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## Leveraging and managing SBAT revocation mechanism on distribution level

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at first i want to give a brief description of what SBAT is, why it was implemented and what currently supports it ( grub2, shim, systemd-boot various EFI tools, like fwupdate and etc ).

And also cover that SBAT expects different downstream distros to adopt upstream SBAT values from the code base they consume, so that a proper revocation by SBAT is always ensured.

And explain why SBAT revocation is even needed in the first place instead of revocation by adding a certificate to a DBX.

It is just my experience that SBAT is still a very much grey area for many developers and enterprise users.

Second - i want to cover the scenario of preventing locking yourself down, when you update components de-synced, i.e. new shim is issued with a new grub2, but users decide to install only a new shim, and may end up in locked down system, i want to highlight the fact, that since boot chain is a system critical sub-system, it makes sense to introduce a dependency mechanism that ensures a correct set of packages is being pulled in. In many distros right now it is being ensured simply by "install all updates", but you may end up in a scenario of being unable to boot if you decide to pursue limited package set installation ( that happens often if distros are pulling in only packages with "CVE fixes").

Third - i want to cover use case of rolling back to older SBAT "level" in case it is needed in specific production environments. Mainly it will be about how to design your deployment/system so that you do NOT end up locked down, and can prepare in advance for such potential rollback. Instead of just disabling SBAT, in fact a proper design scheme of SBAT levels should be implemented, and trigger events to move from one level to another should be in place.

Fourth - i will be covering scenario of locking yourself down in case of using several distributions on same system due to SBAT update and what is a proper mechanism of getting yourself unlocked and preventing such scenarios.

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