Trustworthy Medical Device Software



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The Next Hour...

- Modern complexity of software-controlled medical devices
- Policies that were not designed for big d(technology)/dt
- A bit of technology



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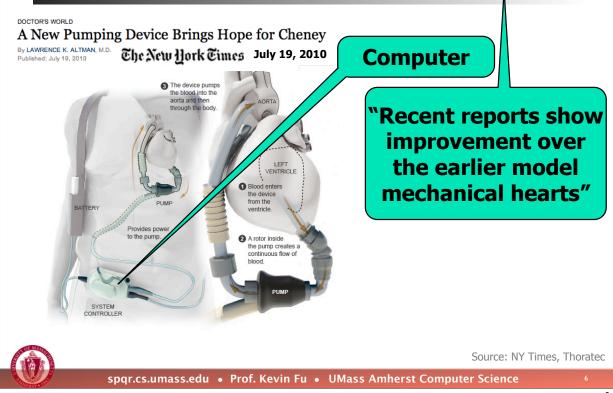


What are the benefits of **software** in medical devices?



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Benefits of Medical Device Software



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Without software, many medical treatments could not exist.

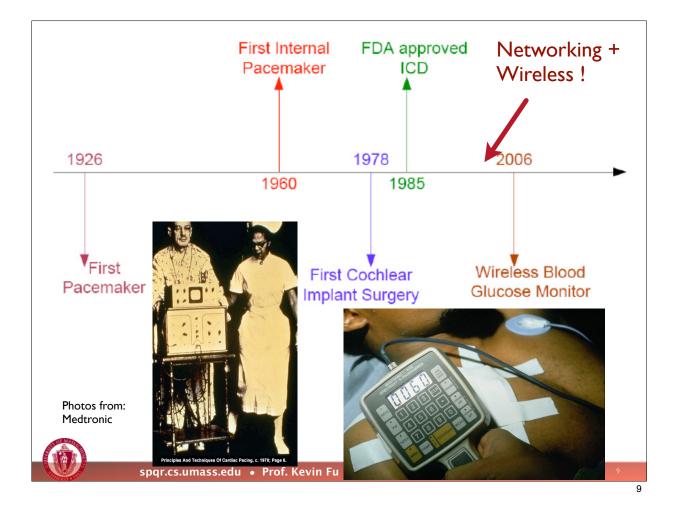


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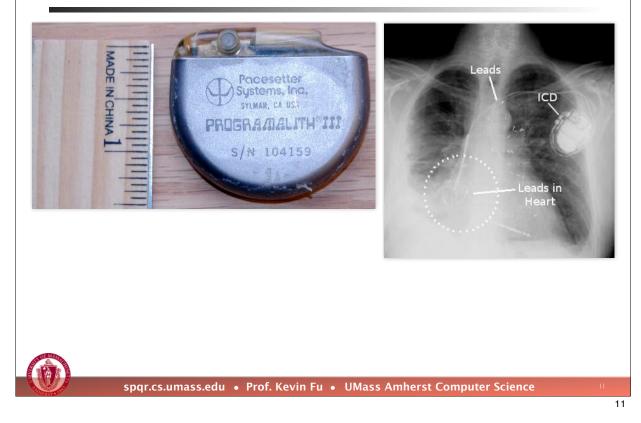
A 10-minute residency for the computer scientist



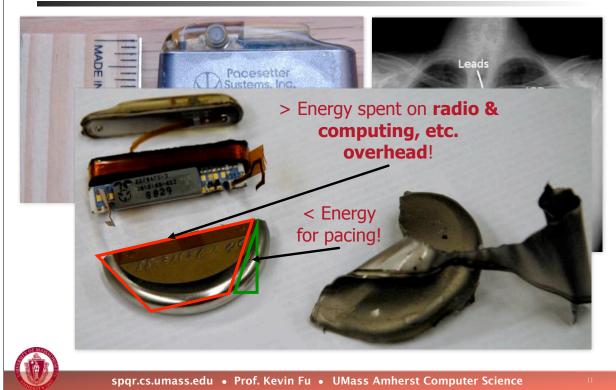




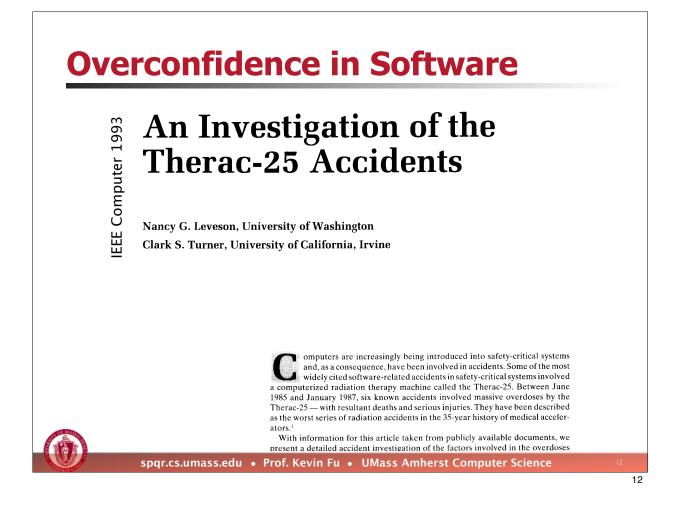
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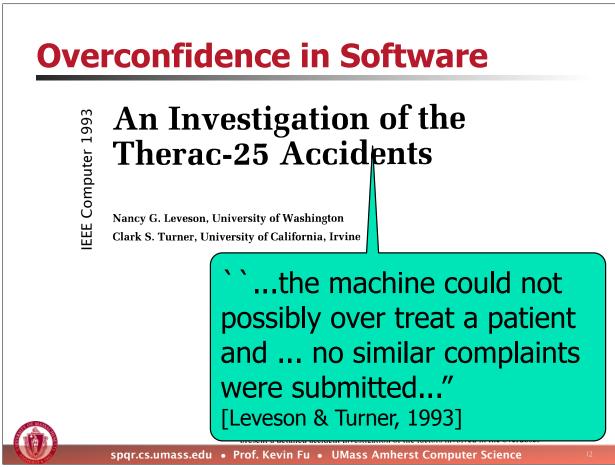


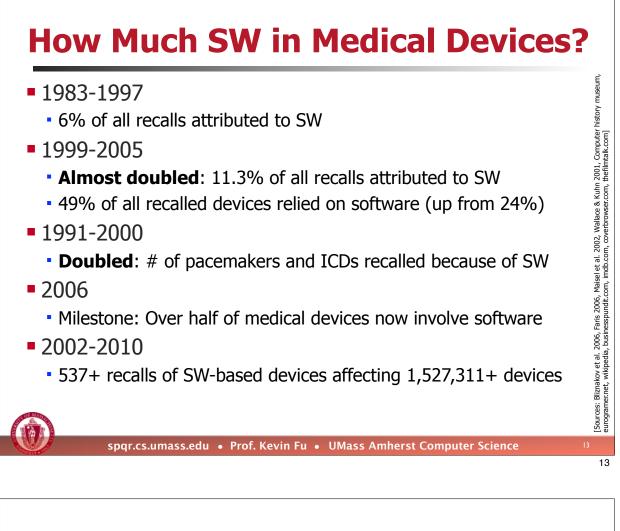
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Why Is Software Different?

- Discrete (not continuous)
 - 0.9999 inch nail vs. 1.0001 inch nail: Small error usually OK
 - Single error in software: 20mL versus 200mL infusion
 - Generally no analogous notion of safety margin
- Cannot be tested thoroughly

(radiation therapy)

``'...there is **not enough time** ... **to check** the behavior of a complicated device to **every** possible, conceivable kind of **input**,' said Dr. Williamson....'' [Walt Bogdanich, NY Times, 1/26/2010]

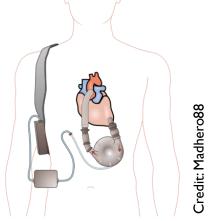
[Source: Parnas 1985, Pfleeger et al. 2001]

Software breeds overconfidence,
 is not thoroughly testable, but
 is flooding into medical devices.



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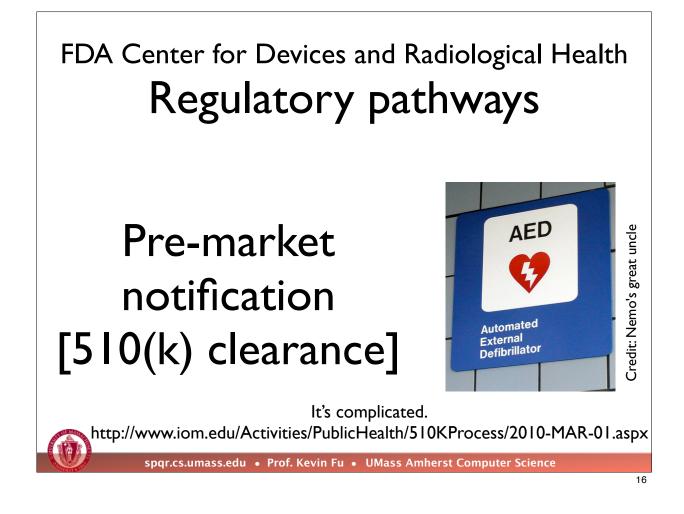
Pre-market approval



It's complicated. http://www.iom.edu/Activities/PublicHealth/510KProcess/2010-MAR-01.aspx

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510(k) Substantial Equivalence

"One of the interesting classes is radiation equipment...Even the software, which I wonder where they got the first predicate for software."

-David Feigal Fmr. Director, FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) [Institute of Medicine Meeting 2, June 2010: Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA 510(k) Clearance Process]





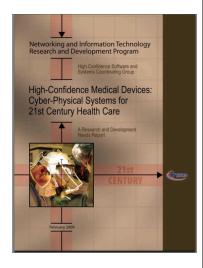
Recurring themes in **un**trustworthy medical devices

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 Risk not unique to medical devices, just ignored

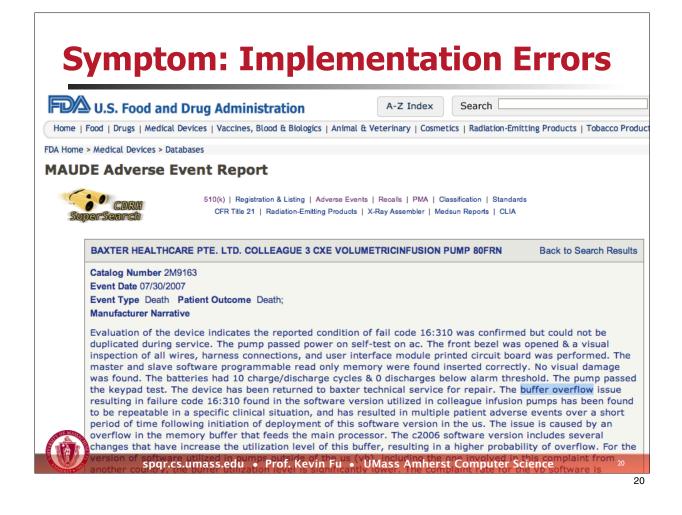
``Perhaps the most striking [difference] is the almost **complete lack of regard**, in the medical-device software domain, for the **specification of requirements**."





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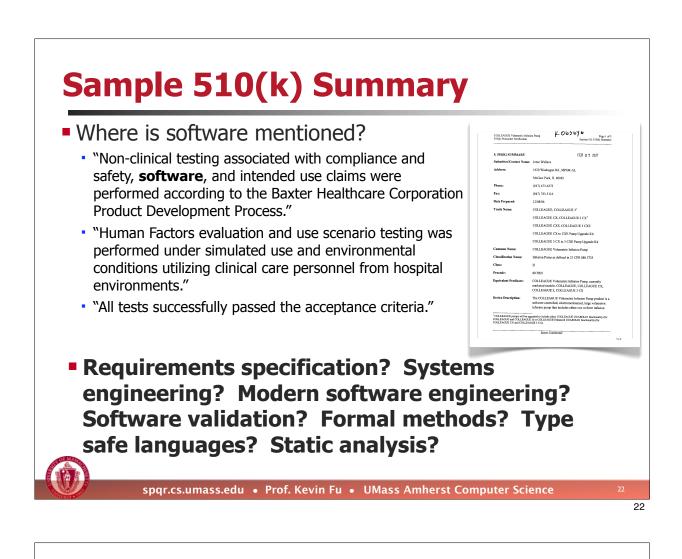
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Symptom: Implementation Errors

- Infusion pump: Underdosed patient experienced
 - increased intracranial pressure
 - followed by brain death
- Factor: Buffer overflow shut down infusion pump
 - Failure difficult to reproduce during service
 - Software upgrade tickled the coding error
- Caused failure of drug infusion
 - propofol (sedation/anesthetic)
 - levophed (blood pressure)
 - insulin

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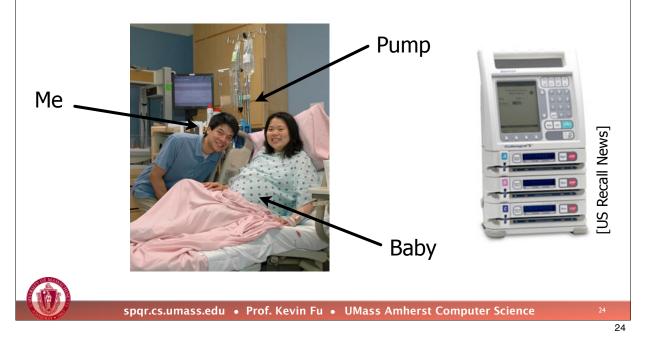


What about human factors and software?



Infusion Pump UI and Software

- Used safely and effectively every day, but...
- Linked to 500+ deaths and 56,000 adverse events

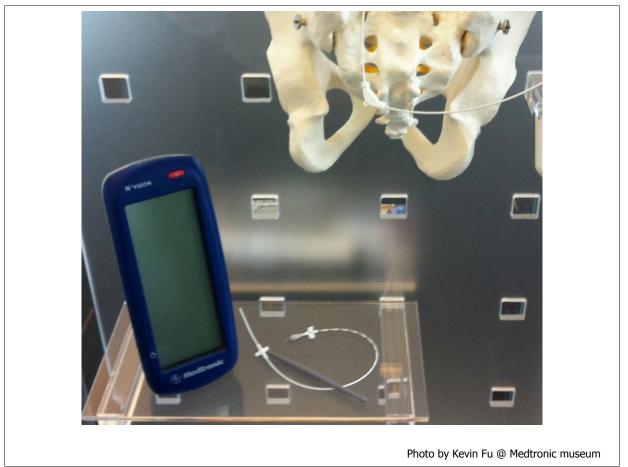


Pump+SW Problems=Deadly Cocktail

 "... 710 patient deaths linked to problems with the devices ... either because a hospital worker entered incorrect dosage data into a pump or because the device's software malfunctioned."

[Barry Meier, NY Times, 4/23/2010]

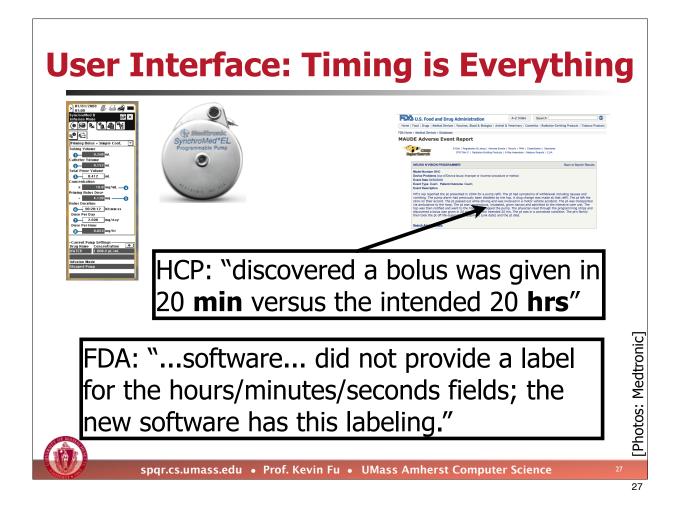


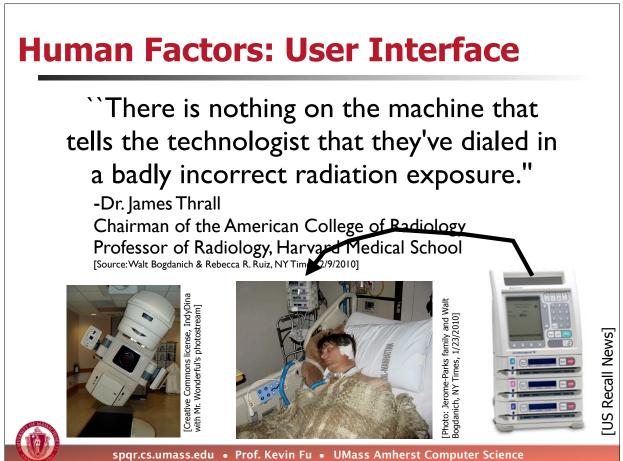


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User Interface: Timing is Everything o1/01/2000 🥼 🕌 🦓 🖿 SynchroMed B Infusion Mode × @ @ B 1 1 1 **R**0 R Priming Bolus + Simple Cont. • Tubing Yolume 1 0.260 mL Catheter Volume 2 0.152 mL Total Prime Volume cnroMed Svn 3 0.412 mL Concentration Programmable Pump x 10.0 mg/mL --0 Priming Bolus Dose = 4.120 mg Bolus Duration 6 00:20:12 hh:mm:ss Dose Per Day 7 2.000 mg/day Dose Per Hour [Photos: Medtronic] 8-0.083 mg/hr RONIC -Current Pump Settings Drug Name Concentration WATER 1 000.0 µL/mL **^** Infusion Mode Stopped Pump spqr.cs.umass.edu • Prof. Kevin Fu • UMass Amherst Computer Science

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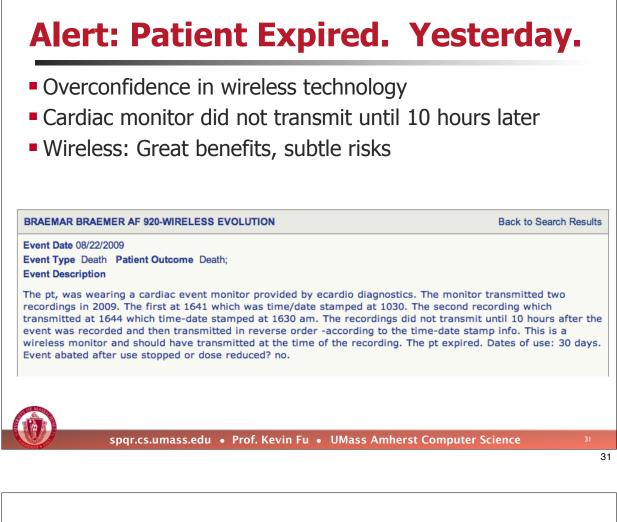
Better analysis of human factors in SW could prevent injury and death.



Wireless medical devices: great benefits, but subtle, inconvenient risks



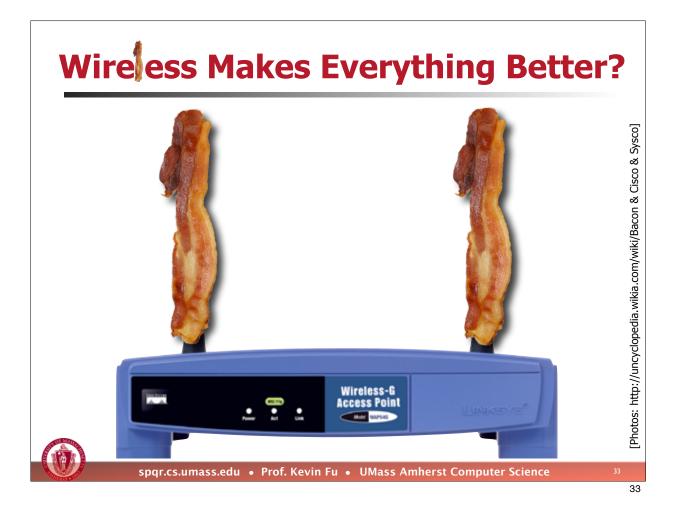
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Wireless: Pump Batteries Deplete?

Network "heartbeat" causes device to consume power?Wireless: Great benefits, subtle risks

HOSPIRA HOSPIRA PLUM A PLUS INFUSION PUMP Back to Search Results Model Number PLUM A PLUS Event Date 05/06/2008 Event Type No Answer Provided **Event Description** Continued complaints of battery failures on an inventory of 523 pumps even though batteries have been replaced in as litle as one month. The pump has normal warnings and shutdown processes when battery depletion is detected. There has been a continued discussion with the company. Their response has been slow or not at all. They have indicated we are not using their batteries and not fully recharging the pumps between use as the reason for failure, however we have 255 pumps in the same type of environment we are using without the wireless communications that have normal battery failure life. (1-5 years)this causes a delay in treatment and excessive full time employee time finding a replacement. We believe the pump continues to send a "heartbeat" to the network server even when turned off which causes premature depletion. The company has not responded to wireless downloads and communication. We believe it is because of the extra current used for communications causing a pre-mature battery failure/ depletion of the battery. Search Alerts/Recalls spqr.cs.umass.edu • Prof. Kevin Fu • UMass Amherst Computer Science



Emerging issues for information security and privacy: managerial, physical safeguards, administrative, technical

Managerial issues: Diffusion of responsibility

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Dirty Secrets: SW Maintenance

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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.

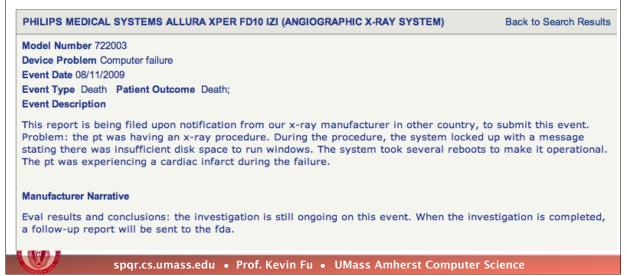
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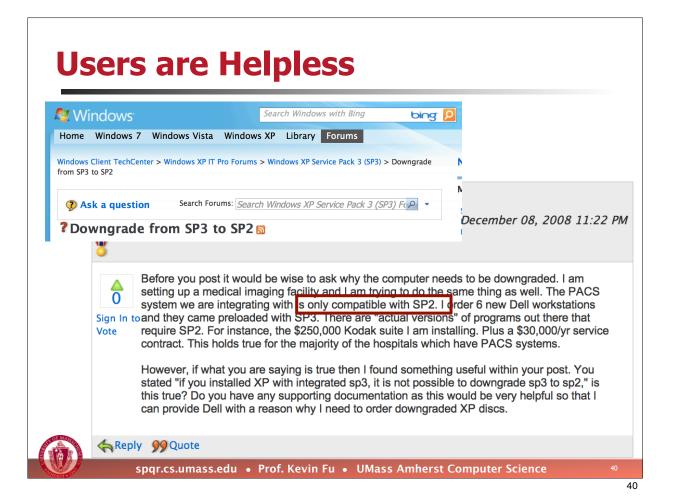
Web-security giant McAfee paralyzes computers at hospitals, universities worldwide with update



Losing Patience with a Computer

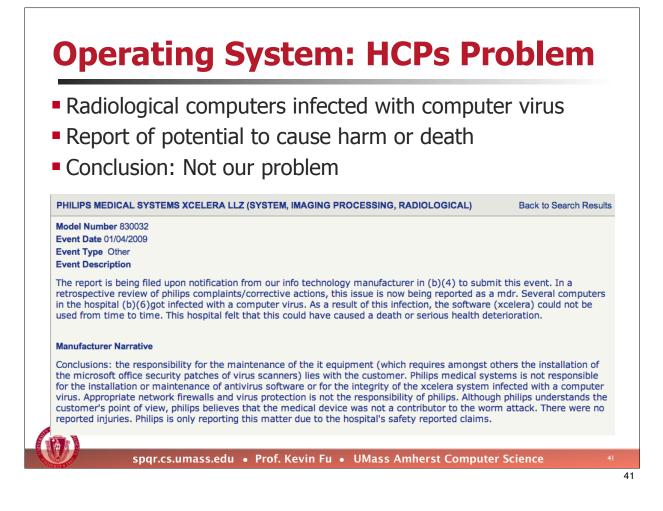
- Endlessly rebooting machine caused distraction
- HCPs did not notice cardiac infarction in patient
- Electronic Health Records carry similar risks of distraction





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Not It! Olly Olly Oxen Free!

Security falls outside the purview of the Food and Drug Administration, [FDA spokeswoman Karen Riley] said, unless mandated measures taken to protect data end up causing problems.

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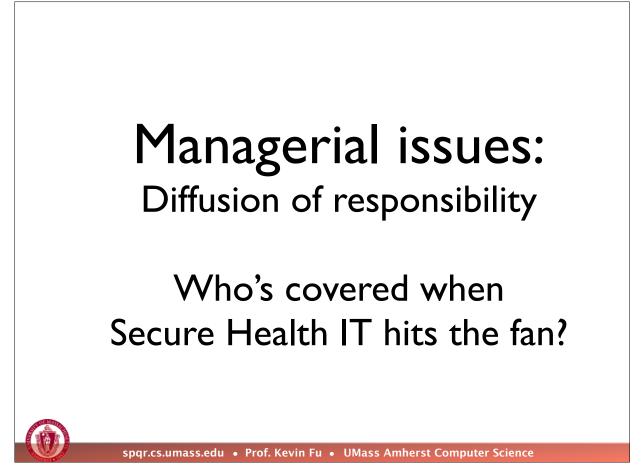
"We don't weigh in on security per se, but on measures like **encryption** that might affect or could have an impact on product safety and effectiveness, **we might look at it**."

[E. Cooney, "Security of medical devices is a concern," Boston Globe, July 5, 2010]



Still Not It: Hospitals, Manufacturers

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Physical safeguard issues

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Fatal tampering case is renewed

The Tylenol Scare of 1982

FBI searches a condo in Cambridge The Tylenol Terrorist 🖶 Print 🔤 Email 🖸 SHARE 📲 🕸 🐲 T Smaller Larger By Rachael Bell The Tylenonl Terrorist: Death in a Bottle Extra-Strength Tylenol package FBI agents carrying items seized from an apartment building on Gore Street in Cambridge walked out be phalanx of television photographers. Five boxes and a computer were removed, but the FBI would not comment on their contents. (JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF) On September 29, 1982, 12-year-old Mary Kellerman of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, woke up at dawn and went into her parents' bedroom. She did not feel well and complained of having a sore throat and February 5, 2009 a runny nose. To ease her discomfort, her parents gave her one Extra-Strength Tylenol capsule. At 7 a.m. they found Mary on the bathroom floor. She was immediately taken to the hospital where she 🖂 Email | 🖶 Print | 🖹 Single Page | 👍 Yahoo! Buzz | 属 ShareThis Text size - + was later pronounced dead. Doctors initially suspected that Mary died from a stroke, but evidence later pointed to a more sinister diagnosis. This story was reported by Jonathan Saltzman, John R. Ellement, Milton J. Valencia, and David Abel of the Globe staff. It was written by Saltzman. CAMBRIDGE -- FBI agents and State Police Discuss investigators searched a Cambridge COMMENTS (5) condominium yesterday that is the longtime home of a leading suspect in the 1982 deaths of seven people from cyanide-laced Tylenol capsules in the Chicago area, one of the [Source: truTV crime library] most notorious unsolved crimes in the last generation. spqr.cs.umass.edu • Prof. Kevin Fu • UMass Amherst Computer Science

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Sec. 211.132 Tamper-evident packaging requirements for over-the-counter (OTC) human drug products.

(a)General. The Food and Drug Administration has the authority under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) to establish a uniform national requirement for tamper-evident packaging of OTC drug products that will **improve the security** of OTC drug packaging



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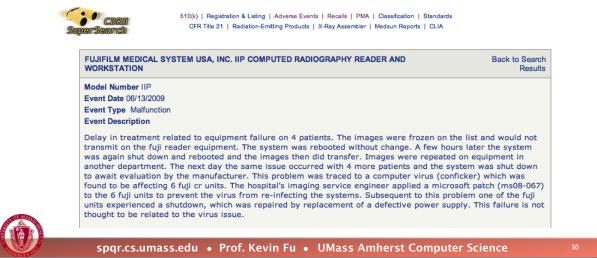
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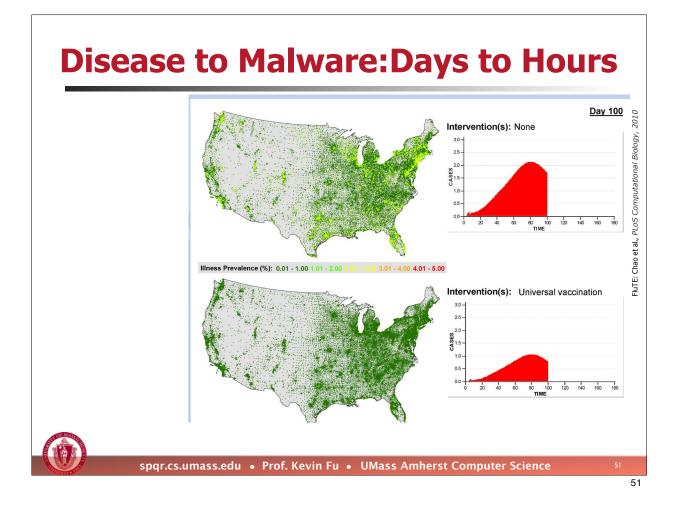
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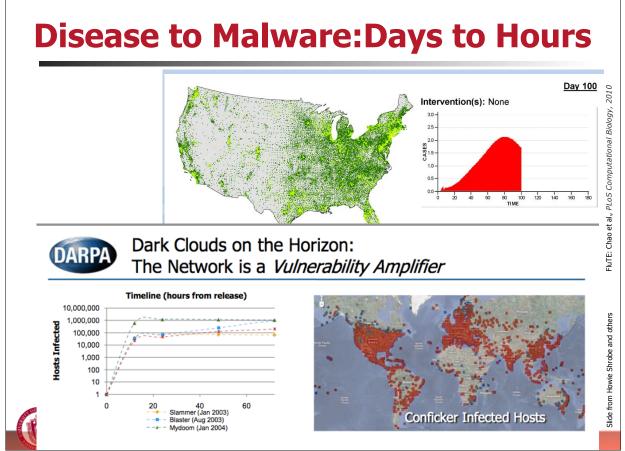
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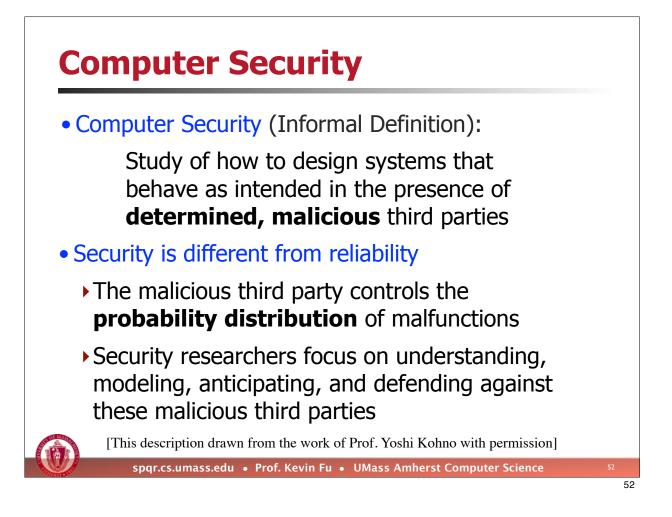
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How significant are intentional, malicious malfunctions in software?





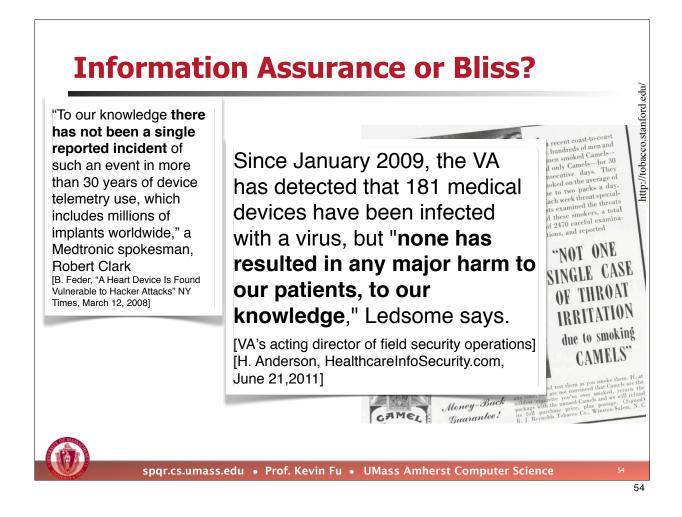
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Boston Scientific said it used encryption in its defibrillators, and **doubted its devices could be hacked**.

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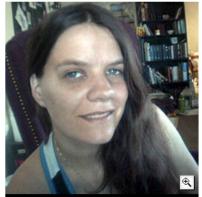
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Bad People Do Exist

Hackers Assault Epilepsy Patients via Computer

Kevin Poulsen 🖂 03.28.08 | 8:00



RyAnne Fultz, 33, says she suffered her worst epileptic attack in a year after she clicked on the wrong post at a forum run by the nonprofit Epilepsy Foundation. *Photo courtesy RyAnne Fultz* Internet griefers descended on an epilepsy support message board last weekend and used JavaScript code and flashing computer animation to trigger migraine headaches and seizures in some users.

The nonprofit Epilepsy Foundation, which runs the forum, briefly closed the site Sunday to purge the offending messages and to boost security.

"We are seeing people affected," says Ken Lowenberg, senior director of web and print publishing at the Epilepsy Foundation. "It's fortunately only a handful. It's possible that people are just not reporting yet -- people affected by it may not be coming back to the forum so fast."

The incident, possibly the first computer attack to inflict physical harm on the victims, began Saturday, March 22, when attackers used a script to post hundreds of messages embedded with flashing animated gifs.

The attackers turned to a more effective tactic on Sunday, injecting JavaScript into some posts that redirected users' browsers to a page with a more complex image designed to trigger seizures in both photosensitive and pattern-sensitive epileptics.

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AED Firmware Replacement



- Device accepts unauthentic firmware updates
- How do risks change when AEDs become wireless with Internetbased software updates?

DEVICE COMPROMISED

Hanna, et al. The case for Software Security Evaluations of Medical Devices, USENIX HealthSec

Insulin Pumps, Monitors Vulnerable To Hacking

by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Associated Press

Hackers and digital security personnel attend the annual Black Hat conference for digital self defense Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, in Las Vegas. Even the human bloodstream isn't safe from computer hackers. A security researcher who is diabetic has identified flaws that could allow an attacker to remotely control insulin pumps and alter the readouts of blood-sugar monitors. As a result, diabetics could get too much or too little insulin, a hormone they need for proper metabolism.Â



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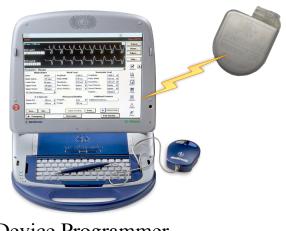
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Jay Radcliffe, a diabetic who experimented on his own equipment, shared his findings with The Associated Press before releasing them Thursday at the Black Hat computer security conference in Las Vegas.

"My initial reaction was that this was really cool from a technical perspective," Radcliffe said. "The second reaction was one of maybe sheer terror, to know that there's no security around the devices which are a very active part of

Implantation Scenario

- 1. Doctor sets patient info
- 2. Surgically implants
- 3. Tests defibrillation
- 4. Ongoing monitoring



Device Programmer

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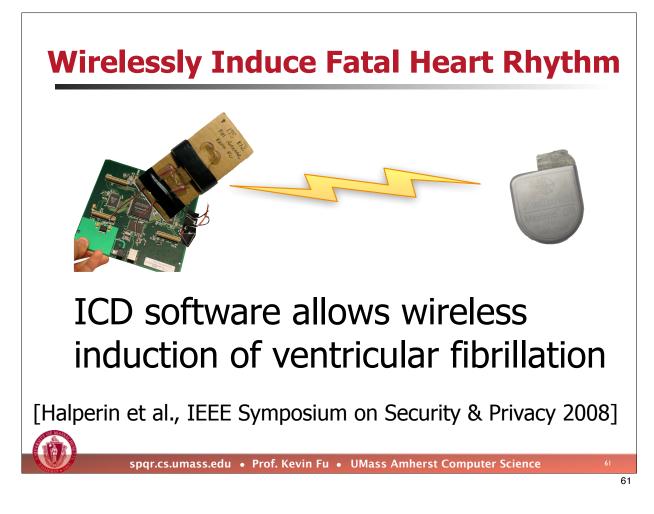
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How to attract hackers to medical devices:

- Increase software complexity
- Add radio communication
- Trust the Internet for clinical decision making

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Trustworthy Medical Device SW

- Software:
 - breeds overconfidence,
 - is not thoroughly testable, but
 - is flooding into medical devices
- Manufacturers could mitigate risks with known technology
 - Avoid hardware as a predicate for software
 - Adopt modern software engineering & systems engineering tech.
 - Create more meaningful specification of requirements
 - Better analyze human factors
 - Develop safety net for security and privacy
- Need: Better surveillance of SW, clearer responsibility, convenient reporting mechanisms

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SHARPS Rationale

technologies in S&P.

SHARPS Environments

enterprise

communication and tech transfer.

and controlling implanted medical devices

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Cyber security and privacy (S&P) risks are a significant barrier to the

Many key challenges in these areas can be addressed with emerging and new

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deployment and meaningful use of health information technology.

EHR – Electronic Health Records, managing patient records within an

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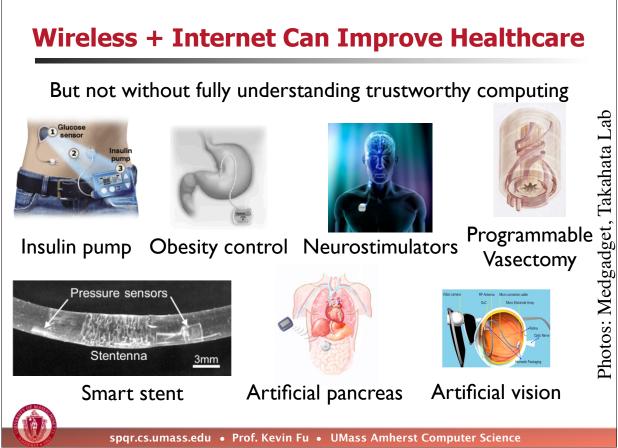
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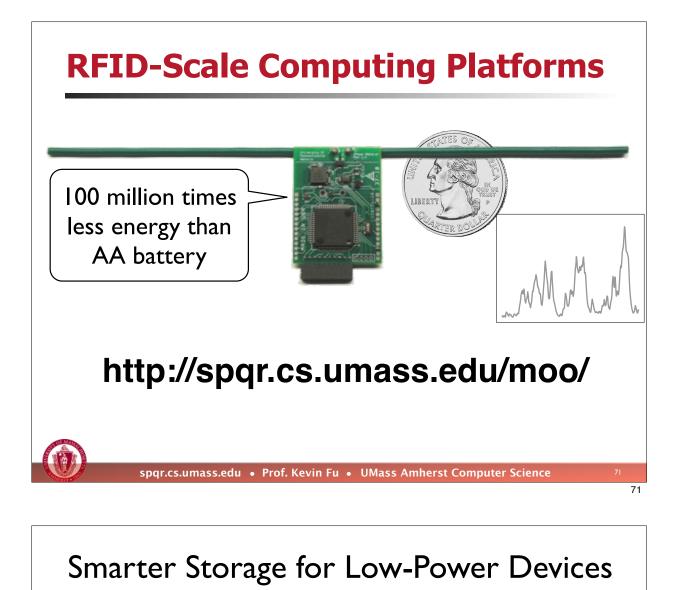


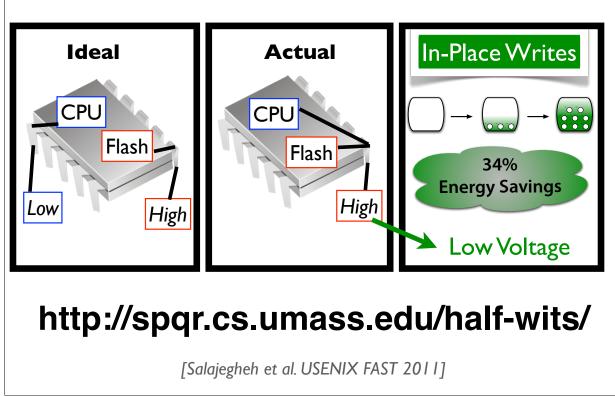
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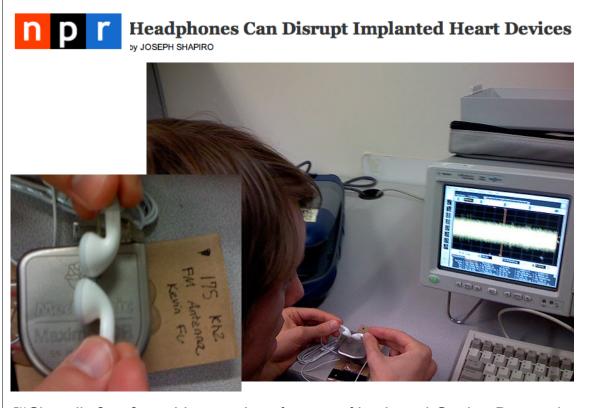
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