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Computing risks and medical devices?

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"These days, **everything is much safer**. It is easier to navigate thanks to modern technical instruments and the **Internet**."

-Captain Schettino, Captain of Costa Concordia





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Archimedes Purpose

- What happened at Archimedes?
 - Space for 50, but 65 registered. Travel far!



- Highly interdisciplinary. Everyone here is smart in their field.
- Off the record. Check ego at the door. No buying. No selling.
- Why does security remain seemingly out of reach?

Post-Workshop Documents

- Graduate course reader on medical device security http://dollarbillcopying.com/
- Workshop material on Archimedes members website http://secure-medicine.org/members/



Archimedes Speakers

















9 Break Out Topics



- How to integrate risk mgmt w/ SW security lifecycles?
- Explaining SW security to executive mgmt?
- Interoperability and security?
- Responsibility/Accountability: Stop the finger pointing?
- Effective incident and vulnerability reporting mechanisms?
- Dealing with legacy software and software updates?
- Impact of mobile, cloud, and EHRs?
- Avoiding checkbox culture: role of regs and compliance?
- Incentivizing information sharing of threat indicators?

1. SW Security Lifecycles

How to integrate risk mgmt w/ SW security lifecycles?Security development life cycle (SDLC) controls



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1. SW Security Lifecycles

- Start early in the life cycle
- Functional requirements often don't cover security
 - Many security requirement are non-functional
- Negative testing is hard, so...
 - Architecture risk analysis (ARA)
 - Threat model informs ARA
 - External expert help is a great idea
 - Automatic analysis for bugs in code

Architectural Risk Analysis Cont'd

- List of known attacks not enough for sec testing/ analysis
- Ambiguity analysis = multiple points of view
- Two system architects will always disagree
- Hints from misbehavior
 - "our garage doors are more secure than medical devices"
- Customers often don't know what they want
- Encryption not a panacea or pixie dust, just a part.

Recommendation: Plan for security in the array of software lifecycles, multi-prong approach

2. Explaining Security to Mgmt

- Explaining SW security to executive mgmt when
 - "Can't you guys just fix that?" "You guys are in la la land."
- Challenges
 - Lack of knowledge/understanding of software security as it pertains to medical devices
 - Viewing SW security as traditional "marketable feature" triggers a rigid mindset, i.e. a feature is an investment that demands a return
 - Limited data to explain why software security for medical devices should be a priority
 - General fear of the unknown/uncertainty software security doesn't have simple solution

Sad conclusion: Discussing software security in terms of ROI is difficult & often unsuccessful battle

2. Explaining Security to Mgmt

Recommendations

 Stop fighting a losing battle -- avoid the "ROI" trap and frame the discussion on medical software security differently.

Software security = patient safety

- Software security is not a "feature"; software security is insurance
- Software security is about prevention
- Acknowledge the ambiguity -- there is no "right" answer, only "better"
- If you must talk about "ROI", ground discussion in a) protecting the brand, and b) preserving customer trust.
- Ground discussion in examples from other industries and trends
 - Stuxnet virus, payment card industry data breaches
 - Automotive software vulnerabilities (e.g. tire pressure monitoring systems)
 - Additionally, draw attention to increasing emphasis on HIPAA penalties within government mandated programs (e.g. HITECH act).

Build internal allies to amplify your message on software security

3. Interoperability & Security

- Component-based security is an oxymoron
 - Secure components necessary, but insufficient
 - Security is an emergent system property
 - Most security flaws derive from unexpected interactions between components that are outside of the model
 - Composability is a hard problem

System-level security issues imply system-level safety issues

Recommendation: Start with common language for expressing meaningful security properties to better understand the emergent properties during composition

4. Ending Security Finger Pointing

- There are good, knowledgeable people on all sides of this issue that want to solve the problem
- Everyone is liable (Whether they know it or not)
- Compliance is not sufficient for Security
- Installations at every site is different.
 Don't expect it to be easy
- The core issue is "Safety vs. Safety"
 - Not "Safety vs. Anti-Safety"
 - Not "Safety vs. Sloth"



4. Ending Security Finger Pointing

- Manufacturers won't make changes without a market
- Customers don't always have the technical resources to fully understand the problems
- Backend Manufacturer resources are a scarce resource
- Customers are "staked elephants" that stopped trying
- Drop the Myths
 - "It's an isolated network"
 - "The FDA won't let us patch"



4. Ending Security Finger Pointing

Recommendations:

- Include IT in the selection process
- Caveat Emptor

Communicate the needs

- Product Requests
- Procurement Process
- Regulatory Process (after diligence)
- Have Teeth
 - Remove devices that don't meet standards.
 - Think XP!
- Take advantage of the MDS2 Forms!
- Use the Best Practices that exist



5. Incident & Vuln. Reporting

- Effective incident and vulnerability reporting mechanisms?
- Barriers
 - Lack of standard reporting channel
 - Lifecycle mismatch between medical device and COTS
 - How to bootstrap an effective system with meaningful metrics?
- Recommendation: Handle incident & vulnerability reporting separately, exploit existing CERTs

http://.../security/



Credit: http://mundabor.wordpress.com/2011/03/15/ on-making-a-good-lenten-confession

Legacy & Software Updates

Dealing with legacy software and software updates?



 Comment from anonymous device manufacturer
 "Need to overcome the inertia due to years of neglect in our legacy products. Make the case with stakeholders for investing in security without an obvious threat."



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Software Update Woes

- Health Information Technology (HIT) devices globally rendered unavailable
- Cause: Automated software update went haywire
- Numerous hospitals were affected April 21, 2010
 - Rhode Island: a third of the hospitals were forced ``to postpone elective surgeries and stop treating patients without traumas in emergency rooms."
 - Upstate University Hospital in New York: 2,500 of the 6,000 computers were affected.

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Web-security giant McAfee paralyzes computers at hospitals, universities worldwide with update









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Going Beyond: Please Get Along



Mobility, Cloud, EHRs...

Impact of mobile, cloud, EHRs, apps, etc?

Recommendation: Follow a system of systems engineering approach





when integrating to mobile and big data, is semantic interoperability. This directly may impact clinical safety.



"Safe, secure, and reliable **wireless medical device** systems require... focus on wireless performance, **security**, and EMC." -Don Witters, FDA CDRH

Wireless Secur

Wireless security issues

- Open architecture
- Multiple combinations of technology
- Rogue wireless users
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) issues

Wireless security considerations

- Authentication to ensure authorized users
- Encryption to secure sensitive data and wireless links

8. Role of Regs & Compliance

- Avoiding checkbox culture: role of regs & compliance?
- Regulations less necessary when voluntary market driven self regulations fulfill the needed compliance to prevent chaos and harm.
- Instill confidence in health care providers to Trust Their Instruments.
- FDA & FCC to facilitate creation of new class of Computing platforms that pertains to healthcare and incentivize adoption of security standards.
- Healthcare providers: Secure/Isolate, best Practices for infrastructures for medical devices connectivity









9. Solving the Bad News Diode

- Incentivizing information sharing of threat indicators?
- Barriers to learning from history
 - Acquiring data, trend, and comparison to other industries
 - How to take data to do decision making
 - Time to take action/close vulnerabilities
 - Large capital-replacement cycles

Recommendation: A security risk and reporting system is needed

- But who funds?
- But who owns?

←Ways Forward ✓

Security should be **designed** in



not **bolted** on



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Cybersecurity: A Foreseeable Risk

- Biggest risk:
 - Hackers breaking into medical devices
 - Wide-scale unavailability of patient care
 - Integrity of medical sensors
- Security can't be bolted on.
 - Build it in during manufacturing
 - Don't interrupt clinical workflow
 - Plan ahead: V&V for patches of foreseeable risks
- Stay informed
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 - Institutions: Join Archimedes

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