Remote Attestation & Formal Methods: **The Bigger Picture** Prof. Ian Oliver University of Oulu, Finland

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- This is the story of how we got here
- Formal Methods + Attestation
-what's the BIGGER picture



- UML Semantics

- UML for Telecommunications

- HW/SW Co-design

− B → Bluespec → SystemVerilog → FPGA/ASIC

- Graph DB/Semantic Web systems

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- Basically I spent all my time integrating systems
- "Verticals applications"

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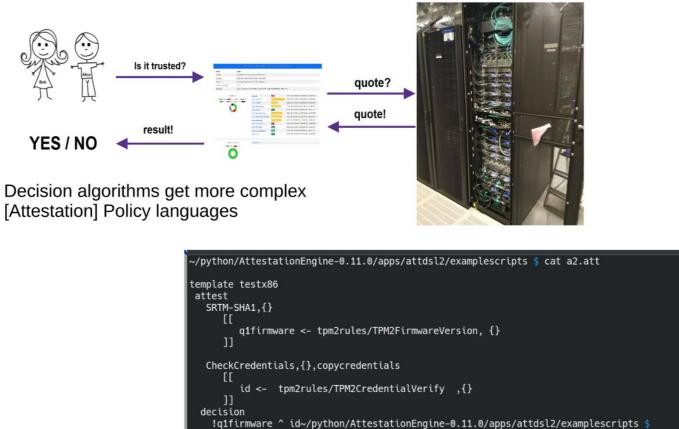


- Identity and integrity of a device/container/system
- Attestable, Trustable, Trustworthy, Trusted
- Integration of attestation into a system
- Establishment of trustworthiness (and whatever that means!)
- <u>NOT</u>, about TPM (just one component in the confidential computing concept)

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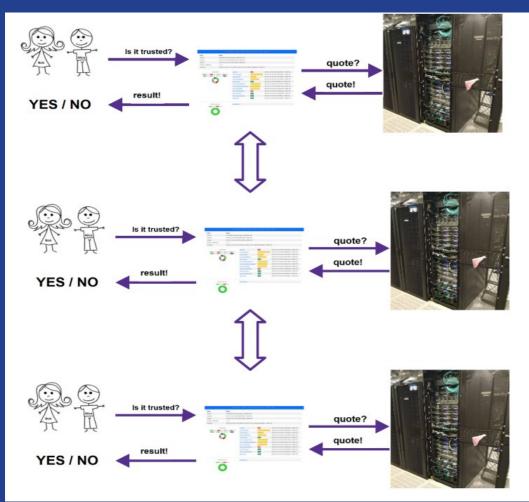
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I have a good story about this....

Attesting Telcosystems



- Distributed vs Parallel
 - Not load balancing
- Attestation Server communication protocols
- Consistency
- Consistency (via database)
- Consensus (blockchain?)
- Edge, Far-Edge, Remote Devices & latency
- cf: railways
 - UDP and unreliable transport
 - failure to attest != failure of attestation

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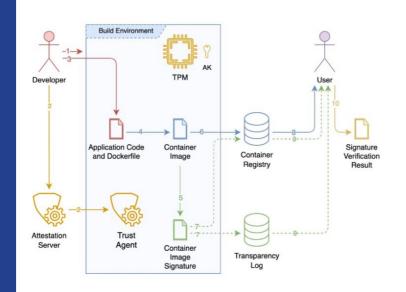
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- And, do you actually know it?

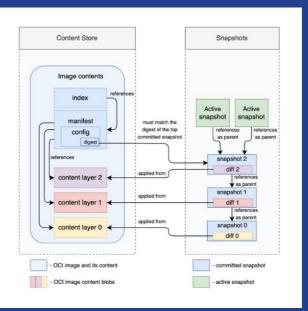




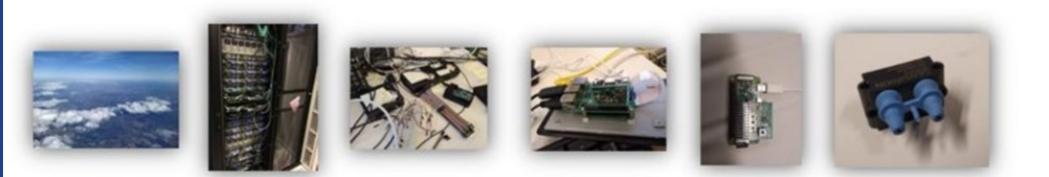
Not just TPMs

- Containers too...Kubernetes....yay!
- Lifecycle: start, stop, migrate etc...
- Process calculi, Model checking (eg: Alloy)









VNFs, VM Images, Containers, Clouds, Core, Edge, MEC, IoT, Sensors

Attestable? Trustable?

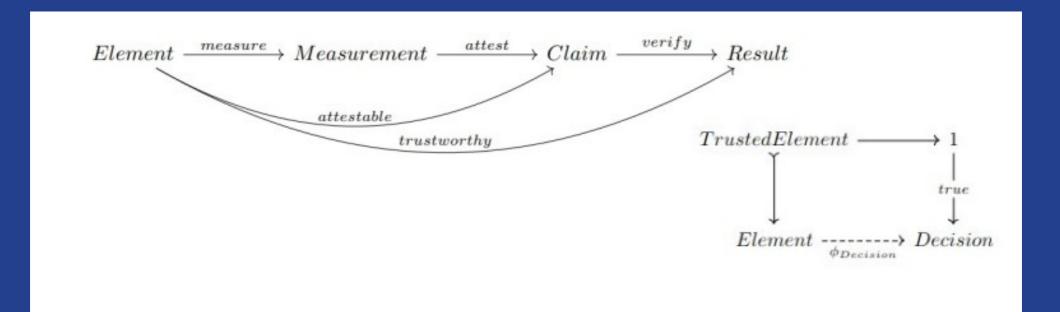
Adjectives...trustable to trusted?

Belief logics Modality and agency Many worlds, probability, superposition, dirac notation and quantum trust....

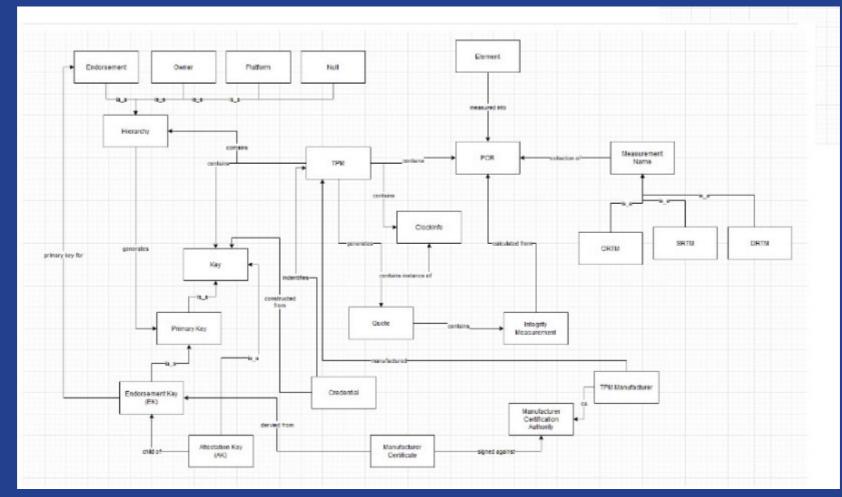
Or...is the famous cat trusted before you open the box? And if it isn't, so what?



它 Elements to Results



What attestable things?



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Typical 5G Core Trust Requirements

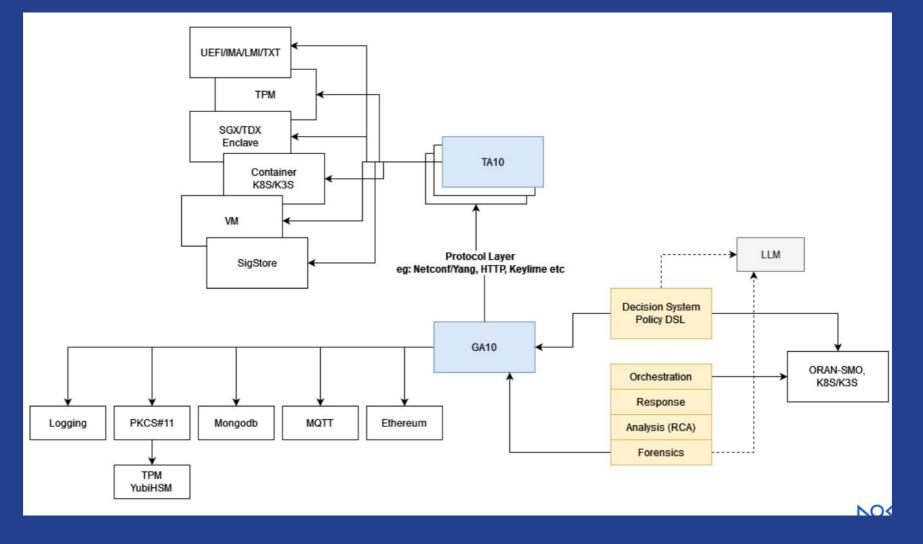
- Container Image
- Container Instances
- Machine(s) with TPM
- Kubernetes Cluster (workload management)
- Kubernetes Management and Orchestration
- SGX, TDX, CCA, Bare Metal, TrustZone
- Enclaved processes / containers
- Network Connections (attested TLS, in and out of enclaves)
- Distributed elements: gNB --
- Cients (SIM,eSIM devices, apps: Android etc)
- OSS/BSS, Customer Networks, MVNOs, Breakout etc.
- Confidentiality Requirements (shared gNB in ORAN)

More to say about this later.....ORAN and the Grand Challenge

Attesting things with Jane (and Tarzan)

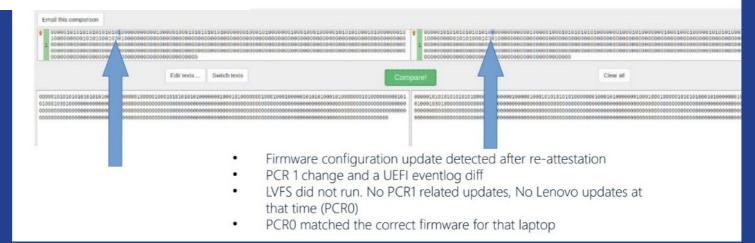
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- Story of real-world research, deployment and experiences
- Attestable things
- Ontologies



- Library of Interoperable and composable specifications
- Abstaction of attest and trust
- Supply-chain, run-time and life-cycle specifications

Grand Challenge: ORAN/NFV

