



How Your Choice of Software Impacts the Security of Medical Devices

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Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities

When medical devices get hacked, hospitals often don't know it

The threat to medical devices and it's a patient safety compliance.

By Jessica Davis | May 11, 2018



The past three months have seen a 126 percent increase in the first quarter of the Recall Index. The biggest culprit is an increase in high-tech devices that

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Medical device vuln allows hackers to falsify patients' vitals

McAfee: Patient monitoring systems open to hack attacks

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Hackers may be able to access hospital networks.

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Healthcare Data Breach Costs Remain High Per Record

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For the eighth year in a row, healthcare organizations had the highest costs associated with data breaches – costing them \$408 per lost or stolen record – nearly three times higher than the cross-industry average (\$148). The next highest industry was financial services with an average of \$206 per lost or stolen record. You can read about last year's study [here](#).

6.1M healthcare data breach victims in 2018: 5 of the biggest breaches so far

Written by Julie Spitzer | August 22, 2018 | Print | Email

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There have been 229 data breaches affecting 6.1 million individuals submitted to HHS' Office for Civil Rights' breach portal since the start of 2018, according to [HealthcareInfoSecurity](#).

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Of the breaches affecting 6.1 million individuals, 91 percent were due to theft or loss of data, and 9 percent were due to disposal (affecting 500,000 individuals).

Here are the five biggest breaches so far:

1. West Des Moines, Iowa
2. California Department of Public Health
3. Bartlett, Tennessee
4. Baltimore-based hospital
5. SSM Health

Hacking

Medtronic, a manufacturer of pacemakers and implantable insulin pumps, has reported the theft of 1.5 million

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Hackable implanted medical devices could cause deaths, researchers say

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3.15M Records Exposed by 142 Healthcare Data Breaches in Q2 2018

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▲ Security researcher can be hacked. Photo: [unintelligible]

A range of implanted medical devices that, if abused,

By Fred Donovan

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Why Medical Devices?

High value data with low barriers to intrusion...

- Medical devices are the key pivotal points of attack in a hospital network
- Network-Visible points of vulnerability
- Hardest endpoints to remediate, even when malware is detected

A Healthcare network:

- Replete with internet-connected systems and medical devices
- A highly connected device community that brings the most vulnerable devices together with some of the highest value data
- All devices are inter-connected with access to enterprise systems like Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and others.

Challenges for Healthcare Organizations

Healthcare IT teams typically cannot address malware on medical devices

- Don't have the product knowledge to access memory dumps on specific medical devices
- Detection and remediation tools don't exist
- Majority of the IT cyber-defense software products do not run on medical devices
 - Anti-Virus products run on open Windows, Linux IT servers
- Any software beyond a patch provided by the manufacturer might negatively impact FDA approval

Medical devices being treated as 'black boxes'

Healthcare organizations reverting to stronger language in Support Agreements from the device vendors

- Support Agreements typically pertain only to product functionality, not cyber-security
- Support technicians typically not trained or skilled sufficiently to handle complex security issues within an installed unit and prefer to replace the unit

Resources for Medical Device Developers

FDA

- [Content of Premarket Submissions for Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices](#)
 - First issued Oct. 2, 2014 / [NEW DRAFT Available for Review](#)
- [Cybersecurity for Networked Medical Devices Containing Offthe-Shelf \(OTS\) Software](#)
- [Guidance for the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices](#)

IEEE

- [Building Code for Medical Device Software Security](#)

Industrial Internet Consortium (IIC)

- [Industrial Internet Security Framework](#)

FDA Guidance for Securing Medical Devices

- [Content of Premarket Submissions for Management of Cybersecurity in Medical Devices](#)
- First issued Oct. 2, 2014 / [NEW DRAFT Available for Review](#)
- Guidance provides recommendations to consider and information to include in FDA medical device premarket submissions for effective cybersecurity management

General Principles:

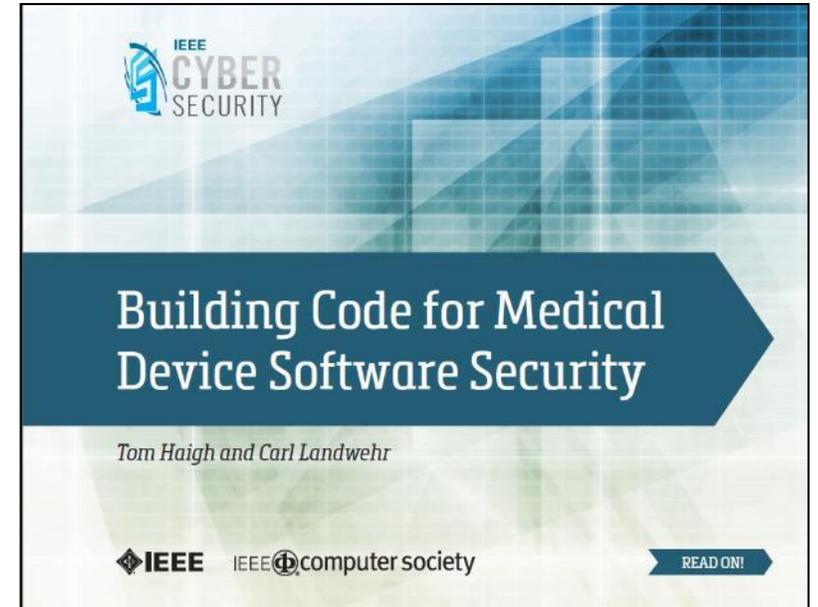
Manufacturers should:

- Develop a set of cybersecurity controls
- Address cybersecurity during the design and development of the medical device.
- Establish design inputs related to cybersecurity
- Provide justification for the security chosen functions

IEEE Cyber Security:

Building Code for Medical Device Software Security

- Issued May 2015
- A set of guidelines are meant to help companies “establish a secure baseline for software development and production practices of medical devices.”
- The code applies to software which runs in a wide range of medical devices
- Similar to a ‘building code’ for houses and structures, this provides guidance on building safe and secure software for medical devices



QOS	Topic
✓	MEMORY-SAFE programming languages
✓	Deploy SECURE coding STANDARDS
✓	"SECURELY" generating random numbers
✓	WHITELISTING applications
✓	LOGGING security-RELATED events
✓	DISABLE execution of DATA
✓	Deploy LEAST PRIVILEGE Principles

Understanding Security Needs

Who are we protecting ourselves against?

- “Script Kiddy”?

Someone competent enough to affect attacks discovered by others leveraging unpatched vulnerabilities.

- Independent black-hat hacker?

Skilled engineer working alone or in ad-hoc groups for personal gain or simply peer credit.

- Organized crime/hacktivists?

Often the origin of ransom-ware or other attacks often motivated by financial gain or the desire to make a political statement.

- Corporate espionage?

May or may not be better funded or more skilled than organized crime, but most often interested in theft of information.

- Nation State?

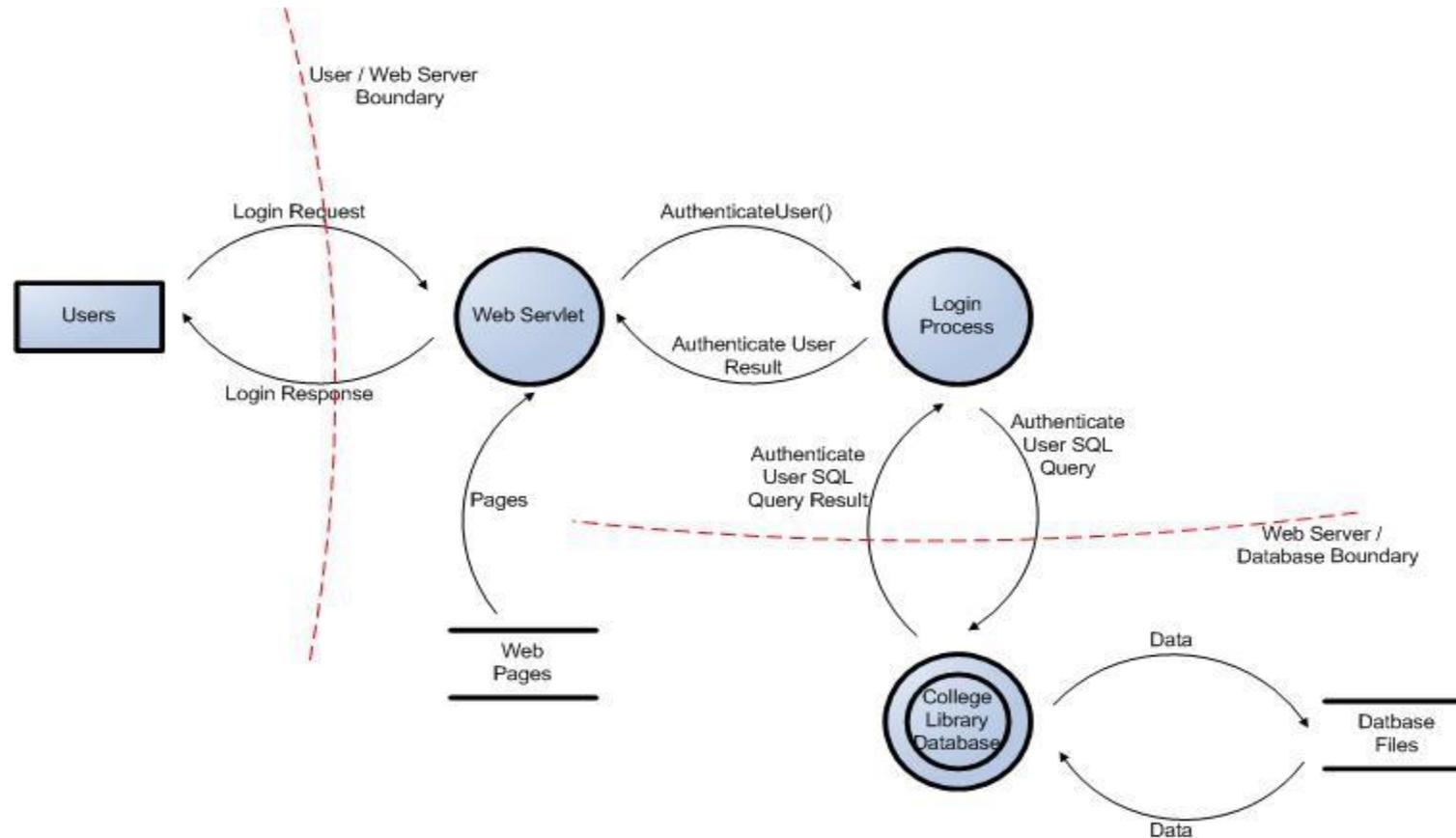
Good for you for doing something important enough to warrant this level of attention. I’m sorry, though. I can’t help you.

Security is a cost-benefit game. The goal isn’t “hack proof” ... should you spend \$1B??

The goal is “beyond the means of the threat source” or not “worth the investment”.

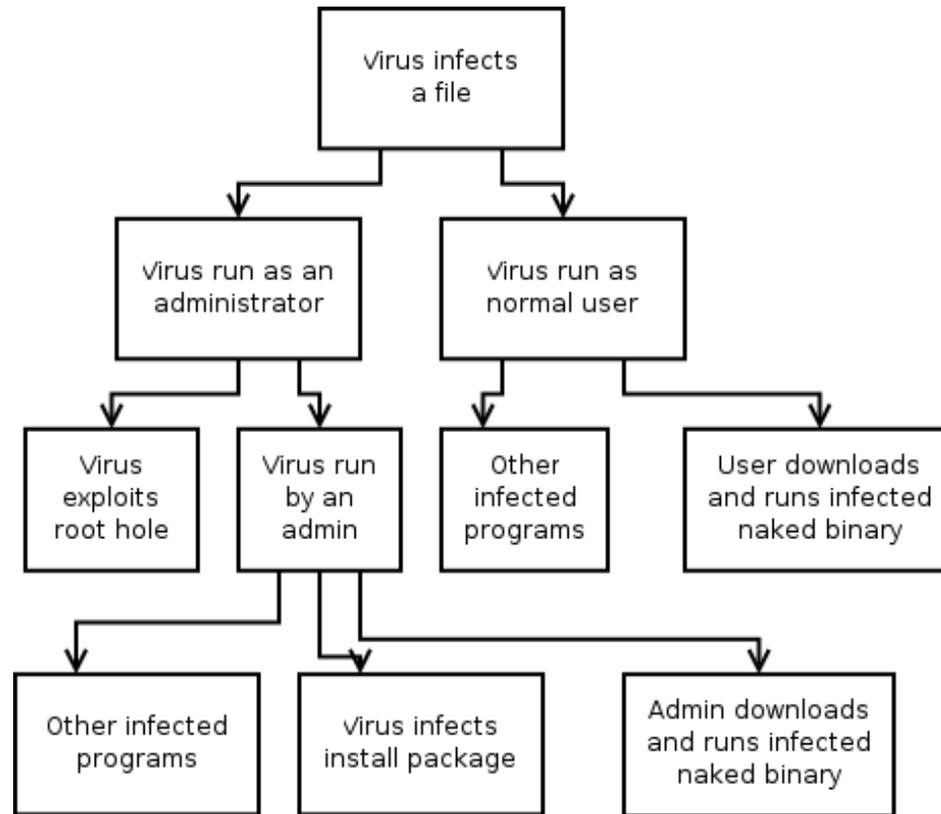
Security Analysis – Threat Modelling

Construct a data-flow diagram (DFD), including 'threat boundaries' and protections put in place at to protect data as it crosses.



Security Analysis – Attack Tree

Following the flow of an attack through the system to ensure all avenues are closed.



Security Analysis – More Models

STRIDE

- **Spoofing**
Falsifying identity, or origin or destination of data.
- **Tampering**
Altering data.
- **Repudiation**
Disputing the legitimacy of some interaction.
- **Information Disclosure**
Unauthorized release of data.
- **Denial-of-service**
Forced loss of availability.
- **Elevation of Privilege**
Bypass of authorization system.

DREAD

- **Damage**
How bad could an attack be?
- **Reproducibility**
How easy is it to reproduce the attack?
- **Exploitability**
How much work is it to launch the attack?
- **Affected Users**
What is the scope of the impact?
- **Discoverability**
How likely is the threat to be discovered?

Think like a “hacker” ...

- Exhaustive approach to threat analysis is not the most effective means
- Identify the most valuable assets
- Identify the least secure links
- An attack will most likely target one or more of these four goals:

Arbitrary Code Execution

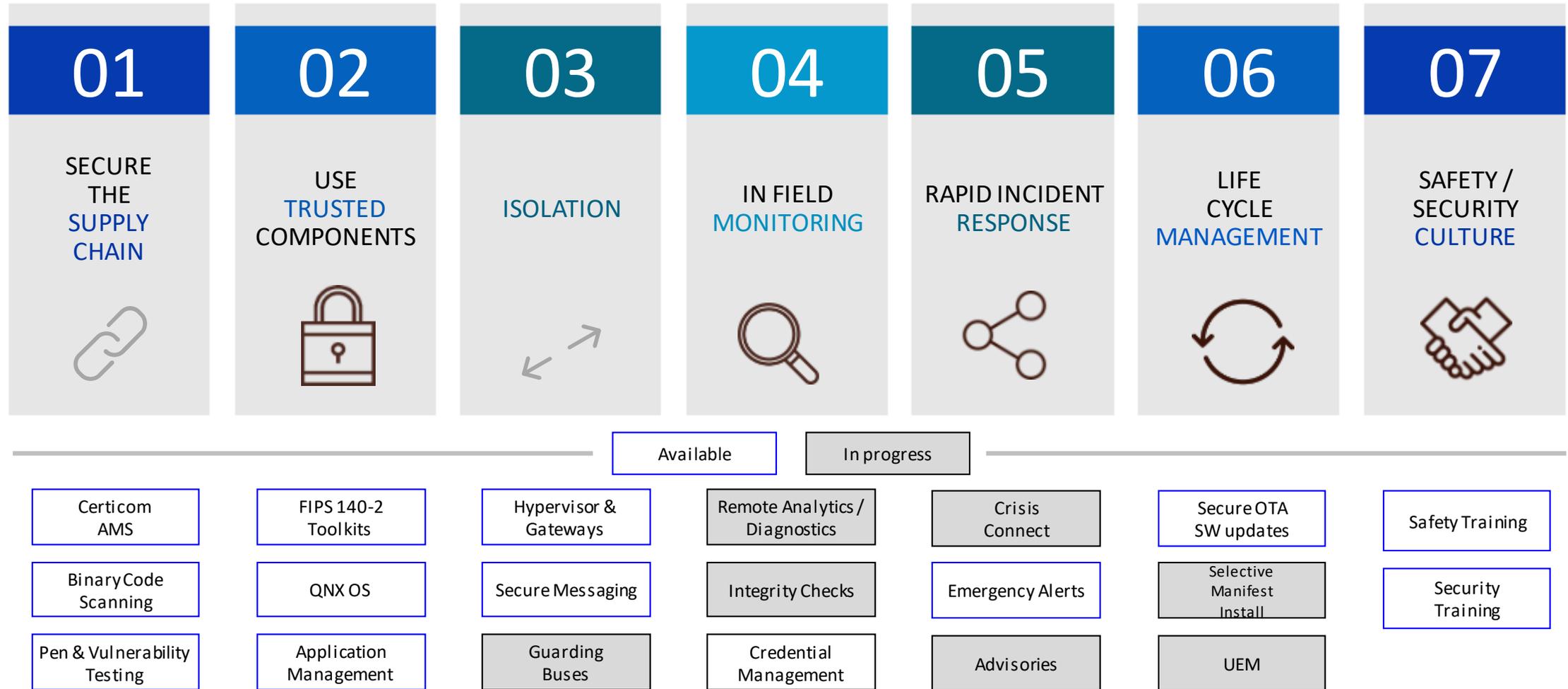
Data Modification

Theft of Data

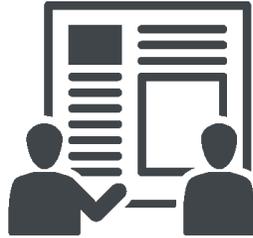
Denial of Service

How to start...

BlackBerry 7-Pillar Cybersecurity



Security Principles and Best Practices from Standards



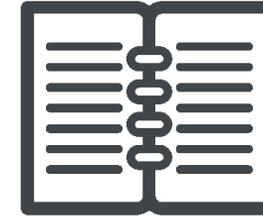
ISO 27000

NIST

SAE J3061

IISF

FIPS



Availability



Ensuring the system is available for use only by those allowed

Integrity



Ensuring data/information has not been tampered with

Authentication



Ensuring users are who they say they are

Confidentiality



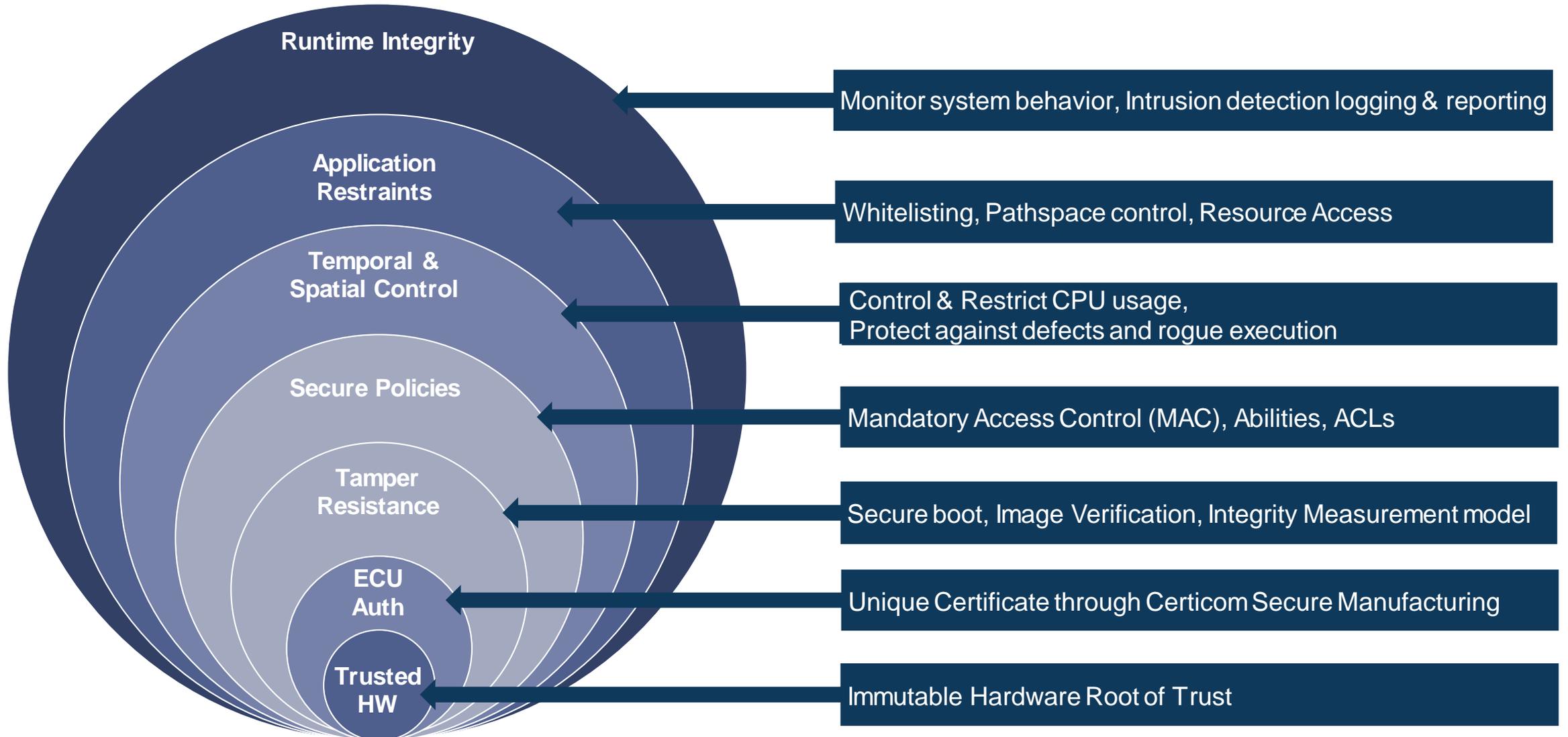
Data is protected and only those authorized are allowed to access it

Least privilege



Only give privileges needed to perform a given task(s) and nothing more

OS Runtime Security - Defense in Depth

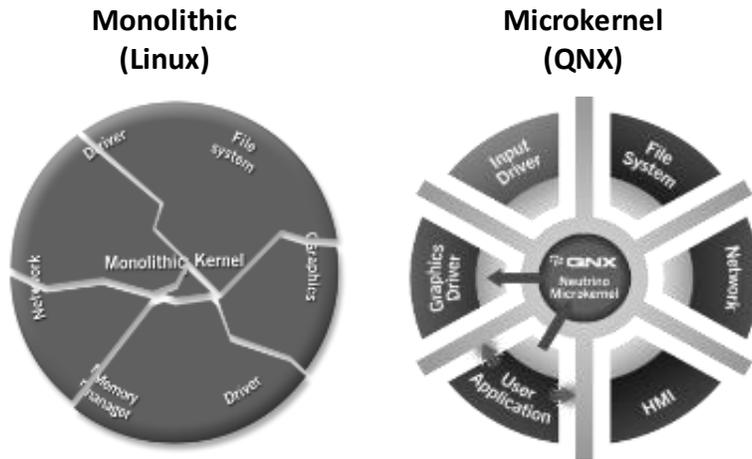


Availability



Microkernel Architecture

QNX's microkernel architecture separates critical OS components into their own protected memory partitions, unlike a monolithic OS that places them all together. Reduces attack surface.



OS Architecture Foundation

Temporal Separation

QNX's Adaptive Partitioning System (APS) supports CPU time partitions to limit CPU usage from misbehaved or rogue applications and/or services. The *adaptive* capability ensures maximum system efficiency.



Time Protection

Process Protection

The QNX OS provides process-level features that help protect from attacks: Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR), heap cookies, stack guard pages, non-executable stack.

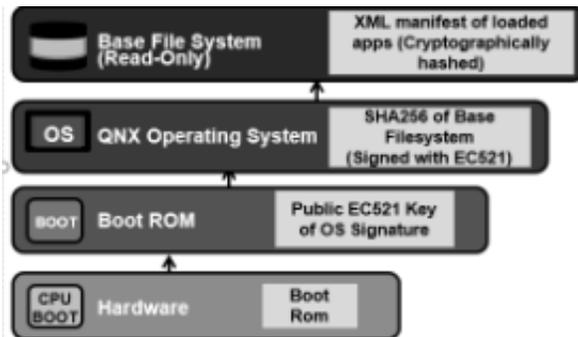


Fine-grained Process Protection

Integrity

Secure Boot

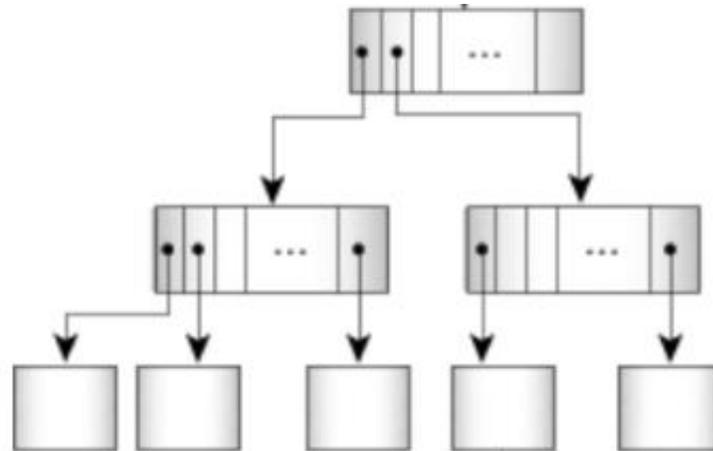
Maintain complete chain of trust through signed code execution and image verification with support for Trustzone and TPM. Modification detection through rules based measurement at runtime. Complete policy enforcement and logging of any violations.



Chain of Trust 

Self-Verifying File System

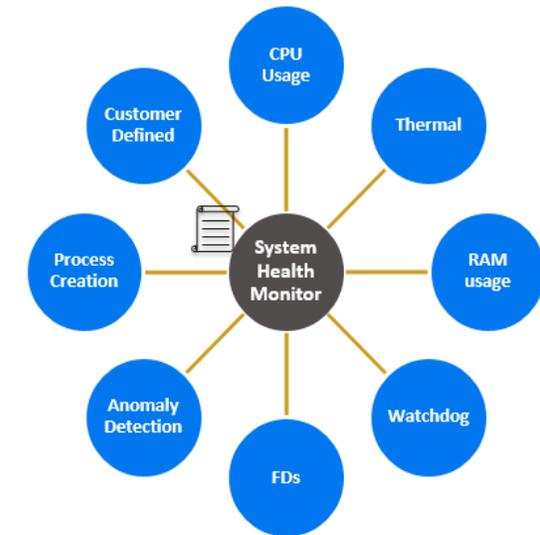
The integrity of the local file system is verified on each access and done at a block level.



Block-Level Verification

Integrity Measurement

Tamper-proof mechanism to record boot process integrity. Logs can be analyzed at runtime or offline.



System Monitoring

Authentication



Pluggable Authentication

PAM is an industry standard way of providing authentication related services within the QNX framework.



Pluggable Authentication

M-PKI

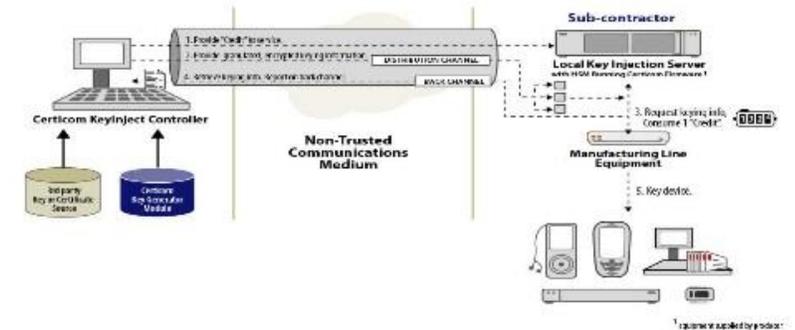
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Key Infrastructure

AMS

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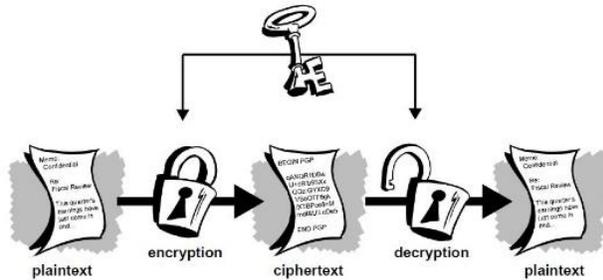
Provisioning

Confidentiality



Crypto Support

Security Builder software for Public and symmetric crypto with integration of hardware



Payload
Protection

Secure File System

The file system supports multiple encryption partitions to secure data.



Storage
Protection

Network Security

The QNX network stack supports industry standard security protocols including TLS, SSL, IPSEC including hardware crypto offload.



Connectivity
Protection

Least Privilege



Rootless Operation

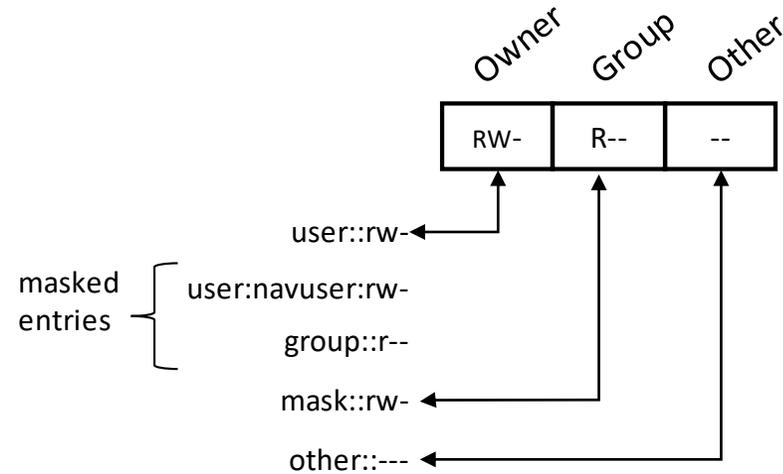
Root access is divided into >50 root level capabilities via QNX Abilities. Processes can be limited to the QNX Abilities they need. Allows for root-less operation.



Root Access Protection

File, Pathspace and Control List

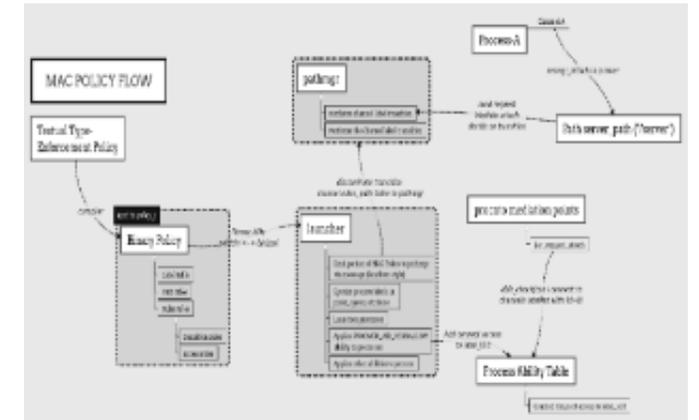
POSIX file mode permission enforcement. Limited access of a process to a defined path space. Fine-grained control over file and device access.



File Permissions and Protection

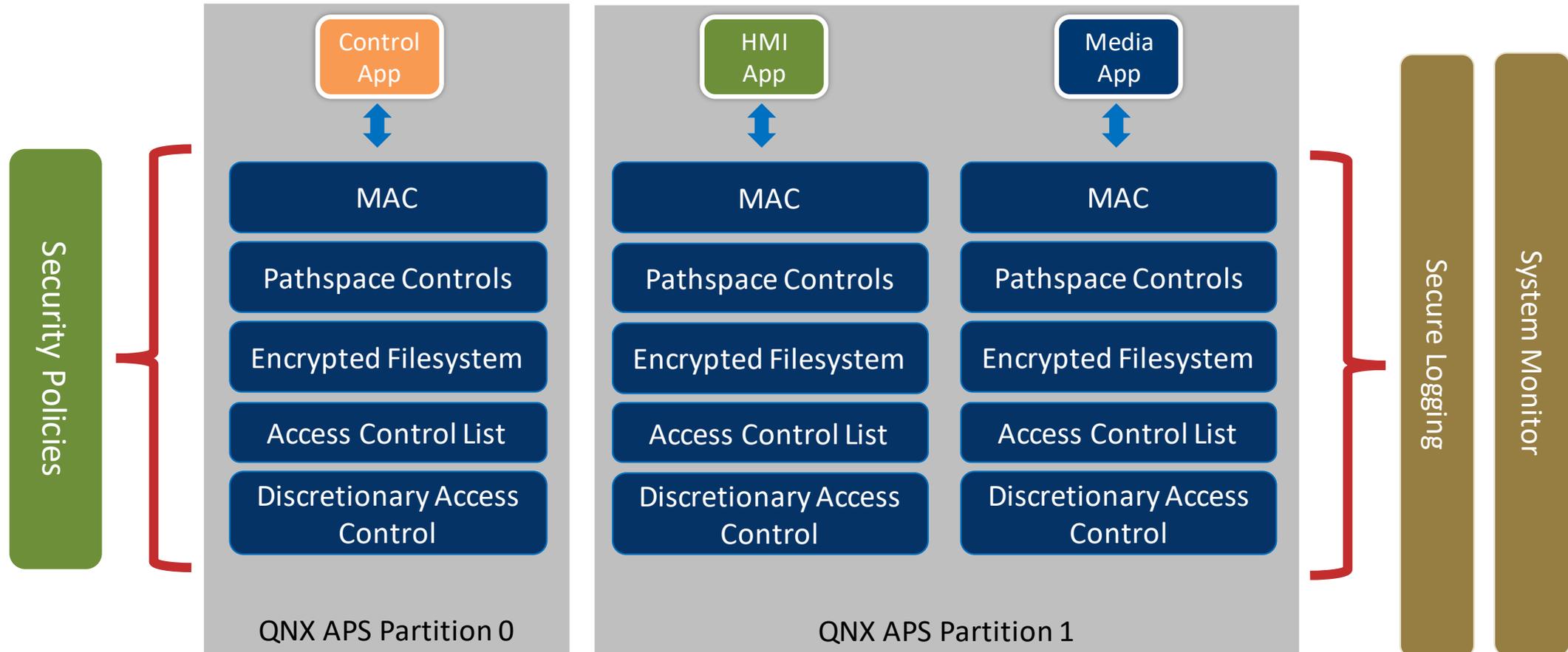
Mandatory Access Control

Controls which paths can be accessed or created. The QNX runtime Launcher loads and configures all processes at launch time.



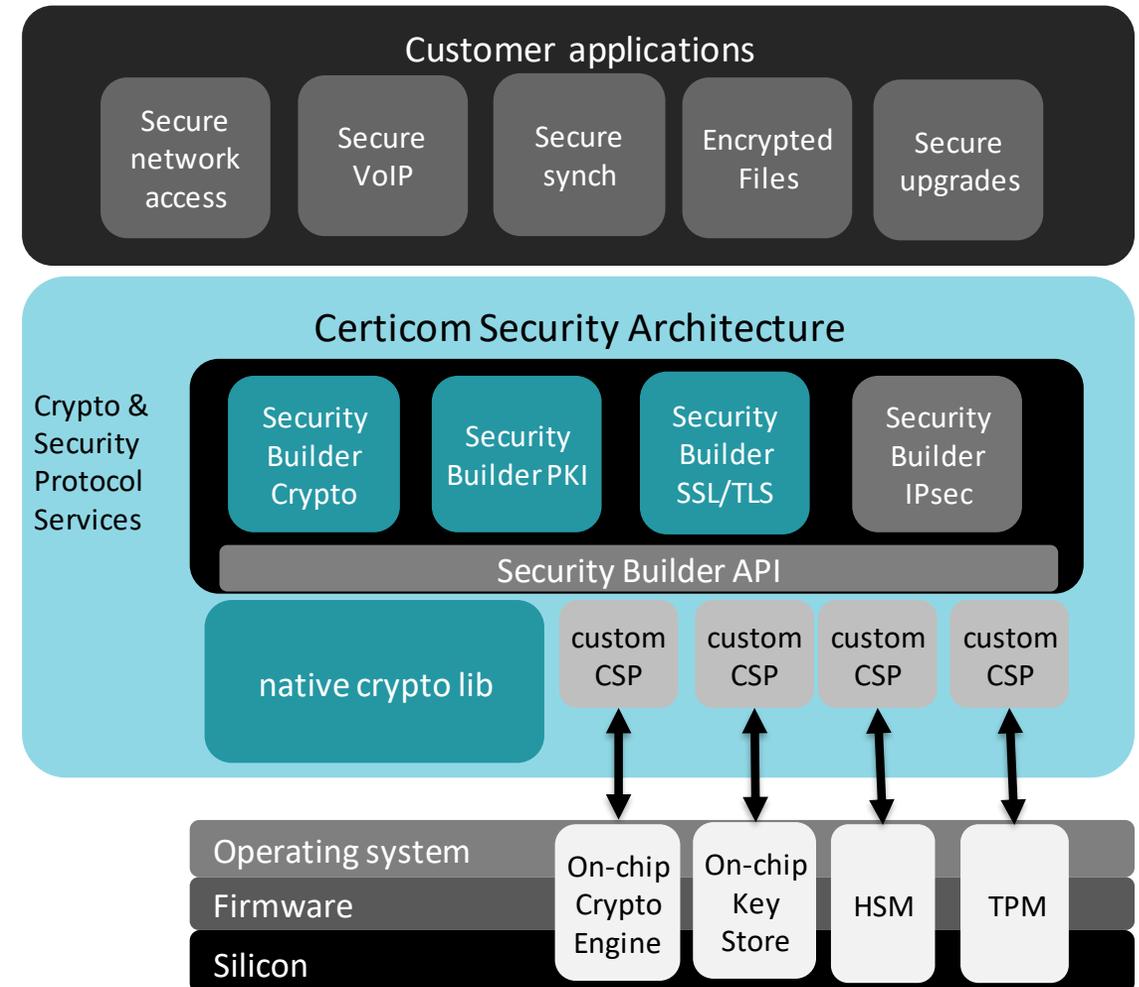
Process Permissions

QNX Runtime Security Multi-layered, Policy-driven



Certicom Security Builder

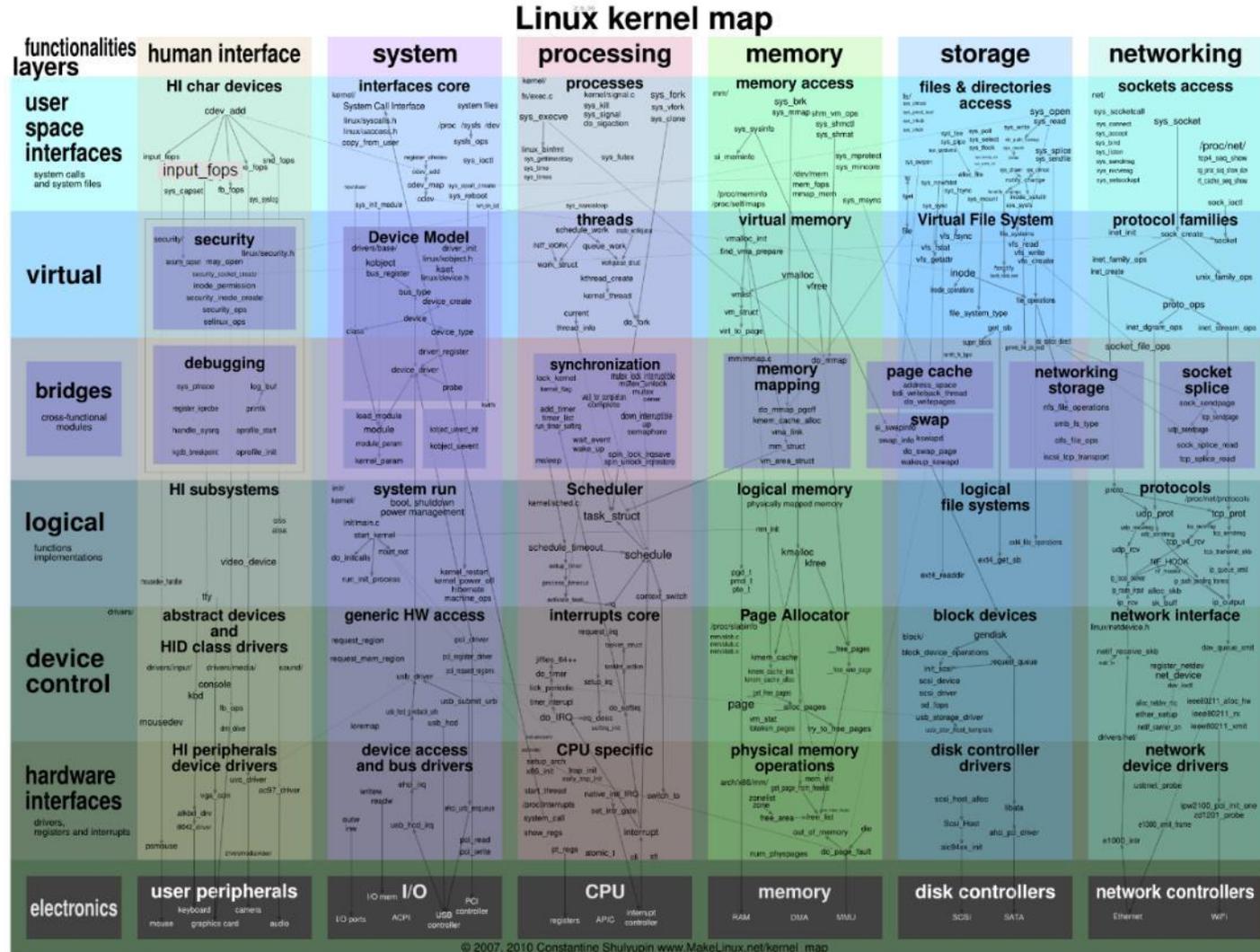
- **Cryptographic libraries**
 - Wide range of public key, symmetric ciphers and hash algorithms
 - Architecture supports custom hardware/crypto service provider (CSP) integration options
- **PKI libraries**
 - Comprehensive certificate management protocols and encoding support
- **Available in ANSI-C and Java**
- **FIPS validated “GSE-C” option**



Safety Compounds Your Choices...

- **IEC 62304 has code management criteria**
 - “known your code”
 - Code that is not required/related to your product’s function must be removed
 - Controlled/known software development process
- **Security is not so different...**
- **Choices can precipitate an unexpected (unconfessed) commitment to become an OS supplier**

Linux Kernel Map



Source: www.makelinux.net/kernel_map

Linux by the Numbers...

- **8,000-12,000** – The number of patches going into each recent kernel release.
- **8-12** – The desired release period (in weeks) for a major kernel release.

Patches per hour:

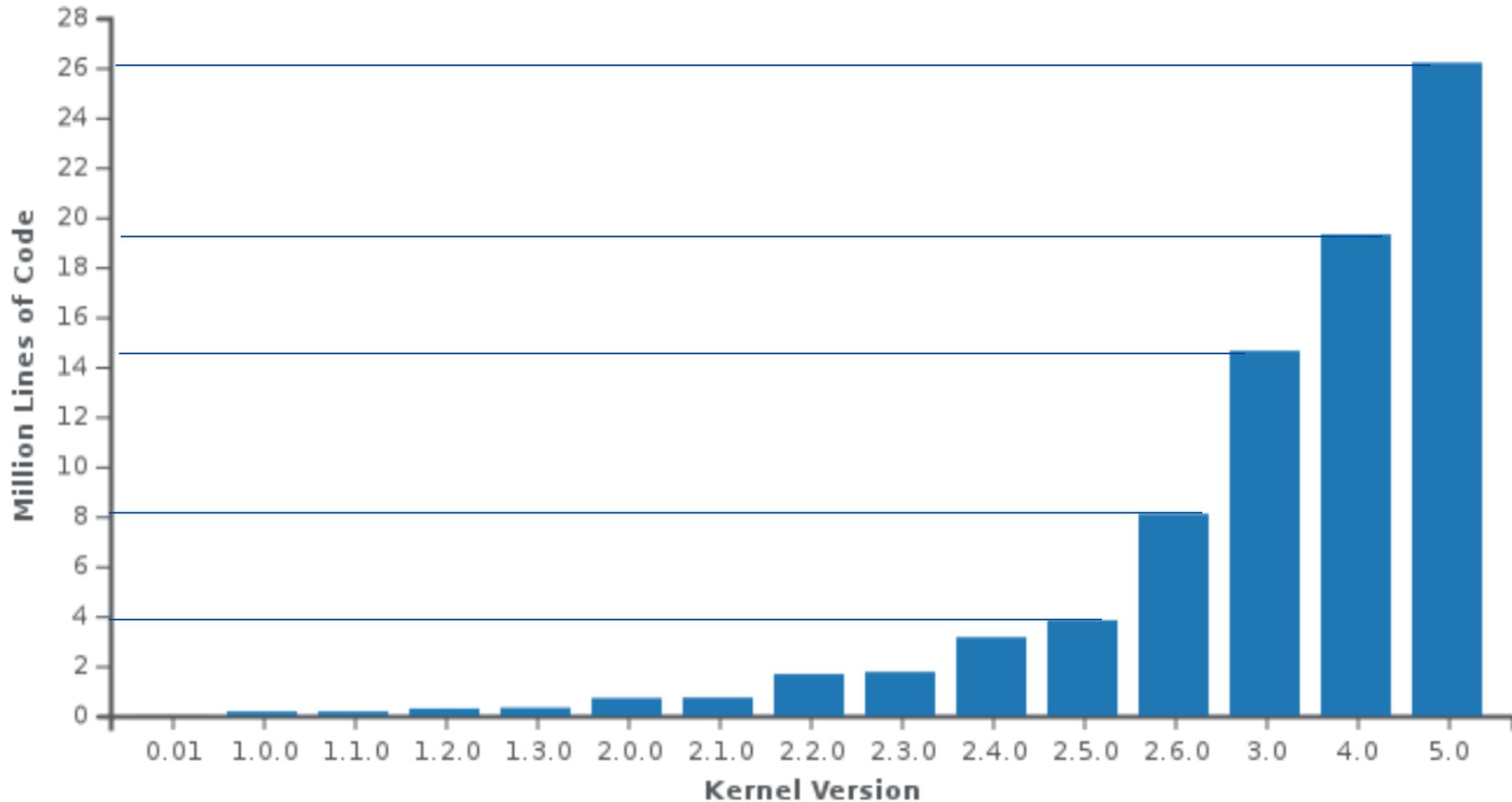
- **3,616** – The number of patches for kernel version 2.6.11, the fewest of any release.
- **12,243** – The number of patches for kernel version 2.6.25, the largest of any release.

Changes per hour:

- **1.95** – The number of changes per hour for kernel version 2.6.12, the lowest of any release.
- **6.88** – The number of patches per hour for kernel version 3.2, the highest of any release.
- **3,315** – The number of fixes in 2.6.32, the highest of any release.
- **Files, LOC:**
 - **17,090** – The number of files in the 2.6.11 kernel version
 - **37,626** – The number of files in the 3.2 kernel version
 - **15,004,006** – The number of lines of code in the 3.2 kernel version
- **4.3** – Estimated that Linux kernel 4.3 would be the first version using more than 20 million lines of code.

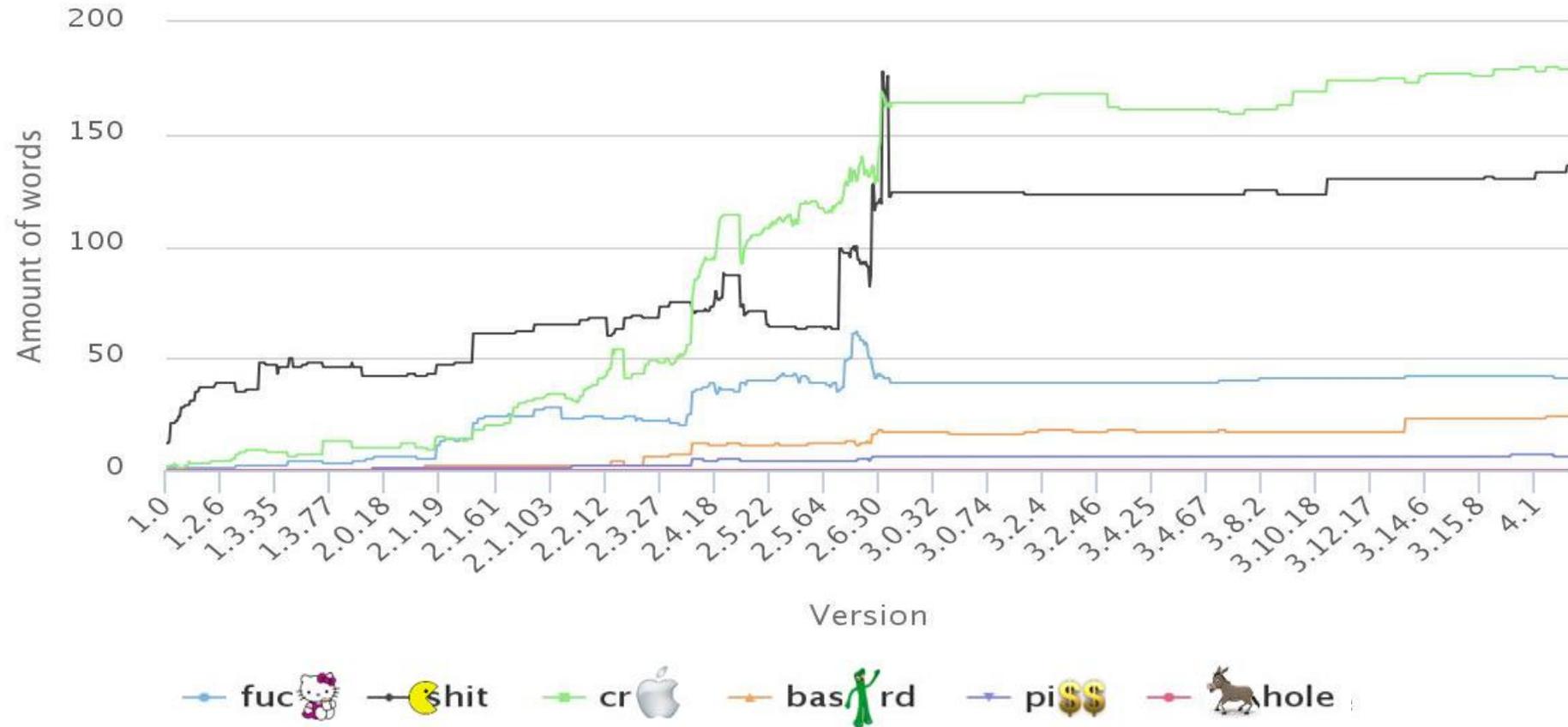
Circa 2015

Lines of code per Kernel Version



<https://www.linuxcounter.net/statistics/kernel>

Bad Words Within the Code of the Linux Kernel



Highcharts.com

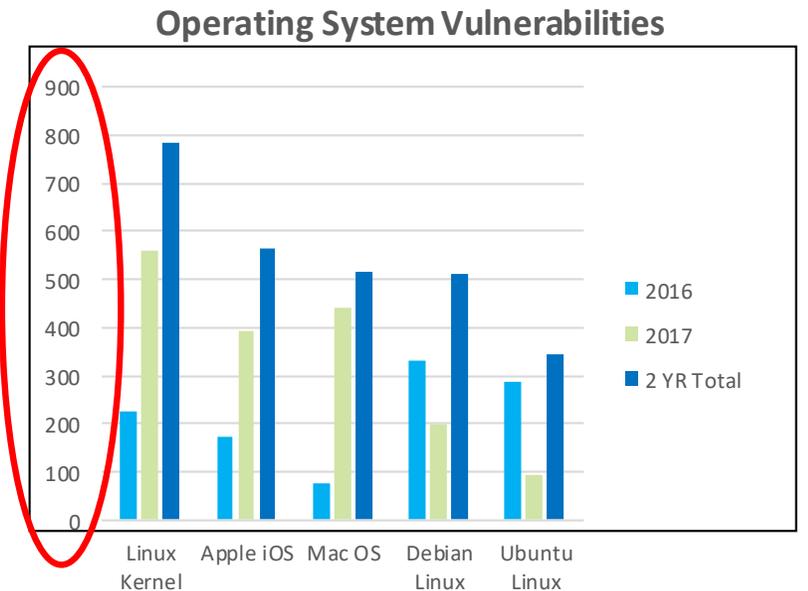
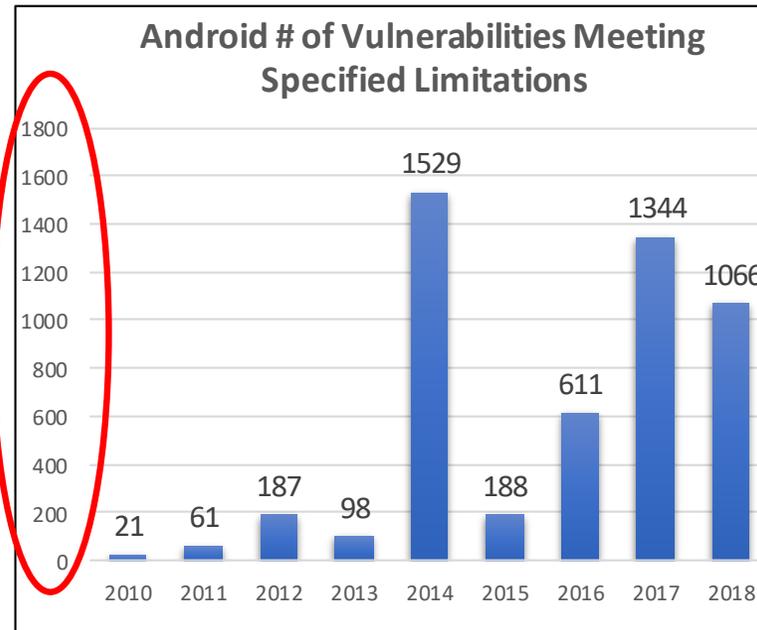
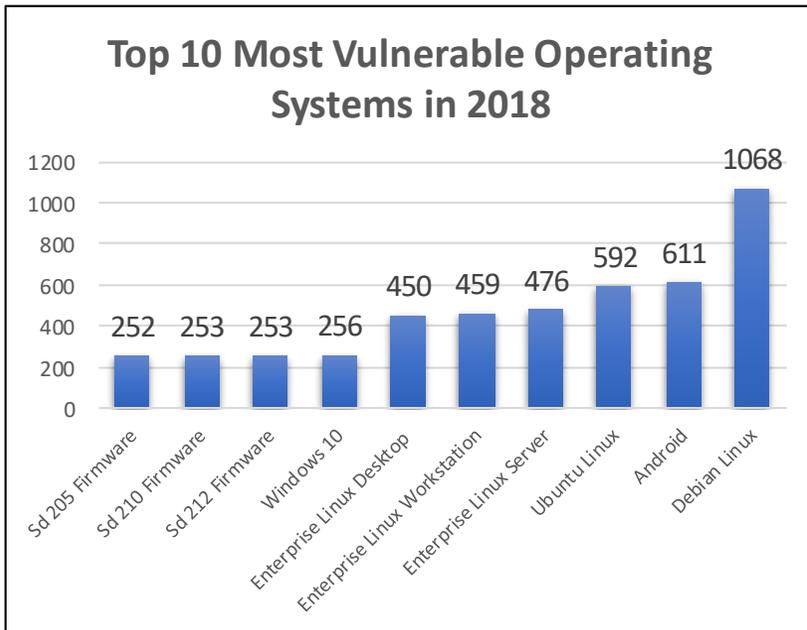
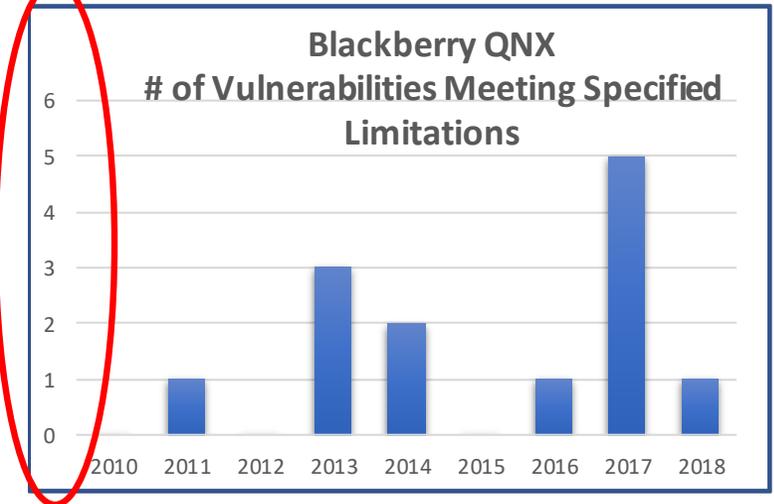
Software Vulnerabilities & Fallacy Of Open Source

Carnegie Mellon University, Software Engineering Institute (SEI)

- **“Average”** code developed in the US has 0.75 defects per function point, or, **6,000 defects per Million Lines Of Code (MLOC)**.
- **“Very good”** levels would be **600 to 1,000 defects per MLOC**
- **“Exceptional”** levels would be **< 600 defects per MLOC**.
- **1% - 5%** of defects should be considered vulnerabilities.

Assuming ALL code is **“Very good”**

- Modern Car has 100 MLOC, 100K Defects, & **1,000-5,000 vulnerabilities**



* There are now confirmed cases of “backdoor” vulnerabilities in the opensource software.

Source: CVE details, <https://nvd.nist.gov/> 2017

BlackBerry and Established Partners

Enterprise Software

- End Point Management

BlackBerry IoT

- OTA and Edge Analytics

BlackBerry | **QNX**

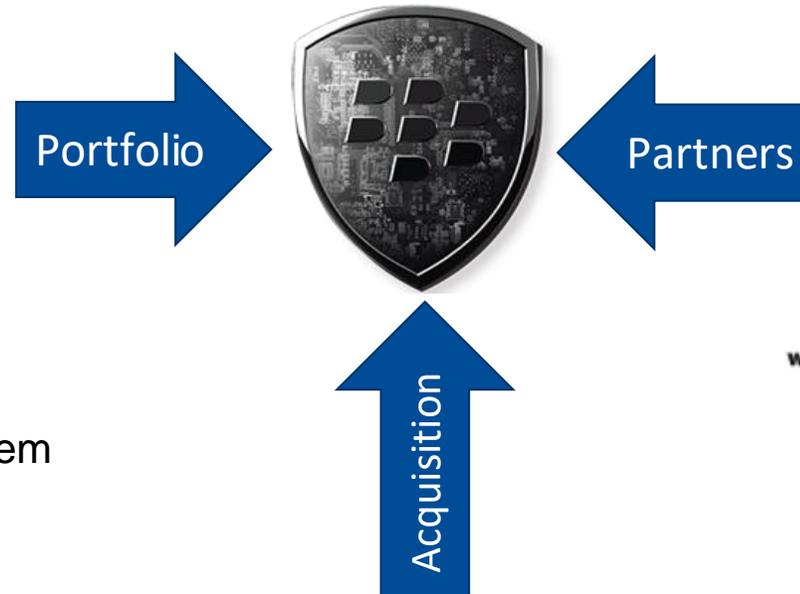
- Mission-critical operating system

BlackBerry | **certicom**

- Crypto and PKI experts

BlackBerry

- Code Scanning and Hardening



- Data-centric messaging bus



- SAFERTOS for microcontroller platforms



- Intrusion Detection and Prevention
- Cloud-Based Machine Learning

BlackBerry and partners to develop a real time protection solution.

IEC 62304 Class C Compliant

- Pre-assessed to be compliant with the requirements of the EN 62304 and can be used in applications up to class C.
- Assessment performed by reputable auditing firm: TÜV Rheinland
- Scope of assessment includes the core of the operating system
- Supported on 32 and 64-bit ARM and x86 platforms
- 100% API compatible with QNX standard RTOS
- Share the same pedigree as QNX OS for safety (development artefacts and process flow)

Product Purpose

- **QNX OS for Medical is designed to be used in systems that:**
 - Must be compliant with IEC 62304
 - Have real-time performance goals
 - Require the usage of a full-featured RTOS
- **Using QNX OS for Medical helps you:**
 - Build functional safety on a reliable foundation
 - Reduce certification risk and control certification scope
 - Leverage QNX's domain knowledge and expertise

Assessment Scope

- **Target software**
 - QNX Neutrino microkernel and process manager, including multicore support and adaptive partitioning scheduler
 - Libc
 - Image filesystem and security policy utility
- **Compatibility**
 - Compatible with QNX SDP 7.0
 - Supported on 32 and 64-bit ARM and x86 hardware platforms

Product Package

- QNX OS for Medical must be installed on top of an existing SDP 7.0 dev seat (dev seat is not included as part of the QNX OS for Medical product)
- Product package includes:
 - Binaries and header files for microkernel, process manager and libc
 - Safety manual
 - Installation and usage guide
 - Hazard and risk analysis
 - Safety case

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QUESTIONS
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