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Firmware A profile Roadmap Update

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- CCA Enablement Plans
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- 1st RMM Public Release
- Initial Deliberation around LTS Release

Deltas

- TF-A v2.9 Highlights
- Updated Roadmaps and Flowers
- TS + OPTEE bundled with other TF-A Components
- TF-A LTS 2.8 as 1st LTS Release
 - Next Steps
- TS v1.0 | Release last Quarter

TF-A 2.9 Highlights

TF-A 2.9 Release | General Highlights

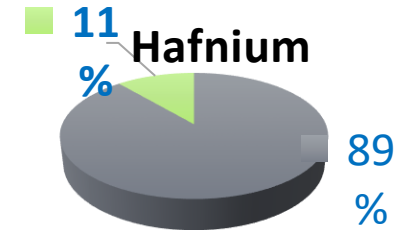
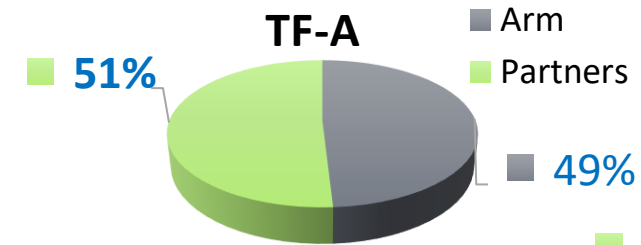
- ❑ First release done solely relying on [TrustedFirmware.org Open CI](#)
- ❑ Support for PSCI initiated mode | Active partner engagement in development and testing support
- ❑ Trusted Boot Support for TC22 platform | Migration to mbedTLS 3.x
- ❑ Support to create Realms which can make use of SVE hardware functionality
- ❑ EL3 Enablement Support for 2021 and 2022 Arch. Extensions

A profile Arch enablement

- ❑ CPU support for 2023 CPU Cores
- ❑ Support for PSCI OS initiated mode
- ❑ Architecture support for FEAT_TCR2, Guarded Control Stack (FEAT_GCS), Config Register Support for FEAT_HCX
- ❑ Save/Restore Support for FEAT_PIE/POE, FEAT_SME | SME2, FEAT_MPAM: runtime check
- ❑ Added dynamic detection of architecture feature enablement
- ❑ System registers access trap handler

Other merges

- ❑ [Errata ABI 1.0 |REL](#) support → merged in TF-A 2.9
- ❑ FF-A 1.2 Early Adoption | FF-A 1.1 Continued Support
- ❑ Ethos-N NPU Driver Added support for Protected Firmware Setup
- ❑ 18 CPU Errata Mitigations for Cortex-A510, A-78, X2, Neoverse V1, N2 cores | GICv3 bug fixes
- ❑ EL3 SPMC enhanced feature
- ❑ Arm CCA support | **BETO Alignment**
 - ❑ *Support for Trusted Boot rooted into RSS RoT.*
 - ❑ *Support for PSA attestation scheme with Measured Boot rooted into RSS*
 - ❑ *General improvements and hardening of the boot and attestation support*



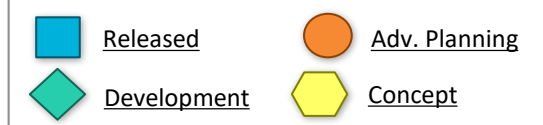
Top External Contributors for v2.9 release cycle

- AMD | Xilinx
- STM
- Nvidia
- NXP
- Google
- Mediatek
- Intel
- Linaro | TI | QC

Next steps

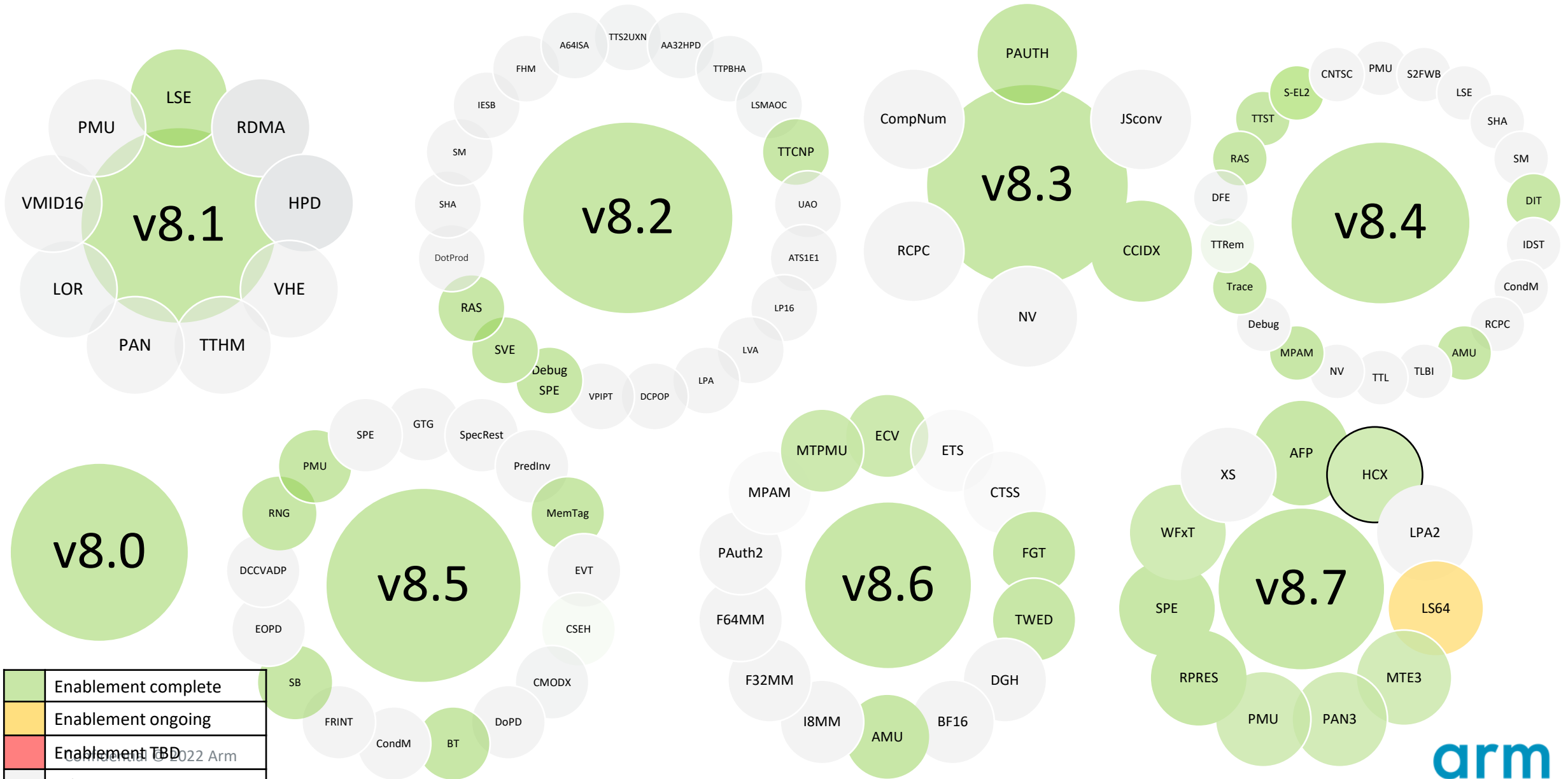
- Prep for TF-A 2.10 | 3.0
- RMMv1.0 (EAC spec alignment)
- Deprecation of CC 7xx series planned for TF-A release (Nov '23)

Trusted Firmware-A Roadmap



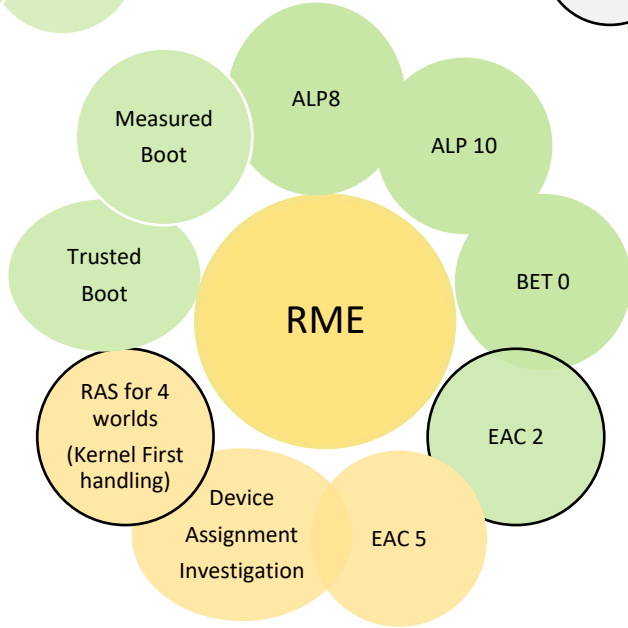
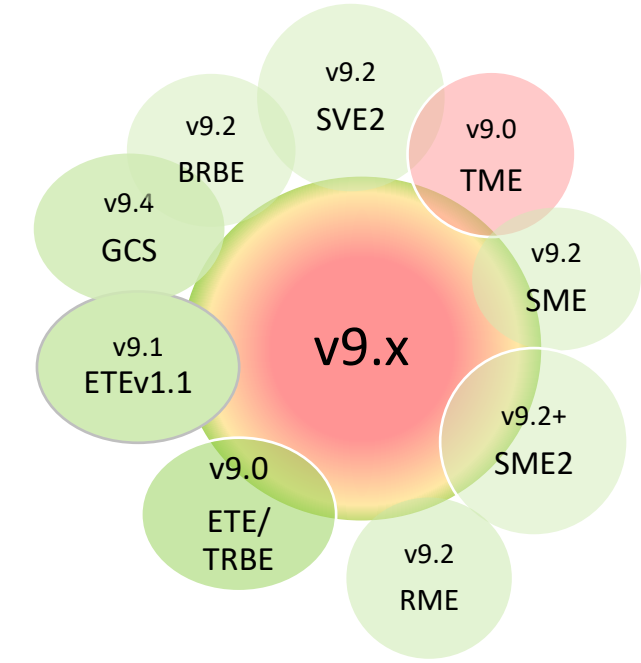
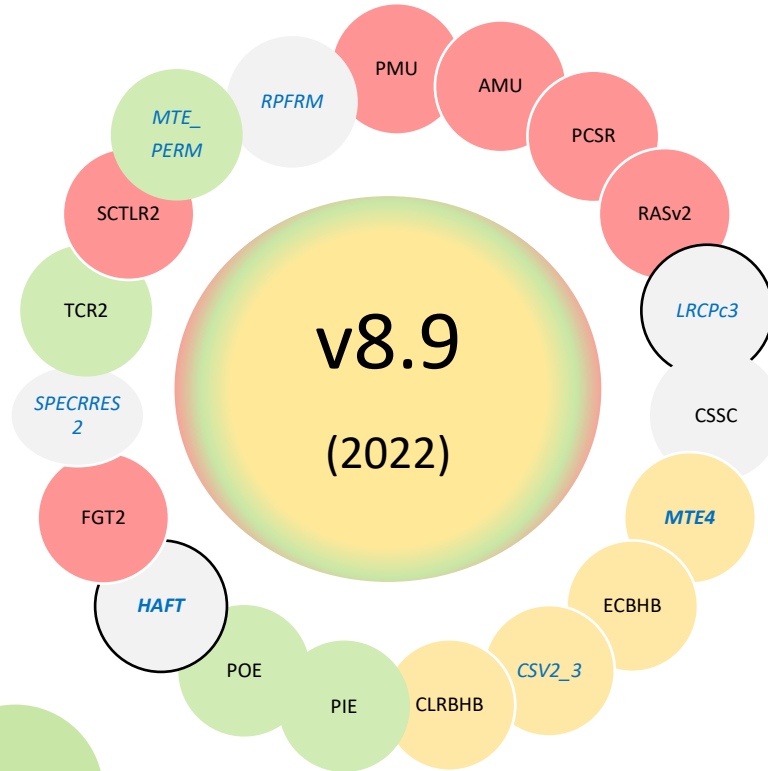
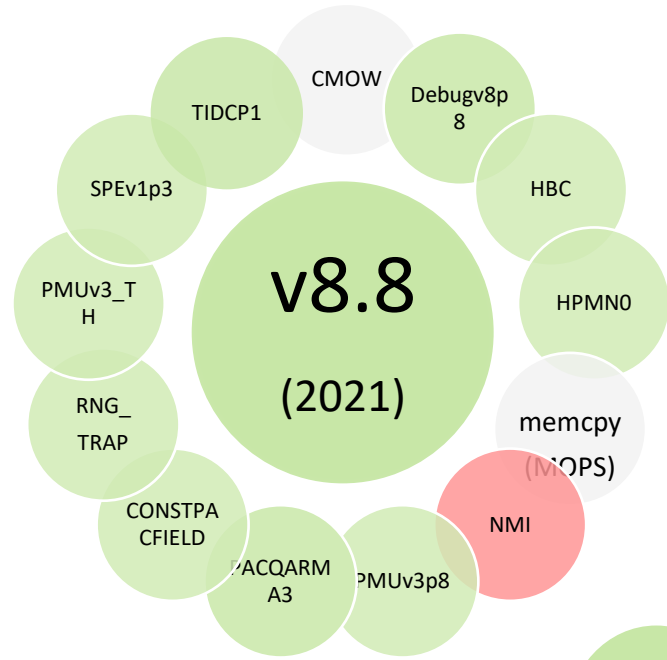
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HW & IP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TF-A 2.9 Release CC-7xx Dep. Announcement 2023 Arm CPU Core Support 2021 2022 Arch. Enablement Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TF-A 2.10 Release CC-7xx Deprecation 2024 Arm CPU Core support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TF-A 2.10 LTS Release GICv Next II/DI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TF-A vNext 2022 Arch Enhanced Support GIC v3.3 NMI II/DI GICv Next DI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC-3xx HW Offload 2023 Arch Extensions :II/DI GIC Support
SPM & FF-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FF-A 1.1 Support FF-A VHE S-ELO Support FF-A 1.2 Bypass Multi-borrower Platform Device Assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FF-A Mem Sharing RME SME 1 2 NS S/R EL3 SPMC SVE Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FF-A 1.1 SMMU Support FF-A 1.2 Enhanced Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FF-A 1.1 Secure Timer II GICvnext Support II FWU Live Activation II/DI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FF-A 1.1 RAS CI FF-A 1.1 ACS Compliance Secure Timer Virtualization
System & Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMCCC v1.4 support RAS Support for 4 worlds PSA Crypto API II/DI FW Handoff spec FVP generic code Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mbedTLS 2.x Dep . Announcement PSA Crypto API DICE DPE Attestation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FW Handoff BL Stage FWU Live A BL Stage PSCI Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mbedTLS 2.x Deprecation FWU Live Activation DI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSS Centric Bootflow DRTM dTPM Proto Support FWU TS Alignment Update Agent

A-profile architecture – v8.x TF-A enablement recap



A-profile architecture TF-A

Recent Highlights



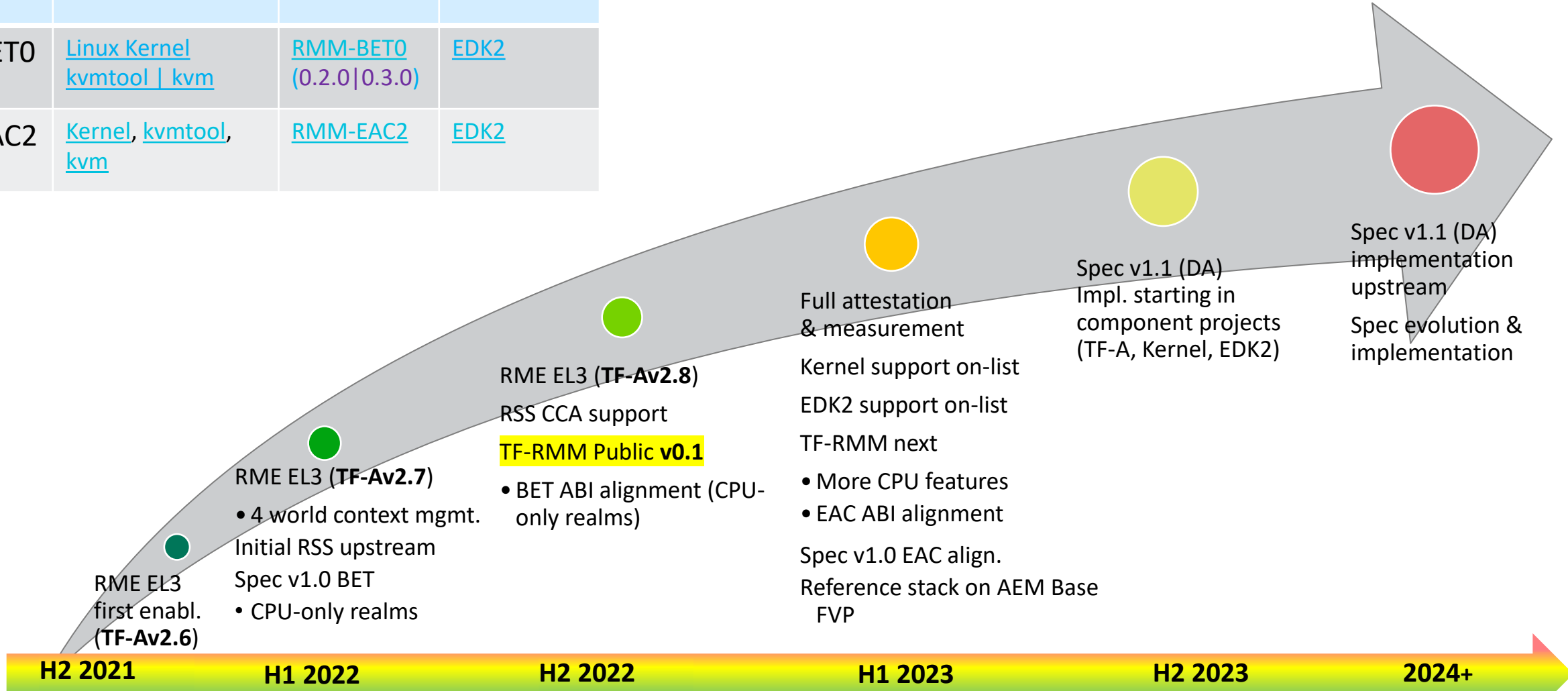
Priority features (2024 Arm CPU Cores)

	Enablement complete
	Enablement ongoing
	Enablement TBD
	N/A – no kernel impact



Arm CCA Upstream Enablement Roadmap

Spec	Kernel	RMM	EDK2
BETO	Linux Kernel kvmtool kvm	RMM-BETO (0.2.0 0.3.0)	EDK2
EAC2	Kernel , kvmtool , kvm	RMM-EAC2	EDK2



RME EL3 first enabl. (TF-Av2.6)

RME EL3 (TF-Av2.7)
 • 4 world context mgmt.
 Initial RSS upstream
 Spec v1.0 BET
 • CPU-only realms

RME EL3 (TF-Av2.8)
 RSS CCA support
TF-RMM Public v0.1
 • BET ABI alignment (CPU-only realms)

Full attestation & measurement
 Kernel support on-list
 EDK2 support on-list
 TF-RMM next
 • More CPU features
 • EAC ABI alignment
 Spec v1.0 EAC align.
 Reference stack on AEM Base FVP

Spec v1.1 (DA)
 Impl. starting in component projects (TF-A, Kernel, EDK2)

Spec v1.1 (DA) implementation upstream
 Spec evolution & implementation

H2 2021

H1 2022

H2 2022

H1 2023

H2 2023

2024+

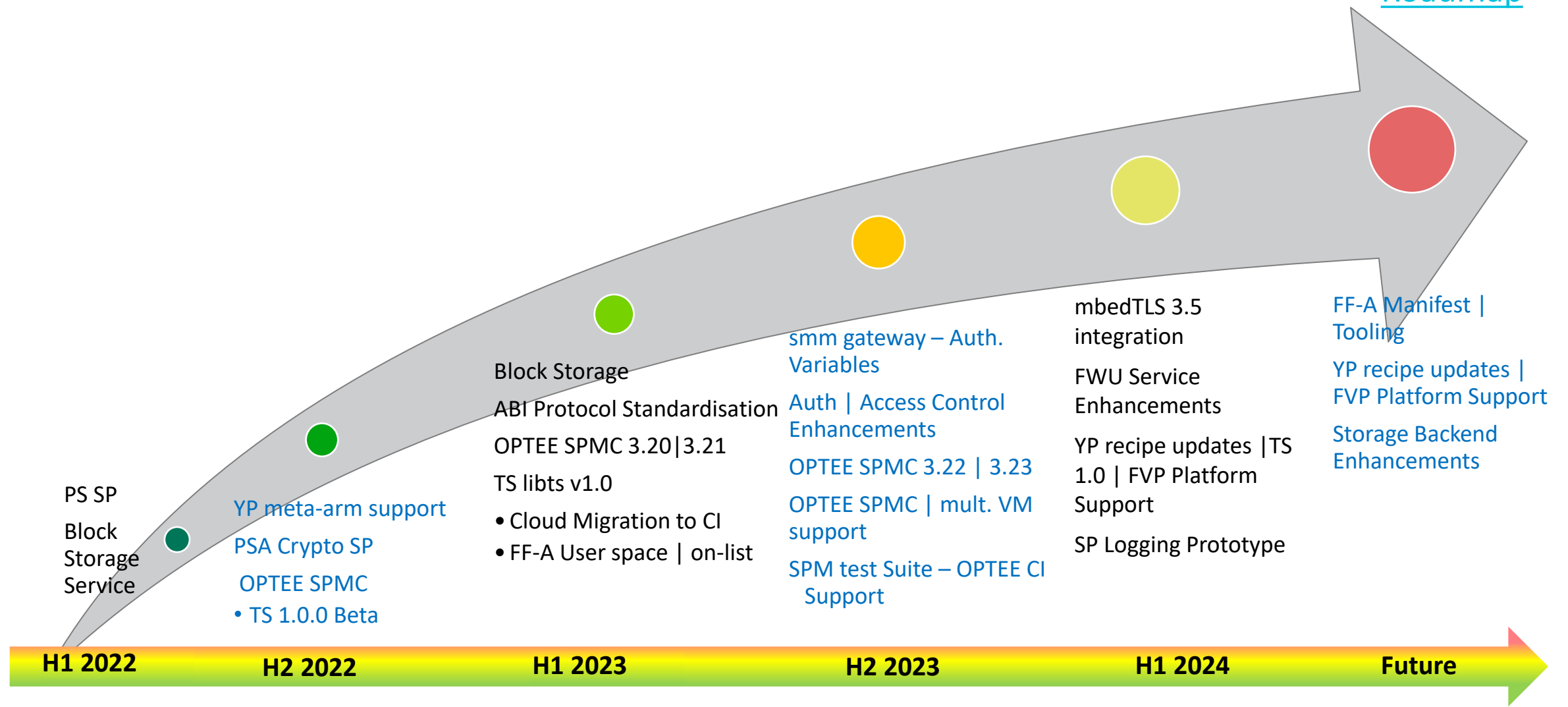
Development and testing against Base architecture FVP (already supporting FEAT_RME and GPT)

Additional Resources

- + Linaro Connect London 26th-28th April 2023
 - [LHR23-311-Arm Confidential Compute Architecture open-source enablement](#)
 - [LHR23-304-Runtime Security Subsystem \[Arm CCA HES\] – An overview](#)
 - [LHR23-120-Trusted Firmware \(TF-RMM\) Hacking Session](#)
 - [LHR23-319-Arm CCA Linux Support](#)
 - [LHR23-315-Confidential Containers\(Coco\) on Arm CCA](#)
 - [LHR23-301-Confidential Computing panel](#)
- + Linaro Virtual Connect Fall 8th-10th September 2021
 - [LVC21F-311 Overview of Firmware Architecture for Arm CCA](#)
- + Linaro and Arm CCA tech event 23rd June 2021
 - [Introduction to the Arm Confidential Compute Architecture](#)
 - [Software & Firmware Architecture](#)
 - [Attestation architecture](#)
 - [Developer Resources](#)
 - [TF-A Monitor Firmware \(deep dive\)](#)
 - [Confidential Compute, what's it all about? \(Panel discussion\)](#)

Trusted Services + OPTEE Roadmap

[Roadmap](#)



Trusted Services Release | v1.0.0

TS 1.0 Release | [Blog](#)

+ The deltas from the [Beta release](#) include:

- ❖ Introduction to Block Storage Service and FWU services(to allow replacement of Firmware components)
- ❖ Refactoring the UUID policy
- ❖ Refactoring the discover service to remove the runtime overhead
- ❖ Normal World preemption capability in Secure Partition
- ❖ Arm 8.x CRC-32 support for the S|NS
- ❖ Continued support for FF-A1.1 and FF-A 1.2 spec
- ❖ mbedTLS version update to v3.4.0

TF-A LTS Highlights | Next Steps

Recap

- ❑ [Mailing List discussion](#)
- ❑ [LTS Proposal](#)
- ❑ TF-A LTS 2.8 Release majorly comprised
 - ❑ 1st LTS Release of the Project- Feb'23 | [Blog](#)
 - ❑ Errata ABI and Errata Framework Support in 2.8.9 Minor release
 - ❑ More details in [here](#)
- ❑ Partner Engagement
 - ❑ Nvidia, Google, STM and Xilinx Maintainers
 - ❑ Strengthen the Ecosystem support | Deliberation

TF-A LTS Next Steps

- ❑ Gearing up for the next LTS Major Release (Q1'24) branched out of TF-A 2.10
- ❑ Gearing for TF-A 2.8.10 Minor Release | **Final Stages of Review**
 - ❑ Update mbedTLS to 2.28.5
 - ❑ LTS Public documentation Support

Release Cadence

- ❑ Major Release : Annual Cadence; Branched out of 2nd TF-A Release
- ❑ Minor Release: Generally targeted as a Fri Release on an ad-hoc basis
- ❑ Maintenance Window : 5-year Period
- ❑ LTS CI jobs : Twice a week | Wed and Sat

Ongoing Discussions | Challenges

- ❑ Ongoing discussion on openCI automation
- ❑ Scalability : With more LTS branches; leverage strong partner ecosystem support
- ❑ Initial estimates on the metrics gathered with TF-A LTS 2.8; could need revisit
- ❑ Long Term Performance Window: Forward Looking Strategy

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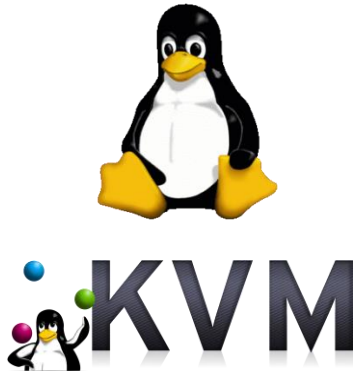
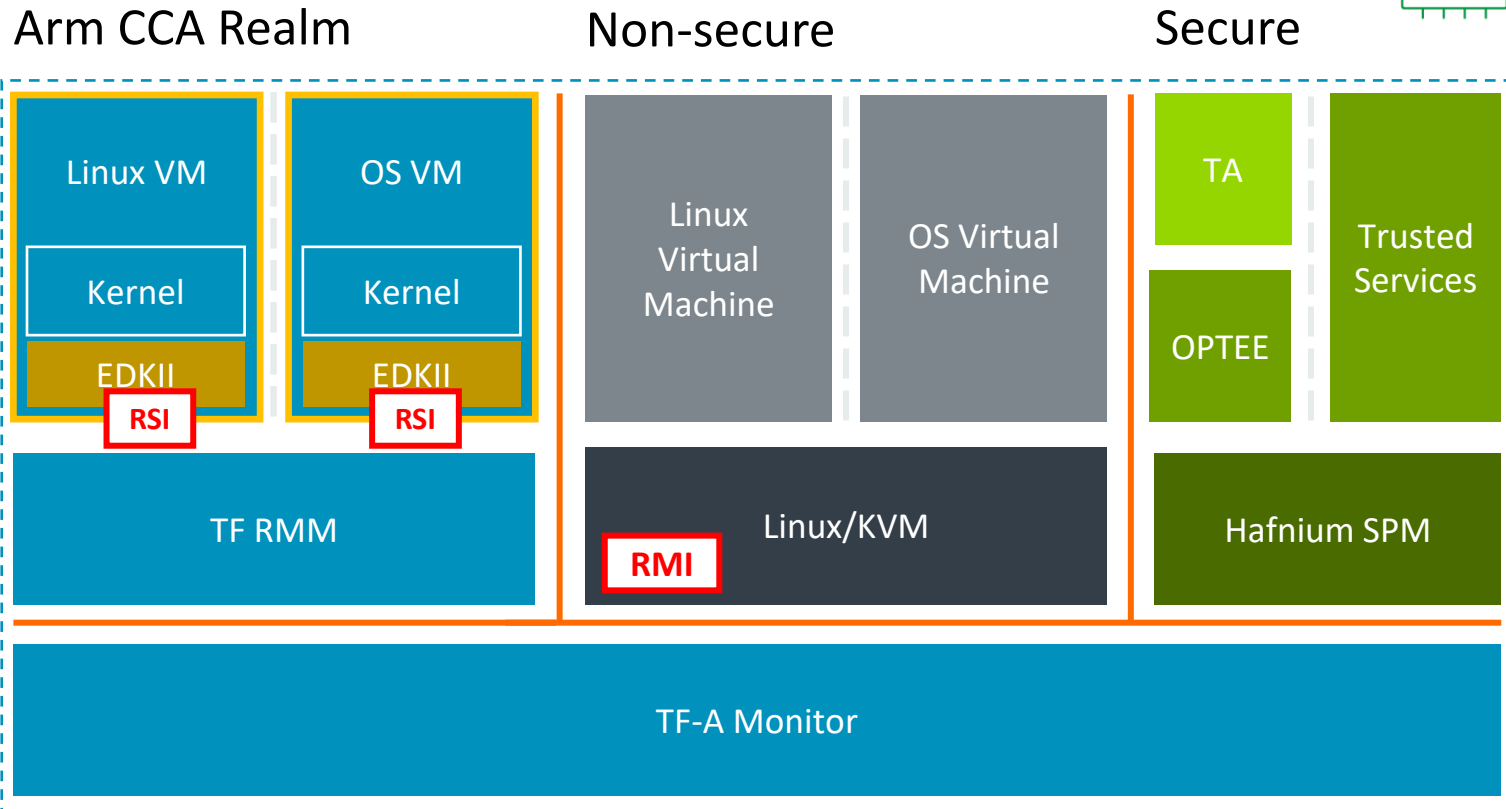
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Additional Slides

Arm CCA Open Source Software enablement – Upstream components

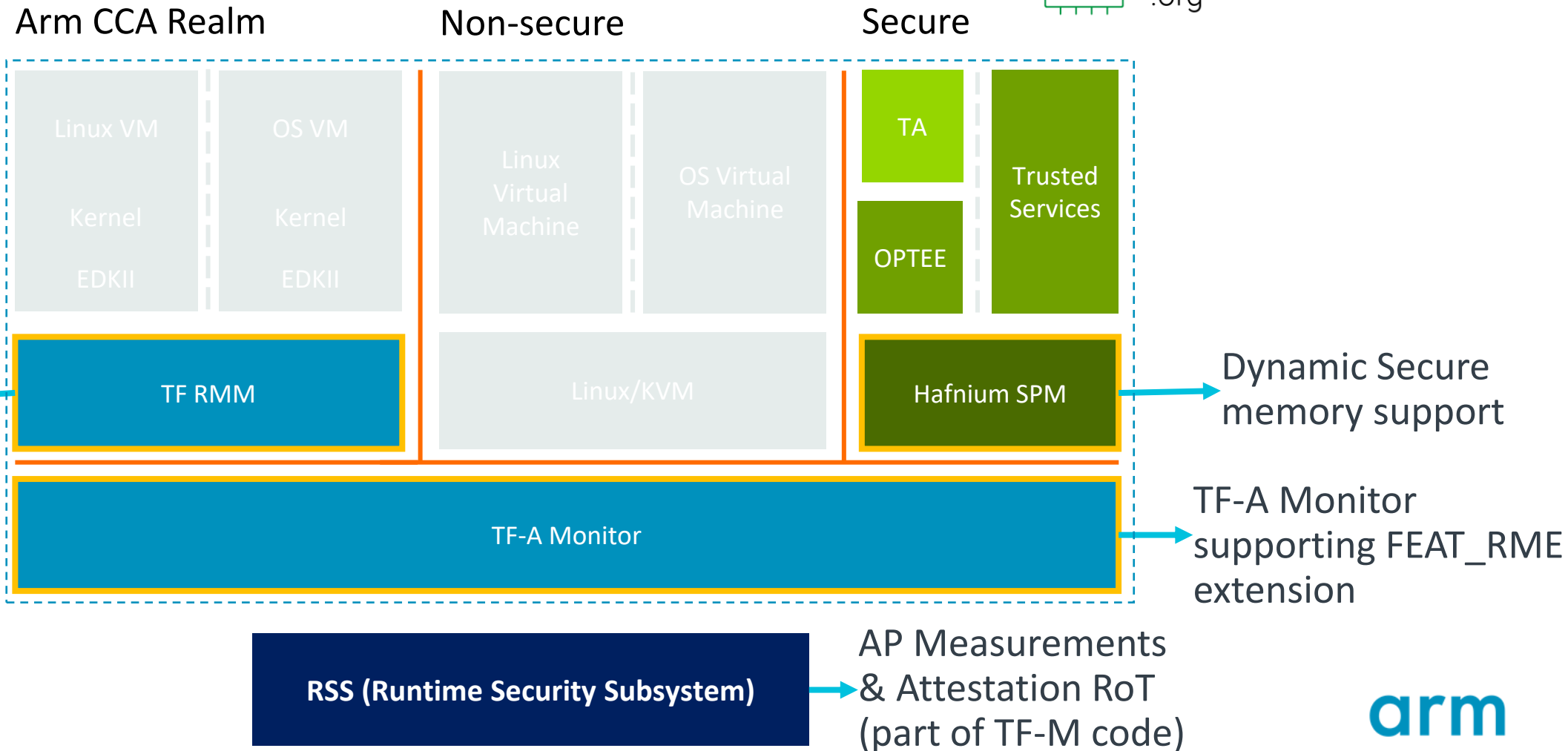


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RSS (Runtime Security Subsystem)

Arm CCA Open Source Software – TrustedFirmware.org



Introduction & Highlights

- + Project to develop and deploy device root-of-trust services for A-profile devices
 - Works with other Trusted Firmware projects – TF-A, OP-TEE and Hafnium.
- + Applications use Trusted Services for Security Operations using client/server model
- + Uses Secure Partition Manager Core (SPMC) in OP-TEE to manage a set of secure partitions running at S-EL0.

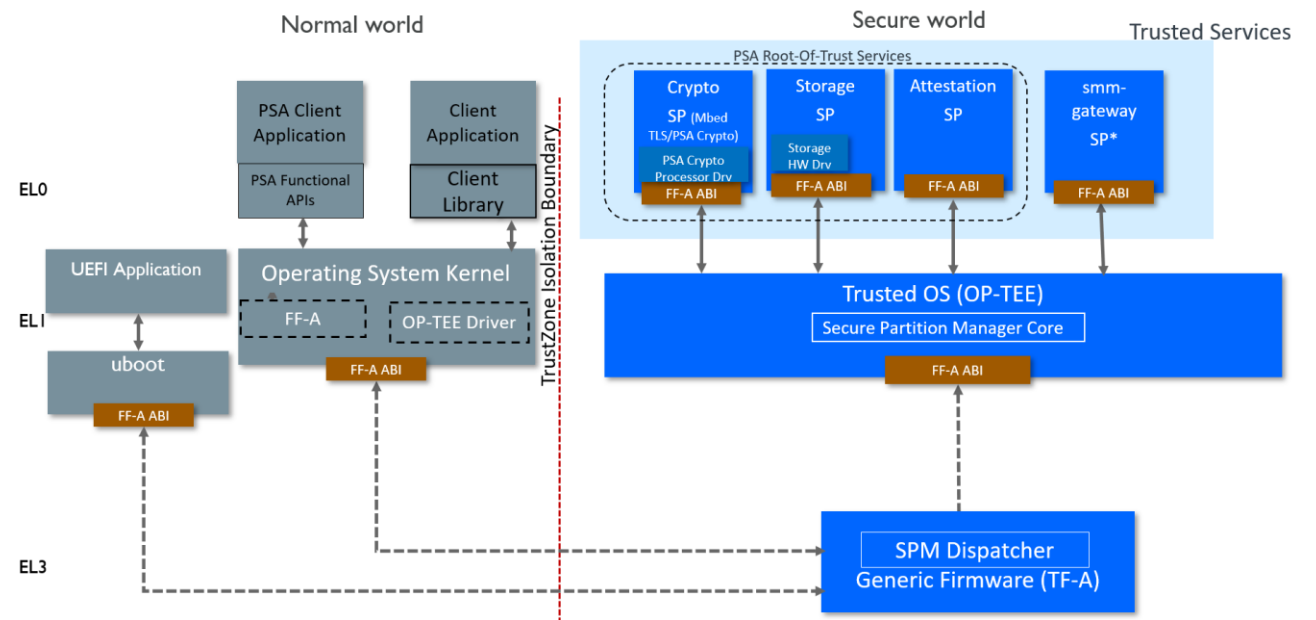
- FF-A used as transport layer.

+ First Release 1.0.0-Beta made this month

- PSA Crypto, Storage and Attestation Secure Partitions
- UEFI SMM services
- OP-TEE in 3.17 and later releases support Secure Partition Manager Core (SPMC).

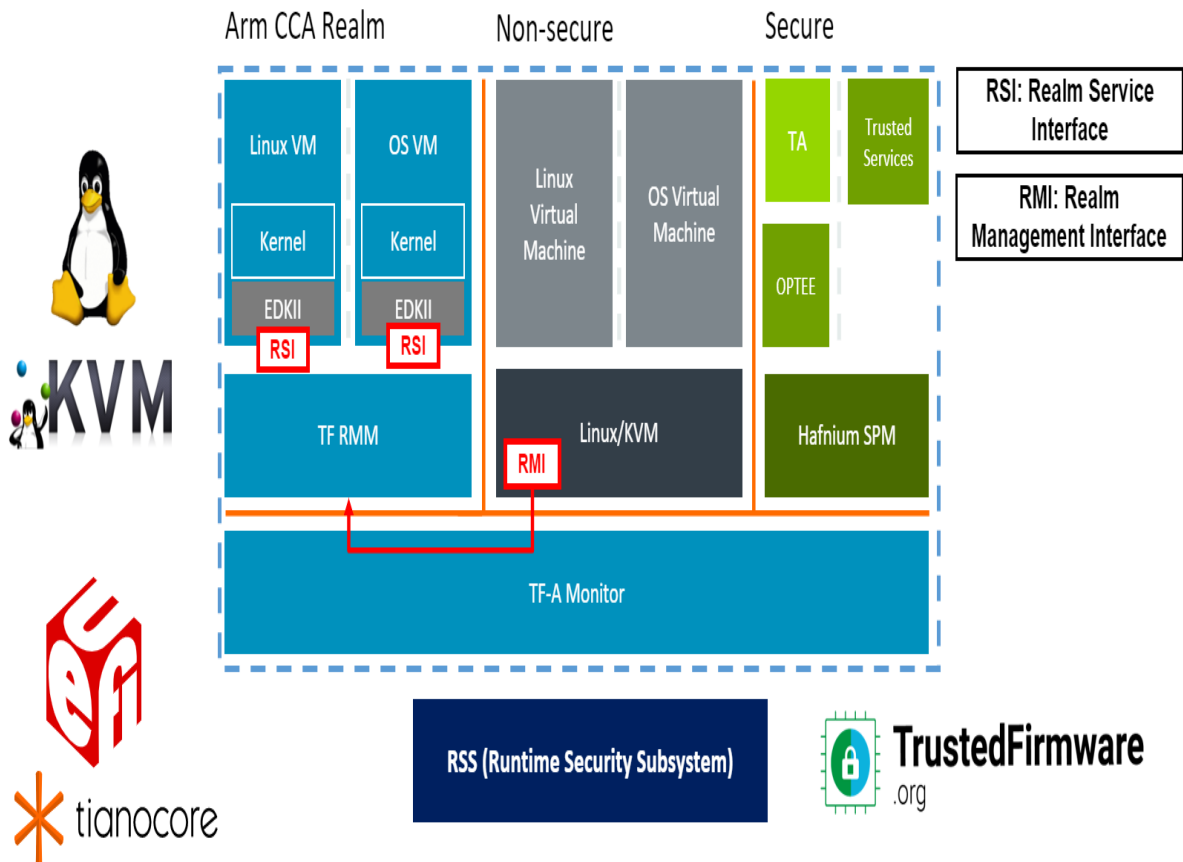
+ Services under development

- Block Storage
- Firmware Update



Confidential Compute : Highlights!

OSS enablement – Upstream components



- ❑ RME: Realm Management Extension
 - ❑ Arm 9.x Hardware extension to provide an isolated, dynamic, attestable and trustworthy execution environment
- ❑ Arm Confidential Compute Architecture
 - ❑ Builds on RME by providing a reference security and software architecture
- ❑ RSS : Runtime Security Subsystem
 - ❑ Hardware Encryption Scheme | Root of Trust Module | TF-M
- ❑ RMM : Realm Management Module
 - ❑ Dedicated [mailing list](#) and [website section](#)
 - ❑ Release tag against BETO upstream
- ❑ BETO Alignment | RFC patches on-list
 - ❑ [Linux Kernel kvmtool | kvm](#)
 - ❑ [EDK2](#)
- ❑ Arm CCA Reference Software Stack
 - ❑ [Arm Neoverse Fremont Reference Design \(RD\) FVP](#)
 - ❑ [Armv8-A Base Architecture Fixed Virtual Platform \(FVP\) model](#)
 - ❑ [Arm CCA stack for Base FVP available now](#)
- ❑ QEMU | on-list
 - ❑ [TCG \(Tiny Code Generator\), interpreter/emulator](#) | QEMU 8.1
 - ❑ [VMM \(Virtual Machine Manager\) for KVM realm](#)

Confidential Compute : Deeper dive – Linaro Sessions !

- ❑ The Arm CCA allows the hypervisor to control the VM, but removes the right to access the code, register state or data that is used by the VM

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Next steps

- ❑ Enablement ongoing in 2023

- ❑ [RSS firmware \(HES\)](#) – feature complete

- ❑ [TF-A EL3 firmware](#)

Refactoring 4-world RAS handling and context management code, improved CPU feature mgmt

- ❑ [TF-A boot firmware](#)

Enabling Trusted/Measured Boot with RSS, more dynamic CoT, security hardening

- ❑ [TF-RMM](#)

Enabling CPU features in realms, e.g. PMU, PAuth, self-hosted debug, SVE

- ❑ [Kernel](#)

Handling invasive stage-2 changes in RMM BET1 spec

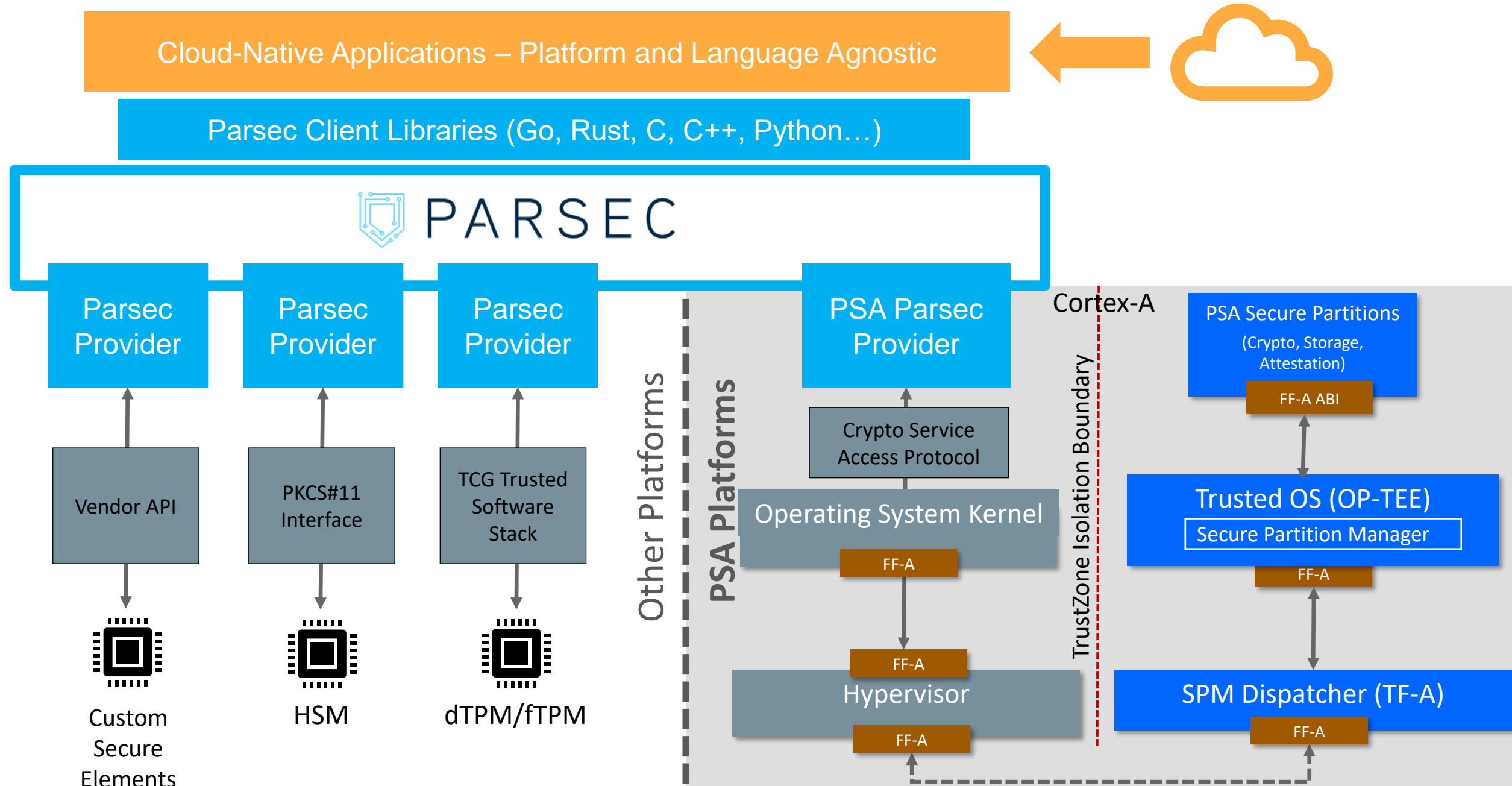
Post RMM v1.0 feature prototyping

- ❑ [In-realm firmware](#)

Continued upstreaming | Remote Attestation Proto work

Where possible, standardizing and aligning with other CC architectures

PARSEC and Trusted Services



Trusted Services on Armv8.4/Secure EL2

