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# CINNAMON: A Module for AUTOSAR Secure on-board Communication

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#### Introduction

## Controller area network (CAN-bus):

- Intra-Vehicular communication standards
- Serial communication protocol
- Message anti-collision protection
- Error detection

Weaknesses: confidentiality, authentication, integrity

A **DBC** stores the mapping between CAN frame payloads and functionalities of a vehicle, as decided by the Original Equipment Manufacturer.

#### **Threat Model**

The attacker in general aims to mount the following attacks:

- **Replay:** re-use of valid CAN frames with malicious or fraudulent aims
- **Tampering:** manipulation of CAN frames to spoil their contents so that a receiving ECU cannot perform the operation that was originally meant.
- **Forging:** generation of a valid CAN frame, which is then able to generate a valid signal and activate a specific ECU functionality.
- **Fuzzing:** injection of CAN frames, which were previously forged, with the aim of studying the behaviour of a target ECU against unexpected inputs.
- **Masquerading:** misinterpretation of attacker's identity by using a CAN ID of some other genuine ECU, thereby masquerading as that ECU.
- **Information Gathering:** identification of critical contents from CAN frames, such as the frame ID or payload and its associated ECU functionality, with the aim of using it against a target ECU to perform a post-attack.

This paper introduces the **CINNAMON** module, whose requirements leverage and extend those already provided by SecOC(AUTOSAR).

CINNAMON insists not only on authenticity and integrity (as SecOC does) but also on confidentiality of CAN bus communications.

#### **CINNAMON Requirements**

- 1. Functional  $\rightarrow$  Configuration of different security properties
- 2. Initialisation  $\rightarrow$  Initialisation of security information
- 3. Normal Operations  $\rightarrow$  Support of Automotive BUS Systems
- 4. Normal Operations  $\rightarrow$  Support of capability to extract Authentic frame without Authentication
- 5. Non-Functional  $\rightarrow$  Authentication and verification processing time
- 6. Support for end-to-end and point-to-point protection

#### **CINNAMON** Specification





Integrating CINNAMON BSW module in AUTOSAR

MAC Generation and Verification



#### The CINNAMON Secured CAN Data field

#### **CINNAMON Security Profiles**

- **algorithmFamily:String [0..1]** This parameter identifies the family of authentication algorithms.
- **algorithmMode:String [0..1]** This parameter identifies which MAC algorithm of the family is used.
- **algorithmSecondaryFamily:String [0..1]** This parameter identifies a secondary family of authentication algorithms, if any.
- authInfoTxLength:PositiveInteger denotes the length of the truncated MAC.
- **freshnessValueLength:PositiveInteger** denotes the length of the generated freshness value.
- **freshnessValueTruncLength:PositiveInteger** denotes the length of the truncated freshness value inserted in a frame.
- **algorithmFreshnessValue:String [0..1]** denotes the algorithm used to generate the freshness value.
- **algorithmEncryption:String [0..1]** denotes the encryption algorithm.

Parameter	Configuration Value
algorithmFamily	Chaskey
algorithmMode	Chaskey_MAC
algorithmSecondaryFamily	not set
SecOCFreshnessValueLength	not set
SecOCFreshnessValueTruncLength	not set
SecOCAuthInfoTruncLength	24 bit
algorithmFreshnessValue	not set
algorithmEncryption	SPECK64/128

Example CINNAMON Security Profile

## **TABLE I: Security Properties**

## TABLE II: Mitigated Threats

Security Property	CINNAMON
Confidentiality	✓
Authentication	✓
Integrity	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>
Freshness	<ul> <li>Image: A second s</li></ul>

Threats	CINNAMON
Replay	✓
Tampering	✓
Forging	<i>√</i>
Fuzzing	✓
Masquerading	1
Information Gathering	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>

Testbed:

- 2 STM32F407 Discovery boards, each with an ARM Cortex M4 processor
- USB-to-CAN interface

Implementation:

- **SPECK-64**: Symmetric cipher used in systems with low computational resources.
  - Block cipher with 64-bit block size
  - Supported key lengths: 128, 192 and 256 bit
  - Efficiency in software and hardware
- Chaskey: permutation-based MAC algorithm based on Addition-Rotation-XOR (ARX).
  - Efficient MAC algorithm for microcontrollers
  - It is intended for applications that require 128-bit security
  - Robustness under tag truncation

Performances:

Inexpensive hardware with 168 MHz clock.

Average of less than 6µs to generate or interpret a protected frame.





- CINNAMON is an AUTOSAR compliant basic software module for confidentiality, integrity and authenticity on CAN bus.
- Compared to SecOC, CINNAMON avoids information gathering attacks
- CINNAMON is scalable in the sense that it can host additional security profiles that become necessary depending on the application domain
- Prototype implementation whose performances are promising on inexpensive hardware
- New security profiles and their implementation
- Extend CINNAMON to secure not only the CAN bus but also other buses



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