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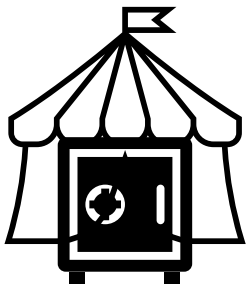
Building & Maintaining Trust in Service Provider Networks

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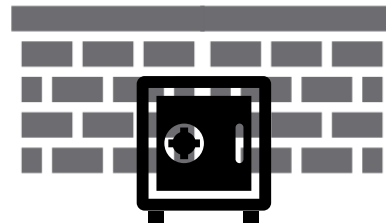
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- 16+ Years in Cisco
- Current Focus Areas
 - Trustworthy Systems
 - Platform Security Chips
 - Secure Boot
 - Post Quantum Security
 - DDoS Solutions, etc.
- Outdoor enthusiast & marathoner who loves trail ultras





Steel door is **useless** if you are protecting a tent



Steel door is **useful** only when you are protecting a concrete structure



Operational security is useful only when the underlying router has trust built into it from the hardware layer

Agenda

- Trustworthy Platforms Overview
- IOS-XR Operational Security
- Automating Security Workflows
- Conclusion

Threat Landscape For Service Provider Networks

Deployment Challenges For Service Providers



Untrusted Remote Locations



Support Critical Infrastructure



Global Scale

Impact of Attacks on Service Providers



Loss of Revenue



Brand Reputation Loss

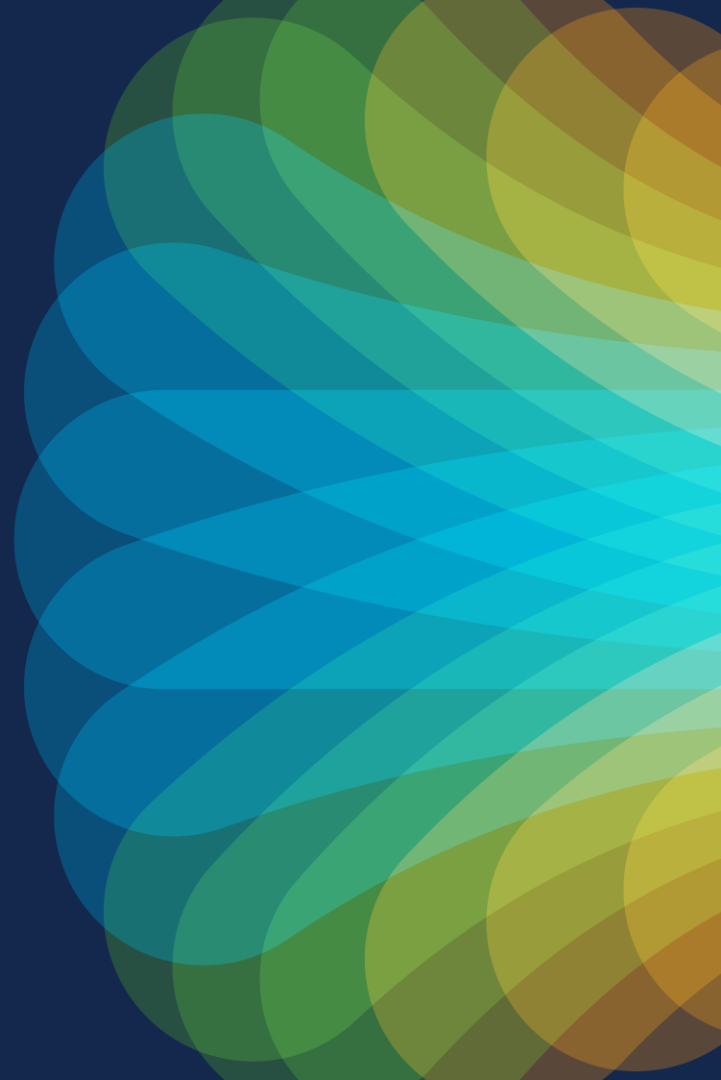


Impact to SLAs



Legal Implications

Trustworthy Platforms Overview



Cisco's Trustworthy Platforms Overview



Trust Begins in Hardware

Trust Anchor Module with anti-counterfeit design

Enabling Trust in the Network OS

Hardware Anchored Cisco Secure Boot, Chip Guard

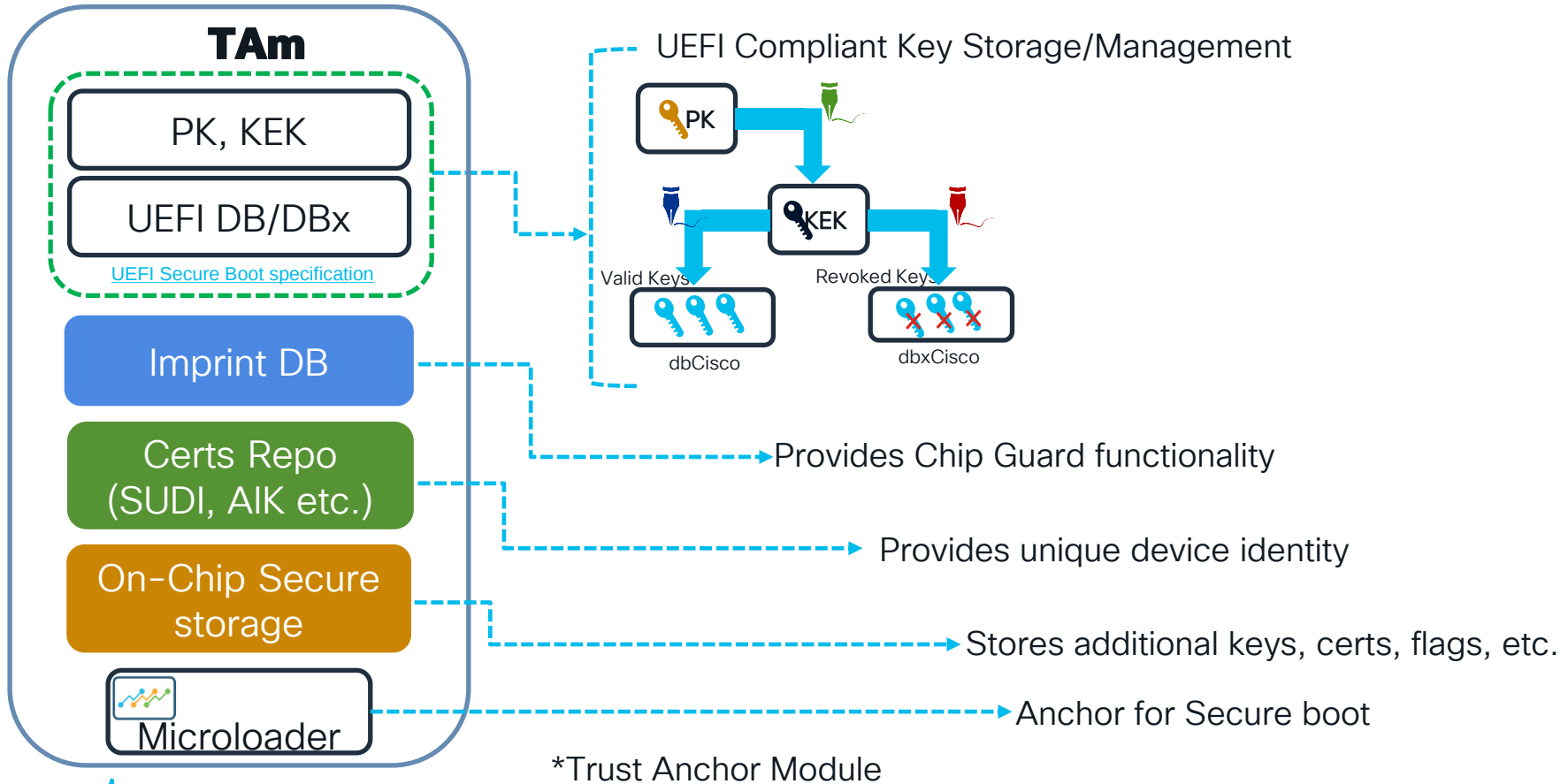
Maintaining Trust at Runtime

Run-time Defenses, Config Encryption, DDoS Protection

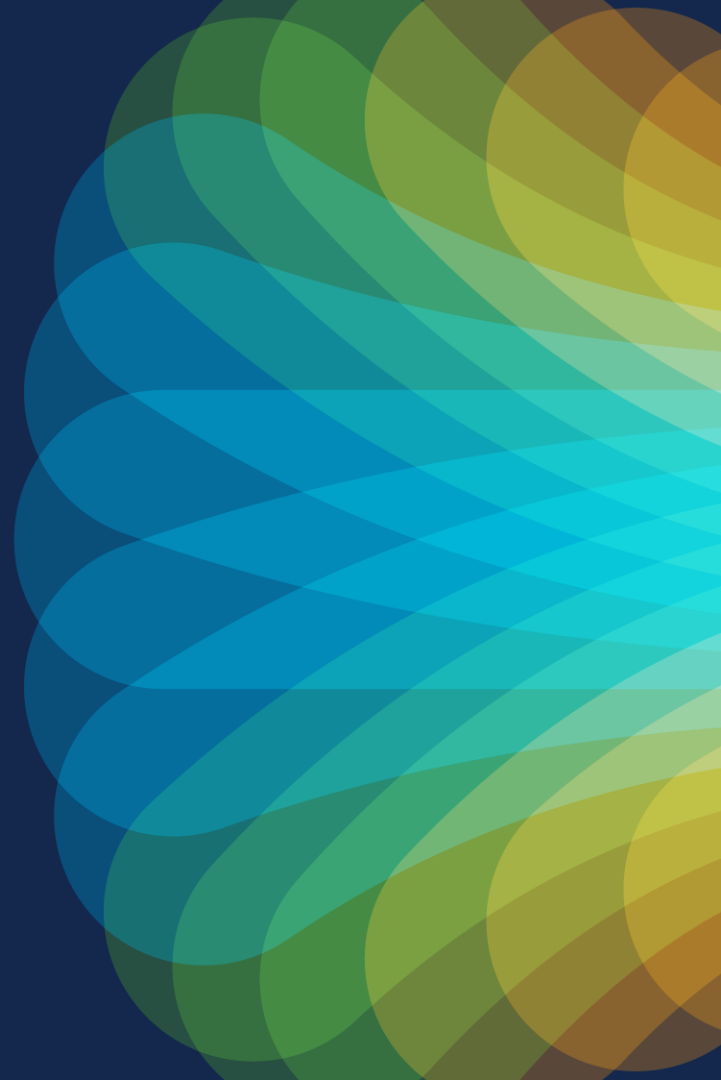
Visualize and Report on Trust

Trust Dossier & Crosswork Trust Insights

Enabling Trust in Hardware – Cisco's TAm* Chip



IOS-XR Operational Security



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Adopting Passwordless SSH, MFA, AAA controls, etc.



Data Protection

Data-at-rest protection & data sanitization



Remote Attestation

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SUDI Authentication For Hardware Integrity

User Identity & Access Controls

SSH

1. Adopting Password less SSH
 - a) Public-Key based authentication
 - b) Certificate-based authentication
2. Disabling weaker ciphers

AAA Controls

1. Using dynamic authentication and proper segregation of roles for users
2. Implementing stronger password policies & hashing mechanisms (Type-8, 9, 10)

Multi Factor Authentication

1. Two-factor authentication for admins accessing the devices
2. Additional consent-based security* mechanism for sensitive features

Other Measures

1. Enabling Management Plane Protection (MPP)
2. Adopting secure transport methods (syslogs over TLS, SNMPv3, etc.)

*Discussed in later slides

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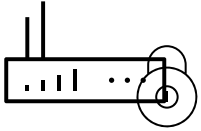
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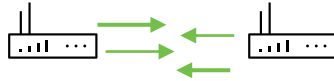
Config Encryption For Routers

- 1 Provides data-at-rest protection
- 2 Encrypts disk partition holding configuration data
- 3 Encryption key protected by TAm
- 4 Zeroization CLI for RMA scenarios

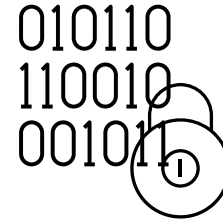
Data Protection and the missing element



Data At Rest



Data In Transit

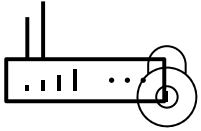


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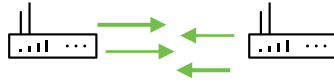


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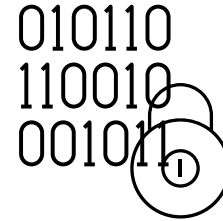
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Data In Use



Data Sanitization

Data Sanitization

- 1 Setup de-commissioning process for data-bearing components
- 2 Use IOS-XR's factory reset feature
- 3 Statement of Volatility available on [Trust portal guide](#)

Data sanitization must be part of your organization's data security policies

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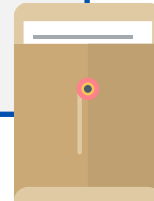


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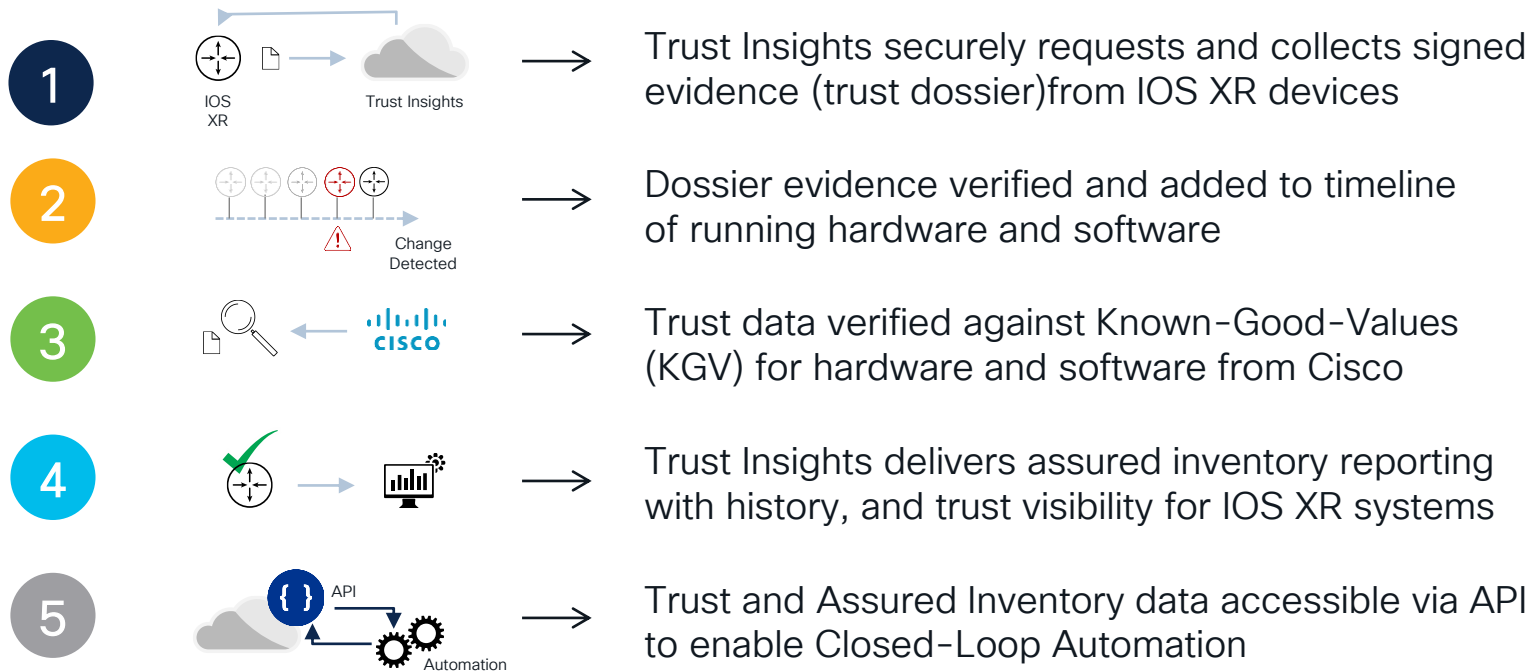
Example of IOS-XR Trust Dossier

- OS Version + Platform Output
- Anti-Replay *Nonce*
 - Specified as CLI option
- System Hardware inventory
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-invmgr-oper.yang
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-spi-invmgr-oper.yang
- Hardware Attestation Data
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-remote-attestation-act.yang
- SUDI (Hardware Identity) Certificate
 - Separate signature per FRU (includes nonce)
- Software Package inventory
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-spirit-install-instmgr-oper.yang
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-install-oper.yang
- Reboot History
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-linux-os-reboot-history-oper.yang
- Rollback History
 - Cisco-IOS-XR-config-cfgmgr-exec-oper.yang

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- Human-readable JSON formatted output via CLI command
- Signed envelope (not encrypted)

How Remote Attestation Works – Trust Insights



File System Inventory

1. Provides an on-demand snapshot of all XR files.
2. This is optional and must be explicitly enabled.
3. All the file hashes are collected irrespective of a file being accessed or not.
4. Users can configure the snapshot timer. The default timer interval is 15 mins.
5. During bootup a complete snapshot of all files in the rootfs will be created.
6. Later incremental snapshots (includes only modified files) would be created based on monitoring interval.

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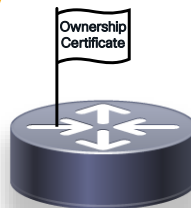
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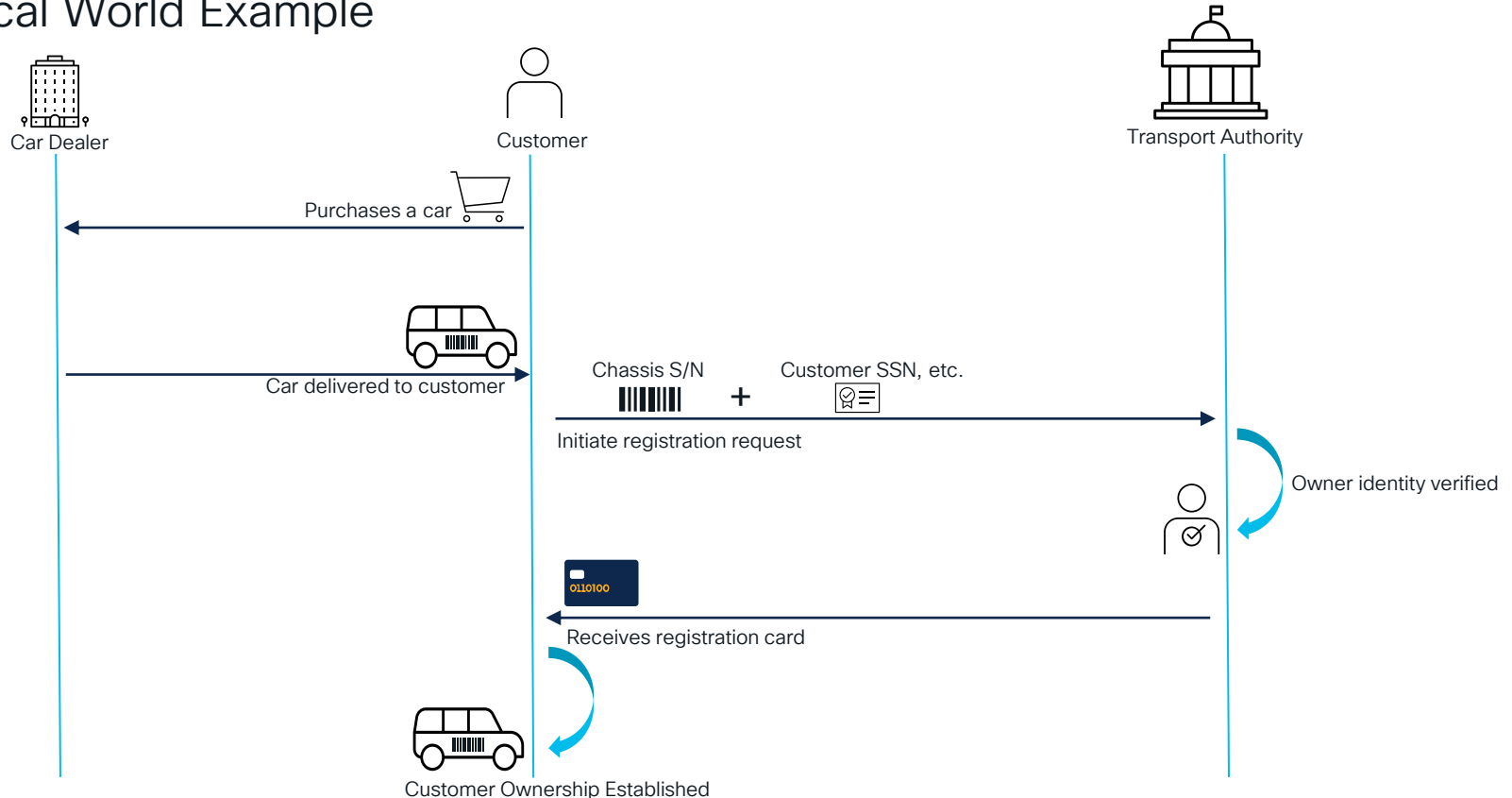


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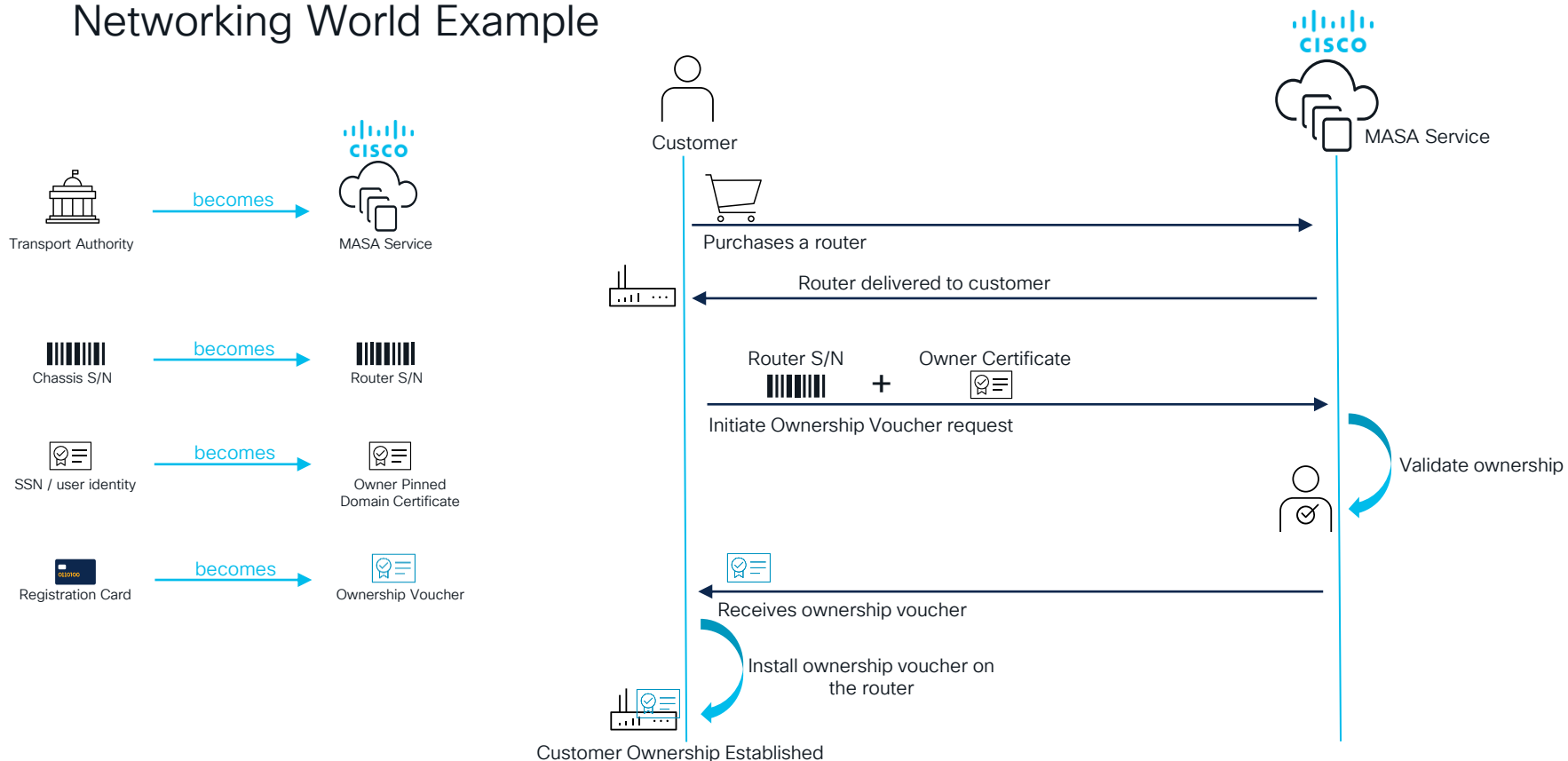
What is Ownership Establishment?

Physical World Example



What is Ownership Establishment?

Networking World Example



Ownership Voucher (O.V) (RFC 8366)

Yang model for O.V.

```
module: ietf-voucher
```

```
yang-data voucher-artifact:
```

```
+----+ voucher
```

```
+----+ created-on
```

```
+----+ expires-on?
```

```
+----+ assertion
```

```
+----+ serial-number
```

```
+----+ idevid-issuer?
```

```
+----+ pinned-domain-cert
```

```
+----+ domain-cert-revocation-checks?
```

```
+----+ nonce?
```

```
+----+ last-renewal-date?
```

```
yang:date-and-time
```

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yang:date-and-time
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enumeration
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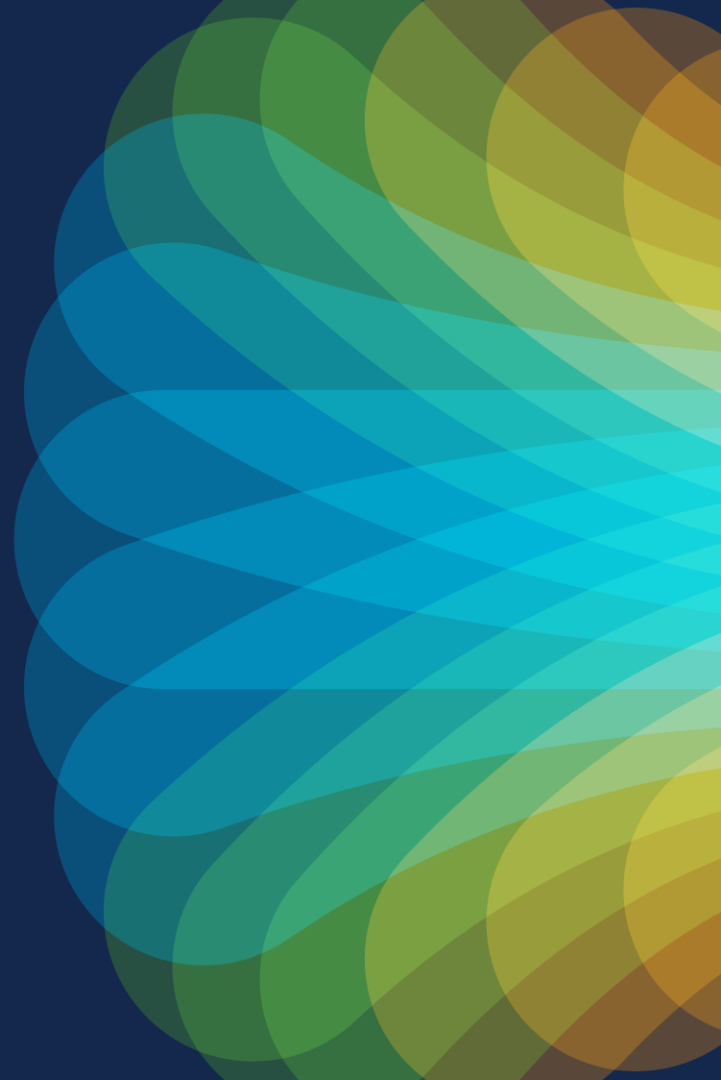
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- Ownership Voucher is an [artifact coming from the manufacturer \(MASA*\)](#) of the router being bootstrapped into the network.
* MASA – [Manufacturer Authorized Signing Authority](#)
- JSON artifact modeled as shown in YANG and signed using a CMS structure.
- The primary purpose of an [Ownership Voucher](#) is to securely convey a customer provided certificate, the "[Pinned-Domain-Cert](#)" (PDC) to the router being onboarded.
- [Pinned-domain-cert \(PDC\)](#): The owner cert is rooted to the chain of trust leading to the pinned-domain cert. This means PDC can be the root cert for OC or an intermediate cert for OC or the same as OC (self-signed).

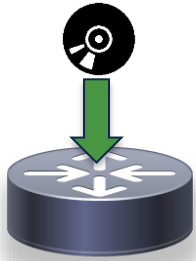
Reference: <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8366>

MASA Demo

Why Establish Ownership?



Ownership Establishment – Use cases



Secure Zero Touch Provisioning (SZTP)

RFC8572 compliant secure zero touch provisioning of routers



Application Signing

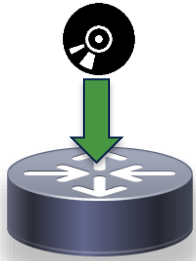
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Security Considerations for Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP)

Router/Client Validation

Server must validate router/client cert (SUDI cert) before offering artifacts/secrets/configs



ZTP Server



Router/client

Server Validation

Router/client must validate the server offering artifacts



ZTP Server



Router/client

Artifact Validation

The artifact downloaded from the ZTP/Web server must be validated before being loaded/executed

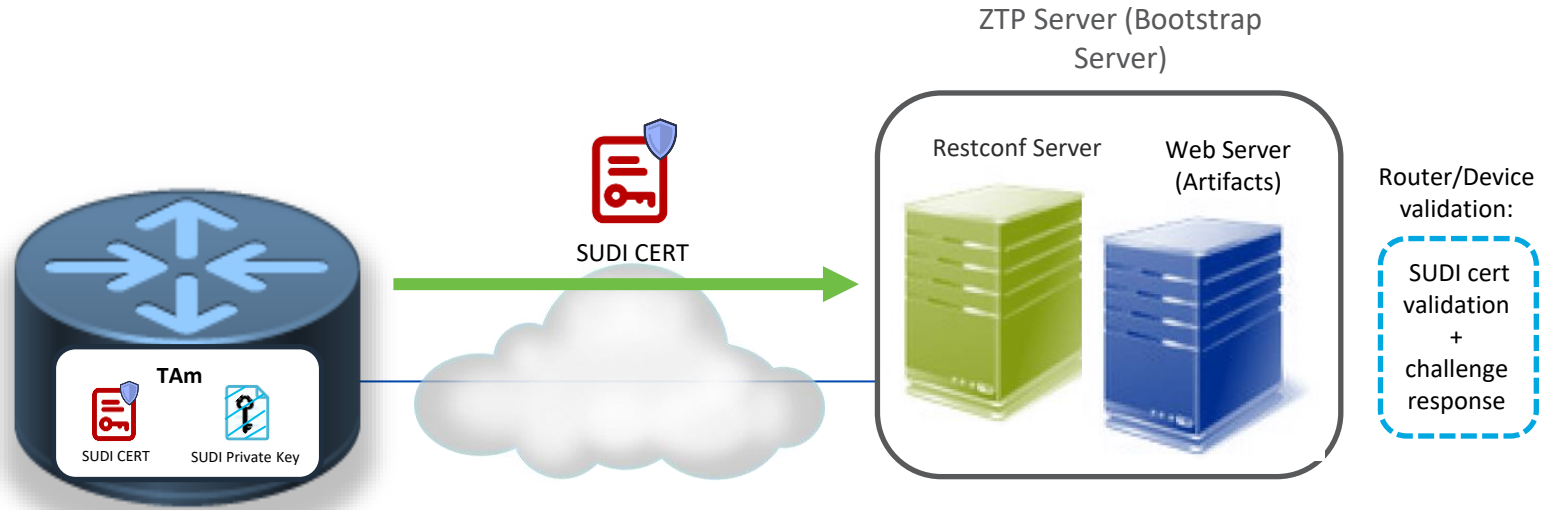


ZTP/Web Server



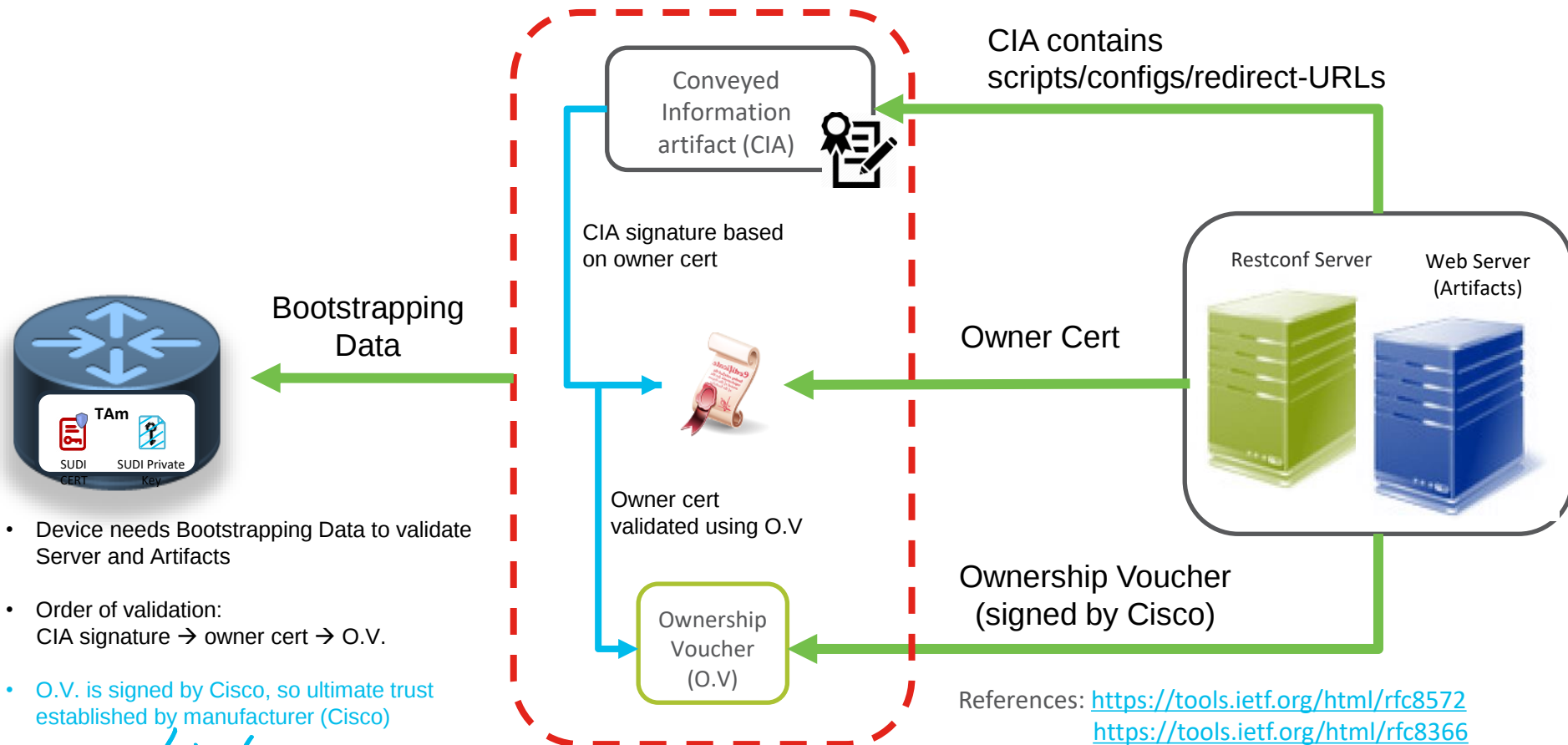
Router/client

Secure ZTP (RFC8572): Router Validation

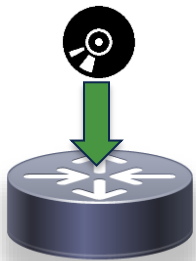


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SZTP Artifacts : ZTP Server + Artifact Validation



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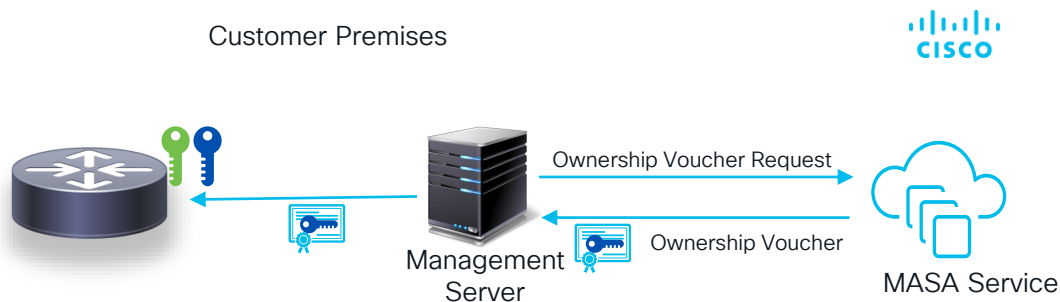
Application Signing Use case – Step#1

Factory-shipped Initial State



1. The router has only Cisco's public key
2. This key can verify **only** Cisco signed artefacts
3. Customer signed artefacts cannot be verified at this stage

Ownership Established State



1. The router now has Cisco's & customer public keys
2. The customer key will be used to verify signed artefacts from customers like signed apps
3. Multiple keys can be onboarded using key packages

Application Signing Use case – Step#2



1. Customers can build their apps in their own environment and sign them with their own private key.
2. The signed customer app can then be installed on the router through their management or provisioning servers.
3. The same ownership key can be used to sign the apps or customers can create different keys for each of their use cases.
4. Multiple keys can be onboarded on the router using key packages once the ownership is established.
5. Customers can sign their own key packages with the ownership key

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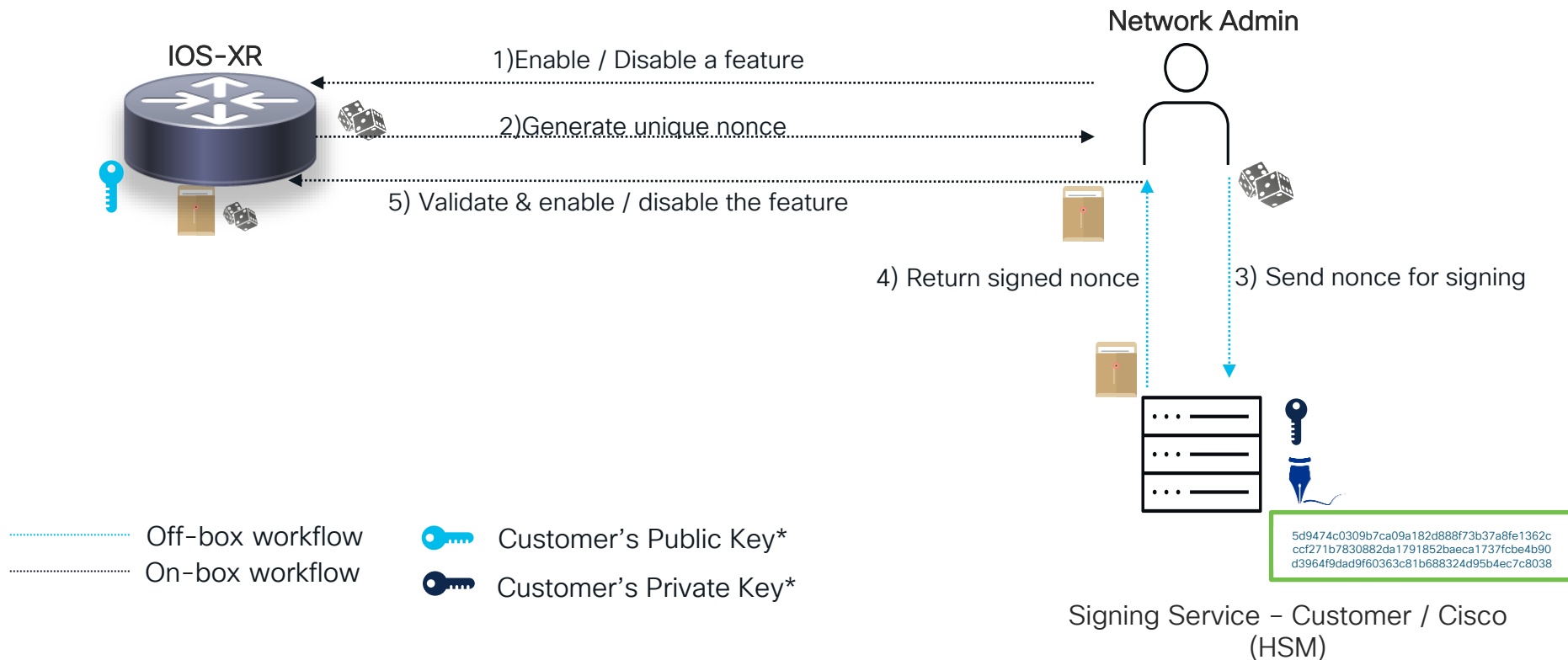
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CLI Challenge / Response – Consent Workflow



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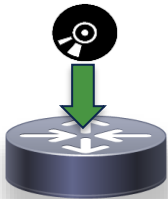
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Gating Lawful Interception

Ability to control enable/disable of Lawful Interception



Disabling Secure ZTP

Consent to downgrade the security posture of Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP)



Factory Reset

Consent to perform factory reset, manufacturing key restore, etc.

And more...

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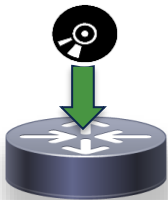
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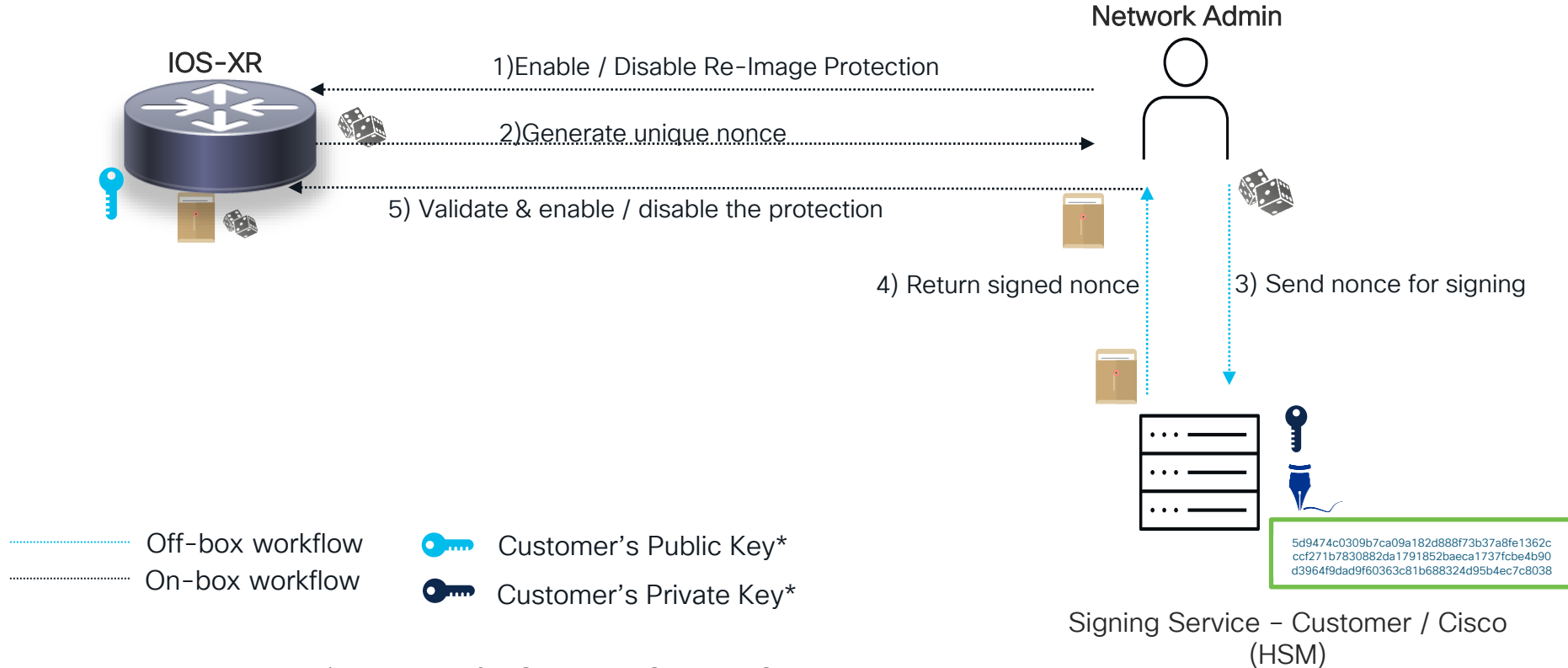
1. Increasing incidents of cell site routers in remote locations being stolen
2. The stolen routers are factory reset by booting through USB or PXE boot that erases the older running config too
3. These routers are then sold in illegal markets
4. Some incidents involve rogue internal employees too

Re-Image Protection For Routers

Workflow

1. New XR CLI with **additional consent** to disable USB/PXE boot
2. Store the flag in the tamper-resistant on-chip TAm secure storage
3. Persistent across disk erasure & reload
4. BIOS disables USB/PXE boot if flag is enabled

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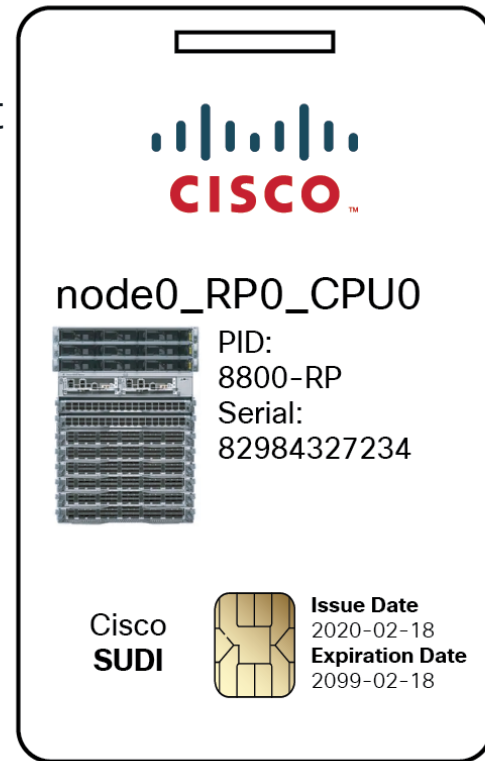
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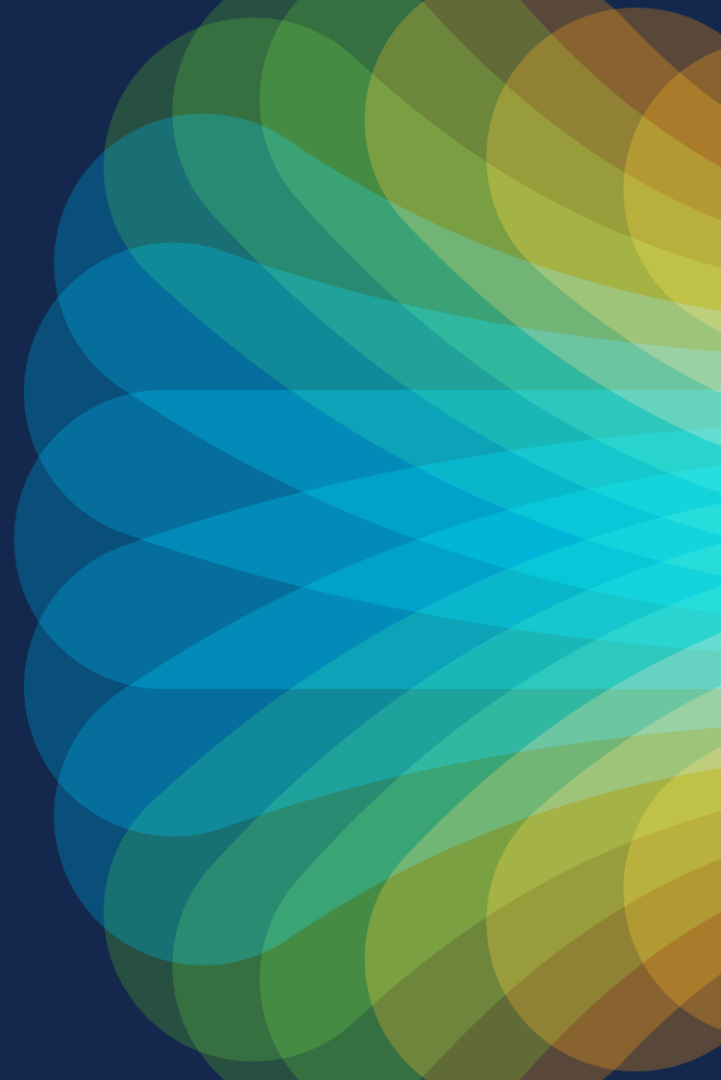
Secure Unique Device Identity (SUDI)

“How do I know this is really my router?”

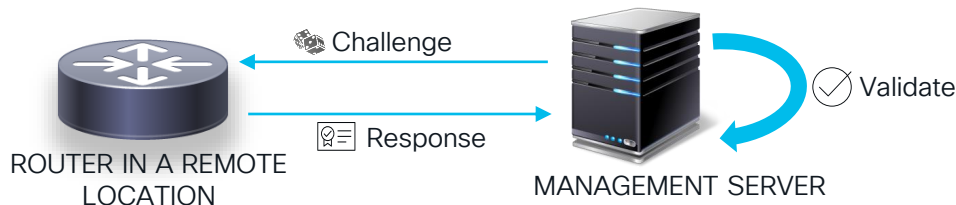
- Unique cryptographic key embedded in hardware trust anchor module within every IOS XR Router
 - Secure Unique Device Identifier (SUDI)
 - Provides 802.1AR Secure Device Identity
 - Immutable key imbedded in Trust Anchor Module at time of manufacture
 - Signed by Cisco for proof of authenticity
 - Includes PID and Serial number of device
- Cryptographically strong identification of remote hardware
- Establishes unique, immutable hardware identity



Automating Security Workflows



SUDI Workflow For Hardware Integrity Validation



Challenge

1. Challenge the remote router with a unique nonce to provide it's SUDI certificate.
2. The nonce is used to ensure the freshness of the response received from the router.

Response

1. Router responds back with the SUDI certificate chain signed by the router unique SUDI private key.
2. The nonce is included in the response signature.

Validate

1. Verify the signature of the SUDI response using the the SUDI leaf cert.
2. Verify the SUDI leaf certificate chain using the root & Sub-CA certs* from Cisco.

Counterfeit Hardware Detection Demo

SUDI Based CLI Signature Utility

IOS-XR supports a CLI signature utility based on SUDI private key

1. Any IOS-XR CLI output can be signed by SUDI private key using the signature utility
2. This is to ensure the output is from a genuine device and not a replay from meddler-in-the-middle (MITM) attack
3. The signature of the signed CLI response can be validated first using the SUDI public key before consuming the CLI output

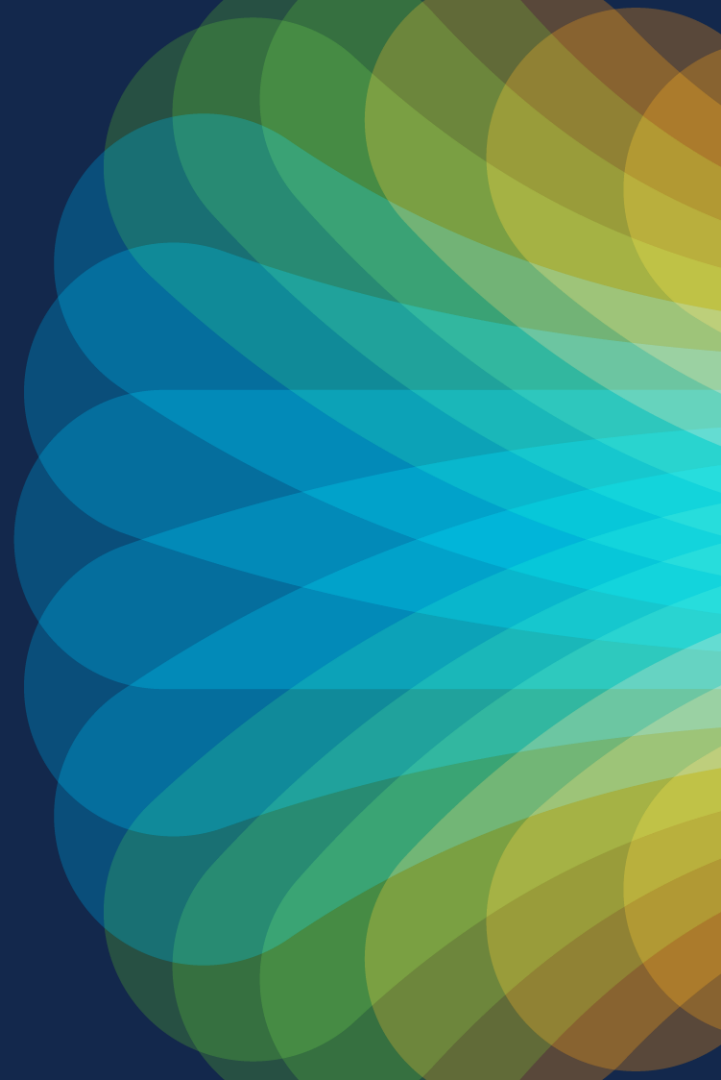
SUDI Based CLI Signature Utility - Example

RP/0/RP0/CPU0:Galapagos#show version | utility sign nonce ABCD

Tue Mar 7 06:31:00.071 UTC

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aarch64/ws\n Version     : 7.4.1\n Label       : 7.4.1\n\ncisco NCS540L\ncisco N540X-8Z16G-SYS-A processor with 8GB of  
memory\nGalapagos uptime is 6 weeks, 6 days, 19 hours, 9 minutes\nCisco NCS 540 Series Fixed Router 12x1G, 4  
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Conclusion



Building Trustworthy Network Includes



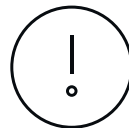
Validating hardware integrity



Enabling boot integrity



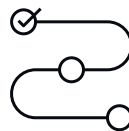
Periodic evaluation of device posture during runtime



Updating operational security features



Having stronger data protection policies



Automating operational security



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Cisco Secure Edge Protection—Protecting the 5G Edge against DDoS Attacks - BRKSPG-2401



Mike Geller, Distinguished Architect, Radware

The rapid expansion of 5G has led to a diverse threat surface threatening the availability and sustainability of desired low-latency outcomes (virtual reality, IoT, etc.). One of the newer threats is the attack from rogue IoT devices and UE (phones, iPads and other 5G attached devices). This session covers the different angles and approaches to dealing with these threats, otherwise known as "protecting the 5G N3." The Cisco Secure Edge Protection service is a container and controller (to aggregate feedback from tens of thousands of cell site routers or "edge routers") that today is offered in the NCS 540 Cell Site Router and will be expanded to other IOS-XR platforms, including white box platforms. Please come to this session to learn how to protect your network, your customers, and the SLAs bound to the current and next-generation services. The widely distributed nature of the 5G network means that customers should expect to be able to see and mitigate DDoS services as far out to the edge as possible. You'll learn about the supporting technology and see a live demonstration of how it works.

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Technology: 5G, Security

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