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Hardening the UEFI Attack Surface

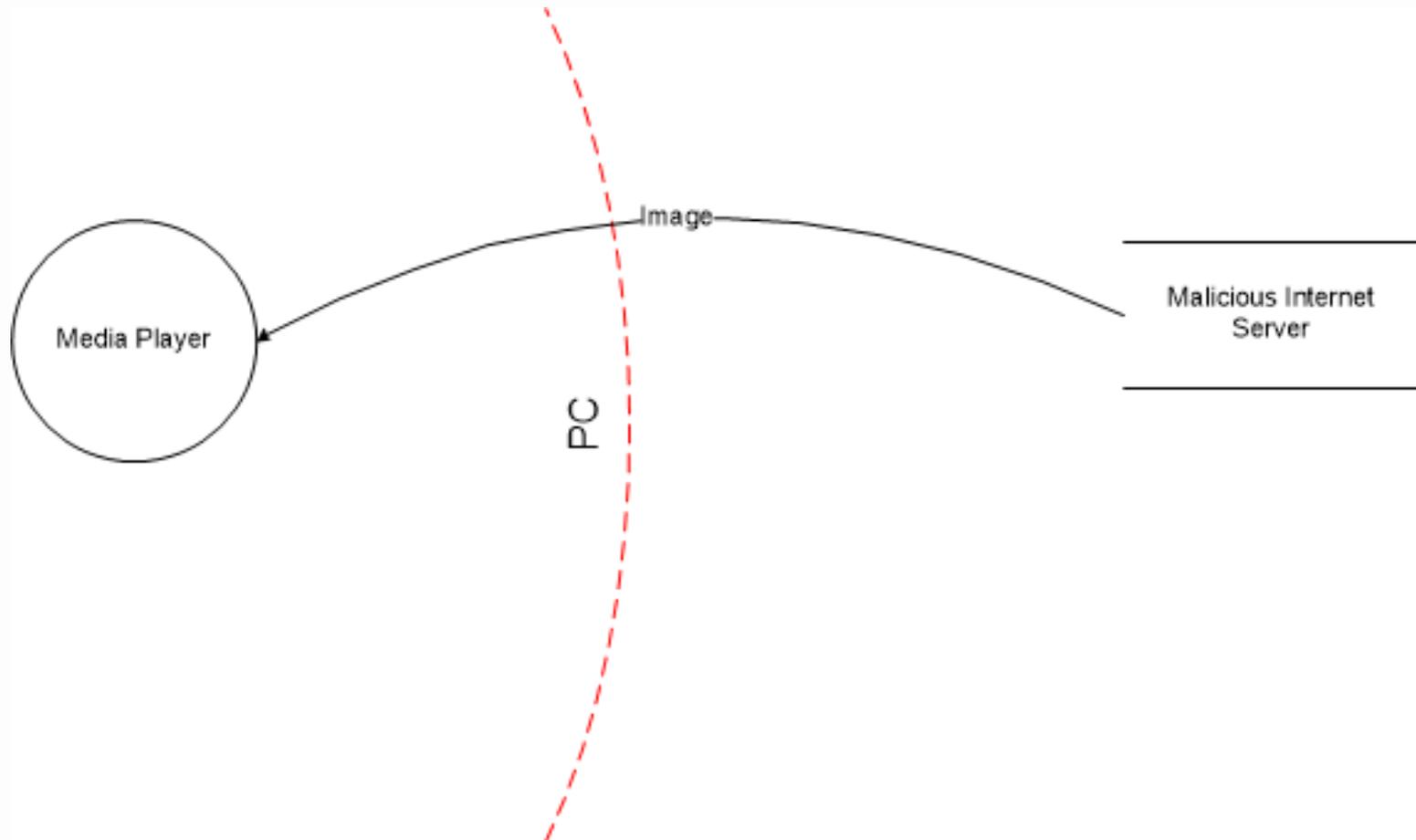
How to Harden an Attack Surface



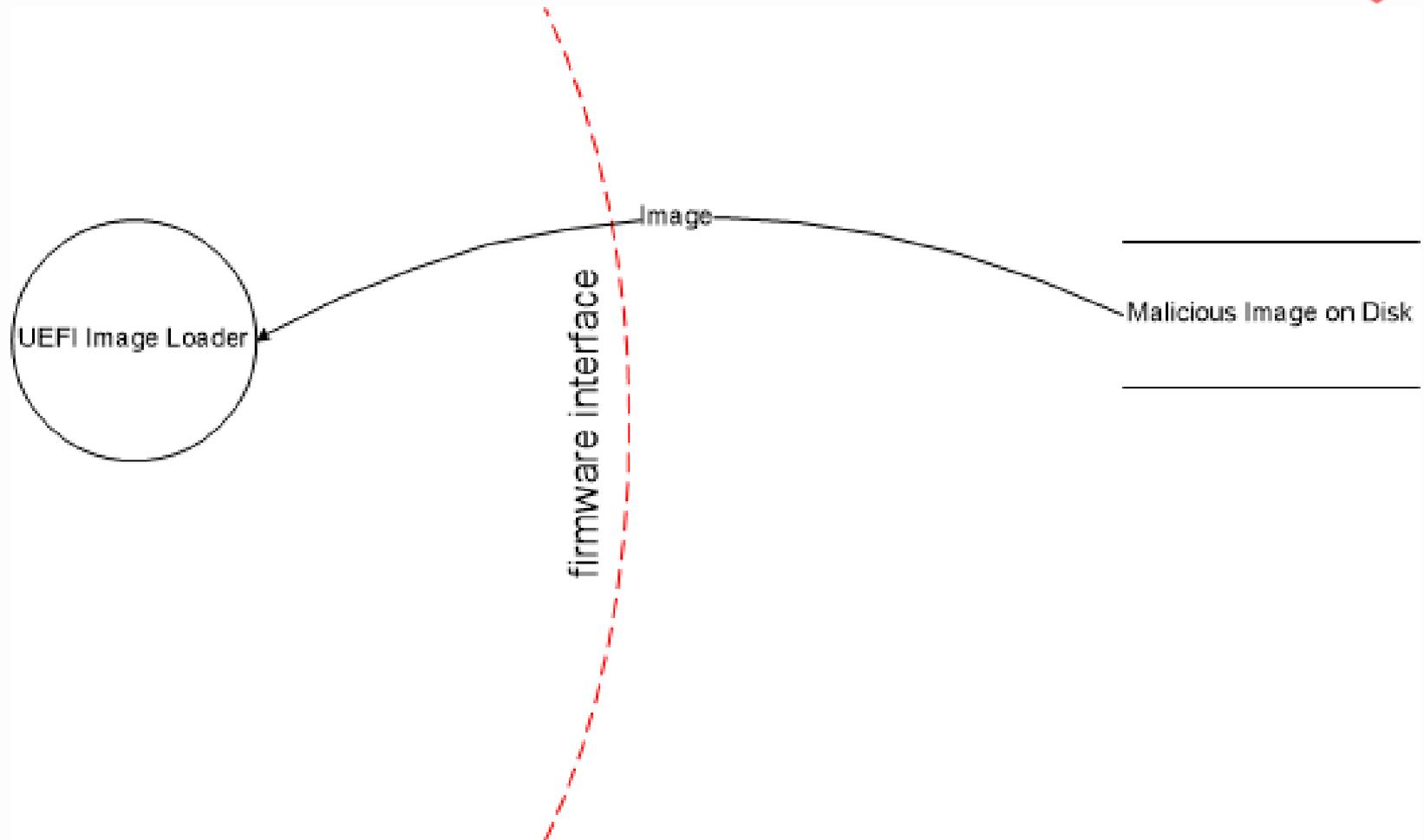
- Threat Modeling
- Secure Coding
- Security Code Audits
- Fuzz Testing
- Software Security Defenses



Media Player Threat Model



UEFI Threat Model



Secure Coding (one aspect)



Validation of untrusted input!

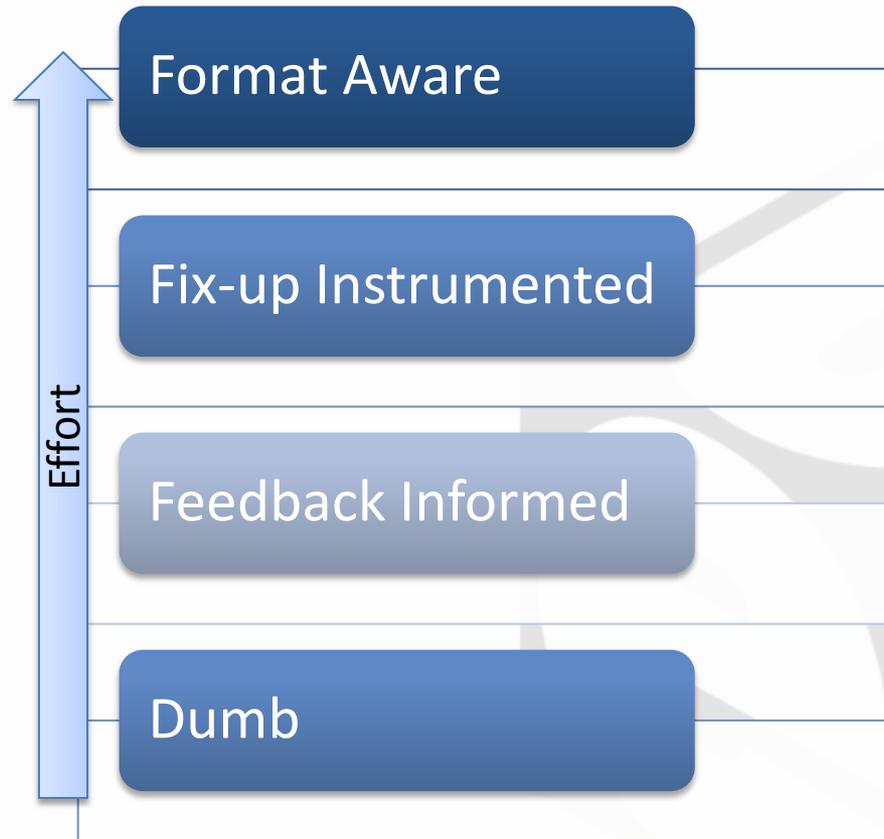
Poor validation of untrusted input may result in:

- Buffer overflows
- Integer and pointer corruption
- Memory overwrites
- ...

Leading to:

- Compromised runtime integrity of authenticated components
- ...

Fuzz Testing



Applying malformed data against the attack surface

Software Security Defenses



- Writing Secure Code
- Stack Buffer Overrun Detection (GS)
- Data Execution Prevention (DEP/NX)
- Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR)
- Heap Corruption Detection
- Migration to Safer Functions

Tianocore Revisions of Interest



Revisions of interest EDK2 trunk between 2012/01/01 and 2012/04/15. It is important to review these changes and, if the revision is applicable to implementations, integrate them.

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How to Harden and Attack Surface



- **Secure Coding:** helps to avoid problems
Guidelines for Writing Secure Code: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms182020.aspx>
Writing Secure Code: <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/security/aa570401>
Safe Integer Arithmetic in C: http://blogs.msdn.com/b/michael_howard/archive/2006/02/02/523392.aspx
- **Threat Modeling:** helps to define trust boundaries and potentially malicious data input points
<http://www.microsoft.com/security/sdl/adopt/threatmodeling.aspx>
- **Security Code Audits:** helps identify vulnerabilities through manual code inspection
<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc723542.aspx>
<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/sdl/archive/2011/10/19/code-analysis-for-all.aspx>
- **Fuzz Testing:** helps find input parsing and other vulnerabilities
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/testing/cc162782.aspx>
- **Software Security Defenses:** helps provide blanket protection against some threats
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb430720.aspx>