

Techniques for developing and integrating secure software components

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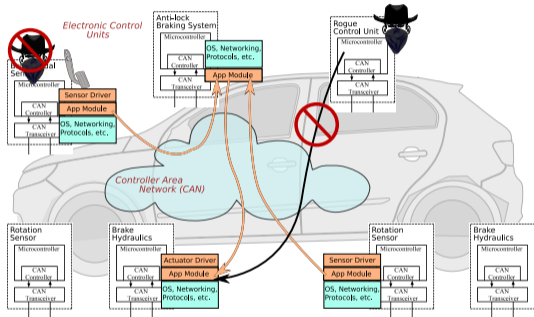
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My usual work: Trusted Computing for Embedded Control Systems



“VulCAN: Efficient Component Authentication and Software Isolation for Automotive Control Networks”, Van Bulck et al., ACSAC 2017. [VBMP17]

Developing and integrating secure software components

Today:

- 1 Software security for the bad guys
Lazy ways of finding and exploiting software vulnerabilities
- 2 How to build “perfect software”
Probably there is no such thing; but let’s rule out as many vulnerabilities as possible and affordable
- 3 How to protect perfect software at runtime
... because having no vulnerabilities in your code may not be enough

Software security for the bad guys

You want to hack an application!

Stand-alone or client software on a device you control, you have (at least) the compiled binary.

Goals: Hard-coded secrets? Application flags/enable features? Disable adds? Access or modify application data? Understand remote communication? Find and weaponize a vulnerability?

What's your approach?



Software security for the bad guys

Option 1: Reversing, search manually

- IDA, debugger, decompiler, experience, luck, **brain cycles**
- You'll learn a lot about the program
- You may not find what you're looking for
- Can be entertaining, can be a big waste of time

Option 2: Fuzzing, automated search

- Clever fuzzing software, little experience, **CPU cycles**
- You won't learn that much but you'll probably get crashes almost for free
- May be easily thwarted by anti-debugging techniques

Option 3: Combine manual reversing and fuzzing

- ...



Option 2: Fuzzing, automated search

- Can we crash it: AFL [Zal10]
- Find an input that reproducibly leads to SIGSEGV, SIGILL, SIGABRT
- This a library function, we can build our own “client” as a test harness:

```
int main(int c, char* v[]) {
    struct rrec r; struct SSL3 s3;
    struct SSL s;
    if (c >= 2)
        read_in(v[1], &r);
    s.s3 = &s3; s3.rrec = r;
    return tls1_process_heartbeat(&s);
}
```

- Provide a seed test case “_____”
- Compile with instrumentation, run in AFL

```
int tls1_process_heartbeat (SSL *s) {
    unsigned char *p = s->s3->rrec.data;
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```

Option 2: Fuzzing, automated search

- Test case for a crash within one second: 0x20 0x64 0x20 0x20
- Severity as a vulnerability depends on executing context and skill of the attacker

But what happened?

- 1 Take next test case from queue
- 2 Trim the test case to the smallest size that does not alter testee's behavior,
- 3 Repeatedly mutate the test case,
- 4 If any of the generated mutations results in a new state transition, add it to the queue,
- 5 Go to 1.

```
american fuzzy lop 2.52b (afl_02_bin)

process timing
  run time : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 1 sec
  last new path : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 1 sec
  last uniq crash : 0 days, 0 hrs, 0 min, 1 sec
  last uniq hang : none seen yet
overall results
  cycles done : 0
  total paths : 2
  uniq crashes : 1
  uniq hangs : 0

cycle progress
  now processing : 1 (50,00%)
  paths timed out : 0 (0,00%)
map coverage
  map density : 0,02% / 0,02%
  count coverage : 1,00 bits/tuple

stage progress
  now trying : arith 16/8
  stage execs : 48/275 (17,45%)
  total execs : 1887
  exec speed : 826,7/sec
findings in depth
  favored paths : 2 (100,00%)
  new edges on : 2 (100,00%)
  total crashes : 79 (1 unique)
  total tmouts : 0 (0 unique)

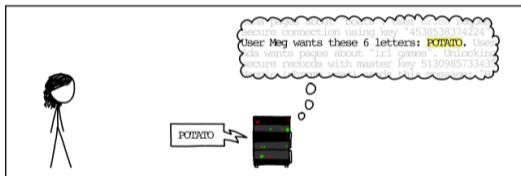
fuzzing strategy yields
  bit flips : 0/64, 0/62, 0/58
  byte flips : 0/8, 0/6, 0/2
  arithmetics : 0/442, 0/18, 0/0
  known ints : 1/12, 1/78, 0/44
  dictionary : 0/0, 0/0, 0/0
  havoc : 0/1024, 0/0
  trim : 76,47%/4, 0,00%
path geometry
  levels : 2
  pending : 1
  pend fav : 1
  own finds : 1
  imported : n/a
  stability : 100,00%

[Cpu000:128%]

+++ Testing aborted by user +++
[+] We're done here. Have a nice day!
```

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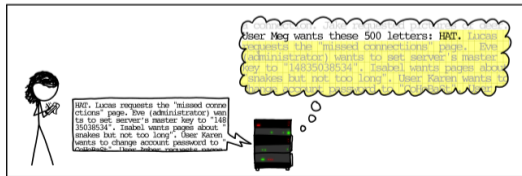
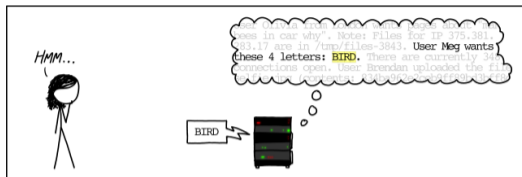
HOW THE HEARTBLEED BUG WORKS:



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Source: <https://xkcd.com/1354/>

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But ...

But it's a known vulnerability, extracted, simplified, ...

Yes, that's why it took only 1s.

But the input was really simple!

AFL pulls compressed multimedia files out of thin air. Also, there are specialised tools for network traffic, HW interactions, video streams. **Problem: Crypto.**

But you instrumented source code! We ship only binaries!

QEMU mode! What about your libraries?

But we also obfuscate them! And there's an obscure interpreter in there!

Does it still execute? Let's wait it out. **Problem: Opaque predicate.**

But we have anti-debugging! And the red stuff above!

Fuzzing coverage will reveal dead ends, which can be resolved manually.

**Any vulnerability can be found. Understand your system,
your assets, your attacker → Threat Modelling**

**How can we defend applications against fuzzing?
How can we defend against people with reverse engineering skills?**

Fuzz harder?

Fuzz more cleverly?

Hire a bad guy and ask him
to do good stuff?

Testing?

Buy an insurance?

Penetration testing?

Formal verification?

**Under what attacker model can we say that a thoroughly tested
or formally verified application is secure?**

How much testing do we have to do? When are we done?

- Function Coverage

```
foo(F, F, F);
```

- Statement Coverage

```
foo(T, T, T);
```

- Branch/Decision Coverage

```
foo(T, T, T);
```

```
foo(T, T, F);
```

- Condition Coverage

```
foo(F, F, T);
```

```
foo(T, T, F);
```

- MC/DC

```
foo(F, T, F);
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- Multiple condition coverage, Parameter value coverage, ...

```
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    int ret = 0;
    if ((a || b) && c)
    {
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    }
    return ret;
}
```

How much testing do we have to do? When are we done?

- Which criterion is best?
- What about code that doesn't branch?
- What about code that is stimulated by I/O?
- ... in scenarios that you can't set up in the lab (Delta Works, SDI, Space)?
- How do we know that we haven't missed critical interactions?
Concurrency?
- Who writes all these tests?
- What about security properties?

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Life-critical, Safety-critical, Ultra-reliable

- 10^{-9} probability of failure for a 1 hour mission
→ life-test for $> 114,000$ years (**safety!**)

Not Just Space Tech!



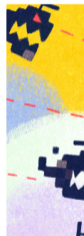
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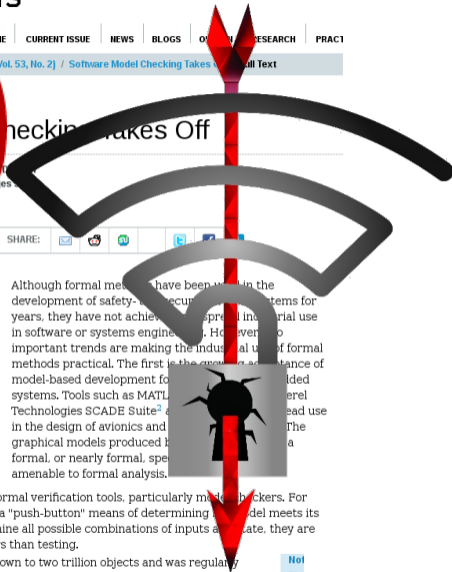
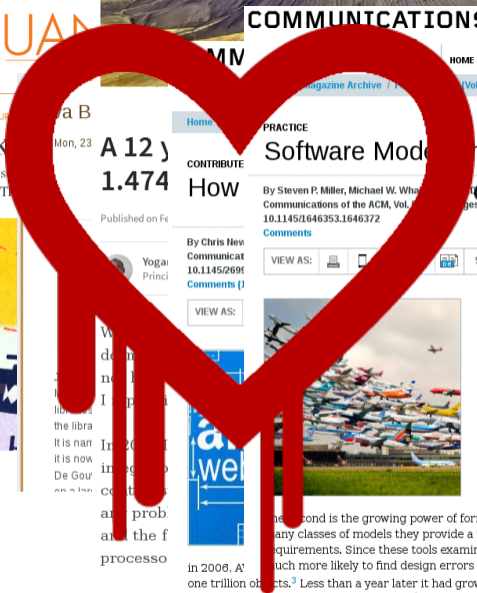


Although formal methods have been used in the development of safety- and security-critical systems for years, they have not achieved widespread industrial use in software or systems engineering. However, two important trends are making the industrial use of formal methods practical. The first is the growing acceptance of model-based development for safety-critical embedded systems. Tools such as MATLAB/Simulink and Intel Technologies SCADE Suite² are seeing widespread use in the design of avionics and other safety-critical systems. The graphical models produced by these tools are either formal, or nearly formal, specifications that are amenable to formal analysis.

The second is the growing power of formal verification tools, particularly model checkers. For many classes of models they provide a "push-button" means of determining whether a model meets its requirements. Since these tools examine all possible combinations of inputs and states, they are much more likely to find design errors than testing.

In 2006, Avaya's network core was estimated to be one trillion objects.³ Less than a year later it had grown to two trillion objects and was regularly handling 1.1 million requests per second.⁴

Not
Firm



How much testing do we have to do? When are we done?

“We’re building self-driving cars and planning Mars missions – but we haven’t figured out how to make sure people’s vacuum cleaners don’t join botnets.”

– Someone at JSConfAU16

Source: <https://twitter.com/MelissaKaulfuss/status/804209991510937600?s=09>

Between Testing and Formal Verification

Testing

- Find as many defects as reasonably possible
- Gather evidence to show that a specification is correctly implemented
- Relies on empirical evidence and intuition
- Expensive

Formal Verification

Use mathematical methods to convincingly argue that a system is free of defects

Prove that implementation is a refinement of the specification

Aims to be exhaustive and complete

Expensive

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```
void memcpy(unsigned char *dest, unsigned char *src, unsigned size);  
/*@ requires dest[..size] |-> _ &*& src[..size] |<= ?cs;  
    @ ensures dest[..size] |-> cs &*& src[..size] |-> cs;  
  
void RAND_pseudo_bytes(unsigned char *buffer, unsigned size);  
/*@ requires buffer[..size] |-> _;
```

The second editor window shows the implementation of the `memcpy` function:

```
int r;  
  
buffer = OPENSSL_malloc(1u + 2u + payload + padding);  
bp = buffer;  
  
*bp = TLS1_HB_RESPONSE; bp++;  
s2n(bp, payload);  
memcpy(bp, pl, payload);  
bp += (int)payload;  
RAND_pseudo_bytes(bp, padding);  
  
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OPENSSL_free(buffer);
```

On the right side, there are two "Local Value" tables. The top one shows:

Local	Value
dest	((buffer0 + (1 * 1)) + ...)
size	payload0
src	(((s3 + SSL3_rec_off...

The bottom one shows:

Local	Value
bp	((buffer0 + (1 * 1))...
buffer	buffer0
hbtype	c
p	(((s3 + SSL3_rec...
padding	16
payload	payload0
pl	(((s3 + SSL3_rec...
r	r
s	s

At the bottom, there are three panels: "Steps" (Producing assertion, Consuming chunk), "Assumptions" (10000 = length(dummy), true <==> 0 <= ((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset) + rec_data_offset) + (1 * 10000), length0 <= 10000), and "Heap chunks" (OPENSSL_malloc_block(buffer0, (((1 + 2) + payload0) + ...), SSL_s3(s, s3), rec_length(((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset), length0), u_character((((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset) + rec_data_offs...

Normal Execution vs. Symbolic Execution

Normal “Concrete” Execution: `foo(F, F, F);`

Assignment of **concrete inputs**, one execution, one output (unit tests, etc.)

```
int foo (bool a, bool b, bool c)
{
    int ret = 0;
    if ((a || b) && c)
    {
        ret = 1;
    }
    return ret;
}
```

Symbolic Execution (with Microsoft Z3)

Symbolic Execution: `foo (_, _, _)`;

Assign **symbolic inputs**, use a “constraint solver” to find concrete inputs that satisfy a specific path.

```
(declare-const a Bool)
(declare-const b Bool)
(declare-const c Bool)

(assert (and (or a b) c))
(check-sat)
-> sat
(get-model)
-> (model
  (define-fun c () Bool true)
  (define-fun a () Bool true))
.
```

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Learn more: <https://github.com/Z3Prover>

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(declare-const b Bool)
(declare-const c Bool)
(push)
(assert (and (or a b) c))
(check-sat) (get-model)
(pop)
(assert (not
  (and (or a b) c)))
(check-sat) (get-model)
-> sat
-> (model
  (define-fun c () Bool false))
```

```
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  /*@ ensures dest[..size] |-> cs &*& src[..size] |-> cs;  
  
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```

The local variable table on the right shows the state of variables:

Local	Value
dest	((buffer0 + (1 * 1)) + ...)
size	payload0
src	(((s3 + SSL3_rec_off...

The second editor window shows the execution of `memcpy` and `RAND_pseudo_bytes` within a function:

```
int r;  
  
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bp = buffer;  
  
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RAND_pseudo_bytes(bp, padding);  
  
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OPENSSL_free(buffer);
```

The local variable table for this window shows:

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padding	16
payload	payload0
pl	(((s3 + SSL3_rec...
r	r
s	s

The bottom panel shows the execution steps:

- Producing assertion
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- Consuming chunk (retry)

The Assumptions panel lists:

- 10000 = length(dummy)
- true <==> 0 <= ((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset) + rec_data...
- length0 <= 10000

The Heap chunks panel shows:

- OPENSSL_malloc_block(buffer0, (((1 + 2) + payload0) + ...
- SSL_s3(s, s3)
- rec_length(((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset), length0)
- u_character((((s3 + SSL3_rec_offset) + rec_data_offs...

VeriFast (imec-DistriNet, [JSP10], [PMP⁺14])

Could we have found heartbleed with testing?

Yes, easily!

```
assert("size of pl >= payload");  
memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
```

Plus a test case...

Why didn't we find heartbleed earlier? With formal methods or testing?

No one thought of it.

But: It's easy to "find" a bug in retrospective.

But: You wouldn't know of bugs that got fixed before they could be exploited!

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VeriFast, specifically?

VeriFast **finds the bug**. **Without** a tester thinking about a **specific test case**.

VeriFast is **automatic, complete and sound, and supports concurrency**: Pre- and post conditions must be **satisfied for all executions**

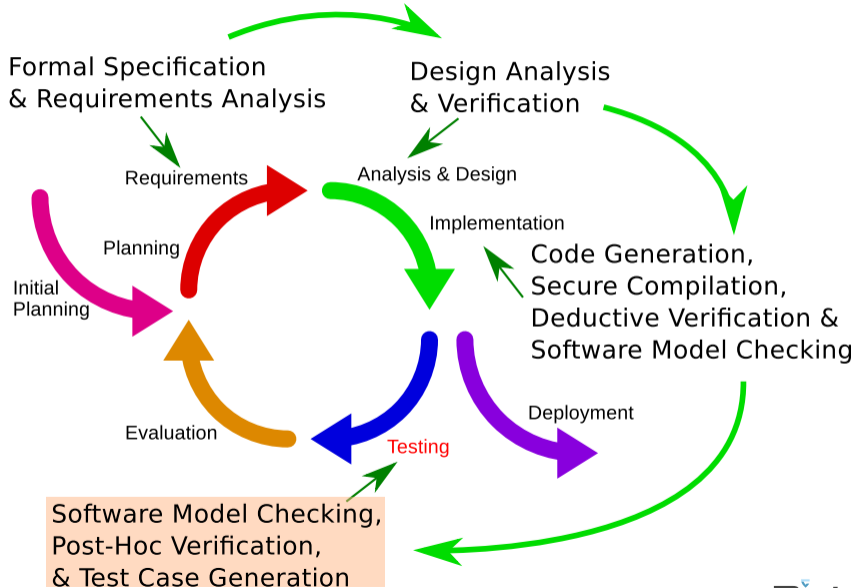
Static verification, **no runtime overhead**.

Writing **pre- and post conditions** isn't easy. You may need a lot of annotations – depending on program complexity and verification properties.

You are verifying one part of an application at the **level of abstraction** provided by C or Java.

- **Layer-below** attacks? Compilation errors?
- Buggy or malicious **libraries** (not behaving to spec)?
- Buggy **OS**? Kernel-level **malware**?

Between Testing and Formal Verification



KLEE (Stanford, [CDE⁺08])

KLEE is a symbolic virtual machine built on top of LLVM

- No annotations but **symbolic test cases**
- Support for symbolic **arguments, files and streams**
- Exploration **can be bounded** wrt. input sizes, memory and CPU consumption

```
int main(void) {
    bool a, b, c;
    klee_make_symbolic(
        &a, sizeof(a), "a");
    // same for b and c
    return (foo(a, b, c));
}

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{
    int ret = 0;
    if ((a || b) && c)
    {
        ret = 1;
    }
    return ret;
}
```

- **Combines concrete with symbolic execution!**
- Bug reports or crashes reported with real program inputs
- Achieve $\geq 90\%$ coverage

Symbolic Execution in Attacks

Some techniques work on binary programs, in the absence of source code.

AFL [Zal10], SAGE [GLM08], SOCA [ML10], etc.

Automated Crash Generation

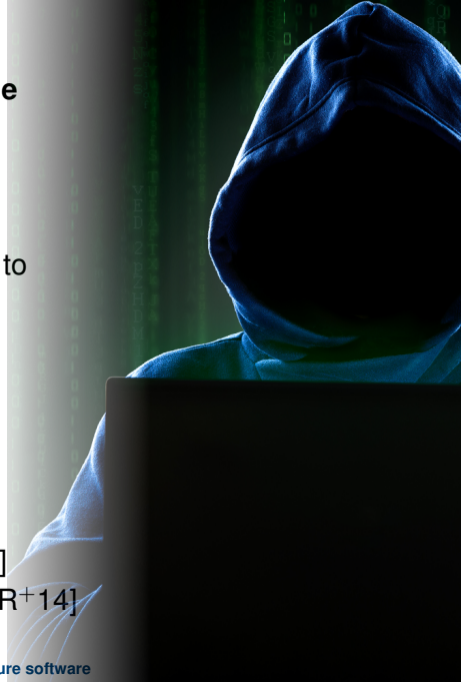
... search for paths where a well-chosen input leads to undefined behaviour or unhandled exceptions.

You have seen this for AFL.

Automated Exploit Generation

... as above, but find exploitable behaviour and derive a “crazy machine” to execute code:

- Patch-based exploit generation [BPSZ08]
- Crash analysis and exploit generation [HHH⁺14]
- End-to-end solutions to generate zero-days [ACR⁺14]



Other Tools

MS PEX ... automatically generates test suites to achieve high code coverage in .NET in a short amount of time [TdH08].

┆ Facebook Infer is a static analysis tool - if you give Infer some Java or C/C++/Objective-C code it produces a list of potential bugs.

<http://fbinfer.com/>

CBMC ... is a Bounded Model Checker for C and C++ programs. CBMC verifies array bounds (buffer overflows), pointer safety, exceptions and user-specified assertions.

<http://www.cprover.org/cbmc/>

SATABS ... is a verification tool for ANSI-C and C++ programs. SATABS transforms a C/C++ program into a Boolean program, which is an abstraction of the original program in order to handle large amounts of code.

<http://www.cprover.org/satabs/>



Key Reinstallation Attacks

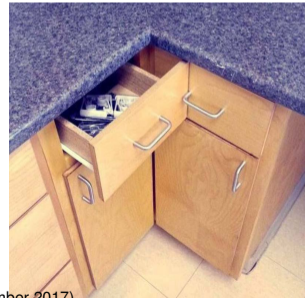
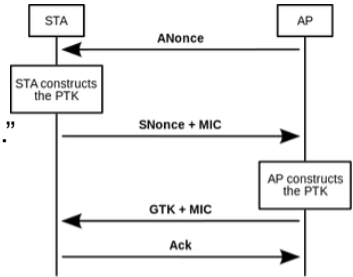
Breaking WPA2 by forcing nonce reuse: “The attack works against **all modern protected Wi-Fi networks**. [...] if your device supports Wi-Fi, it is most likely affected.”

Analysis

- Problem in IEEE 802.11i (2004)
- **Formal security properties** by He et al. [HSD⁺05]
- Crypto in Wi-Fi are highly secure (iff secure nonces)

What went wrong?

- Two “unit proofs”, **no “integration proof”**
- Formal correctness of protocols in integrated scenarios!
- Correct implementations (verified **and** tested)
- That’s expensive! **As compared to what?**



Discovered by **Mathy Vanhoef** at imec-DistriNet, <https://www.krackattacks.com/>, paper at CCS (November 2017)

Discussion of verification efforts by **Matthew Green**, <https://blog.cryptographyengineering.com/>

Preventing Vulnerabilities Through Testing and Verification

Modern (embedded) software systems are huge!

- Interactions with **safety-critical** components not well defined
- **There are bugs** in established standards and well-tested code
- **Formal analysis and verification reduces the chance for bugs to slip through**
- **Don't forget to isolate critical code!**

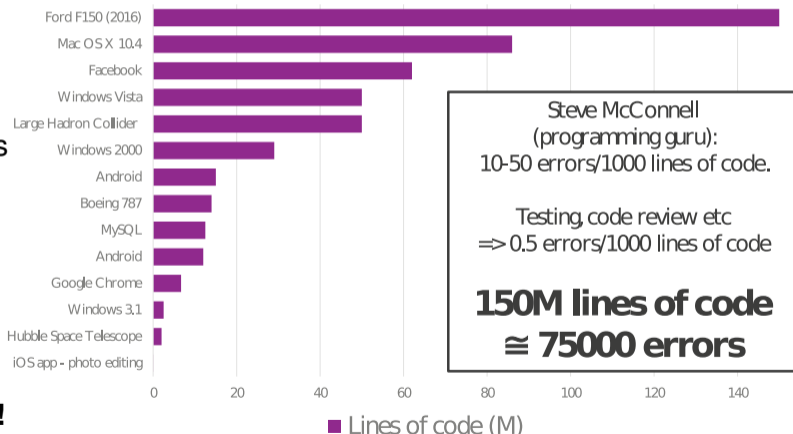


Image: Thomas Kallstenius @ imec ITF, May 2017

Trusted Computing

According to the *Trusted Computing Group*

Protect computing infrastructure at end points;

Hardware extensions to **enforce specific behaviour** and to **provide cryptographic capabilities**, protecting against unauthorised change and attacks

- **Endorsement Key**, EK Certificate, Platform Certificate: Unique private key that never leaves the hardware, authenticate device identity
- **Memory curtaining**: provide isolation of sensitive areas of memory
- **Sealed storage**: Bind data to specific device or software
- **Remote attestation**: authenticate hardware and software configuration to a remote host
- **Trusted third party** as an intermediary to provide (ano|pseudo)nymity

In practice: **different architectures**, subset of the above features, additions such as “**enclaved**” execution, **memory encryption** or **secure I/O capabilities**

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Trusted Computing

According to the *Trusted Computing*

Protect computing infrastructure at
Hardware extensions to enforce specific
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- **Endorsement Key**, EK Certificate that never leaves the hardware
- **Memory curtaining**: provide is
- **Sealed storage**: Bind data to s
- **Remote attestation**: authentic remote host
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Possible Applications

Digital rights management [edit]

Trusted Computing would allow companies to create a digital rights management (DRM) though not impossible. An example is downloading a music file. Sealed storage could be with an unauthorized player or computer. Remote attestation could be used to authorize record company's rules. The music would be played from curtained memory, which would copy of the file while it is playing, and secure I/O would prevent capturing what is being system would require either manipulation of the computer's hardware, capturing the recording device or a microphone, or breaking the security of the system.

New business models for use of software (services) over Internet may be boosted by the one could base a business model on renting programs for a specific time periods or “pay download a music file which could only be played a certain number of times before it be only within a certain time period.

Preventing cheating in online games [edit]

Trusted Computing could be used to combat cheating in online games. Some players m advantages in the game; remote attestation, secure I/O and memory curtaining could b a server were running an unmodified copy of the software.^[18]

Verification of remote computation for grid computing [edit]

Trusted Computing could be used to guarantee participants in a grid computing system they claim to be instead of forging them. This would allow large scale simulations to be redundant computations to guarantee malicious hosts are not undermining the results

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Trusted Computing

According to *Richard Stallman*

Treacherous Computing: “The technical idea underlying treacherous computing is that the computer includes a digital encryption and signature device, and the keys are kept secret from you. **Proprietary programs will use this device to control which other programs you can run, which documents or data you can access, and what programs you can pass them to.** These programs will continually download new authorisation rules through the Internet, and impose those rules automatically on your work.”

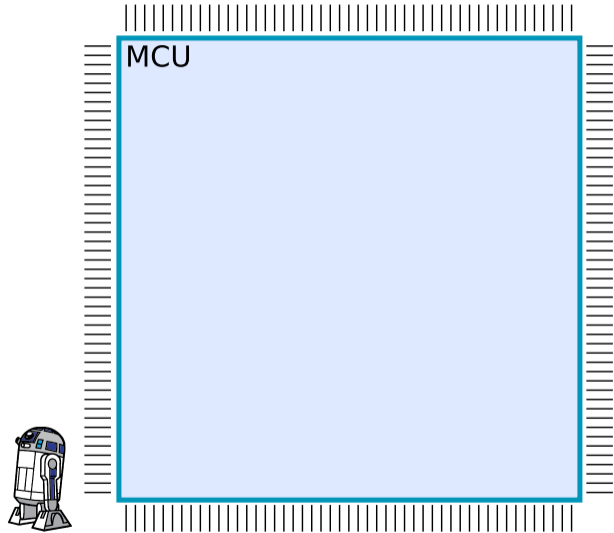
In the light of recent incidents...

- **Buggy software:** think of OpenSSL's Heartbleed in an enclave
- **Side channels:** timing, caching, speculative execution, etc.
- **Buggy system:** CPUs, peripherals, firmware (Broadpwn, Intel ME, Meltdown)
- **Malicious intent:** Backdoors, ransomware, etc.

Source: <https://www.gnu.org/philosophy/can-you-trust.html>

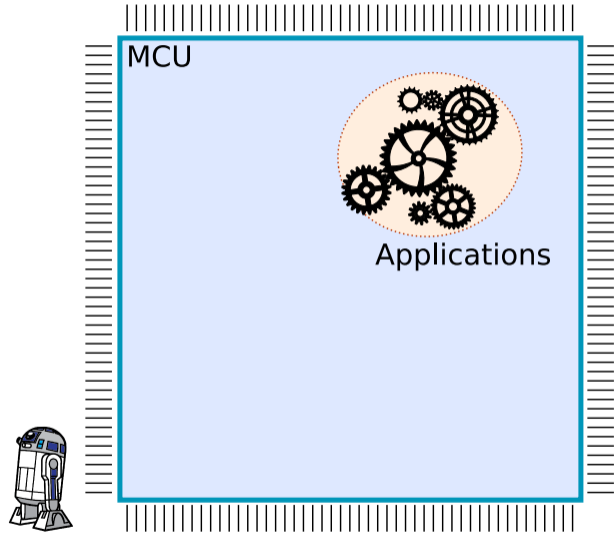
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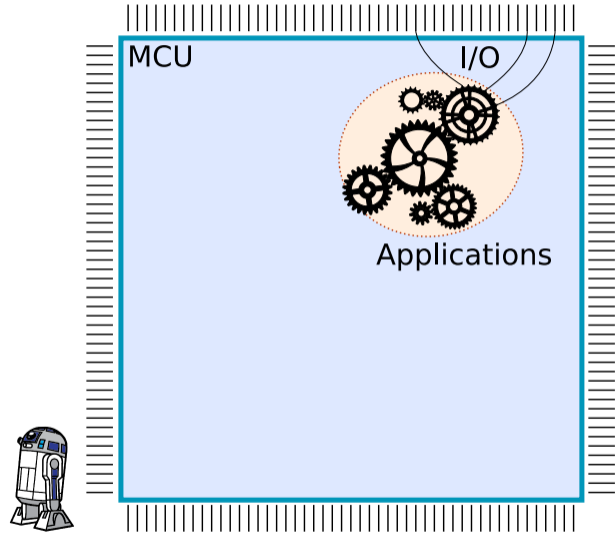
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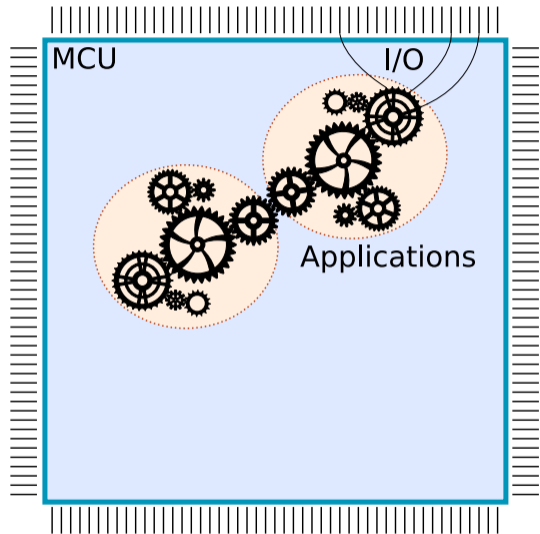
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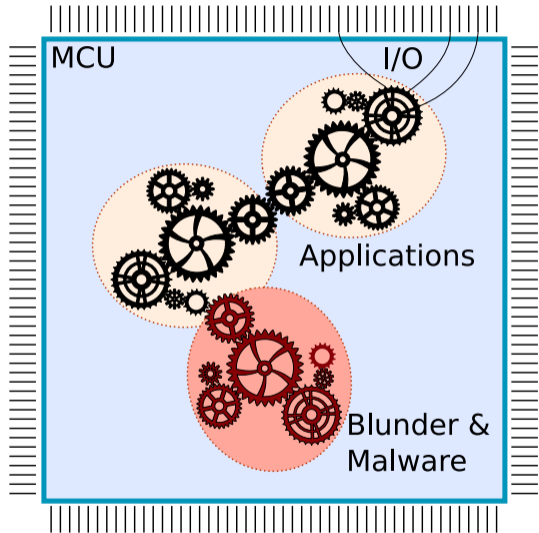
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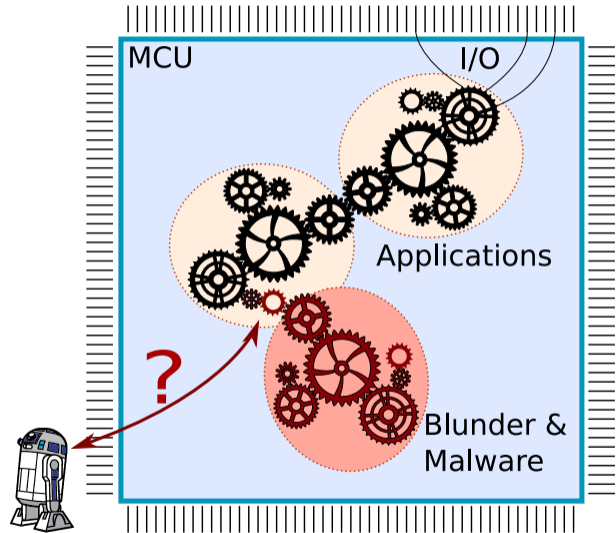
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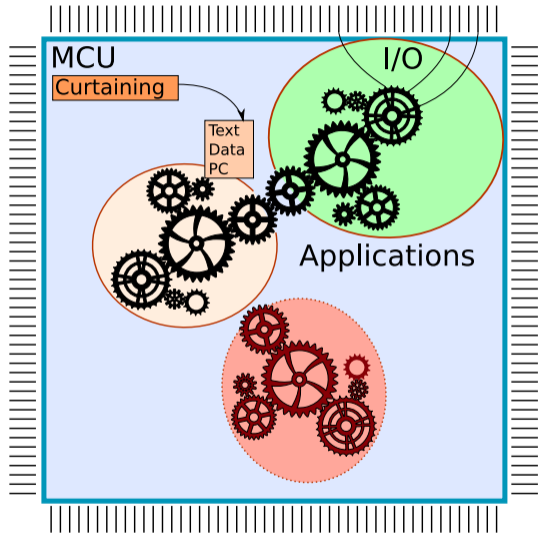
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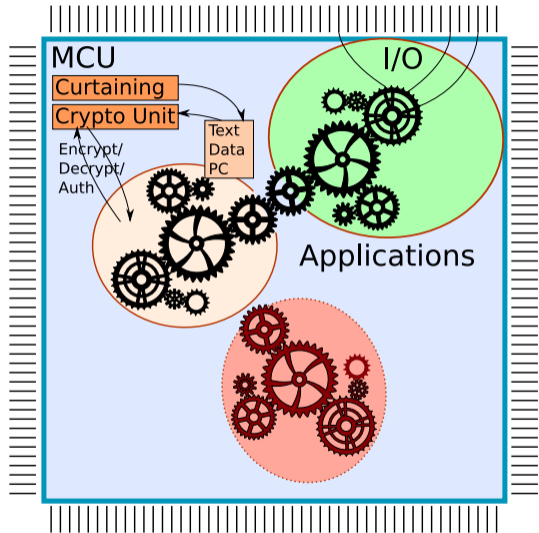
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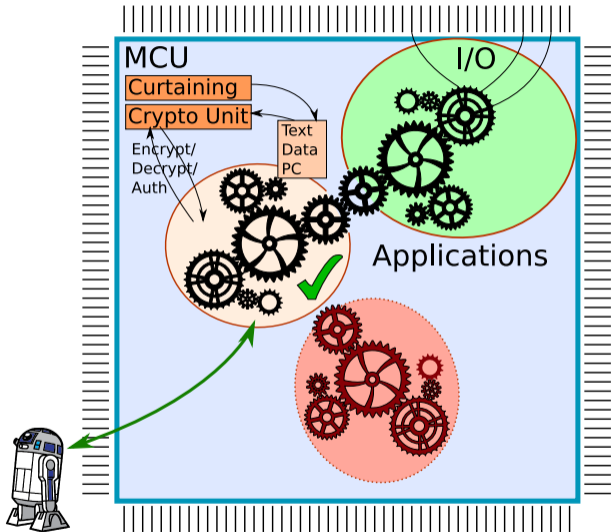
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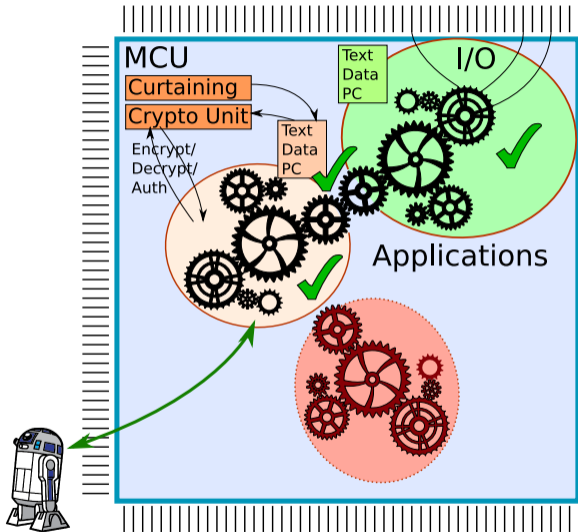
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Comparing Hardware-Based Trusted Computing Architectures

	Isolation Attestation Sealing Dynamic RoT Code Confidentiality Side-Channel Resistance Memory Protection						Lightweight Coprocessor HW-Only TCB Preemption Dynamic Layout Upgradeable TCB Backwards Compatibility						Open-Source Academic Target ISA			
AEGIS	●	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	●	-	
TPM	○	●	●	○	●	-	○	●	●	-	-	○	●	○	○	-
TXT	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	x86_64
TrustZone	●	○	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	ARM
Bastion	●	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	UltraSPARC
SMART	○	●	○	●	○	-	●	○	○	-	-	○	●	○	●	AVR/MSP430
Sancus 1.0	●	●	○	●	○	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	MSP430
Soteria	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	MSP430
Sancus 2.0	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	MSP430
SecureBlue++	●	○	●	●	●	○	○	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	POWER	
SGX	●	●	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	○	x86_64
Iso-X	●	●	○	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	OpenRISC
TrustLite	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	Siskiyou Peak
TyTAN	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	Siskiyou Peak
Sanctum	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	○	●	RISC-V

● = Yes; ○ = Partial; ○ = No; - = Not Applicable

Adapted from
 “Hardware-Based
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 Architectures for
 Isolation and
 Attestation”, Maene et
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 [MGdC⁺17]

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- Secure I/O through isolation of MMIO ranges

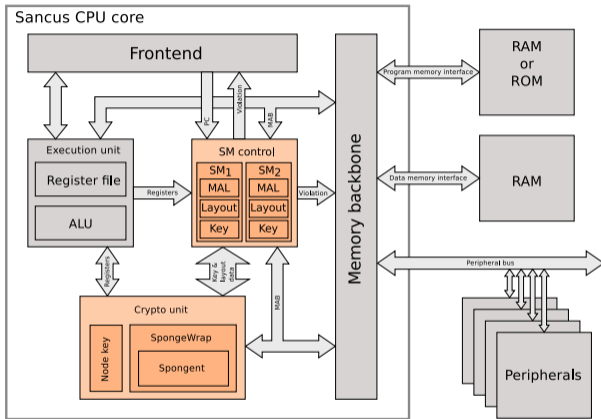
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- Authentication in μs
- + 6% power consumption

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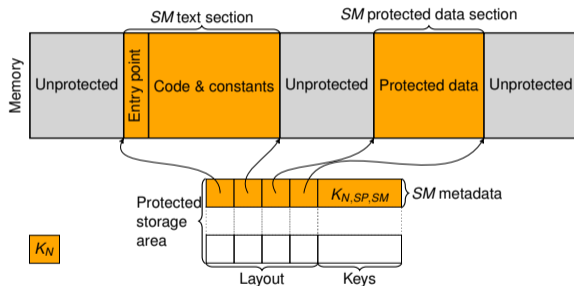
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N = Node; SP = Software Provider / Deployer
 SM = protected Software Module



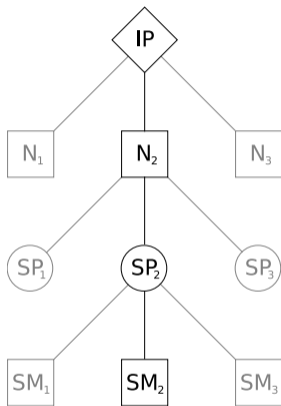
Attestation and Communication with Sancus

Ability to use $K_{N,SP,SM}$ proves the integrity and isolation of SM deployed by SP on N

- Only N and SP can compute $K_{N,SP,SM}$
 N knows K_N and SP knows K_{SP}
- $K_{N,SP,SM}$ on N is computed after enabling isolation
No isolation, no key; no integrity, wrong key
- Only SM on N is allowed to use $K_{N,SP,SM}$
Through special instructions

Remote attestation and secure communication by Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data

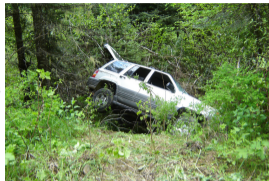
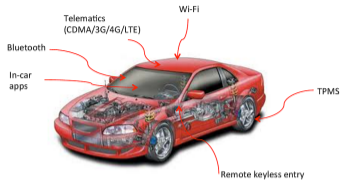
- Confidentiality, integrity and authenticity
- Encrypt and decrypt instructions use $K_{N,SP,SM}$ of the calling SM
- Associated Data can be used for nonces to get freshness



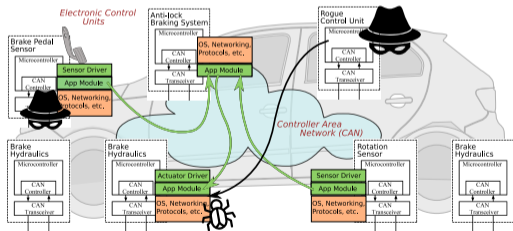
Secure Automotive Computing with Sancus [VBMP17]

Modern cars can be hacked!

- Network of more than 50 ECUs
- Multiple communication networks
- Remote entry points
- Limited built-in security mechanisms



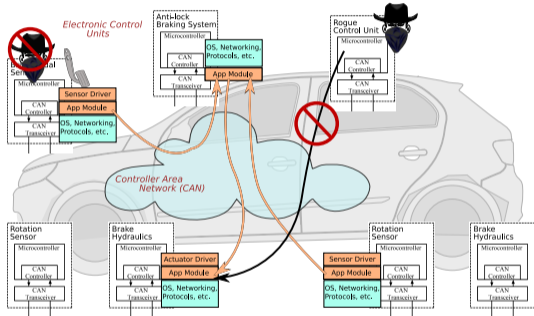
Miller & Valasek, "Remote exploitation of an unaltered passenger vehicle", 2015



Sancus brings strong security for embedded control systems:

- Message authentication
- Trusted Computing: software component isolation and cryptography
- Strong software security
- Applicable in automotive, ICS, IoT, ...

My usual work: Trusted Computing for Embedded Control Systems



“VulCAN: Efficient Component Authentication and Software Isolation for Automotive Control Networks”, Van Bulck et al., ACSAC 2017. [VBMP17]

Thank you!

**“Beware of bugs in the above code;
I have only proved it correct, not tried it.”**

– Donald Knuth

Thank you! Questions?

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