



# **Intel® SGX Software Installation Guide**

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# Introduction

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This document describes installation of the Intel® Software Guard Extensions (Intel® SGX) Software Components, specifically:

- Intel® SGX Software Development Kit (SDK), which aids Software Developers in creating applications that use Intel SGX Technology.
- Intel® SGX Platform Software (PSW) for Linux\* OS, which provides software modules to run Intel® SGX applications on the Linux\* OS.
- Intel® SGX Data Center Attestation Primitives (DCAP) for Linux\* OS, which provides software modules to aid Intel® Applications in performing attestation within the data center.

Installation packages are provided as binary installers for the SDK and PSW at <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/>. In addition, repositories are supported to distribute packages for the following OSs:

- Ubuntu\* 18.04, and 20.04: PSW and DCAP packages are provided in a Debian\* repository at [https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx\\_repo/ubuntu/](https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu/) and via a tar file located at <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/> under the corresponding Ubuntu\* folder.
- Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\* 8.2: PSW and DCAP packages are provided as RPM Packages via a tar file located in the corresponding folder in <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/rhel8.2-server/>.

This document focuses on describing the installation process for the above Linux distributions. SDK and PSW support for other Linux distributions are provided at <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/>. This site includes support for specific versions of:

- Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\*
- CentOS\* Server
- Fedora\* Server
- Ubuntu\* Server

DCAP support for other Linux distributions is at <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/distro/>. This site includes support for specific versions of:

- Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\*
- CentOS\* Server
- Fedora\* Server
- Ubuntu\* Server

See the Release Notes provided at <https://01.org/intel-software-guard-extensions/downloads> for specific information about each Linux distribution support.

The source code for Intel® SGX Software Components is provided in two locations on GitHub\*:

- Intel SGX SDK and PSW are provided at: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx>
- Intel DCAP is provided at: <https://github.com/intel/SGXDataCenterAttestationPrimitives>

## Installation Instructions - QuickStart

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The installation of the Intel® Software Guard Extensions (Intel® SGX) software packages for Ubuntu\* OS or Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux\* begins with the installation of the proper Intel® SGX Driver. After you install the driver, you can install the software packages.

This section is designed to provide quick setup instructions to help with configuring a platform to support SGX for a variety of usages – running an Intel® SGX application, building and running an Intel® SGX application, or building the Intel® SGX software stack. For detailed explanation of packages, see Intel® Software Guard Extensions – Software Packages.

### Driver Installation

A key component of a platform running Intel® SGX Enclaves is a kernel mode driver, which is instrumental in the loading and managing an Intel® SGX enclave. To understand how to configure a platform, you must be aware of Launch Control provided in Intel® SGX platforms. Launch Control refers to the methods and restrictions that the platform puts on controlling, which may provide tokens to applications for launching Intel® SGX enclaves. There are two characteristic configurations for Launch Control:

- *Flexible Launch Control*: platforms, including virtual machines, that support Intel® SGX Launch Control may be configured for a specific enclave signer by the kernel mode driver. In many cases, the driver dynamically reconfigures launch control for each enclave loaded, so that the enclave does not need a valid Launch Token to run (see EINITTOKEN in the [Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer Manuals](#) for more information on Launch Token).
- *Legacy Launch Control*: platforms that do not support Intel® SGX Launch Control or that are not configured by the BIOS for Flexible Launch Control may still load enclaves using Legacy Launch Control. In this mode, the platform must use an Intel-signed Launch Enclave to provide a Launch Token to the driver for loading the enclave. Also, the enclave owner's MRSIGNER (a hash of the owner's public signing key) must be added to Intel's Launch Policy List to run an enclave in release mode (For more information, see <https://software.intel.com/en-us/sgx/request-license>). Note: Though Legacy Launch Control restricts what enclaves can run in release mode, it allows an enclave to run in SGX debug mode regardless of whether the enclave owner's MRSIGNER has been added to the Launch Policy (see [Intel® 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer Manuals](#) for information on SGX debug mode enclaves). This allows to develop and debug test-signed debug enclaves.

There are currently three different drivers that can be used to support Intel® SGX. The platform must be configured with only one of these drivers:

1. *In-kernel Driver* (/dev/{sgx\_enclave, sgx\_provision}): Mainline kernel release 5.11 or higher includes the SGX In-Kernel driver. The In-Kernel Driver requires the platform to support and to be configured for Flexible Launch Control.
2. *DCAP Driver* (/dev/{sgx\_enclave, sgx\_provision}): The goal of the DCAP driver is to provide an interface close to the In-kernel Driver in order to provide Intel® SGX support to Linux OSs that do not have the Intel® SGX driver built into the kernel. This driver also requires the platform to support and to be configured for Flexible Launch Control.
3. *Out-of-tree Driver* (/dev/isgx): This driver is provided to support running Intel® SGX enclaves on platforms that only support Legacy Launch Control. It may also be installed on platforms configured with Flexible Launch Control; however, then these platforms will only load enclaves that conform to the Legacy Launch Control Policy.

The process of selection and installation of each driver is covered in the following sections.

## In-Kernel Driver Module Installation

The In-kernel driver is provided with Linux\* kernel beginning with the version 5.11. Developers and platform owners can install the 5.11 (or higher) kernel binaries provided by their Linux distribution or build the kernel from source code following the steps described in <https://wiki.ubuntu.com/KernelTeam/GitKernelBuild>. SGX option CONFIG\_X86\_SGX must be enabled in the `make menuconfig` step, otherwise the SGX module cannot be built. Other SGX configuration options such as CONFIG\_X86\_SGX\_KVM might be enabled depending on the user needs. Earlier versions of the kernel can be adapted with a patch. The latest Intel-SGX Patch to the kernel can be obtained at <https://patchwork.kernel.org/project/intel-sgx/list/>. This document does not cover the process of patching and building a kernel.

## DCAP Driver Installation

The DCAP Driver is the recommended driver to use on the Linux kernel version between 4.15 and 5.6 inclusive and on platforms that support and are configured for Flexible Launch Control. Installing DCAP driver on kernel 5.11 or higher with SGX In-Kernel driver gives the build error message, “Can't install DCAP SGX driver with inkernel SGX support”.

### Ubuntu OSs

The following procedure is used to install the DCAP driver on Ubuntu OSs:

1. Update the system:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

2. Install the DCAP Driver:

- a. Since the DCAP Driver is built from the driver package, install the required components that support the Intel® SGX PSW installation.

**Note:** This command line contains modules that are needed for components described in the subsequent sections of this document.

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential ocaml automake autoconf libtool  
wget python libssl-dev dkms
```

- b. Download the latest Intel® SGX Driver binary file from the Intel® SGX DCAP download directory: <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro>

For example, to download the driver for Ubuntu server 20.04, use the following command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/ubuntu20.04-  
server/sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

- c. Set protections to allow for the .bin file execution:

```
chmod 777 sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

- d. Install the driver:

```
sudo ./sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

The installer also loads the DCAP Driver and sets it to `auto-load` when the system reboots.

To verify that the driver loaded correctly, check that the device shows up in the `/dev` folder:

```
ls -la /dev/sgx*  
  
crw-rw-rw- 1 root root 10, 56 Mar 18 15:09 /dev/sgx_enclave  
  
crw-rw---- 1 root sgx_prv 10, 55 Mar 18 15:09 /dev/sgx_provision
```

After the DCAP Driver installation, you can see a generated script `uninstall.sh` in the `/opt/intel/sgxdriver` directory. Use this script to uninstall the driver.

### **Red Hat Enterprise Linux**

The following procedure is used to install the Intel® SGX DCAP driver on Red Hat\* Enterprise Linux:

1. Update the system first:

```
sudo yum update
```

2. Install the DCAP Driver:

- a. Since the DCAP Driver is built from the driver package, install the required components that support the Intel® SGX PSW installation.

To install `protobuf-devel` and `dkms`, you need to enable the CodeReady Builder repo and install the EPEL repo:

```
sudo subscription-manager repos --enable codeready-builder-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms
```

```
sudo yum install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

Now install the required packages.

**Note:** This command line contains modules that are needed in components described in subsequent sections of this document

```
sudo yum install openssl-devel libcurl-devel yum-utils wget dkms make kernel-devel kernel
```

- b. Download the latest Intel SGX Driver binary file the appropriate distro directory: <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro>

For example, to download the driver for RHEL 8.1, use the following command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/distro/rhel8.2-server/sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

- c. Set the protections to allow for the `.bin` file execution:

```
chmod 777 sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

- d. Install the driver:

```
sudo ./sgx_linux_x64_driver_1.41.bin
```

The installer also loads the DCAP Driver and sets it to `auto-load` when the system reboots.

To verify the driver loaded correctly, check that the device shows up in the `/dev` folder:

```
ls -la /dev/sgx*  
  
crw-----. 1 root root 10, 60 Mar 18 15:06 /dev/sgx_enclave  
  
crw-----. 1 root root 10, 59 Mar 18 15:06 /dev/sgx_provision
```

After the DCAP Driver installation, you can see a generated script `uninstall.sh` in the `/opt/intel/sgxdriver` directory. Use this script to uninstall the driver.

## Out-of-Tree Driver Installation

The Out-of-Tree Driver is recommended for use on platforms that do not support or are not configured for Flexible Launch Control. It is not recommended to install the legacy Out-of-Tree driver on FLC-enabled platforms. If the legacy Out-of-Tree driver is installed on an FLC platform running with Kernel 5.11 or higher, the installation succeeds; however, Intel SGX PSW utilizes only the In-Kernel Driver.

### Ubuntu OSs

The following procedure is used to install the Out-of-Tree driver on Ubuntu OSs:

1. Update the system first:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt upgrade
```

2. Install the Out-of-Tree Driver:

- a. Since the Out-of-Tree Driver is built from the driver package, install the required components that support the Intel® SGX PSW installation.  
**Note:** This command line contains modules needed beyond the Out-of-Tree Driver installation.

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential ocaml automake autoconf libtool
wget python libssl-dev
```

- b. Download the latest Intel® SGX Driver binary file from the distro directory:  
<https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/>

For example, to download the driver for Ubuntu server 20.04, use the following command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-
latest/distro/ubuntu20.04-server/
sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

- c. Set the protections to allow for the .bin file execution:

```
chmod 777 sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

- d. Install the driver:

```
sudo ./sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

The installer also loads the Out-of-Tree Driver and sets it to `auto-load` when the system reboots.

To verify that the driver loaded correctly, check that the device shows up in the `/dev` folder:

```
ls -la /dev/isgx
```

```
crw-rw-rw- 1 root root 241, 0 Mar 10 10:45 /dev/isgx1
```

After the Out-of-Tree Driver installation, you can see a generated script `uninstall.sh` in the `/opt/intel/sgxdriver` directory. Use this script to uninstall the driver.

### **Red Hat Enterprise Linux**

The following procedure is used to install the Out-of-Tree driver on Ubuntu OSs:

1. Update the system:

```
sudo yum update
```

2. Install the Out-of-Tree Driver:

- a. Since the Out-of-Tree Driver is built from the driver package, install the required components that support the Intel® SGX PSW installation.

To be able to install `protobuf-devel` and `dkms`, you need to enable the CodeReady Builder repo and install the EPEL repo:

```
sudo subscription-manager repos --enable codeready-builder-for-rhel-8-x86_64-rpms
```

```
sudo yum install https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-8.noarch.rpm
```

Now install the required packages.

**Note:** This command line contains modules needed beyond the Out-of-Tree Driver installation.

```
sudo yum install openssl-devel libcurl-devel protobuf-devel yum-utils wget dkms make kernel-devel
```

- b. Download the latest Intel SGX Driver binary file from the appropriate distro directory: <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/>

For example, to download the driver for RHEL 8.2, use the following command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/rhel8.2-server/sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

- c. Set protections to allow for the `.bin` file execution:

```
chmod 777 sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the out-of-tree driver is `/dev/isgx` instead of `/dev/sgx`

d. Install the driver:

```
sudo ./sgx_linux_x64_driver_2.11.0_0373e2e.bin
```

The installer also loads the Out-of-Tree Driver and sets it to be `auto-load` when the system reboots.

To verify the driver loaded correctly, check that the device shows up in the `/dev` folder:

```
ls -la /dev/isgx  
  
crw-rw-rw- 1 root root 241, 0 Mar 10 10:45 /dev/isgx
```

After the Out-of-Tree Driver installation, you can see a generated script `uninstall.sh` in the `/opt/intel/sgxdriver` directory. Use this script to uninstall the driver.

## User Mode Software Installation

The procedure for configuring a platform with the necessary Intel® SGX software packages, provided as binary installers and/or Debian packages, depends on the intended use of the platform. Choose the role that describes your needs best:

- **Intel® SGX Application User:** install an Intel® SGX application that runs an Intel® SGX enclave on the system.
- **Intel® SGX Application Developer:** build or develop an Intel® SGX application that runs an Intel® SGX enclave on the system.
- **Intel® SGX Software Stack Developer or Builder:** build or develop the Intel® SGX Software Stack: The Intel® SGX Software Development Kit (Intel® SGX SDK), the Intel® SGX Platform Software (Intel® SGX PSW), or the Intel® SGX Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP).

This section provides shortcuts on system configuration for the needs described above.

## Intel® SGX Application User

To run an Intel SGX Application built with the Intel® SGX SDK, install appropriate packages from the Intel® SGX Platform Software (Intel® SGX PSW) and Intel® SGX DCAP. They are provided as Debian\* packages.

### *Ubuntu OSs*

To configure the system to run an Intel® SGX application:

1. Install the following Debian Library and App Packages: `libsgx-epid`, `libsgx-quote-ex`, `libsgx-dcap-ql`, which also installs the dependent packages `libsgx-urts`, `libsgx-launch`, `libsgx-ae-le`, `libsgx-ae-pce`, `libsgx-ae-qe3`, `libsgx-ae-qve`, `libsgx-`

ae-epid, libsgx-qe3-logic, libsgx-pce-logic, libsgx-dcap\_quote-verify, libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin, libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin, libsgx-ae-launch-plugin, libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-plugin, libsgx-enclave-common, libsgx-uae-service, and sgx-aesm-service following these steps:

- a. Ensure you have connection to the internet and open a terminal.

- b. Add the following repository to your sources:

- i. For Ubuntu\* 18.04:

```
$ echo 'deb [arch=amd64] https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu bionic main' | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/intel-sgx.list
```

- ii. For Ubuntu\* 20.04:

```
$ echo 'deb [arch=amd64] https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu focal main' | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/intel-sgx.list
```

- c. Get the Debian repo public key and add it to the list of trusted keys that are used by *apt* to authenticate packages:

```
$ wget -qO - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu/intel-sgx-deb.key | sudo apt-key add
```

- d. Update apt and install the following packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get update  
$ sudo apt-get install libsgx-epid libsgx-quote-ex libsgx-dcap-ql
```

- e. **(Optional)** To debug with *sgx-gdb*, install the debug symbol package. For Ubuntu\* 18.04 and Ubuntu\* 20.04, the debug symbols are included in the following packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get install libsgx-urts-dbgsym libsgx-enclave-common-dbgsym libsgx-dcap-ql-dbgsym libsgx-dcap-default-ql-dbgsym
```

- f. **(Alternate Installation Method)** Download all these packages from <https://01.org/intel-softwareguard-extensions/downloads> and use the following command for each package:

```
$ sudo dpkg -i ./<package_name>.deb
```

- g. **(Alternate Installation Method)** Another method is to set up a local or on disk Ubuntu repo using the tarball that contains all the packages. You should download the tar file that matches your Ubuntu version.

On a platform with Internet access download the tar file and the repo key:

```
wget -qO - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/sgx_repo/ubuntu/intel-sgx-deb.key
```

```
wget -qO - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/<UBUNTU_VERSION>/sgx_debian_local_repo.tgz
```

Once those 2 files are available on the target platform:

```
tar xzf sgx_debian_local_repo.tgz
```

```
cat intel-sgx-deb.key | sudo apt-key add -
```

i. For Ubuntu\* 18.04:

```
echo 'deb [trusted=yes arch=amd64]
file:///path/to/ubuntu_debian_repo bionic main' | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/sgx-repo.list
```

ii. For Ubuntu\* 20.04:

```
echo 'deb [trusted=yes arch=amd64]
file:///path/to/ubuntu_debian_repo focal main' | sudo tee
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/sgx-repo.list
```

```
sudo apt-get update
```

Then install the SGX packages you need using the apt-get command. For example:

```
sudo apt-get install -y libsgx-urts libsgx-launch \
```

```
libsgx-enclave-common-dev libsgx-uae-service
```

- h. **(Optional)** If you intend to run an SGX application that loads an enclave requiring the Provision Key Access, the user needs to be added to the group "sgx\_prv". Applications that obtain a quote from the DCAP Quote Generation library for the purposes of remote attestation may require Provision Key Access. Use the following command to add access for a user:

```
$ sudo usermod -aG sgx_prv <username>
```

2. Set up the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP), Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS) and Quote Provider Library (QPL). The PCCS and QPL work together to first cache DCAP attestation collateral information and then make the information available to the DCAP Quote Generation Library (libsgx-dcap-ql). These packages are provided as reference designs that users may employ. If you are running in a specific cloud, check with the CSP to see if it provides a CSP-specific QPL that accesses a custom provisioning certificate caching service in that CSP's cloud.
  - i. **[Optional]** Setup the Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS):

If the CSP already provides the caching service, you don't need to setup it by yourself. Please consult Cloud Service Provider about how to use their caching service. If you are not running in the cloud or there is no caching service available, please refer to [Appendix 2](#) for how to setup local caching service.

- ii. Install the DCAP QPL package (If the CSP has a specific QPL then you need to install that one):

```
$ sudo apt-get install libsgx-dcap-default-qpl
```

**3. Note on upgrading from a legacy installation:** Before release version 2.8, the Intel® SGX PSW was installed from a single package named `libsgx-enclave-common`. Starting with the 2.8 release, the Intel® SGX PSW is split into many smaller packages with individual libraries. `libsgx-enclave-common` now only contains the `libsgx-enclave-common` library. As a result, a simple upgrade will end up with a subset of the Intel® SGX PSW being installed on the system. You need to install the additional packages listed above. In addition, you will encounter some error message when you attempt to install the extra packages with an older version of `libsgx-enclave-common`, because the older `libsgx-enclave-common` package have files attributed to it that are now installed from the new packages. The suggested method to upgrade is:

- i. Uninstall old versions of sgx packages:

```
$ sudo apt-get remove '^sgx-.*' '^libsgx-.*'
```

- ii. Update and install the appropriate packages:

```
$ sudo apt update
```

```
$ sudo apt install <package_name>
```

### **Red Hat Enterprise Linux**

To configure the system to run an Intel® SGX application:

1. Install the following RPM Packages for `libsgx-urts`, `libsgx-launch`, `libsgx-epid`, `libsgx-quote-ex`, `libsgx-dcap-ql`; that also install the dependent packages `libsgx-ae-le`, `libsgx-ae-pce`, `libsgx-ae-qe3`, `libsgx-ae-qve`, `libsgx-ae-epid`, `libsgx-qe3-logic`, `libsgx-pce-logic`, `libsgx-dcap_quote-verify`, `libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin`, `libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin`, `libsgx-ae-launch-plugin`, `libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-plugin`, `libsgx-enclave-common`, `libsgx-uae-service`, and `sgx-aesm-service` with the following method:

- a. Find RPM packages for SGX libraries and services, which are currently provided in a single TAR archive at

<https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/rhel8.2-server/>

- b. Download the file `sgx_rpm_local_repo.tgz` to a selected folder, for example `/opt/intel`

```
$ cd /opt/intel
```

```
$ sudo wget https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/rhel8.2-server/sgx_rpm_local_repo.tgz
```

- c. Verify the downloaded repo file with the SHA value in this file:  
[https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/SHA256SUM\\_dcap\\_1.9.cfg](https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/SHA256SUM_dcap_1.9.cfg)

```
$ sha256sum sgx_rpm_local_repo.tgz
```

- d. Expand the archive:

```
$ sudo tar xvf sgx_rpm_local_repo.tgz
```

- e. Install all the latest packages using 'sudo dnf --nogpgcheck<sup>2</sup> install <package names>'. Here is an example that installs all packages from the 2.11 release with DCAP 1.8.

```
$ sudo dnf --nogpgcheck --  
reporfrompath=SGX,/opt/intel/sgx rpm local repo install libsgx-  
urts libsgx-launch libsgx-epid libsgx-quote-ex libsgx-dcap-ql  
libsgx-uae-service
```

- f. **(Optional)** To debug with `sgx-gdb`, install the debug symbol packages included in the repo:

```
$ sudo dnf --nogpgcheck install --reporfrompath=SGX,  
/opt/intel/sgx rpm local repo libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin-debuginfo  
libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin-debuginfo libsgx-aesm-launch-plugin-  
debuginfo libsgx-aesm-pce-plugin-debuginfo libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-  
plugin-debuginfo libsgx-dcap-default-qpl-debuginfo libsgx-dcap-  
ql-debuginfo libsgx-dcap-quote-verify-debuginfo libsgx-enclave-  
common-debuginfo libsgx-epid-debuginfo libsgx-launch-debuginfo  
libsgx-pce-logic-debuginfo libsgx-qe3-logic-debuginfo libsgx-  
quote-ex-debuginfo libsgx-ra-network-debuginfo libsgx-ra-uefi-  
debuginfo libsgx-uae-service-debuginfo libsgx-urts-debuginfo sgx-  
aesm-service-debuginfo sgx-pck-id-retrieval-tool-debuginfo sgx-  
ra-service-debuginfo
```

- e. **(Optional)** To run an Intel® SGX application that loads an enclave requiring the Provision Key Access, the user needs to be added to the group of "sgx\_prv". This is true for any application that obtains a quote from the DCAP Quote Generation library for the purposes of remote attestation. Use the following command to add access for a user:

```
$ sudo usermod -aG sgx_prv <username>
```

2. Set up the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS) and Quote Provider Library (QPL). The PCCS and QPL work together to first cache DCAP attestation collateral information and then make the information available to the DCAP Quote Generation Library (libsgx-dcap-ql). These packages are provided as

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<sup>2</sup> Since the local repo is not signed with GPG, ignore the GPG check when installing the packages.

reference designs that users may employ. If you are running in a specific cloud, check with the CSP to see if it provides a CSP-specific QPL that accesses a custom provisioning certificate caching service in that CSP's cloud.

- a. [Optional] Setup the Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS):  
If the CSP already provides the caching service, you don't need to setup it by yourself. Please consult Cloud Service Provider about how to use their caching service. If you are not running in the cloud or there is no caching service available, please refer to [Appendix 2](#) for how to setup local caching service.

- b. Install the DCAP QPL package (If the CSP has a specific QPL then you need to install that one):

```
$ sudo yum install --nogpgcheck libsgx-dcap-default-qpl
```

## Intel® SGX Application Developer

In addition to installing the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Platform Software (Intel® SGX PSW), you should also install the Intel® SGX Software Development Kit (Intel® SGX SDK) and the prerequisite software.

### Ubuntu OSs

To install the Intel® SGX SDK on Ubuntu OSs:

1. Install the prerequisite software. For more information about prerequisites, see *Install the Intel® SGX SDK: Prerequisites*: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md>.  
Run the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install build-essential python
```

2. Download the Intel® SGX SDK and install it.

**Note:** The following commands are specific to the Linux\* 2.11 release. For subsequent releases, specify a new release directory and a filename.

- a. Insert into the following command line the appropriate Linux distribution and its version (for example, `ubuntu18.04`), the Intel® SGX SDK version and build (for example, `2.11.100.2`), and run the command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/  
<distro>/sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.<build>.bin
```

- b. Adjust the file permissions:

```
chmod +x sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.<build>.bin
```

- c. Start interactive setup by running the following command (run with `sudo` if necessary):

```
./sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.bin
```

- d. When the question **Do you want to install in current directory? [yes/no]** appears, choose one of the following:
  - o If you want to install the components in the current directory, type **yes** and press **Enter**.
  - o If you want to provide another path for the installation, type **no** and press **Enter**.

Now the Intel® SGX SDK package is installed into the directory *<Your Input Location>/sgxsdk*. In this location you can also find a generated script `uninstall.sh`, which you can use to uninstall the Intel® SGX SDK.

- e. To set all environment variables, run:

```
source <User Input Path>/sgxsdk/environment
```

- f. **(Optional)** Start non-interactive setup by running the following command (run with `sudo` if necessary):

```
./sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.bin --prefix {SDK_INSTALL_PATH_PREFIX}
```

3. Install the appropriate developer packages `libsgx-enclave-common-dev`, `libsgx-dcap-ql-dev` and `libsgx-dcap-default-ql-dev` with the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install libsgx-enclave-common-dev libsgx-dcap-ql-dev libsgx-dcap-default-ql-dev
```

### **Red Hat Enterprise Linux:**

To install the Intel® SGX SDK on Red Hat Enterprise Linux:

1. Install the prerequisite software. For more information about prerequisites, see *Install the Intel® SGX SDK: Prerequisites*: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md>.  
Run the following command:

```
sudo yum groupinstall 'Development Tools'
```

2. Download the Intel® SGX SDK and install it.

**Note:** The following commands are specific to the Linux\* 2.9.1 release. For subsequent releases, specify a new release directory and a filename.

- a. Insert into the following command line the appropriate Linux distribution and its version (for example, `RHEL8.0-Server`), the Intel® SGX SDK version and build (for example, `2.9.101.1`), and run the command:

```
wget - https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/distro/<distro>/sgx\_linux\_x64\_sdk\_<version>.<build>.bin
```

- b. Adjust the file permissions:

```
chmod +x sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.<build>.bin
```

- c. Start interactive setup by running the following command (run with `sudo` if necessary):

```
./sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.<build>.bin
```

- d. When the question **Do you want to install in current directory? [yes/no]** appears, choose one of the following:
- o If you want to install the components in the current directory, type **yes** and press **Enter**.
  - o If you want to provide another path for the installation, type **no** and press **Enter**.

Now the Intel® SGX SDK package is installed into the directory *<Your Input Location>/sgxsdk*. In this location you can also find a generated script `uninstall.sh`, which you can use to uninstall the Intel® SGX SDK.

- e. Set all environment variables, run:

```
source <User Input Path>/sgxsdk/environment
```

- f. **(Optional)** Start non-interactive setup by running the following command (run with `sudo` if necessary):

```
./sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.bin --prefix {SDK_INSTALL_PATH_PREFIX}
```

3. Install the appropriate developer packages with the following command. **Note:** This command assumes you have already added the local SGX repo as instructed earlier in the “Red Hat Enterprise Linux” section under “Intel® SGX Application User”:

```
sudo yum install --nogpgcheck libsgx-enclave-common-devel libsgx-dcap-ql-  
devel libsgx-dcap-default-ql-devel libsgx-quote-ex-devel libsgx-launch-  
devel libsgx-epid-devel libsgx-dcap-ql-devel libsgx-dcap-quote-verify-  
devel
```

## Building the Intel® SGX Software Stack

### Intel® SGX - Platform Software and Software Development Kit

The source code for the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Platform Software (Intel® SGX PSW) and the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Software Development Kit (Intel® SGX SDK) is located in the following GitHub\* repository: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx>. To build and deploy the packages, follow the instructions in <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md>.

### **Prebuilt Binaries**

To run Intel® SGX enclaves on systems that use Legacy Launch Control and then to properly provision and use the Intel® EPID attestation, you must use certain enclaves called Architectural Enclaves or AEs, which are pre-built and signed. You can download these pre-built enclaves for the Intel® SGX Linux\* release from <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/>. The prebuilt enclaves are in a .tar file in the form `prebuilt_ae_<version>.tar.gz`

In addition, the Intel SDK provides prebuilt optimized libraries in the binary form. These libraries are provided in a .tar file in the form of `optimized_libs_<version>.tar.gz`.

Check the SHA256 hash of downloaded libraries using `SHA256SUM_prebuilt_<version>.txt`.

### **Intel® SGX Data Center Attestation Primitives**

The source code for the Intel® Software Guard Extensions Data Center Attestation Primitives (Intel® SGX DCAP) is located in the following GitHub\* repository:

<https://github.com/intel/SGXDataCenterAttestationPrimitives>. To build and deploy the packages, follow the instructions in

<https://github.com/intel/SGXDataCenterAttestationPrimitives/blob/master/README.md>.

### **Prebuilt Binaries**

To use the Intel® SGX DCAP, you must also use certain enclaves that are pre-built and signed. This includes enclaves used by the Intel® SGX DCAP Quote Generation Library, which are located here:

<https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/> in file

`prebuilt_dcap_<version>.tar.gz`. For release notes and other details, see

<https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/docs/>

## **Intel® Software Guard Extensions – Software Packages**

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Figure 1: Intel(R) SGX PSW and Intel(R) SGX DCAP for Linux Package Structure details the set of packages that are provided in Intel® SGX DCAP beginning with Version 1.4 and Intel® SGX PSW beginning with version 2.8. The figure also displays required (hard) and optional dependencies.

While the figure contains many packages, the packages presented in blue, labeled in the key as *sgx library packages*, are of special interest to developers. Each of the *sgx library packages* presents a library that provides a function to an application developer.

Other packages, *aesm related packages*, provide special security functions related to the Architectural Enclave Service Manager (AESM). These packages are presented in yellow. The AESM is a daemon that provides special functions, such as quote generation or launch token generation, to Intel® SGX



Each AESM plug-in package depends on the AESM Service (*sgx-aesm-service*) itself and also upon one or more Architectural Enclave (AE) packages denoted in green. AE packages provide enclaves themselves. These enclaves, such as *libsgx-ae-pce*, are provided in their own packages to allow them to be updated (some are in the TCB of the Intel® SGX application due to the service they provide) and be signed by a trusted entity (the signer of an AE must be trusted by the party relying on the AE service).

It should be noted that a packages *libsgx-dcap-default-qpl* and *libsgx-dcap-pccs* are not presented with any direct dependencies. These are described in a later section.

## Detailed Description of Packages

The best description of the individual components relates to what you need to do in an application or a run time, or how you may configure a VM or platform.

Each package and its dependencies are listed in alphabetical order in Table 1: Intel(R) Linux SGX Software Packages.

| Package Name                        | Type      | Function   | Direct SGX Package Dependency(s)  | Developer Files                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>libsgx-ae-epid</i>               | AE        | Intel® EPID Quoting Enclave                        | None  | EDL provided in release package    |
| <i>libsgx-ae-le</i>                 | AE        | Legacy Launch Enclave                              | None  | EDL provided in release package    |
| <i>libsgx-ae-pce</i>                | AE        | PCE Enclave  | None  | EDL provided in release package    |
| <i>libsgx-ae-qe3</i>                | AE        | ECDSA Quoting Enclave                              | None  | EDL provided in release package    |
| <i>libsgx-ae-qve</i>                | AE        | ECDSA Quote Verification Enclave                   | None  | EDL provided in release package    |
| <i>libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin</i>     | Plug-in   | Plug-in to provide ECDSA Quotes                    | <i>libsgx-qe3-logic</i><br><i>libsgx-aesm-pce-plugin</i><br><i>sgx-aesm-service</i>                 |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin</i>      | Plug-in   | Plug-in to provide Intel® EPID Quotes              | <i>libsgx-ae-epid</i><br><i>libsgx-aesm-pce-plugin</i><br><i>sgx-aesm-service</i>                   |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-aesm-launch-plugin</i>    | Plug-in   | Plug-in to provide Legacy Launch Tokens            | <i>libsgx-ae-le</i><br><i>sgx-aesm-service</i>  |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-aesm-pce-plugin</i>       | Plug-in   | Plug-in to provide PCE Signing                     | <i>Libsgx-pce-logic</i><br><i>libsgx-ae-pce</i><br><i>sgx-aesm-service</i>                          |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-plugin</i>  | Plug-in   | Plug-in to provide universal quoting               | <i>libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin</i><br><i>libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin</i> (opt.)<br><i>sgx-aesm-service</i> |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-dcap-default-qpl</i>      | Lib       | Default Quote Provider Library (QPL)               | None  | <i>libsgx-dcap-default-qpl-dev</i> |
| <i>Libsgx-dcap_default-qpl-dev*</i> | Dev Files | Developer Files for Default Quote Provider Library | <i>libsgx-dcap-default-qpl</i>  |                                    |
| <i>libsgx-dcap-ql</i>               | Lib       | Library that provides ECDSA Quotes                 | <i>libsgx-ae-qve</i><br><i>libsgx-pce-logic</i><br><i>libsgx-qe3-logic</i>                          | <i>libsgx-dcap-default-ql-dev</i>  |

|                                      |                  |  |   |  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>libsgx-dcap-ql-dev*</b>           | Dev Files        | Developer Files for libsgx-dcap-ql   | libsgx-headers<br>libsgx-dcap-ql                |  |
| <b>libsgx-dcap-quote-verify</b>      | Lib              | Quote Verification Library   | libsgx-ae-qve                                   | libsgx-dcap-quote-verify-dev                             |
| <b>libsgx-dcap-quote-verify-dev*</b> | Dev Files        | Developer files for Quote Verification Library   | libsgx-headers<br>libsgx-dcap-quote-verify      |  |
| <b>libsgx-pce-logic</b>              | Lib              | Library that provides PCE logic wrapper  | libsgx-urts<br>libsgx-ae-pce                    |  |
| <b>libsgx-qe3-logic</b>              | Lib              | Library that provides ECDSA QE logic wrapper   | libsgx-urts<br>libsgx-ae-qe3                    |  |
| <b>libsgx-enclave-common</b>         | Lib              | Library that presents a common interface for loading SGX enclaves  | libsgx-launch (optional)                        | libsgx-enclave-common-dev                                |
| <b>libsgx-enclave-common-dev*</b>    | Dev Files        | Developer files for Enclave Common   | libsgx-headers<br>libsgx-enclave-common         |  |
| <b>libsgx-epid</b>                   | Lib              | Library that provides Intel® EPID quotes   | libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin (optional)              | libsgx-epid-dev  |
| <b>libsgx-epid-dev*</b>              | Dev Files        | Developer files for libsgx-epid  | libsgx-headers<br>libsgx-epid                   |  |
| <b>libsgx-launch</b>                 | Lib              | Library that provides legacy launch tokens   | libsgx-aesm-launch-plugin (optional)            | libsgx-launch-dev  |
| <b>libsgx-quote-ex</b>               | Lib              | Library that provides agnostic quoting (current Intel® EPID or ECDSA)  | libsgx-aesm-quote-ex-plugin (optional)          | libsgx-quote-ex-dev                                      |
| <b>libsgx-quote-ex-dev*</b>          | Dev Files        | Developer files for libsgx-quote-ex  | libsgx-headers<br>libsgx-quote-ex               |  |
| <b>libsgx-uae-service</b>            | Lib (deprecated) | Library that wraps libsgx-epid, libsgx-launch, and other deprecated features. Provided to support legacy apps. | libsgx-epid<br>libsgx-launch<br>libsgx-quote-ex |  |
| <b>libsgx-urts</b>                   | Lib              | Library that provides uRTS features to load/manage Intel® SGX Enclaves   | libsgx-enclave-common                           | Header files provided in SDK:<br>sgx_linux_x64_sdk_*.bin |
| <b>sgx-aesm-service</b>              | Serv             | AESM Service that runs AESM plug-ins   | None  | None   |
| <b>sgx-dcap-pccs</b>                 | Serv             | PCK Cert. Caching Service  | None  |  |

Table 1: Intel(R) Linux SGX Software Packages (\*Package names may vary by OS)

## Summary of Use Cases and Required Packages

The packages that are required, either as application package dependencies or as platform dependencies, depend on the use case of the application and the platform environment.

### Load Custom Intel® SGX Enclaves

The loading process for the Intel® SGX enclaves with a custom configuration (such as enclave produced from the Open Enclave SDK) should use the *libsgx-enclave-common* library.

- Package: *libsgx-enclave-common*

- Documentation: [Intel SGX Enclave Common Loader API Reference.pdf](#)
- Comments:
  - This library is typically used by enclave run times such as Open Enclave Loader or Intel® SGX uRTS
  - If legacy launch is used on the platform, *libsgx-enclave-common* needs the package *libsgx-launch* and its dependent packages

## Load Intel® SGX Enclaves

Enclaves that are produced using the Intel® SGX SDK are loaded and managed with the *libsgx-urts* library.

- Package: *libsgx-urts*
- Documentation: [Intel SGX Developer Reference Linux 2.8 Open Source.pdf](#)
- Comments:
  - *libsgx-urts* depends on *libsgx-enclave-common*
  - To use in your application, install the Intel® SGX SDK for Linux from <https://01.org/intel-software-guard-extensions/downloads>

## Use Intel® SGX DCAP Quoting

Applications that use DCAP Quoting (also referred to as ECDSA Quoting) should use the *libsgx-dcap-ql* library.

- Package: *libsgx-dcap-ql*
- Documentation: [Intel SGX Developer Reference Linux 2.8 Open Source.pdf](#)
- Comments:
  - *libsgx-dcap-ql* directly depends on:
    - *libsgx-urts* (dependency is not shown on diagram)
    - *libsgx-ae-qve*
    - *libsgx-ae-qe3*
    - *libsgx-ae-pce*

## Use Intel® EPID Quoting

Applications that use Intel® EPID Quoting should use the *libsgx-epid* library.

- Package: *libsgx-epid*
- Documentation: [Intel SGX Developer Reference Linux 2.8 Open Source.pdf](#)
- Comments:

- *libsgx-epid* requires access to *libsgx-aesm-epid-plugin*. This can be a hard dependency in the application package, or it can be provided independently on the platform. See [Access to AESM Plug-ins for details](#)

## Use Universal Quoting

Applications that use Universal Quoting should use the *libsgx-quote-ex* library.

- Package: *libsgx-quote-ex*
- Documentation: [Intel SGX Developer Reference Linux 2.8 Open Source.pdf](#)
- Comments:
  - *libsgx-quote-ex* requires access to *libsgx-quote-ex-plugin*. This can be a hard dependency in the application package, or it can be provided independently on the platform. See [Access to AESM Plug-ins for details](#)

## Platform Uses Legacy Launch

Legacy Launch refers to a platform configuration where a launch token must be provided by an Intel-signed Launch Enclave. Whether a platform (in this case platform can be a VM or a bare-metal platform) requires legacy launch is determined by two factors:

- The platform HW and configuration: All platforms configured with Intel® SGX support have the ability to support legacy launch; however, only platforms supporting Intel® SGX Launch Configuration (Detailed in CPUID[7].ECX[SGX\_LC] where SGX\_LC is bit 30.) and configured for Intel® SGX Launch Control (Specified in IA32\_FEATURE\_CONTROL MSR bit 17, which is configured by the BIOS) are capable of running without Legacy Launch. See the Intel® Software Developers Manual for more information.
- The Intel® SGX Support in the Linux Kernel: Intel® SGX can be supported in the Linux Kernel via a patch to the kernel or an installed driver. In addition, there are currently two supported drivers for Intel® SGX. Thus, there are three options to configure a platform for Intel® SGX Launch:
  - In-Kernel Driver: the kernel has been patched to support Intel® SGX. This may only run on platforms that are capable of supporting Intel® SGX Launch Configuration and have the feature enabled.
  - DCAP Driver: the DCAP Driver is a Linux kernel mode driver that mimics the In-kernel Driver solution. As with the In-kernel Driver, the DCAP driver only runs on platforms that are capable of supporting Intel® SGX Launch Configuration and have the feature enabled.
  - Out-of-Tree Driver: The Out-of-Tree Driver name is a misnomer as the DCAP Driver is also provided out-of-tree; however, this driver can run on all platforms whether Intel® SGX Launch Configuration is supported or enabled. Thus, it supports Legacy Launch. It has an interface that requires a Launch Token to be provided when initializing an

enclave. For more information on the Intel® SGX Launch Token, see the Intel® Software Developers Manual.

If a platform is configured with the Out-of-Tree driver, it should also install *libsgx-launch* and *libsgx-aesm-launch-plugin*. Library *libsgx-enclave-common* automatically detects the installed driver and adapts to use the *libsgx-launch* library to obtain a launch token

- Package: *libsgx-launch*
- Documentation: See [Intel SGX Developer Reference Linux](https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/docs/) in <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/linux-latest/docs/>
- Comments:
  - When Legacy Launch is used, release version enclaves must be signed with a key that has been adopted into the Intel® SGX Launch Policy List. For information on how to register a key, see <https://software.intel.com/en-us/sgx/request-license>

## Platform uses Intel Reference Provisioning Certificate Caching Service

ECDSA Quoting and Quote Verification (used in DCAP) require collateral information provided by Intel® Services. This information should be cached within a cloud environment using a caching service. Intel provides a reference Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS) in package *libsgx-dcap-pccs*. In addition, it provides a reference library, the Quote Provider Library or QPL, in package *libsgx-dcap-default-qpl* that is used by *libsgx-dcap-ql* and *libsgx-aesm-ecdsa-plugin* to obtain collateral from the PCCS. The configuration of the QPL and PCCS is beyond the scope of this document.

- Package: *libsgx-dcap-pccs* and *libsgx-dcap-default-qpl*
- Documentation: See *SGX\_DCAP\_Caching\_Service\_Design\_Guide\_<version>.pdf* and *Intel\_SGX\_ECDSA\_QuoteLibReference\_DCAP\_API.pdf* in <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/latest/dcap-latest/linux/docs/>
- Comments:
  - Cloud Service Providers are likely to deploy their own Quote Provider Library and Provisioning Certificate Caching Service. In this case, the platform should be provisioned with the CSPs specific Software.

## Intel® SGX Software Development Kit for Linux\* OS

The Intel® Software Guard Extensions Software Development Kit (Intel® SGX SDK) for Linux\* OS provides libraries, tools, reference code, and documentation that help you code, build, and sign Intel® SGX enclaves and the applications that host Intel® SGX enclaves.

The Intel® SGX SDK installation is provided as a binary file:

- Location: <https://download.01.org/intel-sgx/> `linux-<version>/<OS><OS version>`

- Filename: `sgx_linux_x64_sdk_<version>.<build>.bin`

## Dependencies

- `build-essential`
- `python`
- `libsgx-urts` and other SGX packages (required by sample code)

See *Install the Intel® SGX SDK: Prerequisites* at <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md#prerequisites-1>.

## Source

Source code for the Intel® SGX SDK for Linux\* OS is located on GitHub\*:

- Source code: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx>.
- Build instructions: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md>. This document contains detailed instructions on platform configuration and build procedures for the Intel® SGX SDK and the Intel® SGX PSW for Linux\* OS.
- Build dependencies: <https://github.com/intel/linux-sgx/blob/master/README.md>. This document defines installation prerequisites and build dependencies.

## Appendix 1: Advanced Configuration Topics

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This appendix describes several advanced configuration topics:

- Access to ECDSA Quote Generation using the DCAP Quoting Library: to obtain a Quote for ECDSA based attestation, there are two methods. These methods require specific configuration:
  - Configuration of Out-of-Process ECDSA Quote Generation: to configure an application to use the AESM Service to acquire ECDSA quotes.
  - Launching an enclave with the provision bit set: In-Process ECDSA Quote Generation
- Configuration of AESM Proxy Service: to configure an http proxy server for the AESM Service to use.

### Access to ECDSA Quote Generation using the DCAP Quoting Library

For an enclave to attest to a remote entity, it must obtain a report of itself and then get that report signed into a “quote” by a special quoting enclave (aka “QE3”) on the platform. Running the QE3 enclave in an application requires the user to have special privilege on the system. Some processes may not have this privilege. Thus, the Intel® DCAP Quoting Library offers two options to obtain an ECDSA based quote:

- In-Process ECDSA Quote Generation: the DCAP Quoting Library will load the QE3 enclave and obtain the quote with a direct call to the enclave.
- Out-of-Process ECDSA Quote Generation: in this case, the DCAP Quoting Library makes an out-of-process call to the AESM Service to get the quote.

Each of these options has specific requirements on the configuration of the software and environment on the platform or on the privilege of the user application.

#### In-Process ECDSA Quote Generation<sup>3</sup>

When using the DCAP Quoting Library, the default configuration is for the library to directly load the enclaves required to generate an ECDSA based quote. This may cause issues if you use DCAP Driver (version 1.41 and later) or in-kernel SGX Linux Driver (Linux Kernel 5.11 and later) because both require you to have a specific access privilege in order to launch an enclave, the QE3 enclave, capable of signing a quote. You must have permission to launch an enclave with the Provision Bit set.

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<sup>3</sup> This information is partially reproduced from <https://github.com/intel/SGXDataCenterAttestationPrimitives/blob/master/driver/linux/README.md>

This section provides details on how to configure a user/process to support in-process ECDSA Quote Generation where the QE3 enclave will be loaded in-process.

An enclave may set the provision bit in its attributes to be able to request provision key. Acquiring provision key may have privacy implications and thus the permission to acquire the key should be limited to privileged users. Such enclaves are referred to as Provisioning Enclaves below.

For applications loading provisioning enclaves, the platform owner (administrator) must grant provisioning access to the app process as described below.<sup>4</sup>

### **Driver Settings**

The DCAP Driver installation process described above creates two devices on the platform and configures these devices with the following permissions:

```
crw-rw-rw- root root      /dev/sgx/enclave
crw-rw---- root sgx_prv  /dev/sgx/provision
```

**Note:** The DCAP driver, or libsgx-enclave-common, sgx-aesm (see <https://01.org/intel-software-guard-extensions/downloads>) in PSW release 2.13 or higher automatically copies the udev rules and runs `udevadm trigger` to activate the rules so that the permissions are set as above.

This configuration enables every user to launch an enclave, but only those who are members of the `sgx_prv` group can launch enclaves with the provision bit set. Failing to set these permissions may prevent processes that are not running under root privilege from launching a Provisioning Enclave.

If In-Kernel Driver is used with PSW 2.10–2.12, then you need to manually set the udev rules and permissions. To do this, run following commands as root:

```
# cat > /etc/udev/rules.d/90-sgx-v40.rules <<EOF
SUBSYSTEM=="misc",KERNEL=="sgx_enclave",MODE="0666",SYMLINK+="sgx/enclave"
SUBSYSTEM=="misc",KERNEL=="sgx_provision",GROUP="sgx_prv",MODE="0660",SYMLINK
+="sgx/provision"
EOF
# udevadm trigger
```

PSW releases lower than 2.10 cannot be used with In-Kernel Driver.

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<sup>4</sup>**Note for Intel Signed Provisioning Enclaves:** The Intel(R) SGX driver before V1.41 allows Intel's provisioning enclaves to be launched without any additional permissions. But the special treatment for Intel signed enclaves is removed from the DCAP driver starting from the V1.41 release. This is to align the DCAP Driver with the In-Kernel driver. If you upgrade driver from versions higher than 1.41 or switch to future mainline kernel with SGX support, make sure apps that load Intel-signed provisioning enclaves have the right permissions as described below.

### ***Process Permissions and Flow***

A process that launches a Provisioning Enclave is required to use the SET\_ATTRIBUTE IOCTL before the INIT\_ENCLAVE IOCTL to notify the driver that the enclave being launched requires provision key access. The SET\_ATTRIBUTE IOCTL input is a file handle to /dev/sgx/provision, which fails to open if the process does not have the required permission. To summarize, the following flow is required by the platform admin and a process that requires provision key access:

- Software installation flow:
  - Add the user running the process to the sgx\_prv group:

```
$ sudo usermod -a -G sgx_prv <user name>
```
- Enclave launch flow:
  - Create the enclave via the CREATE\_ENCLAVE IOCTL
  - Open a handle to /dev/sgx/provision
  - Issue the SET\_ATTRIBUTE IOCTL with the handle as a parameter
  - Continue the load and initialization of the enclave

**Note:** The Enclave Common Loader library is following the above flow and launching enclave based on it, failure to grant correct access to the launching process will cause a failure in the enclave initialization.

### **Out-of-Process ECDSA Quote Generation**

When using the DCAP Quoting Library, the default configuration is for the library to directly load the enclaves required to generate an ECDSA based quote in-process. An alternate method is to instruct the DCAP Quoting Library to use Universal Quoting (using the *libsgx-quote-ex* library), which makes a remote process call to the AESM Service to obtain a quote from the AESM Service. To do this:

- **Ensure that the proper packages are installed to support Out-of-Process ECDSA Quote Generation:** to do this, see Use Universal Quoting for the proper packages to install.
- **Create an environment variable named SGX\_AESM\_ADDR:** The existence of an environment variable named SGX\_AESM\_ADDR will instruct the DCAP Quoting Library to use Universal Quoting, which will access the AESM Service to obtain the quote. The AESM Service is preconfigured to run with a *sgx\_prv* privilege.

There are several ways to configure the SGX\_AESM\_ADDR environment variable to support out-of-process quote generation:

1. Add the environment variable to the command line when running the application:

```
$ SGX_AESM_ADDR=1 <app_name>
```

This only configures the out-of-process quote generation for the application being executed.

2. Add the environment variable to file `/etc/environment`. Add the line `SGX_AESM_ADDR=1` to the file. This configures the out-of-process quote generation for the whole system.

## Configuration of AESM Proxy Service

The Intel® SGX Software includes a service application, the AESM Service, which provides functionality to applications on the platform. Many of the library packages are installed as plug-ins to the AESM service and thus provide their functionality to the system while running within the AESM service

The AESM service executable is installed to the directory:

```
/opt/intel/sgx-aesm-service
```

The installer also configures the AESM service to run as a system daemon, which starts with the user ID `aesmd`. The default home directory of the AESM service is `/var/opt/aesmd`.

To perform certain functions such as EPID provisioning, the AESM need internet access. If your network is using a proxy service, you may need to configure the proxy for the ASEM. For instructions on setting up the proxy, refer to the file `/etc/aesmd.conf`.

## Start AESM without systemd and syslog

For cloud native (e.g. k8s) deployment, containers usually do not have `systemd` and `syslog`. You can start the AESM service program directly from shell command:

```
./aesm_service --no-daemon
```

Furthermore, you can output logs to `stdout/stderr`:

```
./aesm_service --no-daemon --no-syslog
```

## Appendix 2: How to setup Provisioning Certificate Caching Service (PCCS) on local machine

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- 1) Install `node.js` with the following command, because the PCCS depends on it:

Ubuntu:

```
$ curl -sL https://deb.nodesource.com/setup_14.x | sudo -E bash -  
$ sudo apt-get install -y nodejs
```

RedHat:

```
$ curl -sL https://rpm.nodesource.com/setup_14.x | sudo bash -  
$ sudo yum install -y nodejs
```

Make sure the correct node version was installed (14.x):

```
$ node -version
```

- 2) Install the PCCS DCAP package:

Ubuntu:

```
$ sudo apt-get install sgx-dcap-pccs
```

RedHat:

```
$ sudo yum install --nogpgcheck sgx-dcap-pccs
```

Note: If you are behind a proxy and you get a network timeout error, you need to set the proxy for npm:

```
$ sudo npm config set proxy "http://proxy-server:port"
```

By default, the Debian package installer guides you through the configuration of the PCCS service. But on RedHat you need to execute the install script manually:

```
[RedHat only] $ sudo -u pccs /opt/intel/sgx-dcap-pccs/install.sh
```

If you want to better understand the options during installation or change the configuration after installation has been completed, see

<https://github.com/intel/SGXDataCenterAttestationPrimitives/tree/master/QuoteGeneration/pccs#configuration-file-configdefaultjson->

- 3) Start the PCCS service:

```
$ sudo systemctl start pccs
```

- 4) Run the following command to make sure the PCCS service is working correctly (assume the service is running on localhost with an insecure certificate):

```
$ curl -k -G "https://localhost:8081/sgx/certification/v3/rootcacrl"
```

The root CA CRL should be retrieved successfully.

**Important:**

1. If you are using insecure certificate for the PCCS service, set `"USE_SECURE_CERT"=FALSE` in `/etc/sgx_default_qcnf.conf` after installing the `libsgx-dcap-default-qpl` package.
2. It is recommended to delete the old database if you have installed a different version of the PCCS, because it may not be compatible with the current one.
3. After making this change, you need to restart the PCCS with this command:  

```
$ sudo systemctl restart pccs
```

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