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Safeguarding IoT Supply Chains

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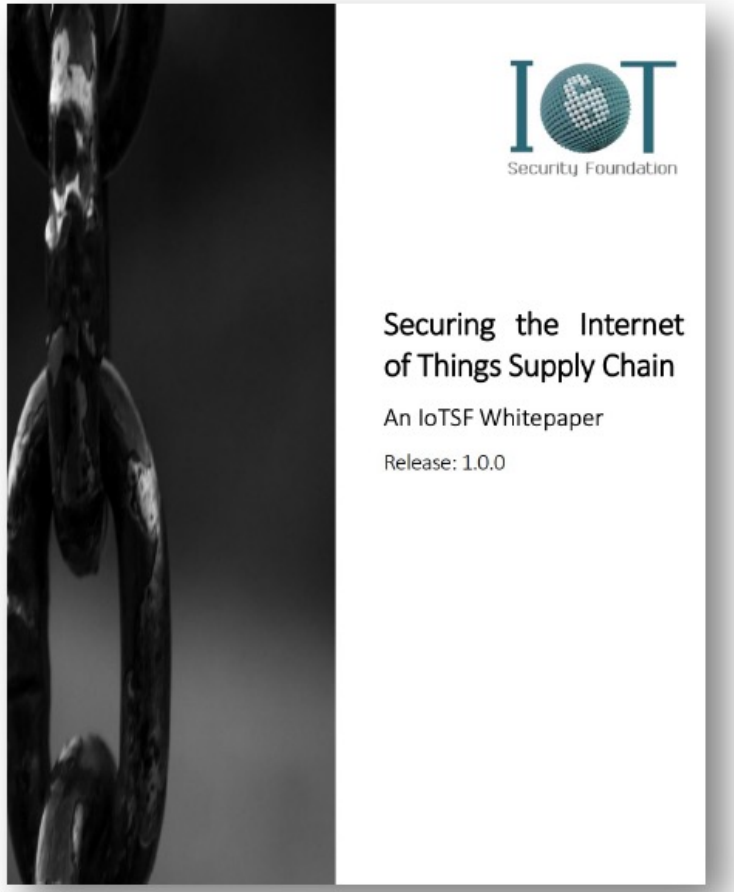

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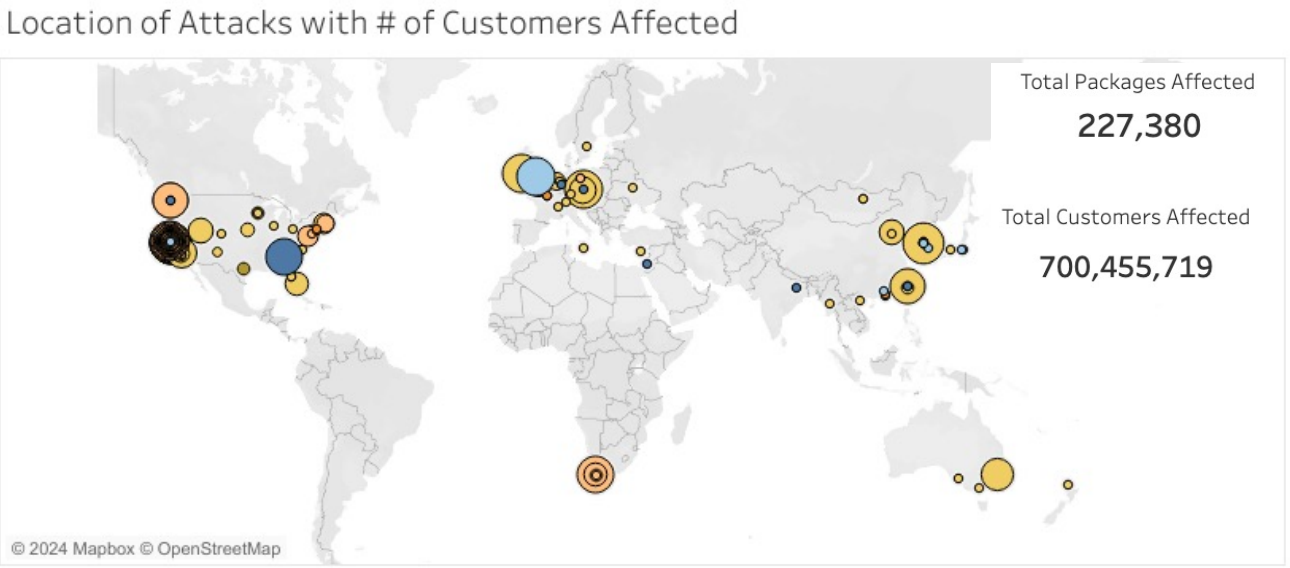
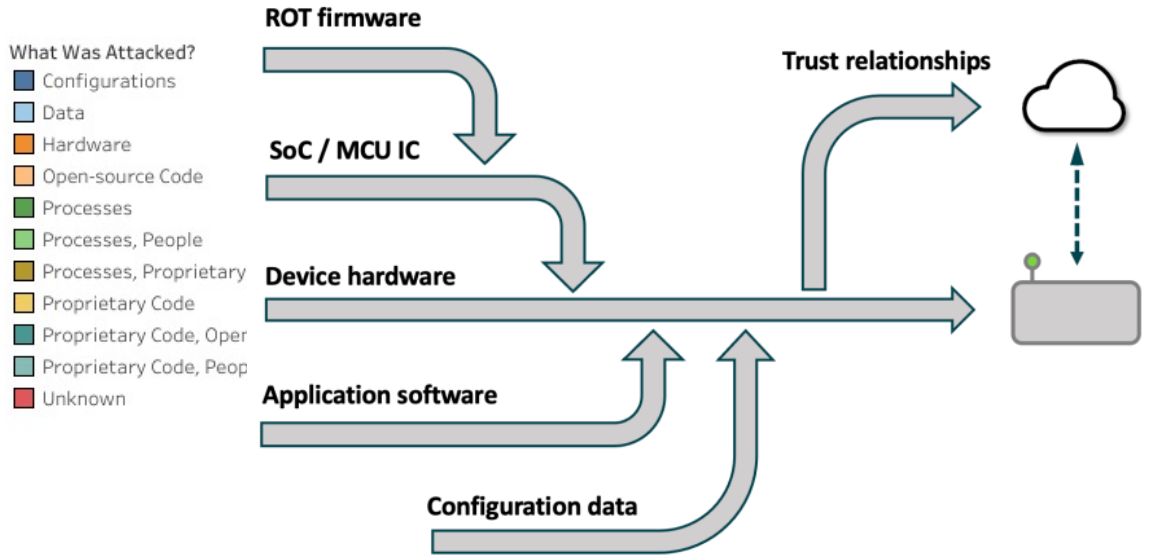
1-1 IoT device supply chain and attacks

Neither adherence to design nor procurement practice effective

Attacks are global and diverse



Typical IoT device supply network



- Supply chain attacks are extremely cost effective from attacker's point of view
- The high “Fan-out” of core components means large customer base is impacted

Ref: [Updated: July 22, 2024] https://www.comparitech.com/software-supply-chain-attacks/

Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.0.0] Figure 2 Main branches of a typical IoT device supply network

2. Anatomy of IoT device, Trust and Threats

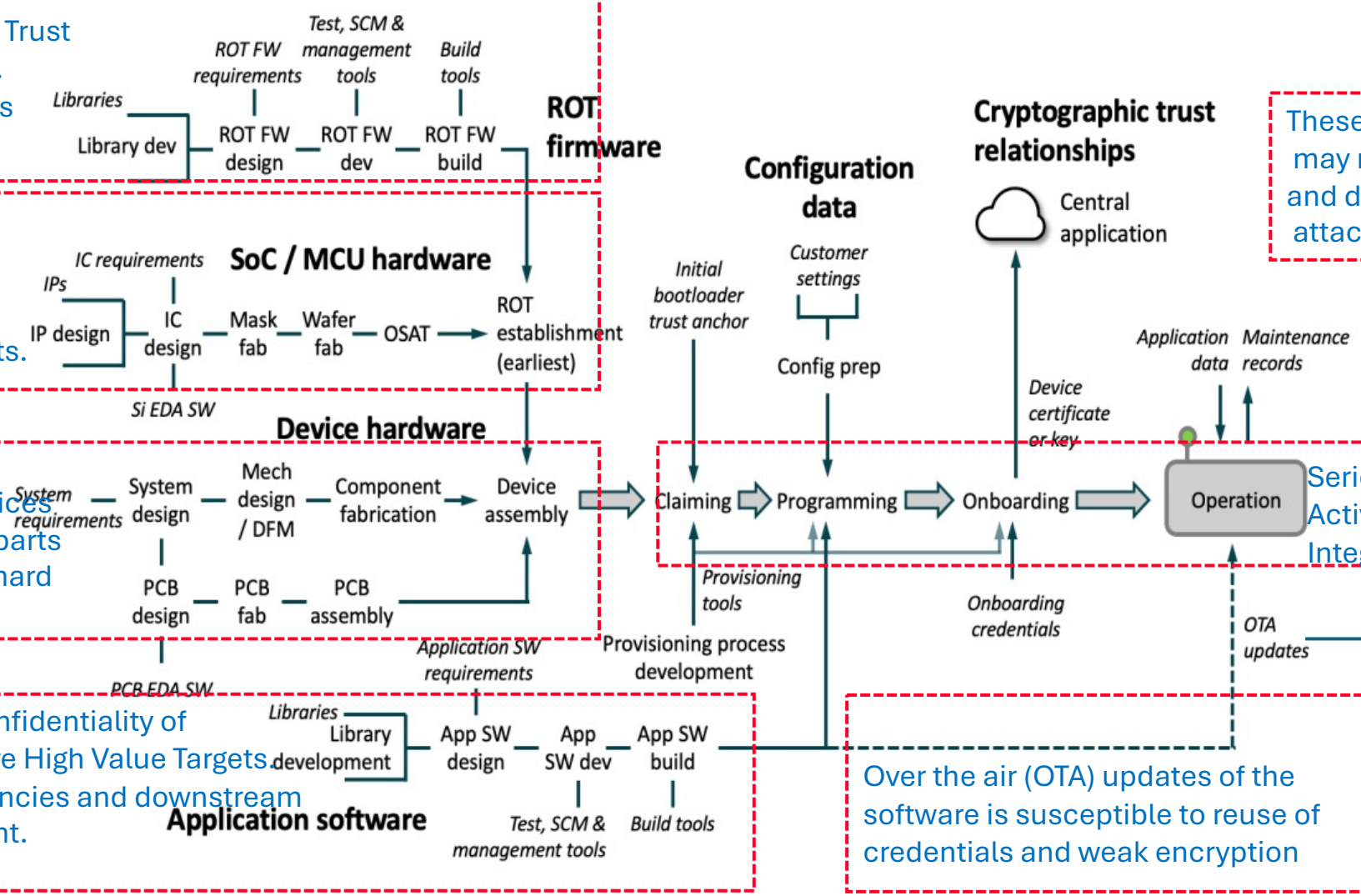
2-1 Anatomy of an IoT device

Immutability of Root of Trust firmware is challenged.
Secret provisioning keys Must be protected.

Hardware trojans,
Hidden logic circuits
Malicious components
Are rare but viable threats.

Poor process control,
Quality assurance practices
And use of Grey Market parts
These are frequent and hard to control.

Quality, Integrity and Confidentiality of software components are High Value Targets.
Both upstream dependencies and downstream maintenance is important.



These edge applications and data may now include Edge AI models and data stores, which have new attack vectors.

Series of multi-party trust chain Activities. Need to protect the Integrity, Confidentiality of data

Over the air (OTA) updates of the software is susceptible to reuse of credentials and weak encryption

OTA updates need to be protected. But key reuse make them Vulnerable.

Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.0.0] Figure 3 detailed look at a generalised IoT device supply network

2-2 IoT Device Provisioning Operations

Programming
- Assets, Data, Secrets
- Confidentiality, Integrity

- Operations place software and assets onto devices
- Common software image, server certificates
- Manufacturing data per batch, Secrets and certs per device

ROT establishment
- Initial hardware programming

- Channel is unencrypted and unauthenticated
- Performed at secured and trusted facilities
- IC vendor provided ROT provide secure boot, interfaces

Claiming
- OEM trust anchor

- Trust anchor used to validate chain of trust in boot software
- Firmware ownership and behavior is decided at this stage

Personalization
- Key pair generation
- Unique Identity

- Unique, authenticable identity with key pairs
- Either generated onboard or externally provisioned
- Serial numbers, Public IDs can be generated in tool

Onboarding
- Onboarding public keys
- Signed certs

- Sign each device's public key into a certificate chain on the production line and load that certificate chain back into the device

Reset
- Repair or end of life

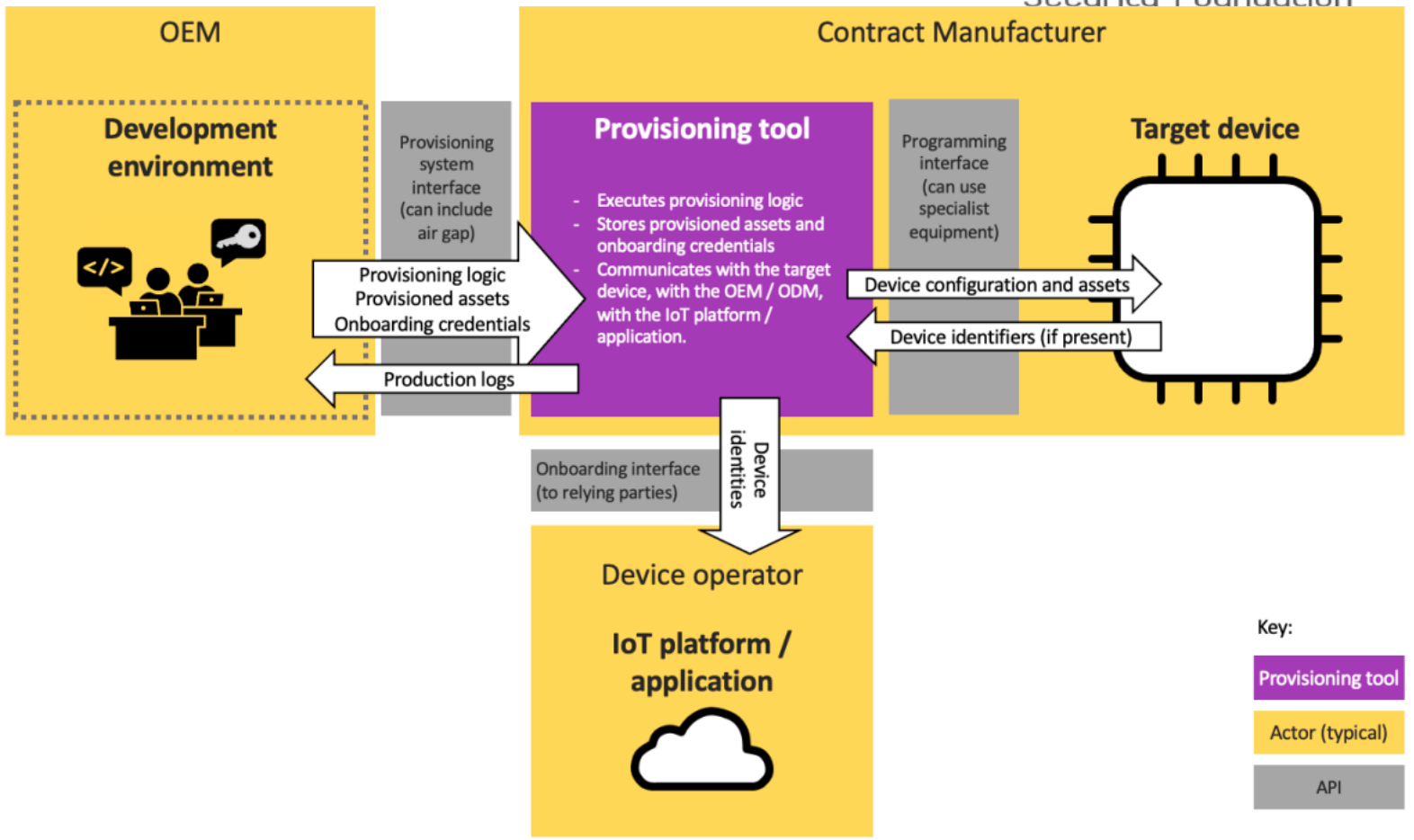
- Erasing settings, data, user association
- Diagnostic access, and remanufacturing
- Responsible disposal to protect data

Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.0.0] Table 2 Provisioning Operations

2-3 IoT Supply chain trust

What constitutes Trust ?

To deliver a smart device in a *known, functional, and trusted initial state*, its supply chain must *provision it with many software and data assets* and into many trust relationships, often in a sequence of provisioning steps that begins with a blank IC and ends with a fully functional and secured device.

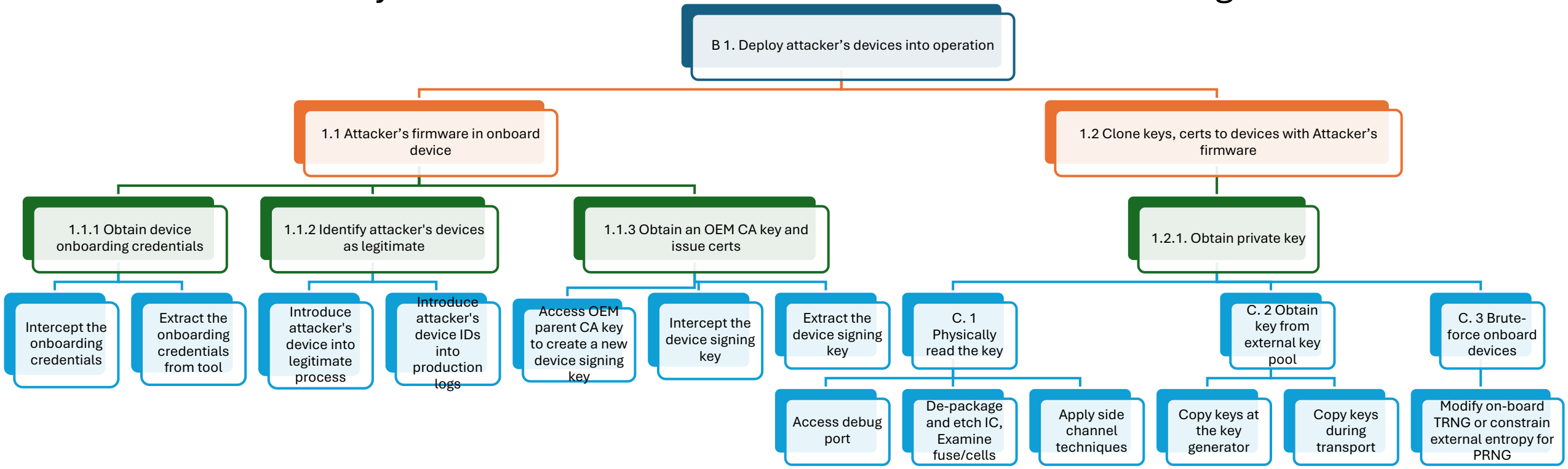


Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.0.0] Figure 4 Generic provisioning operation

2-4 Threat Model – Attack Trees

Example - Disrupt or monitor operators of devices

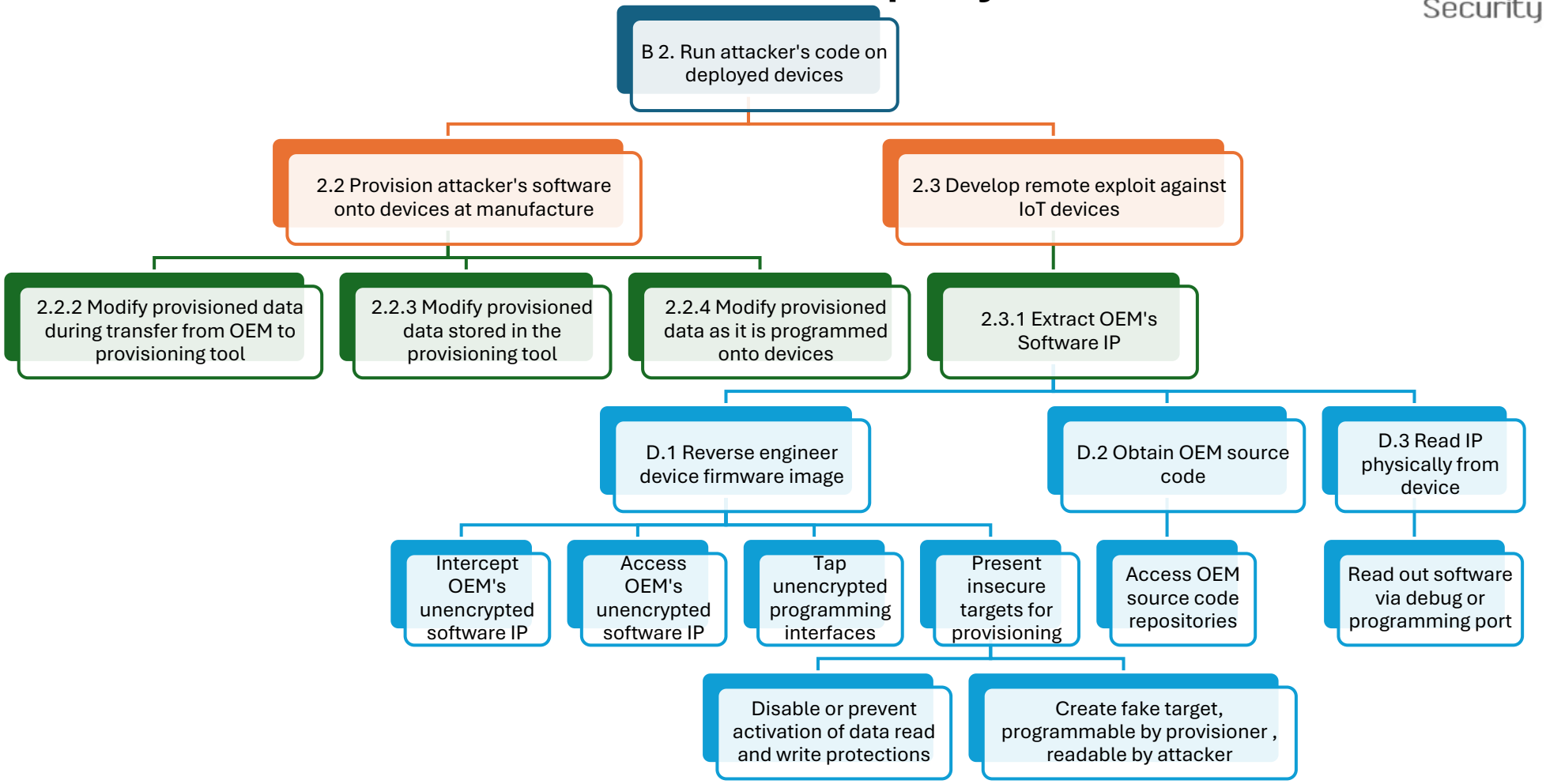
- To defend against attacks, Disrupt or weaken the the chain of conditions
- Refer to IoT Security assurance framework recommendations for mitigations



Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.0.0] Appendix B Attack Tree

2-5 Threat Model – Attack Trees

Example - Run attacker's code on deployed devices



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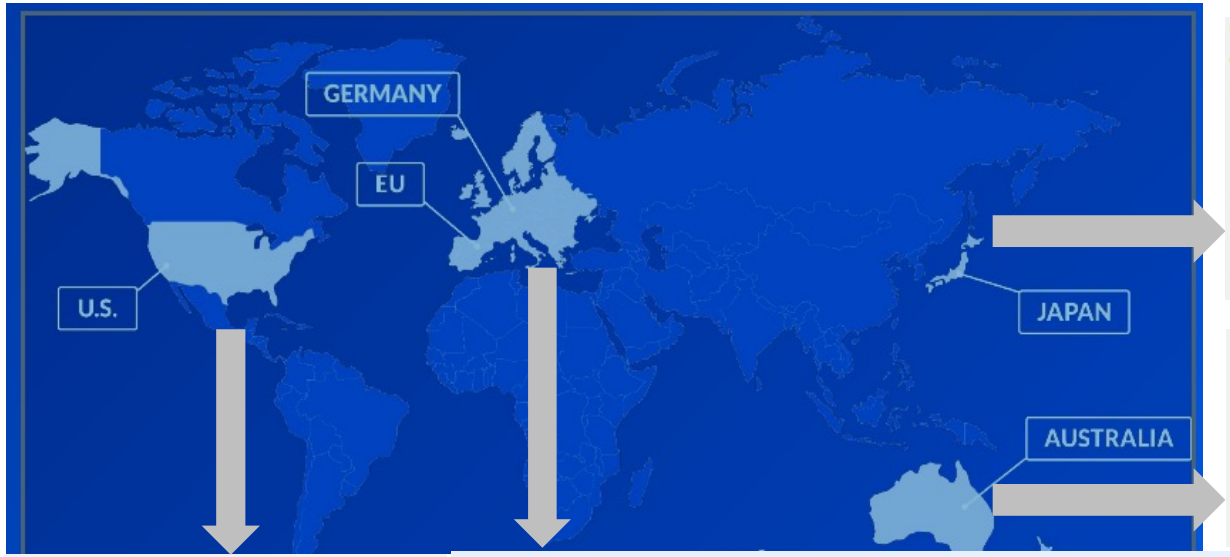
3. Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

3-1 Regulations driving adoption of SBOM

Software supply chain security regulations expanding

SBOMs are enablers for transparency



Guidance on Introduction of Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) for Software Management

It is expected that organizations will proceed with the implementation of an SBOM while confirming the main implementation items in each step and the points that shall be recognized when implementing the SBOM.

ASD Cyber Security Guidelines

These guidelines offer practical advice for organizations to safeguard their systems and data from cyber threats. They address governance, physical security, personnel security, and information and communication technology security.

NIST

NIST SP 800-161: Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management Practices for Systems and Organizations

The European Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

The European Cyber Resilience Act is a legal framework that describes the cybersecurity requirements for hardware and software products with digital elements placed on the market of the European Union. Manufactures are now obliged to take security seriously throughout a product's life cycle.

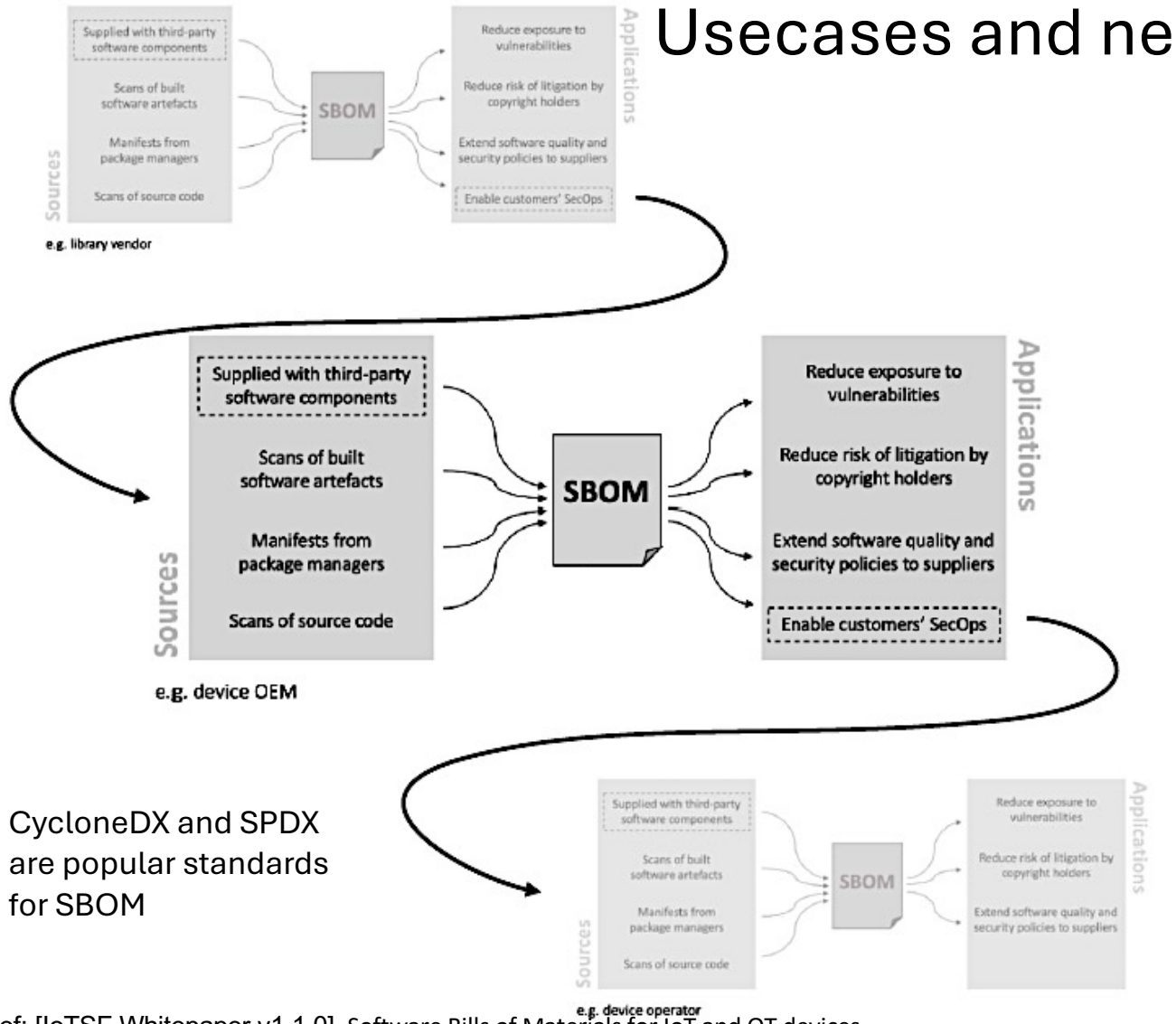
BSI technical guidelines on cyber resilience requirements for software supply chain

"The technical guidelines define formal and technical specifications for software parts (SBOM), thereby offering recommendations to software manufacturers for the design of SBOMs that serve to increase security in the software supply chain."

Ref: https://scribesecurity.com/resource/ensuring-the-security-of-software-supply-chains-meeting-compliance-and-legal-obligations/

3-2 Sharing SBOMs down the supply chain

Usecases and need for sharing of SBOM



CycloneDX and SPDX are popular standards for SBOM

Component type	Recommended methods of providing SBOM documentation
Source code libraries	SBOM is included in top-level directory
Binaries (for linking into downstream projects)	SBOM is included in an archive with the binary
Packaged binaries (to be run in OS environments)	SBOM is included in the package SBOM is posted as a web resource and its URL included in the package metadata
Device images (for installation on IoT/OT devices by operators)	SBOM is included in an archive with the device image
Device images (installed by manufacturer during production or via remote update mechanism)	SBOM is posted as a web resource AND Where devices connect to a central management service: Devices report to their central management service the URL of the SBOM Devices report to their central management service their software version number. Manufacturer publishes a web page or resource listing SBOM URLs against software version numbers for each model of device [6]. Where no central management service is used: Devices serve the SBOM URL at .well-known/sbom [rfc-8615] [draft-ietf-opsawg-sbom-access-13] Devices serve the SBOM via an extended Manufacturer Usage Description (MUD) [rfc-8520] [draft-lear-opsawg-mud-sbom-00]

Ref: [IoTSF Whitepaper v1.1.0] Software Bills of Materials for IoT and OT devices

4. Conclusion

- Safeguarding IoT supply chain is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders in the Industrial IoT ecosystem.
- Transparency and accountability can be enabled through adoption of open standards.
- A chain is only as strong as its weakest link!

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