



Root of trust and Chain of Trust

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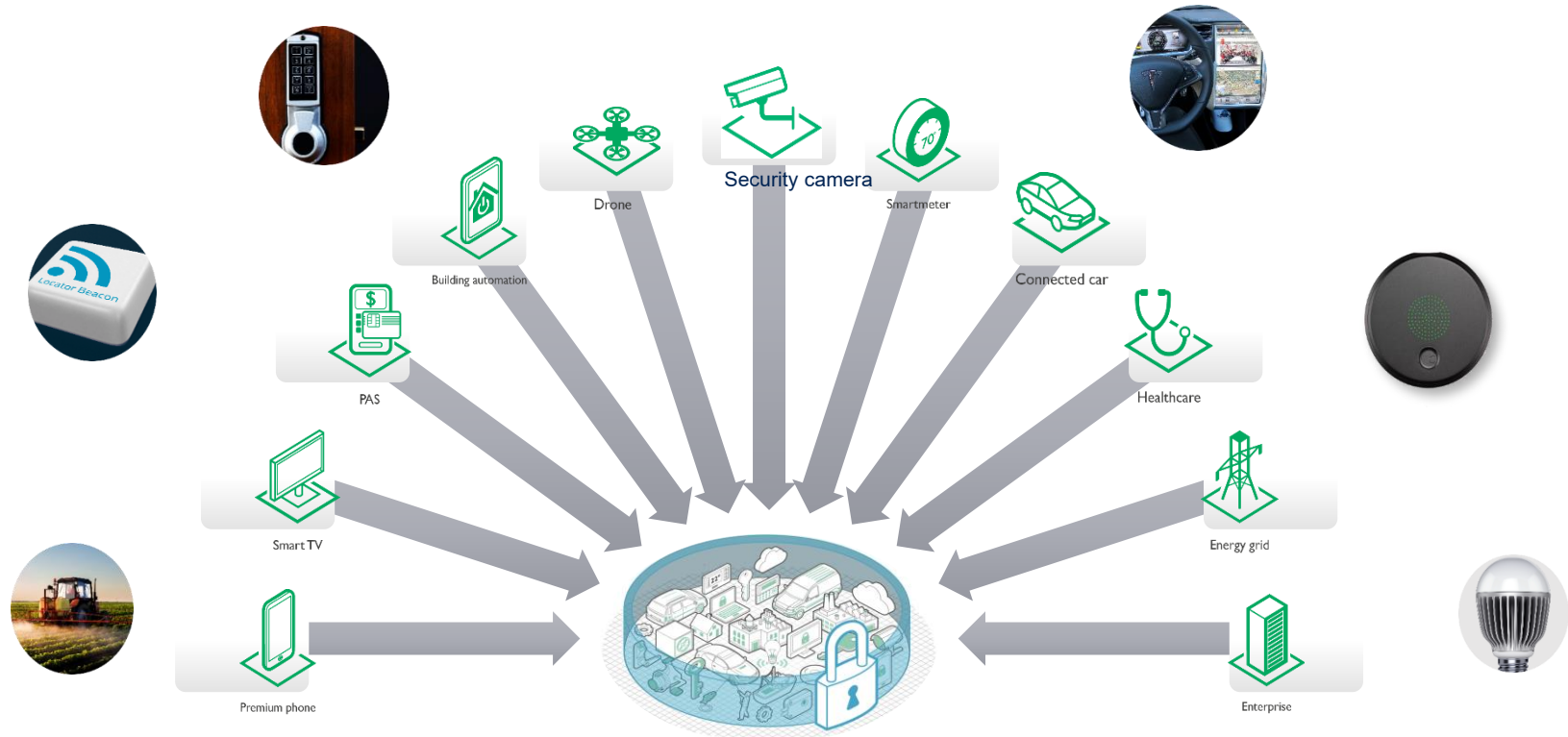
Robustness Against Malicious Attacks – IoT Everywhere

The three fundamental elements of security

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Availability

Others

- Non-Repudiation
- Authentication



And more ...

Security: Threats, Attacks and Defenses

Threat Focus:

Hardware enforced defenses:

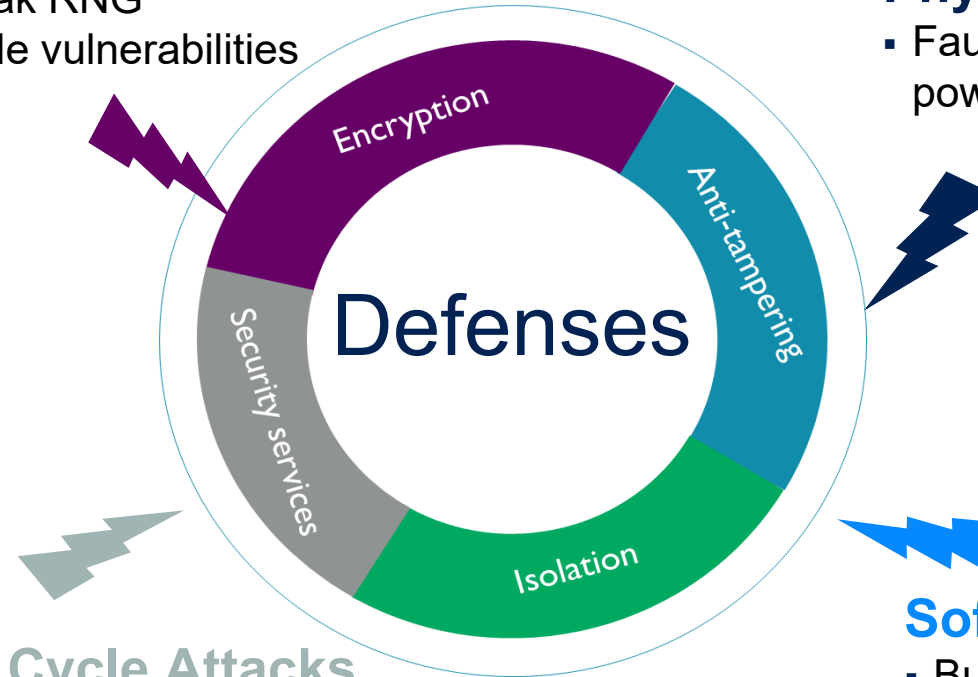
- Scalable software attacks
- Low cost hardware tampering
- Economically viable attacks

Communication Attacks

- Man In The Middle
- Weak RNG
- Code vulnerabilities

Physical Attacks

- Fault injection: clock or power glitch



Life Cycle Attacks

- Code downgrade
- Integrity vulnerabilities
- Factory oversupply

Software Attacks

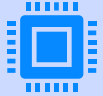
- Buffer overflows
- Interrupts
- Malware

**What is the
Root of
Trust (RoT)**

**and the
Chain of
Trust
(CoT)?**



Requirements for RoT



Specificities:

Consist of computing engine, code [and data and/or key(s)], all co-located on the same platform
Provides at least one security service
Small as possible to limit the attack surface



Properties:

Immutability
•Or mutability under authorization
Unique identifiable ownership
Ownership optionally transferable



A platform SHALL contain one and only one RoT, but a device embeds multiple platforms



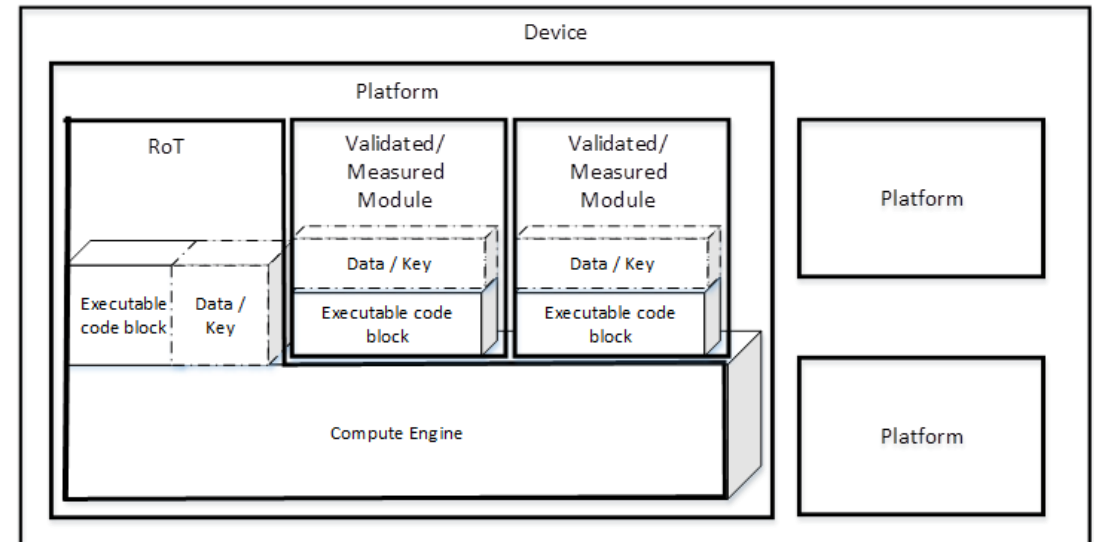
Suitable for certification

Non-Bootstrapped RoT

The RoT SHALL be:

The first code to execute on the platform

Created and provisioned during the manufacturing process



Bootstrapped RoT

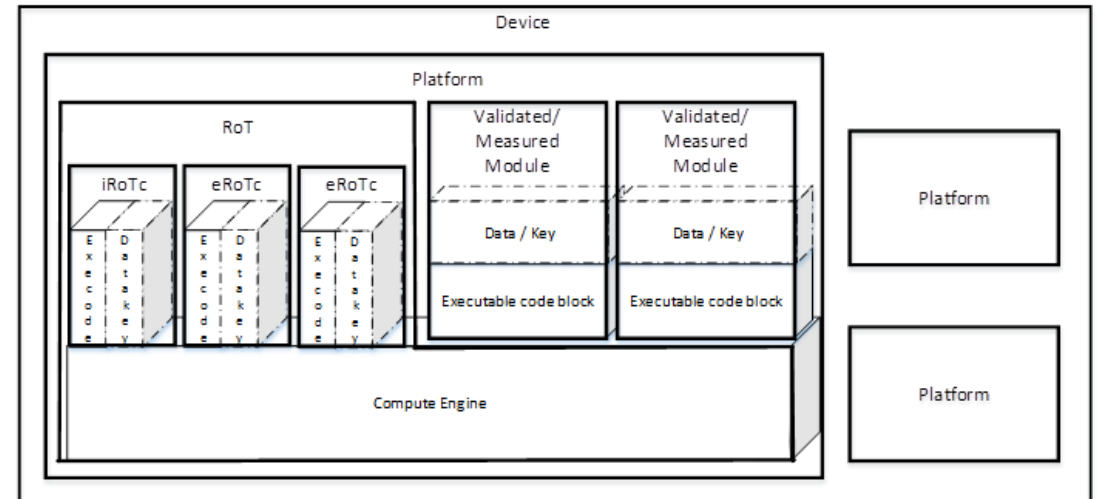
The initial RoT SHALL be:

Unique on the platform

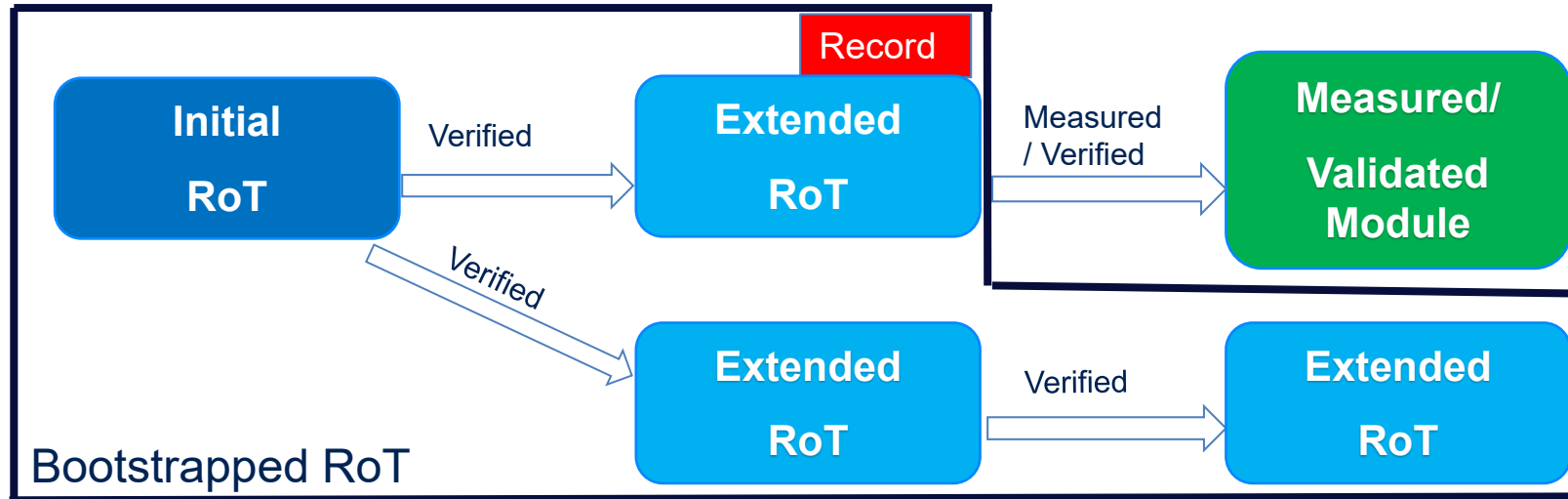
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A parent RoT component SHALL verify the integrity (code and data) of an extended RoT (without the possibility to preserve a reportable verification)



Example



RoT Security Services



RoT Security Services implement interface (API) allowing to exercise this capability



The interface SHALL provide the appropriate level of protection of the shielded locations to maintain

The integrity of the contents
The confidentiality of the contents when it is required



The RoT Security Services are

Authentication, Confidentiality, Identification, Integrity, Measurement, Authorization, Reporting, Update, Verification

Requirements for a Root Of Trust



Computing Engine and Core Data

Hardware, software and keys in the same location



Security Services

Provide one or more security services for the chain of trust



Certification

Shall be suitable for certification(i.e. a test lab is able to evaluate it)



Unique identifiable ownership

A single identifiable owning entity



Mutability

Core and/or data are immutable. Or only the owner can control the mutability.



Ownership transfer

Shall be provided by the root of trust in case it exists

Secure Element a Root Of Trust

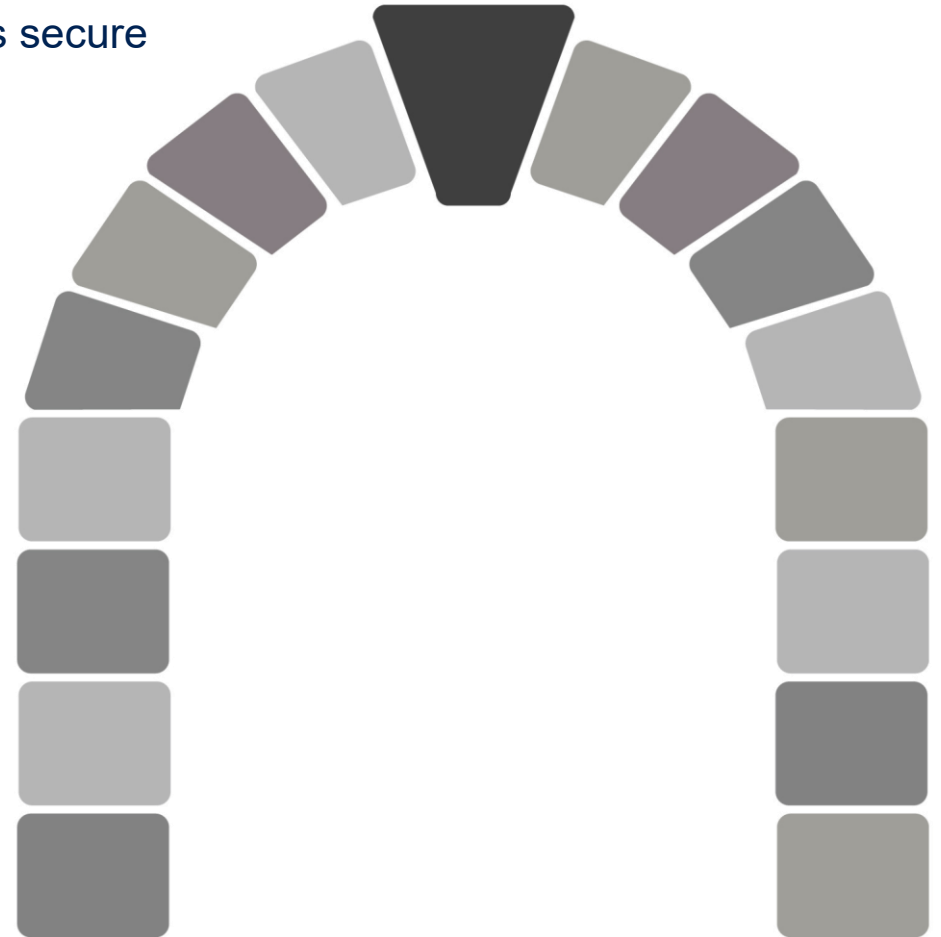
Like a building, Security needs a keystone to ensure the whole system is secure

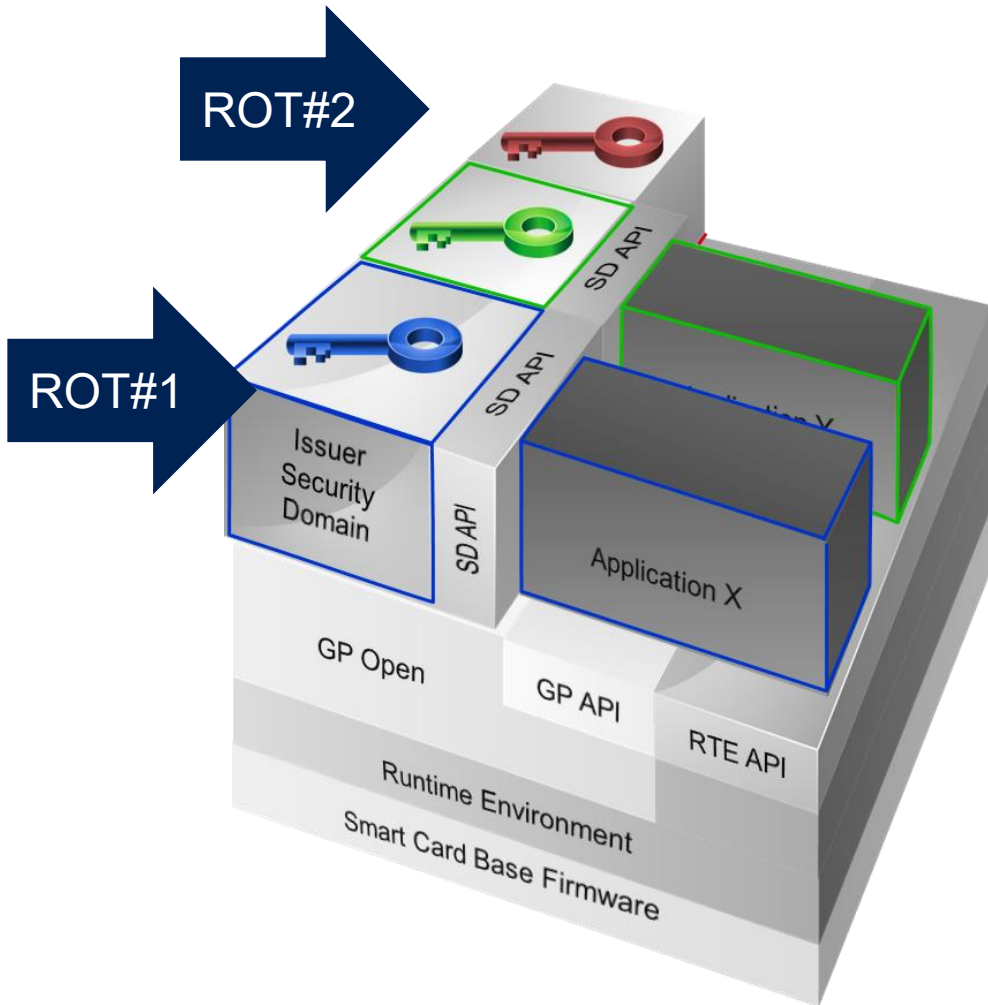
The keystone ensures :

- The whole arch is standing
- The arch can support the building weight

An initial security seed (or root of trust) can that ensure :

- The whole platform is secure
- The system is secure





Hardware+soft+keys are on the same platform



Mutability
• SD code is immutable



ISD and CASD keys are mutable under Issuer control



Platform can be certified



The owner is the Issuer



Security services are provided



Manufacturing Process

- Shall be protected with procedures to protect the chip design, code and keys during fabrication
- If a CASD is present it shall be loaded during the manufacturing phase



Manufacturing Process Certification

- The platform shall be certified to prove the manufacturing process fits the security requirements



Chain of Trust

- All GP components shall implement a Chain of Trust for Confidentiality, Authentication and Integrity

eSIM part of the Device The automotive case



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SAE J3101: A Common Reference for Hardware Protected Security Environments

Basic characteristics

Requirements

Establish trustworthiness

- device identity
- sealing
- attestation
- data integrity
- availability

Resilience to a wide range of attacks

- beyond software-only security mechanisms.

A hardware root of trust

- hardware-based security primitives
- for connected and highly automated or fully automated vehicles.

Source: SAE, Surface Vehicle Recommended Practice, *Hardware-Protected Security for Ground Vehicles* (J3101™), Feb 2020. Issued 2020-02.

SAE's Vehicle Electrical System Security Committee – Publication of J3101-5

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Electrical Systems and Electronics, Connectivity and Software

CURRENT This is a Current Standard 2025-09-12

The scope of the analysis is on the GlobalPlatform Secure Element (SE) and Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) standard specifications correspondence to SAE J3101 recommended practices. This analysis includes focuses on the platform specifications but not the scope of any future security application/applets. Both of these GlobalPlatform specifications have associated protection profiles to validate compliance, although GlobalPlatform does not currently have any specific SAE J3101 protection profiles. GlobalPlatform has communicated that it is assessing whether or not to develop application-level protection profiles to more explicitly cover the remaining requirements of SAE J3101 in order to allow for standardized testing and certification of complete solutions.

Trust Relationships

4 relationships described



Bootstrapped RoT



Chain of Trust (CoT)

Anchor in a non-bootstrapped RoT
Anchor in a bootstrapped RoT

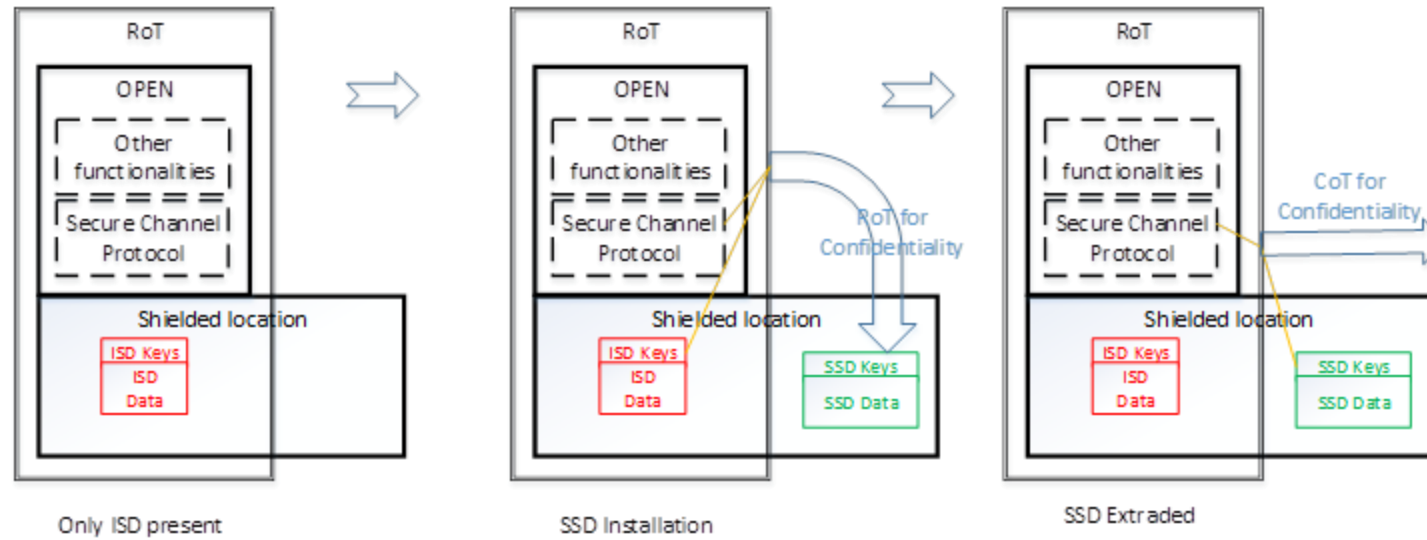


CoT of Confidentiality



Intrinsic Trust

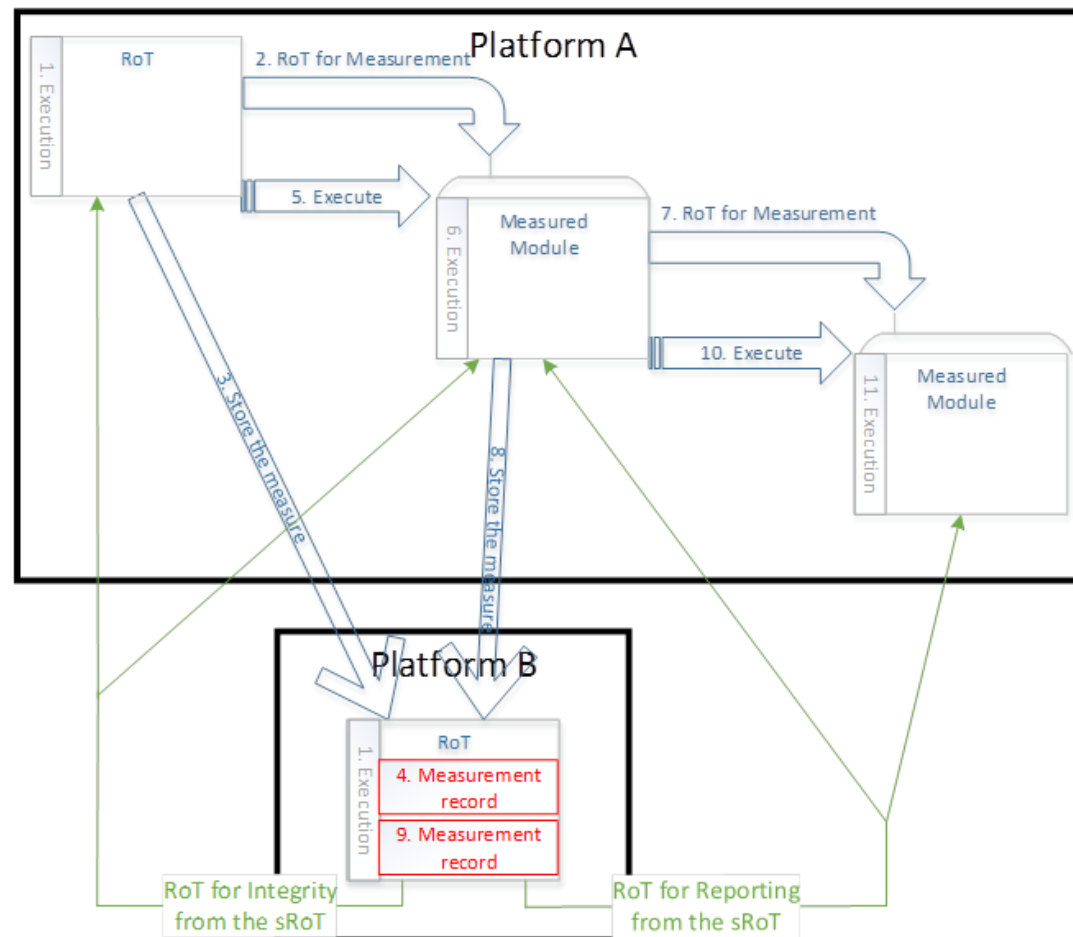
CoT Confidentiality



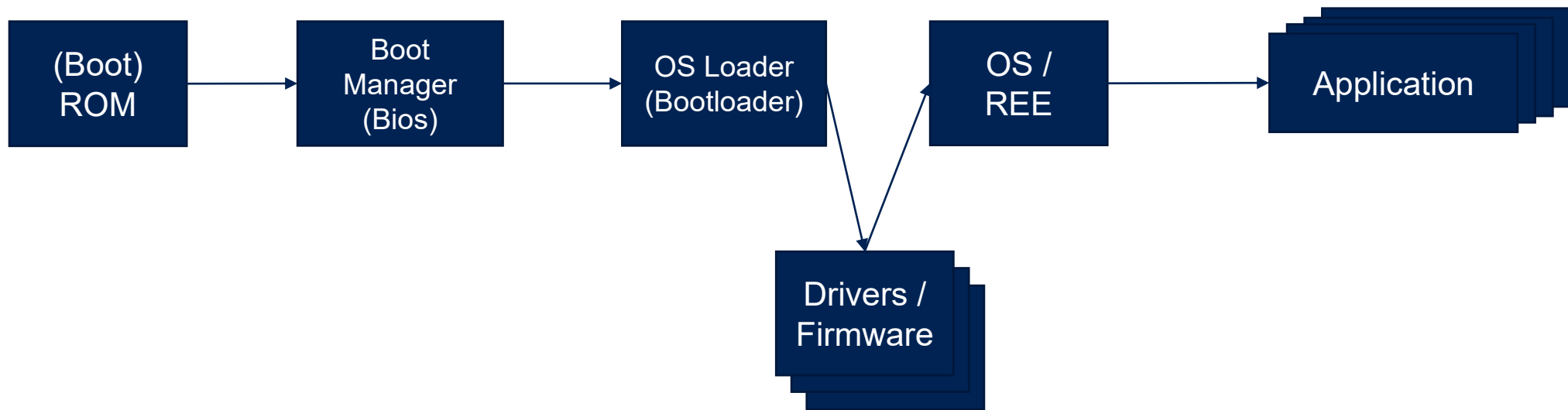
CoT for Confidentiality when new SSD is instantiated.

Intrinsic Trust

Relation between two platforms offering RoT functionality where one platform provides RoT Security Services to another platform.

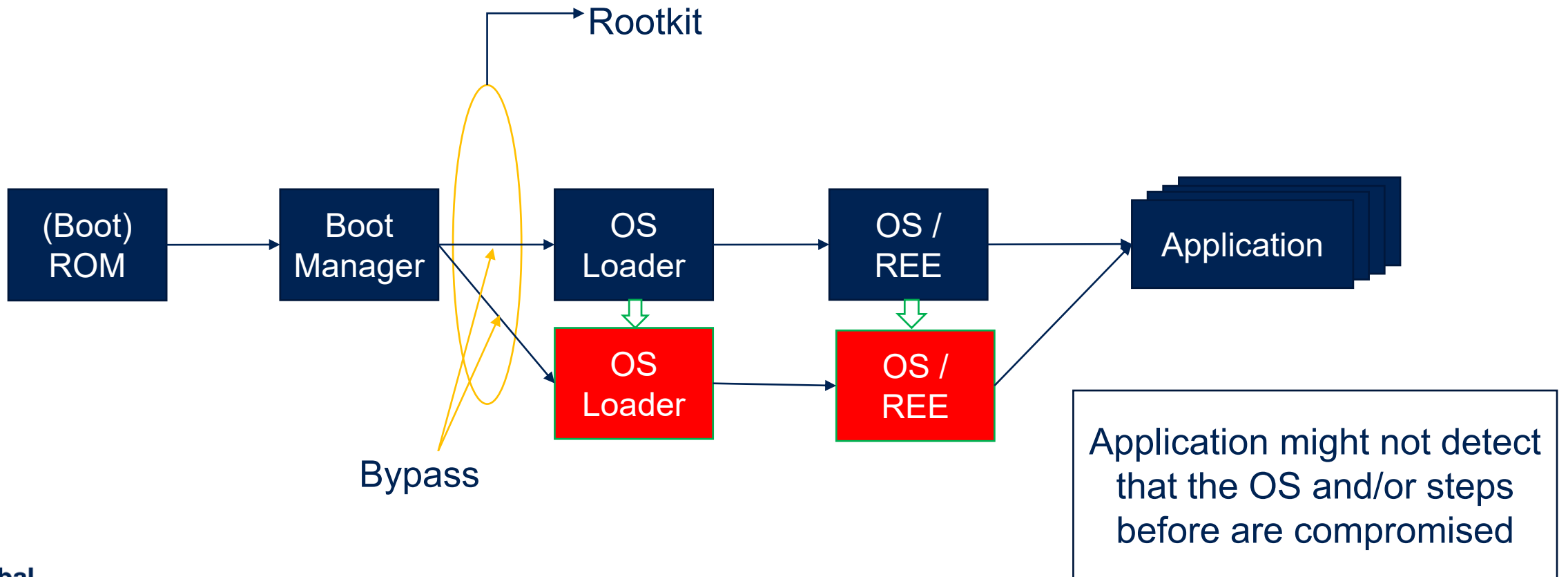


Boot Implementation Example



Rootkit Attack Example

In addition to the malware/virus that may run in the Device OS, a new type of attack Rootkit (or bootkit) which starts the OS in a compromised state or replace/change the original operating system with a “rogue” OS



Countermeasure from the RootKit : Secure boot

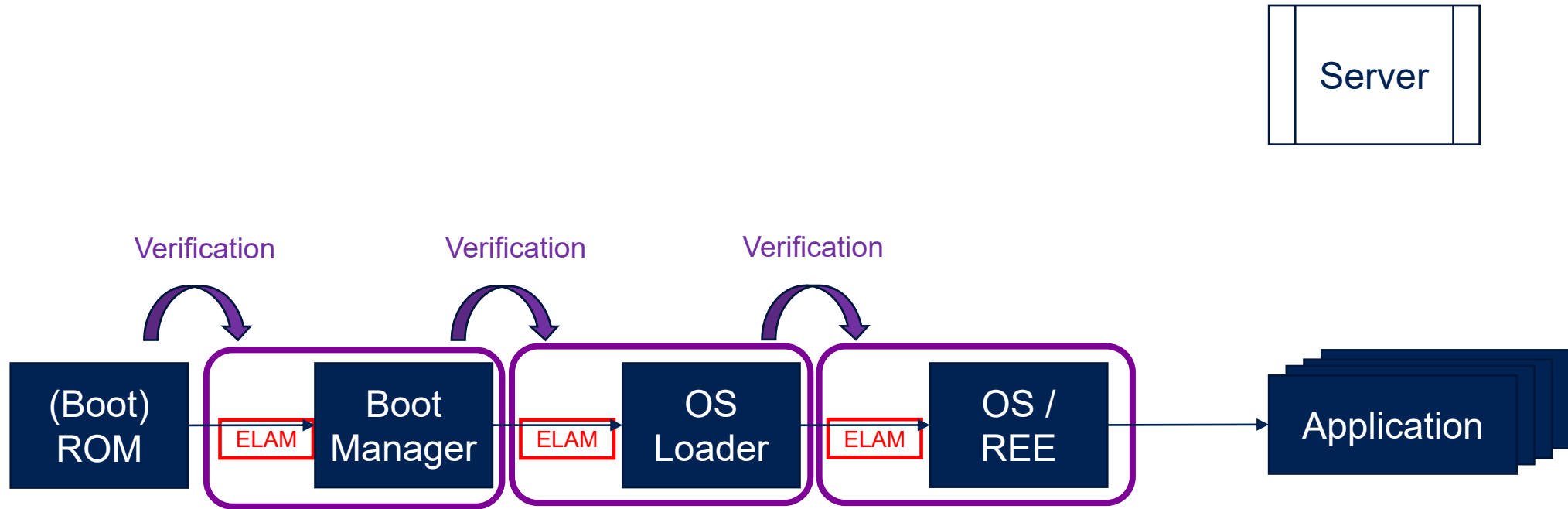
Type of boot processes

- **Trusted boot:** the integrity of every component of the startup process is checked before the OS is started, it may use:
 - **Early Launch Anti-Malware (ELAM):** Test all components before they load and prevents unapproved component from loading
 - If the test succeeds, the boot process goes on
 - If the test fails, the boot process is halted
 - **Validated boot:** All modules loaded and executed are tested against a similar approval process as ELAM above. All results are logged for future access. The difference with Trusted Boot is that the boot process does not stop if a test result is negative, it may use:
 - **Measured Boot:** Firmware logs the boot process checking operations

Attestation (Software / Remote)

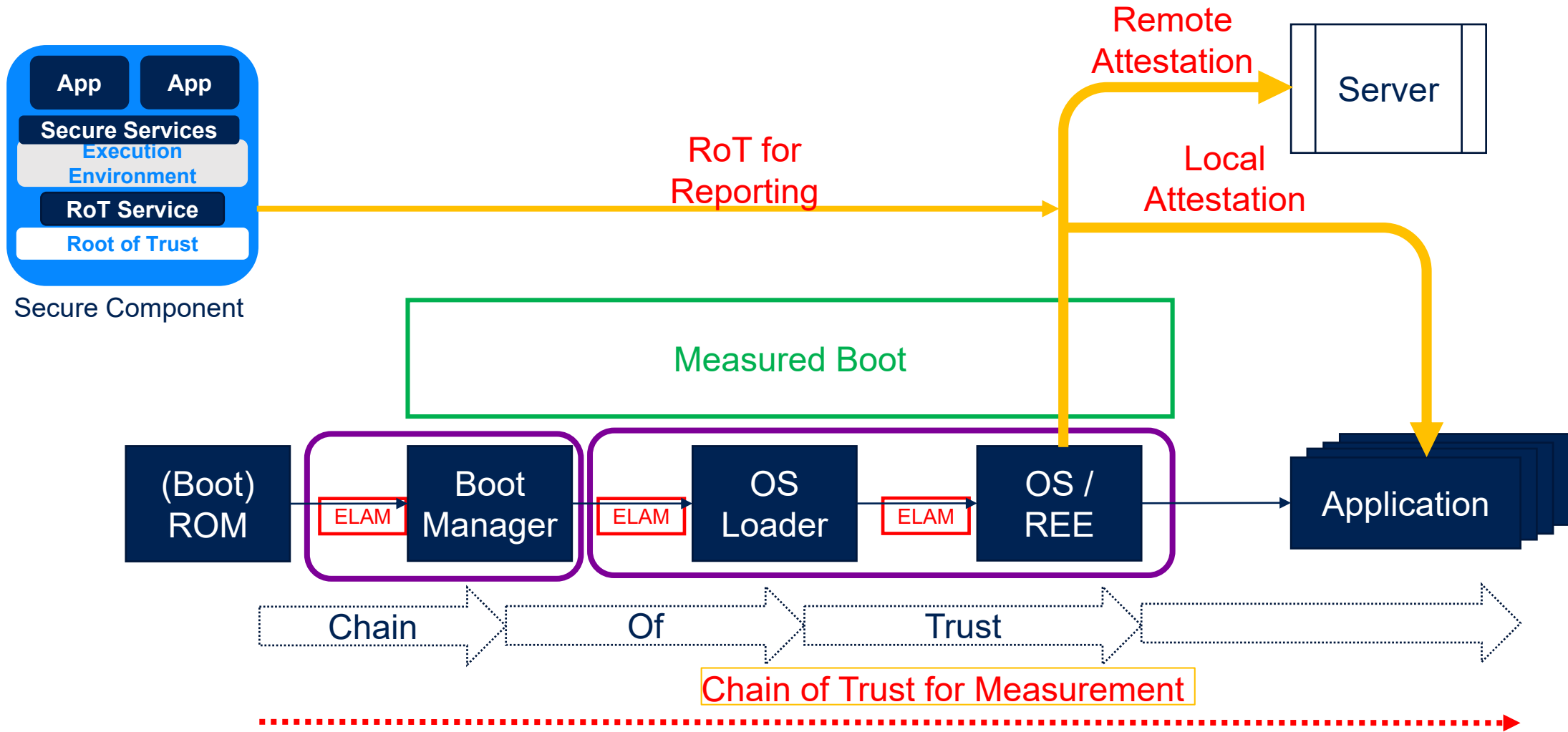
- The OS is able to send the ELAM tests to another local or remote entity for the assessment of the Device's health.

ELAM Implementation Example



Trusted Boot

Implementation Example 3





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