...and how far you can trust it

- Under which assumptions and attacker models?
- What about privacy?
- What are interesting use cases?

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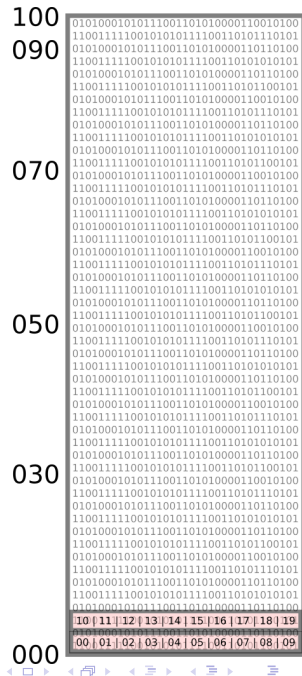
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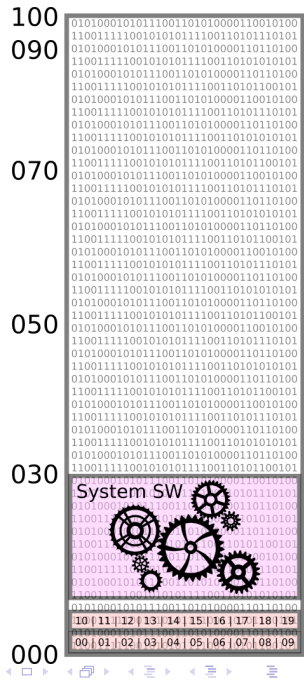
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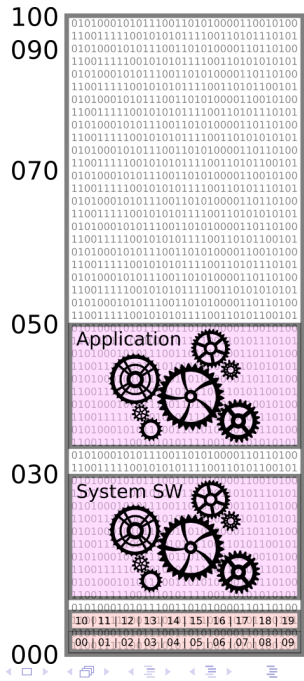
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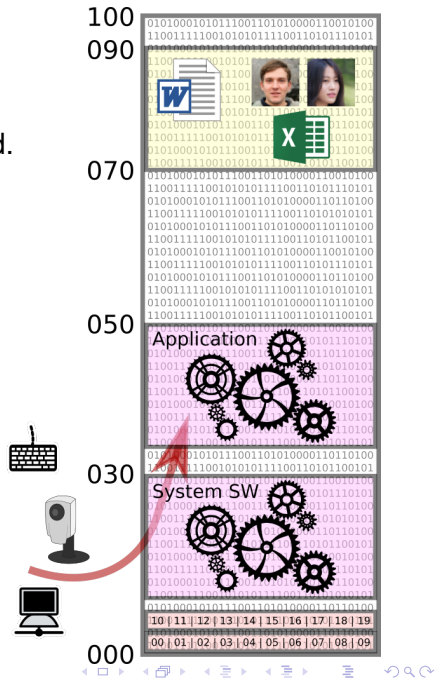


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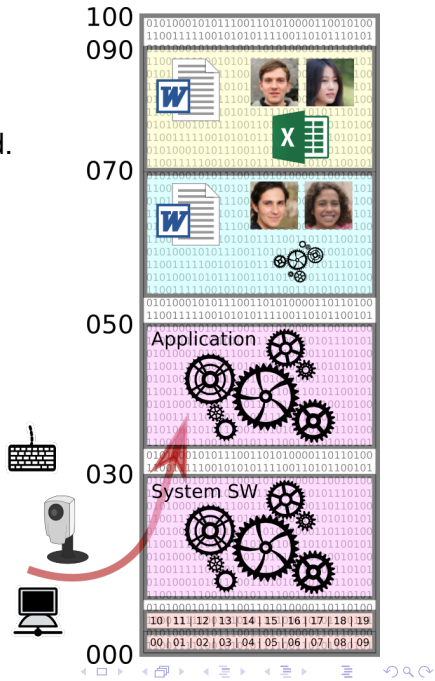
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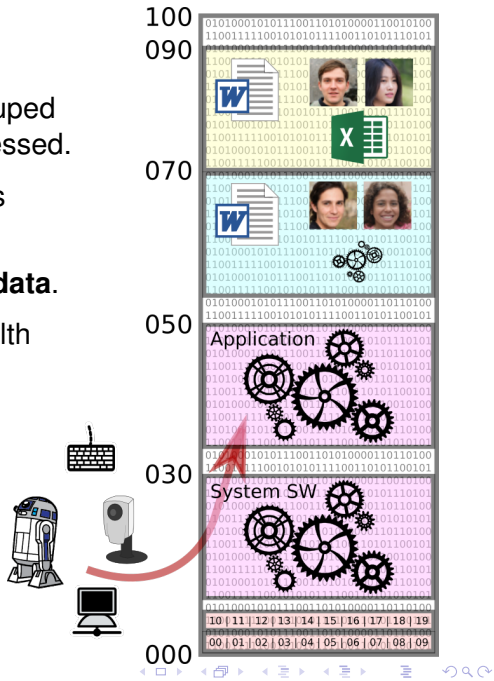
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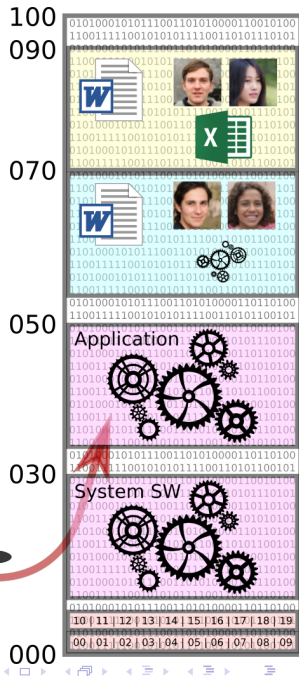
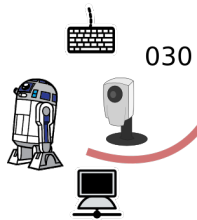
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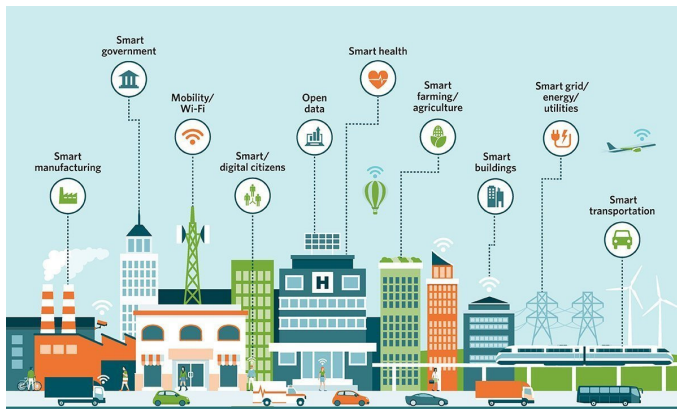
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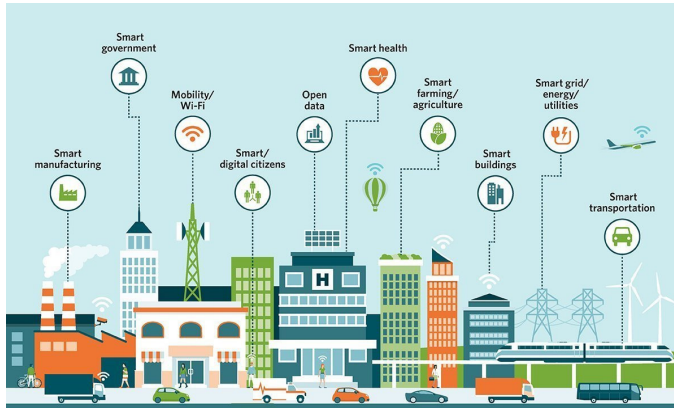
Security in Smart Environments



Vulnerabilities can hide anywhere: There are 150M lines of code in a modern car. **Compartmentalisation** can help with managing complexity and bug containment.

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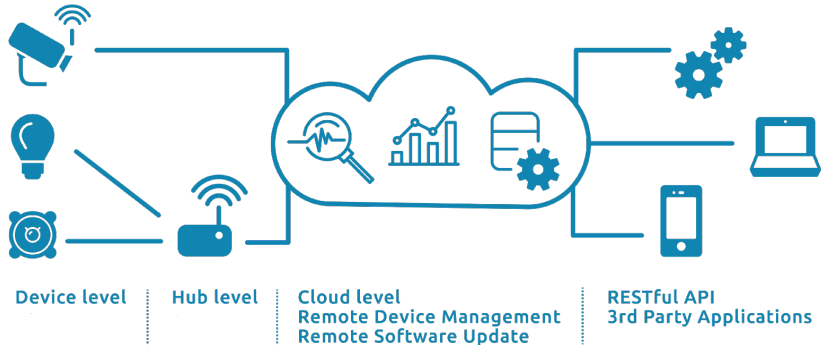
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Infrastructure needs to be developed with safety, security and privacy in mind! What is critical infrastructure? What is critical code? Where is personal data being processed? What's the impact of failure?

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Understanding can be really difficult: What stake holders are involved? What are their objectives and abilities? What hardware and software is involved? Software quality? Data flows? Security requirements and guarantees?

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Facebook Is Breached by Hackers, Putting 50 Million Users' Data at Risk



One of the challenges for Facebook's chief executive Mark Zuckerberg is convincing users that the company handles their data responsibly.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/09/28/technology/facebook-hack-data-breach.html>

“The risks are about to get worse, because computers are being embedded into physical devices and will affect lives, not just our data.”

— Bruce Schneier, [Sch18]

Sex

The looming deluge of connected dildos is a security nightmare

Just because the teledildonics patent has expired, sex tech companies shouldn't rush to bring connectivity to their products

Source: <https://www.wired.co.uk/article/teledildonics-hacking-sex-toys> (2017)

Smart dildos and vibrators keep getting hacked – but Tor could be the answer to safer connected sex

Connected sex toys are gathering huge amounts of data about our most intimate moments. Problem is, they're always getting hacked. Welcome to the emerging field of Onion Dildonics

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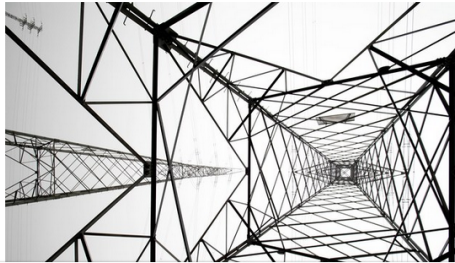


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INSIDE THE CUNNING, UNPRECEDENTED HACK OF UKRAINE'S POWER GRID



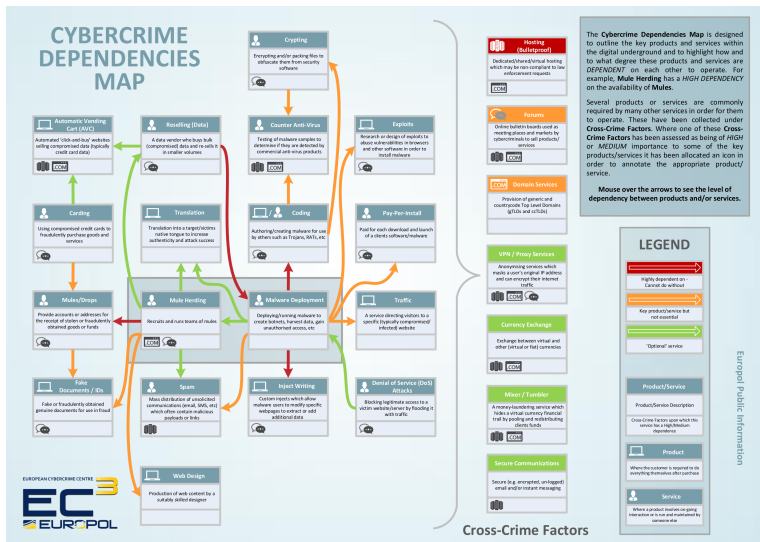
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DO WE JUST SUCK
AT...COMPUTERS?

YUP. ESPECIALLY SHARED ONES.



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Source: <https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-documents/cybercrime-dependencies-map>

What can we trust?

- **Reasoning about security is about setting boundaries**
 - Which parts are considered trusted, and which parts are not? And why?
 - How far do you want to go in defending your application?
 - What kind of security is economically viable?
- **Building secure systems requires rigorous security arguments**
 - Having a good idea about what you are building.
 - Determining which attackers are considered to be in scope.
 - Analysing potential vulnerabilities, and introducing appropriate countermeasures.
- A **security argument** is a rigorous argument that under a given system and adversary model, a countermeasure effectively counters a threat, or a security mechanism achieves a security goal.

What can we trust?

Software?



Hardware?



Supply Chains?



People?



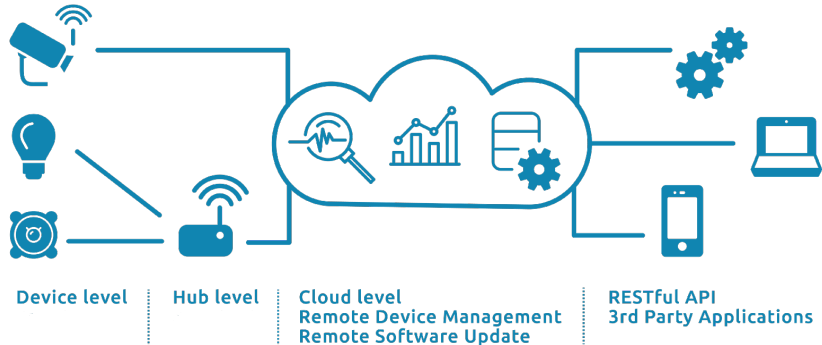
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Gathering Platform Requirements – A Thought Experiment



Sensors come from **different vendors**. Why would you trust them?

The cloud is **“other people’s computers”**. Why trust them?

Terminals may be used and managed by **health care professionals**...

There are **huge software and hardware stacks** with multiple vendors everywhere.

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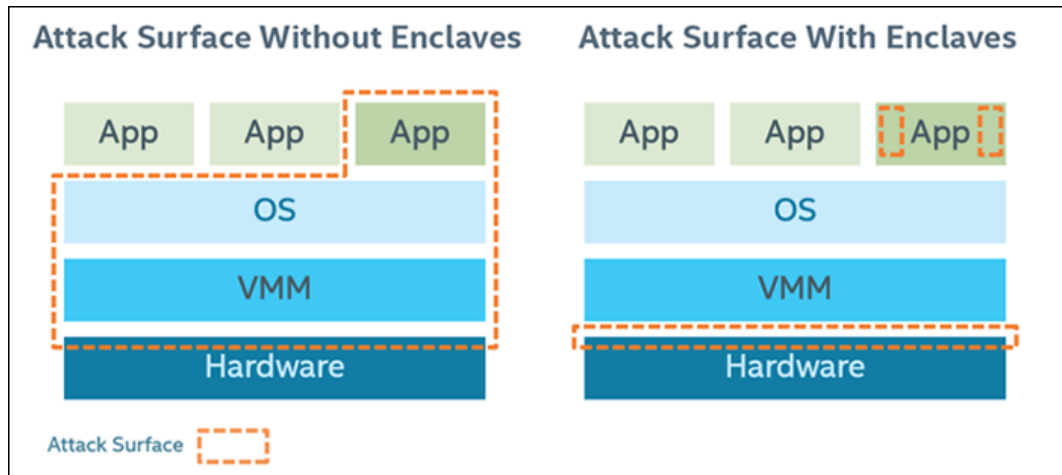
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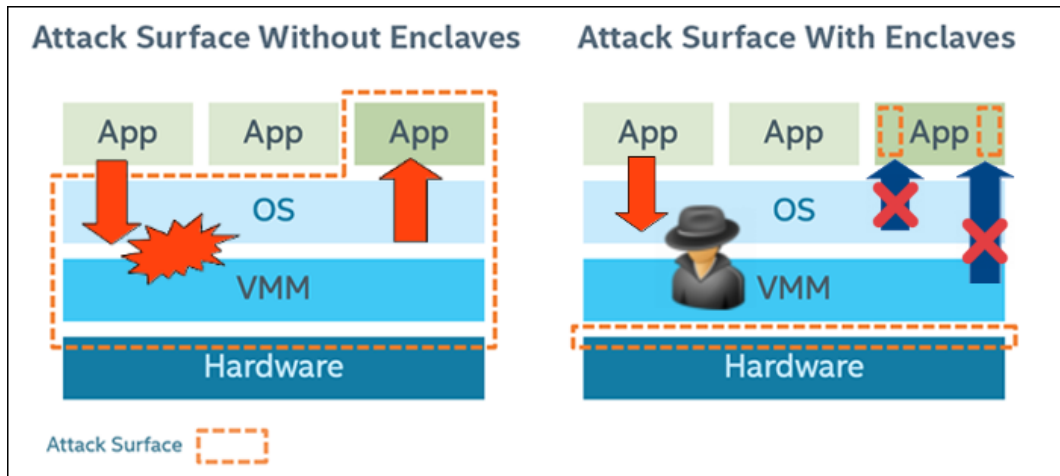
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- **Minimise Trusted Computing Base:**
remove hypervisors, OSs, libraries from TCB
only trust hardware and your own code

Motivation: Application Attack Surface



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Layered architecture ↔ **hardware-only TCB**

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- 1 Run a contact discovery service in a **secure SGX enclave**.
- 2 Clients that wish to perform contact discovery negotiate a **secure connection** over the network all the way through the remote OS **to the enclave**.
- 3 Clients perform **remote attestation** to ensure that the code which is running in the *enclave is the same as the expected published open source code*.
- 4 Clients transmit [...] their **address book** to the enclave.
- 5 The **enclave looks up a client's contacts** in the set of all registered users and **encrypts the results back** to the client.

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Possible Applications

Digital rights management [edit]

Trusted Computing would allow companies to create a digital rights management (DRM) though not impossible. An example is downloading a music file. Sealed storage could be with an unauthorized player or computer. Remote attestation could be used to authorize record company's rules. The music would be played from curtained memory, which would copy of the file while it is playing, and secure I/O would prevent capturing what is being system would require either manipulation of the computer's hardware, capturing the recording device or a microphone, or breaking the security of the system.

New business models for use of software (services) over Internet may be boosted by the one could base a business model on renting programs for a specific time periods or “pay download a music file which could only be played a certain number of times before it be only within a certain time period.

Preventing cheating in online games [edit]

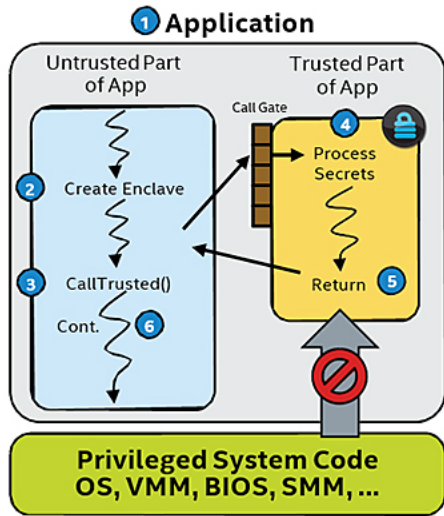
Trusted Computing could be used to combat cheating in online games. Some players may advantages in the game; remote attestation, secure I/O and memory curtaining could be a server were running an unmodified copy of the software.^[18]

Verification of remote computation for grid computing [edit]

Trusted Computing could be used to guarantee participants in a grid computing system they claim to be instead of forging them. This would allow large scale simulations to be redundant computations to guarantee malicious hosts are not undermining the results

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Intel SGX Helicopter View



- Protected enclave in application's **virtual address space**
- Enclave can be entered through restrictive **call gate** only
- Provides **attestation** interface
- **Memory encryption** defends against untrusted system software and cold boot attacks

Comparing Hardware-Based Trusted Computing Architectures

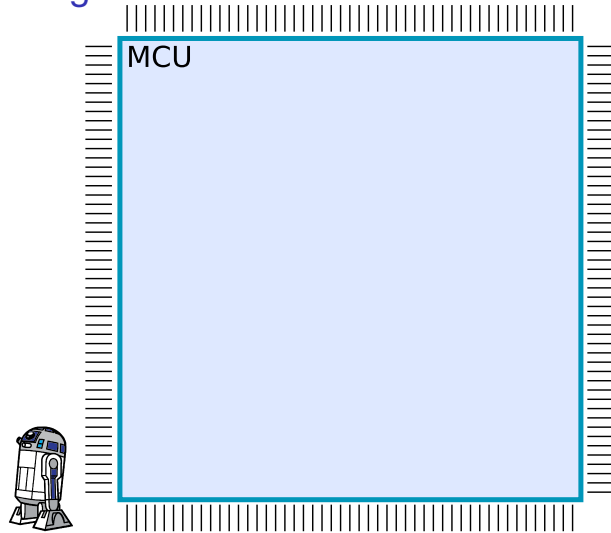
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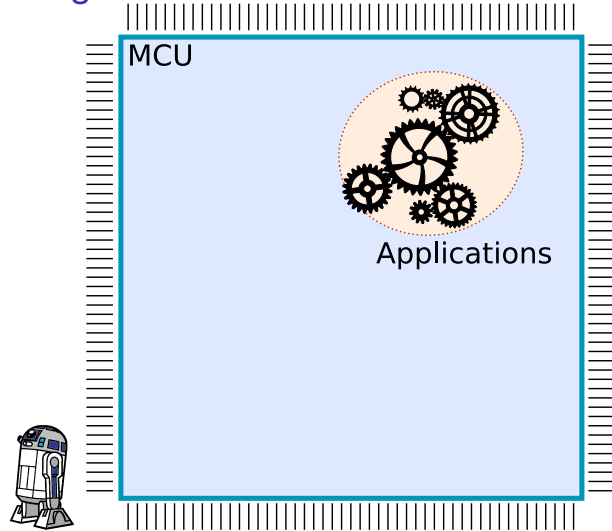
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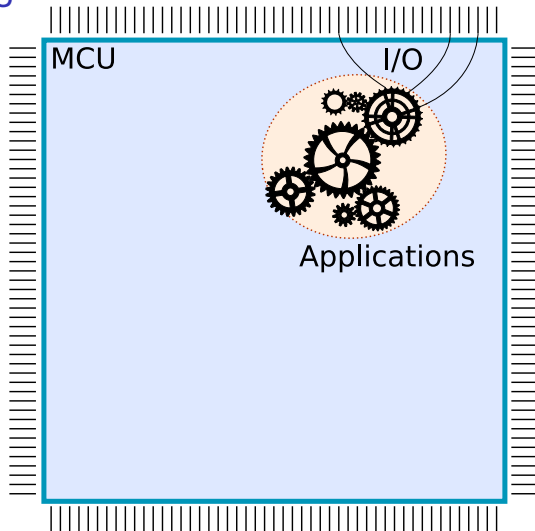
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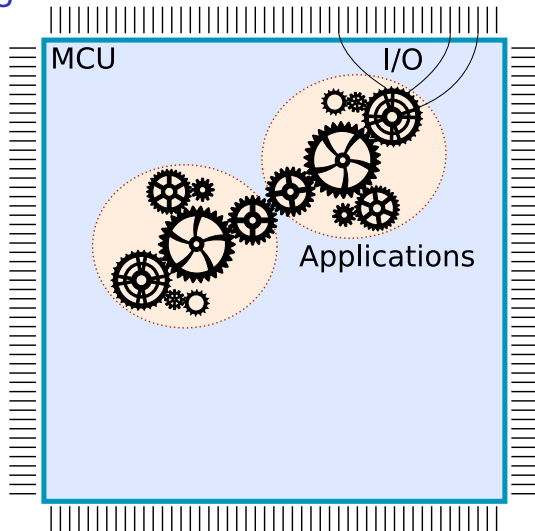
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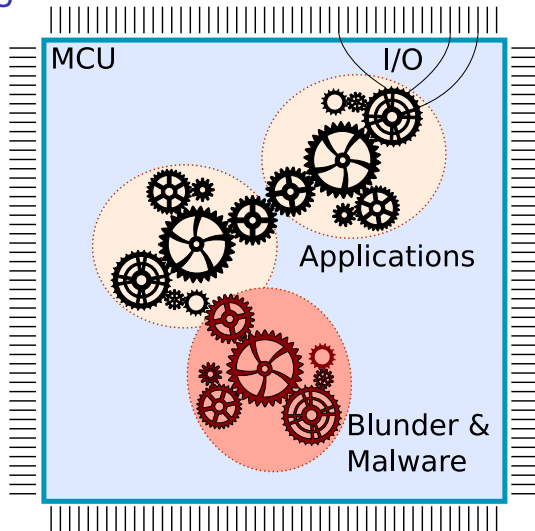
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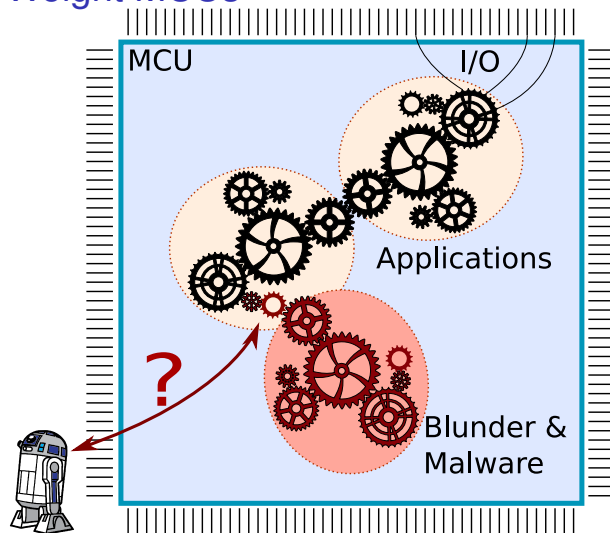
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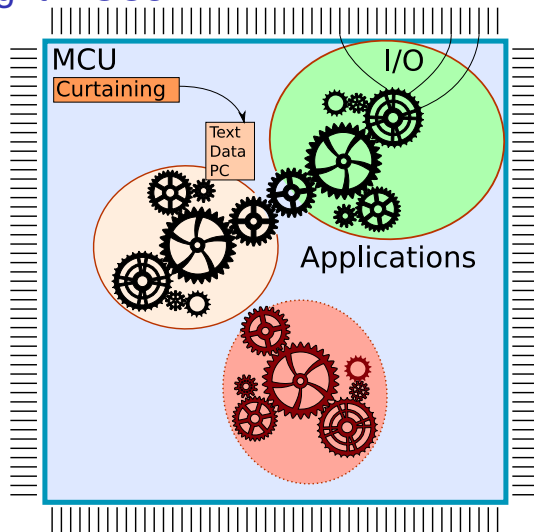
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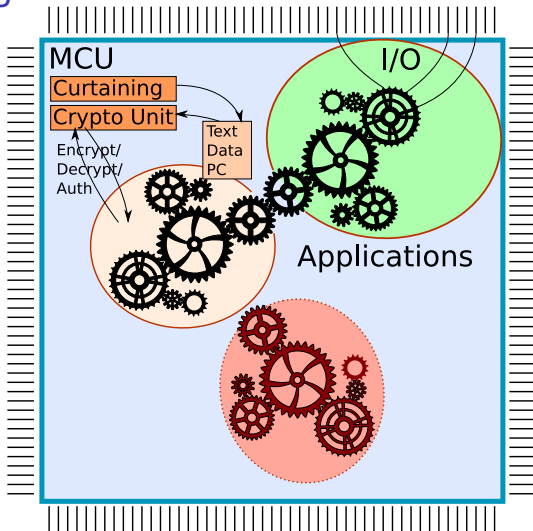
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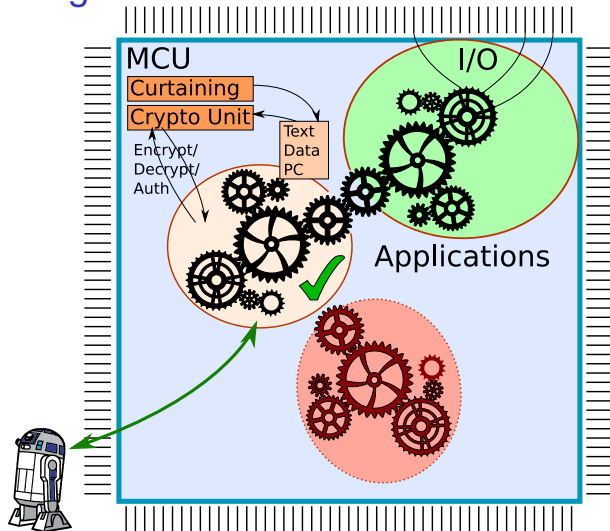
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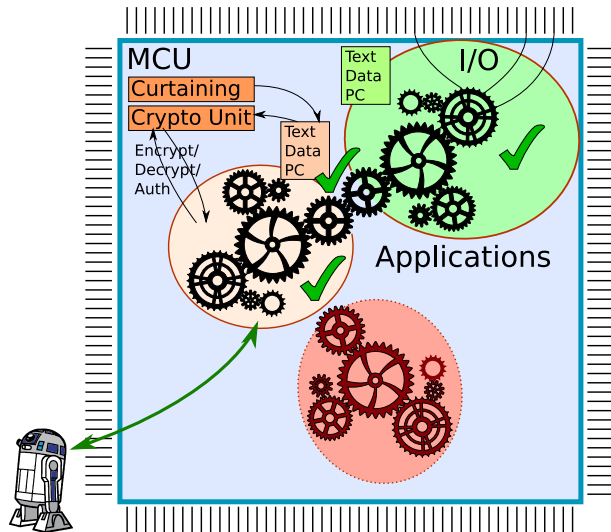
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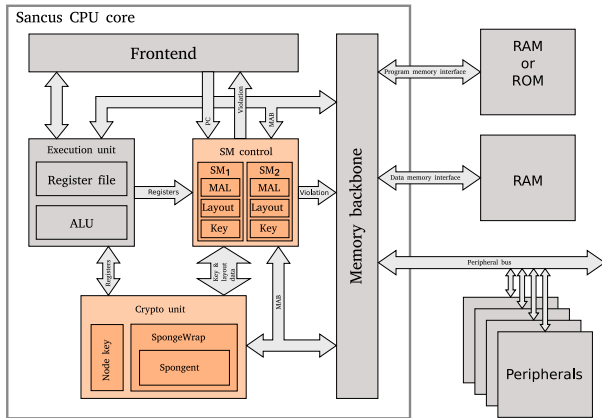
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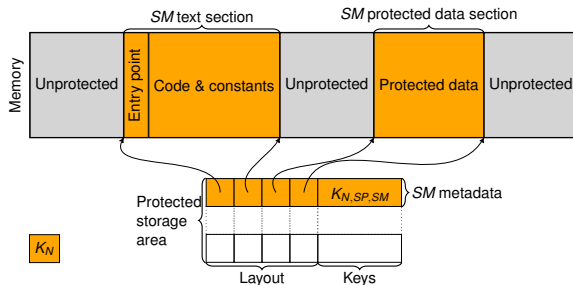
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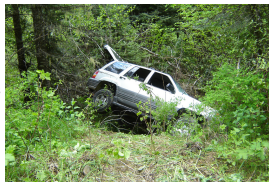
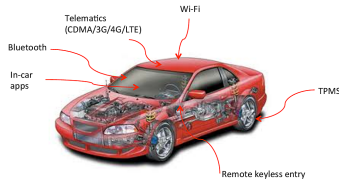
N = Node; SP = Software Provider / Deployer
 SM = protected Software Module



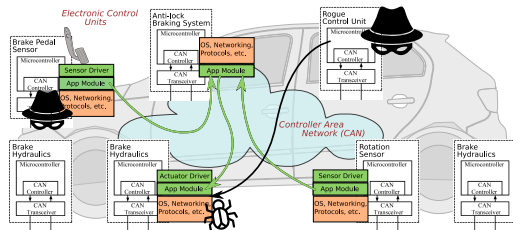
Secure Automotive Computing with Sancus [VBMP17]

Modern cars can be hacked!

- Network of more than 50 ECUs
- Multiple communication networks
- Remote entry points
- Limited built-in security mechanisms



Miller & Valasek, "Remote exploitation of an unaltered passenger vehicle", 2015



Sancus brings strong security for embedded control systems:

- Message authentication
- Trusted Computing: software component isolation and cryptography
- Strong software security
- Applicable in automotive, ICS, IoT, ...

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Authentic Execution of Distributed Event-Driven Applications



“Authentic Execution of Distributed Event-Driven Applications with a Small TCB”,
Noorman et al., STM 2017. [NMP17]

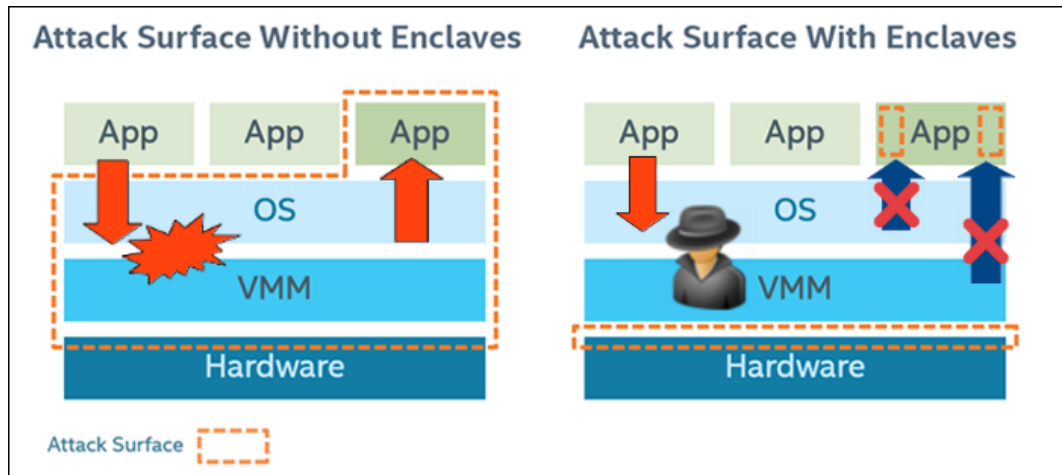
When **not** to trust your TEE...

Trusted Execution does not help you against bugs in your own (trusted) code.

Trusted Execution does not help you if you don't know what to protect.

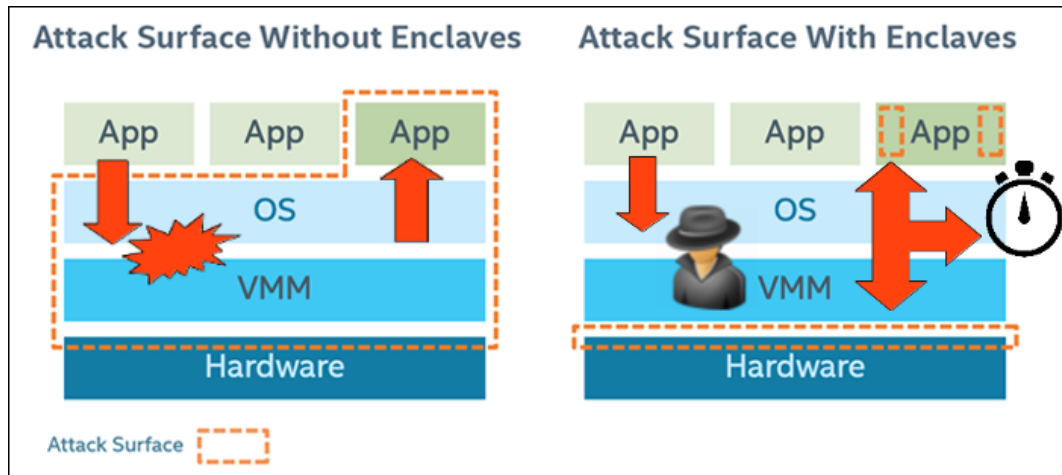
(Trusted) Execution can be observed through indirect channels and may leak secrets through these channels.

Motivation: Application Attack Surface



Layered architecture ↔ **hardware-only TCB**

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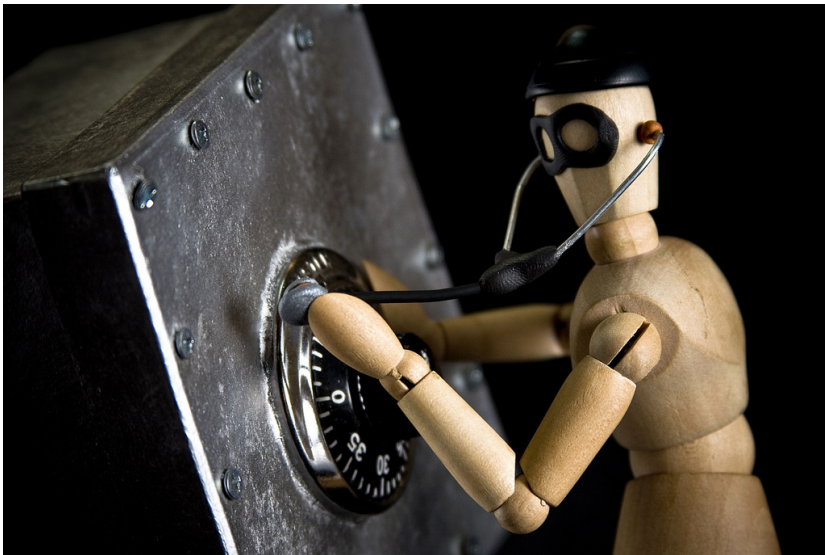
Untrusted OS → new class of powerful **side-channels**

Side-Channel Attack Principle



Source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:WinonaSavingsBankVault.JPG>

Side-Channel Attack Principle



Summary

[Background]

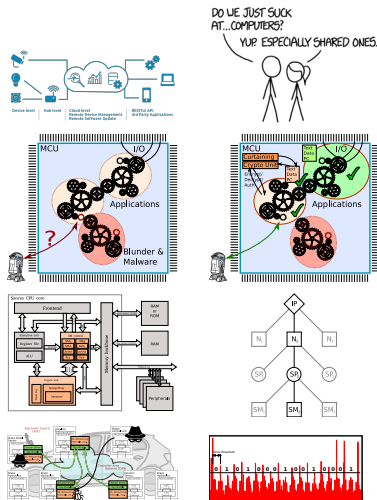
- 1 Software vulnerabilities are hard to eliminate and can be exploited by attackers
- 2 Even correct code needs protection against layer-below attacks!

Trusted Execution Technology

- 1 Strong application isolation and attestation: hardware-level security and taming complexity
- 2 No protection against buggy software!
- 3 Potential for invasive use

Sancus

- 1 The Open-Source Trusted Computing Architecture
- 2 Built upon openMSP430 16-bit MCU, applications in IoT and embedded control systems
- 3 Research prototype under active development!



Trusted Execution for Everyone

Fortanix solves cloud security and privacy using runtime encryption technology build upon Intel SGX. <https://fortanix.com/>

SCONE enables secure execution of containers and programs using Intel SGX. <https://sconecontainers.github.io/>

Graphene-SGX: A practical library OS for unmodified applications on SGX. <https://github.com/oscarlab/graphene>

Open Enclave is an SDK for building enclave applications in C and C++. <https://github.com/Microsoft/openenclave>

Our Tutorial: Building distributed enclave applications with Sancus and SGX <https://github.com/sancus-pma/tutorial-dsn18>

The Impact of ICT...

...and why the right choice of sustainable solutions really matters.



Image sources: Electronic waste recycling in Ghana, <https://en.wikipedia.org/>; Martin Falbisoner, Garzweiler surface mine, <https://en.wikipedia.org/>; Sebastian Meyer, "Blood, Sweat and Batteries", <https://www.sebmeyer.com/>

Food For Thoughts

Trusted Computing in **public communications infrastructure**

Trusted Computing to **protect critical industrial infrastructure**

Secret computations on secret data, executing on a public clouds

Hiding malware, computing cryptographic signatures on other people's computers

Thank you!







“The risks are about to get worse, because computers are being embedded into physical devices and will affect lives, not just our data.”

— Bruce Schneier, [Sch18]

Thank you! Questions?

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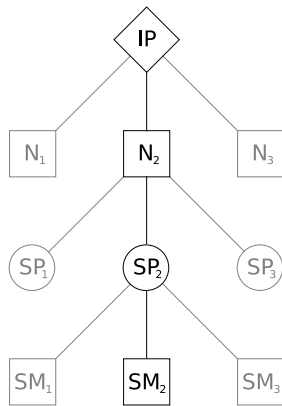
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Remote attestation and secure communication by Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data

- Confidentiality, integrity and authenticity
- Encrypt and decrypt instructions use $K_{N,SP,SM}$ of the calling SM
- Associated Data can be used for nonces to get freshness

