

# **BASTION-SGX: Bluetooth and Architectural Support for Trusted I/O on SGX**

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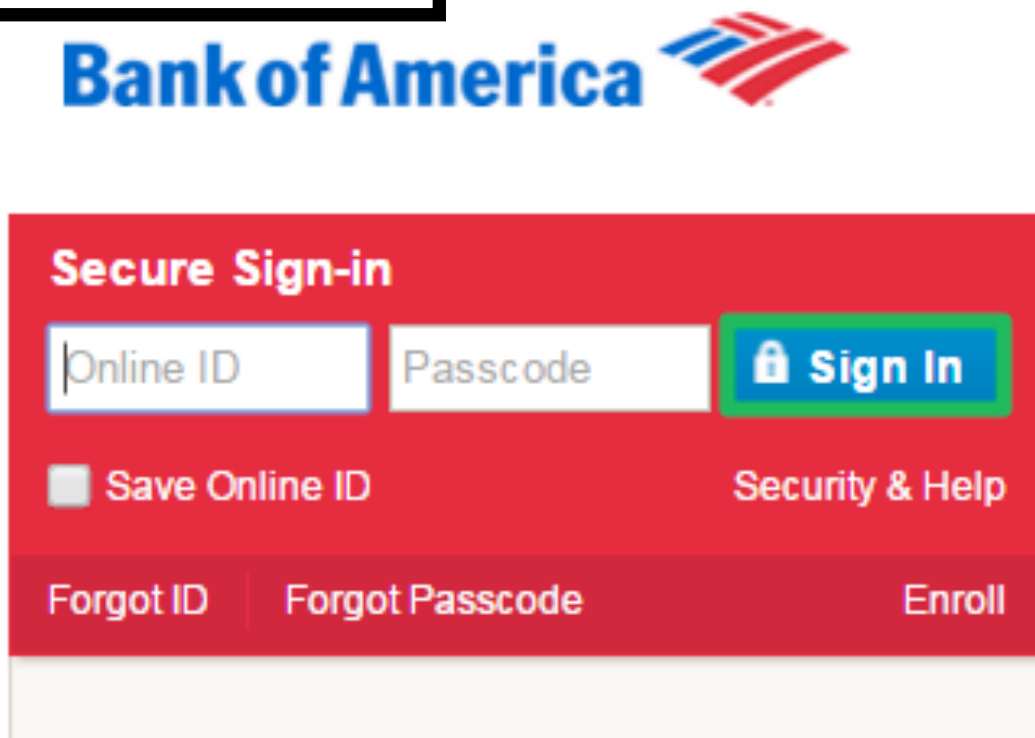
# Outline

- Motivation  
*App security & the insecurity of I/O – we need app security + I/O security!*
- BASTION-SGX  
*A novel Bluetooth Trusted I/O architecture*
- Challenges  
*Fine-grained channel selection & security policy enforcement*
- Proof-of-Concept  
*Delivering secure input from Bluetooth keyboards to SGX apps*
- Conclusion  
*Take-aways and future work*

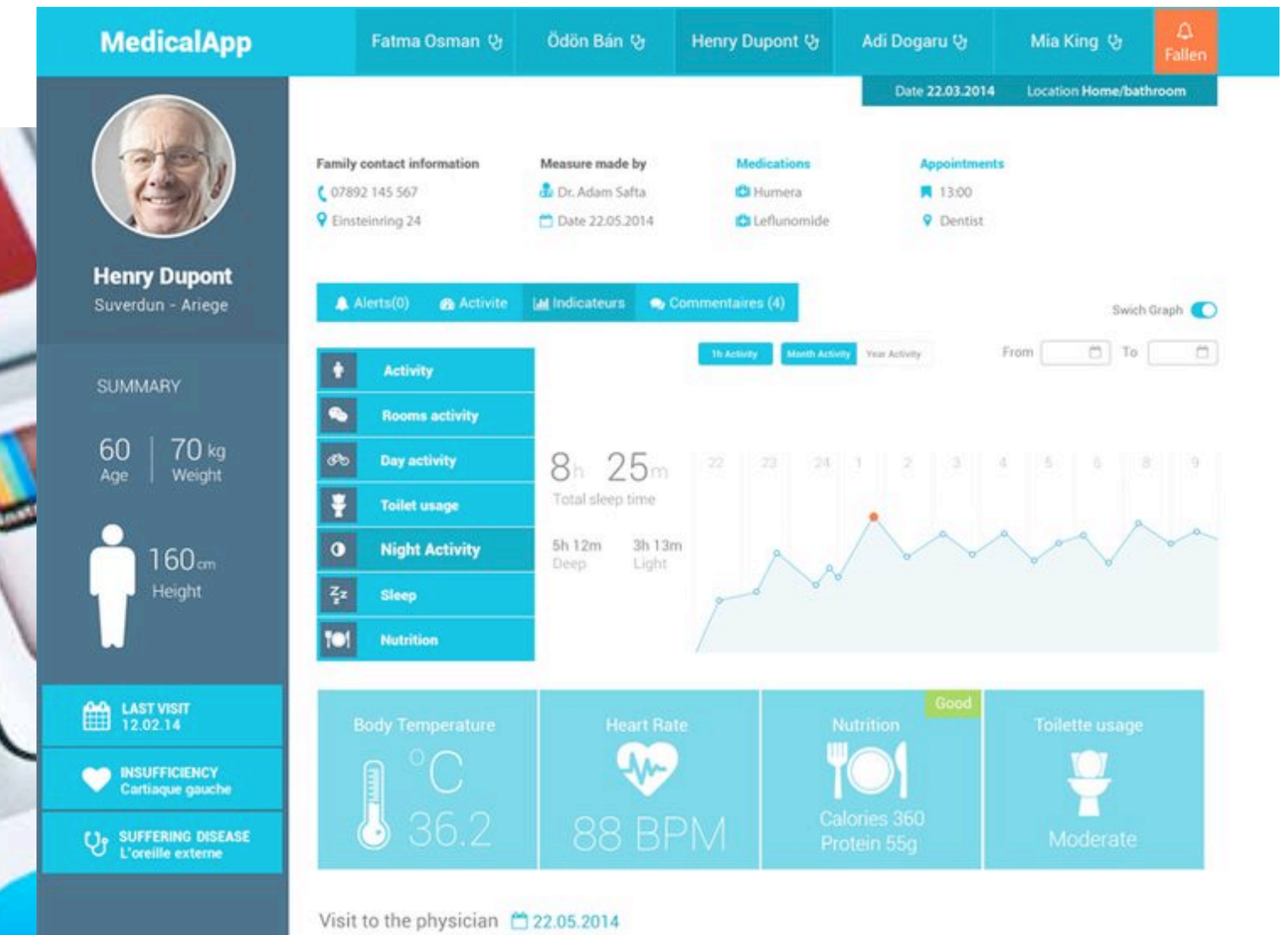


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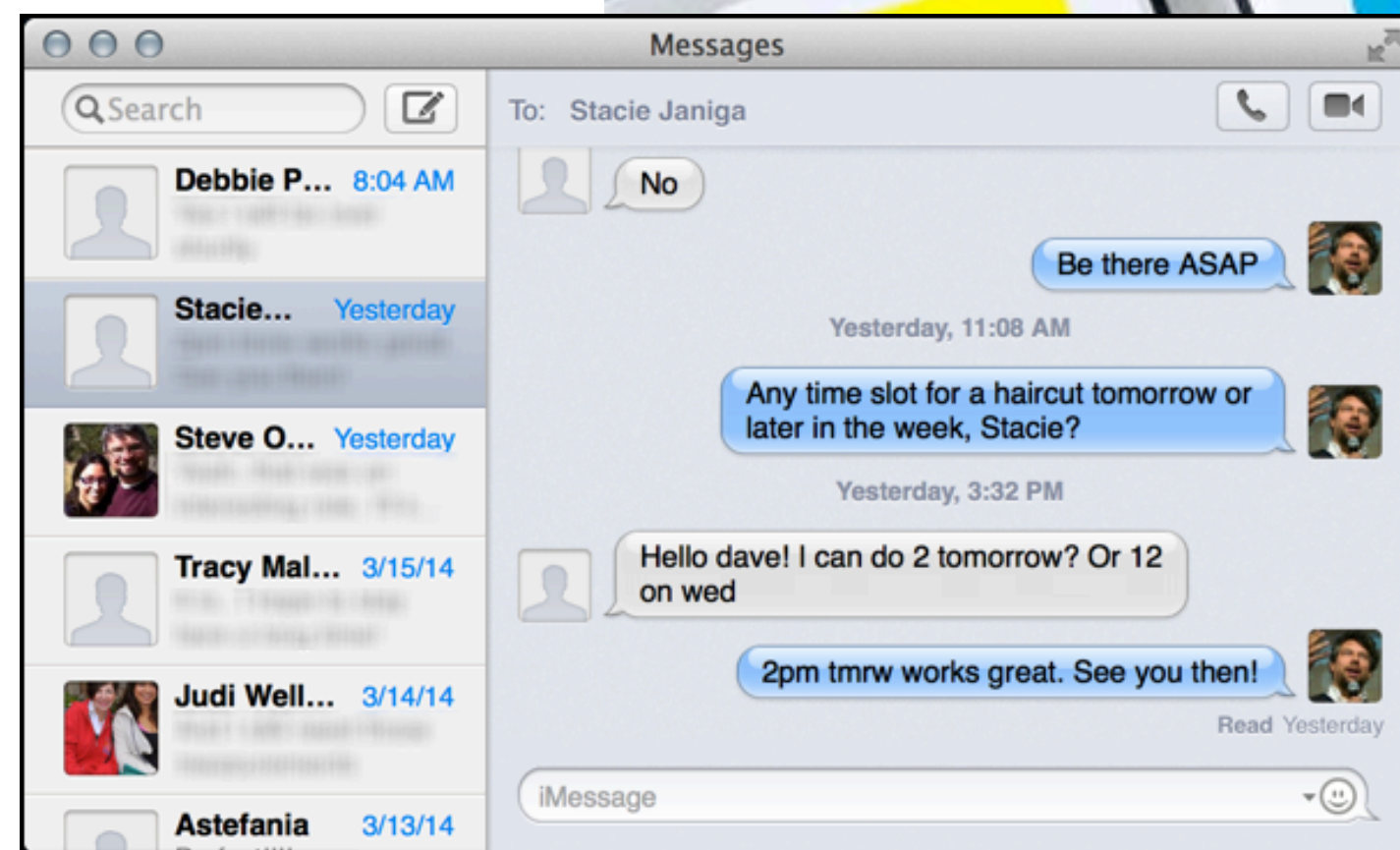
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## Health & Wellness Apps

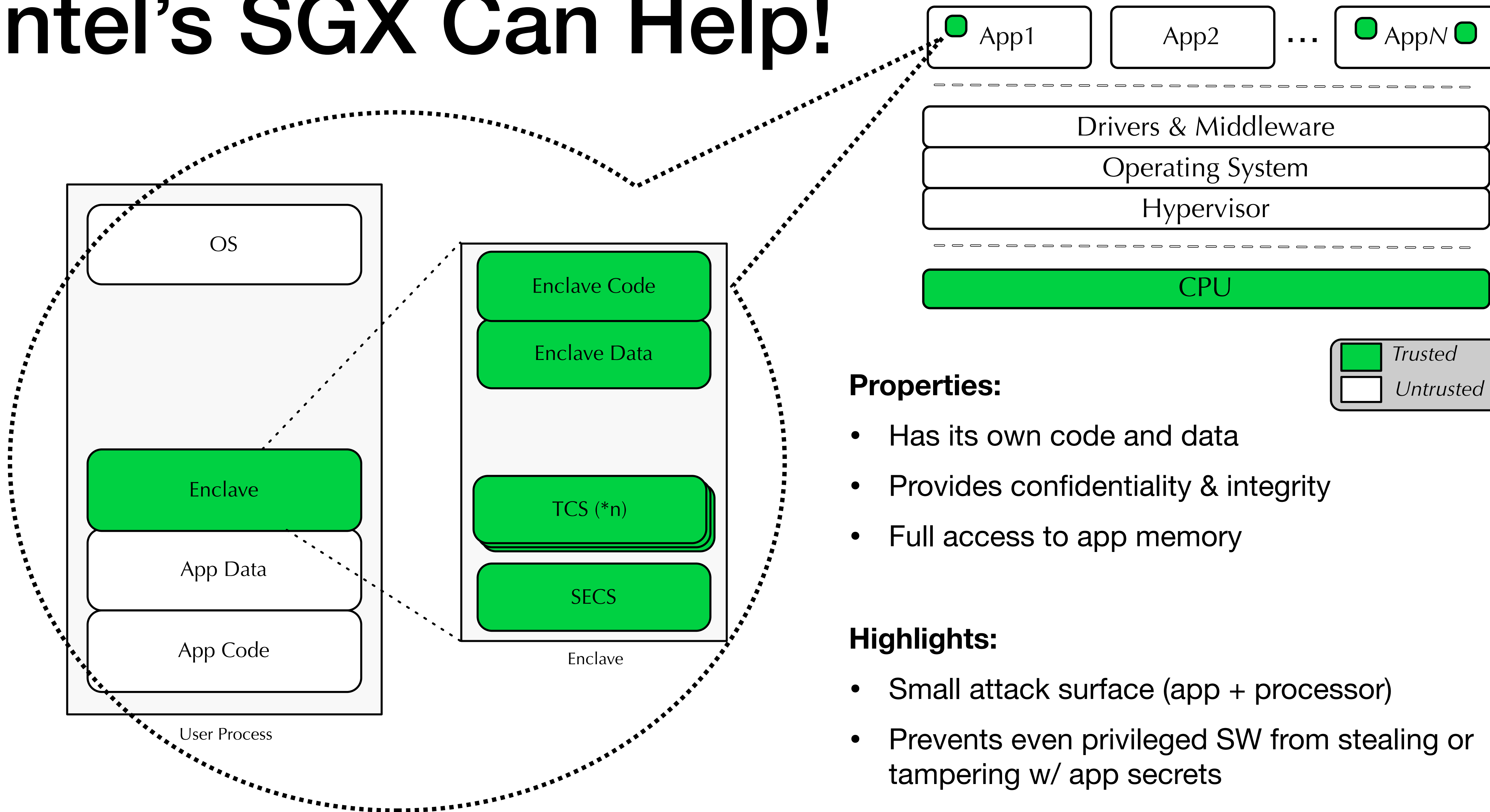


## Messaging Apps





# Intel's SGX Can Help!

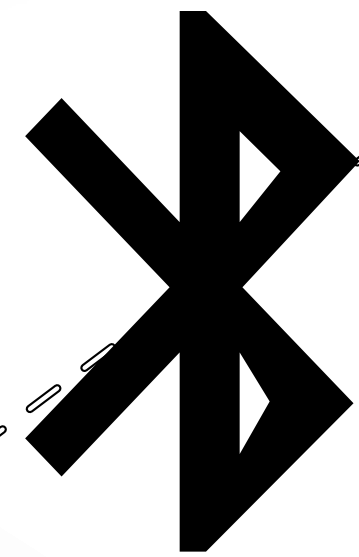




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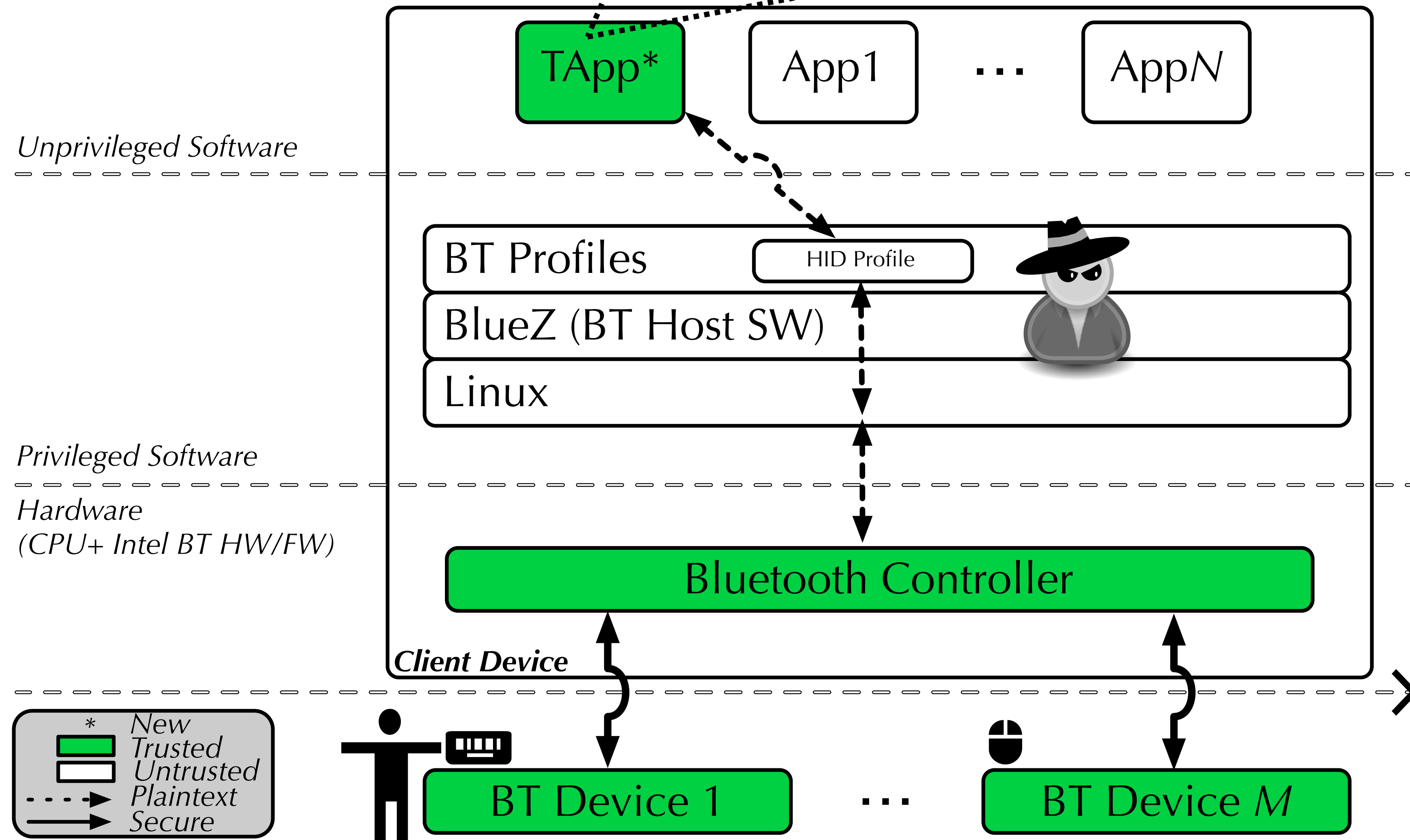
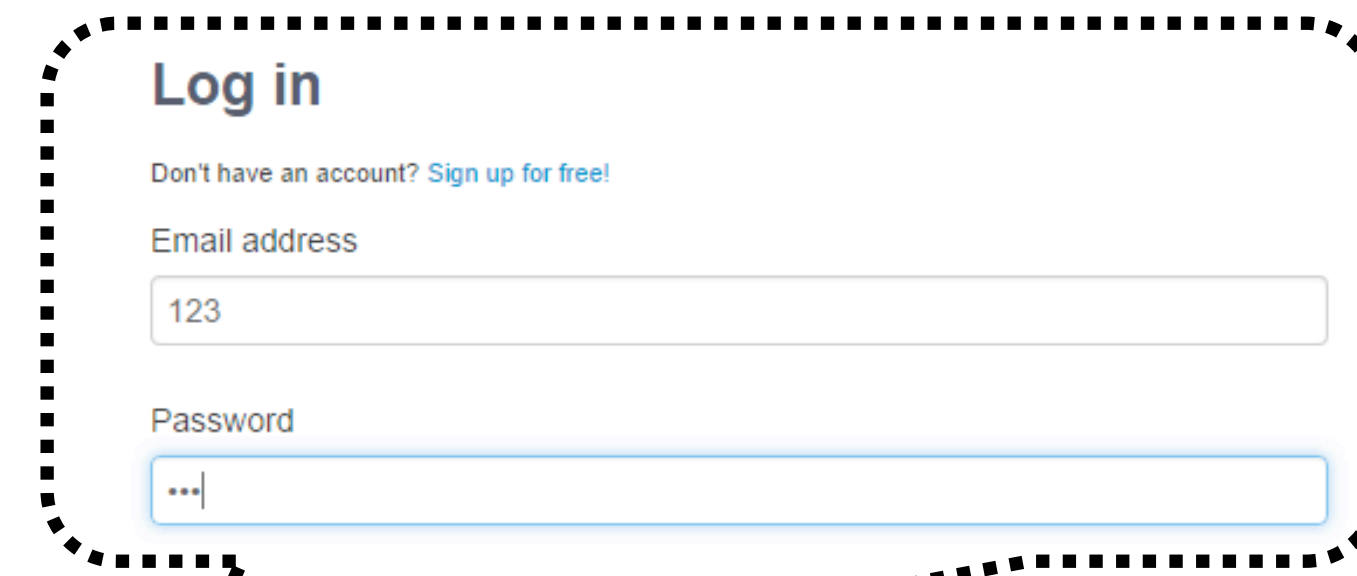
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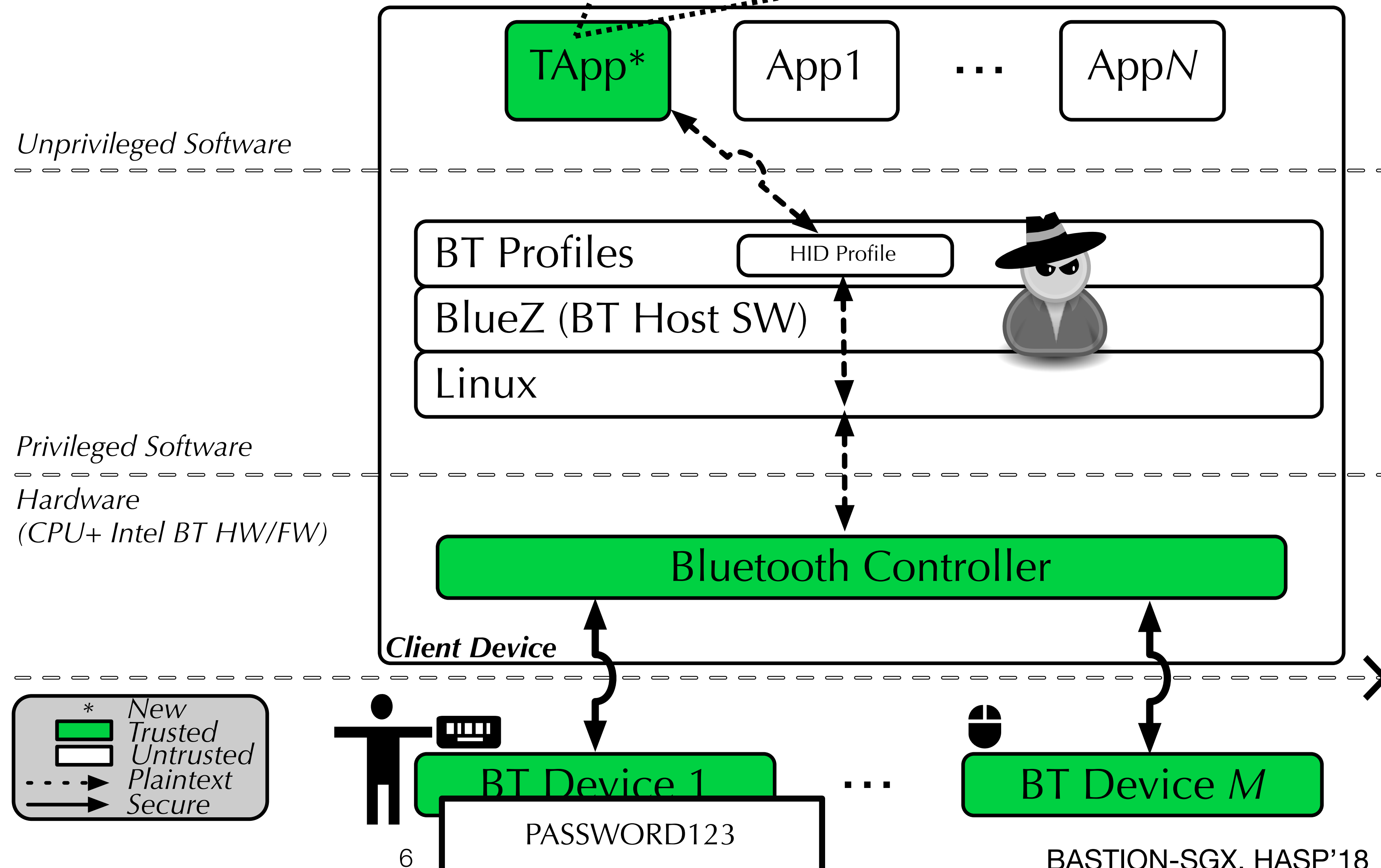
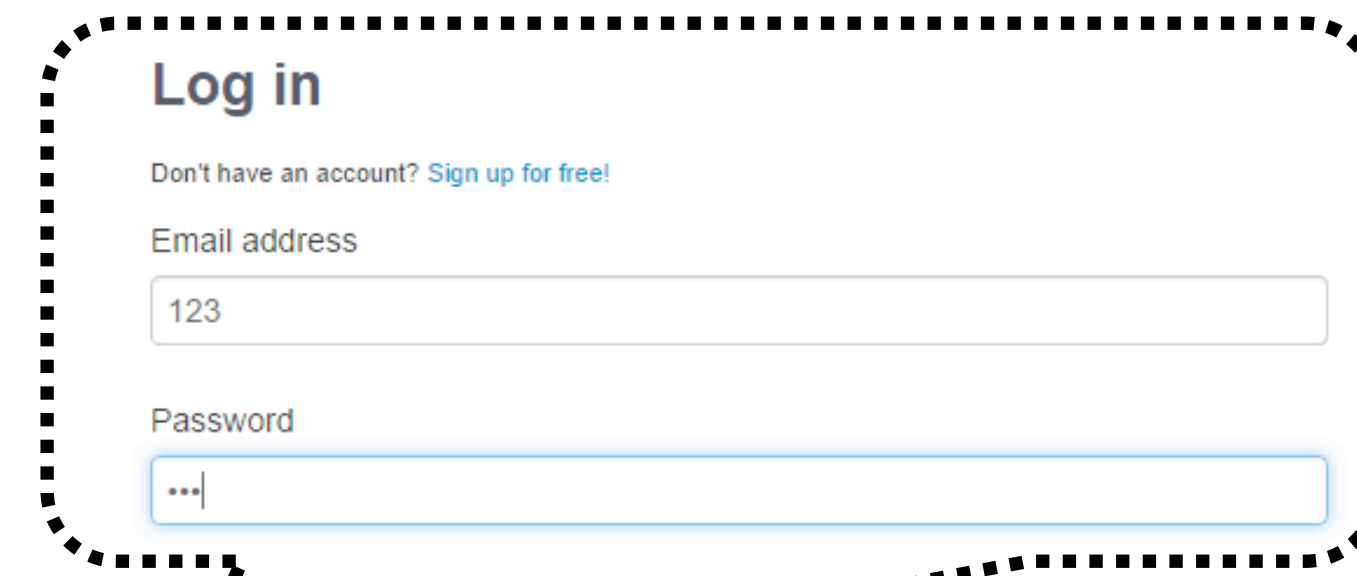
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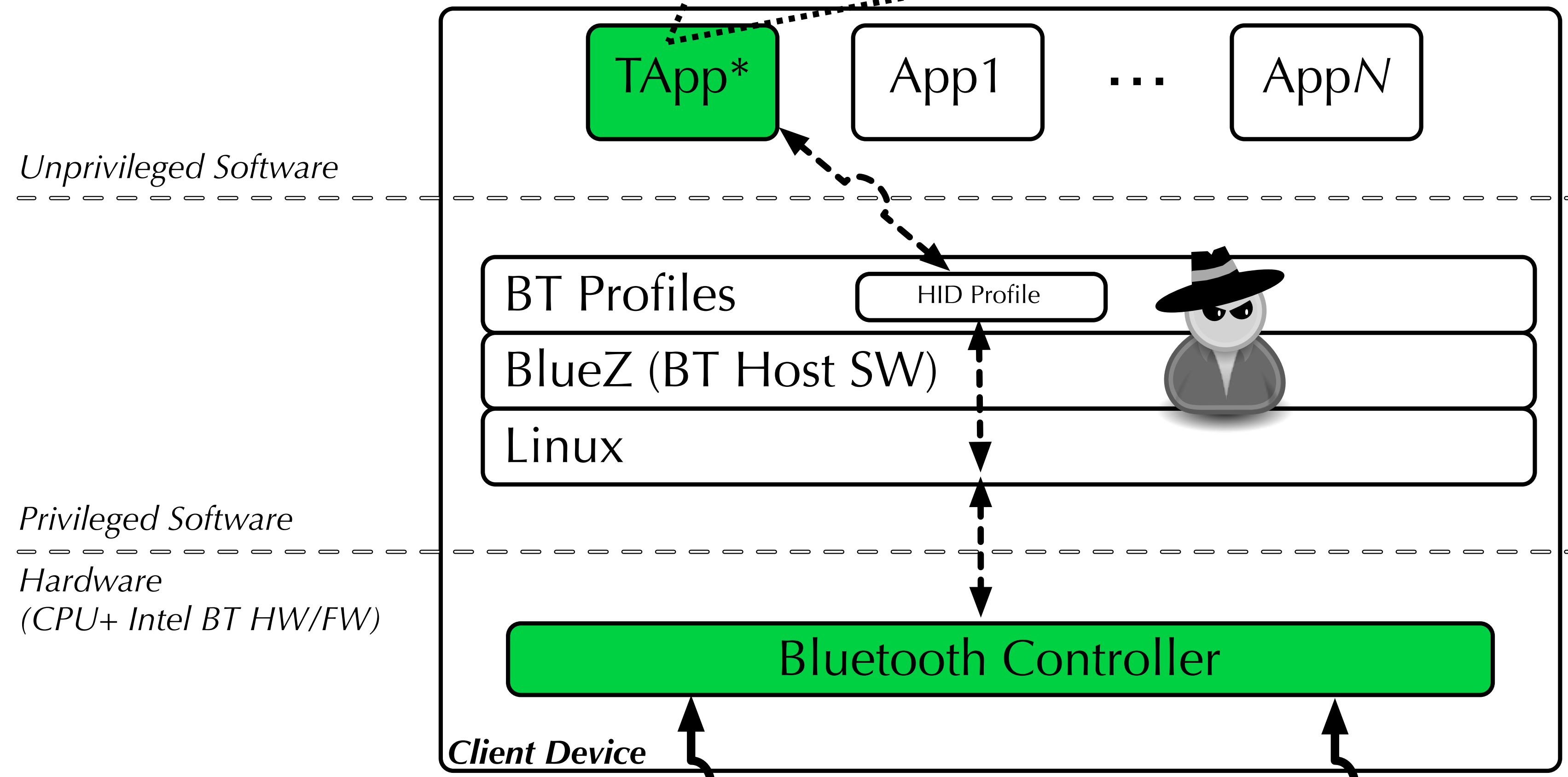
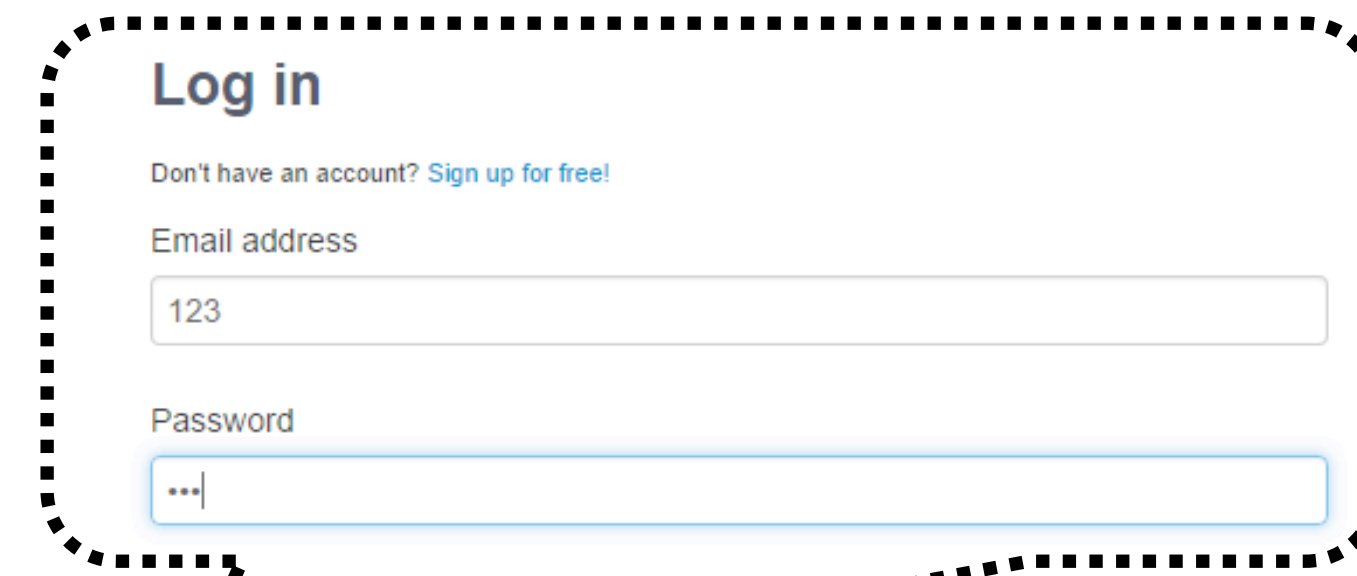
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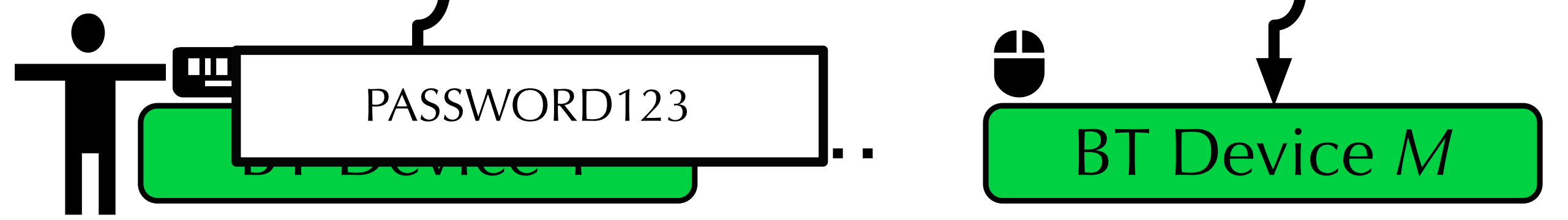
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Legend:

- \* New
- Green box: Trusted
- White box: Untrusted
- Dashed arrow: Plaintext
- Solid arrow: Secure





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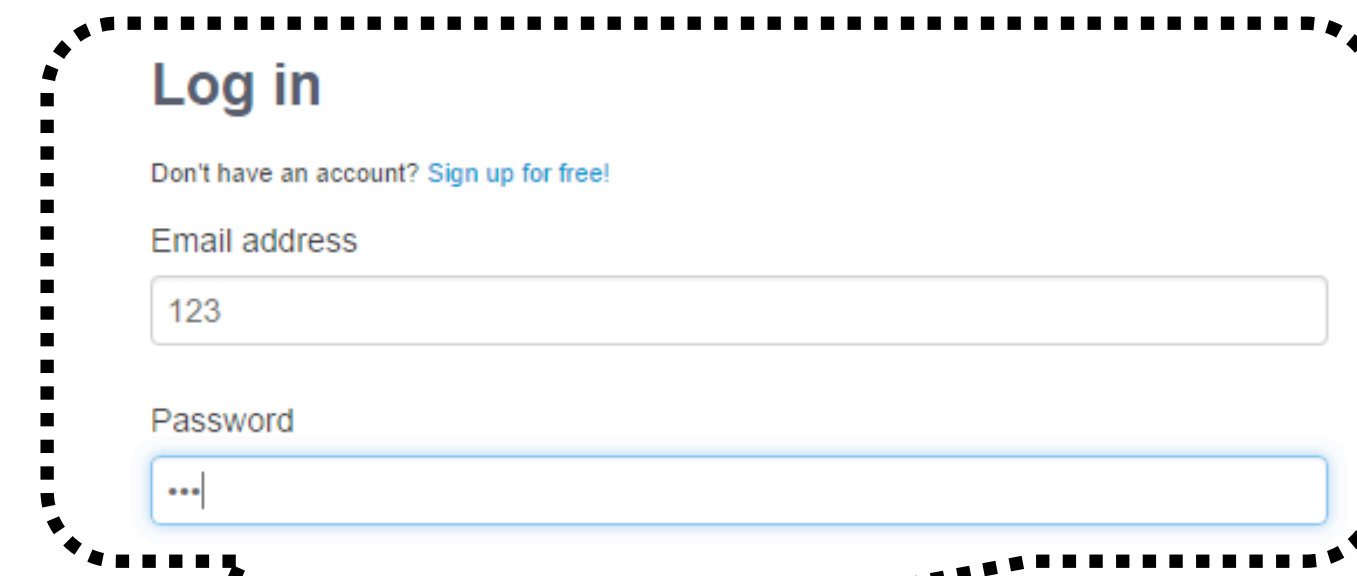
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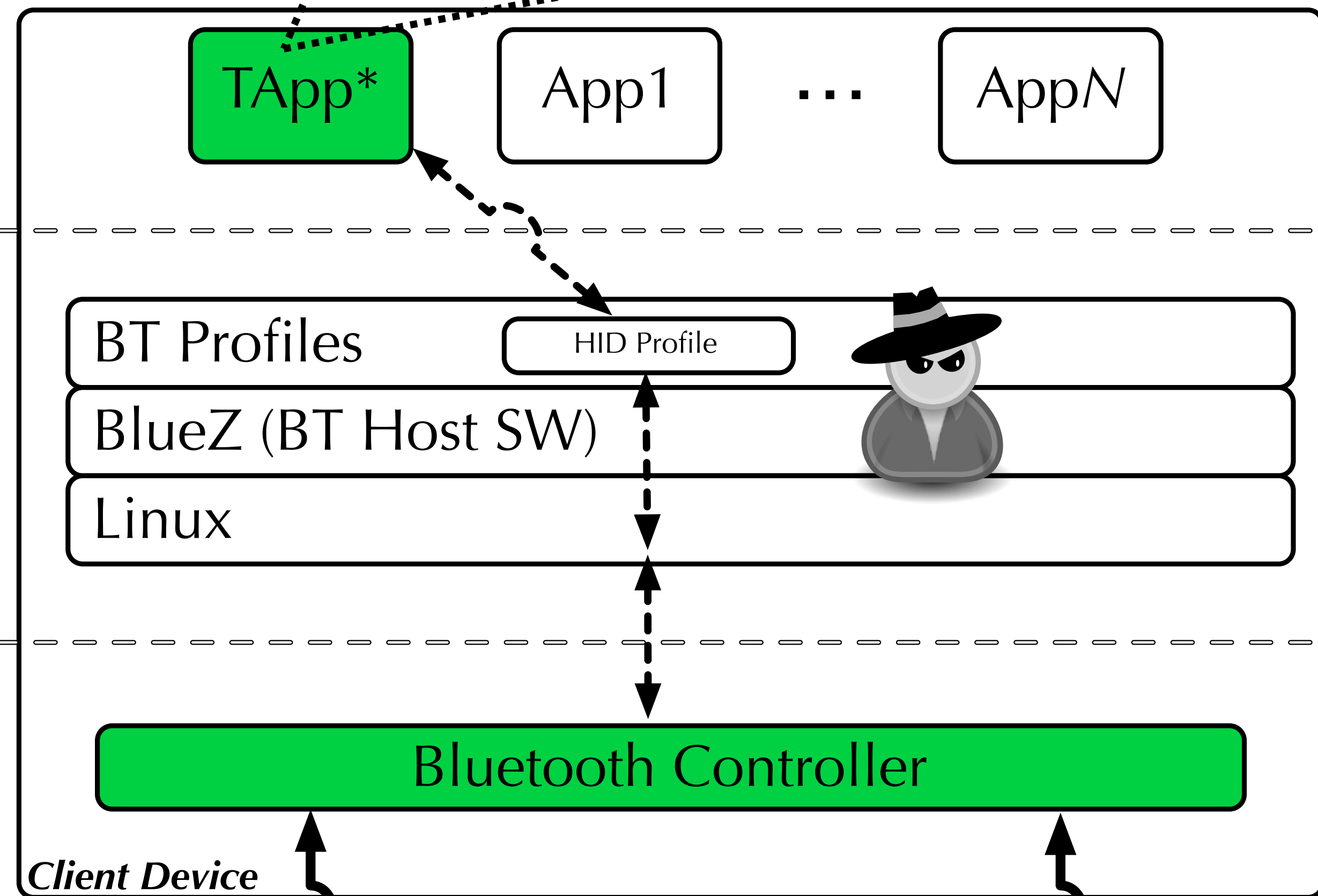
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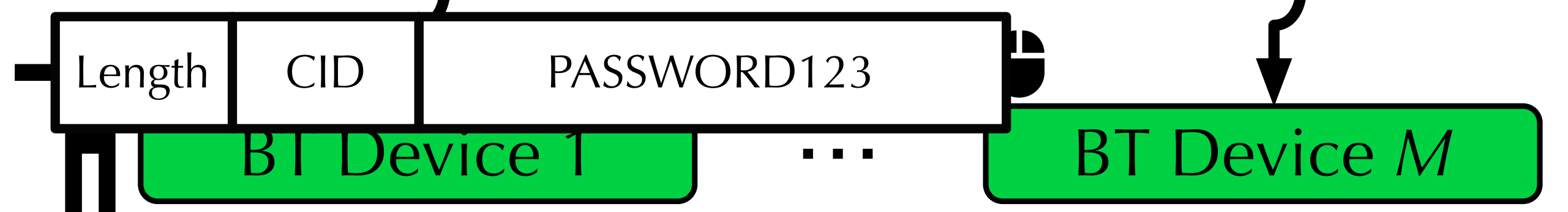
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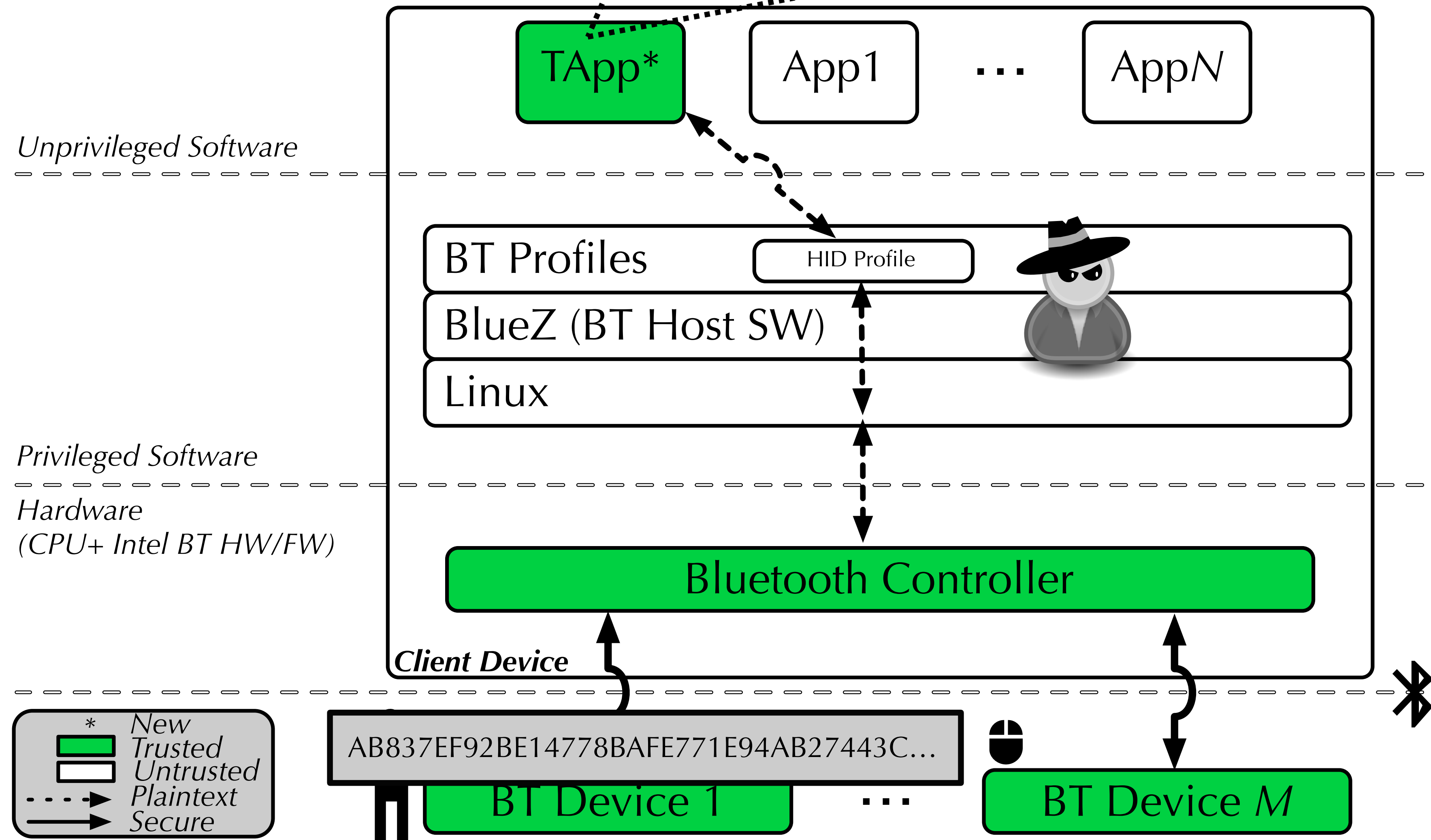
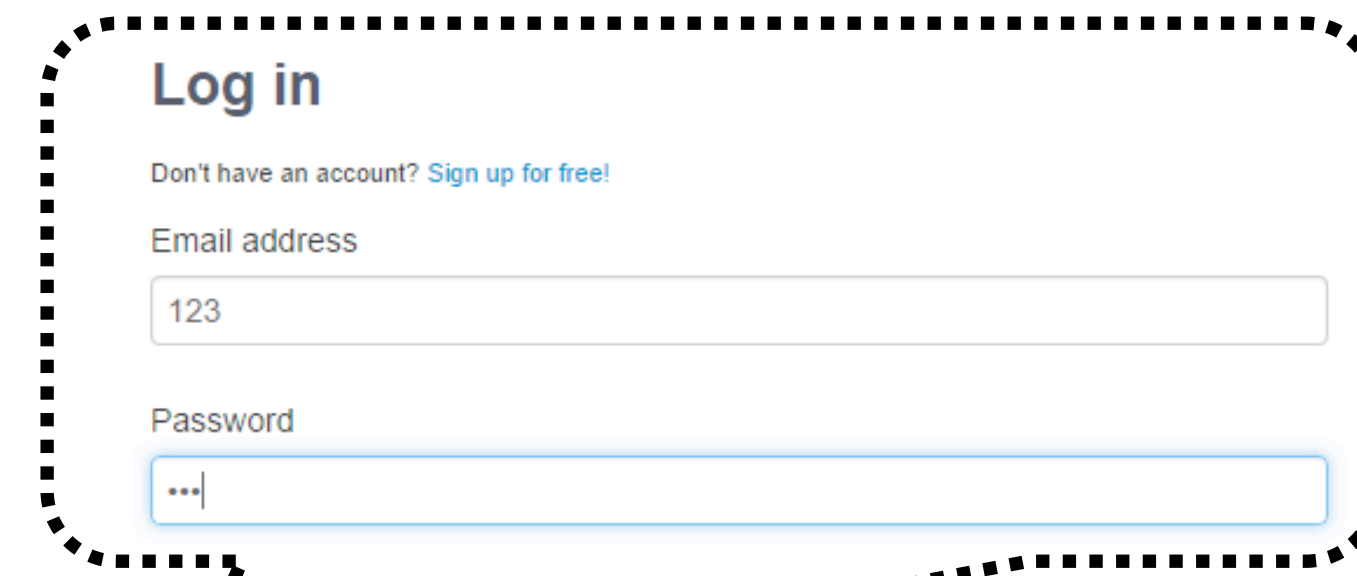
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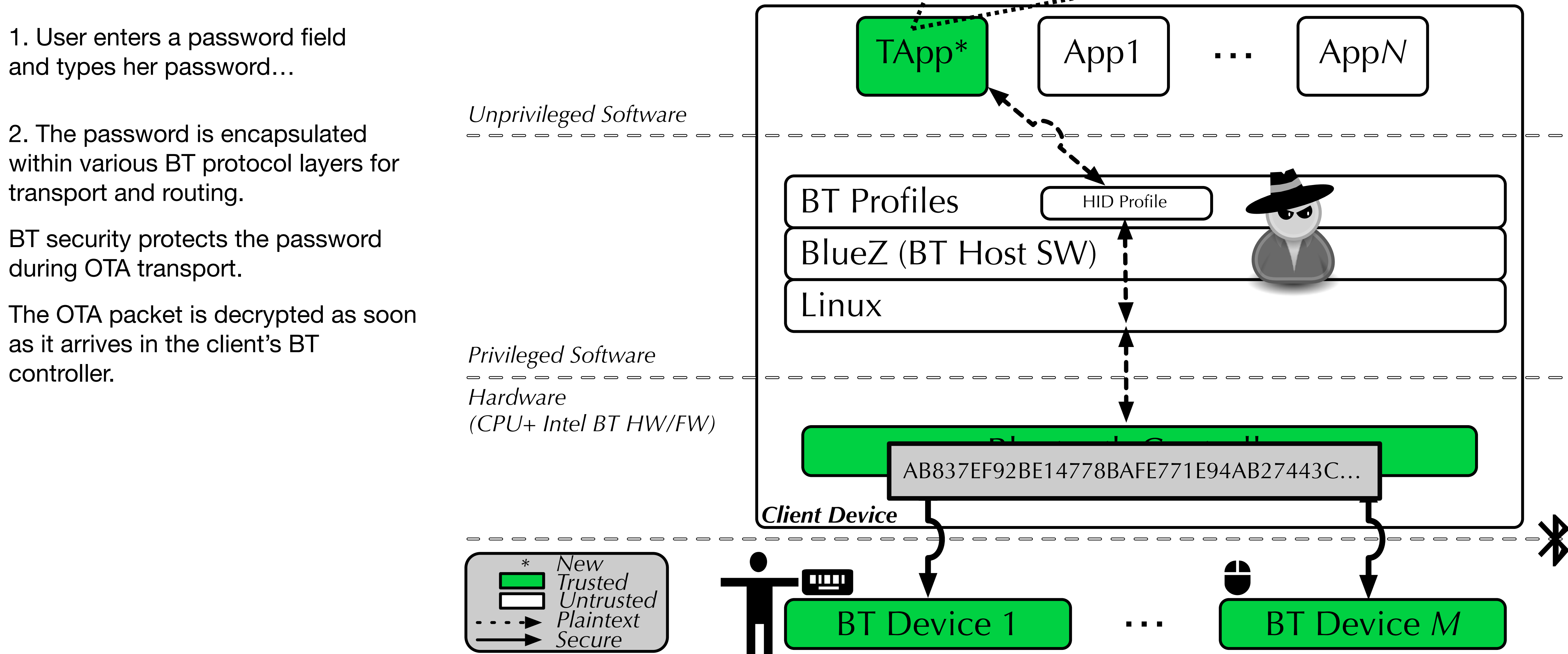
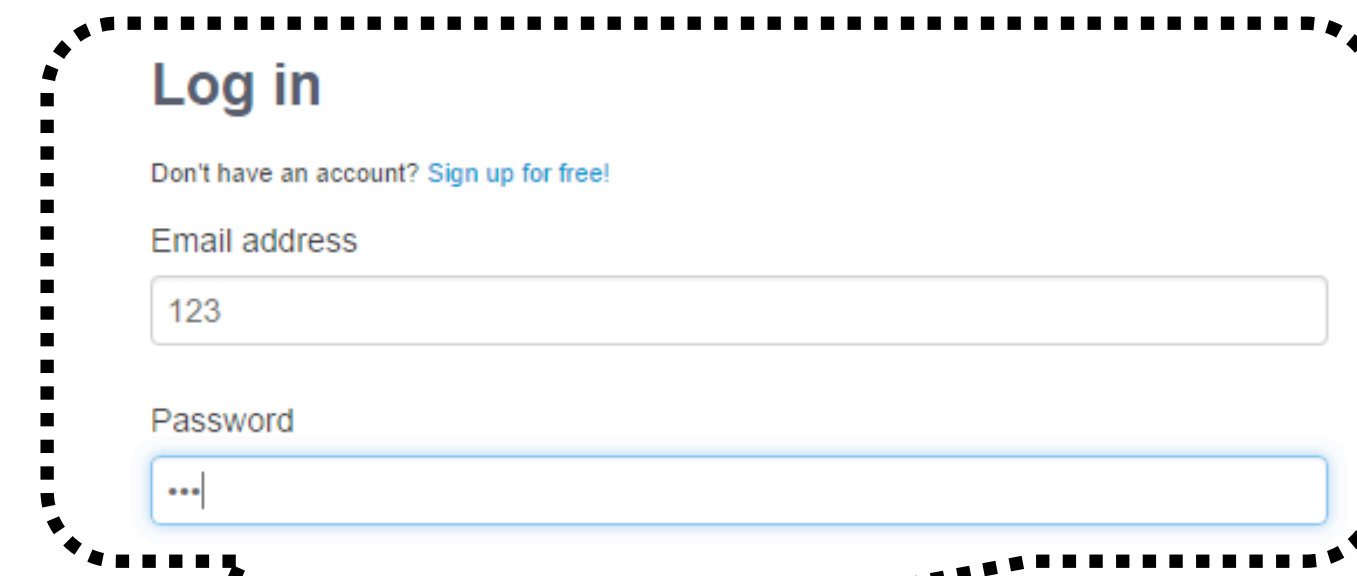
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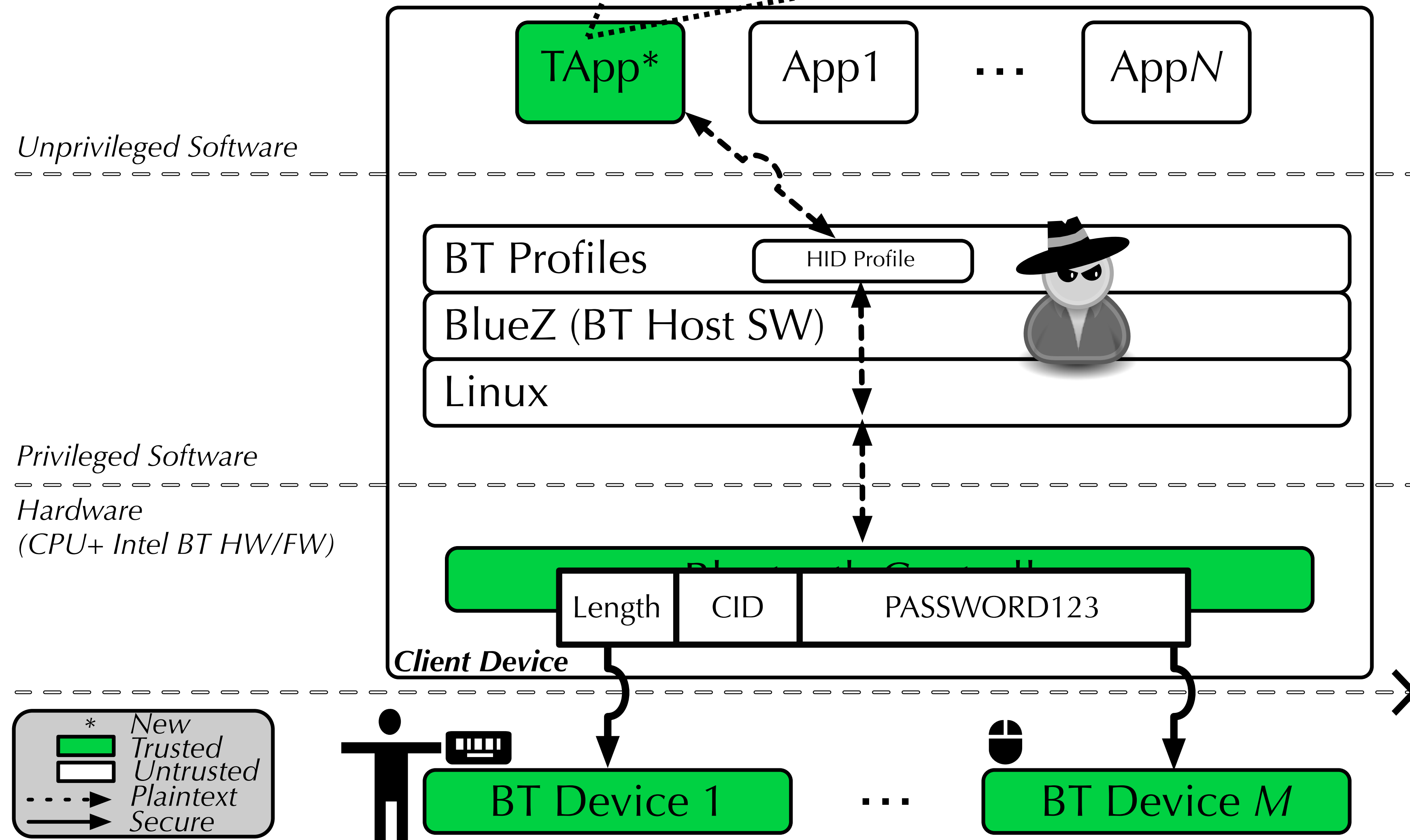
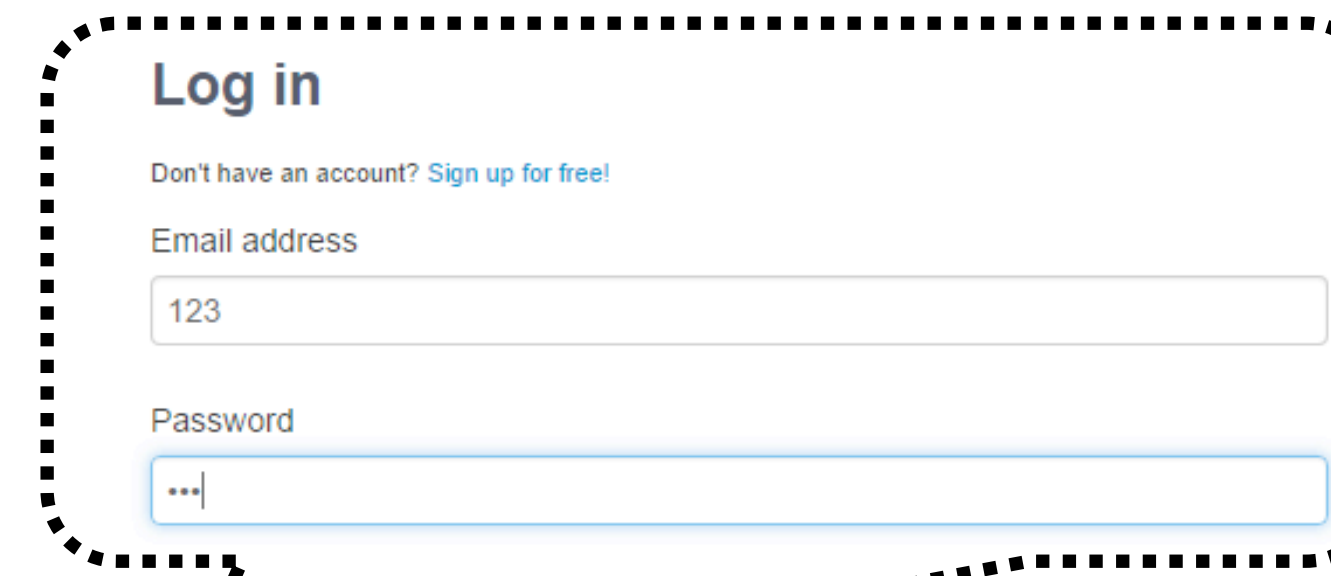
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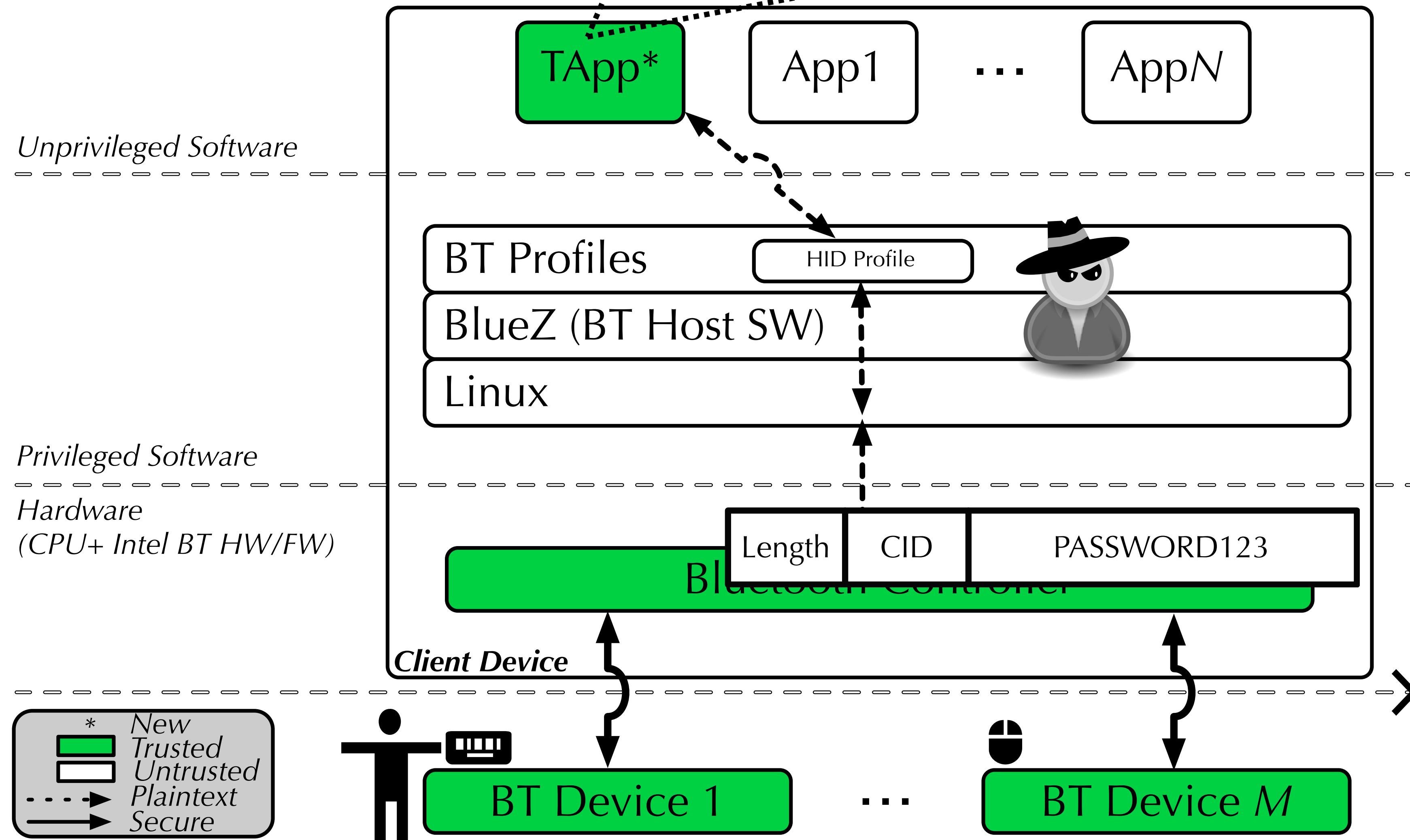
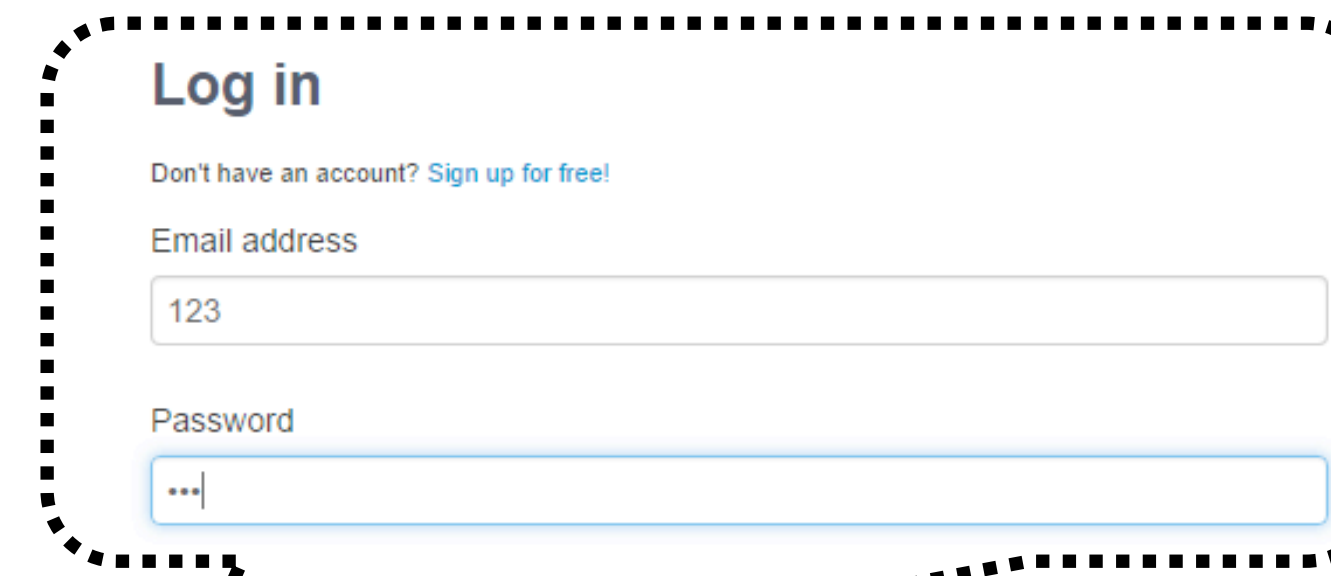
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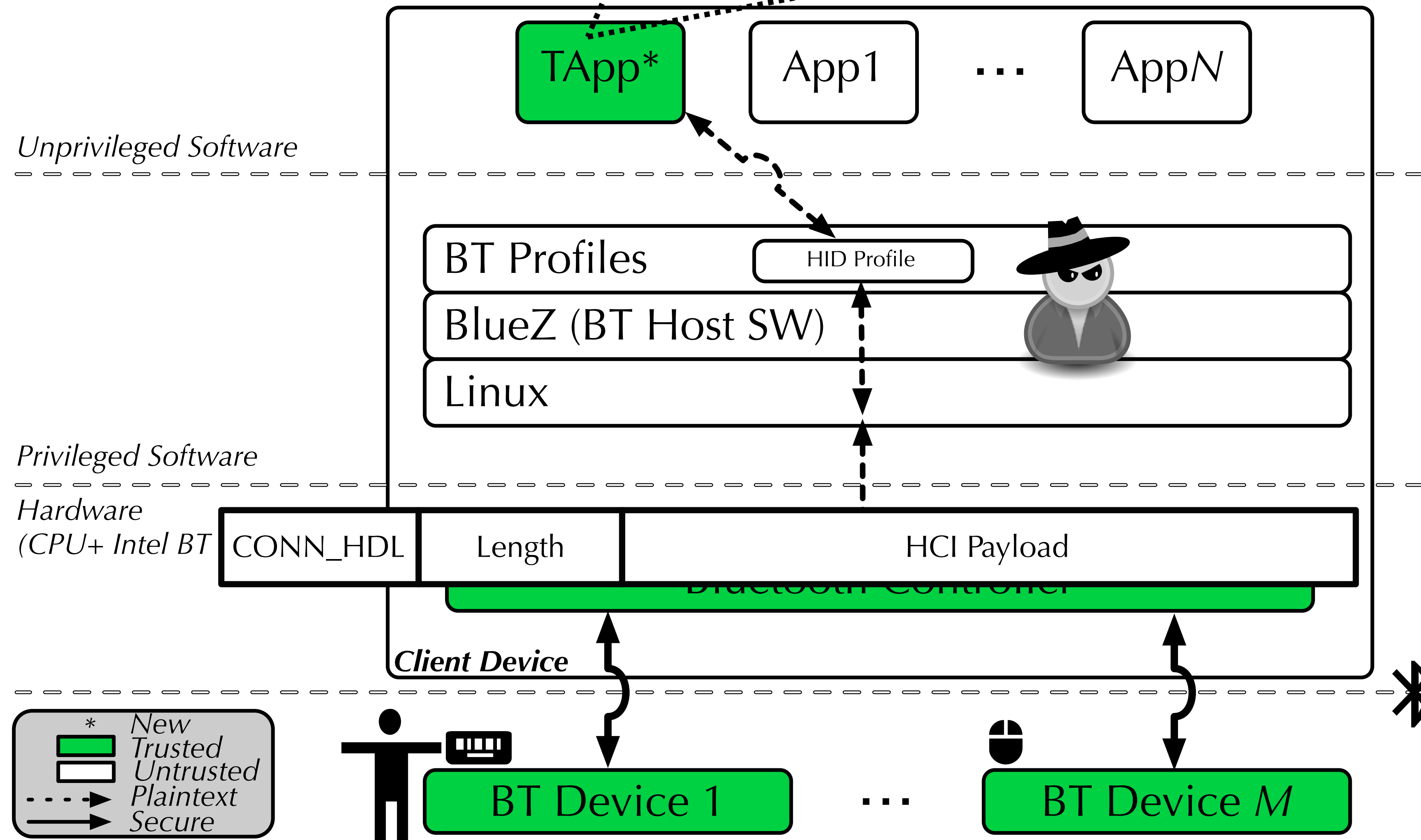
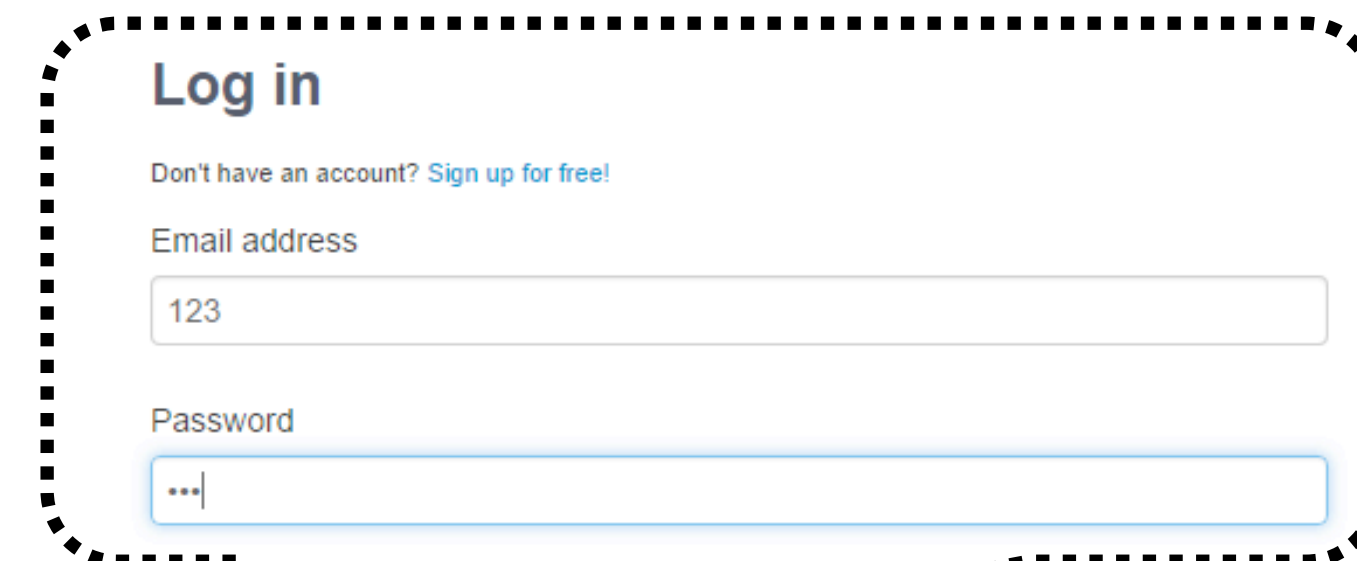
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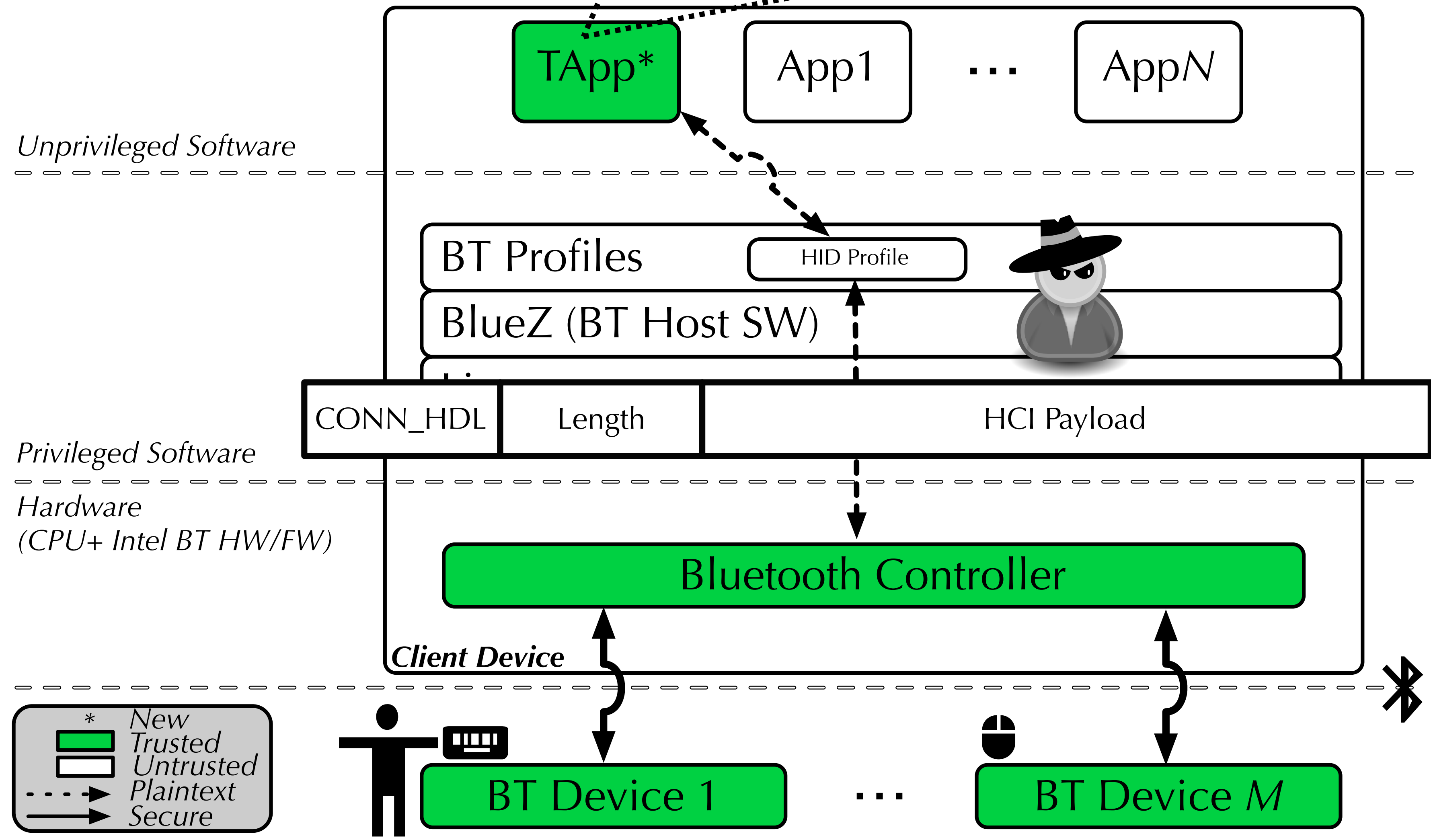
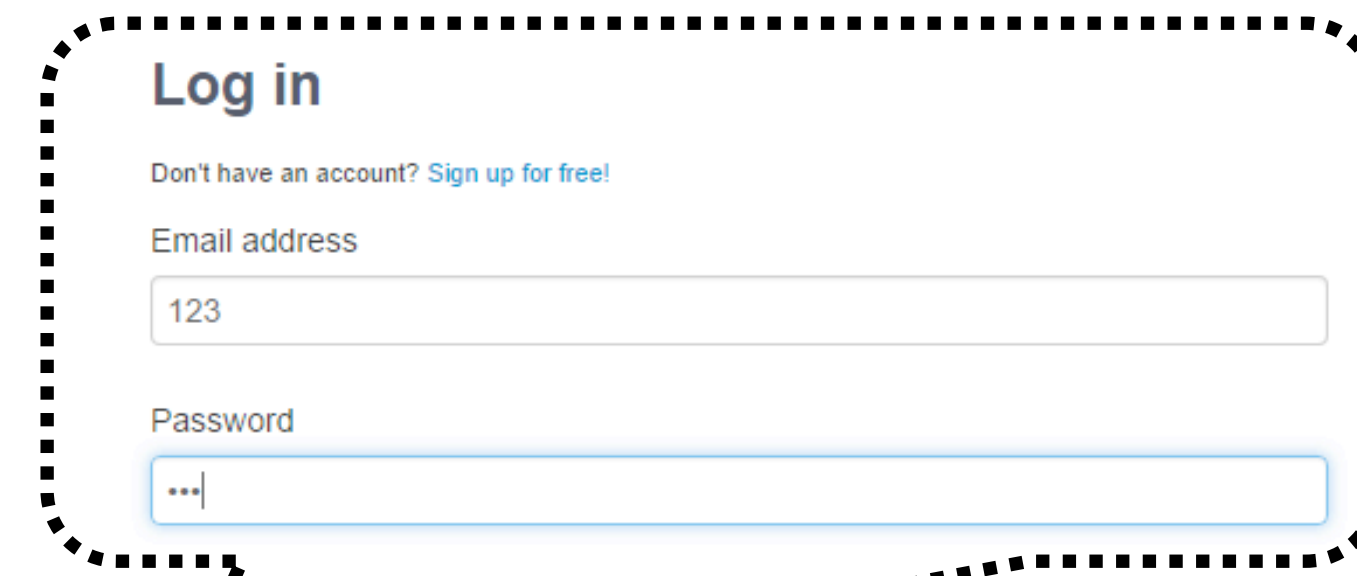
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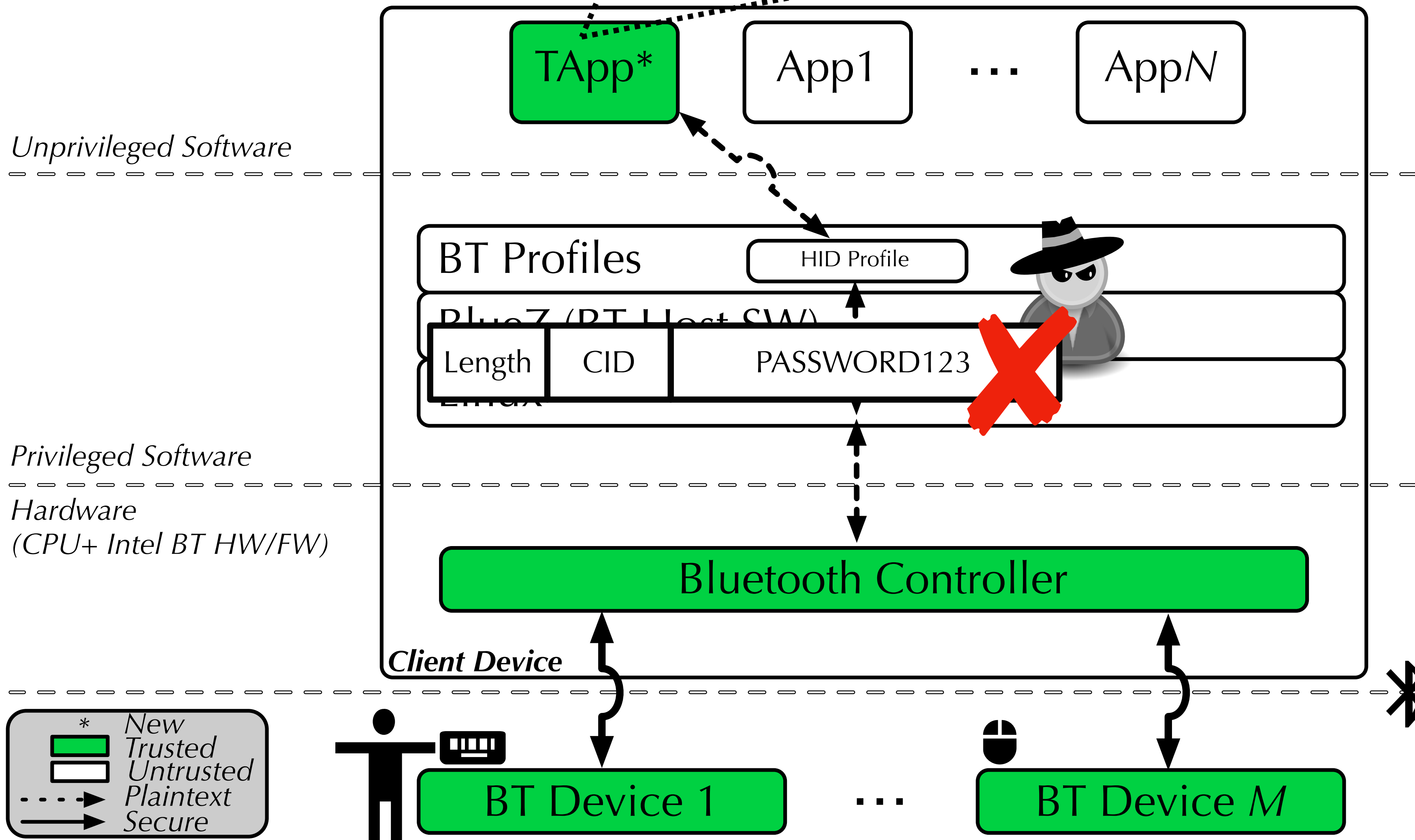
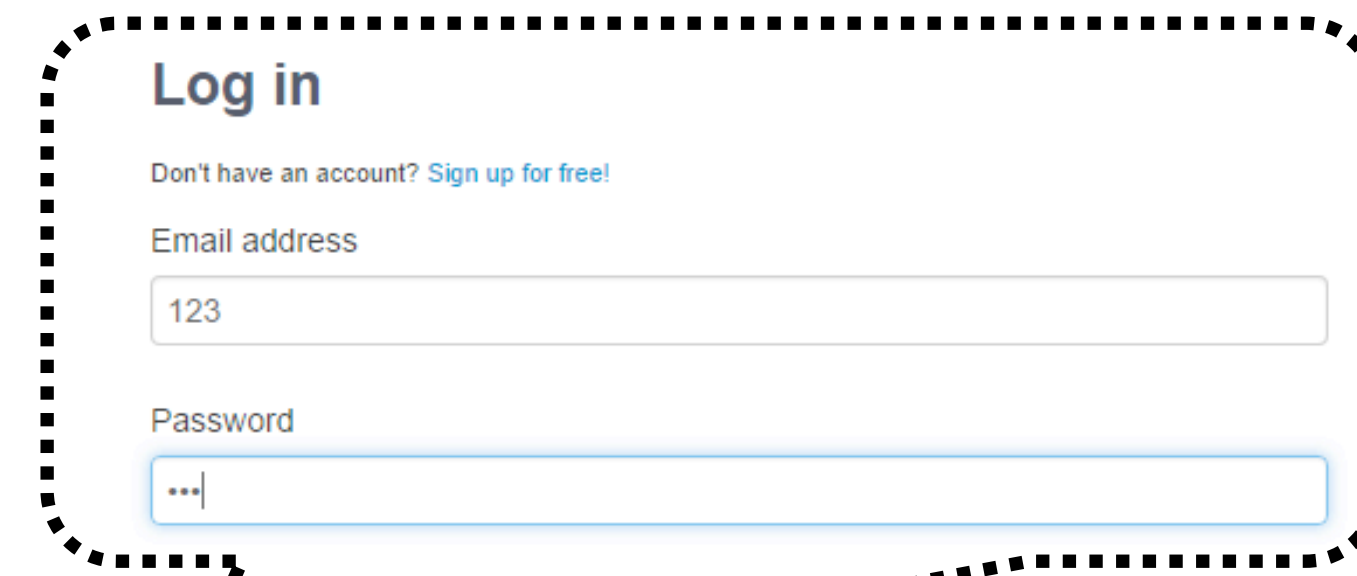
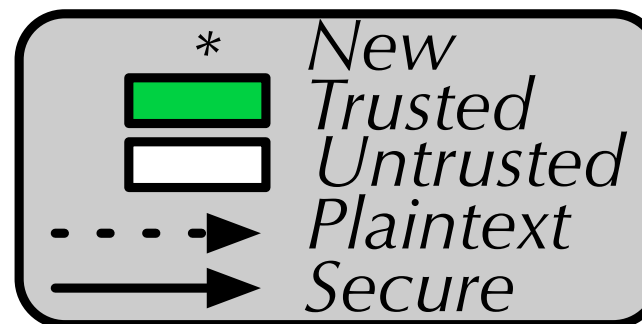
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**Password is stolen!**  
**Without Trusted I/O,**  
**data is vulnerable!**



# Trusted I/O

**Key Insight:** Break path into two subpaths (E1-E2, E3-E4).  
Re-encrypt data between E1-E2 (enclave-controller).  
Use existing OTA security between E3-E4 (client-device).

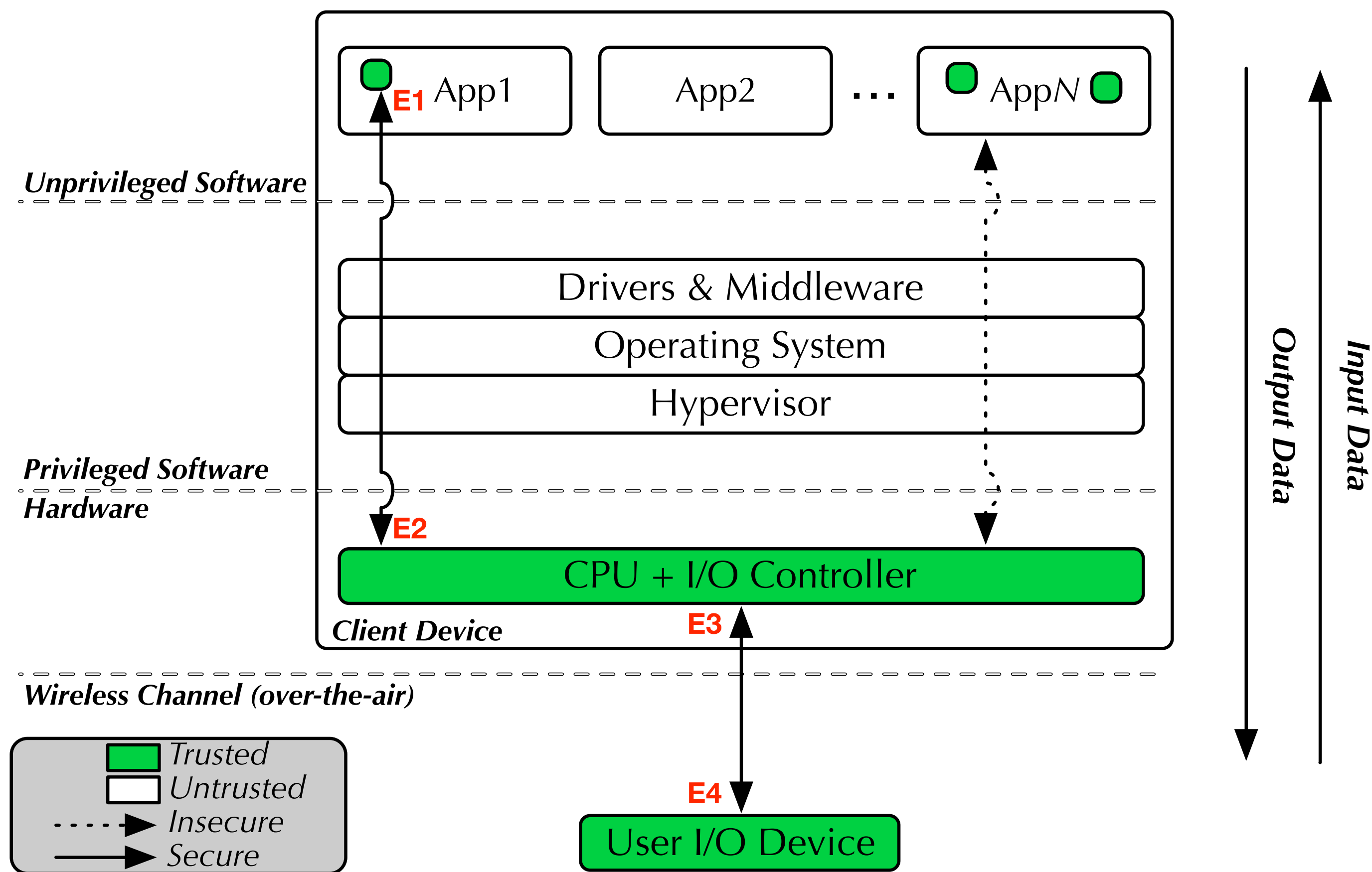
## Our Goal:

- E2E security for select I/O data
- No new HW
- No changes to BT stack/devices
- No dependency on system SW

→ Minimal TCB!

## This paper/talk:

- Focus on feasibility
- Secure *input* data from keyboard





# Proposed Architecture: BASTION-SGX

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O Monitor & Filter

- Monitor *all* ingress/egress packets
- Update Metadata Table according to BT channel/connection-related events
- Send packets matching security policy to BT-TIO Security Module

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O Metadata Table

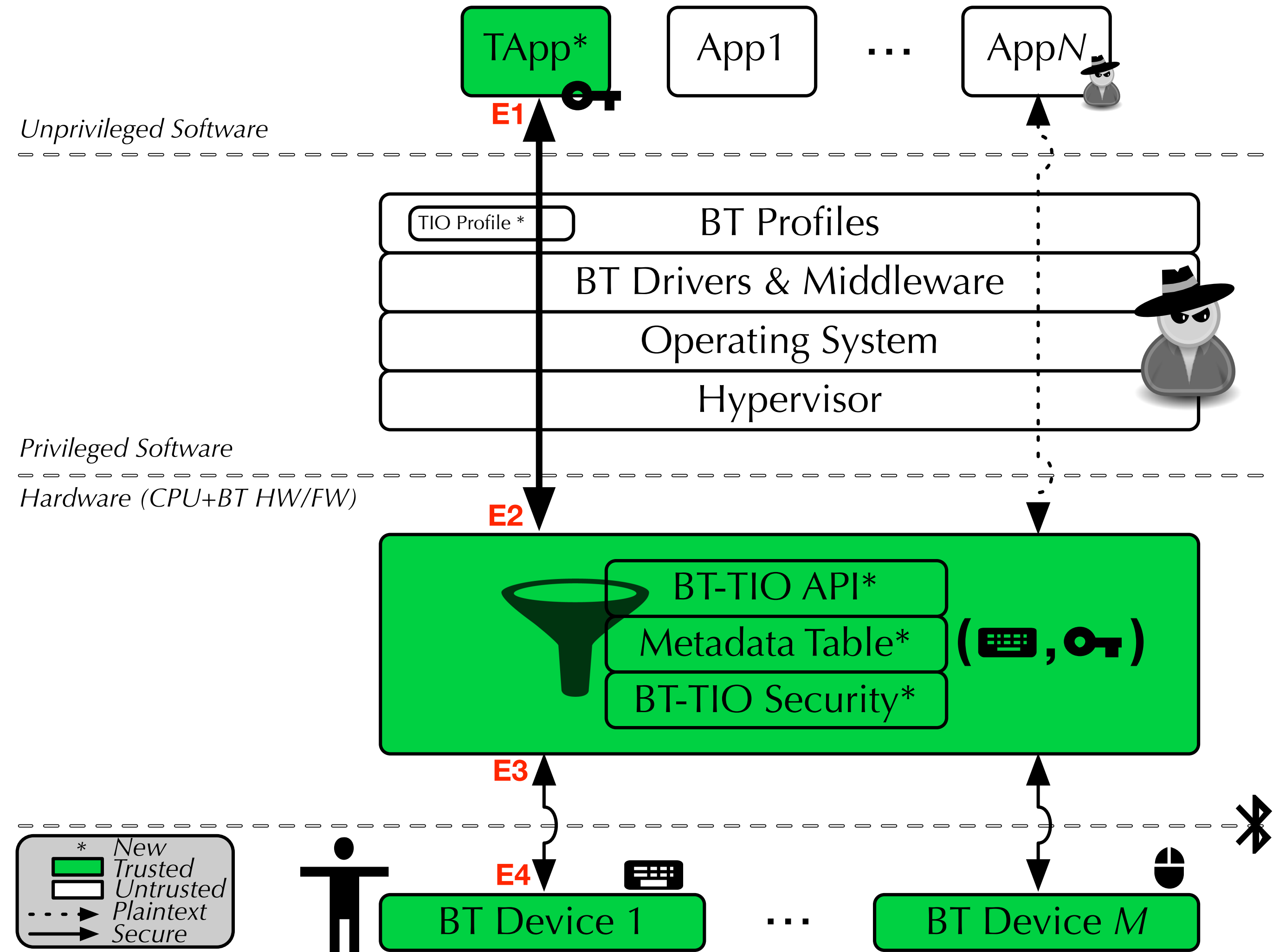
- Store connection/channel metadata

## Bluetooth Trusted I/O API

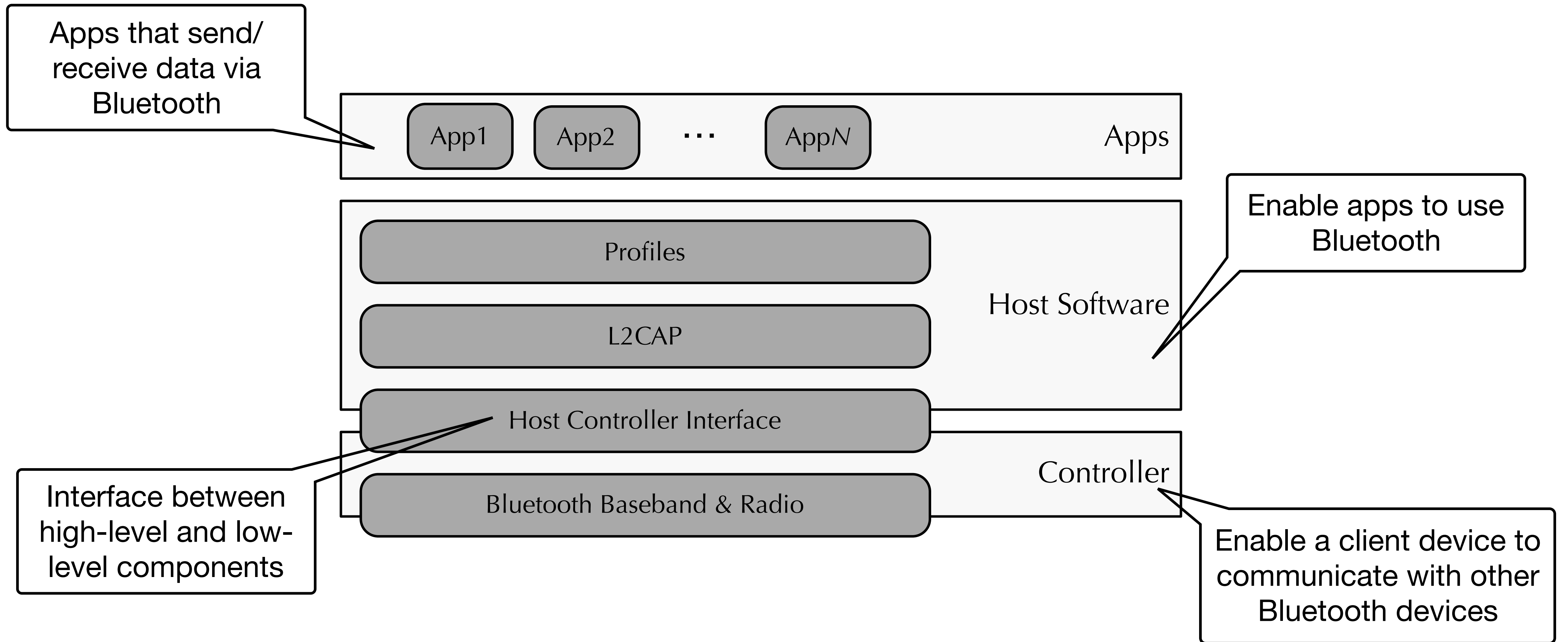
- Enable apps to program security policies (i.e., tuple of (CHANNEL-ID & KEY))
- Use extensible interface for 3rd party features (Vendor Specific Debug Commands)

## Bluetooth Trusted Security Module

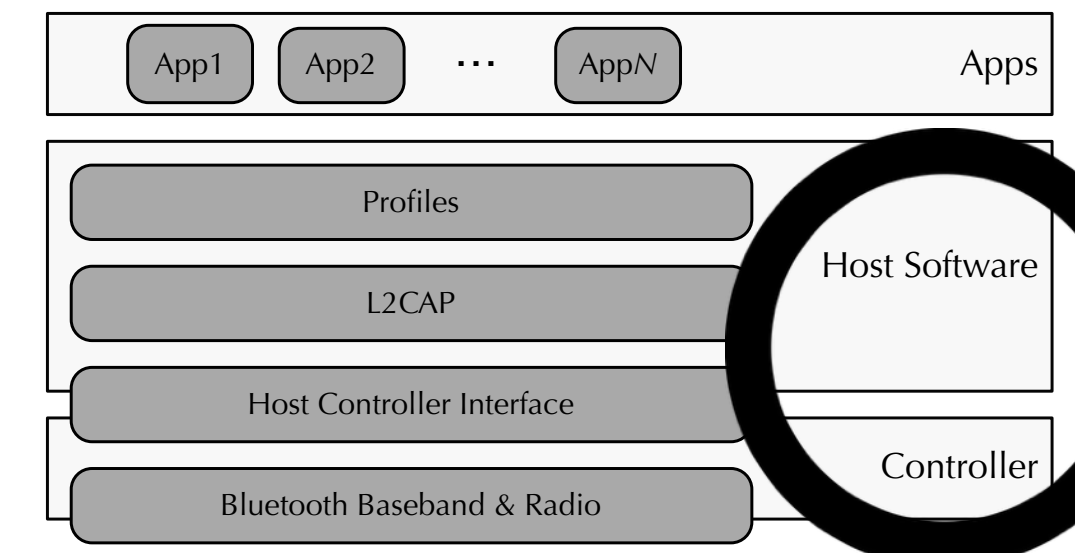
- Cryptographic operations (e.g., encryption, decryption)



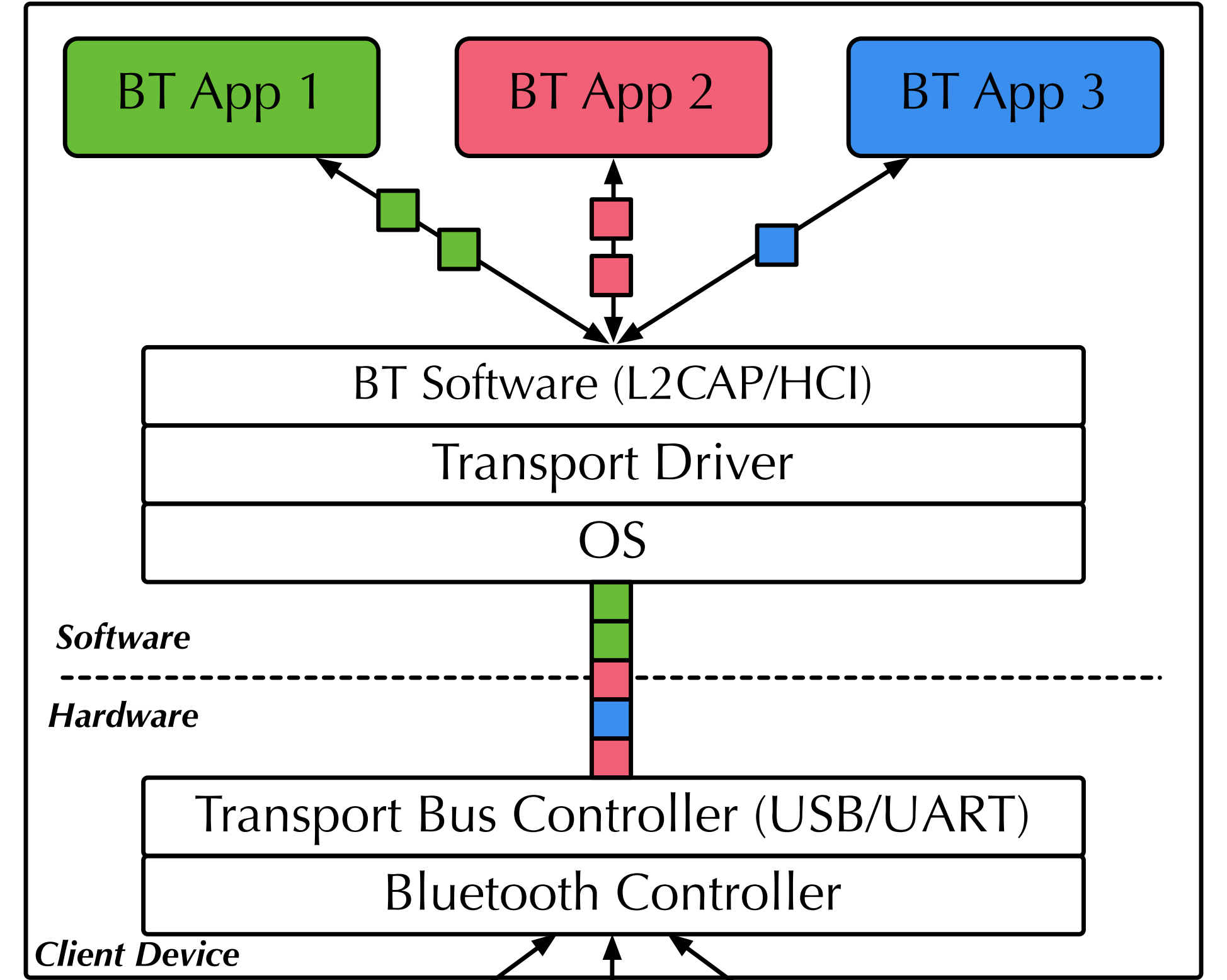
# Bluetooth Architecture Overview



# Requirements & Challenges



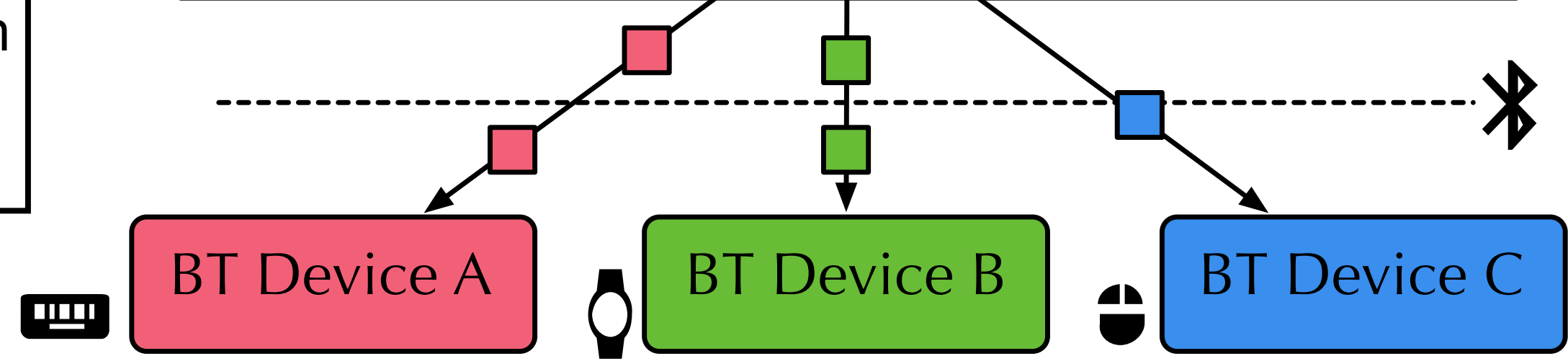
3. Security should only be applied to **data** packets, not **control** packets.



4. Security applied to one channel should not affect other BT channels.

2. Host SW is responsible for using **HCI** and **L2CAP** packet headers for HCI transport and routing.

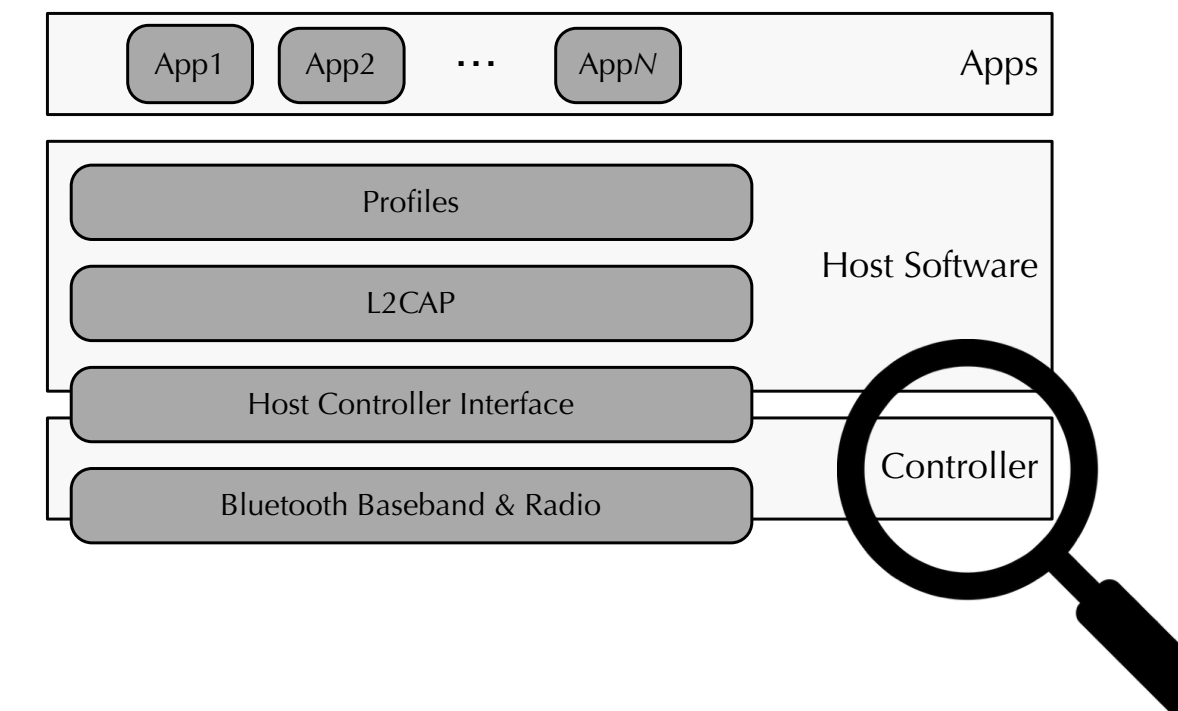
1. All packets are multiplexed within the Client's Bluetooth Controller & sent to Host SW in a single stream.





# Anatomy of BT Connection

**Q:** How can a Bluetooth Controller identify specific channels over which to enforce Trusted I/O security?



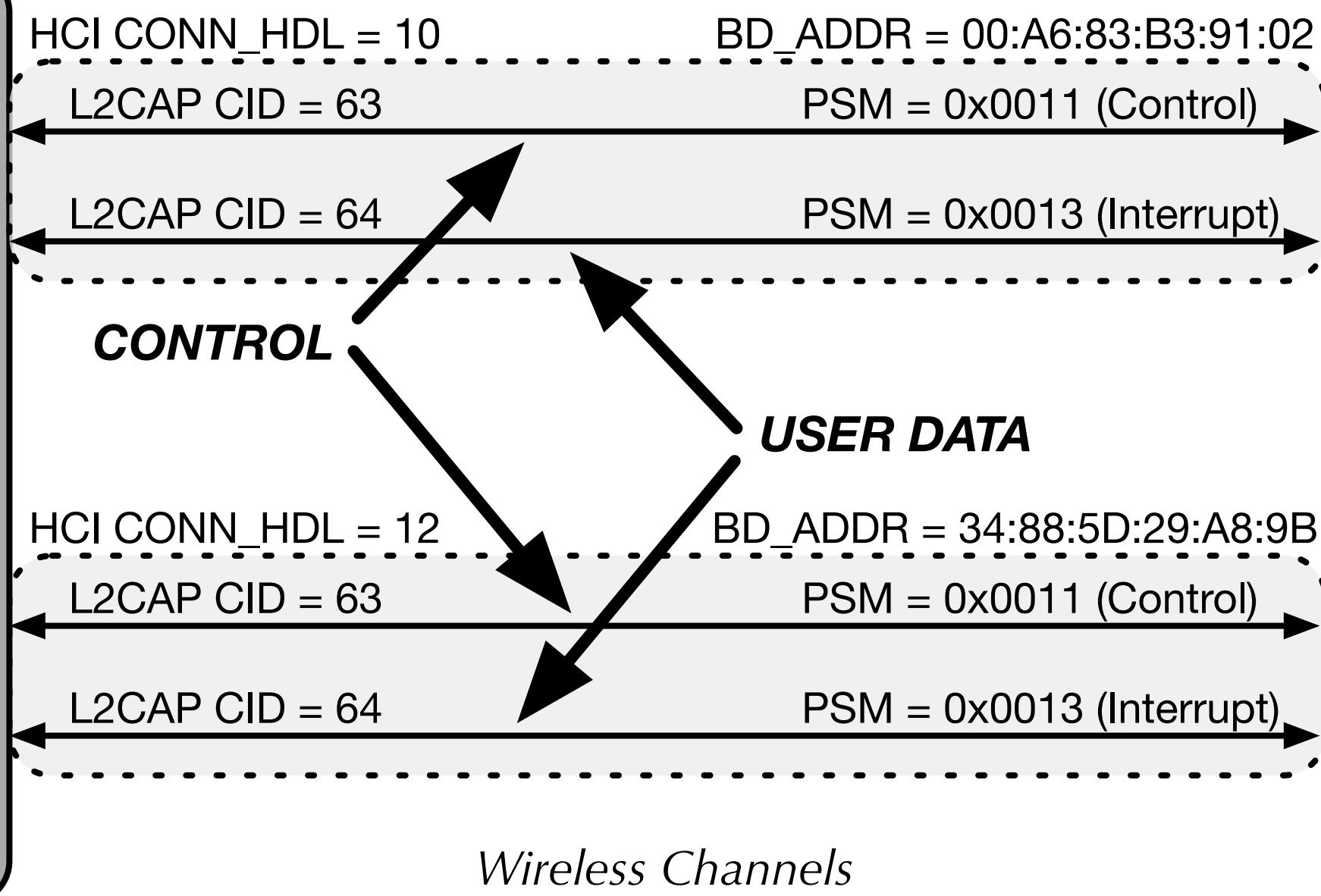
CONN\_HDL/BD\_ADDR identifies specific device connection

L2CAP CIDs identify individual channels within a connection

CoD defines device type



Client's Bluetooth Controller



PSM defines protocol/service type

# Case Study: Securing HID Input

## Setup:

- Implement BASTION-SGX architecture (Section 4)
- Implement trusted app (TApp) for password input
- Install privileged keylogger malware — logs *all* HID data

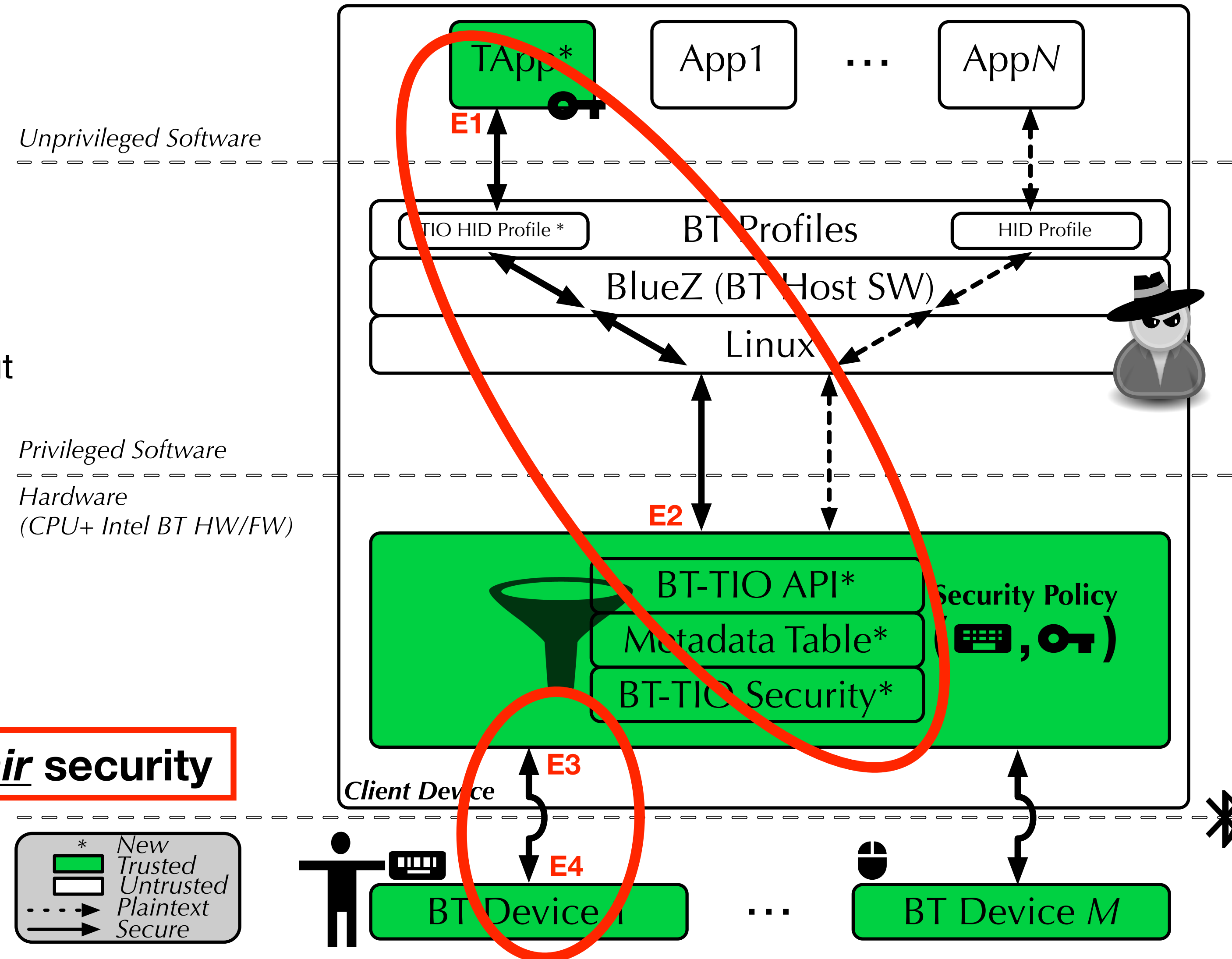
## Goals:

- Validate Bluetooth Controller's capabilities (re: fine-grained channel selection)
- Validate that even privileged malware cannot decipher input while security policy is programmed into the Bluetooth Controller

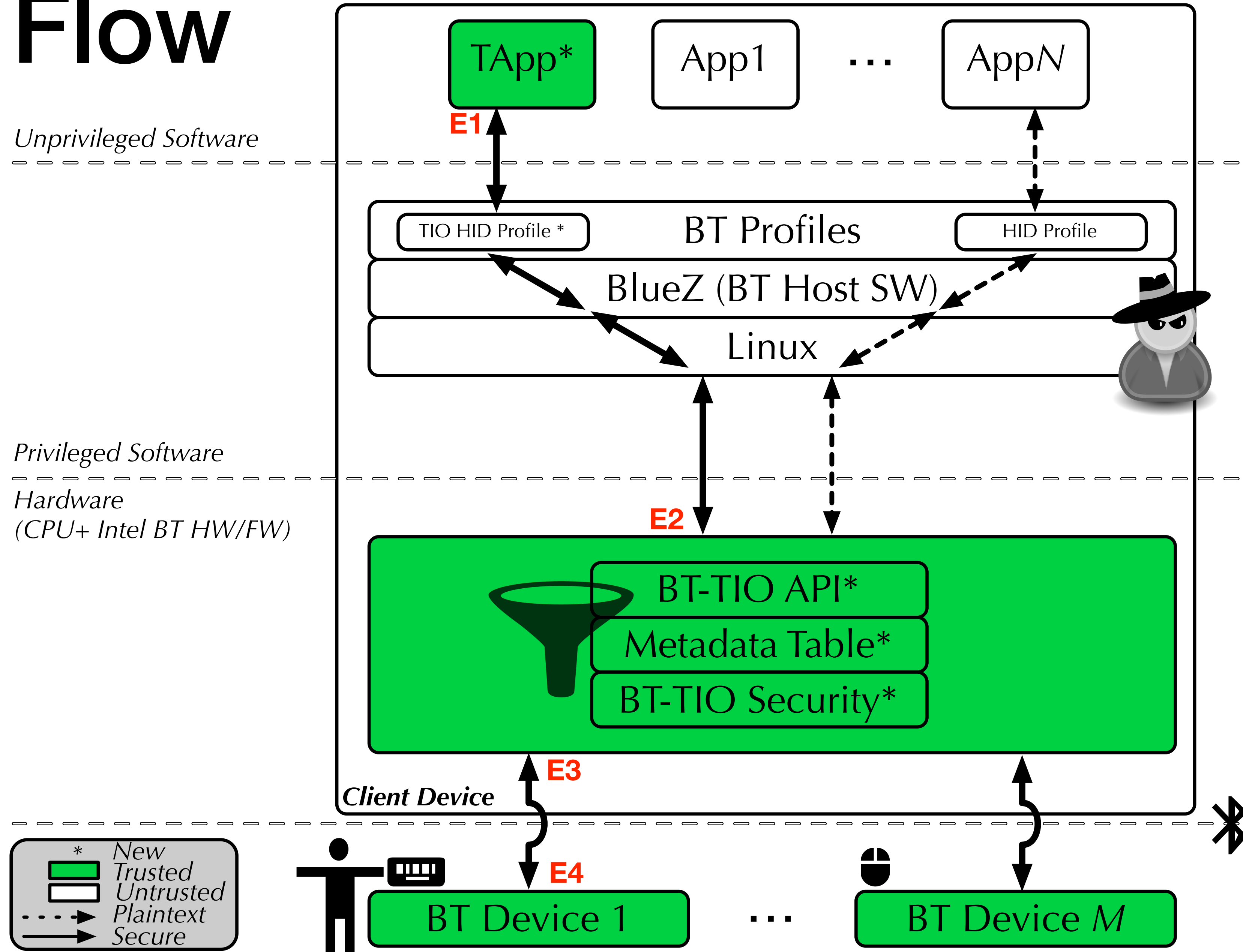
We show that end-to-end (device-to-app) security is possible where....

**E1-E2 is secured w/ new in-host security**

**E3-E4 is secured w/ existing over-the-air security**



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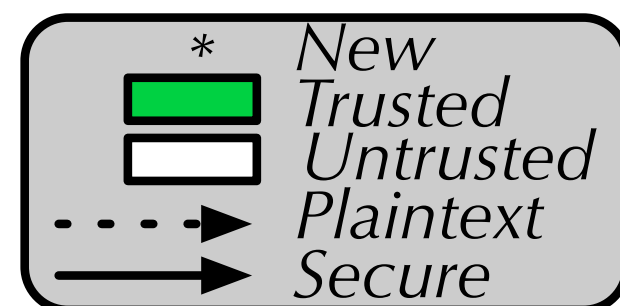
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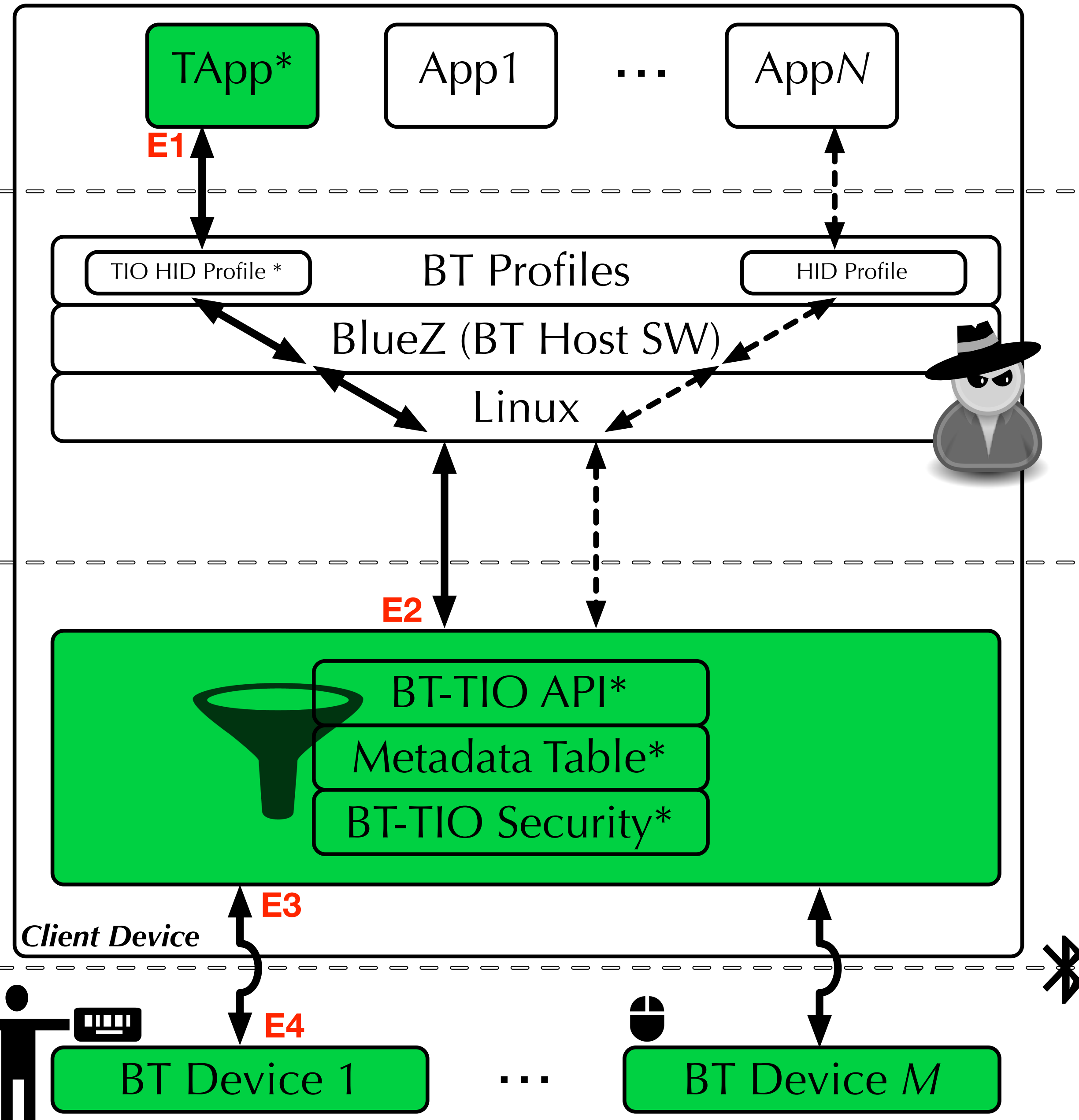
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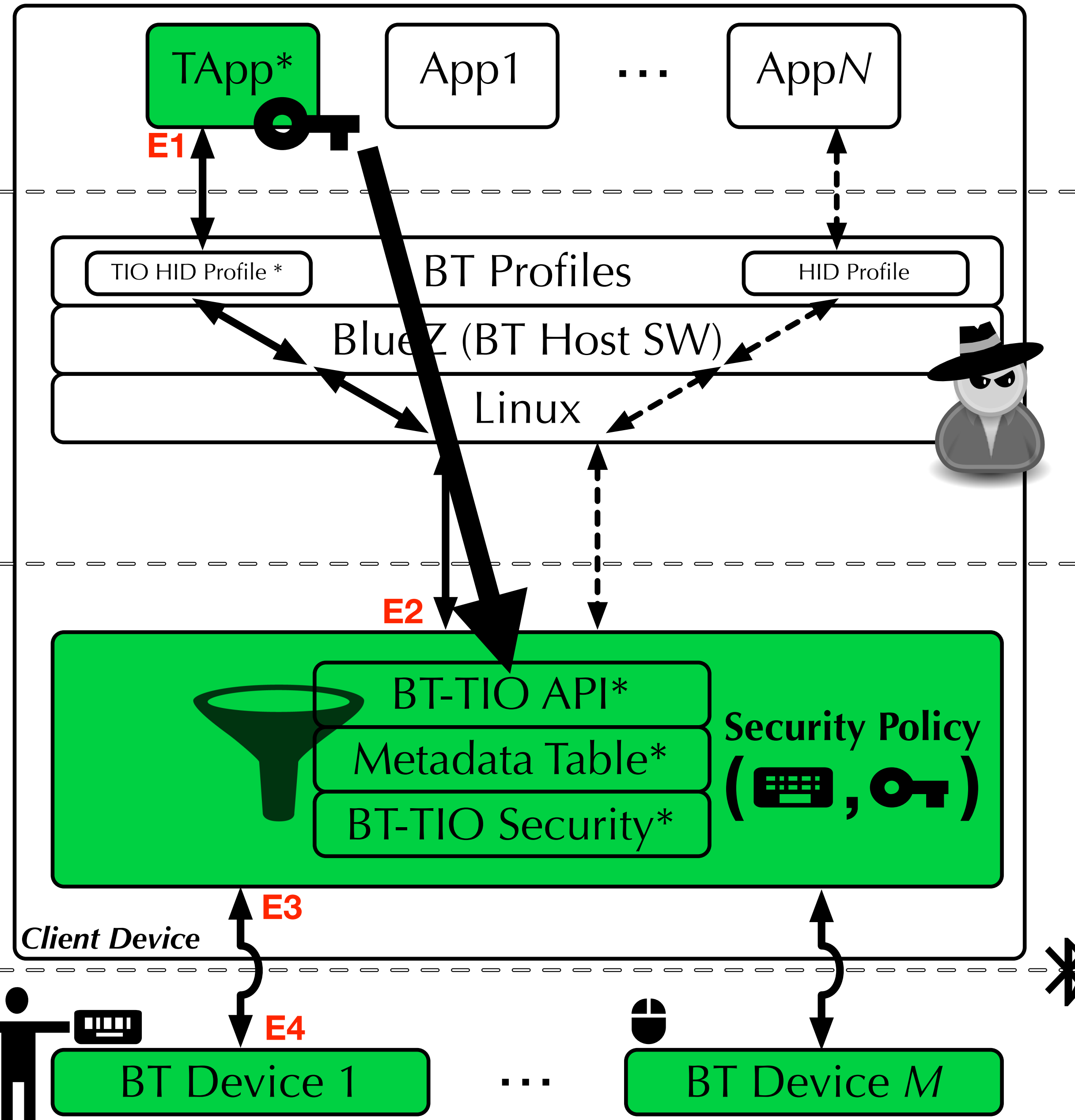
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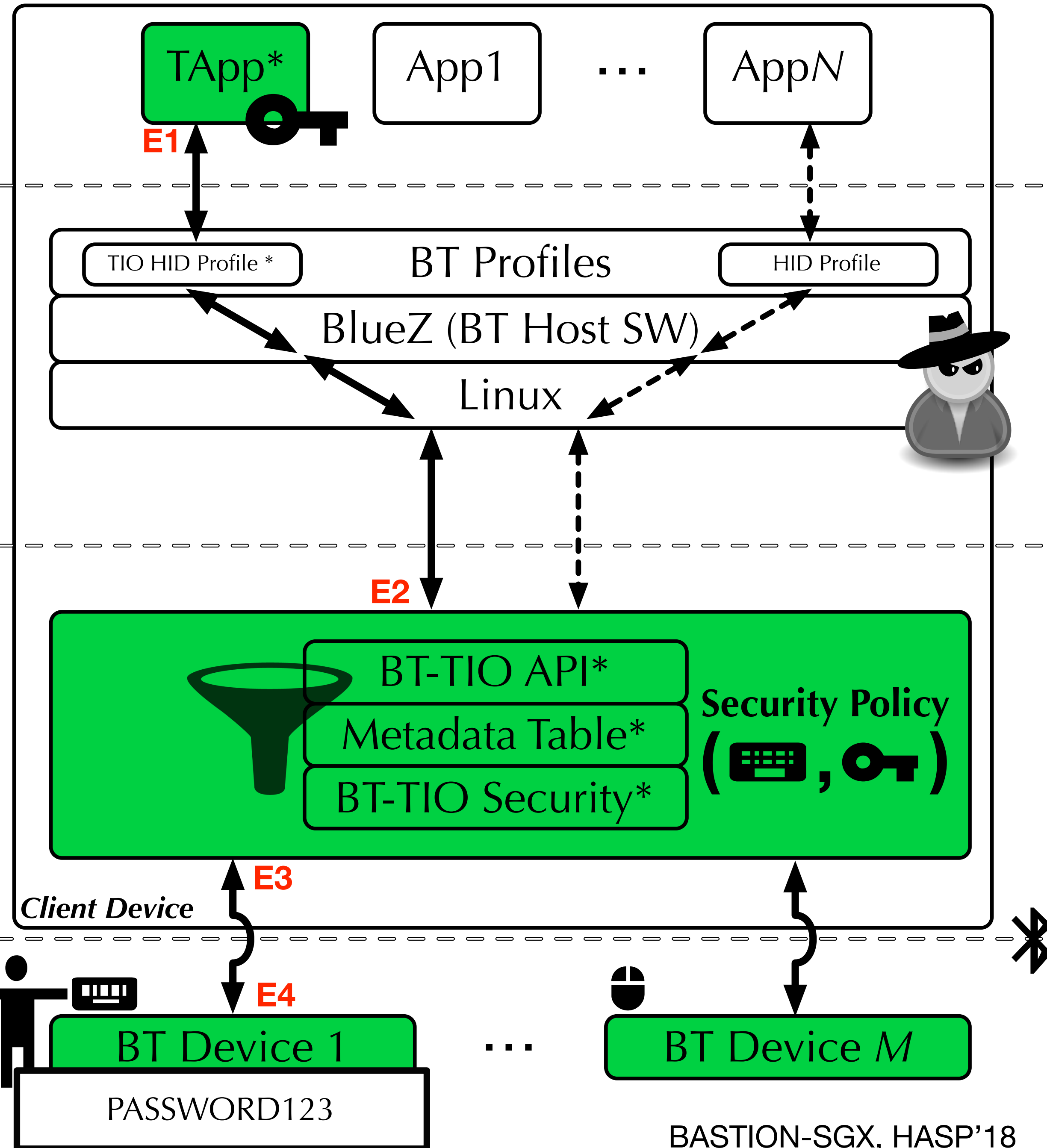
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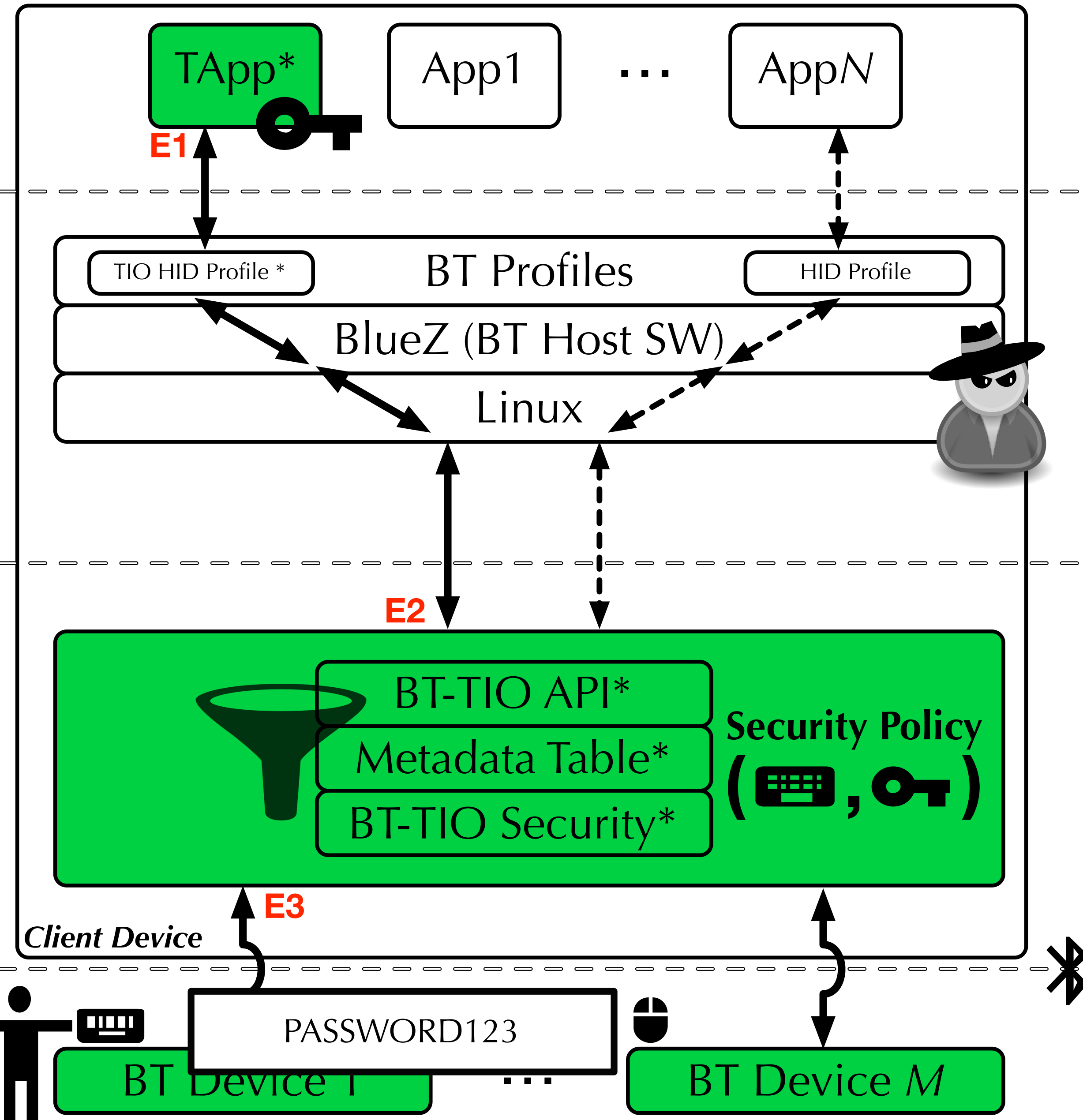
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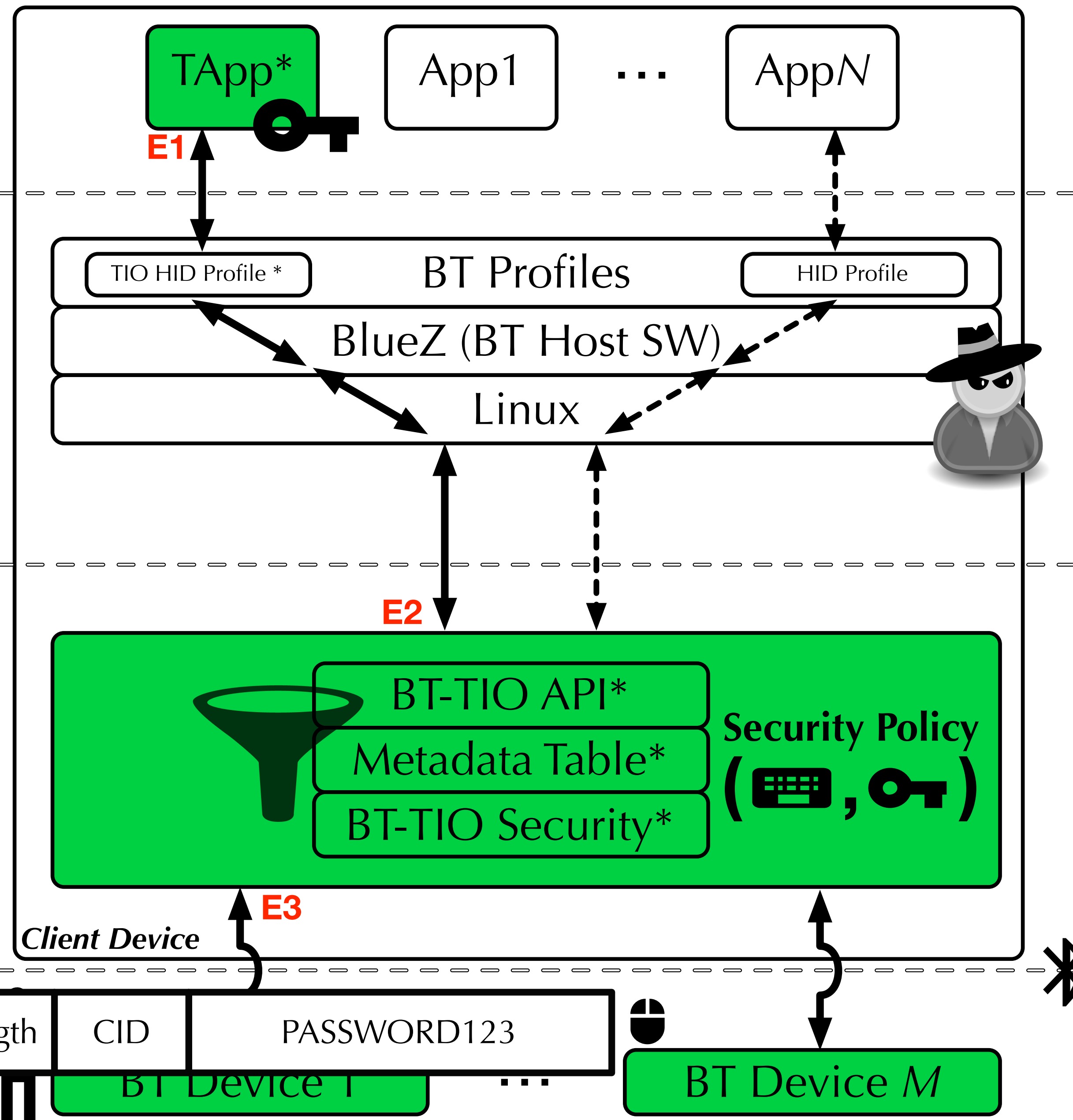
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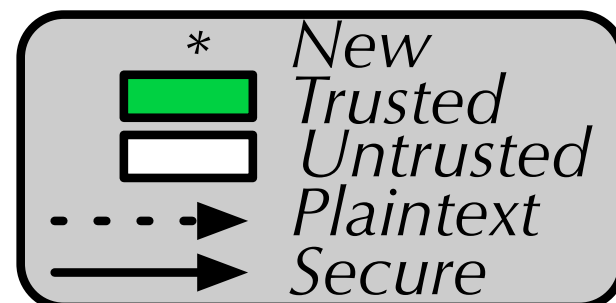
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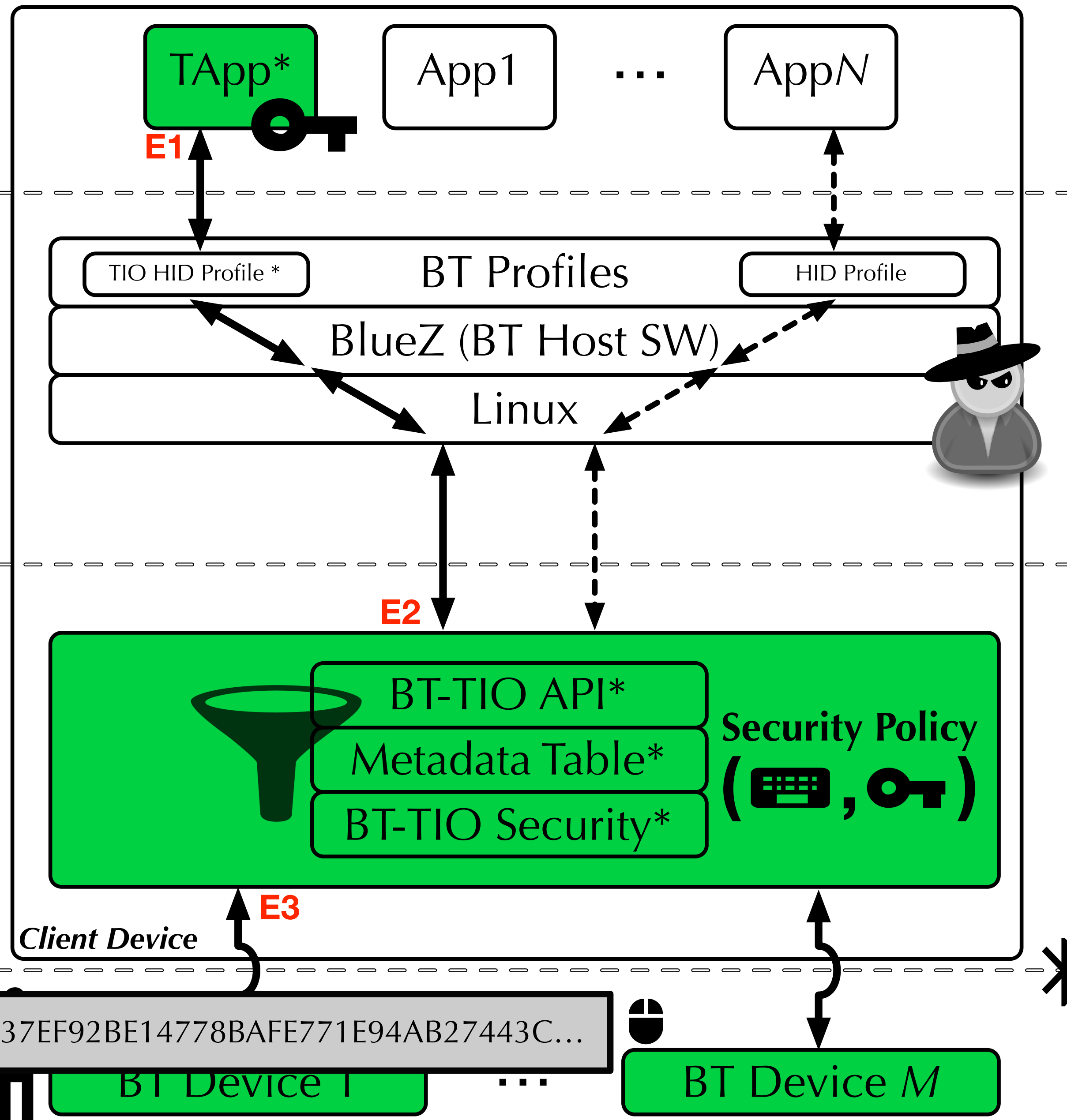
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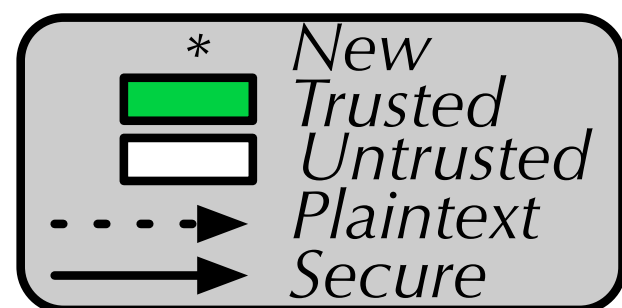
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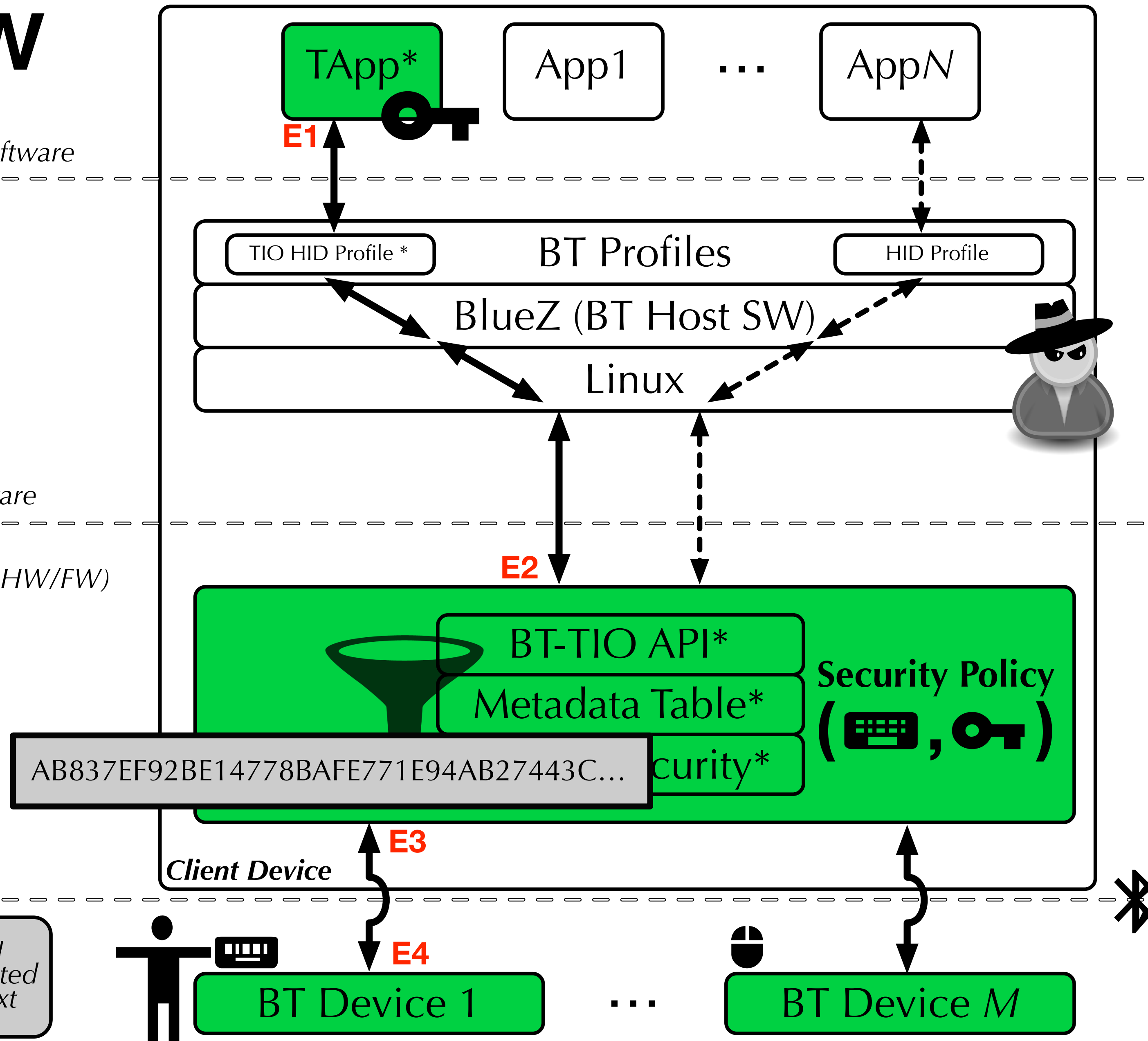
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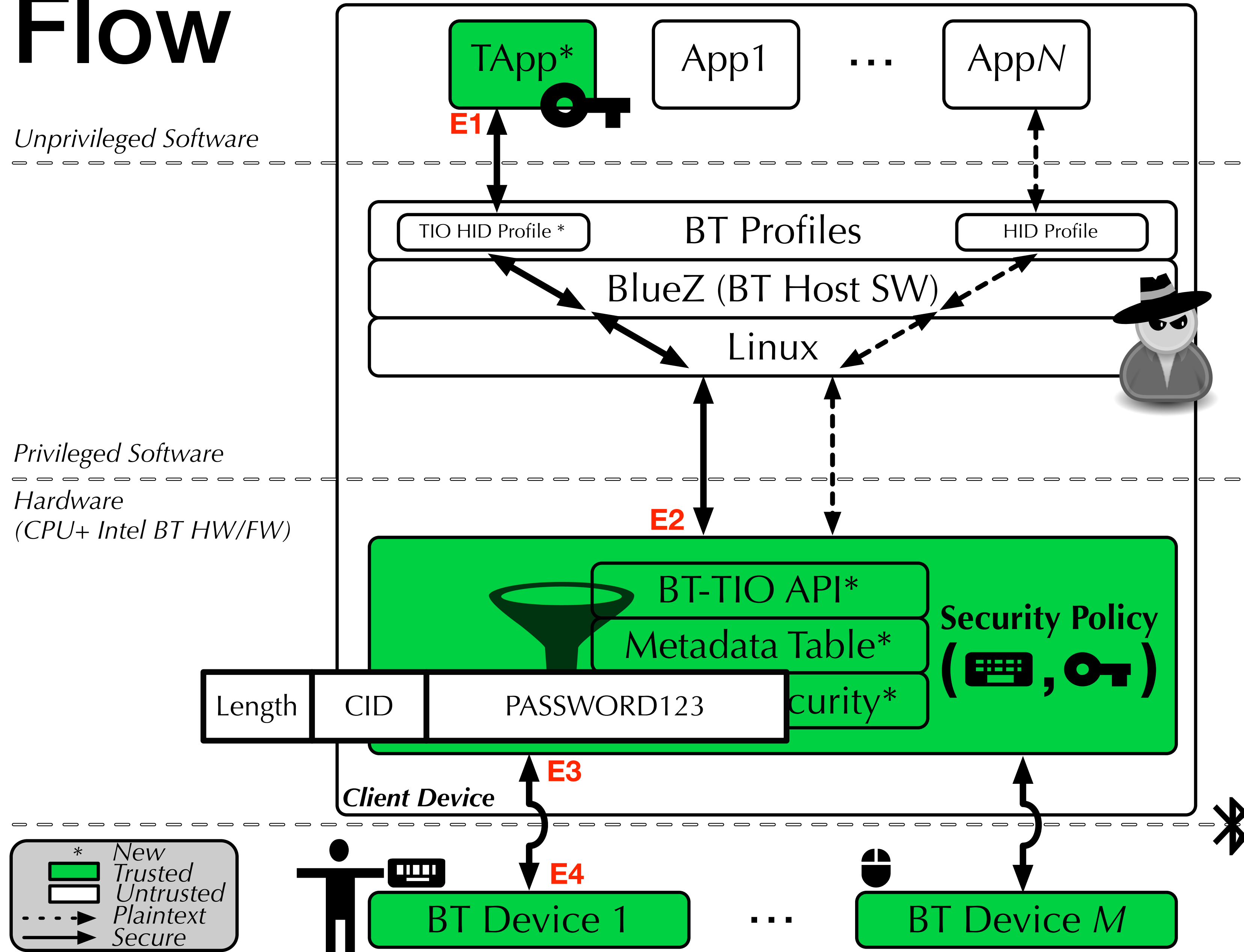
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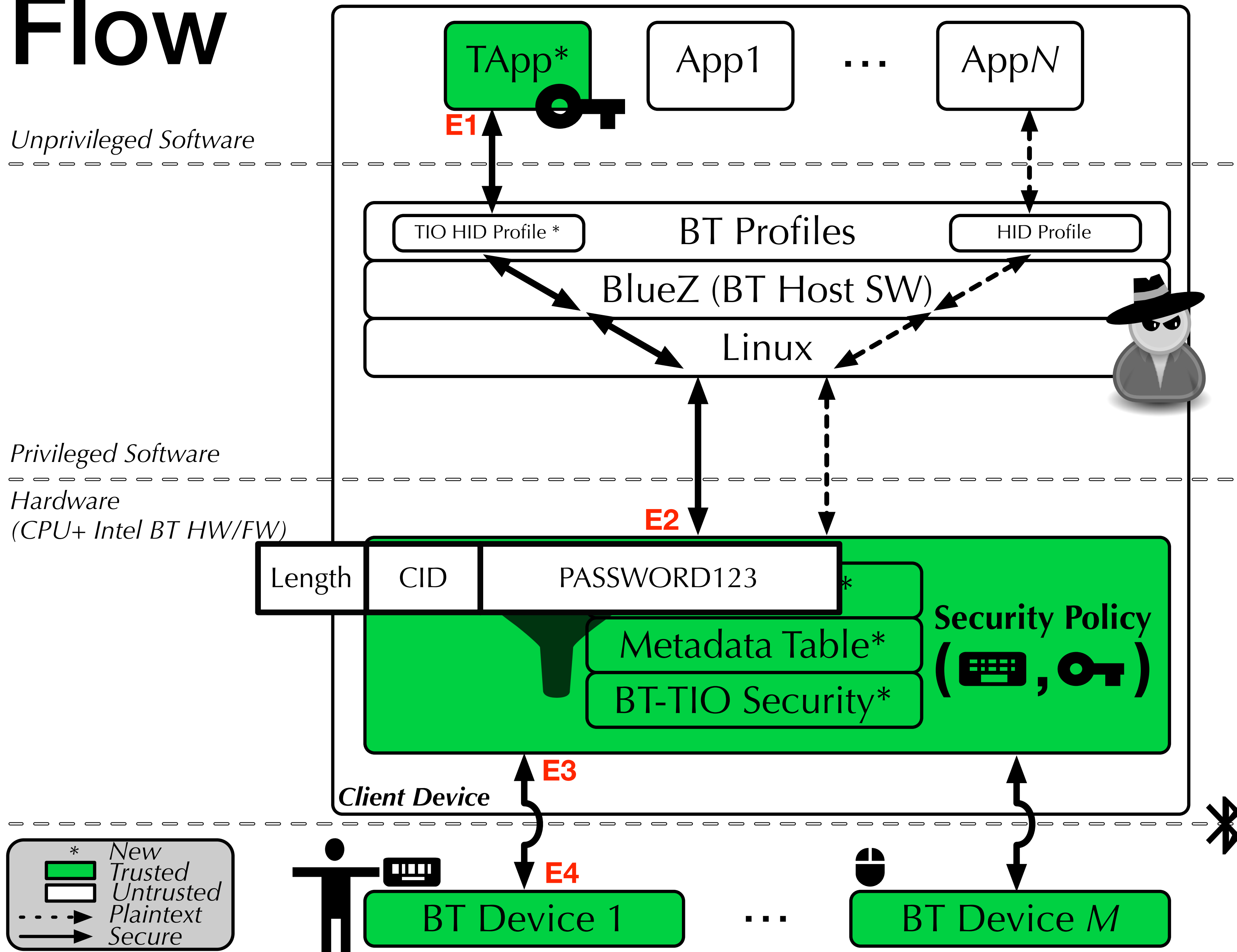
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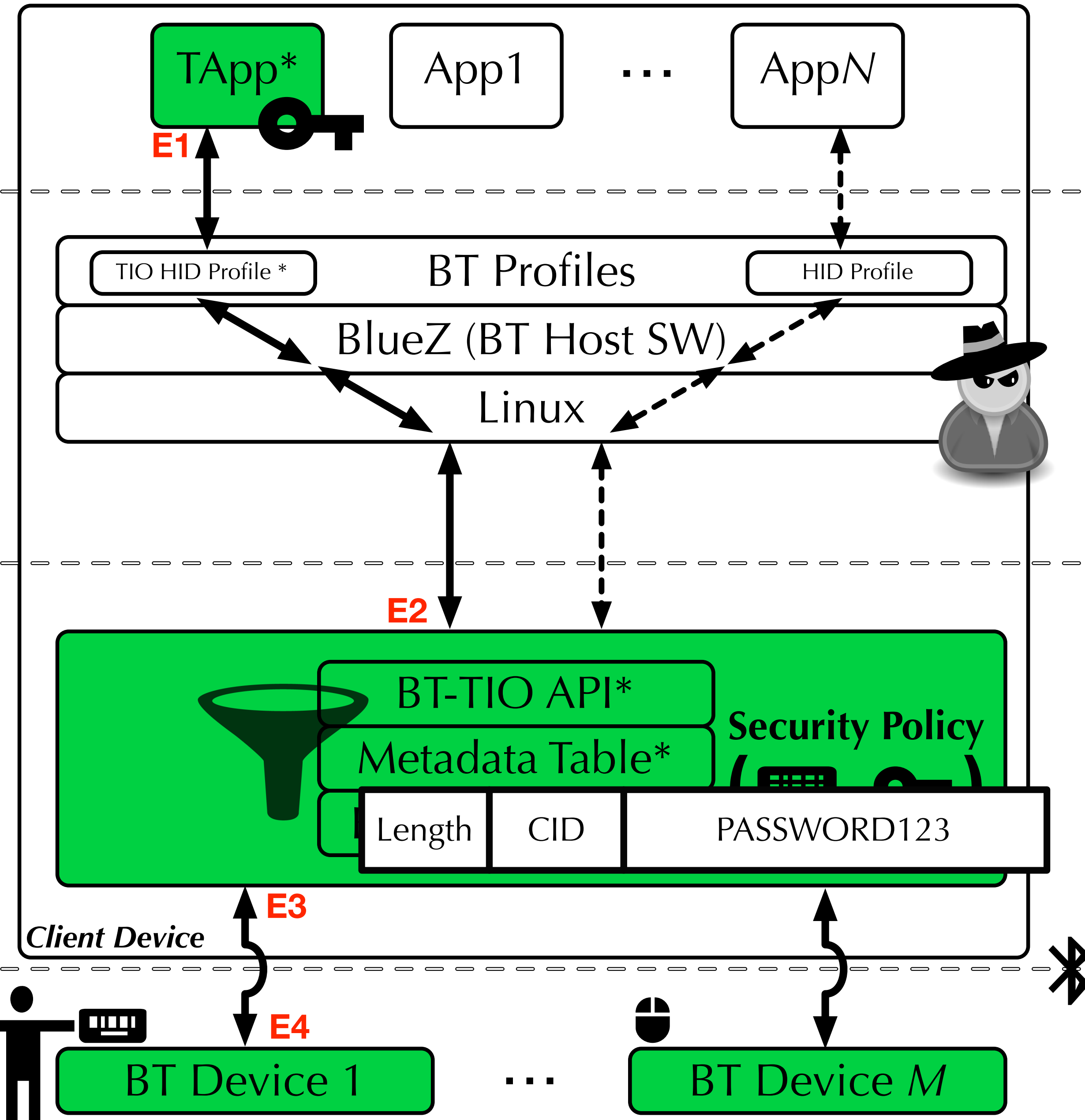
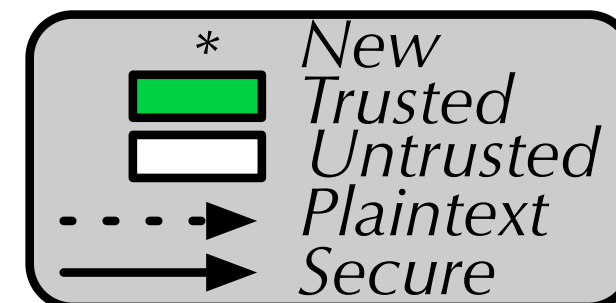
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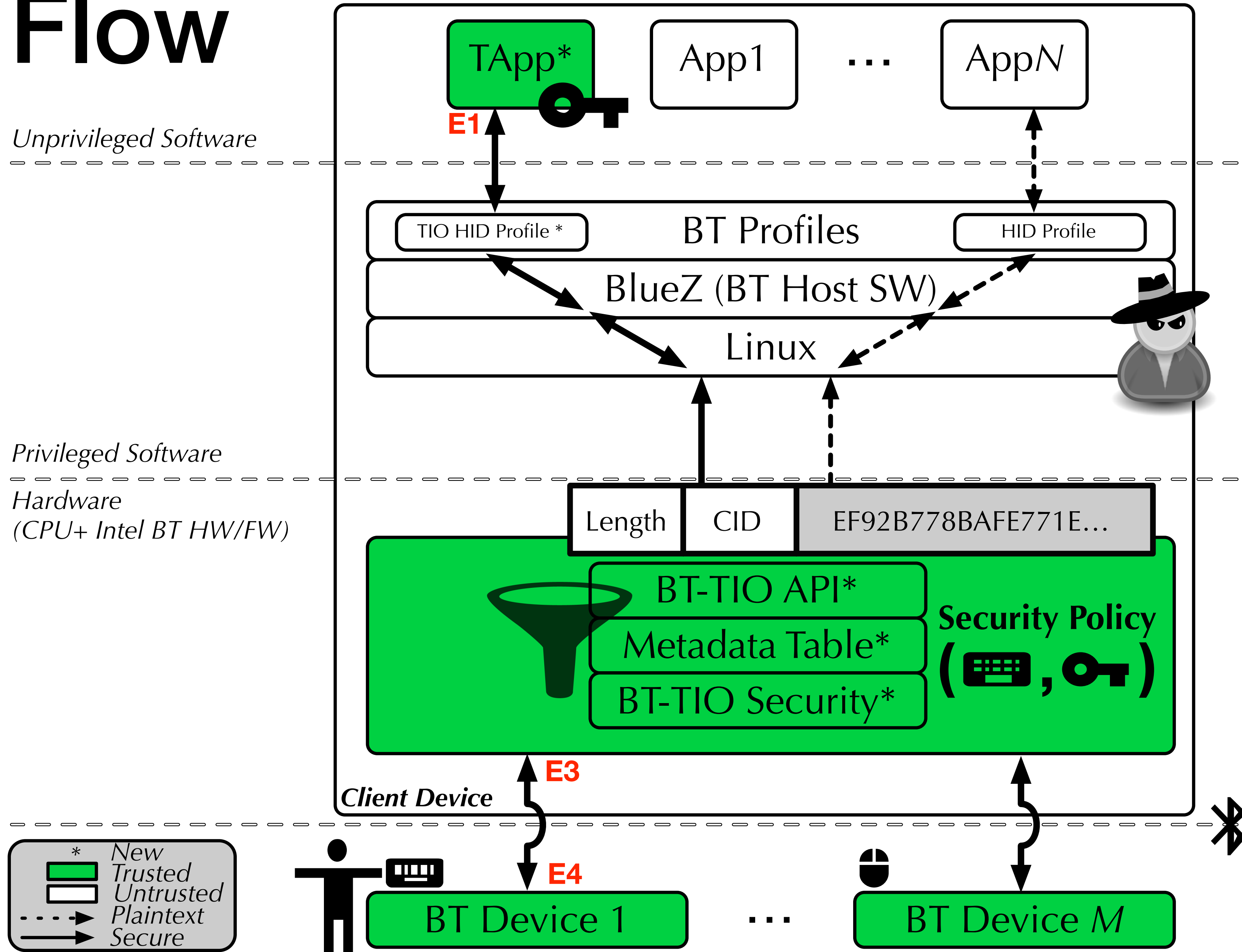
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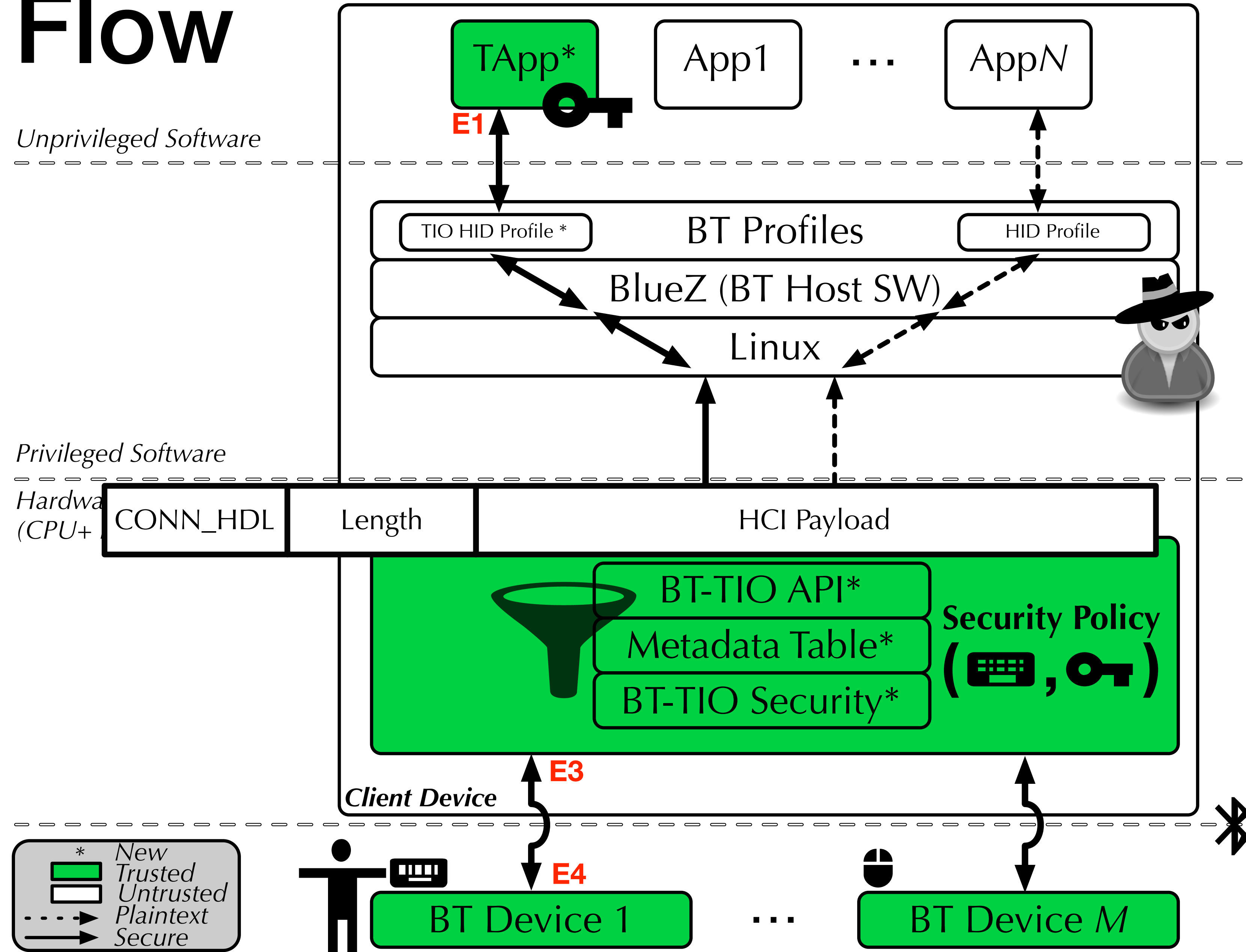
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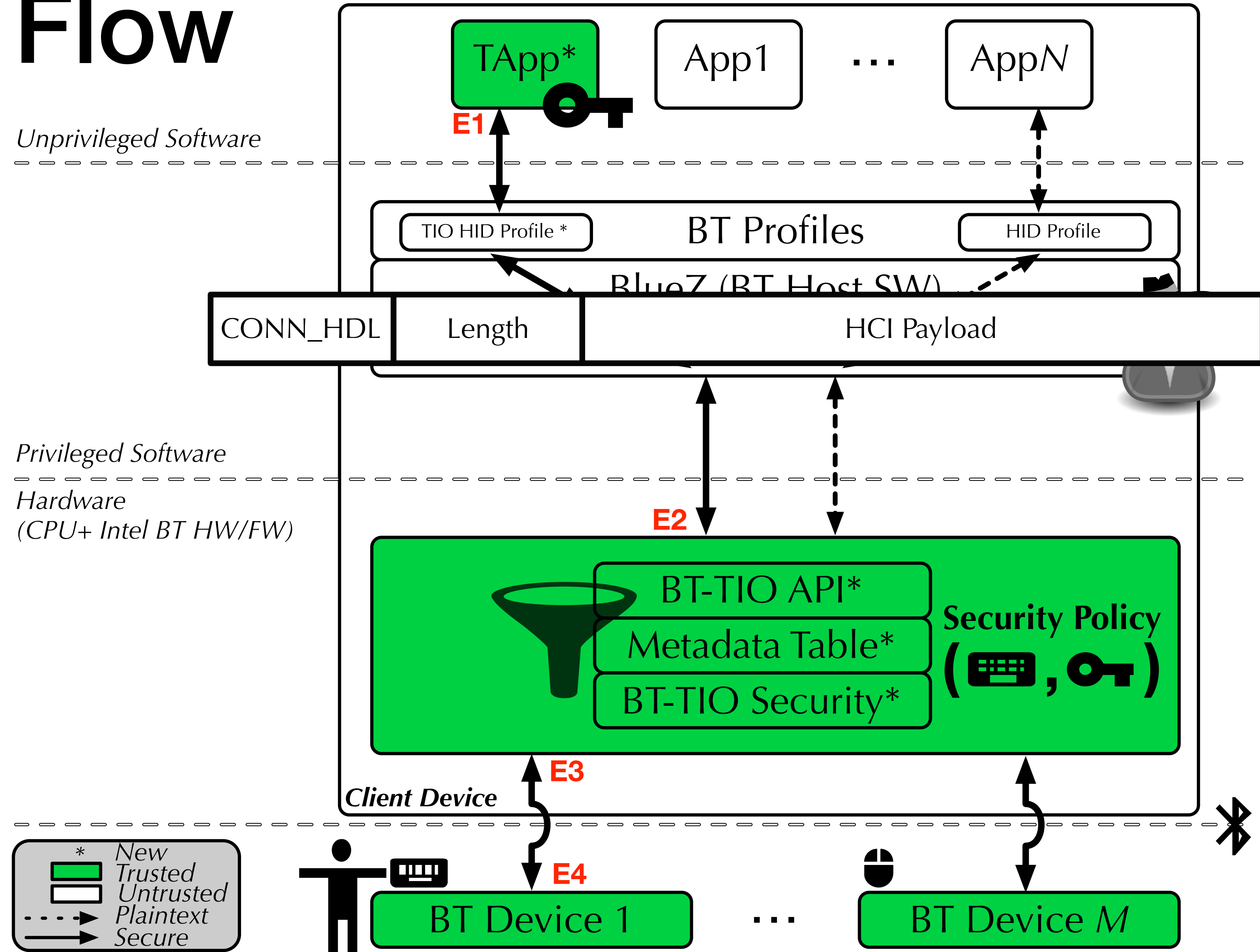
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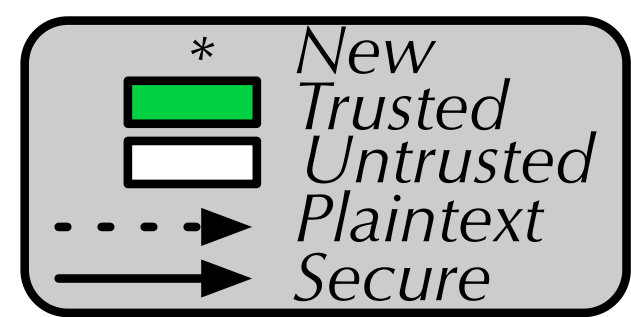
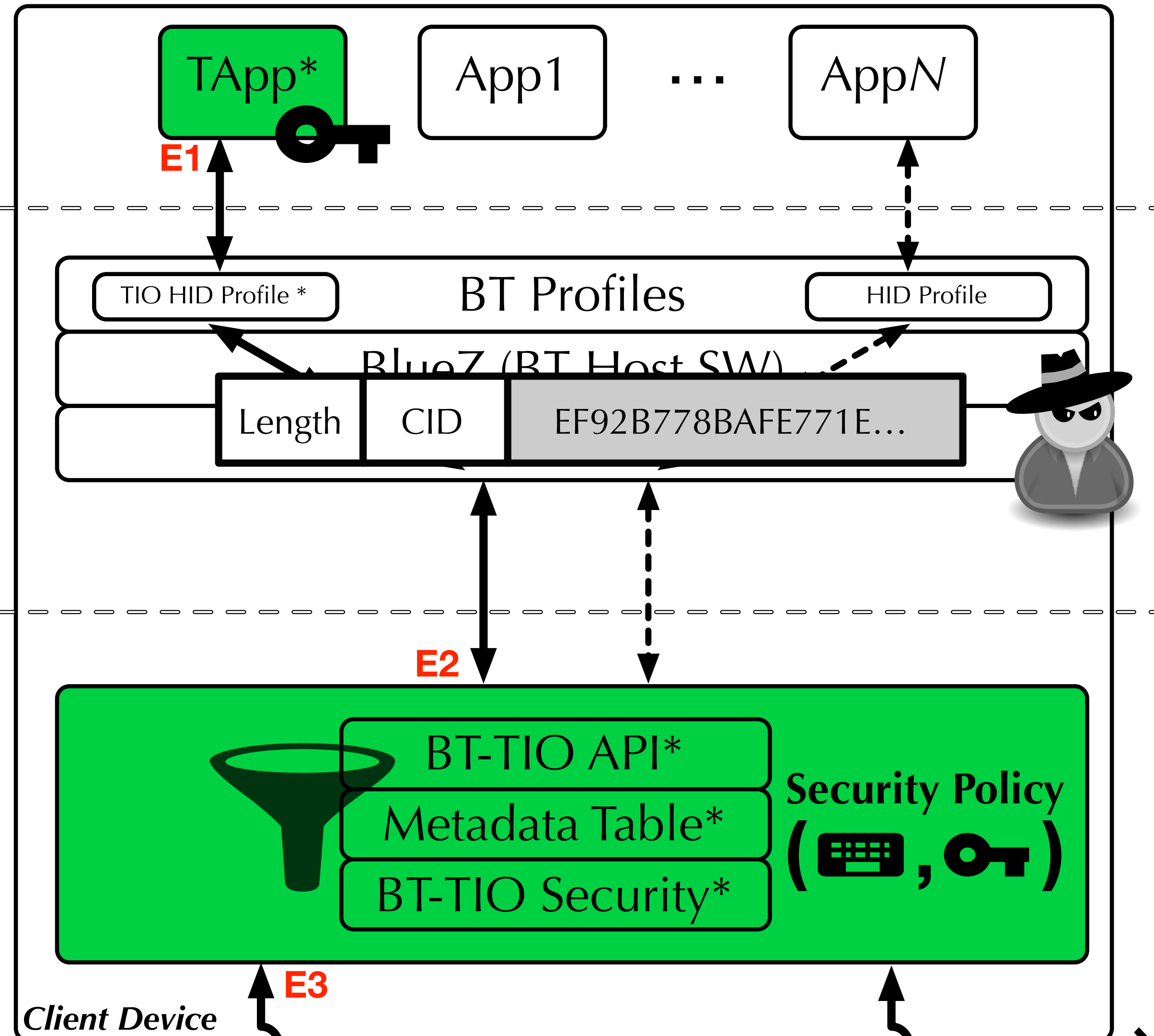
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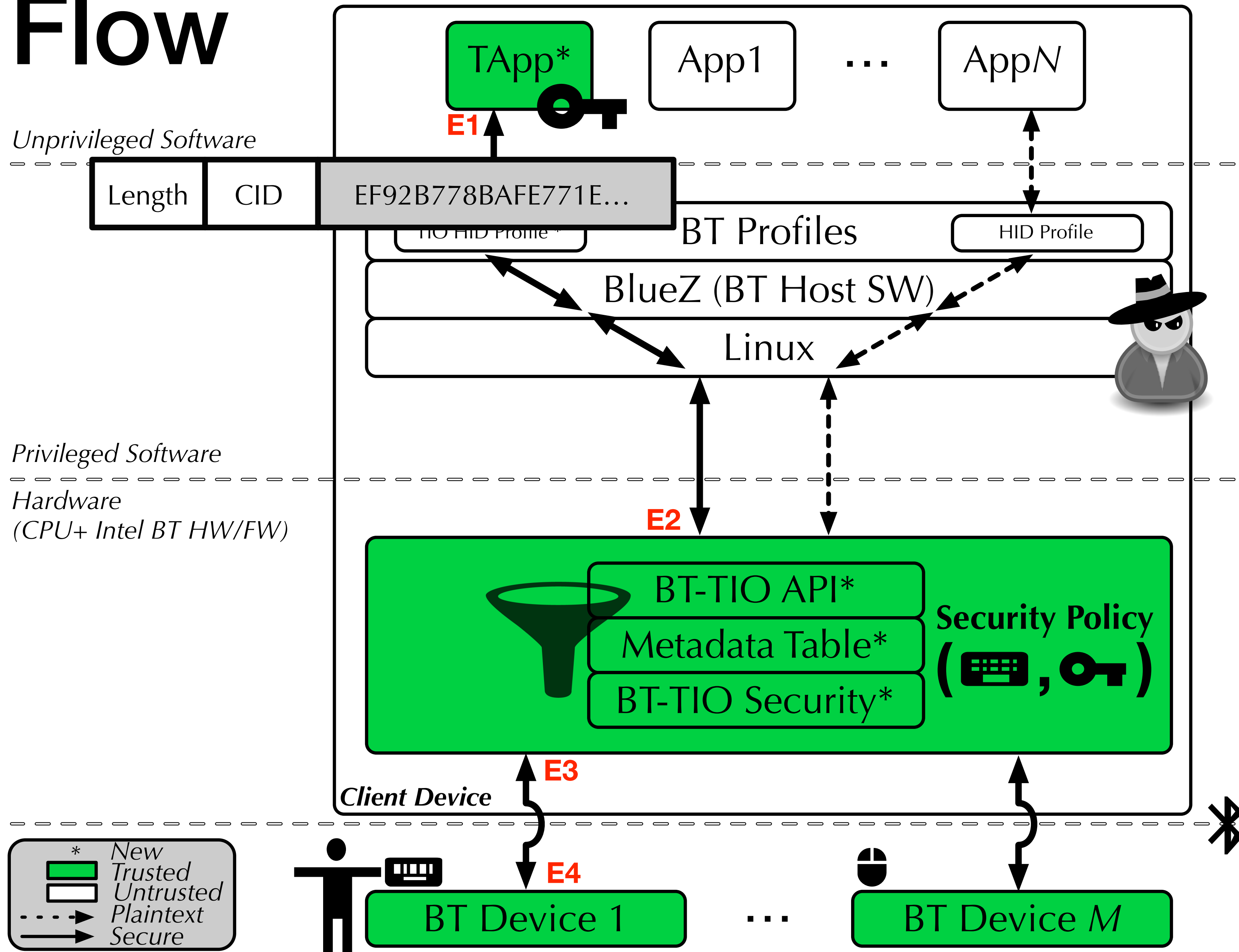
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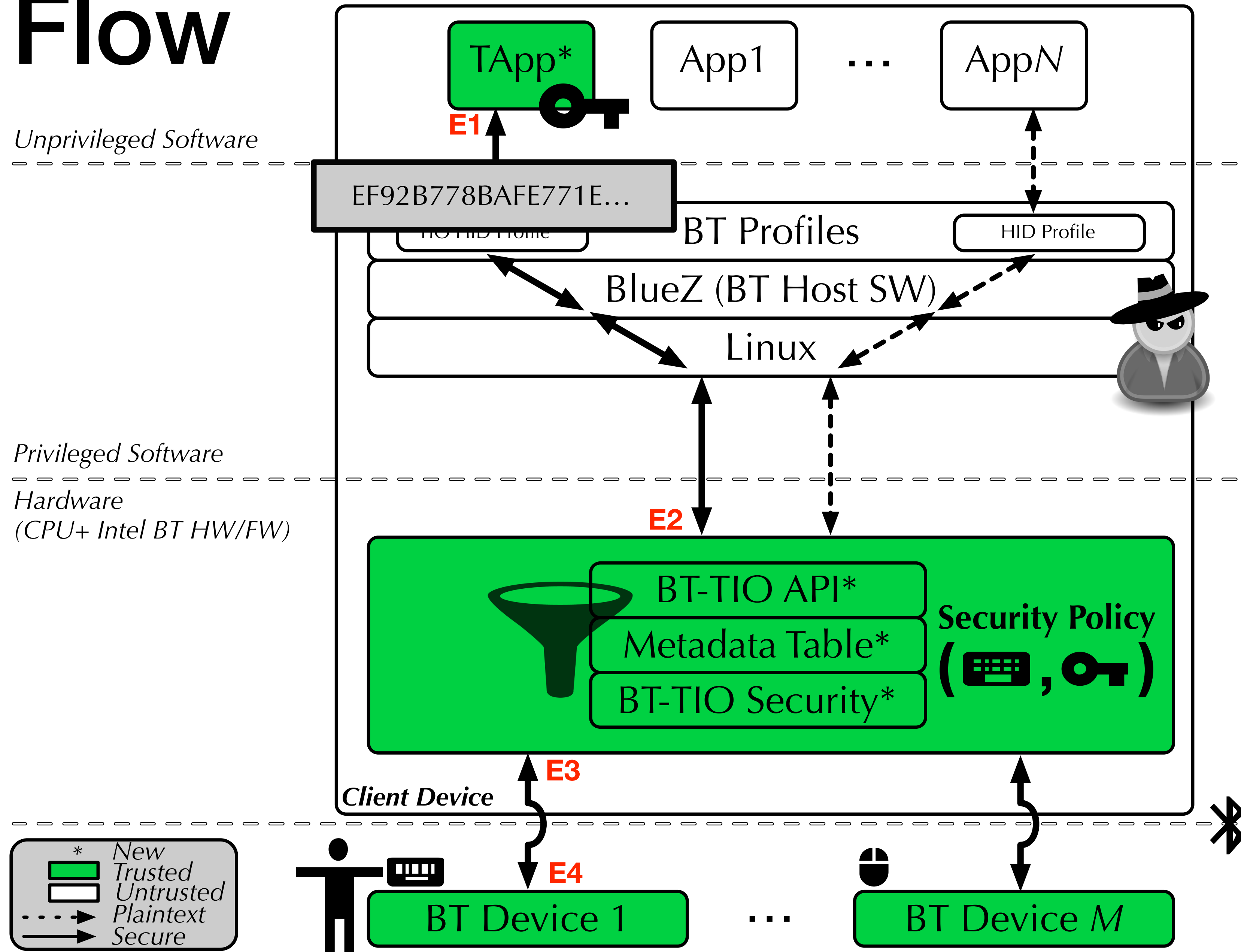
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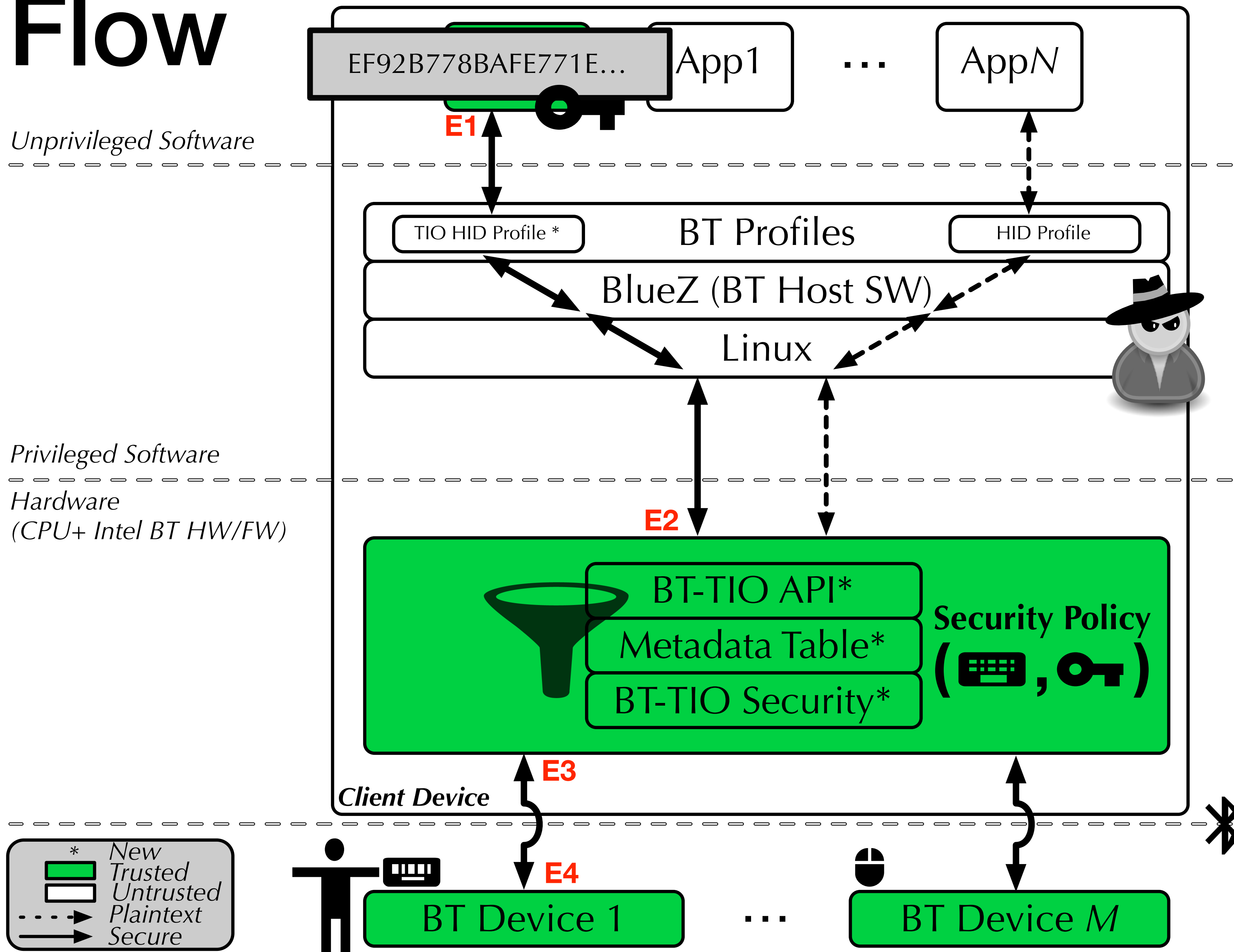
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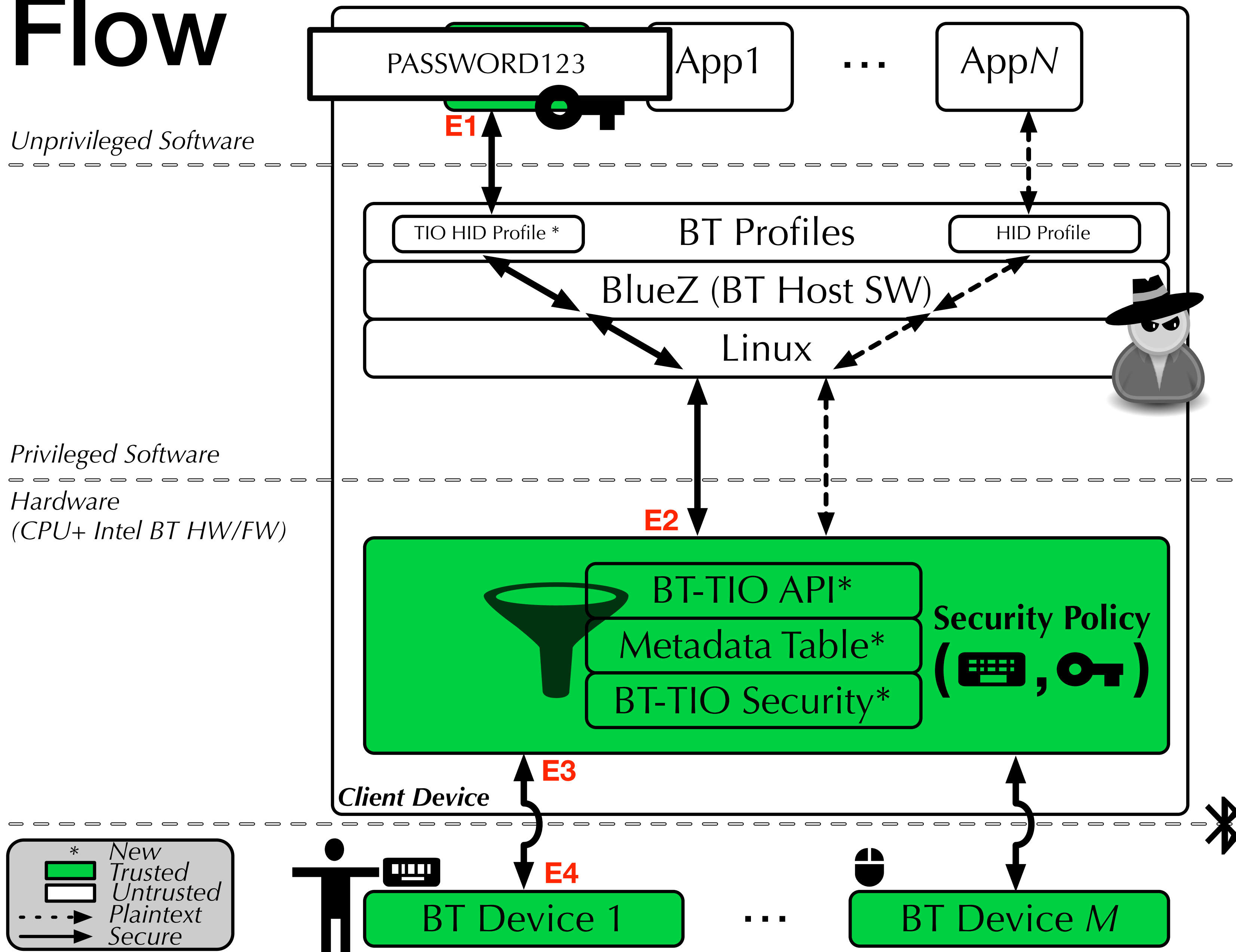
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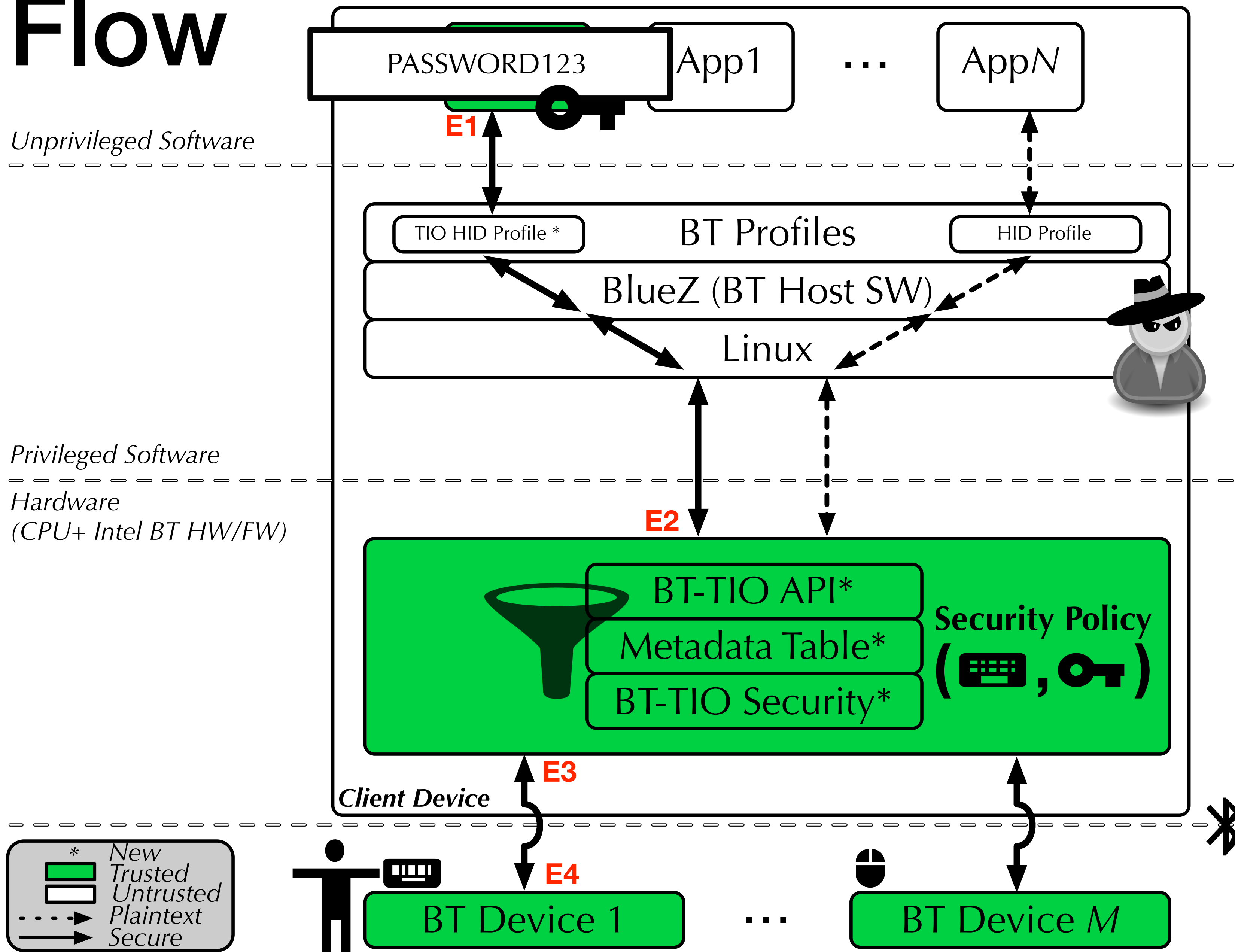
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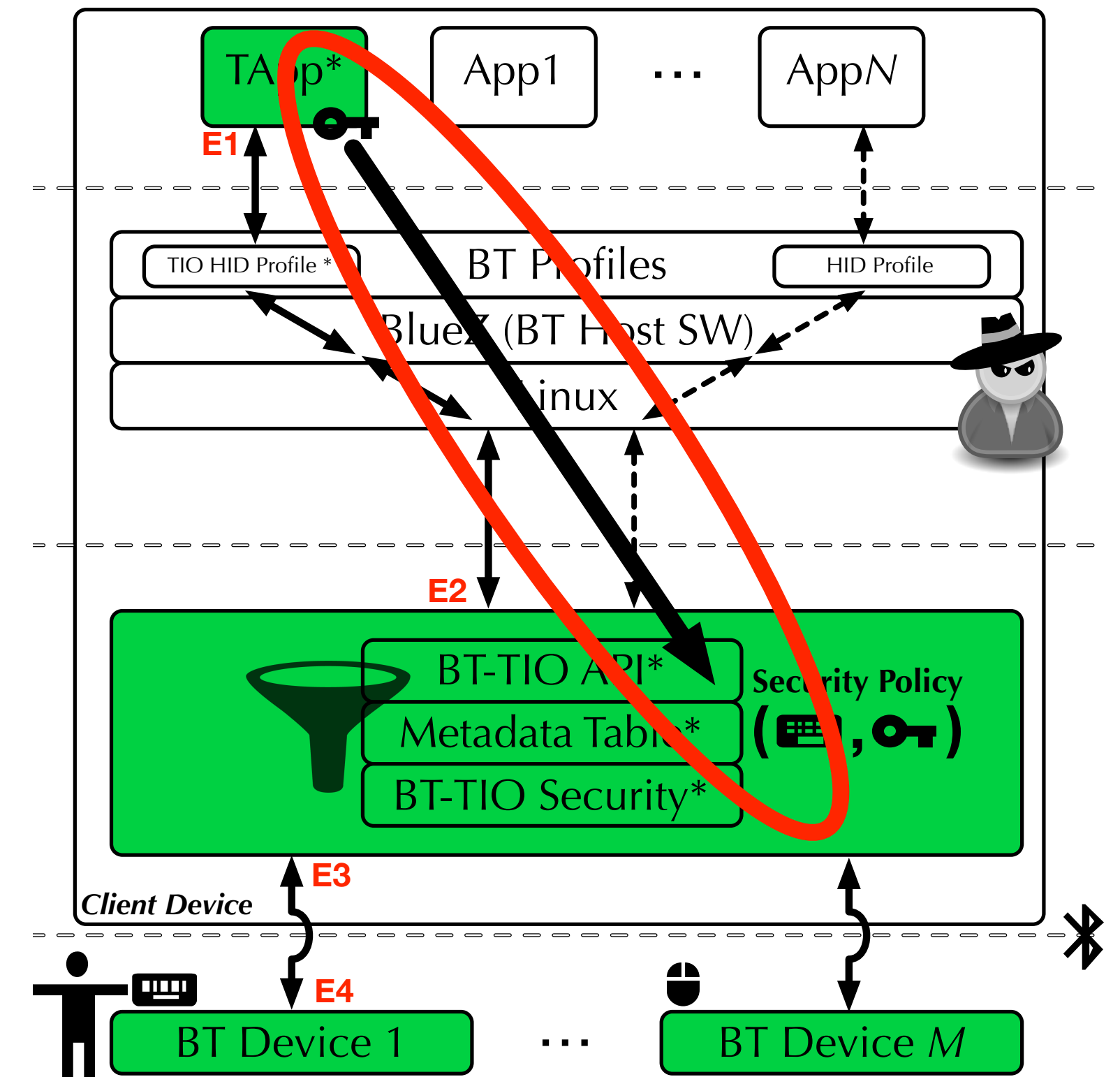
## Take-aways

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## Look in the paper\* for details on...

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**Thanks You!**

**Questions? Comments?**

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