

Odds are against us

Developer

- Fix all possible weaknesses
- Deactivate possible users errors
- LTS assumed for free

Back Hat

- Only need one security hole
- Can be help by careless users
- Good long term business opportunities
- Good international network



We cannot rely on “experts”

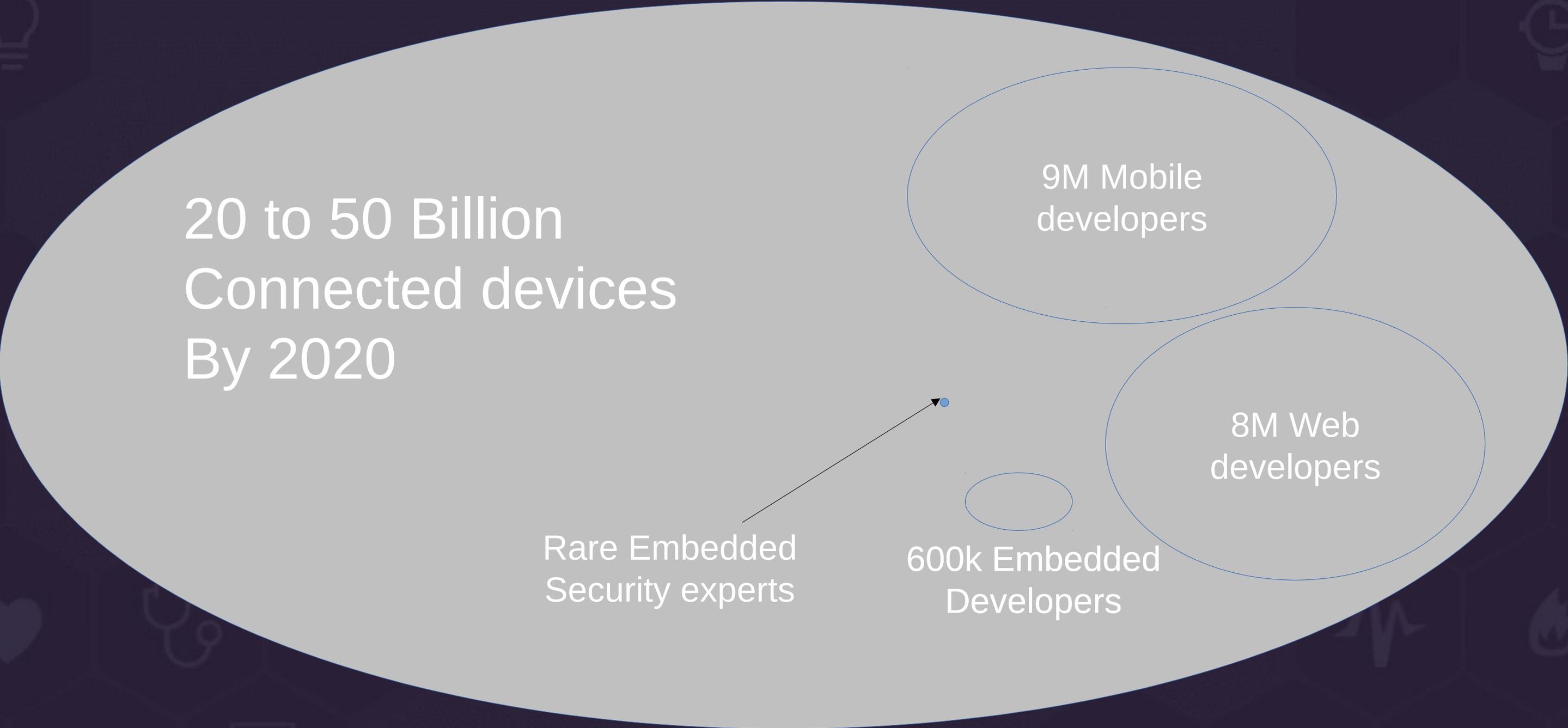
20 to 50 Billion
Connected devices
By 2020

9M Mobile
developers

8M Web
developers

600k Embedded
Developers

Rare Embedded
Security experts



Back to the fundamentals



Minimise surface of attack

Control the code which is run

Provide a bullet proof update model

Track security patches in days rather than weeks

Use HW security helpers when available

Limit lateral movement in the system

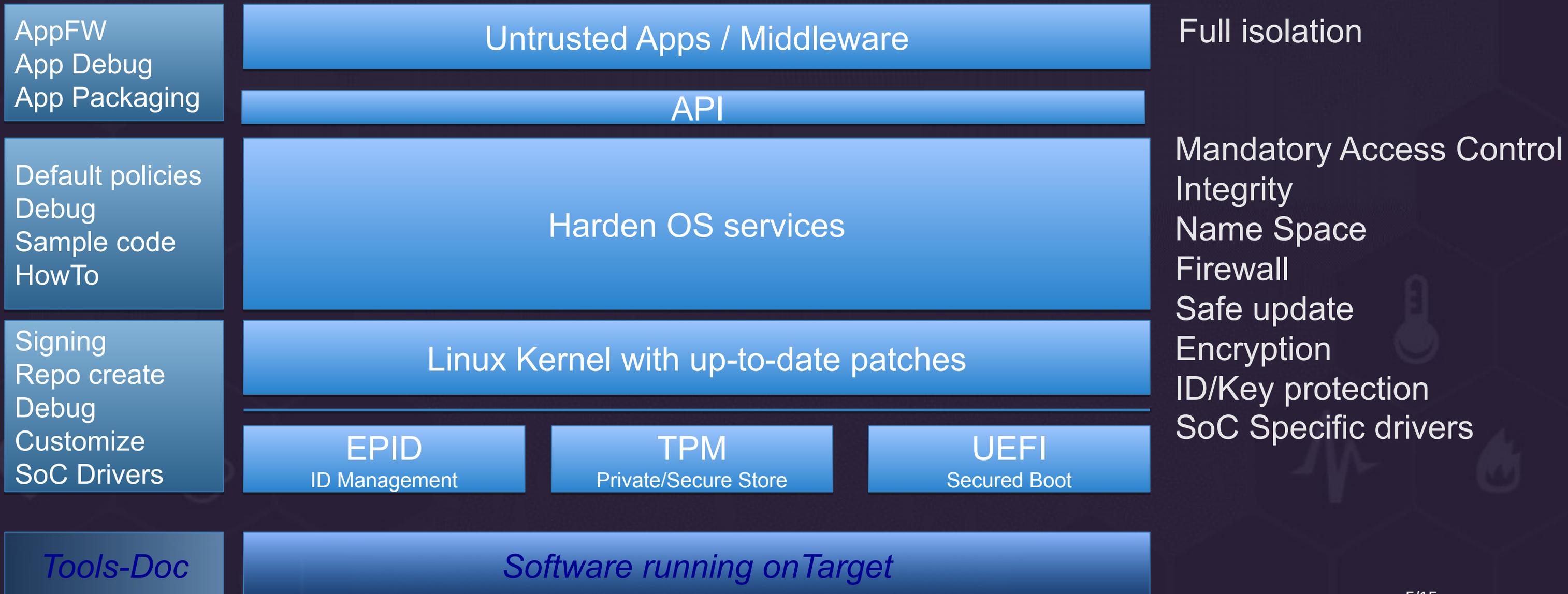
Develop and QA with security turned on

Provide tools to Dev to enable secure development

Note that there is no miracle solution, it's will be hard work.

Security cannot be added after the fact

Designed for Security



Which code I run



Trusted boot UEFI is your friend

- Keys can be customised for small series
- API are well defined
- Supported on many HW.

Integrity

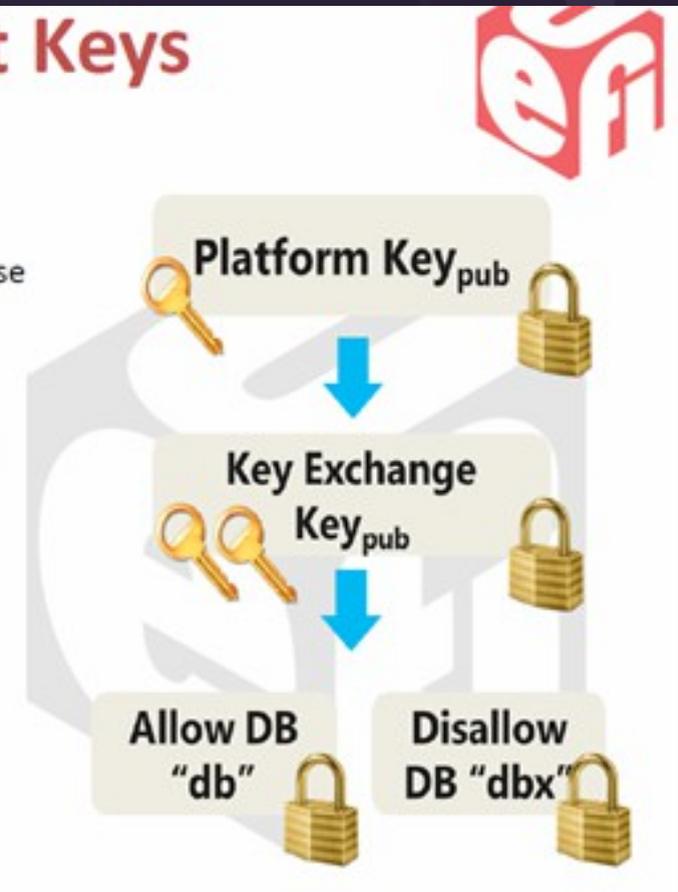
- Protects all critical files
- Optionally impose external signing

Update

- Only signed update
- Secured update on compromised device
- Factory reset built in
- Do not let back door open via containers
- Strict control on custom drivers

UEFI Secure Boot Keys

- Platform Key (PK)
 - One only
 - Allows modification of KEK database
- Key Exchange Key (KEK)
 - Can be multiple
 - Allows modification of db and dbx
- Authorized Database (db)
 - CA, Key, or image hash to allow
- Forbidden Database (dbx)
 - CA, Key, or image hash to block



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unified_Extensible_Firmware_Interface
<http://kroah.com/log/blog/2013/09/02/booting-a-self-signed-linux-kernel/>
<https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/hardware/hh973604.aspx>
<http://sourceforge.net/p/linux-ima/wiki/Home/>

Know who/what you trust



Trust code

- Keys in initial boot loader
- Signing images
- Signing update
- Simplified development process
- EPID is your friend

Track your App

- Signing App developed externally
- Dedifferentiate platform, partner, external developers

Track App call in the system

- MAC for local Apps
- Oauth 2.0 / OpenID / SAML for remote App



Bullet proof update and ID



Update is the only possible correction

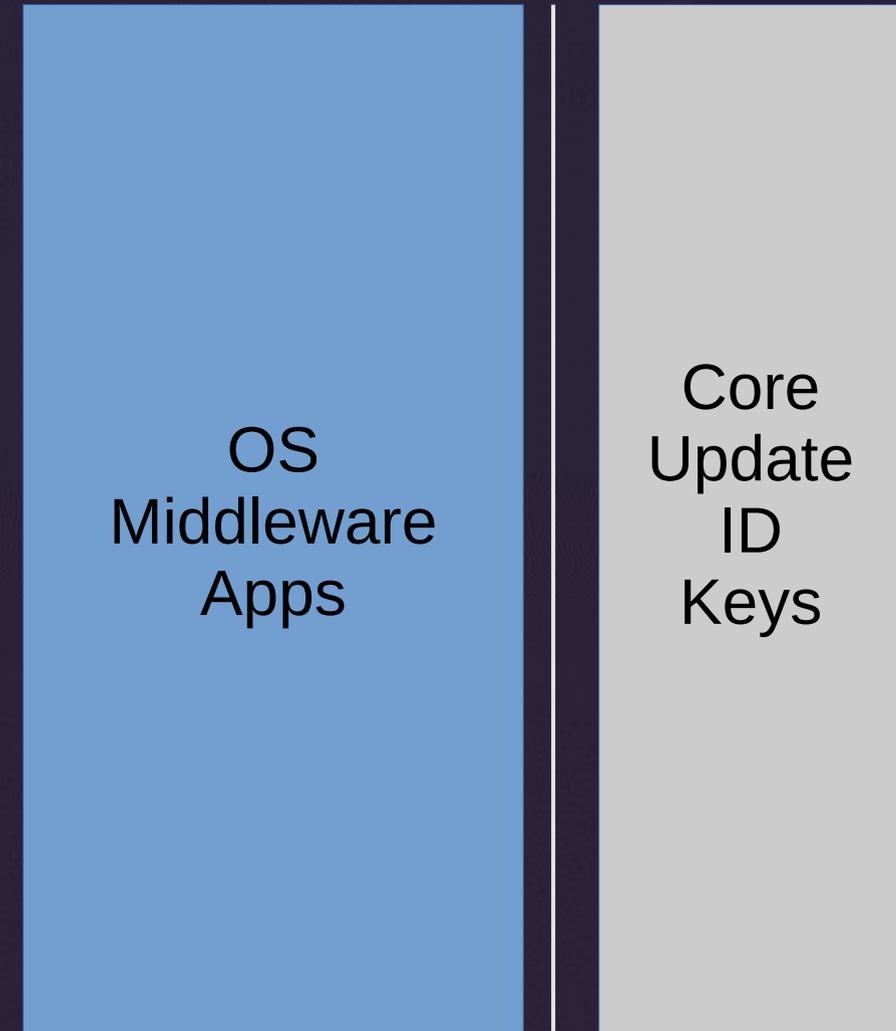
- Must run safely on compromised device
- Cannot assume a know starting point

Compromised ID / keys has no return

- Per device unique ID
- Per device symmetric keys
- Use HW ID protection (e.g. EPID)

Non reproducibility

- Breaking in one device cannot be extended
- Development I/O are disabled
- Root password is unique
- Password cannot be easily recalculated



HW Boundary



Isolate services

Run services with UID<>0 SystemD is your friend

- Create dedicated UID per service
- Use MAC and DAC to minimise open Access

Drop privileges

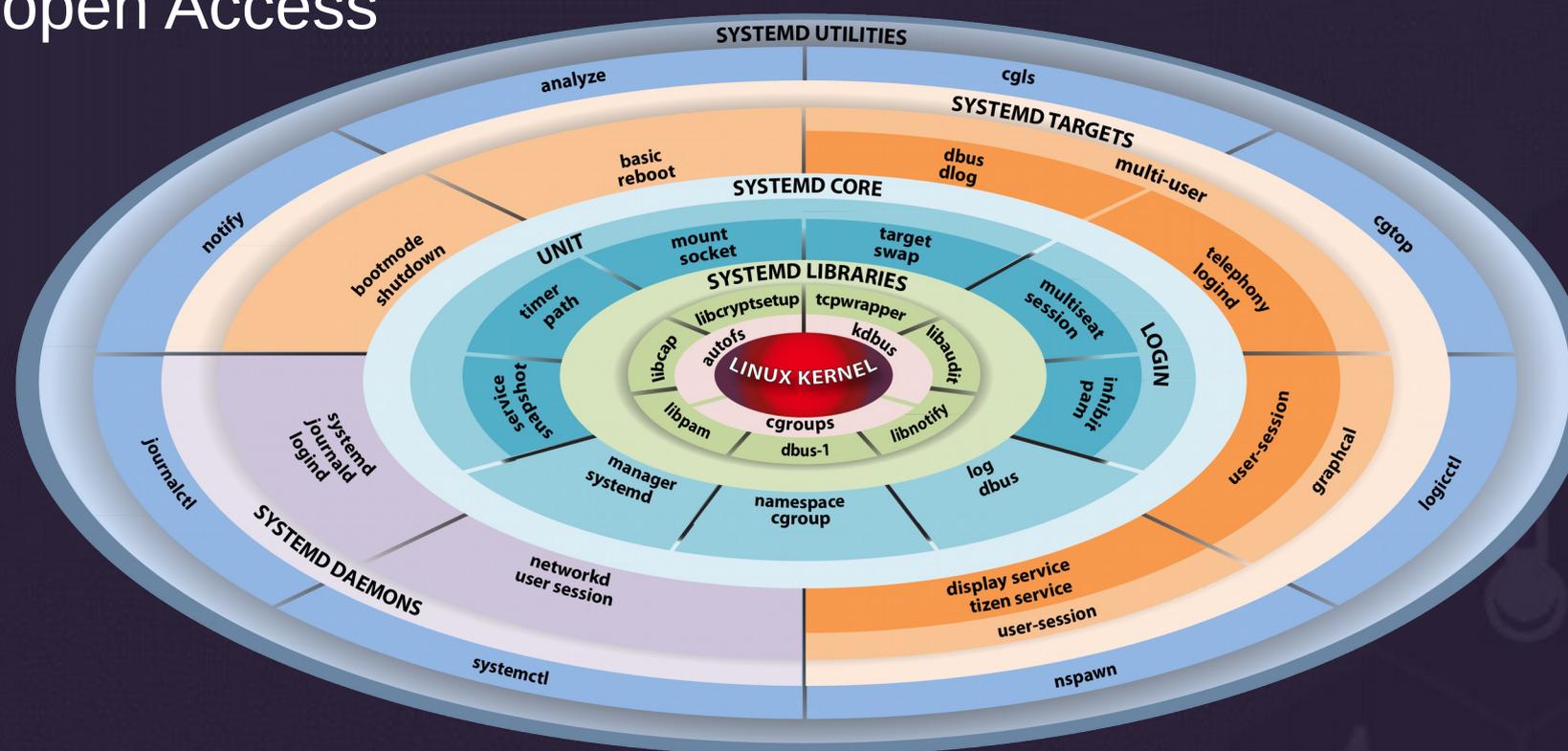
- Posix privileges
- MAC privileges

C-goups

- Reduce offending power
- RAM/CPU/IO

Name Space

- Limit access to private data
- Limit access to connectivity



<https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/cgroups/cgroups.txt>

<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/libs/security/linux-privs/kernel-2.2/capfaq-0.2.txt>

<http://man7.org/linux/man-pages/man7/namespaces.7.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandatory_access_control

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discretionary_access_control

Isolate Apps



Apps use the OS, should not define it

Apps cannot change the OS behaviour

Apps privileges are limited

Containment at launch

Drop capabilities

Activate G-groups limitation

Limit system access via name spaces

Enforce a MAC unique App tracer

White list privileges

If not explicitly allowed >stickly forbidden

Enforcement

Simpler with API and MAC combination

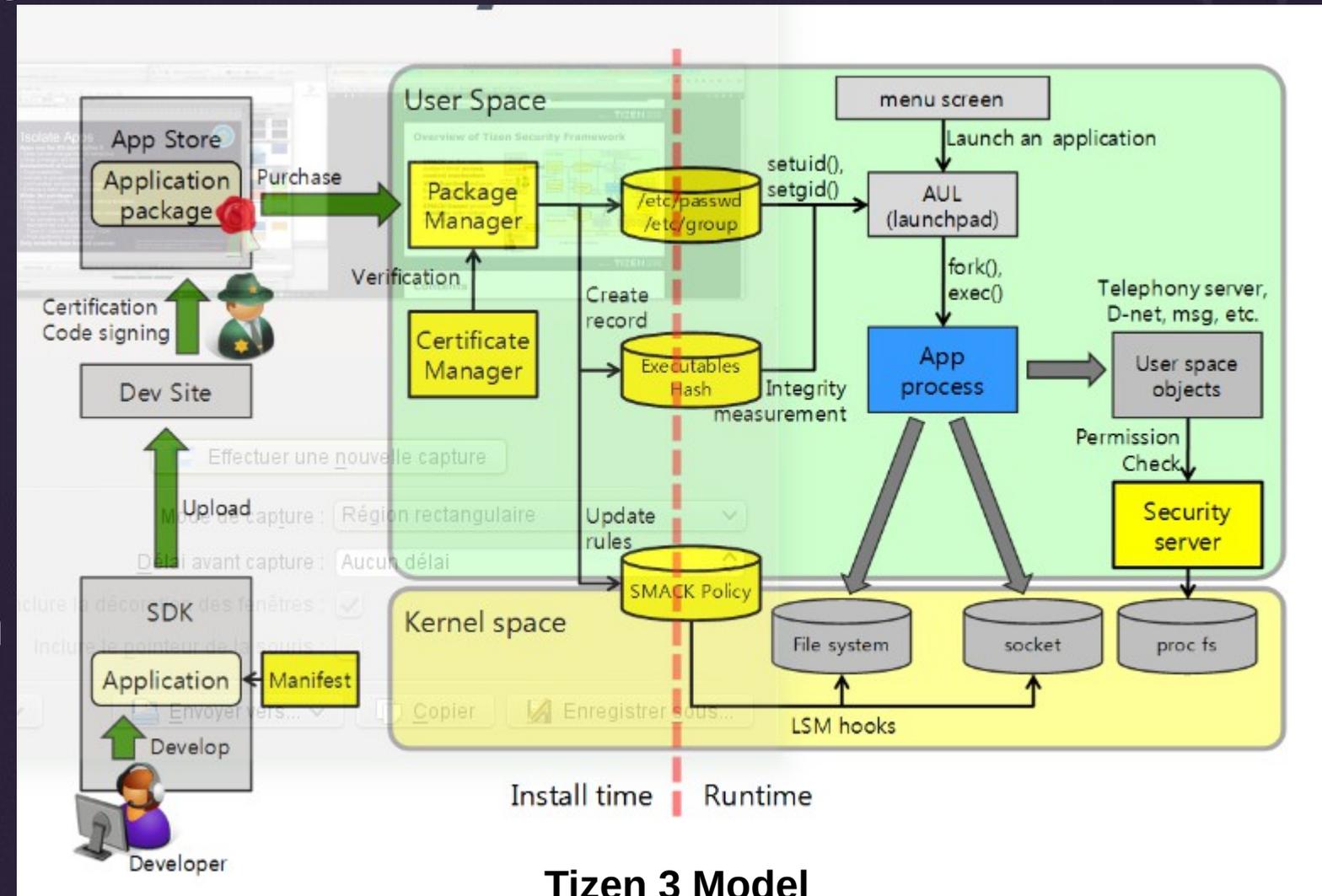
Too complex via 100% MAC

standard SE Linux policy >120kl

Tizen 2.1 phone smack policy >30kl

Poor performer via Seccomp

Only installed from trusted sources



https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/prctl/seccomp_filter.txt

http://selinuxproject.org/page/NB_PolicyType

<https://wiki.tizen.org/wiki/Security:SmackThreeDomainModel>

Container "A mixed blessing"



Easy to use

- Detach the App from the platform
- Integrated App management
- Well known

Not very secure

- Unreliable introspection
- MAC has no power on the inside of a container
- Updating the platform does not update the middleware
- Beside the Kernel each App provide its own version of the OS
- Each App restart requires a full passing of credential
- RAM and Flash footprint are uncontrollable
- Far more secured with Clear Container but not applicable to low end SoC.

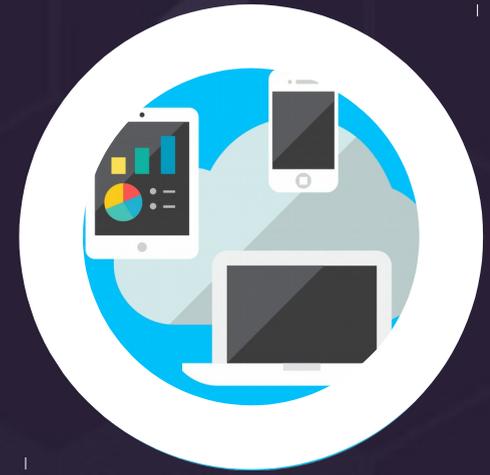
Only I/O via network

- Well equipped for Rest API
- All other I/O requires driver level access or bespoke framework.



<https://www.opencontainers.org/>
<https://lwn.net/Articles/644675/>

No relying on end user



End user as an IT manager – a No No

- App or Browser as UI
- Dead simple but secured
- Unified on various generation of devices
- Possible actions
 - * reboot/update
 - * return to the shop

Provider managed

- user still need to customise
- multiple EMS stacks (TR-069, M2M, ...)
- devices behind NAT



Development process



Filter code in

- Code reviews
- Licence check
- Static analysis
- Silent Dependency

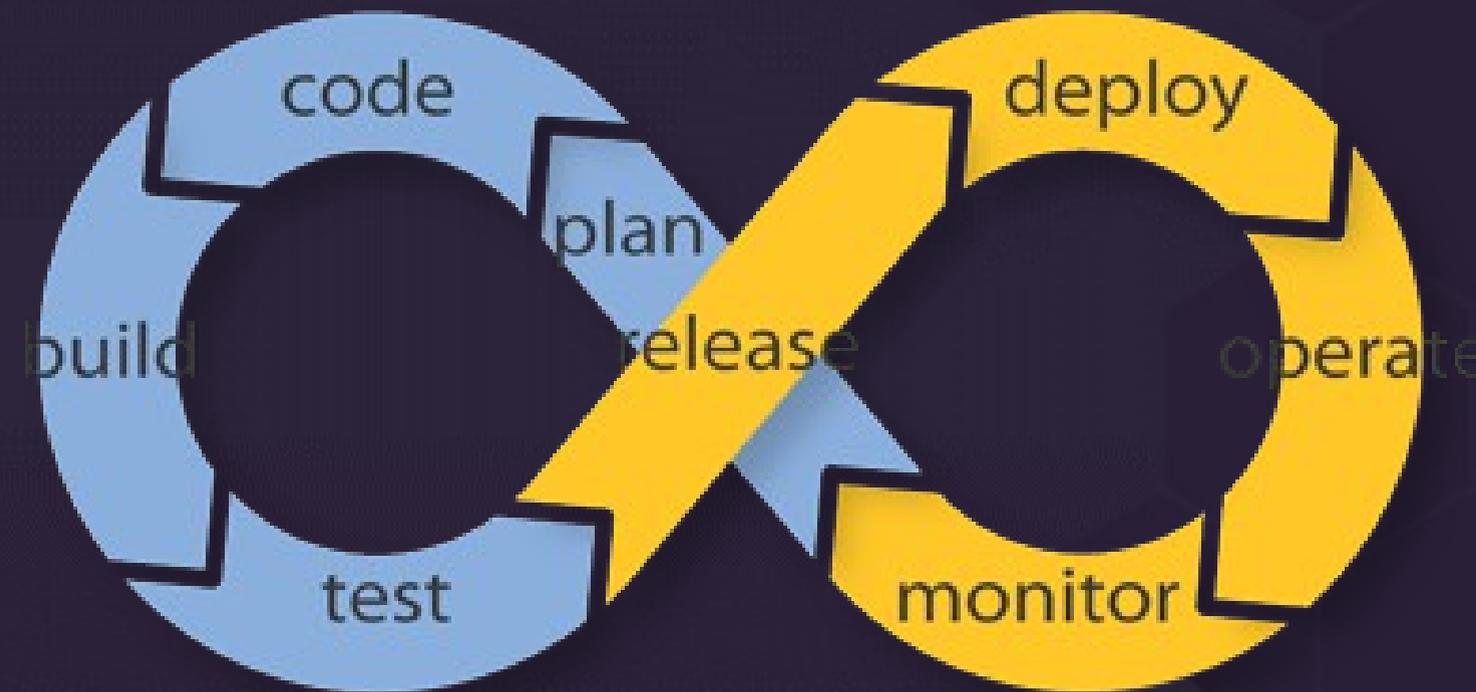
Auto test

- Compile/build test
- Automatic test
- Run test on secure image

Develop with Security on

- Provide Devel image with configurable security
- Enforce full respect of Service and App isolation

Do not accept any temporary "security disable"



Questions

Security Check list



Control which code you run

- Secure boot
- Integrity
- Secure update

Isolate services

- Drop root when possible
- Drop privileges

Isolate Apps

- Apps are not the OS
- Enforce – restrict access to standard API

Identity

- Enforce identity unicity
- Use available HW protection

Encryption

- Network traffic
- Local storage

Control image creation

- No debug tool in production
- No default root password
- No unrequired open port

Continuous integration

- Automate static analysis
- QA on secured image

Help developer

- Integrate security in Devel image
- Provide clear guide line
- Isolate Apps from OS
- Focus on standardised Middleware