

### What is Root of Trust



Identity	Manufacturer Identity aligned to TCG DICE
Measurement	Code & configuration posture of the device.
Lifecycle	Debug mode (ON/OFF), modes of operation
Ownership	Vendor authored firmware only, with stateless Owner Authorization
Attestation	Identity & Measurement reporting

Set of security primitives that form the foundation for building more advance security features



### Root of Trust – State of the Industry





There are many solutions...



Industry fragmentation...



Many deficiencies...

## What is Caliptra





**Caliptra** (*Spanish, '*root tip') an open-source silicon Root of Trust



**Consistency** of security primitives that underpin higher-level capabilities and operational behaviors.



**Transparency** of security mechanisms of confidential cloud devices.

## Why Consistency is Important





Heterogeneity of RoT implementations is massive drain on our: operations; customer experience



Confidential device measurements are tenant visible



Interoperability, components intercommunicate and report to measurement



Functional consistency across operational flows, tightly coupled to life-cycle and live-site





# Why Transparency is important



Root-of-Trust is a foundational hardware security primitive that bootstraps higher-level security capabilities



Transparency builds trust... provides assurance of the hardware mechanics for measurement



Caliptra akin to a door that records entry into a room, don't care about décor, just security at entry and exit



Lower silicon burden of proof through transparency of RoT, narrows verification and audit.



Caliptra, focuses on monitoring ingestion points





*Transparency on what enters and leaves, not explicitly what's inside.* 

## Caliptra – HW View





- Open-source VeeR core, Instruction RAM (ICCM) & Data RAM (DCCM) physical separation, No DMA access from any peripherals/external SOC into ICCM/DCCM, No writes into ICCM on ROM-exit
- Side-channel protected Crypto HW & No FW access to security keys/assets (more on this later)

- Caliptra as-a-whole is an APB-device (can only speak when spoken to!)
  - Cannot 'master' random transactions to rest of the SOC
- No integrated peripherals required

## Caliptra – Cryptos & Operations

- > DICE (Device Identity Composite Engine) is implemented in HW
- Fuses are external but security critical fuses itself are decrypted with Caliptra internal class keys (by HW)
- Cryptos: ECC384, HMAC-DRBG, SHA256, SHA384/SHA512, HMAC-384, Integ-TRNG, DICE-obfuscation-Engine (DOE)
  - Refer to Caliptra spec on the RFC references and side channel mitigation information.
- Key Vault & PCR Vault are implemented in HW
  - FW (ROM or run-time) cannot access keys; only key-handles are available
  - PCRs can only be 'extended'
  - Key vault also implements various key protection mechanisms (ex: a key can only used 'ECC signing')
  - PCR signing is also fully implemented in HW (FW can only 'request' for PCR signing – cannot specify the key or change PCRs that are being signed)
- ✤ Assets are cleared and Cryptos are zeroized in debug/scan modes





### Caliptra - Status



Caliptra was open sourced on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with multiple partners planning products.





Built supporting industry standards; TCG DICE, DMTF SPDM, OCP Secure-boot, Attestation, Recovery.



Microsoft, Google, AMD, Nvidia are founding project partners.



Design (RTL & ROM) release in August'23. Run-time FW will follow that immediately









### Project Caliptra Next Steps



Development & Discussions in the open – no more NDA requirements (CLA is still required)



CHIPSALLIANACE Caliptra Public WG meeting – Every Friday 9am PST



Best technologies blossom with "brain share" & collaboration

Security is the critical pillar to protect all "our" data and RoT technologies is the "Caliptra" of it