Security of In-Vehicle Software

A Vision on Security for Road Safety

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Agenda

The Challenge of Vehicle Security
Target Situation: Secure Vehicles for Safe Roads
Bridging the Gaps
The Challenge of Vehicle Security

The Trends

• Transition of the automobile into the information age
  • Vehicle connectivity, vehicle automation, data collection

• Growing complexity
  • 20-100 connected embedded devices
  • Tens of millions of lines of code
  • Wireless capability: keyless entry, tire-pressure monitoring, infotainment, telematics systems

In Security Terms:

• Increasing probability of exploitable software flaws
• Larger attack surface
• Greater risk of privacy violations
The Challenge of Vehicle Security

**The Trends**

- Increased attention and accessibility for car hacking

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**Car Hacking: For Poories**

a.k.a. Car Hacking Too: Electric Boogaloo

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A vision for the future of automotive cybersecurity

1. Security will be taken as seriously as safety
2. Security and safety will be addressed in an integrated manner
3. Legal frameworks and type approval requirements enforce high levels of security
4. Vehicle authorities consider the whole vehicular infrastructure
5. Wide adoption of industry standards tailored to automotive cybersecurity
6. Privacy is addressed using general data protection rules applied to the automotive domain
1. Security will be taken as seriously as safety

- Not addressing security means relying on luck

- Any system that must be **SAFE**, must also be **SECURE**

- If a non-safe state can be caused *unintentionally*, then what about *maliciously*?
2. Security and safety will be addressed in an integrated manner

Figure 17 - Product development at the software level activities with potential communications paths between Cybersecurity and safety activities

Source: SAE J3061
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2. Security and safety will be addressed in an integrated manner

Key Advantages:
• Same goal: Prevent the vehicle from entering an unsafe state
• Take advantages of already implemented frameworks, processes, mentalities
• Efficiency of overlapping safety and security measures
• Consistency and completeness
3. Legal frameworks and type approval requirements enforce high levels of security

- Historically, safety has been driven to a large extent by regulation. Security will be even more so, because
  - Return on investment for security is very long-term
  - We need to act proactively
  - The sector as a whole is not security aware enough (yet!)
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3. Legal frameworks and type approval requirements enforce high levels of security

- Security regulation should be integrated in the existing systems for
  - Creating the standards and regulation
  - Enforcing the regulation through national type approval authorities
  - Incident Response
3. Legal frameworks and type approval requirements enforce high levels of security

- **Type-approval authority**
  - Review → Approval
  - **Documents & Proof**
    - Certify
      - Reports

- **Manufacturers and suppliers**
  - Create & Apply
    - **Security Engineering Standard (Lower Level)**
      - Conforms with
        - **Regulation & Requirements (Higher Level)**
          - Outlines and requires
            - Identification
              - Risk-based Approach
                - Assessment
                  - Mitigation

- **Independent Audit (Security Engineering)**
  - Testing
    - Technical Service A

- **Independent Audit (Vehicle Testing)**
  - Testing
    - Technical Service B
    - Technical Service C

Flexible enough to adapt, strong enough to enforce
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3. Legal frameworks and type approval requirements enforce high levels of security

Continuous, in-use approach to type approval of in-vehicle software
4. Vehicle authorities consider the whole vehicular infrastructure

A car is now more than just in-vehicle hardware and software
4. Vehicle authorities consider the whole vehicular infrastructure

Secure communication using TLS, certificate pinning

Code signature verification, integrity checks, secure distribution of service pack, secure boot loader, etc. …
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4. Vehicle authorities consider the whole vehicular infrastructure

- In-vehicle security measures alone may not be effective
  - Extra-vehicular systems with safety critical functions
  - Vulnerable after-market additions
  - Compromised service stations and vehicle repair shops
5. Wide adoption of industry standards tailored to automotive cybersecurity

• Current situation:
  • Many security standards and best practices for other domains, but not specific to automotive
  • Standards are being developed, but are in early stages
    - e.g. VDA & SAE contributions to ISO

• Target:
  • Standards describing a secure development lifecycle and best practices for securing automotive systems, from in-vehicle software until cloud services
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6. Privacy is addressed using general data protection rules applied to the automotive domain

- A lot of sensitive data is being collected by vehicular systems
- Voluntary “Consumer Privacy Protection Principles” have been developed specifically for the automotive industry
- Compliance is required with general data protection rules, applied to the automotive domain
So how do we get there?
Bridging the Gaps?

Key measures

- Security-by-design, a life-cycle approach for designing in-vehicle software
  - How do regulators conduct surveillance? Rating system?

- Software Updates:
  - Secure using code signing and trust anchor
  - Roll-out of security patches
  - Management of type-approval if functional changes are conducted

- Collaboration with the security community
  - Bounty Programs
  - Information sharing of threats, vulnerabilities, best practices among manufacturers. Maturity models
  - Learning from other industries (aeronautical industry? Industrial control systems?)

- Defence-in-depth
  - Layered approach
  - Segmentation and Isolation
  - Logging
  - In-vehicle network security (redesign of protocols, intrusion detection and prevention)

- Initiatives
  - Security workgroup under UNECE
  - ISO standardisation using SAE and VDA input
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