

# IOT BZH

## Security and privacy in your embedded systems

**Strong isolation of applications using Smack  
and Cynara**

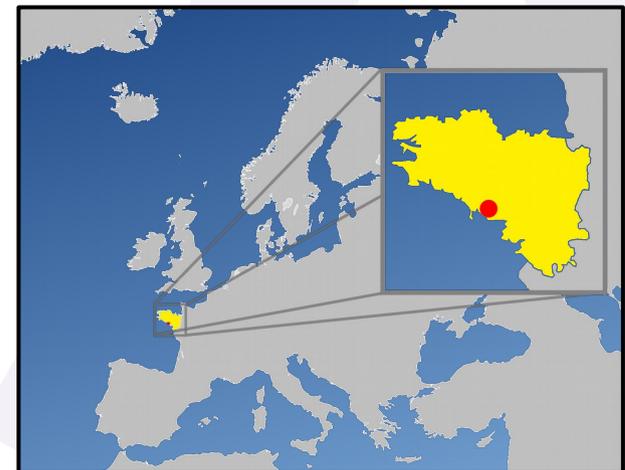


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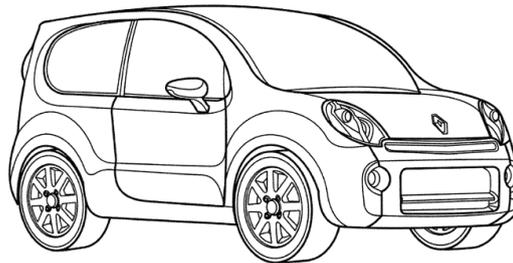
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  - Security
  - Application Framework
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  - Middleware
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# Connected cars



internet  
+ cloud



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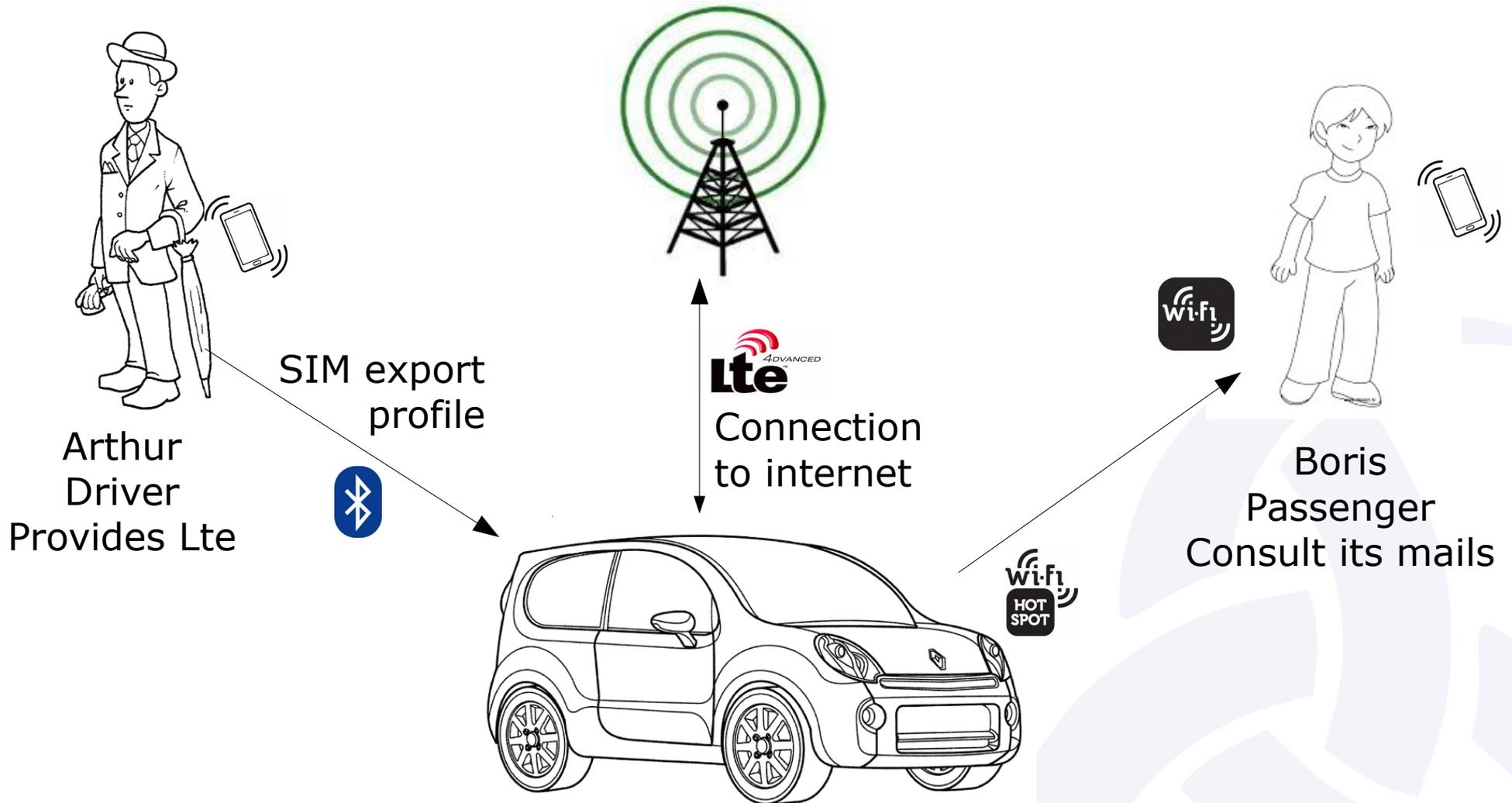
# Attacks

- Some people have interest to attack systems:
  - States / Armies
  - Criminals
  - Family
- Attacks of the system can also be hazardous:
  - Bugs
  - Misuses + bugs
  - Wear
  - Accidents

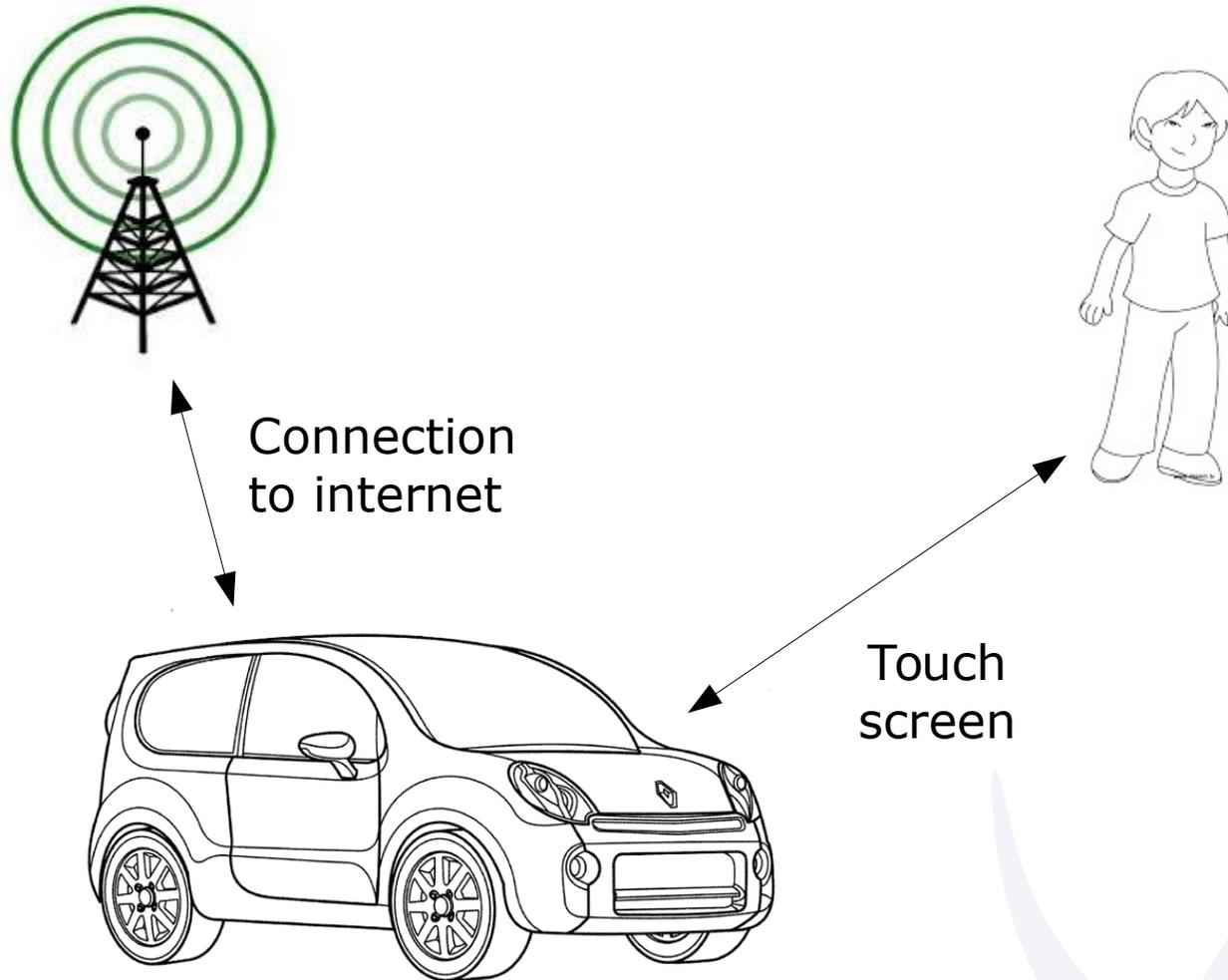
# Privacy

- No one wants to be spied or stolen
- Some people have interest to spy:
  - Merchandizers
  - Insurances
  - States / Armies
  - Criminals
  - Family

# Example 1



# Example 2



Boris  
Installs that very  
cool application

# Some aspects of security

- Keep system integrity
  - System must not be changed
  - System must **update itself**
  - System must resist to brutal power off
- System should detect problems, intrusions, report
- **Applications must be isolated and their power must be restricted**

# Isolation

- Isolate users
  - use DAC
- Isolate applications
  - Tizen: use MAC
  - Android: use DAC
- Use user aware services
  - Bluez should isolate as needed...

# Restricting process's power

- Action of processes are restricted (sandboxed)
  - Each sensitive action should be filtered by the security sub-system
  - The security sub-system checks if the process has the permission to perform the sensitive action
  - The security sub-system prohibits the actions that aren't permitted
- Implementations details may differ from the above description

# Permissions

- Any process has a set of permissions reflecting the sensitive actions that it can perform
- (user, application) → permissions
- Variants: does permissions change while process runs?
  - Static: NO
  - Dynamic: YES

# DAC versus MAC

- With DAC, the **permissions can be changed object by object** by any possible writer
- With MAC, the **permissions are set by a fixed matrix** and changing the MAC tag of objects requires a linux capability
- Both operate on system objects

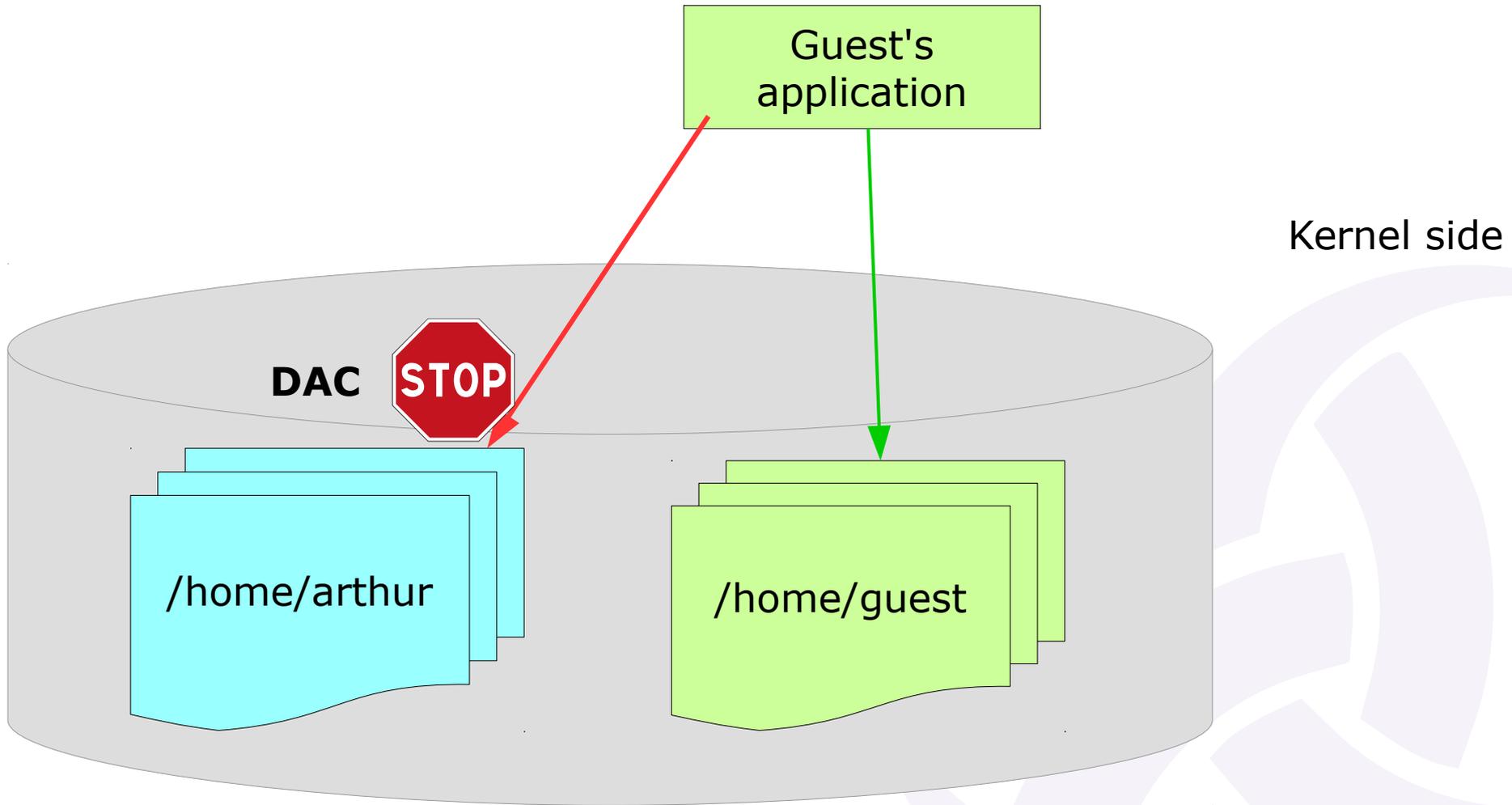
# API permissions

- Some permissions can not be checked/filtered using system objects
- Examples:
  - Entering full screen
  - Acces to specific BlueTooth profile
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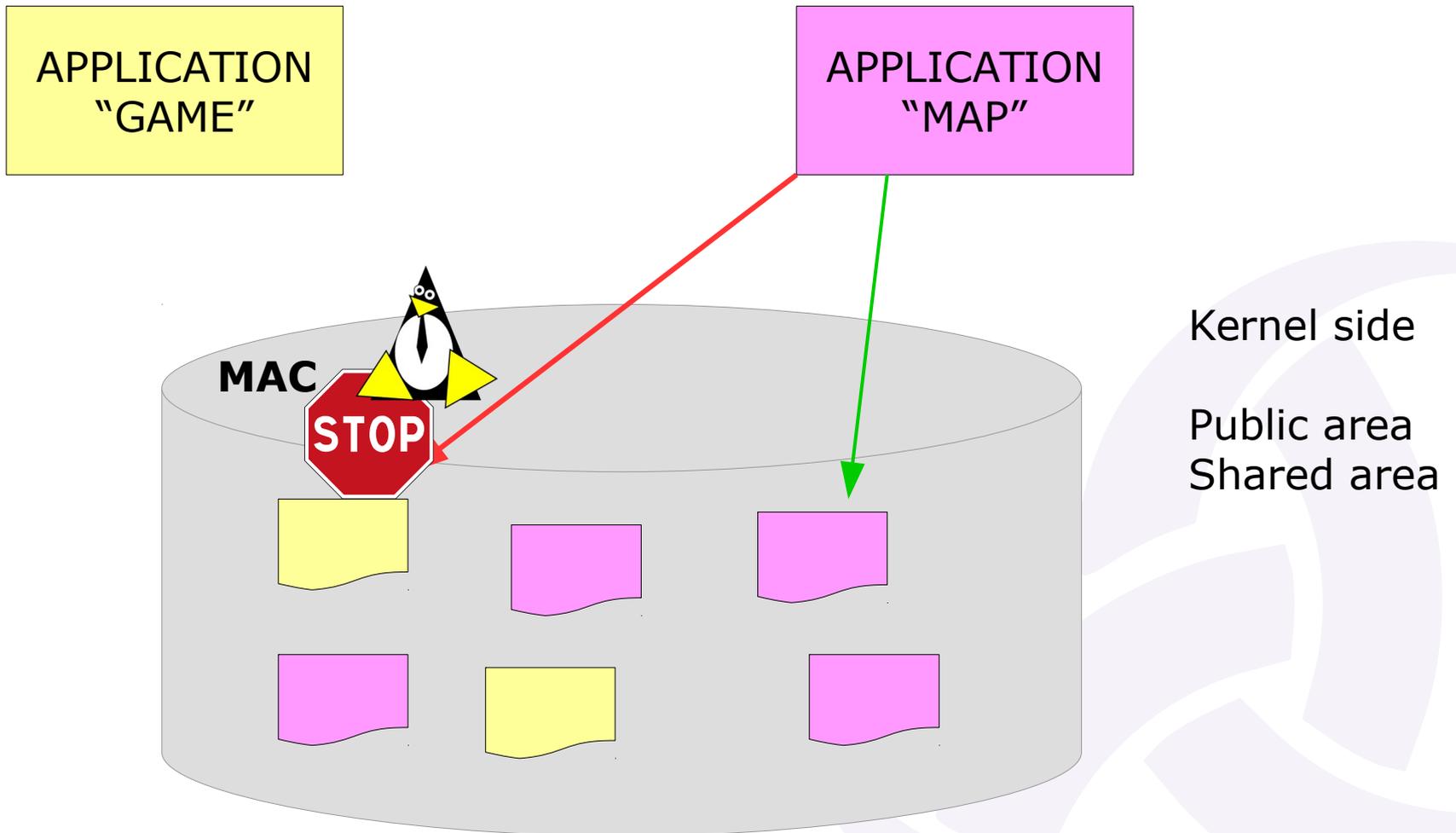
# Implementations

- Virtualisation: specific environments are prepared for execution of processes
- Tizen: MAC (Smack) + DAC + Cynara
  - Allows native applications
- Android: MAC (SELinux) + DAC + Binder
  - Enforces use of binder the kernel module
- AGL: MAC (Smack) + DAC + Cynara + Binder
  - Allows native applications

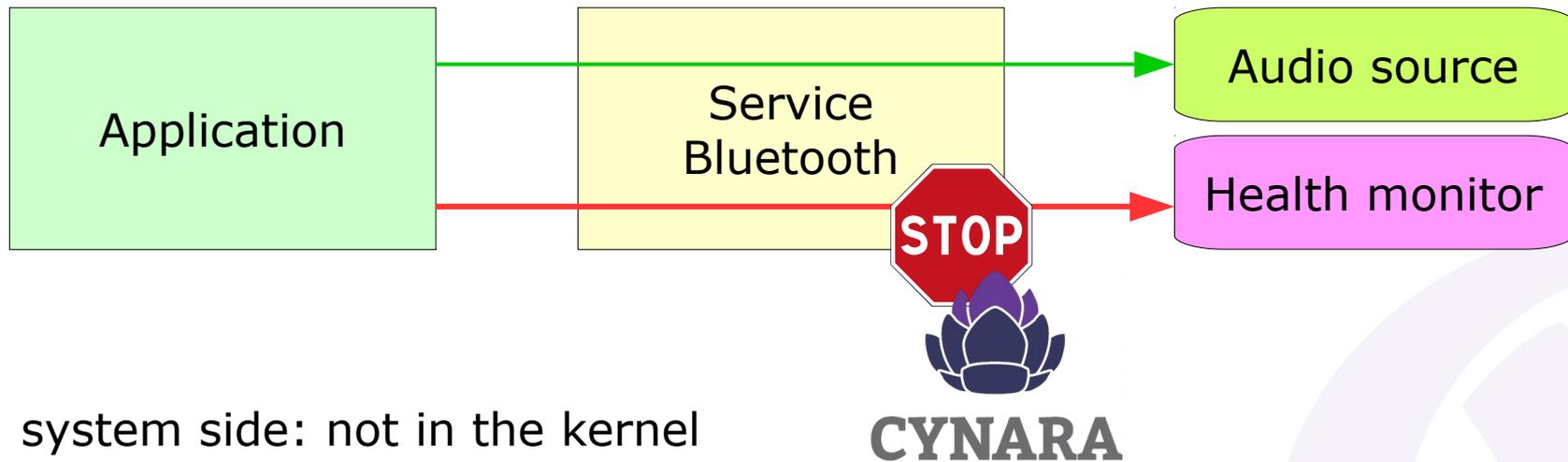
# Isolation of users



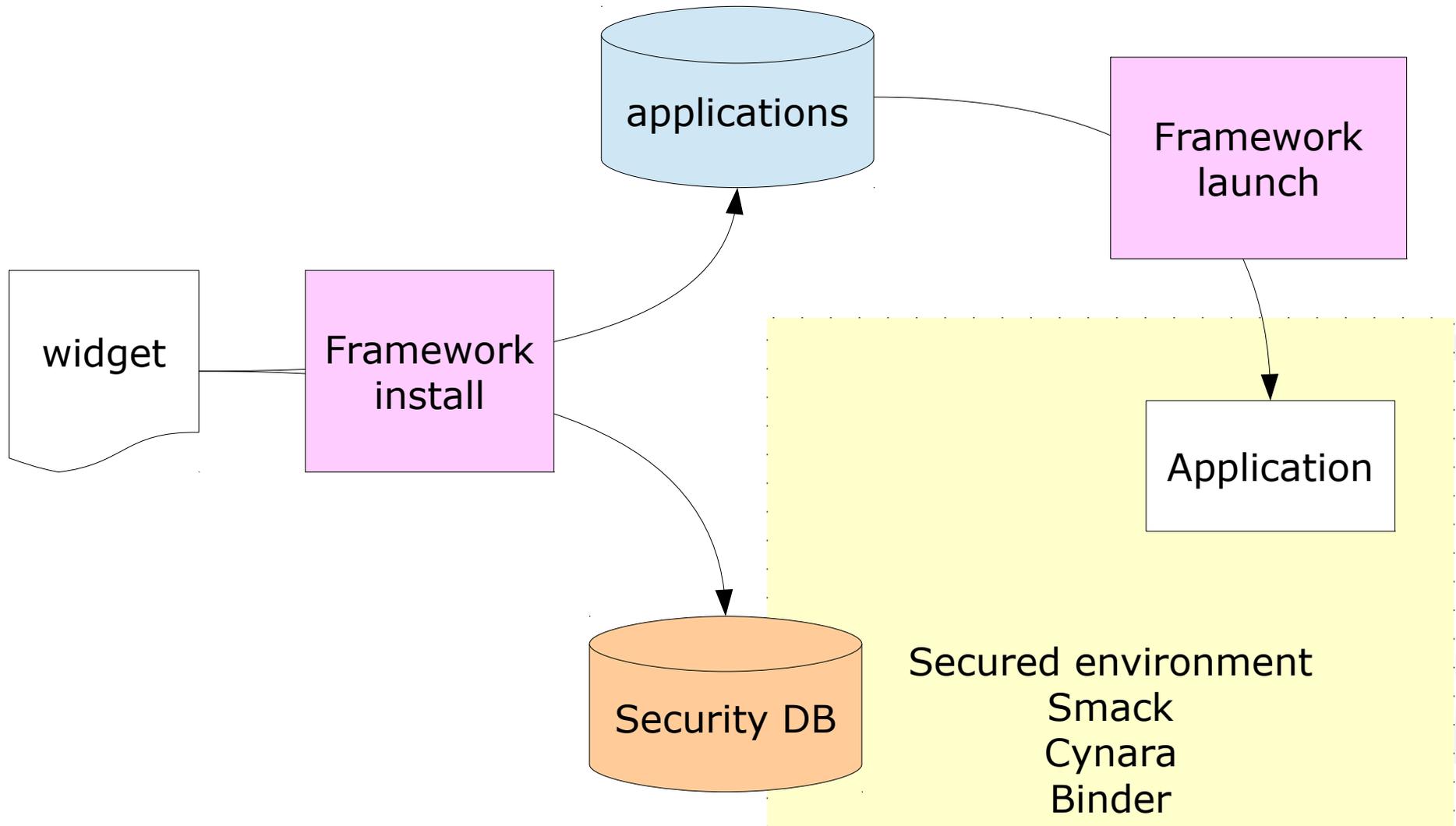
# Isolation of applications



# Restriction of services

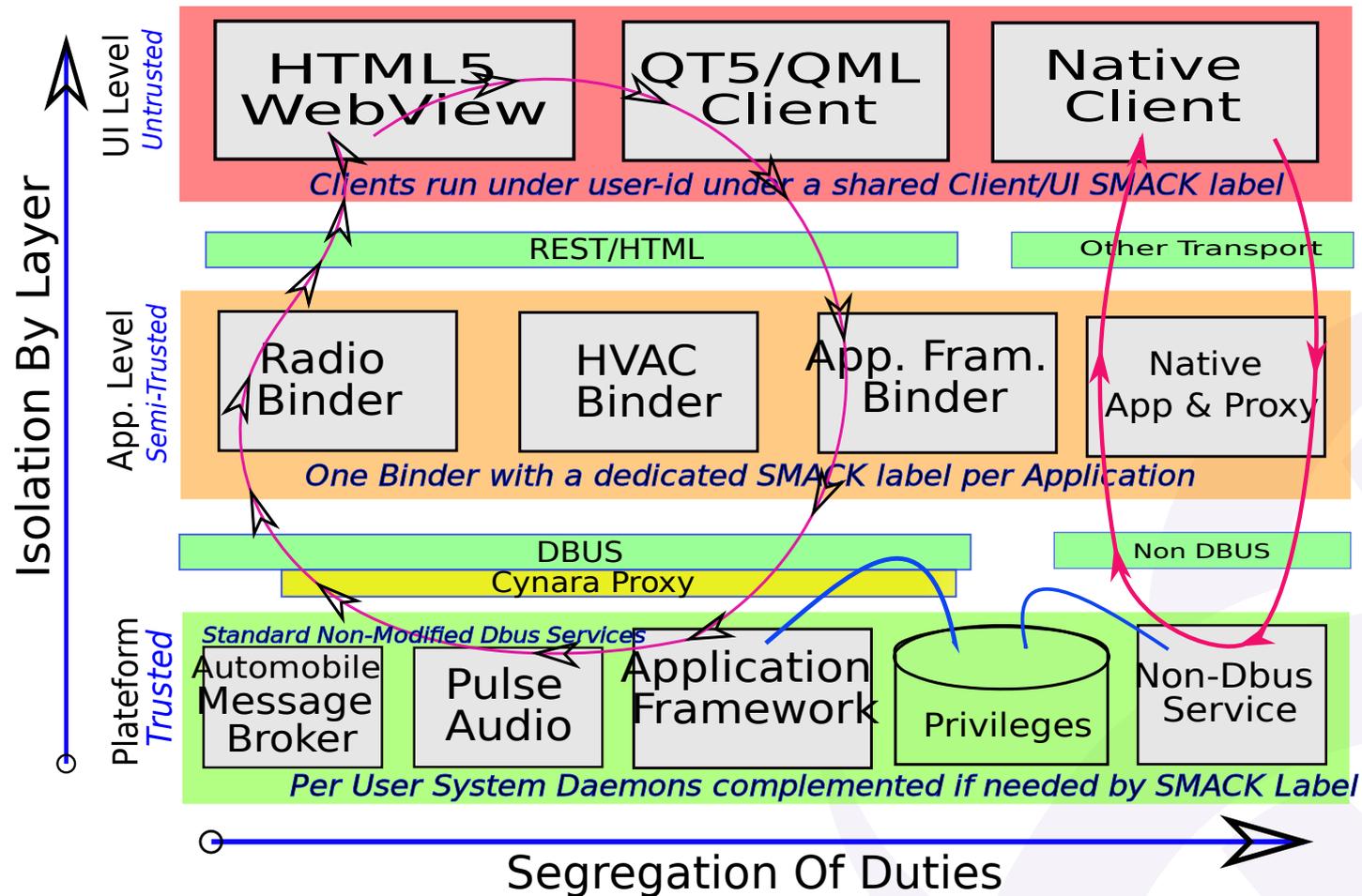


# AGL framework



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## Layered Security Architecture



# Who is interacting?

- A big problem: How handle the interaction, to wich user context to attach it?

# Next?

- Reporting intrusion: nice-lad
- Secured Tagging: a proposal I made
- Kdbus? Binder?
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# QUESTIONS...



**Too late for prevention**

# links

- <http://www.iot.bzh>
- <https://wiki.tizen.org/wiki/Security>
- <http://schaufler-ca.com/>
- [https://archive.fosdem.org/2015/schedule/event/sec\\_enforcement/](https://archive.fosdem.org/2015/schedule/event/sec_enforcement/)
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