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On the Risk of Development-Time Subversion

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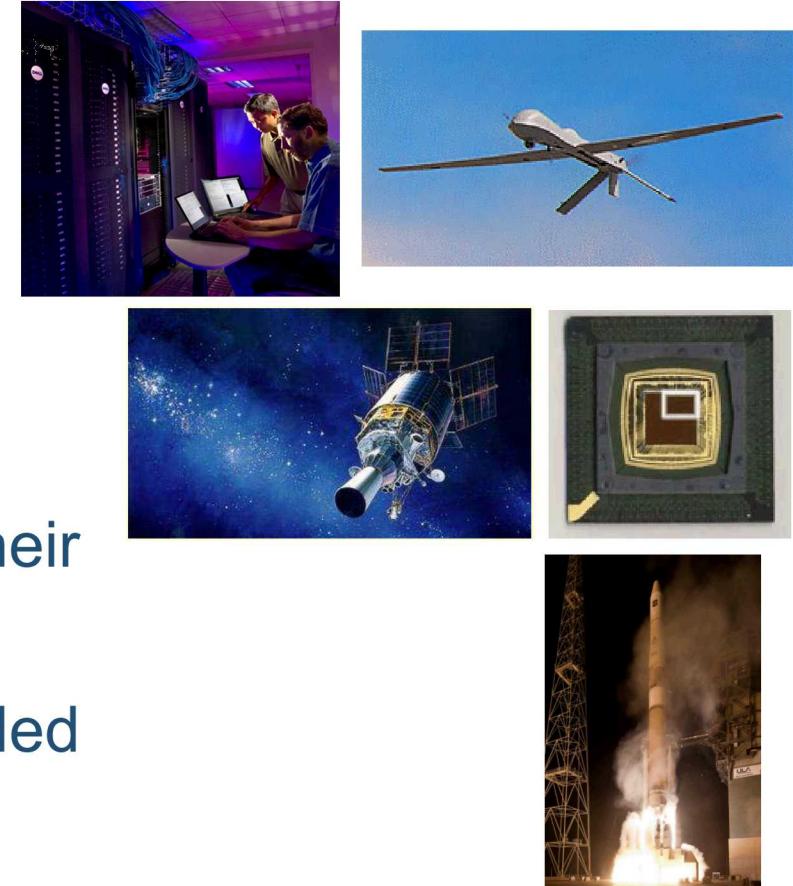
- Based on a tip from another government, in 1984 the US Government quietly and quickly replaced 10 tons of electronic equipment in the US Moscow embassy
- Subsequent evaluation of replaced equipment revealed a sophisticated bug in a small number of IBM Selectric typewriters





Assurance in Microelectronics-Based Systems

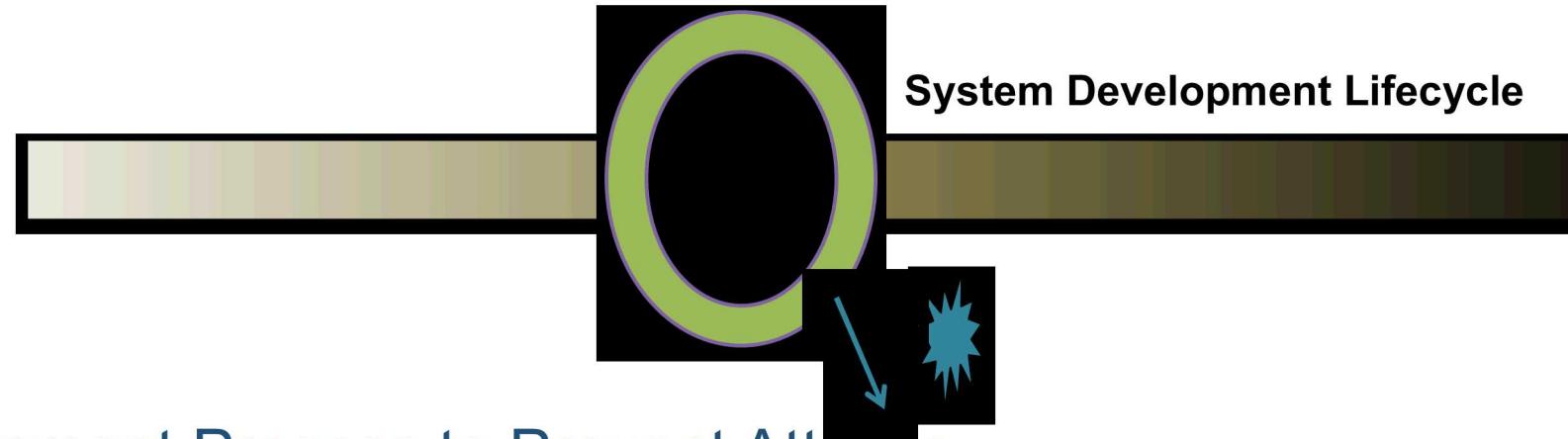
- Society relies on microelectronics-based systems for safety, security, entertainment, travel, etc.
 - Internet, satellite systems, transportation, cyber infrastructure, critical infrastructure (e.g. power grid), cloud, communications, health care, etc.
- Can adversaries manipulate these systems prior to their deployment? What would the impact be?
- Can these systems be **trusted** to perform their intended function?



How vulnerable are systems to development-time manipulation?



Current Approach to Trusted System Development

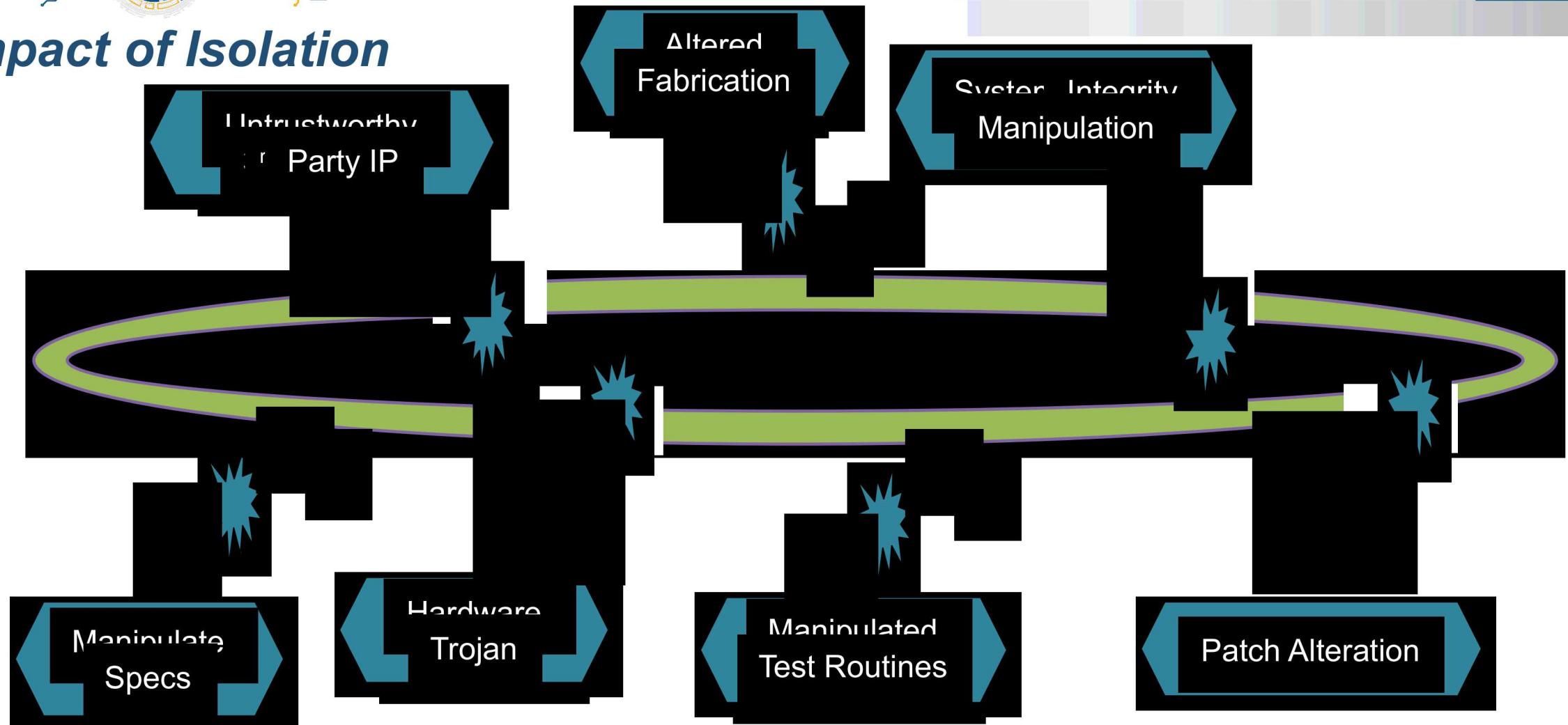


***Isolate* Development Process to Prevent Attacks**

- Keep the attacker from manipulating the system / development process
- Process-based approaches: control information flow, control supply chain, isolated manufacturing etc.
- **Examples:**
 - US Government's **Trusted Foundry Program**: certification process to establish isolated microelectronics fabrication
 - Ensure integrity, availability of microelectronics fabrication
 - Isolated computer networks
 - Vetted design teams



Impact of Isolation

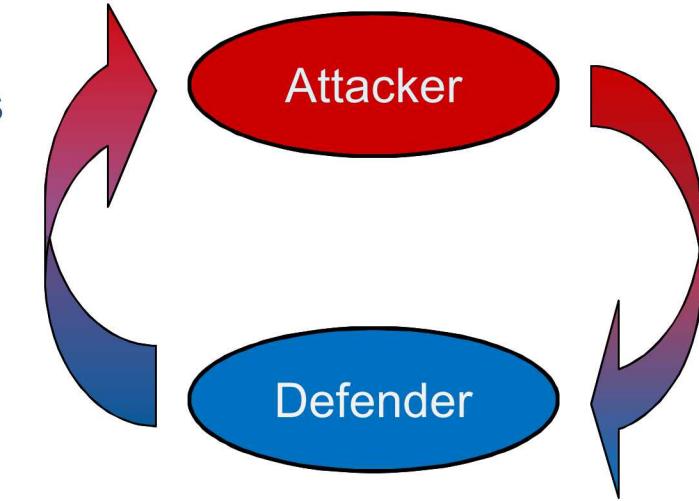


- Currently identified isolation techniques can be highly effective at deterring many paths of adversary access
- ***Gaps Remain: Practicality of real system development precludes complete isolation***



The Challenge: Protecting the Unknown

- Supply Chain networks are large, deep, and complex, spanning the globe
 - Challenging to completely map
 - Distance aspects of the supply chain may be opaque to system developers
 - Extremely challenging to completely isolate
- Adversaries attempt to undermine development processes and supply chains
 - Adversary model: **intelligent, highly motivated, well-funded, very creative**
 - Diverse goals: disruption, subversion, counterfeit, integrity violation
 - System developers cannot know with certainty:
 - Who, where, when, or how adversaries may impact a system
- Problem:
 - **We must develop and deliver systems** that work as expected
 - **We cannot isolate** ourselves from the adversary
 - **We cannot predict with certainty** adversarial actions
 - **How do we protect our systems from subversive manipulation?**





PRESTIGE: PRactical Evaluation and Synthesis of Trust In Government sysEms

- Research effort at Sandia National Laboratories to quantitatively evaluate risk of development-time manipulation
- Rigorous visual modeling to capture both supply chains/development processes and attack graphs targeting system development
- Utilize game theory to evaluate dynamics of interaction between attacker and defender to understand risk

