# Trust by Design and The Internet of Things

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# The Internet Society

Vision: an Internet that is open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy

Mission: to ensure that the benefits of the Internet reach everyone

Key themes: access, and trust

Topics:

- Cautionary Tales
- Stakeholders to Influence
- Consumers and choices
- Certification
- IoT Trust Framework

# What does IoT Bring?

# New devices, new vulnerabilities…

… plus some we really ought to have learned about by now.

- Device Cost/Size/Functionality
- Volume of identical devices (homogeneity)
- Long service life (often extending far beyond supported lifetime)
- No or limited upgradability or patching
- Physical security vulnerabilities
- Access

- Limited user interfaces (UI)
- Limited visibility into, or control over, internal workings
- Embedded devices
- BYOIoT into the enterprise (!)

… and, above all, erosion of context.

# The Internet Society's Dual Perspective

## "Inward" Security

Focus on potential harms to the health, safety, and security of device users and their property stemming from compromised IoT devices and systems.

## "Outward" Security

Focus on potential harms that compromised devices and systems can inflict on the Internet and other users.

# Cautionary Tales From the Connected World

Two “case studies” and their consequences…

- Context and Risk
- Personal Impact

## 1 - Context and Risk: an example from 2016-17

- Pay for the toy,
- Pay again with your data,
- Pay again when the data is ransomed!
- No need to worry about security, just enable Bluetooth on your phone!

- One retail product, aimed at young children
- Over 800,000 accounts/profile photos compromised
- Over 2 million voice recordings exposed

# Lessons from the connected toy

- Security of the device was not designed in
- Security of the back end was not designed in
- What value set does this approach indicate?

- Securing IoT devices increases their cost
- There’s a cost to insecurity, too
- But it generally falls on someone else

- Values-based design is a viable option: plenty of guidance is available

# 2 - Personal Impact: an example from 2017-18

- Dr Marie Moe, SINTEF (Norwegian University of Science and Technology - NTNU)
- Depends on her pacemaker to keep her heart beating
- Discovered - the hard way - that this supposedly “smart” connected device had some flawed design assumptions.

# Lessons from the connected pacemaker

- Failure modes for the device were… unfriendly
- Communications were not secure
- Different manufacturers' devices weren't interoperable

Exactly when would you like your heart to go offline for a firmware update?

A connected world offers the promise of convenience, efficiency and insight, but also creates a platform for shared risk.

Many of today's IoT devices are rushed to market to satisfy commercial imperatives, with little consideration for basic security and consumer safety protections.

# Internet Society's Approach for IoT Trust by Design

1

Work with manufacturers and suppliers to adopt and implement the OTA IoT Trust Framework

2

Mobilize consumers to drive demand for security and privacy capabilities as a market differentiator

3

Encourage policy and regulations to push for better security and privacy features in IoT

# Industry/Service Providers/Retail

- Commit to Framework principles
- Push back through supply chain
- Curate offerings – only carry products that ”clear the bar”

# Policymakers

- Strengthen accountability
- Promote use of “trustability” signals
- Motivate stakeholders to practice “trust by design”
- Foster technology & vendor neutral solutions
- Use full range of regulatory tools (consumer, competition, market, insurance…)

# Consumer Organizations

- Highlight security and privacy in reviews/ratings
- Help reach and educate consumers
- Build recognition of certification/trust mark

2018: Internet Society and Consumers International partnership announced

How do we encourage consumers to make better trust decisions?

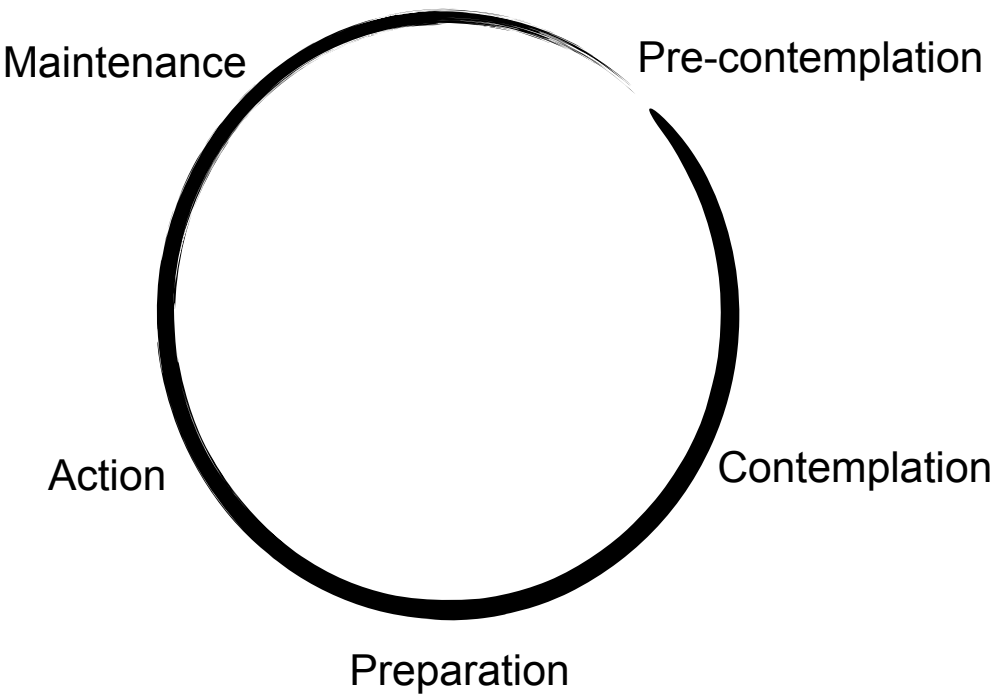
After all… what is trust?

A candidate definition:

“Trust is a belief that someone else will act in your interest, even if they have the opportunity and the motivation to do otherwise.”

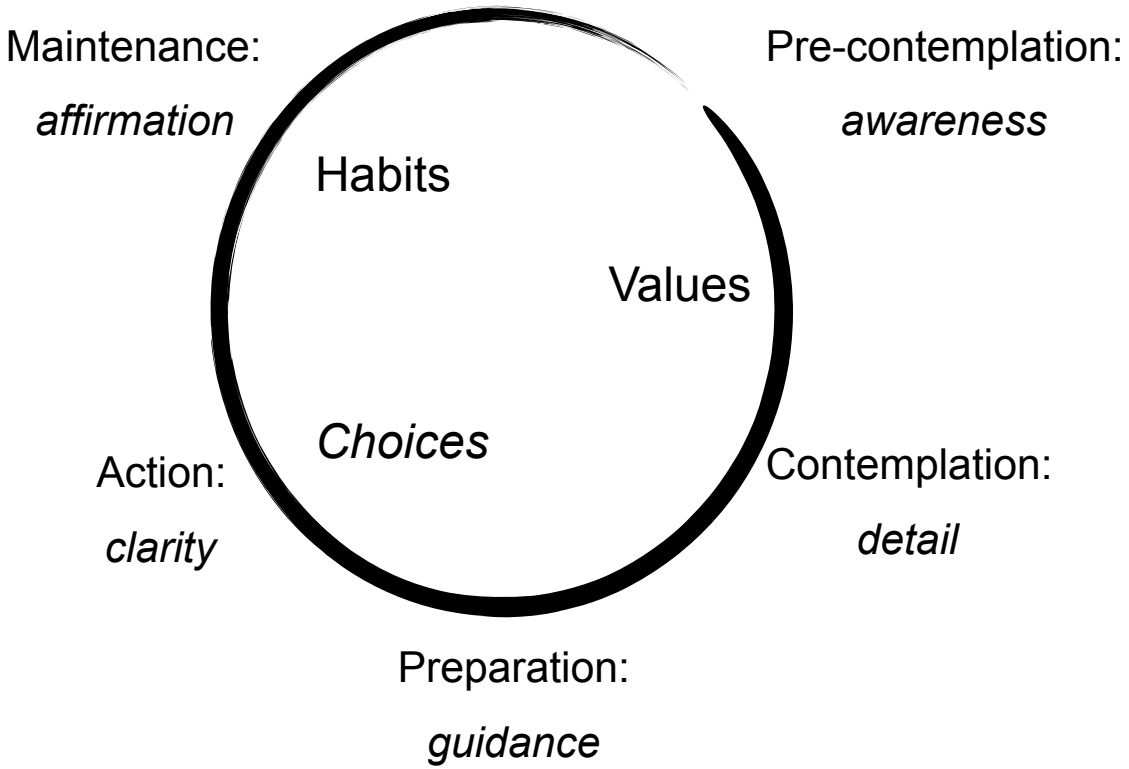
Like any belief, it can be well- or ill-founded - so what can we do to improve the foundations?

# Stages in behavioural change




- This is one model for *sustained* behavioural change (Prochaska and Di Clemente, 2005)
- A one-off “nudge” doesn’t work
- The real goal is to change values, not just one decision
- Privacy protection differs from e.g. weight loss; how do you know when you’ve succeeded?

# Intervention: clear information at the point of choice



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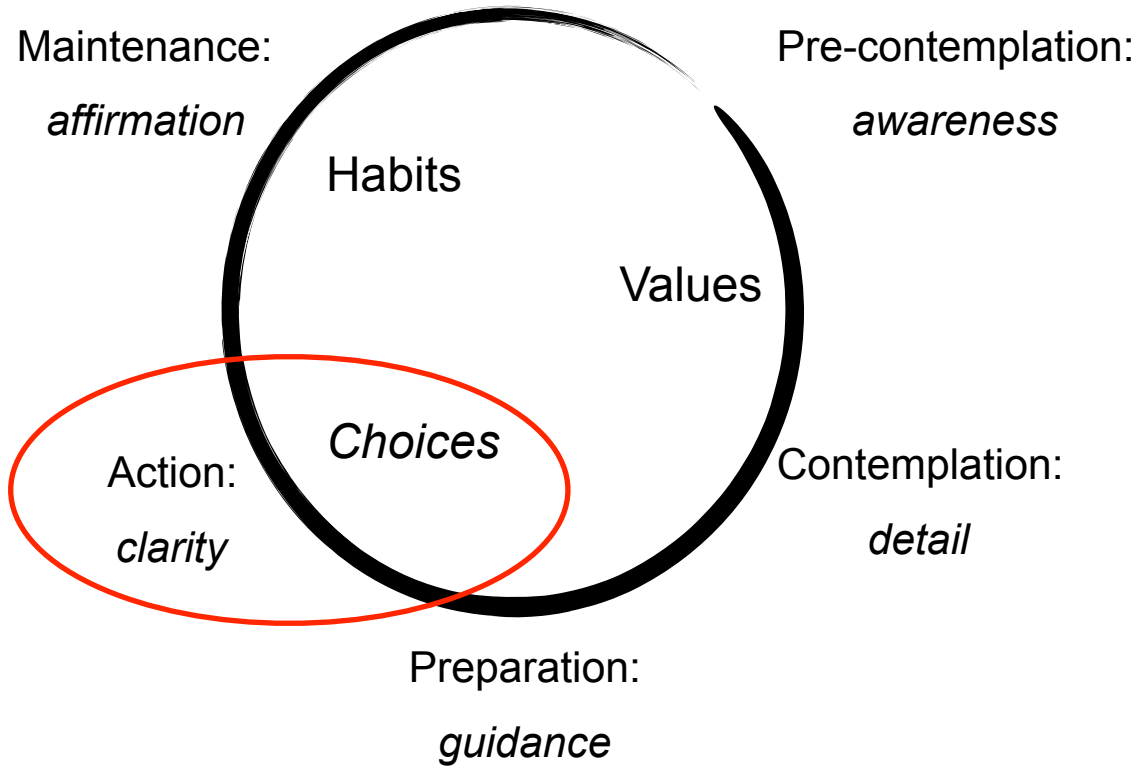
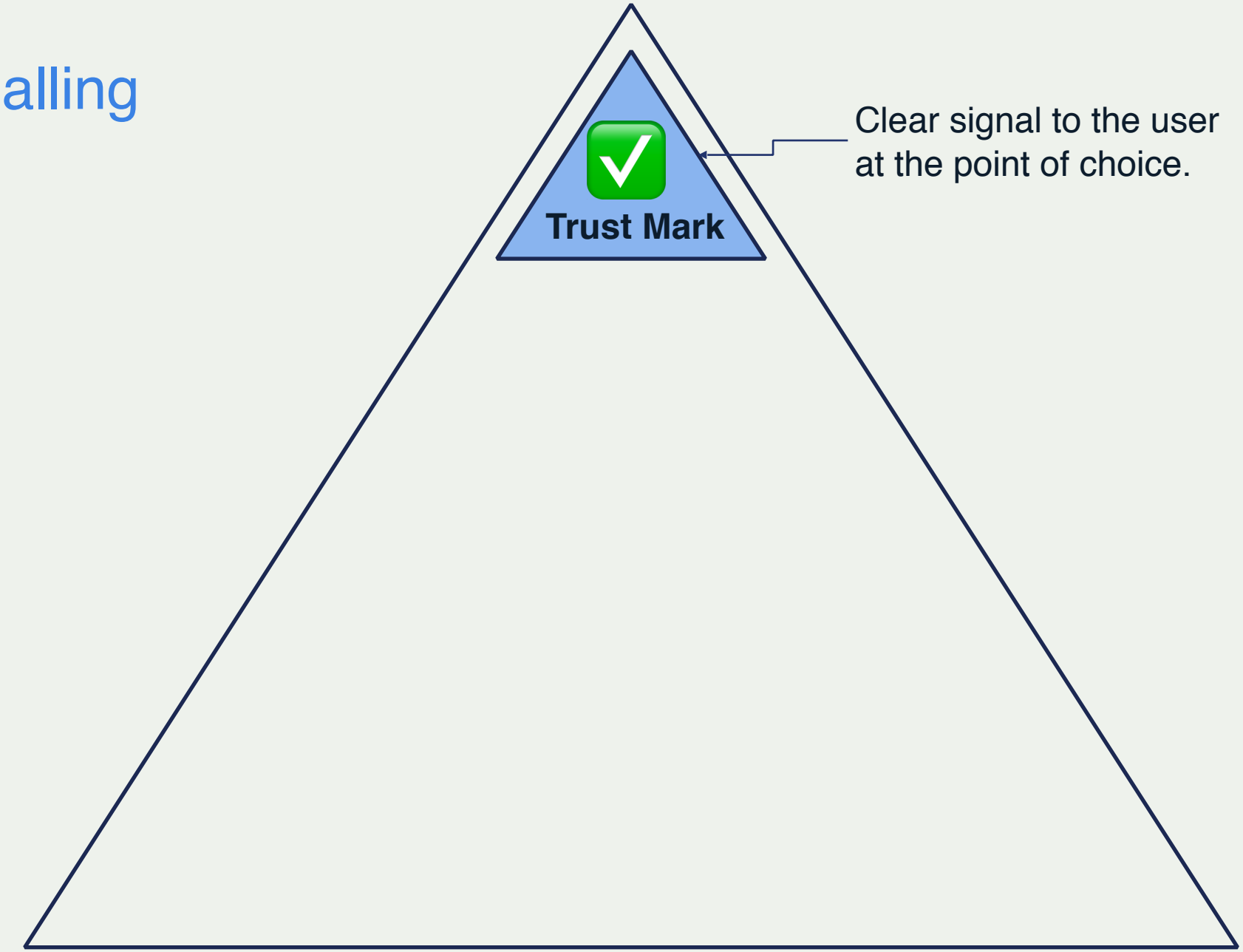
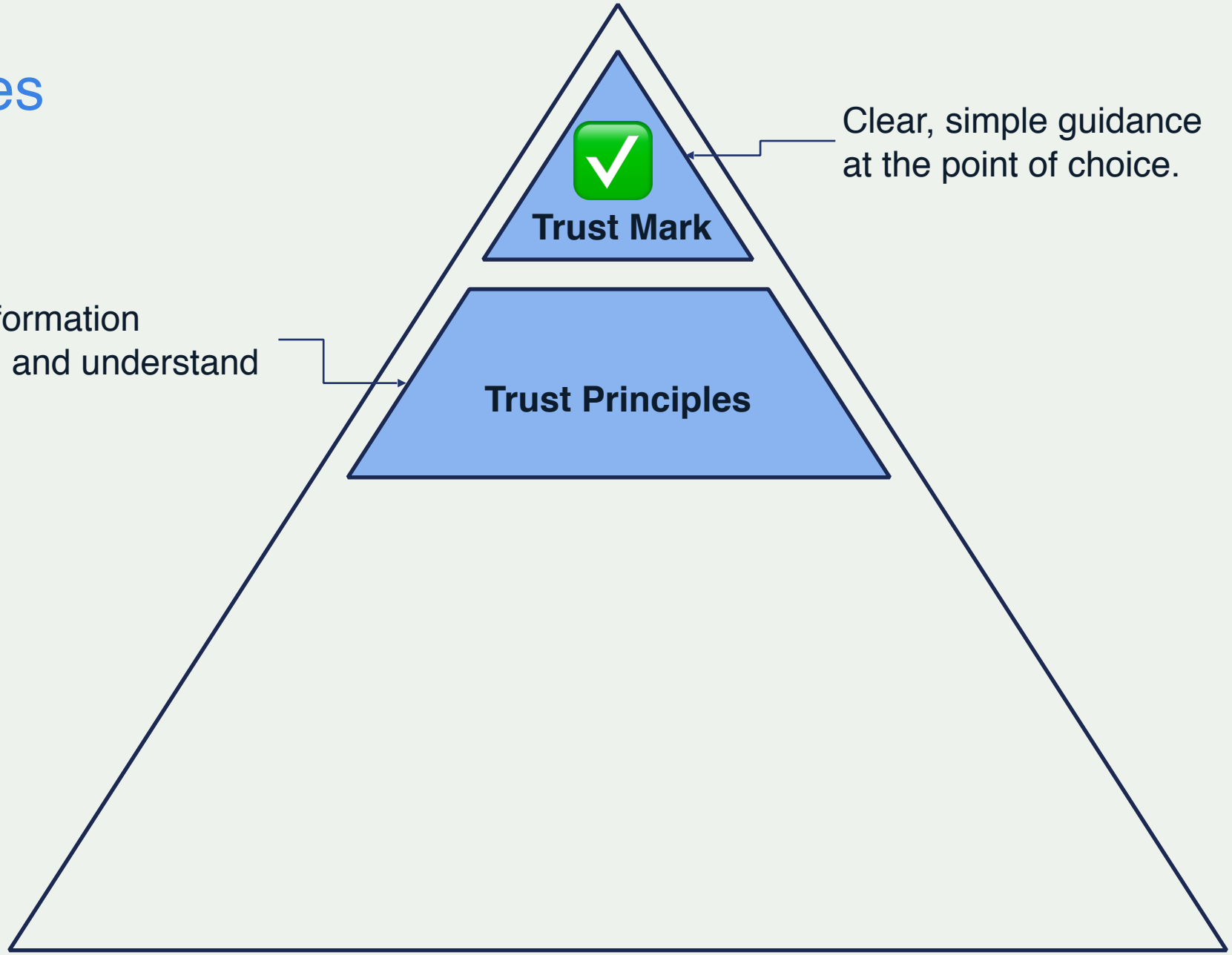


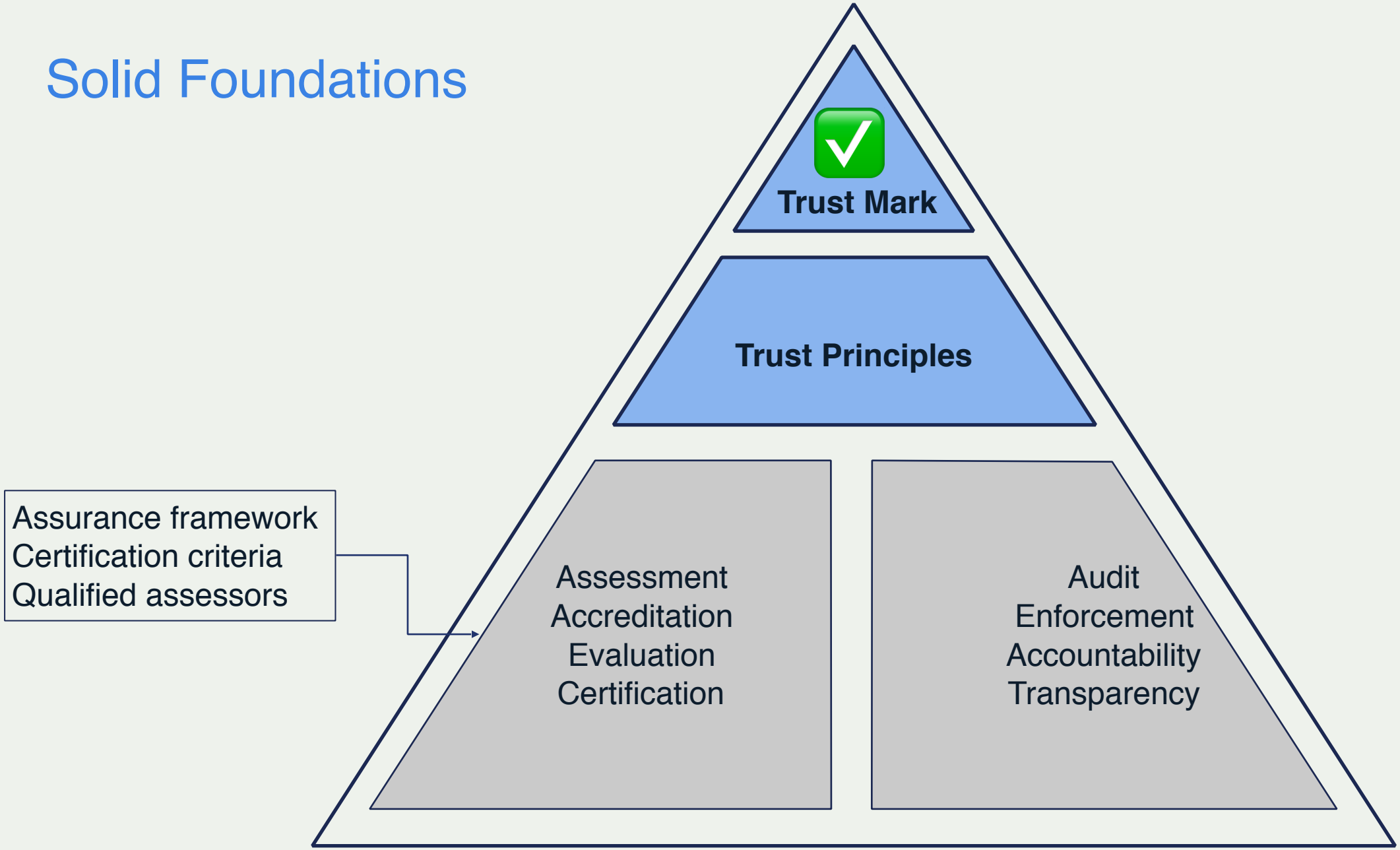
# Clear Signalling



# Clear Values



# Solid Foundations



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Online Trust Alliance is here to help!

# Online Trust Alliance's IoT Trust Framework:

40 clear criteria addressing 8 topic areas:

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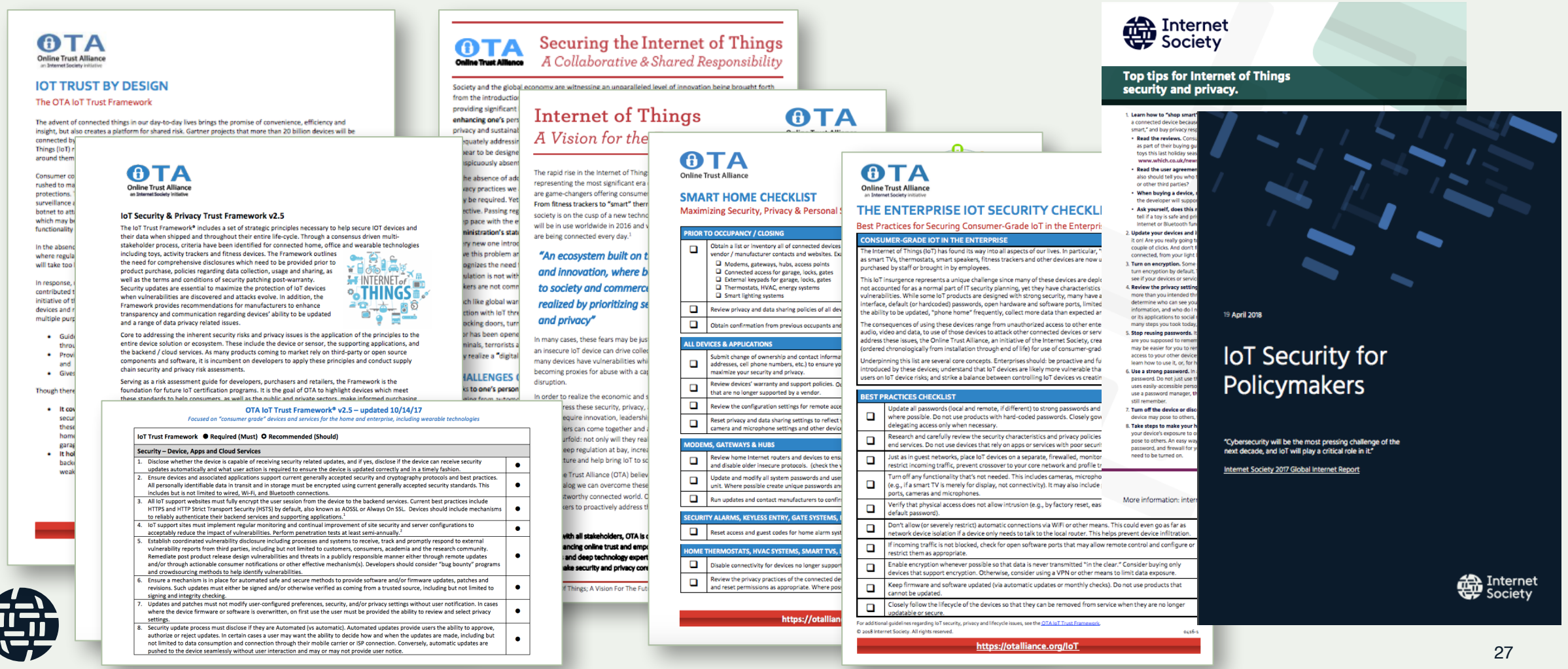
| **Authentication** | **Encryption** | **Security** | **Updates** |
| **Privacy** | **Disclosures** | **Control** | **Communications** |

# Resources to Help

- Latest checklist posted at https://otalliance.org/IoT

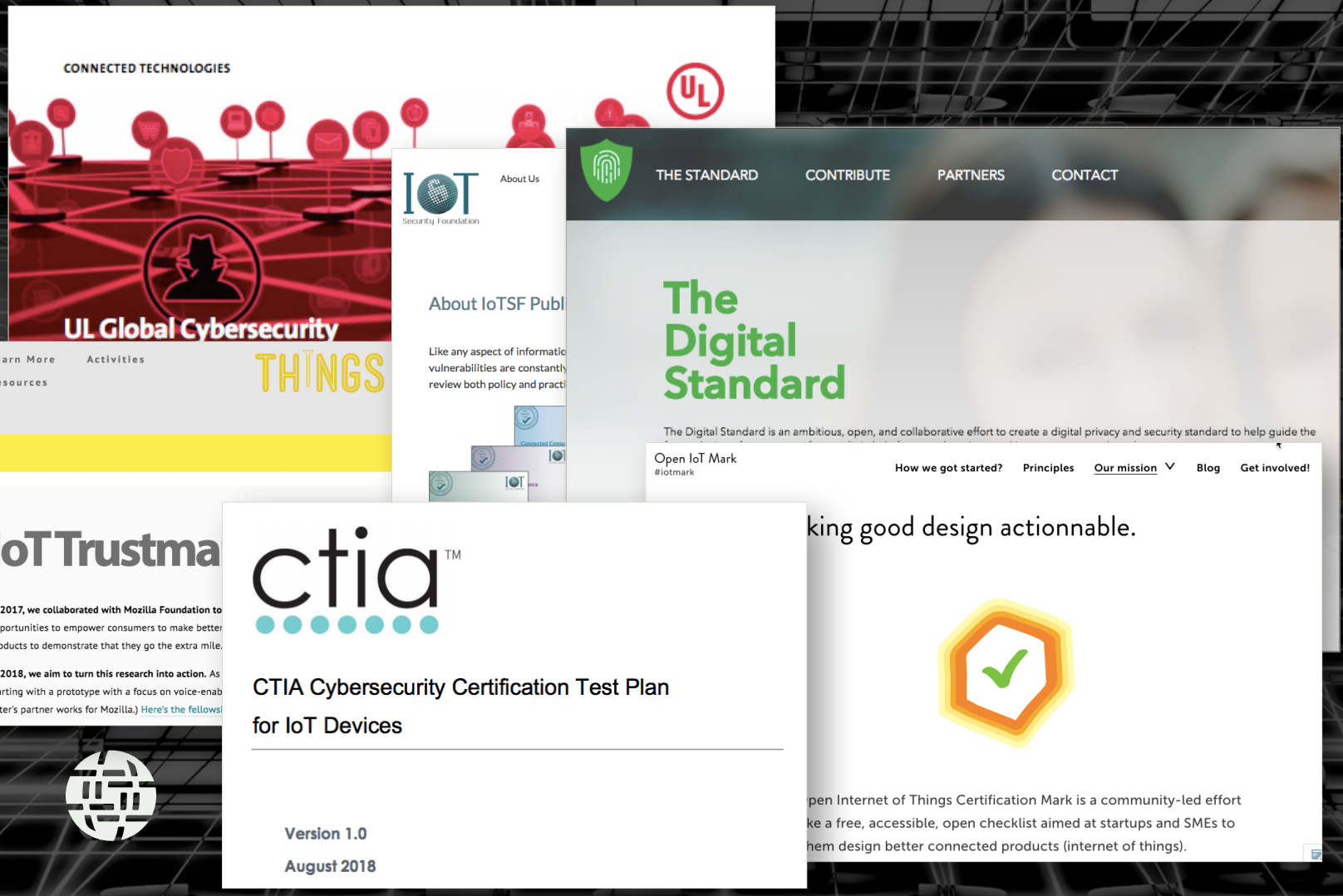


# All The Frameworks…


We ended up commissioning a comparative analysis

# Next, with Consumers International's help:

# Testing/Certification/Trustmark Design




- Who is the mark aimed at?
- What does it convey?
- What does it stand for?

# Standards Work, Through the IoT Lifecycle

- **EAT (Entity Attestation Token)** – prove provenance and characteristics about a device, node or service
- **MUD (Manufacturer Usage Description)** – things can signal the access and network functionality they require – approved as proposed standard
- **SUIT (Software Updates for the Internet of Things)** – securely update firmware
- **TEEP (Trusted Execution Environment Processing)** – standardizing protocols for provisioning applications into secure areas of computer processors
- **ACE (Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments)**
- **CBOR (Concise Binary Object Representation)** – efficient machine-to-machine formats

Reference: https://www.ietfjournal.org/rough-guide-to-ietf-102-internet-of-things/

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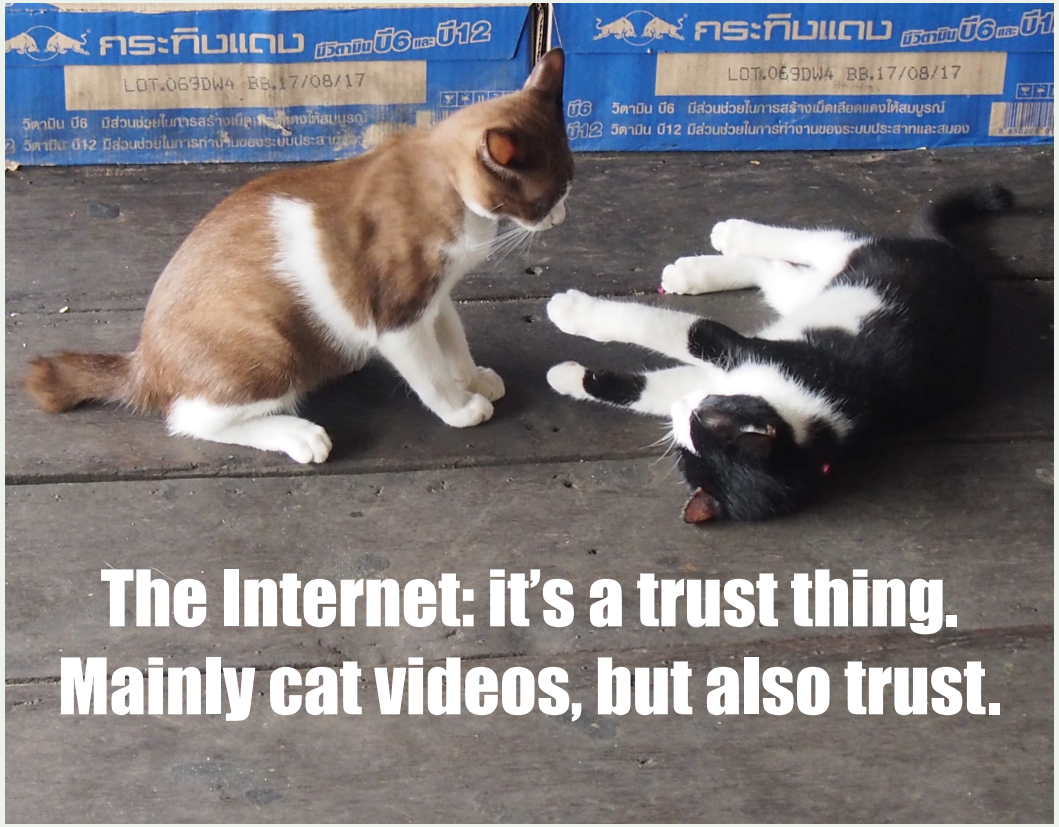

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