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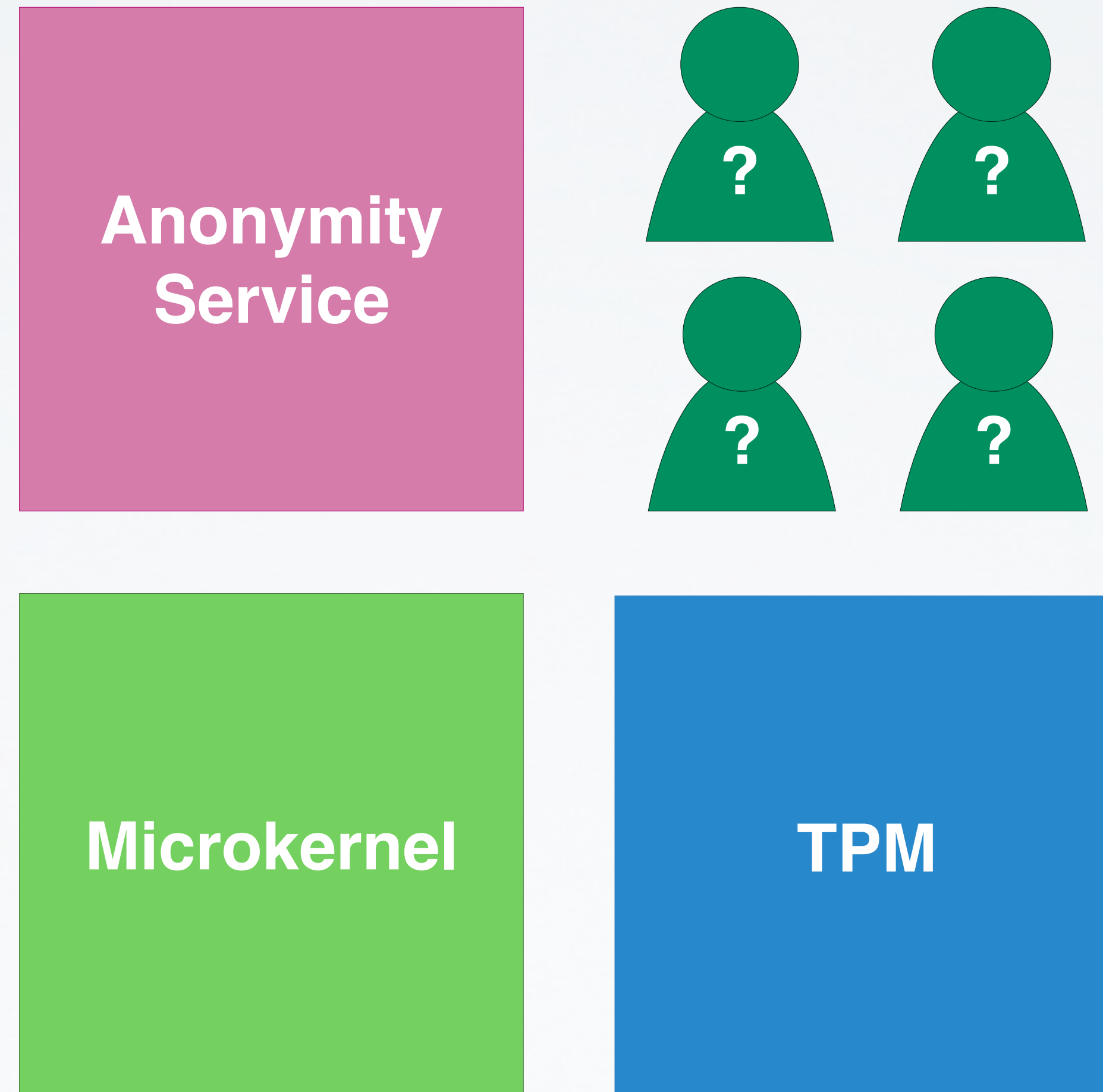
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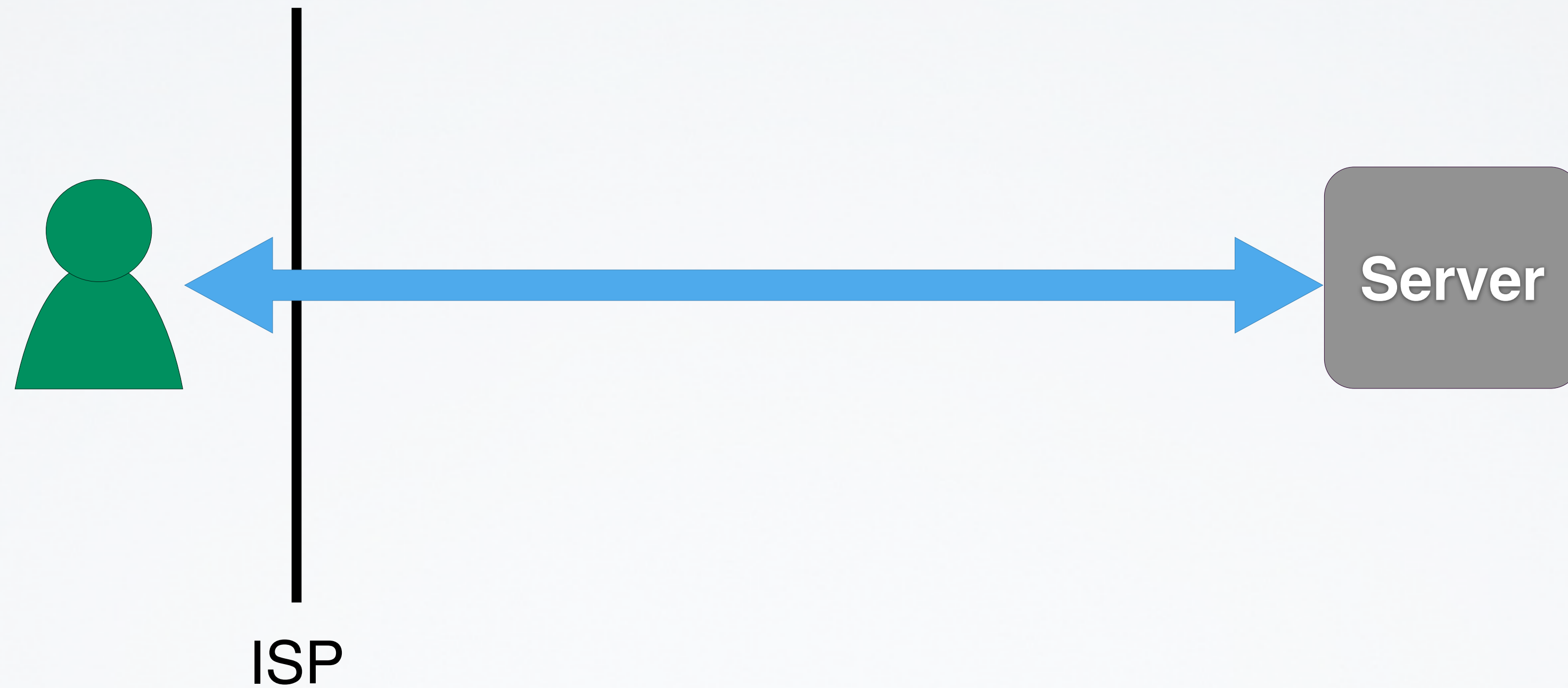
TRUSTED COMPUTING

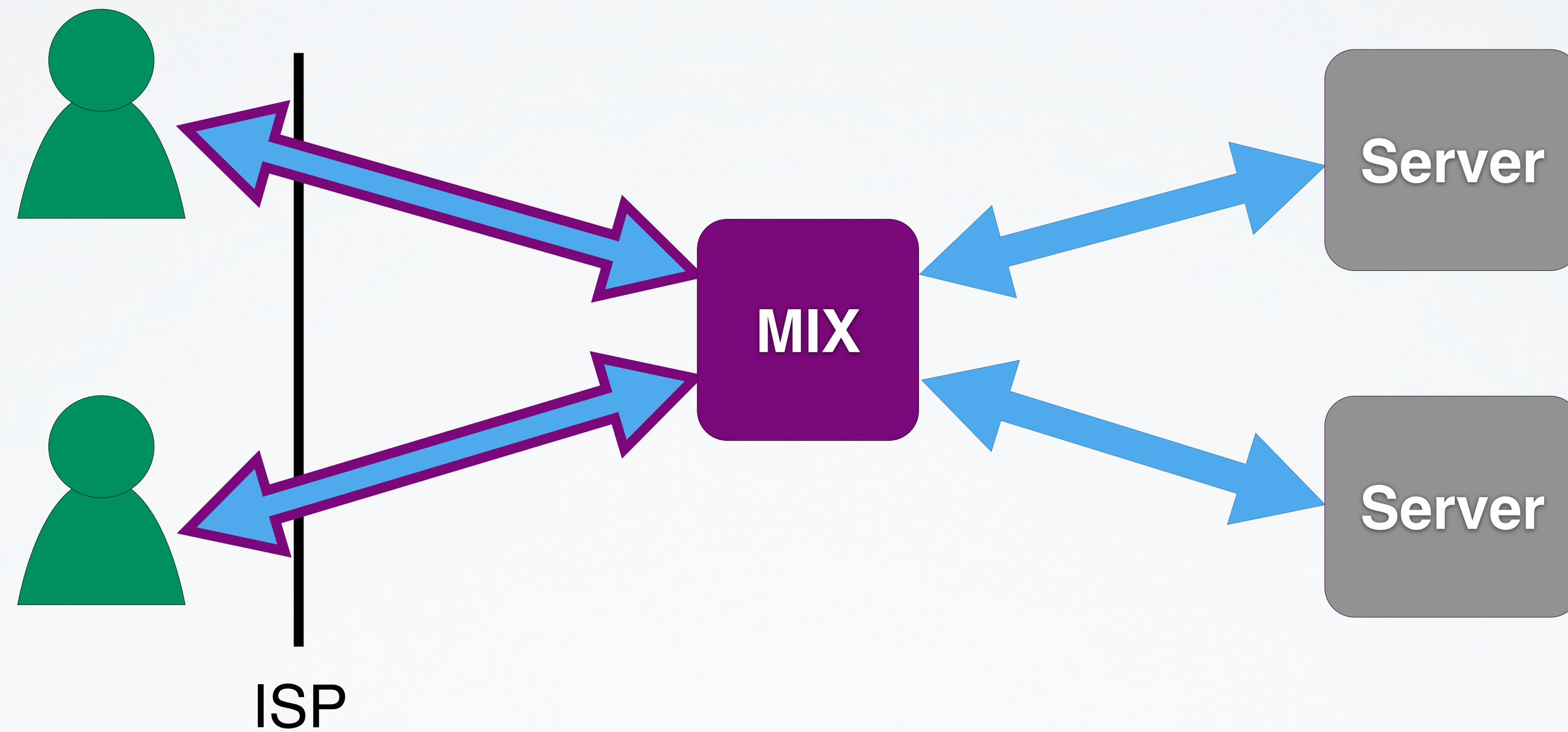
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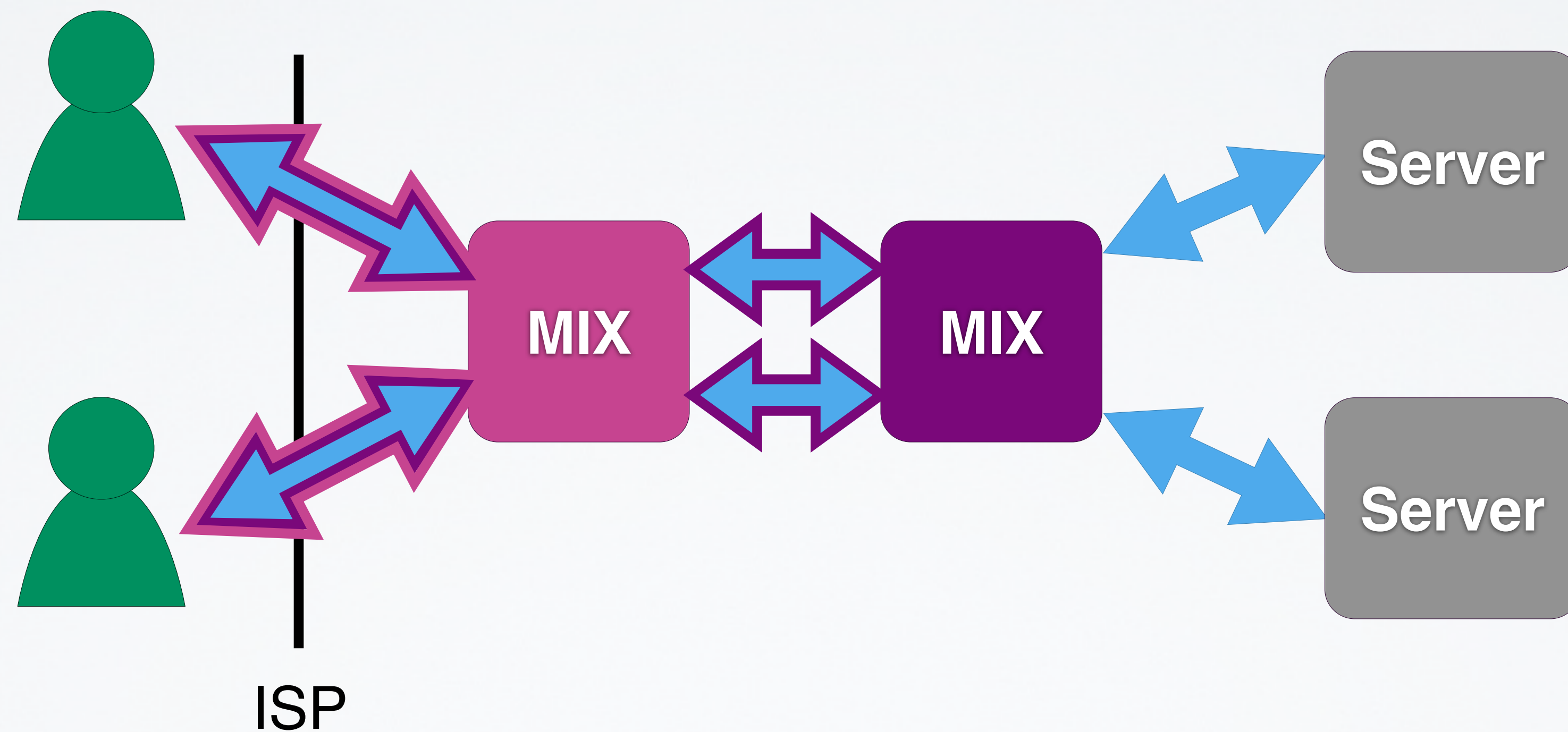
- **Today: Trusted Computing Technology**
 - Lecture discusses basics in context of TPMs + outlook
 - More theoretical concepts also covered in lecture „Distributed Operating Systems“
- **Things you should have heard about:**
 - How to use asymmetric encryption
 - Concept of digital signatures
 - Collision-resistant hash functions

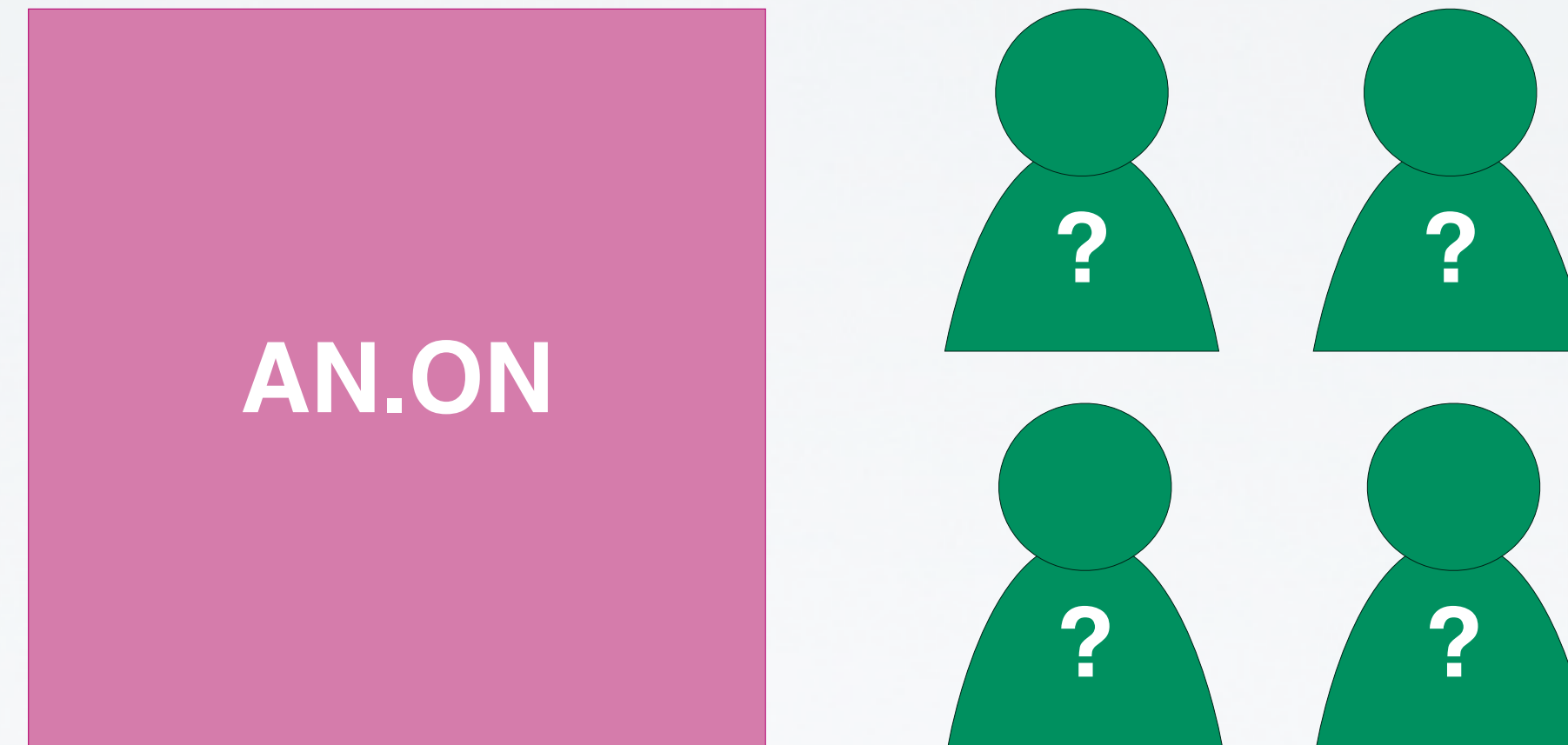
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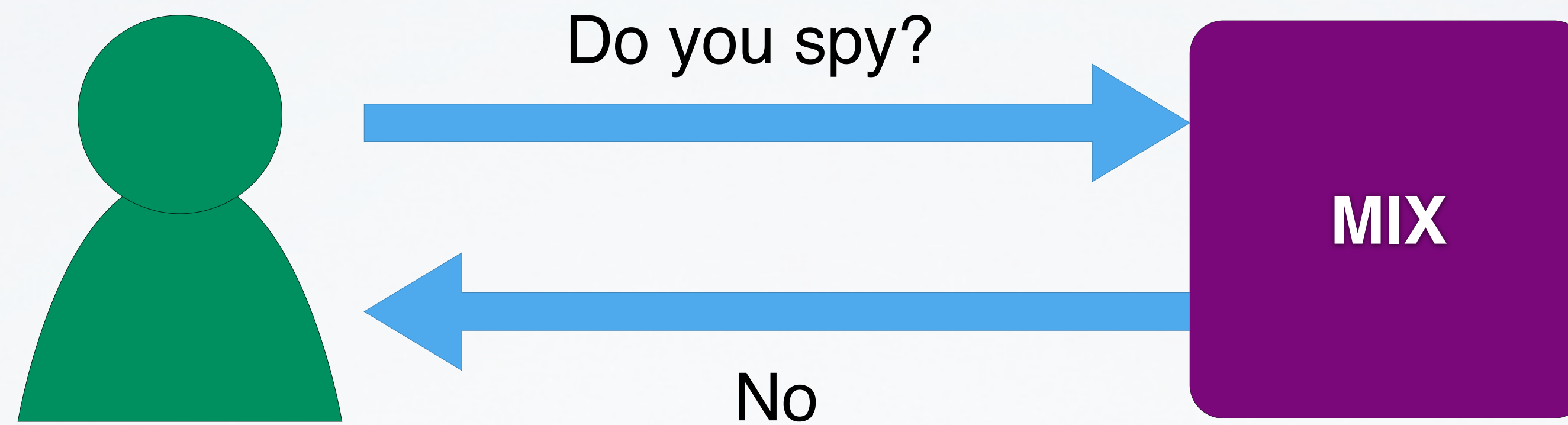




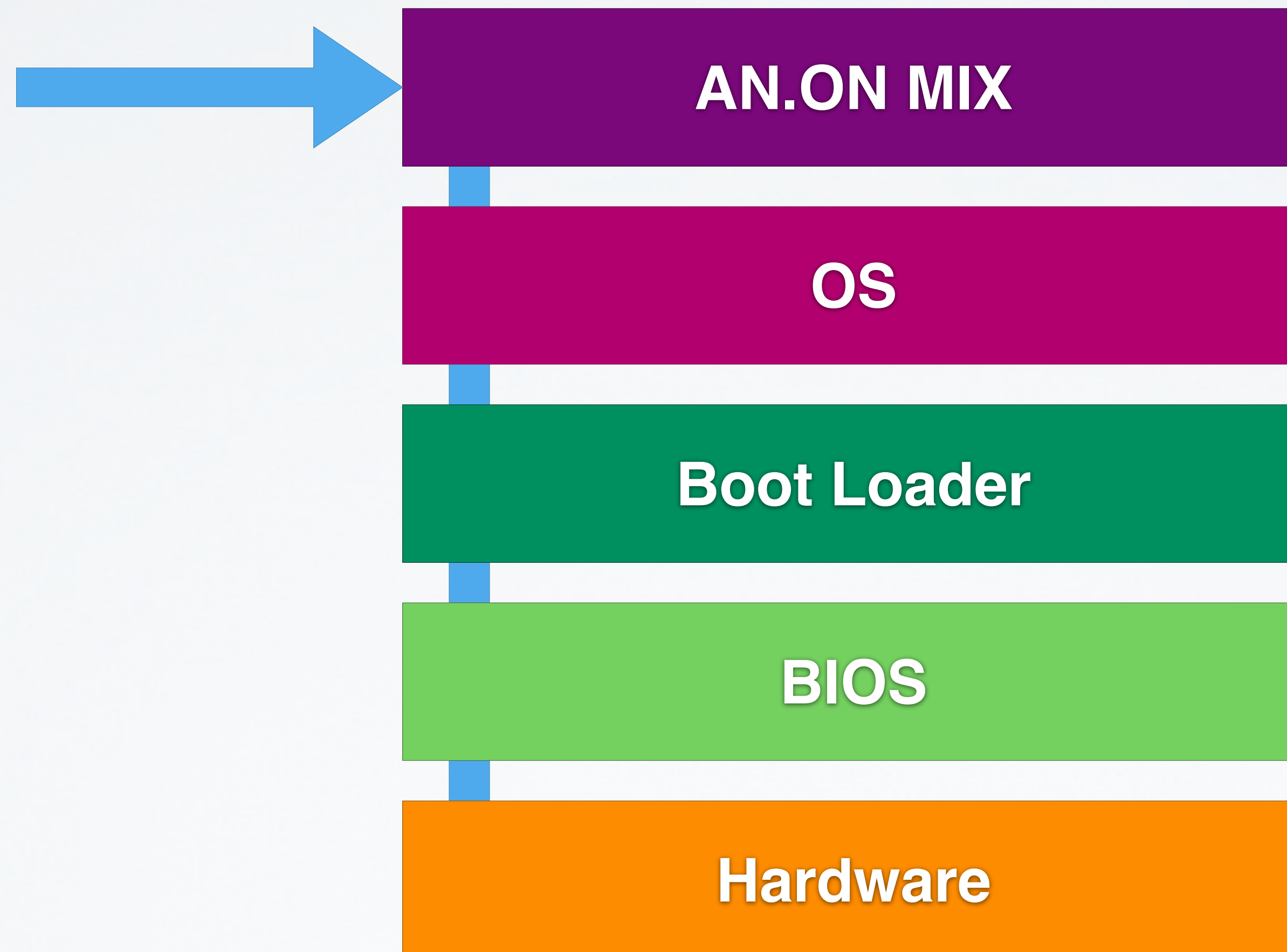








SYSTEM LAYERS

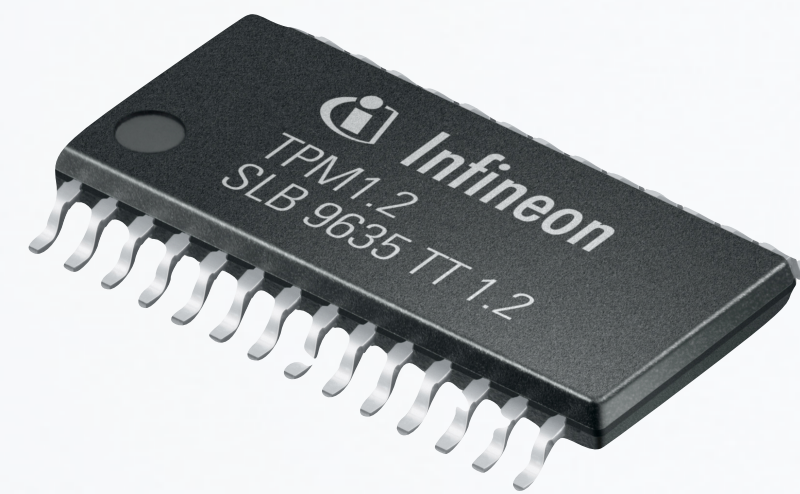




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Platform Configuration Register

$$\text{PCR} := \text{SHA256}(\text{PCR} \parallel \mathbf{X})$$



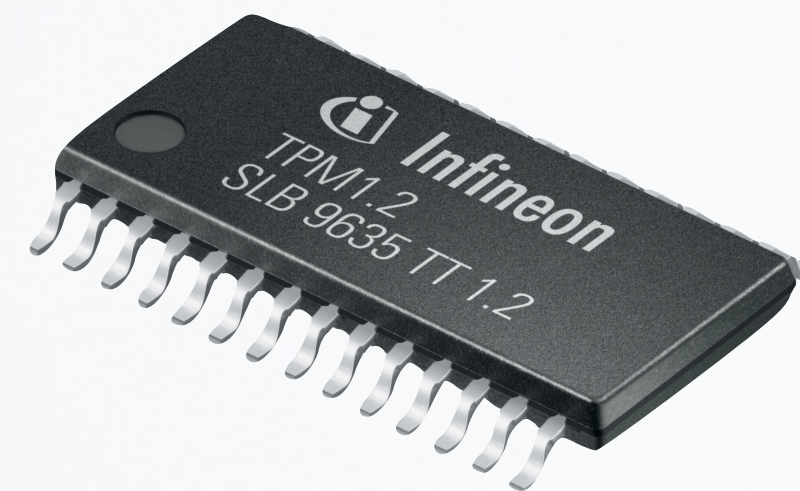
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Boot Loader

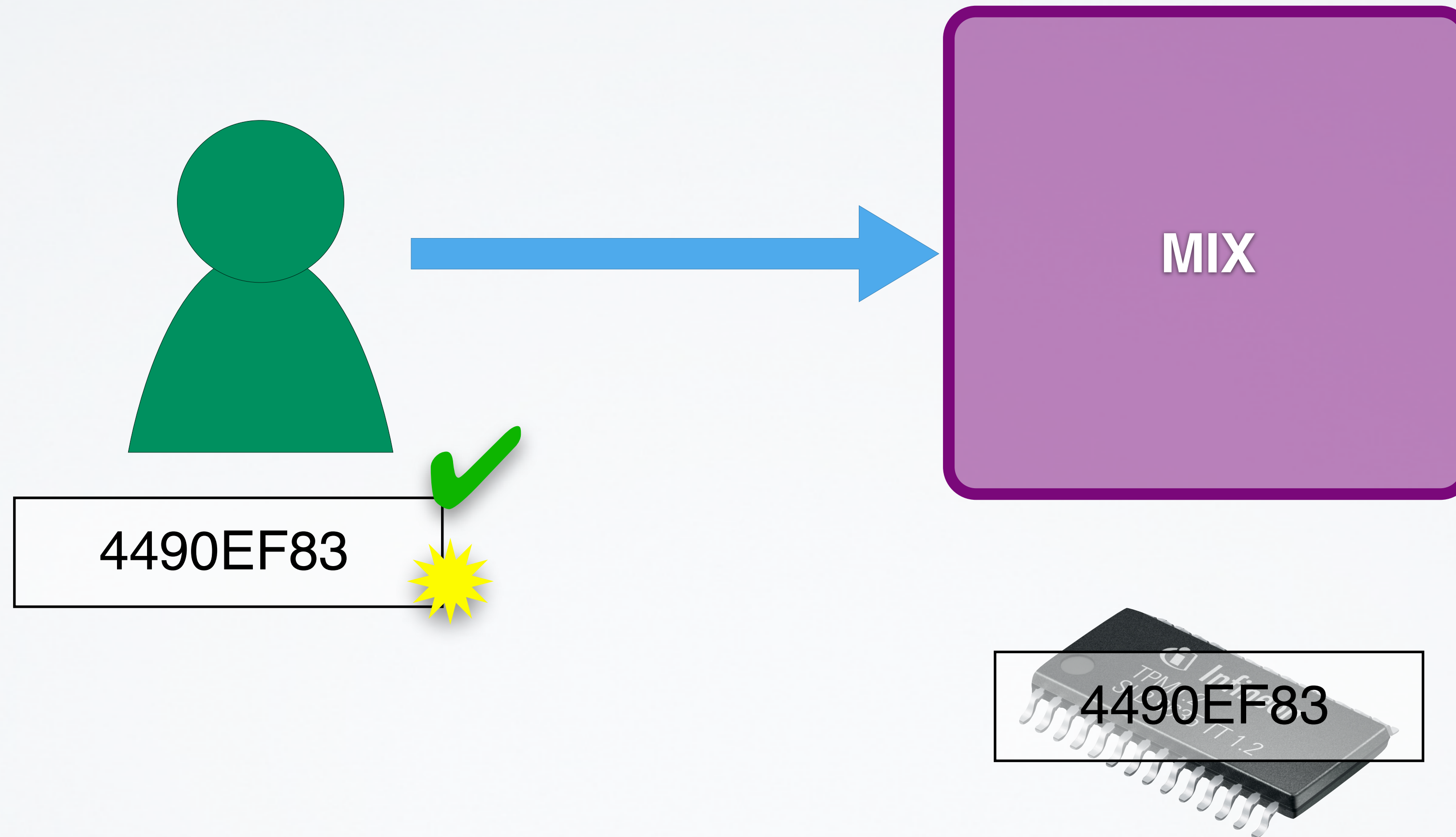
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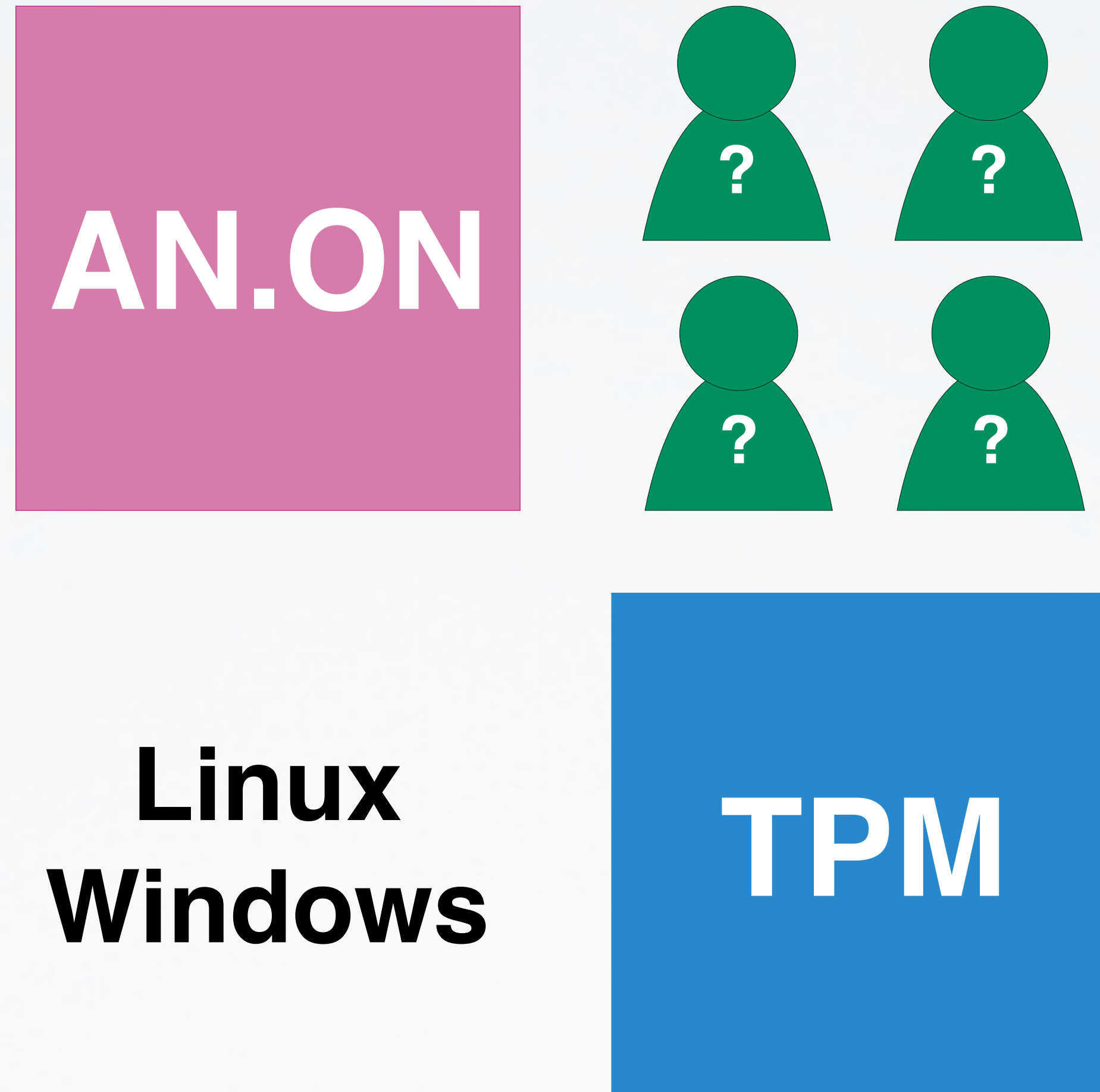


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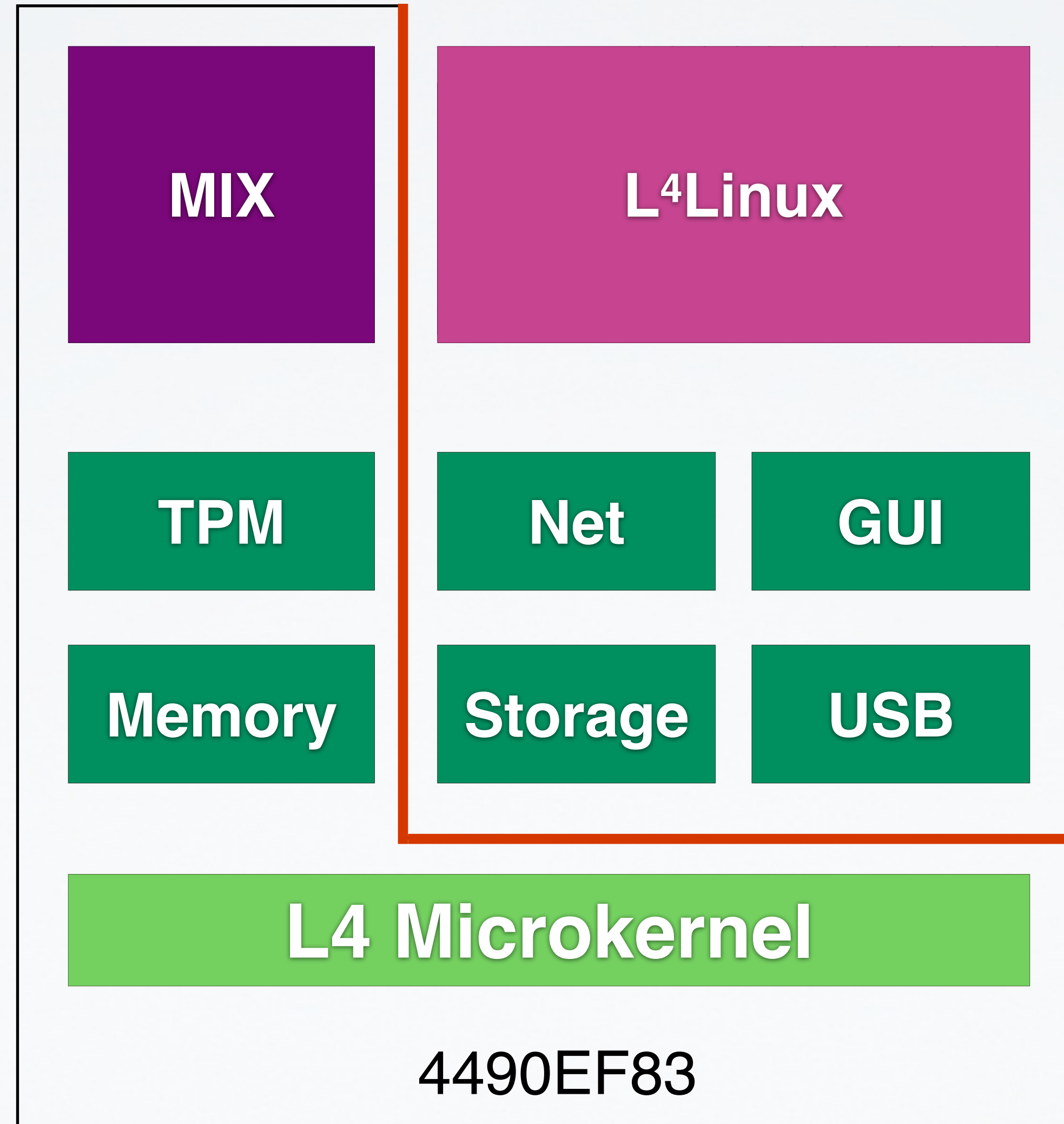
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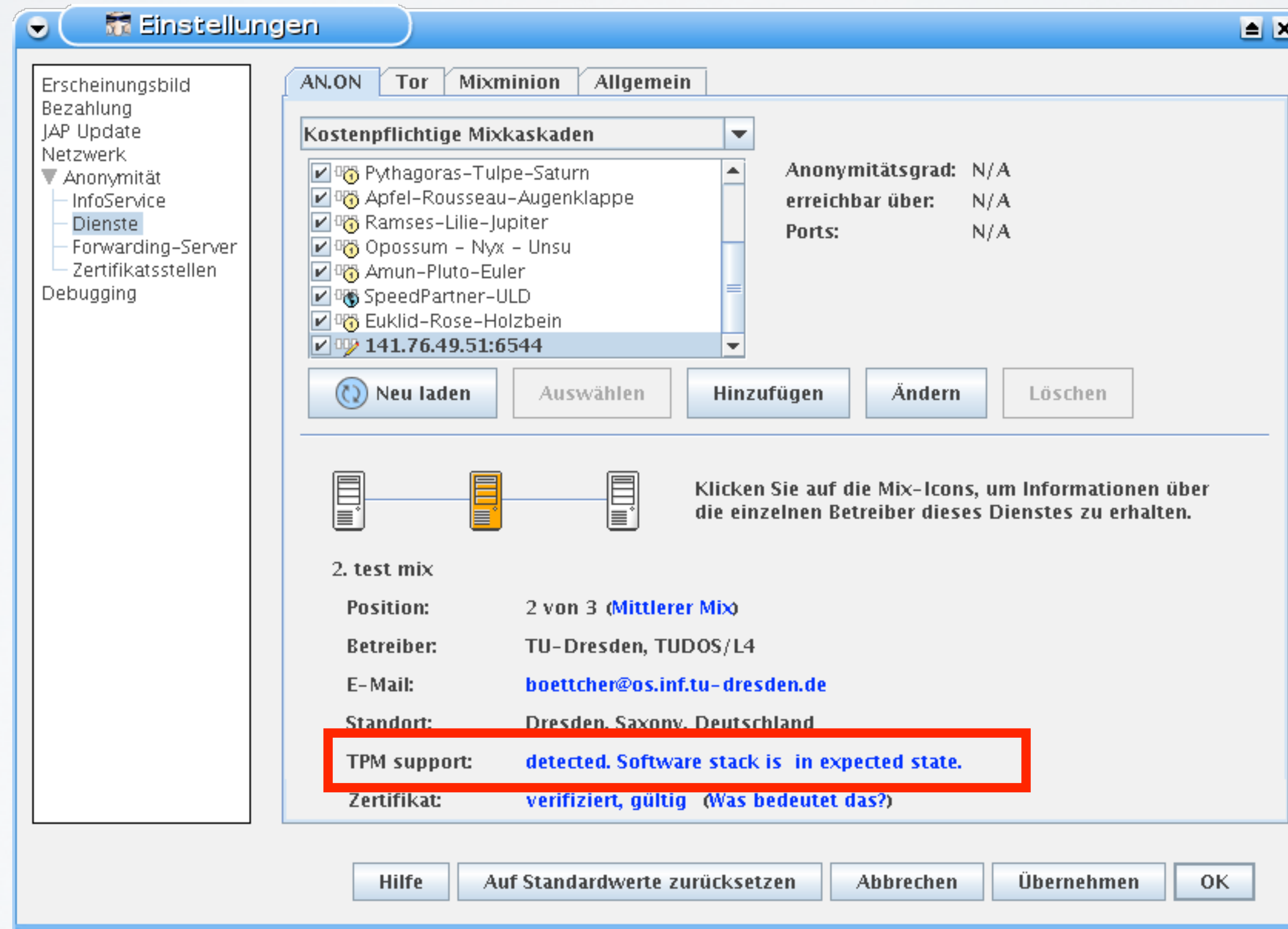
Remote Attestation

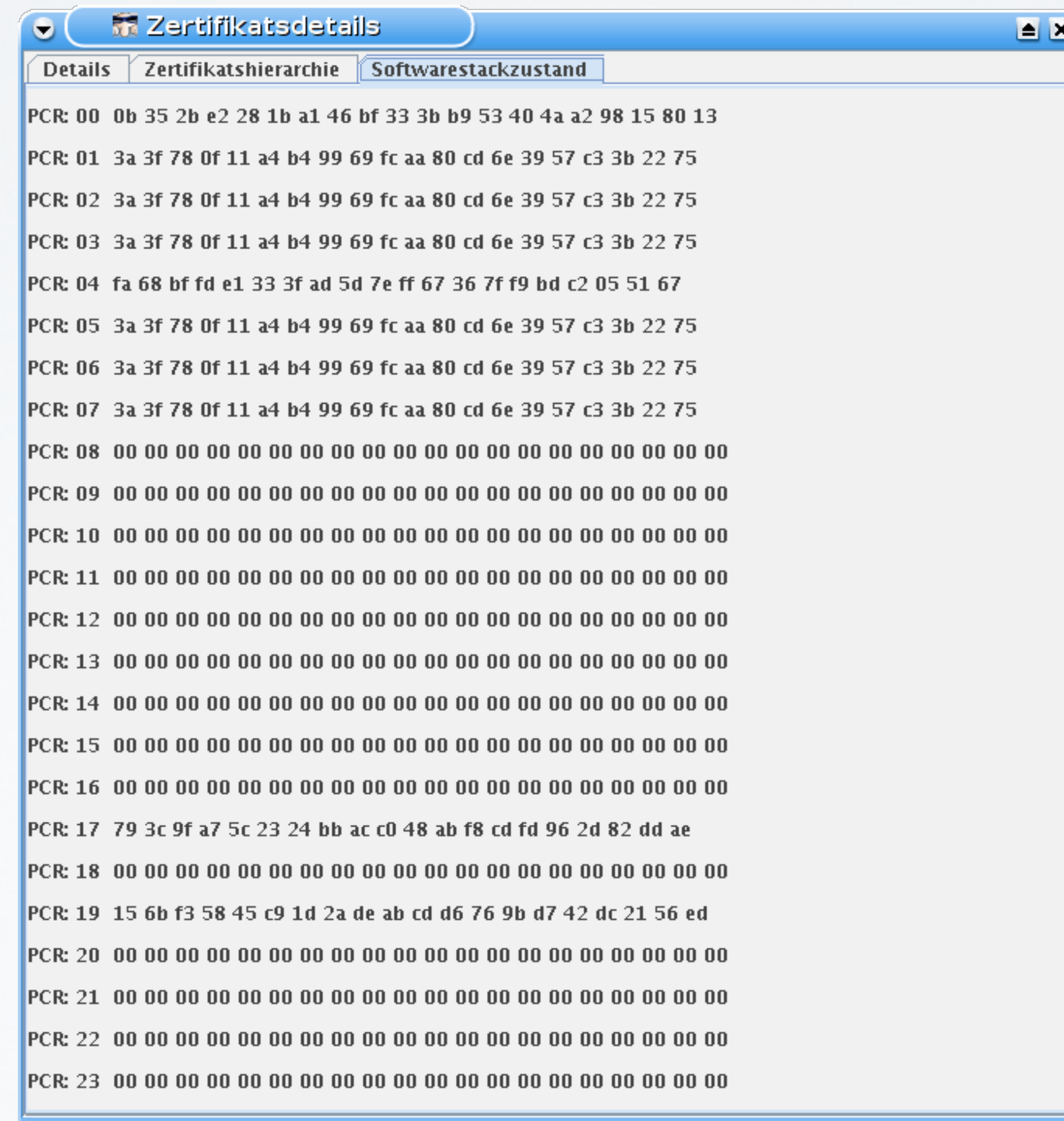


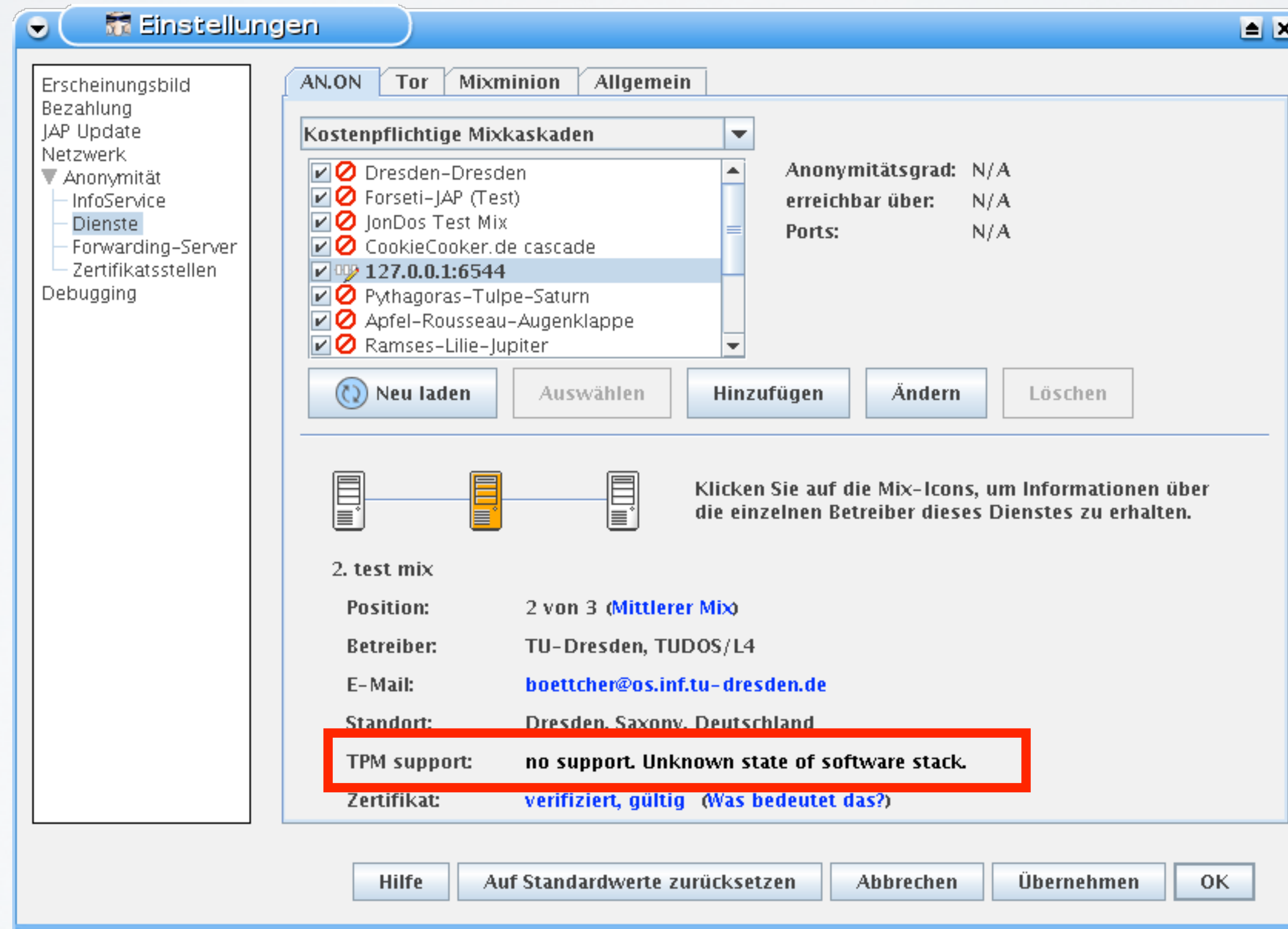


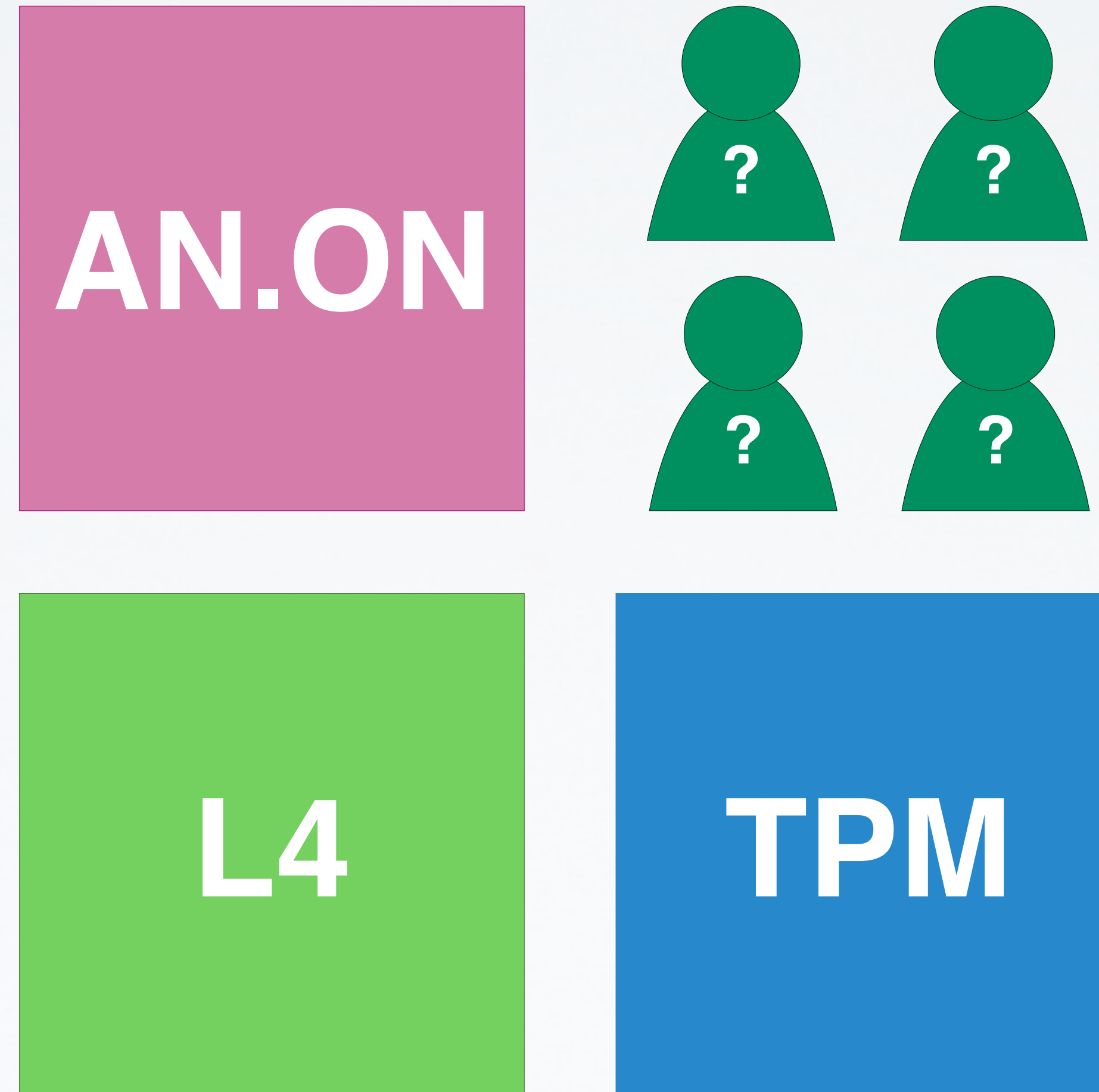






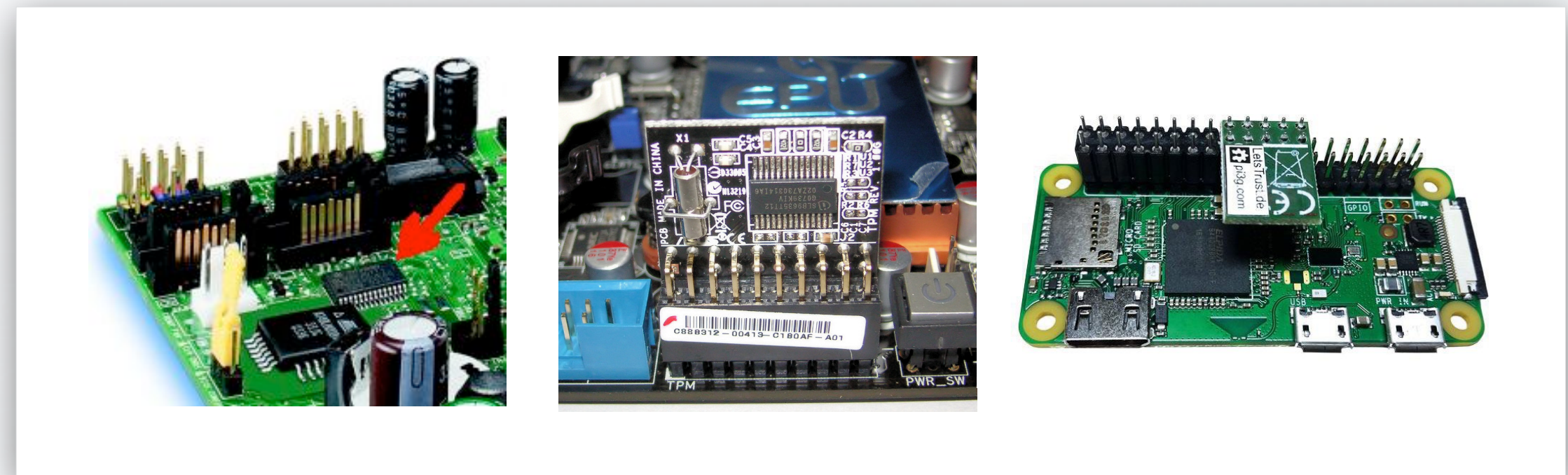






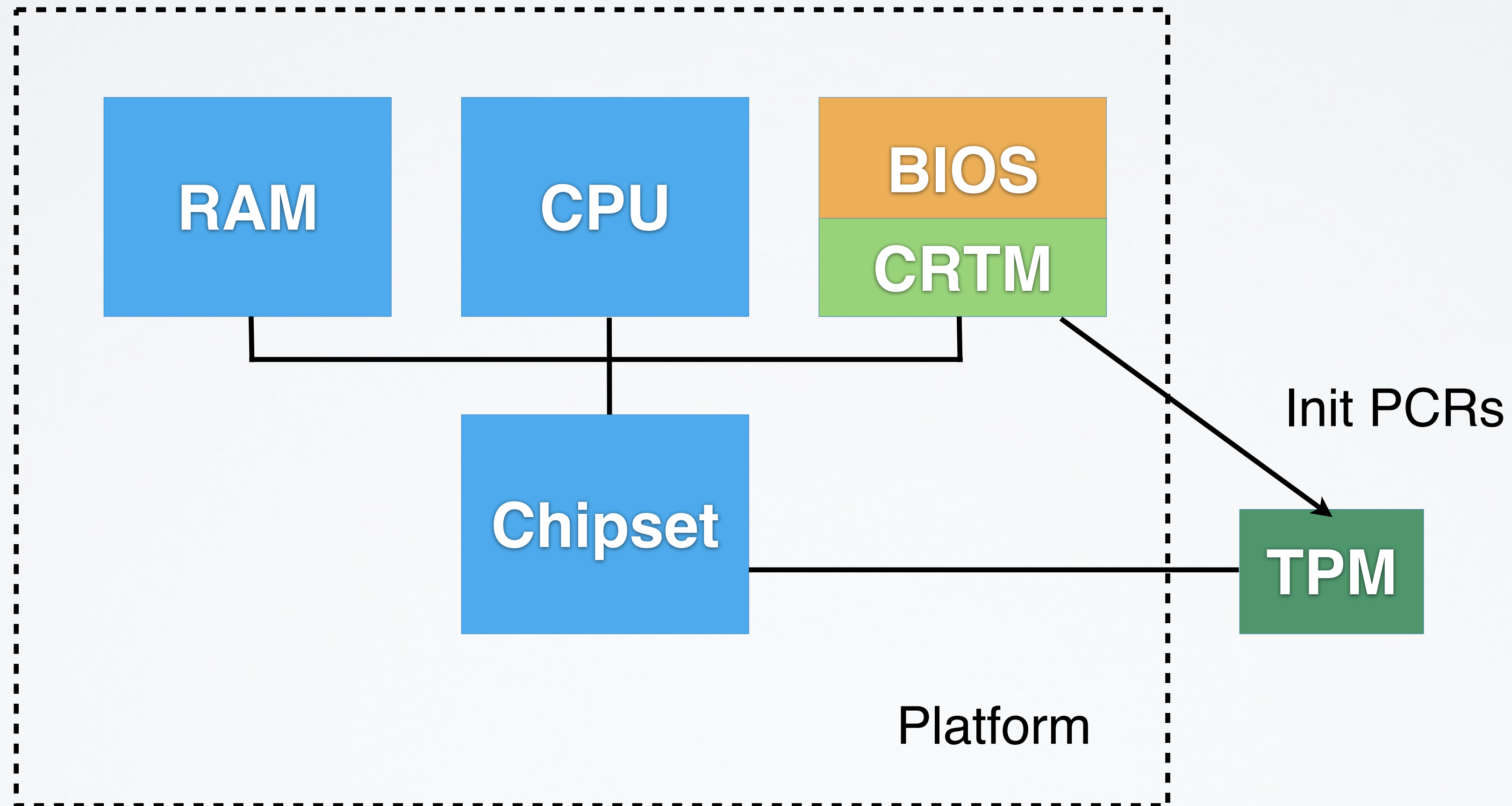
THE TRUSTED PLATFORM MODULE

- TPMs are tightly integrated into platform:
 - Soldered on motherboard
 - Insecure / for experimentation only:
Pluggable modules (PC, Raspberry Pi, ...)
 - Built into chipset / SoC
 - Implemented in Firmware
- Tamper resistant casing
- Widely deployed:
 - Business notebooks + desktops
 - Windows RT/8/10 tablets + all Windows 11 PCs



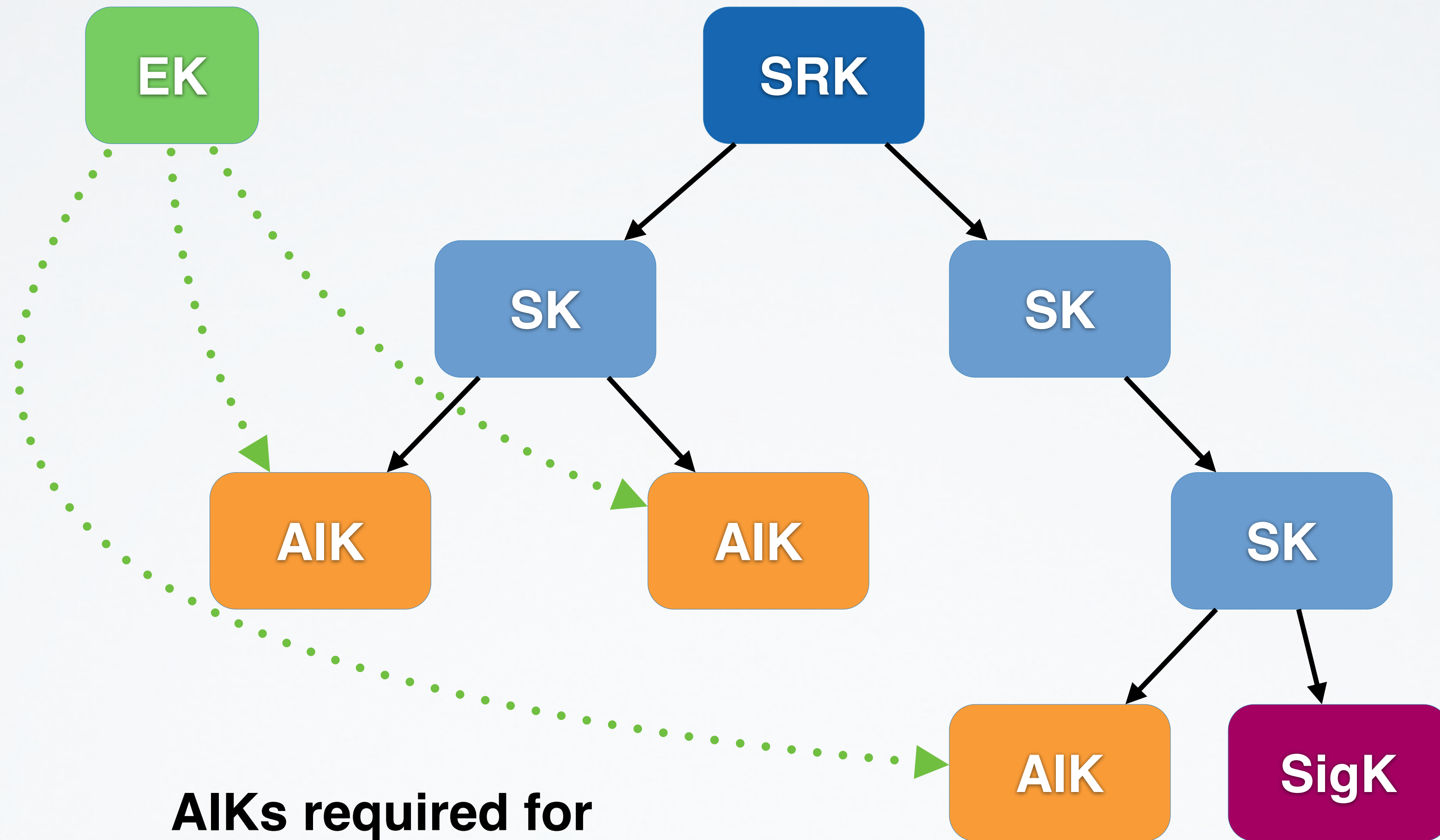
- TPM is cryptographic coprocessor:
 - **RSA, Elliptic Curve** (encryption, signatures),
AES (encryption), **SHA-256** (cryptographic hashes)
 - Other crypto schemes (e.g., **DAA**)
 - Random number generator
 - Platform Configuration Registers (**PCRs**)
 - Non-volatile memory
- TPMs are passive devices!

- TPMs specified by Trusted Computing Group [2]
- Multiple implementations
- TPM specifications [3,4] cover:
 - Architecture, interfaces, security properties
 - Data formats of input / output
 - Schemes for signatures, encryption, ...
 - TPM life cycle, platform requirements



- TPM identified by Endorsement Key **EK**:
 - Generated in manufacturing process
 - Certified by manufacturer
 - Unique among all TPMs
 - Can only decrypt, serves as root of trust
- Creating entirely new **EK** possible (e.g., for use in corporate environments)
- Private part of **EK** never leaves TPM

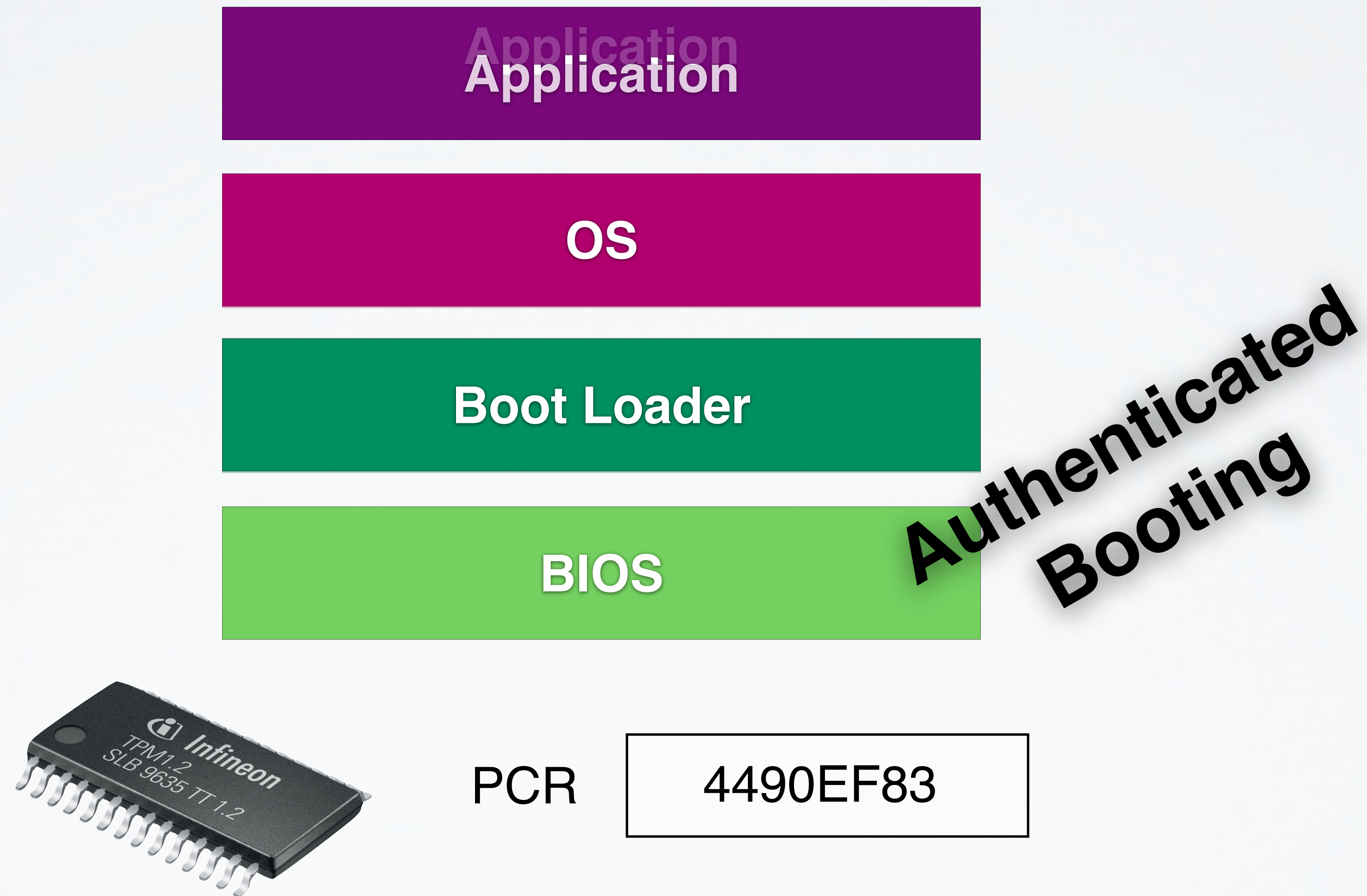
- All keys except for **EK** are part of key hierarchy below Storage Root Key **SRK**:
 - **SRK** created when user „takes ownership“
 - Key types: **storage**, **signature**, **identity**, ...
 - Storage keys are parent keys at lower levels of hierarchy (like **SRK** does at root level)
 - Keys other than **EK** / **SRK** can leave TPM:
 - Encrypted under parent key before exporting
 - Parent key required for loading and decrypting



**AIKs required for
Remote Attestation**

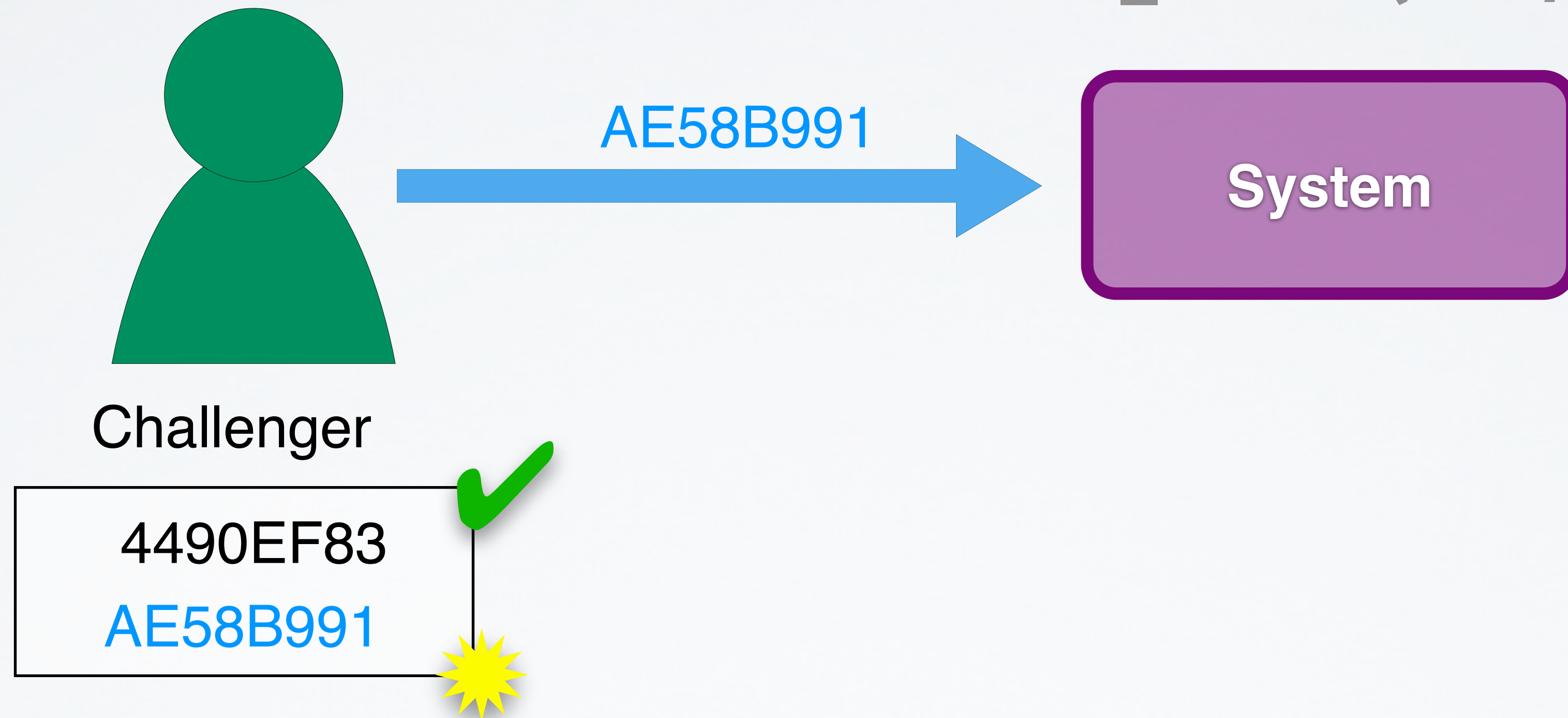
- Special key type for remote attestation: Attestation Identity Key (**AIKs**)
 - TPM creates AIK + certificate request
 - **Privacy CA** checks certificate request + **EK** authenticity, issues certificate and encrypts under **EK**
 - TPM can decrypt certificate using **EK**
- **AIK** certificate:
 - „This **AIK** has been created by a valid TPM“
 - TPM identity (**EK**) cannot be derived from it

BOOTING + TPM

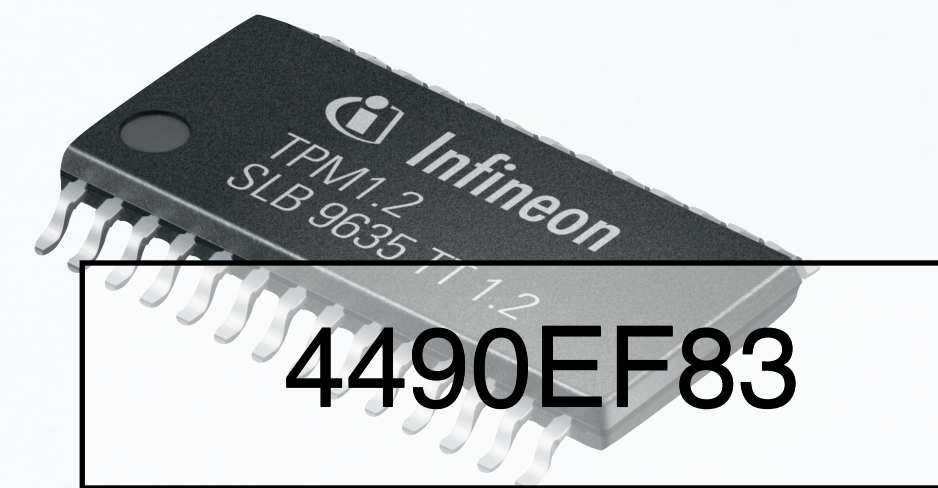


AIKS & QUOTES

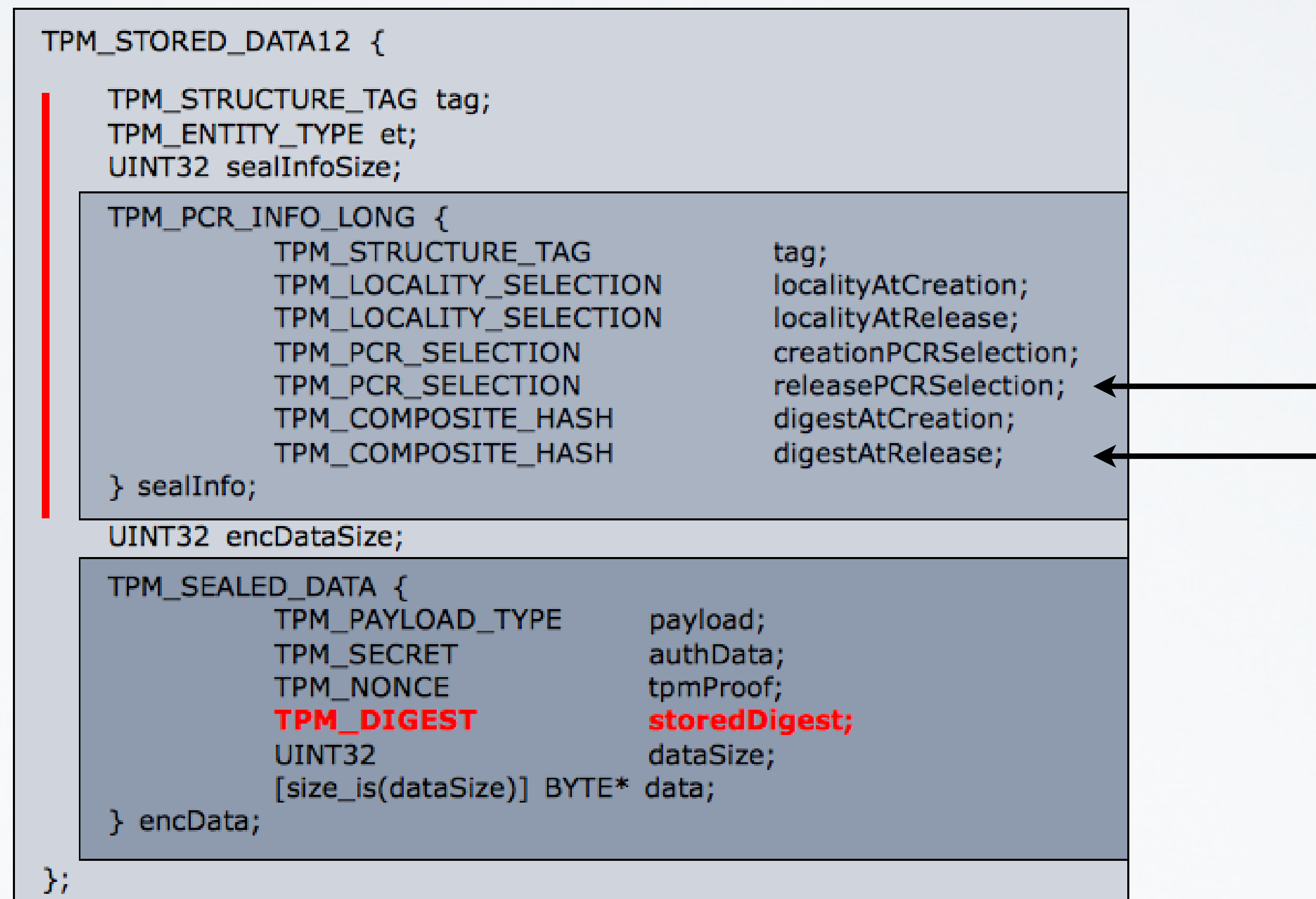
TPM_Quote(AIK, Nonce, PCR)



**Remote Attestation with
Challenge/Response**



- Applications require secure storage
- TPMs can lock data to **PCR** values:
 - **TPM_Seal()**:
 - Encrypt user data under specified storage key
 - Encrypted blob contains **expected PCR** values
 - **TPM_Unseal()**:
 - Decrypt encrypted blob using storage key
 - Compare **current** and **expected PCR** values
 - Release user data only if PCR values match



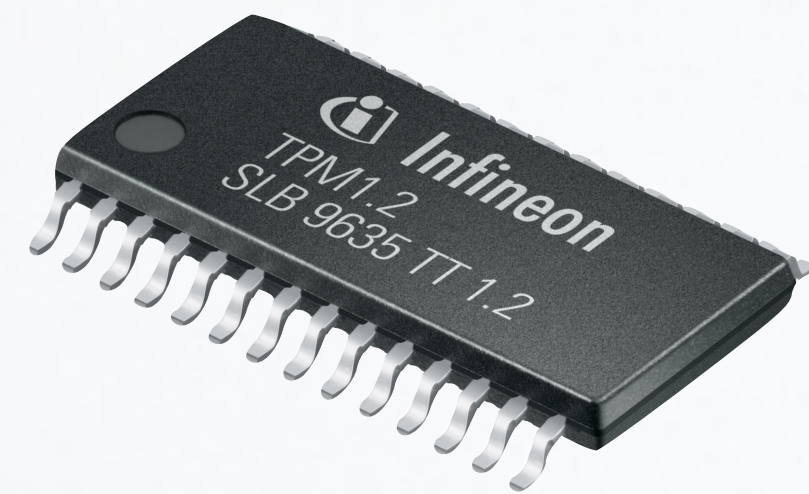
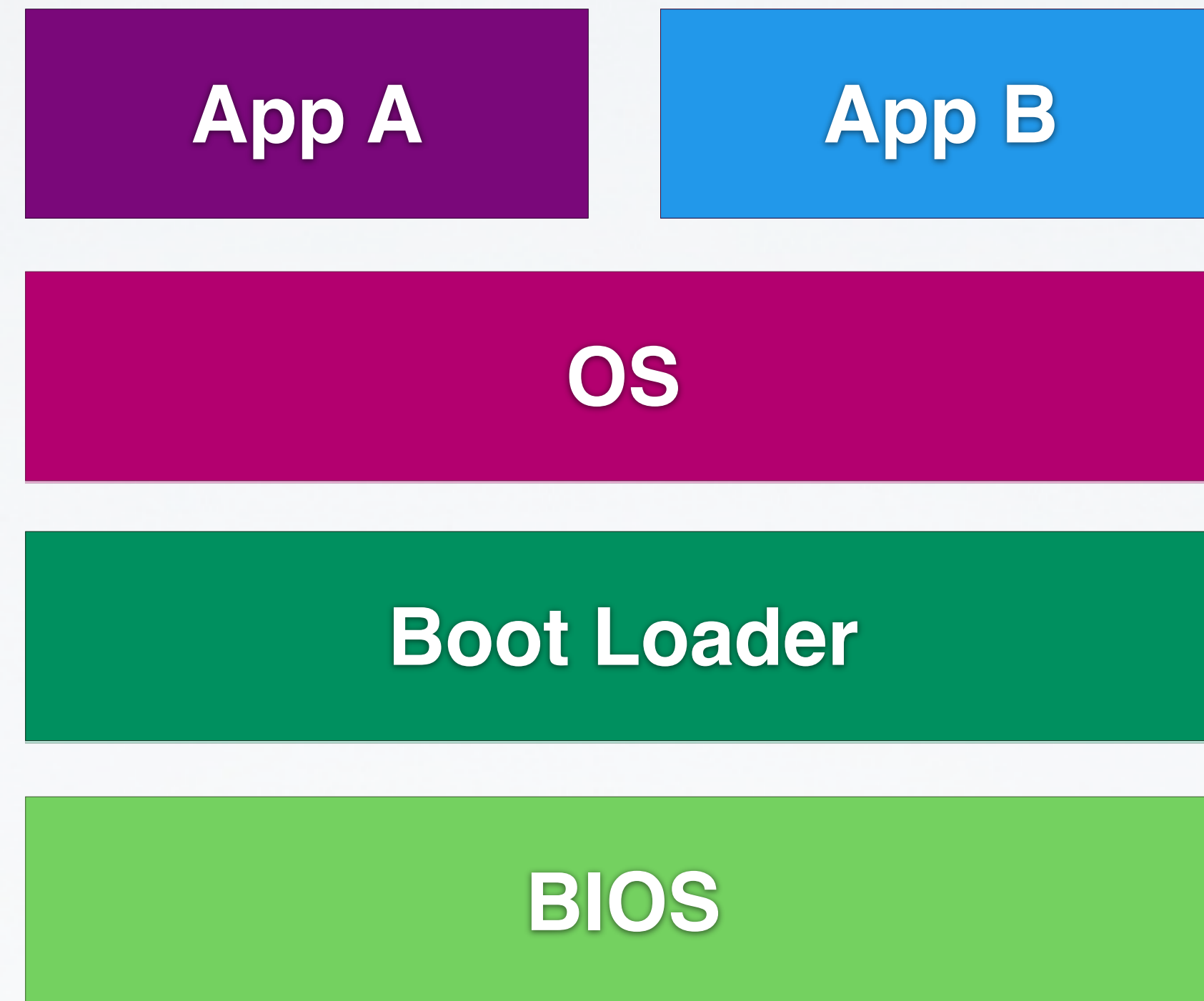
Only the TPM_SEALED_DATA structure is encrypted

- Sealed data is stored outside the TPM
- Vulnerable to replay attacks:
 - Multiple versions of sealed blob may exist
 - Any version can be passed to TPM
 - TPM happily decrypts, if crypto checks out
- Problem:
 - What if sealed data must be current?
 - How to prevent use of older versions?

- TPMs provide **monotonic counters**
- Only two operations: **increment, read**
- Password protected
- Prevent replay attacks:
 - Seal expected value of counter with data
 - After unseal, compare unsealed value with current counter
 - Increment counter to invalidate old versions

- Key functionality of TPMs:
 - Authenticated booting
 - Remote attestation
 - Sealed memory
- Problems with current TPMs:
 - No (sensible) support for virtualization
 - Can be slow (hundreds of ms / operation)
 - Linear chain of trust

TPMS IN NIZZA ARCHITECTURE

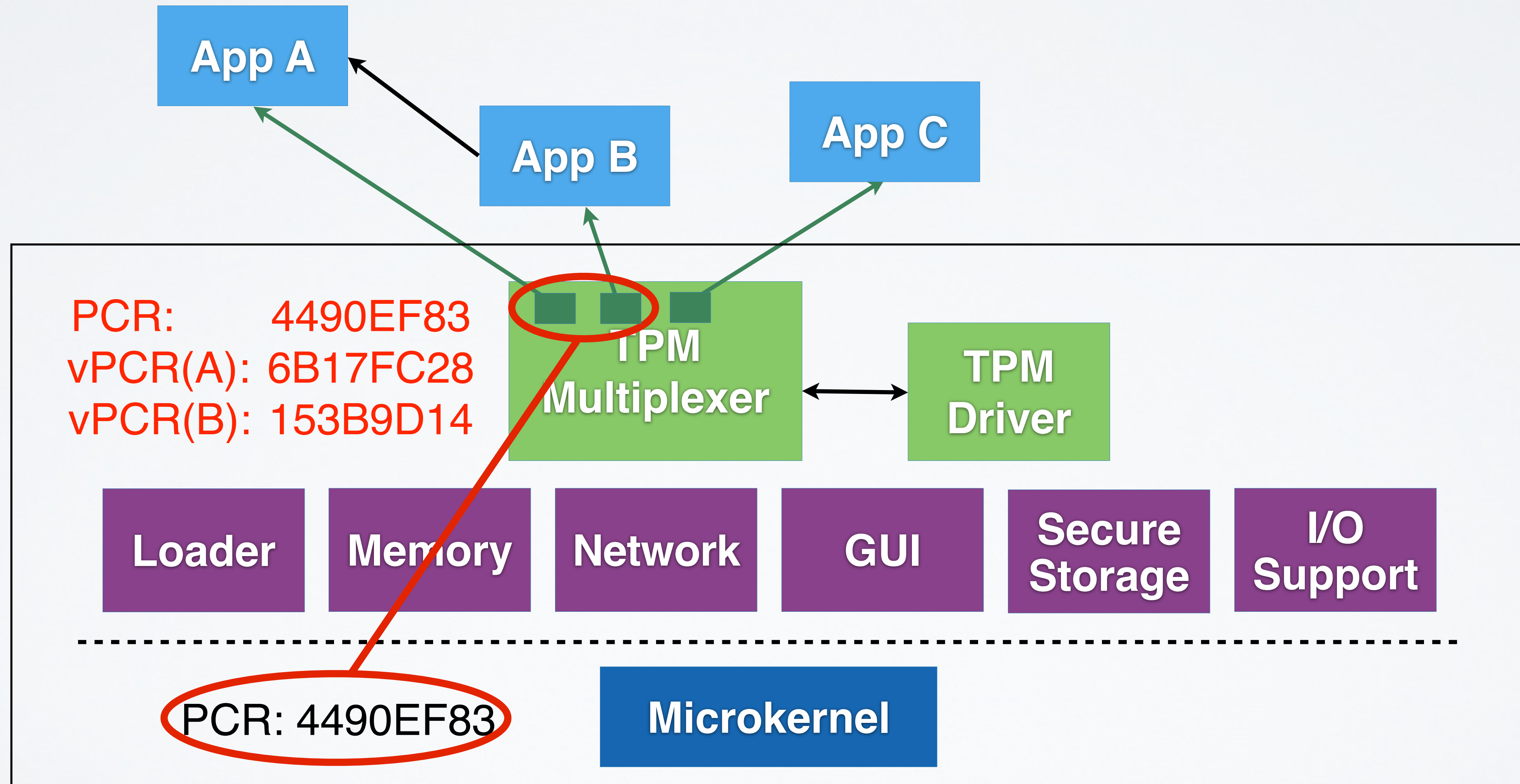


PCR

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- Use one PCR per application:
 - Application measurements independent
 - Number of PCRs is limited (usually 24 PCRs)
- Use one PCR for all applications:
 - Chain of trust / application log grows
 - All applications reported in remote attestation (raises privacy concerns)
 - All applications checked when unsealing

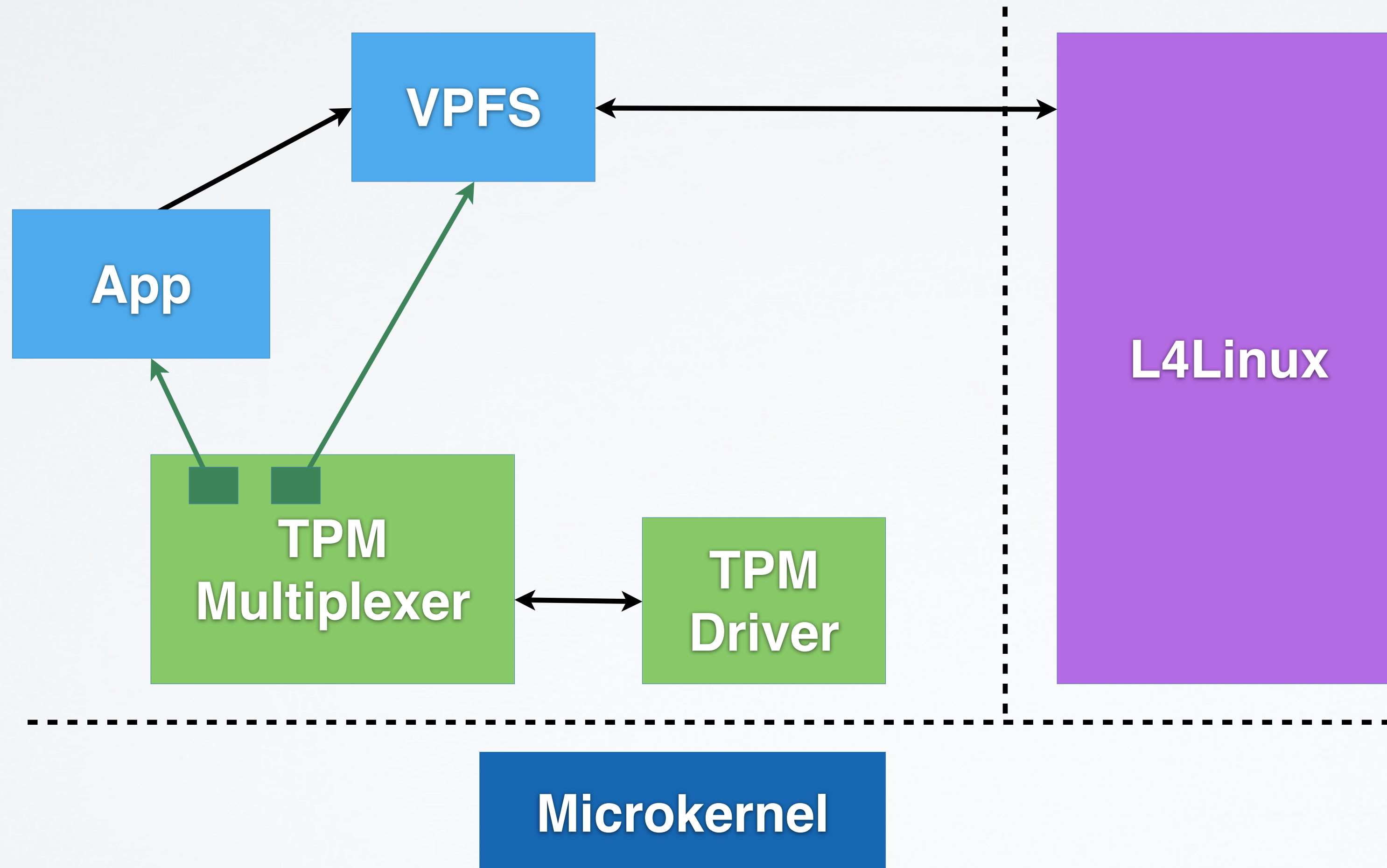
- Idea: per-application PCRs in software:
 - Measure only base system into TPM PCRs (microkernel, basic services, TPM driver, ...)
 - „Software TPM“ provides „software PCRs“ for each application
 - More flexibility with „software **PCRs**“:
 - Chain of trust common up to base system
 - Extension of chains of trust for applications fork above base system
 - Branches in **Tree of Trust** are independent



- Operations on software PCR:
 - **Seal, Unseal, Quote, Extend**
 - **Add_child, Remove_child**
- Performed using software keys (AES, RSA, EC)
- Software keys protected with real TPM
- Link between software **PCRs** and real **PCRs**: certificate for RSA/EC signature key

A SECOND LOOK AT VPFS





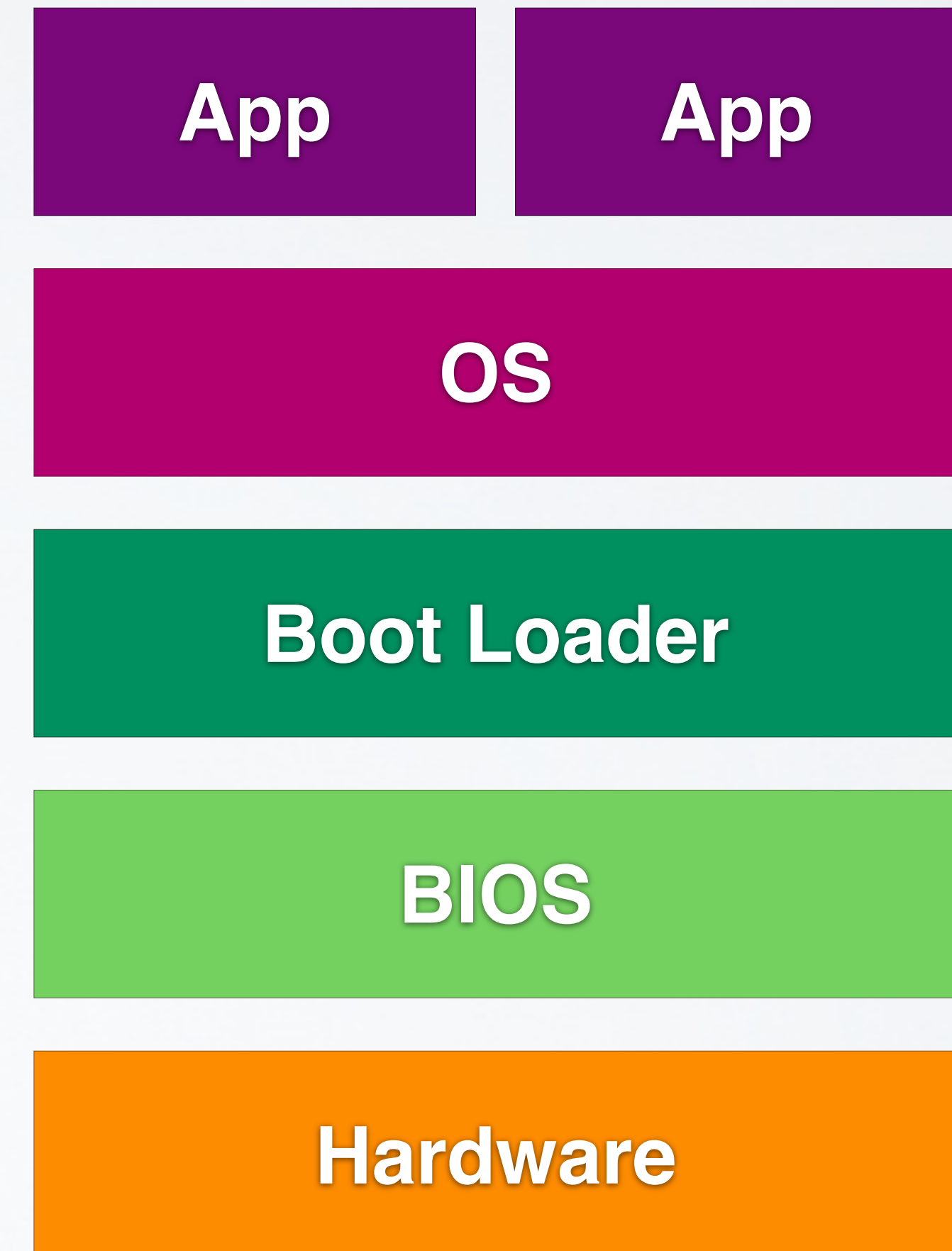
VPFS can access secrets only, if its own vPCR and the vPCR for the app match the respective expected values.

- VPFS uses **sealed memory**:
 - Secret encryption key
 - Root hash of Merkle hash tree
- Second use case is **remote attestation**:
 - Trusted backup storage required, because data in untrusted storage can be lost
 - Secure access to backup server needed
 - VPFS challenges backup server: „Will you store my backups reliably?“

A SECOND LOOK AT THE CHAIN OF TRUST

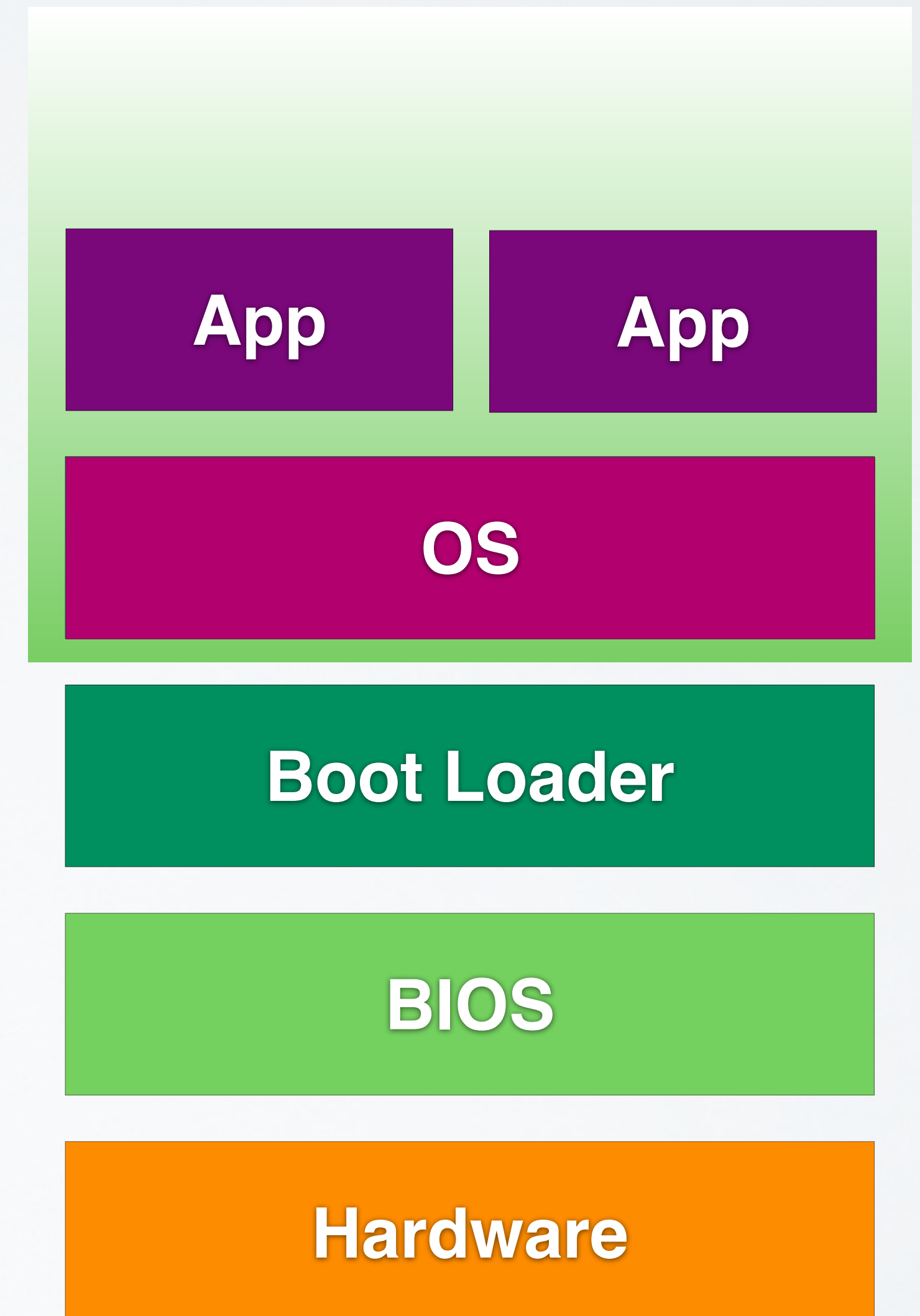
- When you press the power button ...
 - First code to be run: BIOS boot block (stored in ROM)
 - Starts chain of trust:
 - Initialize TPM
 - Hash BIOS into TPM
 - Pass control to BIOS
- **Core Root of Trust for Measurement (CRTM)**

- Discussed so far:
 - **CRTM** & chain of trust
 - How to make components in chain of trust smaller
- **Observation:** BIOS and boot loader only needed for booting
- **Question:** can chain of trust be shorter?



- **CRTM** starts chain of trust early
- **Dynamic Root of Trust for Measurement (DRTM)** starts it late:
 - Special CPU instructions (AMD: skinit, Intel: senter)
 - Put CPU in known state
 - Measure small „secure loader“ into TPM
 - Start „secure loader“
- **DRTM**: Chain of trust can start anywhere

- Simple: **DRTM** put right below OS
- Smaller TCB:
 - Large and complex BIOS / boot loader removed
 - Small and simple **DRTM** bootstrapper added
- Open Secure Loader **OSLO**: 1,000 SLOC, 4KB binary size [6]



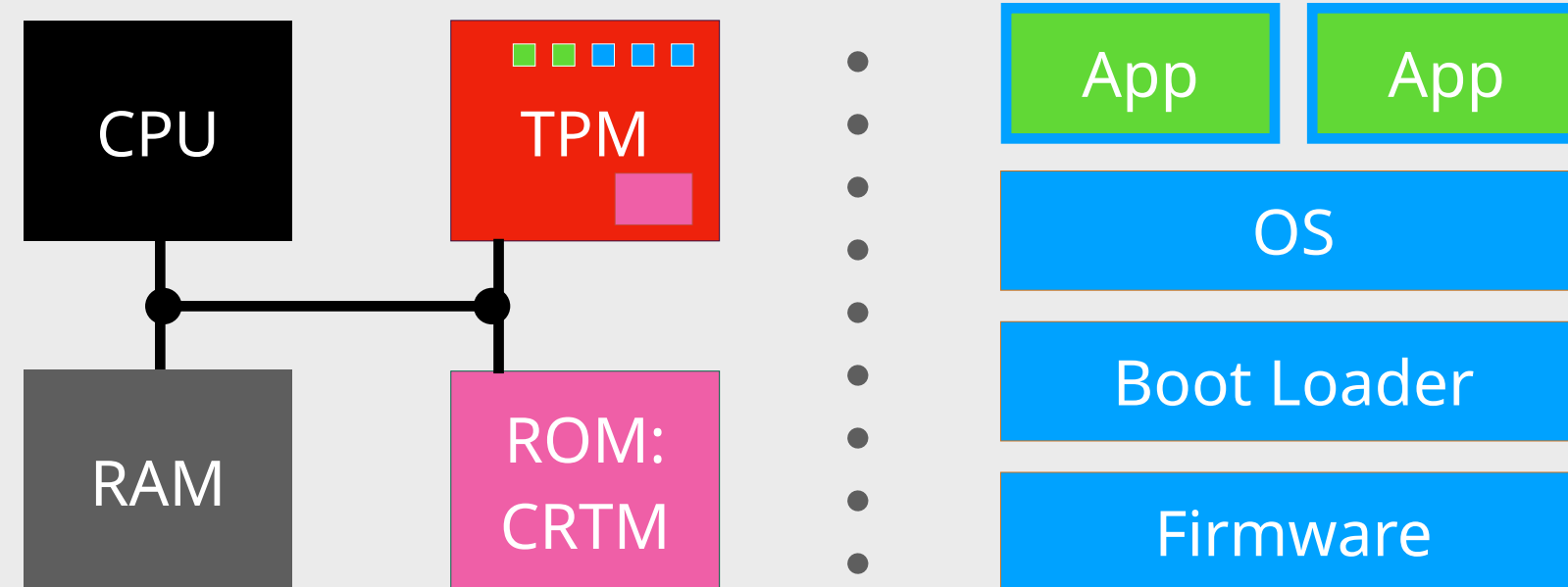
- DRTM remove boot software from TCB
- Key challenges:
 - „Secure loader“ must not be compromised
 - Requires careful checking of platform state
 - Secure loader must actually run in locked RAM, not in insecure device memory
- DRTM can also run after booting OS

BEYOND THE TRUSTED PLATFORM MODULE

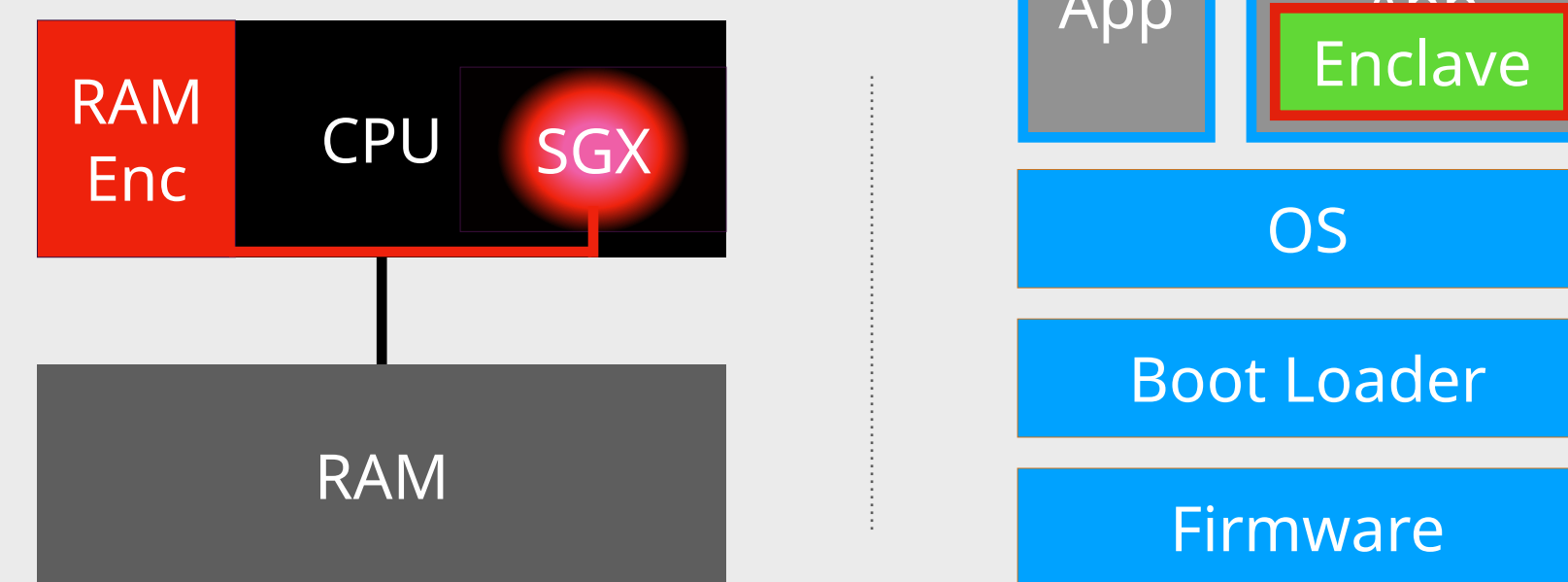
- Simple implementations in smartphones, etc.
 - Non-modifiable boot ROM loads OS
 - OS is signed with manufacturer key, checked by ROM-based boot loader
 - Small amount of flash integrated into SoC
 - Cryptographic co-processor: software can use (but not obtain) encryption and signature keys
- Not open: **closed** or **secure boot** instead of **authenticated booting**

THERE'S MORE ...

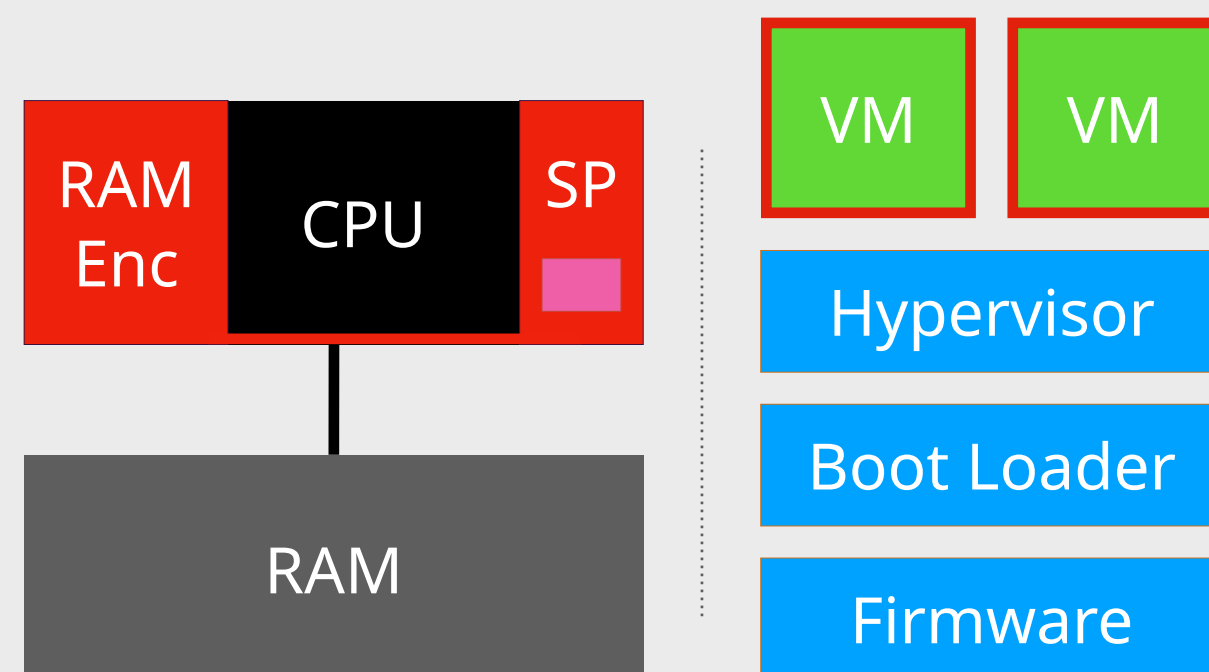
Trusted Computing Group: TPM



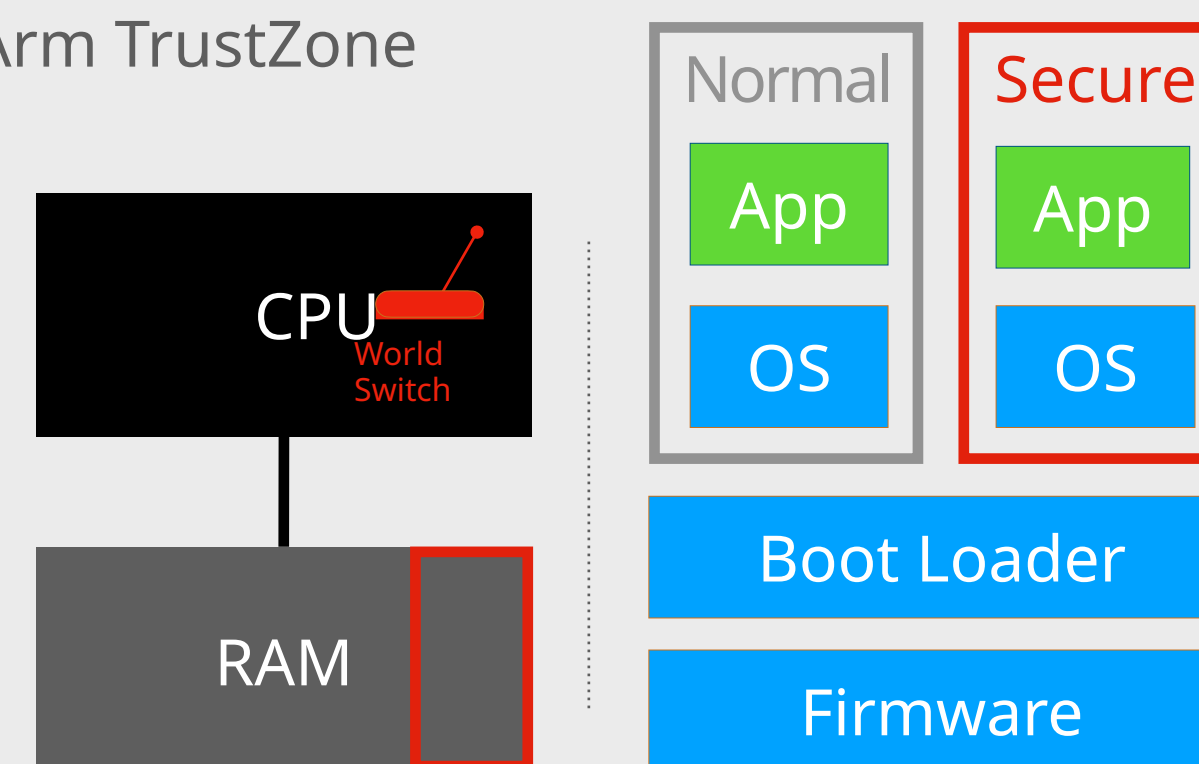
Intel SGX



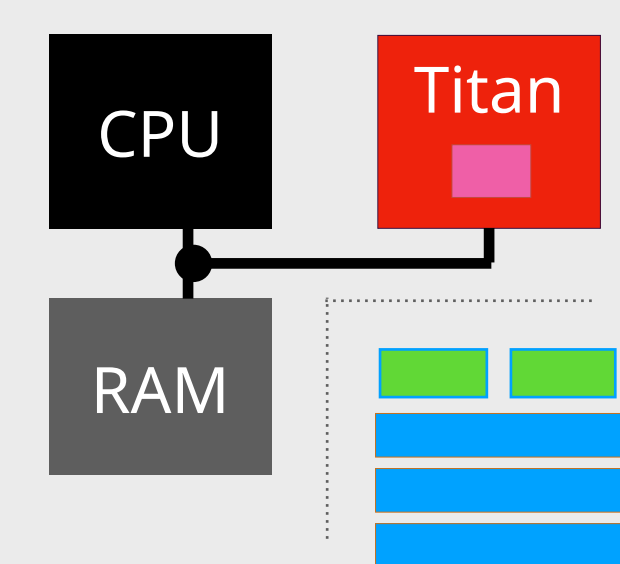
AMD SEV / SEV-ES / SEV-SNP



Arm TrustZone



Google Titan

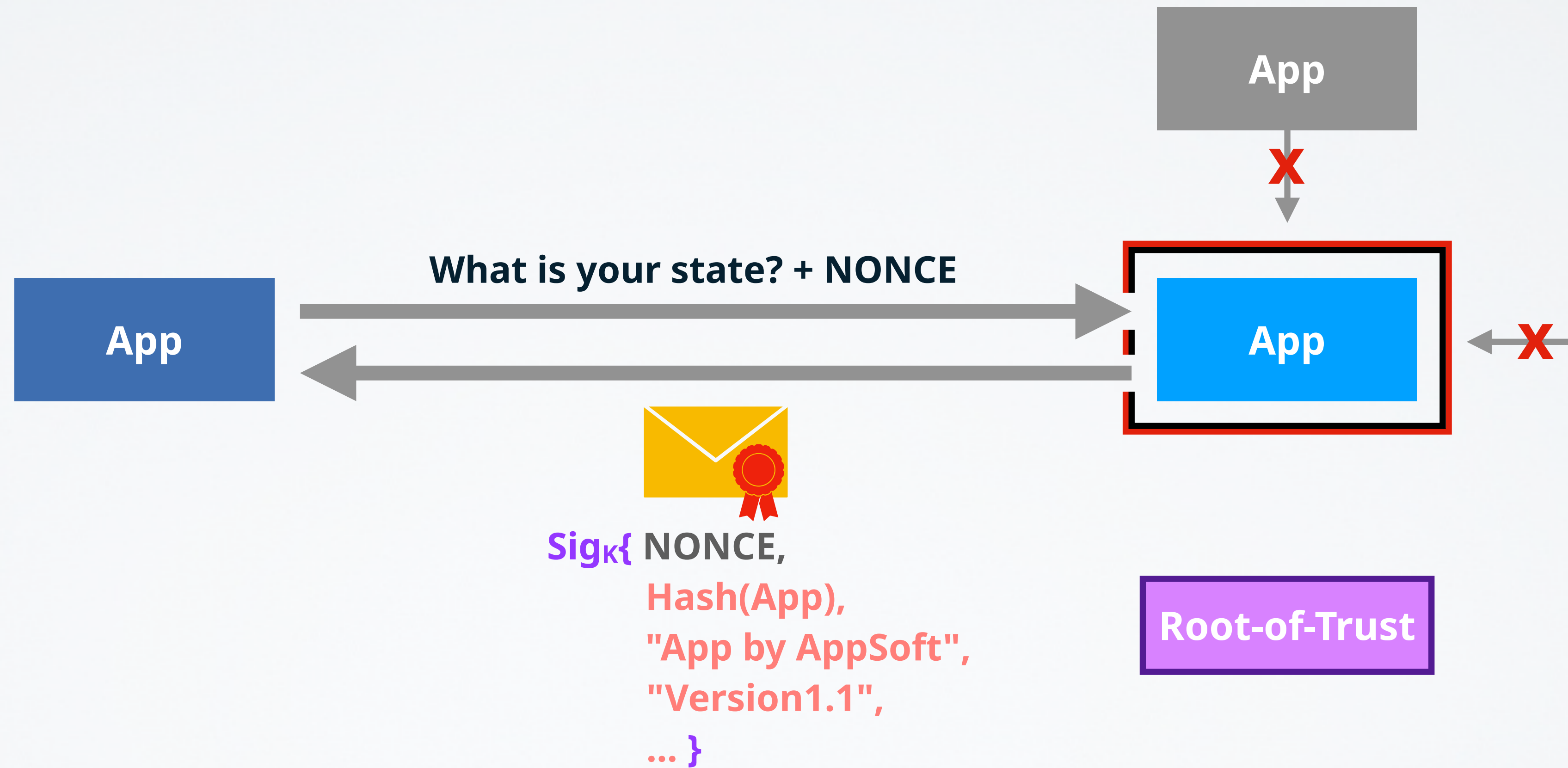


opentitan.org

- Intel TDX: 4th Gen Xeon Scalable Processors
- Arm Confidential Compute Architecture (CCA) (introduced with Armv9)
- TPM support in VMs
 - Software TPM: libtpms + SWTPM
 - SWTPM runs as process outside VM
 - SWTPM identity linked to hardware TPM

WHAT IS A TRUSTED EXECUTION ENVIRONMENT?

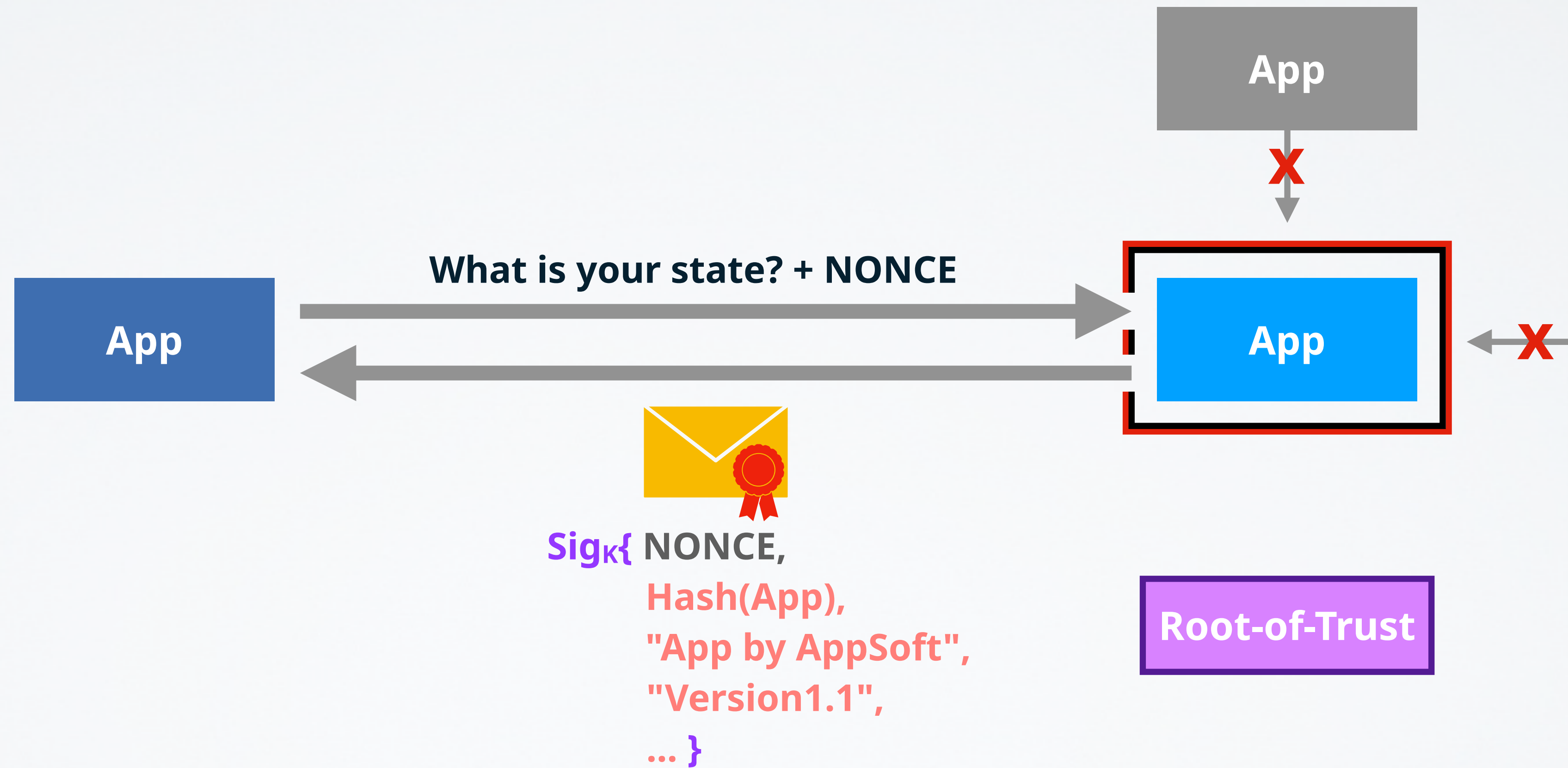
WHAT IS A TEE?



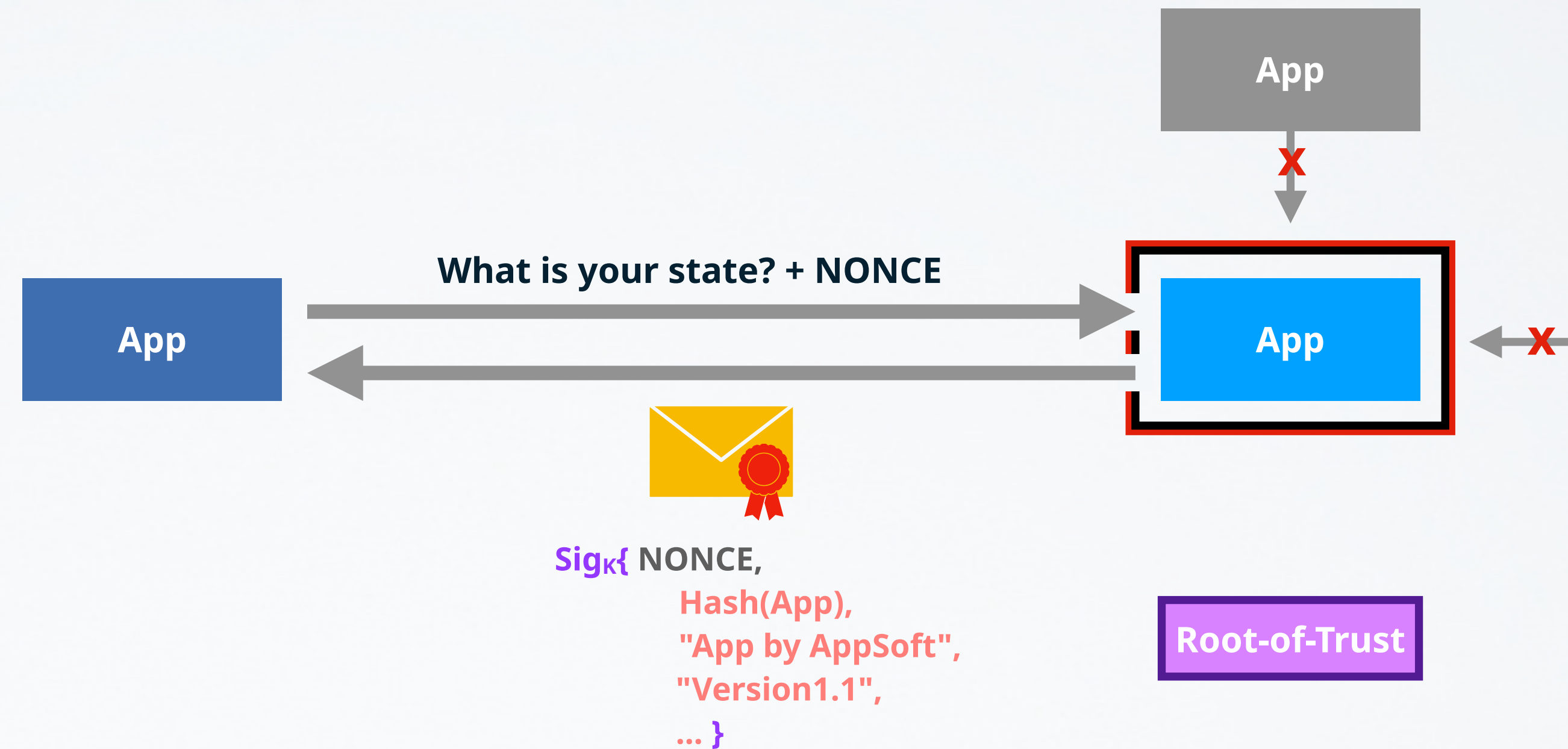
There are many TEEs, but there is not much choice:

- TEE and ISA cannot be chosen independently
- TEE implementation deeply integrated with core microarchitecture
- TEEs lack "good" integration with system software

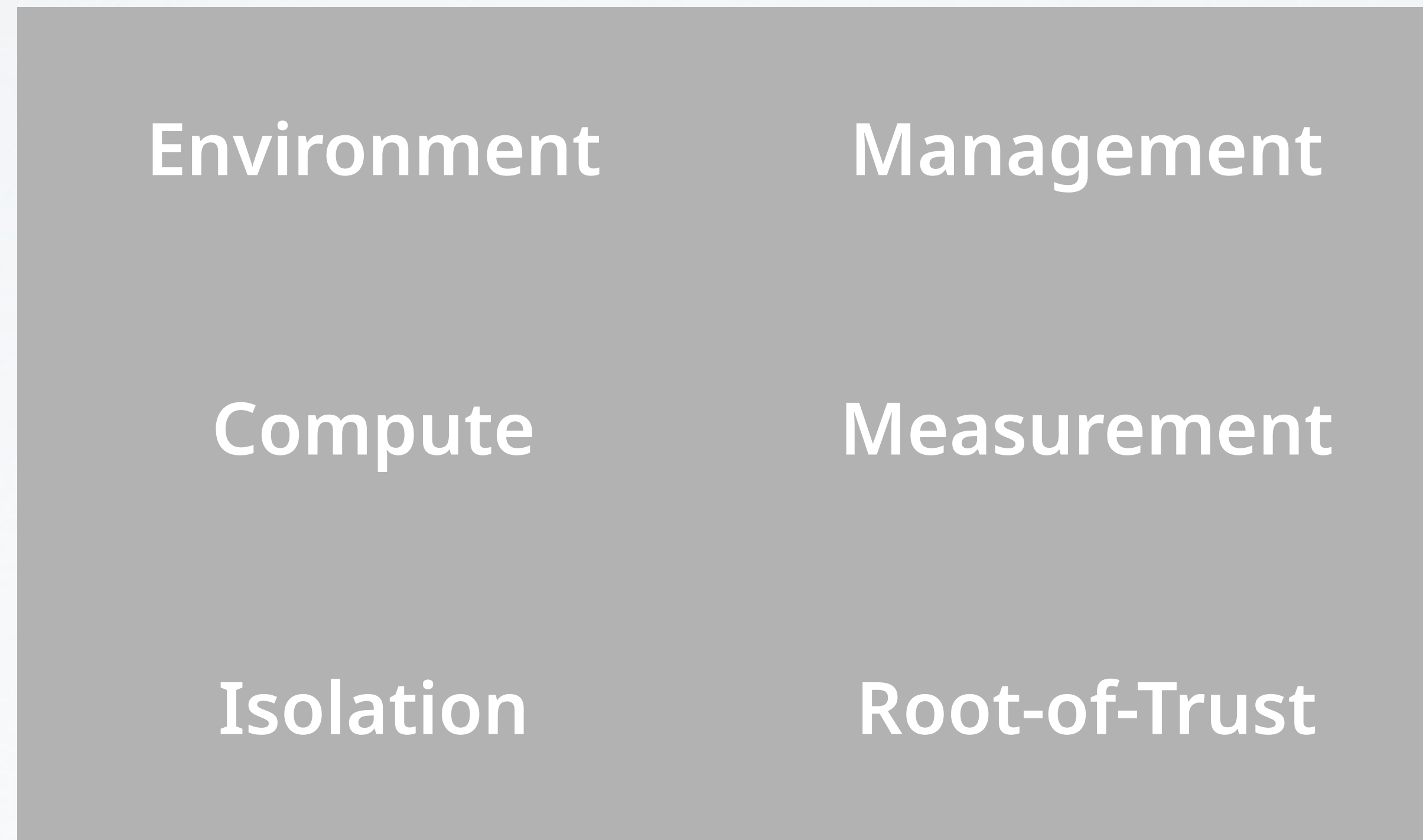
WHAT IS A TEE?



- Computation
- Measurement
- Root of Trust
- Isolation
- Management
- Environment



MONOLITHIC TEE



SPLIT TEE?

Environment

Compute

Isolation

Management

Measurement

Root-of-Trust

SPLIT TEE?

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MODULAR TEE?

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