

# Remote Attestation on Arm TrustZone OP-TEE with VERAISON Verifier --- current status and future plan ---

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<https://github.com/iisec-suzaki/optee-ra>

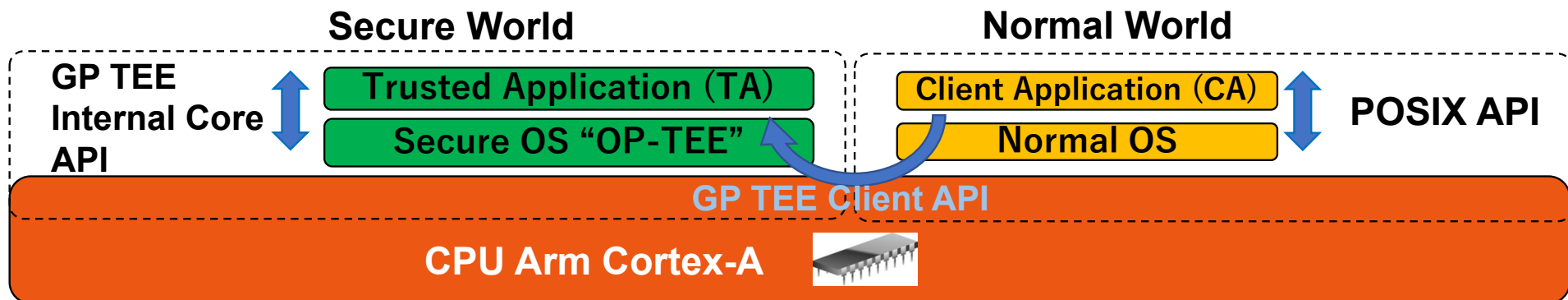
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# What is OP-TEE on Arm TrustZone?

[https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_os](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os)

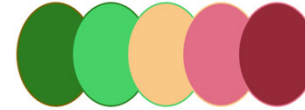
- Arm Cortex-A TrustZone is a popular TEE on smartphones.
- OP-TEE is an open source Secure OS for Arm Cortex-A TrustZone, which follows the API specifications of GlobalPlatform.
- OP-TEE had a simple attestation mechanism but it does not satisfy current remote attestation.
- We developed the total remote attestation for OP-TEE.



# What is VERAISON Verifier

<https://github.com/veraison>

VERAISON



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- VERAISON is an open source verifier based on IETF RATS (Remote ATtestation procedueS).

- 2 Phase

- Provisioning
- Remote Attestation

- RATS requires CBOR formant for attestation evidence.

○ : Roles    →    : Artifact

Roles  
at provisioning

Artifact  
at provisioning

Roles  
at remote attestation

Artifact  
at remote attestation

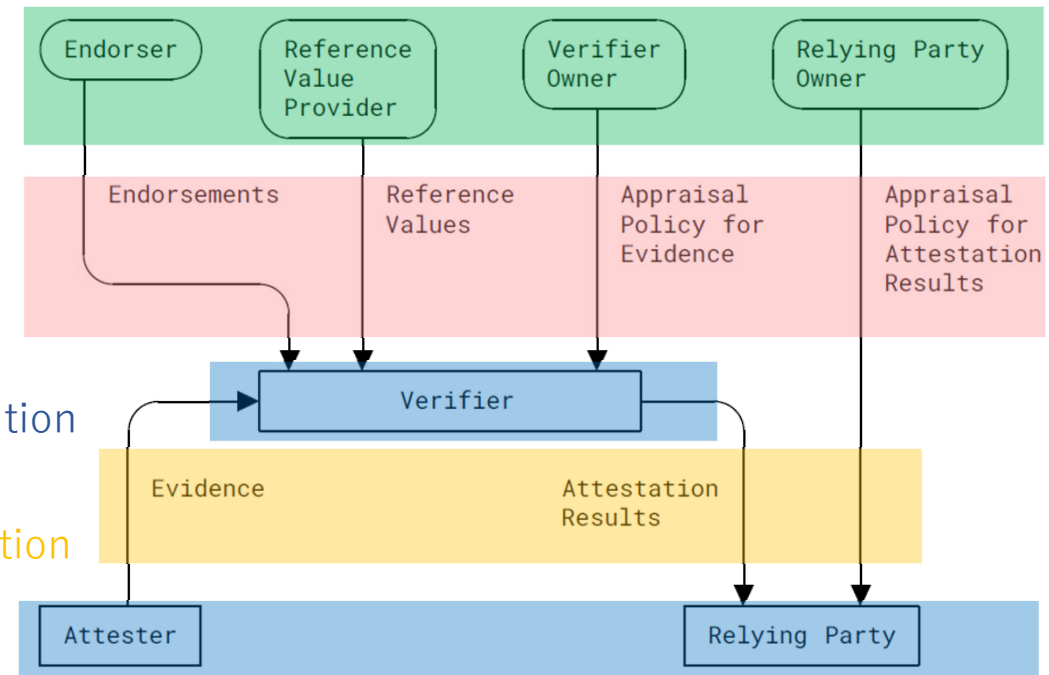
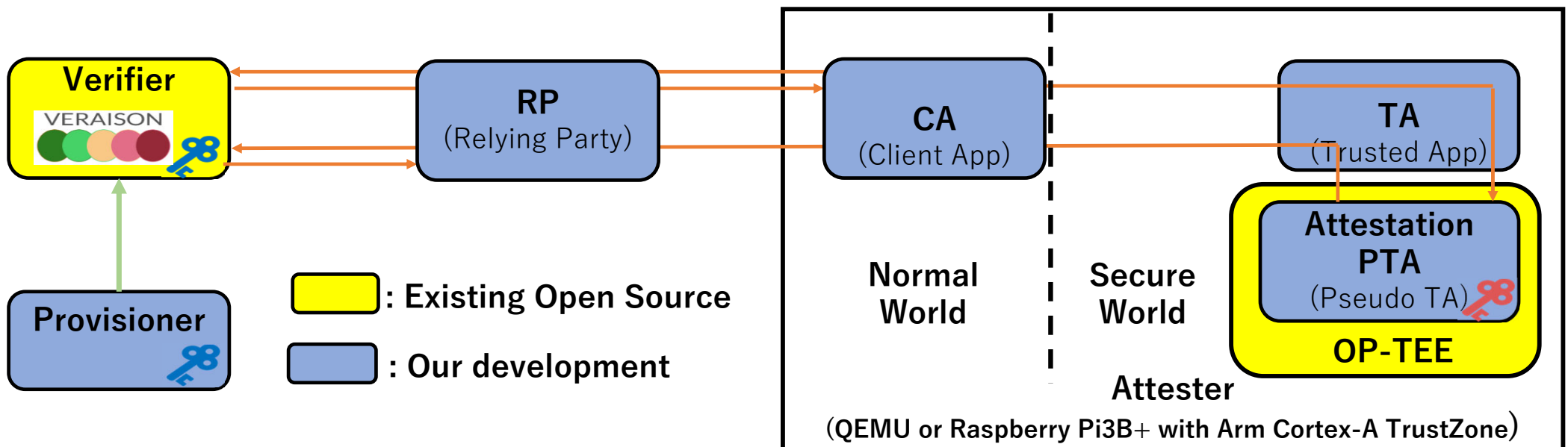


Figure 1: Conceptual Data Flow

# What we developed

- On OP-TEE
  - OP-TEE's API to create Attestation Evidence of TA.
  - PTA (Pseudo TA)
    - Measure the SHA-256 of TA
    - Create an Attestation Evidence with CBOR format
    - Sign the Attestation Evidence with ECDSA w/ SHA-256
- Sample TA
- Sample CA
- Sample Relying Party
- Sample setting of VERAISON



# Prerequisite

# Provisioning

- Endorsement (by OP-TEE builder)
  - Signing Private key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Public Key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Key ID
  - Singer ID

This part is a future work

- PTA of OP-TEE (singer)
  - Signing Private Key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Key ID
  - Singer ID

Attesters

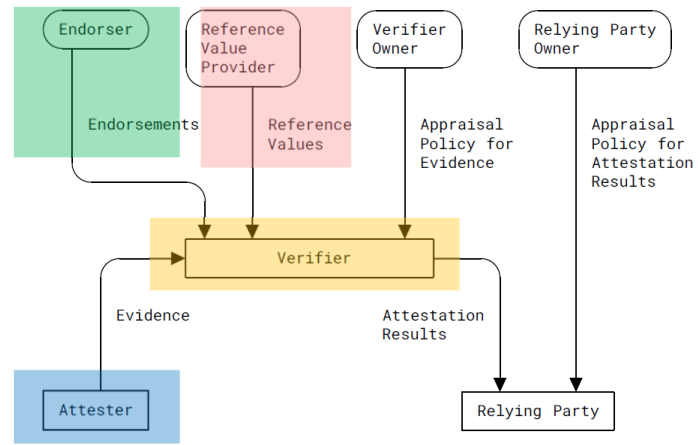
- TA (signing target)
  - TA ID
  - SHA-256 of the TA

The value is measured by PTA

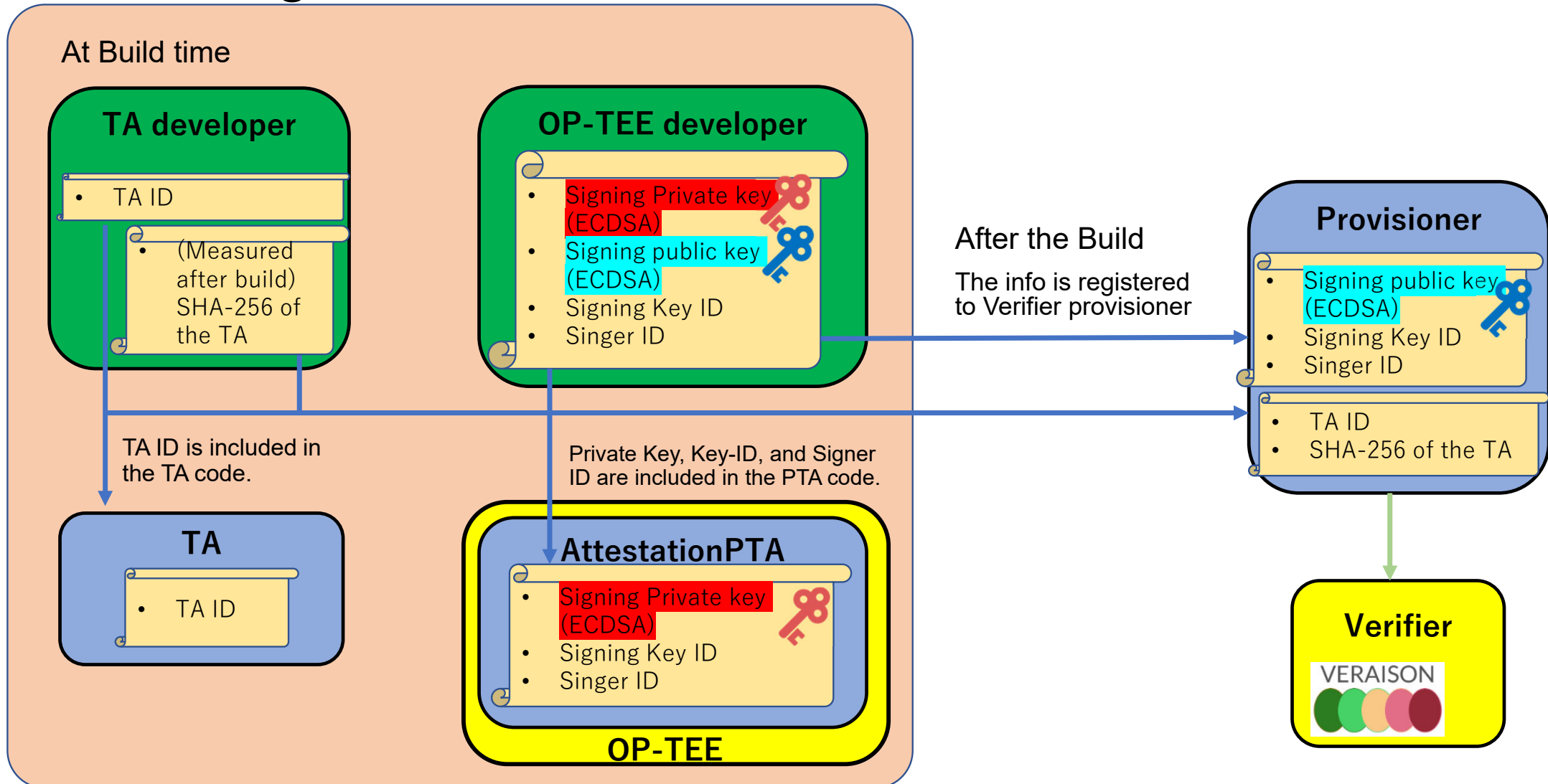
- Reference value (by TA builder)
  - TA ID
  - SHA-256 of the TA

Attester

- VERAISON (Verifier)
  - Signing public key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Key ID
  - Singer ID
  - TA ID
  - SHA-256 of the TA



# Provisioning



# VERAISON Provisioning

## TRUST ANCHORS:

```
{
  "scheme": "PSA_IOT",
  "type": "trust anchor",
  "subType": "",
  "attributes": {
    "PSA_IOT.hw-model": "RoadRunner",
    "PSA_IOT.hw-vendor": "ACME",
    "PSA_IOT.iak-pub": "-----BEGIN PUBLIC KEY-----
    %nMFkwEwYHKoZIzjOCAQYIKoZIzjODAQcDQgAEMKBCtN1cKUSDii11ySs3526iDZ8A%niTo7Tu6KPAqv7D7gS2XpJFbZiItSs3m9+9Ue6GnvHw/GW2ZZaVtszggXlw==%n-----END PUBLIC KEY-----",
    "PSA_IOT.impl-id": "YWNtZS1pbXBsZW1lbnRhdGlvbi1pZC0wMDAwMDAwMDE=",
    "PSA_IOT.inst-id": "Ac7rrnuJJ6MiflMDz14PH3s0u1Qq1yUKwD+83jbsLxUI"
  }
}
```

Signing public key (ECDSA)

## ENDORSEMENTS:

```
{
  "scheme": "PSA_IOT",
  "type": "reference value",
  "subType": "PSA_IOT.sw-component",
  "attributes": {
    "PSA_IOT.hw-model": "RoadRunner",
    "PSA_IOT.hw-vendor": "ACME",
    "PSA_IOT.impl-id": "YWNtZS1pbXBsZW1lbnRhdGlvbi1pZC0wMDAwMDAwMDE=",
    "PSA_IOT.measurement-desc": "sha-256",
    "PSA_IOT.measurement-type": "PRoT",
    "PSA_IOT.measurement-value": "MbgFqjT4jfR+fK104YyQtZUYD0nhXh7GfhMOEmR6tgc=",
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  }
}
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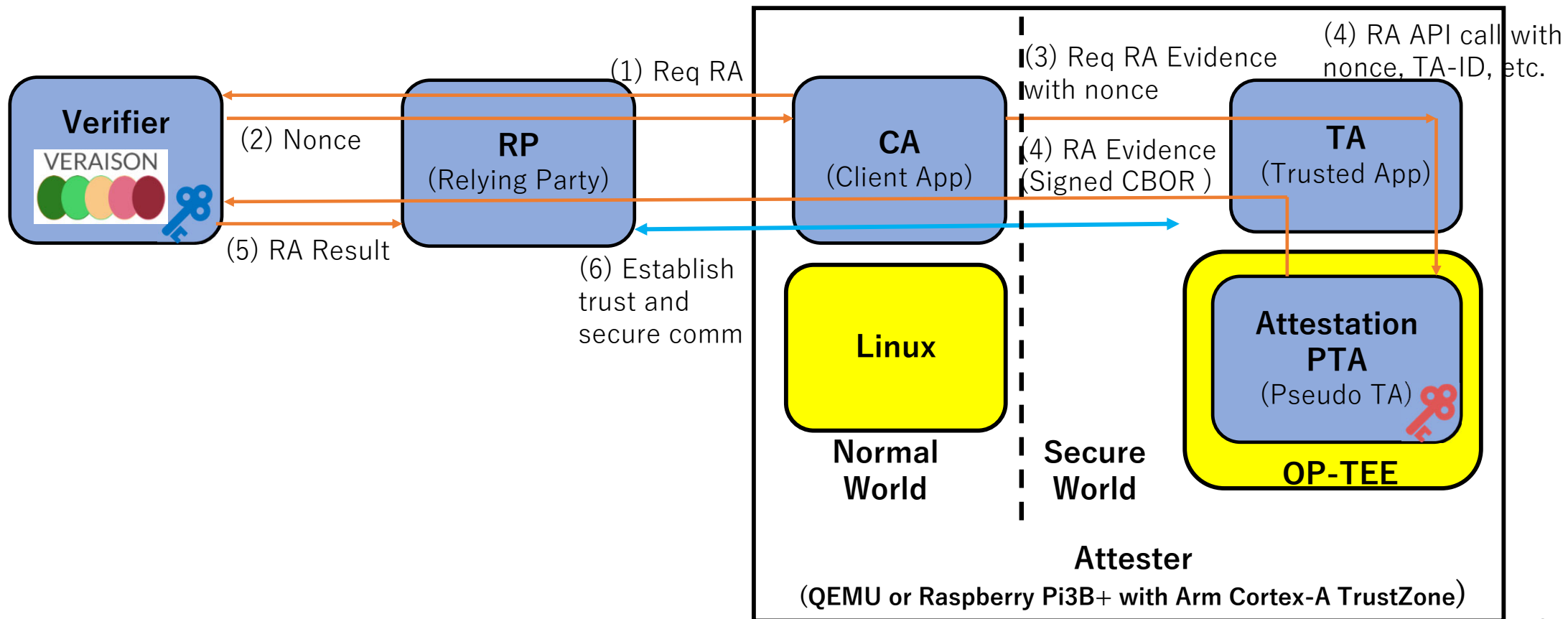
TA ID

SHA-256 of the TA


Signer ID



# Remote Attestation Phase



# Current status

- The code for OP-TEE was merged on Nov 22, 2024.
  - [https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee\\_os/pull/7006](https://github.com/OP-TEE/optee_os/pull/7006)  
PTA Remote Attestation #7006  
 jforissier merged 5 commits into `OP-TEE:master` from `iisec-suzaki:master` on Nov 22, 2024
- The samples are confirmed on QEMU and Raspberry Pi3 B+
  - <https://github.com/iisec-suzaki/optee-ra>
- We are now trying to add the samples to OP-TEE Examples
  - [https://github.com/linaro-swg/optee\\_examples](https://github.com/linaro-swg/optee_examples)

# Future Plan

## (1) Key Management using HSM (Hardware Security Module)

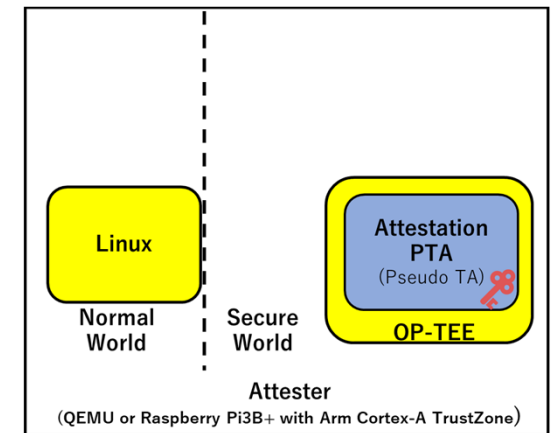
- Current implementation embeds the signing private key in the PTA binary.
  - Attacker can get the key from the boot storage.

- Solution

- Whitebox Cryptography
- HSM (Hardware Security Module)

- Our approach

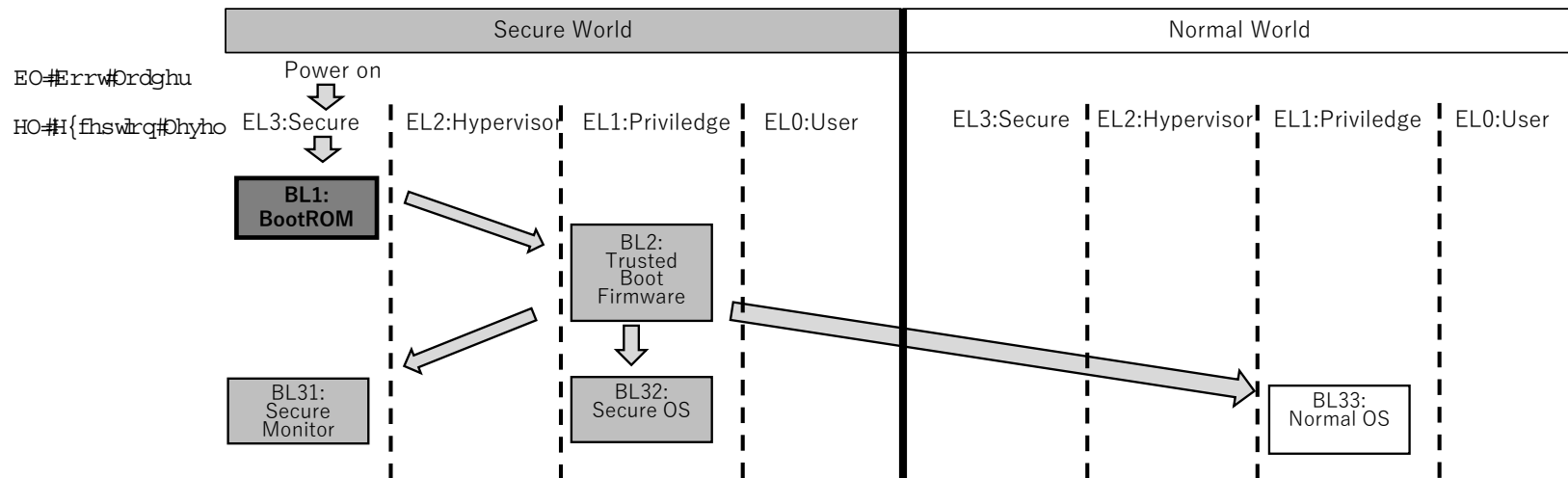
- HSM based on SE (Secure Element) or CAAM (Cryptographic Accelerator and Assurance Module) of NXP



# Future Plan

## (2) Secure Boot Confirmation

- The boot process of Arm TrustZone is mutable and vulnerable for root-kit attacks.



- Remote attestation needs to confirm the secure boot of Secure OS (i.e. OP-TEE).

# Future Plan

## (3) Certificate-Based Attestation Keys

- Current implementation uses signing keys directly.
  - Each device has its own private key, and the verifier must have all public keys.
  - **This model is not scalable!**
- PKI Certificate based Attestation Keys
  - **Device builder becomes an Endorsement.**
  - Each device **has its own key's PKI certificate**, and the verifier has the **issuer's root certificate**.
  - Pros
    - Scalability
  - Cons
    - The Endorser must take a PKI certificate for a signing key.
    - The vesication process is a little bit complicated.

# Prerequisite

- Endorsement (by Device builder)
  - Signing Private Key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Private Key (ECDSA) => PKI Certificate
  - Root Certificate
  - Signing Key ID

- Endorsement (by OP-TEE builder)
  - Singer ID

- Reference value (by TA builder)
  - TA ID
  - SHA-256 of the TA

- HSM device (singer)
  - Signing Private Key (ECDSA)
  - Signing Key ID
  - PKI Certificate

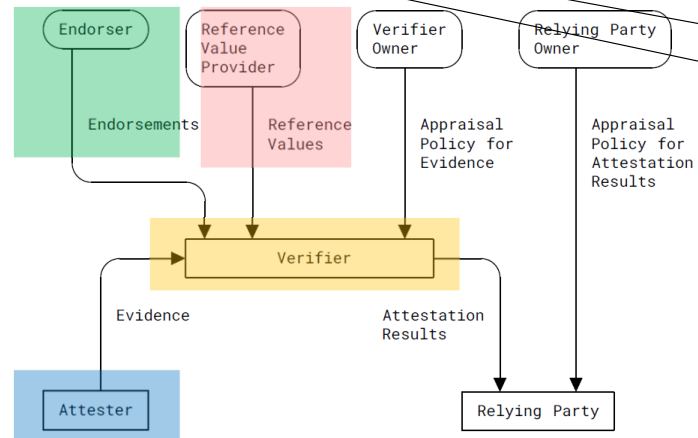
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  - Singer ID

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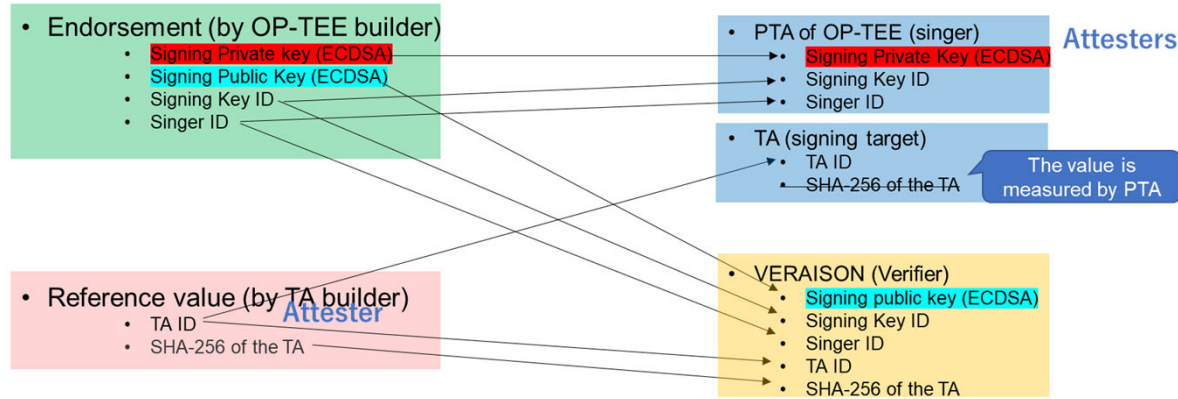
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- VERAISON (Verifier)
  - Root Certificate
  - Signing Key ID
  - Singer ID
  - TA ID
  - SHA-256 of the TA



# Comparison (current and future)

## • Current



## • Future

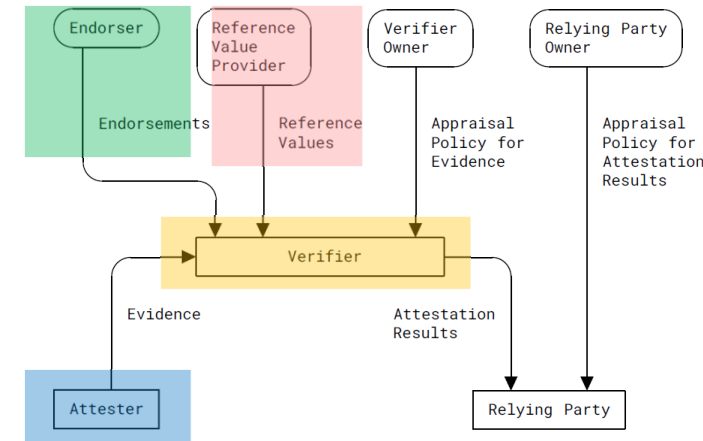
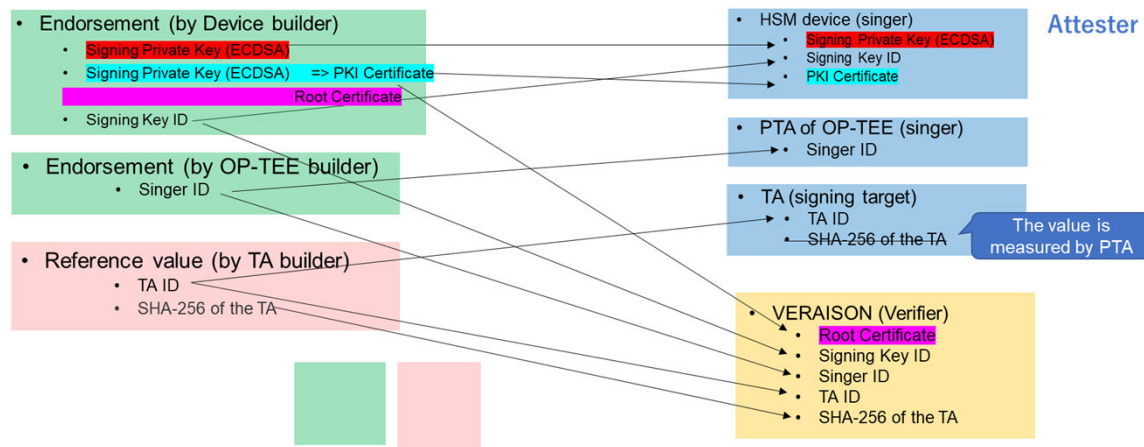


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**This figure does not show improvement in scalability.**

# Discussion



- Does the Verifier need a SINGER-ID?
- If so, the code of SINGNER (OP-TEE PTA) (i.e., SHA-246 of OP-TEE) should be verified.
- The future plan's Secure Boot Confirmation will be the answer.



# Conclusion

- Report the OP-TEE with VERAISON Verifier
- current status
  - The code is included in original OP-TEE. It works but needs more security.
- future plan
  1. The key is protected by HSM.
  2. The evidence of secure boot is included in Attestation Evidence.
  3. The PKI Certificate is used for scalability.

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