

Formal Specification and Verification of Architecturally-defined Attestation Mechanisms in Arm CCA and Intel TDX

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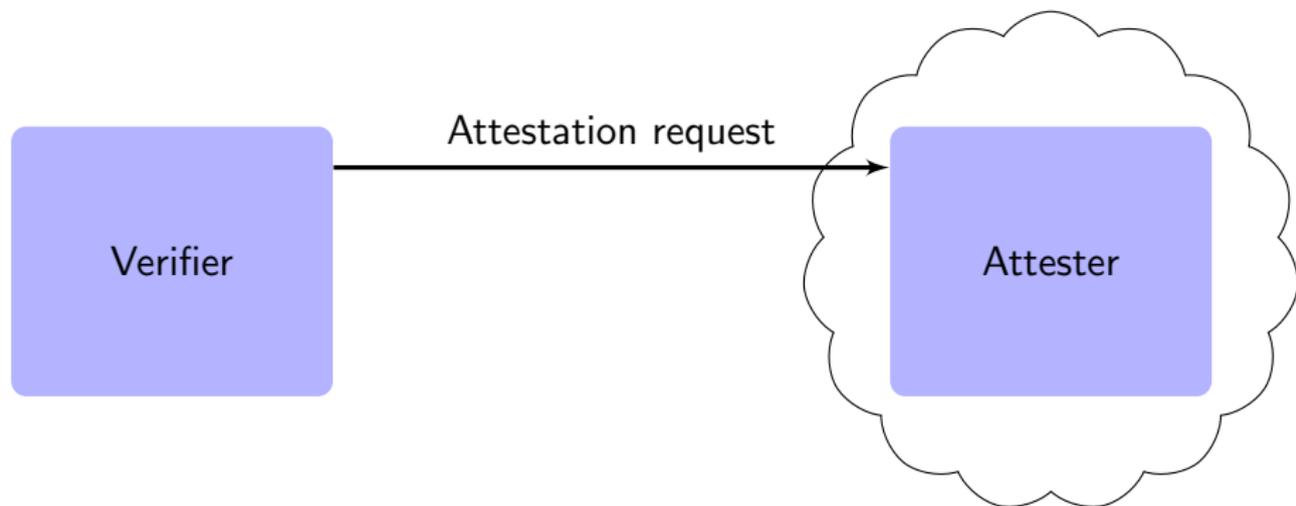
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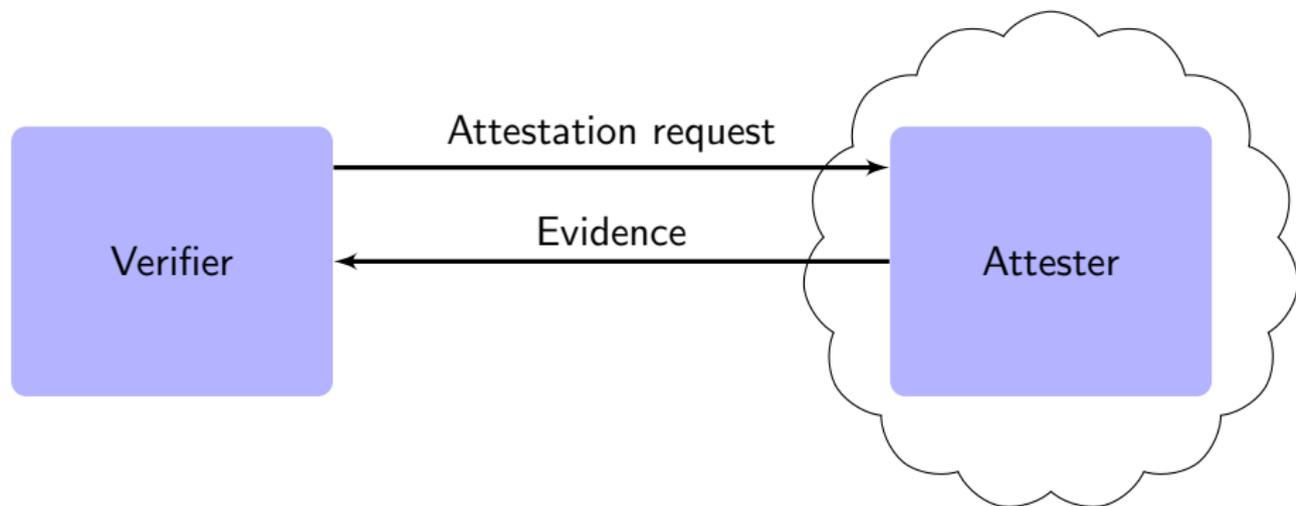
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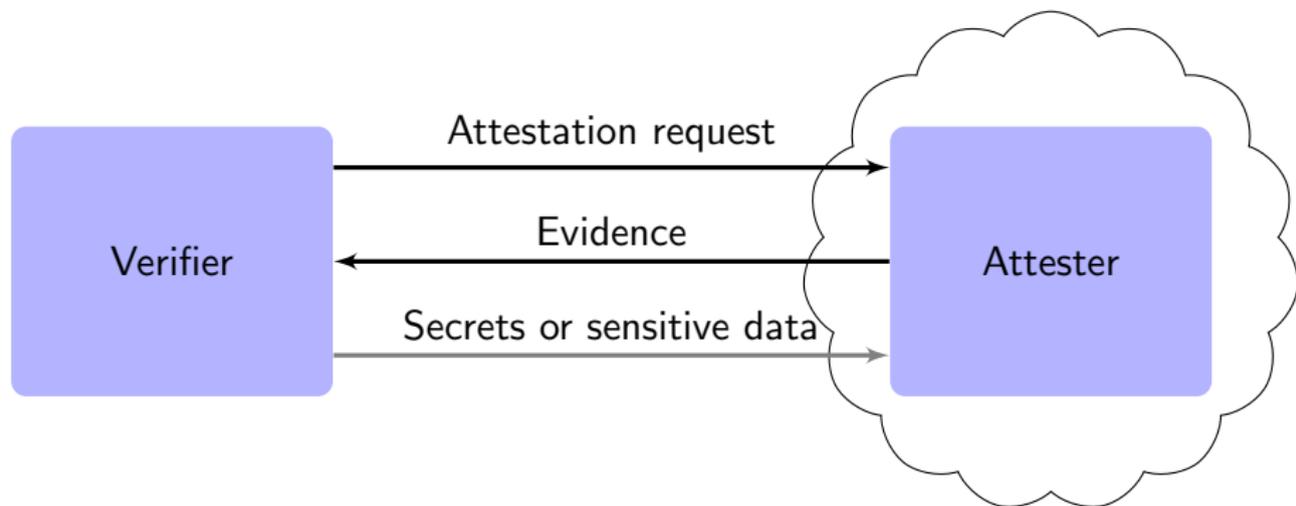
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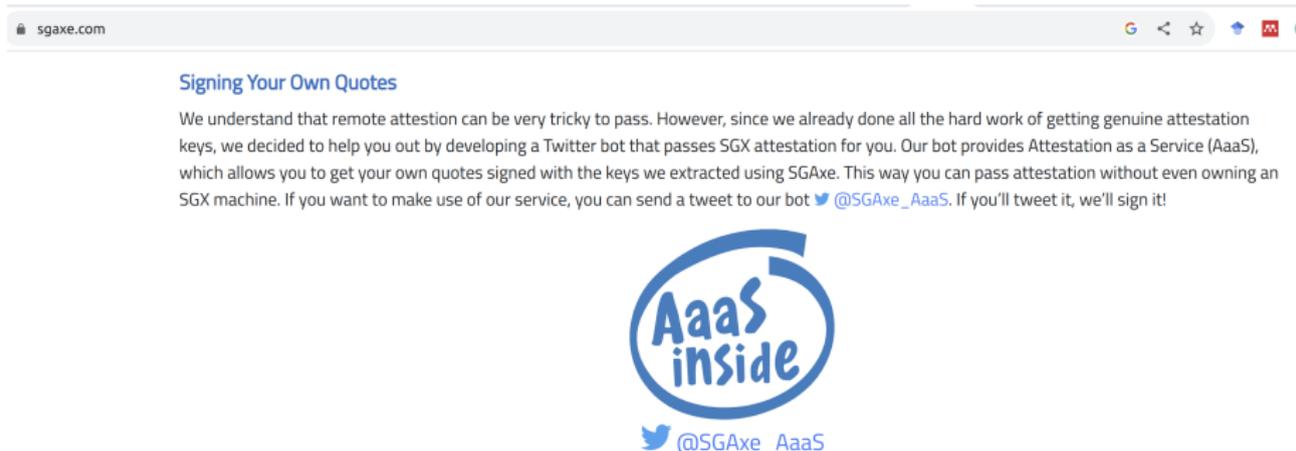
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Problem: ad-hoc and unverified designs²



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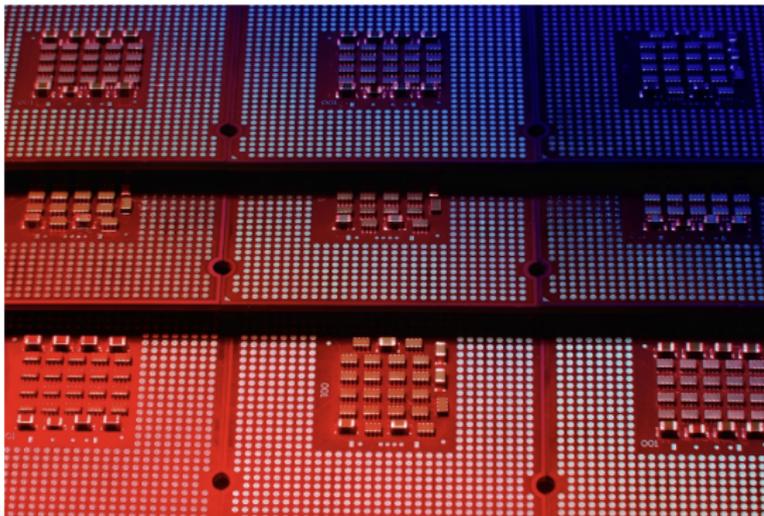
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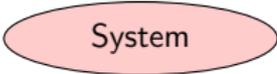
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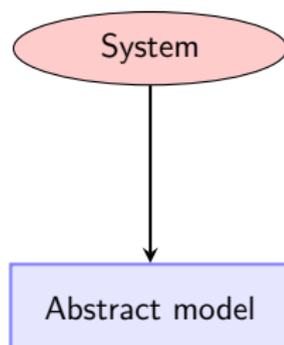


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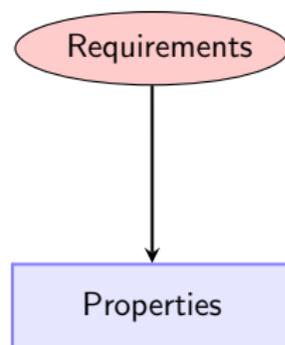
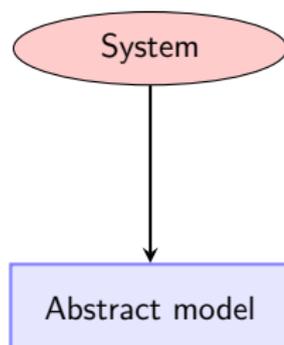
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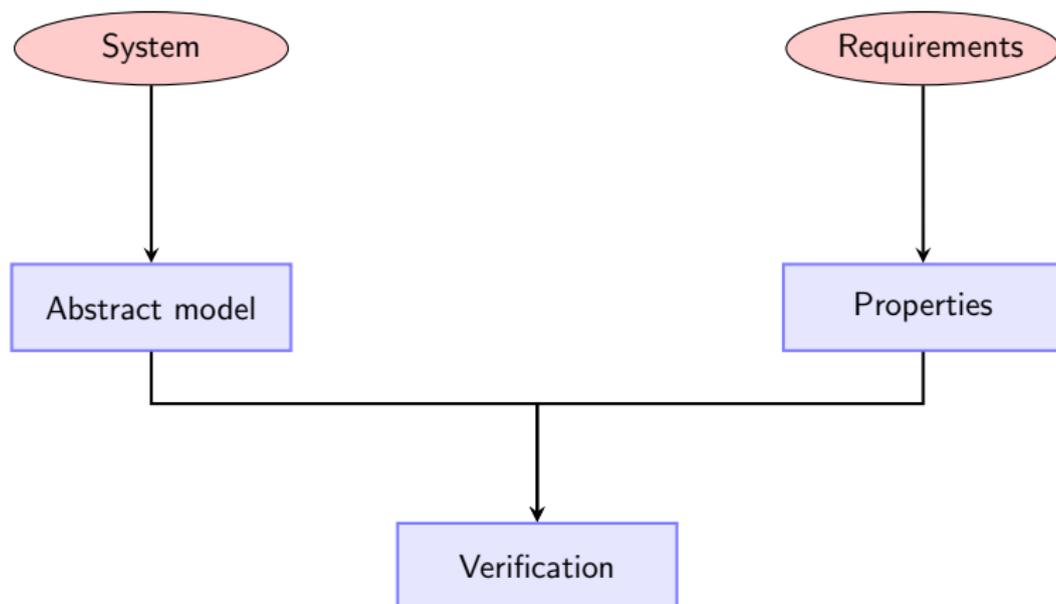
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Challenge 1: Incomplete specs⁸



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Moderator

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Hello UsamaS,

I've checked with the relevant team.

The "internal specs" that we've mentioned in the thread above are part of an internal document used by our developers and it would not be relevant to customers. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your support.

Regards,

Wan

⁸<https://community.intel.com/t5/Intel-Software-Guard-Extensions/Missing-specification-documents-for-TDX/m-p/1527218>

Challenge 2: Vague and outdated specs⁹



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Hi UsamaS,

Thanks for your patience. I just received the updates as follow.

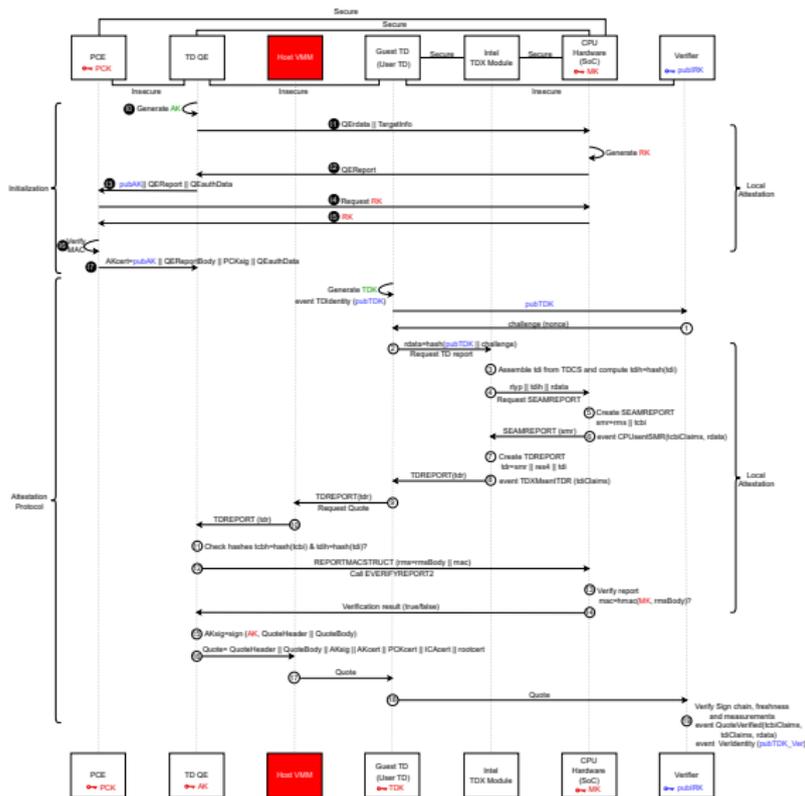
This index 1 SVN is the TDX Module major version. Originally, there was only 1 TDX 1.0 module, so the SVN had to match. Now that we have TDX 1.5 coming, it has a new major version, so the logic has to change, and those steps will also. The API doc will be updated soon to reflect this.

Regards,

Peh

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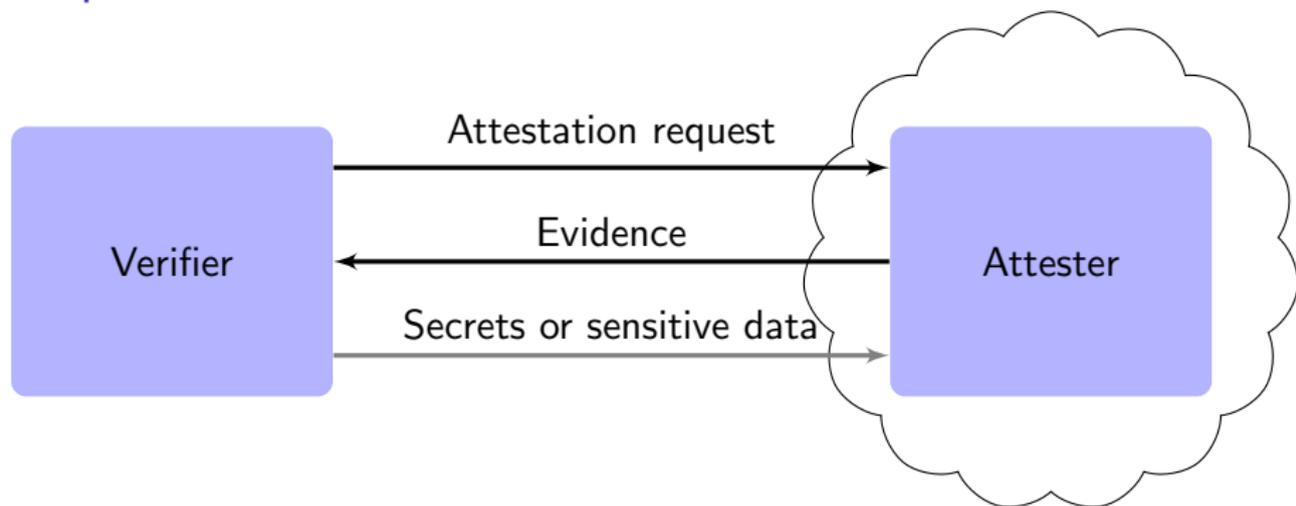
TDX Model with Initialization Phase (PCE)



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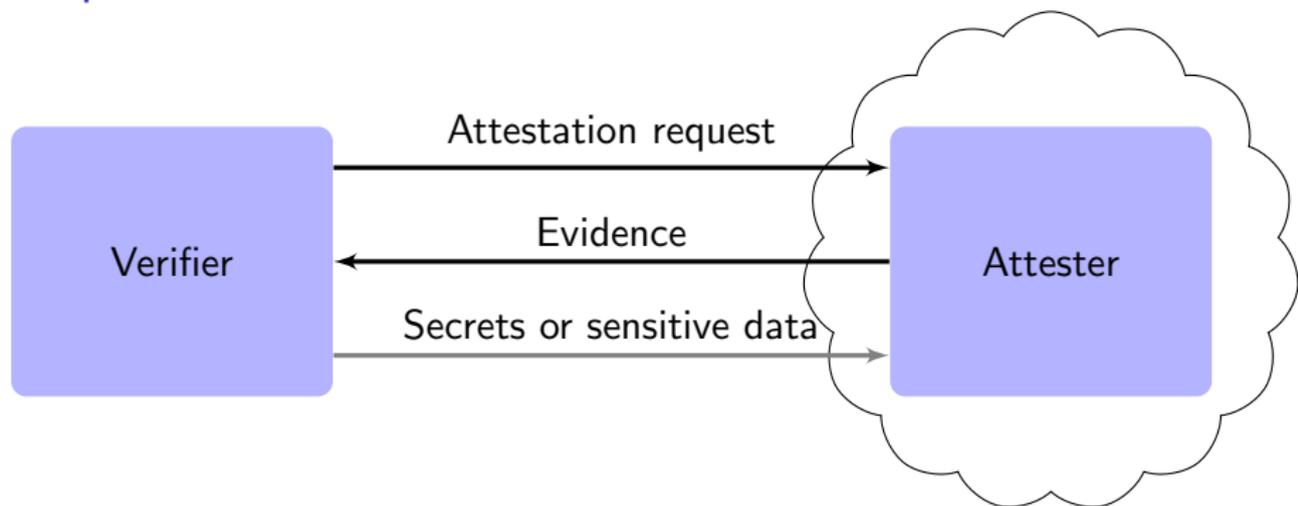
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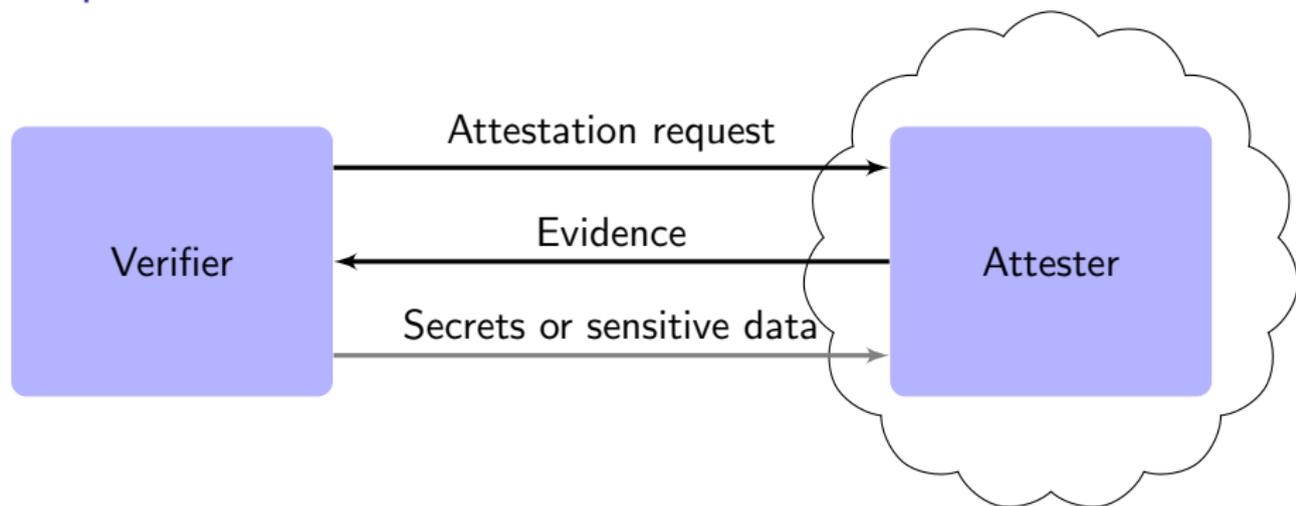
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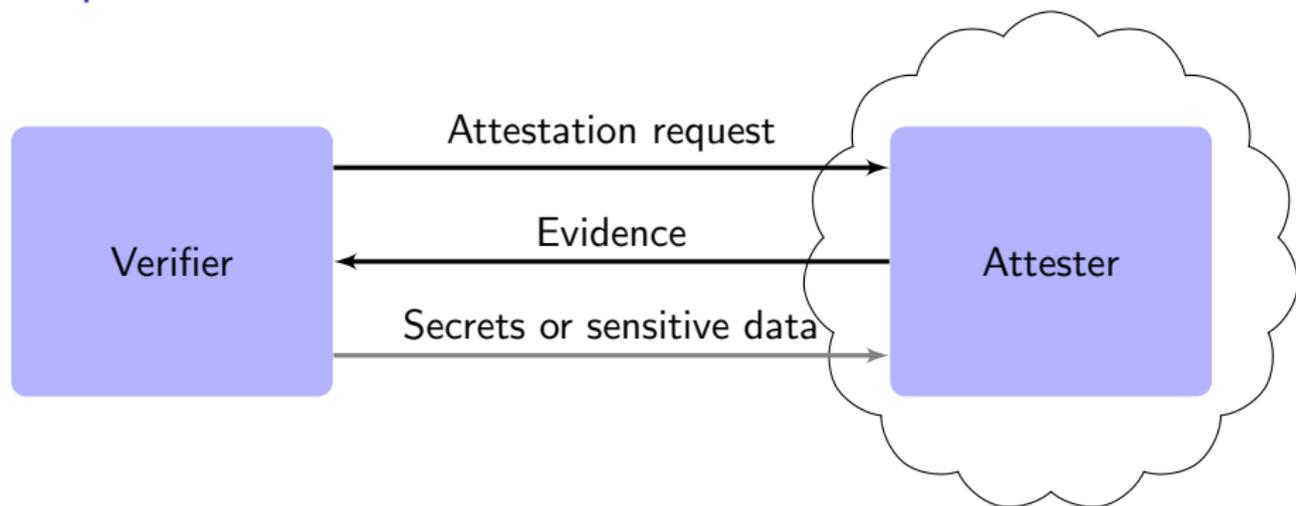
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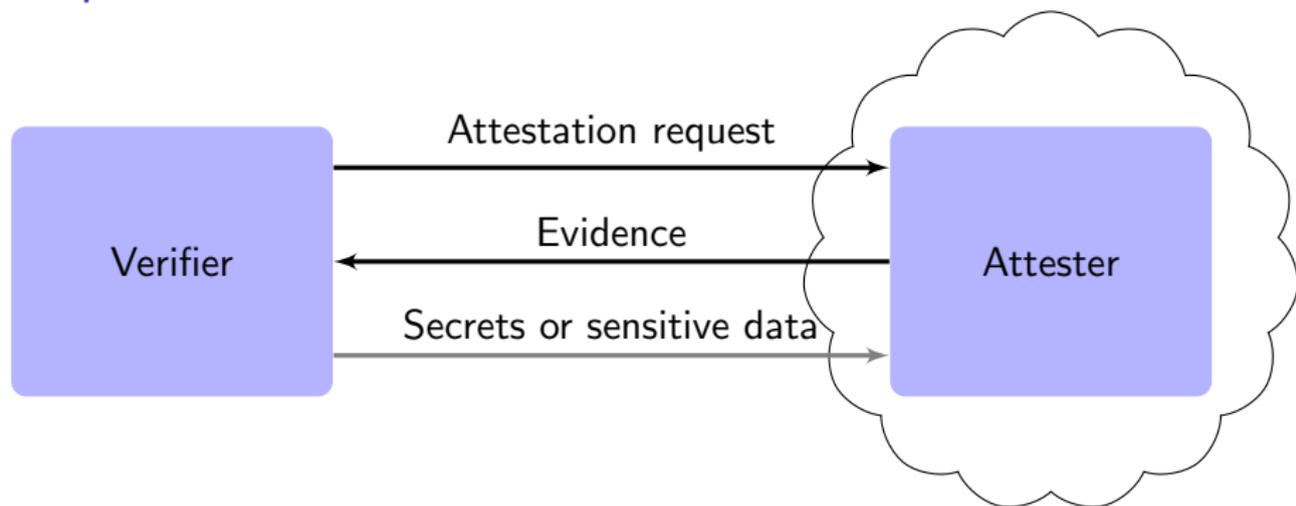
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TCB Claimed by Intel¹⁰

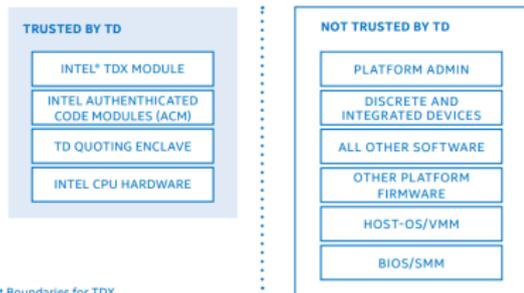
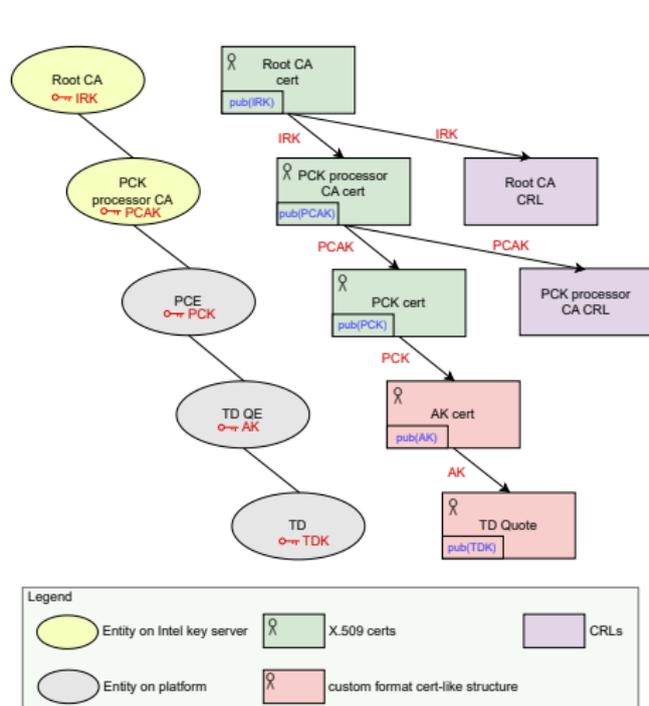


Figure 5.1. Trust Boundaries for TDX



¹⁰Intel, Intel (®) Trust Domain Extensions, 2021.

Verification Summary

	Integrity	Freshness	Confidentiality	Authentication
Intel's claimed TCB	✗	✗	✗	✗
Our proposed TCB	✓	✓	✓	✗

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Verification summary:  
Query not event(AKverified(pubAK_1)) is false.  
Query not event(CPUsentSMR(tcblClaims_1,rdata_1)) is false.  
Query not event(TDXmsentTDR(tdiClaims_1)) is false.  
Query not event(QuoteVerified(tcblClaims_1,tdiClaims_1,rdata_1)) is false.  
Query not (event(TDidentity(pubTDK_1)) && event(VerIdentity(pubTDK_Ver_1))) is false.  
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Query secret PCK_1,PCK is false.  
Query secret PCAK is true.  
Query secret AK_2,AK_1,AK is true.  
Query secret MK_1,MK is true.  
Query event(AKverified(pubAK_PCE_1)) && event(AKsent(pubAK_1)) ==> pubAK_PCE_1 = pubAK_1 is true.  
Query event(VerIdentity(pubTDK_Ver_1)) && event(TDidentity(pubTDK_1)) ==> pubTDK_1 = pubTDK_Ver_1 is false.  
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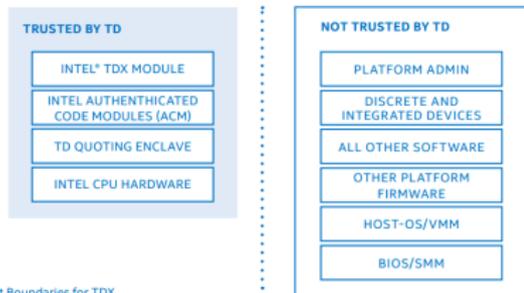


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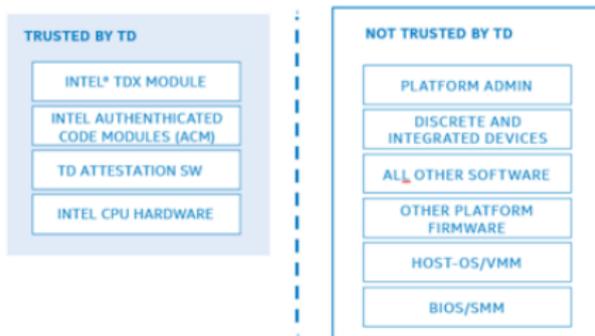


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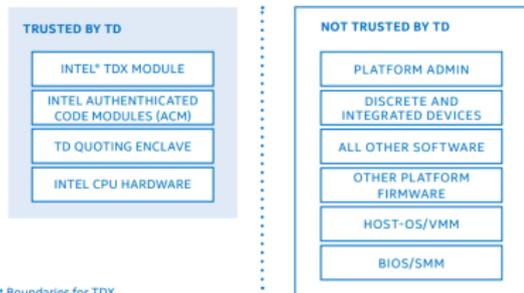


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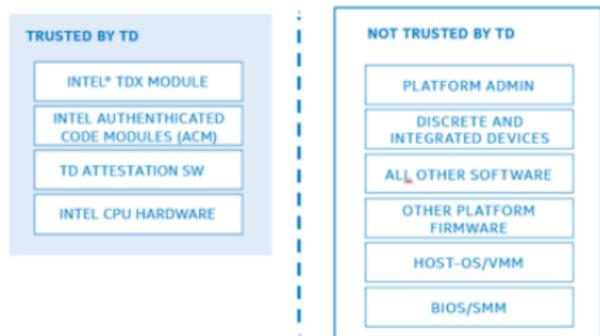


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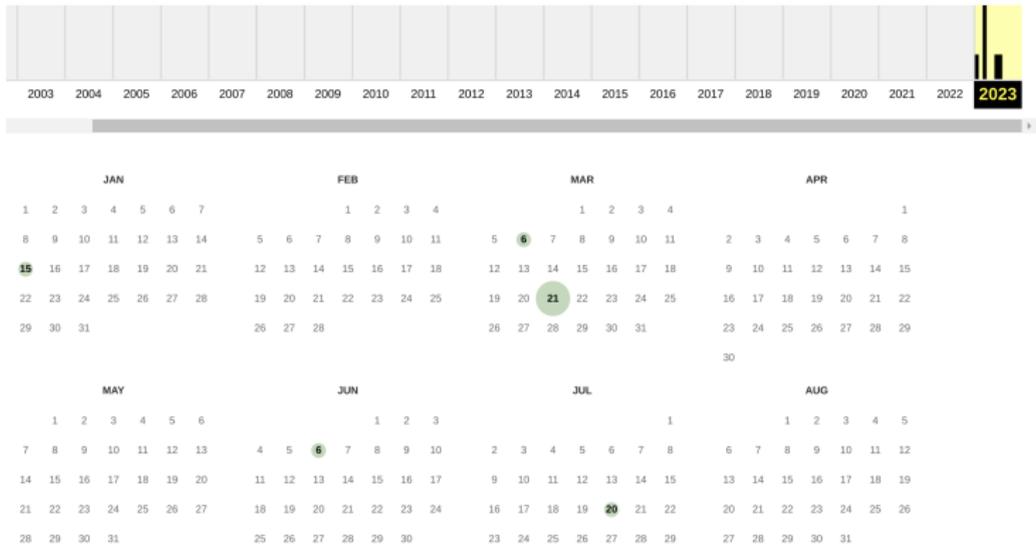
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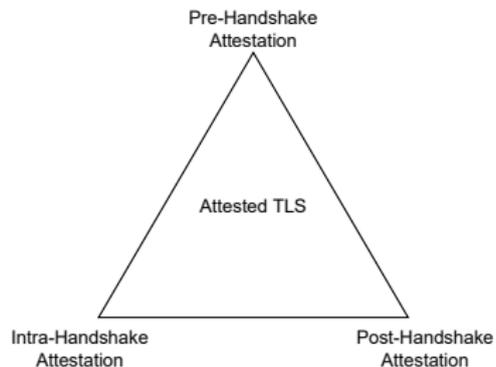
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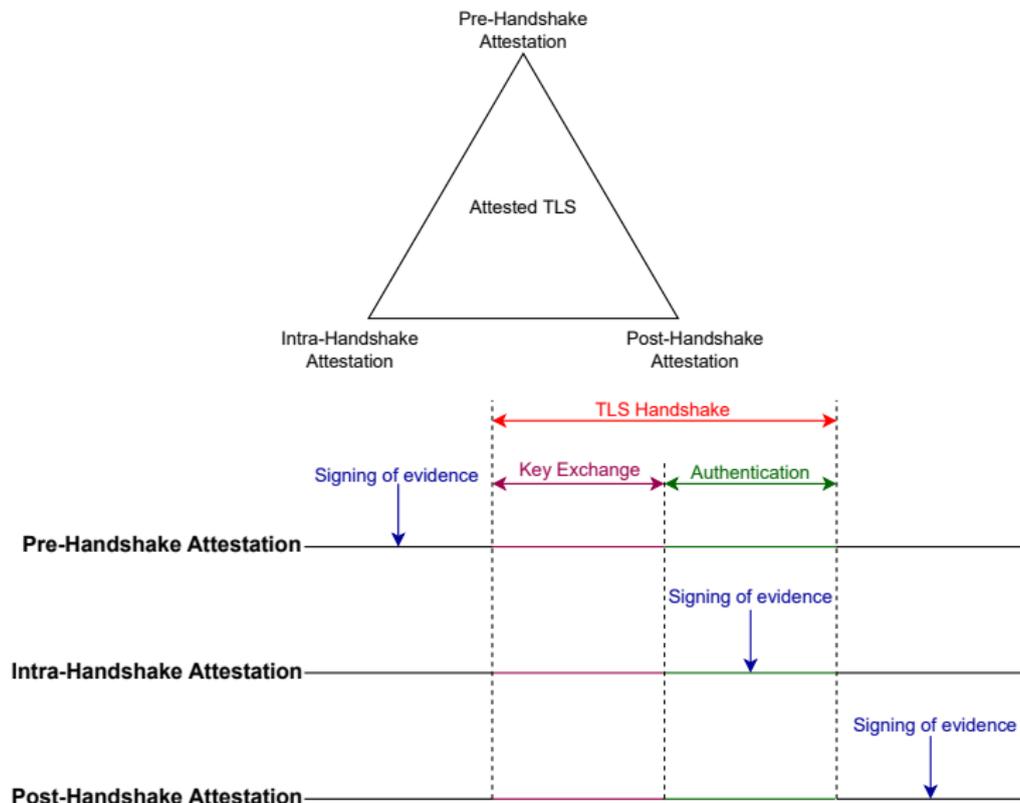
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Community input

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 - Nadim Kobeissi
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- IRTF UFMRG chairs
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Call to Action

- Bring your expertise:
<https://github.com/CCC-Attestation/formal-spec-TEE>
- Additional information: link here²⁴



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