

# Ciclo de Palestras em Computação

## UFES - 2022



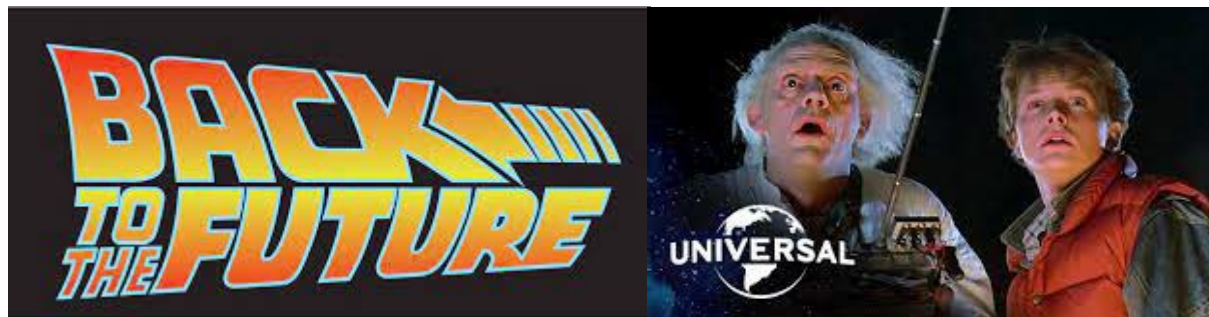
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**Ivan De Oliveira Nunes**  
**Rochester Institute of Technology**  
<http://ivan.csec.rit.edu>

# Agenda

1. Minha trajetória desde a UFES (2009)
2. Dicas e conselhos gratuitos (se fosse bom vendia)
  - Ou: *“existe vida após a graduação na UFES?”*
3. Oportunidades para alunos da UFES no RIT
4. Um pouco do minha pesquisa: IoT & MCU Security

De volta a 2009...



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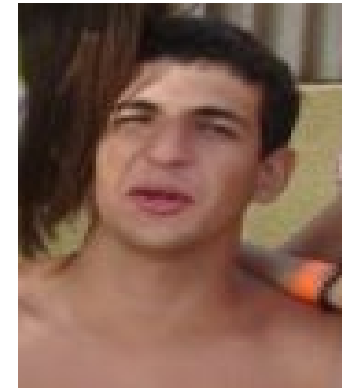


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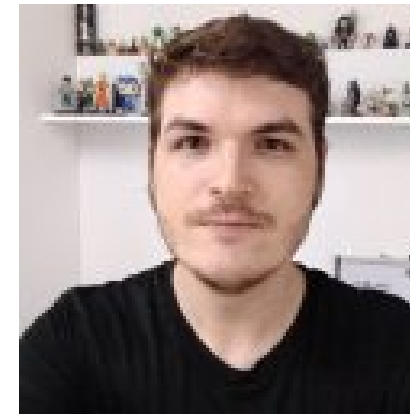
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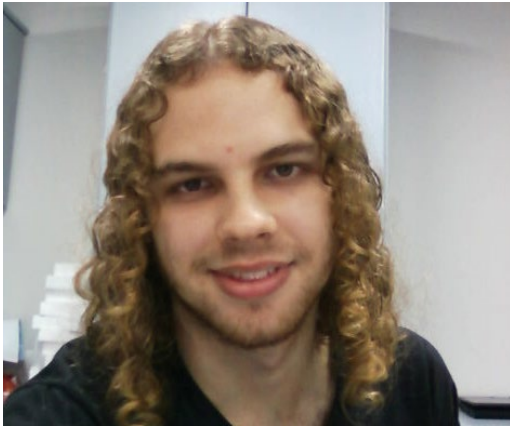


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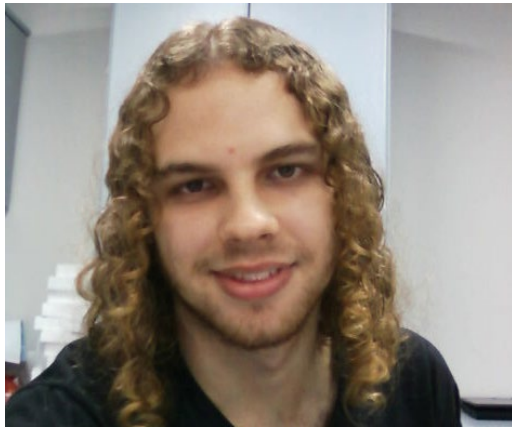


Prof. Andre Pacheco  
(DI - UFES)

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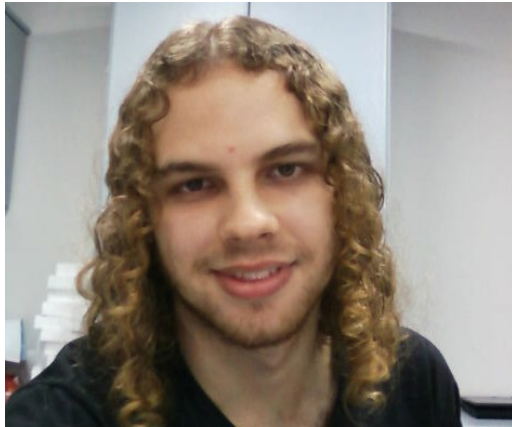


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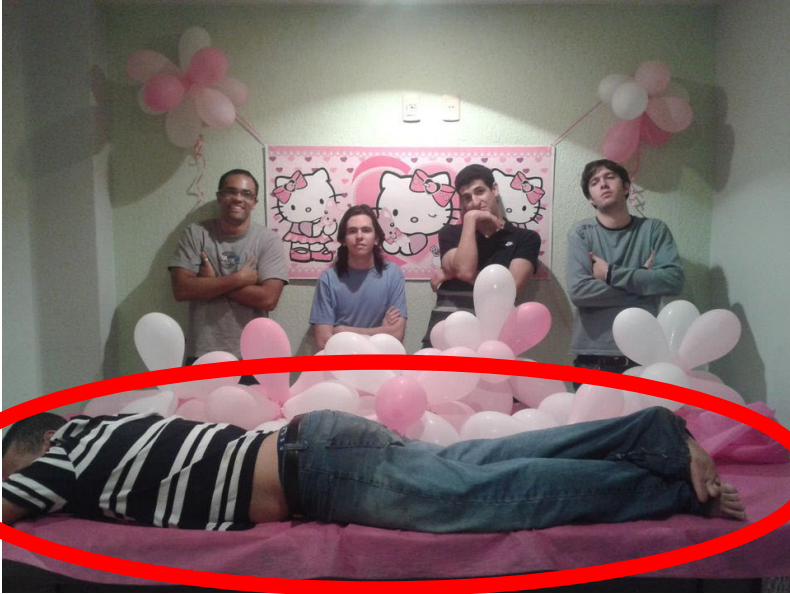


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Juan Franca  
1º Tenente da Marinha do Brasil

## Turma Eng. Comp. 2009



Se nós sobrevivemos, você também consegue!!!

**Frases que ouço hoje dos meus colegas de turma que  
eu gostaria de ter ouvido quando era aluno**

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- PET Eng Comp (2009 - 2012):



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- Torneios de Robótica (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014)
- ERUS (criada em 2012)



# Exemplo: atividades durante a minha graduação (e as portas que elas abriram)

- Ensino, Pesquisa e ICs

## Designing a Low Cost Home WSN for Remote Energy Monitoring and Electronic Devices Control

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This paper presents the design of a prototype embedded wireless sensor network for monitoring and controlling electronic devices in a home network. The network is used to measure the devices' electrical energy consumption and to turn them on or off. In this specific case the goal is to reduce energy consumption, but the proposed design methodology can be used to perform other kinds of tasks. The system prototype

## Análise Quantitativa baseada em Medições de Sistemas P2P para Video Streaming

José Alexandre Macedo<sup>1</sup>, Ivan de Oliveira Nunes<sup>1</sup>, Ebenezer Nogueira da Silva<sup>1</sup>,  
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**Resumo.** O uso de sistemas P2P Video Streaming tem se tornado cada vez mais popular na Internet. Esta popularidade decorre de diversas vantagens apresentadas por estes sistemas como economia na banda de transmissão nos servidores e ganhos em escalabilidade. Entretanto, comprovar efetivamente os ganhos em sistemas reais é um desafio importante e que poucos trabalhos têm dado atenção na literatura. A proposta desse artigo é analisar dois sistemas de

Flávio Miguel Varejão

INTRODUÇÃO À  
PROGRAMAÇÃO:

UMA NOVA  
ABORDAGEM USANDO



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- Exemplos de projetos **idealizados por alunos** e executados com apoio de professores do DI/DEL (da minha época de UFES):
  - IntroComp
  - Nucleo de Cidadania Digital (NCD)
  - Equipe de Robotica da UFES (ERUS)
    - TRUFES

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  - Meus colegas de UFES são amigos que eu levo para a vida inteira.

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## Depois da UFES

- Mestrado na UFMG (2014-2016)
- Doutorado – University of California Irvine (2016-2021)
- Atualmente:
  - Professor – Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

## Parte 2: Oportunidades no RIT

# ABOUT **RIT**

## Our Story

- Private University
- Founded in 1829
- 10th largest private university in the U.S.
- 9 colleges, 18+ research centers
- 50+ MOU's and Partnerships.
- Campuses in Rochester, Croatia, Dubai & Kosovo

## Student Body

- **19,000+** students
  - 15,900 undergraduate
  - 3,100 graduate
  - ~15% international students
- **118,000+** alumni



# ABOUT ROCHESTER

**3rd** largest city in  
New York State

**1.1M**  
total population



Buffalo = 1 hour

Niagara Falls = 1.5 hours

Toronto, Canada = 3 hours



New York City = 1 hour

Boston = 1.5 hours

Chicago = 1.5 hours



**RIT** | Rochester Institute of Technology

# Global Cybersecurity Institute (GCI)

## Cybersecurity is a wholistic outcome and is a multidisciplinary activity

- Computing Security is a core technical discipline but successful outcomes demands integration and collaboration across a broad range of disciplines
- Software engineering, computer science, HCI, gaming, business, cognitive psychology, public policy, mathematics, quantum computing etc.

## Capitalize on existing strengths in education, research and outreach/impact by taking them to the next level with focus and intensity

- 500 students, leader in Collegiate Cyber Competitions
- \$3M in yearly research grants & growing
- Eaton SAFE lab for penetration testing



Image courtesy Wipro  
<https://www.wipro.com/en-US/applications/eliminating-the-complexity-in-cybersecurity-with-artificial-intelligence/>

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<https://www.rit.edu/cybersecurity/cybervsr>

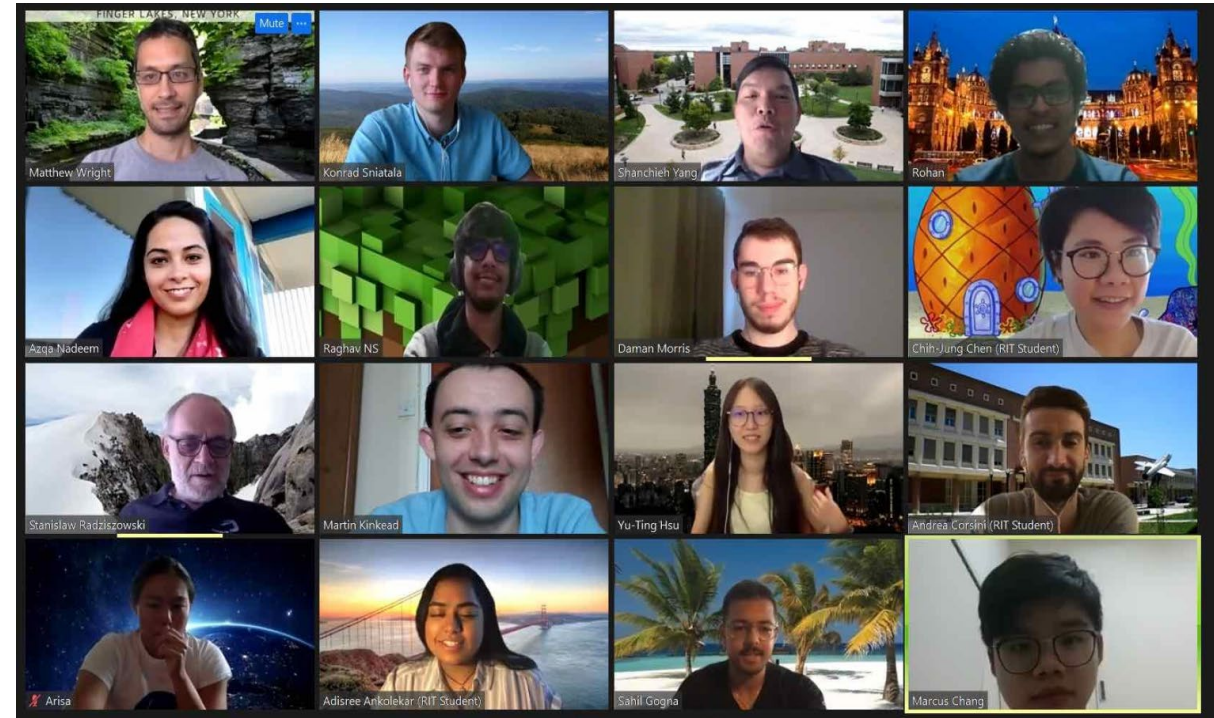
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- **Joint student supervision:** undergraduate and graduate.
- **Collaborative grants:** CSIT @ Queen's University Belfast (UK), Poznan University of Technology / EUNICE (Poland), KPI University (Ukraine), & Gachon University (S. Korea).
- **Joint webinars and workshops:**
  - US-NI-ROI Workshop on IoT/CPS Cybersecurity
  - NATO AICA Conference
- **CPTC International:** RIT Dubai (Middle East), SiberX & Durham College (Canada), & Masaryk University (Europe).
- **Collaborative Training/Education:** ... in the works,



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# Global Cybersecurity Institute Virtual Tour

<https://youtu.be/XdnRwwxcR7Y>



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# The New World We Live In

## A Global Digital Nervous System



The physical is digital and computers make autonomous decisions

**Connected everywhere**

**Greater access,  
but less control**

**New technologies =  
new vulnerabilities**

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# The Old Model of Security



**Perimeter-based**

**A single layer or simply  
add more layers**

**Static, inflexible**

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# Can we create a cyber immune system?

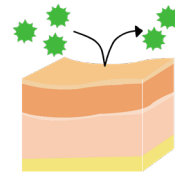
**Assume constant attack**

**Innate detection and defenses**

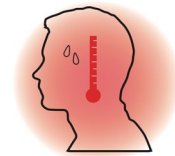
**Both atomic and wholistic**

**Highly adaptive**

## The Immune System Metaphor



**Barriers:** Skin and cilia prevent invaders from entering



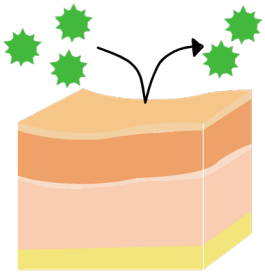
**Innate:** Fever, chemicals stop invaders from spreading



**Adaptive:** White blood cells attack invaders

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# Barriers: Stopping Airborne Attacks



## Wireless Security

- Full-frame Encryption
- Physical-layer attributes



Hanif Rahbari

## Robust & Secure System-on-a-Chip

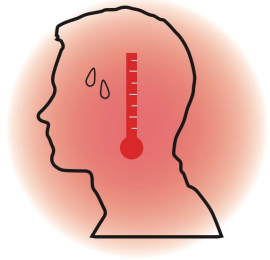
- Jamming protection
- Eavesdropping protection



Amlan Ganguly

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# Innate: Security by Design



## Combatting Architectural Weaknesses

- Finding & characterizing design flaws
- Working w/ MITRE's CWE



Mehdi Mirakhorli

## Metrics for Software Vulnerabilities

- Understanding how they happen
- Better software patterns



Andy Meneely

# Adaptive: Robust Detection



## Attack Prediction & Modeling

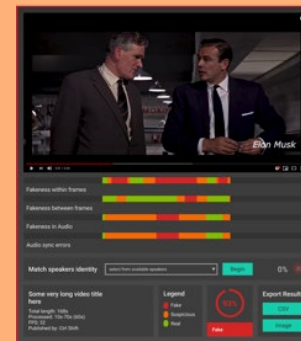
- ML to extract adversary behavior
- Predictive modeling of attacks



S. Jay Yang

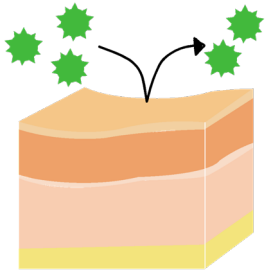
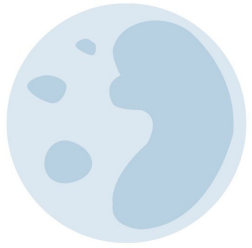
## Adversarial ML

- More secure ML
- Deepfake detection



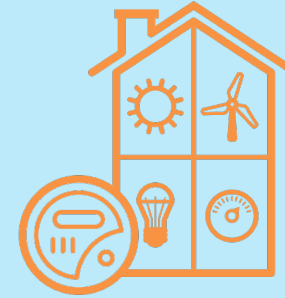
Matt Wright

# Adaptive Barriers: Cryptography



## Privacy in Smart Meters

- Protect your activities
- Accurate, real-time data to providers



Sumita Mishra

## Encrypted Cloud

- Homomorphic Encryption
- Secure Analytics

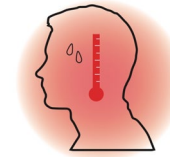
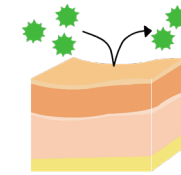


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# Cybersecurity Research @ GCI

## Protecting our Digital System



**Intelligent and adaptive**

**Both atomic and wholistic**

**Providing innate protection**

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


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### All Areas ☐ off | ☐ on

#### AI ☐ off | ☐ on

- ▶ Artificial intelligence ☒
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- ▶ Machine learning & data mining ☒
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- ▶ The Web & information retrieval ☒

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









































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Parte 3:

Um pouco sobre a minha pesquisa

IoT Device Security

# What is an IoT device?

**Loosely specified:**

“It’s a thing” ...

**AND**

“It’s in the Internet (i.e., can communicate)” ...

**=>**

“It’s an IoT Device!”

**Not wrong, but too broad => Not very useful as a definition.**

# What is an IoT device?

## Our context:

IoT devices have limitations when compared to your everyday general purpose devices.

(In our context) the following general purpose computers are **\*not considered\*** “IoT Devices”:



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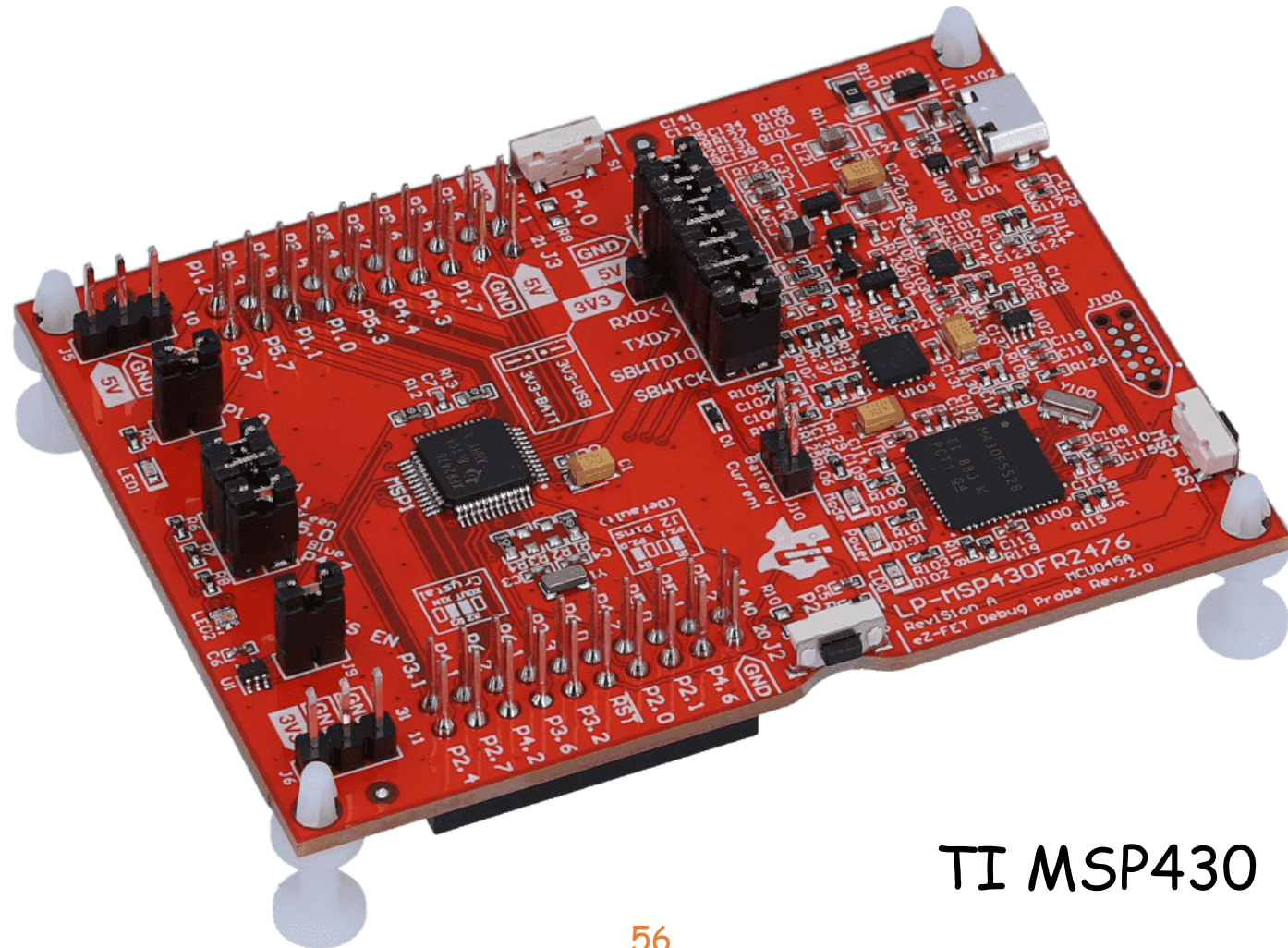


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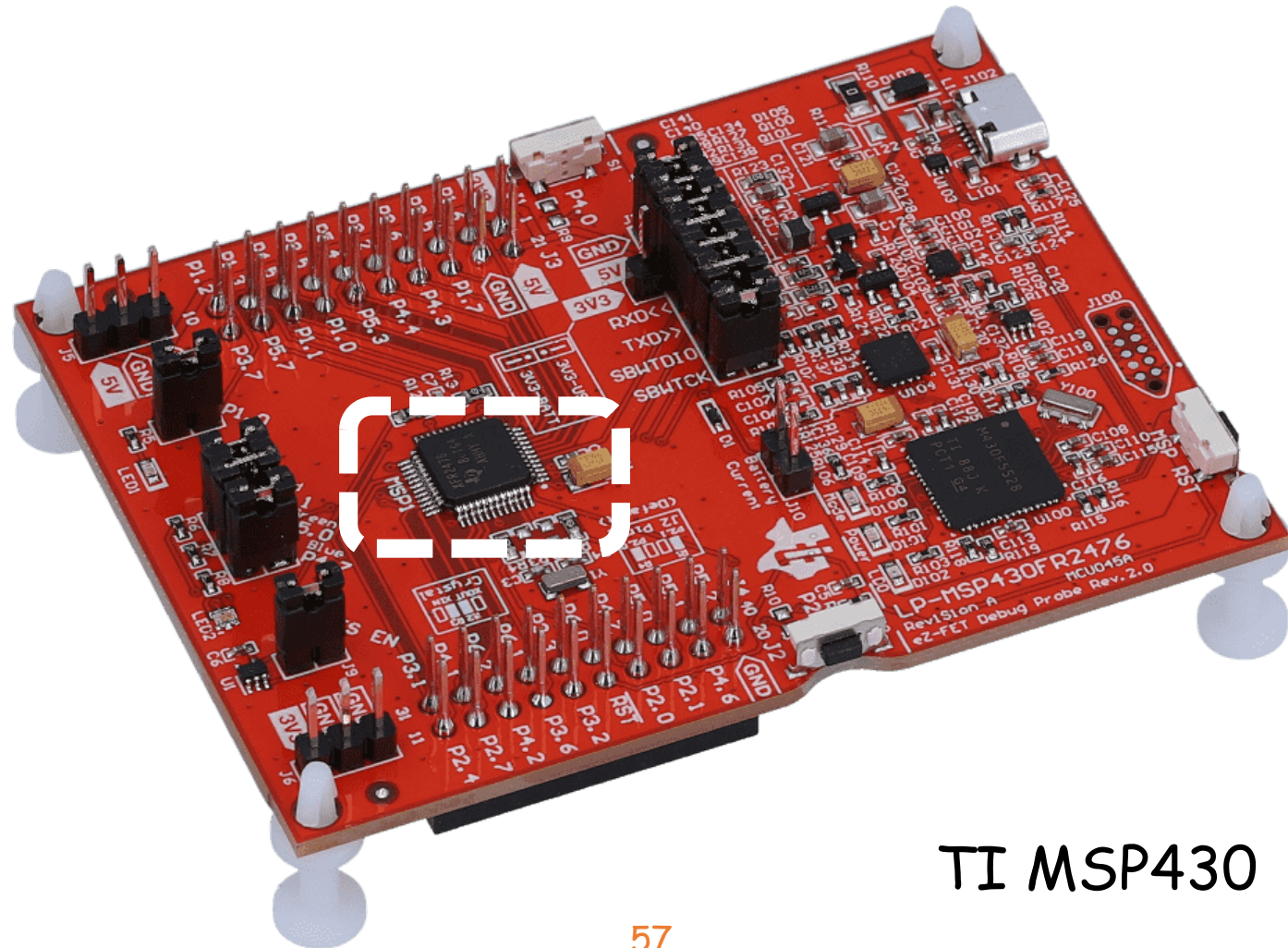
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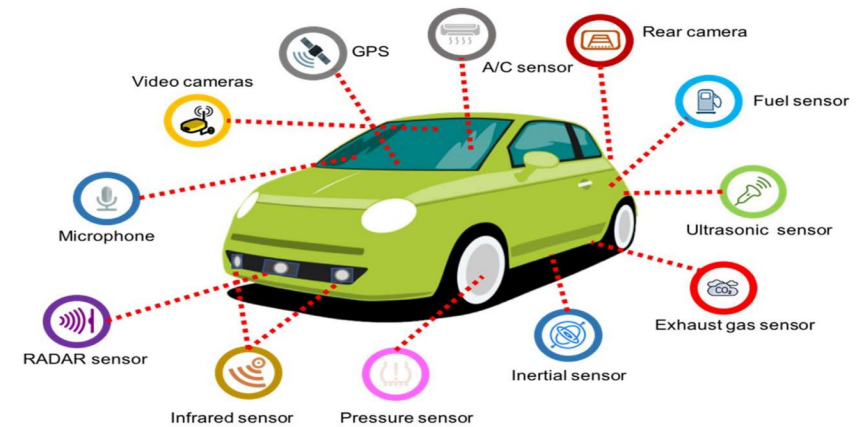
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# IoT & MCU Security

(why bother?)

# IoT Applications

- Multitudes of interconnected devices
  - Control units
  - Sensors
  - Actuators
  - Network devices
- Examples
  - Industrial/office automation
  - Home automation
  - Vehicles
- Heterogeneous:  
Typically, more sophisticated devices control simpler lower-end ones



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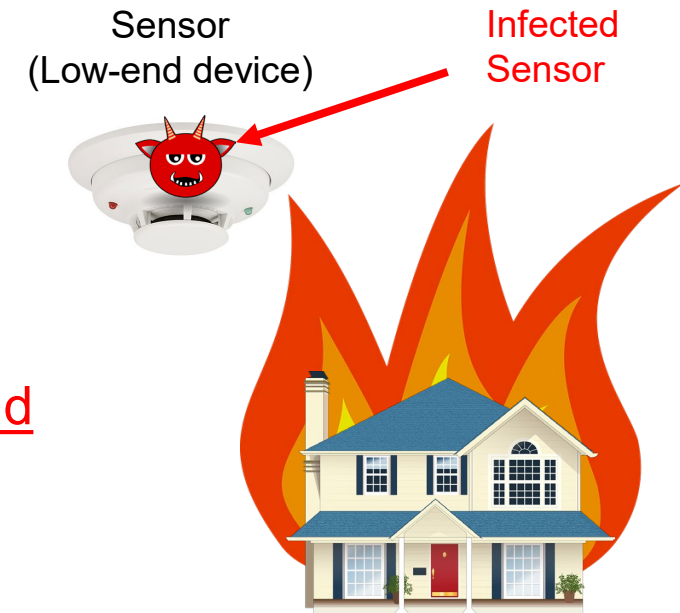
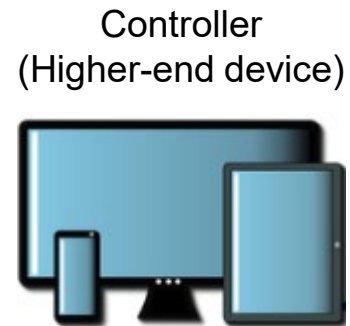
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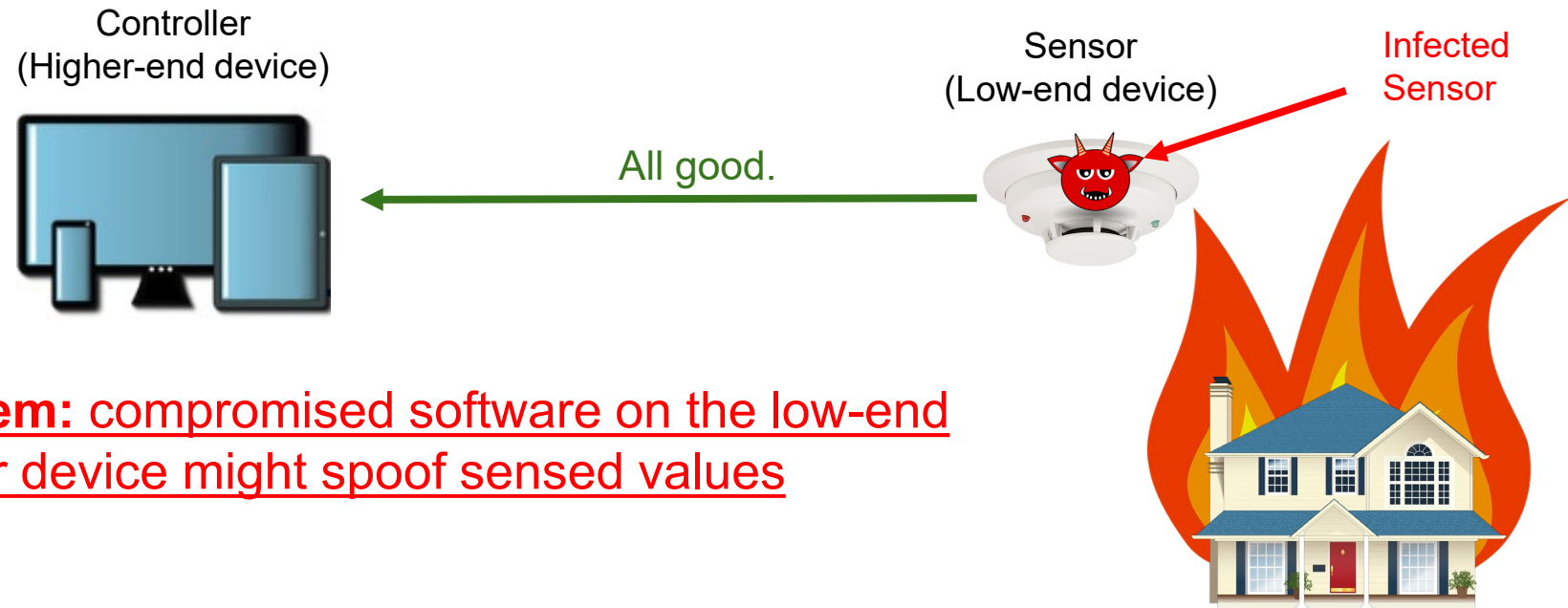
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- Other examples:
  - Implantable (battery powered) medical devices
  - Enviromental/chemical sensors in the rainforest (or underwater)
  - Energy meter or a household (for billing purposes and more)



# IoT Attacks in the Wild

## Webcam Maker Takes FTC's Heat for Internet-of-Things Security Failure

By Richard Adhikari  
Sep 5, 2013 3:56 PM PT

## Homeland Security warns of 'BrickerBot' malware that destroys unsecured internet-connected devices

Reminiscent of the Mirai botnet that brought down large swathes of the US internet last year, this new malware targets poorly secured Internet of Things devices and renders them useless.



By Zack Whittaker for Zero Day | April 19, 2017 -- 13:19 GMT (06:19 PDT) | Topic: Security

### Worms

## Stuxnet worm heralds cyberwar

Attack aimed at Iran nuclear plant and at US base show spread of cyber weapon

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### FEATURE

## The Mirai botnet explained: How teen scammers and CCTV cameras almost brought down the internet

Mirai took advantage of insecure IoT devices in a simple but clever way. It scanned big blocks of the internet for open Telnet ports, then attempted to log in default passwords. In this way, it was able to amass a botnet army.

# IoT-Specific Threats and Attacker Goals

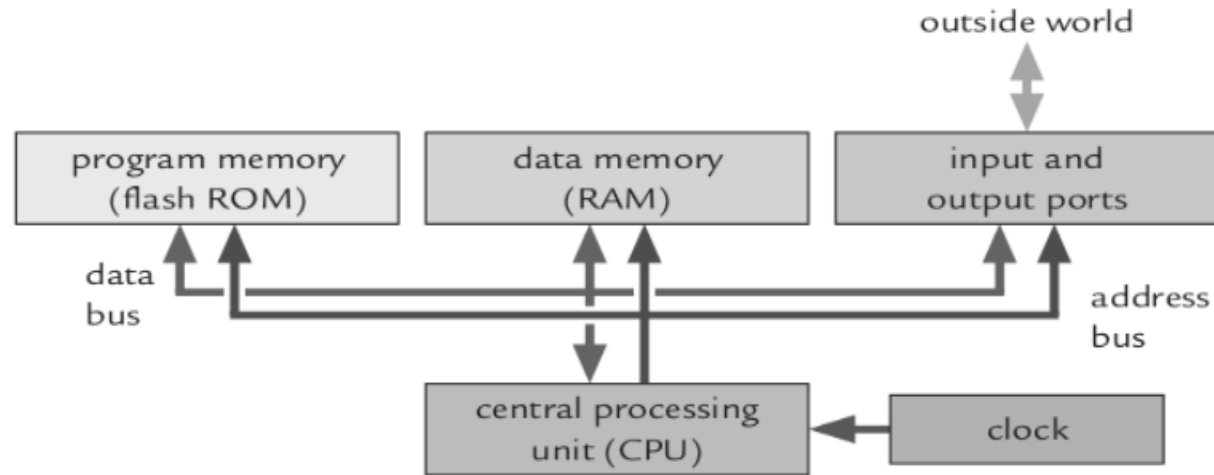
- **Sensors:** Privacy
- **Actuators:** Security/Safety (e.g., Stuxnet)
- **Either:** DDoS, a.k.a., Zombification (e.g., Mirai)

And combinations thereof...



# MCU Computational Resources

(The amoebas of the computing world)



- Designed for: **Low-Cost, Low-Energy, Small-Size.**
- Memory: Program (32 to 64kB) and Data (2 to 16 kB)
- Single core CPU (1 to 16MHz; 8 or 16 bits)
- Simple Communication Interfaces for IO (a Few kbps)
- Examples: TI MSP430, AVR ATMega32 (Arduino)



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    - **primitive security support (MPU, but no MMU)**
  - Lowest-end/ultra low-energy, e.g, AtMega, MSP430, etc:
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  - It's a budgetary issue!

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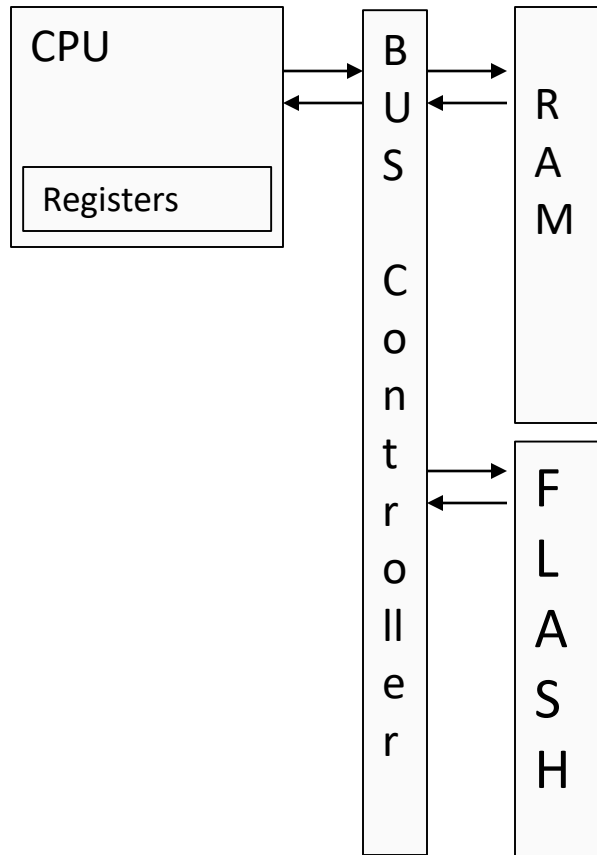
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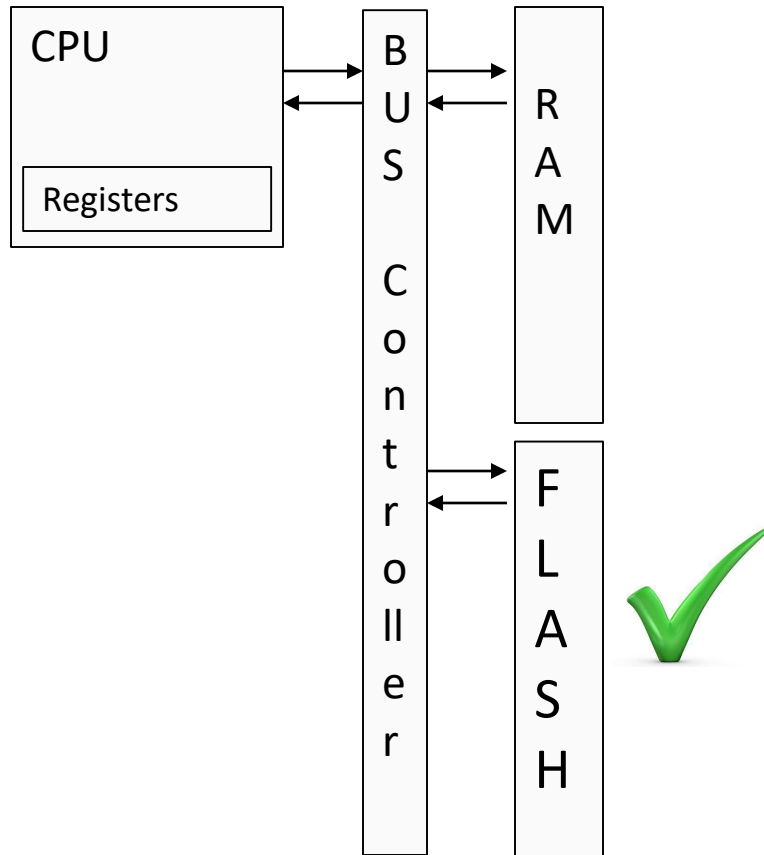
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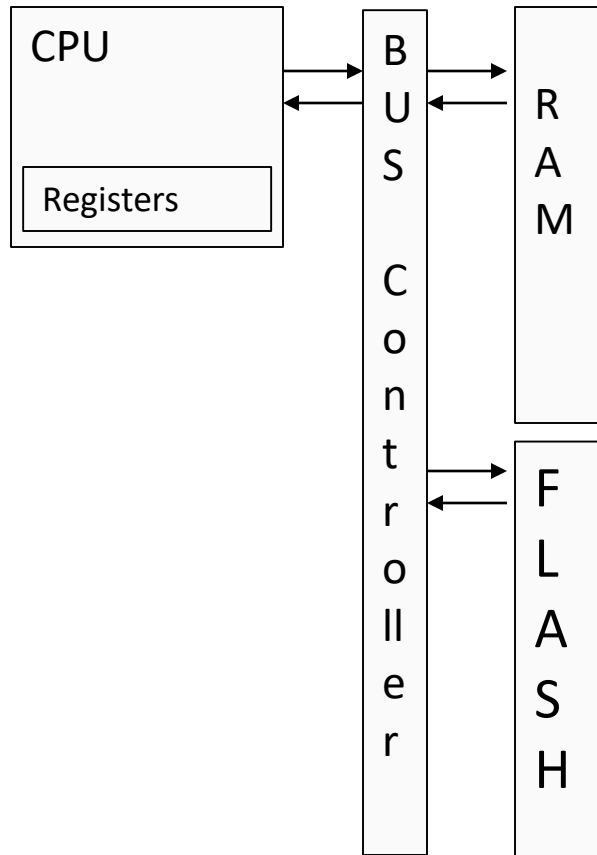


**Anything modifiable can be modified by the Adversary. Hardware is not modifiable!**

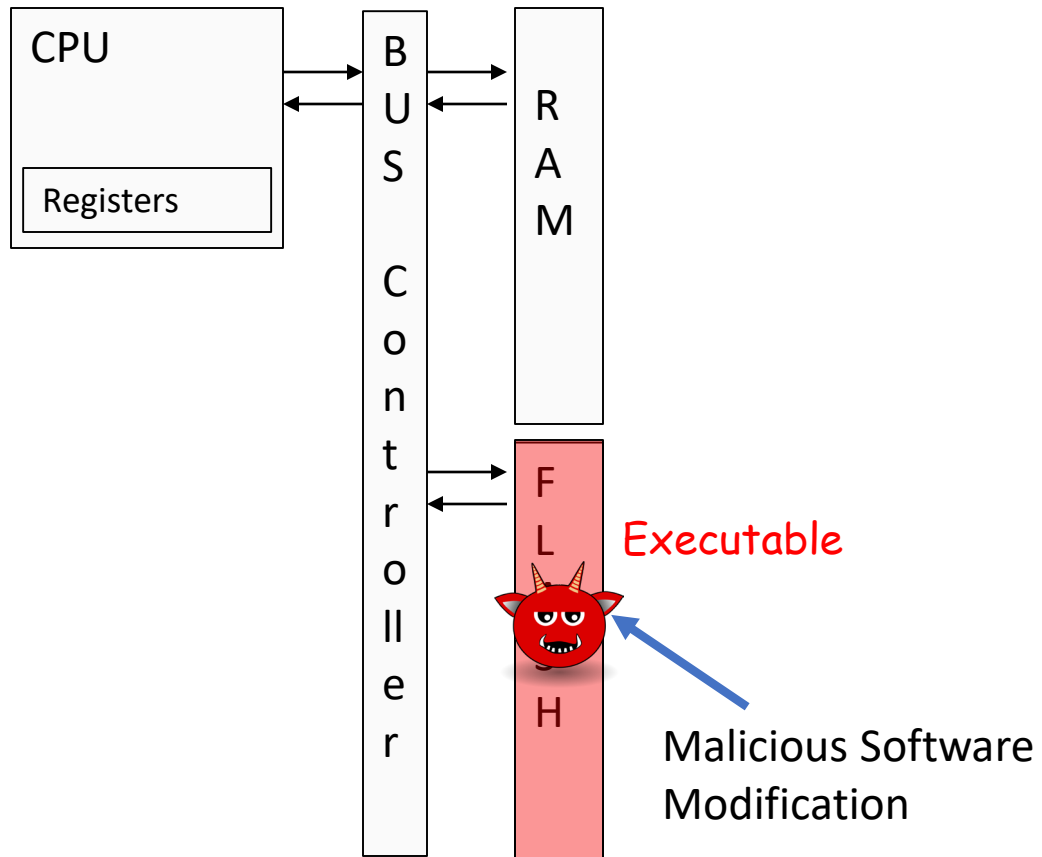
**A.k.a.: Full-Software Compromise model!**

**One of the strongest threat models (and very applicable to IoT)**

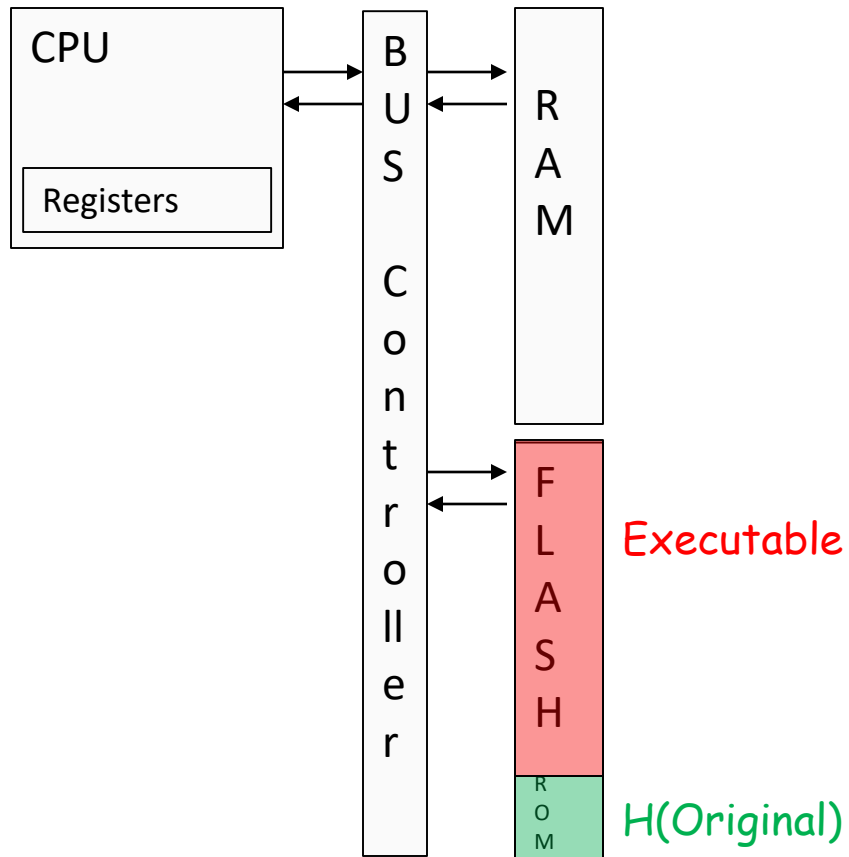
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- A simple idea:
  - Cryptographic Hash Functions
  - Store a hash of the Original in Read-Only Memory (ROM)
  - **At boot:** compute a hash of the executable and compare with the stored hash in ROM
    - Why does it work?

# Secure Boot (history)

[IEEE S&P (Oakland) 1997]

## A Secure and Reliable Bootstrap Architecture

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### Abstract

*In a computer system, the integrity of lower layers is typically treated as axiomatic by higher layers. Under the presumption that the hardware comprising the machine (the lowest layer) is valid, integrity of a layer can be guaranteed if and only if: (1) the integrity of the lower layers is checked and (2) transitions to higher layers occur only af-*

these suppositions are true, the system is said to possess *integrity*. Without integrity, no system can be made secure.

Thus, any system is only as secure as the foundation upon which it is built. For example, a number of attempts were made in the 1960s and 1970s to produce secure computing systems, using a secure operating system environment as a basis [24]. An essential presumption of the security arguments for these designs was that system law-

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Did we solve MCU software integrity the problem?

Any issues remain?

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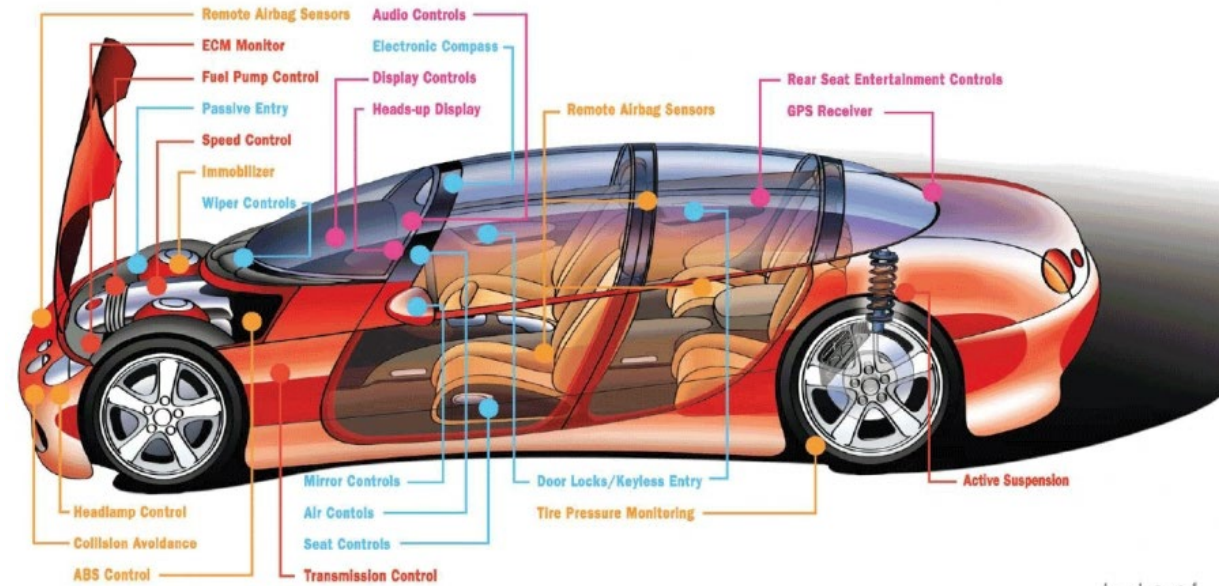
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# Remote Software Updates

- These guys probably care:



4. Today's vehicles feature many more MCUs, which control numerous functions. (Courtesy of Microchip Technology)



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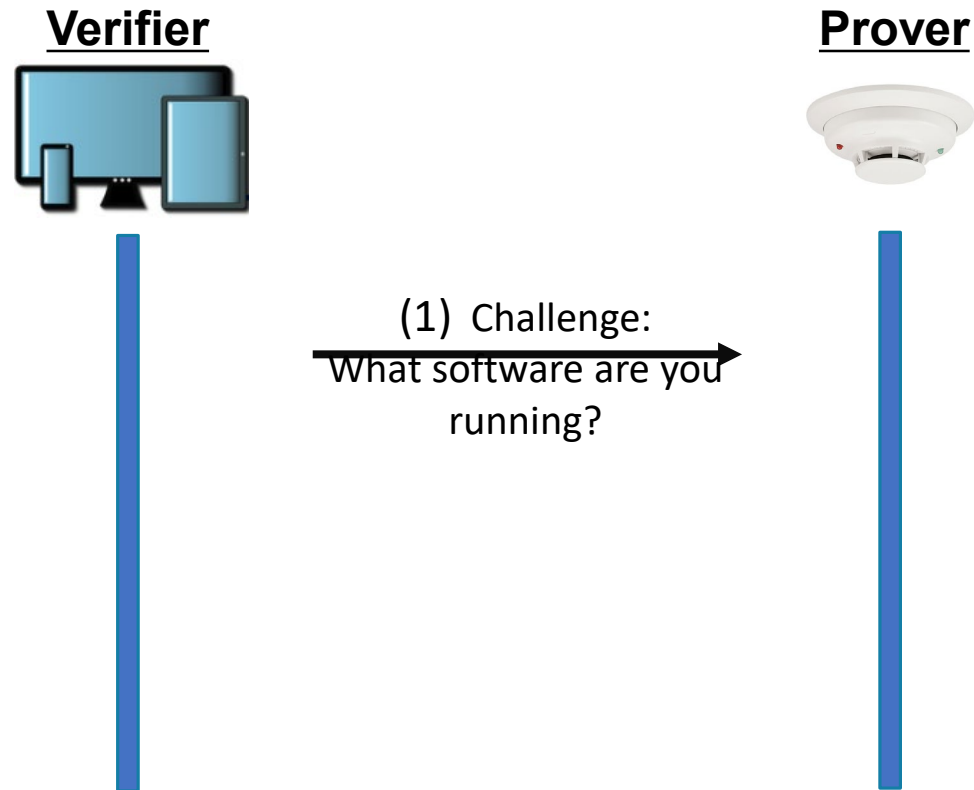
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  - An alternative approach.
    - **Detection-based integrity**

Allow software to change (for the good or for the bad)...  
But always check/measure the software before using it!

# Detection of Illegal IoT Code Modifications and Remote Attestation

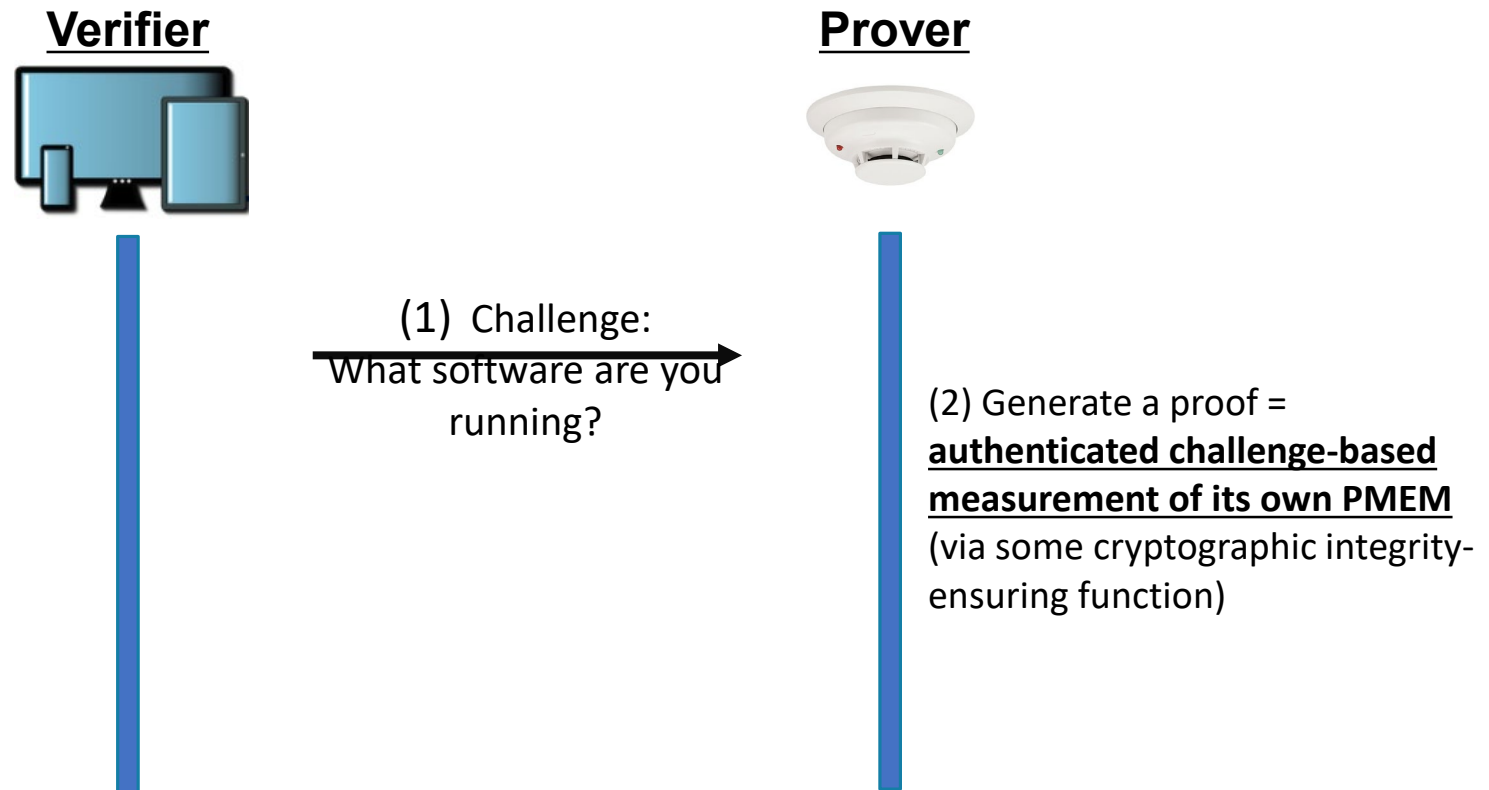
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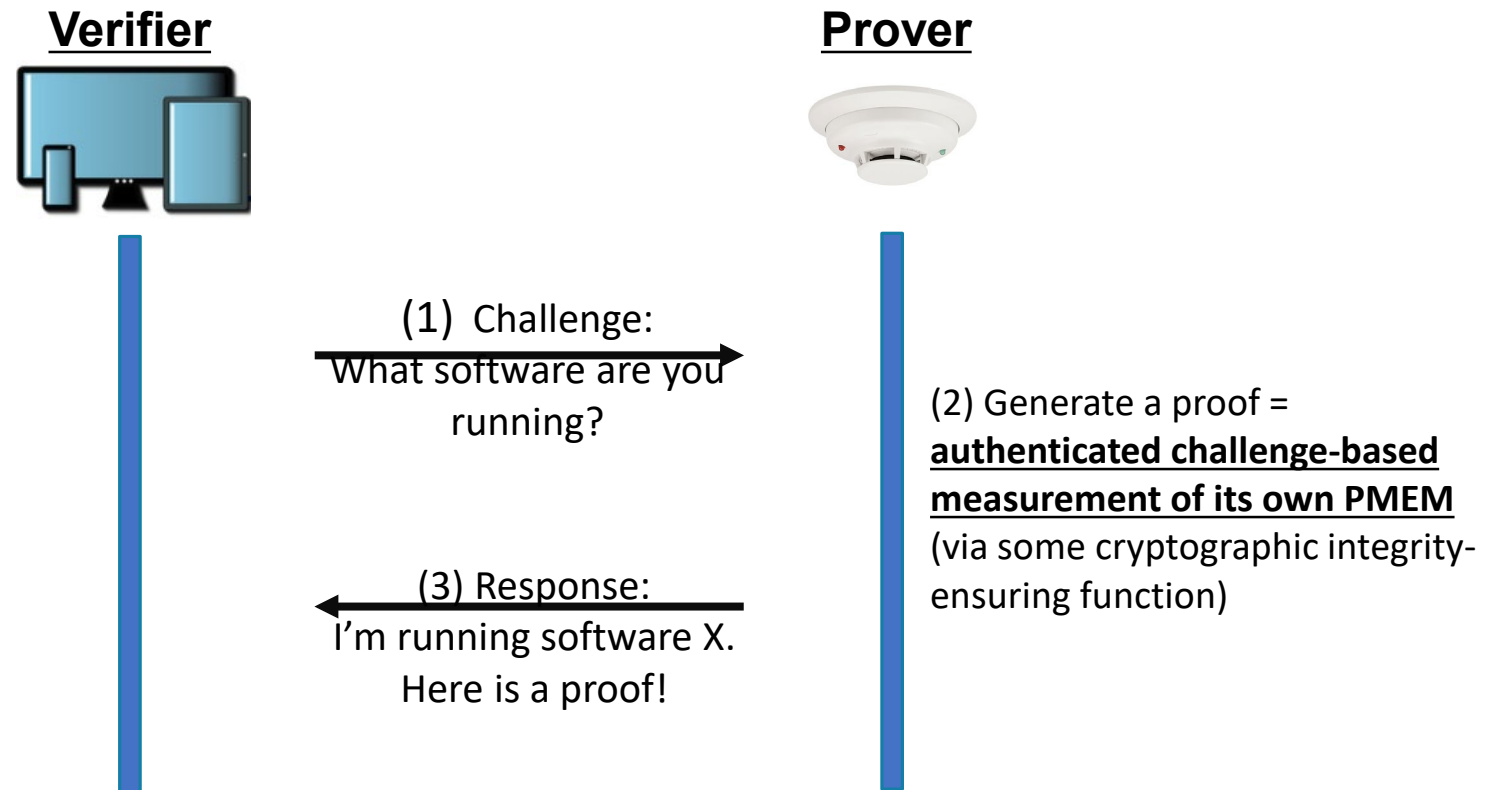
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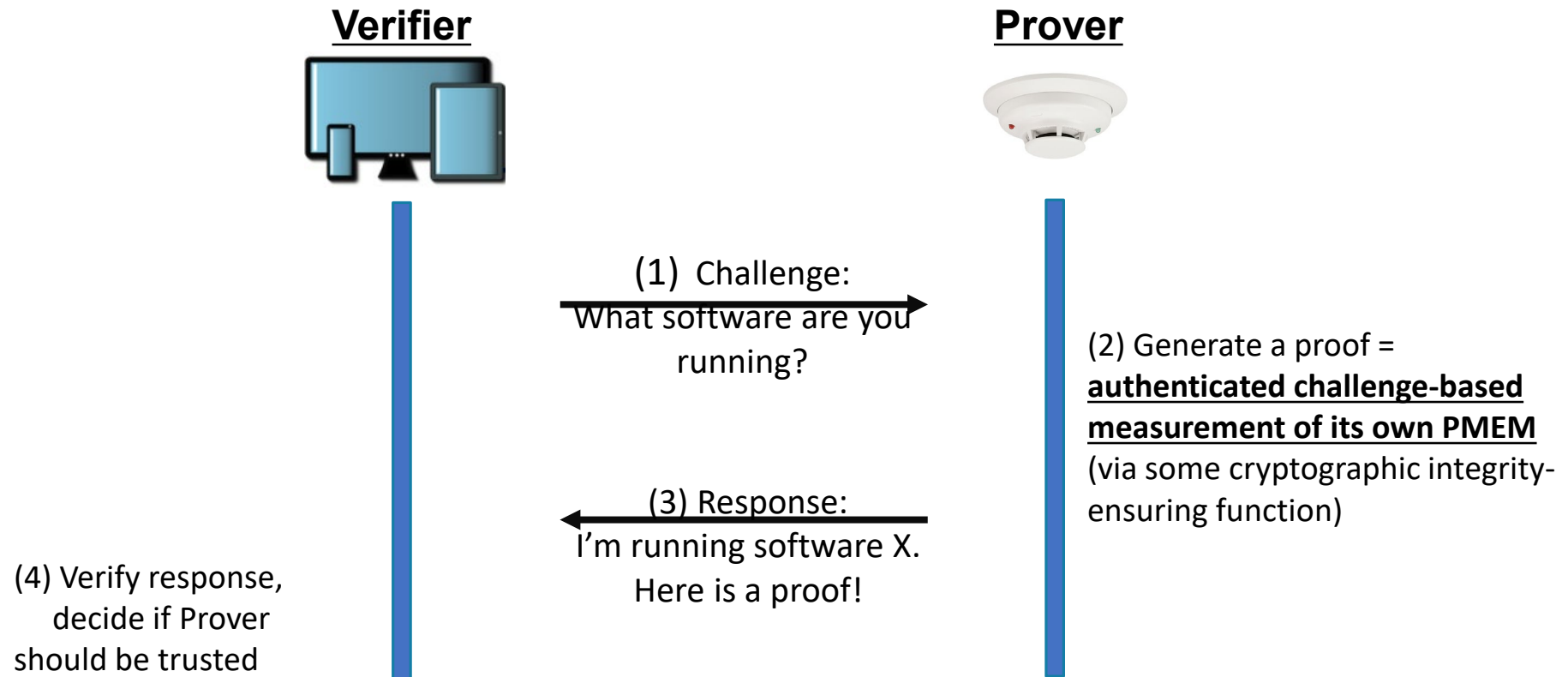
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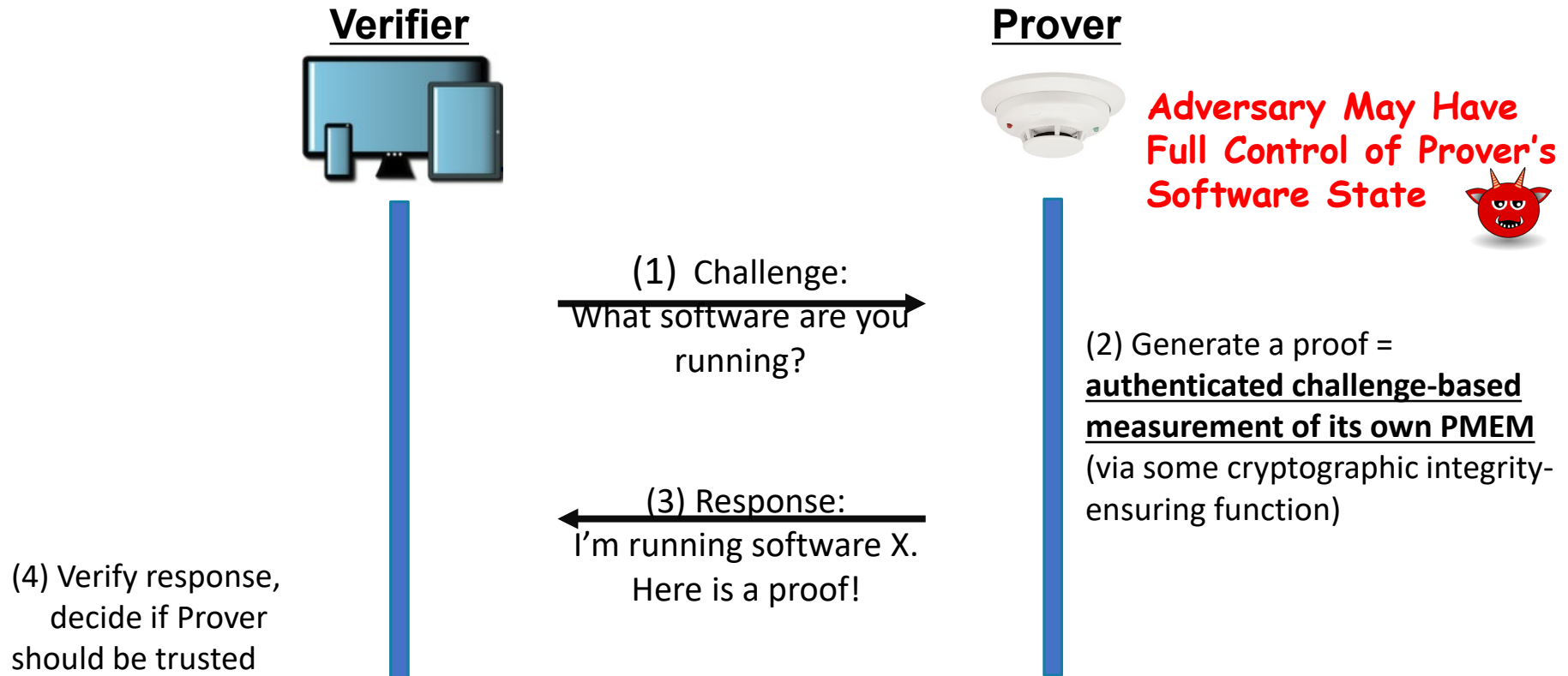
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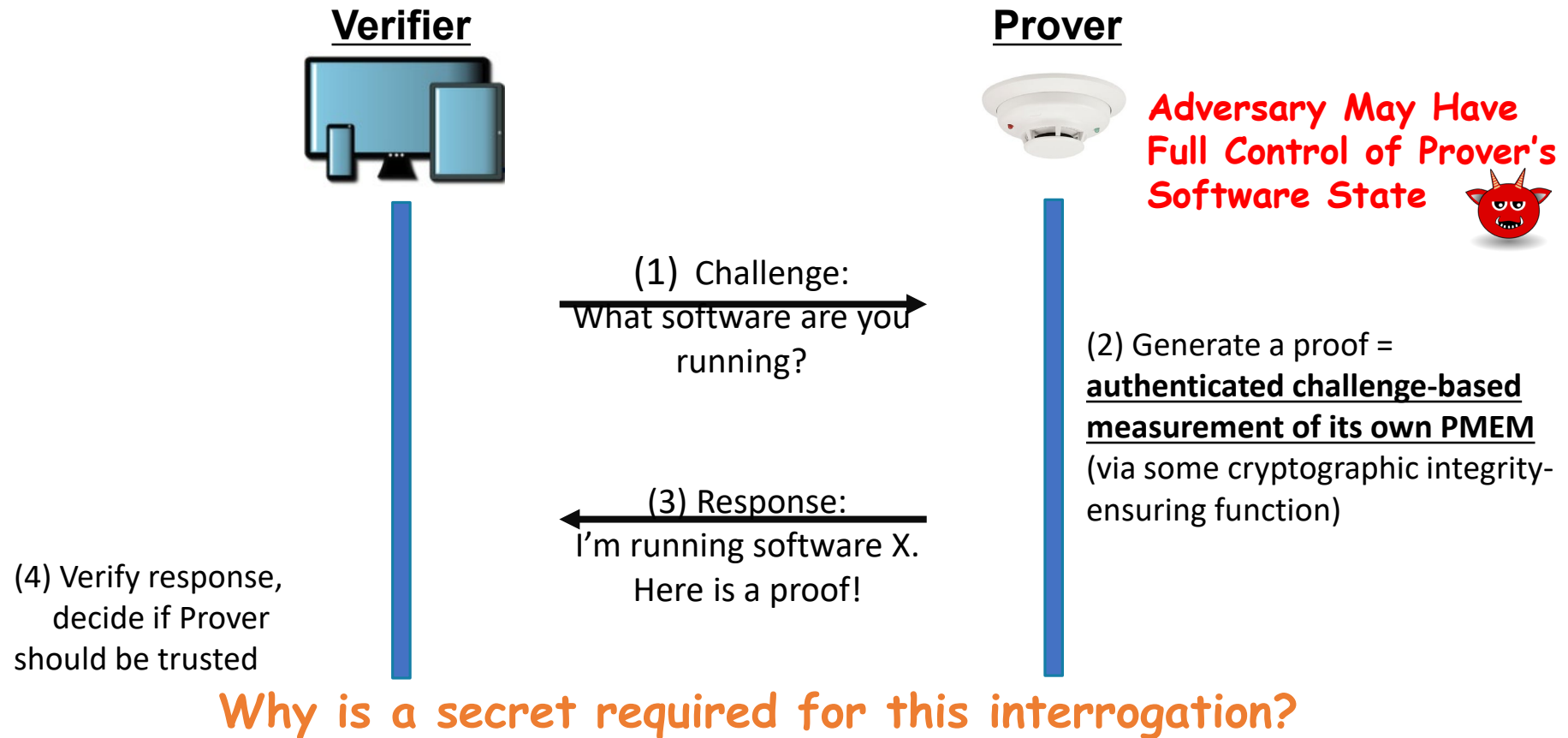
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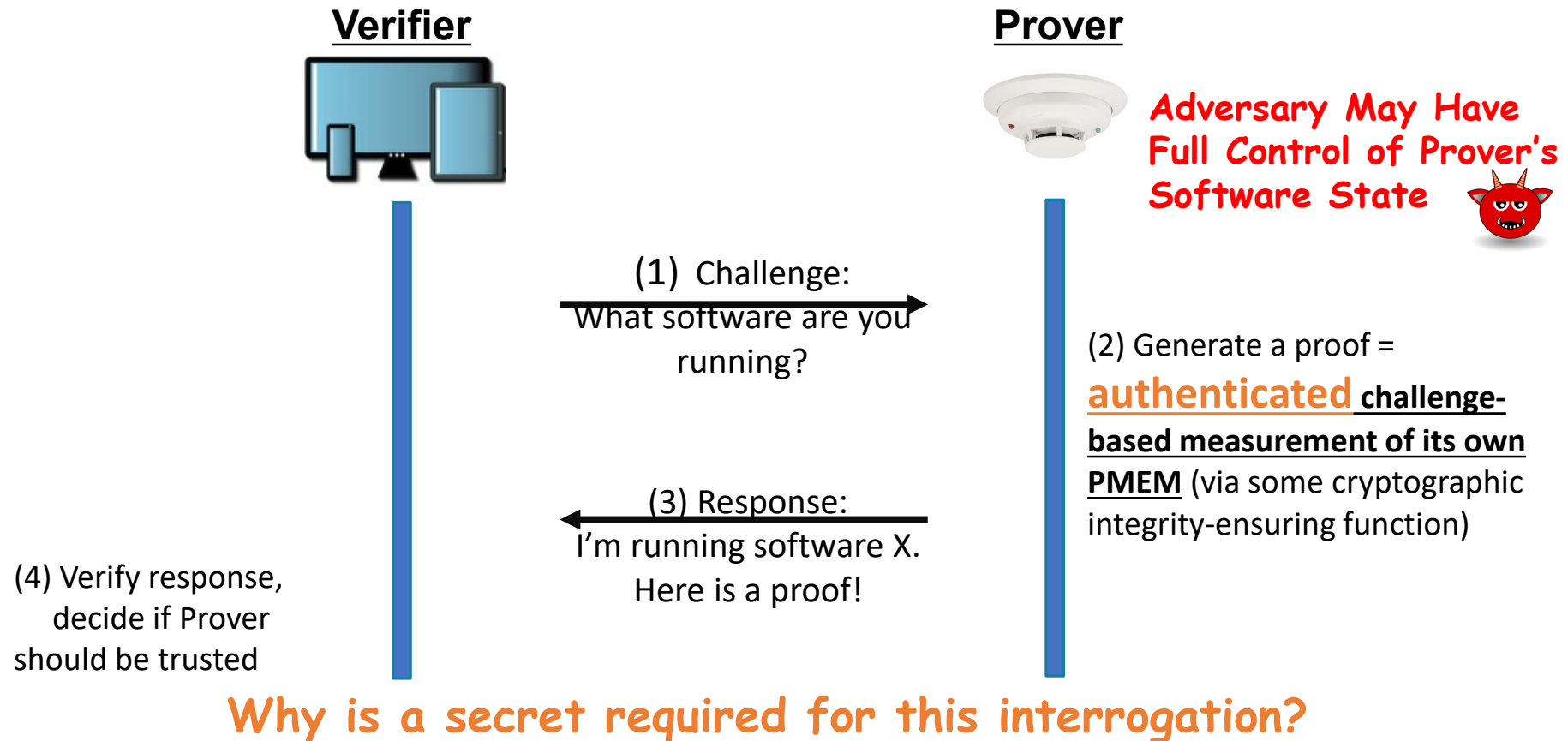
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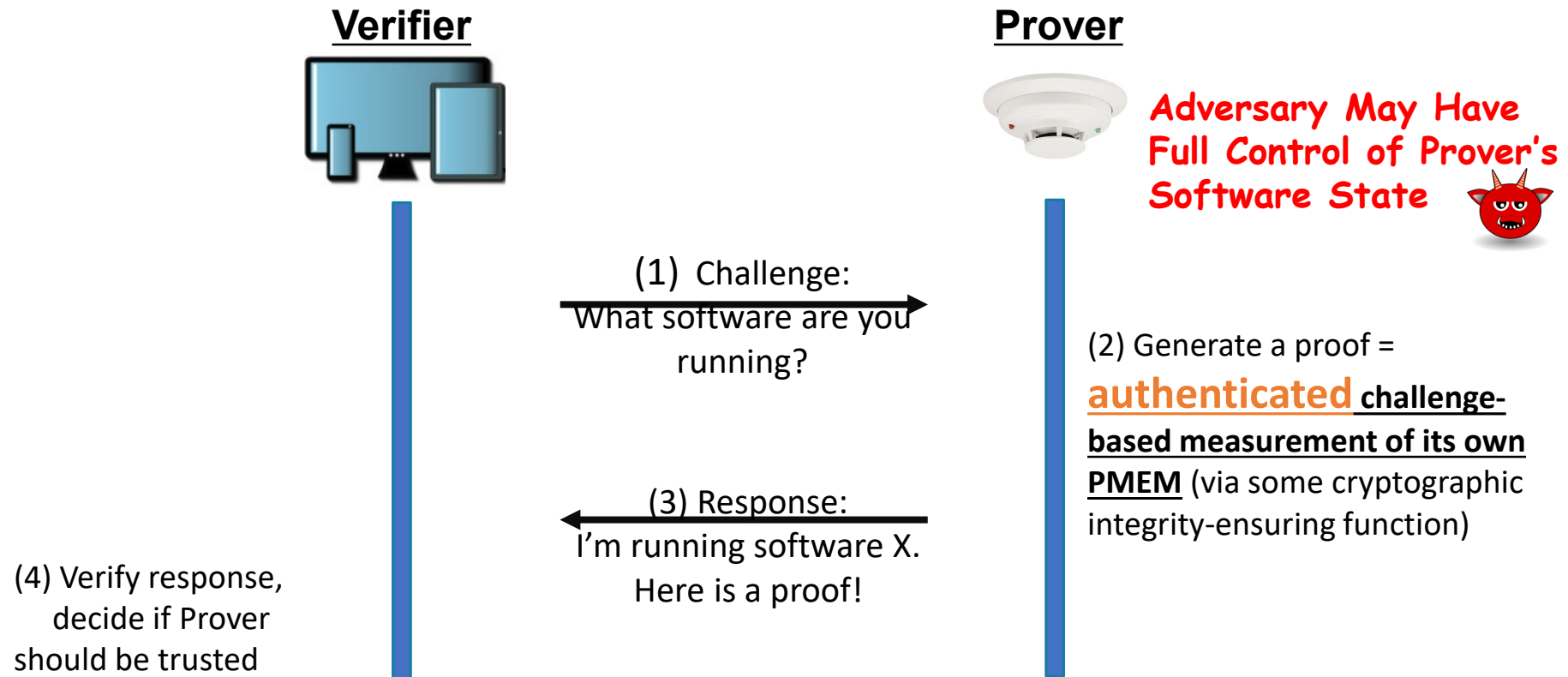
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Why is a secret required for this interrogation?  
As in any interrogation: the guilty party might lie!

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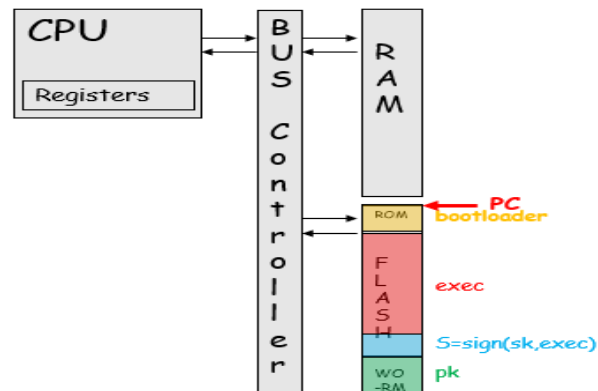


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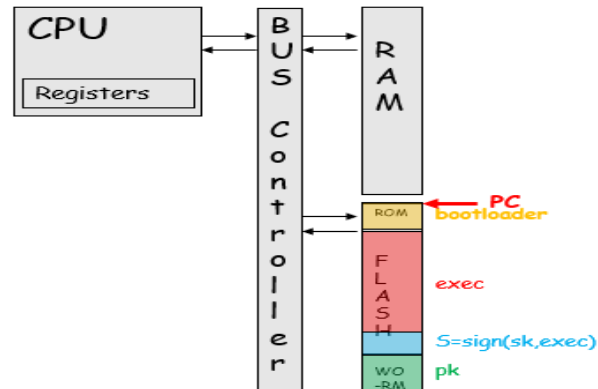
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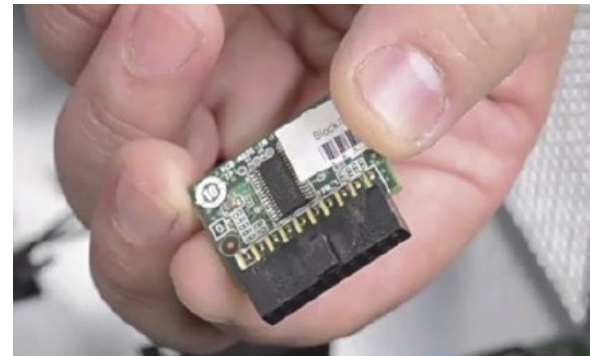
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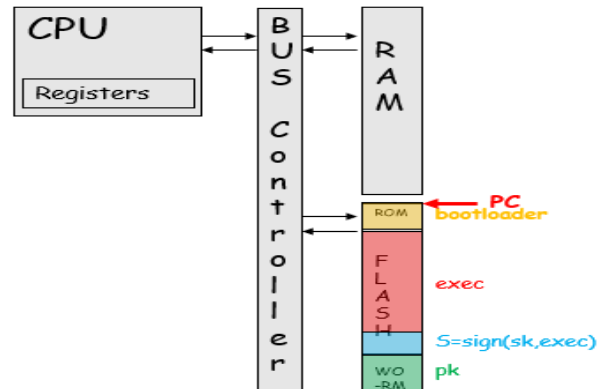


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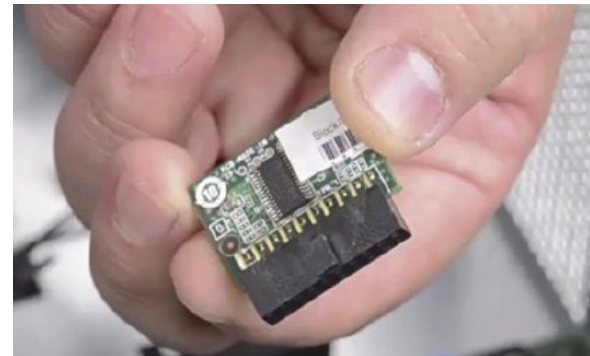
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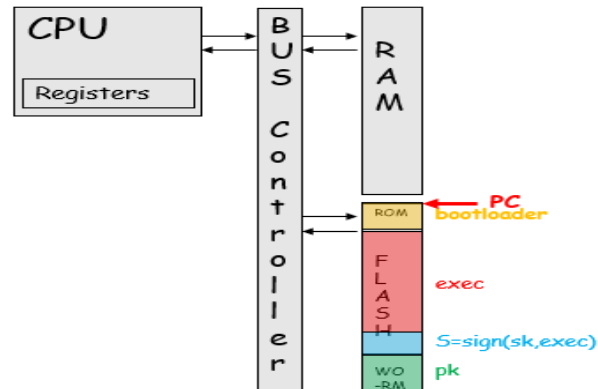
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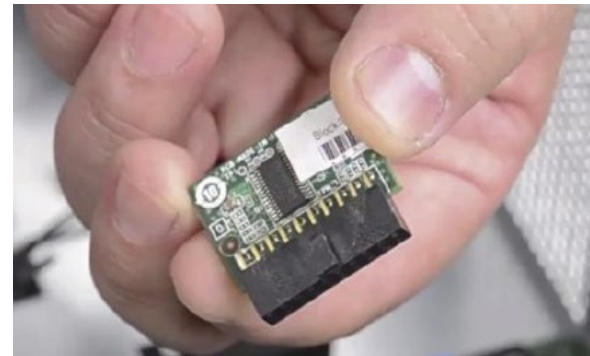


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# IoT Remote Attestation Architectures

(Designing an affordable RA RoTs for resource-constrained MCUs)

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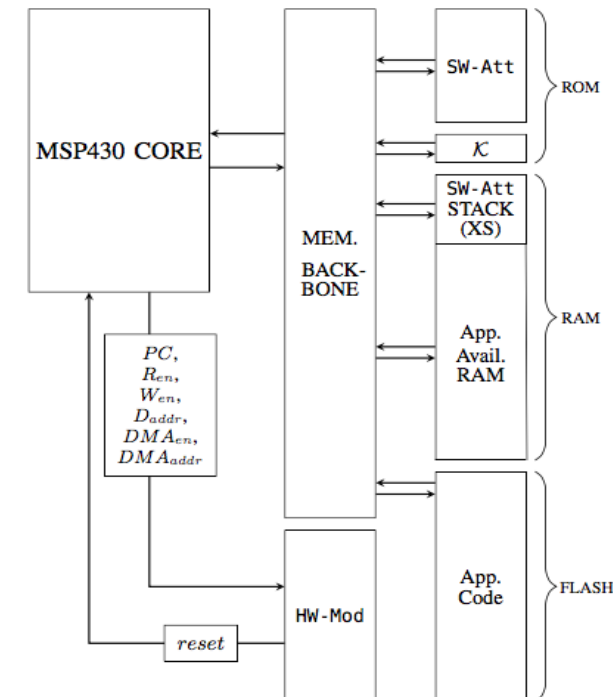
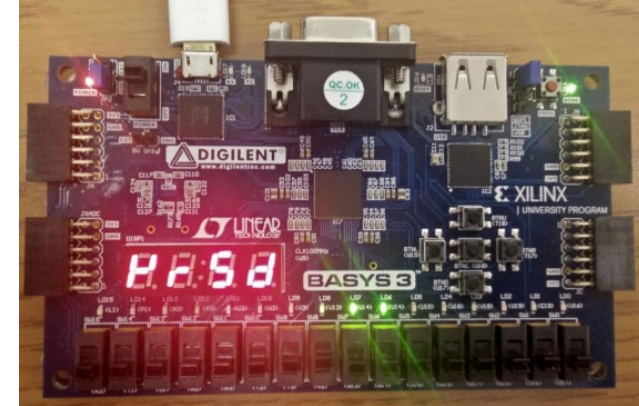
**[USENIX'13]** Sancus: Low-cost trustworthy extensible networked devices with a zero-software trusted computing base.

**[USENIX'19]** VRASED: A verified hardware/software co-design for remote attestation.

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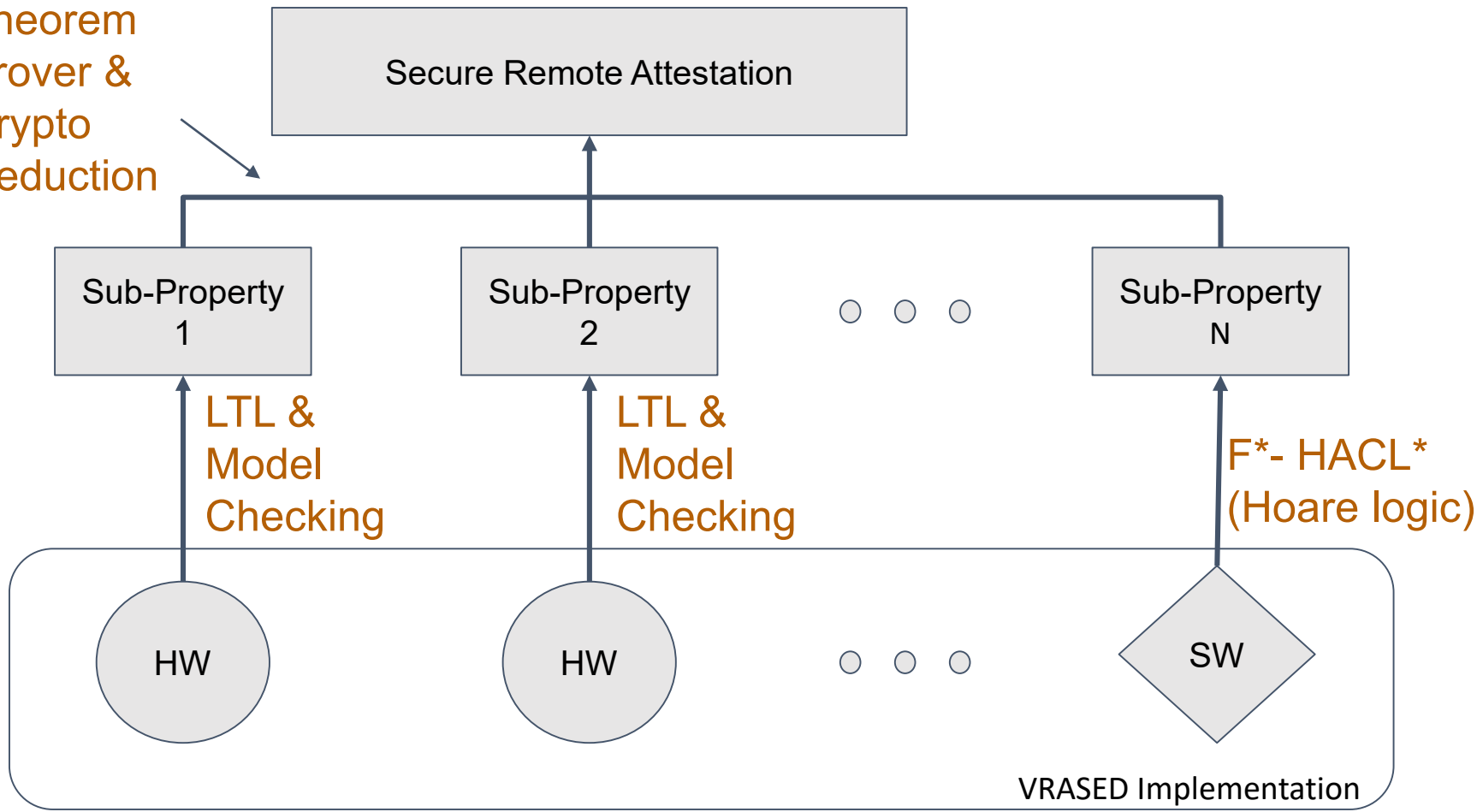
# VRASED Hybrid RA Architecture

- VRASED: real RA implementation
  - Verilog Hardware Description Language (HDL)
  - Synthesized on the Basys 3 Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA)
  - On top of the OpenMSP430 MCU
  - Formally Verified
- Open-source:
  - <https://github.com/sprout-uci/vrased>



# Verifying Hybrid RA

Theorem  
Prover &  
Crypto  
Reduction



- 1) Define end-to-end secure RA property
- 2) Break it down into multiple sub-properties
- 3) Prove that sub-properties together imply end-to-end security
- 4) Implement VRASED HW/SW
- 5) Prove that each hw/sw module satisfies each sub-property

Based on (1-5), VRASED implementation is secure

See VRASED paper for details!

# RA-based Security Services for IoT

