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UN ECE 155 Threats in the real world: Wireless Attacks and Mitigations. A case study

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- Introduction to IMQ Minded Security
- Automotive CyberSecurity & UNECE R155
- Choosing a Case Study
- Conclusions

Intro to IMQ Minded Security

- ✓ IMQ Minded Security started their business in 2007 performing Manual Secure Code Review and Web Application Penetration Testing and has lead the OWASP Testing Guide since 2006.
- ✓ Today IMQ Minded Security combines the latest security research with our worldwide recognized testing techniques to meet your business goals and strengthen the security of your products and services.
- ✓ We are living in the era of insecure software, our Software Security Experts can guide you to implement the roadmap for Software Security by Design.

IMQ Minded Security Customers & Global Reach

Who Am I?

- ✓ Stefano Di Paola
- ✓ Seasoned App Sec Expert ~20Yrs
- ✓ CTO & CoFounder @ IMQ MindedSecurity
- ✓ Security Researcher with dozens of new Techniques, Tools & Security Bugs.
- ✓ Vehicle Security & Data Access @EuroNCAP WG
- ✓ Invited speaker at most important CyberSec conferences worldwide

A Primer on CyberSec Awareness

Attack Example on a Passive Key Entry and Start

Play Me

Courtesy: of KU Leuven COSIC. Original Video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clrNuBb3myE

How to Prevent These Scenarios?

Example of Main Threats on PKES

Target	Threat	Attack	Mitigation
Key Fob	Unauthorized FW Update	An **attacker** might try to *abuse the wireless update functionality* to update the PKES with a **malicious FW**	Use a Signed Firmware to confirm **Integrity**
Encryption Keys	Direct Access to Encryption Keys	An **attacker** might *abuse key cloning functionalities* to **impersonate owner**.	Create physical confirmation for **Key Cloning**
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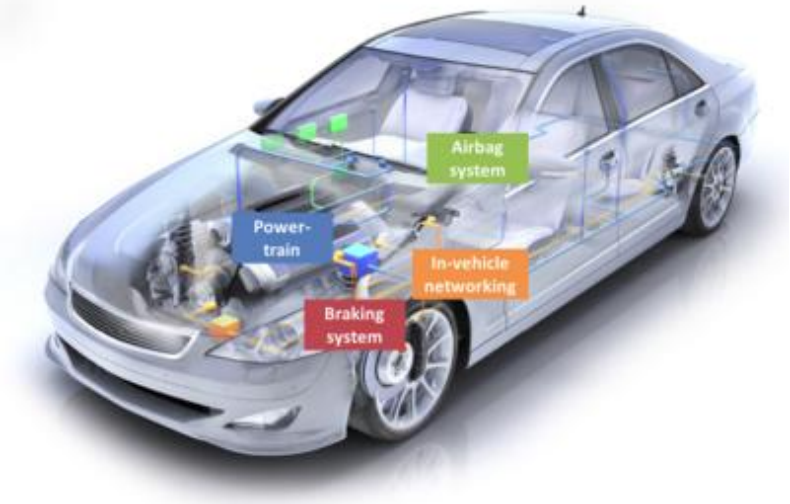
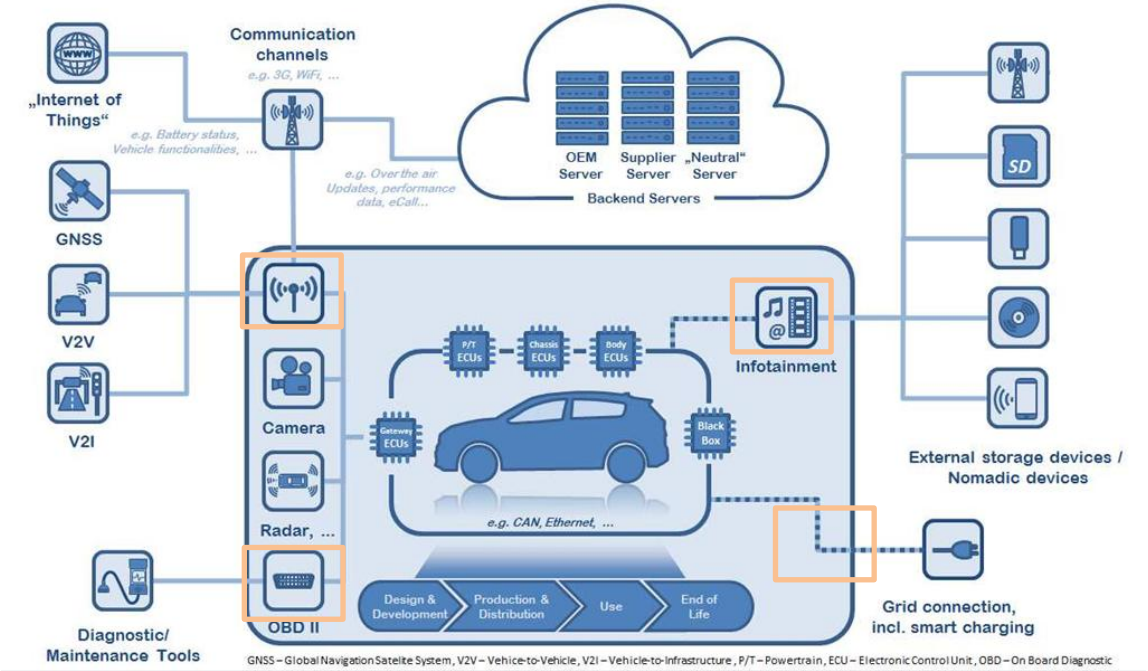
Automotive Cyber Security

- **Automotive Cyber Security** refers to the branch of **computer security focused** on the **cyber risks** related to the **automotive context**.
  - *Not to be confused with automotive safety*.
- Modern automobiles contain over 100 of ECUs (Electronic Control Units) networked together.
- ECUs control several aspects that can harm physical safety.
- They need to be robust and resilient.



Automotive Wireless Attack Surface



BUT... Modern Cars are not only ECUs.

Entrypoint ECUs

- Passive Anti-Theft System (PATS)
  - Range ~10 cm
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)
  - Range ~1 m
- Remote Keyless Entry/Start (RKE)
  - Range ~5-20 m
- Bluetooth
  - Range ~10 m

Short-range

- Radio Data System
  - Range ~100 m
- DAB+
- Telematics/Cellular/Wi-Fi
  - Range varying but broad
- Internet/Apps

Long-range

Exposed interfaces:

- WI-FI
- GSM
- CAN Bus
- Encryption Channels
- Bluetooth

Automotive CyberSec Impacts as per ISO21434

When does an issue becomes Security related?

Category \ Rating	Severe	Major	Moderate	Negligible
Safety				✓
Financial		✓		
Operational			✓	
Privacy	✓			

EXAMPLE 1 The asset is personal information (customer personal preferences) stored in an infotainment system and its cybersecurity property is confidentiality. The damage scenario is disclosure of the personal information without the customer's consent resulting from the loss of confidentiality.

EXAMPLE 2 The asset is data communication of the braking function and its cybersecurity property is integrity. The damage scenario is collision with following vehicle (rear-end collision) caused by unintended full braking when the vehicle is travelling at high speed.

UNECE R155: Introduction

UN REGULATION ON UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARDS TO CYBER SECURITY AND CYBER SECURITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- Formalized *Threat Analysis*
- Asks Vendors to **implement** a *Security Process* on several levels
- **Verification** based on a *set of control audits*
- CyberSec Management System (CSMS) shall *cover security aspects* in **every phase**.
  - Development/Production/Post Production

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2. Perform a Specific Threat Analysis on Cars and Services

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UNECE R155 Proposed Threats

Methodology Based on attack surface and threat analysis + Mitigations

High level and sub-level descriptions of vulnerability/threat			*Example of vulnerability or attack method*	
4.3.6. Threats to vehicle data/code	19	Extraction of vehicle data/code	19.1.	Extraction of copyright or proprietary software from vehicle systems (product **piracy**)
			19.2.	Unauthorized access to the **owner's privacy information** such as personal identity, payment account information, address book information, location information, vehicle's electronic ID, etc.
			19.3.	Extraction of cryptographic keys

Annex A Threats

Mitigation
Access control techniques and designs shall be applied to protect system data/code. Example Security Controls can be found in OWASP
Through system design and access control it should not be possible for unauthorized personnel to access personal or system critical data. Examples of Security Controls can be found in OWASP
Security controls shall be implemented for storing cryptographic keys e.g. Security Modules

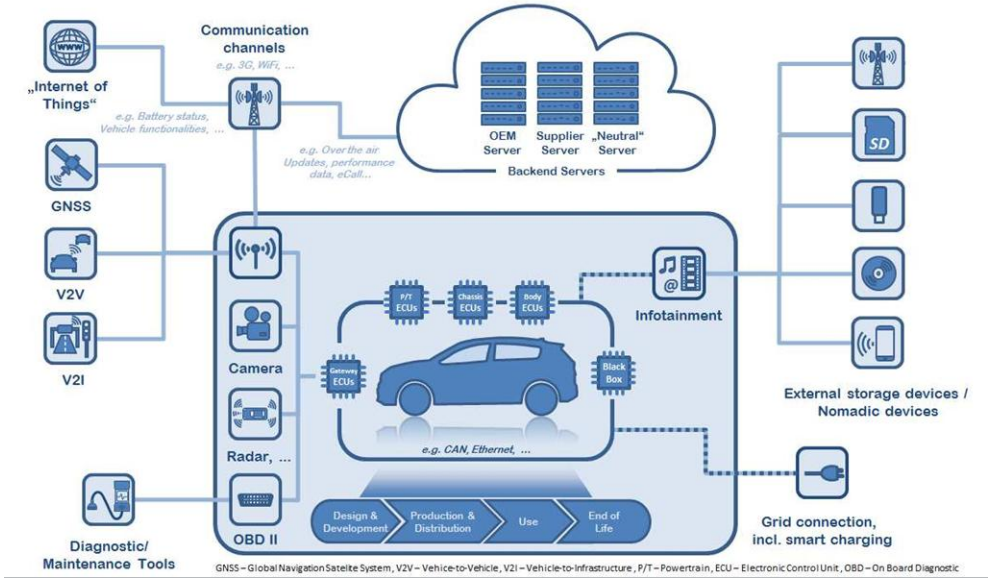
Annex B - Mitigations

Research and Technical Knowledge are the essence of the missing parts:

Test for the correctness of the implemented mitigations.

UNECE R155: Choose a Case Study

Something That Happens to Be on ***Every Car***?



What about Radio Receivers?

Digital Broadcasting

- Not Only ***Analogue Audio*** but ***Digital Data*** that must be ***Parsed***.
- Opening a door to attack scenarios:
  - ***RDS***: ***Radio Service Name***, ***Radiotext***..
  - ***DAB+***: ***Digital Audio (+Formats)***, ***Images (+Formats)***, ***Interaction (Clickable URLs*** etc..)

RDS Receivers Parse and Render Data

The RDS Data Specifications https://www.iz3mez.it/wp-content/library/ebook/RDS%20-%20The%20Radio%20Data%20System.pdf

Infotainment - Main Threats On RDS

Target	Threat	Attack	Mitigation
User Interface	Display Message **Spoofing**	An **attacker** might try to *broadcast radiotext messages* over victims frequency	*None. Issue by Design.* ***Obsolete Technology*** *from 1984*
Infotainment OS	**Privilege Escalation** via Rendering Parser Injection	An **attacker** might send *radioText containing characters that are special* to the Rendering Engine (HTML Entities)	*Escape Special Characters*
RDS-TMC (Traffic Message Channel)	**Unauthorized** Traffic Messages	An **attacker** might *broadcast alerts* of any kind generating panic over population.	*Use Asymmetric Encryption for TMC*
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Preparing the Testbed: the RDS Transmitter

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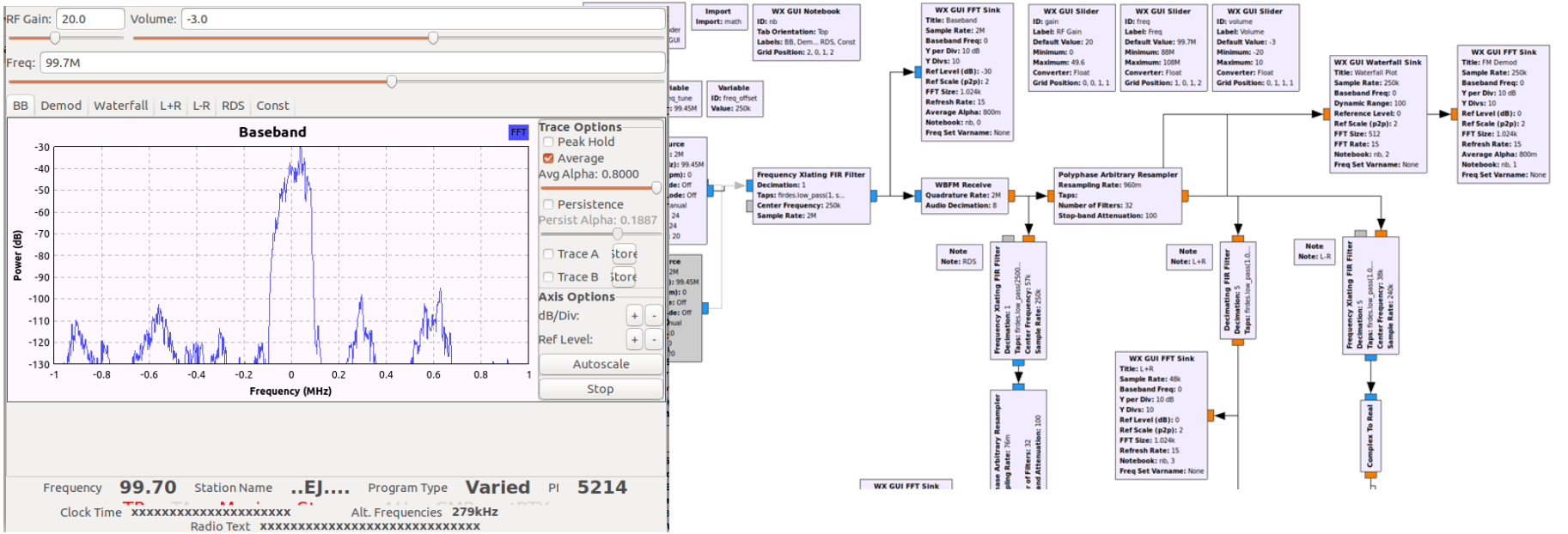
RDS Transmitter with a RaspberryPi

Preparing the Testbed:
Setting Digital Audio Transmissions



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Attacking & Fooling a Real **RDS** Receiver

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RDS-TMC Attacks

Demos of Traffic Message Channel Abuses

Barisani-Bianco, BlackHat 2007

Bloessl, Fosdem 2015

DAB+ Decoders Parse and Render Data

Quite the same as RDS

Right?

DAB+ Data Specifications

https://www.worlddab.org/dab/technical-specifications

DAB+ Attack Surface

ClickThroughURL

AlternateLocationURL

EPG

Data applications

- TS 101 499: SlideShow
- TS 102 818: SPI xml
- TS 102 371: SPI binary
- TS 103 177: Filecasting
- TS 102 980: DL Plus
- TS 102 979: Journaline
- TS 102 428: DMB
- TS 103 551: TPEG
- TS 103 689: Filtered Information Service

Text Description

Radio Logo

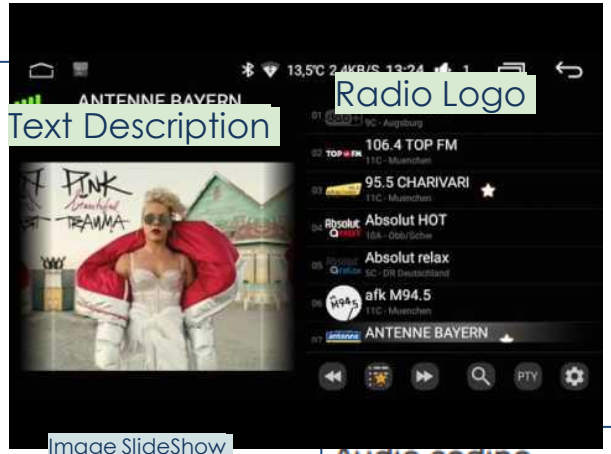

Image SlideShow

Data transport coding

- EN 301 234: MOT
- TS 101 759: TDC
- TS 102 427: MPEG-2 TS

IMG/

OTHER Formats

Audio coding

- TS 102 563: DAB+ audio
- TS 103 466: DAB audio
- TS 101 757: DAB audio testing

AUDIO Formats

20+ Specifications, 50+ Parsers

DAB+ Data Specifications

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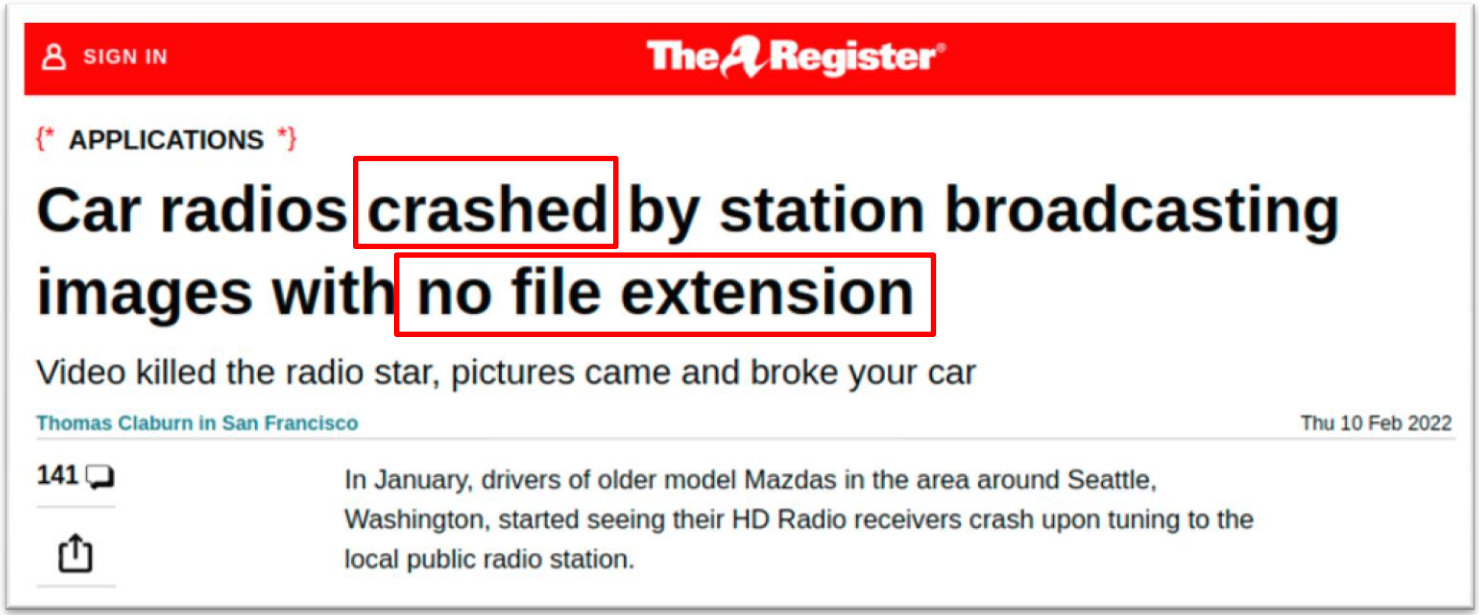
DAB+ & Security Bugs



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The Register

{* APPLICATIONS *}

Car radios crashed by station broadcasting images with no file extension

Video killed the radio star, pictures came and broke your car

Thomas Claburn in San Francisco — Thu 10 Feb 2022

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In January, drivers of older model Mazdas in the area around Seattle, Washington, started seeing their HD Radio receivers crash upon tuning to the local public radio station.

Infotainment - Main Threats On **DAB+**

Target	Threat	Attack	Mitigation
User Interface	Display Message **Spoofing**	An **attacker** might try to *broadcast text messages* over victims frequency	*None. Issue by Design.* ***Obsolete Technologies*** *from 1997(DAB) and 2007 (DAB+)*
Infotainment OS	**Privilege Escalation** via Rendering Parser Injection	An **attacker** might send *radioText* containing *characters that are special* to the Rendering Engine (HTML Entities)	*Escape Special Characters*
Resources Storage	**Integrity compromission** of DB storage	An **attacker** might broadcast text data containing *special characters* that will result in **SQL Injection**.	*Use prepared Statements or correctly escape special characters.*
Resources Storage	**Integrity compromission** of file storage	An **attacker** might broadcast *image names* containing *special characters* that might fool the application and **overwrite arbitrary files**.	*Escape special characters in File names sent over the air or remove them/use hash.*
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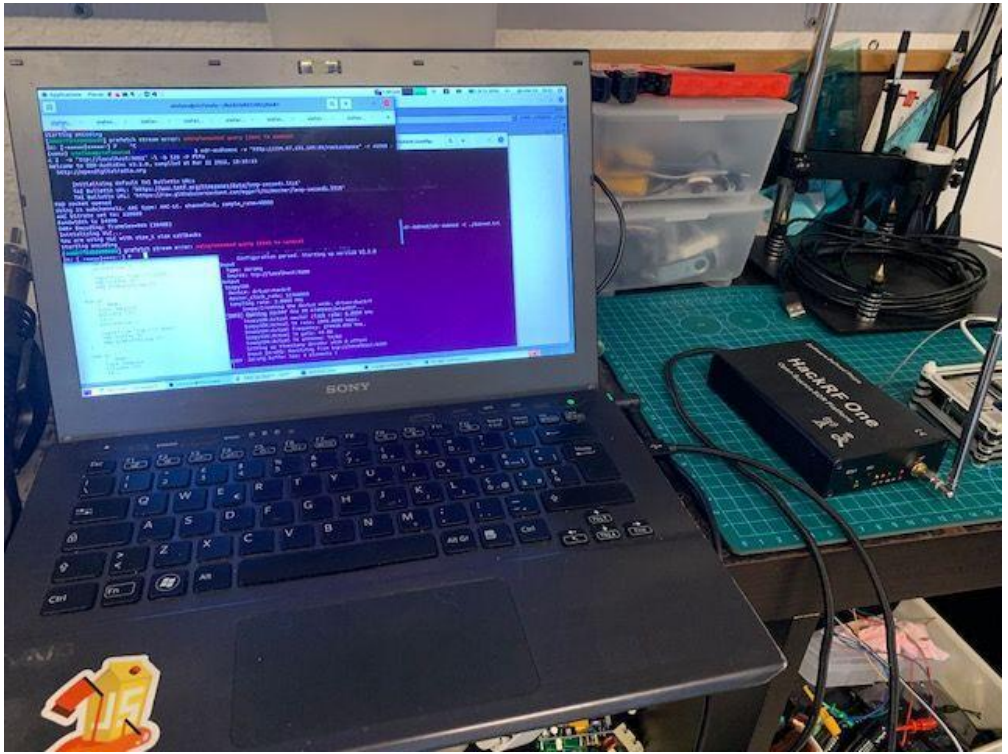
Preparing the Testbed: **DAB+** Transmitter

DAB+ Transmitter with:

- HackRF One
- ODR Framework



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Infotainment - Attacks On DAB+

Target	Threat	Attack	Successful Attack
User Interface	Display Message **Spoofing**	Force DAB Transmission over existing channels over	See Rendered Spoofed Message on the Display instead of expected Message IMQ Minded
Infotainment OS	**Privilege Escalation** via Rendering Parser Injection	Set Description with HTML tags: ** Link**	Shows a rendered link instead of the full text: Link
Resources Storage	**Integrity compromission** of storage	Send ContentName **../../test0001**	Find a filename out of the expected directory `write file /tmp/qt-pictures//../test0000`
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Attacking DAB+ Apps

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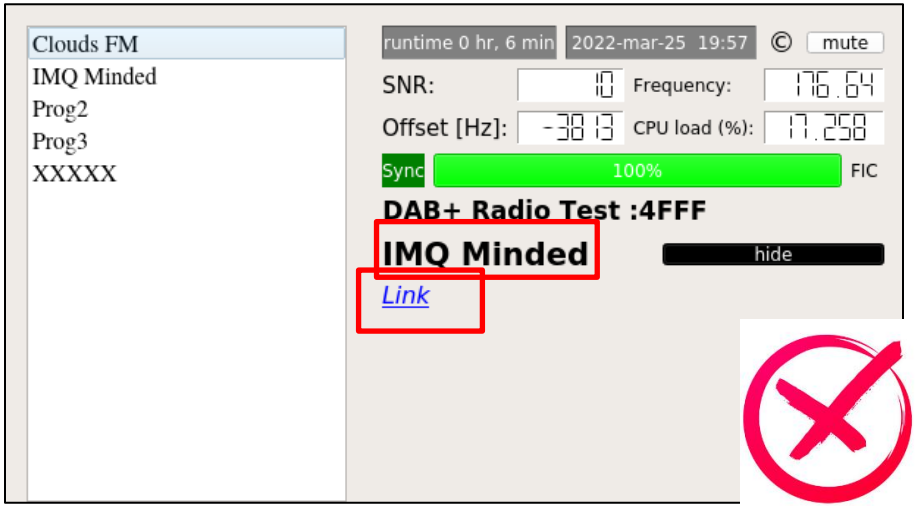

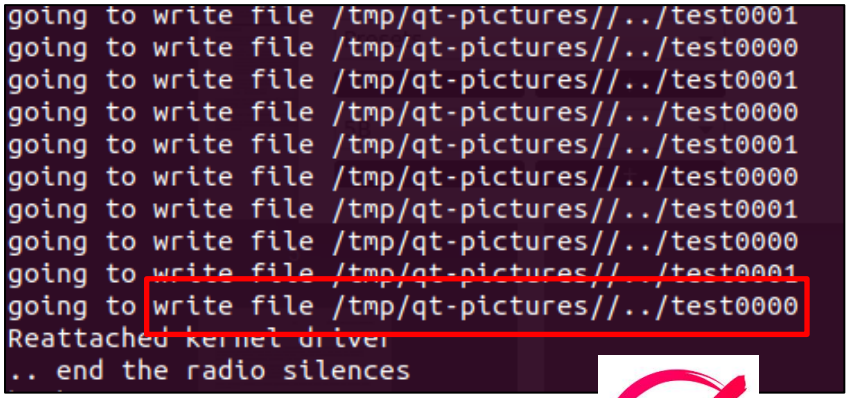

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Resources Storage	**Integrity compromission** of storage	Send ContentName **../../test0001**

Conclusions

- Threat Analysis on **DAB+** revealed that it has a quite ***large attack surface***.
- Some **DAB+ application** is **affected** by specific attacks with *security impacts*.
- **Attackers** can **use** *infotainment* systems to gain control **from remote to local network**.
- **But…**

Conclusions

- Applying UNECE R155 & ISO 21434 Methodology will help to:
  - *Shift security left*
  - *Define a repeatable process*
  - *Make attacks harder*
- **Make it right** and **it will give you back**!

- **DAB+** still need some (Security) attention!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION