

# Distributed OS

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**Authenticated Booting,  
Remote Attestation, Sealed Memory  
aka „Trusted Computing“**

## **Understand principles of:**

- Authenticated booting
- The difference to (closed) secure booting
- Remote attestation
- Sealed memory

## **Non-Goal:**

- Lots of TPM, TCG-Spec details  
→ read the documents once needed

# Some terms

- Secure Booting
- Authenticated Booting
- (Remote) Attestation
- Sealed Memory
- Late Launch / dynamic root of trust
- Trusted Computing (Group) / Trusted Computing Base
  
- **Attention:** terminology has changed

# Trusted Computing (Base)

## Trusted Computing Base (TCB)

- The set off all components, hardware, software, procedures, that must be relied upon to enforce a security policy.

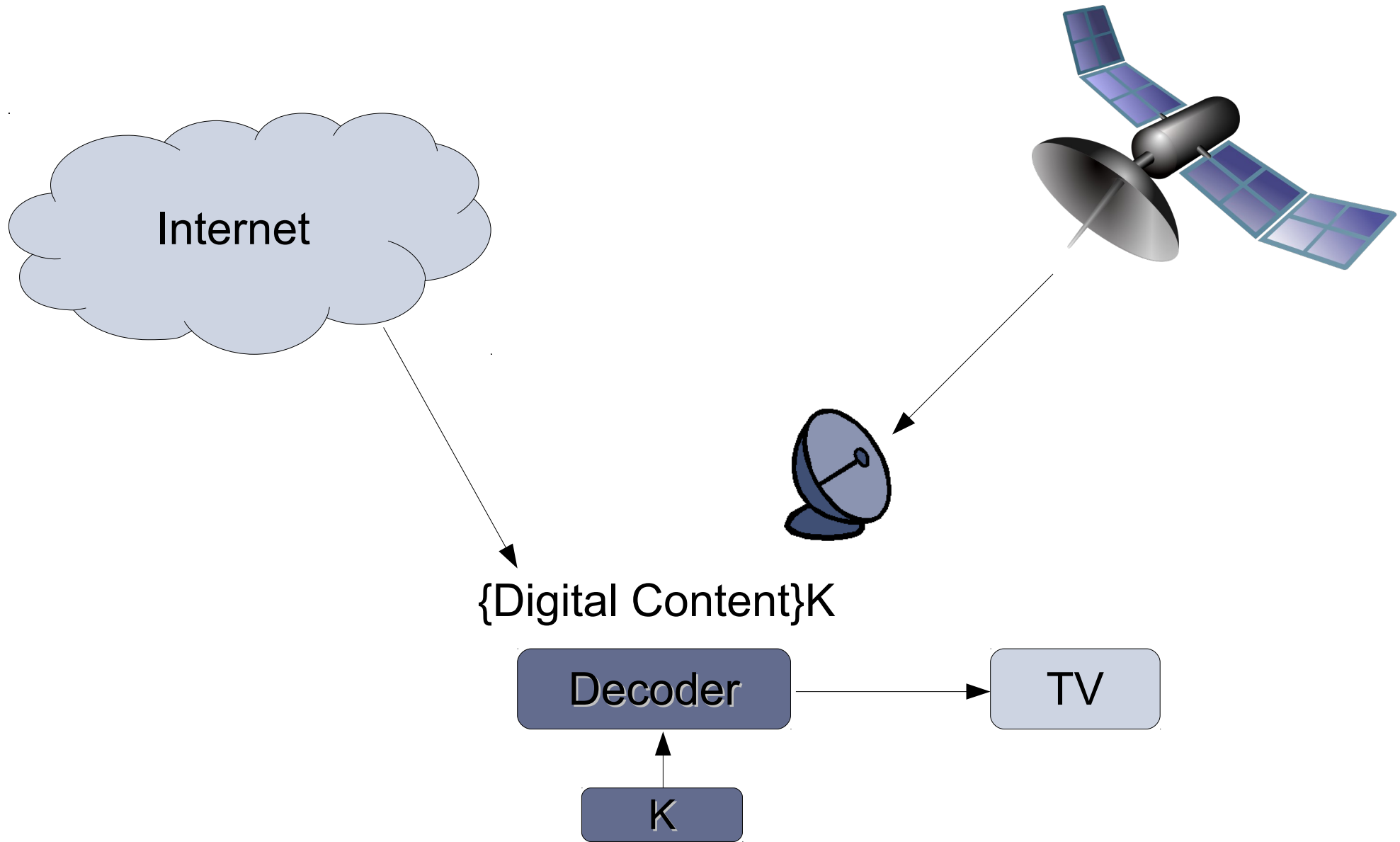
## Trusted Computing (TC)

- A particular technology compromised of authenticated booting, remote attestation and sealed memory.

# TC key problems

- Can running certain Software be prevented?
- Which computer system do I communicate with ?
- Which stack of Software is running?
  - In front of me?
  - On my server somewhere?
- Can I restrict access to certain secrets (keys) to certain software?

# “Protect” Content



# 1) End User Example

## Video Player:

- Provider sells content
- Provider creates key, encrypts content
- Client downloads encrypted content, stores on disk
- Provider sends key, but needs to ensure that only specific SW can use it
- Has to work also when client is off line
- PROVIDER DOES NOT TRUST CLIENT

## 2) Cloud Example

Virtual machine provided by cloud

- Client buys Cycles + Storage (Virtual machine)
- Client provides its own operating system
- Needs to ensure that provided OS runs
- Needs to ensure that provider cannot access data
- **CLIENT DOES NOT TRUST PROVIDER**



# 3) Industrial Plant Example

## (Uranium Enrichment) Plant Control

- Remote Operator sends commands, keys
- Local operator occasionally has to run test SW, update to new version, ...
- Local technicians are not Trusted

# 4) Anonymizer example

## Anonymity Service

- Intended to provide anonymous communication over internet
- Legal system can request introduction of trap door (program change)
- Service provider not trusted

# Trusted Computing Terminology

## Measuring

- “process of obtaining metrics of platform characteristics”
- Example for metric: Hash- Codes of SW

## Attestation

- “vouching for accuracy of information”

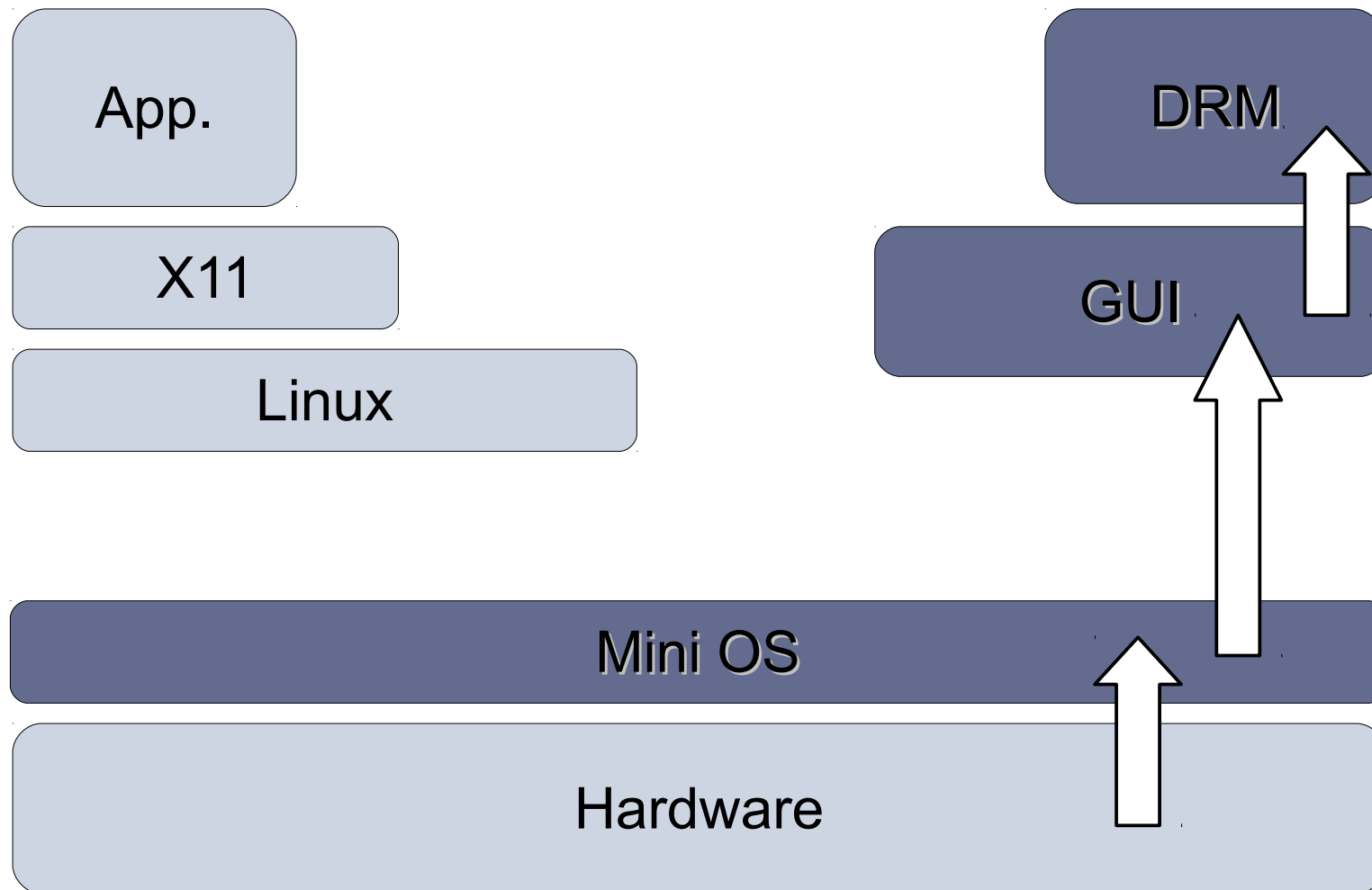
## Sealed Memory

- binding information to a configuration

# An example application: DRM

- „Digital Content“ is encrypted using symmetric key
- Smart-Card
  - contains key
  - authenticates device
  - delivers key only after successful authentication
- Assumptions
  - Smart Card can protect the key
  - „allowed“ OS can protect the key
  - OS cannot be exchanged

# Secure Booting / Authenticated Booting



# Notation

- **$SK^{\text{priv}}$   $SK^{\text{pub}}$**  Asymmetric key pair of some entity S
  - **$\{ M \}XK^{\text{priv}}$**  Digital Signature for message M using the private key of signer X
  - **$\{ M \}YK^{\text{pub}}$**  Message encrypted using public concealment key of Y
- **$H(M)$**  Collision-Resistant Hash Function
- **Certificate** by authority Ca:
  - **$\{ ID, SK^{\text{pub}}, \text{other properties} \} CaK^{\text{priv}}$**

# Notation

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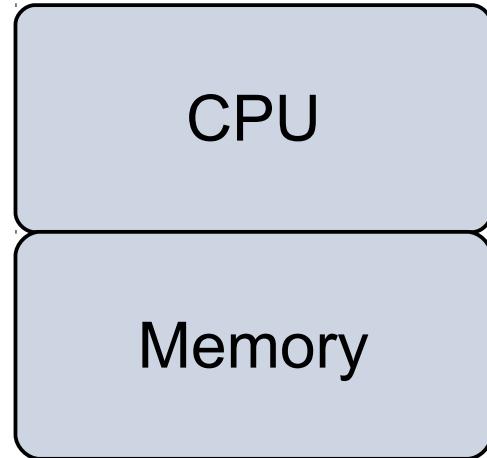
- “ $\{ M \}_{Sk^{priv}}$  Digital Signature”  
is short for:  $encrypt(H(M), Sk^{priv})$
- “ $\{ M \}_{Sk^{pub}}$  Message concealed ...”  
does not necessarily imply public key encryption  
for full M  
(rather a combination of symmetric  
and asymmetric methods)

# Identification of Software

- Program vendor: Foosoft FS
- Two ways to identify Software:
  - $H(\text{Program})$
  - $\{\text{Program, ID- Program}\}_{\text{FSK}^{\text{priv}}}$   
use  $\text{FSK}^{\text{pub}}$  to check the signature must be made available,  
e.g. shipped with the Program
- The „ID” of SW must be made available somehow.



# Tamperresistant black box (TRB)



Non-Volatile Memory:

Platform Configuration Registers:

# Ways to “burn in” the OS or secure booting

- Read-Only Memory
- Allowed  $H(\text{OS})$  in NV memory preset by manufacturer
  - load OS- Code
  - compare  $H(\text{loaded OS code})$  to preset  $H(\text{OS})$
  - abort if different
- Preset  $\text{FSK}_{\text{pub}}$  in NV memory preset by manufacturer
  - load OS- Code
  - check signature of loaded OS-Code using  $\text{FSK}_{\text{pub}}$
  - abort if check fails

# Authenticated Booting (AB)

## Phases:

- Preparation by Manufacturers (TRB and OS)
- Booting & “Measuring”
- Remote attestation

# Authenticated Booting (AB)

CPU

Memory

Non-Volatile Memory:

“Endorsement Key” EK  
preset by Manufacturer

Platform Configuration Registers:

PCR: Hash-Code obtained  
during boot

# Vendors of TRB and OS

- TRB\_generates key pair: „Endorsement Key“ (EK)
  - stores in TRB NV Memory:  $EK_{priv}$
  - emits:  $EK_{pub}$
- TRB vendor certifies:  $\{“a valid EK”, EK_{pub}\}TVK_{priv}$
- OS-Vendor certifies:  $\{“a valid OS”, H(OS)\}OSVK_{priv}$
- serve as identifiers:  $EK_{pub}$  and  $H(OS)$

# Booting & Attestation

## Booting:

- TRB “measures” OS- Code (computes  $H(\text{OS-Code})$ )
- stores in PCR
- no other way to write PCR

## Attestation:

- Challenge: nonce
- TRB generates Response:  $\{\text{PCR, nonce}'\}_{EK^{\text{priv}}}$

# Remaining problems

- Now we know identities:  $H(\text{loaded-OS})$  and  $EK^{\text{pub}}$
- SIMPLE VERSION NOT PRACTICAL !!!

Problems to solve:

- Privacy: remote attestation requires (reveals) identity ( $EK^{\text{pub}}$ )
- OS versioning
- Attestates: Which system has been booted, but  
WHAT ABOUT REBOOT ?  
Remote attestation with  $EK^{\text{pub}}$  on each message ???
- not only “OS” on platform: SW stacks or trees
- Black box to big: TRB → TPM/ATM-TrustZone
- Sealed memory

# Remote Attestation and Privacy (use AIK)

- Remote attestation reveals platform identity:  $EK_{pub}$
- add intermediate step:
  - Attestation Intity Key (AIK)
  - Trusted Third Party as anonymizer (TTP)



# Remote Attestation and Privacy (use AIK)

CPU

Memory

Non-Volatile Memory:

**EK**    **preset by Manufacturer**  
**AIK**    **signed by third party**

Platform Configuration Registers:

# Remote Attestation and Privacy (use AIK)

- Generate AIK in TRB
- send  $\{ \text{AIK} \} \text{EK}^{\text{priv}}$  to trusted third party
- third party certifies:  $\{ \text{AIK}, \text{“good ID”} \} \text{TTPK}^{\text{priv}}$
- AIK used instead of EK during remote attestation, response:
  - $\{ \text{AIK}, \text{“good ID”} \} \text{TTPK}^{\text{priv}}$
  - $\{ \text{Nonce}, \text{H(OS)} \} \text{AIK}^{\text{priv}}$

# AB to allow OS versions

CPU

Memory

Non-Volatile Memory:

“Endorsement Key” EK  
preset by Manufacturer

Platform Configuration Registers:

**PCR:  $OSK^{pub}$  used to check OS**

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- and signs OS-Code:  $\{\text{OS-Code}\}OSK_{priv}$
- serve as identifiers:  $EK_{pub}$  and  $OSK_{pub}$

# Booting & Attestation (with versions)

## Booting:

- TRB checks OS- Code using some **OSK<sup>pub</sup>**
- stores **OSK<sup>pub</sup>** in PCR
- no other way to write PCR

## Attestation:

- Challenge: nonce
- TRB generates Response: {PCR, nonce'}E<sub>K<sup>priv</sup></sub>

# AB considering reboot

- attestation required at each request:
  - $\{\text{PCR}, \text{nonce}'\}_{\text{EK}^{\text{priv}}}$
  - PCR:  $H(\text{OS})$  bzw.  $\text{OSK}^{\text{pub}}$
- always requires access to and usage of EK
- race condition!

## Instead:

- create new keypair on every reboot:
  - $\text{OSrunningAuthK}^{\text{priv}}$   $\text{OSrunningAuthK}^{\text{pub}}$

# Booting (AB considering reboot)

## Booting:

- TRB checks OS- Code using some  $OSK_{pub}$
- stores  $OSK_{pub}$  in PCR
- creates OSrunningAuthK keypair
- certifies:  $\{ OSrunningAuthK_{pub}, OSK_{pub} \}_{EK_{priv}}$

# Attestation (AB considering reboot)

## Attestation:

- Challenge: nonce
- OS generates response:
  - $\{ \text{OSrunningAuthK}^{\text{pub}}, \text{OSK}^{\text{pub}} \} \text{EK}^{\text{priv}}$
  - $\{ \text{nonce}' \} \text{OSrunningAuthK}^{\text{priv}}$



# Establish Secure Channel to OSRunning

## Booting:

- TRB checks OS- Code using some  $OSK_{pub}$
- stores  $OSK_{pub}$  in PCR
- creates OSrunningAuthK keypair
- creates OSrunningConsK keypair
- certifies:  $\{ OSrunningAuthK_{pub}, OSrunningConsK_{pub}, OSK_{pub} \}_{EK_{priv}}$

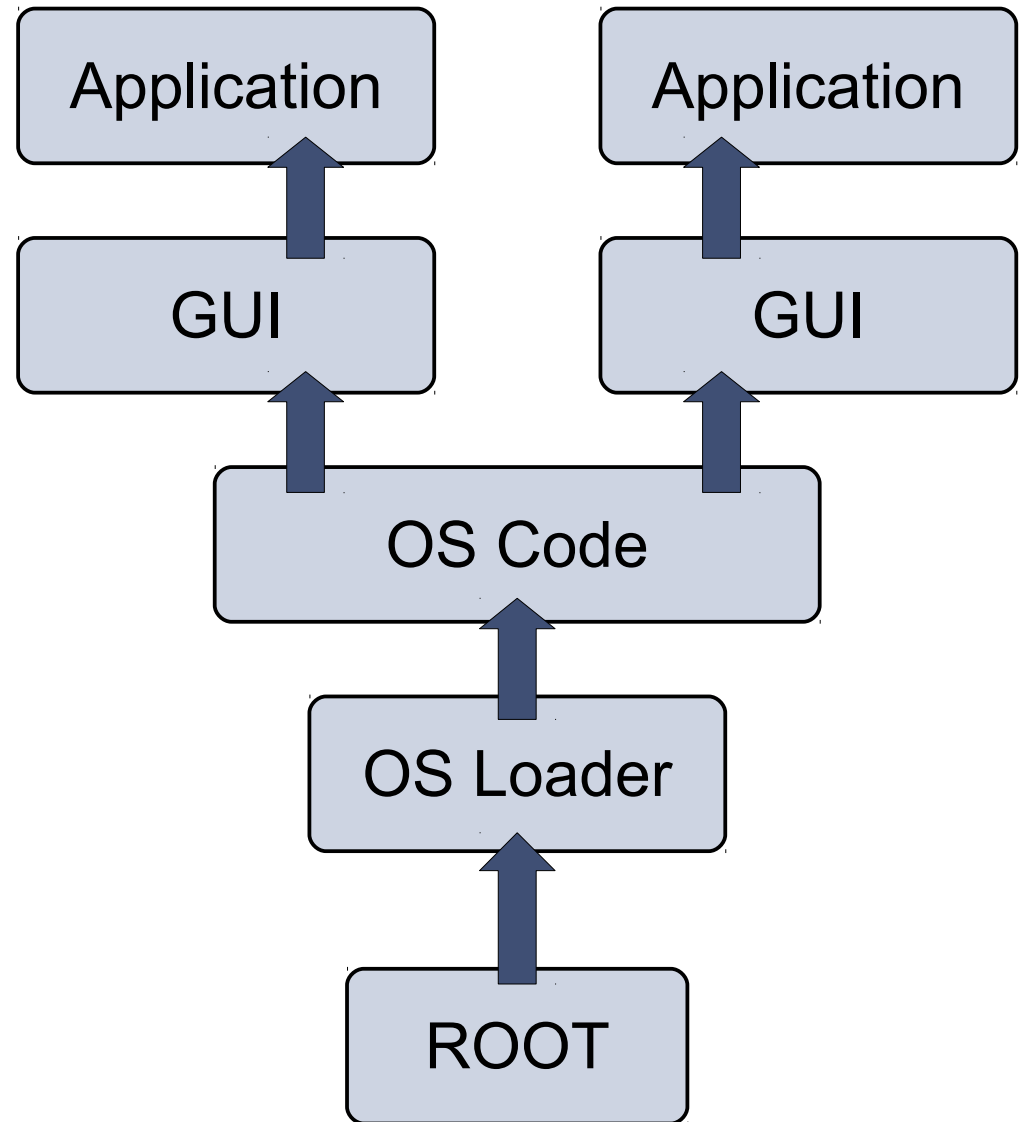
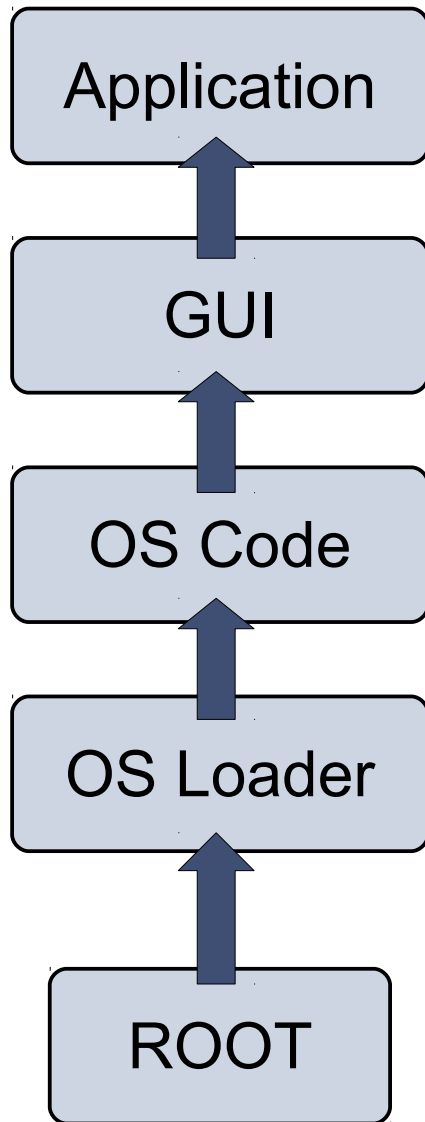
## Secure Channel:

- $\{ message \}_{OSrunningConsK_{pub}}$

# Assumptions

- TRB can protect: EK, PCR
- OS can protect: OSrunningK<sup>priv</sup>
- Rebooting destroys content of
  - PCR and Memory Holding OSrunningK<sup>priv</sup>

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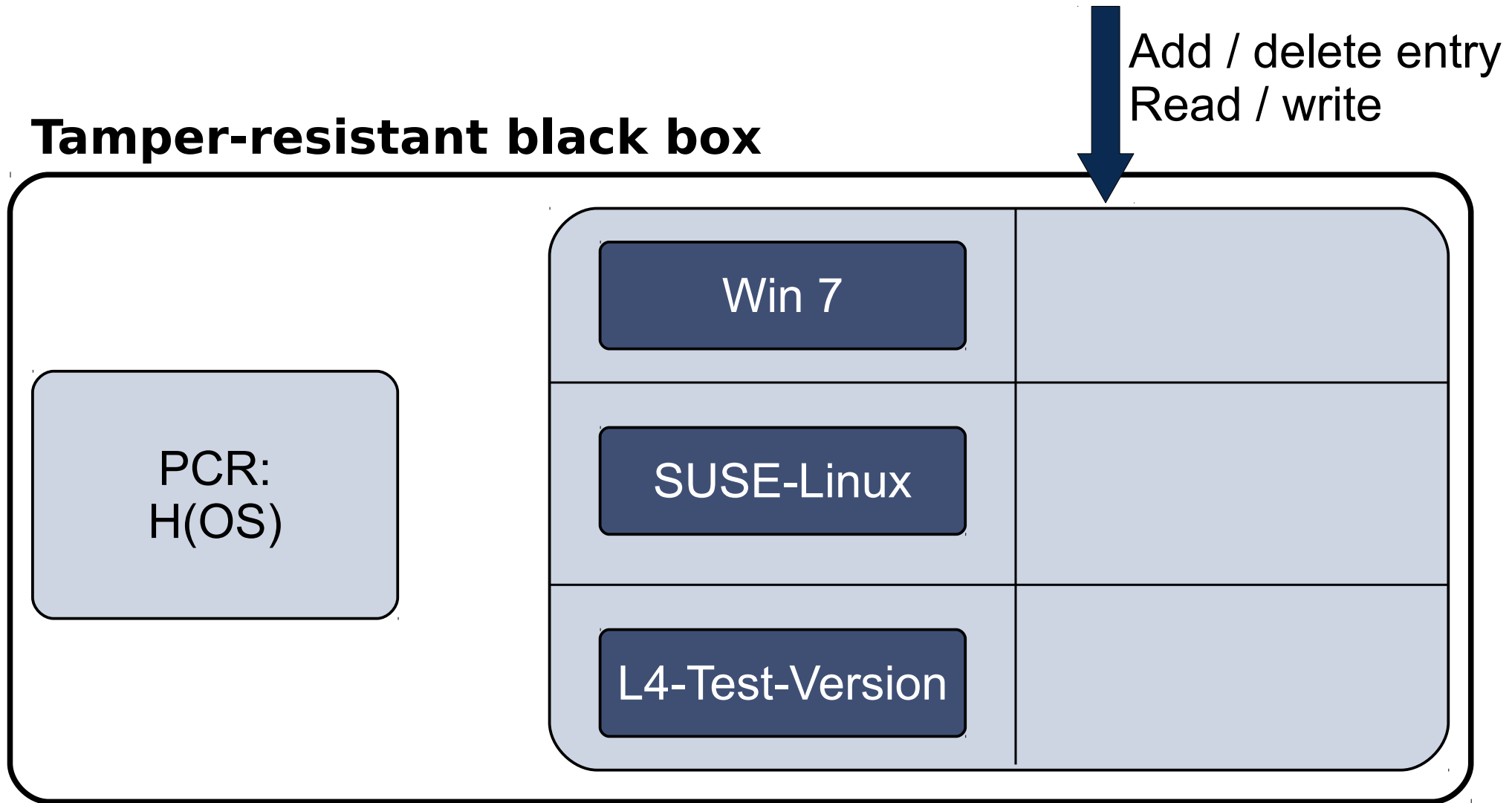
- “Extend” Operation
  - stack:  $\text{PCR}_n = H(\text{PCR}_{n-1} \parallel \text{next-component})$
  - tree: difficult (unpublished ?)
- Key pairs per step:
  - OS controls applications → generate key pair per application
  - OS certifies
    - { Application 1,  $\text{App1K}^{\text{pub}}$  }  $\text{OSrunningK}^{\text{priv}}$
    - { Application 2,  $\text{App2K}^{\text{pub}}$  }  $\text{OSrunningK}^{\text{priv}}$

# Late Launch

- Use arbitrary SW to start system and load all SW
- provide specific instruction to enter “secure mode”
  - set HW in specific state (stop all processors, IO, ...)
  - Measure “root of trust” SW
  - store measurement in PCR
- AMD: “skinit” (Hash) arbitrary root of trust
- Intel: “senter” (must be signed by chip set manufacturer)

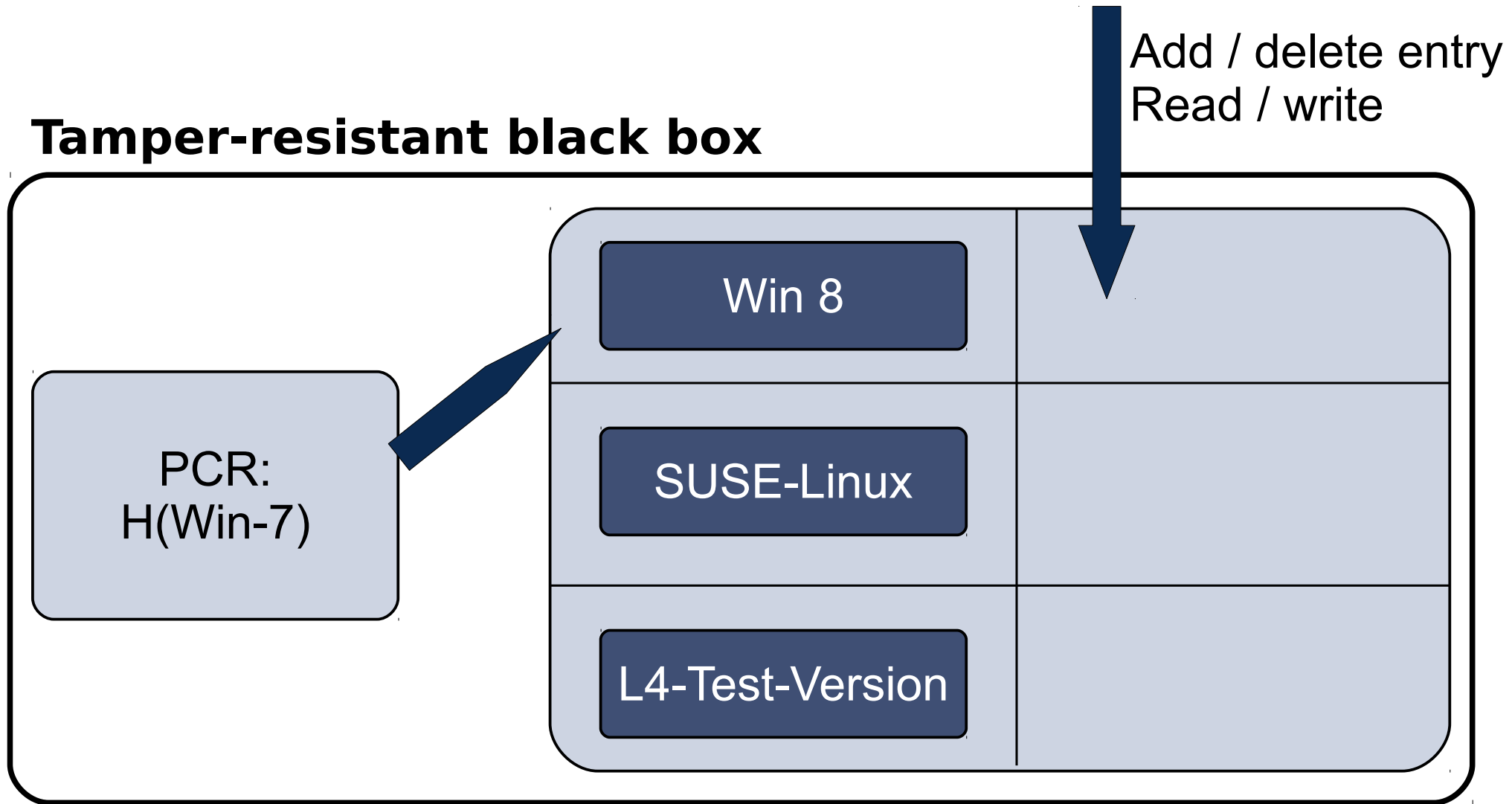
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## Tamper-resistant black box



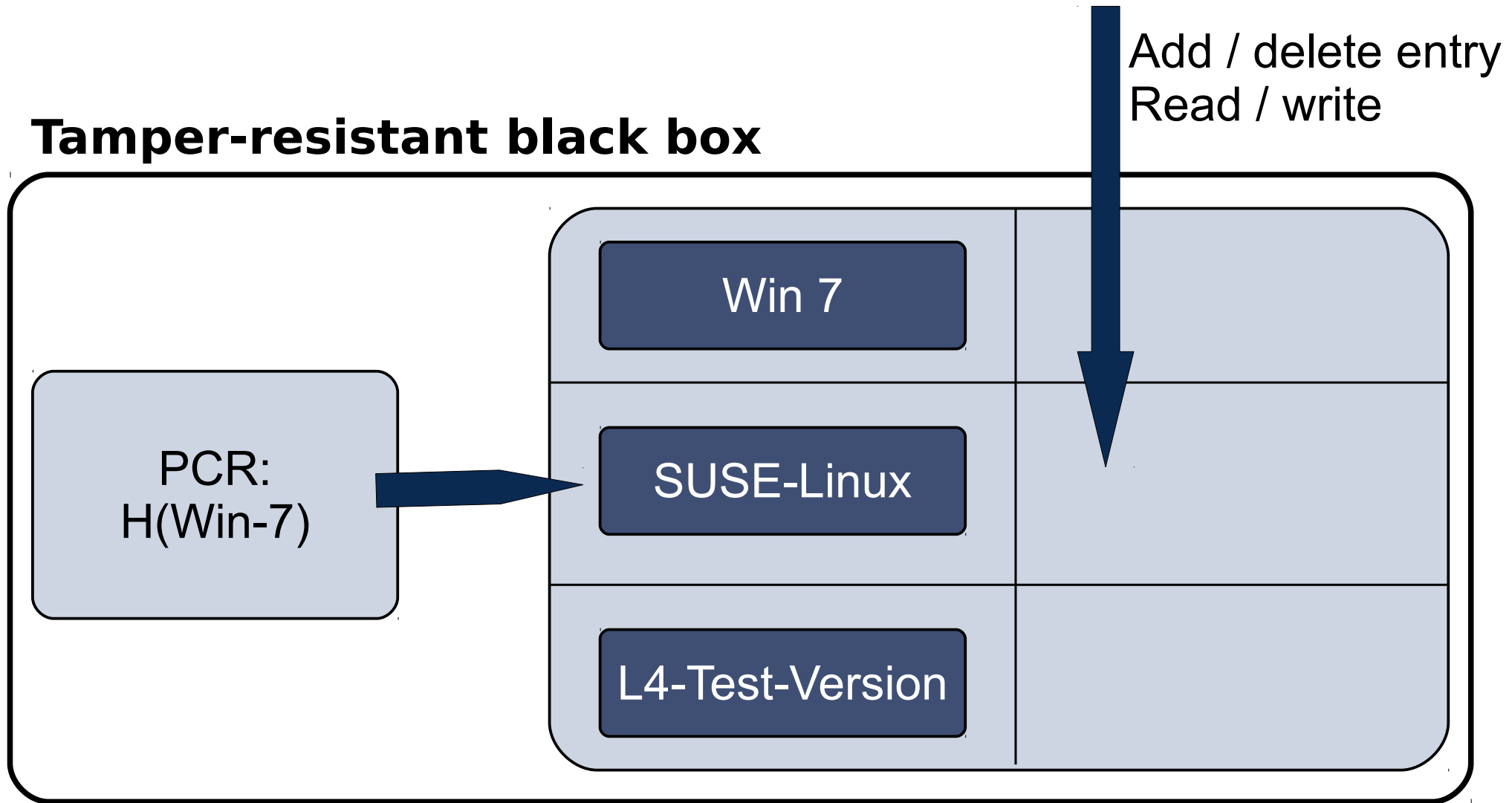
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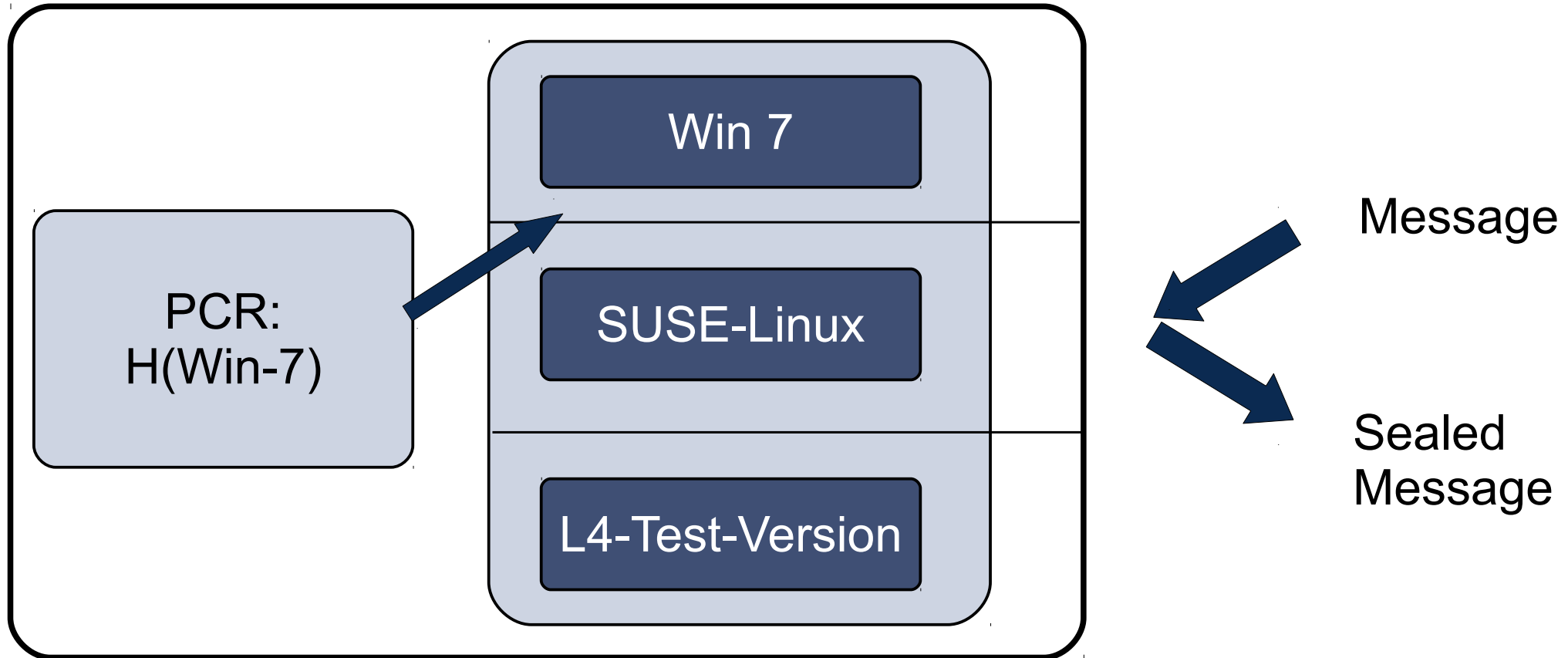
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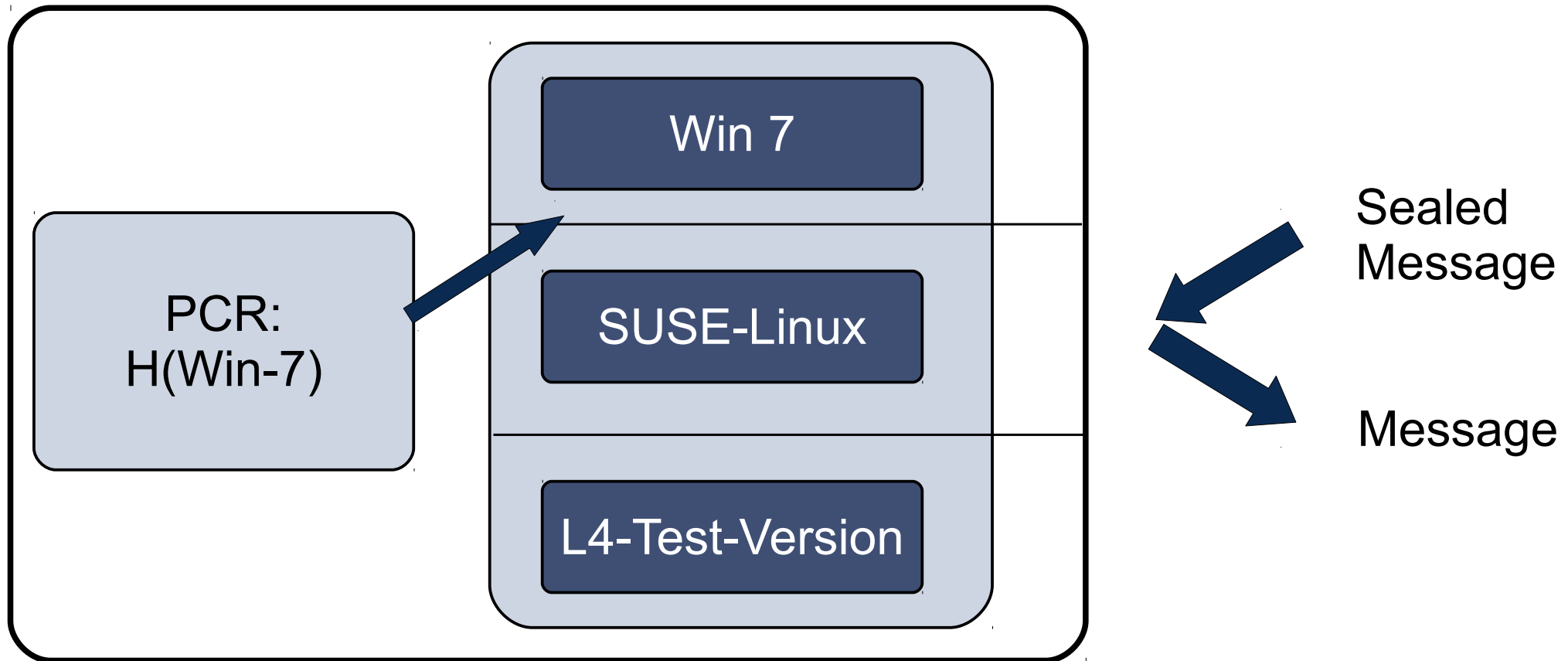
# Sealed Memory: Seal Operation

## Tamper-resistant black box



# Sealed Memory: Unseal Operation

## Tamper-resistant black box



# Tamperresistant black box (TRB)

CPU

Memory

Non-Volatile Memory:

**S: Storage key  
created by manufacturer  
seen by nobody**

Platform Configuration Register:

**PCR: „SW-config“**

# Sealed Memory

- Seal(message):  
    encrypt("PCR, message", Storage-Key)  
  
    → "sealed message";  
    emit sealed message
  
- Unseal(sealed\_message):  
    decrypt( "sealed\_message", Storage-Key)  
  
    → "SW config, message";  
    If SW config == PCR then emit message else abort fi

# Sealed Memory for future configuration

- Seal(message, **FUTURE\_Config**):  
    encrypt(“**FUTURE\_Config**, message”, Storage-Key)  
  
    → “sealed message”;  
    emit sealed\_message
- “seals” information such that it can be unsealed by a future configuration (for example: future version)

# Example

- Win8: Seal („SonyOS, Sony-Secret“)  
→ SealedMessage (store it on disk)
- L4: Unseal (SealedMessage)  
→ SonyOS, Sony-Secret → PCR#SonyOS → abort
- SonyOS: Unseal(SealedMessage)  
→ SonyOS, Sony-Secret → PCR==SonyOS → ok

# Migration ?

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for example: key for decryption of videos
- Send information to third party  
Destroy information locally and prove to third party  
Third party provides information to another entity

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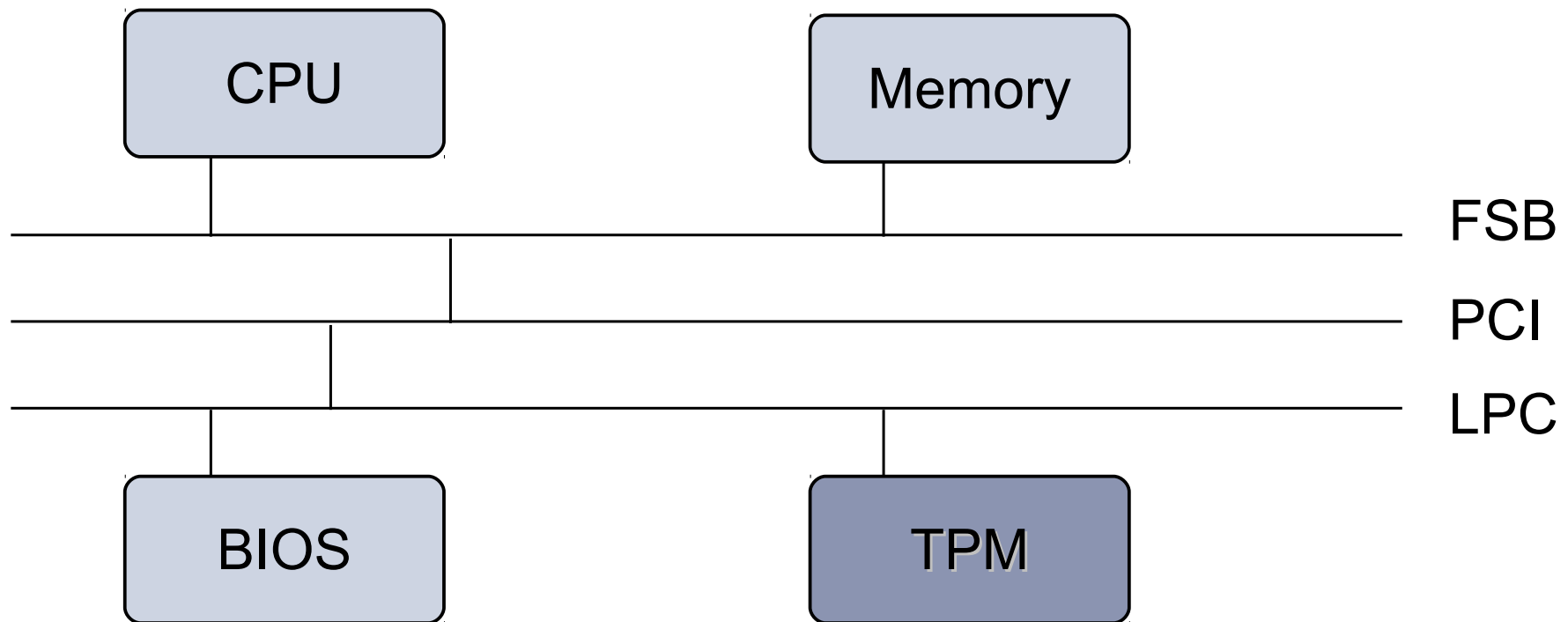
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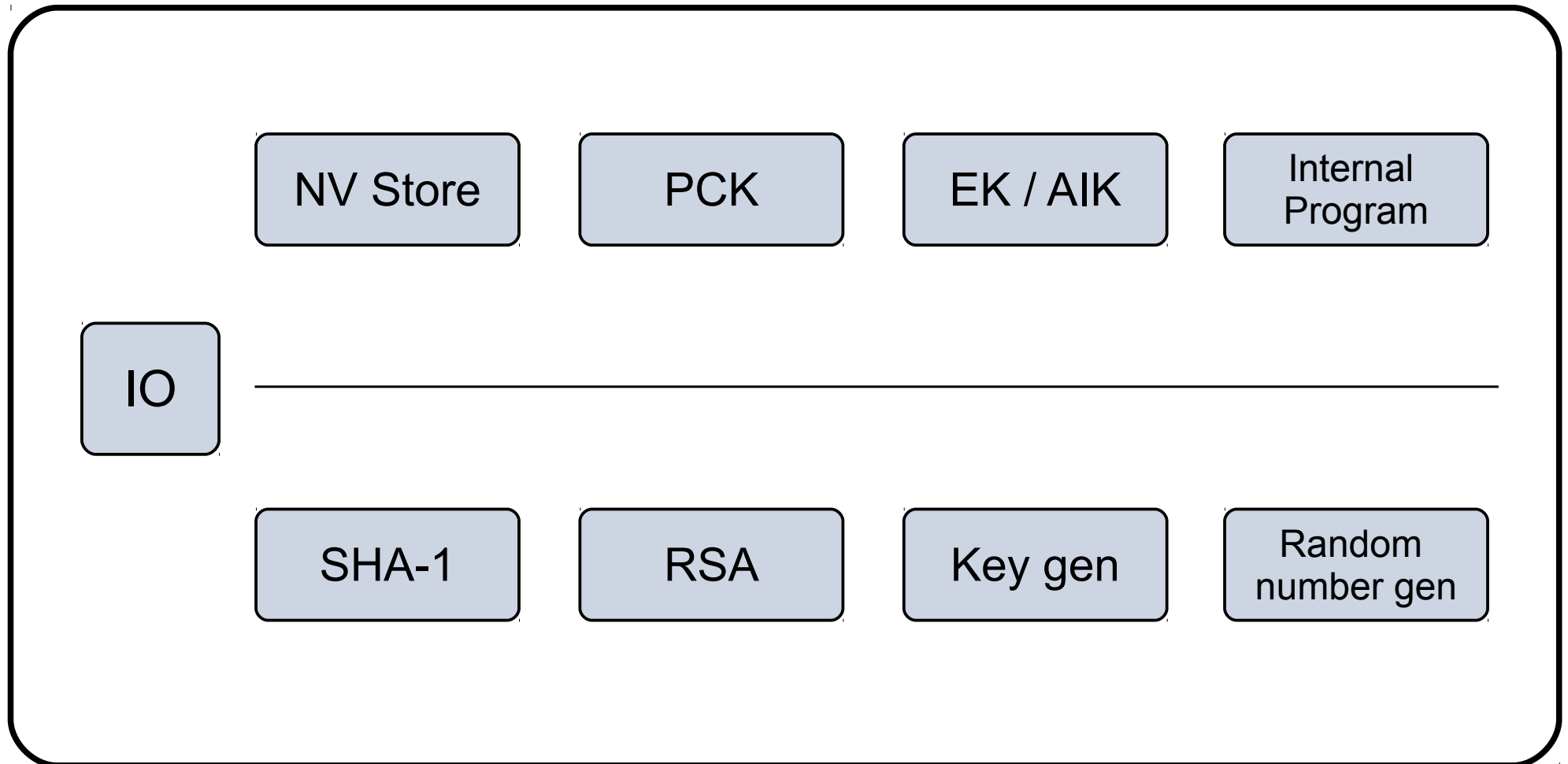


# Tamper Resistant Box ?

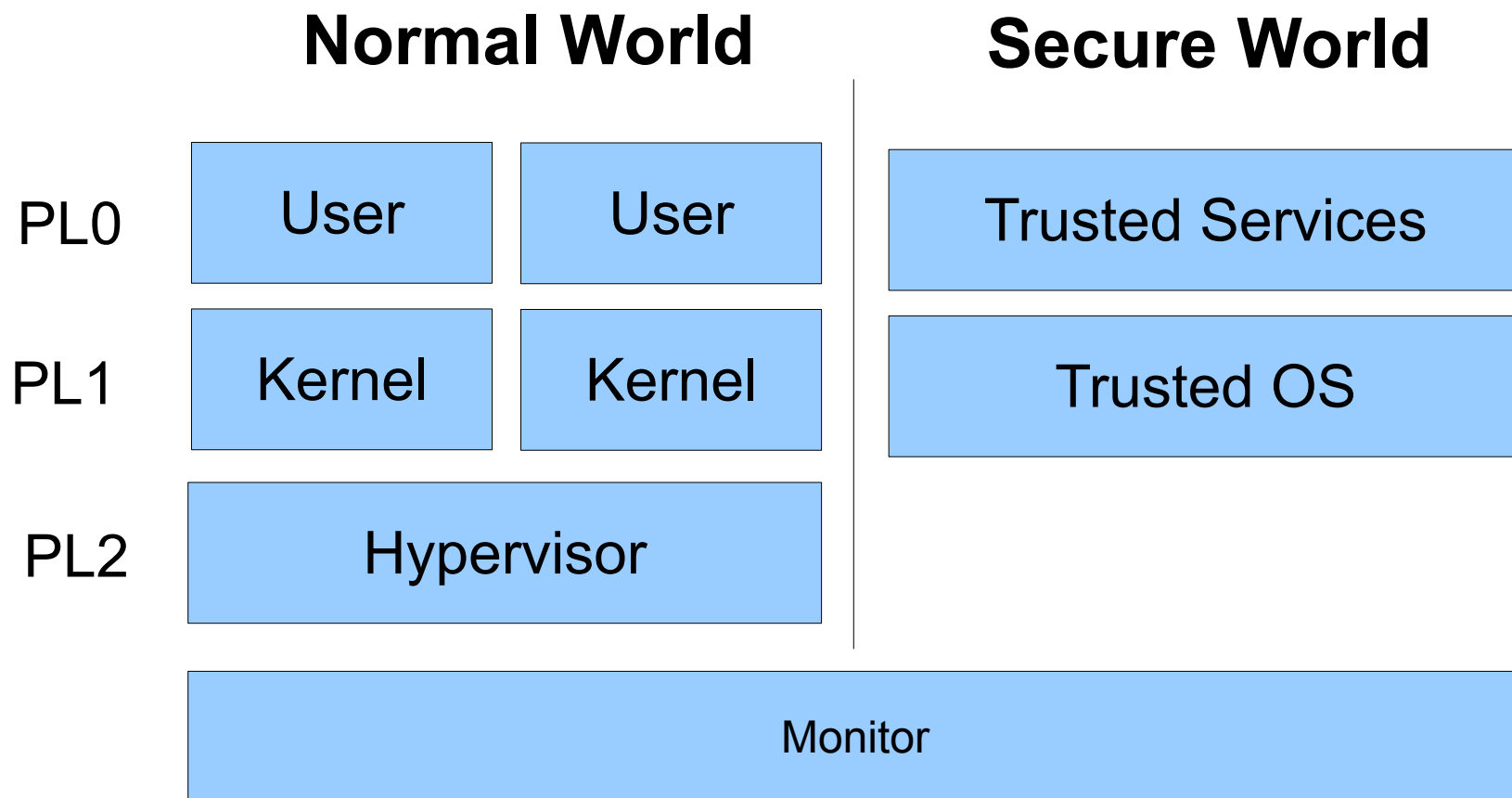
- Ideally, includes CPU, Memory, ...
- In practice
  - very rarely, for example IBM 4758 ...
  - Two HW versions
    - TPM:  
separate “Trusted Platform Modules” (replacing BIOS breaks TRB)
    - ARM TrustZone:  
Add a new privilege mode

# TPM: TCG PC Platforms

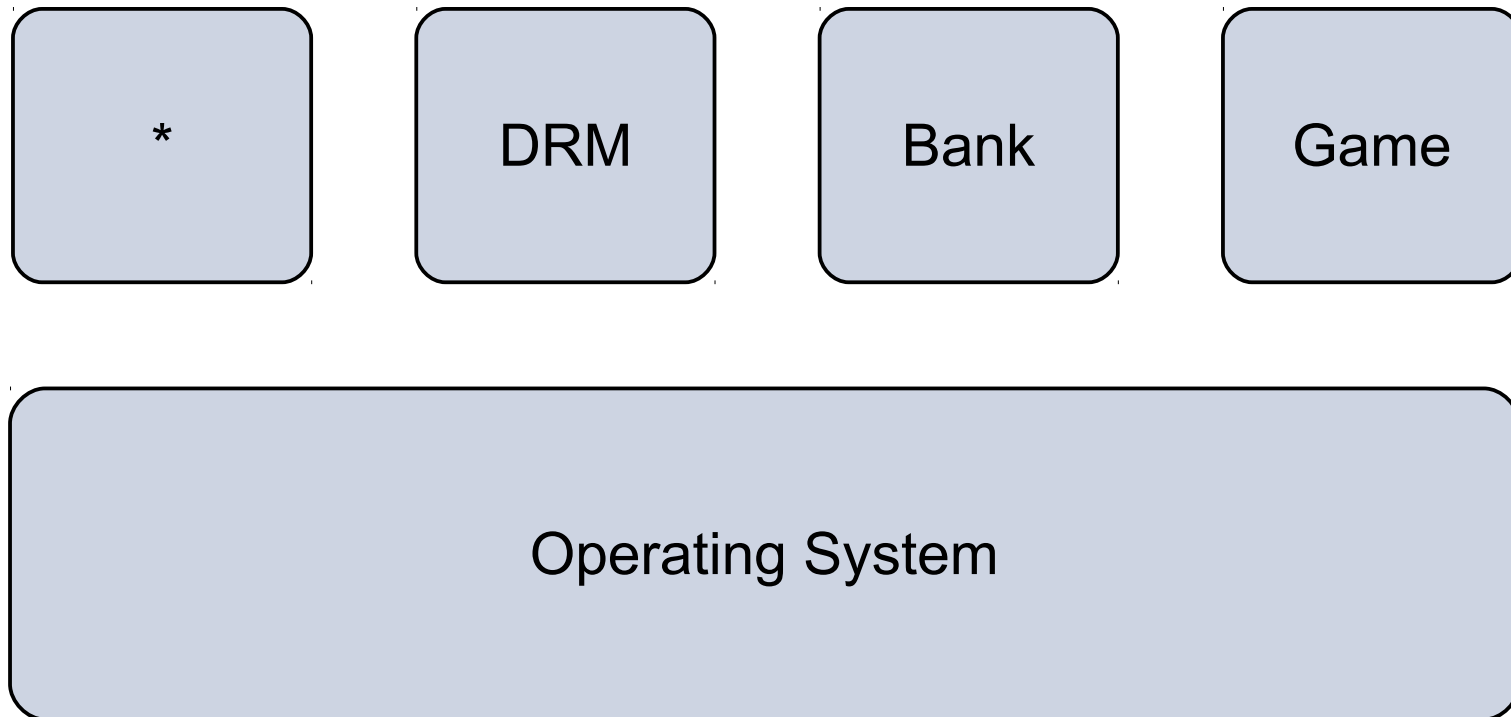




# ARM TrustZone



# Usage Scenarios and Technical Risks



# Technical Risks

## Hardware:

- Authenticity, Integrity, Tamper-Resistance
- Protection of CPU-priv  
Integrity of Rkey-OS-pub

## Operating System

- Protection of keys (OSRunning, ...), Content, ...
- Isolation Applications
- Assurance

## Side Channels !

# References

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