CANSPY a Platform for Auditing CAN Devices

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Auditing conventional IT systems

Penetration testing

- A form of security audit
- Assess the risks of intrusion
- Actual tests instead of a review process
- The point of view of a real attacker (the "black-box" approach)
- Relevant evaluation of impact and exploitability

Limitations

- Less time
- Less resources
- More ethics
- Counter-measure: the "grey-box" approach



The CISO's dilemma

• The hand they are dealt with

- Huge scope of responsibility
- Continuous changes
- Major security threats
- Risk of substantial damages
- Limited budget

• Their response

- They rely on penetration testing
- They welcome the "gray-box" approach
- They rely on risk analysis first and foremost
- They divide perimeters accordingly





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A lot of new functionalities

Using more complex software

• Also, security researchers...



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it into a ditch. 🙆 ANDY GREENBERG/WIRED



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Mitsubishi joins Jeep, Nissan and Tesla on the list of cars that have had vulnerabilities highlighted. Photograph: Simon Stuart Miller (commissioned)



What about security audit for cars ?

The same approach can be applied

- · While True
 - Conduct risk analysis
 - · Prioritize ECUs
 - Conduct penetration tests accordingly
 - Carry out corrective actions
- · End While



- Some ECUs can be common to several vehicles
- Corrective actions may be difficult to carry out



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Consumer-grade connectivity

- Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and USB → Nothing new here !
- However CAN sniffing is already useful for analysis



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It always begins with...



- Mobile broadband connectivity
 - Setting up an IMSI catcher and then...
 - Deal with conventional protocols (TCP, HTTP, ...) \rightarrow Again, nothing new here !



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CAN attacks

- Bypass CAN bus segmentation (architecture-dependant)
- Reverse-engineer higher-layer/custom protocols
- Break the Security Access challenge (ISO 14229)



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CAN architectures

One serial bus (to rule them all)

- ID-based priority mechanism
- Congestion issues
- Acknowledgment by anyone





CAN architectures

Multiple separate buses

- Some ECUs have to be connected to multiple buses
- They can be used to bypass the segmentation





CAN architectures

Multiple interconnected buses

- A gateway is routing frames between CAN buses
- It may take into account the state of the vehicle
- Both safety and cyber-security can be considered





Crafting CAN attacks

Several attack vectors

- Misuse of intrinsic capabilities (e.g., remote diagnostic tool)
- Exploit a higher-level parsing vulnerability
- Break the Security Access challenge
- Etc.

This will imply a substantial amount of work

- Unsolder EEPROM or identify on-chip debug (JTAG/BDM) and conventional debug (UART/WDBRPC) interfaces
- Extract the firmware
- Reverse-engineer the aforementioned items
- Craft actual attacks



The Man In The Middle

Taking advantage of the client-server model

- Insert yourself in-between them
- Do not alter traffic until you see something interesting
- Then start to drop/alter/replay/...
- Finalize with targeted reverse-engineering
- In theory, this is transposable to the CAN bus
 - We are auditing one device
 - \rightarrow We could proxy the traffic from and to that device
 - We are working with the car manufacturer
 - \rightarrow We can ask for a restricted devices (e.g., a remote diagnostic tool)
 - \rightarrow This is limited by third-parties intellectual properties



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ECU

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• Etc.

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- Lack of a mature framework
 - We get frustrated when we cannot use Scapy 😜
 - Federate higher-layers reverse-engineering efforts





CANSPY objectives

Two dedicated CAN interfaces

- Using independent CAN cores
- With the ability to manipulate acknowledgments

Frame forwarding w/ or w/o filtering

- Low latencies (even with filtering)
- At the full data rate of the CAN standard

Sniffing and injection capabilities

- CAN interfaces $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Ethernet (with Wireshark dissector compatibility)
- CAN interfaces $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ UART (mostly for setting/debugging purposes)
- PCAP and settings read/write from SD card (autonomous mode)
- Configurable settings via Ethernet (fully scriptable)



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DUAL-CAN extension board

- Configurable resistors, power supplies and circuit grounds
- 2 CAN interfaces and easy to build
- Custom-made (\$30 worth of PCB and components)





CANSPY firmware



https://bitbucket.org /jcdemay/canspy



CANSPY firmware

- Event-driven scheduler
 - Asynchronous I/O operations
 - Low latency processing
- 1 functionality == 1 service
 - Start only what you need
 - Read from all devices, write to only one
 - Mutual exclusion is possible
- Autonomous mode
 - In-built filtering/altering engine
 - SD card for read or write operations
 - Power supply from the car battery

- Real-time approach
- Open source licensed
- Built-in services
 - CAN: Forward/Filter/Inject
 - Ethernet: Wiretap/Bridge
 - SDCard: Capture/Replay/Logdump
 - UART: Monitor/Logview/Shell
- CAN devices
 - Two independent handlers
 - Support all standard speeds
 - Throttling mechanisms



Handling congestion issues

MITM setups can tamper with congestion

ECU

- Filtering or dropping will modify the available bandwidth
- ECUs behavior may thus be impacted

Two possible throttling mechanisms

Dummy frame injection

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Delaying acknowledgments

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ByteField("__res0", 0),
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#wireshark -X lua_script:ethcan.lua

local sll_tab =
DissectorTable.get("sll.ltype")
local can_hdl =
sll_tab:get_dissector(0x000C)
local eth_tab =
DissectorTable.get("ethertype")
eth_tab:add(0x88b5, can_hdl)

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The OBD-II use case

No need to physically cut anything

- Buy a Goodthopter-compatible OBDII-to-DB9 cable
- Build its female counterpart (\$10 worth of components)
- Setup the DUAL-CAN extension properly
- Have fun 😜
- Several interesting cases
 - Professional/consumer car diagnostic tools
 - Usage-based policies from insurance companies
 - Air-pollution control from law enforcement
- They expose sensitive networks/hosts





Demonstration bench





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What about buffer overflows ?

- ISO-TP layer provided for Scapy
- Identify fragmented responses
- E.g., VIN request (17 ASCII characters)
- Increase response length
- Debug and exploit
- We need more Scapy layers !
 - For documented standards (e.g., SAE J1939)
 - For proprietary standards (i.e., reversing...)



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