

# TEEP (Trusted Execution Environment Provisioning) implementation on RISC-V

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Hardware-Aided Trusted Computing devroom

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## Agenda

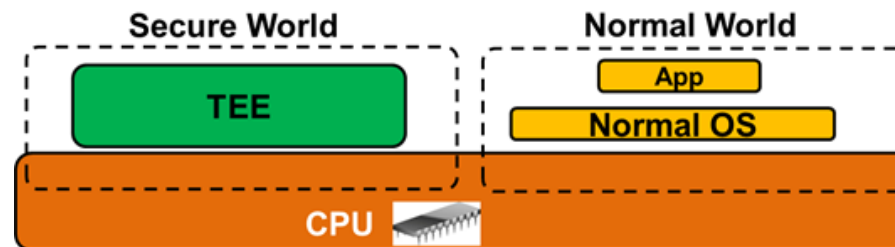
- Introduction of TEE and Trusted Application (TA) Programming
- TEE on RISC-V
- Overview of TEEP at IETF
- TEEP on ARM Cortex-A (Initial Prototype)
- TEEP on RISC-V (under developing, porting from ARM)
- Recent activity of TEEP at IETF
- TEEP message examples
- Summary

## Introduction of TEE

- Current OS and Hardware have many vulnerabilities, and **Critical Applications** are involved. Critical Applications are desired to be run independent from the OS.



- Trusted Execution Environment (TEE) is new CPU mechanism to offer "Secure World" which is isolated from the normal OS.
  - Critical Application is called "**Trusted Application (TA)**" or "**Enclave**".



- Popular CPU architectures provide TEE hardware
  - Intel SGX, AMD SEV, ARM TrustZone
  - RISC-V has PMP as TEE hardware

TEE consists of both hardware and software support

- TEE

- Hardware-assisted Isolated Execution Environments

- Provides processes to run at hidden partition from Regular OS



- TEE Software Development Kit

- Provides programming environment inside Isolated Execution Environments

Critical Application = Security sensitive operations or operate on sensitive data

- Payment, DRM, Authentication and etc

TEE runs Trusted Applications (TA) in Isolated Execution Environments

## TEE on RISC-V

- RISC-V has some implementations of TEE.
  - MultiZone [HexFive]
  - Sanctum [MIT,USENIX Sec'16]
  - TIMBER-V [Graz University of Technology, NDSS'19]
  - MI6 [MIT,MICRO'19]
  - Keystone [UCB, EuroSys'20]



Reasons of choosing **Keystone** in our project

- Open source project, very active development
- Uses MMU
- Modular design to add our own features



## Use cases of Trusted Applications

- Targeted Devices
  - Smartphone, IoT, and Edge devices. (NAS, Edge Router, WIFI Router, Automotive Infotainment unit, Set-top box, Surveillance camera, Multifunction Printers and etc.)
  - Cloud Servers running Guest OSs.
- Payment, DRM, Authentication
  - e.g. Credit card app, PayPal, NetFlix, Cable TV, Mobile operator, Automotive, Insurance, etc.
- Secure firmware update
  - Injecting firmware as part of Trusted Application from TAM server.
- Confidential Cloud Computing
  - Prevent Host OS accessing User Data and Apps inside Guest OS.

## Management of TA (Install/Update/Delete)

- Many vendors would like to install/update/delete Trusted Applications remotely.
  - Through Internet, with USB stick and etc.
- The mechanism must be secure and trustful. Therefore, the protocol must be defined by the authorized organization.



- IETF has a Working Group for TEEP (Trusted Execution Environment Provisioning)



## TEEP from the IETF draft

- Assuring Trusted Application (TA), developed by vendors A, to be installed, executed and deleted in **secure way on the devices developed by other than vender A**. (same vendor is also permitted)
- To achieve the objective of TEEP, utilize TEE hardware mechanism on CPU architecture for executing TAs.

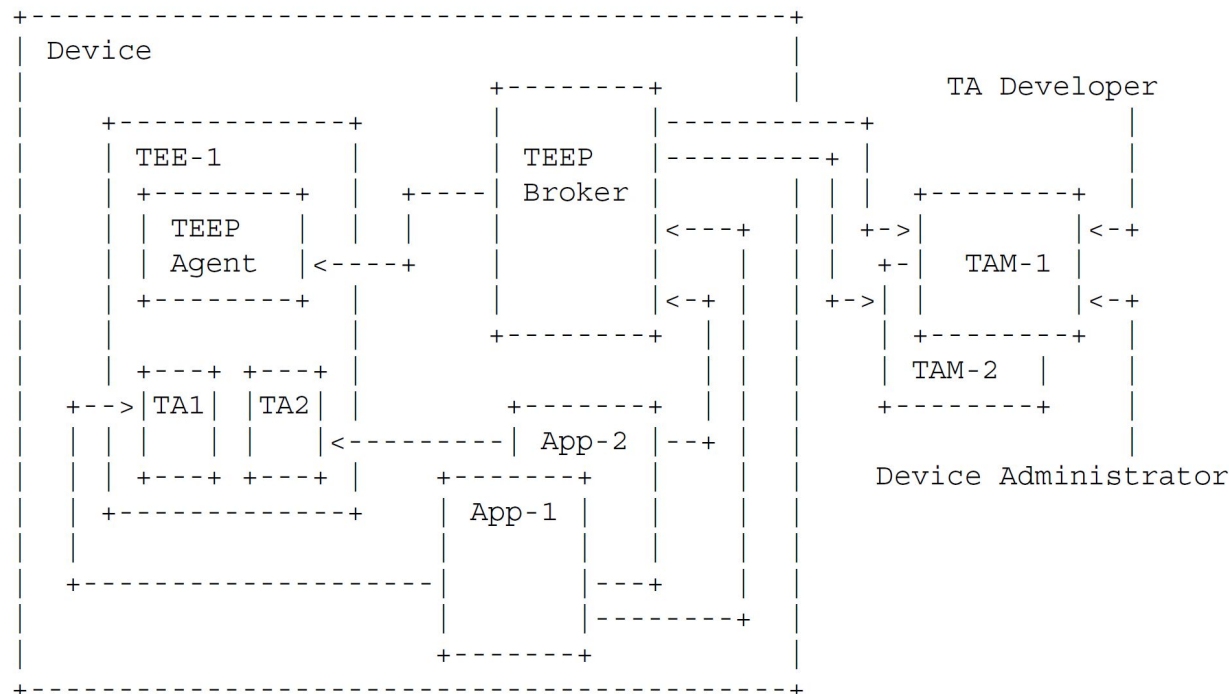
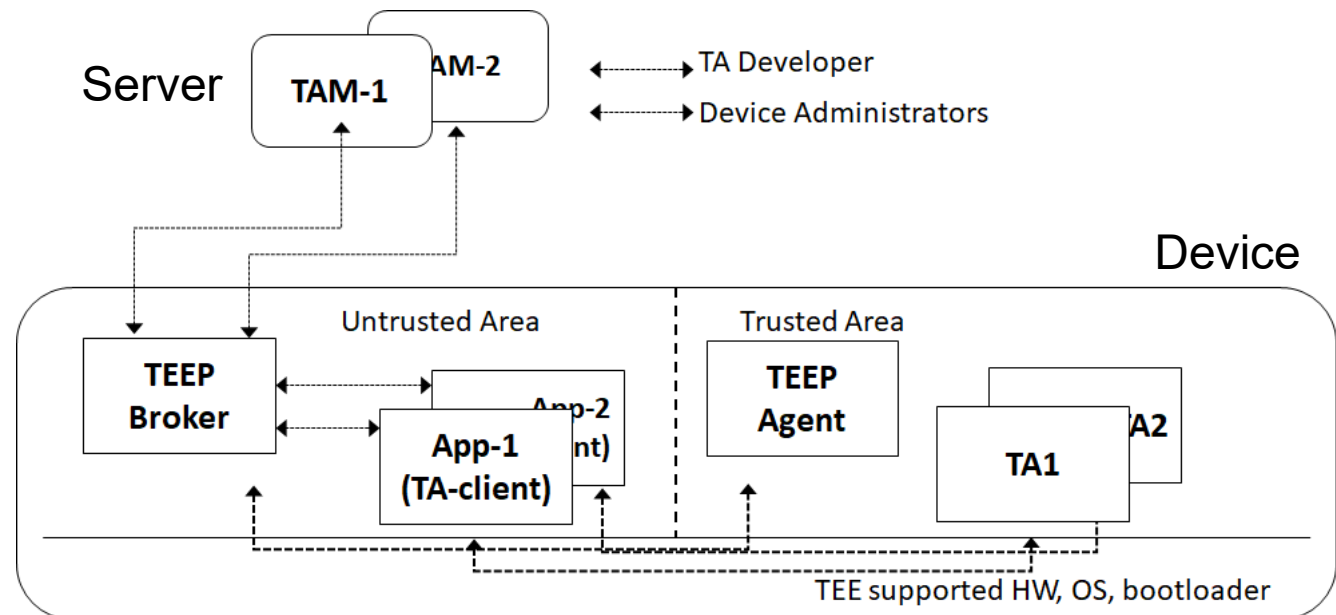


Figure 1, from TEEP  
Architecture draft

## Simplified TEEP overview

- TAM
  - Manages installing, executing, deleting signed TAs in Devices from remote location.
- TEEP-Agent
  - Verify signed TAs from TAM and handles install, execute, delete TAs inside Device.
  - TEEP-Broker acts proxy between TAM and TEEP-Agent.
- TA and App pairs
  - Handles Secure operations and/or sensitive data
- Trusted Area
  - Only Device vendors and/or TA vendors could install App/Data
- Untrusted Area
  - Users could freely install App/Data. etc Linux, Windows



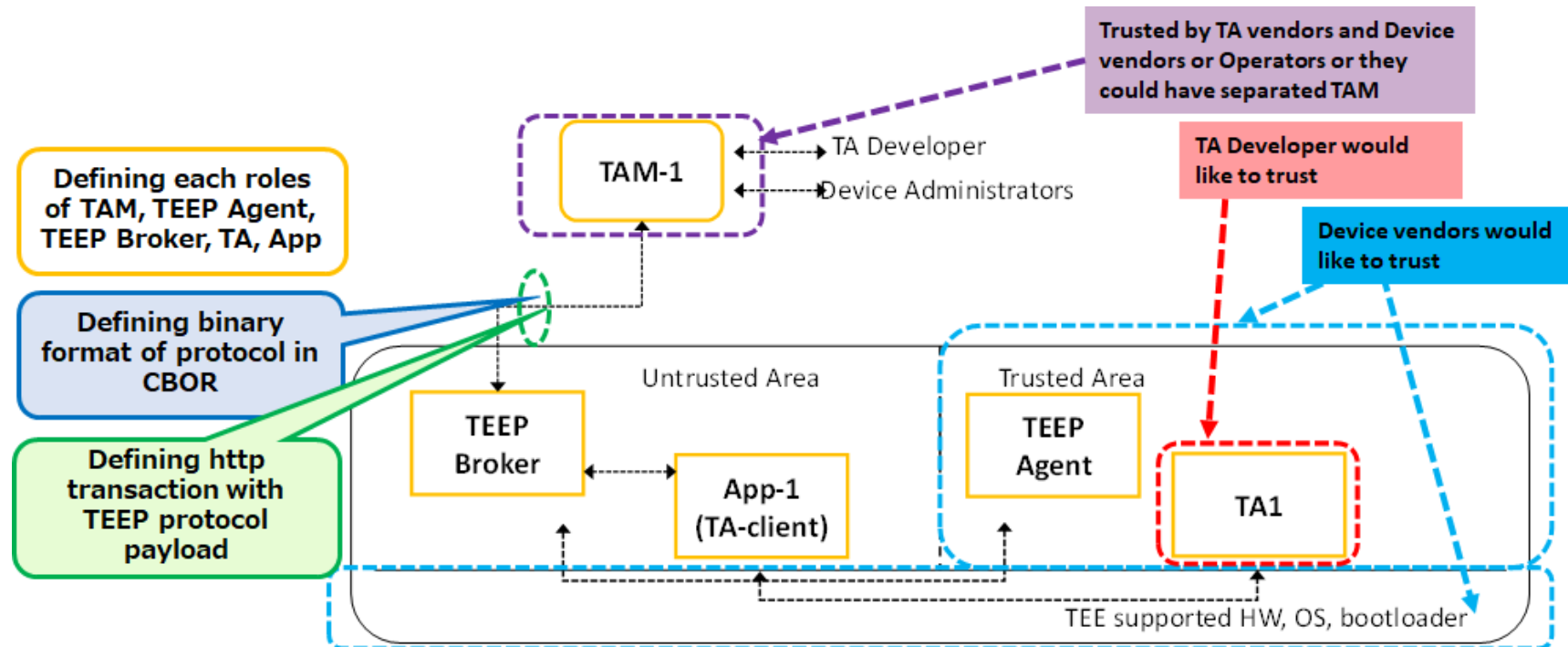
## TEEP coverage among drafts

- Three IETF drafts defining TEEP

- TEEP Architecture draft
- TEEP Protocol draft
- TEEP over http draft

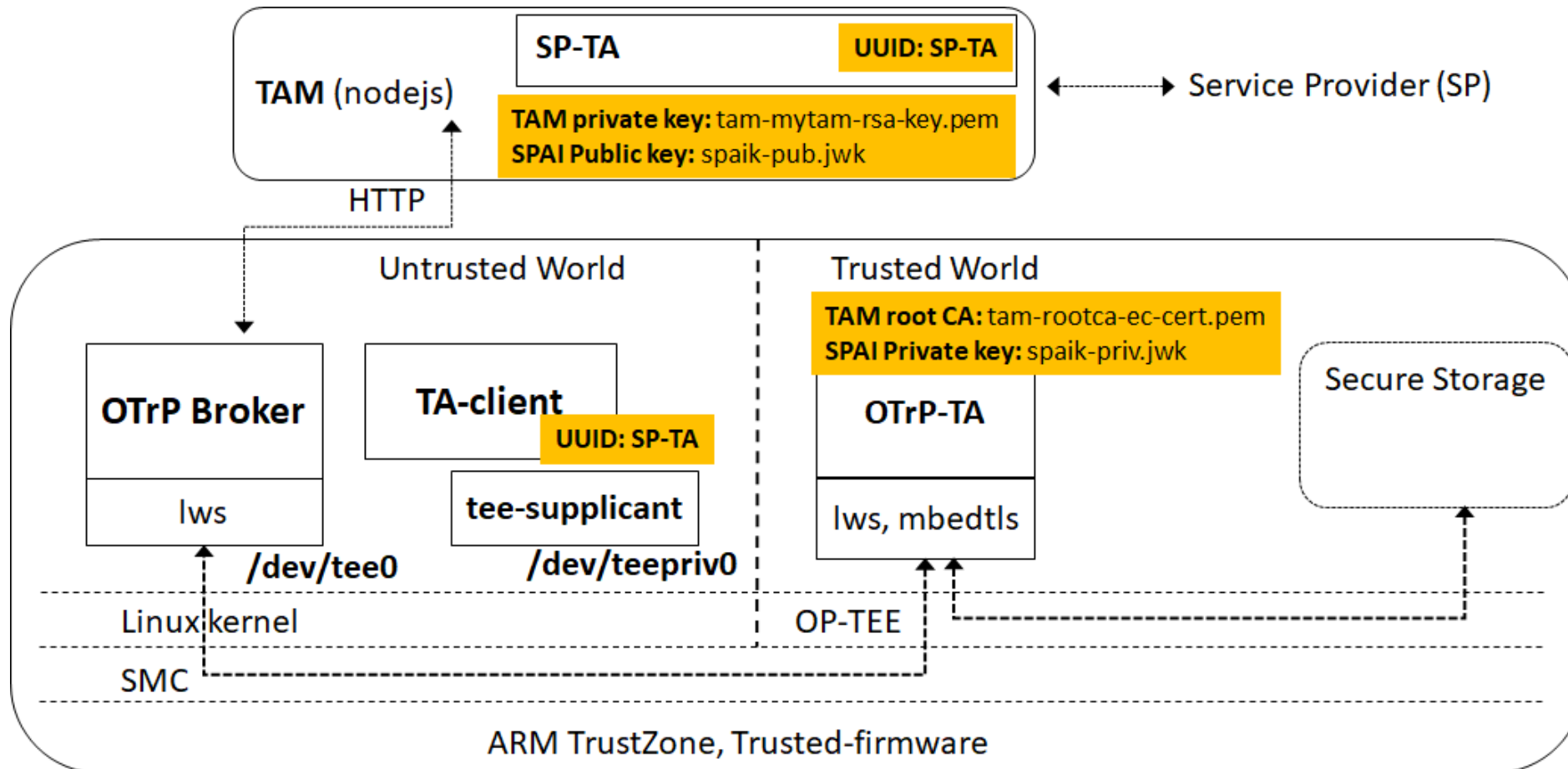
- Prerequisites from other Working Groups

- SUIT Working Group
  - Defining Manifest format of TA binary
- RATS Working Group
  - Method of Authenticity of TEE and Device



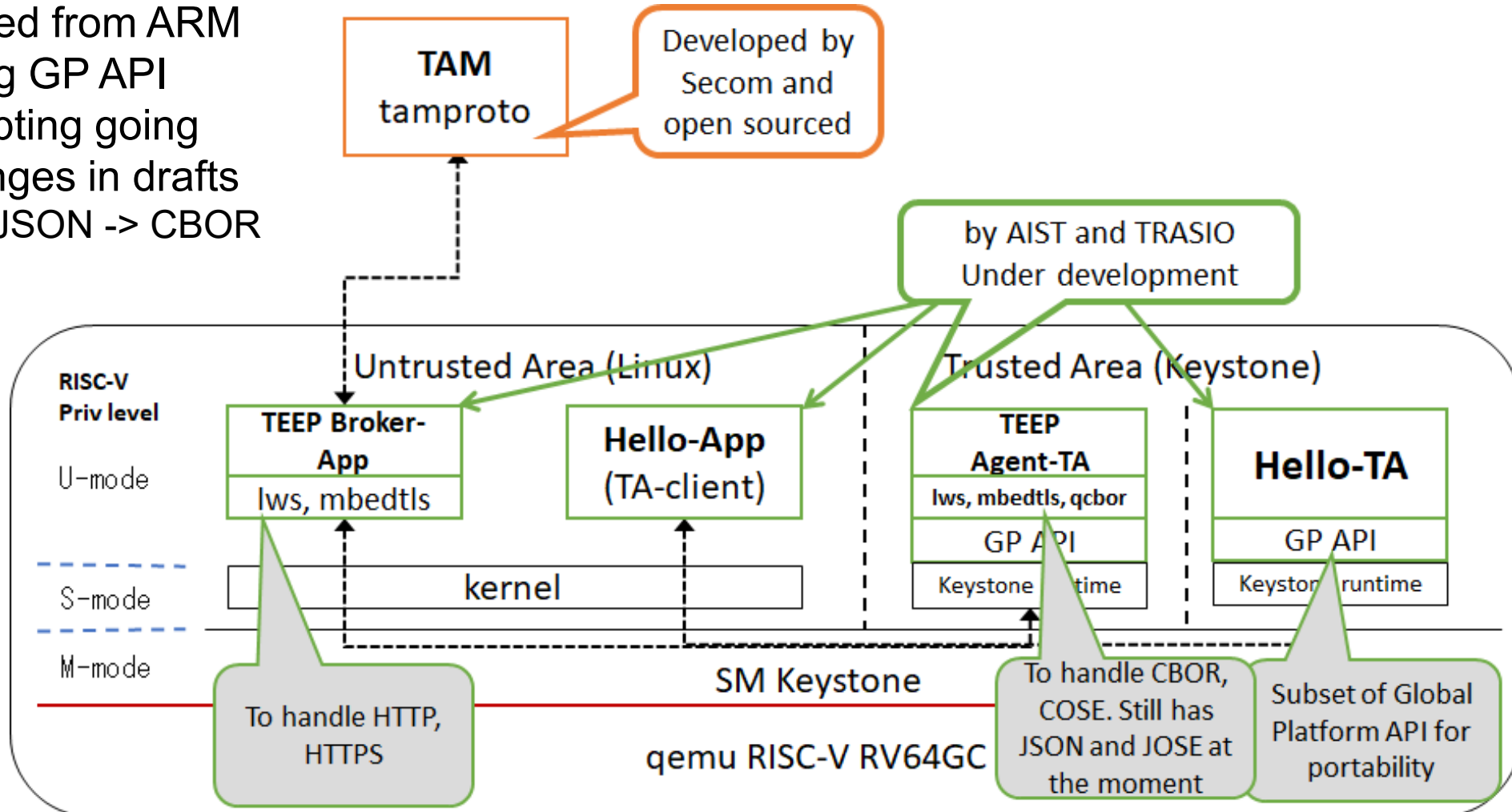
## Initial prototype of TEEP on ARM Cortex-A

- Based on old TEEP Architecture draft



## Current TEEP implementation on RISC-V

- Ported from ARM using GP API
- Adapting going changes in drafts
  - JSON -> CBOR



## Details of TEEP messages

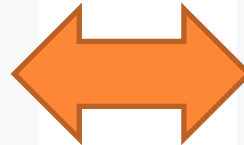
- Concise Data Definition Language (CDDL)

```
install = [
  type: TEEP-TYPE-install,
  options: {
    ? token => uint,
    ? manifest-list => [ + bstr .cbor SUIT_Envelope ],
    * $$install-extensions,
    * $$teep-option-extensions
  }
]
```

- CBOR Diagnostic Notation

### CBOR Binary Representation

```
/ install = /
[
  3,          / type : TEEP-TYPE-install = 3 (fixed int) /
  / options : /
  {
    20 : 2004318072, / token : 0x777777778 (uint), generated by TAM /
    10 : [ ] / manifest-list = 10 (mapkey) :
              [ ] (array of bstr wrapped SUIT_Envelope(any)) /
              / empty, example purpose only /
  }
]
```



|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 83          | # array(3)                         |
| 03          | # unsigned(3)                      |
| A2          | # map(2)                           |
| 14          | # unsigned(20)                     |
| 1A 77777778 | # unsigned(2004318072, 0x77777778) |
| 0A          | # unsigned(10)                     |
| 80          | # array(0)                         |

## Summary

- Introduced basic TEE concept
- Importance of TEE for Critical Applications and Operation of Sensitive Data
- Modern CPU Architecture supports TEE
- TEE on RISC-V with Keystone
- IETF is designing and standardizing TEEP for unified way of controlling TAs on different devices and servers
- Relationship of three TEEP drafts
- Status of current development of TEEP on RISC-V
- Having GP API made porting TEEP from ARM to RISC-V easily
- CBOR representations and binaries

## Appendix

- IETF
  - Internet Engineering Task Force
- IETF TEEP Architecture draft
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-teep-architecture/>
- IETF TEEP Protocol draft
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-teep-protocol/>
- IETF TEEP over http
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-teep-otrp-over-http/>
- RATS - Remote ATtestation ProcedureS
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/rats/documents/>
- SUIT - Software Updates for Internet of Things
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/suit/about/>
- CBOR - Concise Binary Object Representation
  - <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/rfc7049/>

- COSE
  - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8152>
- RISC-V Keystone project
  - <https://keystone-enclave.org/>

Updates and discussion at github links

- TEEP Architecture draft
  - <https://github.com/ietf-teep/architecture>
- TEEP Protocol draft
  - <https://github.com/ietf-teep/teep-protocol>
- TEEP over http
  - <https://github.com/ietf-teep/otrp-over-http>

TAM server implementation on github

- <https://github.com/ko-isobe/tamproto>

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