Detection and Mitigation of Anomalous Behavior in Embedded Automotive Networks

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ABSTRACT

Safety and security for drivers becomes crucial to the future of the automotive industry as advanced electronics permeate a vehicle’s control systems. Electronic and wireless components within an embedded automotive network expose vulnerabilities to malicious attacks from internal and external sources. In order to combat a malicious attack on a vehicle’s network, this work focused on using physical sensors embedded in a vehicle to classify normal driver behavior versus behavior resulting from an infiltration by an external agent. To investigate this method of intrusion detection, we accessed the raw communication data between various electronic control units (ECUs) and gathered pedal depression and steering wheel angle data from textile-based capacitive sensors. Our model for typical driver behavior includes comparison of the physical sensor readings of the steering wheel, brake pedal, and accelerator pedal to the data received from the ECUs. The resulting deployable attachment for an automobile’s on-board diagnostics port detects and mitigates a variety of infiltrations from external agents, which serves to protect drivers from dangerous attempts to disrupt or disable electronic systems within their vehicles.

INTRODUCTION

State of Automotive Security

Consumers demand additional functionality. Automakers and government demand safety for their customers.

- Additional functionality includes Wi-Fi hotspot, GPS, Bluetooth, Internet applications, remote keyless entry, etc.
- Customer safety includes a variety of cyber-physical systems, such as Intelligent Parking Assist and Adaptive Cruise Control

Analysis of the CAN Bus Traffic

1. Search for changes in CAN bus data that correspond to changes in steering wheel position and pedal depression
2. Compare received CAN bus data to data from physical sensors for vehicles.
3. Detect differences between virtual and physical data and indicate if an intruder accessed the automotive network
4. Mitigate attack by alerting driver of situation

STATUS

- Refining CAN data collection system to include a remote cellular component for performing remote attacks
- Developing integrated physical sensor network, which will include two capacitive array sensors for foot pedals and an IMU and capacitive touch sensor for steering wheel
- Planning system for comparing virtual CAN data to physical sensor data

CONCLUSION

- Development of this intrusion detection system may provide a solution to ensuring that safety-critical components of a vehicle remain unaffected by a malicious intruder

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