

Attack Our Virtual Network

Learn our virtual network by repeating a historic attack.

Lab1

Attacking an unsecured J1939 network

Remember

There is no 100% security

Security, like all engineering, involves tradeoffs

Know what you are trying to secure

The adversary...



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Network Configuration

```
[vcan0] | ground speed: 29.0 | engine speed: 1400 | pto speed: 1400 |
```



text-based
"instrument cluster"

vcan0

J1939 Ground speed
@ 1 Hz

J1939 Engine speed
@ 1 Hz

J1939 PTO speed
@ 1 Hz

(2) Launches ECUs

(1) creates vcan0

These data sources ramp up and down.

```
$ tree lab1/bench
```

```
.
├── engine_speed.py
├── ground_speed.py
├── launch.sh
├── pto_speed.py
├── setup_fd_vcan.sh
└── text_ic.py
```

Historical Reference

- Charlie and Chris 2016 – “Jeep 2”
 - Tricked vehicle into doing cyber-physical actions that should have been available only at low ground speed
 - Result: vehicle went into the ditch

<https://illmatics.com/Remote%20Car%20Hacking.pdf>

<https://illmatics.com/can%20message%20injection.pdf>

<https://www.wired.com/2016/08/jeep-hackers-return-high-speed-steering-acceleration-hacks/>

How the New Attacks Work

Instead of focusing on that initial wireless foothold, this time Miller and Valasek wanted to bypass a set of safeguards deeper in vehicles' networks. Vehicle CAN network components are designed to resist certain dangerous digital signals: The diagnostic mode that Miller and Valasek used to disable the Jeep's brakes, for instance, wouldn't work at any speed above five miles per hour, and the automatic parking assist feature they used to turn its steering wheel only worked when the vehicle was in reverse and traveling at the same low speeds.

But Miller and Valasek have now found techniques to bypass some of those safeguards, with disturbing results. Here's how their new attacks worked: Instead of merely compromising one of the so-called electronic control units or ECUs on a target car's CAN network and using it to spoof messages to the car's steering or brakes, they also attacked the ECU that sends legitimate commands to those components, which would otherwise contradict their malicious commands and prevent their attack. By putting that second ECU into "bootrom" mode---the first step in updating the ECU's firmware that a mechanic might use to fix a bug---they were able to paralyze that innocent ECU and send malicious commands to the target component without interference. "You have one computer in the car telling it to do one thing and we're telling it to do something else," says Miller. "Essentially our solution is to knock the other computer offline."

... spoofing

... disabling w/ "standard" msg

Historical Reference

- Univ of Mich grad student homework
 - Demonstrated total lack of security in J1939



Hackers Hijack a Big Rig Truck's Accelerator and Brakes

As researchers demonstrate digital attacks on a 33,000 pound truck, car hacking is moving beyond consumer vehicles.



[article](#) [video](#)

“... it's the Society of Automotive Engineers (**SAE**), the standards body that controls the **J1939 standard**, that's at least partly responsible...”

Cryptography for the Semester

- AES-128
 - CMAC – message digest
 - CTR (if you get to encryption)
 - Curve25519
 - X25519 – key agreement
 - Ed25519 – signing
 - NaCl
 - box() and boxopen()
 - JWT for credentials
- SHA2
 - SHA256
 - SHA512
 - SHA512 /256

Serious Cryptography

*A Practical Introduction
to Modern Encryption*



Jean-Philippe Aumasson

Foreword by Matthew D. Green



Lab – /classroom

```
$ ./setup_fd_vcan.sh
```

```
> cat -n setup_fd_vcan.sh
 1  sudo modprobe vcan
 2  sudo ip link add dev vcan0 type vcan
 3  sudo ip link set vcan0 mtu 72
 4  sudo ip link set up vcan0
```

Setup the CAN FD network: vcan0

Line 1 adds vcan module to linux kernel
Line 2 creates a device 'vcan0'
Line 3 sets it to be CAN FD w/ mtu
Line 4 starts device 'vcan0'

Lab – /classroom

```
$ > ./engine_speed.py
```

Starts infinite loop sending engine speeds (ramp-up/ramp-down)

```
> ./text_ic.py  
reading a few special J1939 messages from vcan0  
  
use 'cansniffer' on vcan0 to watch all traffic  
.....  
^c to quit  
[vcan0] | ground speed: 0.0 | engine speed: 800 | pto speed: 0 |
```

“text instrument cluster”... reads J1939 messages and converts to engineering units

Lab – /classroom/engine_speed.py

```
> cat -n engine_speed.py
```

```
76 def main():
77     bus = can.Bus(channel=channel, interface=bustype)
78     canid = arbid(PRIO, PGN, sa)
79     speed = 0      # rpm
80     direction = 1
81
82     while True:
83         # our speed is ramping up and down, forever, 0..4800 rpm
84         speed = speed + direction * 25
85         if speed > 4800:
86             direction = -1
87             speed = 4800
88         if speed < 0:
89             direction = 1
90             speed = 0
91
92         byte4, byte5 = engine2j1939(speed)
93         data = [0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, byte4, byte5, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF]
94         msg = can.Message(arbitration_id=canid, data=data, is_extended_id=True)
95         bus.send(msg)
96         time.sleep(1)
```

Line 82-96 infinite loop ramping up/down the engine speed value and sending message on the bus

Line 92-95 mechanics of building and sending a J1939 frame

Lab – /classroom/engine_speed.py

```
> cat -n engine_speed.py
```

```
28 # return arbitration id
29 def arbid(priority, pgn, sa):
30     field1 = (priority << 2) << 24
31     field2 = pgn << 8
32     field3 = sa
33     return field1 | field2 | field3
34
35 # convert engine to j1939 2 bytes
36 # usage: byte4, byte5 = engine2j1939(2060)
37 #       data = [..., byte4, byte5, ...remaining 3 bytes...]
38 def engine2j1939(rpm):
39     # convert rpm to bits
40     bits = math.floor(rpm / 0.125)
41
42     # convert bits to bytes
43     byte4 = bits & 0xff
44     byte5 = (bits >> 8) & 0xff
45
46     return byte4, byte5
```

Lines 29-33 Create the message arbitration ID

Lines 35-46 convert RPM into bytes required for engine speed message

Lab – /classroom/text_ic.py

```
> cat -n text_ic.py
1  #!/usr/bin/python3
2  # source: https://python-can.readthedocs.io/en/master/asyncio.html
3  #   hereafter, [rtd] = source url through "master/"
4
5  """
6  Using async IO with python-can to read a few interesting j1939 messages:
7      * ground speed (PGN FE49)
8      * engine speed (PGN F004)
9      * pto speed     (PGN FE43).
10
11  And convert them to engineering units at write them to the command line.
12  """
```

Reference info and list of messages this tool can translate.

Lab – /classroom/text_ic.py

```
> cat -n text_ic.py
```

```
127  async def main() -> None:
...
141      # Create Notifier with an explicit loop to use for scheduling of callbacks
142      #   notifier is used as a message distributor for a bus. Notifier
143      #   creates a thread to read messages from the bus and distributes
144      #   them to listeners. [rtd]/api.html#notifier
145      loop0 = asyncio.get_running_loop()
146      notifier0 = can.Notifier(canbus, listeners0, loop=loop0)
147
148      print("reading a few special J1939 messages from %s" % (channel))
149      print(" ")
150      print("use 'cansniffer' on %s to watch all traffic" %(channel))
151      print(".....")
152      print("^c to quit")
153      while True:
154          # Wait for next message from AsyncBufferedReader
155          msg0 = await reader0.get_message()
156
157      # Clean-up
158      notifier0.stop()
```

Async library allows us to be notified when the next message arrives

Lab – /classroom/text_ic.py

```
> cat -n text_ic.py
```

```
85 def readcanbus(msg: can.Message) -> None:
86     global mph, erpm, prpm
87     """Regular callback function. Can also be a coroutine."""
88     arbid = msg.arbitration_id
89     data = msg.data
90     priority, pgn, sa = arbid_decode(arbid)
91     if pgn == 0xfe49:
92         b1, b2, mph = pgnFE49(data)
93     if pgn == 0xf004:
94         b4, b5, erpm = pgnF004(data)
95     if pgn == 0xfe43:
96         b1, b2, prpm = pgnFE43(data)
97
98     #print("vcan0: %d, %x, %x : %x %x" %(priority, pgn, sa, b1, b2), end="\r")
99     print("[%s] | " %(channel), end="")
100    print("ground speed: %4.1f | " %(mph), end="")
101    print("engine speed: %4.0f | " %(erpm), end="")
102    print("pto speed: %4.0f | " %(prpm), end="\r")
103
```

Lines 86-96 Handles messages, uses message specific functions to decode bytes into engineering units

Lines 98-102 write engineering units to the display

Lab – /classroom/text_ic.py

```
> cat -n text_ic.py
```

```
68 # convert F004 to rpm [engine speed]
69 def pgnF004(data):
70     b4 = data[3]
71     b5 = data[4]
72     bits = (b5 << 8) | b4
73     rpm = bits * 0.125
74     return b4, b5, rpm
```

Lines 68-74 Converts bytes from J1939 message into engineering units

Lab

- Assume “conflicting” messages are handled like in the Jeep