

# Automotive Control Systems Security

Where am I going  
and  
Why am I in this handbasket?

Peter Gutmann

University of Auckland

1

“format your slides for 16:9 aspect ratio”

$$4^2 = 16, 3^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 4:3 \equiv 16:9$$

$\Rightarrow$  This is 16:9. QED

2

## Automotive (In)security

ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 08.16.17 04:55 PM

A DEEP FLAW IN  
YOUR CAR LETS  
HACKERS SHUT  
DOWN SAFETY  
FEA  
ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 07.21.15 06:00 AM  
HACKERS  
REMOTELY KILL A  
JEEP ON THE  
HIGHWAY—WITH  
ME IN IT  
JUS  
THESE \$11 RADIO  
GADGETS CAN  
STEAL A CAR

ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 04.12.17 07:00 AM

SECURING  
DRIVERLESS CARS  
FROM HACKERS IS  
HARD. ASK THE  
“X-UBER GUY”  
WHO PROTECTS  
THEM  
CURITY NEWS  
IS WEEK:  
HACKERS FOUND  
A FREAKY NEW  
WAY TO KILL  
YOUR CAR

Source: Wired

3

## Automotive (In)security (ctd)

ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 08.16.17 04:55 PM

A DEEP FLAW IN  
YOUR CAR LETS  
HACKERS SHUT  
DOWN SAFETY  
FEA  
ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 07.21.15 06:00 AM  
HACKERS  
REMOTELY  
KILL A  
JEEP ON THE  
HIGHWAY—WITH  
ME IN IT  
JUS  
THESE \$11 RADIO  
GADGETS CAN  
STEAL A CAR

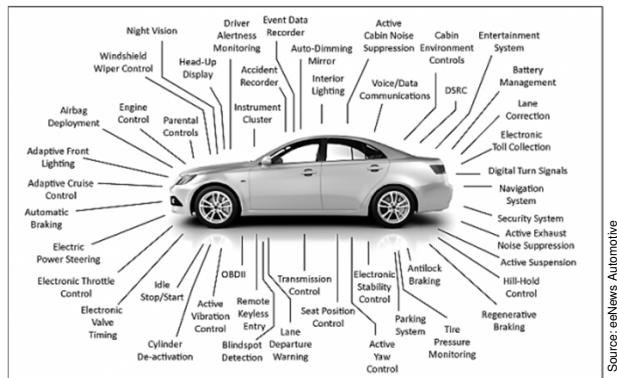
ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 04.12.17 07:00 AM

SECURING  
DRIVERLESS CARS  
FROM HACKERS IS  
HARD. ASK THE  
“X-UBER GUY”  
WHO PROTECTS  
THEM  
CURITY NEWS  
IS WEEK:  
HACKERS FOUND  
A FREAKY NEW  
WAY TO KILL  
YOUR CAR

Source: Wired

4

## Automotive Control Systems



Source: eeNews Automotive

A vehicle in 2018 typically contains 100-300 microcontrollers or processors, 50+ complex electronic control units, between 5 and 20 million lines of software code

— eeNews Automotive

5

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

Standard access path for attackers: Bluetooth (or similar) to the head unit



Hands-free phoning, music streaming, navigation, ...

6

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

Head unit runs BT radio at high power

- Don't want any interruptions to the music streaming
- Also means your head unit is remotely accessible from five cars away



Source: RCDriver

7

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)



Source: RCDriver

8

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

But wait, there's more! Remember this icon?



MirrorLink turns the promise of the connected car into reality  
— Car Connectivity Consortium

IP, USB, Bluetooth, WiFi, VNC, RTP, UPnP

- telnet, carrier pigeons, smoke signals...

Some of these aren't even protocols, they're security holes  
with wire formats

9

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

And it gets even worse...

- Increasing moves to allow vehicle control via cellphone apps
- Either manufacturer-installed remote access to the head unit or aftermarket add-ons

Occasionally: OBD-II dongle with Bluetooth interface

- Typically Chinese clones of ELM327 with buggy firmware



10

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

And the underlying OS

- QNX
- Windows CE
- Android
- Custom RTOS

Windows CE running  
UPnP

QNX running VNC

Android running RTP

- What could possibly go wrong?



Source: Xitons

At least one of these is right

11

## Automotive Control Systems (ctd)

So that's the head unit



The rest is very different...

12

## AUTOSAR

Automotive Open System Architecture

- Sorry, AUTomotive Open System ARchitecture

Founded by BMW, Bosch, Continental, Daimler Chrysler, Siemens, and VW

- Based on an earlier standard OSEK / ISO 17356 from much the same players
- Later joined by others, Ford, GM, Honda, Hyundai, Nissan, Peugot, Renault, Tata, Toyota, Volvo

Define a standard software architecture for ECUs and related systems

- And, eventually, much, much more

13

## AUTOSAR Goals

Created standards for both dependability and security

- Not so much an API as an architecture for automotive safety instrumented systems

There are various others, but AUTOSAR is

- Comprehensive
- Involves a large number of manufacturers
- Covers both standard ECU goals and security

Understanding AUTOSAR or an equivalent is necessary to help understand automotive security issues

14

## AUTOSAR Goals (ctd)

### Primary goal: Dependability

The trustworthiness of a system such that reliance can justifiably be placed on the service it delivers – the delivered service being the system's behaviour as perceived by the user

— “Dependability: A Unifying Concept for Reliable, Safe, Secure Computing”

- Shared with other safety instrumented/critical control systems, e.g. avionics

Need to understand this goal in order to understand how it interacts with security

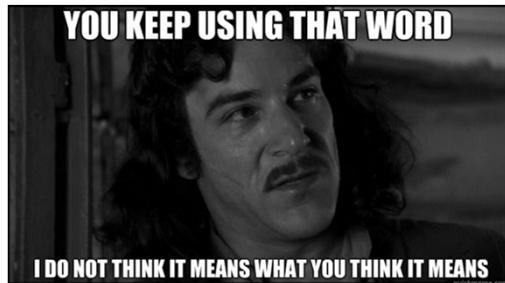
15

## AUTOSAR Goals (ctd)

The term “trustworthy” (and “trust”) in the context of dependability is nothing like the “trust” of computer security

- “The CA is a trusted third party”
- “The Intel Management Engine is a trusted component”
- ARM TrustZone

In all of these cases  
“trust” really means  
“is forced to rely  
upon”



16

## Dependability

Dependable systems can experience faults

- A fault doesn't necessarily reduce the dependability of a system

Fault must result in an error in order to cause a problem

If the error propagates beyond a system barrier so that it becomes visible to the rest of the system, it becomes a failure

A fault can manifest itself as an error [...] and the error can ultimately cause a failure

— ISO 26262, “Road Vehicles — Functional Safety”

17

## Dependability (ctd)

Only the full progression fault → error → failure is a visible problem

- Handled via fault detection, isolation, and recovery (FDIR)

Example from computer networking

- Fault: Electrical glitch induced onto Ethernet cable
- Error: Corrupted data packet
  - Detection: Failed CRC/FCS check
  - Isolation: Packet is dropped
  - Recovery: Kicked upstairs, typically TCP-level
- Failure: None, fault mitigated

18

## Dependability (ctd)

### Fault mitigation in automotive systems

- Is the value within a range of plausible values?
  - Engine temperature, vehicle speed, etc
  - Unless the vehicle is powered by a Mr.Fusion, an engine temperature of 3000°C is suspect
- Is the combination of values within a range of plausible values?
  - Engine speed / vehicle speed / gear ratio
- Do multiple redundant sources agree?
  - Angle-of-attack sensors on aircraft
- Exotic rigorous solutions
  - Predictor/corrector models like Kalman filters

19

## Dependability (ctd)

### Signal metrics

- Signal quality, timestamps, sequence numbers, signal-changed status

### Timing protection

- Protecting from activities that take too long to complete
- Excessive runtime upsets response-time guarantees for other components

20

## Mitigations

### Substitute values

- If a value is implausible, substitute an approximation to use in subsequent calculations
- Malfunctioning sensor, use last known good value

### Voting / redundancy

- 2oo3 or similar mechanisms

### Liveness monitoring of subsystems

- Watchdogs, heartbeats

### Diverse monitoring

- External monitor ensures the system remains within safety bounds

21

## Mitigations (ctd)

### Execution sequence monitoring

- Check control flow graph (CFG)
- Monitor control flow through basic blocks
  - As a convenient side-effect, severely hampers ROP

### Reliability trumps everything

- “Limp home” mode as a design safe state
- Disable some subsystems, e.g. keep ABS (anti-lock braking) but no ESC (electronic stability control)
- c.f. MEL in aircraft
  - Minimum (functioning) equipment list for an aircraft to be considered airworthy

22

## Fault-Tolerance

Not just a fancy name, the system is literally tolerant of faults

- A great deal of engineering effort goes into providing this capability

Overreacting to faults can actually be harmful

In some situations taking recovery actions due to errors [...] may cause more damage than it does good. Reacting to such errors may cause an over-reaction where the recovery actions may put the system in a state where it is less safe than previously

— “Explanation of Error Handling on Application Level”,  
AUTOSAR

Fault-tolerance is the diametric opposite of what crypto/  
security does

23

## Fault-Intolerance

In crypto/security, the goal is to find the single bit that's out of place

- One single bit out of place → fail
  - a. If the length of L is greater than the input limitation for the hash function ( $2^{61} - 1$  octets for SHA-1), output "decryption error" and stop.
  - b. If the length of the ciphertext C is not k octets, output "decryption error" and stop.
  - c. If  $k < 2hLen + 2$ , output "decryption error" and stop.

— PKCS #1 v2.1

- “... and stop” means “fault and error and failure” all in one

24

## Fault-Intolerance (ctd)

Once you've found the discrepancy, you've won



Source: LA Times

No known standard covers how to continue after this point

- c.f. vast literature on fault tolerance and error recovery

25

## Fault Mitigation vs. Security

Plausibility checks: Binary yes/no

Execution sequence monitoring: No

Substitute values: No

Voting/redundancy: No (except in Type 1 crypto hardware)

Liveness checks/signal metrics: N/A

Timing protection: Public-key crypto operations are variable-time

- Some operations like keygen only terminate probabilistically

26

## Fault Mitigation vs. Security (ctd)

Continuing with degraded functionality



27

## Fault Mitigation vs. Security (ctd)

Once you've found the discrepancy, you've won

- Why would you want to continue?

This makes automotive security... interesting

- Irresistible force, meet immovable object

See “Hard and Not-necessarily-hard Problems in Cryptography”, <https://www.cs.auckland.ac.nz/~pgut001/pubs/problems.pdf>

- Specifically, coverage of wicked problems and availability issues

28

## The AUTOSAR Environment

OSEK/VDK, rebranded AUTOSAR Classic, is a fairly standard high-assurance RTOS

System configuration is defined statically at build time

If tasks are created dynamically then things are much more complex;  
timing predictions may be filed under ‘fiction’

— “Real-Time Operating Systems”, Vol.1

- Makes reasoning about issues like deadlocks much easier

No dynamic allocation of any kind

29

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

All tasks execute out of non-volatile memory

- No code in RAM
- Also makes IPL very quick
  - ‘96 Toyota ECU can be restarted at 180 kph
  - Only noticeable effect was a brief ignition ping
  - Had gone into limp-home mode at Hampton Downs track
  - That doesn’t mean you *should* do it...
- Fault mitigation via rejuvenation

30

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Scheduling is typically static, e.g. rate-monotonic or heuristic scheduling

- OSEK is somewhat open-ended on this, but standard scheduling strategies from conventional OSes don't work in an RTOS

No recursion, longjmp

- From MISRA / Motor Industry Software Reliability Association, required by AUTOSAR
- Many embedded compilers have MISRA compliance checking built in
- Also supported by third-party static analysers, Coverity/Cppcheck/Goanna/PC-Lint/Polyspace/PVS-Studio/etc

31

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

More rules from JSF-AV and SEI CERT Coding Standard

Fixed stack size

Fixed task priorities

etc

32

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Certification requirements are onerous

- Make safety claims for the device, e.g. “meets all the requirements of ISO 26262”
- Provide arguments to support the claim, e.g. via formal notation
- Provide evidence to support the arguments

An argument without supporting evidence is unfounded, and therefore unconvincing

— ISO 26262-10

Example tools: Fault tree analysis, discrete event simulation, Petri nets (IEC 61508-3), formal methods like Promela/SPIN (ISO 26262-6), etc

33

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

In order to be road legal, a car must have a certificate of conformity

- US self-certifies
  - U.S. automakers self-certify that they are meeting U.S. vehicle standards
    - “U.S. and EU Motor Vehicle Standards”
    - Like Boeing with the 737 MAX
  - Europe has Whole Vehicle Type Approval, WVTA
  - Rest of the world is covered by similar UN rules

Outside the US, once type approved, systems can't be changed unless the change gets type approval

34

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

But Tesla does updates all the time!

- Tesla are self-certifying (OK in the US)...
- ... and self-insured if there's a problem

Tesla's famous OTA  
brake system  
update would be  
illegal anywhere  
but the US

- Even in the US it  
was highly risky  
legally

### Tesla Model 3 Gets CR Recommendation After Braking Update

Automaker responds to Consumer  
Reports test results and reduces stopping  
distance by nearly 20 feet

Until now, that type of remote improvement to a car's basic functionality had been unheard of. "I've been at CR for 19 years and tested more than 1,000 cars," says Jake Fisher, director of auto testing at Consumer Reports, "and I've never seen a car that could improve its track performance with an over-the-air update."

35

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

So how does Tesla sell outside the US?

- Long story, they have WVTA on the models sold outside the US
- Other vendors don't want to rock the boat over OTA changes made to WVTA vehicles because of their own OTA plans
- As soon as there's a fatal accident, things will get interesting because Tesla's OTA will probably be found to be illegal
- Being discussed by the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA, Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles) of which Tesla isn't a member

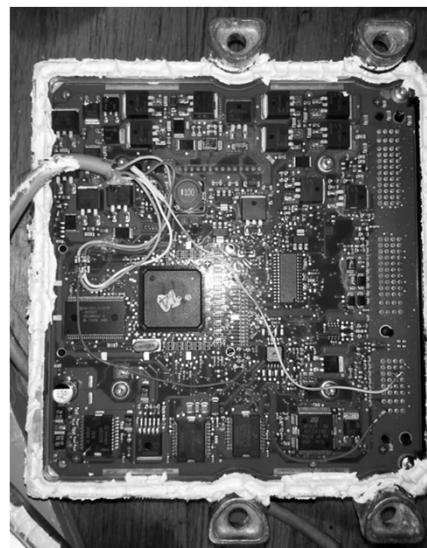
UN Task Force on Cyber Security and (OTA) software  
updates (CS/OTA) has been working out how to deal  
with OTA

36

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

### Typical target CPUs

- 68HC08, 68HC12
- MPC5xx, MAC7x00
- RH/V850x
- TDA2x, TDA3x
- TriCore



Source: OBDExpress

37

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

### Overview

The MPC555 MCU offers a high-speed solution designed for automotive applications such as engine and transmission control, as well as robotics and avionics control.

- Value is the masses of automotive capabilities, not the CPU power

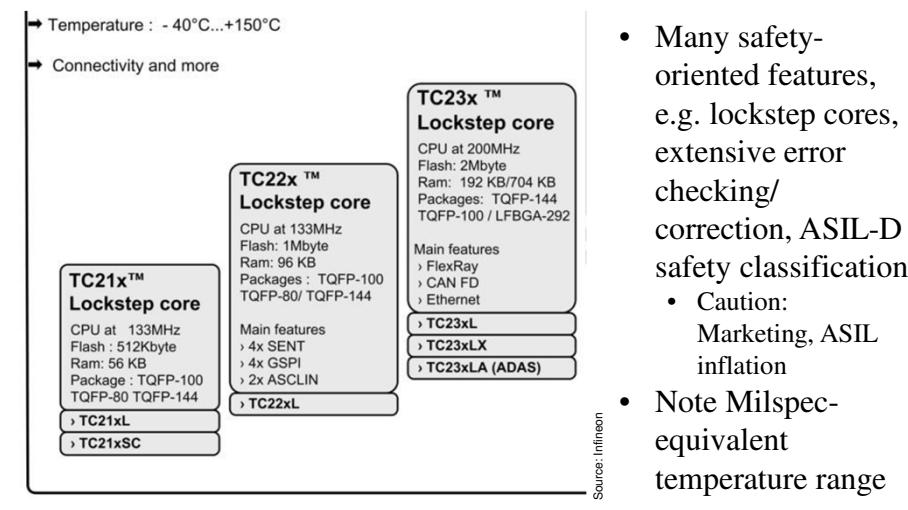
### Features

- 40 MHz core with floating point unit
- 26 KB of static RAM
- 448 KB flash EEPROM memory with 5-volt programming (CMF)
- Flexible memory protection unit
- GPIO support
- Two time processor units (TPU3)
- 18-channel modular I/O system (MIOS1)
- Two queued analog-to-digital converter modules (QADC)
- Two CAN 2.0B controller modules (TouCANs)
- Queued serial multi-channel module (QSMCM)
- U-bus system interface unit (USIU)

Source: NXP

38

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)



39

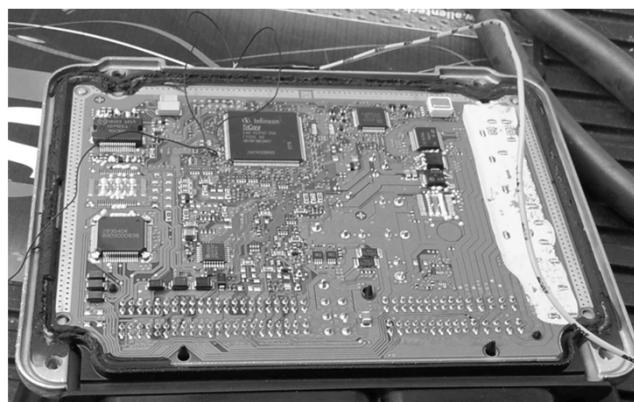
## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

### Example: Bosch EDC17 ECU

- Used in many European cars, including VW diesels
- Yes, *those* diesels

### TriCore 1797

- 180 MHz
- 128kB RAM
- 2-4MB flash (ROM)
- 64kB flash (writeable)



40

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

To put that into terms people can understand...

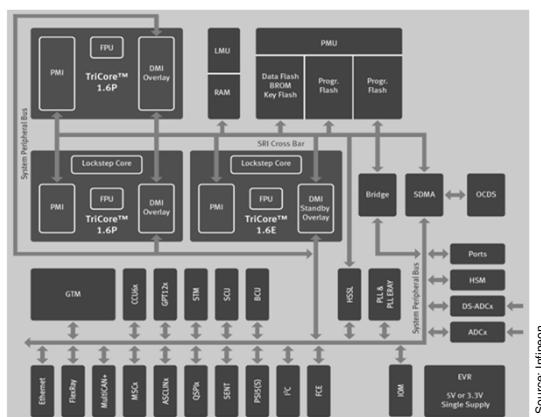
- 0.2 GHz single-core CPU
- 0.0001 GB RAM
- 0.000002 TB hard drive



Source: HP

41

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)



Source: Infineon

Again note the value proposition, it's the I/O capabilities  
(alongside the safety features)

42

## Intermezzo

Tricky to distinguish reality from marketing

- Various products covered in presentations and glossy brochures but probably not readily available
- Available real soon now, in the next revision, once you throw out your existing hardware and redesign with new devices

This talk is an attempt to capture today's reality, not future dreams

Selection criterion: What would you find in Joe Sixpack's garage?

- With a little input from ECU tuners

43

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

The memory overhead of RTA-OSEK is:

| Memory type | Overhead (bytes) |
|-------------|------------------|
| RAM         | 28               |
| ROM/flash   | 204              |

In addition to the RTOS overhead, each object used by an application has the following memory requirements:

| Object            | RAM Bytes | ROM Bytes |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| BCC1 task         | 0         | 36        |
| BCC2 task         | 10        | 52        |
| ECC1 task         | 28        | 60        |
| ECC2 task         | 30        | 68        |
| Category 1 ISR    | 0         | 0         |
| Category 2 ISR    | 0         | 64        |
| Resource          | 0         | 20        |
| Internal Resource | 0         | 0         |
| Event             | 0         | 4         |
| Alarm             | 12        | 60        |
| Counter           | 4         | 44        |
| Taskset (RW)      | 4         | 4         |
| Taskset (RO)      | 0         | 4         |
| Schedule          | 16        | 36        |
| Arrivalpoint (RW) | 12        | 12        |
| Arrivalpoint (RO) | 0         | 12        |

- BCC/ECC = basic/extended conformance class tasks (details unimportant)
- 0 bytes RAM from statically defined task, ROM usage is the TCB

Source: ETAS

44

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

### Sample application configuration

#### ECC1

The ECC1 application uses 7 basic tasks and 1 extended task with unique priorities. Task H is the extended task and it waits on a single event that is set by basic tasks A-G.

This application has the following overheads:

| Memory usage         | Bytes |
|----------------------|-------|
| OS ROM               | 2782  |
| OS RAM               | 277   |
| comprising RAM data  | 156   |
| comprising RAM stack | 121   |

#### BCC1

The BCC1 application uses 8 basic tasks with unique priorities.

This application has the following overheads:

| Memory usage         | Bytes |
|----------------------|-------|
| OS ROM               | 2032  |
| OS RAM               | 232   |
| comprising RAM data  | 128   |
| comprising RAM stack | 104   |

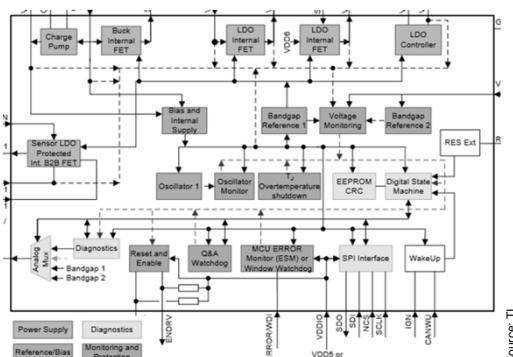
45

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Moore's Law doesn't apply

Emphasis is on reliability and safety, not bleeding-edge performance

- Designed and certified for use in particularly harsh environments
- If this stuff wasn't classed as automotive, it'd be export-controlled
- Often more functionality for safety than primary



Source: TI

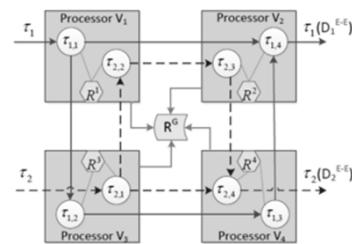
46

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Distributed real-time control system, not a single computer

100-300 microcontrollers or processors, 50+ complex electronic control units, between 5 and 20 million lines of software code  
— eeNews Automotive

- Control system is the sum of the individual parts, not a single ECU somewhere
- Complex timing and communications constraints
- For perimeter-security based thinking, the entire system is inside the perimeter — all buses are internal



Source: TU Braunschweig

47

## Intermezzo

This is OSEK/VDK, rebranded AUTOSAR Classic

- AUTOSAR NG is different

Based on the well-known formally-verified realtime OS,  
Linux

- Individual high-assurance ECUs become VMs on a single Linux system

```
[<ffffffffff81549f6e>] ? panic+0xa7/0x179
[<ffffffffff8107d90e>] ? vprintk_default+0xe/0x18
[<ffffffffff81c3c541>] ? mount_block_root+0x216/0x2cb
[<ffffffffff81c6be03>] ? gunzip+0x0/0x34e
[<ffffffffff81002930>] ? bstat+0x200/0x8d0
[<ffffffffff81c3c6dc>] ? mount_root+0x56/0x5a
[<ffffffffff81c3c7c0>] ? prepare_namespace+0x170/0x1a9
[<ffffffffff81c3babd>] ? kernel_init+0x2e1/0x2f7
[<ffffffffff8100969d>] ? __switch_to+0xd/0x340
[<ffffffffff8100c28a>] ? child_rip+0xa/0x20
[<ffffffffff81c3b7dc>] ? kernel_init+0x0/0x2f7
[<ffffffffff8100c280>] ? child_rip+0x0/0x20
```

- Note to self: Buy lifetime train travel pass

48

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Devices have a design life of ten to twenty years

- There is hardware deployed today that was designed when the people now maintaining it were in kindergarten

Firmware is never updated, and frequently can never be updated

- Storage isn't writeable
- There's no room
- It's too risky to update due to bricking risk or decertification of the system

Avoiding recertification is a huge motivator

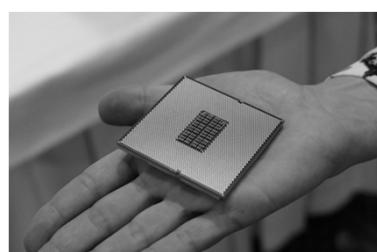
- 737 MAX is a very visible example of how motivated companies are to avoid it

49

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

What about using *\$shiny\_new\_thing*?

- This is very hard for geeks to resist
- “*\$corporation* has just announced *\$shiny\_new\_thing*, this will solve all of your problems”



Source: PC Perspective

50

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

Translated: You need to redo your

- Product roadmap
- Supplier agreements
- Second-source/LTS
- Licensing
- Hardware design
- Software toolchain
- BSP
- Firmware
- Testing
- Certification

Thanks, but no thanks

51

## The AUTOSAR Environment (ctd)

### Examples

- Compile with optimisation disabled since this destroys the 1:1 mapping of source → object code
  - IEC 61508-3 §7.4.4.4 / ISO 26262-8 §11.4.4.2 warn against opt.compilers
  - See “Software security in the presence of faults” talk
- Built on 1990s-vintage PCs scrounged from eBay because that’s what was certified



Source: eBay

Now that the scene is set, let’s look at crypto and security...

52

## AUTOSAR Security

What crypto resources are available?

- AES, supported on higher-end SoCs
- Some form of RNG for keygen, reasonably common
  - Or can use environmental sources
- SHA-1, DES occasionally
- RSA, ECDSA is practically non-existent
- Everything else is *actually* non-existent

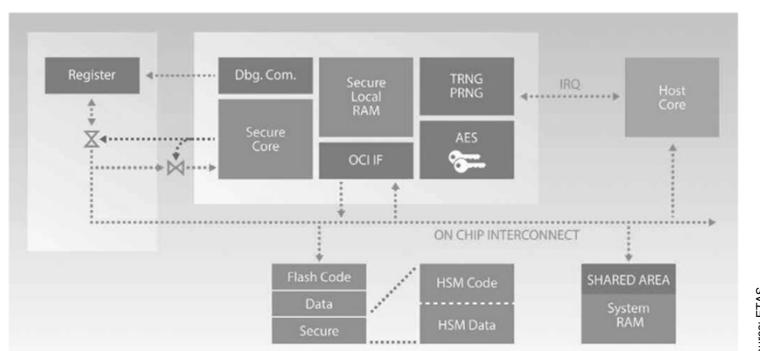
Any crypto solution had better be based pretty exclusively on AES

- As a convenient side-effect, won't have to worry about which PKC will be in fashion in ten years' time or what keysize they're wearing in Paris that year

53

## AUTOSAR Security (ctd)

Crypto is implemented as IP cores added to the SoC, not inline instructions



Source: ETAS

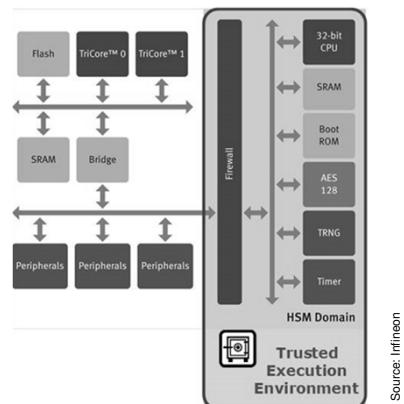
This is a hypothetical “automotive HSM” from Bosch

- Few automotive SoCs actually have any crypto hardware

54

## AUTOSAR Security (ctd)

Some newer SoCs have crypto hardware support



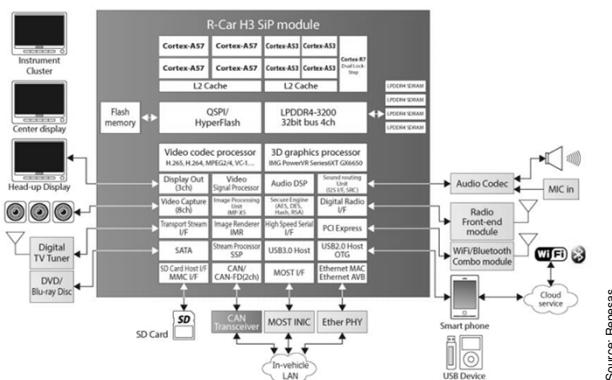
But this is few and far between

- Note the 2001-vintage crypto

55

## AUTOSAR Security (ctd)

The only CPUs that do have crypto support are standard tablet/set-top-box style ones meant for head units



This is also the point of entry to the car for attackers

56

## AUTOSAR Security (ctd)

Programming interfaces to the crypto IP in the SoCs are all vendor-specific

- Invariably hard to use
- Need to talk PIO or DMA
- The HAL or vendor firmware may not make it available
- Access is almost always slower than doing it natively in software

We can solve all our problems (except the speed one) with a standardised API layer!

57

## Crypto HALs

### PKCS #11

- Has been around for 25 years
- The standard interface to security hardware
- OO interface using C API

```
CK_ATTRIBUTE publicKeyTemplate[] = {
    { CKA_CLASS, CKO_PUBLIC_KEY, sizeof( CK_OBJECT_CLASS ) },
    { CKA_KEY_TYPE, CKK_RSA, sizeof( CK_KEY_TYPE ) },
    { CKA_VERIFY, CK_TRUE, sizeof( CK_BBOOL ) },
    { CKA_ENCRYPT, CK_TRUE, sizeof( CK_BBOOL ) },
    { CKA_MODULUS, modulus, modulusLength },
    { CKA_PUBLIC_EXPONENT, exponent, exponentLength },
};

C_CreateObject( hSession, publicKeyTemplate, 6, &hRsaKey );
C_EncryptInit( hSession, CKM_RSA_PKCS, hRsaKey );
C_Encrypt( hSession, inData, inLength, outData, &outLength );
```

58

## Crypto HALs (ctd)

Core document (for v2.01) is ~150 pages, plus a 60-page catalogue of crypto mechanisms

- Core API is a thin shim over the underlying hardware capabilities
  - Most of the work is marshalling and unmarshalling
- Bloated up by optional PIN management, SSO/user handling, etc
- This is all optional, can implement just the basic functionality

59

## Crypto HALs (ctd)

This is way too...

- Complicated
- Heavyweight
- Unhip

Let's design our own!

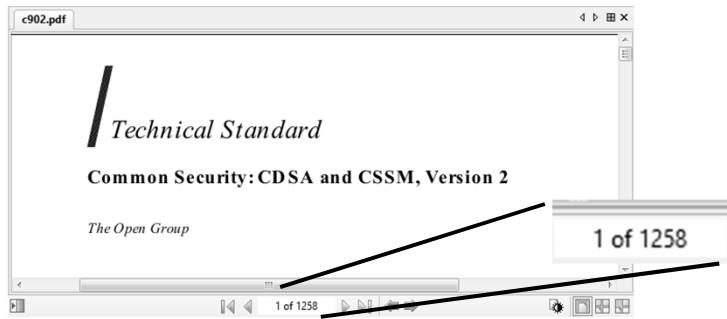
- We can do it better than those guys

60

## Crypto HALs (ctd)

### Common Data Security Architecture

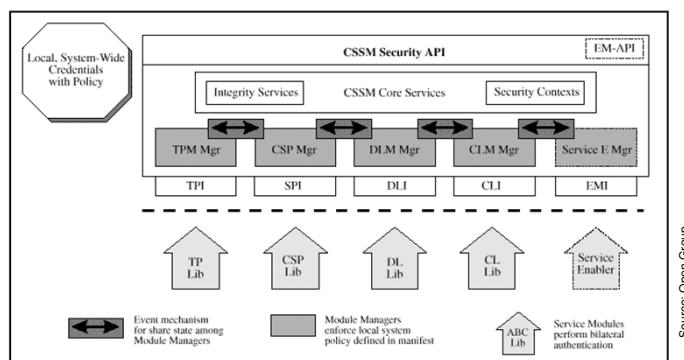
- Relatively simple design and API in 1.0, from Intel Architecture Labs
- Did exactly the same thing as PKCS #11, only differently
- Then the Open Group decided to standardise it



61

## Crypto HALs (ctd)

### Collapsed under its own weight



62

## Crypto HALs (ctd)

No-one ever managed to implement it, although Apple tried very hard

- 3-4 years work by a full-time team

CDSA was “a classic late-1990s API”, “a bloated, unmanageable mess” (CDSA developer)

63

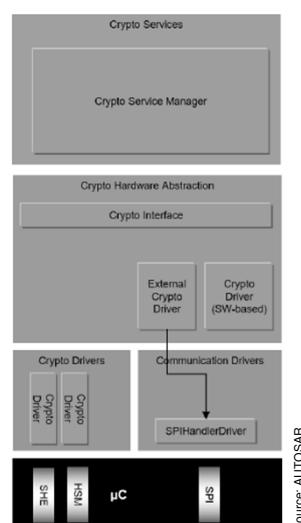
## AUTOSAR Crypto API

### AUTOSAR approach

- Ongoing since 2010
- 486 pages of specification (so far)
- It's OK, I've read them for you (ugh)

### Attempt to reinvent CDSA

- Not explicitly, but this is what the kitchen-sink abstract-concept approach to design naturally produces



Source: AUTOSAR

64

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

Or maybe an attempt to reinvent PKCS #11

- ▶ Initialization with Start function (e.g. Csm\_SymEncryptStart)
- ▶ Update function (e.g. Csm\_SymEncryptUpdate)
- ▶ Finish function (e.g. Csm\_SymEncryptFinish)

Source: AUTOSAR

| Encryption functions | C_EncryptInit   | initializes an encryption operation            |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
|                      | C_Encrypt       | encrypts single-part data                      |
|                      | C_EncryptUpdate | continues a multiple-part encryption operation |
|                      | C_EncryptFinal  | finishes a multiple-part encryption operation  |

Source: PKCS#11

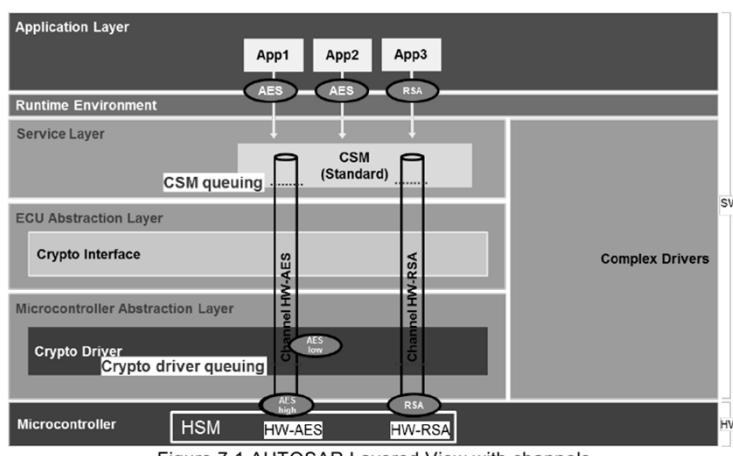
This is a near-exact copy of PKCS #11 done twenty years later

- Looks like they reinvented all the long-since-closed PKCS #11 security holes as well...

65

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

AUTOSAR crypto diagrams look frighteningly similar to diagrams from the CDSA spec



Source: AUTOSAR

66

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

The following cryptographic algorithms or primitives should be supported by the Crypto Stack:

- Random Number Generation
  - Deterministic Random Number Generator (DRNG)
  - True Random Number Generator (TRNG)
- Symmetric Encryption
  - AES
    - Key Length: 128 and 256 bits
    - Modes: ECB, CBC, CTR, GCM, OFB, CFB, XTS
  - PRESENT
    - Key Length: 128 bits
    - Modes: ECB, CBC, CTR, GCM, OFB, CFB, XTS
  - ChaCha12/ChaCha20
    - Key Length: 256 bits
- Asymmetric Encryption/Decryption and Signature Handling
  - RSA
    - Key Length: 1024, 2048, 3072, 4096
    - Padding: PKCS#1 v2.2
  - Curve25519/Ed25519
- Hash
  - SHA-2
    - Length: 224, 256, 384, 512
  - SHA-3
    - Length: 224, 256, 384, 512
  - BLAKE
    - Length: 224, 256, 384, 512
  - RIPEMD-160
- MAC
  - CMAC
  - GMAC
  - HMAC

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

The following cryptographic algorithms or primitives should be supported by the Crypto Stack:

- Random Number Generation
  - Deterministic Random Number Generator (DRNG)
  - True Random Number Generator (TRNG)
- Symmetric Encryption
  - AES
    - Key Length: 128 bits
    - Modes: ECB, CBC, CTR, GCM, OFB, CFB, XTS
  - PRESENT
    - Key Length: 128 bits
    - Modes: ECB, CBC, CTR, GCM, OFB, CFB, XTS
  - ChaCha12/ChaCha20
    - Key Length: 256 bits

In particular, every trendy hipster algorithm and every mechanism anyone's ever heard of

- None of which are supported by the system hardware

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

CSM services use cryptographic algorithms that are implemented using cryptographic software or hardware modules – both are out of scope and not specified by AUTOSAR.

- Ah, that's OK then

69

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

Oh, we forgot to add PKI to the mix

- Let's fix that...

**5.1.1.4.15 [SRS\_CryptoStack\_00031]** The Crypto Stack shall provide an interface for parsing certificates

**5.1.2.1.6 [SRS\_CryptoStack\_00111]** The KeyM module shall support verification of certificates based on configured rules

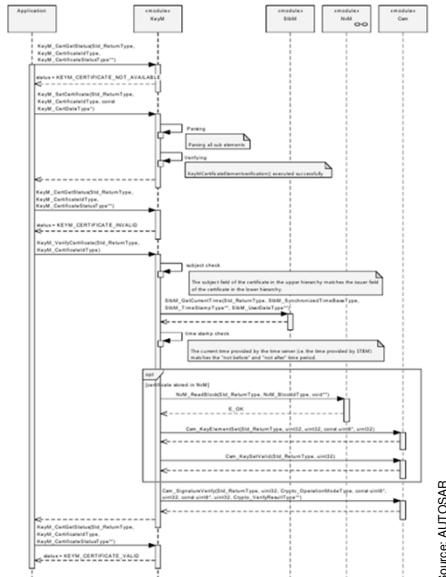
**5.1.2.1.7 [SRS\_CryptoStack\_00112]** The KeyM module shall support retrieving arbitrary elements of a certificate

Source: AUTOSAR

70

## AUTOSAR Crypto API (ctd)

Specifically:

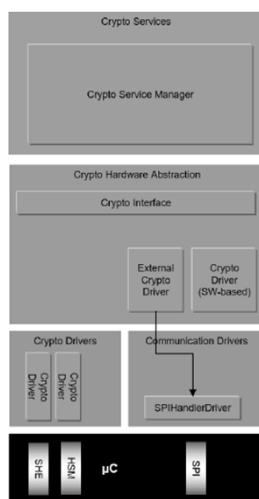


Source: AUTOSAR

71

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary

### Protocol Stack



The memory overhead of RTA-OSEK is:

| Memory type | Overhead (bytes) |
|-------------|------------------|
| RAM         | 28               |
| ROM/Flash   | 204              |

In addition to the RTOS overhead, each object used by an application has the following memory requirements:

| Object            | RAM Bytes | ROM Bytes |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| BCC1 task         | 0         | 36        |
| BCC2 task         | 10        | 52        |
| ECC1 task         | 28        | 60        |
| ECC2 task         | 30        | 68        |
| Category 1 ISR    | 0         | 0         |
| Category 2 ISR    | 0         | 64        |
| Resource          | 0         | 20        |
| Internal Resource | 0         | 0         |
| Event             | 0         | 4         |
| Alarm             | 12        | 60        |
| Counter           | 4         | 44        |
| Taskset (RW)      | 4         | 4         |
| Taskset (RO)      | 0         | 4         |
| Schedule          | 16        | 36        |
| Arrivalpoint (RW) | 12        | 12        |
| Arrivalpoint (RO) | 0         | 12        |

72

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

### Other problems

- PKCS #11: Spec follows implementation
- CDSA, AUTOSAR: Here's a spec we dreamed up, someone else can figure out how to implement it

Spec is unclear, convoluted, ambiguous, difficult to follow, contradicts itself, requires reverse-engineering the thought processes of the author(s), ...

- Far more so than the usual problems with standards

73

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

### Unintentional humour

[SWS\_Crypto\_00013] [ The Crypto Driver may support all crypto primitives that are supported by the underlying hardware object.  
J(SRS\_CryptoStack\_00098)

- What is the sound of no hands clapping?

### Gratuitous reinvention of data formats...

#### 7.2.5.2 Definition of ECC Key Material

[SWS\_Crypto\_00189][ Due to a lack of clear and efficient standard definition for ECC keys, key material for ECC is defined as binary information in the format definition of CRYPTO\_KE\_FORMAT\_BIN\_OCTET. The length of data depends on the assigned curve operation.

Source: AUTOSAR

- ANSI X9.62 standardised ECC key formats twenty years ago!
- Everything (except AUTOSAR) uses the X9.62 format

74

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

... that are the reverse of the standard way of representing things

### 4.3.1 Integer-to-Octet-String Conversion

**Input:** A non-negative integer  $x$ , and the intended length  $k$  of the octet string satisfying:

$$2^{8k} > x.$$

**Output:** An octet string  $M$  of length  $k$  octets.

1. Let  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k$  be the octets of  $M$  from leftmost to rightmost.
2. The octets of  $M$  shall satisfy:

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{8(i-1)} M_i.$$

- That's "big-endian" in math-ese

[SWS\_Crypto\_00190] | Public keys for NIST and Brainpool ECC curves are provided with their X and Y coordinates:

ECC Public Key = Point X | Point Y.

The points are stored in little endian format.

Source: AUTOSAR

- That's "the opposite of big-endian" in plain English
- Also, no handling of point compression

75

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

More gratuitous reinvention of 20-year-old industry standards

### PKCS #15 v1.0: Cryptographic Token Information Format Standard

RSA Laboratories

April 23, 1999

[SWS\_Crypto\_00184] | Asymmetric key material with identification is specified in

#### 7.2.5.1 Definition of RSA Key Material

[SWS\_Crypto\_00185] | For CRYPTO\_KE\_FORMAT\_BIN\_RSA\_PRIVATEKEY the

[SWS\_Crypto\_00186] | The RSA public key in the format CRYPTO\_KE\_FORMAT\_BIN\_RSA\_PUBLICKEY is provided as follows:

[SWS\_Crypto\_00187] | The RSA public key in the format CRYPTO\_KE\_FORMAT\_BIN\_IDENT\_RSA\_PUBLICKEY is provided as follows:

[SWS\_Crypto\_00188] | The algorithm identifier for RSA keys shall have the value

#### 7.2.5.2 Definition of ECC Key Material

[SWS\_Crypto\_00189] | Due to a lack of clear and efficient standard definition for

[SWS\_Crypto\_00190] | Public keys for NIST and Brainpool ECC curves are provided with their X and Y coordinates:

[SWS\_Crypto\_00191] | Private keys for NIST and Brainpool ECC curves are provided with their X and Y coordinates and an additional scalar:

[SWS\_Crypto\_00192] | The public key information for ED25519 contains a point on

[SWS\_Crypto\_00193] | The private key information for ED25519 contains a random

76

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Left as an exercise for the reader

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Description:</b> | The KeyM shall provide interfaces for providing a proof for correctly programmed keys.<br>A verification function can be used to provide a proof to the key server if the correct key is programmed and associated with a specific job. |
|---------------------|---|

Extensive mind-reading skills required to reverse-engineer the intent behind various requirements

The value of redirectionConfig is a bit coded value that is used to indicate, which of the input and output buffers are redirected. If the least significant bit (Bit #0 or 0x01) of redirectionConfig is set the primary input key and its element is redirected and the value of inputKeyId and inputKeyElementId must indicate the element that is used for input buffer instead of the inputPtr and its length. If Bit #1 is set, the secondaryInputBuffer is redirected to the secondary input key is set and the key and key elements must be set, and Bit #2 is used for the tertiary input key. Bit #3 is reserved for future use.  
If Bit #4 is set the outputPtr is redirected to the output key element of the output key. Bit #5 indicates the redirection of the secondary output buffer to the secondary key and its key element. If a bit is set to 0 the input or output shall not be redirected to the associated Key Element.

Source: AUTOSAR

77

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

More mind reading

**[SWS\_KeyM\_00099]** | If a key was identified by its ID and either RequestDataPtr and RequestDataLength indicates data or KeyM\_KH\_Update() has returned E\_OK and ResultDataPtr and ResultDataLengthPtr indicates data and the configuration /KeyMCryptoKey/KeyMCryptoKeyGenerationType is set to KEYM\_STORED\_KEY, then this function shall call Csm\_KeyElementSet to provide the data to CSM. The key element ID is always 1 and the KeyMCryptoKeyCsmKeyTargetRef is used to identify the target key.

**[SWS\_KeyM\_00100]** | If a CryptoKey container was found and either RequestDataPtr and RequestDataLength provides data or KeyM\_KH\_Update() has returned E\_OK and ResultDataPtr and ResultDataLengthPtr provides data and the configuration /KeyMCryptoKey/KeyMCryptoKeyGenerationType is set to KEYM\_DERIVE\_KEY, then the data shall be set to the key element CRYPTO\_KE\_KEYDERIVATION\_PASSWORD. If the configuration value

Source: AUTOSAR

Zaphod felt he was teetering on the edge of madness and wondered whether he shouldn't just jump over and have done with it

— Douglas Adams

78

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

### Ambiguities in the spec

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Service name:</b>    | Csm_SignatureGenerate  |
| <b>Syntax:</b>          | Std_ReturnType Csm_SignatureGenerate(<br>uint32 jobId,<br>Crypto_OperationModeType mode,<br>const uint8* dataPtr,<br>uint32 dataLength,<br>uint8* resultPtr,<br>uint32* resultLengthPtr<br>)   |
| <b>Parameters (in):</b> | jobId      Holds the identifier of the job using the CSM service.<br>mode        Indicates which operation mode(s) to perform.<br>dataPtr     Contains the pointer to the data to be signed.<br>dataLength   Contains the number of bytes to sign. |
|                         | Source: AUTOSAR  |

Does this sign a message, a hash of a message, or a formatted hash of a message?

- Expected operation is to sign a formatted hash, not the raw message or hash
- Key is associated with a job (= PKCS #11 handle), so it's probably signing a hash/formatted hash, not a message

79

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

### Further ambiguities abound

|   |
|---|
| <b>8.3.4.4.2 Crypto_KeyGenerate</b><br>[SWS_Crypto_91007]   |
| <b>Service name:</b> Crypto_KeyGenerate<br><b>Syntax:</b> Std_ReturnType Crypto_KeyGenerate(<br>uint32 cryptoKeyId<br>) |

- Which parameters?

|   |
|---|
| <b>8.3.4.5.1 Crypto_KeyDerive</b><br>[SWS_Crypto_91008]   |
| <b>Service name:</b> Crypto_KeyDerive<br><b>Syntax:</b> Std_ReturnType Crypto_KeyDerive(<br>uint32 cryptoKeyId,<br>uint32 targetCryptoKeyId |

- Which derivation mechanism and parameters?

80

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

What are these things?

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| CRYPTO_ALGOFAM_ECCANSI | 0x1e |
| CRYPTO_ALGOFAM_ECCNST  | 0x19 |

- Aren't these the same thing?

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| CRYPTO_ALGOFAM_ECCSEC | 0x1f |
|-----------------------|------|

- SECG perhaps?

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| CRYPTO_ALGOFAM_FIPS186 | 0x21 |
|------------------------|------|

- Which one? DSA, RSA, or ECDSA?

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| CRYPTO_ALGOMODE_PXXXR | 0x09 |
|-----------------------|------|

- No idea...

Source: AUTOSAR

81

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

PKCS #11

```
C_Digest(hSession, data, dataLen, digest, digestLen);
```

AUTOSAR

The application, i.e., a runnable of a SWC, communicates with the crypto stack, i.e. the CSM, via RTE ports. For each configured job, the RTE generates a port named *(Job)\_MacGenerate* with the client/server interface *CsmMacGenerate\_(Primitive)*(). This port has one port defined argument value *Crypto\_OperationModeType* with value *CRYPTO\_OPERATIONMODE\_SINGLECALL*. Thus, the SWC may invoke the MAC service by calling *CsmMacGenerate\_(Primitive)* and provides all data required to perform the MAC request in one single call to the CSM. A BSW module or a CDD makes use of the MAC service by directly calling the C-API *Csm\_MacGenerate*(). Here, the job to be processed has to be passed as input parameter.

Depending on the configuration of the applied job, the processing of the job will be asynchronous or synchronous. In this example, we assume that the job has to be processed synchronously, in the context of the caller. The CSM dispatches the requested MAC service to CRYIF by calling *CryIf\_ProcessJob*(), passing the job as input parameter. CRYIF transfers the processing of the job to CRYPTO by calling *Crypto\_ProcessJob*() which finally executes the crypto primitive configured in the job parameter. Note, that if different CRYPTO implementations are available, the function naming will differentiate by using vendorId (vi) and vendorApplPrefix (ai). Thus, the call would be *Crypto\_<vi>.<ai>.ProcessJob*(). Finally, CRYPTO stores the MAC in the memory space configured in the CSM job.

Source: AUTOSAR

82

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

The PKI portion in particular still needs some years of work

- Nine years so far for the rest of the spec

### 8.3.4.7.2 Crypto\_CertificateVerify

[SWS\_Crypto\_00171] [

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>Service name:</b> | Crypto_CertificateVerify   |
| <b>Syntax:</b>       | <pre>Std_ReturnType Crypto_CertificateVerify(     uint32 cryptoKeyId,     uint32 verifyCryptoKeyId,     Crypto_VerifyResultType* verifyPtr )</pre> |
| <b>Description:</b>  | Vерифицирует сертификат, хранящийся в ключе, указанным в cryptoValidateKeyId, с сертификатом, хранящимся в ключе, указанным в cryptoKeyId.         |

Source: AUTOSAR

Algorithm inputs: Certificate, issuing certificate

83

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Algorithm inputs from PKIX PKI standard

6.1.1. Inputs  
This algorithm assumes that the following nine inputs are provided to the path processing logic:  
(a) a prospective certification path of length n.  
(b) the current trustAnchor.  
(c) user-initial-policy-set: A set of certificate policy identifiers naming the policies that are acceptable to the user. The user-initial-policy-set contains the special value any-policy if the user is not concerned about certificate policy.  
(d) trust anchor information, describing a CA that serves as a root of the certification path. The trust anchor information includes:  
(1) the trusted issuer name,  
(2) the trusted public key algorithm,  
(3) the trusted public key, and  
(4) optionally, the trusted public key parameters associated with the public key.  
(e) initial-any-policy-inhibit, which indicates if policy mapping is allowed in the certification path.  
(f) initial-explicit-policy, which indicates if the path must be valid for at least one of the certificate policies in the user-initial-policy-set.  
(g) initial-any-policy-inhibit, which indicates whether the user-initial-policy-set should be processed if it is included in a certificate.  
(h) initial-permitted-subtrees, which indicates for each name type (e.g., X.500 distinguished names, email addresses, or IP addresses), the set of subtrees that all names in every certificate in the certification path MUST fall. The initial-permitted-subtrees set may be empty for each name type. For each name type, the set may consist of a single subtree that includes all names of that name type or can be empty. If the set for a name type is empty, then the set for a name type is empty, then the certification path will be considered valid even if no certificate in the certification path includes a name of that name type.  
(i) initial-excluded-subtrees, which indicate for each name type (e.g., X.500 distinguished names, email addresses, or IP addresses), the set of subtrees that no name in any certificate in the certification path may fall. The initial-excluded-subtrees set may be empty for each name type. For each name type, the set may be empty or may consist of one or more subtrees that each specifies a subset of the names of that name type. If the set for a name type is empty, then no names of that name type are excluded.

Sources: RFC 5280

84

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Verification process in AUTOSAR is also missing a little detail

|        |   |    |
|--------|---|----|
| 6.     | Certification Path Validation .....                 | 71 |
| 6.1.   | Basic Path Validation .....                         | 72 |
| 6.1.1. | Inputs .....  | 75 |
| 6.1.2. | Initialization .....                                | 77 |
| 6.1.3. | Basic Certificate Processing .....                  | 80 |
| 6.1.4. | Preparation for Certificate i+1 .....               | 84 |
| 6.1.5. | Wrap-Up Procedure .....                             | 87 |
| 6.1.6. | Outputs .....                                       | 89 |
| 6.2.   | Using the Path Validation Algorithm .....           | 89 |
| 6.3.   | CRL Validation .....                                | 90 |
| 6.3.1. | Revocation Inputs .....                             | 91 |
| 6.3.2. | Initialization and Revocation State Variables ..... | 91 |
| 6.3.3. | CRL Processing .....                                | 92 |

Source: RFC 5280

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Description: | Vерифицирует сертификат, хранящийся в ключе, указанным в cryptoValidateKeyId, с сертификатом, хранящимся в ключе, указанным в cryptoKeyId. |
|--------------|--|

Source: AUTOSAR

85

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Required checks are as follows

3. If a revocation list is available, all involved certificates shall be checked if they are listed in the CRL.
4. The subject field of the certificate in the upper hierarchy matches the issuer field of the certificate in the lower hierarchy.
5. The current time provided by the time server (i.e. by STBM) shall be greater than the "not before" and lower than the "not after" time value.

Source: AUTOSAR

PKIX' 21 pages omitted

In particular, no checking of key usage, key IDs, constraints, policies, CA status, ...

- Brake controller manufacturer can issue a code-signing certificate to allow firmware updates on the ECU(s)
- As long as something has signed something else somewhere, it's valid

86

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Cert status is determined statically

### 8.3.3.10 KeyM\_CertGetStatus

[SWS\_KeyM\_00133] | The certificate submodule shall maintain the status of a certificate and provide the status on demand.

[SWS\_KeyM\_00134] | A certificate has the status KEYM\_CERTIFICATE\_VALID if it was parsed and verified completely against other certificates of the PKI. All certificates of the chain of trust are available and verified completely.

Source: AUTOSAR

- What if it's expired or been revoked in the meantime?

Uhhh... what?

6. The signature can be verified with the associated public key of the certificate referenced by *KeyMCertUpperHierarchicalCertRef*. For X.509 certificates, all critical extension fields shall be present.

What you said was so confused that one could not tell whether it was nonsense or not

— Wolfgang Pauli

87

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

Several sections can't be implemented in an interoperable manner, if at all

- Too vague or incomprehensible to implement unambiguously

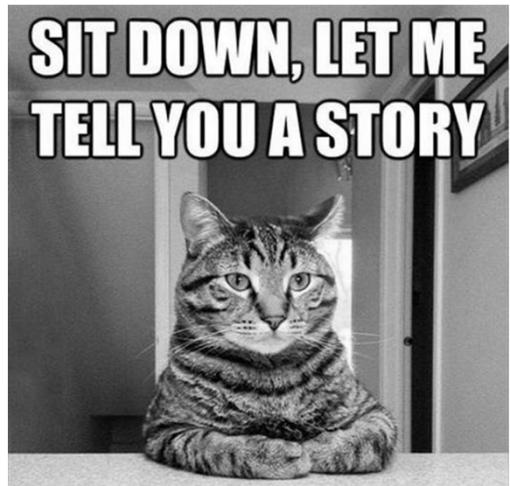
No conformance profile(s)

- Which parts do you need to implement?
- Some = everyone does it differently
- All = see Apple, CDSA

88

## AUTOSAR Crypto Summary (ctd)

How did things end up like this?



89

## Reconsidering Automotive Security

What's our threat model?

AUTOSAR

- Here is a pile of crypto, whatever it counters is the threat
- a.k.a. “The Inside-Out Threat Model”



90

## Reconsidering Automotive Security

Very popular in general, not just in automotive security

- A great many Internet security standards are based on the Inside-Out Threat Model



Ryan Mallon

@ryiron

Follow



Threat modelling rule of thumb: if you don't explain exactly what you are securing against and how you secure against it, the answers can be assumed to be: "bears" and "not very well".

5:26 PM - 15 Jul 2019

50 Retweets 138 Likes



91

## Reconsidering Automotive Security (ctd)

We control the environment

Manufacturer controls what's in the car

- The hardware
- The software
- The configuration

We don't need external attestation, identity management, certificates and CAs, etc

- Everything can be preconfigured at the factory

No need for public-key complexity, can use preconfigured symmetric keys

- Removes 95% of the complexity, and 95% of AUTOSAR API

92

## LoRaWAN Security

Designed to solve the specific problem of device security  
in a practical manner

Any crypto solution had better be based pretty exclusively  
on AES

— Earlier slide

Manufacturer controls what's in the ~~ear~~ device

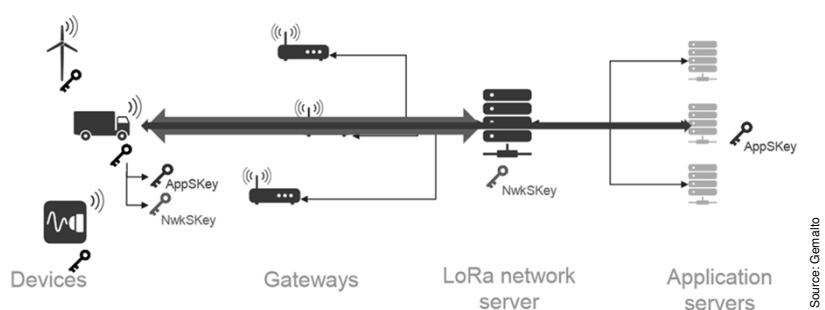
- The hardware
- The software
- The configuration

We don't need [...]

93

## LoRaWAN Security (ctd)

Secures connections from devices at both the network and  
application level



- AES NwkSKey secures the network level
- AES AppSKey secures the application level

Source: Gemalto

94

## LoRaWAN Security (ctd)

Static activation: Device is provisioned at manufacture with NwkSKey and AppSKey

- Activation by Personalisation (ABP)

Dynamic activation: Device is provisioned at manufacture with EUIs and AppKey

- Over-the-Air Activation (OTAA) sends join command secured using the AppKey
- Servers derive AppSKey (application server) and NwkSKey (network server)
- All future traffic is encrypted and authenticated

Additional features to deal with replay attacks, ensure message uniqueness, etc

95

## LoRaWAN Security (ctd)

We don't really need the NwkSKey vs. AppSKey distinction, just one will do

- Actually it's not clear what we need the AppSKey for either (see following slides)

Serves more as an example of what you can do if you start with a proper design

- Design follows threat model and functional requirements
- Create the most practical design that deals with as much of the threat model as possible

96

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++

This is what a car really is



To attack parts of the distributed control system, the attacker has to have internal access to the vehicle

- At that point you're owned, with or without crypto

Weakness is access points like the head unit

- If an attacker can get into that, they're inside the device that controls the crypto
- Crypto becomes irrelevant

97

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++

Difficult to identify a (non-artificial) situation where crypto would help against an actual real-world attack

- We need access controls, not crypto

This may be the only time you'll hear a crypto person tell you that the solution to a problem isn't to add more crypto

98

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++ (ctd)

Isolate externally-accessible systems from control systems

You'll never make the head unit secure

- Attack surface is vast
- It needs to be a fully-functional media centre with everything enabled

Assume the head unit is pre-compromised

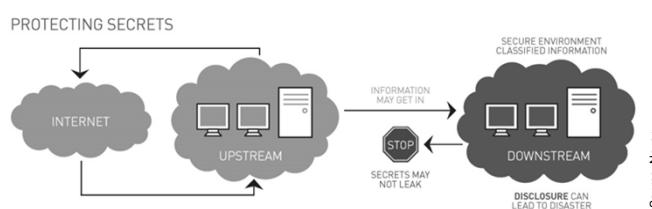
- Allow access to the control systems only via a carefully-controlled interface

99

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++ (ctd)

Standard solution: Data diodes

- 1970s technology for dealing with classified government information



- Went mainstream in the 1990s when others started needing the capability

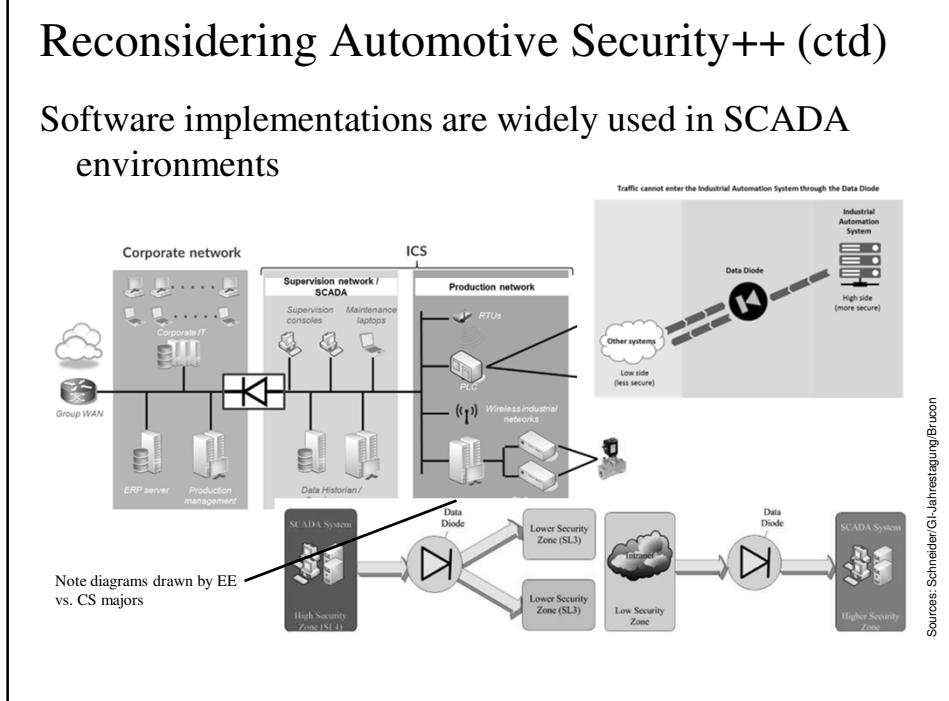
Low-tech hardware implementation

- 10mbps ethernet with transmit wire cut

100

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++ (ctd)

Software implementations are widely used in SCADA environments



101

## Reconsidering Automotive Security++ (ctd)

More generally, implement the minimal interface necessary

Head unit mostly needs to display read-only telemetry

- Alongside music streaming, satnav, hands-free chat, video, ...

Small number of outgoing commands, e.g. A/C, mirror control, are handled via carefully-checked interfaces

- There is no reason why your head unit should be able to actuate the brakes, gun the engine, lock the horn on, ...
- (The Hell's Angels horn hack)

Some manufacturers already implement something like this

- VAG has a gateway from the high-speed control CAN bus to the low-speed convenience CAN bus

102

## Reconsidering Automotive Security += 2

It's difficult to even identify a real-world situation where *any* sort of attack makes sense

Cybercriminals attack where the money is: Fraud, phishing, carding, ransomware, ...

- No financial incentive to attack cars
- Ransom the playlist in your head unit?

Possible attack: Pay to allow your car to start

- Ransomware is a complex process typically involving BTC payments and taking days if not weeks
- Easier/quicker to just get a breakdown service/repair service/dealer to reflash your ECU

103

## Reconsidering Automotive Security += 2 (ctd)

Attacks on cars typically have to be local

- Fly a fast, powerful drone over the car at a matching speed
  - Drone is controlled from another vehicle close to the target
- Attack the head unit via Bluetooth
- Seize control of the car
- A black helicopter swoops in
- Jason Statham drops onto the roof
- ...

This isn't really practical outside of movie plots

104

## Reconsidering Automotive Security += 2 (ctd)

Then what?

- Anything minor is mostly a nuisance attack, like keying the car
- Anything serious enough to get attention could be life-threatening

Liability goes from “phishing someone on the other side of the planet with low police interest” to “premeditated murder in the same police jurisdiction as the victim”

Need to threat-model/game-model what actually makes sense

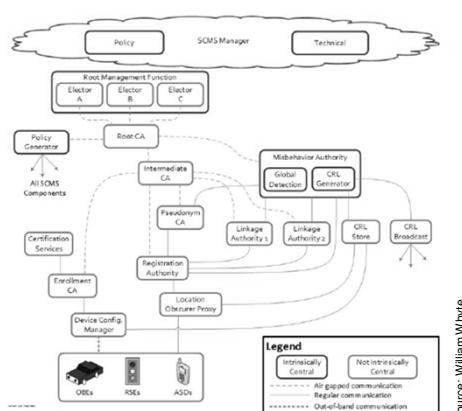
- “Game theory” = modelling the actions of a rational player
- Maybe all we need is swift police action as a deterrent

105

## But What About ...?

V2V/V2I Communications

- That's an entirely different mess
- See IEEE 1609.2
- See also “IEEE 1609.2 and Connected Vehicle Security: Standards Making in a Pocket Universe”, William Whyte

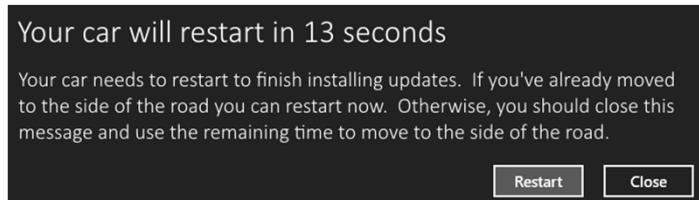


106

## But What About ...? (ctd)

### Firmware Updates

- Scenario: Travelling down the Autobahn at 200kmh...



- Even if you do it in the owner's garage, what if the upgrade bricks the car? Disables a safety-critical system?

Let's make it a dealer-only option...

- Dealer performs post-update tests to verify that all is OK

107

## But What About ...? (ctd)

What if the car dealer is the attacker?

- You're hosed, but this is a what-if scenario

Sign the firmware with a baked-in manufacturer key

- Standard practice in vast numbers of devices and systems



108

## Conclusion

Automotive control systems security is a mess

- Security was never considered in the initial design because it wasn't needed
- Later, the Inside-Out Threat Model created non-solutions to non-problems

Toxic combination

- Automotive engineers don't know security
- Security geeks don't know automotive electronics

The real threat mitigation is via access control

- Crypto is just a distraction

Don't let crypto geeks work without adult supervision!