

Safety is Important, Security as Well

Helen Buchumensky, **Karamba Security Ltd**
Thomas Liedtke, Steffen Herrmann, **Kugler Maag Cie**

Special Thanks to Andrei Donciuc, **Kugler Maag Cie**



3 TIME WINNER
2017+2018+2019



Nice to Meet You!



Helen Buchumensky

- Director of Program Management, Karamba Security
- ASQ Certified Manager Quality and Organizational Excellence
- VDA 6.3 Certified Process Auditor
- IATF 16949, ISO9001 Certified Auditor
- BSc Industrial Engineering & MBA, Organization Behavior



Thomas Liedtke

- Principal Consultant at Kugler Maag Cie
- Expert Area Leader, Security
- Certified IT Security Commissioner and certified Privacy Commissioner
- Provisional Scrum Master, trainer and speaker for project management and safety
- PhD in Computer Science and Mathematics



Steffen Herrmann

- Managing Consultant at Kugler Maag Cie
- TÜV Rheinland certified Functional Safety Engineer (Automotive)
- intacsTM certified Principal Assessor and Instructor
- Co-author of books and speaker at conferences
- Dipl.-Wi.-Ing Industrial Engineering and Management

...The organization shall institute and maintain effective communication channels between functional safety, cybersecurity...

*(a) in the case it is identified that a **cybersecurity issue might violate a safety goal***

*(b) or in the case a **cybersecurity requirement might compete with a safety requirement***

ISO26262:2018

Part 2, 5.4.2.3

Science Fiction?



ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 07.21.15 08:00 AM

HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT



I WAS DRIVING 70 mph on the edge of downtown St. Louis when the exploit began to take hold.

Researchers Demonstrate How They Remotely Hacked A Tesla

BY MICHAEL KARKAFIRIS | SEPTEMBER 20, 2016



Chinese Hackers Find Over a Dozen Vulnerabilities in BMW Cars

May 23, 2018 Mohit Kumar



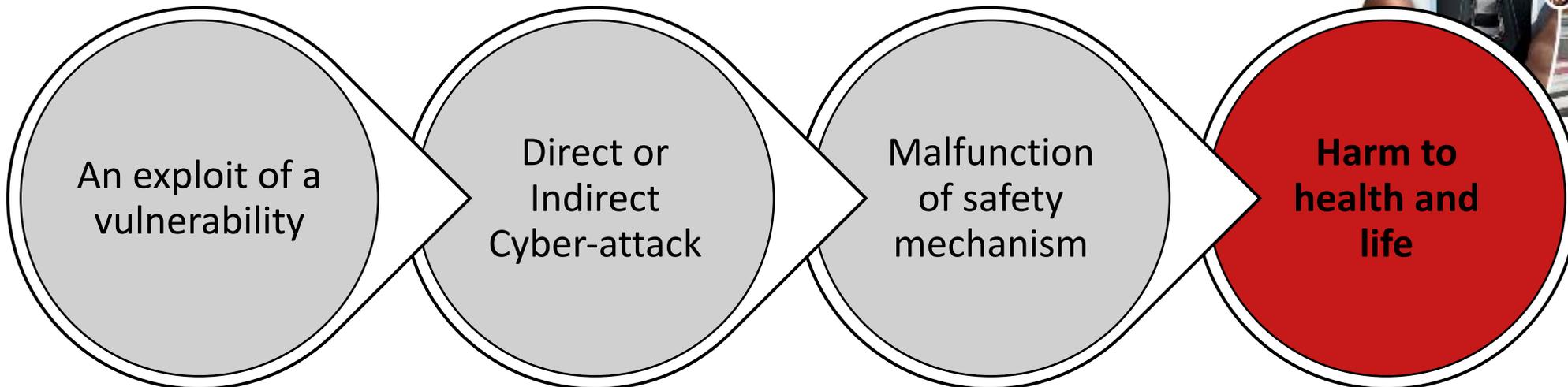
NEWS

Car hackers find remotely exploitable vulnerabilities in Volkswagen and Audi vehicles

Researchers discovered flaws in the Audi A3 Sportback e-tron and the Volkswagen Golf GTE that make the vehicles vulnerable to remote hacking.

Safety Critical Systems are also Cybersecurity Critical

- A misbehavior of a **Safety-critical** system may cause harm to health and life.
- An exploit of a vulnerability of a **Cybersecurity-critical** system may lead to financial, operational, privacy, or **safety** losses.



Automotive Regulation for Cybersecurity



[Cyber security risk management framework applied to modern vehicles, 2014](#)



[SAE J3061 "Cybersecurity Guidebook for Cyber-Physical Vehicle Systems" 2016](#)



[Auto ISAC "Automotive Cybersecurity Best Practices" 2016](#)



[Cyber Security and Resilience of smart cars 2017](#)



[UNECE Proposal for a Recommendation on Cyber Security 2019](#)

ISO/SAE 21434 [Road Vehicles -- Cybersecurity engineering \(under development\)](#)

WHEN CYBERSECURITY MEETS SAFETY



”Safe State or not? That is the question”

Security

- Fail operational: keep operational even if you know you’re hacked
- DoS: If you have shut down, the hackers have won
- Safe State → only when a safety-critical incident appears
- Heuristics relates more to detection than to prevention (the emergency braking should not be blocked)

Safety

Without SOTIF (if driver backup is there)

- Before anything bad happens → Safe State
- A shut-down car in the parking lot is a safe car.

With SOTIF (no driver backup is there)

- Performance (degraded) still necessary

→ Avoid false positives





The Show must go on

"Safe State or not? That is the question"

Update, Update, Update

“Learn from your disclosed vulnerabilities”

Security

- Likes to update, update, update...
 - Constant need for updates over lifetime in order to stay secure
 - Worst case: Every successful attack leads to an update in order to avoid similar attacks from re-occurring
- Simple update process is mandatory
 - Vehicles must be reached for update
 - OTA itself is a weakness
- Known vulnerabilities are ticking time-bombs

Safety

- Never change a running system.
- Effort for impact analysis and re-certification is disproportionate to do it for every attack.
- Keep it as encapsulated as possible.

→ Don't rely on updates



Update, Update, Update

“Learn from your disclosed Vulnerabilities”

PLEASE,

REBOOT,

How much do you have to know?

Security

- Field monitoring activities for cybersecurity are essential
 - Incident reporting is crucial
 - Tracking and resolution in order to communicate safety-related cybersecurity field incidents and functional safety
- If a vehicle is owned by an individual a party is necessary to be responsible to support in case of security issues
- How to handle vintage cars?

Safety

- Regular maintenance is sufficient
- Field monitoring must be implemented
- Safety incidents → Reported issues must be analyzed for safety criticality
- Vehicle owner is responsible for performing maintenance but cannot be forced

-> Field monitoring is required



Be Informed – 24/7 – Worldwide

How much do you have to know?



“Resources are rare”

Security

- Cybersecurity implementation needs resources
- The more Cybersecurity you want, the more resources you'll need

Safety

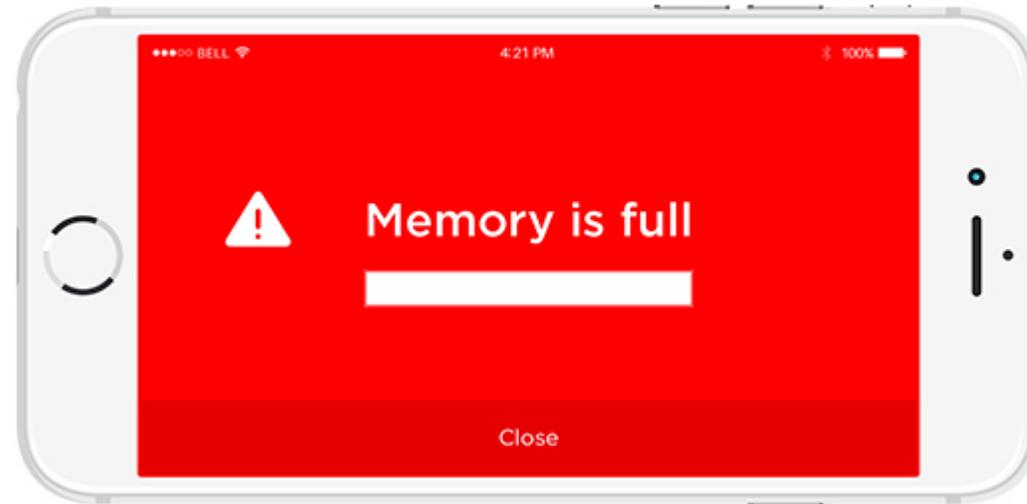
- Networks and ECUs are Resource-constrained
- Determine:
 - Network overload
 - RAM footprints
- Cybersecurity cannot violate Safety-system resources
- Be aware of the extent of processing overhead on:
 - Bus
 - CPU
 - Memory

-> Careful Resource Management



Safety Resources are Sacred

“Resources are rare”



Can't Live with Her, Can't Live without Her

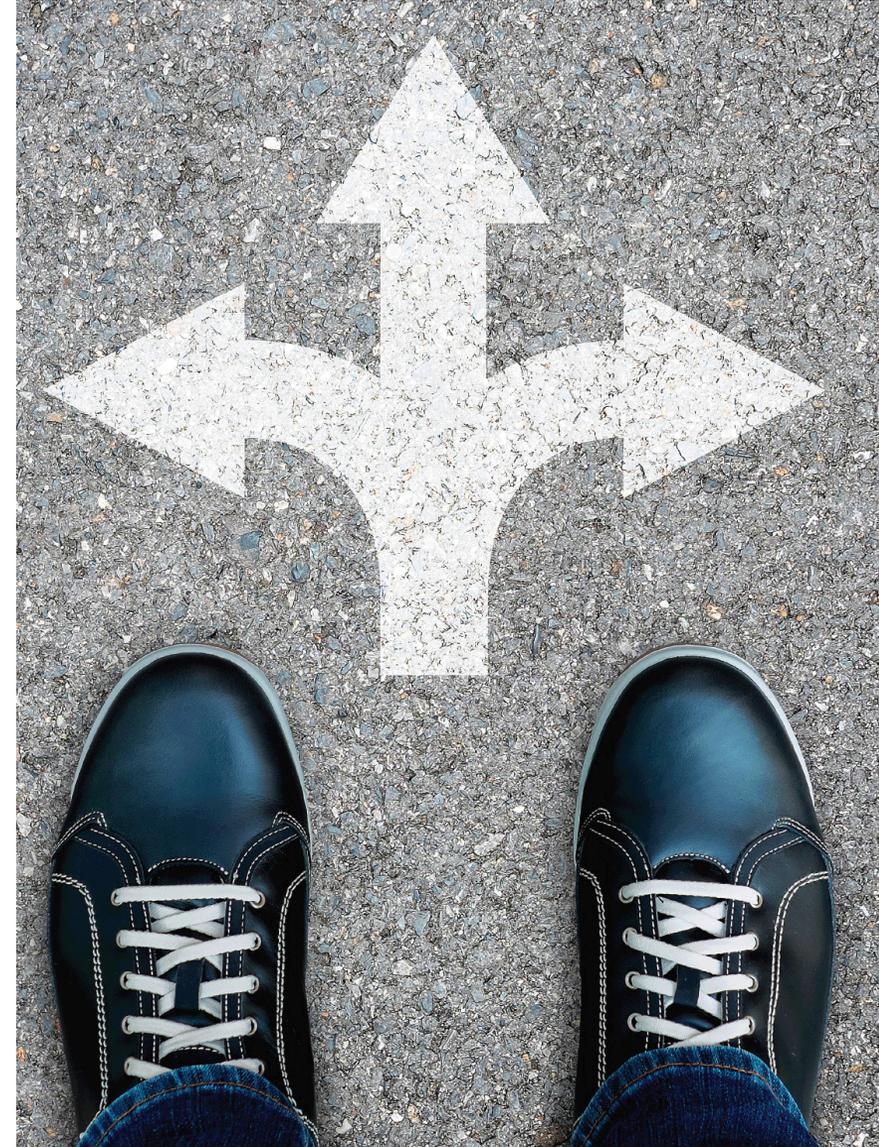
Without cybersecurity protection, safety is at risk:

- Cyber attack could lead to safety mechanisms malfunction

With cybersecurity protection, safety is at risk:

- Contradiction of needs and requirements

Is there a recipe for how these two important concepts can live together in one system?



Cybersecurity Approaches vs Safety Constraints

Secure SW Development Secure Coding



- + Make hacker's life difficult
- Do not prevent the attacks
- Legacy code
- No field monitoring

**SAFETY PASSED
REDUCTION ONLY**

Blacklisting



- Update-dependent

SAFETY FAILED

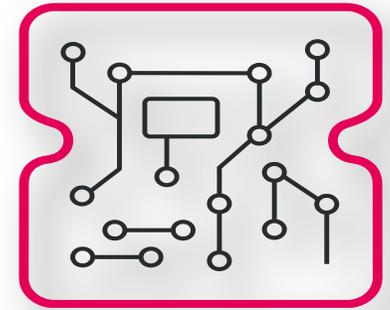
Behavior Analysis (Artificial Intelligence)



- + Monitoring
- False Positives
- Performance

**SAFETY PASSED
DETECTION ONLY**

Software Integrity (Whitelist)



- + Prevention capabilities
- + Zero False Positives
- + Zero day protection

**SAFETY GRADE
PREVENTION**

Software Integrity Layers for Safety-critical Systems

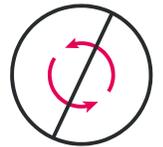
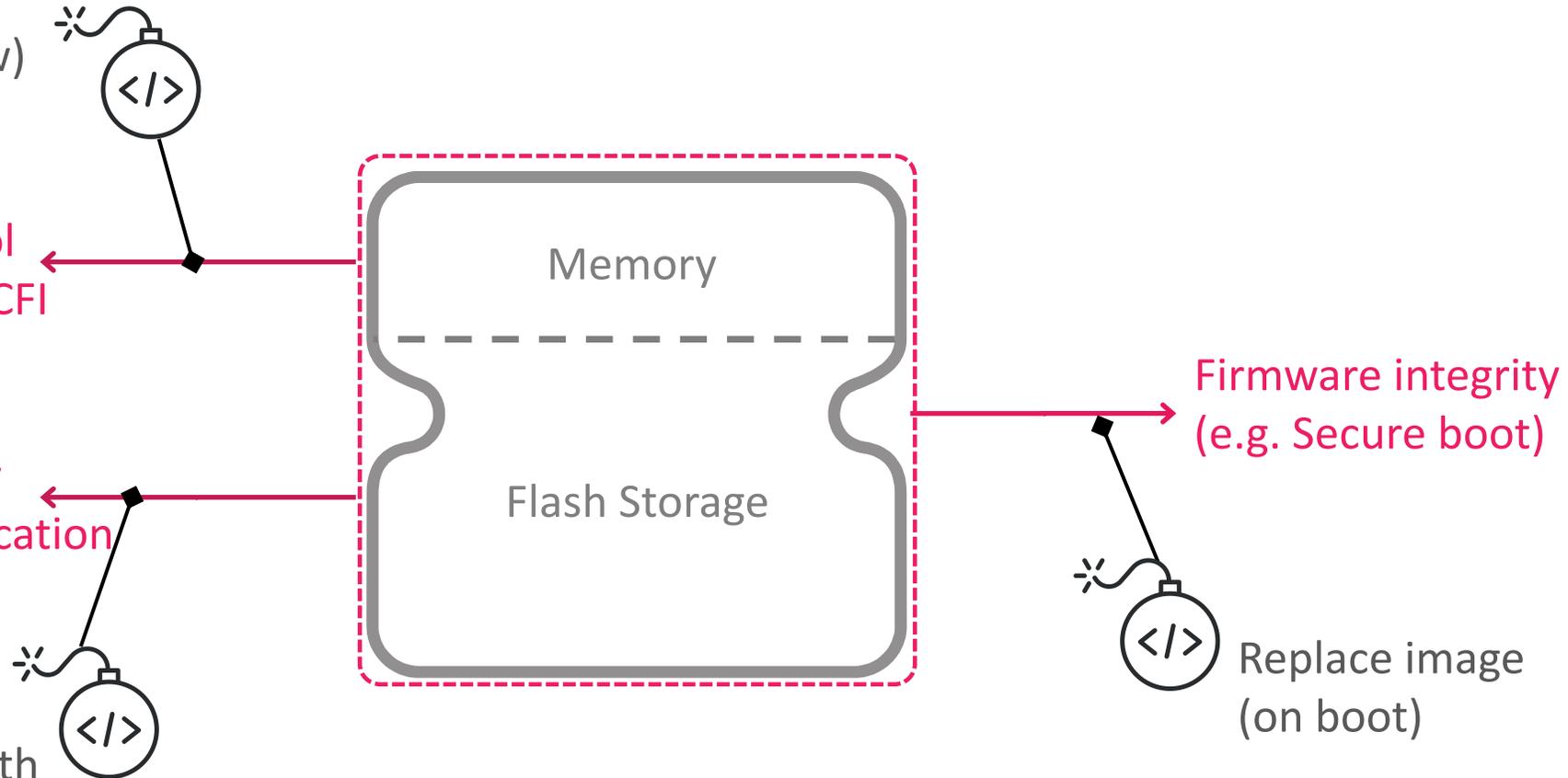
Exploits of in-memory vulnerabilities

(buffer overflow)

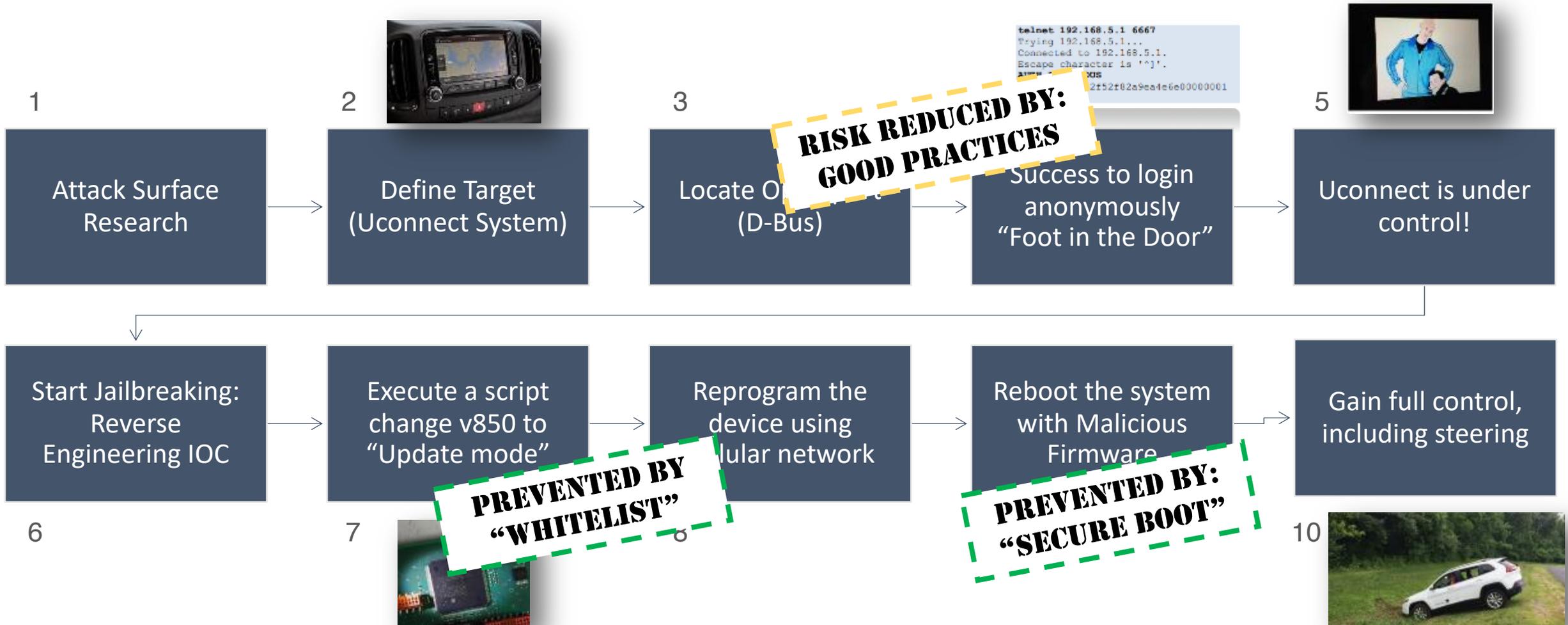
Runtime Control Flow Integrity -CFI

Runtime Binary Integrity (Application Whitelist)

Add/tamper with binaries (dropper)



Jeep Cherokee Hacking by Chris Valasek and Charlie Miller



Full Report: https://ioactive.com/pdfs/IOActive_Remote_Car_Hacking.pdf

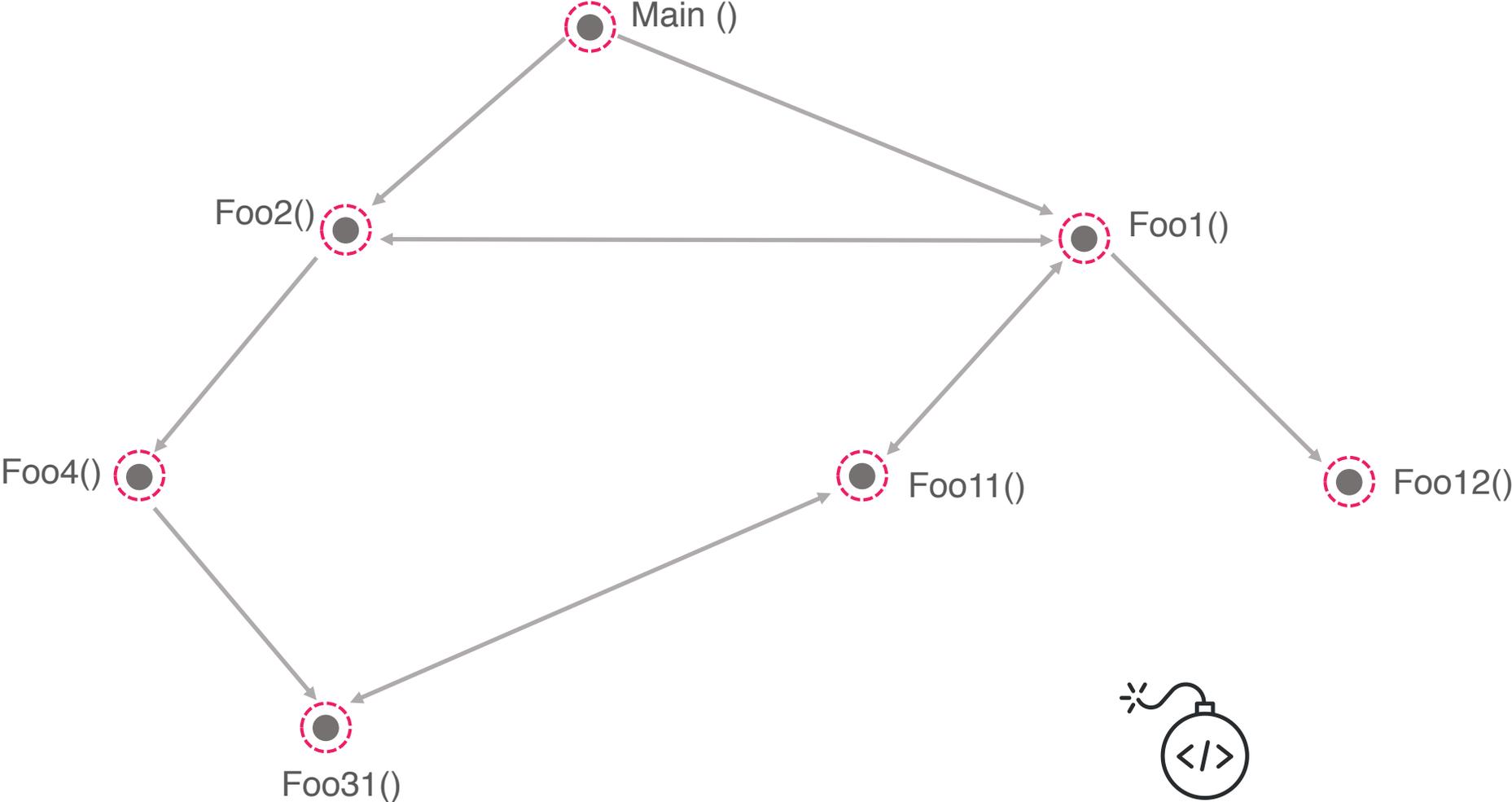
BMW Assessment by Keen Lab: 14 Vulnerabilities Found



*“After some tough reverse-engineering work on TCB’s firmware, we also found a **memory corruption vulnerability** that allows us to bypass the signature protection and achieve **remote code execution** in the firmware. “*

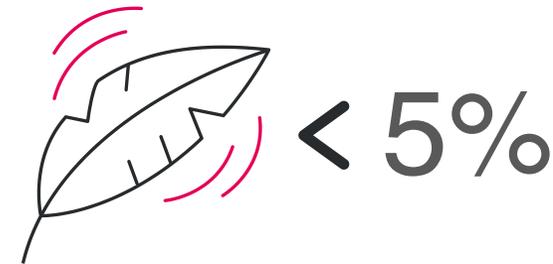
<https://keenlab.tencent.com/en/2018/05/22/New-CarHacking-Research-by-KeenLab-Experimental-Security-Assessment-of-BMW-Cars/>

Control Flow Integrity- How does It Work?



A Key Trade-off: Performance Impact

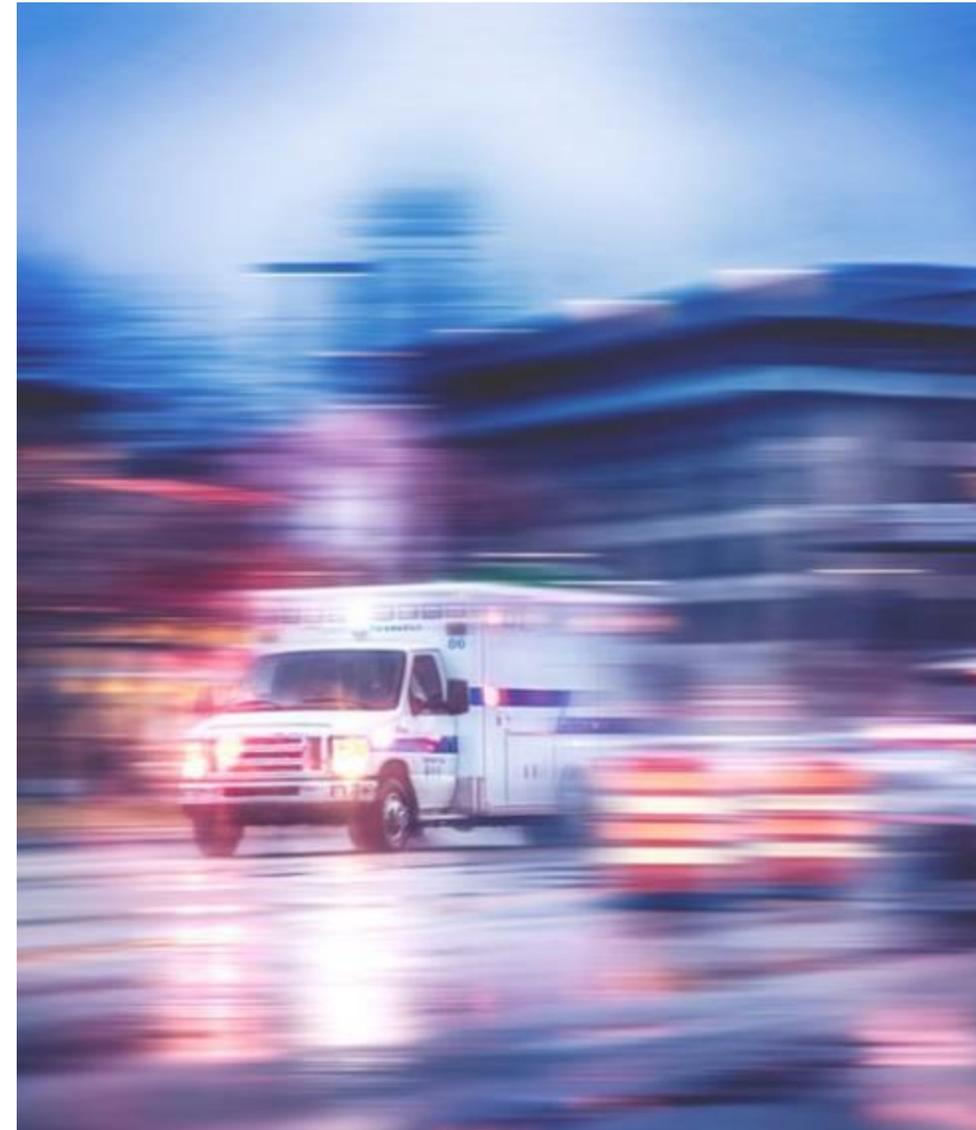
- Academic research: Proven safeguard but not considered practical due to performance overhead
- In mutual SAE paper, Karamba and DENSO demonstrated¹ software run time integrity meeting ECU constraints of less than 5% impact on:
 1. CPU overhead
 2. Root FS size
 3. RAM Usage



¹<https://www.sae.org/publications/technical-papers/content/2018-01-0016/>

Under Attack – 3 steps

1. Prevent the Attack (Fail-Safe)
2. Collect valuable forensics (stack dump, memory map, registers)
3. Prepare the remedy with no rush- The safety wasn't compromised

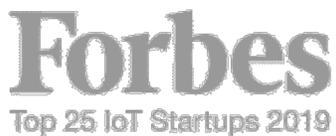


- ✓ Safety critical systems can and shall be protected from cyber attacks
- ✓ A desirable protection layer would be deterministic, require minimum resources, and prevent known and unknown security threats, providing valuable forensic data.
- ✓ To make things harder for hackers: SW development best practices and secure coding are recommended

Meet Karamba Security



- Established in 2016
- The Mission: Prevent hackers from compromising vehicles' safety
- Active engagements with 17 automotive OEMs and tier-1s
- 12 patents granted, 21 pending
- Consistently recognized for market leadership



3 TIME WINNER
2017+2018+2019



Questions?

Thank you & keep in touch!

helenb@karambasecurity.com

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/helenb>