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Trusted Computing→ Introduction

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Trusted Computing \rightarrow Aims and outcomes of this lecture



Aims

- To introduce in the topic "Trusted Computing"
- To explore the need and the general idea of Trusted Computing
- To analyze the goals of Trusted Computing
- To assess the concerns of Trusted Computing

At the end of this lecture you will be able to:

- Understand what the basic idea and the need for Trusted Computing is.
- Know something about the approach to Trusted Computing.
- Know the Trusted Computing Group (TCG) and what they do.
- Understand the need of Trusted Computing.

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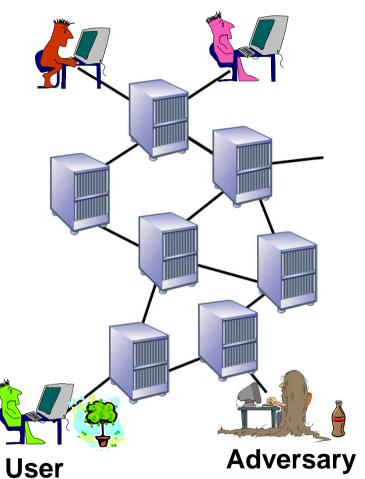
Motivation of Trusted Computing → The Big Picture



- Trustworthiness in distributed IT systems
 - Different parties with potentially conflicting requirements involved
 - Cryptographic methods are of limited help
- How to define "trustworthiness"?
 - How to determine / verify it?
- How could common computing platforms support such functionality?
 - Even a secure OS cannot verify it's own integrity

The role of Trusted Computing

 Enable the reasoning about the "trustworthiness" of own and other's IT system [see also Kuhl2003, KuGe2003]



Motivation of Trusted Computing → Demand for Trusted Computing



- Improve security of existing IT Systems (malware, phishing, etc.)
- Increasing threats for IT systems
- Inflexibility of traditional secure systems (reference monitors)
- Improve existing IT infrastructures (e.g., VPN)
- Enable new applications with sophisticated (security) requirements
- Application domains
 - Monitoring and verifying integrity of IT systems
 - Controlling access to and usage of services and resources (online services, shared hardware, sensitive data)

Motivation of Trusted Computing → Attacks to be resisted



All software attacks!

- Some (but not all) hardware attacks
 - nothing can guarantee that all hardware attacks can be resisted unless the system is physically isolated (in a locked room, surrounded by armed guards)
 - a "smartcard" level of protection is all we can do at a reasonable price



Motivation of Trusted Computing → Possible use-cases



- E-Services
 - Government (e.g., e-Voting integrity)
 - Health (e.g., confidentiality of sensitive medical records)
 - Commerce (e.g., enforceability of digital signatures)
- Online banking
- Could Computing / Grid Computing
 - Digital / Enterprise Rights Management
- Secure Supply Chains
- Mobile computing

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Notion of Trust → Issues and Vocabulary



- **Trust** [RoSiBuCa98, Luhm1979, Cole1990, RoSiBuCa98]
 - Complicated notion studied and debated in different areas (social sciences, philosophy, psychology, computer science,...)
 - Notion relating to belief in honesty, truthfulness, competence, reliability etc. of the trusted entity
 - Social Trust belief in the safety or goodness of something because of reputation, association, recommendation, perceived benefit
- Meanings (an attempt) (see also [BILBNC2005])
 - Secure: system or component will not fail with respect to protection goals
 - Trusted: system or component whose failure can break the (security) policy (Trusted Computing Base (TCB))
 - Trustworthy: the degree to which the behavior of the component or system is demonstrably compliant with its stated functionality
- **Trusted Computing Group (TCG)** defines a system as trusted
 - " "[...] if it always behaves in the expected manner for the intended purpose."

Security and trustworthiness → What's necessary for trust?



- It is safe to trust something when
 - (it can be clearly identified)

"Trusted platforms" identify themselves (via cryptography) and the software in use (via measurements)

& (it operates unhindered)

"Trusted Platforms" isolate processes, because we don't know how to ensure that a process operates as implemented unless it is isolated from other processes

 & ([the user has first hand experience of consistent, good, behavior] or [the user trusts someone who has provided references for consistent, good, behavior])

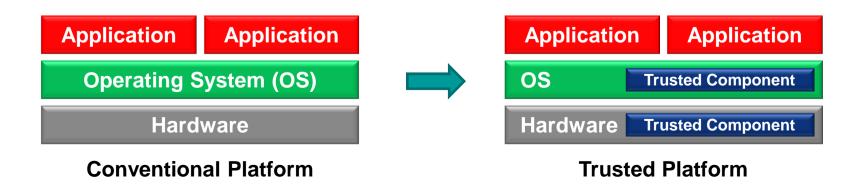
"Trusted platforms" include references (attestation) for the platform and for the software that executes on the platform

Notion of Trust → Basic Idea for Trusted Platform



Trusted components in hardware and software

- Provide a variety of functions that must be trusted
 - in particular a set of cryptographic and security functions
- Create a foundation of trust for software
- Provide hardware protection for sensitive or restricted data
 - e.g., keys, counters, etc.
- Desired goals
 - Trusted Computing Base (TCB) should be minimized
 - Compatibility to commodity systems



Notion of Trust → Objectives



Multilateral Security [Rann1994]

- Considers different and possibly conflicting security requirements of different parties and strives to balance these requirements
- Refers to (classical) security goal (e.g., confidentiality, integrity and availability)
- Typical conflict occurs between the wish for privacy and the interest in cooperation (security)

Problems

- Insufficient protection in SW and HW of existing computing platforms
 - Malicious code (viruses, Trojan horses, …)
 - DMA (Direct Memory Access)
 - No secure storage
- Main reasons
 - High complexity and poor fault isolation of operating systems
 - Lack of functional and protection mechanisms in hardware
 - Security unawareness of users or security measures still not useable enough

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Trustworthy Computing Platforms → Primary Goals (1/2)



Improve security of computing platforms

Reuse existing modules

- e.g., GUI, common OS
- Applicable for different OS
 - No monopoly, space for innovation (small and mid-sized companies)

Open architecture

- Use open standards and open source components
- Trustworthiness / costs / reliability / compatibility

Trustworthy Computing Platforms → Primary Goals (2/2)



Efficient portability

- Allow realization of new applications / business models
 - Providing multilateral security needed for underlying applications (based on various sets of assumptions and trust relations)
 - Avoiding potential misuse of trusted computing functionalities

Trustworthy Computing Platforms \rightarrow Desired Primitives (1/2)



- Metric for code configuration
 - I/O behavior of a machine based on an initial state
 - e.g., represented by the hash value of the binary code
- "clearly identified" Problematic when functionality depends on other codes not included in hashing (e.g., shared or dynamically linked libraries)
 - Sometimes the notion of *code identity* is used [EnLaMaWi2003]

Integrity verification (Attestation)

- Allows a computing platform to export verifiable information about its properties (e.g., identity and initial state)
- "reference" Comes from the requirement of assuring the executing image and environment of an application located on a remote computing platform

Trustworthy Computing Platforms \rightarrow Desired Primitives (2/2)



Secure storage

- To persist data securely between executions using traditional untrusted storage like hard drives
- To encrypt data and assure to be the only capable of decrypting it

Strong process isolation

- Assured (memory space) separation between processes
- "operates unhindered" Prevents a process from reading or modifying another processes' memory

Secure I/O

- Allows applications to assure the end-points of input and output operations
- A user can be assured to securely interact with the intended application

Trustworthy Computing Platforms → Need for Secure Hardware



- Even a secure operating system cannot verify its own integrity (another party is needed)
- DMA control
 - Isolation of security-critical programs
- Secure storage (keys, counters, ...)
- Secure execution
 - Hardware-based random numbers
 - Fundamental to cryptography
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Trustworthy Computing Platforms → Need for Secure Software (OS)



- Hardening, e.g., SELinux [LoSm2001]
 - Still too complex and large TCB (Trusted Computing Base)

Complete new design

- e.g., Trusted Mach, EROS (Extremely Reliable Operating System) [TrustedMach1991, Shap1999]
- Compatibility problem, less market acceptance
- Secure Virtual Machine Monitors (e.g., [Gold74, Sailer et al 2005])
 - Allow reuse of legacy software

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Trusted Computing Group (TCG) → Overview



- Consortium of IT enterprises (since April 2003)
 - Today more than 140 members [TCG]
 - www.trustedcomputing.org/about/members/
- Focus on development of hardware-enabled trusted computing and security technology across multiple platforms and devices
- Evolved from Trusted Computing Platform Alliance (TCPA)
 - Formed by Hewlett-Packard (HP), Compaq (today part of HP), IBM, Intel and Microsoft in January 1999
 - Has published various specifications



Trusted Computing Group (TCG) → Membership (1/2)



140Total Members as of March 24, 2008 8 Promoter, 80 Contributor, 52 Adopter

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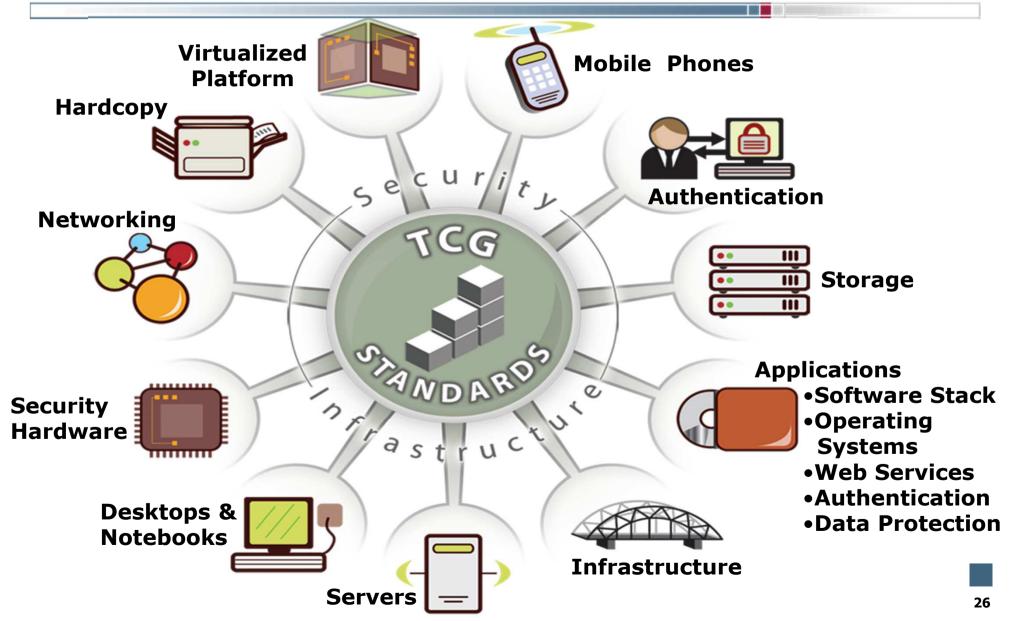
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Trusted Computing Group (TCG) → The "BIG" Picture



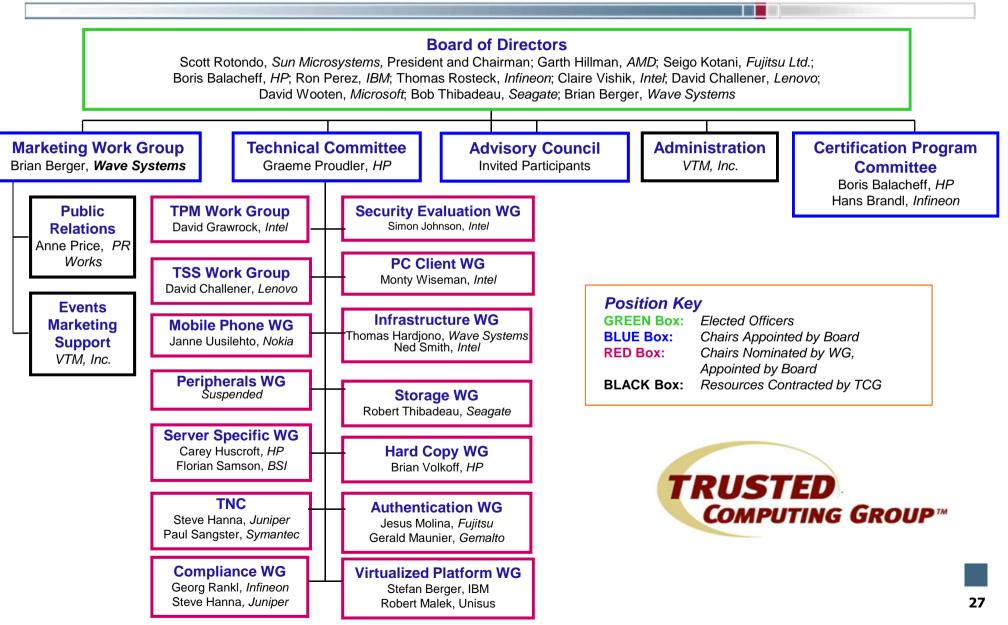


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Specifications Published → Partial List



TPM Work Group

TPM Specification Version 1.2 Rev 94

PC Client Work Group

- PC Client Specific TPM Interface Specification (TIS) Version 1.2
- PC Client Specific Implementation Specification for Conventional Bios Version 1.2
- TCG EFI Protocol Specification
- TCG EFI Platform Specification

Server Work Group

- Generic Server Specification Version 1.0
- TCG Itanium Architecture Based Server Specification Version 1.0

TSS Work Group

- Software Stack Specification Version 1.2
- Software Stack1.2 Headers Errata 1
- Software Stack Specification Version 1.1
- Software Stack Specification Header File

TNC Subgroup

- TCG TNC Architecture Version 1.1
- TCG TNC IF-IMC Specification Version 1.1
- TCG TNC IF-IMV Specification Version 1.1
- TCG TNC IF-PEP: Protocol Bindings for RADIUS Version 1.0
- TCG TNC IF-Protocol Bindings for Tunneled EAP Methods Version 1.0
- TCG TNC IF-TNCCS Specification Version 1.0

Infrastructure Work Group

IWG Credentials Profile Spec

Mobile Phone Work Group

- TCG Mobile Reference Architecture Version 1.0
- TCG Mobile Trusted Module Specification Version 1.0

Storage Work Group

Storage Architecture Core Specification 0.9

TCG Work Groups I



- Trusted Platform Module (TPM) Work Group
 - Specifies Trusted Platform Module (TPM)
- TCG Software Stack (TSS) Work Group
 - Specifies hardware and operating system independent interfaces for using TPM features
- Trusted Network Connect (TNC) Work Group
 - Standards ensuring multi-vendor interoperability that enable network operators to enforce security policies for endpoint integrity for network connections
 - Infrastructure Work Group (IWG)
 - Adoption and integration of TCG concepts into Internet and enterprise infrastructure technologies

TCG Work Groups II



- PC Client Work Group
 - Specifies functionality, interfaces, and security and privacy requirements for PC clients using TCG components
 - Has advisory role for TPM and other TCG work groups
- Server Work Group
 - Specifies integration of TCG technology into server systems
- Mobile Phone Work Group
 - Adoption of TCG concepts for mobile devices
 - Addresses specific features of mobile devices like connectivity and limited capability

TCG Work Groups III



- Storage System Work Group
 - Standards for security services on dedicated storage systems with removable media drives, flash storage and multiple storage device systems including dedicated storage controller interfaces
 - E.g., ATA, Serial ATA, SCSI, FibreChannel, USB storage, FireWire (IEEE 1394) and Network Attached Storage (NAS)

TCG Main Specification



- Trusted Platform Module (TPM) [TPM2002, TPM2003, TPM2007]
 - Provides a set of immutable cryptographic and security functions
 - Trusted Software Stack (TSS) [TSS2003, TSS2007]
 - Issues low-level TPM requests and receives low-level TPM responses on behalf of higher-level applications

Trusted Computing Group (TCG) → Motivation and Idea



Fundamental motivation

- Develop open specifications for trustworthy IT systems (servers, PCs, embedded systems, etc.)
- Improve the security of distributed applications at a reasonable economic cost
- Avoid any extensive changes to existing hardware or software

Main Idea

- Manipulation-proof hardware component (securer than software)

 → "improvement" against software-based attacks.
- Security of the system is reduced to the security of a security module
- The integrity and authenticity of an IT system can be reliably tested, even from a distance

Trusted Computing Group → Main Functions (1/2)



- Trusted Platform Modules (TPM)
 - Reliable random generator (secure cryptographic keys)
 - Cryptographic functions: signature (RSA), hash function (SHA-1)
 - Creation of different cryptographic keys
 - Platform Configuration Register (PCR) for storing the system configuration.

Secure Storage

- Creation of secure cryptographic keys
- Storage of these keys in the hardware module



Sealing

- Cryptographic keys can be binded to the IT system and/or a specific software configuration.
 - → Provide protection against manipulations of the operating system

Trusted Computing Group → Main Functions (2/2)



(Remote) Attestation

- Analyse the current configuration of the IT system
- Detecting manipulated IT systems (distributed systems, Web Services, ...)
- Communication only with trustworthy IT systems

Access Control

 Implementation of access rules in a network with unknown IT systems (TNC)

Trusted Boot

System configuration can be checked (smartcard, USB stick, mobile phone)

Installed TPMs

- 60 million by the end of 2006
- 130 million by the end of 2007
- 200 million by the end of 2008



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Basic TCG Concepts → Chain of Trust for Measurements



- Goal is to gain trust in entity E_n
- Operational standpoint: E_0 launches E_1 , E_1 launches E_2 , ...
- To trust E_n one must trust E_{n-1}
- E_0 , E_1 to E_n creates a "Chain of Trust"

"Transitive Trust"

- Trust is transitive from E₀ to E₁ to E₂...
- It does not invert: trusting E_0 does NOT imply that one must trust E_2
- Trusting E₂ REQUIRES one to trust E₀ and E₁



Basic TCG Concepts → Chain Measurement



What does one need to "trust" the chain?

- The identity of each item in the chain
- identity = measurement (according to TCG definition)
 - e.g., a hash value of the binary code
- Generic flow: each member measures its successor before passing the control to it
 - E₀ measures E₁ before passing control to E₁ and so on

Who measures E₀?

- Root of Trust for Measurements (RTM)
 - Must be trusted, no mechanism to measure it
 - To create a chain of trust the first entity must be the RTM

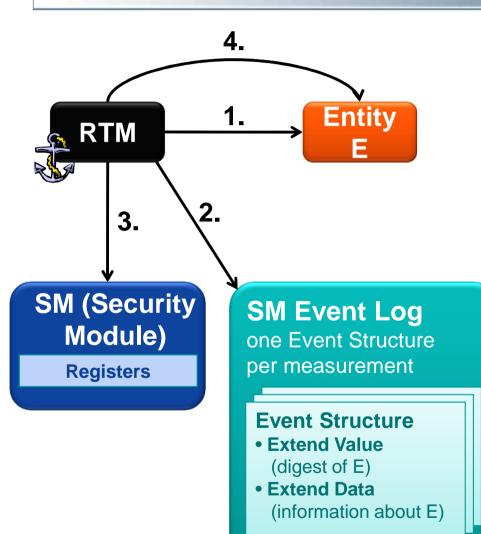


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Basic TCG Concepts → Performing Integrity Measurements

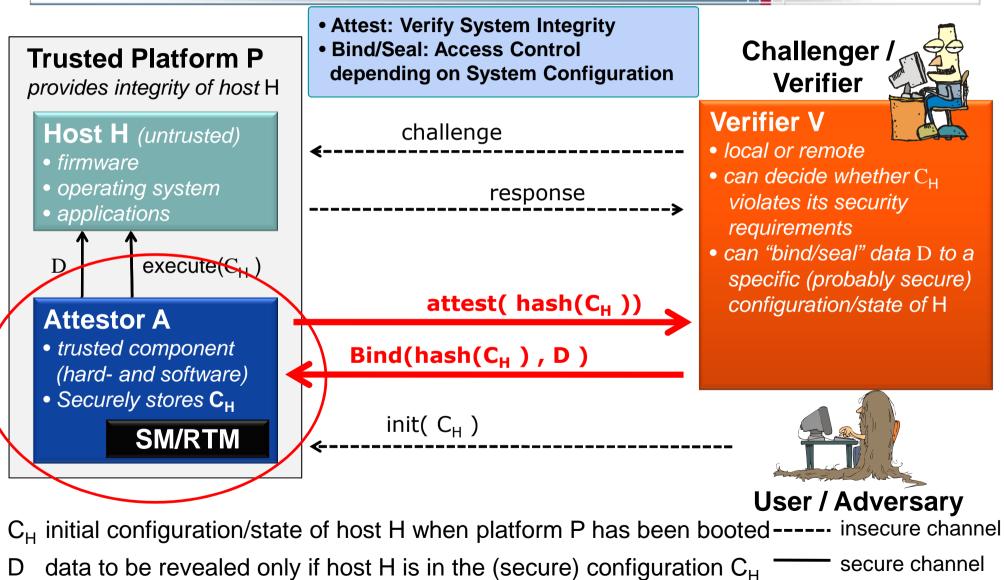




- 1. RTM measures entity E
- 2. RTM creates Event Structure in TPM Event Log
 - SML contains the Event Structures for all measurements extended to the SM
 - SM Event Log can be stored on any storage device
 - e.g., hard disk
- 3. RTM extends value into Registers
- 4. Execute/pass control to entity E

Basic TCG Concepts \rightarrow Abstract Model of TCG





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Basic TCG Concepts → TPM Supervises its Platform



- Software can be affected by other software
- Trusted components required to perform integrity measurements
- Minimal set of components that must be trusted: Root of Trust for Measurement (RTM)
 - Basic computing engine
 - CPU, system memory, chipset
 - **CRTM** (Core RTM, e.g., part of system BIOS)
 - **TPM** (Platform Configuration Registers, PCR)

Basic TCG Concepts → Concerns About TCG Approach (1/2)



Potential basis for Digital Rights Management (DRM)

Less freedom

Including freedom of choice and user control

Privacy violation

Disclosure of platform identity and configuration

Confusing language

"Trust", "control", "opt-in", ...

Core specifications unreadable

Leads to misunderstanding

Basic TCG Concepts → Concerns About TCG Approach (2/2)



Danger of restricting competition

 Misuse of sealed storage capabilities, locking out alternative applications and inhibiting interoperation [Scho2003, Ande2002, Ande2003, Cour2002]

Much of the criticism related to Microsoft's NGSCB

- Several name changes Palladium, NGSCB, Longhorn, Vista [Microsoft2003a, Microsoft2003b, Microsoft2003c, Vista2006]
- Bad publicity or legal challenges on rights to the names [Lemo2003, Bech2003]

Legal Requirements on TC/TCG → Main actors



- German Government Requirements Catalogue on TCG [GG2003]
- Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) [Scho2003]
- European Commission Article 29 (Data Protection Working Party) [EC2004]
- New Zealand Government's initiative on TC/DRM technologies [NZG2006]

Legal Requirements on TC/TCG → Main requirements



- Prevent confusion and clarify terms (trust, trusted, trustworthy, thread model)
- Privacy issues (user, platform,...), application and design of new technologies should be privacy compliant by default
- Unrestricted user control (e.g., over keys and IT technology)
- Transparency of certification
- Option for transferring secrets between different machines
- Functional separation of TPM and CPU / chipsets
- Product discrimination
- TC/DRM should not adversely affect security of government-held information

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Trusted Computing → Summary



- We have to improve the IT security/trustworthiness and we have to increase the threads.
- Trusted Computing seems to be a good approach to reach these targets.
- TCG is a consortium consisting of the most imported IT companies and these companies support specifications which can help to realize the trusted computing idea.



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