

Intel® SGX Data Center Attestation Primitives for Linux* OS

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1 Introduction

Attestation is a process of demonstrating that a software executable is properly instantiated on a platform. The Intel® Software Guard Extensions (Intel® SGX) attestation allows a remote party to ensure that a particular software is securely running within an enclave on an Intel SGX enabled platform. This document provides system requirements, limitations, and legal information.

2 What's New

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.12.100.3:

- Upgraded Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives (IPP) Cryptography library to version 2021 update 3
- Upgraded Intel® SGX Architecture Enclaves based on new IPP crypto library
- Added support in Intel® Quote Provider Library (QPL) to retrieve SGX ECDSA quote verification endorsements from Intel® Provisioning Certificate Service (PCS). User can configure PCCS or PCS in QPL's config file
- Updated SGX ECDSA quote verification library (QVL) and quote verification enclave (QvE) to support CRL in different encoding
- Updated SGX ECDSA quote verification library (QVL) and quote verification enclave (QvE) to hardcode Intel® root public key instead of root certificate

- Fixed bugs

Changes in Previous Releases

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.11.100.2:

- Upgraded Intel® Quote Verification Enclave to integrate SgxSSL/OpenSSL version 1.1.1k
- Updated the DCAP driver V1.33 with stability fixes, released as V1.33.2. This is to support legacy solutions not ready to transition to the latest DCAP driver V1.41 or kernel 5.11+
- Fixed bugs

SGX support has been built in mainline kernels since release 5.11. To avoid future incompatibility issues, it is strongly recommended for solutions using the DCAP driver to transition to use kernel 5.11 or above.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.10.3:

- Upgraded Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives (IPP) Cryptography library to version 2020 update 3
- Upgraded Intel® SGX Architecture Enclaves based on new IPP crypto library

This is the final release that will support Ubuntu 16.04 LTS. The next release of this software will not include pre-built packages for Ubuntu 16.04 LTS aligning with Ubuntu's LTS release Standard Support policy

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.10.100:

- Upgraded OpenSSL and SgxSSL to latest version 1.1.1i in DCAP components
- Added data base migration support in PCCS
- Fixed bugs

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.9.100:

- Added Ubuntu 20.04 support
- Added Intel® Provisioning Certification Service V3 API support for ECDSA attestation
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.8.100:

- Provided standalone Intel® SGX DCAP Quote verification library installer.
- Provided standalone Intel® SGX DCAP Platform Certificate ID retrieval tool installation package.
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.7.100:

- Updated Quote Verification Enclave(QvE) and wrapper library to support platform certificate's new fields.
- Added a trusted library to verify QvE's identity.
- Supported user to specify platform id in PCK Cert ID Retrieval Tool's command line option.
- Added ability to execute Platform Cert ID Retrieval Tool on multi-package platforms without loading enclaves. PCCS now supports this functionality. The platform still needs to support SGX.
- Updated Platform Cert ID Retrieval Tool and Multi-package registration tool to align with BIOS platform manifest changes.
- Added .deb and .rpm installers for Platform Cert ID Retrieval Tool and Multi-package Registration Agent.
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.6.100:

- Added APIs to configure file directory for DCAP quoting Enclave, quote provider library and quote verification library
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.5.100:

- Added APIs to retrieve Intel® Quote Verification Enclave (QVE)'s identity in quote verification library
- Updated Quote Verification Sample project to use new APIs in quote verification library
- Changes to address CVE-2020-0551.
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.4.100:

- Updated Provisioning Certificate Caching Server (PCCS) and added PCCS Administration tool to support retrieving platform certificates in offline mode
- Added non-QvE (Quote Verification Enclave) based quote verification support
- Updated Quote verification sample project to demonstrate library interface change
- Added new Platform Certificate Selection Library interface to return CPUSVN configuration information
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.3.101:

- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.3.100:

- Added Intel® Quote Verification library and enclave.
- Added support for new version Intel® Provisioning Certificate Service interfaces.
- Fixed bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.1.100:

- Fix bugs.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) includes the following changes in version 1.0.100:

- Updated the cryptography library to the Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives Cryptography 2019 Update 1.

Intel® Software Guard Extensions DCAP includes the following changes in version 1.0 (Intel® SGX DCAP 1.0 Gold release):

- Provided the Quote Verification Library and a corresponding sample project. Note that this library is only provided in source code in the Intel® SGX DCAP project repository.
- Provided the Quote Generation Library and a corresponding sample project.
- Provided a sample project for the Platform Provider Library.

3 System Requirements

Hardware Requirements

- Intel® Xeon® E Processor based Server
- Intel® SGX option enabled in BIOS with the Flexible Launch Control support.

Software Requirements

- Supported Linux* OS distributions:
 - Ubuntu* 18.04 LTS 64-bit Desktop and Server version
 - Ubuntu* 20.04 LTS 64-bit Desktop and Server version
 - Red Hat* Enterprise Linux* Server 8.2 (for x86_64)
 - CentOS 8.2

NOTE: It is highly recommended to use the listed Linux* OS distributions. Other distributions have not been tested.

4 Known Issues and Limitations

- Multi-package system only. If PCCS is configured to use LAZY mode, and the platform doesn't have the latest uCode patch, PCCS may return 462 error when the client requests for PCK certificate. Applying the latest uCode patch can fix this issue, or if you don't have the latest patch, you can change PCCS to REQ mode temporarily, and use the PCK ID retrieval tool to register the platform.
- RHEL only. When installing PCCS on Redhat, you may see errors when executing "sudo -u pccs ./install.sh". To workaround this issue, please go to /opt/intel/sgx-dcap-pccs/ directory, change the owner of all files and sub-folders to user "pccs" with "sudo chown -R pccs:pccs *", and run the install script again.
- Provisioning Certificate Caching Server (PCCS) 1.10.100 doesn't support upgrade installation on RHEL and CentOS. Please uninstall the old version and install v1.10.100 PCCS. Details please refer to DCAP installation guide.
- Provisioning Certificate Caching Server (PCCS) in Intel® DCAP 1.9 release only support Provisioning Certification Service (PCS) V3 API. If you want to use previous PCS API version such as V2, please use PCCS in previous DCAP release.
 - In order to make DCAP 1.9 software stack work with previous version PCCS, please configure correct PCCS URL in Quote Provider Library (QPL) configuration file, make sure the PCCS version number is also lower than 3. For sample, "PCCS_URL=https://localhost:8081/sgx/certification/v2/"

- Intel® SGX DCAP 1.6 does not include the latest functional and security updates in 3rd part components (OpenSSL). The next release of the Intel® SGX SDK for Windows is targeted to be released in May 2020 and will include additional functional and security updates. Customers should update to the latest version as it becomes available.
- Intel® SGX DCAP 1.4 does not include the latest functional and security updates. Intel® SGX DCAP 1.4.1 is targeted to be released in March 2020 and will include additional functional and security updates. Customers should update to the latest version as it becomes available.
 - OpenSSL 1.1.1d with an unmitigated CVE ([CVE-2019-1551](#)) is used in untrusted part. The CVE is not exploitable in SGX software stack.
- During the current release we have learned that the DKMS infrastructure uses the driver version as an arbitrary string and not as a numeric value. As a result, installing an old version on top of a new version will work, moreover, when more than one version is installed and a kernel update occurs there is no guarantee that the new version will be used in the new kernel – apparently either of the existing versions may be used.

To address these issues, the 1.10 driver installer will uninstall a previously installed driver if exists.

Note: The uninstall may fail if the driver is in use by an enclave or the AESM, in this case the user will be notified and will be required to manually uninstall the driver.

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