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# **Trusted Computing Group Trusted Storage Specification**

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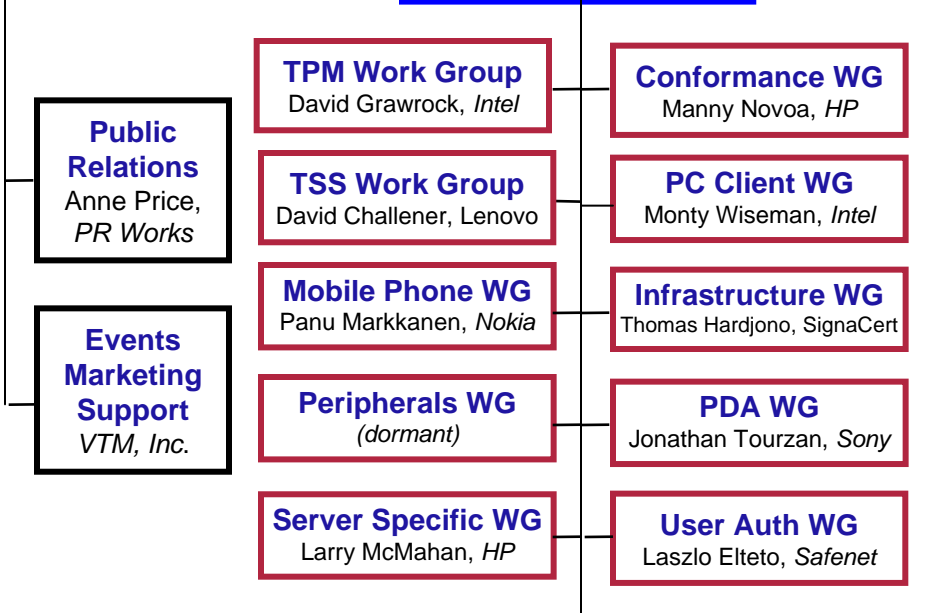
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# Abstract

## Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Trusted Storage Specification

The Trusted Computing Group (TCG) Storage Work Group recently published formal specifications for security and trust services on storage devices, including hard drives, flash, and tape drives. The majority of hard drive and other storage device manufacturers participated. Putting security directly on the storage device avoids the vulnerabilities of platform OS-based software security. The details of the Specification will be highlighted, as well as various use cases, including Full Disk Encryption with enterprise key/credential management.

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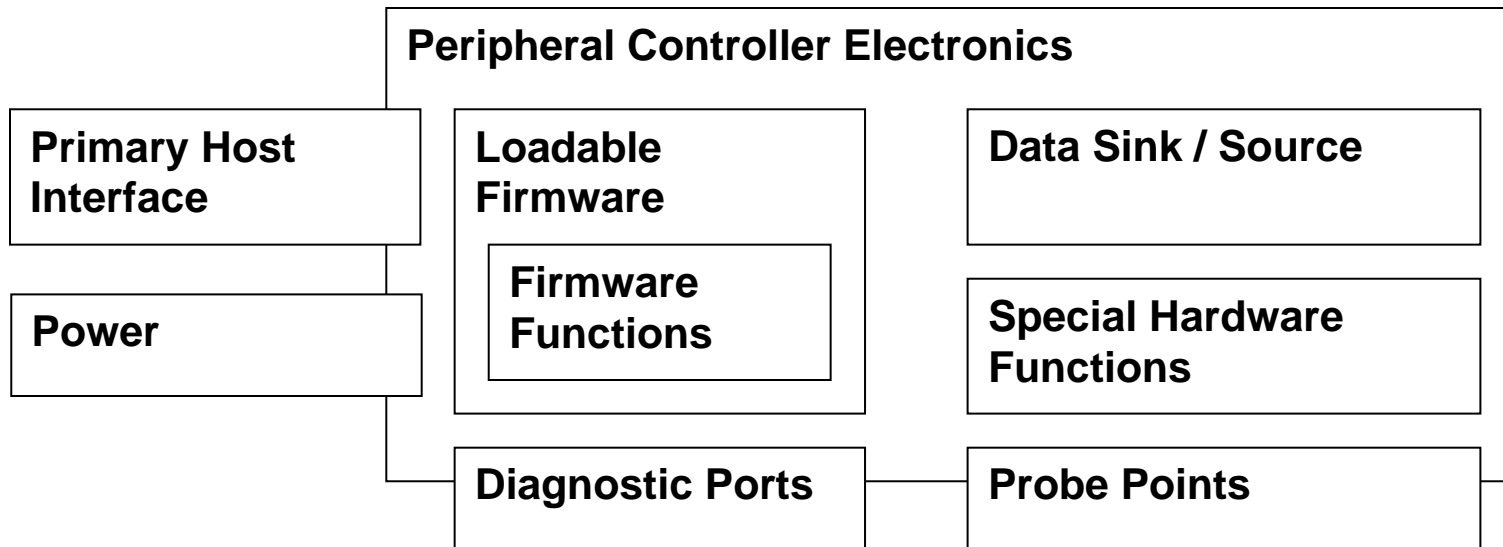
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# General Risk Model: Storage



**Trust = systems operate as intended**

**Objective: Exercise control over operations that might violate trust**

**Needed: Trusted Storage commands**

# Joint Work – T10 (SCSI) and T13 (ATA)

**TRUSTED SEND/IN**

(Protocol ID = xxxx .....)



**TRUSTED RECEIVE/OUT**



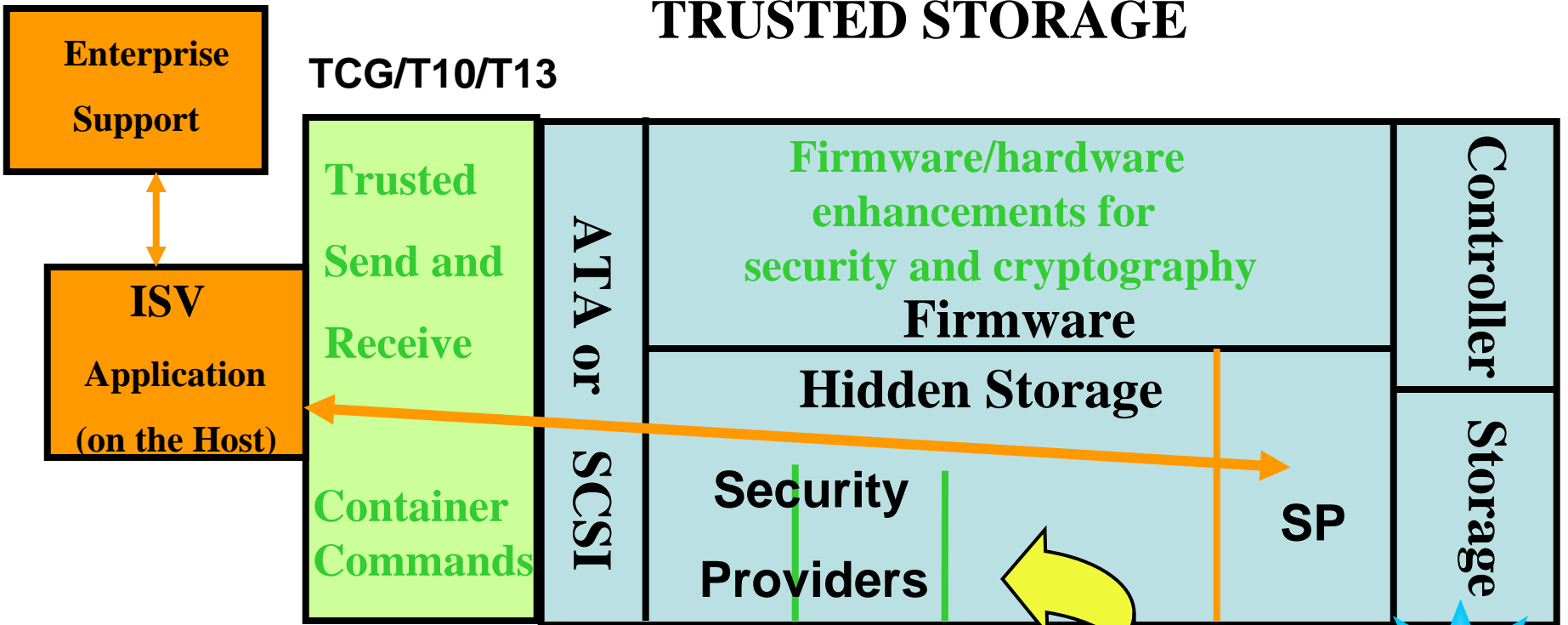
T10/T13 defined the “**container commands**”

TCG/Storage defining the “**TCG payload**”

**Protocol IDs assigned to TCG, T10/T13, or reserved**

# Implementation Overview

## TRUSTED STORAGE



- (Partitioned) Hidden Memory
- Security firmware/hardware
- Trusted Send/Receive Commands
- Assign Hidden Memory to Applications

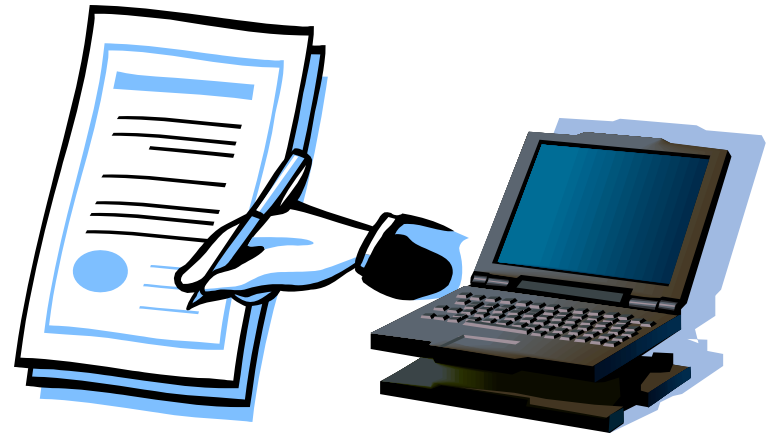
Assign Hidden Memory to Applications

# Trust

**System behaves as designed**

**Trust “Toolkit”:**

**Cryptographic SIGNING**



**CREDENTIALS** (eg, signed X.509 Certificates)



# Root of Trust

- **Hardware** that
  - **cannot change**
  - **can digitally sign**
  - and therefore initiate a **chain of trust**
- **TPM (trusted platform module)** is a tiny processor on the motherboard that can sign and whose firmware cannot be modified
- **Storage Devices** can be **roots of trust**



# Extending Trust to Peripherals

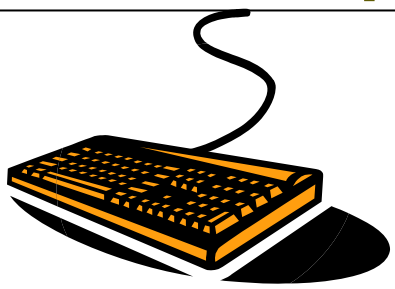
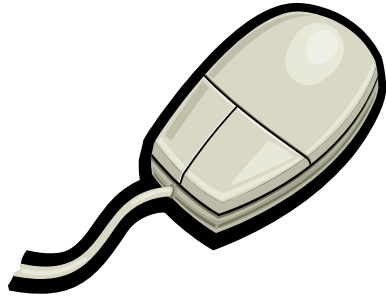
**TPer = Trusted Peripheral**

**Ability to interact  
with the Platform**

**Authentication/Attestation  
Capability Level**

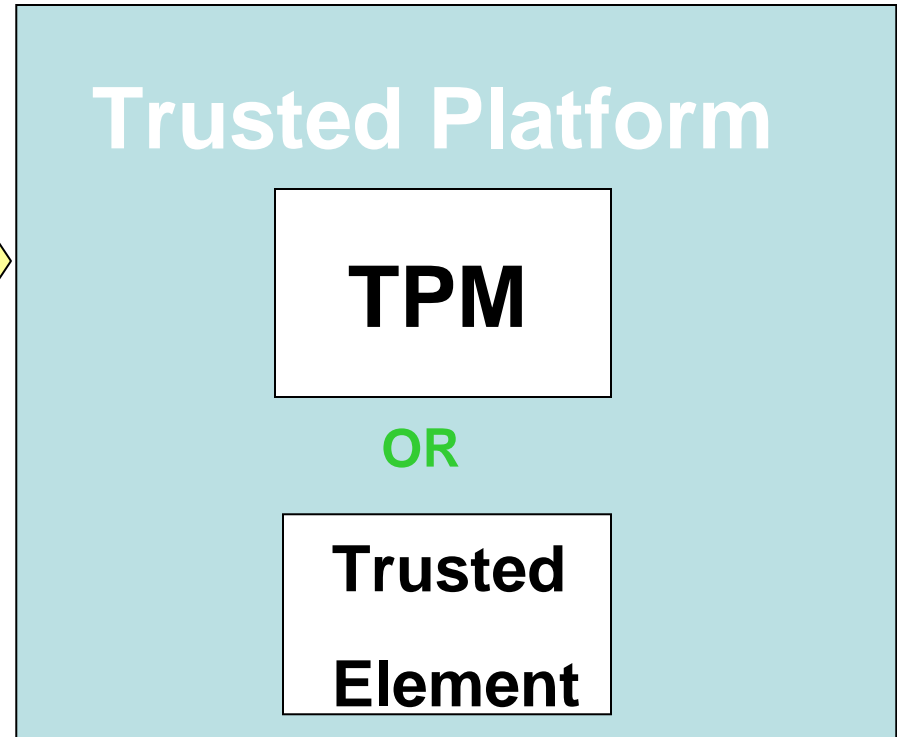
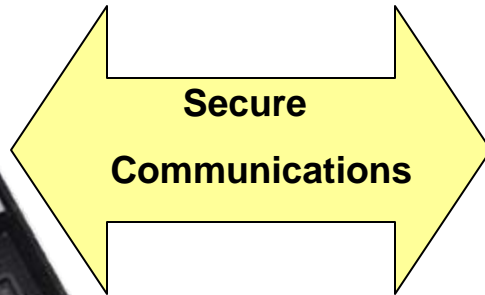
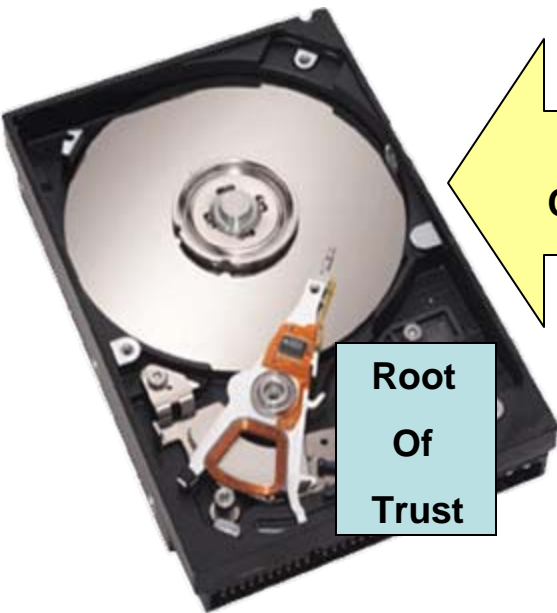
**LOW**

**HIGH**



# Trusted Storage with Trusted Platform

## Trusted Storage

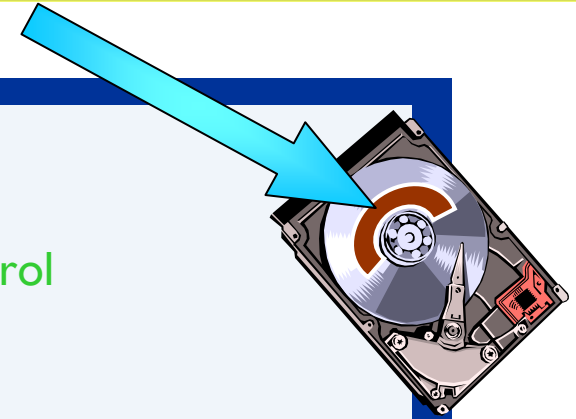


**Life Cycle:** **Manufacture, Own, Enroll, PowerUp, Connect, Use, ...**

# Why Security in STORAGE (i.e. hard drive)

## 3 Simple reasons

- > **Storage for secrets with strong access control**
  - Inaccessible using traditional storage access
  - Arbitrarily large memory space
  - Gated by access control
- > **Unobservable cryptographic processing of secrets**
  - Processing unit “welded” to storage unit
  - “Closed”, controlled environment
- > **Custom logic for faster, more secure operations**
  - Inexpensive implementation of modern cryptographic functions
  - Complex security operations are feasible



# TCG Storage Use Case Examples

## Full Disc Encryption

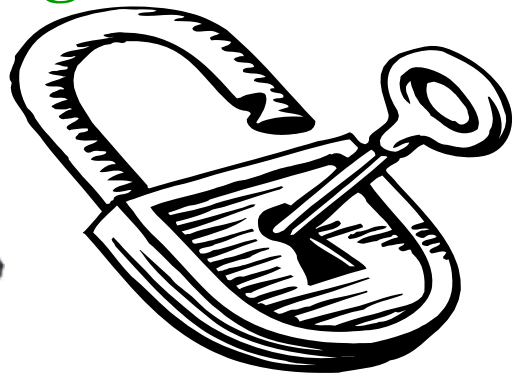
- Laptop Loss or Theft
- Re-Purposing
- End of Life
- Rapid Erase



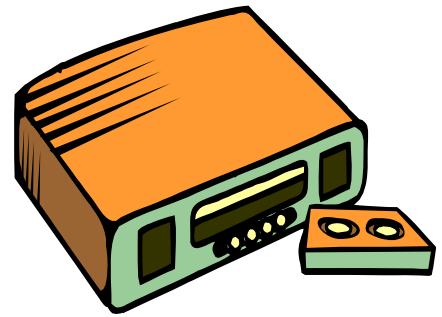
**Crypto Key Management**

**Crypto Chip**

## DriveLocking



**Forensic Logging**



**Personal Video Recorders**

**DRM Building Blocks**

# Specification Overview

## TCG Storage Workgroup

## Specification Overview and Core Architecture Specification

**Specification Version 1.0**

**Revision 0.9 (DRAFT)**

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# TCG Storage WG Specification



## ➤ **SPs (Security Providers)**

- ◆ Logical Groupings of Features
- ◆ SP = Tables + Methods + Access Controls

## ➤ **Tables**

- ◆ Like “registers”, primitive storage and control

## ➤ **Methods**

- ◆ Get, Set – Commands kept simple with many possible functions

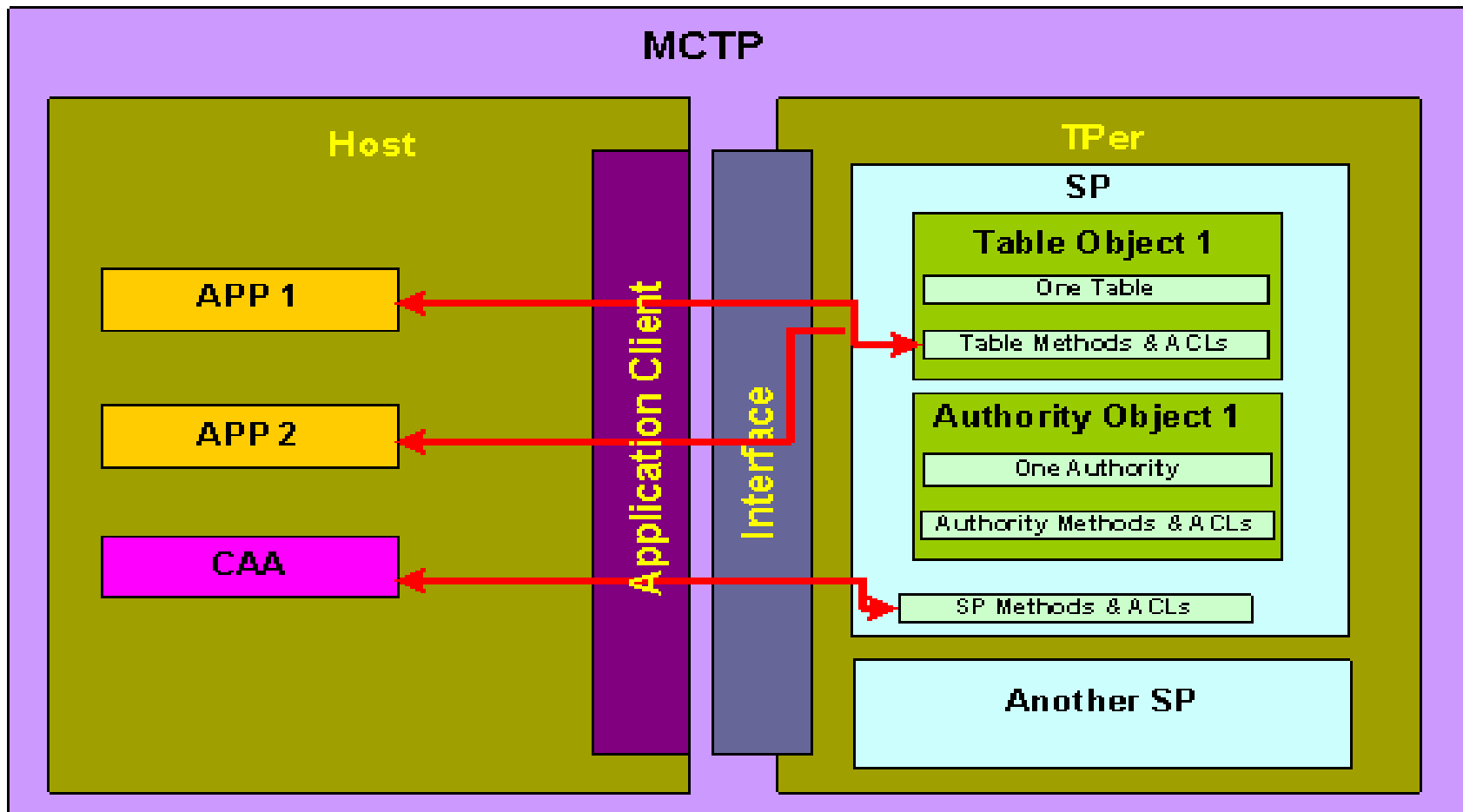
## ➤ **Access Control over Methods on Tables**

# Specification Purpose

- Define an architecture that:
  - ◆ Enables application of access control over select device features
  - ◆ Permit configuration of these capabilities in conformance to the platform security policy

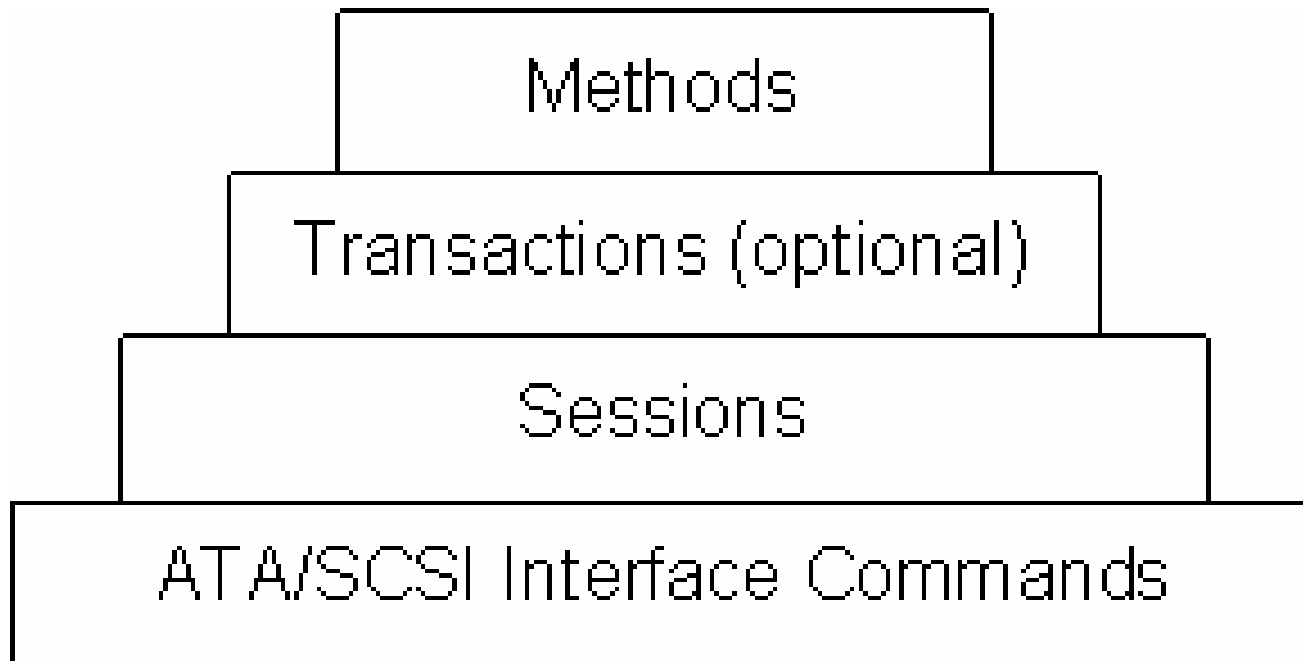


# Core Architecture



**MCTP = Multi-Component Trusted Platform**

**TPer = Trusted Peripheral (eg, Storage)**

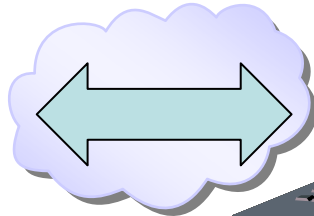


# Security Provider (SP)

- **SPs have own storage, functional scope, and security domain**
- **Created by:**
  - 1) **manufacturer (during Storage Device creation) AND/OR**
  - 2) **Issuance Process**
- **Tables: rows = security associations, columns = related elements**
- **Persistent State Information**: remains active through power cycles, reset conditions, and spin up/down cycles
- **Methods** are actions such as: table additions, table deletion, table read access, and table backup
- **Authorities** are authentication agents. Authorities specify passwords or cryptographic proofs required to execute the methods in the SP
- **Access Control Lists (ACLs)** bind methods to valid authorities

# SP Issuance/Personalization Overview

Issuance Server



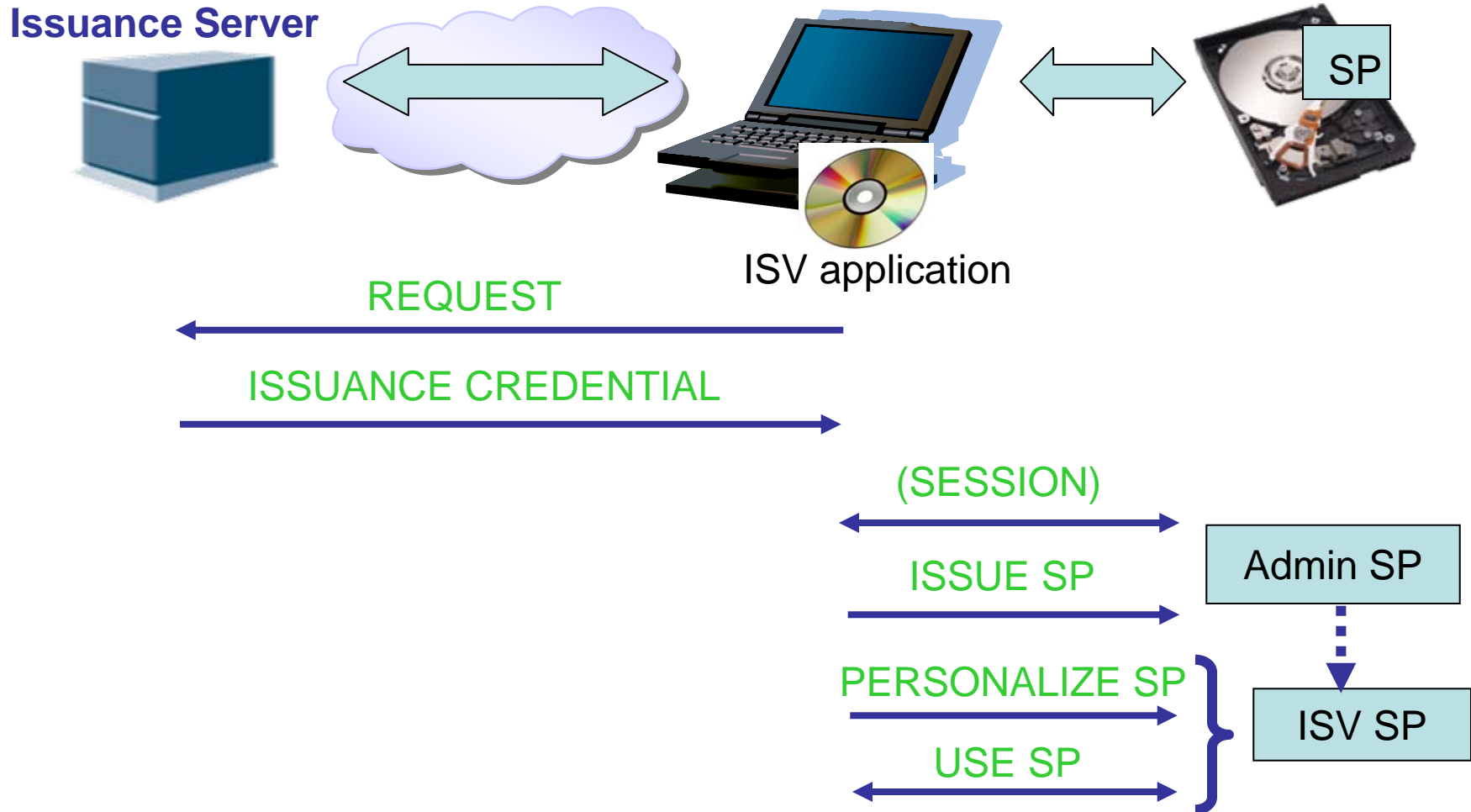
**Issuance** is the act of creating a new SP (exchange/validation of credentials)

**Templates** define the initial tables and methods. All SPs = **Base Template** tables and methods + other Templates: **Admin Template, Crypto Template, and Templates for Forensic Logging and Locking/Encryption etc**

**Personalization** is the customization of a newly created SP: modify initial table data and/or admin authority, customization of the default access control settings

**Note: Admin SP** manages Templates, creates other SPs under issuance control, and maintains information about other SPs and the TPer as a whole. Admin SP cannot be deleted or disabled.

# Issuing an SP

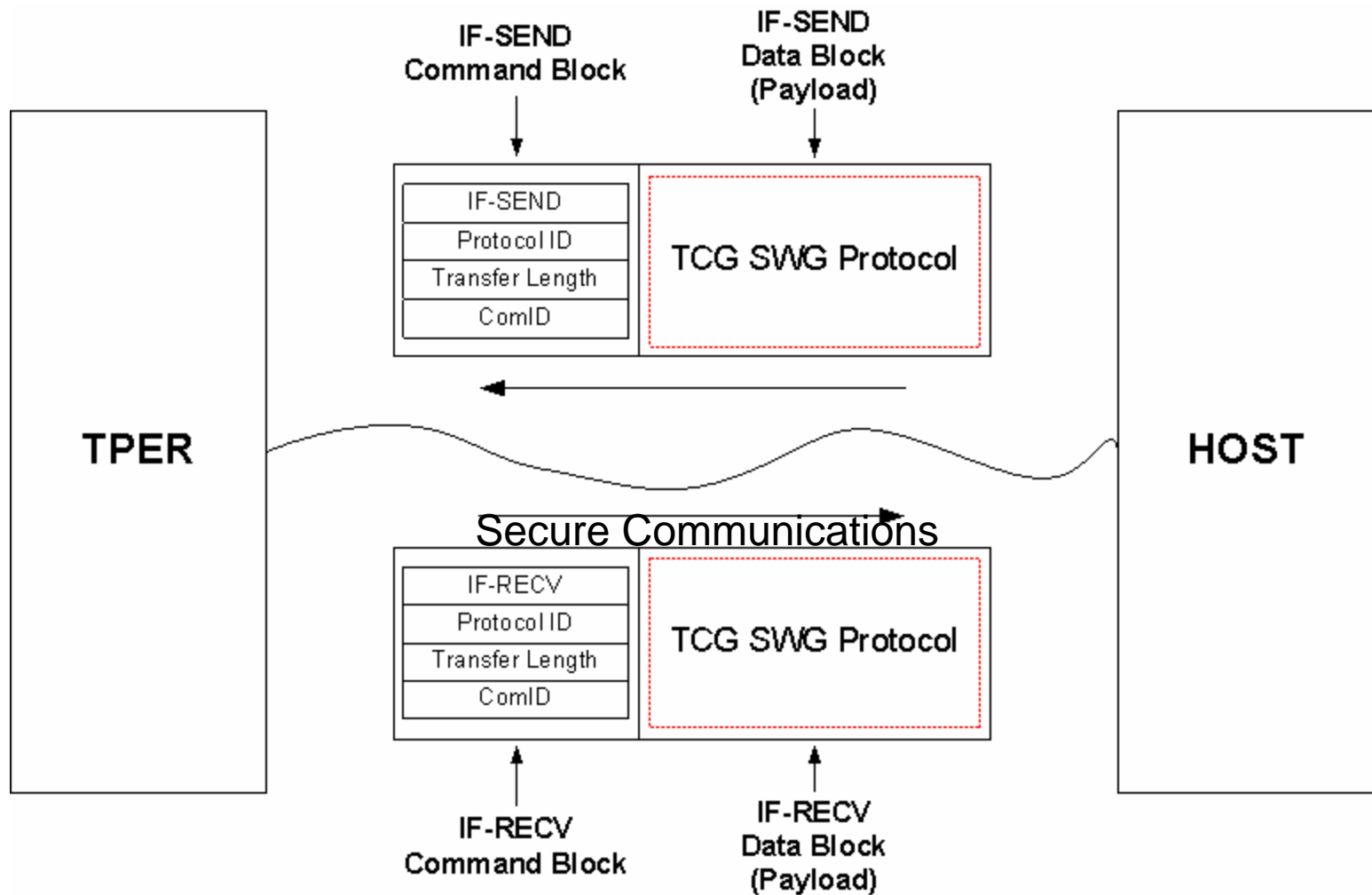


# Crypto Template



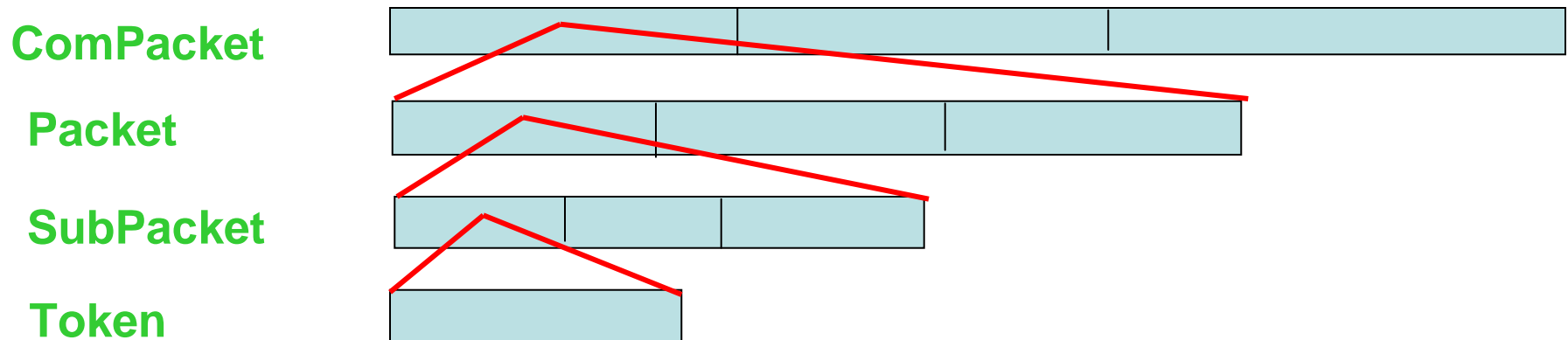
- **Cryptographic methods: utilize public and symmetric key store tables**
- **Credential tables + additional tables provided by Base and other Templates**
- **Encryption, Decryption, Signing, Verifying, Hashing, HMAC, and XOR**
- **AES, RSA, SHA, HMAC, Elliptic Curve, Random Numbers**

# Communications Architecture



**ComID: allow TPer to identify caller of IF-RECV command**

# Host Interface: Packetization



**ComPacket** is the **unit of communication** transmitted as the payload of an Interface command. A ComPacket is able to hold multiple packets in its payload.

**Packet** is associated with a **particular session** and may hold multiple SubPackets.

**SubPacket** may hold **multiple Tokens**.



# Access Control

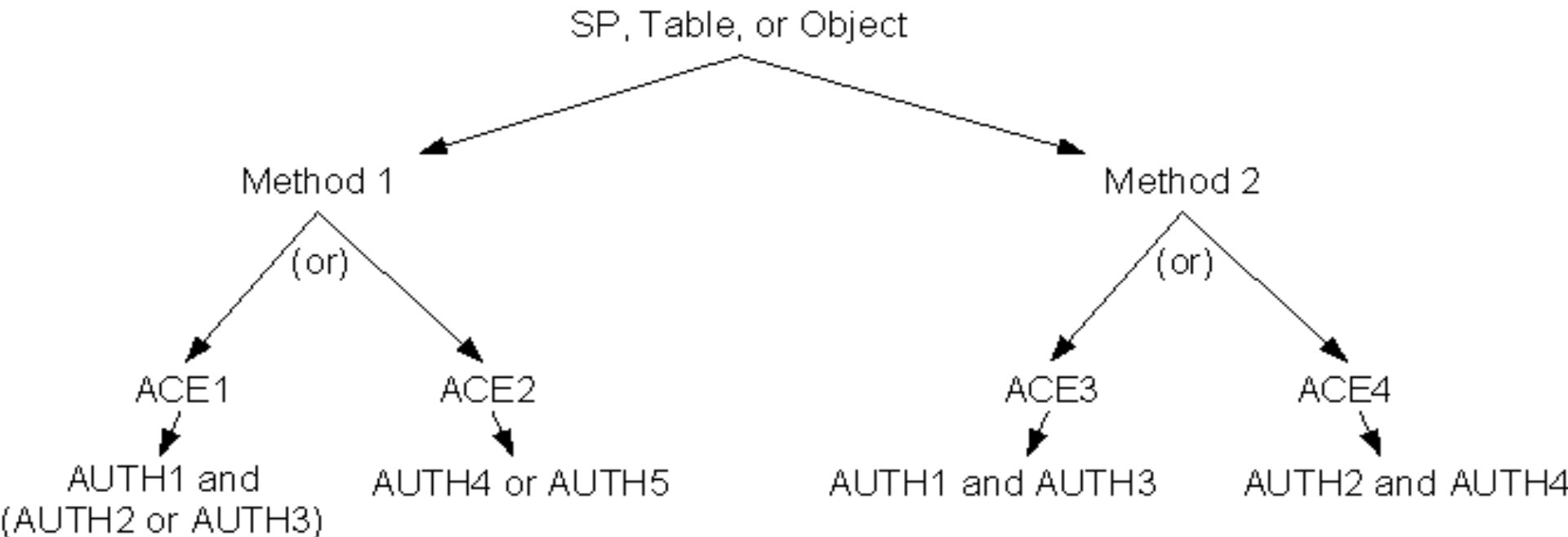
**Credentials:** Permission “secrets”

**Authentication Operation:** proof of knowledge of a secret

The `Authority` table associates specific Credential-Operation pairs together in **Authority** objects

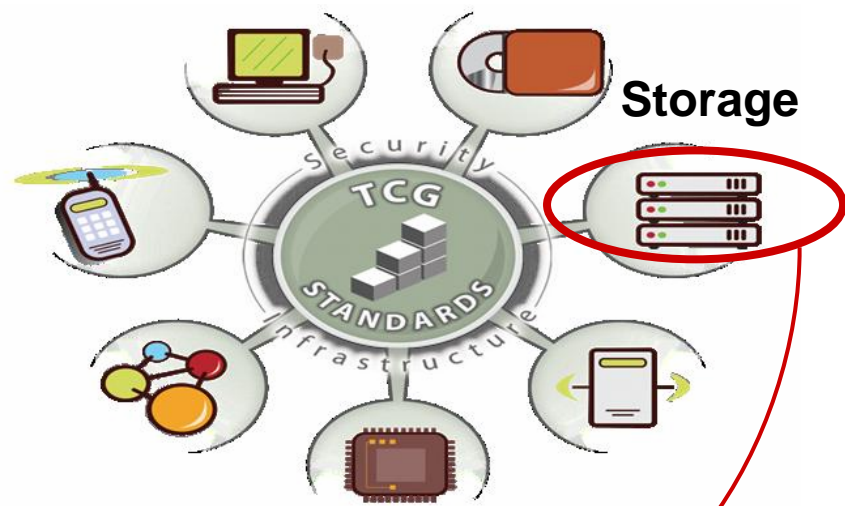
**Access Control Lists (ACLs):** lists of **Access Control Elements (ACEs)**

ACEs are Boolean combinations of Authorities.



# Security Subsystem Classes

**Security Subsystem  
Class = SSC**

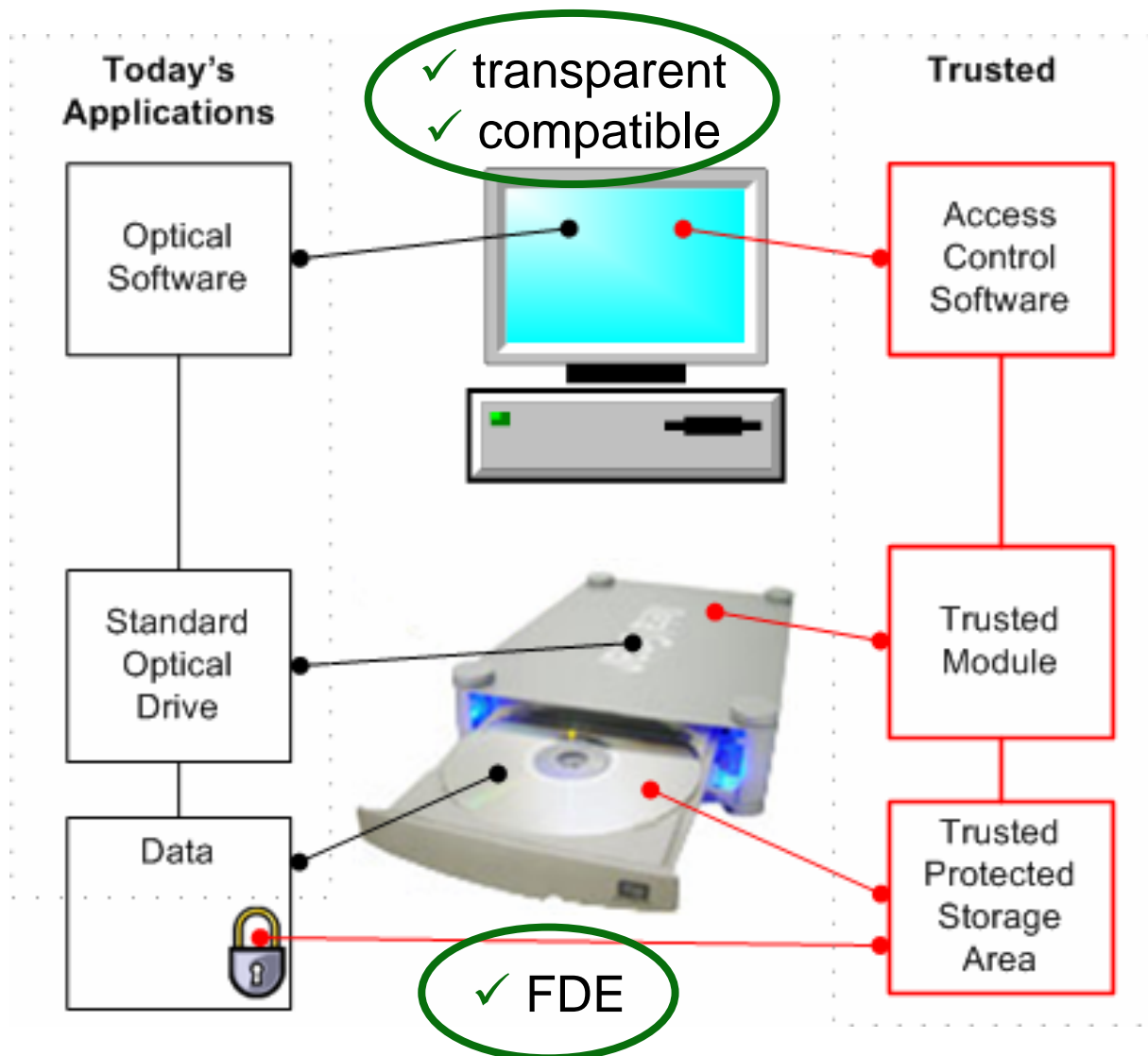


## Storage Architecture Core Specification

- HDD SSC - Notebook
- HDD SSC - Enterprise
- Optical SSC (OSSC)



# Optical Subsystem Class Goal



Separate  
control channel

✓ ease of use  
✓ unobtrusive



# Enterprise Management of Full Disc Encryption (FDE) Drives



## -Enterprise Server:

Key generation and distribution

Key/Password archive, backup and recovery

## -Laptop (Application):

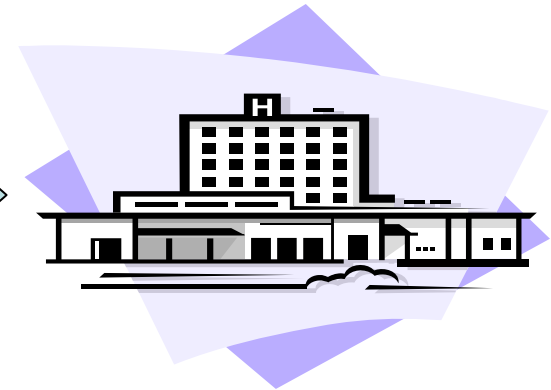
Master/User passwords, multi-factor authentication, TPM support

Secure log-in, "Rapid Erase"

## -FDE Trusted Drive:

Disk or sector encryption, sensitive credential store, drive locking

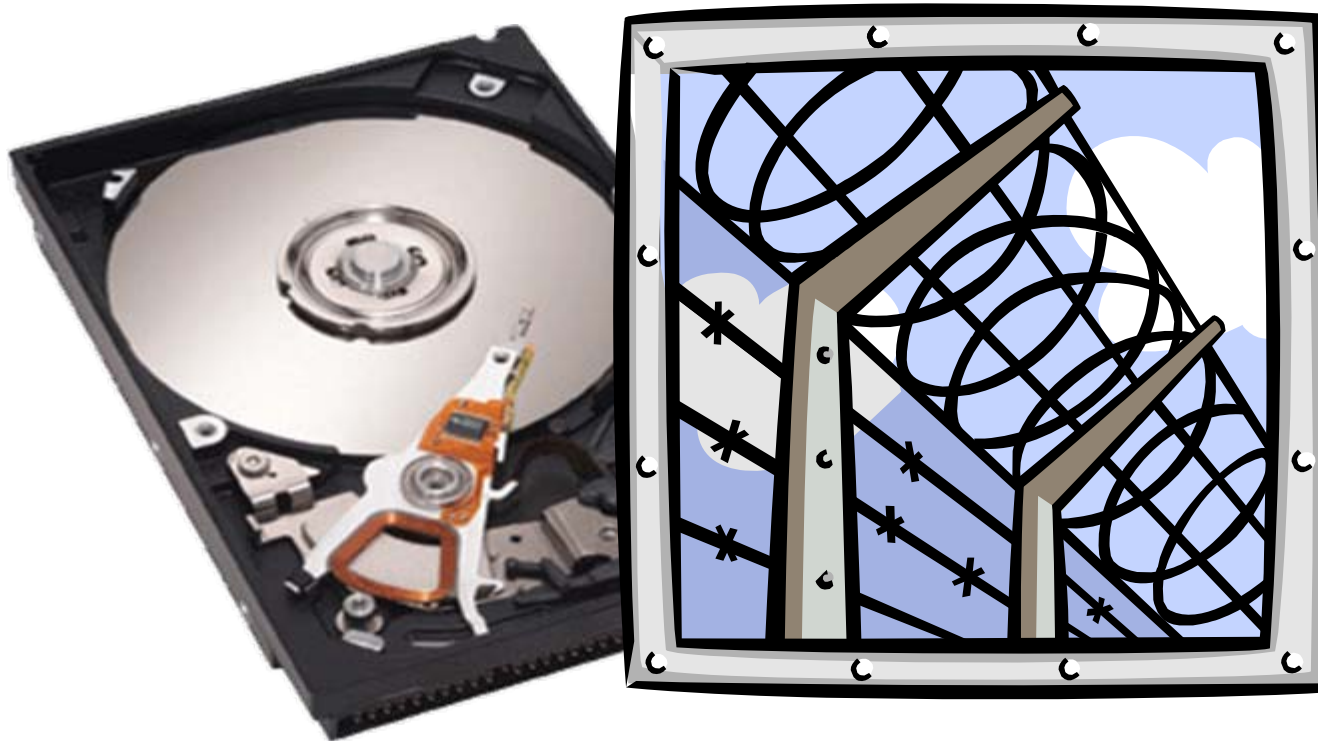
# Home Banking (or Remote Medical, or ... )



**Trusted Platform w/  
Trusted Storage**

- Multi-factor authentication: password, biometrics, dongles
- Secure/hardware storage of credentials, confidential financial/medical data
- Trusted life cycle management of personal information
- Integrity-checking of application software
- Cryptographic functions for storage and communications security
- Trusted/secure computation of high-value functions (protection from viruses/etc)

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