

Security Architecture

Cryptography: course for master's degree in **EDGE COMPUTING**

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Lecture outline

- 1. Threat modeling @ system level**
- 2. Attack types**
- 3. HTTPS, TLS**
- 4. CA & Certificates**
- 5. Vulnerabilities: CVSS, CWE, CVE**
- 6. Standardization of security approach**

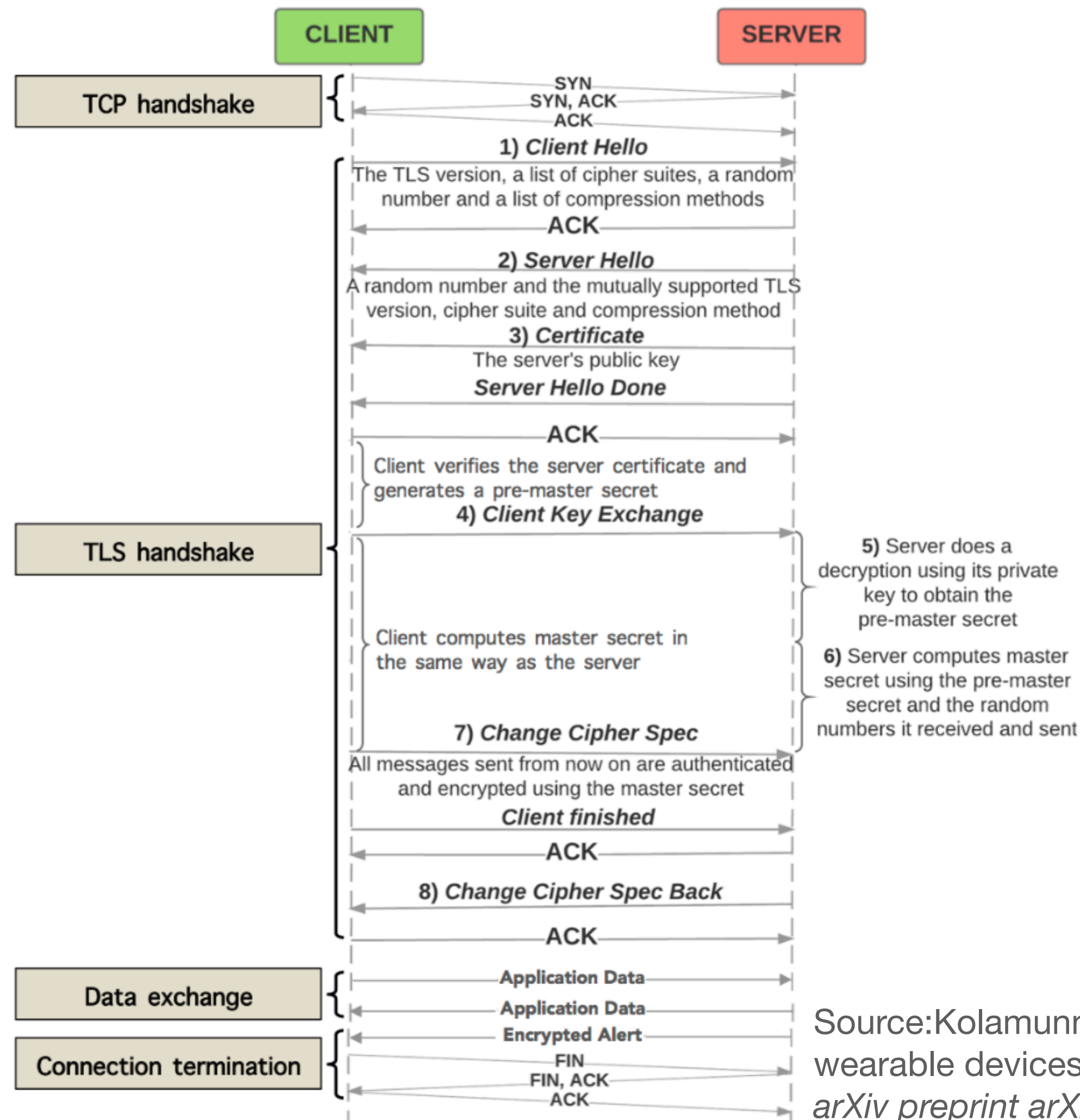
Attacks in cryptography

What is the practicality of their implementation and execution?

- Brute force attack
- Ciphertext-only attack
- Chosen plaintext attack
- Chosen ciphertext attack
- Known plaintext attack
- Key and algorithm attack
- Differential cryptanalysis
- Linear cryptanalysis
- Side channel attacks
- Replay attacks
- Man-In-The-Middle
- Birthday Attack

HTTPS, TLS

As representative examples of protocols



In HTTPS, the communication protocol is encrypted using Transport Layer Security (TLS) or, formerly, Secure Sockets Layer (SSL).

The protocol is therefore also referred to as HTTP over TLS, or HTTP over SSL.

Source: Kolamunna, H., Chauhan, J., Hu, Y., Thilakarathna, K., Perino, D., Makaroff, D., & Seneviratne, A. (2016). Are wearable devices ready for HTTPS? Measuring the cost of secure communication protocols on wearable devices. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1608.04180*.

CA & Certificates

Certificate Authority (CA)

Certification authority (CA) is an entity that:

- stores,
- signs,
- issues digital certificates.

A digital certificate certifies the ownership of a public key by the named subject of the certificate.

This allows others (relying parties) to rely upon signatures or on assertions made about the private key that corresponds to the certified public key.

A CA acts as a trusted third party—trusted both by the subject (owner) of the certificate and by the party relying upon the certificate.

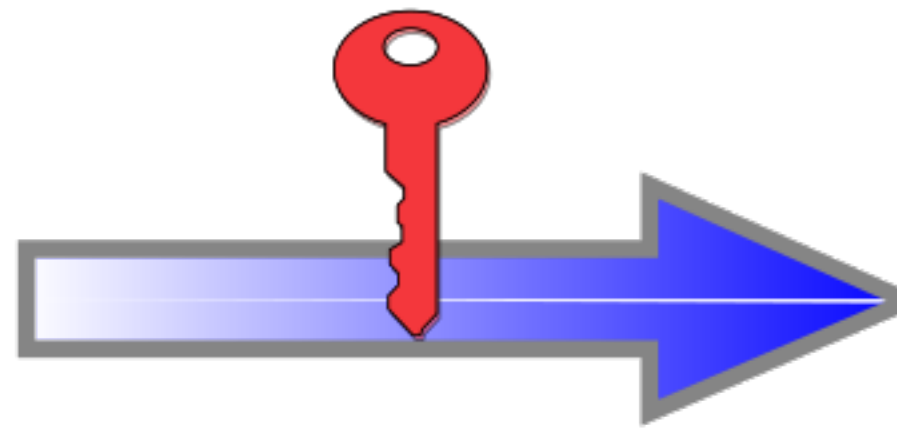
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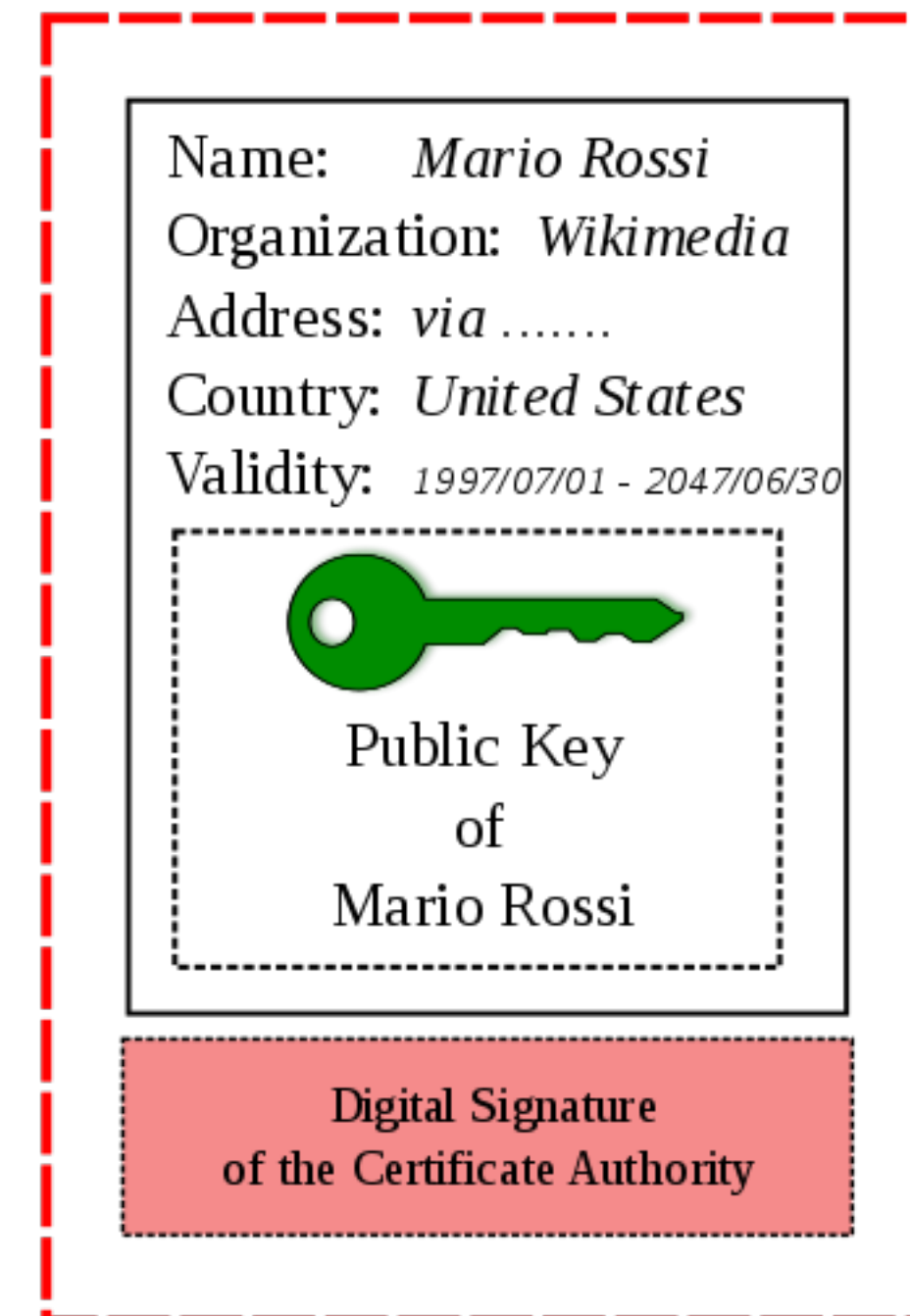
Identity Information and
Public Key of Mario Rossi



Certificate Authority
verifies the identity of Mario Rossi
and encrypts with its Private Key



Certificate of Mario Rossi



Digitally Signed by
Certificate Authority

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Authorization certificate

In computer security, an attribute certificate, or authorization certificate (AC) is a digital document containing attributes associated to the holder by the issuer.

When the associated attributes are mainly used for the purpose of authorization, AC is called authorization certificate.

CA & Certificates

Authorization certificate - contents

- Version
- Holder
- Issuer
- Signature algorithm
- Serial number
- Validity period
- Attributes
- Signature value

Vulnerabilities

Basic terms

- **Vulnerability:** a bug, flaw, weakness, or exposure of an application, system, device, or service that could lead to a failure of confidentiality, integrity, or availability.
- **Threat:** the likelihood or frequency of a harmful event occurring.
- **Risk:** the relative impact that an exploited vulnerability would have to a user's environment.

CVSS

What does wikipedia have to say about it?

Common Vulnerability Scoring System

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)** is a free and [open industry standard](#) for assessing the severity of [computer system security vulnerabilities](#). CVSS attempts to assign severity scores to vulnerabilities, allowing responders to prioritize responses and resources according to threat. Scores are calculated based on a formula that depends on several [metrics](#) that approximate ease and impact of an exploit. Scores range from 0 to 10, with 10 being the most severe. While many utilize only the CVSS Base score for determining severity, temporal and environmental scores also exist, to factor in availability of mitigations and how widespread vulnerable systems are within an organization, respectively.

The current version of CVSS (CVSSv3.1) was released in June 2019.^[1]

CVSS

Numeric system

Numeric system for define the potential threat individual components pose to a system.

- 0.0 = No threat to the system
- 0.1-3.9 = Low
- 4.0-6.8 = Medium
- 7.0-8.9 = High
- 9.0 - 10.0 = Critical

The lower the score, the less risky the vulnerability poses to the entire system, whereas a 10.0 score needs to be addressed immediately.

Where to find professional information about CVSS?

[\[https://tsapps.nist.gov/publication/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=51198\]](https://tsapps.nist.gov/publication/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=51198)



A Complete Guide to the Common Vulnerability Scoring System Version 2.0

July, 2007

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Where to find professional information about CVSS?

[\[https://www.first.org/cvss/v3-1/\]](https://www.first.org/cvss/v3-1/)

The screenshot shows the FIRST.org website. The browser address bar displays 'first.org'. The navigation menu includes 'About FIRST', 'Membership', 'Initiatives', 'Standards & Publications', 'Events', 'Education', 'Blog', and a 'Sign in' button. The main content area features a green header for 'Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS-SIG)' with a list of resources. The central section is titled 'Common Vulnerability Scoring System v3.1: Specification Document' and includes a link to a PDF format (469KiB). The text explains that CVSS is an open framework for communicating the characteristics and severity of software vulnerabilities, consisting of three metric groups: Base, Temporal, and Environmental. The Base group represents intrinsic qualities constant over time, the Temporal group reflects characteristics that change over time, and the Environmental group represents characteristics unique to a user's environment. The Base metrics produce a score from 0 to 10, which can be modified by scoring the Temporal and Environmental metrics. A CVSS score is also represented as a vector string. The document provides the official specification for CVSS version 3.1. A link at the bottom points to the most current CVSS resources at <https://www.first.org/cvss/>. On the right, a 'Table of Contents' sidebar lists the document structure: Introduction, Base Metrics (Exploitability, Scope, Impact), Temporal Metrics (Exploit Code Maturity, Remediation Level, Report Confidence), and Environmental Metrics (Security Requirements).

Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS-SIG)

- Calculator
- Specification Document
- User Guide
- Examples
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 - CVSS v3.1 Calculator Use & Design
- CVSS v3.0 Archive
- CVSS v2 Archive
- CVSS v1 Archive
- JSON & XML Data

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 - 2.2. Scope (S)
 - 2.3. Impact Metrics
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 - 3.1. Exploit Code Maturity (E)
 - 3.2. Remediation Level (RL)
 - 3.3. Report Confidence (RC)
 - 4. Environmental Metrics**
 - 4.1. Security Requirements (CR, IR, AR)

FIRSR.org

What do they do?

FIRST is the global Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams

FIRST is the premier organization and recognized global leader in incident response. Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to more effectively respond to security incidents reactive as well as proactive.

FIRST brings together a variety of computer security incident response teams from government, commercial, and educational organizations. FIRST aims to foster cooperation and coordination in incident prevention, to stimulate rapid reaction to incidents, and to promote information sharing among members and the community at large.

Goals/Deliverables

CVSS is currently at version 3.1. Links on the left lead to CVSS version 3.1's specification and related resources.

A [self-paced on-line training course](#) is available for CVSS v3.1. It explains the standard without assuming any prior CVSS experience. It is based on FIRST's [open training platform](#).

Common Vulnerability Scoring System SIG Mission

The Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) provides a way to capture the principal characteristics of a vulnerability and produce a numerical score reflecting its severity. The numerical score can then be translated into a qualitative representation (such as low, medium, high, and critical) to help organizations properly assess and prioritize their vulnerability management processes.

CVSS is a published standard used by organizations worldwide, and the SIG's mission is to continue to improve it.

Current initiatives

The CVSS Special Interest Group (SIG) is currently working on individual improvements that will form the basis of the next version of the CVSS standard. The SIG is composed of representatives from a broad range of industry sectors, from banking and finance to technology and academia. Organizations and individuals interested in joining the SIG, or observing progress via the CVSS SIG mailing lists, should complete the Request to Join form below.

A list of potential improvements targeted at CVSS v4.0 has been created based on input and feedback from various sources. The current list of potential improvements can be found [here](#).



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Who is using CVSS?

Utility rationale

- Vulnerability Bulletin Providers
- Software Application Vendors
- User Organizations:
- Vulnerability Scanning and Management:
- Security (Risk) Management:

CVSS

Metric groups

CVSS is composed of three metric groups: Base, Temporal, and Environmental, each consisting of a set of metrics



Source (12.12.22): https://tsapps.nist.gov/publication/get_pdf.cfm?pub_id=51198

CWE

What does wikipedia have to say about it?

Common Weakness Enumeration

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Common Weakness Enumeration** (CWE) is a category system for hardware and software weaknesses and vulnerabilities. It is sustained by a community project with the goals of understanding flaws in software and hardware and creating automated tools that can be used to identify, fix, and prevent those flaws.^[1] The project is sponsored by the [National Cybersecurity FFRDC](#), which is operated by [The MITRE Corporation](#), with support from [US-CERT](#) and the [National Cyber Security Division](#) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.^{[2][3]}

Version 4.5 of the CWE standard was released in July 2021.^{[4][5]}

CWE has over 600 categories, including classes for buffer overflows, path/directory tree traversal errors, race conditions, [cross-site scripting](#), hard-coded passwords, and insecure random numbers.^[6]

CVE

What does wikipedia have to say about it?

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)** system provides a reference-method for publicly known [information-security vulnerabilities](#) and exposures.^[1] The United States' [National Cybersecurity FFRDC](#), operated by [The MITRE Corporation](#), maintains the system, with funding from the US [National Cyber Security Division](#) of the [US Department of Homeland Security](#).^[2] The system was officially launched for the public in September 1999.^[3] The [Security Content Automation Protocol](#) uses CVE, and CVE IDs are listed on Mitre's system as well as in the US [National Vulnerability Database](#).^[4]

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NIST - What does wikipedia have to say about it?

The **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** is an agency of the [United States Department of Commerce](#) whose mission is to promote American innovation and industrial competitiveness. NIST's activities are organized into [physical science](#) laboratory programs that include [nanoscale science and technology](#), engineering, [information technology](#), [neutron](#) research, material measurement, and physical measurement. From 1901 to 1988, the agency was named the **National Bureau of Standards**.^[4]

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

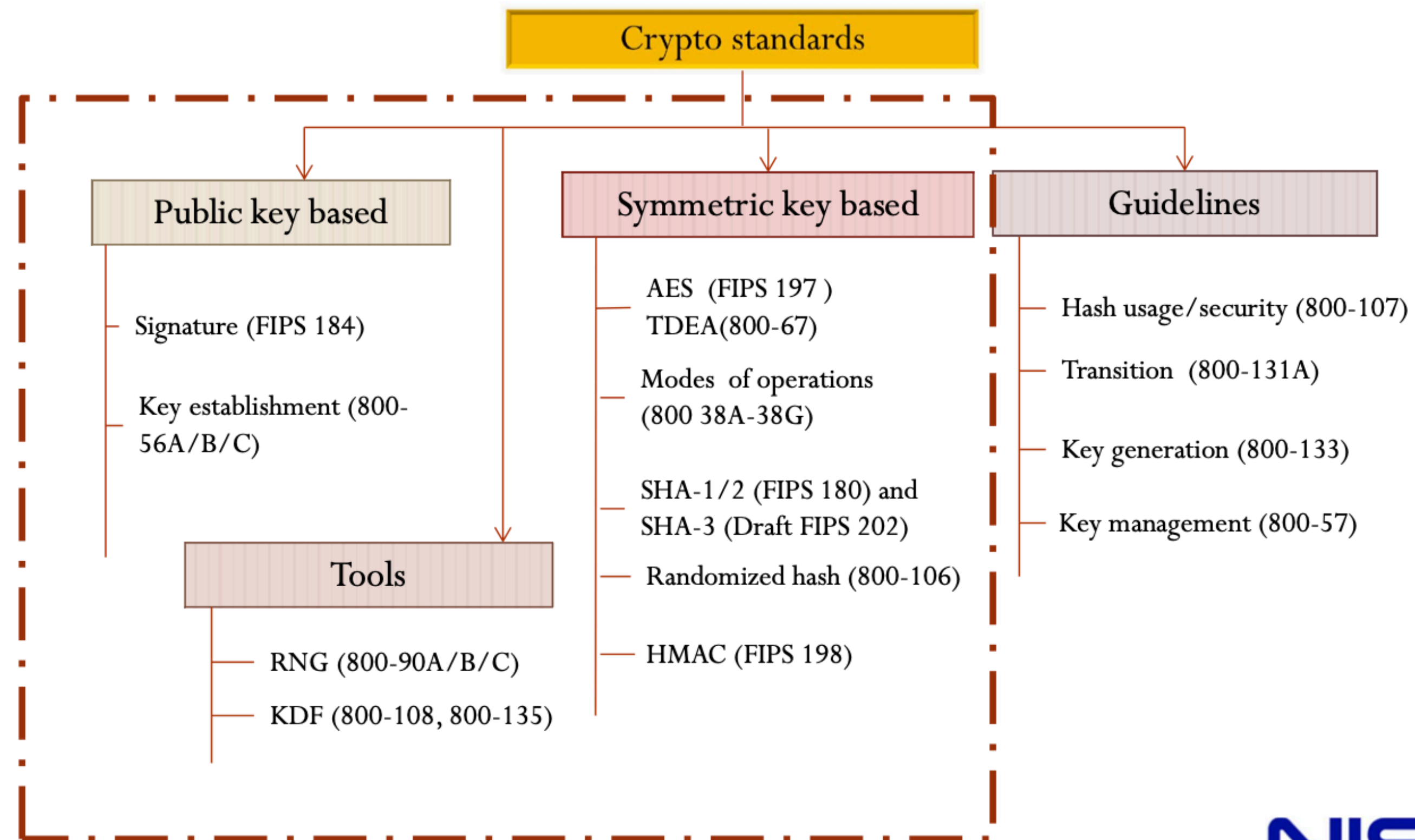
The logo for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), featuring the letters "NIST" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Agency overview

Formed	March 3, 1901; 121 years ago (as National Bureau of Standards), became NIST in 1988
Headquarters	100 Bureau Drive Gaithersburg, Maryland, U.S.  39°07′59″N 77°13′25″W
Employees	Approx. 3,400 ^[1]
Annual budget	\$1.03 billion (FY 2021) ^[2]
Agency executive	Laurie E. Locascio ^[3] , Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and Director of NIST
Parent department	Department of Commerce
Website	www.nist.gov 

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Some NIST standards



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FIPS - What does wikipedia have to say about it?

The **Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)** of the [United States](#) are a set of publicly announced [standards](#) that the [National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\)](#) has developed for use in computer systems of non-military, American government agencies and contractors.^[1] FIPS standards establish requirements for ensuring computer security and interoperability, and are intended for cases in which suitable industry standards do not already exist.^[1] Many FIPS specifications are modified versions of standards the technical communities use, such as the [American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\)](#), the [Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers \(IEEE\)](#), and the [International Organization for Standardization \(ISO\)](#).

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FIPS types

FIPS 137 (Federal Standard for Linear Predictive Coding)

FIPS 140 (Security requirements for cryptography modules)

FIPS 153 (3D graphics)

FIPS 197 (Rijndael / AES cipher)

FIPS 199 (Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems)

FIPS 201 (Personal Identity Verification for Federal Employees and Contractors)

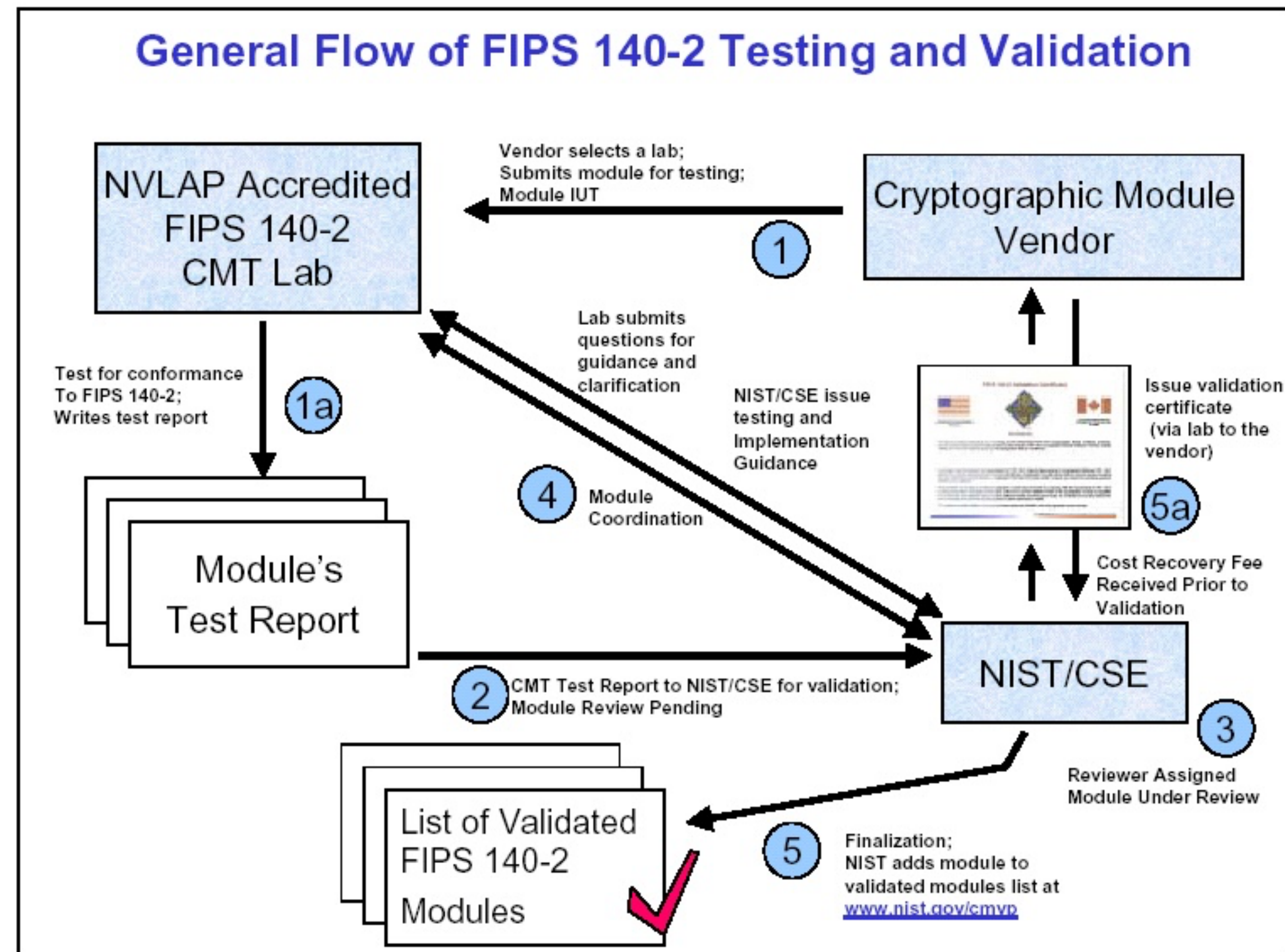
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FIPS 140 - 4 levels of security

- **FIPS 140-2 Level 1** the lowest, imposes very limited requirements; loosely, all components must be "production-grade" and various egregious kinds of insecurity must be absent.
- **FIPS 140-2 Level 2** adds requirements for physical tamper-evidence and role-based authentication.
- **FIPS 140-2 Level 3** adds requirements for physical tamper-resistance (making it difficult for attackers to gain access to sensitive information contained in the module) and identity-based authentication, and for a physical or logical separation between the interfaces by which "critical security parameters" enter and leave the module, and its other interfaces.
- **FIPS 140-2 Level 4** makes the physical security requirements more stringent, and requires robustness against environmental attacks.

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Validation process for FIPS 140-2



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FIPS 140-2

Implementation Guidance for FIPS 140-2 and the Cryptographic Module Validation Program

National Institute of Standards and Technology
Canadian Centre for Cyber Security



Initial Release: March 28, 2003

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DMTF - What does wikipedia have to say about it?

Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF) is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit industry standards organization that creates open manageability standards spanning diverse emerging and traditional IT infrastructures including cloud, virtualization, network, servers and storage. Member companies and alliance partners collaborate on standards to improve interoperable management of information technologies.

Based in Portland, Oregon, the DMTF is led by a board of directors representing technology companies including: Broadcom Inc., Cisco, Dell Technologies, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Intel Corporation, Lenovo, NetApp, [Positive Tecnologia S.A.](#), and Verizon.

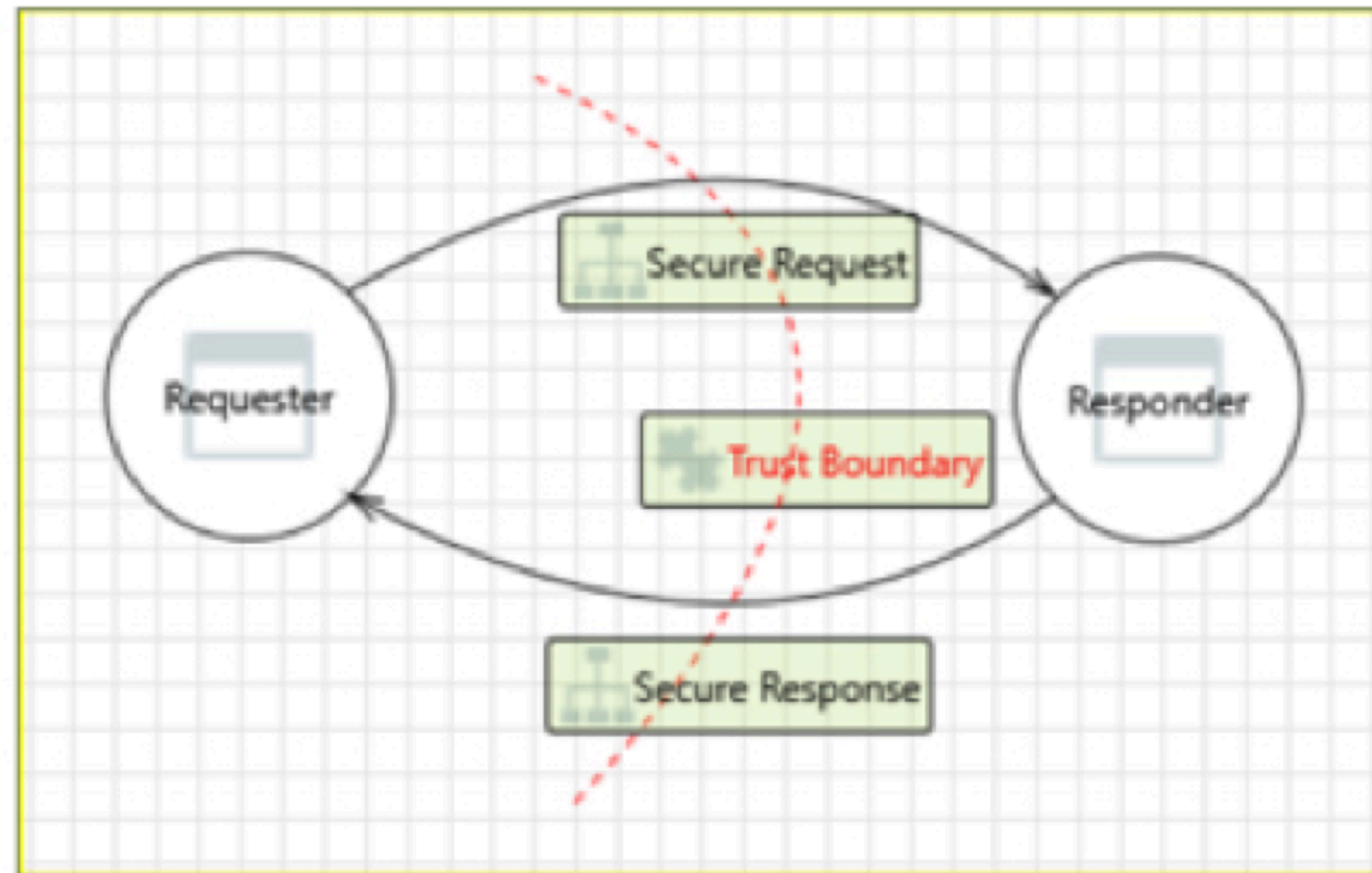
DMTF



Abbreviation	DMTF
Formation	1992
Type	Standards Development Organization
Purpose	Developing management standards and promoting interoperability for enterprise and Internet environments
Membership	Broadcom Inc. , Cisco , Dell Technologies , Hewlett Packard Enterprise , Intel Corporation , Lenovo , NetApp , Positivo Tecnologia S.A. , and Verizon .
Website	www.dmtf.org

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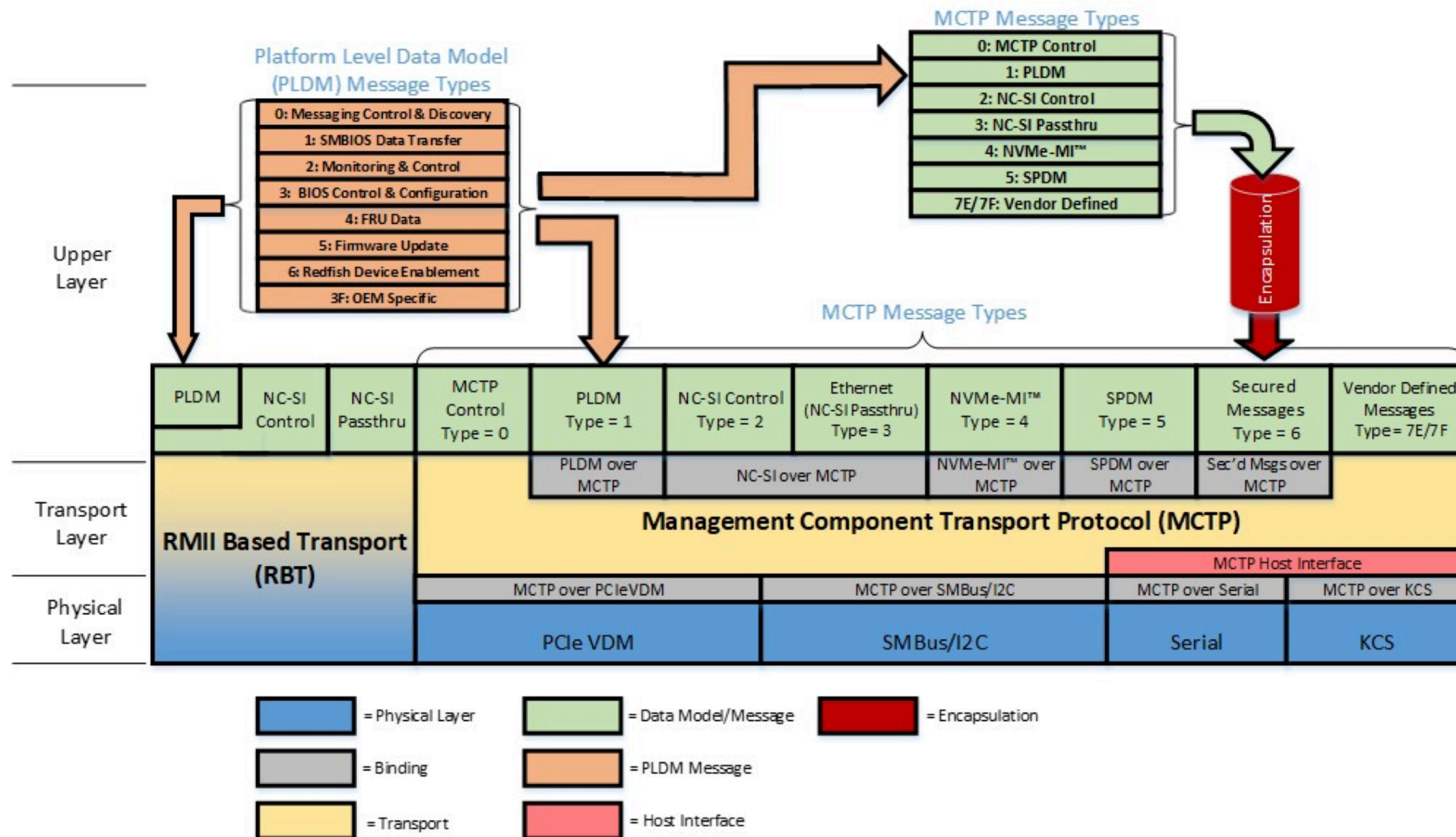
SPDM threat model



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SPDM over MCTP



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DMTF (SPDM protocol) - external video for teaching purposes

