

Trusted Computing Overview

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What are the components of the DevID PAR Proposal?

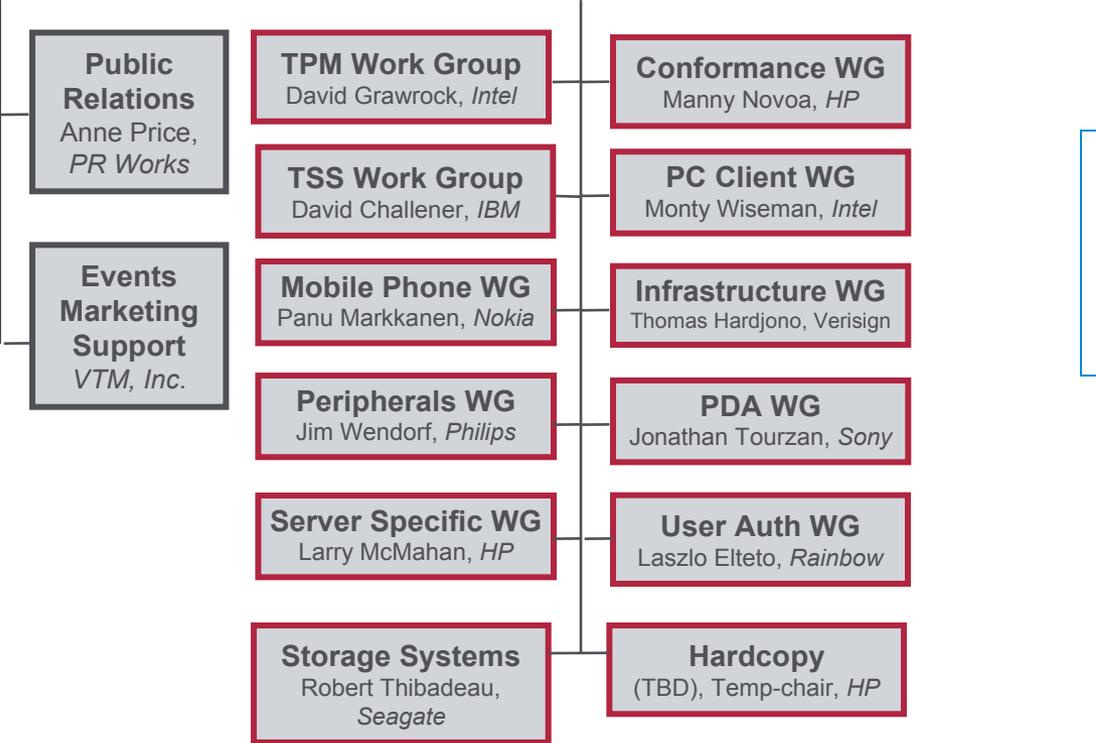
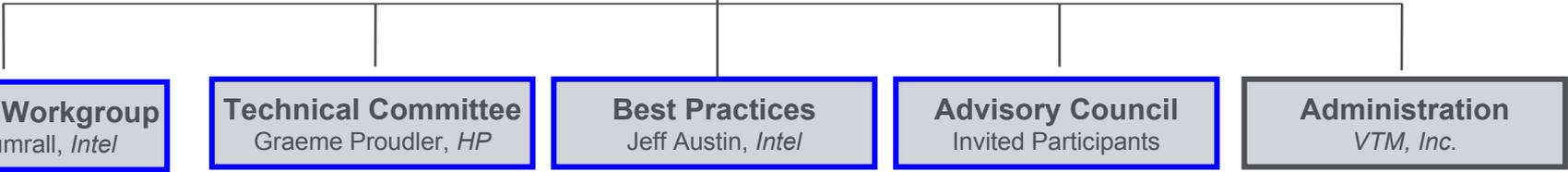
- Definition of a unique per-device identifiers (DevID)
- Provisioning the DevID
- Maintaining the DevID on the device
- Using the DevID to establish a “chain of trust”
- Methods of authenticating a device with a DevID
- Other steps...

What must 802.1 define and what can be leveraged?

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The Trusted Computing Group: recent evolutions



TCG uses majority voting

TCG has RAND IP policy

TCG is addressing all types of computer platform

TCG is starting to address the entire platform

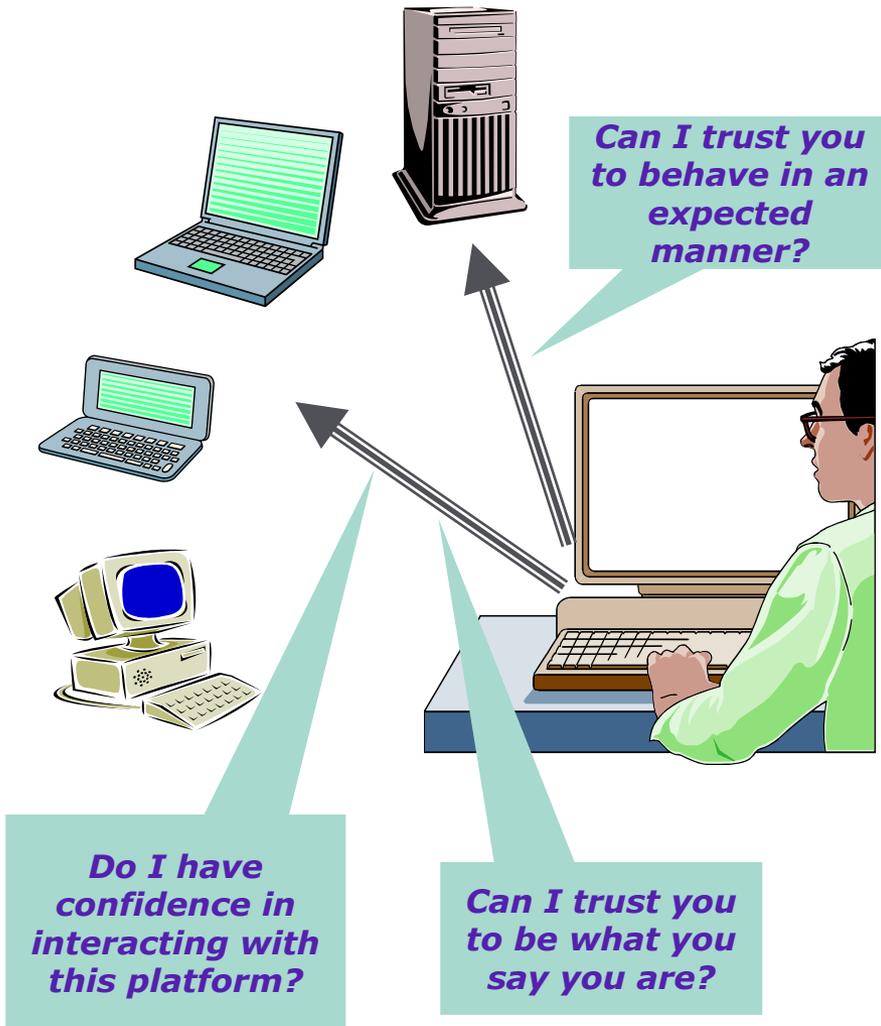
TCG is starting to address platform interactions

Introducing Trusted Platform Mechanisms....

TCG mechanisms for:

- Platform Authentication
 - Identify a physical platform and its physical properties to a challenging party
- Platform state attestation or Integrity Reporting
 - Reliably measure and report on the platform's software state
- Protected Storage
 - Protect private and secret data on that platform

Trusted Computing Platform Properties



Identify a physical platform

- Mobile platform access to corporate network.
- Remote Access via known public access point.

Identify that a system will behave as expected:

- Mobile access to corporate network with firewall and antivirus requirements. e.g. NetAccess
- Outsourced platform administration I.e. control access to private data

Enable user confidence in the behaviour of the platform in front of them

- Trust a platform to handle my private data, e.g. banking, medical...etc...
- Achieving WYSIWYS: What You Sign Is What You See...

=> Need for Roots of Trust

Two Roots of Trust

- A Root of Trust for Measurement – The component that can be trusted to reliably measure and report to the Root of Trust for Reporting (the TPM) what software executes at the start of platform boot
- A Root of Trust for Reporting (the TPM) – The component that can be trusted to store and report reliable information about the platform
- It is necessary to trust these Roots of Trust in order for TCG mechanisms to be relied upon => Conformance and Certification

The Core Root of Trust for Measurement

- CRTM -

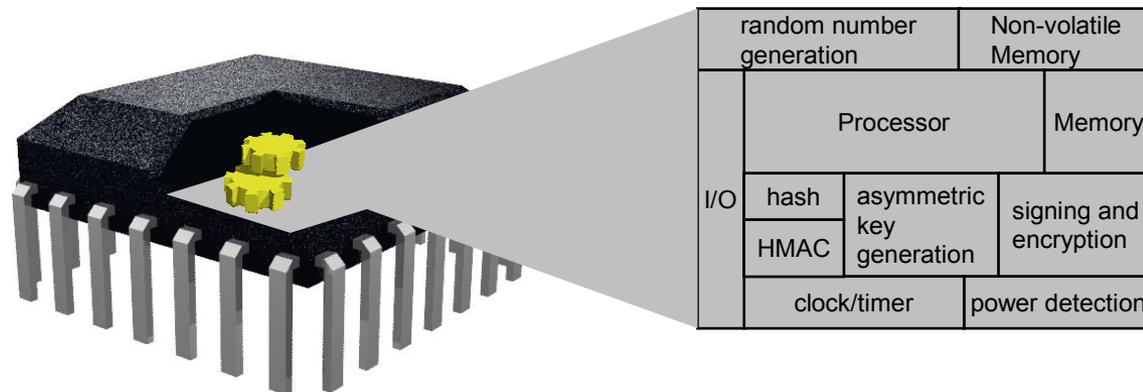
The CRTM is the first piece of code that executes on a platform at boot time. (i.e. Bios or Bios Boot Block in an IA-32 platform)

- It must be trusted to properly report to the TPM what is the first software/firmware that executes after it
- Only entities trusted by those who certify behaviour can reflash the CRTM

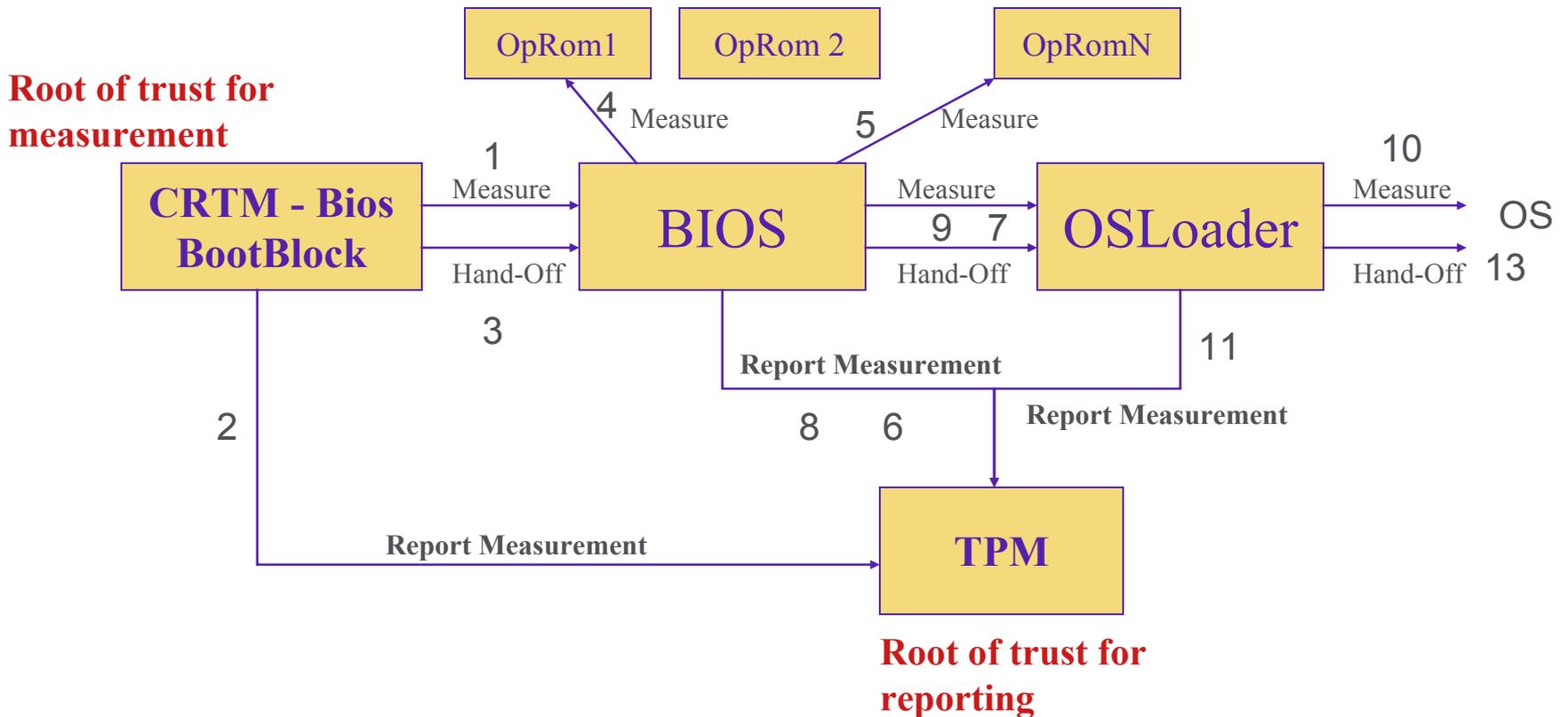
The Trusted Platform Module “the TPM”

The TPM is the Root of Trust for Reporting. Think: smartcard-like security capability embedded into the platform

- The TPM is trusted to operate as expected (conforms to the TCG spec)
- The TPM is uniquely bound to a single platform
- TPM functions and storage are isolated from all other components of the platform (e.g., the CPU)



TCG "chain-of-trust" The PC example



TPM features

Not a generic bulk encryption device – no export control problem

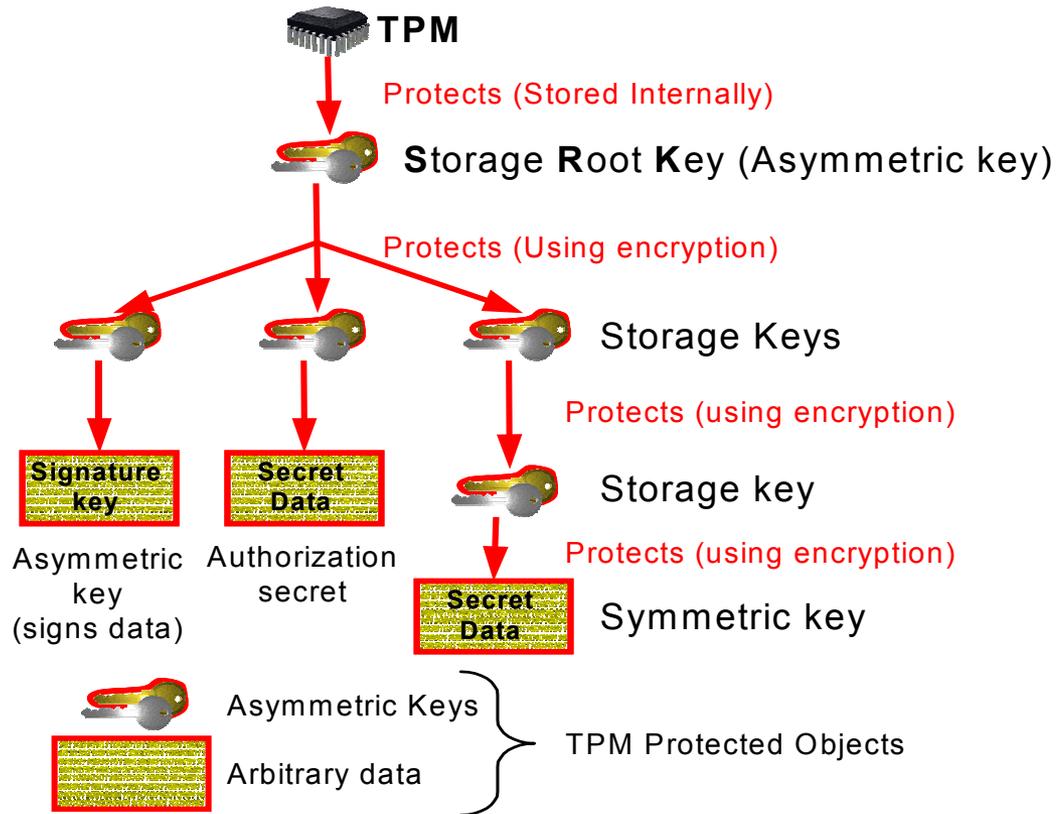
Unlimited number of cryptographic keys can be created and protected by the TPM => **Protected Storage**

Data/keys can be encrypted such that they can only be decrypted using this TPM => **Platform identity**

A specific software configuration can also be specified, that will be required for the TPM to allow data to be decrypted, or keys to be used

→ This is called sealing: parameters define which Integrity Metrics the data should be sealed to

Protected Storage Hierarchy



For More Information

The spec:

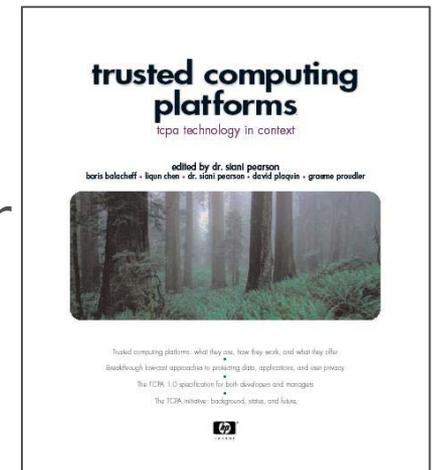
TCG specification v1.1b publicly available at
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The HP book:

“Trusted Computing Platforms: TCGA technology in
context”

ed. Siani Pearson

by Balacheff, Chen, Pearson, Plaquin & Proudler
pub. Prentice Hall, 2002



Conclusions

Trusted Computing is an industry effort that is beginning to reach some maturity in the PC space

TCG is now widening its efforts to other computing devices, from servers to printers, mobile phone and storage technologies...