

# Structured Approaches to Automotive Cybersecurity Testing

IEEE SA - Standards for Trustworthy Autonomous  
Vehicles - Nurturing the Era of e2e Mobility as a  
Service (MaaS)

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# Standards & Regulations

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Today's connected vehicles are **insecure** from a cybersecurity perspective. There is **no system to** comprehensively and automatically **test the cybersecurity** of vehicles and their systems and subsystems. This topic is, however, becoming both so **important and complex** that such a system will be **heavily needed** – as a product as well as service.

This is aggravated by standards' (ISO/SAE 21434) and regulators' (UNECE) requirements.

# The Need for Industrialized Automotive Cybersecurity Testing

- UNECE
  - Regulation ECE/TRANS/WP.29/2020/79
  - Mandates cybersecurity and cybersecurity management
  - Requires testing of measures
  - Adopted in EU, Japan and Korea
  - **Effective in EU for new types 2022 and for all new vehicles 2024**
- ISO/SAE (DIS) 21434
  - Cyber security management system for automotive systems
  - Risk-based approach
  - Also demands testing, however, does not specify details
  - To be supplemented for testing by ISO/WD PAS 5112



=> Need for automated testing over the whole life cycle



# Cyber Testing Manually

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from pyusbhid.usbtin import USBtin
from pyusbhid.canmessage import CANMessage
from time import sleep

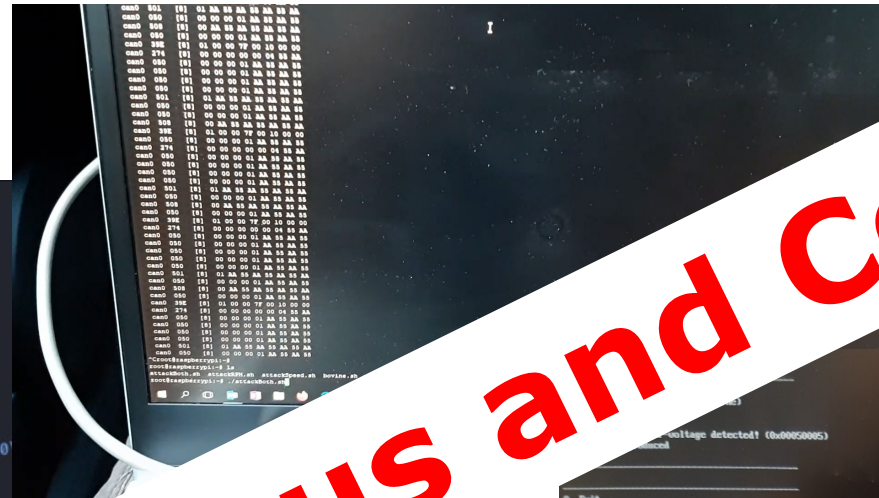
def log_data(msg):
    print(msg)

usbtin=USBtin()
usbtin.connect("/dev/ttyACM0")
usbtin.add_message_listener(log_data)
usbtin.open_can_channel(500000,USBtin.ACTIVE)

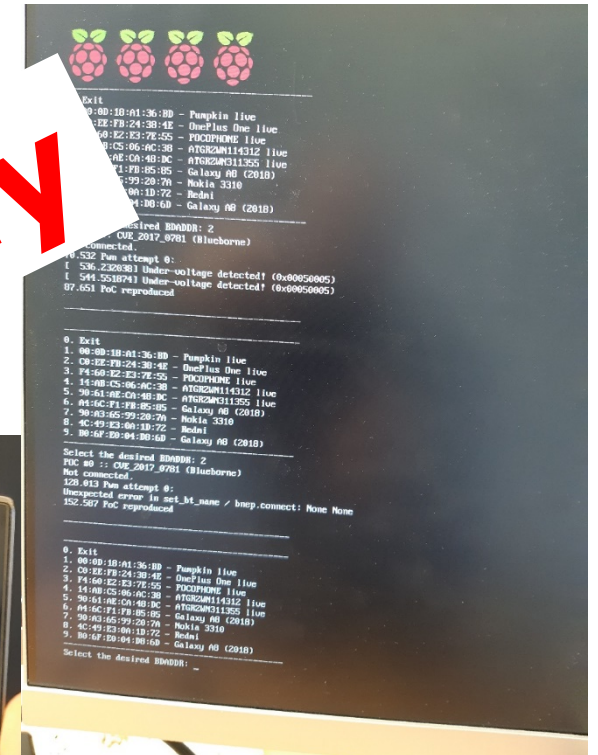
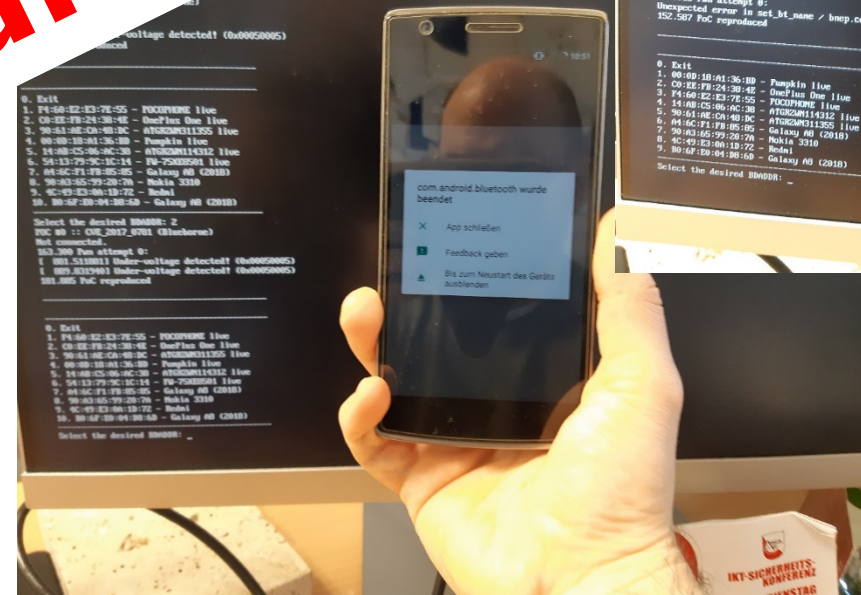
#test_msg = CANMessage(0x201,"\x32\xc8\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00")
test_msg = CANMessage(0x201,[50,200,0,0,0,0,0])

while(True):
    usbtin.send(test_msg)
    sleep(0.1)

#pysh = "/data/user/0/com.hipipal.g
#import subprocess
#subprocess.call([pysh,"/sdcard/usb
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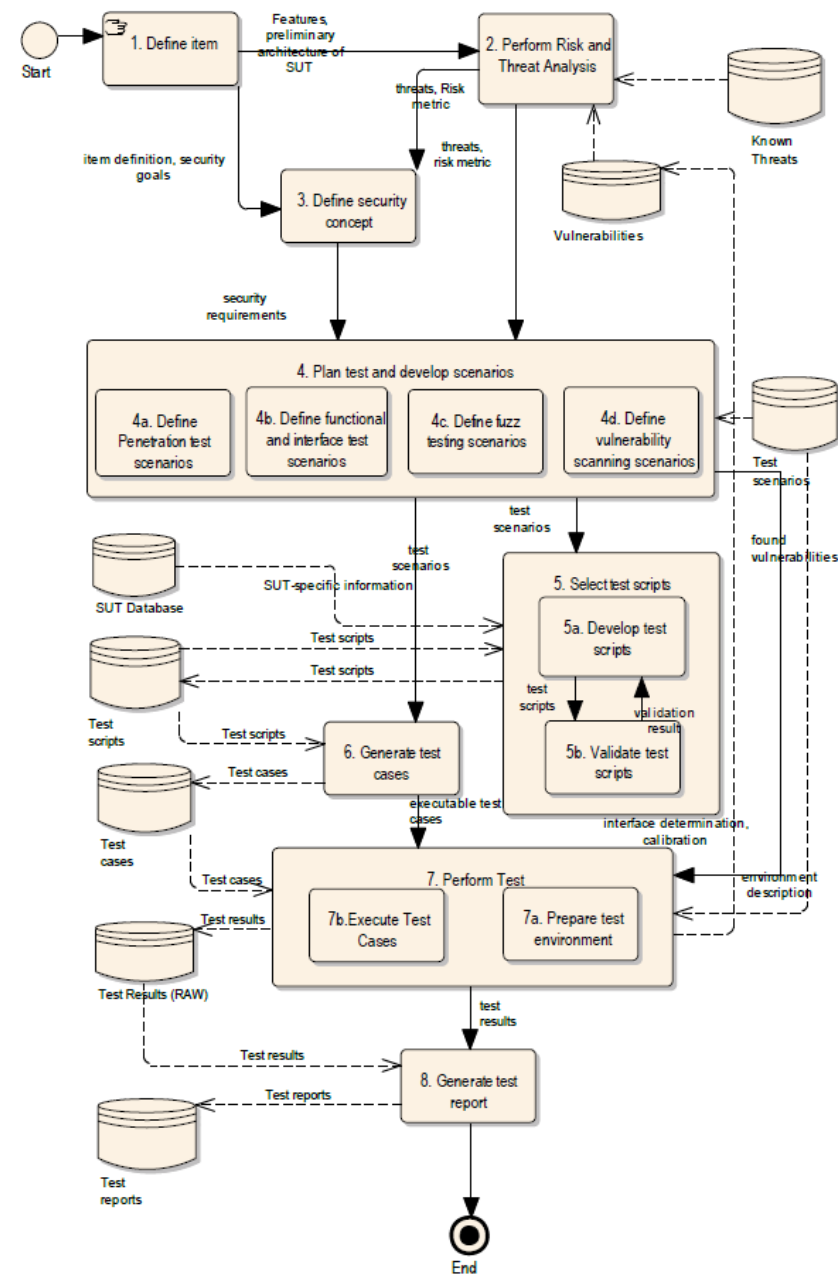
**Tedious and Costly**





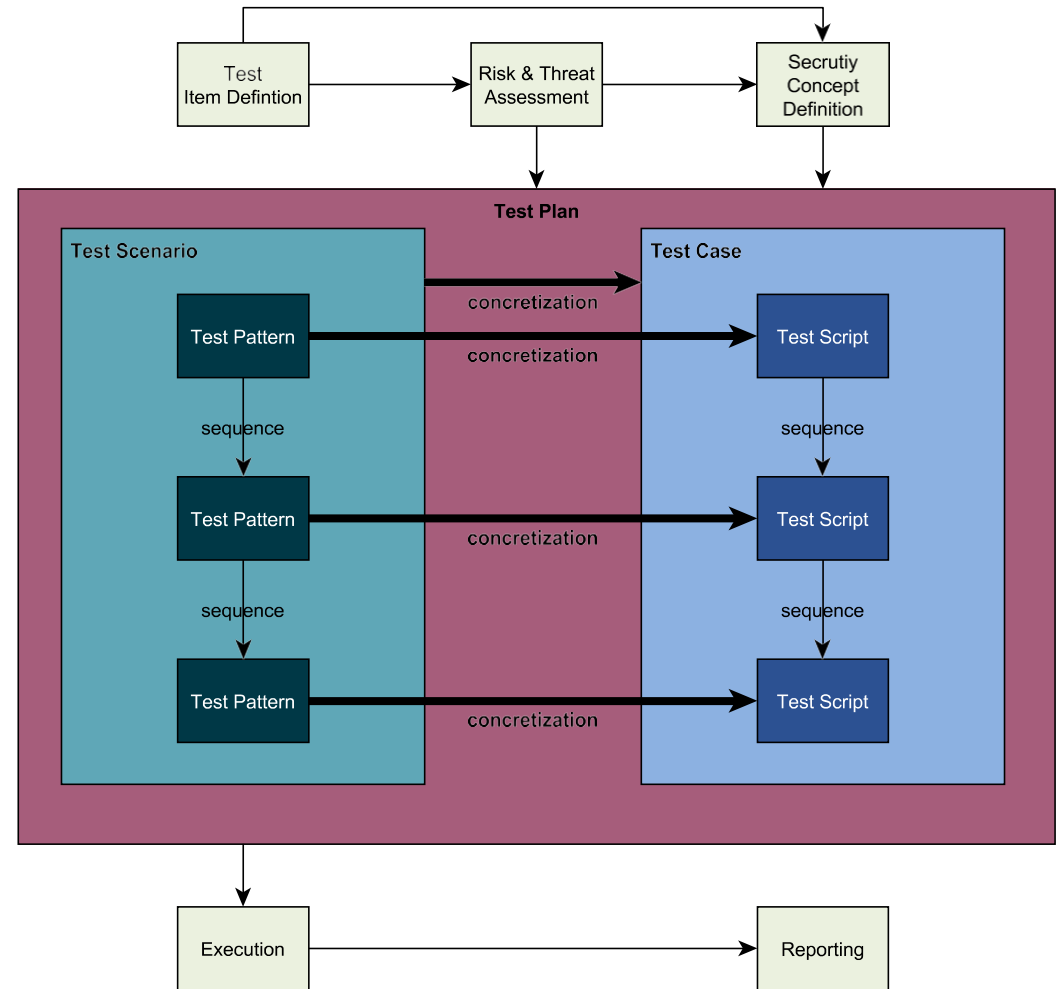
# Automotive Cybersecurity Testing Process

- Systematic testing approach
- Targets towards automating testing
- Eight activities
  1. Define Item
  2. Perform Risk and Threat Analysis
  3. Security Concept Definition (mainly including the test targets)
  4. Plan Test and Develop Scenarios
    - a. Define Penetration Test Scenarios
    - b. Define Functional and Interface Test Scenarios
    - c. Define Fuzz Testing Scenarios
    - d. Define Vulnerability Scanning Scenarios
  5. Select Test Scripts
    - a. Develop Test Scripts
    - b. Validate Test Scripts
  6. Generate Test Cases
  7. Perform Test
    - a. Prepare Test Environment
    - b. Execute Test Cases
  8. Generate Test Reports.



# Test Planning - Abstracting Test Patterns

- The main part of the process is defining test scenarios and generating test cases
- The relation between test scenarios and test cases are consists of abstraction and concretization
- The purpose is portability through generalization



# Test-preparative Actions

- Define Item
  - Defines the test item (as needed for testing)
  - Item boundaries (context, environment, interfaces)
  - Functional description
  - Item model (or *candidate* black box testing)
- Perform Risk and Threat Analysis
  - E.g. TARA
  - Test prioritization and non-testing
- Security Concept Definition
  - Test targets (building blocks from requirements)



# Test Planning

- Create a realistic scenario of a cybersecurity attack
  - Penetration testing
  - Functional & interface testing
  - Fuzz testing
  - Vulnerability scanning
- Consists of abstract test building blocks
  - No SuT-specific information
  - Principal steps to perform an actual attack

```
ID <2> BT_Connect=TRUE
ID <4> MEASUREMENT(SPD, PRETEST)= 0
</PRECONDITIONS>
<ATTACK>
ID <1> Target_Vulns:=ACTION SCAN_IF_VULN (Bluetooth, MA
ID <2> Shell:=ACTION EXPLOIT_BT (Target_Vulns, GetShell)
ID <3> RootShell:= ACTION OPEN_ADB_SHELL(ADB_KEY, S:
ID <4> Result:=ACTION RUN_ATTACK_TOOL(RootShell, Canf
</ATTACK>

<POSTCONDITIONS>
ID <2> BT_Connect=FALSE
ID <3> RootShell!=NULL
ID <4> Result=Success
ID <4> MEASUREMENT(SPD, INTEST)=200
ID <4> MEASUREMENT(SPD, POSTTEST)=0
```





# Script Selection and Test Case Generation

- Script Selection
  - Development of actual test scripts
  - Concrete, executable versions of attack patterns specific for distinct SuTs
- Test Case Generation
  - Attributes a known attack script/vulnerability to a step in the test scenario
  - Turns scenarios in executable test cases

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while(True):
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    sleep(0.1)

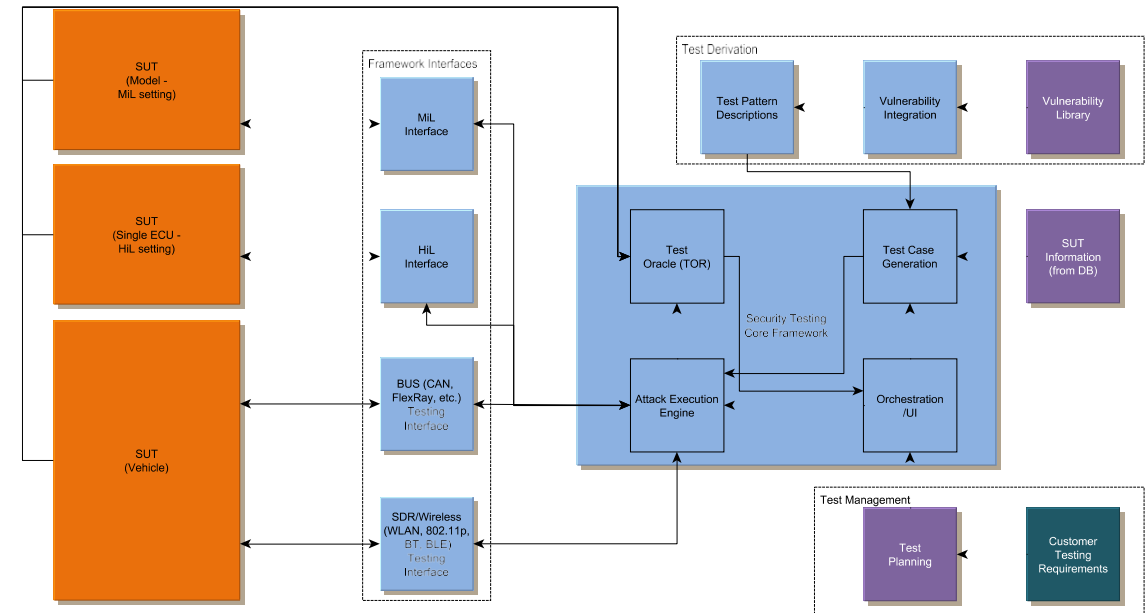
#pysh = "/data/user/0/com.hipipal.qpy3/files/bin/qpython3-android5.sh"
#import subprocess
#subprocess.call([pysh, "/sdcard/usbtintest.py"])
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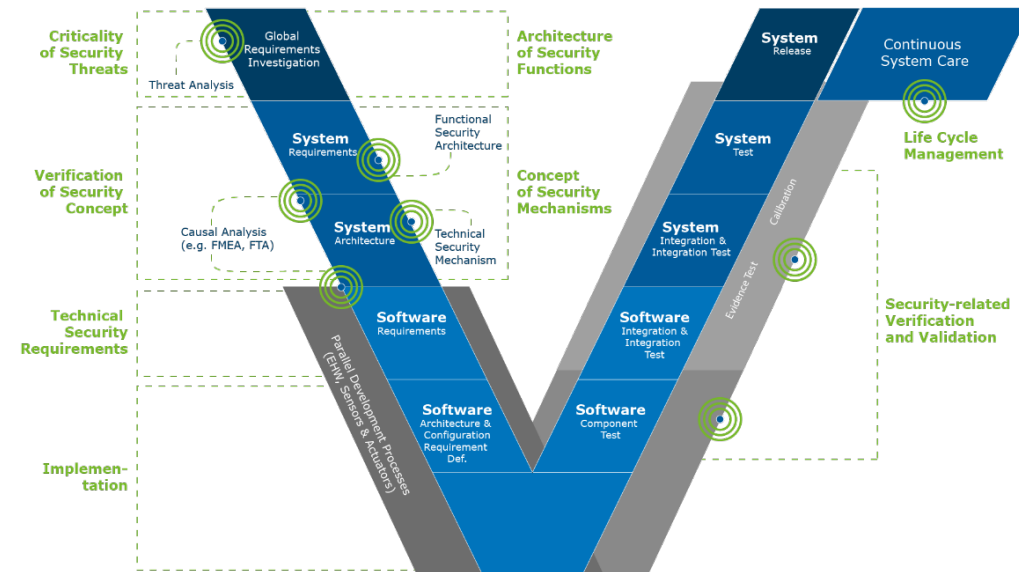
# Concept Automotive Testing Framework

- A Framework that facilitates automated execution of the automotive cybersecurity testing process
- May consist of a core framework, test derivation, test management and interfaces
- Core FW with orchestration, test case generation, execution and test assessment
- Interfaces should be versatile for different types of SUTs to allow for different life cycle stages



# Security Testing throughout the Whole Life Cycle

- Apart from traditional testing stages (right side of the V model), interfaces for (partly or fully) simulated are introduced:
  - Model-in-the-loop (MiL)
  - Software-in-the-loop (SiL)
  - Hardware-in-the-loop (HiL)
- The “tail” of the V model
  - Vulnerability management feeds test cases for incidents that emerge after the completion of the design
  - Software updates (OTA) could also be simulated first and real system-tested later to allow for full-life cycle testing





# Conclusion

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The process tries to address this and make automotive security testing:

- Automatable
- Comparable
- Efficient

Thank you for your attention!

**Thanks!**

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