



Uptane: Open Source Summit Japan

Securing Software Updates and Supply Chains on Connected Vehicles

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Agenda

- *What Uptane is, what it does, and how it works*
- *Uptane prevents or deflects specific attacks*
- *Fundamental security assumptions and best practices*
- **Break**
- *International standards and national and regional regulations*
- *Emerging critical issues*
- *Closing thoughts*

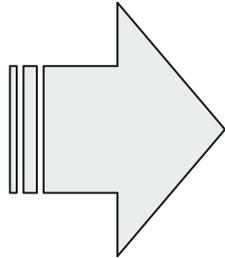
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What Uptane is, What it Does and How it Works



Who Cares about Hacking Cars?

2015: Guys in tracksuits



Present: Attackers with nation-state level resources



Attacker Goals

Read the contents of updates to discover confidential information, reverse-engineer firmware, or identify security fixes to determine the fixed security vulnerability.

Deny installation of updates to prevent vehicles from fixing software problems.

Disrupt ECUs in the vehicle, denying use of the vehicle or of certain functions.

Control ECUs within the vehicle, and possibly the vehicle itself.





Uptane Goals

- Prevent known attacks on software update systems
- Provide compromise resilience and security by design
- Minimize damage from a compromised signing key or repository



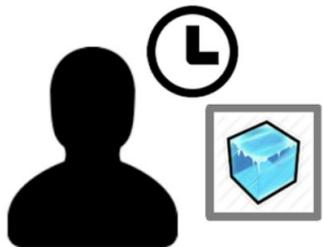


Separation of Roles



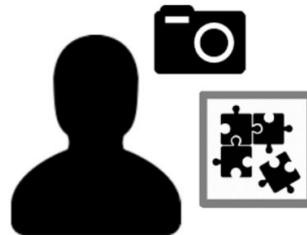
Root

(Root of Trust)



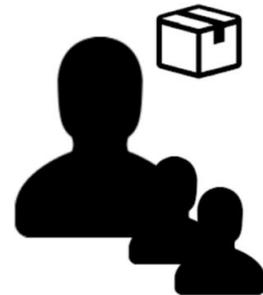
Timestamp

(Freshness)



Snapshot

(Consistency)



Targets

(Authenticity)



Offline and Online Keys on Repos both fail

The OEM needs to tell ECUs which software is authentic and should be installed

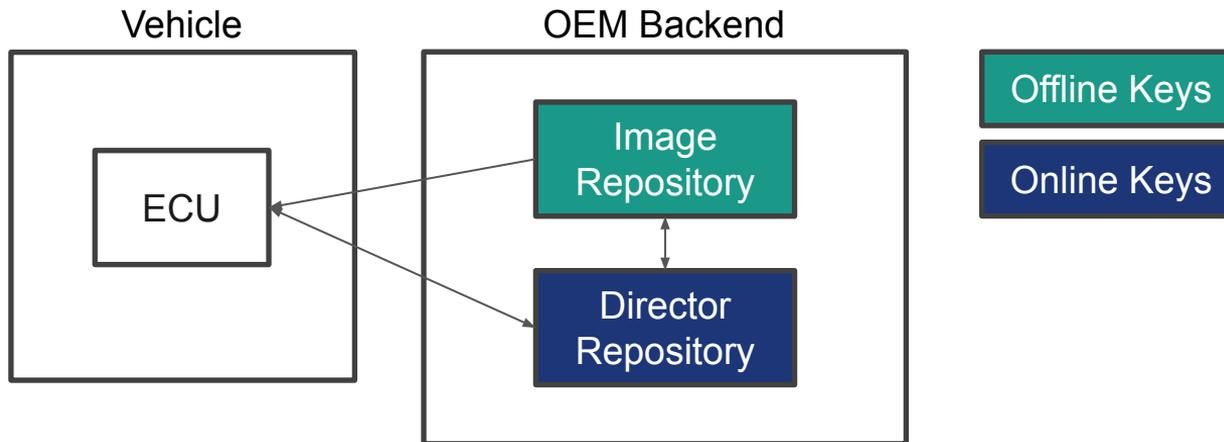
If the keys for authenticity are kept **online** (on the repository, even in a HSM, etc.):

- A repository hack compromises all users

If the keys that instruct what software to install are **offline** (e.g., Yubikey kept in a locked desk drawer):

- It is completely unusable, because the key needs to be used repeatedly.

Offline and Online Keys



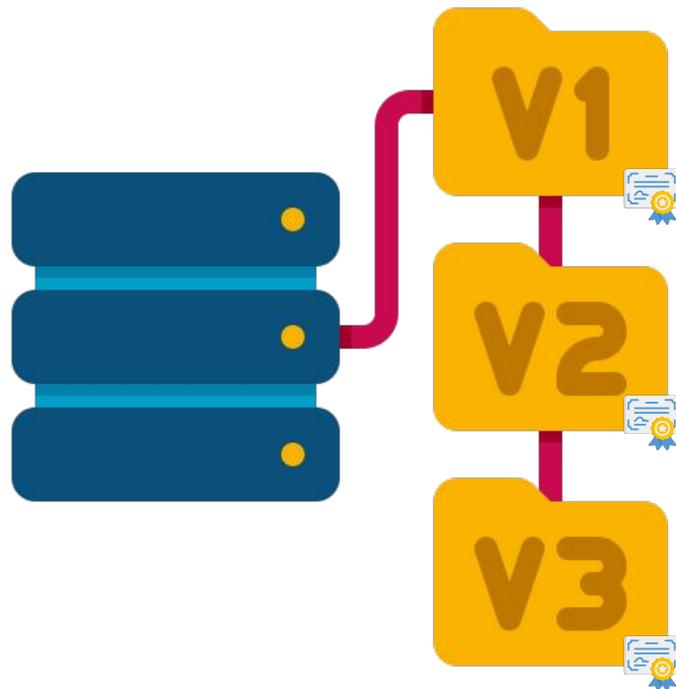
Uptane uses two repositories to provide OEMs with both **security** and **flexibility**!



Image Repository

Authenticity of software images

- 1) Human managed
- 2) Offline keys
- 3) Infrequent updates
- 4) Provides flexible delegation for image signing





Director Repository

Which software should be installed

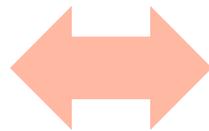
- 1) Automated
- 2) Online Keys
- 3) Frequent Requests
- 4) Generates signed vehicle specific manifest
- 5) Let's OEM control what images are installed
- 6) Works in coordination with a vehicle configuration database





How much work should an ECU do?

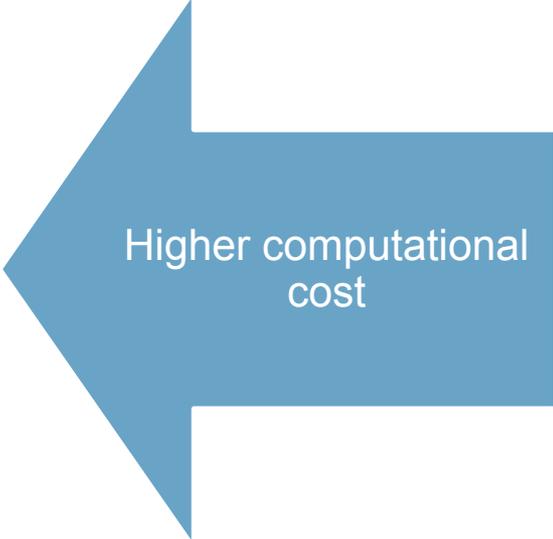
If all ECUs must do a lot
of security verification,
few can be protected



If all ECUs do very little
security verification,
protections are limited



Full Verification of Secondaries



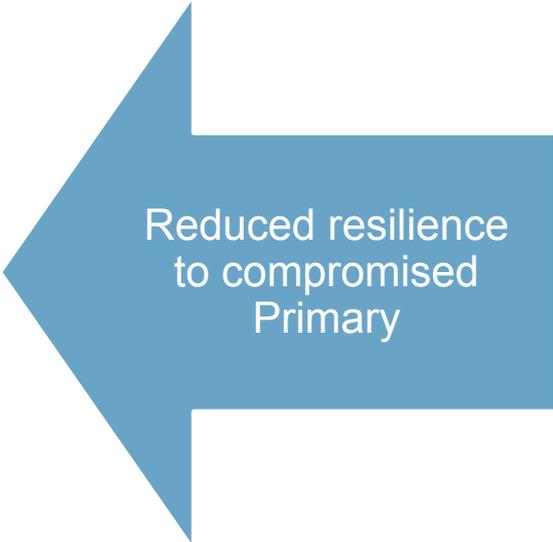
Higher computational
cost



Robust security
resilient to
compromised
Primary



Partial Verification of Secondaries



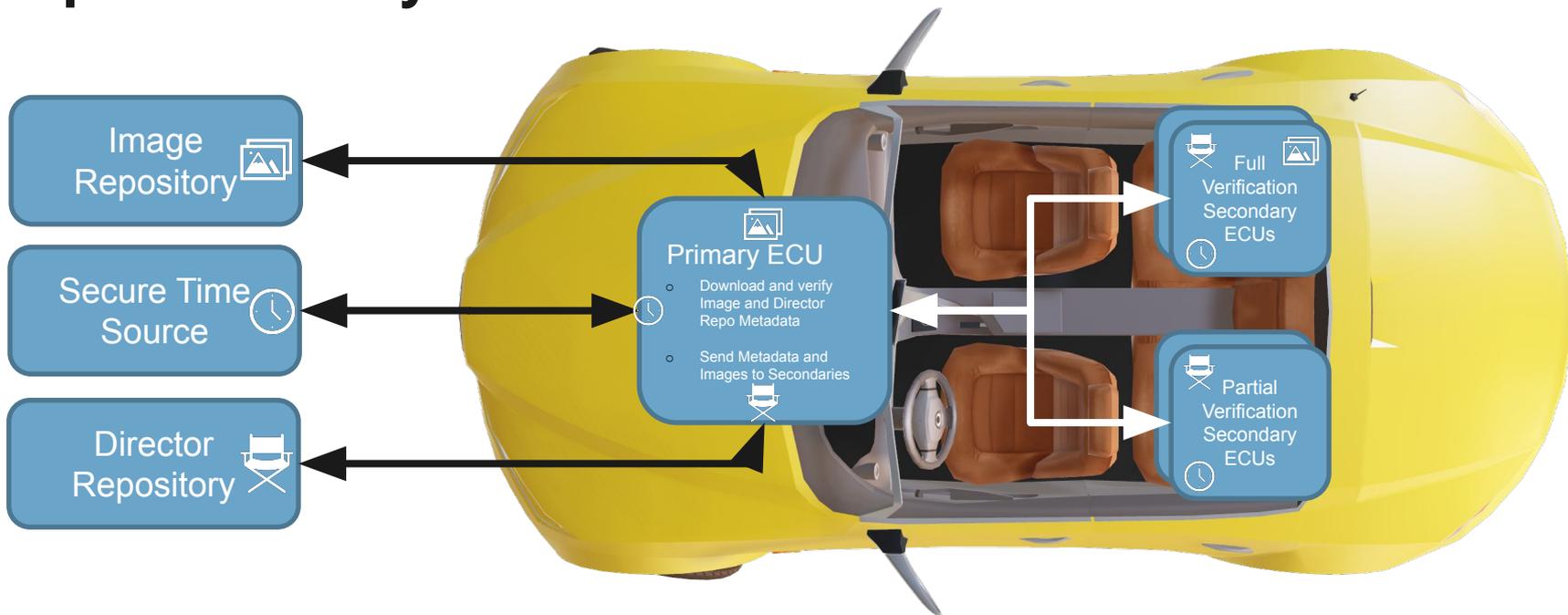
Reduced resilience
to compromised
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Fewer signature
checks for
constrained systems



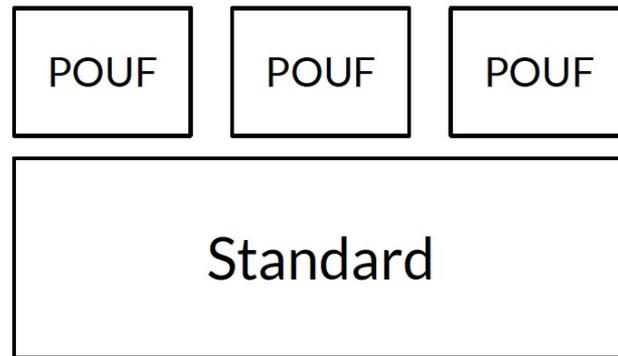
Uptane Ecosystem





Uptane POUFs (Protocols, Operations, Usage, and Formats)

- A profile layer on top of the Uptane Standard
- Allows for interoperable Uptane implementations
- Describes an implementation
 - Choices made from the Uptane Standard and Deployment Considerations
 - Networking information, file storage and data definitions





PUREs

- Modeled on TAPs from The Update Framework
- A formal method for the community to propose additions or modifications of the Uptane Standard
- Two PUREs approved to date



Proposed Uptane Revisions and Enhancements (PUREs)

Accepted

- [PURE 1: Title: PURE Purpose and Guidelines](#)
- [PURE 2: Title: Offline Updates](#)

Draft

Rejected

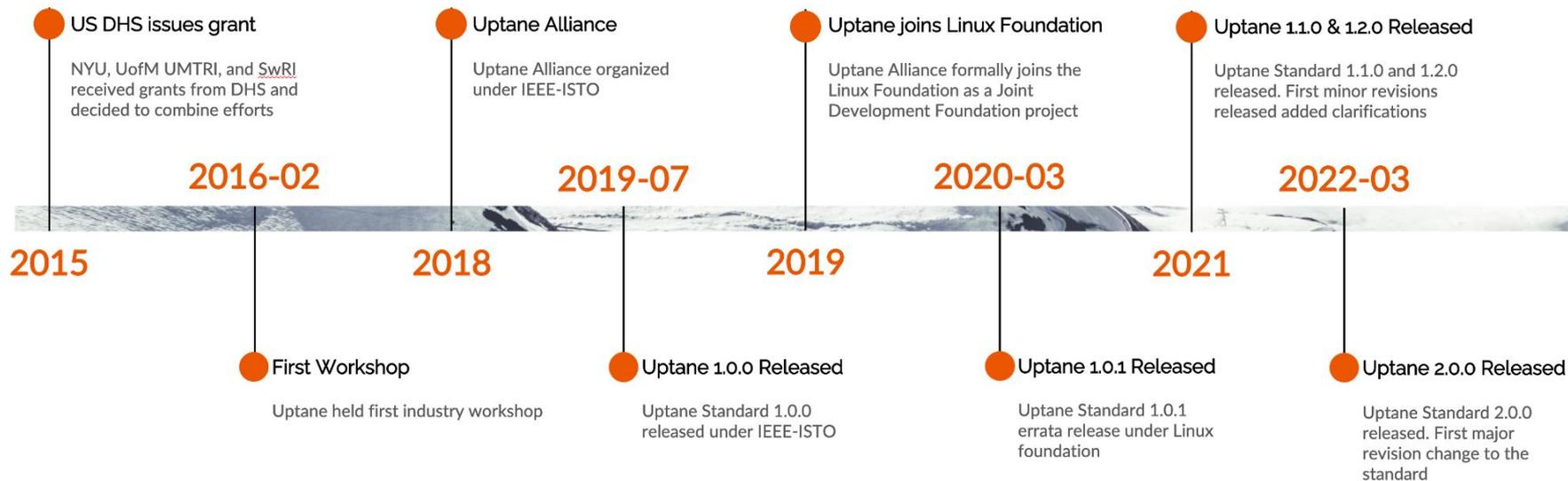
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Timeline for Uptane Development

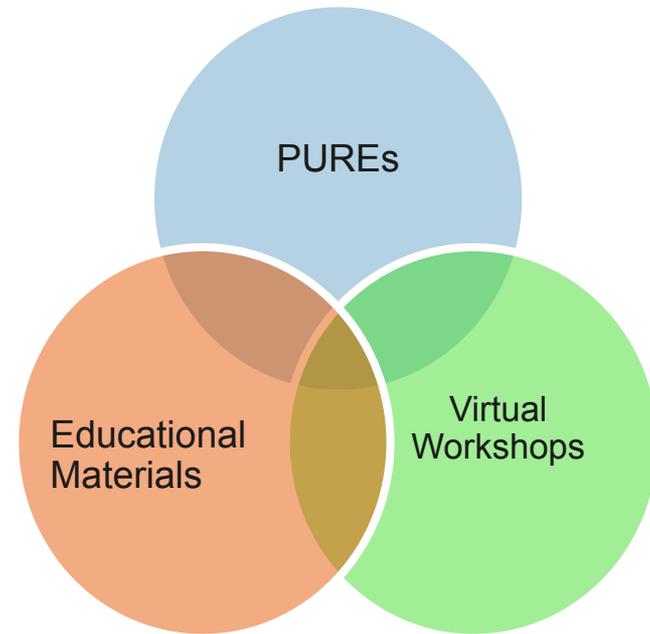




Outreach Beyond Standards

Recent Uptane initiatives in addition to issuing Standards:

- Establishing policy for accepting proposed contributions to the Standard (PUREs)
- Publishing whitepapers, videos, and tutorials to address new or emerging areas of concern in cybersecurity
- Sharing Uptane stories across borders



Uptane Mitigates Specific Attacks





Uptane protects against four categories of attacks

- Read updates
- Deny updates
- Deny functionality
- Loss of control



Freeze Attack

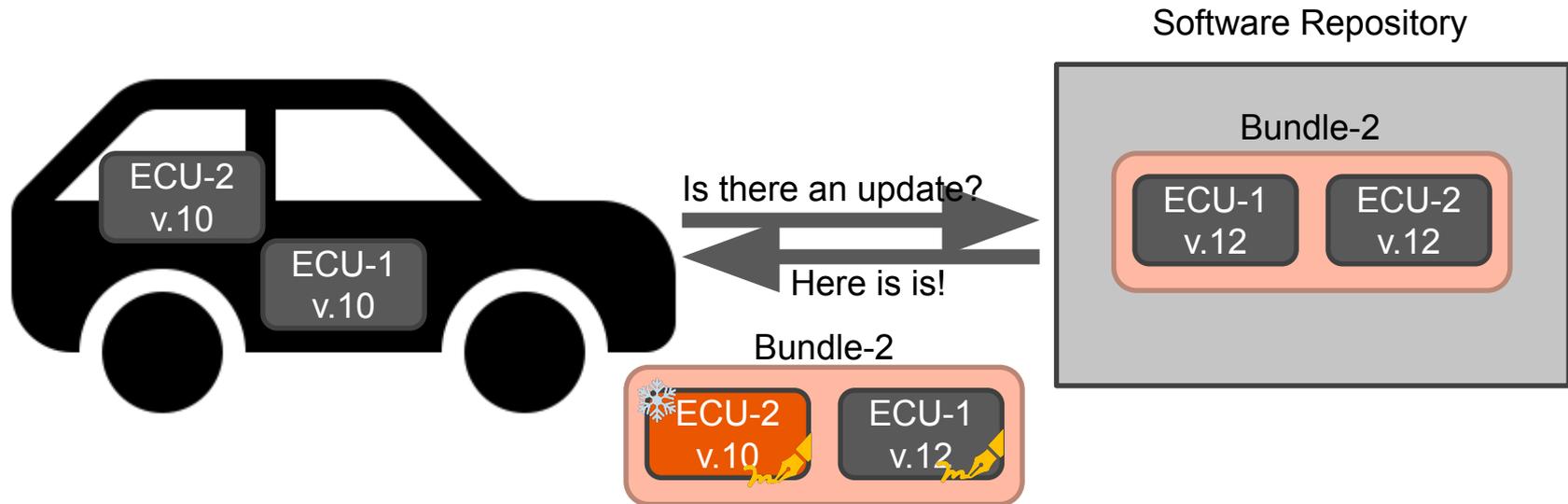




Uptane Protections: Freeze Attack

- The Timestamp metadata includes a timestamp with a short expiration date
- Vehicle can detect that the timestamp is invalid

Partial Freeze Attack





Uptane Protections: Partial Freeze Attack

- Snapshot metadata lists all current targets metadata
- Timestamp signs digest of snapshot



Rollback Attack



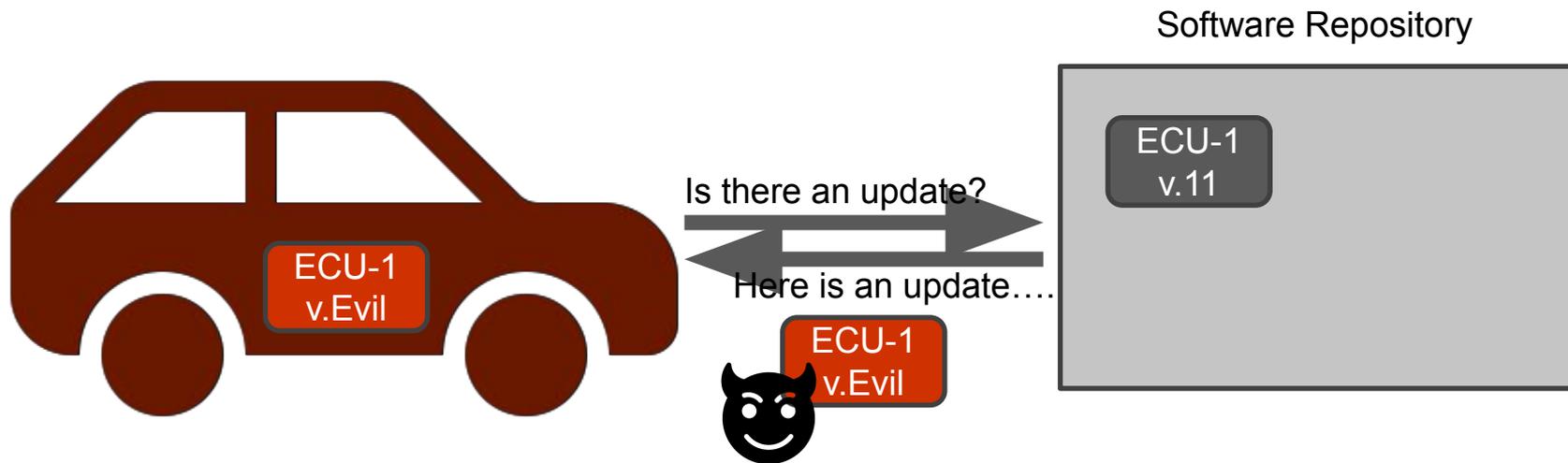


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- Vehicle checks that all versions numbers are strictly increasing



Arbitrary Software Attack



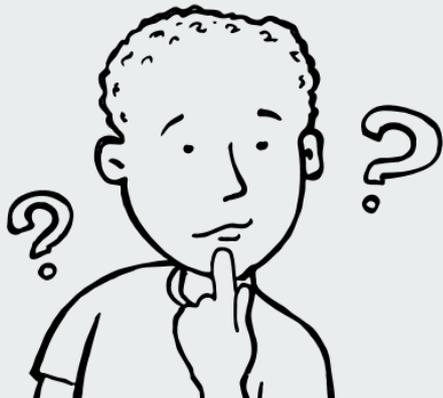


Uptane Protections: Arbitrary Software Attack

- Targets metadata signs the contents of all updates
- Signed by both repositories
 - Image repository uses offline keys
 - Director repository directs updates



Uptane Community Considers Additional Device Security Issues

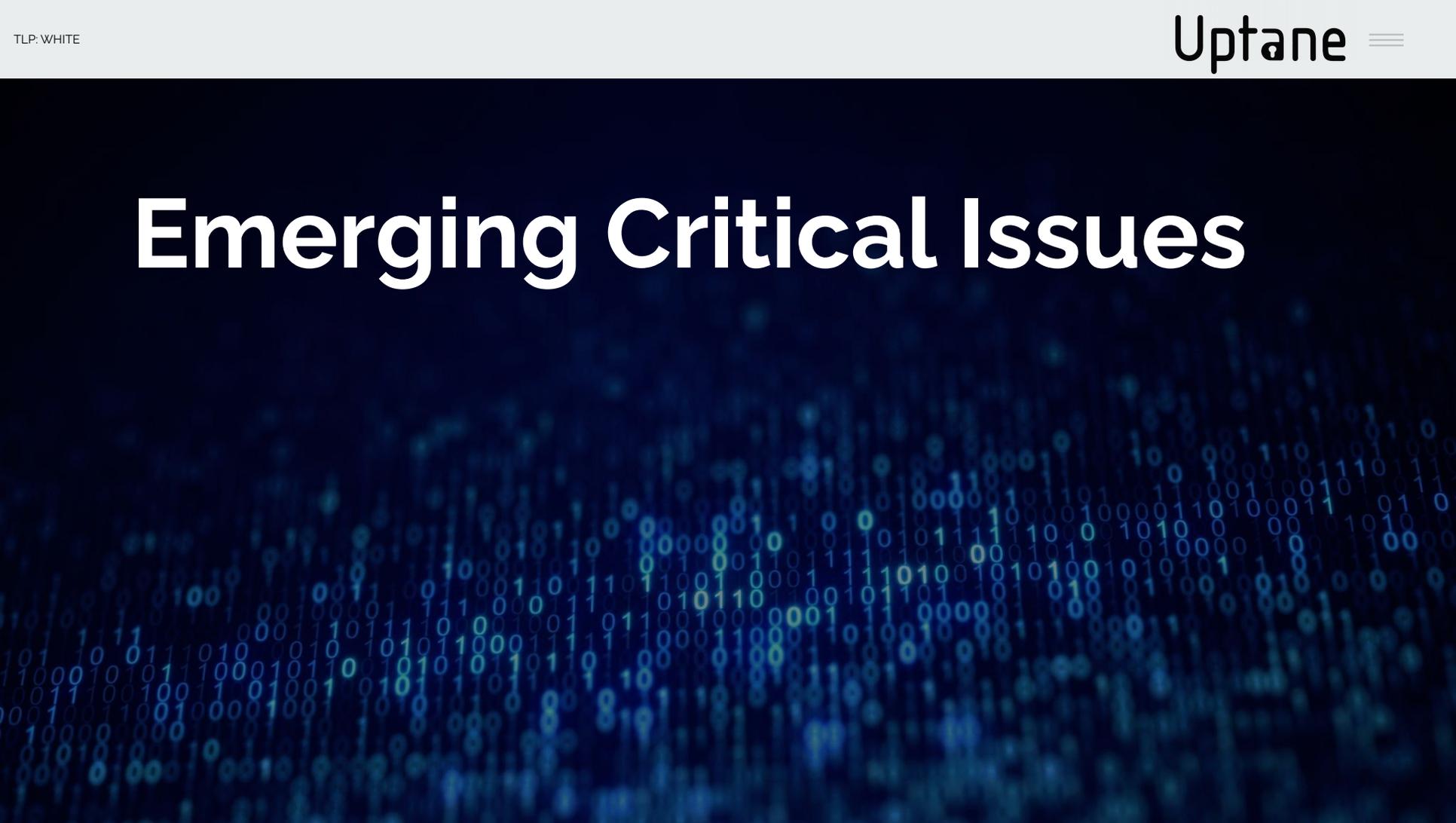


- 1) Securing interfaces
- 2) Choosing strong crypto algorithms
- 3) Ensuring entropy
- 4) Protecting keys
- 5) Preventing data leaks
- 6) Securing the time source

Break

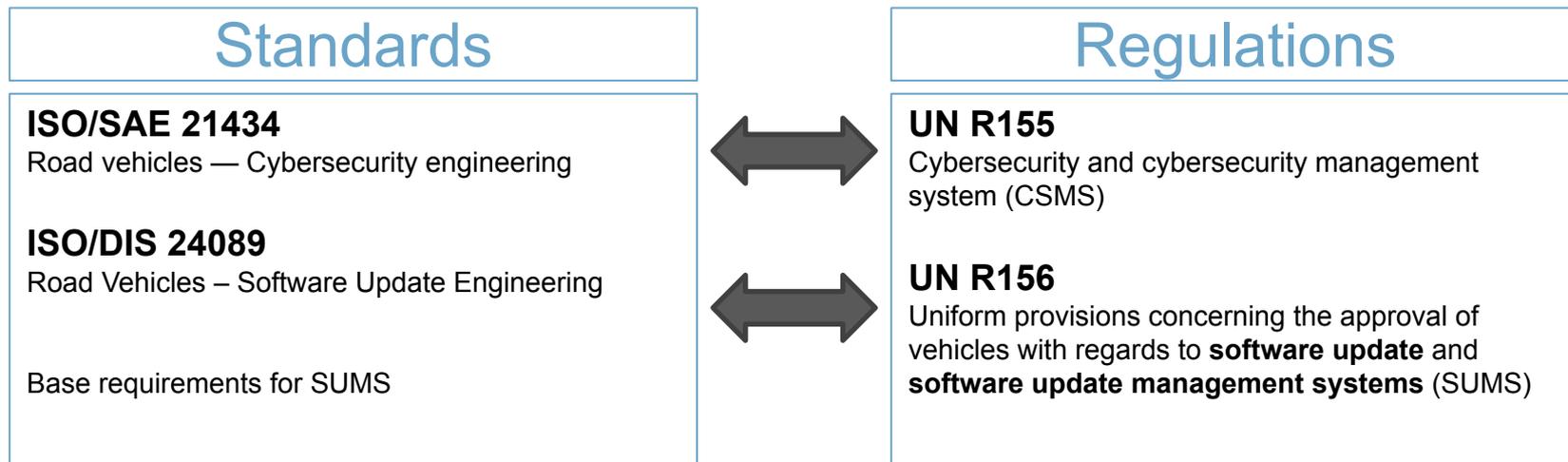


Emerging Critical Issues





Alignment with Standards and Regulations





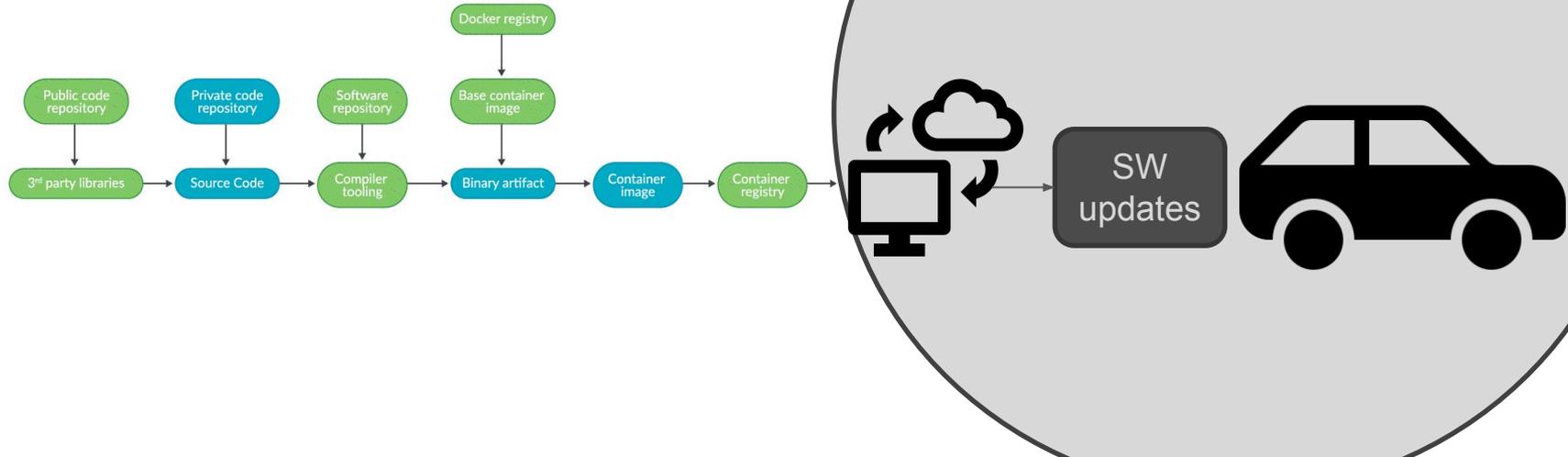
Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

SBOM is a nested inventory of software components

SBOMs are a key building block in software supply chain security

Auto-ISAC is creating a best practice document about automotive SBOMs

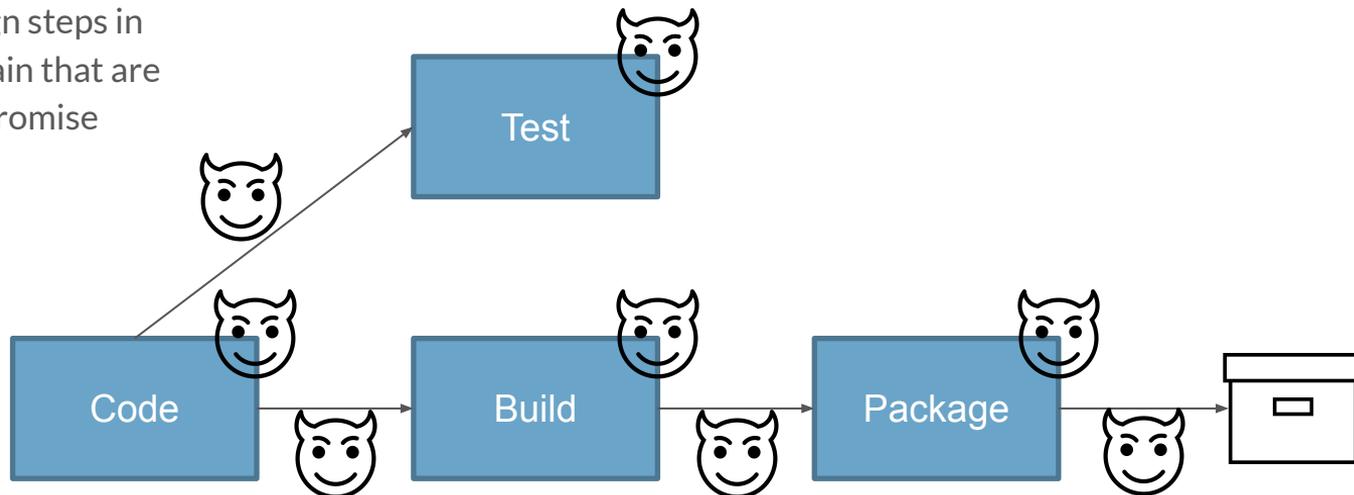
Uptane is the Last Link in the Software Supply Chain





Securing the Software Supply Chain

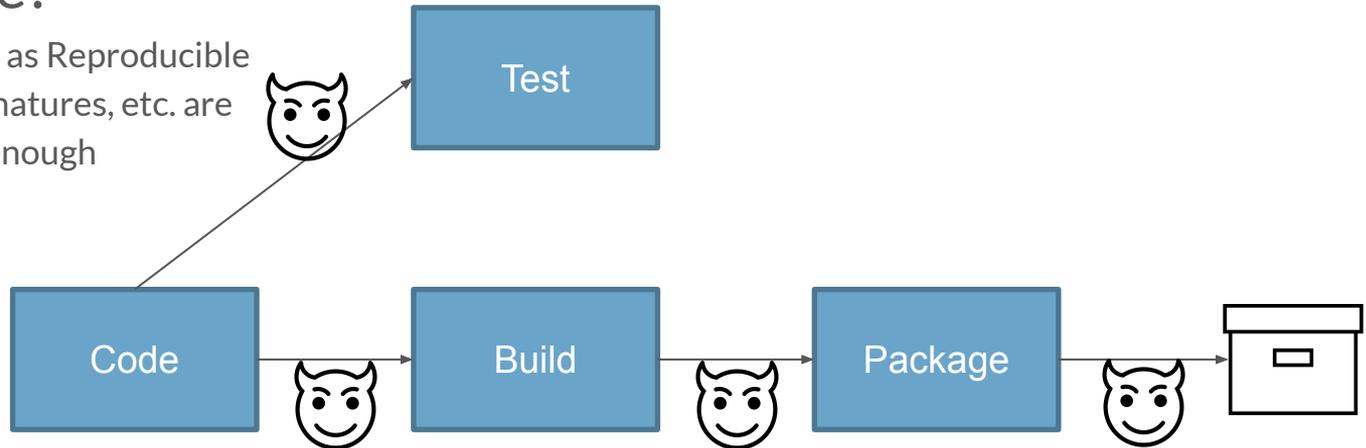
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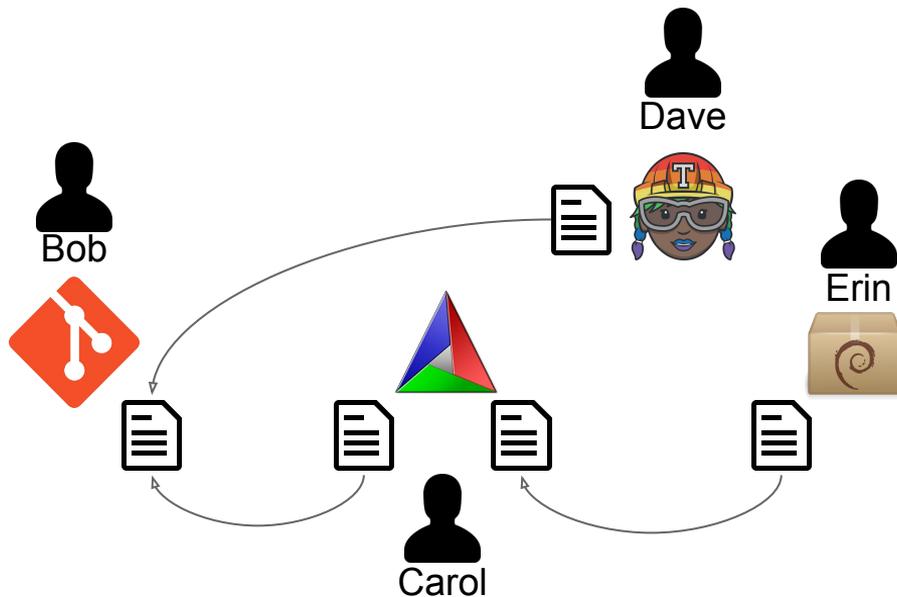




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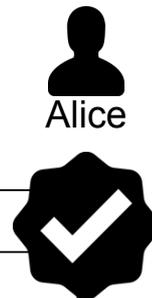
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in-toto -- Links -- Signed evidence for each step

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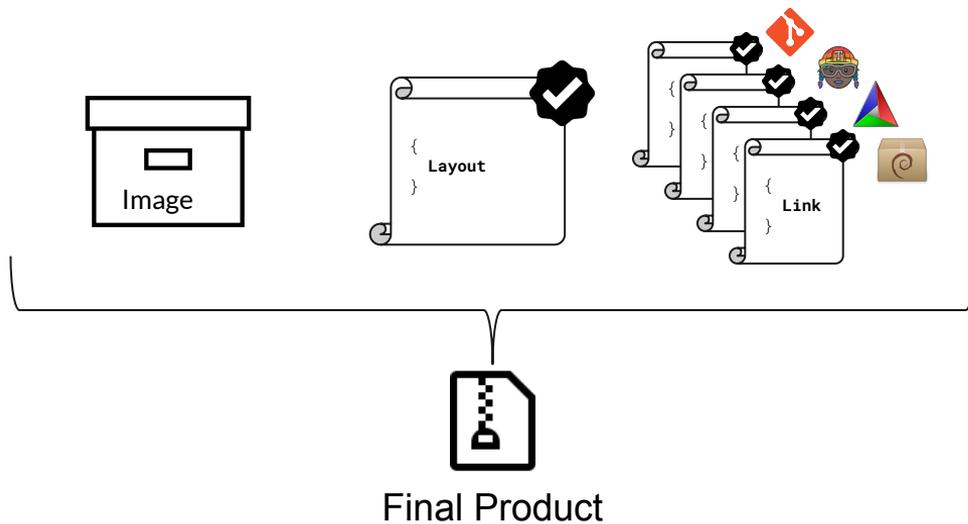


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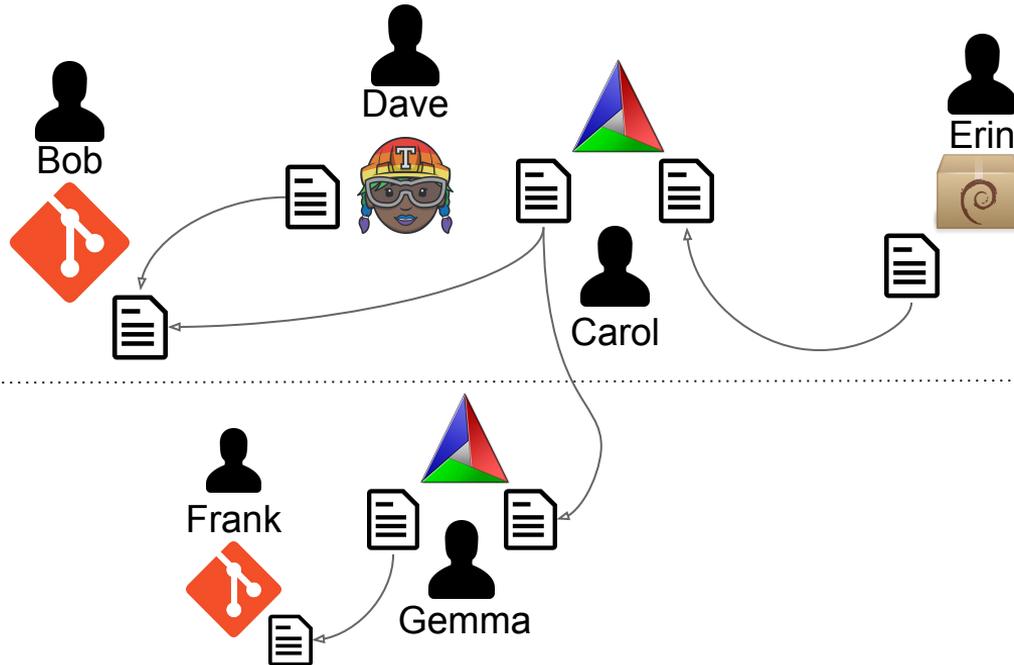


in-toto Verification

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$ in-toto-verify --layout <layout> --key <pub key>
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What about vendor supply chains?





in-toto Integrations and Adoptions





Scudo = in-toto + Uptane

- Securely distributing metadata for all images before installation
- Identifying ECU responsibilities for in-toto verification on vehicles
- Providing support for vehicles with constrained ECUs
- Supporting vendor supply chains

Uptane Adoptions Outside Automotive



Add Content

Closing Thoughts





Conclusions

- At this time, the Uptane Standard is mature and has been deployed in real-world systems.
- Uptane can be used to guide to develop and deploy secure SOTA.
- Using some Uptane ideas is better than not using them at all.



Conclusions

- Uptane will continue to refine and improve the specification, increasingly focusing on motivation and education
 - Mapping of threats to Uptane modules/requirements to understand what individual Uptane modules/requirements contribute to overall system security (similar to a TARA)
 - Provide strategies to transition from existing SOTA systems to Uptane systems (or improve existing systems with ideas from Uptane)
 - Refine guidance in the Deployment Best Practices
 - Focus on aftermarket devices/systems



Uptane Roadmap Planning

1st quarter 2023	2nd quarter 2023	3rd quarter 2023	4th quarter 2023	1st quarter 2024	2nd quarter 2024
Release V.2.1 of Standard and Deployment Best Practices	Hold in-person community meeting (North America)	Hold virtual workshop (Europe)	Release V.2.2 of Standard/ Deployment	Hold virtual community meeting	Release V.3.0.0 of Standard/ Deployment
Release whitepaper on transitioning to Uptane		Release whitepaper on compliance with regulations and standards		Release whitepaper on aftermarket materials	Hold in-person community meeting (North America)
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Please contact us if you are interested to join, contribute and/or learn more:

<https://uptane.github.io/participate.html>



Thank you.



Appendix





Educational Materials

- Whitepapers, Videos, Tutorials, etc.
- Communicating emerging issues in automotive cybersecurity
- Promoting awareness of cybersecurity issues to the automotive community
- Addressing software supply chain issues
- Topics for upcoming whitepapers: Compliance with regulations and standards, Security issues in the use of aftermarket materials, Transitioning to Uptane





Industry Workshops

- Offering virtual workshops to reach a global audience at only a fraction of the cost of in-person meetings
- Effective option for a Covid-impacted world
- Two workshops have already been held, one for North America in May 2020 and another for Europe in September 2021
- Soliciting community input on how and when to hold Industry Workshops



Appendix: Security Assumptions and Best Practices

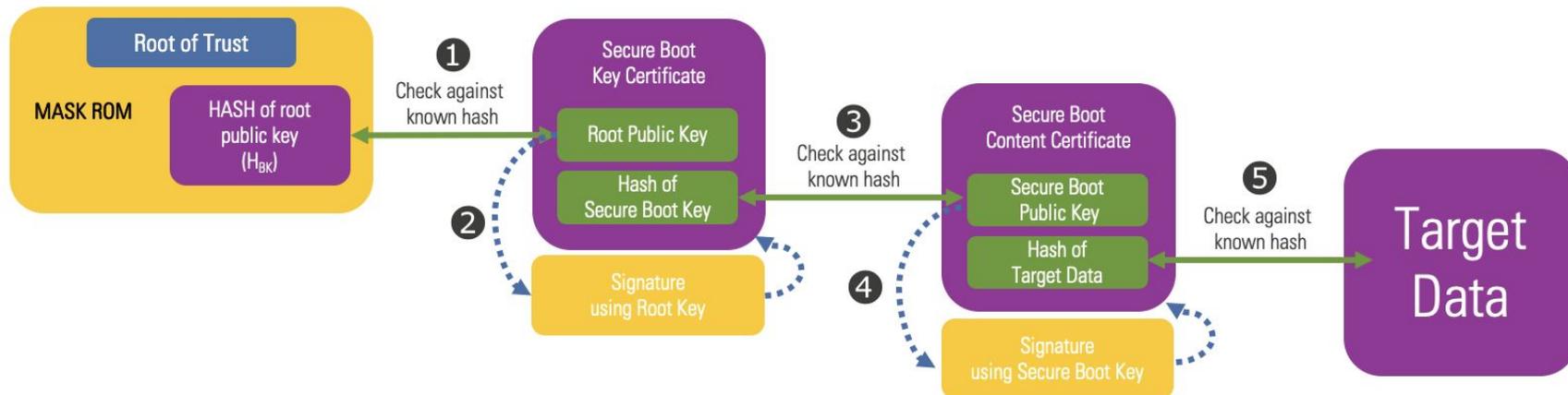


Secure Device Provisioning

How do you initially provision software (including Uptane) on to a device?

- Devices need a mechanism to securely program the initial software and root keys
- Usually root keys are fused in device or are set in OTP flash
- How to protect those keys?

Hardware Assisted Secure Boot



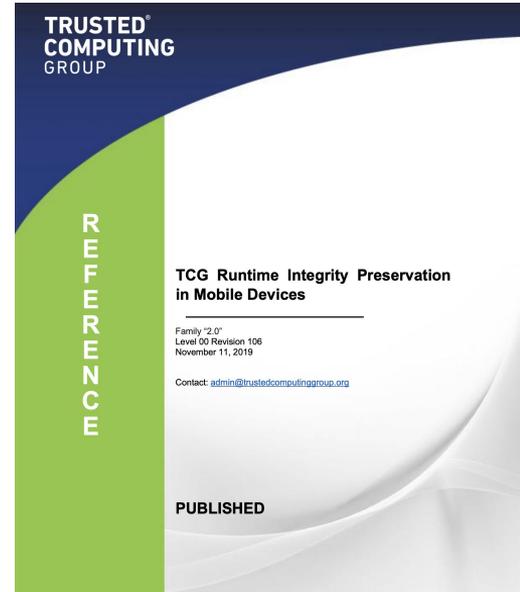
Example Secure Boot Sequence



Hardware Assisted Runtime Integrity

Once secure boot is complete, how to maintain integrity during runtime?

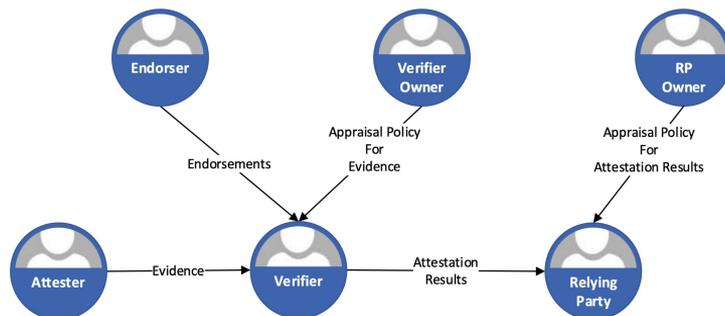
- Runtime integrity tries to answer this question



Hardware Assisted Device Attestation

How to determine when a device can be trusted?

- TCG DICE Attestation Architecture
- IETF Remote Attestation Procedures Architecture (RATS)



Remote Attestation Procedures Architecture
draft-ietf-rats-architecture-22

Status: [IESG evaluation record](#) [IESG writeups](#) [Email expansions](#) [History](#)

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SPECIFICATION

DICE Attestation Architecture

Version 1.00
Revision 0.23
March 1, 2021

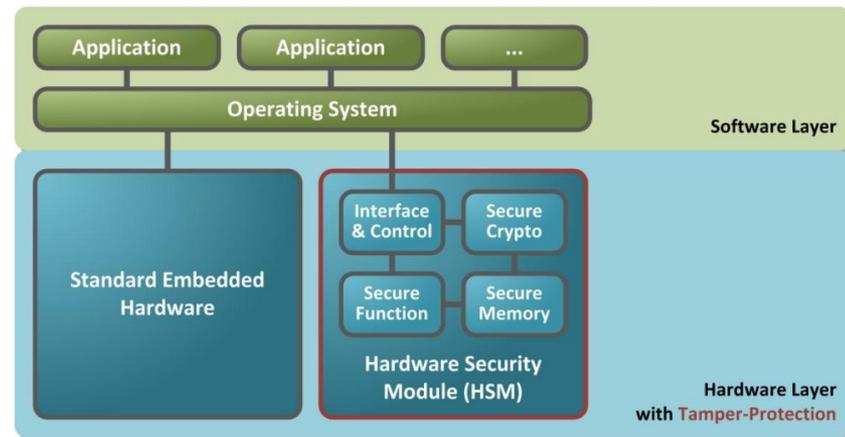
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Hardware Protected Security Environments

- Secure segmentation
- Crypto acceleration
- Secure storage of keys
- Secure boot
- [SAE J3101](#)



ECU Hardening

- Hardware resistance to fault injection attacks
- Secure coding practices to resist FI attacks
- Tamper protection
- Constant time algorithms
- Security testing of update system





Tool Hardening

Make tools unappealing for attackers

- No secret keys in tool
- No secret algorithms in tool
- Authenticate user roles
- Authenticate communication with ECU
- Authenticate communication with backend
- Use end-to-end encryption of binaries (Tool doesn't need the unencrypted binary image)
- Take advantage of certificates





Aftermarket - Current Scenario

Aftermarket companies (think of Mopar and AutoCare) are providing services and equipment that are outside of the OEM sphere

- Following end-of-life support from OEMs
- Adding functionality to a vehicle through aftermarket vendors

Owners/car enthusiasts are customizing cars

- Following the right to repair
- Successfully reverse-engineering
- Configuration adjustments





Concerns

Aftermarket concerns

- Responsibility for component operation
- Integration with existing components

OEM concerns

- Responsibility for safe operation of entire vehicle
 - Including right to repair
 - After end-of-life (minor)
- IP protection

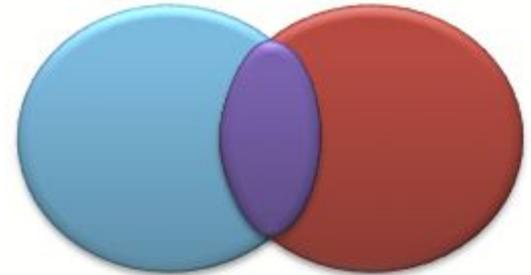
Shared concerns

- Secure the vehicle from both electronic and physical intrusion



Alternatives

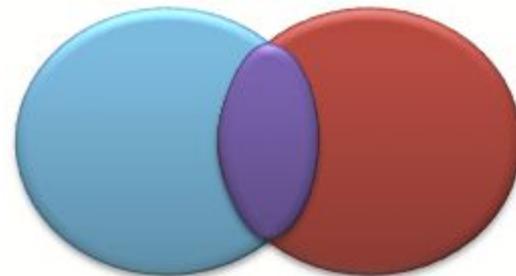
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Next steps

1. Identify/verify concerns of different stakeholders
2. Rank/identify new alternatives
3. Recommend modifications to Uptane standard

Software Supply Chain Security





SBOMs have emerged as key building blocks in software supply chain security

It is a nested inventory, a list of ingredients that make up software artifacts

Regulations like Executive Order 14028 on improving the nation's cybersecurity call for them

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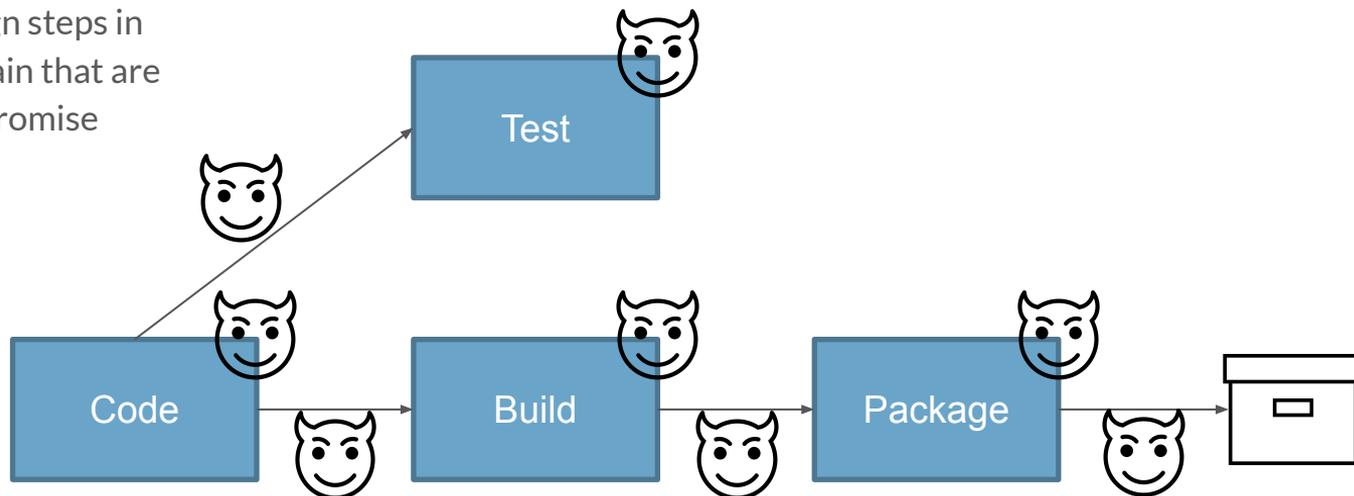
[CISA SBOM-A-RAMA](#)

[NTIA - The Minimum Elements For a Software Bill of Materials \(SBOM\)](#)



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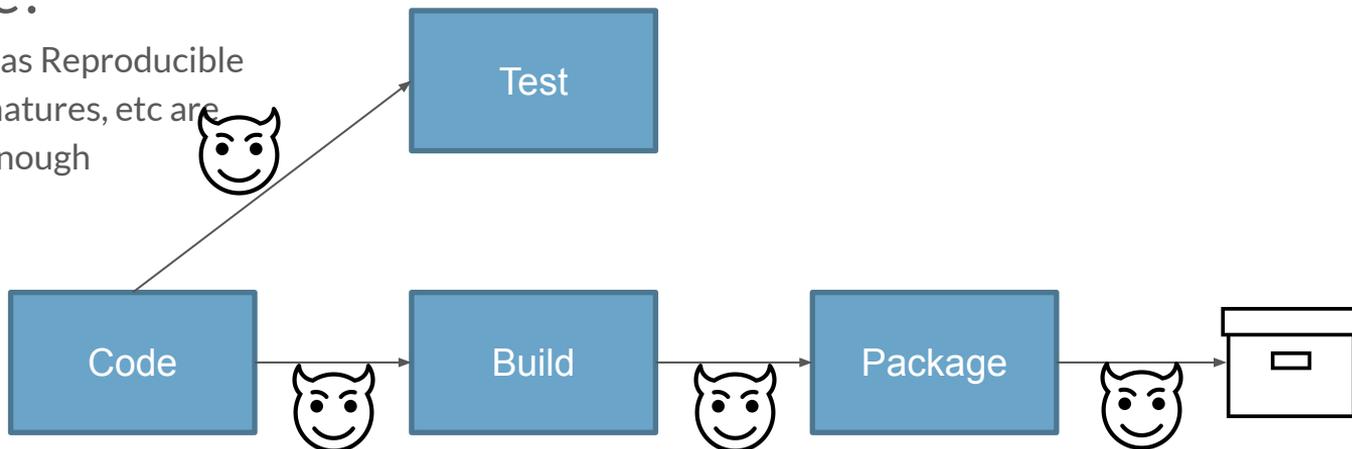
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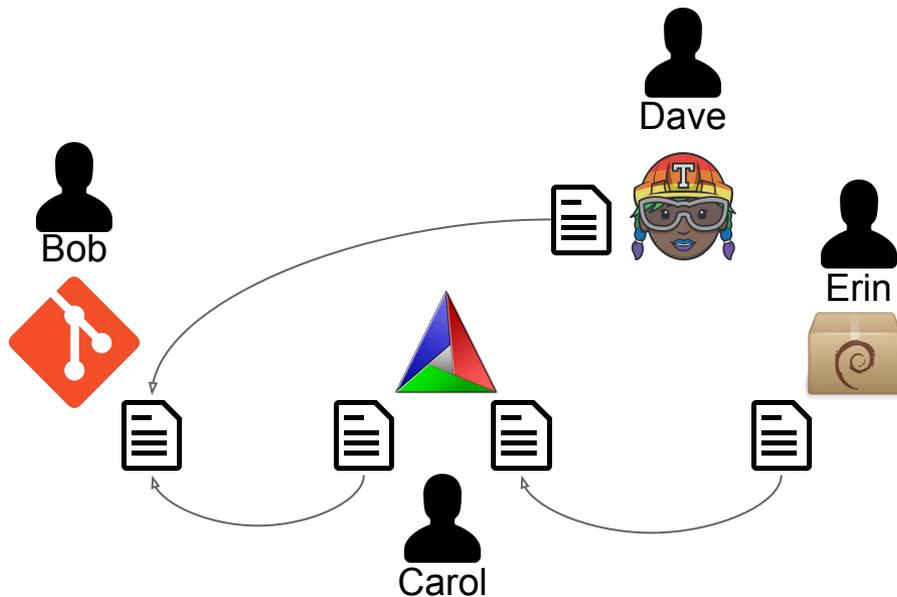




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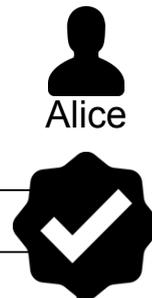
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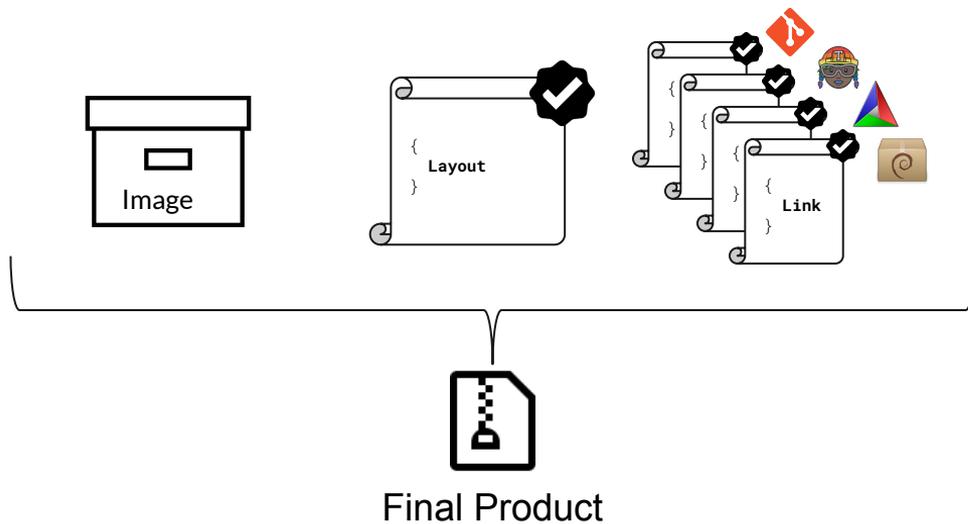


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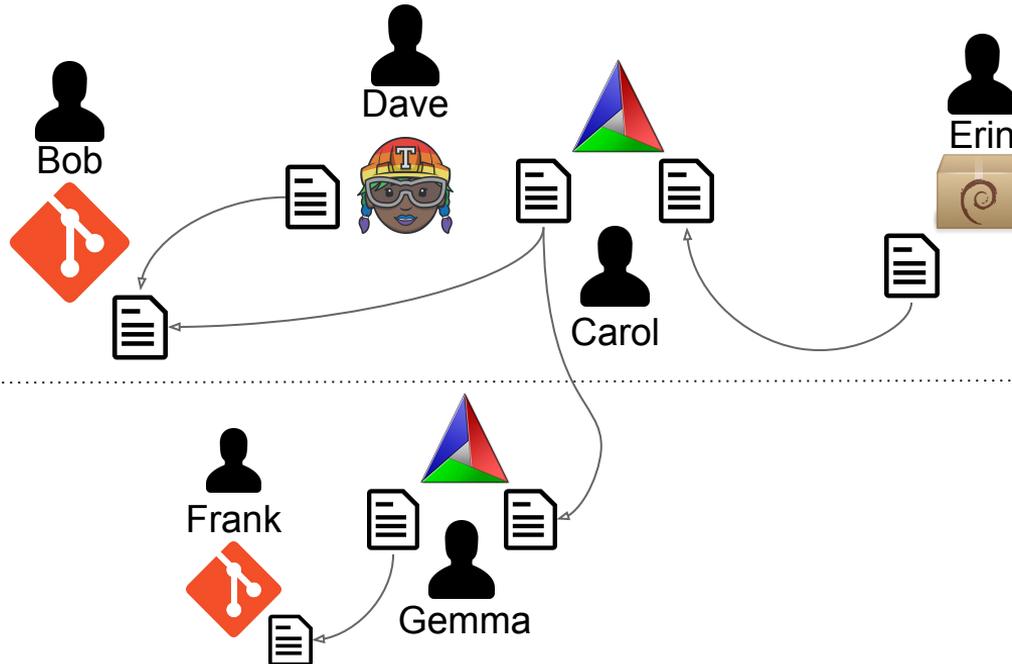


in-toto Verification

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What about vendor supply chains?





in-toto Integrations and Adoptions





Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

SBOM is a nested inventory of software components

SBOMs are a key building block in software supply chain security

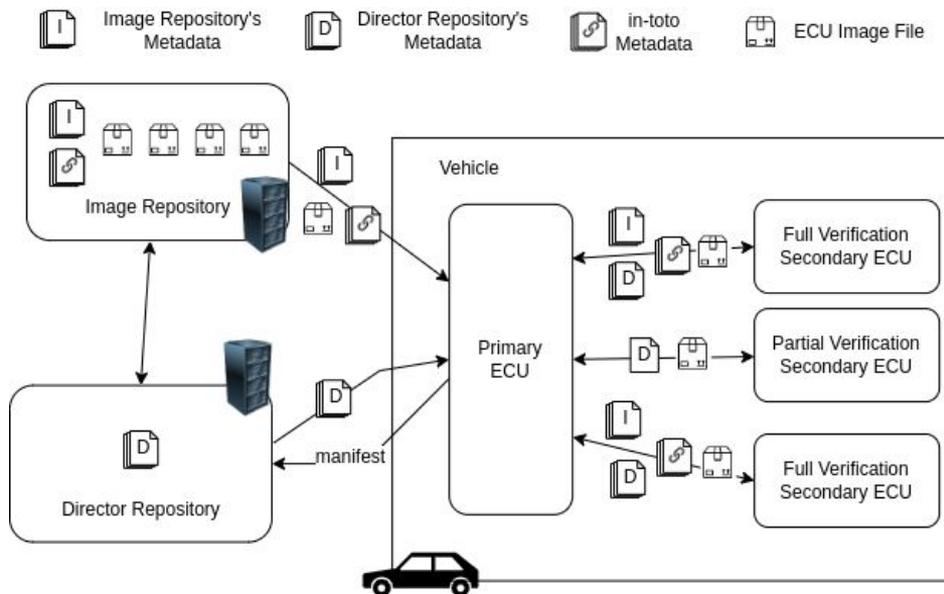
Auto-ISAC is creating a best practice document about automotive SBOM

References:

[CISA SBOM-A-RAMA](#)

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Successful integrations of in-toto and TUF in use in production:

<https://www.datadoghq.com/blog/engineering/secure-publication-of-datadog-agent-integrations-with-tuf-and-in-toto/>

Integrated in-toto with Uptane considers the nuances of the auto industry:

<https://uptane.github.io/papers/scudo-whitepaper.pdf>

More advanced specification of Scudo available as an upcoming Uptane PURE:

<https://github.com/uptane/pures/pull/9>