Session 1 summary

Presentations:

Barbara Gallina: Assurance and Certification of Cyber-Physical Systems within the AMASS platform

Peter Popov: Models of attacks in critical infrastructures

Karthik Pattabiraman: Stopping the Barbarians at the Gate: Protecting End User Devices from Security Attacks

Assurance and Certification [...] AMASS platform

- report on a EU project: AMASS (Architecture-driven, Multi-concern and Seamless Assurance and Certification of Cyber-Physical Systems)
- integration of tools so as to support assurance/certification activities





AMASS platform and ecosystem



Assurance and Certification [...] AMASS platform

- aim: efficiently supporting the clerical/syntactic part of assurance cases and compliance checking
- integrates experience about product line development processes
- emphatically not intended to replace expert's role in checking relevance and strength of evidence
 - although could present automated deductions where feasible
 - [rapporteur's thought: once such tools are adopted, it would be useful to survey in which companies they are used as intended, vs reinforcing a box-ticking mindset, and why]
- relevance to "awareness":
 - can be used to direct and support integration between security- and safetyoriented activities
 - + hence support awareness during development and assurance processes
 - + AMASS arguments will include human aspects in complex systems, so will need evidence about situation awareness
 - + case study will demo examples of this



Models of attacks in critical infrastructures

- Research question: "Can we build probabilistic models of *unknown* attacks on Critical infrastructures, which are *useful* for risk assessment?"
- Example: two models for a "benchmark" example, one including detail of attacks' action on physical target, the other one without them
 - markedly different results
 - where it matters most



Models of attacks in critical infrastructures

lessons relevant to security awareness:

- about awareness at system configuration/assessment time (e.g. prioritising defence investment)
 - [rapporteur's observation: results could be used in operation phase: likelihood of symptoms conditional on type of attack could inform diagnosis]
- high fidelity hybrid models are worthwhile though expensive (simulation solutions)
- engineering awareness of "promising" attacks is vital input for this probabilistic risk analysis

Stopping the Barbarians at the Gate

- motivation: we should care about end device security because
 - potential entry point for attackers
 - potential scenarios of large-scale disruptions directly through taking over many end-user devices
- some attacks on Embedded and IoT devices
 - nice videos!
 - limits of "control-based" intrusion detection
 - insight on promising targeting techniques, e.g. small deviations, mode changes
- Intrusion Detection Systems for Smart Devices
 - examples: UAV and artificial pancreas
 - improvements obtained
- Ongoing work
 - e.g. accounting for popular moves from PID control to DNNs

Stopping the Barbarians at the Gate

- about situation awareness
 - brings more engineering awareness about "promising" attacks (cf previous talk)
 - promising directions and tools in intrusion detection (and experience about blind alleys)
 - ... hence direct contribution to operation-time situation awareness

Summary

Contributions

- both to pre-operation risk awareness and management
- and to operation time
- three very disparate sets of results with interesting potential links