

Report for the CPS Mid-Course Project

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1 Introduction and objectives

In this report we will describe the work done for the mid-course project of the course Cyber-Physical Systems and IoT security. The paper to which we refer is [1] “**Fingerprinting Electronic Control Units for Vehicle Intrusion Detection**” where is explained the design of an algorithm: the CIDS (Clock-based Intrusion Detection System), that is able to detect different kinds of attack. In this paper is shown the functioning of three kinds of attack: the “Fabbriation attack”, the “Suspension attack” and the “Masquerade attack”. What we tried to do was to implement the three attacks and the CIDS algorithm in a simulation environment using **ICSim**, instead of physically as shown in the paper.

2 System setup

We worked on a virtual machine with **LinuxMint22** as operating system. The simulator used is **ICSim**. All the code is written in **Python** and can be found at the following link: [. We used the **can library** to create messages and to simulate the communication of the attackers with the ECUs.](#)

3 Experiments

For each attack we are assuming that the attacker is already in the system and is able to send messages to several ECUs.

3.1 Fabbriation attack

In the Fabbriation attack we are trying to override any periodic messages sent by legitimate ECUs. Essentially, we created a message with the ID of the left arrow with the command to turn on it and we sent a big quantity of this messages. The result is that the left arrow was almost always active and all the other commands we tried to send (acceleration, right arrow, doors, etc.) were ignored.

3.2 Suspension attack

In the Suspension attack we are trying to stop the periodic messages sent by a legitimate ECU.

3.3 Masquerade attack

In the Masquerade attack we are trying to send messages with the ID of the legitimate ECUs. The idea here is that we have to shield the fact that an ECU is compromised. To see something visible at simulation level we created a weak ECU that is sending messages every 2 seconds to open and to close certain doors. The attacker will listen the CAN bus for 20 seconds, in this way it can calculate the period of the messages sent by the weak ECU and then it will send messages with the same ID and the same period. We decided to send a message to open different doors with respect to the ones opened by the weak ECU.

3.4 CIDS algorithm

4 Results and Discussion

References

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