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- Report current patch status
- Present upcoming features •
- Reach alignment on extant controversies



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Security Protocol & Data Model (SPDM)

- Generic protocol for device • authentication, measurement, secure channel establishment
- Adopted by PCI, CXL and others
- Only one entity in the system may control SPDM session with a device (because GET_VERSION resets session)



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Two roads diverged in a yellow wood

- SPDM handled by OS kernel •
 - + Seamless integration with PCI reset recovery & resume from D3cold
 - + Fine-grained control of SPDM features (e.g. measurements are always fresh)
 - Virtualization issues:
 - Guest needs help from host or security module for encryption setup Virtual functions not supported, only pass-through of full physical device
- SPDM handled by <u>security module inside CPU</u> (Intel TDX Connect, AMD SEV)
 - Needs to be supported by device
 - Need to trust firmware blob from CPU vendor
 - API of security module is vendor-specific, not standardized



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PCI device authentication (handled by OS kernel)

- Submitted Sep 2023, respin in Q4
- Guide how to test with gemu by Wilfred Mallawa https://github.com/twilfredo/qemu-spdm-emulation-guide
- Only controversy: SPDM control by OS kernel versus security module
- Proposed solution:

Host OS kernel initially authenticates devices, of physical device or one of its VFs:

PCI device authentication & encryption

https://lore.kernel.org/all/cover.1695921656.git.lukas@wunner.de/

- hands over SPDM control to security module upon passthrough
- pci_cma_claim_ownership() / pci_cma_return_ownership()



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PCI device measurement (upcoming)

- Expose the up to 254 measurement indices: /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:00:00.0/measurements/0xab_type (ASCII hex, r/o) /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:00:00.0/measurements/0xab_digest (ASCII hex, r/o) /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:00:00.0/measurements/0xab bitstream (bin attribute, r/o)
- Retrieve measurements on-demand for freshness
- On PCI enumeration, determine which measurement indices are populated (retrieve digest of all measurements)
- Open question: What if signed measurements are not supported? (expose that fact or force user space to opt-in to unsigned measurements?)
- When SPDM is controlled by security module, must expose measurements the same way! (retrieve them from Device Interface Report)





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PCI certificate exposure (upcoming)

- Expose all 8 slots: /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:00:00.0/certificates/slot0 .. slot7
- Read to get X.509 cert chain, parseable with openssl Write to trigger SET_CERTIFICATE exchange Unpopulated slot has length 0
- Get a certificate signing request from device: /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:00:00.0/certificates/csr
- Read to trigger GET_CSR exchange

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(bin_attribute, r/w)

Write beforehand to set PKCS#10 CertificationRequestInfo (optional)

(bin_attribute, r/w)







PCI secure channel establishment (upcoming)

- Unsigned measurements tolerable if transported over secure channel
- Prerequisite for PCI encryption setup by OS kernel
- Implement Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- Implement symmetric encryption of SPDM messages





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