



**TrustedFirmware**

**OPEN SOURCE SECURE SOFTWARE**

TrustedFirmware.org Community Project Overview

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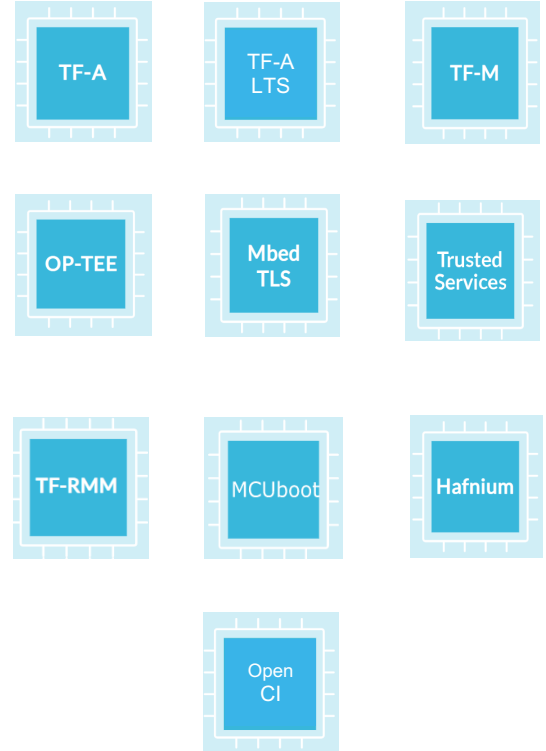
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# TrustedFirmware.org Overview



**Trusted Firmware** provides a reference implementation of secure software for, but not limited to, **Armv8-A**, **Armv9-A** and **Armv8-M** architectures. It provides SoC developers and OEMs with a reference trusted code base complying with the relevant Arm specifications.

- Provides the preferred software implementation of the Arm specifications allowing quick and easy porting to modern chips and platforms.
- Forms the foundations of a **Trusted Execution Environment (TEE)** on application processors, or the **Secure Processing Environment (SPE)** of microcontrollers.



# Collaborative Security



# Member Benefits: Highlights



Governing Board seat driving strategic direction and investments

(Budget, Marketing Initiatives, explore new investment areas)



Part of Technical Steering Committee driving technical direction of project

(Define Release process, Security Incident Handling process, Roadmaps reviews & influence)



Add and maintain platforms in Open CI (Refer to the “Open CI Summary” section below)



Opportunity for close engineering collaboration with other members



Refer to “Membership Structure & Benefits” slide below for more details



# 10yrs of growing collaboration in building security



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Google

FUTUREWEI  
Technologies

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- 150+ platforms
- 5000+ yearly code contributions
- Hundreds of collaborators

# The Virtuous Circle Of Collaboration!



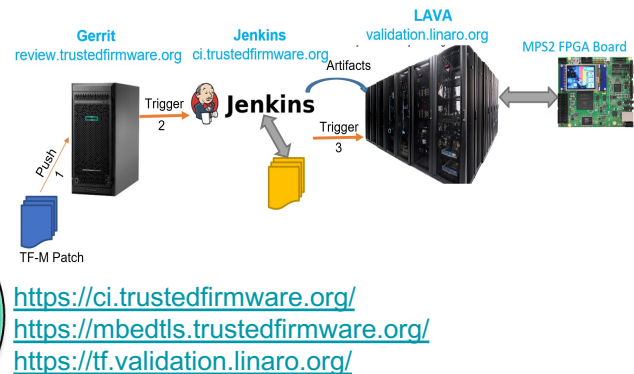
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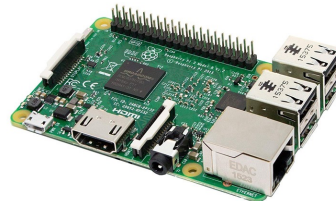
For all market segments

Devices

IoT/Mobile/Auto/Laptop

Embedded Edge

Cloud  
Server



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# Trusted Firmware Security Center



TrustedFirmware.org security incident handling and vulnerability disclosure process.

- [https://trusted-firmware-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/security\\_center/index.html](https://trusted-firmware-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/security_center/index.html)
- Found a security vulnerability in Trusted Firmware?  
→ Report it here: [security@lists.trustedfirmware.org](mailto:security@lists.trustedfirmware.org)
- Coordinated disclosure with Trusted Stakeholders and ESS
  - [https://trusted-firmware-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/security\\_center/incident\\_handling\\_process.html#trusted-stakeholder-registration](https://trusted-firmware-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/security_center/incident_handling_process.html#trusted-stakeholder-registration)
- Per-project security email aliases
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# Membership Structure & Benefits

**\*: Only for G2 & G3 General members**  
 G1: \$3K (0 to 50 empl. only)  
 G2: \$12k (0-499)  
 G3: \$30k (500+)

	Diamond	Platinum	General	Community (Uni/Non-profit)	Individual (invite only)	Non- Member
Code Access, Review Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Technical Forums	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Logo and marketing recognition (scaled per tier)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Technical Steering Committee (TSC) seat+vote	Yes (2 votes each)	Yes (1 vote each)	Yes (1 vote every 5)	Yes (1 vote every 5)	Yes	No
Governing Board seat + vote	Yes (2 votes each)	Yes (1 vote each)	Yes* (1 vote every 5)*	Yes (1 vote every 5)	No	No
Platforms in Open CI	1 (D1) or 2 (D2) new / year	1 new / year	No	No	No	No
Fees	<b>D1: \$100k</b> <b>D2: \$120k</b>	<b>\$60k</b>	<b>G1: \$3K</b> <b>G2: \$12K</b> <b>G3: \$30K</b>	<b>\$3K</b>	<b>\$600</b>	No

# Current members



## Diamond Members



## Platinum Members

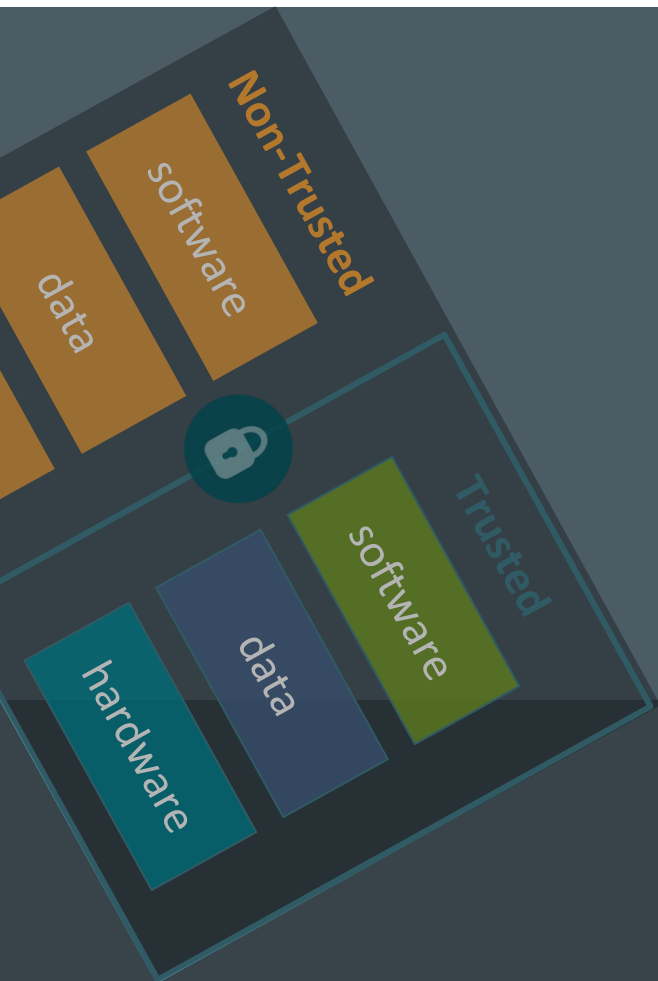


## General Members



## Partners





# Open CI Summary

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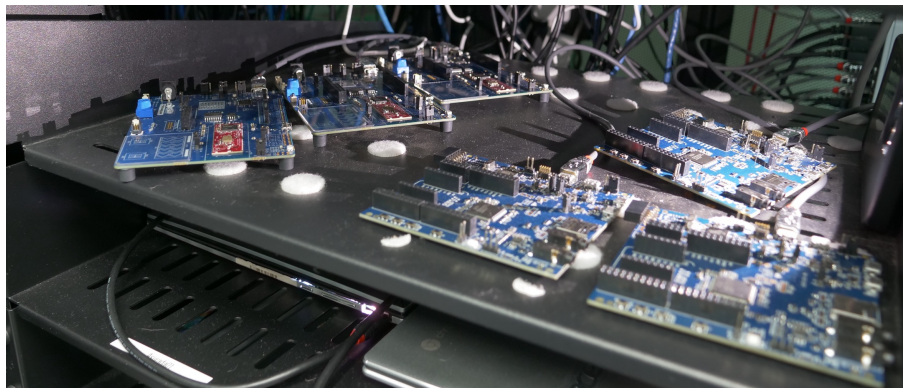


# Open CI Summary



The Trusted Firmware **Open CI** (Continuous Integration) is a cloud-based CI infrastructure that leverages multiple components including Git, Gerrit, Jenkins, TuxSuite, and [LAVA](#) to create a comprehensive end-to-end development, integration, test, and release infrastructure.

- Validates TrustedFirmware.org builds on Member hardware located in a centralized hardware lab
- Integrated ECLAIR MISRA test suites / Static Analysis tooling assuring high-quality codebases and providing formal compliance jumpstarts
- Currently leveraged by TF-M, TF-A, Mbed TLS and Hafnium, with additional TrustedFirmware supported projects planned





# Open CI Additional Features



## Additional features of Open CI:

- Integrates different System Specifications, interfaces, architectures
- Supports a Trusted Boot Chain composed of a multi-stage boot process
- Supports TrustZone and the isolation of critical security functions such as secure boot code and cryptographic operations
- Provides facilities for Secure Debugging
- Facilitates the foundation for Security Certifications as required in the marketplace
- Support for multiple Arm Architectures and multiple toolchains

**All the above**, while providing an efficient software development and validation environment that supports a community centric software development environment

# Open CI Additional Features cont'd



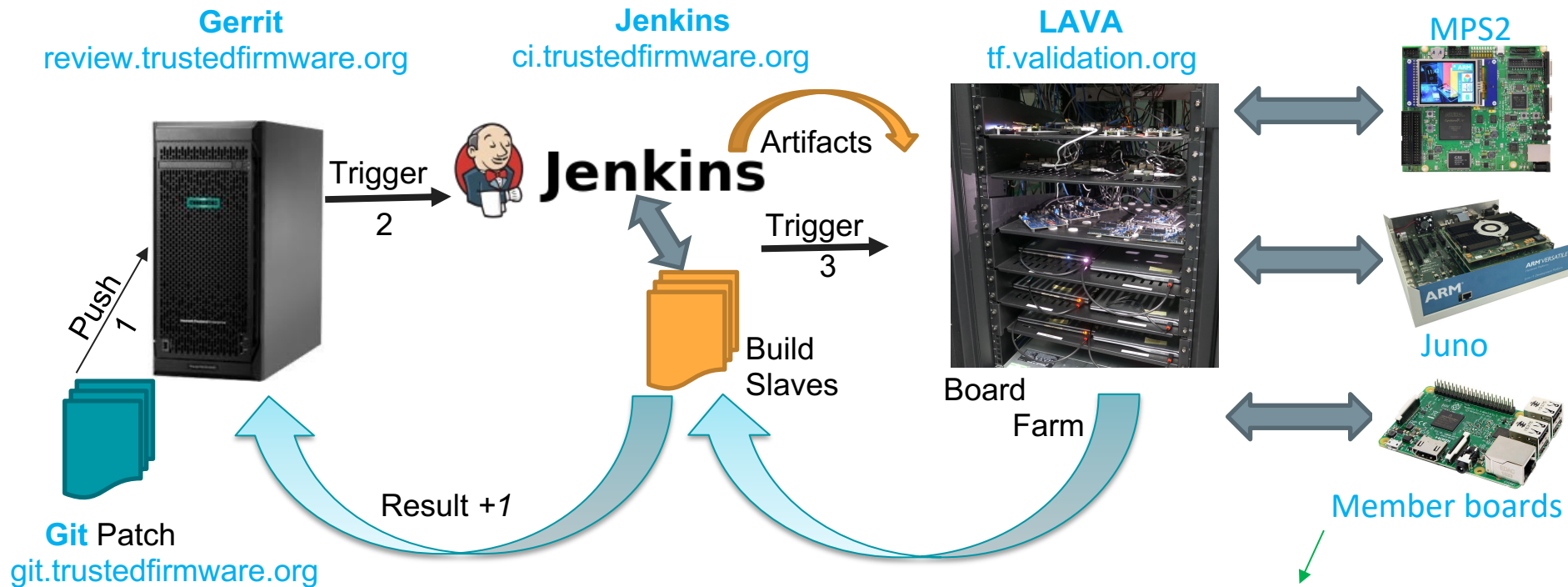
## Additional features of Open CI:

- Hardware validation lab additional details:
  - Leverages LAVA for validation of software updates on member hardware
    - Code update regression testing /validation prior to final review and merge
  - Validates code updates on multiple toolchains and hundreds of unique configurations
  - Arm [Fixed Virtual Platform \(FVP\)](#) software emulators leveraged for enhanced validation and test configurations
  - Includes Mbed TLS unit tests validated on multiple OS's



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# Open CI & Board Farm



[https://tf.validation.linaro.org/scheduler/device\\_types](https://tf.validation.linaro.org/scheduler/device_types)

# Adopt Trusted Firmware to build your next secure platform

FY23 results

**250+**

Unique  
Contributors

Trusted Firmware  
Projects

**12**

LOC Deltas

**+300K+**  
**-100K+**

**40+**

Companies  
contributing

**15+**

Number of Major  
Releases

**8**

Number of  
Member Platforms  
in Open CI

Open CI Tests per  
Year

**5M+**



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# TrustedFirmware.org Projects Summaries

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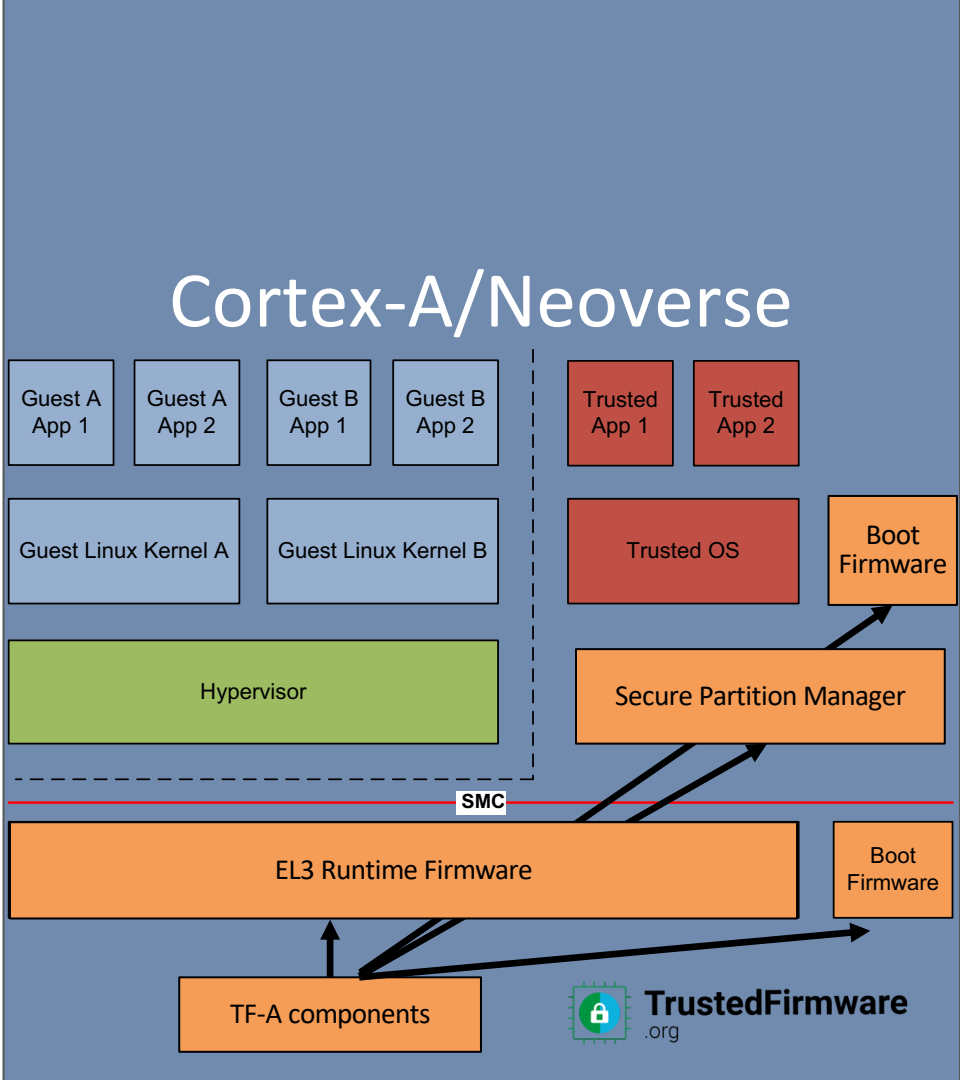
# Trusted Firmware-A

<https://trustedfirmware-a.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Secure world reference software for all Arm Cortex-A & Neoverse processors across all market segments.

Trusted boot flow and runtime firmware providing standard implementation of Arm specifications:

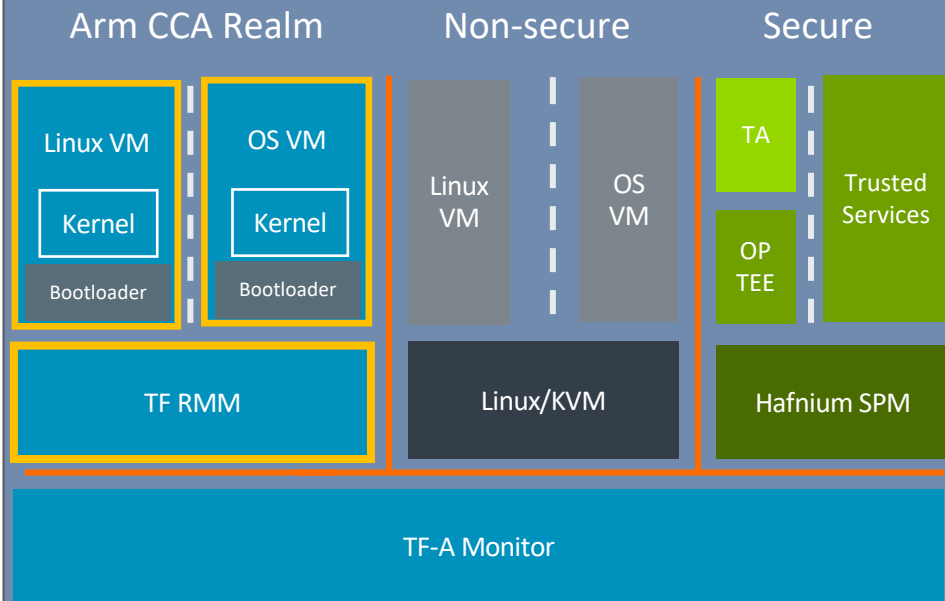
- SMC CC (Secure Monitor Call Calling Convention)
- TBBR (Trusted Board Boot Requirements)
- PSCI (Power State Coordination Interface)
- SCMI (System Control & Management Interface)
- FF-A (Firmware Framework for A-Profile)



# TF-RMM (Arm CCA)

Reference implementation of the Arm Realm Management Monitor (RMM) [specification](#) for the Arm Confidential Compute Architecture (Arm CCA)

- Enhanced security isolation
- Flexible workload isolation
- Reduced attack surface



# TF-A-Tests

<https://trustedfirmware-a-tests.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

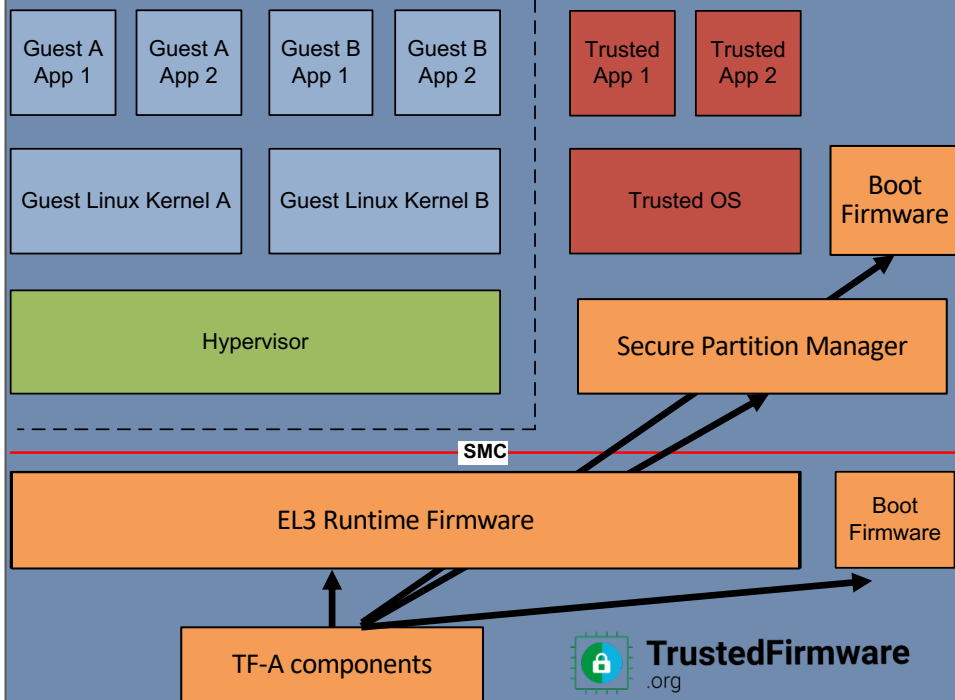
A suite of bare-metal functional tests to exercise TF-A features from the Normal World, without dependencies on a Rich OS

Provides a strong basis for TF-A developers to validate their own platform ports and add their own test cases, interacting with TF-A through its SMC interface

Features currently tested include:

- SMC Calling Convention
- Power State Coordination Interface (PSCI)
- Software Delegated Exception Interface (SDEI)
- Performance Measurement Framework (PMF)
- Trusted Board Boot Requirements (TBBR)
- Secure Partition Manager (SPM)
- ... and more!

## Cortex-A/Neoverse



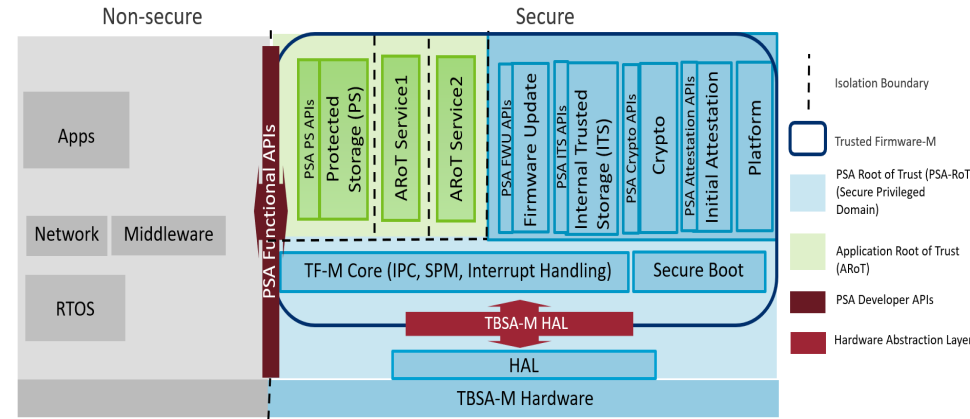


# Trusted Firmware-M

Implements the Secure Processing Environment (SPE) for Armv8-M, Armv8.1-M architectures. It is the platform security architecture reference implementation aligning with PSA Certified guidelines.

Consists of Secure Boot and a set of Secure Services such as Secure Storage, Crypto, Attestation, Firmware update. For Applications accessible via PSA Functional APIs.

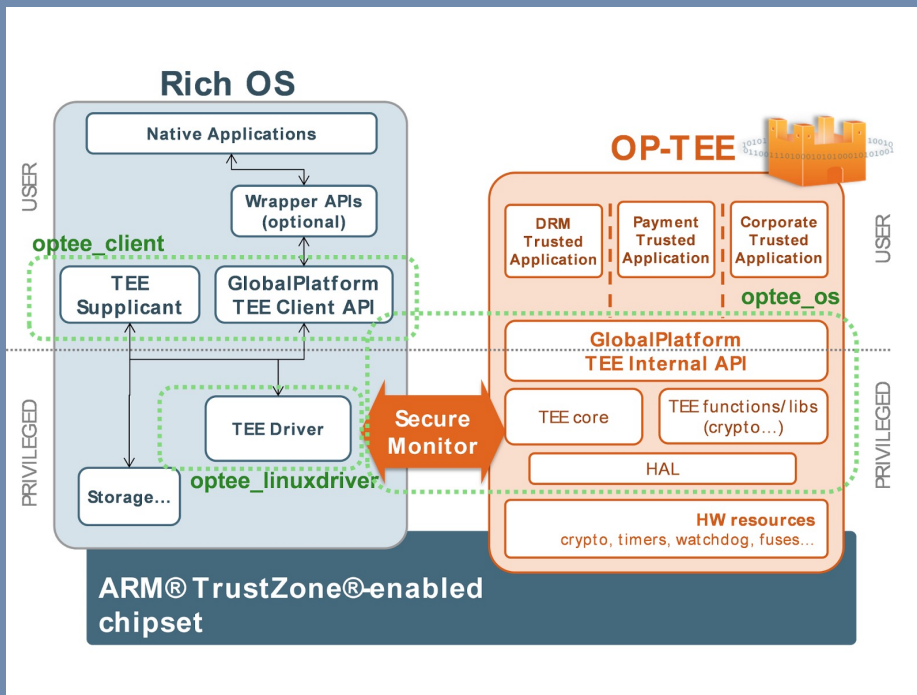
## Cortex-M



# OP-TEE

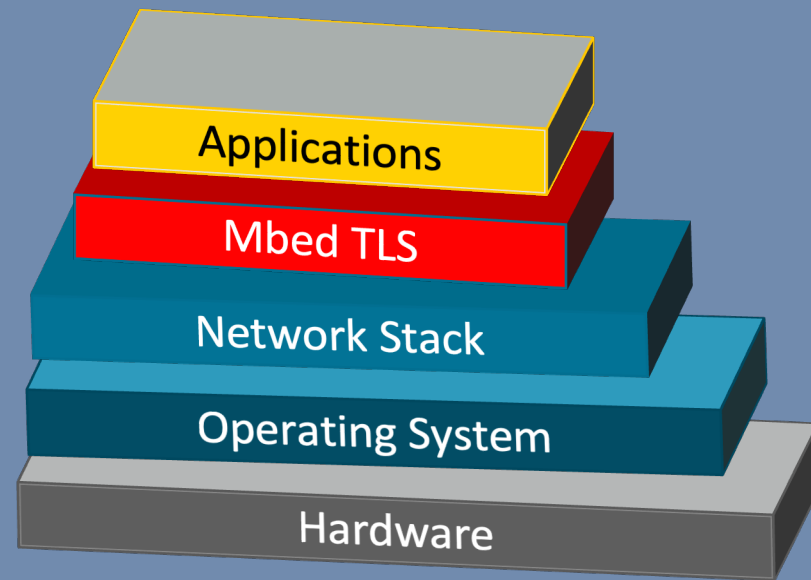
A reference implementation of the Open Portable Trusted Execution Environment (OP-TEE) designed as companion to a non-secure Linux kernel running on Arm Cortex-A cores using the TrustZone technology.

Implements [TEE Internal Core API](#) and [TEE Client API](#) as defined in the [GlobalPlatform API](#) specifications.



# Mbed TLS

- Portable, highly modular, easy-to-use TLS and X.509 library
- Extensively used in various market segments
- Distributed under Apache2.0 License
- Components –
  - Cryptography
  - Protocol (TLS, DTLS)
  - Certificates (X.509, PKI)
- PSA Crypto (Mbed Crypto), derived from Mbed TLS library, brings together Crypto primitives and makes them available via PSA Crypto APIs
- PSA Crypto also support driver interfaces to integrate with Secure Elements and Crypto Accelerators



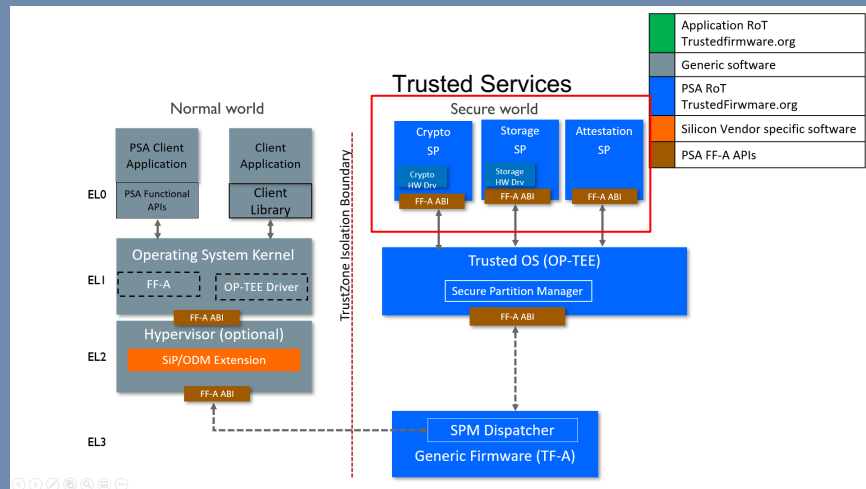
# Trusted Services

- Framework to develop Security related Services for enhanced device security and a standardize security approach across platforms

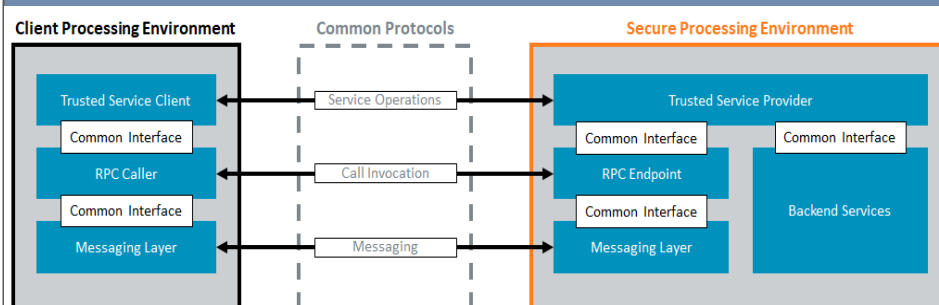
- Deployable over a range of Isolated Processing Environments (e.g., Secure EL0 Partitions under OP-TEE, Secure Partition under Hafnium.)

- Applications access Trusted Services for Security Operations via standardized service layer

- Includes Platform Security Architecture (PSA) Trusted Services for Cryptography, Storage and Attestation and other Secure Services



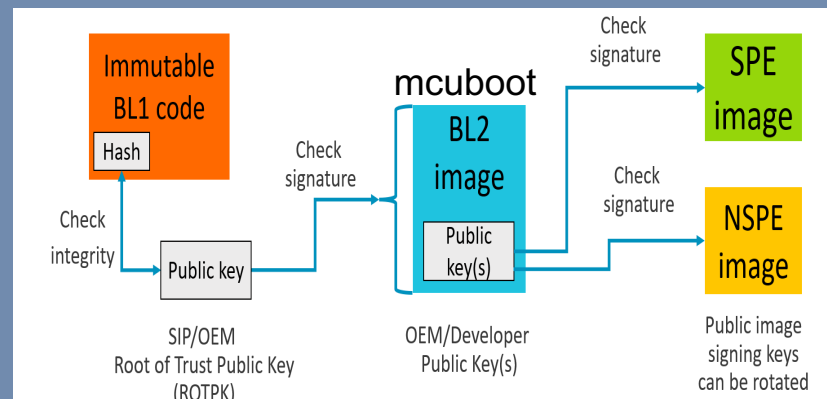
## Layered Model Of Trusted Services



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# MCUboot

- Secure bootloader for 32 bit microcontrollers
- Widely deployed secure boot solution
- Define a common infrastructure for the bootloader, system flash layout on microcontroller systems
- Enables simple software upgrades
- Used as BL2 bootloader in TF-M
- MCUboot is operating system and hardware independent and provides a hardware abstraction layer.



TF-M Boot flow



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The background is a dark blue field filled with binary code (0s and 1s). A stylized globe is centered, showing continents in a lighter blue. Overlaid on the globe is a large, dark grey shield with a metallic texture and a keyhole in the center. Several circular icons are scattered around: some contain a padlock (both locked and unlocked), and others show a laptop. Lines connect some of these icons, suggesting a network or data flow.

# Thank you

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