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# Trusted Network Connect Standards for Network Security

# Agenda

## Introduce TNC and TCG

## Explanation of TNC

- What problems does TNC solve?
- How does TNC solve those problems?
- TNC Architecture and Standards
- TNC Adoption and Certification
- TNC Advantages
- Case Studies

## Summary

## For More Information



# Trusted Network Connect

## Open Architecture for Network Security

- Completely vendor-neutral
- Strong security through trusted computing
- Original focus on NAC, now expanded to Network Security

## Open Standards for Network Security

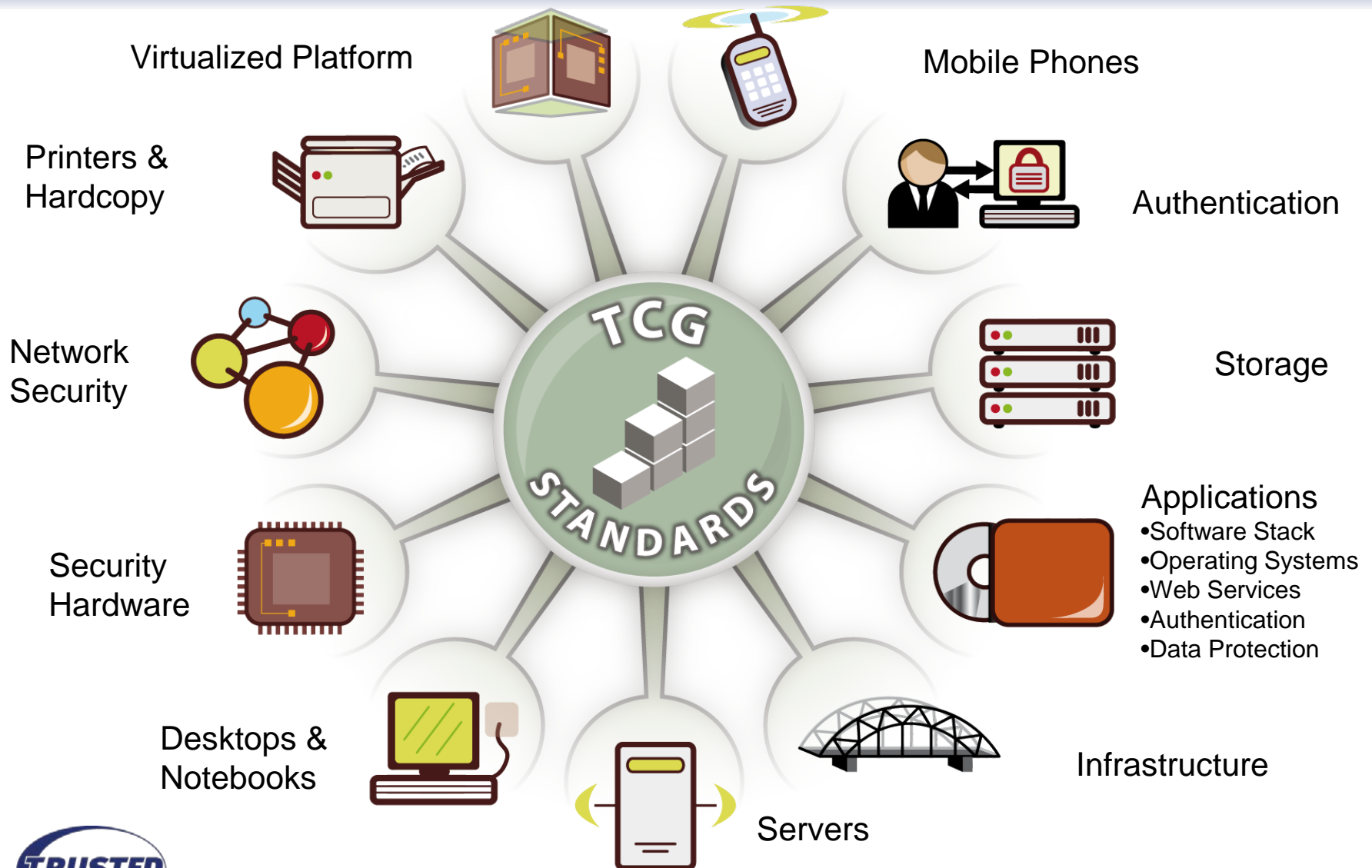
- Full set of specifications available to all
- Products shipping since 2005

## Developed by Trusted Computing Group (TCG)

- Industry standards group
- More than 100 member organizations
- Includes large vendors, small vendors, customers, etc.



# TCG: Standards for Trusted Systems



# Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

## Security hardware on motherboard

- Open specifications from TCG
- Resists tampering & software attacks

## Now included in almost all enterprise PCs

- On by default
- Easy to provision and manage

## Features

- Secure key storage
- Cryptographic functions
- Integrity checking & remote attestation

## Applications

- Strong user and machine authentication
- Secure storage
- Trusted / secure boot

# Problems Solved by TNC

## Network and Endpoint Visibility

- Who and what's on my network?
- Are devices on my network secure? Is user/device behavior appropriate?

## Network Enforcement

- Block unauthorized users, devices, or behavior
- Grant appropriate levels of access to authorized users/devices

## Network Access Control (NAC)

## Device Remediation

- Quarantine and repair unhealthy or vulnerable devices

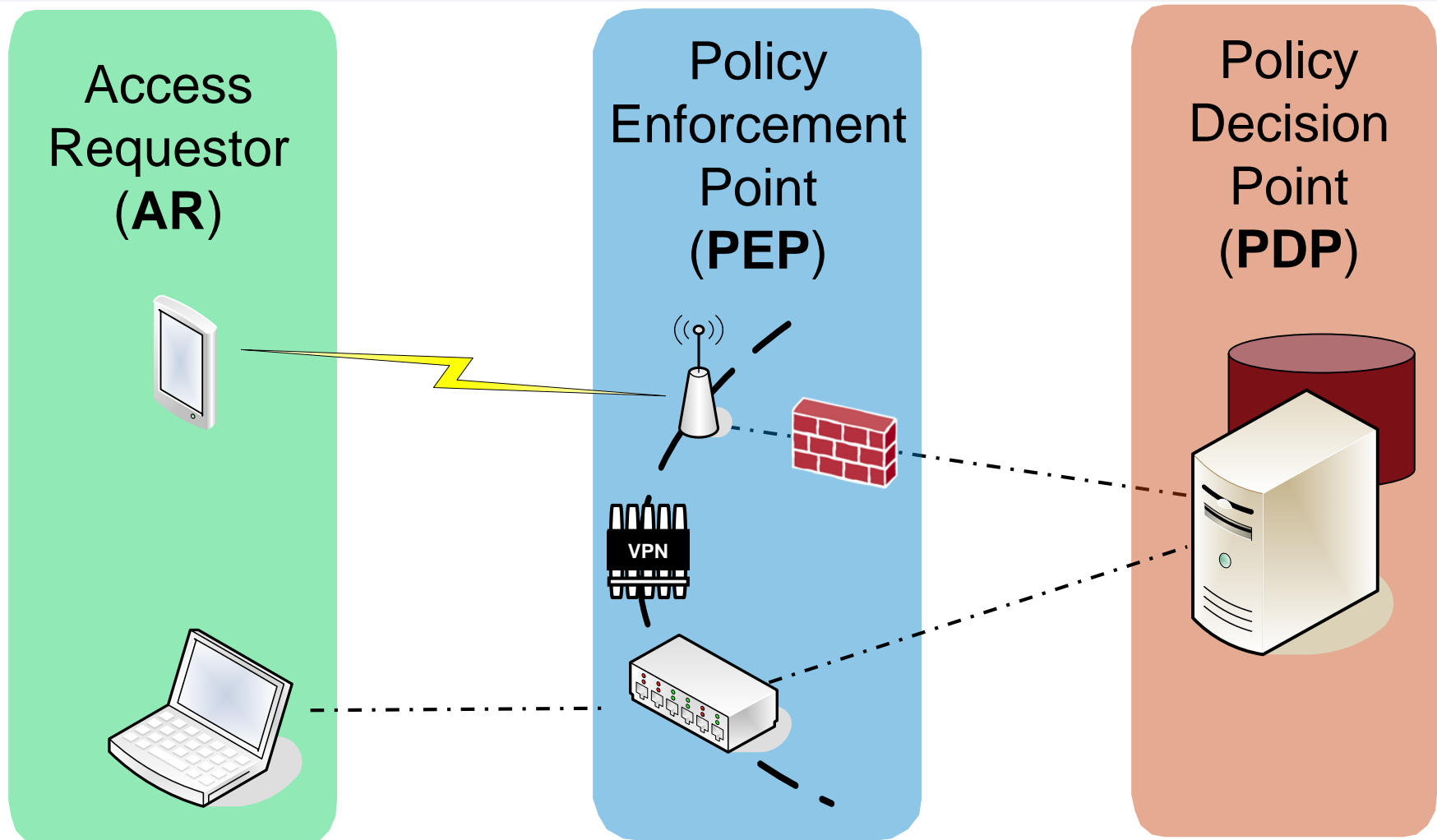
## Security System Integration

- Share real-time information about users, devices, threats, etc.

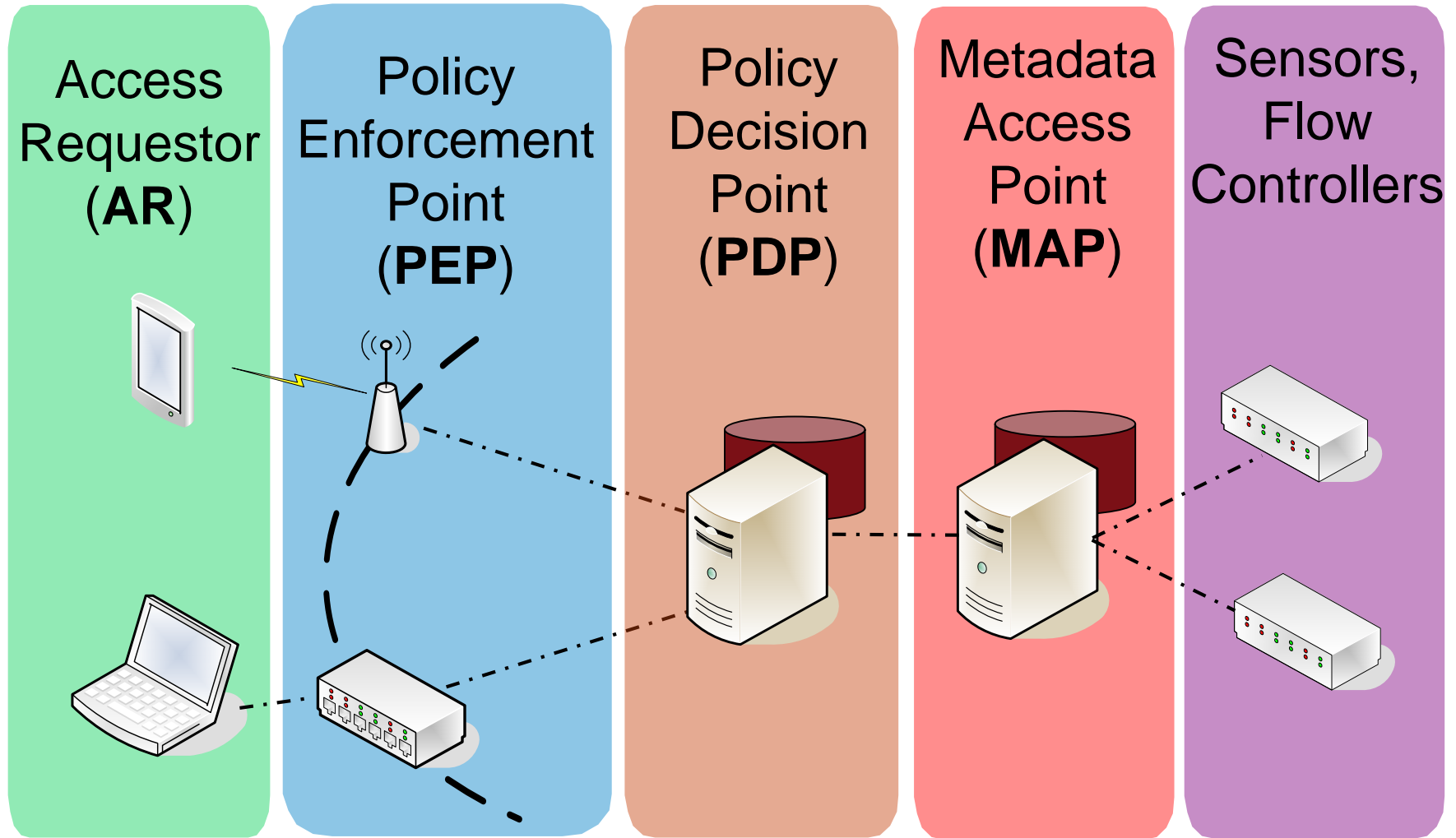
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# Basic NAC Architecture

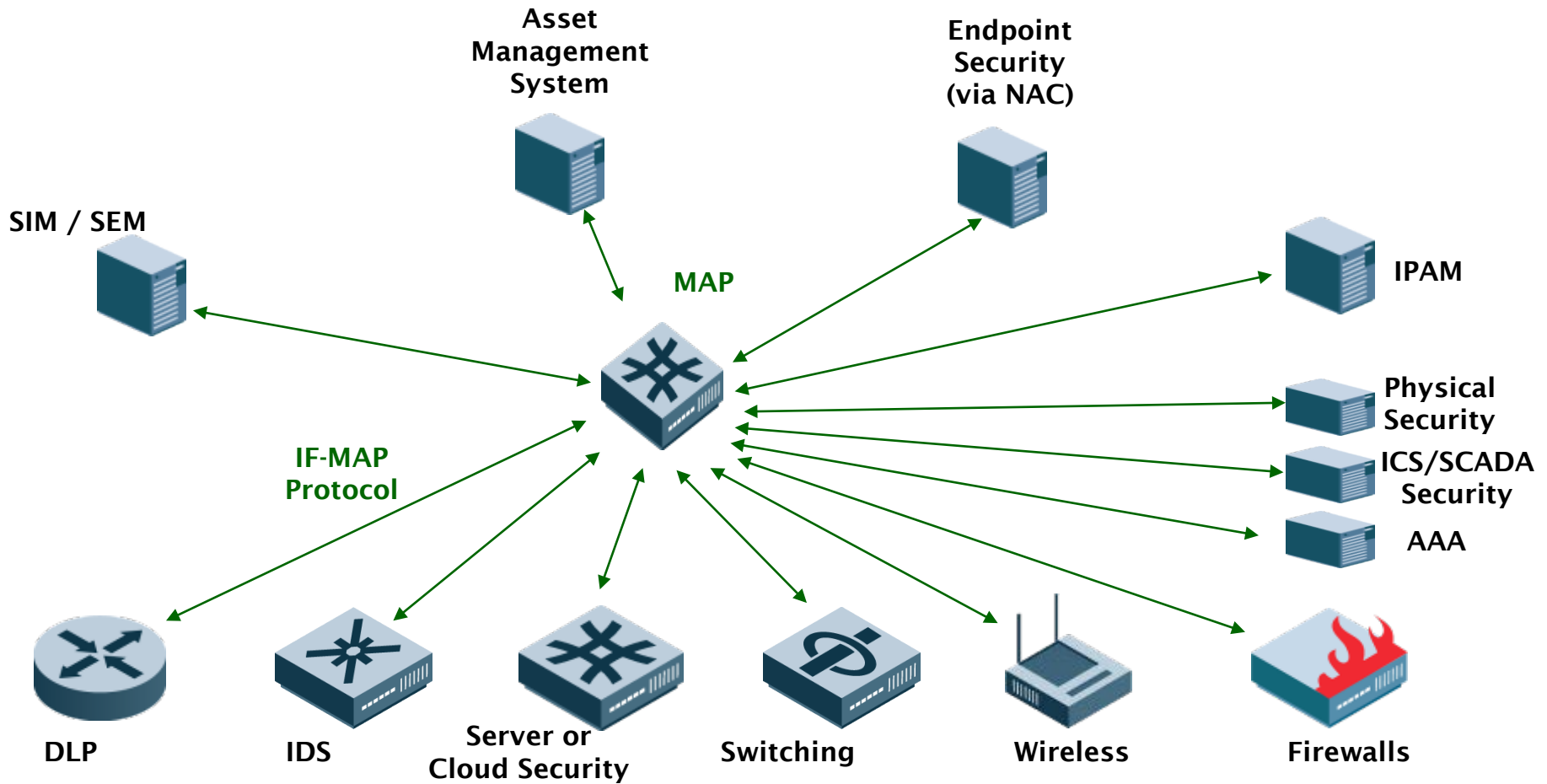


# Integrating Other Security Devices





# Security Automation



# Typical TNC Deployments

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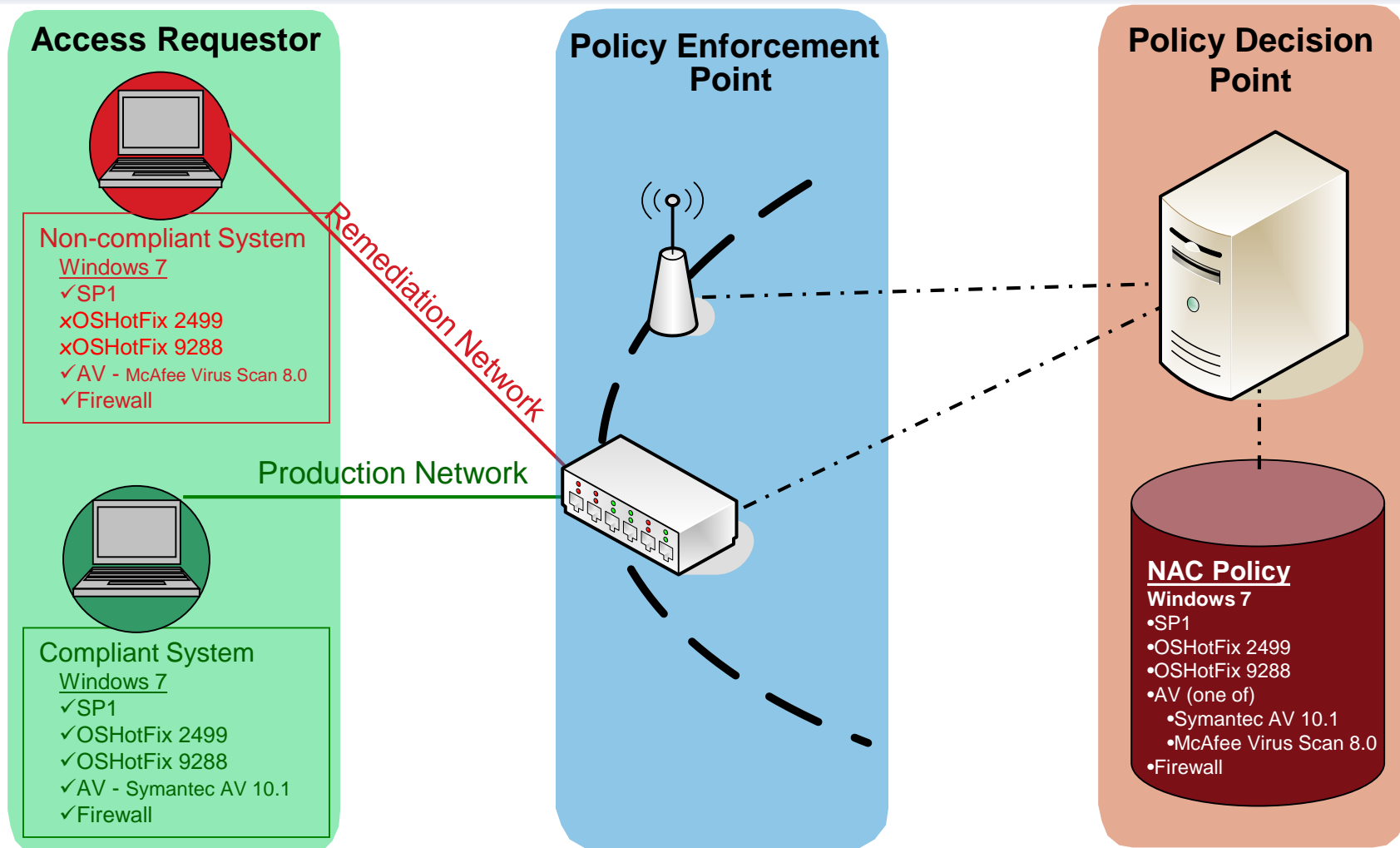
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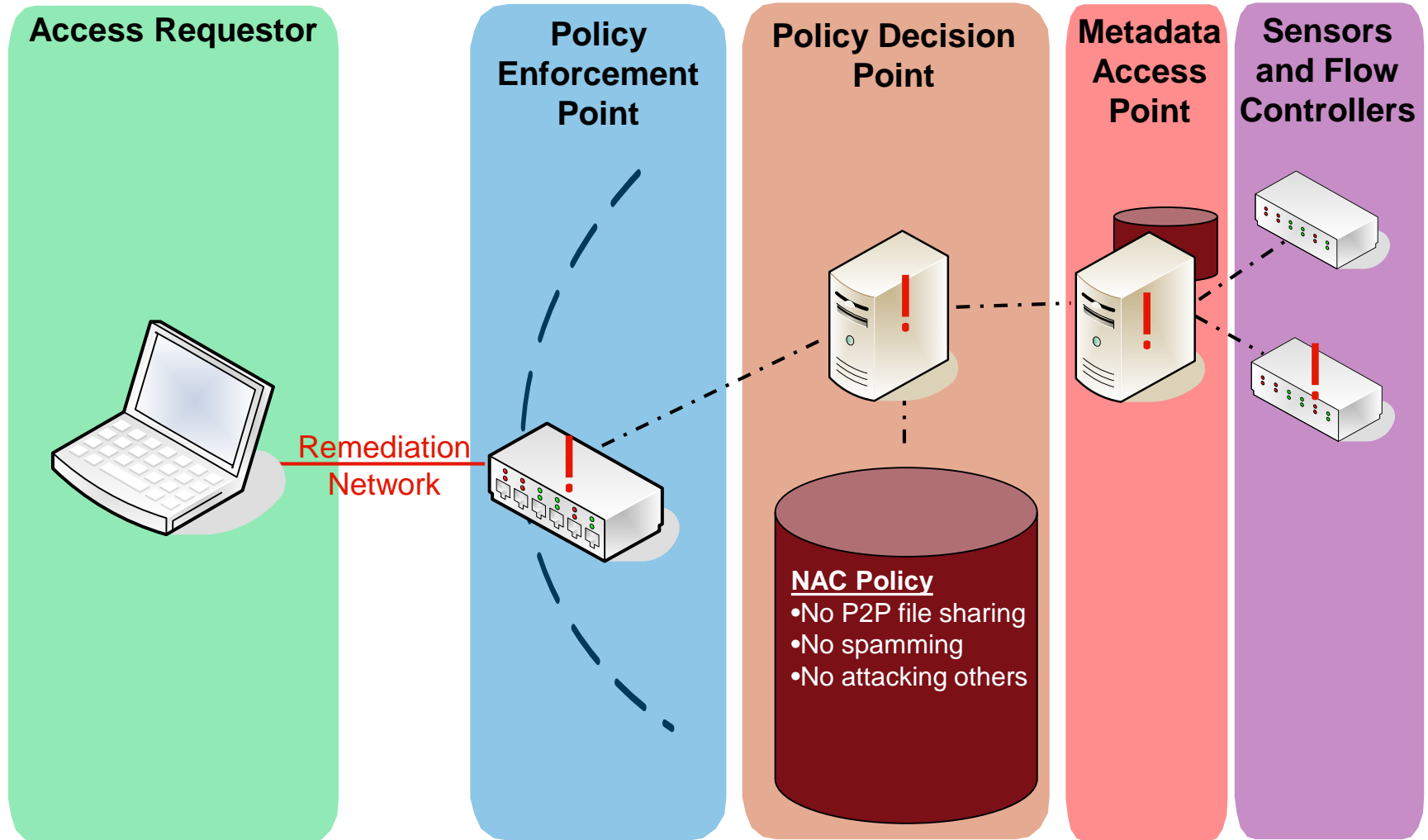
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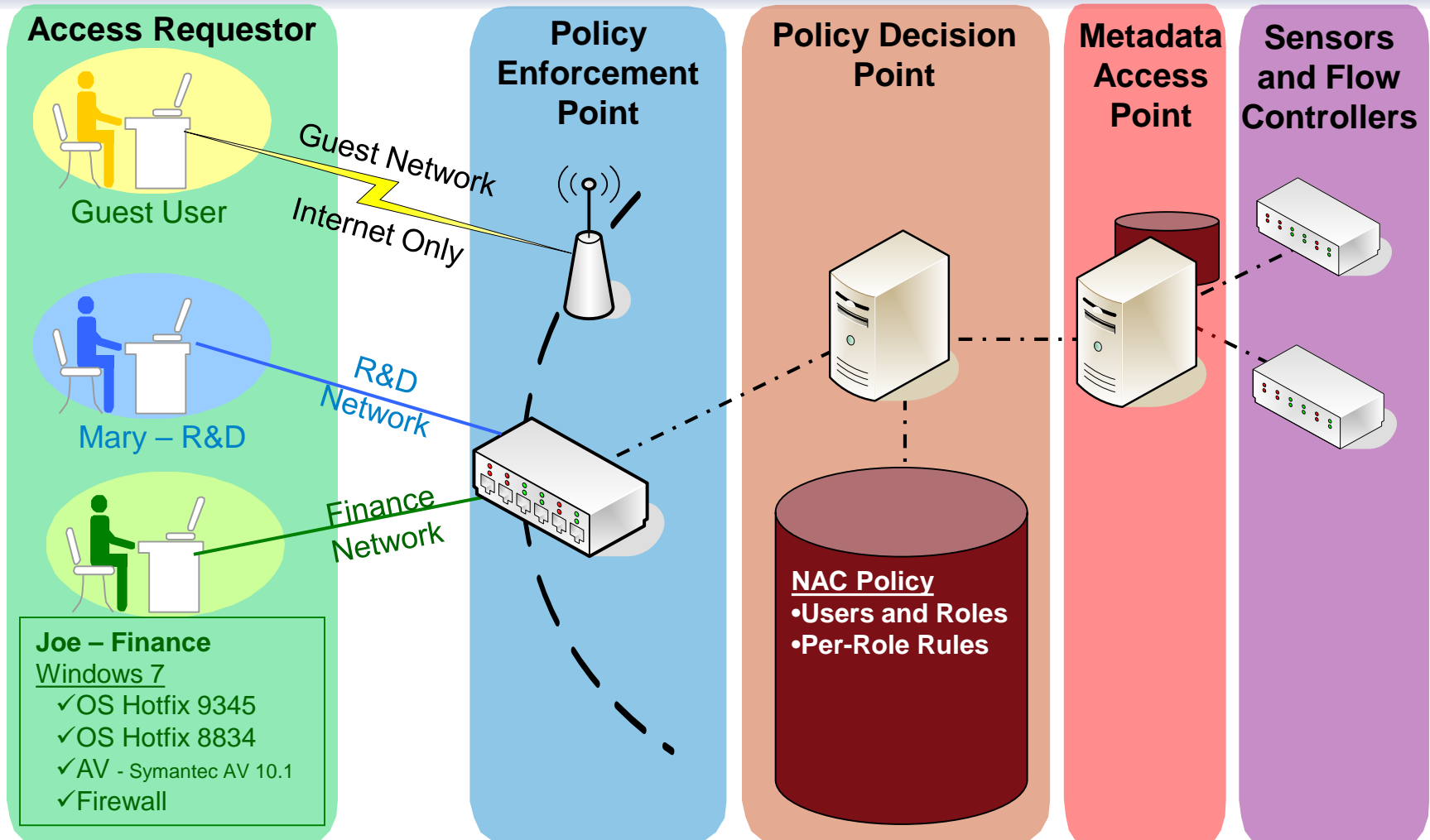
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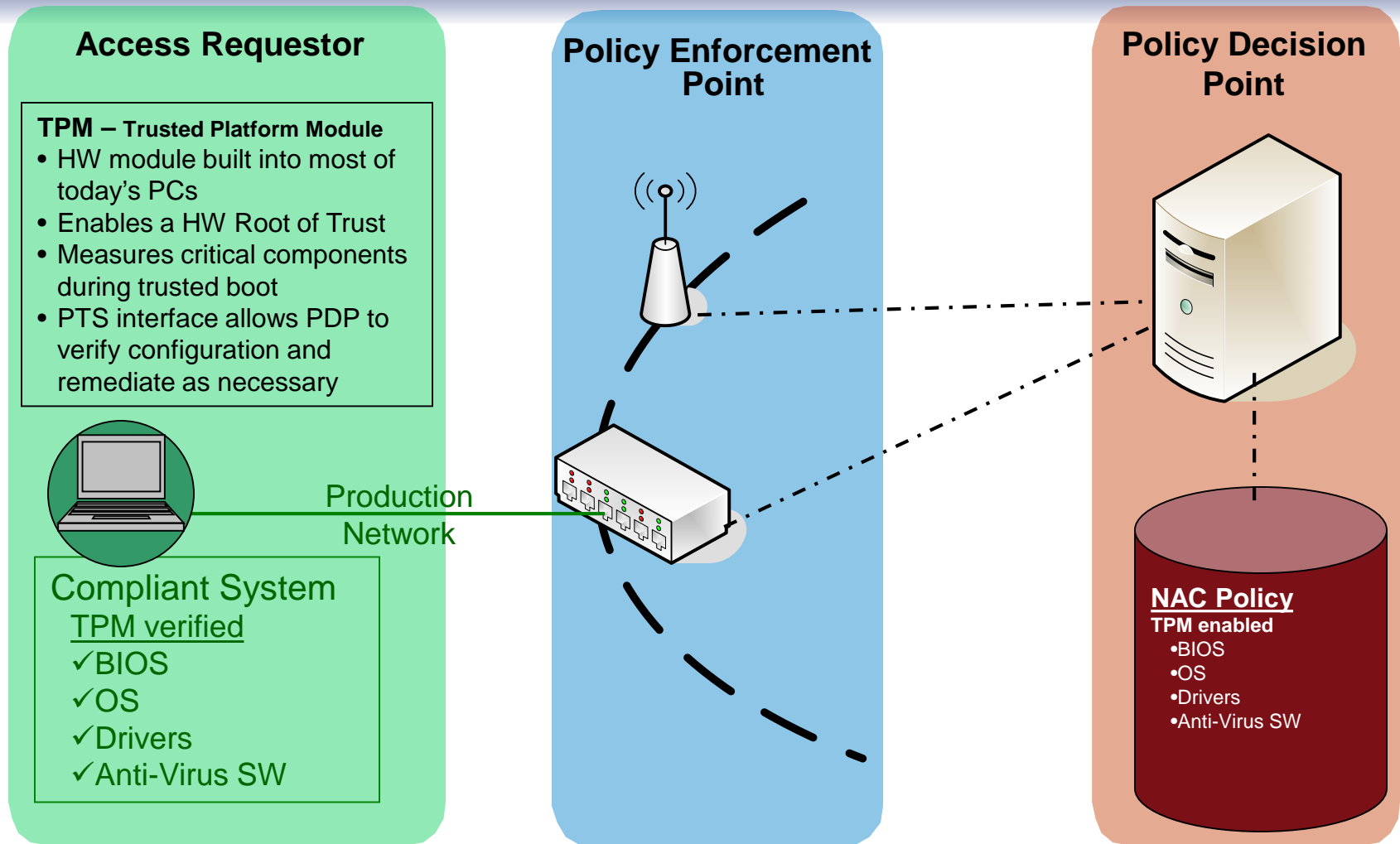
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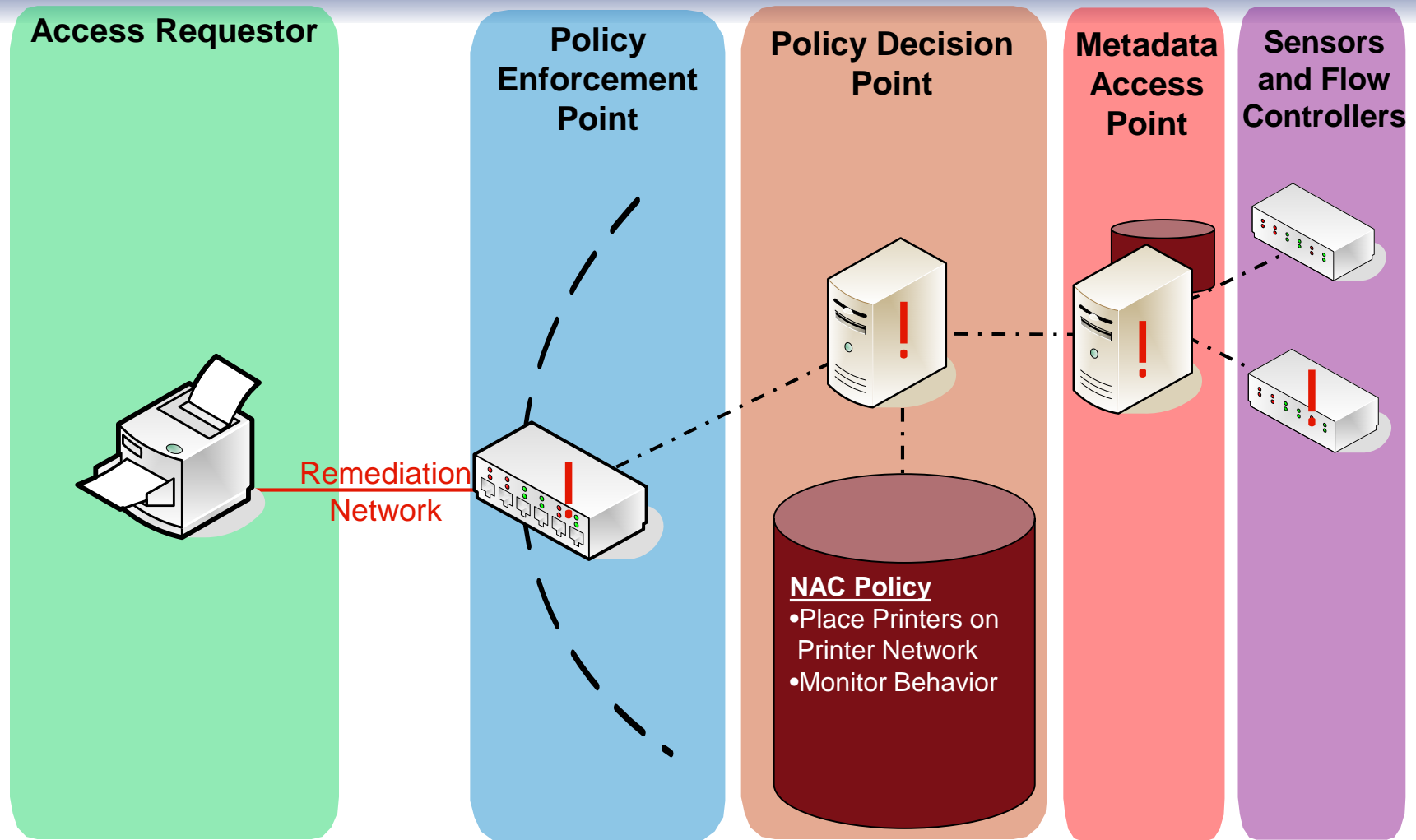
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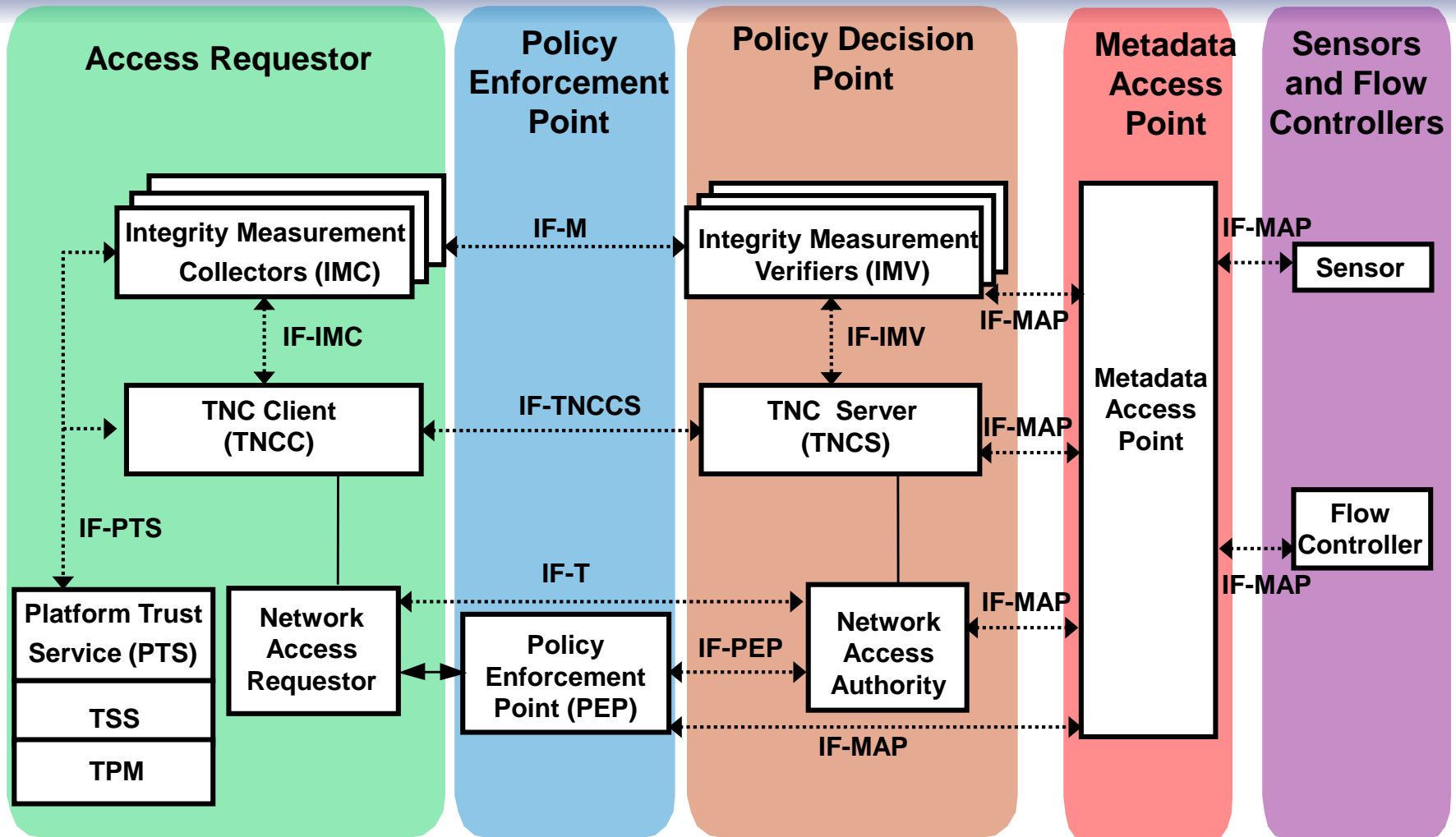
# TPM-Based Integrity Check



# Clientless Endpoint Handling



# TNC Architecture



[http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/developers/trusted\\_network\\_connect/specifications](http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/developers/trusted_network_connect/specifications)



# Foiling Root Kits with TPM and TNC

Solves the critical “lying endpoint problem”

TPM Measures Software in Boot Sequence

- Hash software into PCR before running it
- PCR value cannot be reset except via hard reboot

During TNC Handshake...

- PDP engages in crypto handshake with TPM
- TPM securely sends PCR value to PDP
- PDP compares to good configurations
- If not listed, endpoint is quarantined and remediated



# Federated TNC

Conveys TNC results between security domains

- Consortia, coalitions, partnerships, outsourcing, and alliances
- Large organizations

Supports

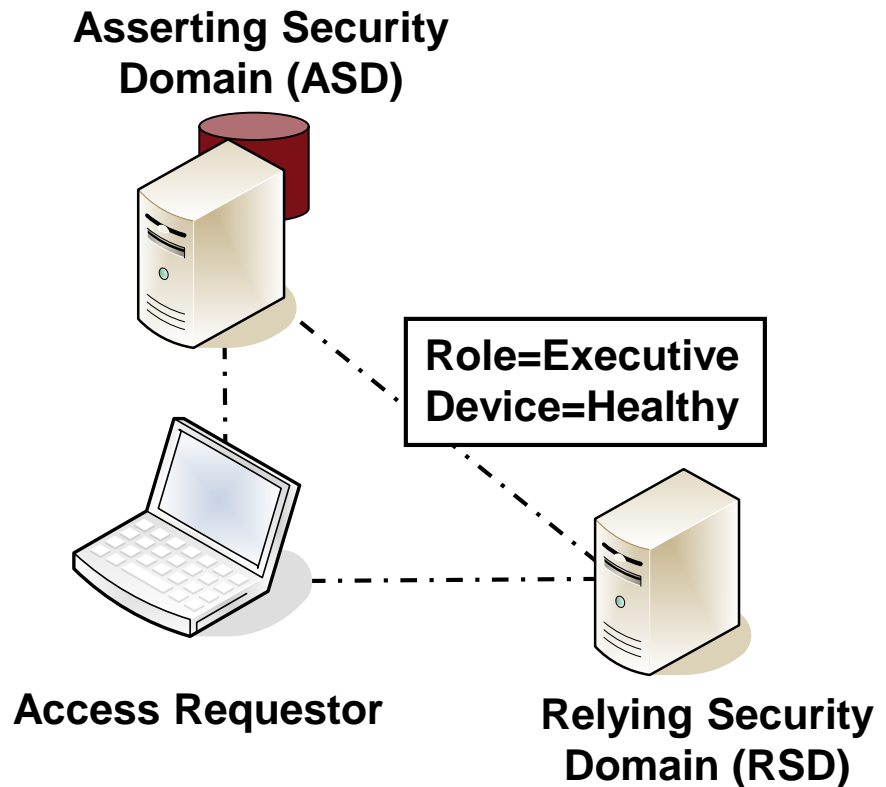
- Web SSO with health info
- Roaming with health check

How?

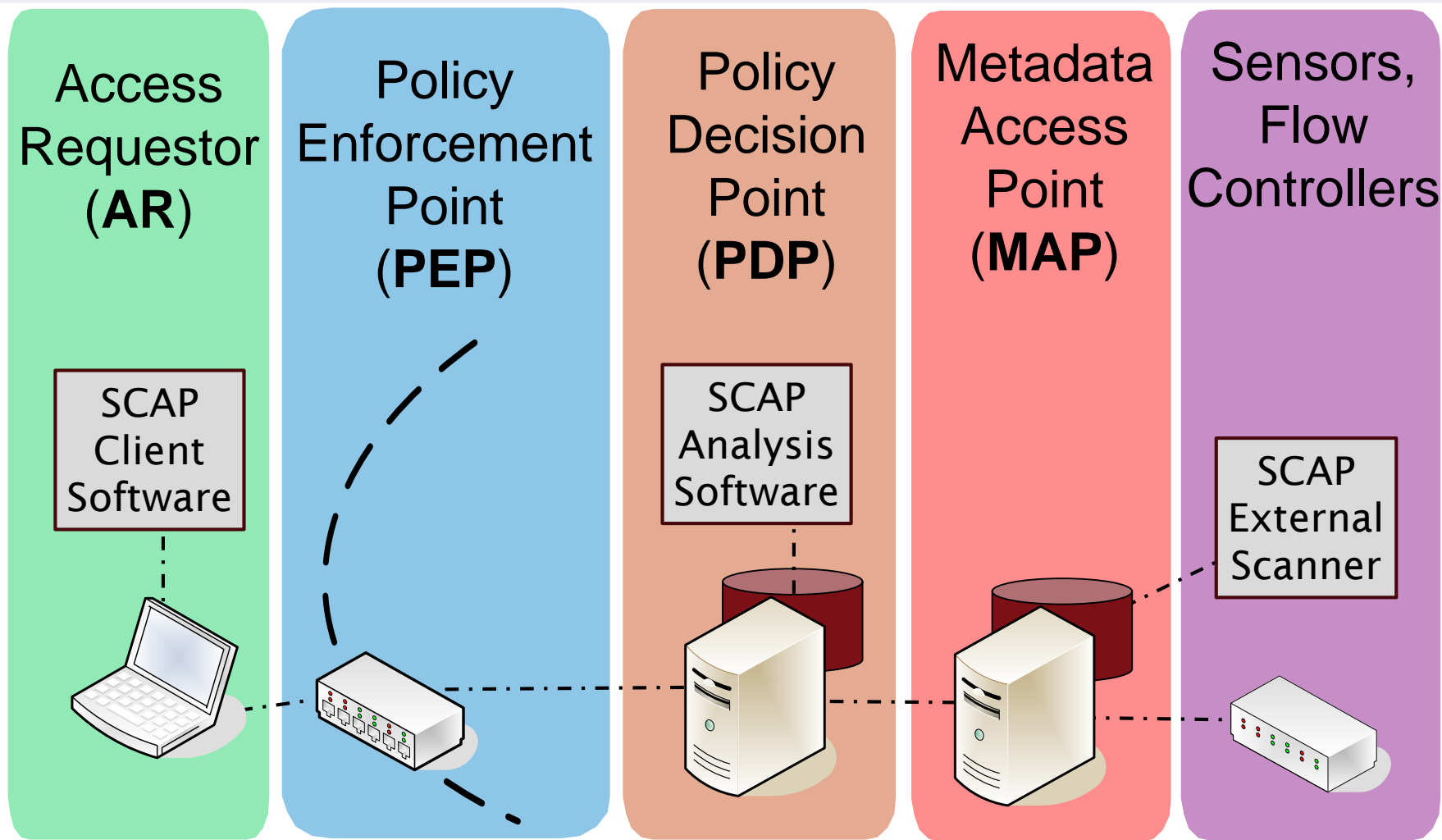
- SAML profiles for TNC

Applications

- Network roaming
- Coalitions, consortia
- Large organizations



# TNC and SCAP Together



# TNC: A Flexible Architecture

## Assessment Options

- Identity, health, behavior, and/or location
- Optional hardware-based assessment with TPM
- Pre-admission, post-admission, or both

## Enforcement Options

- 802.1X, firewalls, VPN gateways, DHCP, host software

## Clientless endpoints

- No NAC capabilities built in
- Printers, phones, robots, guest laptops

## Information sharing

- IF-MAP lets security devices share info on user identity, endpoint health, behavior, etc.
- Federated TNC supports federated environments



# TNC Advantages

## Open standards

- Non-proprietary – Supports multi-vendor compatibility
- Interoperability
- Enables customer choice
- Allows thorough and open technical review

## Leverages existing network infrastructure

- Excellent Return-on-Investment (ROI)

## Roadmap for the future

- Full suite of standards
- Supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM)

## Products supporting TNC standards shipping today



# TNC Adoption

## Access Requestor

McAfee®  
Microsoft  
symantec.  
FUJITSU IBM  
JUNIPER NETWORKS  
Triumphant™  
StillSecure®  
GENERAL DYNAMICS  
C4 Systems  
wave®

## Policy Enforcement Point

ARUBA networks  
hp CISCO.  
Microsoft  
enterasys Secure Networks®  
JUNIPER NETWORKS  
IBM®

## Policy Decision Point

symantec.  
Microsoft  
FUJITSU IBM®  
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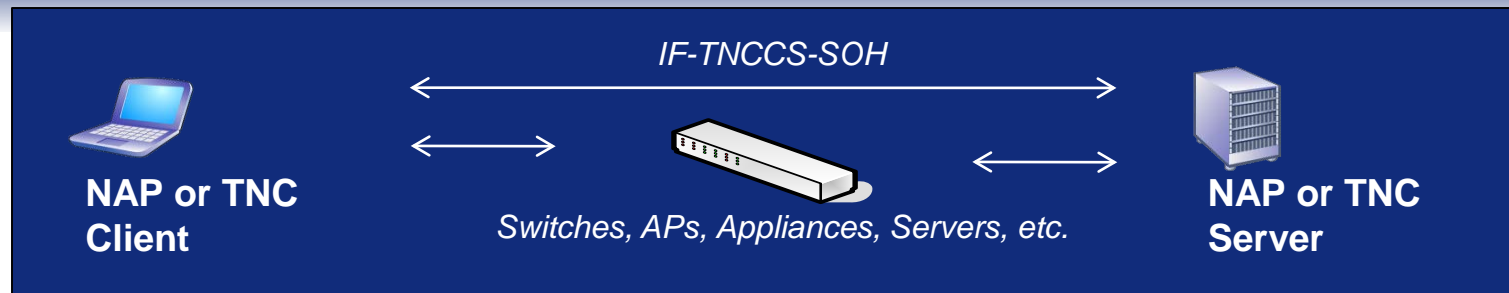
## Metadata Access Point

Infoblox  
JUNIPER NETWORKS

## Sensors, Flow Controllers

ArcSight  
Great Bay Software Inc.  
Asguard Networks  
ARUBA  
JUNIPER NETWORKS  
LUMETA®  
HIRSCH ELECTRONICS  
macmon®  
NCP SECURE COMMUNICATIONS  
insightiX  
TOFINO™

# Windows Support



## IF-TNCCS-SOH Standard

- Developed by Microsoft as Statement of Health (SoH) protocol
- Donated to TCG by Microsoft
- Adopted by TCG and published as a new TNC standard, IF-TNCCS-SOH

## Availability

- Built into all supported versions of Microsoft Windows
- Also built into products from other TNC vendors

## Implications

- NAP servers can health check TNC clients without extra software
- NAP clients can be health checked by TNC servers without extra software
- As long as all parties implement the open IF-TNCCS-SOH standard

# IETF and TNC

## IETF NEA WG

- Goal: Universal Agreement on NAC Client-Server Protocols
  - Co-Chaired by Cisco employee and TNC-WG Chair

## Published several TNC protocols as IETF RFCs

- PA-TNC (RFC 5792), PB-TNC (RFC 5793), PT-TLS (RFC 6876)
- Equivalent to TCG's IF-M 1.0, IF-TNCCS 2.0, and IF-T/TLS
- Co-Editors from Cisco, Intel, Juniper, Microsoft, Symantec



# What About Open Source?

## Lots of open source support for TNC

- University of Applied Arts and Sciences in Hannover, Germany (FHH)  
<http://trust.inform.fh-hannover.de>
- libtnc  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/libtnc>
- OpenSEA 802.1X supplicant  
<http://www.openseaalliance.org>
- FreeRADIUS  
<http://www.freeradius.org>
- omapd IF-MAP Server  
<http://code.google.com/p/omapd>
- strongSwan IPsec  
<http://www.strongswan.org>
- Open Source TNC SDK (IF-IMV and IF-IMC)  
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/tncsdk>

## TCG support for these efforts

- Liaison Memberships
- Open source licensing of TNC header files



# TNC Certification Program

Certifies Products that Properly Implement TNC Standards

## Certification Process

- Compliance testing using automated test suite from TCG
- Interoperability testing at Plugfest
- Add to list of certified products on TCG web site

## Customer Benefits

- Confidence that products interoperate
- Easy to cite in procurement documents



# TNC in the Real World

## Widely Deployed

- Millions of Seats
- Thousands of Customers
- Dozens of Products

## Across Many Sectors

- Government
- Finance
- Health Care
- Retail ...

# Case Study – St. Mary's County Public Schools



## Who

- Public school district in Maryland
- 16,000 students, 2,100 staff
- 26 schools, Grades K-12
- New, intensive STEM academies
  - STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
  - Grades 6-12

## Problem

- Received grant for 60 wireless laptops for STEM academies
- Need strongest security
  - Only STEM laptops can connect
  - User-specific access controls
  - Strong health checks on laptops
  - All wireless traffic encrypted

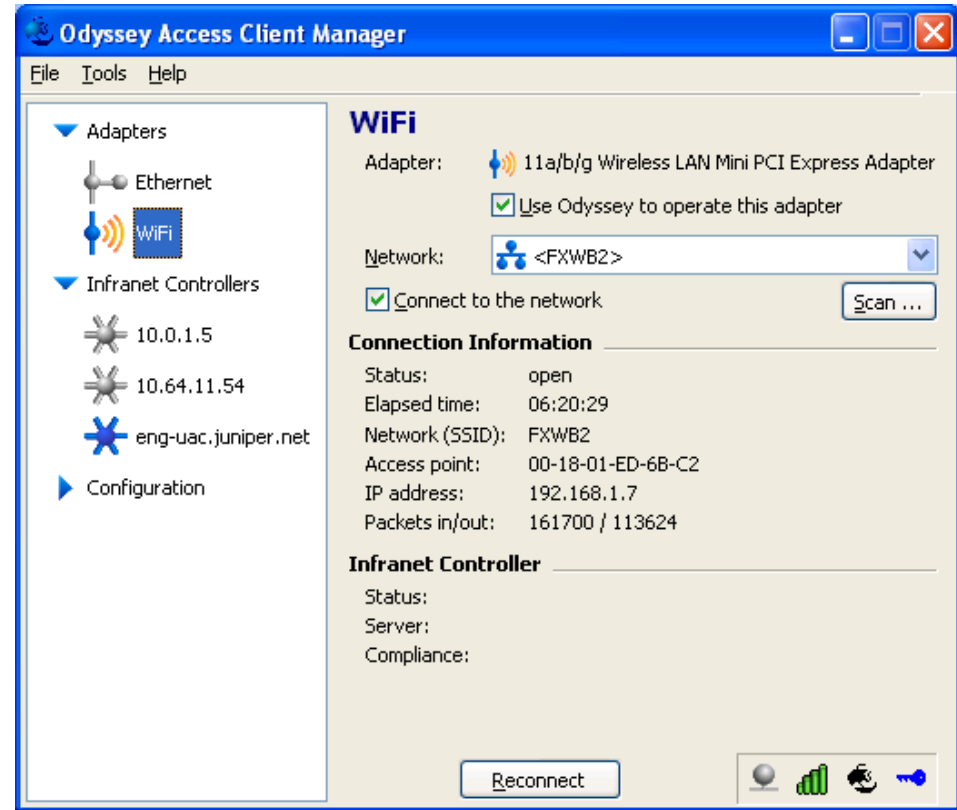
# St. Mary's County Public Schools - Solution

## Solution

- Juniper UAC with ...
  - Permanently resident agent
  - Continuous health checks
- Non-Juniper wireless access points
  - 802.1X enforcement
  - Integrated via TNC's IF-PEP

## Lessons Learned

- Design for the environment
  - Tightly controlled endpoints
  - Strong security requirements
  - Need constant health checking



# Summary

TNC solves today's security problems with growth for the future

- Flexible open architecture to accommodate rapid change
- Coordinated, automated security for lower costs and better security

TNC = open network security architecture and standards

- Enables multi-vendor interoperability
- Can reuse existing products to reduce costs and improve ROI
- Avoids vendor lock-in

TNC has strongest security

- Optional support for TPM to defeat rootkits
- Thorough and open technical review

Wide support for TNC standards

- Many vendors, open source, IETF



# For More Information

## TNC Web Site

Technical

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Business

[http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/solutions/network\\_security](http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/solutions/network_security)

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