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Security Patterns for Automotive Systems

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Overview

- Background
- Review of threat surfaces
- Automotive Security Pattern structure
- Excerpts from Automotive Security Pattern repository

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Software Design Patterns

- Reuse of successful system designs
- Known solution to common problems
- Gamma et al. formulation: [1]
  - Pattern name
  - Problem addressed
  - Solution
  - Consequences of pattern use

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Security Patterns

- Used to manage threats to a given system [2]
- Security Patterns research active in several domains:
  - Distributed Systems [3]
  - Enterprise Systems [4]
  - Cloud Computing Systems [5]
- Security patterns can be applied to requirements gathering, design and implementation [6]

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Previous work on security patterns

- Fernandez [2]
  - Formulation of security patterns for typical enterprise environment
- Dougherty et al [7]
  - Documenting demonstrably security-effective techniques from existing designs
- Schumacher et al [8]
  - Categorize and unify a variety of security patterns
- Wassermann and Cheng [9]
  - Template for security patterns extended to include relation to 10 security principles

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CAN-Bus Threat Surface

- Broadcast protocol available to any attached ECU [10]
- Lacks authentication and encryption [10]
- Message arbitration is based on a prioritization scheme [11]
- Subject to attacks:
  - ECU injection attacks [12]
  - Compromising sensitive data [10]
  - DDOS attacks [13]

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V2X Threat Surface

- Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks (VANET) allow network nodes to move freely within a range and stay connected [14]
- Nodes communicate with other nodes through node hopping,
  - routing is determined in real-time [15]
- Nodes freely enter and leave a given network[15]

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Other Threat Surfaces

- OBD-2 port [16]
- Bluetooth network [13]
- Telematics System [17]
- Key Fob [18]
- Media player/ Auxiliary port [19]
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System [20]
- Ad-Hoc Vehicle Networks [21]
- Over-the-air firmware updates [12]

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Threat Surfaces

COMPONENT	SURFACE	THREAT TYPE
OBD-2 Port	•Direct Access •Access via pass-thru devise	•Interception •Interruption •Modification •Fabrication
Key-Fob*	•Duplicate Rf-Id chips	•Interception •Fabrication •Theft
Media Player & Auxiliary port (e.g. - audio jack or USB port)	•Connected media (e.g. - Memory stick, iPods, CD etc)	•Interruption •Fabrication
Dealer Pass-thru device	•Connected service computer/device	•Interruption •Modification

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Threat Surfaces (cont)

COMPONENT	SURFACE	THREAT TYPE
Telematics Unit	•Compromised software •Compromised connecting device	•Interception •Interruption •Modification
Vehicle Bluetooth Network	•Network PIN breakage by proximal device	•Interception •Interruption
ECU*	•Duplicate/malicious non OEM component installation	•Modification •Interruption •Fabrication
Tire Pressure Monitoring System	•Intercept broadcast of readings to Dashboard cluster	•Interruption •Fabrication •Interception

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Threat Surfaces (cont)

COMPONENT	SURFACE	THREAT TYPE
Vehicular Ad-hoc Network	•Transmission from compromised node to another	•Interception •Interruption •Fabrication
Telematics Service	•Service parameters like I.P. address and subscriber identity module (if present)	•Interception •Interruption
Digital Car Radio	•Broadcast data processing	•Fabrication •Interruption

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Template for Security Patterns

- Several templates have been used in previous security pattern research:
  - Security Patterns in Practice [2]
  - Security Patterns Repository [22]
  - Security Patterns: Technical Report [9]
- We constructed our template following the one defined by Gamma et al for general design patterns and extended by Wasserman and Cheng [9] for security-specific patterns
  - Incorporation of UML
  - Incorporation of guiding security principles

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Template for Security patterns

- Pattern Name and Classification
- Intent
- Also Known As
- Motivation
- **Properties**
- Applicability
- Structure
- Participants
- Collaborations
- **Behavior**
- Constraints
- Consequences
- Known Uses
- **Related Security Patterns**
- Related Design Patterns
- **Related Security Principles**

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Guiding Principles

- Guiding Security Principles:
  - Viega-McGraw: Ten principles for building secure software [23]
  - SAE Standard J3061: Cybersecurity Guidebook for Cyber-Physical Vehicle Systems [24]
  - Overlaps exist between the two sources
- Principles facilitate understanding of Security Patterns and provide security insight [9]

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Viega-McGraw Security Principles

- V1 - Secure the weakest link
- V2* - Practice defense in depth
- V3 - Fail securely
- V4* - Follow the principle of least privilege
- V5 - Compartmentalize
- V6 - Keep it simple
- V7* - Promote Privacy
- V8 - Hiding secrets is hard
- V9 - Be reluctant to trust
- V10 - Use community resources

Source: [23]

* Indicates overlap between Viega-McGraw and J3061

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SAE standard J3061

- J1* - Protect Personally Identifiable Information and Sensitive data
- J2* - Use principle of least privilege
- J3* - Apply defense in depth
- J4 - Prohibit changes to calibrations and/or software that have not been thoroughly analyzed and tested
- J5 - Prevent vehicle owners from intentionally or unintentionally making unauthorized changes to the vehicle's systems that could introduce potential vulnerabilities

Source: [24]

* Indicates overlap between Viega McGraw and J3061

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STRIDE Properties

- Industrial collaborators requested inclusion of Microsoft STRIDE properties [31] for each pattern:
  - Inline with their security-based development process
  - Commonly used in industry

Threat	Property	Security Questions
Spoofing	Authentication	Does system use multi-factor authentication? Enforce credential creation, use, and maintenance principles?
Tampering	Integrity	Detect/prevent parameter manipulation? Protect against tampering? Secure design principles used?
Repudiation	Non-Repudiation	Log and verify all user interaction with attribution?
Information Disclosure	Confidentiality	Follow standard encryption for secure connections?
Denial of Service	Availability	Built/tested for high availability?
Elevation of Privilege	Authorization	Support management of all users/privileges?

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Automotive Security Patterns Repository

Pattern Name	Description
Authorization	Manage authorization for use of secured resource
Blacklist	Prevent suspicious addresses from participating in a network
DDoS Redundancy	Makes a network more resilient to a (Distributed) Denial of Service Attack (DDoS)
Firewall	Filters traffic from external entities to allow only authorized uses of a system
Multi-Factor Authentication	Provides redundant authentication scheme and stronger defense against unauthorized access
Multi-level Security	Separate levels of access rights in a system
Signature IDS	Monitor traffic on network for concerning behavior
Symmetric Encryption	Encrypt message so that only intended receiver may read it
Tamper Resistance	Deters unauthorized changes to a system
Third Party Validation	Provides third party validation of a message broadcasted in a network

Characterstics of Patterns in Repository

Pattern	Appl	V1	V2, J3	V3	V4, J2	V5	V6	V7, J1	V8	V9	V10	J4	J5
Authorization	P				X	X		X					
Blacklist	P, M		X			X				X			
DDoS Redundancy	P, M		X	X		X							
Firewall	P, D	X			X					X			
Multi-Factor Authentication	P		X			X				X			
Multi-level Security	P, M				X	X		X	X	X			
Signature IDS	P, D, M									X			
Symmetric Encryption	P							X		X			
Tamper Resistance	P, D, M			X	X							X	X
Third Party Validation	D, M							X		X			

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Sample Patterns from Repository

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Authorization Pattern

- Classification
  - Structural
- Intent
  - Facilitate access to protected resource
- Motivation
  - Restricting access to a resource, differentiating access rights
  - In automotive systems this may be CAN bus, ECU controller interface, etc.
- Properties
  - Can be used to satisfy the ***Authentication*** property, and the ***Authorization*** property

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Authorization Pattern

- Applicability
  - Automotive systems where supervision is required
  - Such management may not exist in system or protocol i.e., CAN bus [11]
- Participants
  - Protection Object
  - Rights
  - Subject
- Collaborations
  - Subjects access Protection Objects.
  - Rights object finds appropriate association between Subjects and Protection Objects

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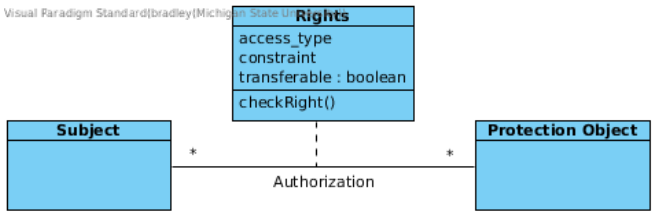
Authorization Pattern

- Structure



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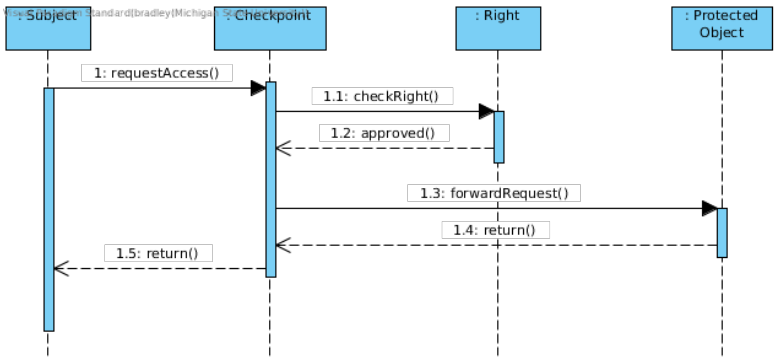
Authorization Pattern

- Behavior



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Authorization Pattern

- Constraints
  - Performance considerations for authorization protocol
  - Performing authorization outside shared resource
- Consequences
  - Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability can all be improved through rigorous rights enforcement
  - Performance may derogate from extensive rights checking
  - Additional hardware may incur cost to system
  - Authorization may limit utilization of shared resources

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Authorization Pattern

- Known uses
  - Access control unit [25]
    - Hardware based authorization and authentication system attached to communications bus similar to CAN
    - Allows for authorization to be done concurrently with bus communication
    - Hardware allows for faster authentication and authorization protocols
- Related Patterns
  - Checkpoint pattern [9] [26]
  - RBAC pattern [9] [26]

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Authorization Pattern

- Supported Principles
  - Least Privilege
  - Compartmentalization
  - Promotes Privacy

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Conclusions

- Security Patterns for Automotive Systems
  - Take into consideration automotive-specific constraints
  - Target automotive-specific threat surfaces
  - Promote/facilitate cybersecurity-focused development
- Next Steps:
  - Continue to add to Automotive Security Patterns Repository
  - Integrate into Software development processes
  - Incorporate emerging Automotive Cybersecurity standard ISO/SAE 21434 (due for release in 2020) [32]

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