TPM support in GRUB2 for legacy boot mode

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- PC Engines platforms maintainer
- interested in:
 - advanced hardware and firmware features
 - coreboot
 - security solutions

Problem statement



- boot process integrity works for UEFI-compliant systems
- there are boot firmware implementations that are natively non-UEFIcompliant
 - coreboot/libreboot/oreboot
 - U-Boot
 - LinuxBoot
 - SeaBIOS
 - Legacy BIOS/UEFI CSM
 - skiboot
- existing solutions
 - petitboot measured kexec to Linux
 - TrustedGRUB2 use INT 1Ah, only TPM 1.2 implementation, not widely adopted
- other effort
 - HardenedBSD Call for Participations to unify and collaborate on security issues

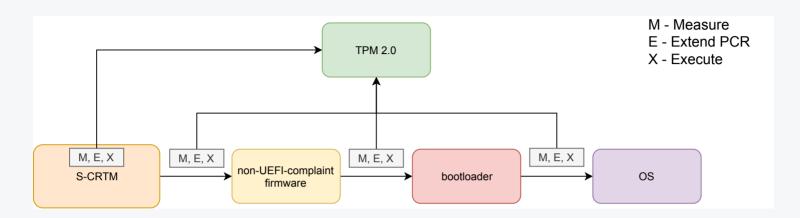
https://twitter.com/HardenedBSD/status/1170040875075985408





- Chromebooks users who want to repurpose the device
- Users of previously mentioned firmware stacks
- All distros supporting non-UEFI/legacy boot
- Cloud providers using QEMU with SeaBIOS (?)
 - Xen
 - Proxmox





- S-CRTM Static Code/Core Root of Trust for Measurement
- bootloader GRUB/GRUB2, SeaBIOS
- OS Linux, BSD, L4 based OSes, multiboot, ReactOS



State of various components

- coreboot
 - o can M,E,X since it was proven through Vboot implementation
 - finally measures payload and jumps to it
 - question is if payload can take that further?
- GRUB2
 - depends what and how it boots (bootloader in SPI vs HDD/SSD/eMMC)
 - there is no support for measured boot for MBR based boot
- SeaBIOS
 - supports TPM 1.2 and 2.0
 - already measures MBR
 - expose INT 1Ah interface
 - TrustedGRBU2 seem to be the only user



- Use API INT 1Ah from TCG PC Client Specific Implementation Specification for Conventional BIOS
- Supports only TPM 1.2
- INT 1Ah (...) allows the caller of the interface to have direct access to a limited set of TSS functions and a pass-through to the TPM.
- TrustedGRUB2 can leverage previously installed interface, the only known BIOS implementation that do it is SeaBIOS
- Topic was extensively discussed here: https://github.com/Rohde-Schwarz/TrustedGRUB2/issues/23



- exposes INT 1Ah to the next bootloader as in TCG PC Client Specific
 Implementation Specification for Conventional BIOS
- same API for both TPM 1.2 and 2.0
- currently no option to differentiate between TPM 1.2 and 2.0 when using INT 1Ah
- no SHA256 implementation for TPM2 SHA256 banks, SHA1 is padded with zeros and extended





GRUB2:

- rewrite MBR assembly code to measure the diskboot.img which loads GRUB kernel (size restrictions of MBR)
- rewrite diskboot.img to measure the rest of GRUB
- GRUB kernel needs to measure the modules.
- implement TPM driver to measure the grub.cfg , kernel (possibly with commandline) and initrd
- optional commands and parameters measuring in the GRUB shell

SeaBIOS:

- return different values of TCG version in INT 1Ah call for TPM 1.2 and 2.0 detection
- possibly add SHA256 for extending TPM 2.0 SHA256 bank PCRs



List of files modified by TrustedGRUB2

```
.travis.vml
                                          53 ++
Changelog.md
                                          54 ++
README.md
                                         294 +++++++
grub-core/Makefile.am
grub-core/Makefile.core.def
grub-core/boot/i386/pc/boot.S
                                         364 +++++--
grub-core/boot/i386/pc/diskboot.S
                                          97 ++++
grub-core/disk/cryptodisk.c
                                          32 +-
grub-core/disk/luks.c
                                         432 +++++++
grub-core/kern/dl.c
                                          34 +-
grub-core/kern/i386/pc/tpm/tpm kern.c
                                         433 ++++++++++++
grub-core/kern/main.c
                                           2 +-
grub-core/kern/sha1.c
                                         446 +++++++++++
grub-core/kern/tpm.c
                                          37 ++
grub-core/loader/i386/linux.c
                                          68 ++-
grub-core/loader/i386/pc/chainloader.c
                                          10 +
grub-core/loader/i386/pc/linux.c
                                          69 ++-
grub-core/loader/i386/pc/ntldr.c
                                           9 +
grub-core/loader/linux.c
                                           8 +
grub-core/loader/multiboot.c
                                          13 +
grub-core/normal/main.c
                                           6 +-
grub-core/script/execute.c
                                          51 ++
grub-core/tpm/i386/pc/tpm.c
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```
include/grub/err.h
include/grub/file.h
include/grub/i386/pc/boot.h
include/grub/i386/pc/tpm.h
include/grub/sha1.h
include/grub/tpm.h
runSonarQubeAnalysis.sh
sonar-project.properties
util/mkimage.c
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Statistical diff made on master branch of TrustedGRUB2 which is supposed to base on 2.02 tag of GRUB2.





- Does adoption of INT 1Ah still make sense in light of expanding kexec based solutions?
- Why GRUB2 still has not adopted any TPM implementation for legacy boot mode?
- Can GRUB2 rely on TPM?





- We doubt that Legacy BIOS/UEFI CSM with INT 1Ah exist
- Both solutions would require implementation in bootloader for cases where bootloader is included in firmware (e.g. coreboot)



Q&A