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Repeatable Supply Chain Security Failures in Firmware Key Management

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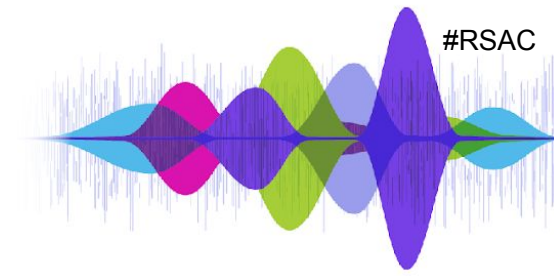
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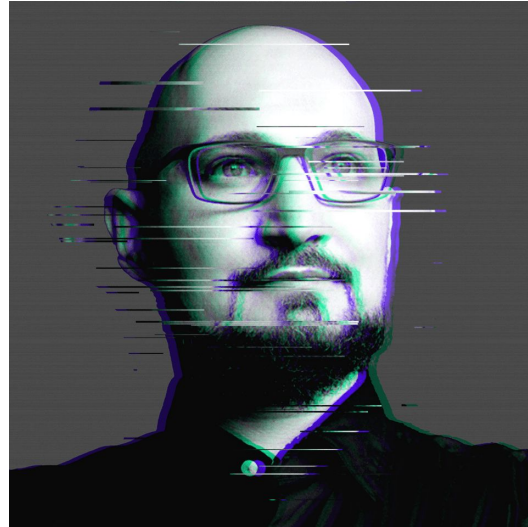
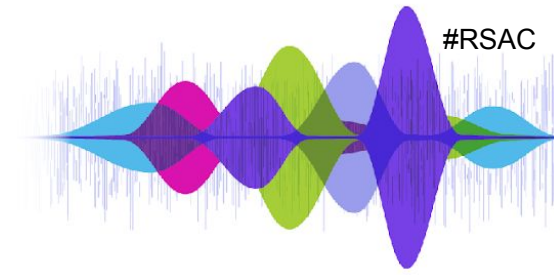


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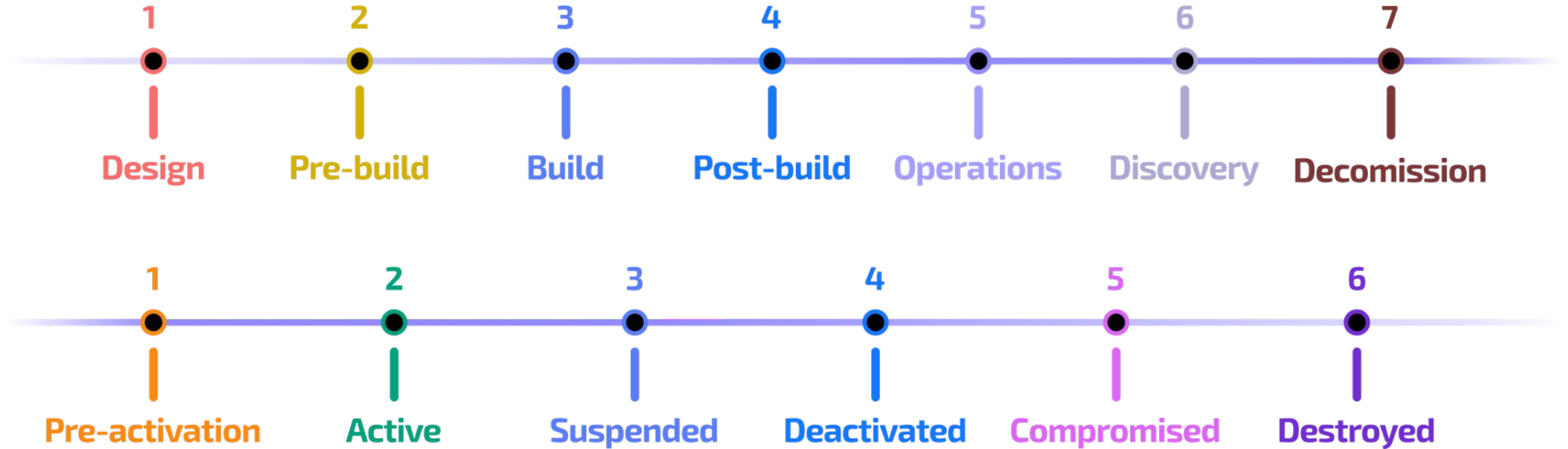
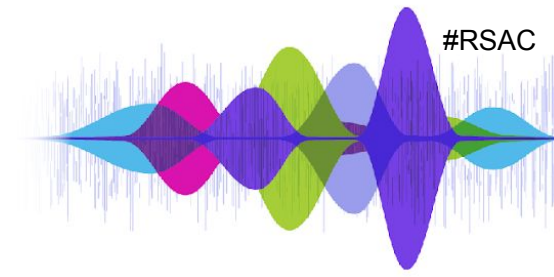
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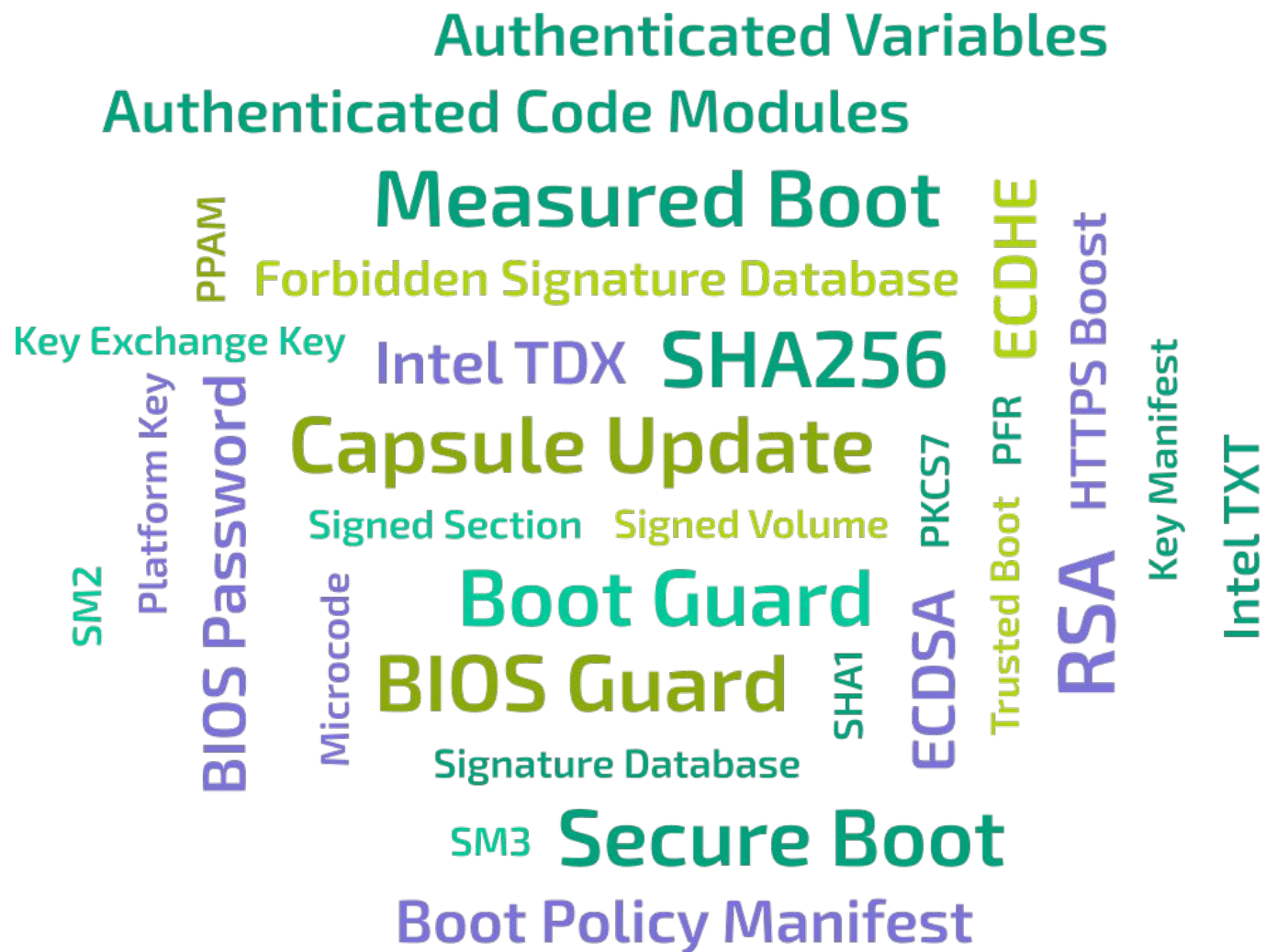
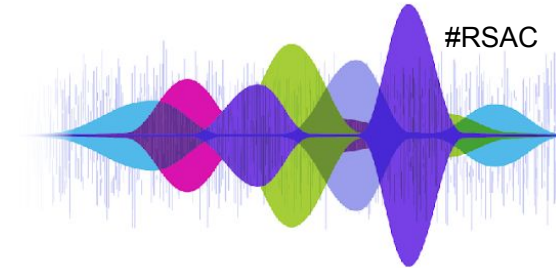
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All this will happen again.

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Cryptographic Key Management is Hard!

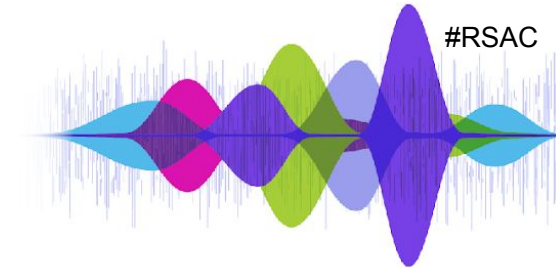


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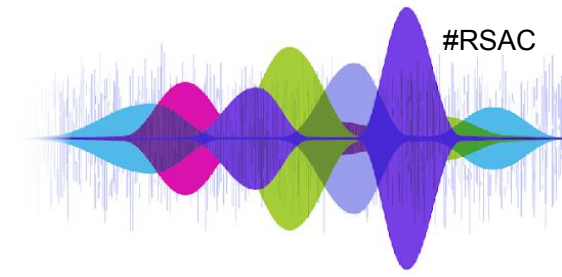
Introduction



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go wrong?

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Security risks arising from firmware developer and device vendor breaches



2022

- Intel PPAM expired certificate
- LC/FC data breach

2023

- MSI OEM data breach
- Intel BootGuard key leakage impact

2024

- PKfail + BlackLotus Demo
- Supermicro

2025

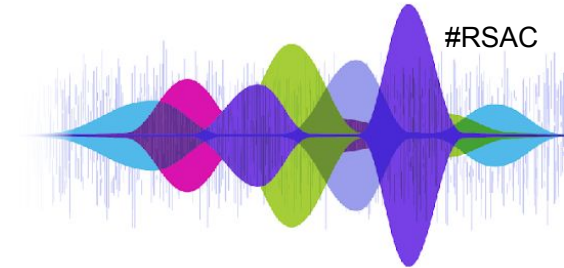
- DBX inconsistency
- Intel BootGuard again?
- AMD Microcode validation is broken

[2022] Intel Platform Properties Assessment Module (PPAM) Expired Certificate Story



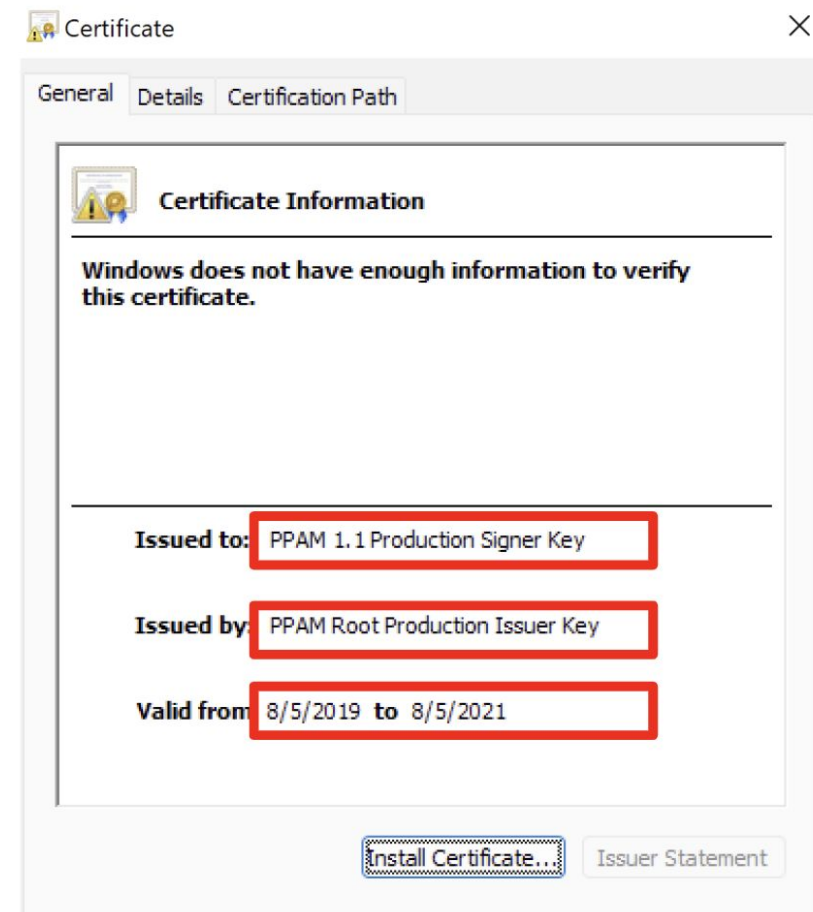
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[2022] Intel PPAM expired certificate

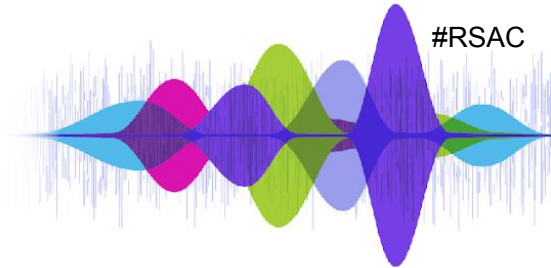


- * Platform Properties Assessment Module (PPAM) measures the integrity of SMM code
- * Binary signed by Intel that runs before System Management Mode (SMM) entry point
- * PKCS7 certificate provides a digital signature for PPAM
- * Multiple devices with expired PPAM certificate

<https://www.binarily.io/blog/black-hat-2022-the-intel-ppam-attack-story>



Revisiting Intel PPAM expired certificate



- * Retrospective scan on our dataset revealed that 68% of certificates in-the-wild are expired
- * We also found few recent devices deployed with PPAM debug certificates
- * This is not a security vulnerability, but shows the bad security practices

```
Version: 3 (0x2)
Serial Number:
    63:00:33:3a:47:12:7f:a3:eb:ad:a1:61:ad:00:01:00:33:3a:47
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Issuer: C=US, ST=CA, L=Santa Clara, O=Intel Corporation,
    OU=SSG, CN=PPAM Root Debug Issuer Key
Validity
    Not Before: Jun 12 10:59:01 2019 GMT
    Not After : Jun 12 10:59:01 2020 GMT
Subject: C=US, ST=CA, L=Santa Clara, O=Intel Corporation,
    OU=SSG, CN=PPAM 1.1 Debug Signer Key
Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    Public-Key: (2048 bit)
    Modulus:
        00:bf:ec:93:b2:59:0f:7f:ef:e1:cc:ae:bc:33:27:
        e5:34:e6:d8:eb:00:17:aa:51:65:56:74:e2:10:a5:
        19:dc:a1:89:74:ab:45:f1:0a:9a:5b:54:af:14:42:
    ...
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[2022] Lenovo LCFC OEM Data Breach and Leaked Keys

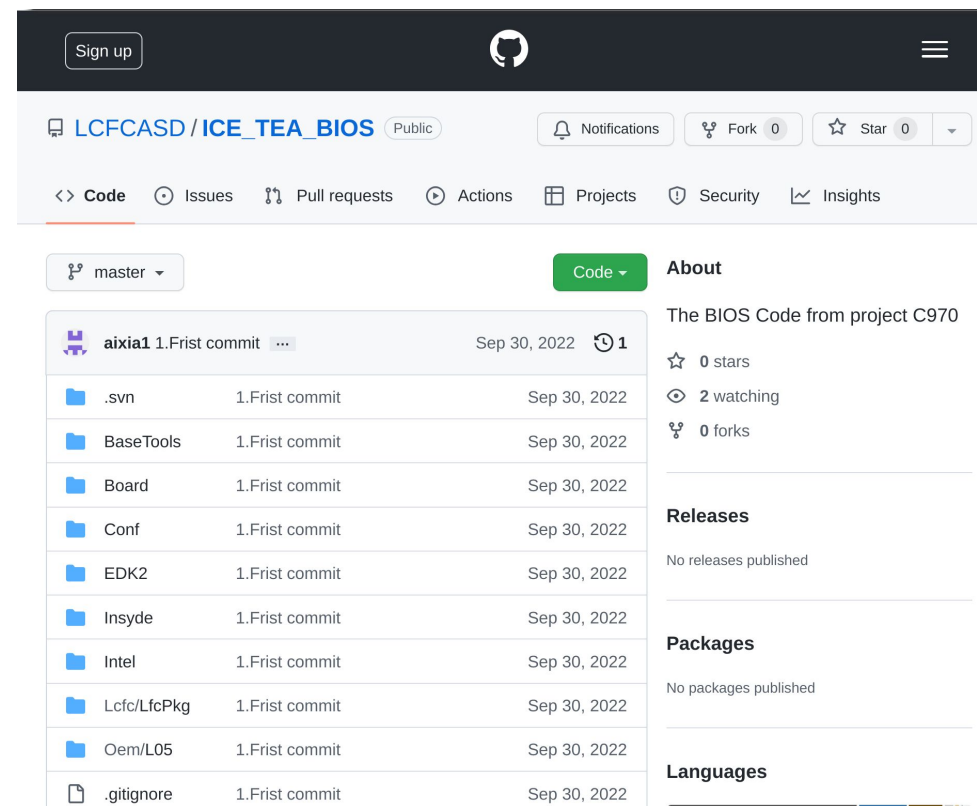


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[2022] LC/FC data breach

- * Alder Lake's UEFI firmware was leaked on GitHub
- * Reference implementation (Intel), IBV solution (Insyde) and OEM implementation (Lenovo)
- * 6GB of source code, binary blobs, debugging tools and multiple private keys

<https://www.binarily.io/blog/leaked-intel-boot-guard-keys-what-happened-how-does-it-affect-the-software-supply-chain>

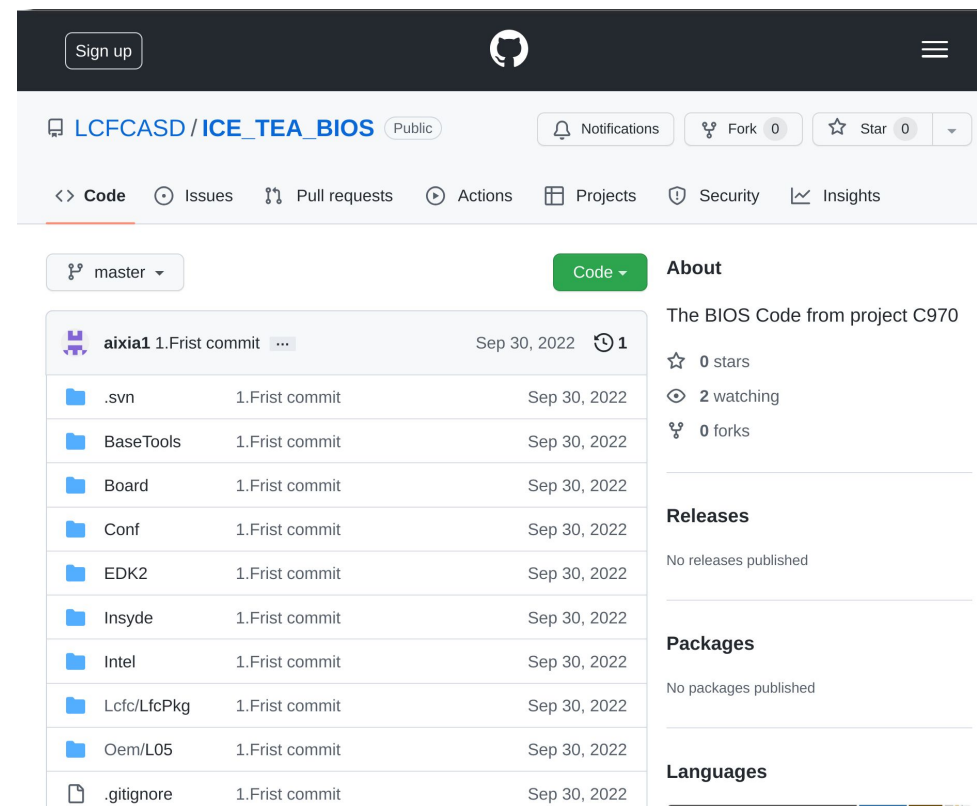


[2022] LC/FC data breach

Leaked private keys:

- * Intel Integrated Sensors Hub (ISH) signing key
- * Intel Boot Guard KM/BPM keys
 - Found on devices from Lenovo, Supermicro and Intel

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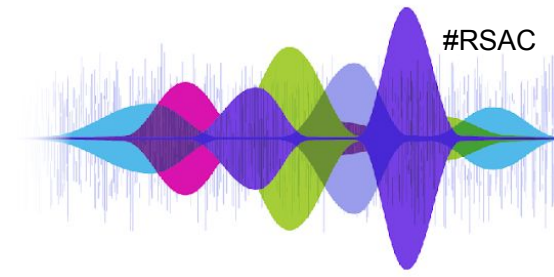


[2023] MSI OEM Data Breach and Leaked Keys



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[2023] MSI OEM data breach



- * Breach from the Money Message ransomware group
- * 1.5TB of source code, production databases and multiple private keys

<https://www.binarily.io/blog/leaked-msi-source-code-with-intel-oem-keys-how-does-this-affect-industry-wide-software-supply-chain>

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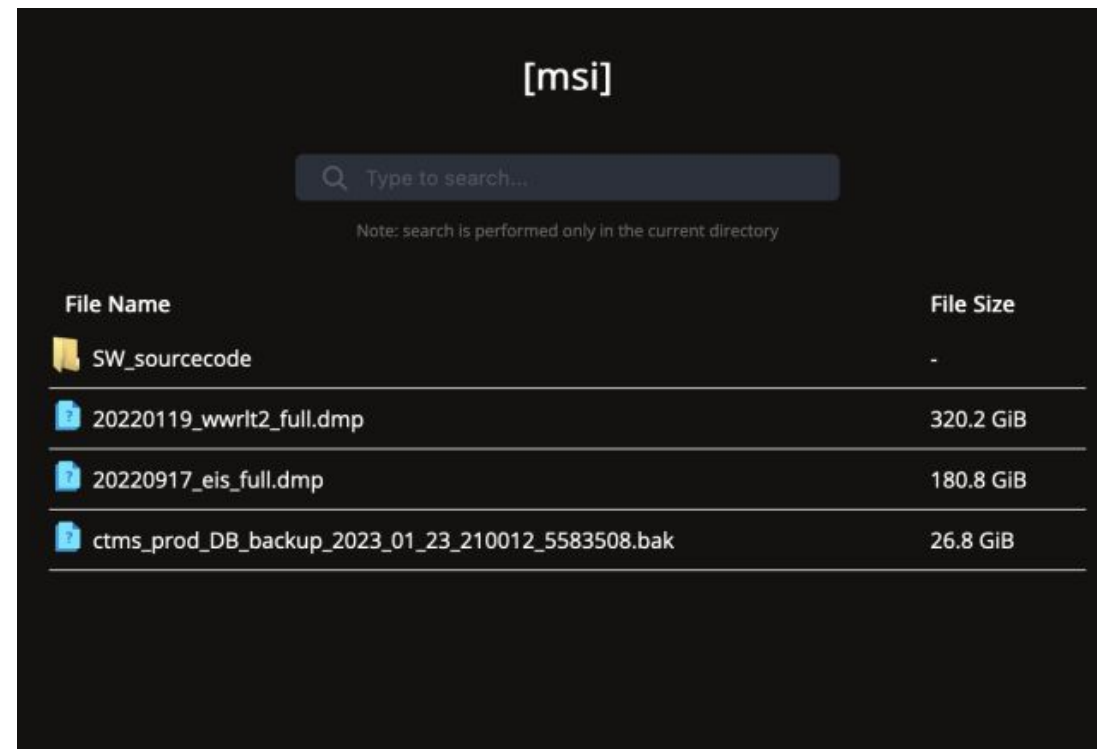
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20220917_eis_full.dmp	180.8 GiB
ctms_prod_DB_backup_2023_01_23_210012_5583508.bak	26.8 GiB

[2023] MSI OEM data breach

- * Intel BootGuard BPM/KM keys
 - More than 100 MSI devices affected
- * FW Image Signing Keys
 - Around 60 MSI devices affected
- * Intel OEM Platform Key
 - Orange unlock: more powerful than Boot Guard key
 - Found on devices from HP, Lenovo, AOPEN, CompuLab, and Star Labs

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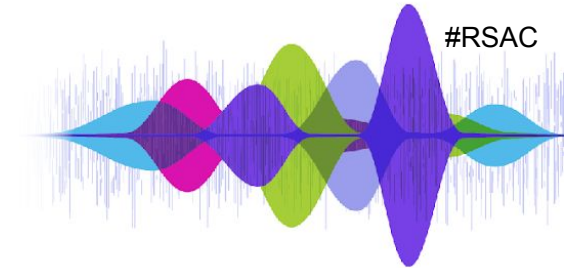
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[2025] Clevo ODM Leaked Keys



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[2025] Clevo Boot Guard keys leak

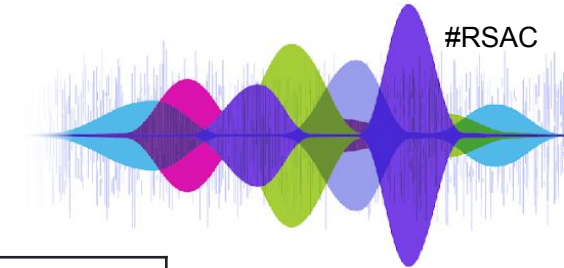


- * Binarly was notified by Thierry Laurion about a possible leak of Boot Guard keys from Clevo in March 2025
- * Firmware update package (400MB uncompressed size)
- * Contains user manuals, internal tooling, firmware images and Boot Guard private keys

```
$ openssl rsa -text -in CreateDeleteBIOSKey.keyprivkey.pem
Private-Key: (3072 bit, 2 primes)
modulus:
 00:c5:81:81:14:d9:69:55:6c:38:a4:1a:f3:1c:a2:
 01:10:cf:02:f1:0c:73:f6:44:dc:e8:ae:25:69:6b:
 fa:14:ca:95:58:1a:d6:63:95:e4:97:57:a7:12:ea:
 eb:32:c8:b1:34:4b:1e:97:08:68:b9:7f:54:89:ba:
 09:86:cd:f1:1a:0d:e8:0d:18:38:e2:a0:bb:ad:87:
 d3:c2:3f:d5:e4:e8:4e:cd:e7:7d:d4:67:3b:33:ee:
 4a:ce:7c:aa:88:45:fa:ac:74:d1:a9:42:14:c7:1a:
 88:9c:cf:61:ef:b6:36:65:a7:2d:05:21:1e:a9:3a:
 fe:2d:09:09:0e:e7:e8:eb:e6:6e:61:95:11:a8:b5:
 78:b4:8c:0f:49:82:47:7b:87:b5:0d:a8:57:9f:16:
 12:8f:d8:ef:e6:84:49:f9:f7:37:a1:00:5f:4d:92:
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 25:ed:bb:d1:92:69:11:2b:23:a4:72:02:89:e2:ab:
 93:e9:1f:e4:4a:f8:ac:bd:12:e7:69:3e:b9:a1:80:
 04:f8:2f:00:20:fd:15:12:2b:7d:f7:91:bc:33:84:
 bf:e1:e7:26:58:c3:00:29:02:f6:66:9e:69:68:f2:
 b3:ea:27:f5:b3:cf:f6:0b:1a:d3:28:82:63:ef:53:
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 50:24:29:8b:da:7e:90:24:70:cf:0e:b4:15:46:8e:
 89:cd:24:e6:c6:b4:42:0e:13:b3:1d:3d:f8:87:52:
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[2025] Clevo leak - Impacted Devices

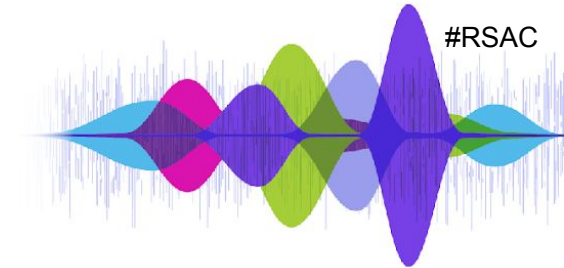


Firmware / Device name	ODM	IBV	Version	Release date
XPG Xenia 15G G2303_V1.0.8	Clevo	Insyde	6.2.8320.0	2023-06-14
Gigabyte G5 KE	Clevo	Insyde	FB05	2023-03-07
Gigabyte G5 KF 2024	Clevo	Insyde	FD06	2024-01-10
Gigabyte G5 KF5 2024	Clevo	Insyde	FD10	2024-12-09
Gigabyte G5 ME	Clevo	Insyde	FB04	2023-06-05
Gigabyte G5 MF	Clevo	Insyde	FB03	2023-04-14
Gigabyte G6 KF	Clevo	Insyde	FB06	2023-10-23
Gigabyte G6X 9KG 2024	Clevo	Insyde	FB10	2025-02-04
Gigabyte G7 KF	Clevo	Insyde	FB10	2024-02-16
NoteBook Firmware 1.07.07TRO1	Clevo	Insyde	6.2.8319.7	2023-09-05
NoteBook Firmware 1.07.09TRO1	Clevo	Insyde	6.2.8319.9	2023-11-28

Intel Boot Guard Impact of Leaked Keys

An abstract graphic at the bottom of the slide. It features a series of thin, vertical, light blue lines of varying heights on the left side. To the right of these lines are several overlapping, teardrop-shaped or petal-like forms in various colors: light blue, purple, magenta, green, and light purple. These shapes are arranged in a way that they appear to flow from left to right, with some overlapping each other. The overall effect is a modern, digital-looking design.

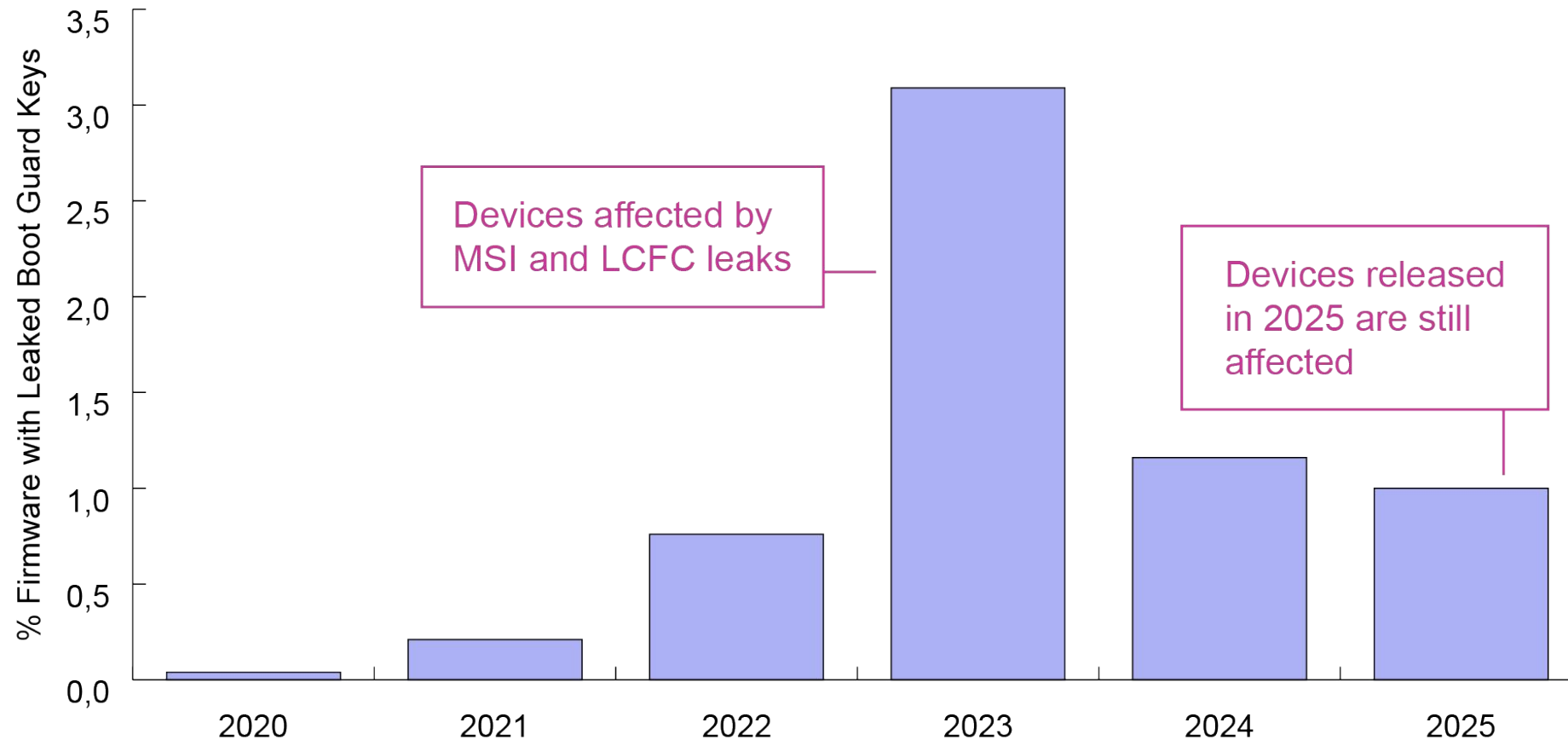
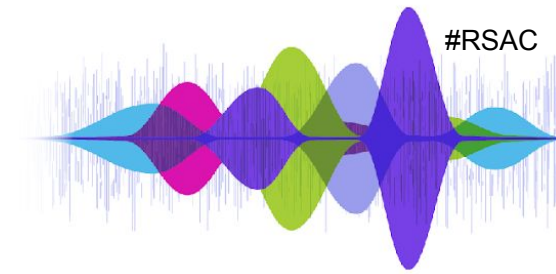
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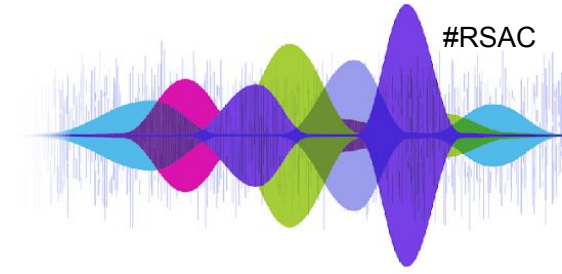
Boot Guard - Introduction

- * Hardware-based technology intended to protect against execution of non-genuine UEFI firmware
- * Multiple components and cryptographic keys involved:
 1. **Authenticated code module (ACM)**: Intel-signed code that runs before the firmware and cryptographically verifies the firmware
 2. **Key Manifest (KM)**: verifies Boot Policy Manifest
 3. **Boot Policy Manifest (BPM)**: verifies Initial Boot Block (basically, the firmware)

Impact of Boot Guard keys leakage



Impact of Boot Guard keys leakage



**Why current devices are still
vulnerable to a leak from years ago?**

**The Boot Guard Key Manifest hash
is fused in the platform hardware
and it **cannot** be changed!**

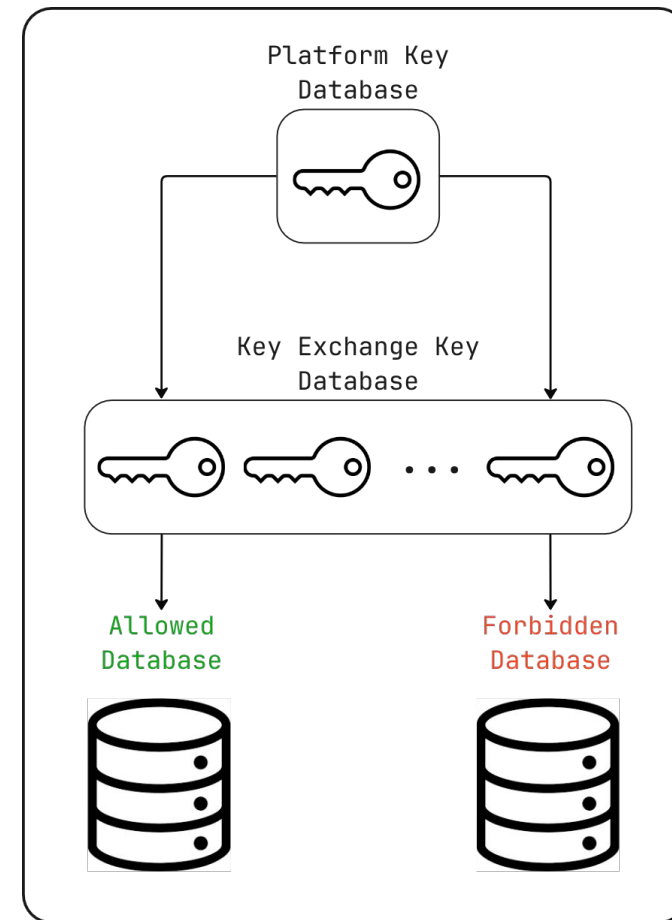
[2024] PKfail Leaked Platform Key Story



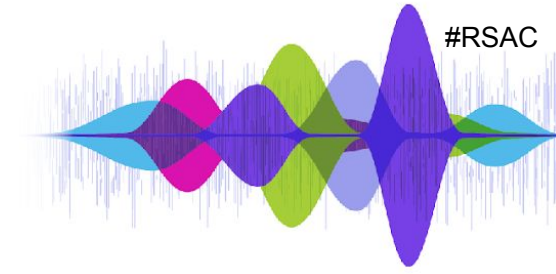
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UEFI Secure Boot

- * Allows only trusted, digitally signed software to run during system startup, preventing malware and unauthorized code execution.
- * Bypassing Secure Boot allows for bootkit and rootkit execution
- * Four databases:
 - PK, KEK, db, dbx



[2024] PKFail

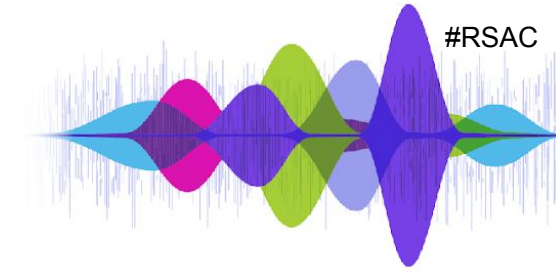


While adding support for Secure Boot to our Binary Transparency Platform, we found an “*interesting*” Platform Key:

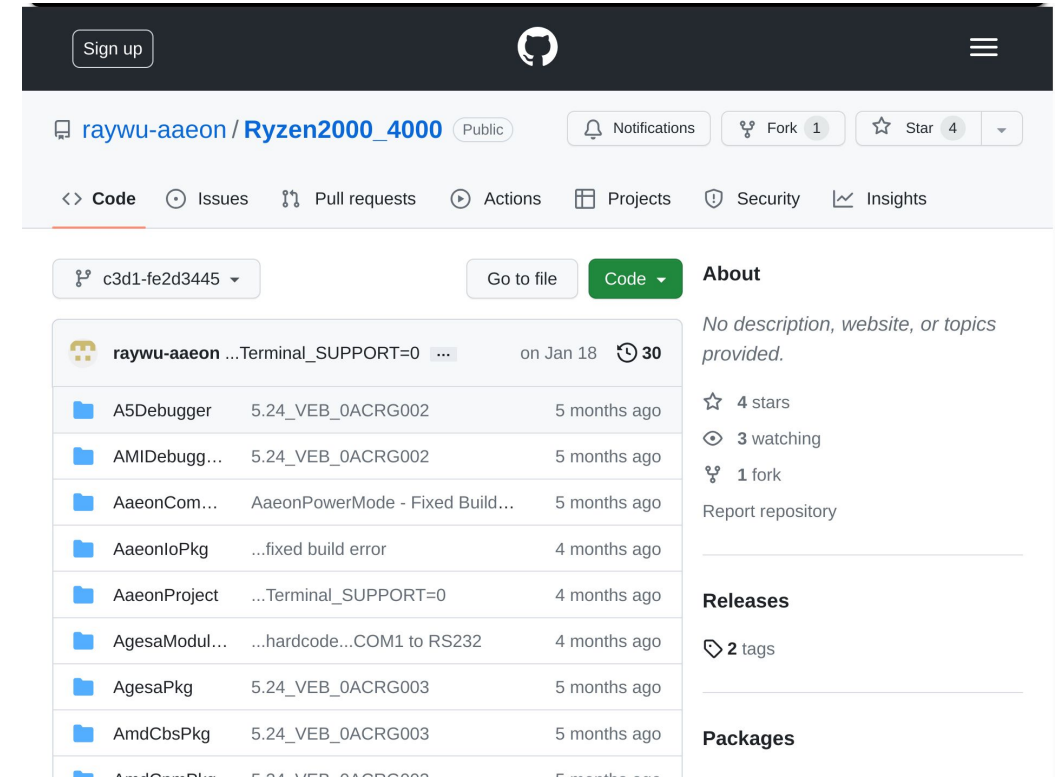
<https://www.binarily.io/blog/pkfail-untrusted-platform-keys-undermine-secure-boot-on-uefi-ecosystem>

```
Version: 3 (0x2)
Serial Number:
    55:fb:ef:87:81:23:00:84:47:17:0b:b3:cd:87:3a:f4
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
Issuer: CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK
Validity
    Not Before: Nov  8 23:32:53 2017 GMT
    Not After : Nov  8 23:32:52 2021 GMT
Subject: CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK
Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    Public-Key: (2048 bit)
    Modulus:
        00:e7:36:7b:20:92:ba:7f:aa:a3:f6:0e:49:08:87:
        f5:1c:11:33:ba:5d:f8:9b:5c:ed:c7:90:e4:f3:41:
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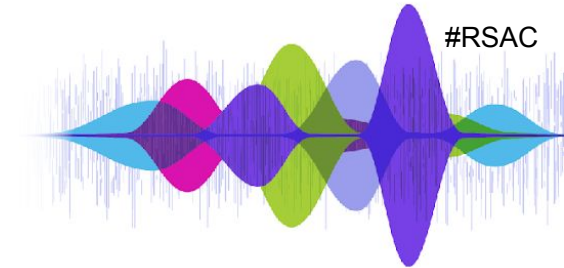
[2023] AAeon leak



- * In January 2023, the repository **Ryzen2000_4000** is published on GitHub
- * Contains IBV (AMI) reference implementation, ODM (AAeon) implementation and private keys
- * Remained public until AMI sent a DMCA to GitHub in June 2023



[2023] AAeon leak



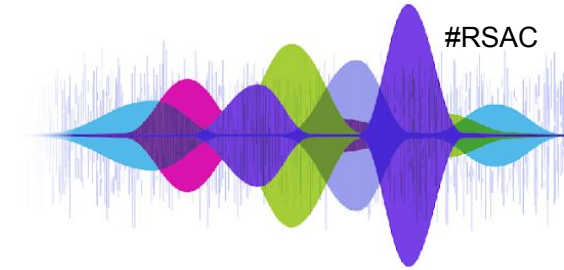
```
$ openssl x509 -noout -text -in FW_pubKey.cer | rg "Issuer:|Subject:"  
Issuer: CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK  
Subject: CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK
```

```
$ openssl pkcs12 -in FW_priKey.pfx -nodes  
Enter Import Password:
```

Oh, hi! I am a private key
that's been available on
GitHub for 6 months! 🙄

```
$ cat AmiTestKey.sdl | grep password -C3  
TOKEN  
    Name = "FW PFX Password"  
    Value = "abcd"  
    Help = "Specifies the password to use when opening a PFX -  
Private Key container file."  
    TokenType = Expression  
    TargetMAK = Yes  
End
```

Retrospective view on PKFail



Dataset with 80,000 UEFI firmware images:

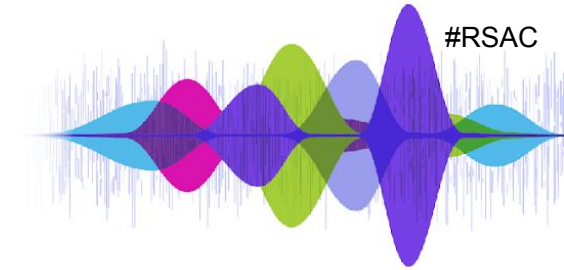
- * Spanning over 10 years
- * Includes every major vendor (Lenovo, Dell, HP, Intel..)

Results:

- * 10% of images use non-production keys
- * 8% of images when selecting images released in the past 4 years
- * 22 unique non-production keys identified



Retrospective view on PKFail



Certificate Serial Number	Certificate Subject	Certificate Issuer	Last Seen	First Seen	Products	Vendors
55:fb:ef:87:81:23:00:84:47:17:0b:b3:cd:87:3a:f4	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	2024-06	2018-04	364	Acer, Dell, Fujitsu, Gigabyte, Intel, Lenovo, Supermicro
-08:c2:d1:c3:6c:9b:51:4f:b3:7c:6a:02:08:12:cd:59	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	2024-06	2022-06	167	Acer, Dell, Gigabyte, Supermicro
-15:fe:0d:04:9b:3b:74:70:bc:6f:1a:d2:96:ed:c4:7b	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	2024-03	2015-01	483	Acer, Dell, Gigabyte, Intel, Lenovo, Supermicro
-1b:ed:93:e2:59:4e:2b:60:be:6b:1f:01:c9:af:a6:37	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	2023-01	2014-12	287	Dell, Fujitsu, Gigabyte, HP, Intel, Lenovo, Supermicro
1a:a9:c7:61:c8:6a:be:88:4d:85:f5:ad:2b:95:3b:f1	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	2021-03	2012-05	157	Acer, Dell, Fujitsu, Gigabyte, HP, Lenovo, Samsung, Supermicro

Binarily's pk.fail detection service

Binarily released a free detection service for the community on disclosure date:

- * Users uploaded **12,662** firmware images
- * Found untrusted keys in **1,258** of them (9.94%)
- * The most common key remains the leaked AMI key 🔥



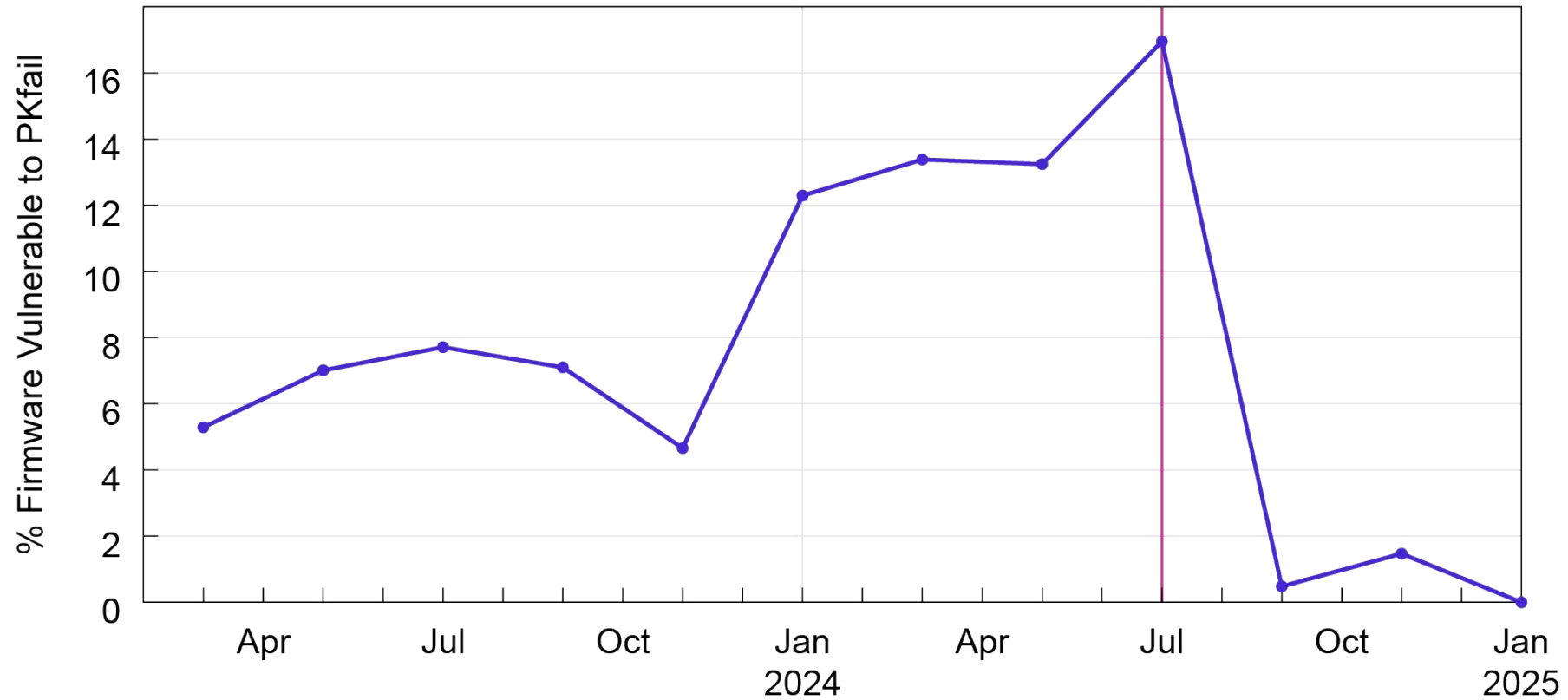
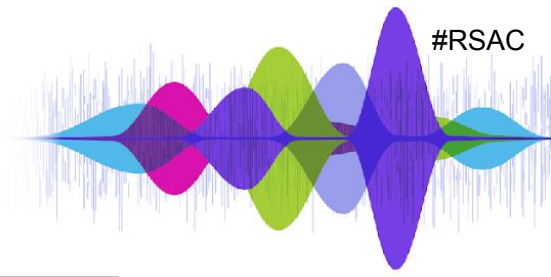
Detection Stats

Total scans: **1258** | **11404**

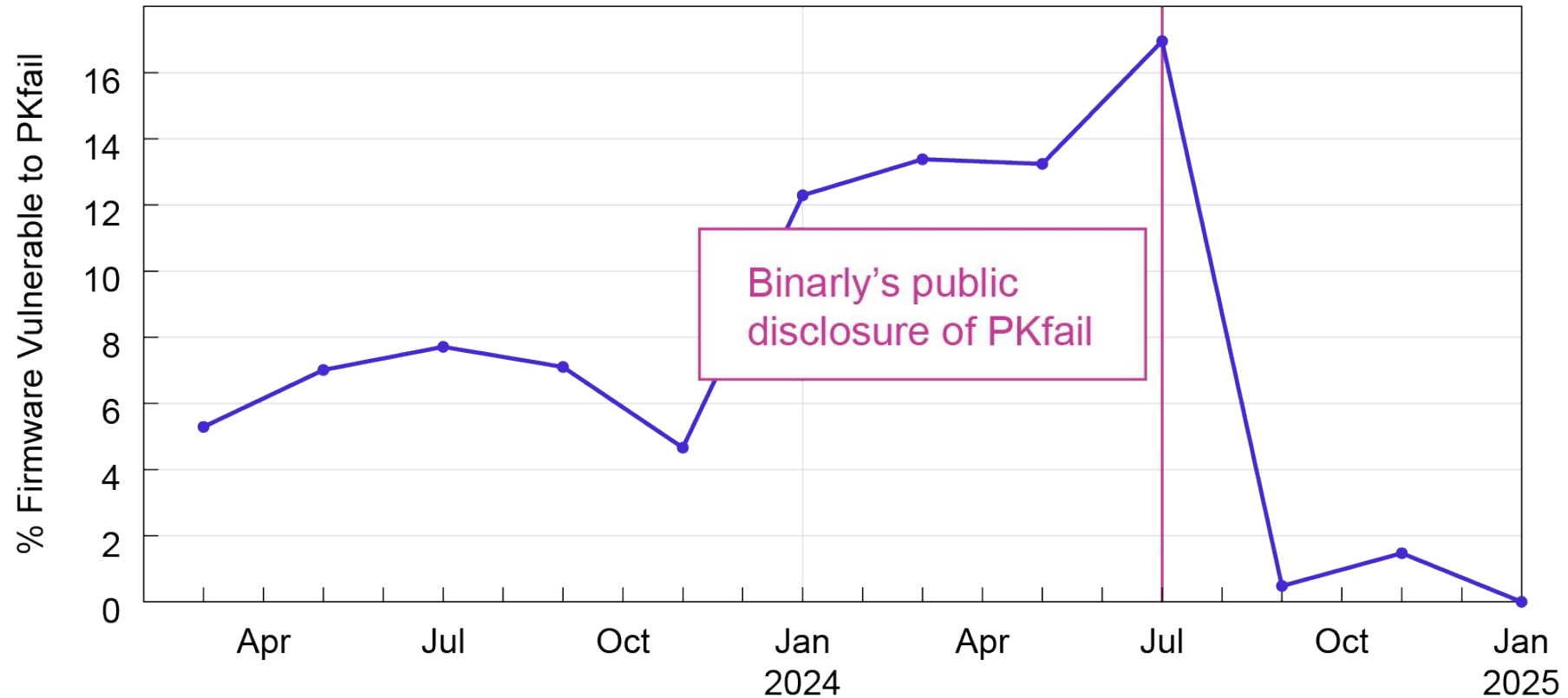
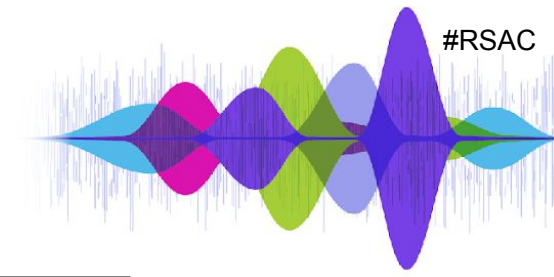
Top Untrusted Platform Keys

Serial	Issuer	Subject	Count
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15:fe:0d:04:9b:3b:74:70:bc:6f:1a:d2:96:ed:c4:7b	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	305
08:c2:d1:c3:6c:9b:51:4f:b3:7c:6a:02:08:12:cd:59	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	254
64:5e:cd:de:8e:ae:66:8a:48:30:1e:fd:b8:87:92:ff	CN=DO NOT TRUST - PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - PK	96
45:d3:fd:08:33:52:5d:45:b5:36:de:47:4e:15:cc:56	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	72
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1b:ed:93:e2:59:4e:2b:60:be:6b:1f:01:c9:af:a6:37	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	CN=DO NOT TRUST - AMI Test PK	55
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Impact of PKFail on the UEFI ecosystem

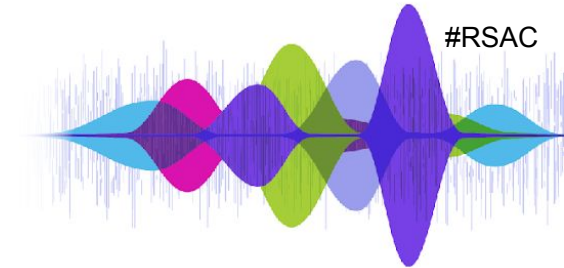


Impact of PKFail on the UEFI ecosystem



**No firmware vulnerable to PKfail
detected so far in 2025!**

Distribution of PK across vendors



	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total (Unique)
Acer	4	3	1	3	6
Dell	18	22	16	17	28
Fujitsu	5	7	8	6	9
Gigabyte	6	10	12	11	15
HP	3	3	3	3	3
HPE	2	2	2	2	2
Intel	5	10	5	1	10
Lenovo	37	106	120	92	154
Msi	4	5	5	3	5
Supermicro	3	3	3	1	4

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PKfail PoC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPI7zfC-CmQ>



PKfail PoC (Linux)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CveWt3gFQTE>

[2024] Supermicro BMC Test Key Reuse



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[2024] Supermicro test key

- * Baseboard Management Controller (BMC) firmware also affected by a similar problem
- * Test key was not leaked
- * Despite our report, nothing changed:
 - Public key modulus still present in the latest firmware images
 - Parts of the image is still signed with the test key

```
Version: 3 (0x2)
Serial Number:
    1a:da:e6:cf:23:66:6a:36:d9:dd:69:4c:2f:ba:30:14:90:f7:3d:5e
Signature Algorithm: sha512WithRSAEncryption
Issuer: C = US, ST = CA, L = San Jose, O = Super Micro Computer Inc.,
    CN = RD1 BMC Test Key - DO NOT TRUST
Validity
    Not Before: Feb 14 03:14:28 2020 GMT
    Not After : Feb  1 03:14:28 2070 GMT
Subject: C = US, ST = CA, L = San Jose, O = Super Micro Computer
Inc.,
    CN = RD1 BMC Test Key - DO NOT TRUST
Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    Public-Key: (4096 bit)
    Modulus:
        00:c6:b3:42:c9:36:c3:a1:24:0c:ec:e5:1a:31:96:
        5b:1d:a6:c7:85:66:50:bf:59:78:9c:2d:8d:07:5e:
        6f:9b:f0:a0:70:7a:42:f0:0a:68:bd:e1:aa:80:ef:
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    ...
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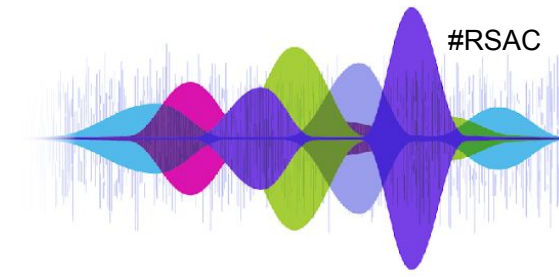
<https://www.binarily.io/blog/repeatable-failures-test-keys-used-to-sign-production-software-again>

[2025] Microsoft Signed UEFI Module Universal Secure Boot Bypass CVE-2025-3052 (BYOVD)



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[2025] SignedModule.efi found on VT



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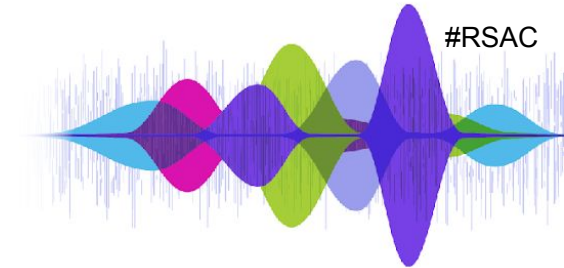
pedll 64bits signed invalid-signature overlay efi

DETECTION DETAILS RELATIONS CONTENT TELEMETRY COMMUNITY

Security vendors' analysis on 2025-04-03T05:13:12 UTC

Acronis (Static ML)	✓ Undetected	AhnLab-V3	✓ Undetected
Alibaba	✓ Undetected	AliCloud	✓ Undetected
ALYac	✓ Undetected	Antiy-AVL	✓ Undetected
Arcabit	✓ Undetected	Avast	✓ Undetected
AVG	✓ Undetected	Avira (no cloud)	✓ Undetected
Baidu	✓ Undetected	BitDefender	✓ Undetected
Bkav Pro	✓ Undetected	ClamAV	✓ Undetected
CMC	✓ Undetected	CrowdStrike Falcon	✓ Undetected
CTX	✓ Undetected	Cylance	✓ Undetected
Cynet	✓ Undetected	DeepInstinct	✓ Undetected
DrWeb	✓ Undetected	Elastic	✓ Undetected
Emsisoft	✓ Undetected	eScan	✓ Undetected

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Acronis (Static ML)	Undetected	AhnLab-V3	Undetected
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Certificate:

Data:

Version: 3 (0x2)

Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption

Issuer: C=US, ST=Washington, L=Redmond, O=Microsoft Corporation, CN=Microsoft Corporation UEFI CA 2011

Validity

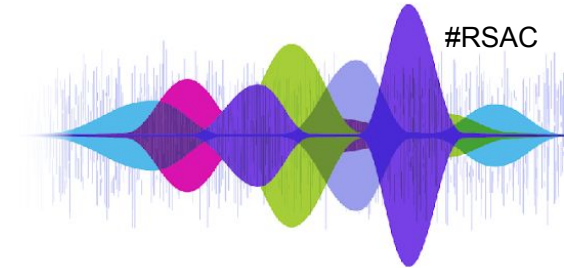
Not Before: May 5 19:24:07 2022 GMT

Not After : May 4 19:24:07 2023 GMT

Subject: C=US, ST=Washington, L=Redmond, O=Microsoft Corporation, CN=Microsoft Windows UEFI Driver

Cynet	Undetected	DeepInstinct	Undetected
DrWeb	Undetected	Elastic	Undetected
Emsisoft	Undetected	eScan	Undetected

[2025] SignedModule.efi found on VT



- Secure Boot is prone to BYOVD attacks
- Ongoing disclosure with CERT//CC (*stay tuned for more details...*)
- Module signed with “Microsoft Corporation UEFI CA 2011”, trusted by basically every device out there

```
RT→GetVariable(L"VariableName", VARIABLE_GUID, 0LL, &var, &VarContent)
...
VarContent→field_0 = 0;
VarContent→field_1 = 0;
...
```



DEMO
**Proof of Concept for
CVE-2025-3052**



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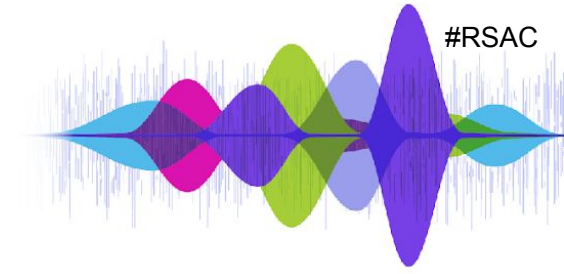
Proof of Concept for CVE-2025-3052

[2025] DBX Inconsistency Another Secure Boot bypass



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[2025] DBX Inconsistency



- dbx is a crucial component of Secure Boot: it contains what **must not be trusted**
- Single source of truth for the entire ecosystem: UEFI Forum
- In July 2024, Microsoft publishes the DBX2024 update, blocking modules related to CVE-2024-28924 (Secure Boot Bypass)
- This update wasn't included in the UEFI Forum's dbx, so the update didn't propagate to non-MS devices (e.g. LVFS)
- For around 6 months, a Secure Boot bypass has been publicly known but not included in non-MS dbx

<https://www.binarily.io/blog/from-trust-to-trouble-the-supply-chain-implications-of-a-broken-dbx>

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Secure Boot bypass + Bootkit = 



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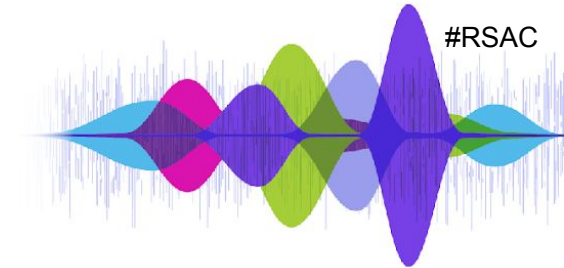
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Combining a Secure Boot Bypass with a Bootkit on Windows 11

AMD Microcode Broken Signature Validation



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[2025] EntrySign (CVE-2024-56161)

- * Google researchers found an AMD microcode vulnerability that allows crafting valid microcode updates
- * The microcode controls the low-level operations of the CPU:
 - Allows to override any CPU instruction (`rdrand` always returns 4)
 - Very difficult to detect, it basically infects the CPU
- * Root cause: *“We noticed that the key from an old Zen 1 CPU was the example key of the NIST SP 800-38B publication and was reused until at least Zen 4 CPUs”.*

<https://bughunters.google.com/blog/5424842357473280/zen-and-the-art-of-microcode-hacking>

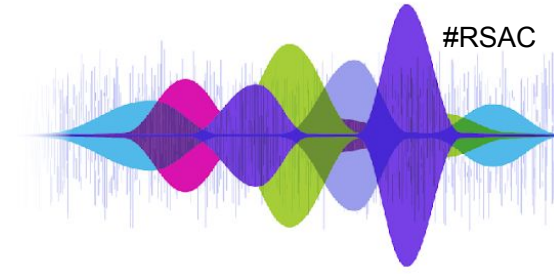
<https://www.binarily.io/blog/binarly-tracking-updates-for-cve-2024-56161-a-high-risk-microcode-flaw-in-amd-cpus>

Post Quantum Readiness Device Security Implications



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Post-Quantum Readiness

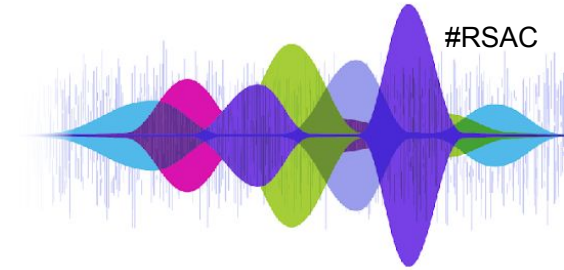


*“The migration will take time and will be more complex than people think. This is actually the driver. Even though **7–10 years sounds a long time** away, in reality the extent of the work needed might mean you are already too late.”*

Phil Venables, CISO @ Google Cloud

<https://www.philvenables.com/post/post-quantum-cryptography-migration-time-to-get-going>

Post-Quantum Readiness in UEFI



Asymmetric Cryptography in System Firmware



Usage	Category	Feature	Standard	Algorithm	Comment
Code Signing Verification	Secure Boot	UEFI Secure Boot	UEFI	PKCS7(RSA)	Signed one time – when the image is created.
		PI Signed FV/Section	UEFI PI	PKCS7(RSA) / RSA	
		Intel Boot Guard (Verified Boot)		RSA / SM2	
	Update	Intel Platform Firmware Resilience (PFR)		RSA/ECDSA	
		UEFI FMP Capsule Update	UEFI	PKCS7(RSA)	
		Intel BIOS Guard		RSA	
Configuration Data Signing Verification	Recovery Report	EDKII Signed Recovery with FMP Cap	EDKII	RSA	
		Intel System Security Report (PPAM)		PKCS7(I)	
		Intel TXT Launch Control Policy (LCP)		RSA	
Authentication	Policy	UEFI Auth Variable Update	UEFI	PKCS7(RSA)	Signed one time – when the data is created.
		Intel FSP Configuration Update		RSA	
		SPDM Device Authentication	DMTF	RSA/ECDSA	
Secure Session Establishment	Device	SPDM Device Measurement Verification	DMTF	RSA/ECDSA	Runtime Signing based upon challenge.
		SPDM Session	DMTF	FFDHE/ECHDE	
		HTTPS Boot (TLS)	IETF	ECDE	

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Symmetric Cryptography in System Firmware



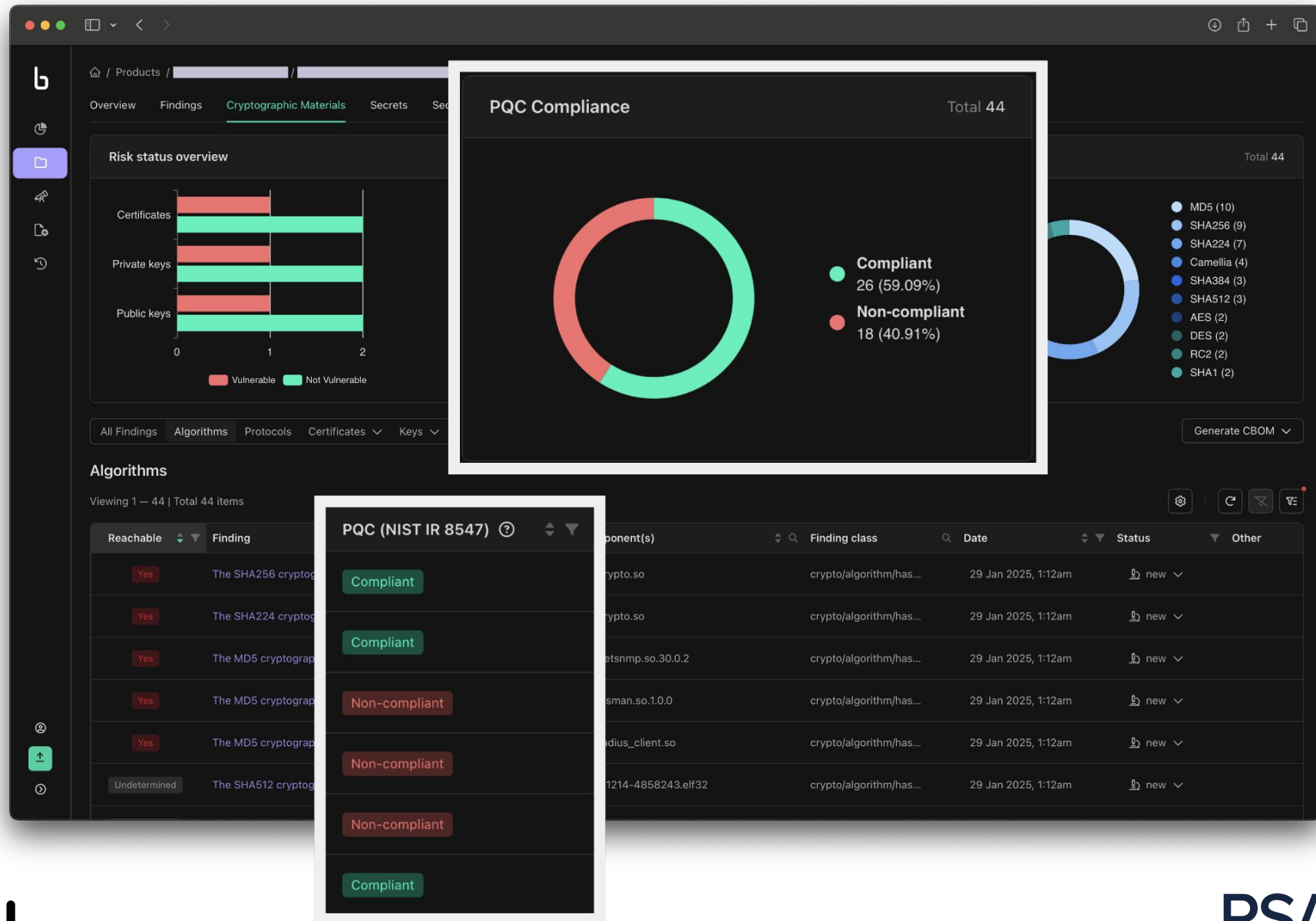
Usage	Category	Feature	Standard	Algorithm	Comment
Measured Boot	SRTM	TCG Trusted Boot	TCG	SHA2 / SM3 (TPM2.0)	SHA1 (TPM1.2)
		Intel Boot Guard (Measured Boot)		SHA2 / SM3	It should be deprecated
	Trusted VM	DRTM		SHA2 / SM3	
		Intel Trust Domain Extensions (TDX)		SHA2	
Configuration Security	Variable	RPMC Variable (tbd)	EDKII	HMAC	
		RPMB Variable	NVMe/eMMC/UFS		
		Encrypted Variable (tbd)	EDKII	AES	
Authentication	Network	ISCSI CHAP	IETF	MD5	ISCSI MD5 is not allowed. Industry added SHA1/SHA2/SHA3 for ISCSI. (*)
		RedFish Password	DMTF	-	
	Storage	HDD Password	ATA	-	Empty means the password is send to the peer directly.
		OPAL Password	TCG	-	
	Device	SPDM Device Pre-shared Key (PSK)	DMTF	HMAC	
		BIOS Setup Password	EDKII	SHA2	
Secure Session	Device	SPDM Session	DMTF	AEAD	ENC + MAC (TLS1.2)
		HTTPS Boot (TLS)	IETF	AEAD (TLS1.3)	

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- Ongoing discussion and few proof-of-concepts
- It will take years to update every component (huge complexity in firmware)

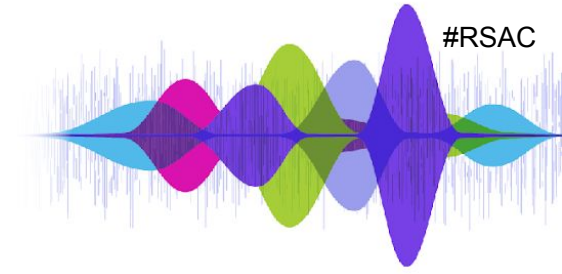
Source: *Post Quantum Cryptography impact to the UEFI Firmware*, UEFI 2021 Virtual Plugfest



All this has happened before.
All this will happen again.

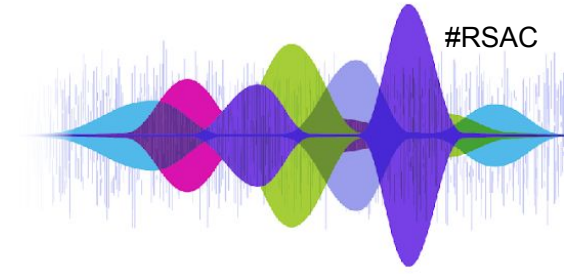
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Apply



- * Make sure your UEFI firmware is always up-to-date
 - **Bad news:** that's one of the few things you can actually do
 - **Demand** better security practices from your UEFI firmware vendors
- * **Hope** the vendor cares about security
 - Many don't, especially for older devices
 - Some can be opaque about firmware issues (especially unfixable ones!)
- * **Understand** below-the-os OS security defenses (e.g. Secure Boot)
 - ...and their limitations

Summary



- * The UEFI firmware ecosystem has been affected by the leak of many private keys
- * The intricate UEFI supply-chain exacerbates this problem
 - Keys leaked from vendor A can be deployed on devices from vendor B
- * Poor cryptographic key management
 - Test keys intended for development end up in real devices
 - Private keys stored unencrypted or encrypted with weak and easily guessable passwords

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