



# Trusted Computing Group Introduction and Brief Technical Overview T10

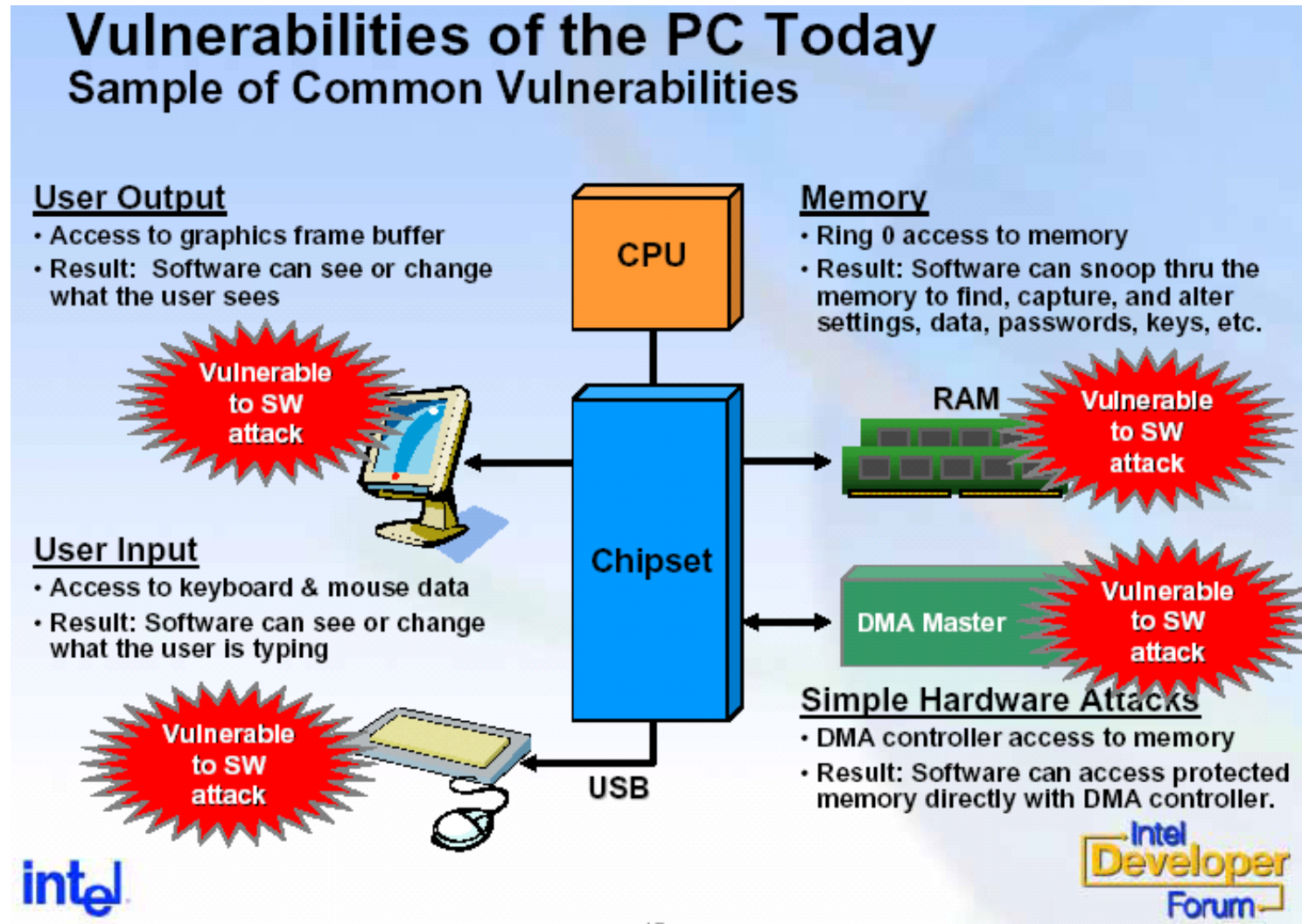
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# Agenda

- Security Processing
  - Roots of Trust
- TCG Standards Group Intro
- TCG Technical Concepts
- Trusted IN/OUT Proposal
- Discussion



# The Need for Trusted Computing

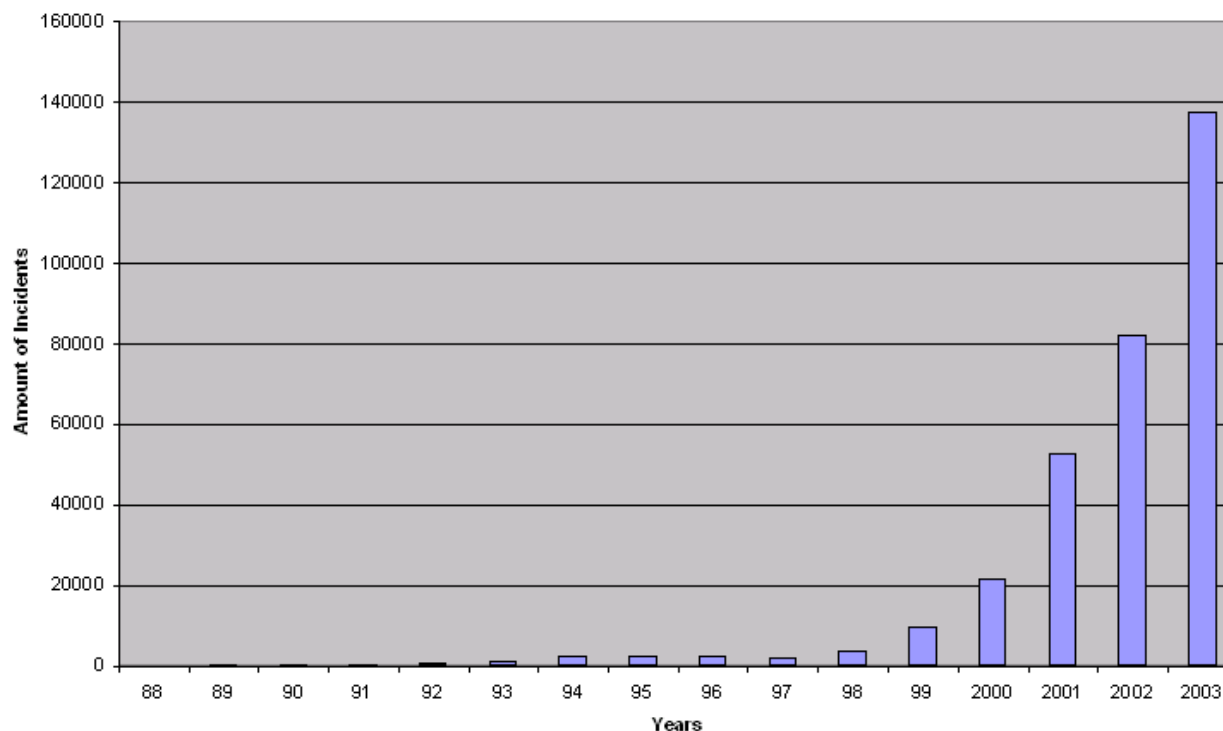


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# What it Means in Real World

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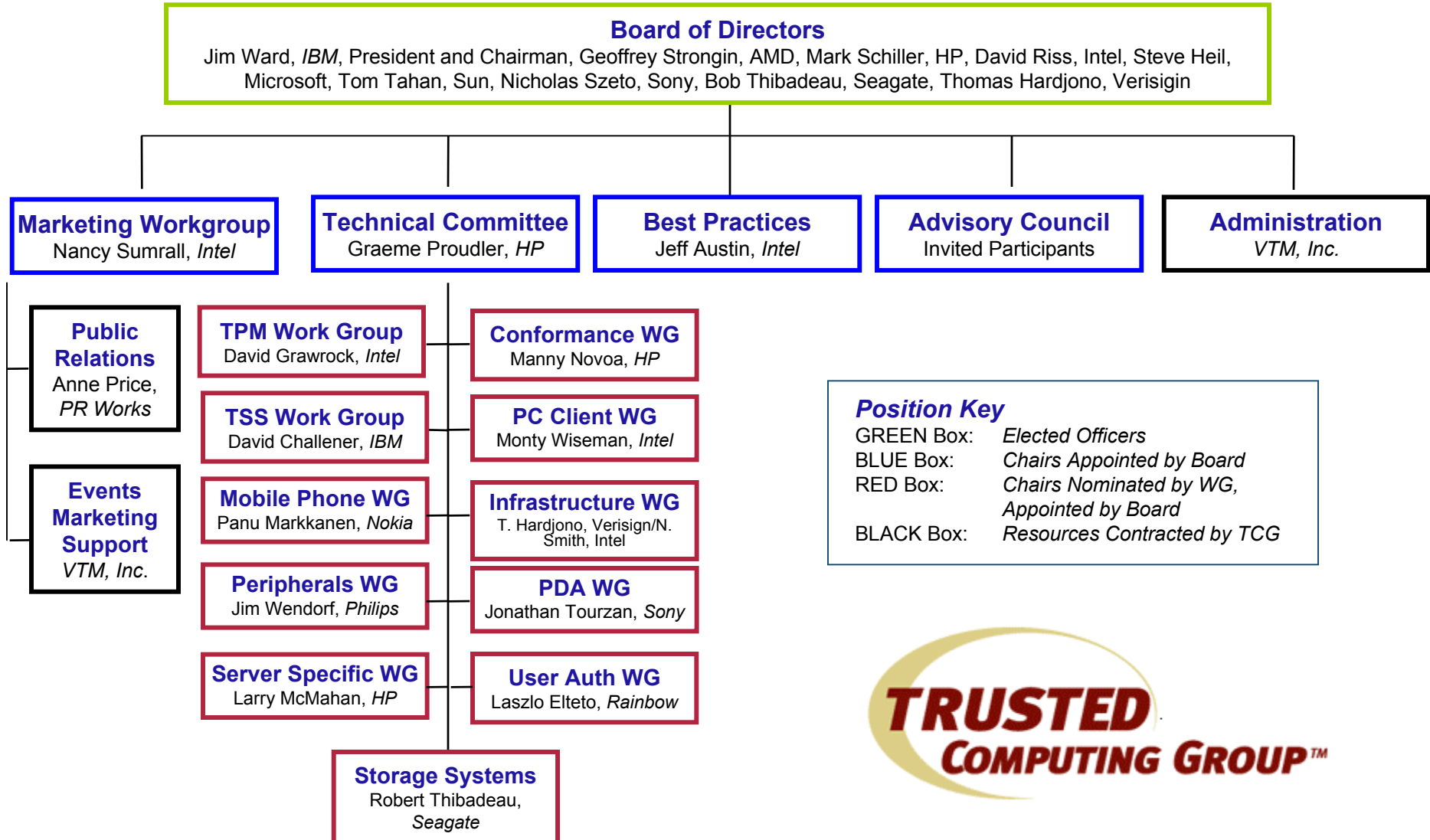


- **Innovation is needed:**
  - Clients software and hardware
  - Networks
  - Infrastructures



# TCG Organization

www.trustedcomputinggroup.org

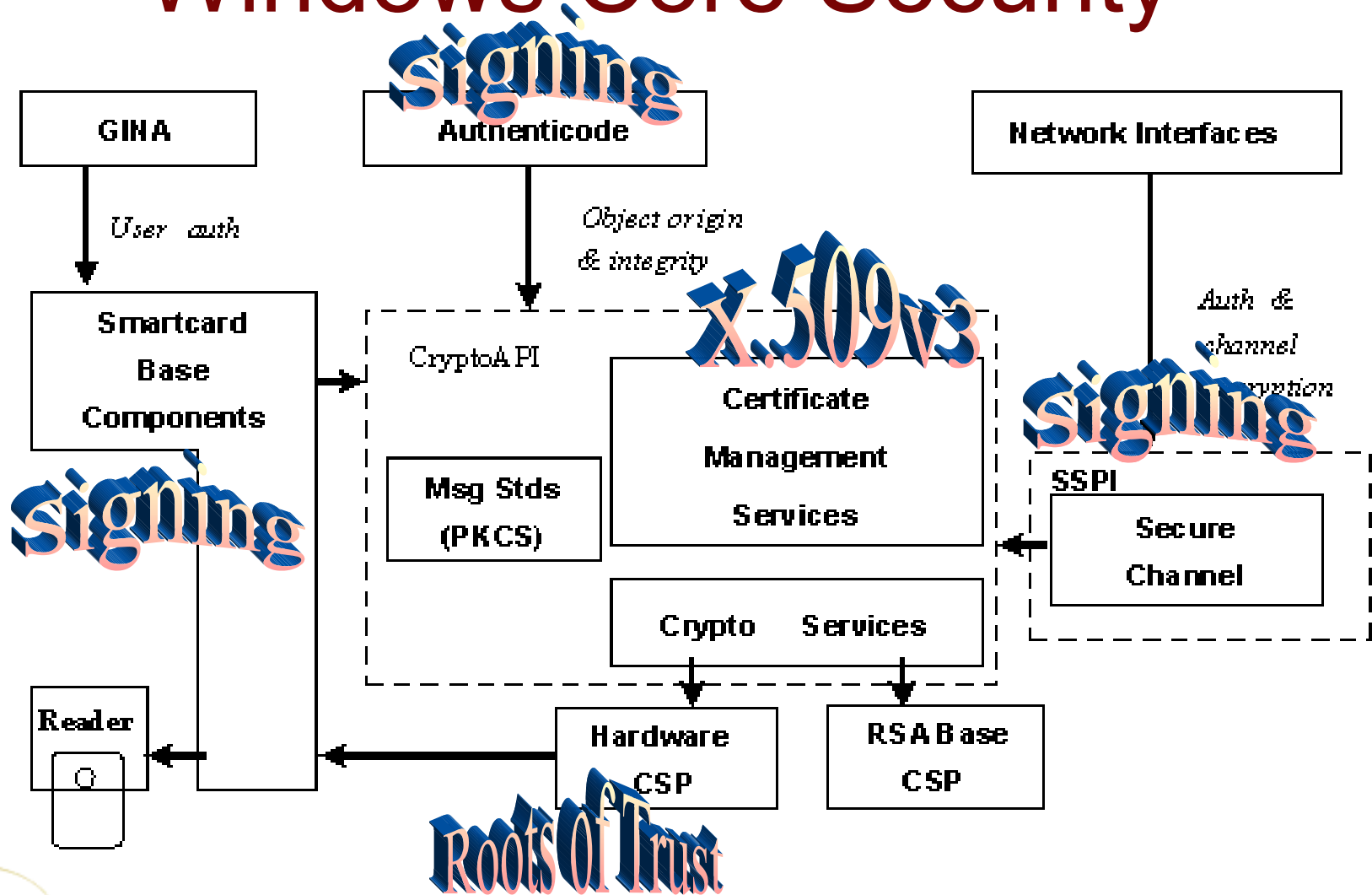


# What is Trust? – it does what was intended to do.

- It is cryptographic **SIGNING**
  - PlaintextMessage + Signed(Hash(PlaintextMessage))
    - Hash = Reduces message to 20 Bytes ( $2^{160}$ th number)
    - Sign = Encrypts with a private key that only the corresponding public key can decrypt and verify
  - Microsoft signs the Microsoft software proving it is the software from Microsoft...
  - X signs Y and Y signs Z -- **Chain of Trust**
- An **X.509 Certificate** is a cryptographically **SIGNED** attestation of a fact or claim.
  - Basis for Trust in ALL BANKING WORLDWIDE
  - Basis for Trust in Windows and Linux and Web



# Windows Core Security



# What is a Root of Trust?

- Hardware that *you can't change* that can **sign** and therefore start off a chain of trust.
- A TPM is a tiny processor on the motherboard that can sign and can't have the firmware modified.
- Disk Drives are roots of trust against network attacks since you can't upload firmware to change them.
  - Of course, much 'hardening' needs to happen.

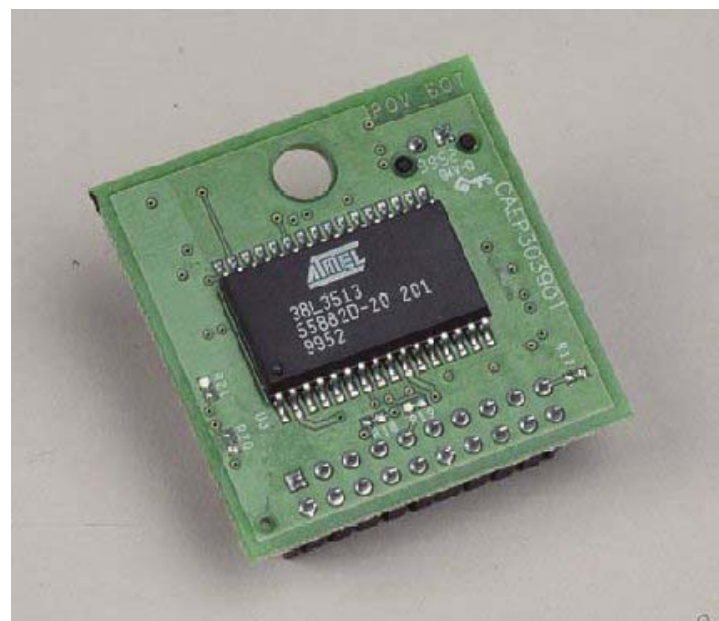




# The Trusted Platform Module

A silicon chip that performs all TPM v1.1 functions, including:

- Can store OS status information
- Generate and store a private key
- Hashes files using SHA-1
- Creates digital signatures
- Anchors chain of trust for keys, digital certificates and other credentials



# Basic Conceptual Motivation

- Internet-connected devices will always have untrusted activities going on inside of them, so ...
- Create internal trustable sub-units and secure paths ... the building blocks, so ...
- In the future, you (IT) can know the trusted subsystem won't be compromised even if exposed to Internet (and limited physical) attacks (or accidents).

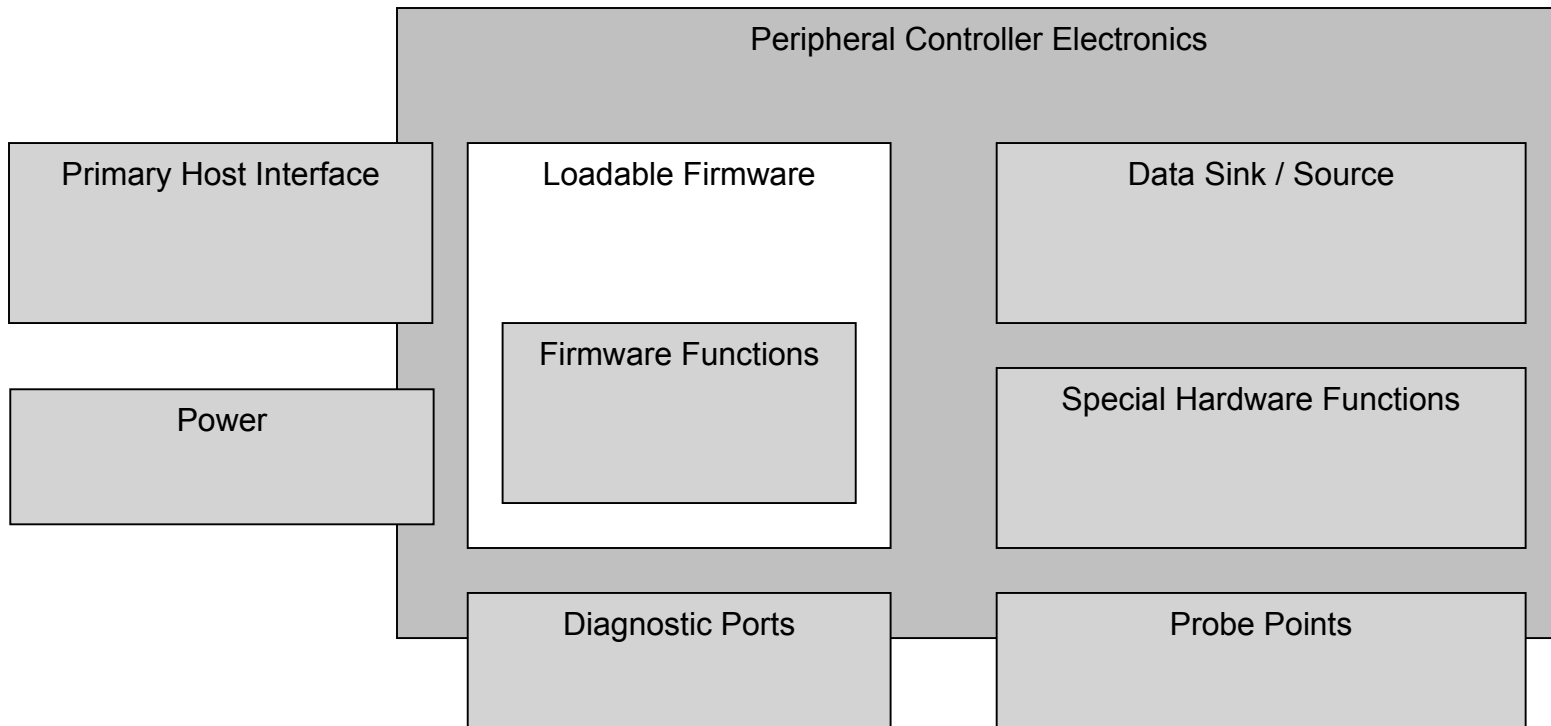


# TCG Storage/Peripherals Use Cases

- Enroll a Device with a Platform (establish trust)
  - Platform trusts peripheral, peripheral trusts Platform
- Now you can connect and disconnect device at will
  - TCG TPM on Motherboard and the Device recognize each other and user has to do nothing



# General Risk Model for a Peripheral

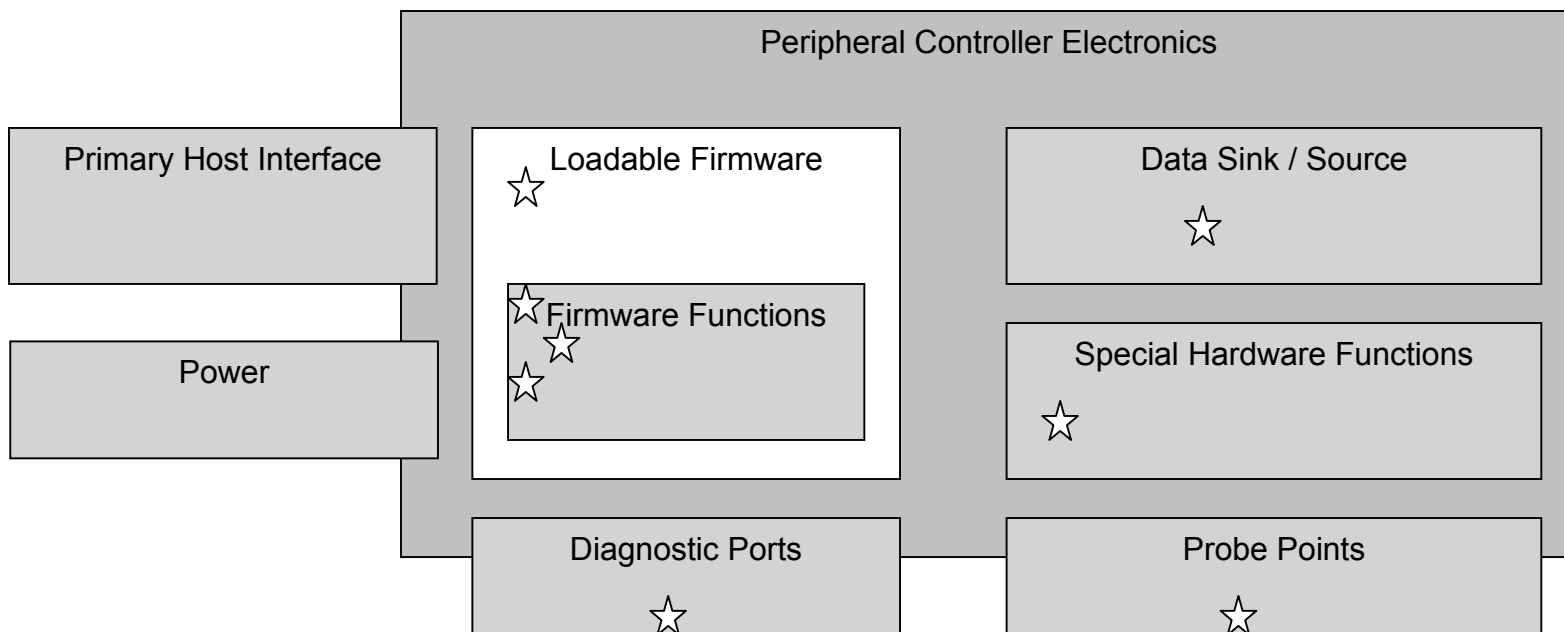


The general risk model shows four major channels of attack in a peripheral:

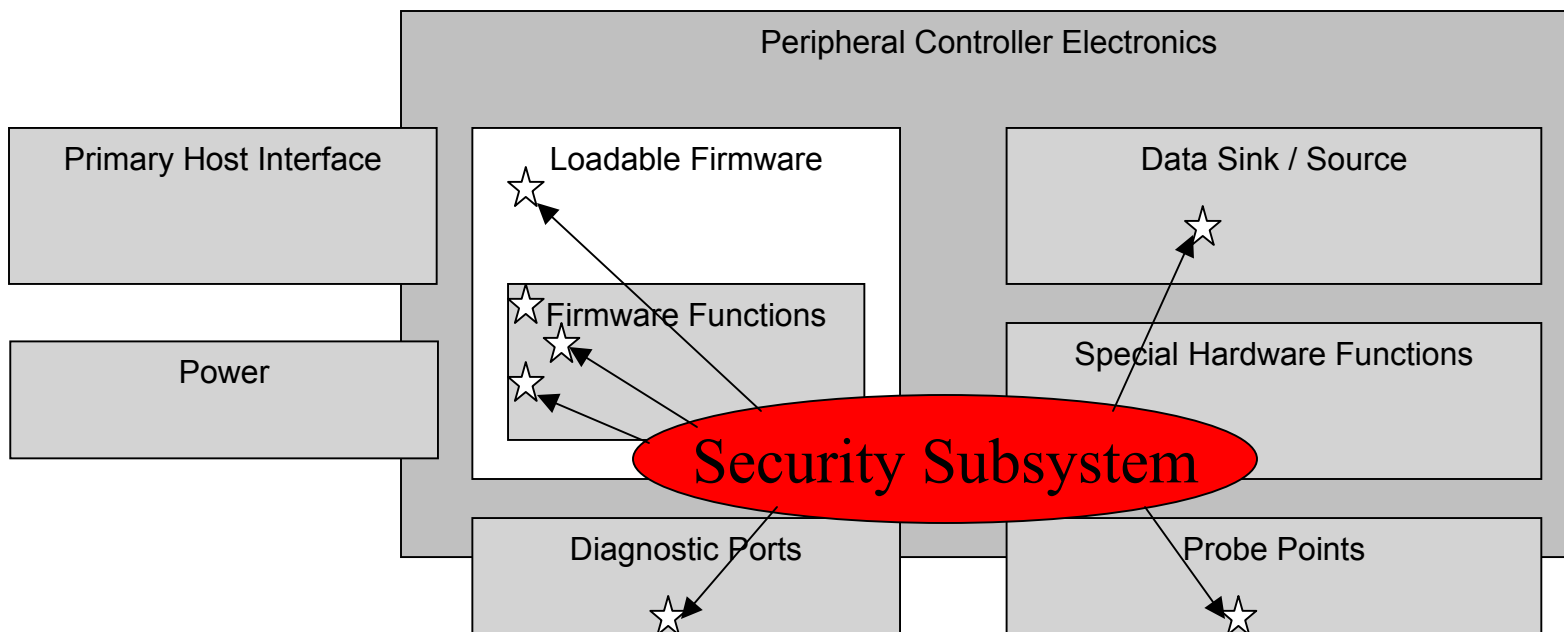
1. Primary host interface
2. Power
3. Diagnostic ports
4. Probe points



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# Summary

The security subsystem is controlled differently than the main purpose of the device



# Trusted IN/OUT Proposal

Bit Byte	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	operation code (B5h)							
1	reserved			rstric	spid			
2	pkt_t yp	sp_ctrl		rstric	ipid			
3				restricted				
4	(msb)							
5	key reference							
6								
7								(lsb)
8	(msb)	transfer length						
9								(lsb)
10	reserved							
11	control							



# SPID

- **Security Protocol ID**
  - Protocol for controlling security subsystem
    - E.g., Smart Card – ISO 7816 (probably a hundred variants today)
    - TCG Protocol

Value	Description
0h	Request for an X.509 certificate (see 1.3)
1h – 6h	Reserved.
7h – Ch	Restricted to TCG.
Dh - Fh	Vendor specific.



# IPID

- Integrity Protocol ID
  - DoS Attacks – Allows upstream filtering
  - OSD Compatibility – Allows Same Object Authentication

Value	Description
0h	No integrity protection.
1h	Hashed.
2h	Keyed hashed (HMAC).
3h	SHA-1.
4h	SHA-256.
5h - Dh	Reserved.
Eh - Fh	Vendor specific.



# Discussion



# BACKUP



# Issues of the moment..

- What is TCG and what is it doing?
- What is it NOT doing
  - It is not doing DRM or Content Protection
  - But it is an enabler of that, privacy protection, and many other things that improve system reliability, availability, and predictability
- Why we are suggesting a Trusted Send/Receive as a container for messaging
  - Messaging needs to be session oriented and confidential – may be slow (inexpensive but limited) or fast.



# TCG Mission

Develop and promote open, vendor-neutral, industry standard specifications **for trusted computing building blocks** and software interfaces across multiple platforms



# Building Blocks

- **TPM (Trusted Platform Module):** A hardware source of trust for platform hosts (PCs, Servers, PDAs, Phones, etc.)
- **Peripherals, Storage :** Making these devices provide other components of trust. (Harden the component hardware).
- **Infrastructure :** Across Platform Communications
- **Outside TCG Proper:** Intel's LaGrande Protected Execution Processor, and AMDs Secure Execution Machine, Microsoft's Next Generation Secure Computing Base (NGSCB) running on these processors.





# TCG System Benefits

- **Benefits for today's applications**
  - **Measurable security for data (files) and communications (email, network traffic)**
  - **Hardware protection for Personally Identifiable Information (Digital IDs)**
  - **Strong protection for passwords : theft of data on disk provides no useful information**
  - **Lowest cost hardware security solution : no token to distribute or lose, no peripheral to buy or plug in, no limit to number of keys, files or IDs**
- **Benefits for new applications**
  - **Safe remote access through a combination of machine and user authentication**
  - **Enhanced data confidentiality through confirmation of platform integrity prior to decryption**



# TPM Provides Enhanced Protection for Business

Usage	Protection	Examples
Hardened Data Protection	Helps protect the integrity and confidentiality of data assets through hardware-based protection of encryption keys	<b>Email, file encryption</b>
Hardened Electronic Digital Signatures	Increases confidence in digital signature operations by providing hardware-based protection of Digital IDs. Prevents cloning by performing signature operation in tamper resistant hardware.	<b>Online purchases, contracts</b>
Hardened User Authentication	Helps protect integrity and confidentiality of user login credentials. Can also act as the “something you have” in multi-factor authentication scenario	<b>Can replace smart cards, secure tokens</b>
Hardened Platform Authentication	Helps to ensure that only authorized platforms and users gain access to corporate network and that security policy settings / security software haven't been attacked.	<b>Virtual Private Networks (VPN)</b>

***Value proposition speaks to urgent needs of security-minded businesses***



# TCG Structure

- TCG is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation, with international membership
  - Open membership model
    - Offers multiple membership levels: Promoters, Contributors, and Adopters
  - Board of Directors
    - Promoters and member elected Contributors
  - Typical not-for-profit bylaws
  - Industry typical patent policy (Reasonable and Non Discriminatory) for all published specifications
  - Working Groups



# TCG Membership

- Promoters and Board:
  - **AMD\***, **Hewlett Packard\***, **IBM\***, **Intel\***, **Microsoft\***, **Seagate\*\***, **Sony\***, **Sun Microsystems\***, and **Verisign\*\***
- Contributors:
  - Agere Systems\*, ARM\*, ATi Technologies\*, Atmel\*, Broadcom Corporation\*, Comodo\*, DELL\*, Fujitsu Limited\*, Fujitsu-Siemens Computers\*, Gemplus\*, Infineon\*, Legend Limited Group\*, Motorola\*, National Semiconductor\*, nCipher\*, Nokia\*, NTRU Cryosystems, Inc.\*, NVIDIA\*, Phoenix\*, Philips\*, Rainbow Technologies\*, RSA Security\*, Seagate\*, Shang Hai Wellhope Information\*, Silicon Storage Technology\*, Standard Microsystems\*, STMicroelectronics\*, Symantec\*, Texas Instruments\*, Utimaco Software AG\*, VeriSign Inc.\*, Wave Systems\* .. (75)
- Adopters:
  - Ali Corporation\*, Gateway\*, M-Systems\*, Silicon Integrated Systems\*, Softex\*, Toshiba\*, Winbond Electronics\*



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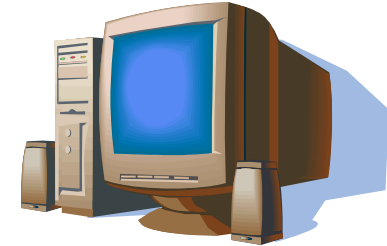
+ Elected Contributor member elected to 1 yr term.

# Technical Workgroups

(organized by **conceptual**, not governance hierarchy)

- Technical Committee Charters Work Groups:

- Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
  - TPM Software Stack (TSS)
    - PC Specific Implementation
    - Server Specific Implementation
    - PDA Specific Implementation
    - Mobile Phone Specific Implementation
- InfraStructure
  - User Authentication
- Peripherals
  - Storage
- Conformance (e.g., Common Criteria, FIPS)
- Best Practices



- Additional work groups anticipated



# Implementation Status

- Trusted Platform Modules (TPM) based on 1.1b specification available from multiple vendors
  - Atmel\*, Infineon\*, National Semiconductor\*
- Compliant PC platforms **shipping now**
  - IBM\* ThinkPad notebooks and NetVista desktops
  - HP\* D530 desktops, Selected Laptops
  - Intel D865GRH motherboard
  - Dell Latitudes (100% in Gov)
  - More expected soon
- Application support by multiple ISV's
  - Existing familiar applications are using TCG/TPM through standard cryptographic APIs like MC-CAPI and PKCS #11
- TPM 1.2 Specification announced Nov. 5, 2003
- **Peripherals and Storage Chartered January 2004.**



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# Goals of the TCG Architecture

## TCG defines mechanisms that

- Protect user keys (digital identification) and files (data)
- Protect secrets (passwords)
- Enable a protected computing environment

## While...

- Ensuring the user's control
- Protecting user's privacy

Design Goal: Delivering robust security with  
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# TCG Policy Positions

## Privacy Effect of TCG Specifications

**TCG is committed to ensuring that TCG specifications provide for an increased data capability to secure personally identifiable information**

## Open Platform Development Model

**TCG is committed to preserving the open development model that enables any party to develop hardware, software or systems based on TCG Specifications. Further, TCG is committed to preserving the freedom of choice that consumers enjoy with respect to hardware, software and platforms**





# TCG Policy Position

## Platform Owner and User Control

**TCG is committed to ensuring owners and users of computing platforms remain in full control of their computing platform, and to require platform owners to opt-in to enable TCG features**

## Backwards Compatibility

**TCG commits to make reasonable efforts to ensure backward compatibility in future specifications for currently approved specifications**



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  - Perform the private key operation on board so that private key data never leaves TPM
- **Hold Platform Measurements**
  - PC measures software, TPM is repository of measurements



# TPM Architecture

- **Turnkey Secure Module**
  - **Internal CPU to implement all TPM commands**
  - **Internal math engine to accelerate computation of asymmetric algorithm operations**
  - **Tamper resistance to prevent physical attacks that might reveal TPM or user secrets.**
  - **Communications channel to main processor (LPC typical)**
- **Asymmetric Details**
  - **RSA support mandatory, other algorithms optional. 512 through 2048 bit key length. On board key generation.**
  - **On board key cache stores frequently used keys, arbitrary number stored on disk. Off chip keys are protected using key that never leaves TPM.**
  - **Keys can be migrated from one TPM to another – if both the TPM owner and the key owner authorize the operation and if the key has been appropriately tagged at creation**



# TPM Architecture (cont'd)

- Integrity Metric Storage
  - Multiple instances of Platform Configuration Registers (PCR)
  - Can be extended (hash with new value) but not cleared
  - Key usage can be connected to desired values
  - Platform can provide attestation of current values
- High Quality Random Number Generator
  - Used to prevent replay attacks, generate random keys
- SHA-1 Hash Computation Engine
  - Multiple uses: integrity, authorization, PCR extension, etc.
- Nonvolatile memory
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- TPM 1.2 Specification announced late fall 2003
  - Atmel has announced chips based on new spec; anticipate other TPM vendors to make silicon available soon



# Common Misconceptions

- The TPM does not measure, monitor or control anything
  - **Software measurements are made by the PC and sent to the TPM**
  - **The TPM has no way of knowing what was measured**
  - **The TPM is unable to reset the PC or prevent access to memory**
- The platform owner controls the TPM
  - **The owner must opt-in using initialization and management functions**
  - **The owner can turn the TPM on and off**
  - **The owner and users control use of all keys**
- DRM is not a goal of TCG specifications
  - **All technical aspects of DRM are not inherent in the TPM**
- TPMs can work with any operating systems or application software
  - **The spec is open and the API is defined, no TCG secrets.**
  - **All types of software can (and will, we hope) make use of the TPM**



# Storage Charter

- **Basic-Storage-Unit (BSU) Centric**
  - Disc Drives, Removable Optical, Flash
  - Coordinate *closely* with SNIA Security, INSIC, INCITS – large overlap in industry membership.
- **Focus**
  - Key distribution and protection on storage devices
  - Key operations on storage devices (e.g., whole drive encryption, authenticating a host context)
  - Data at rest protection (where's that device been)?
  - Data protected against host side deletion or alteration (Tunneling, Secure Messaging).
  - On board security manager for OSD





# Trusted Send/Receive Concept

- Commands that can hold special security messages that are optionally confidential (and require out of path decryption / encryption)
- Messages have (possibly multiply simultaneous) Sessions (essential for security) to manipulate security bindings or associations (e.g., challenge-response authentication and key exchange, and action)
- There may be more than one security language supported : Native TCG, ISO 7816



# More TCG Technical Concepts...



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# TPM is only one trusted building block

No bulk encryption, for example.





# HOW TPM WORKS TOGETHER so far...



# Endorsement Key (EK)

- Single 2048 RSA keypair
  - An encryption key
  - But, has very restricted uses
    - Never used in authentication, attestation or other user protocols
    - Cannot be used to encrypt or sign user data
- Relationships:
  - One EK per TPM
    - One-to-one relationship to the TPM
  - One TPM per platform
    - One-to-one relationship to the Platform
  - One EK per Platform
    - One-to-one relationship to the Platform



# Authentication & Attestation

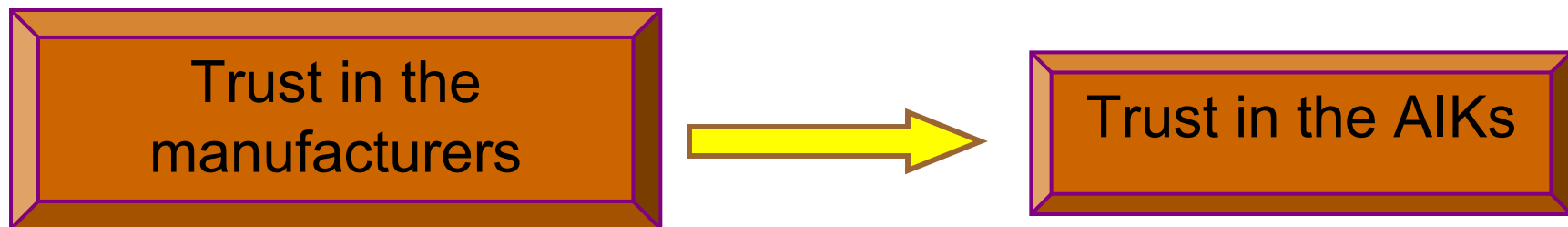
- **Problem:**
  - Need an authentication key for:
    - Platform authentication
    - Attestation of platform configuration
    - Protection properties of TPM keys
    - Etc.
  - Can't use the Endorsement Key (EK)
    - This is a unique key
    - Privacy sensitive
- **Solution: Attestation Identity Key (AIK)**
  - This is a signature key
  - Only available on the platform that created it
  - Unlimited number of them
    - Can create one per domain

**The EK is used to attest to the AIKs**



# TCG Credential (Signed Public Key) Concepts

- TCG Credentials are used to obtain an AIK
- TCG Credentials provide proof of a valid:
  - TPM
  - Platform



- Credentials impact manufacturing and distribution of

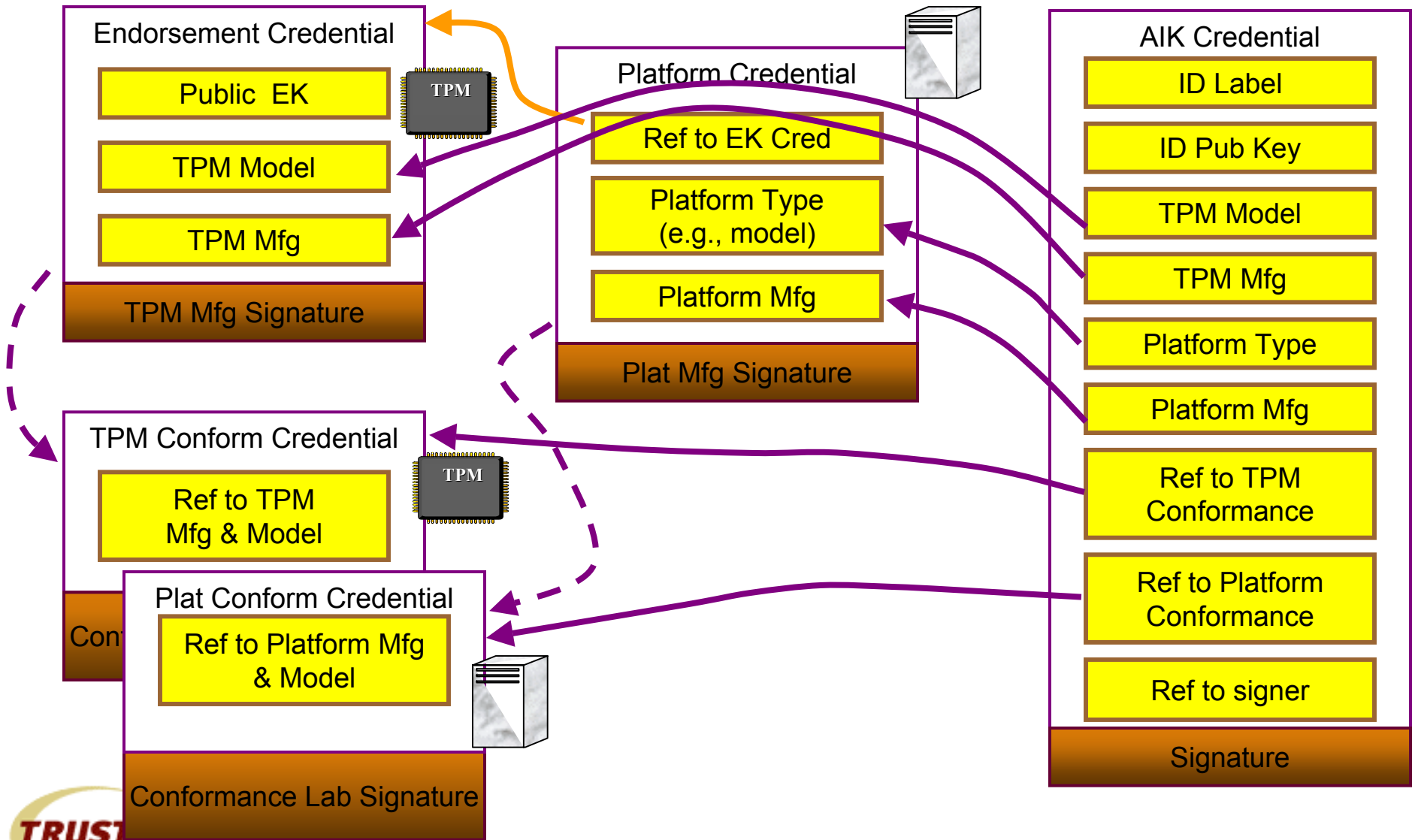
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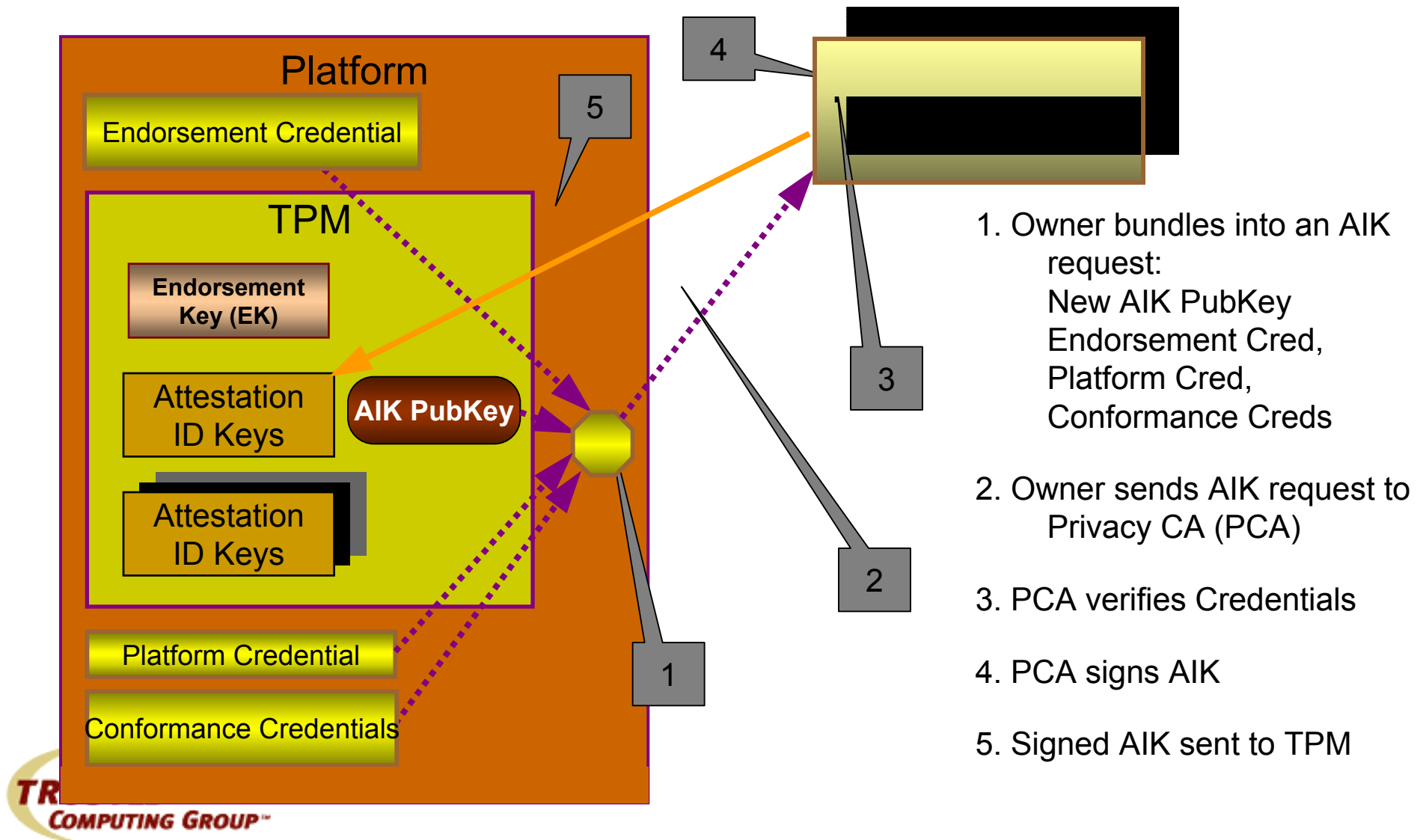
- Types:
  - Endorsement Credential
    - One per platform
  - Platform Credential
    - One per platform
  - TPM Conformance Credential
    - One per “model” of platform
  - Platform Conformance Credential
    - One per “model” of platform
  - Validation Credentials
    - One per component (Optional for a TCG-platform)
  - AIK (**A**ttestation **I**dentify **K**ey) Credential
    - Any number per platform
- Signers
  - The “issuer” signs the Credentials
- Creation and distribution mechanism is not specified by TCG



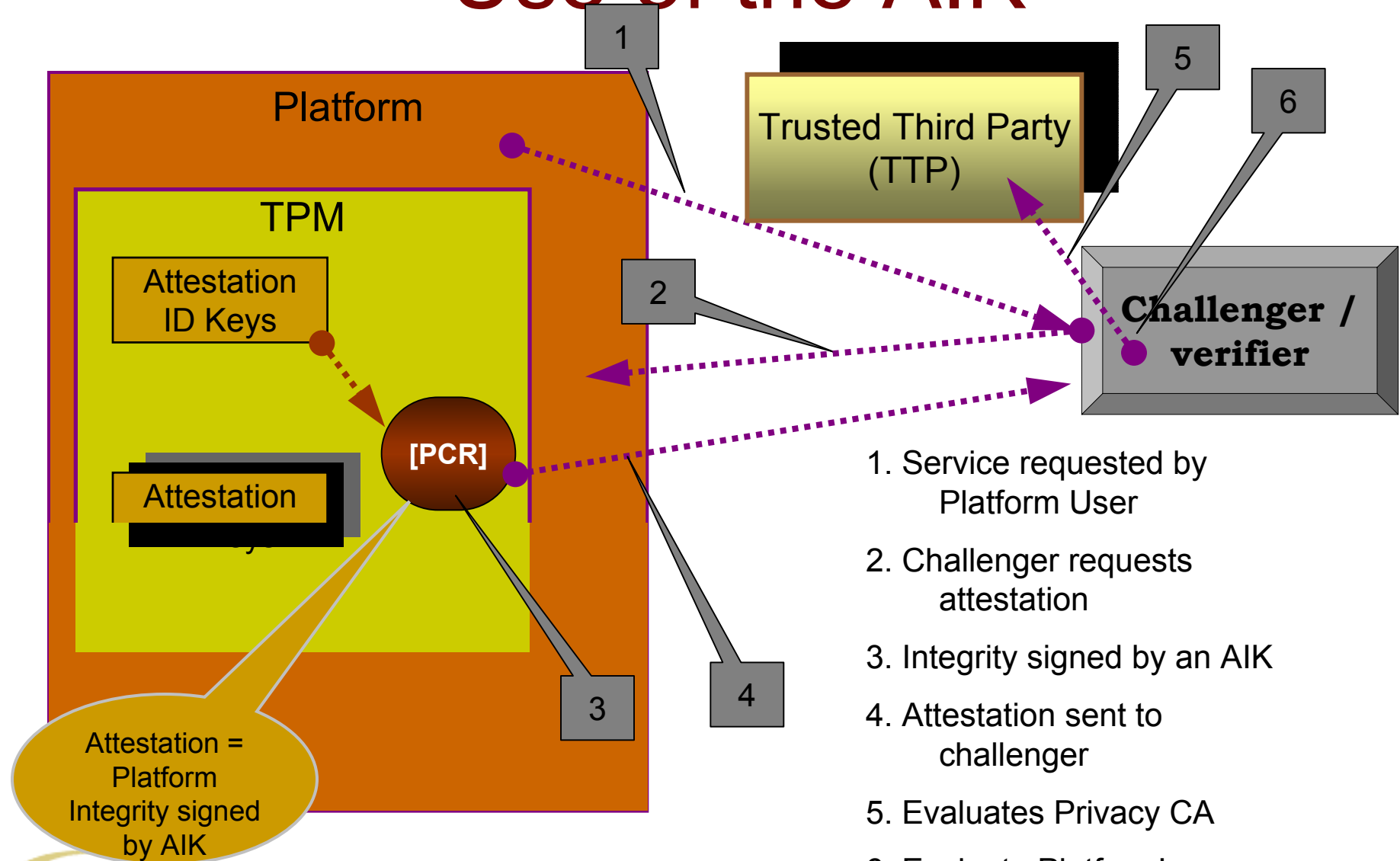
# Credential Relationships



# Certifying the AIK using the Privacy CA Model



# Use of the AIK



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**DONE!**

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enough for now...