

# First Experiences with the Automotive SPICE for Cybersecurity Assessment Model

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# Motivation

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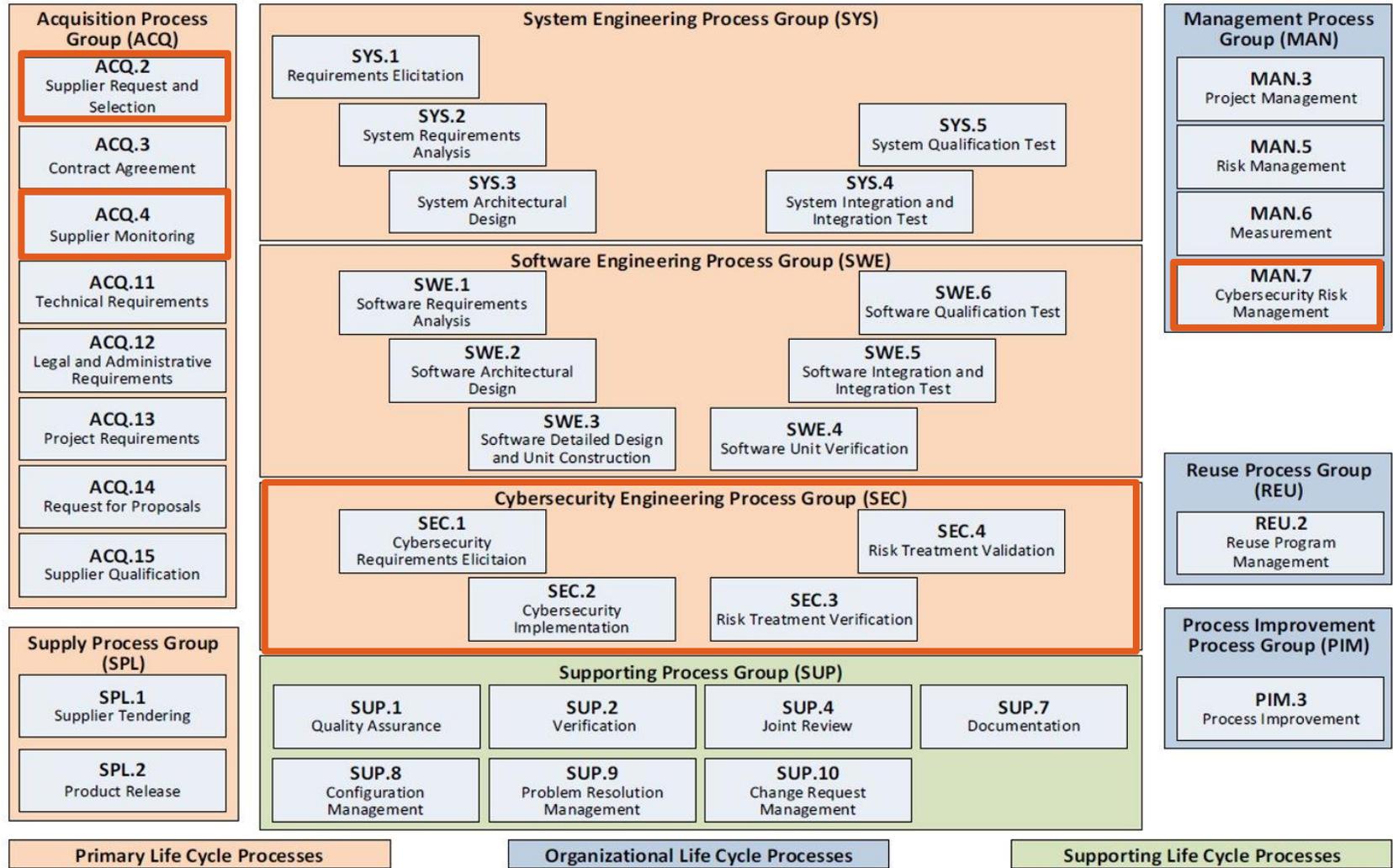
- Automotive SPICE for Cybersecurity, 1st Edition, Feb. 2021, VDA QMC Working Group 13, Feb. 2021
- New SEC.1-SEC.4, MAN.7 etc. processes
- An understanding of expected results in assessments required

## DRIVES ([www.project-drives.eu](http://www.project-drives.eu), 2018 – 2021)

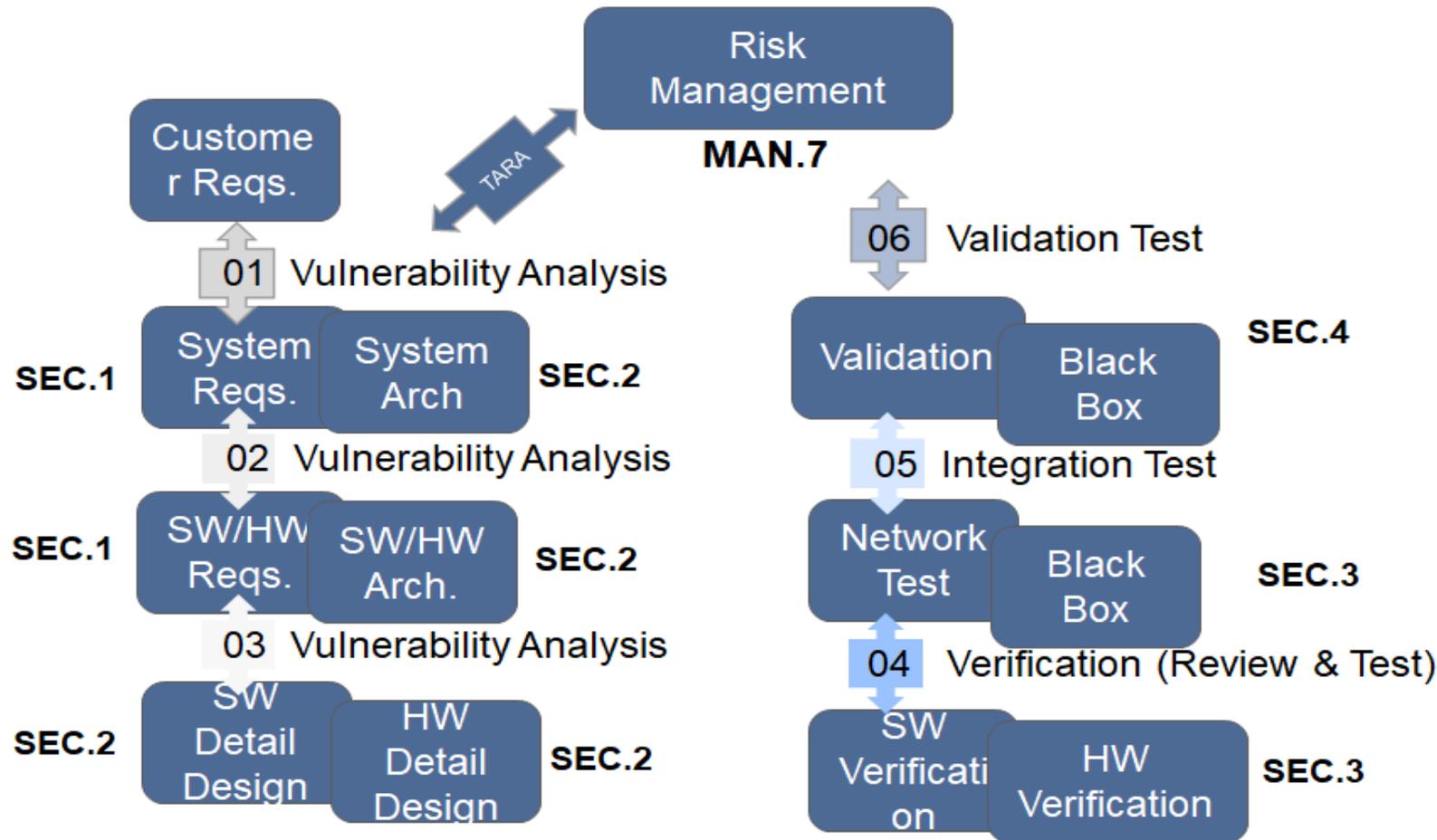
- Skills set for a cybersecurity engineer
- Skills set for a cybersecurity manager
- Skills set for a cybersecurity tester

## SOQRATES (<https://soqrates.eurospi.net> , working group)

- Best practices exchange of implementation on a method basis
- ECQA Certified Cybersecurity Engineer Training Development







- ✓ 01 Block Diagram (Item)
- ✓ 01 Asset List
- ✓ 01 Tech Stack
- ✓ 01 Critical Function Blocks
- ✓ 01 Threat Model Level 0
- ✓ 01 TARA
- ✓ 01 System Requirements

System Level

- ✓ 02 Refined System Functions Block Diagram
- ✓ 02 Operational Modes Analysis
- ✓ 02 Threat Model Level 1 for each operational mode
- ✓ 02 SW Requirements / HW Requirements

SW/HW Level

- ✓ 03 Cybersecurity critical Functions
- ✓ 03 Cybersecurity Critical Data
- ✓ 03 SW Unit Design and Specification
- ✓ 03 HSM Architecture, Config. And Communication

SW/HW Detailed Design

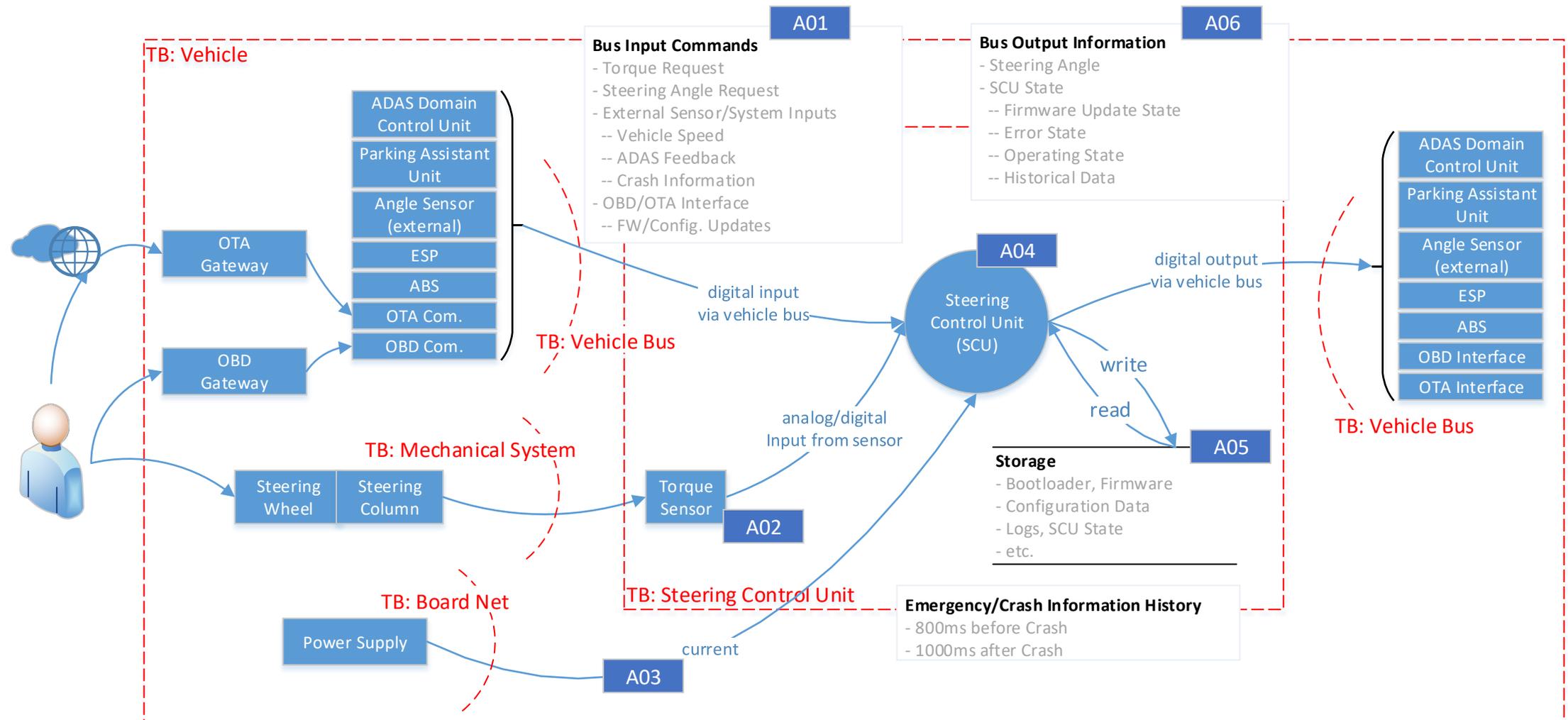
## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Vulnerability Analysis System Level**

- 01 Block Diagram (Item)
  - Cybersecurity item analysis and model
- 01 Asset List
  - Identified assets that can be attacked. A best practice template with attributes for rating an asset has been established.
- 01 Tech Stack
  - If a partner had already experience with cybersecurity a technology stack model was used where the implemented modules for cybersecurity are shown on each layer (HSM – Hardware Security Module, vHSM as part of MCAL, SecOC, Crypto Service Manager, Secure Bootloader, etc.)
- 01 Critical Function Blocks
  - Functions that can be influenced from cybersecure critical interfaces are marked and counter measures considered.
- 01 Threat Model Level 0
  - Usually this is either a model following STRIDE [46] or a data flow schema at high level showing the complete system and all its interfaces to surrounding components.

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- 01 TARA
  - Threat and risk analysis following the guidelines in the ISO 21434 and delivering assets, potential attacks, damage scenarios, impact analysis and impact level, threat analysis and threat level and a security level (combination of impact level and threat level by a defined risk graph).
- 01 System Requirements
  - A TARA results in cybersecurity goals (high level requirements) which are broken down to system requirements.
  - In requirements analyse the state-of-the-art methods like STRIDE [46] gives us a solution pattern, each attack form has a defined mitigation pattern (see Figure 7).

# Example Level 0 Threat Model of the Steering Control Unit



## Set of cybersecurity properties

Threat	Property	Definition	Example
<u>S</u> poofing	Authentication	Impersonating something or someone else.	Pretending to be a specific device on the vehicle bus, sending out signals and commands.
<u>T</u> ampering	Integrity	Modifying data or code	Modifying configuration files or firmware storage devices, or modify messages as they traverse the NW.
<u>R</u> epudiation	Non-repudiation	Claiming to have not performed an action	An attacker succeeded to modify some data within a storage or a message, and can pretend to have done it.
<u>I</u> nformation Disclosure	Confidentiality	Exposing information to someone not authorized to see it.	Reading key material from storage, an application, messages in transit.
<u>D</u> enial of Service	Availability	Deny or degrade service to users	Crashing/deactivating a device on the bus, sending messages to absorbing CPU resources, flooding the bus, ...
<u>E</u> levation of Privilege	Authorization	Gain capabilities without proper authorization	Allowing a remote user to execute commands on the vehicle internet gateway (i.e., the OTA gateway) to send messages on the vehicle bus.

✓ SEC.1.BP1

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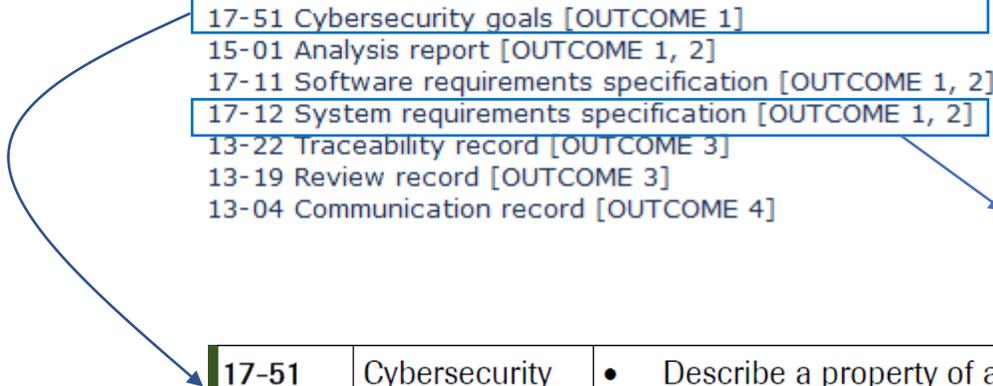
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- 17-51 Cybersecurity goals [OUTCOME 1]
- 15-01 Analysis report [OUTCOME 1, 2]
- 17-11 Software requirements specification [OUTCOME 1, 2]
- 17-12 System requirements specification [OUTCOME 1, 2]
- 13-22 Traceability record [OUTCOME 3]
- 13-19 Review record [OUTCOME 3]
- 13-04 Communication record [OUTCOME 4]

17-12	System requirements specification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes functional and non-functional cybersecurity system requirements</li> <li>Associated to one or more cybersecurity goal</li> <li>Cybersecurity requirements are recognizable and categorized as such</li> </ul>
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17-51	Cybersecurity goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe a property of an asset, that is necessary to guarantee cybersecurity</li> <li>Associated to one or more threat scenarios</li> </ul>
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## All Units

- + ACQ.2 Supplier Request and Selection
- + ACQ.4 Supplier Monitoring
- + MAN.7 Cybersecurity Risk Management
- SEC.1 Cybersecurity Requirements Elicitation
  - > SEC.1 1 ←
  - > SEC.1 2
  - > SEC.1 3
  - > SEC.1 4
  - > SEC.1 5
- + SEC.2 Cybersecurity Implementation
- + SEC.3 Risk Treatment Verification
- + SEC.4 Risk Treatment Validation

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Cybersecurity Requirements Elicitation

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Asset Analysis done and counter measures assigned and link back to TARA by ID  
The cybersecure critical functions and data analysis are described in a security concept  
Security objective specific reqs. are there., in chapters data integrity, authentication, confidentiality, availability

Weaknesses:

TARA re-used from previous project, check that all security goals are still ok or need an update.

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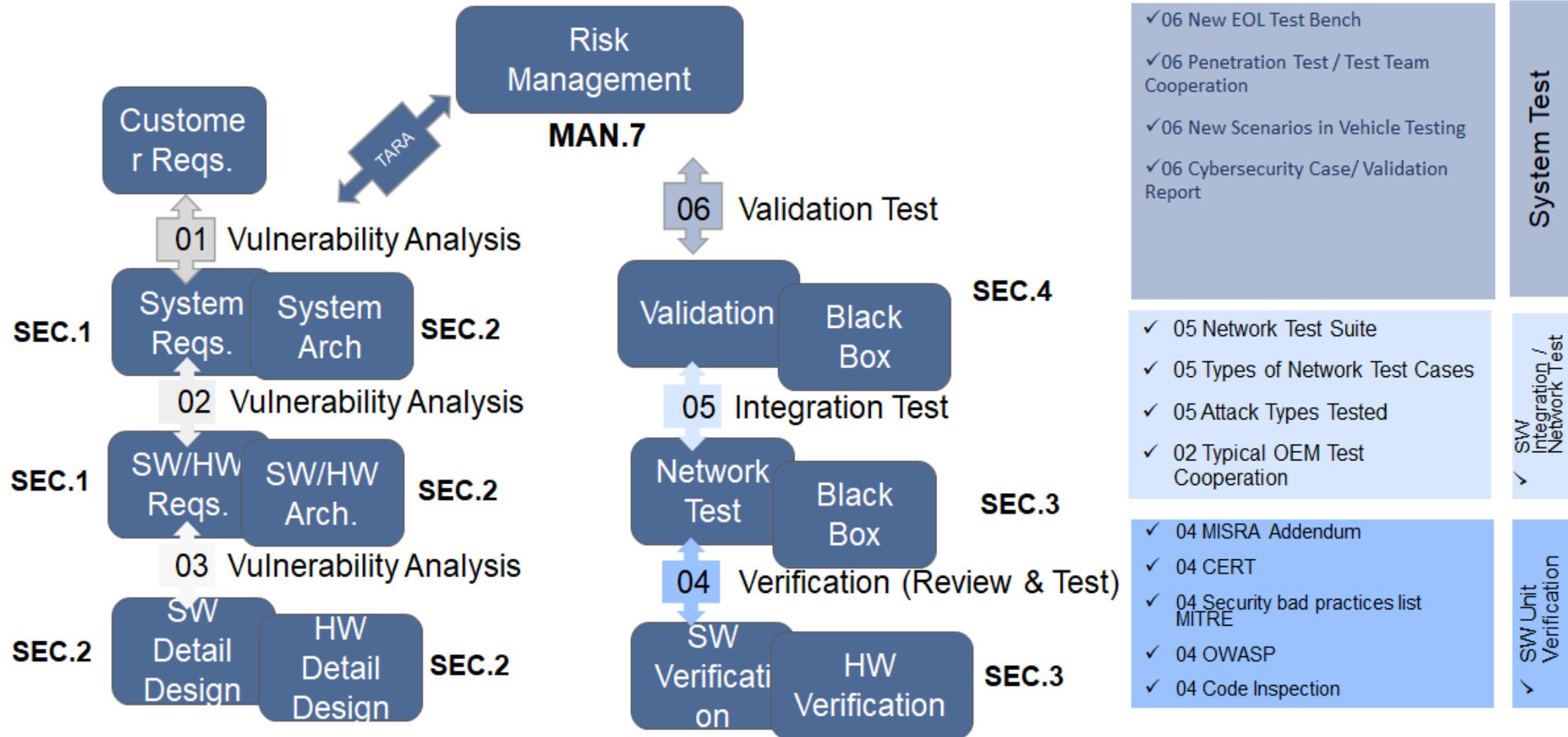
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## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Verification System/SW Integration Level**

- 05 Network Test Suite
  - This is a diagnostic test suite which automatically performs tests and reports cybersecurity coverage. Usually this test suite is provided by the customer. If now the existing HIL set up needs to be updated.
- 05 Types of Network Test Cases
  - Test case types are usually structured by the MITRE attack patterns catalogue (<https://attack.mitre.org>).
  - Test cases examples: e.g. sending unauthorised command, sending command at wrong time, overlading bus with messages and ECU shall filter, trying to access critical data without secure diagnostic session, etc.
- 05 Attack Types Tested
  - AS a measure of coverage all attack types according to the MITRE attack patterns catalogue must be covered (usually applied as review criteria by the working group partners).
- 05 Typical OEM Test Cooperation
  - Car manufacturers which have invested into an SSA (Secure Service Architecture) usually provide a tool set to be used: e.g. Network Test Suite in case of Daimler AG, FAT Tool Suite in case of BMW Group, etc.

## Experiences so far

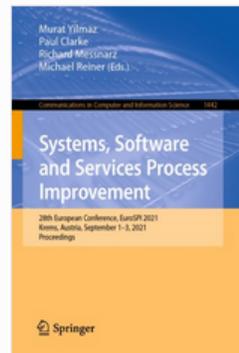
- Typical supporting and management processes still need a cybersecurity related mapping as well. And it was felt that this is still missing.
  - e.g. MAN.3 Project Management: Asking for a cybersecurity plan. Asking for role assignment of cybersecurity manager, cybersecurity engineer. Also checking meetings related to cybersecurity and status reports. MAN.7 is very much related to the TARA and contents of TARA based risk management, still the set up of a cybersecurity case is a cybersecurity project manager task as well.
  - e.g. SUP.8 configuration management and including the cybersecurity related work products in the configuration item list and including a cybersecurity baseline report and status report.
  - e.g. SUP.9 including incident reporting for cybersecurity related problems and impact analysis including a TARA update.
  - e.g. SUP.10 including to mark change requests cybersecure relevant and impact analysis including a TARA update.

## Experiences so far

- Also in the assessment it was not so easy to separate SEC.1 Cybersecurity requirements elicitation from SYS.2 system requirements analysis and SWE.1 software requirements analysis.
- e.g. if you see a requirements specification including functional, non-functional, safety and cybersecurity requirements in the interview. Are we then rating two processes based on the same evidence. This in fact happened in the interviews, and as assessor you had to jump between SEC1. And SYS.2 and SWE.1.

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# Appendix

Further Work Products from Practice Mapped onto V-Model

## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Vulnerability Analysis SW/HW Level**

- 02 Refined System Functions Block Diagram
  - Refined cybersecurity item
- 02 Operational Modes Analysis
  - All cybersecurity experienced partners were creating a set of threat models and followed a design strategy to draw the threat models. The design strategy broke the system down into operational states based on the state machine. For each operational state a threat model and a refinement of the TARA has been done.
- 02 Threat Model Level 1 for each operational mode
  - The level 1 threat models include
  - One model still at systems level and includes the cybersecurity critical interfaces, SW functions, and cybersecurity critical data that can be attacked at systems level.
  - A model per operational state of the system showing the cybersecurity critical interfaces, SW functions, and cybersecurity critical data that can be attacked at a specific operational state. Some call that model per state a threat model level 2 already.
- 02 SW Requirements / HW Requirements
  - Based on the threat models level 1 system requirements are refined to cybersecurity software and hardware requirements for the system.

## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Vulnerability Analysis Detailed Design Level**

- 03 Cybersecurity critical Functions
  - List of cybersecurity critical functions impacted by the cybersecurity critical software and hardware requirements.
  - Counter actions to be programmed using cybersecurity libraries (Secure On-Board Communication, Cryptography Service Manager, etc.) to implement cybersecurity objectives like authentication, non-repudiation, authorization, integrity, availability, confidentiality.
- 03 Cybersecurity Critical Data
  - List of cybersecurity critical data impacted by the cybersecurity critical software and hardware requirements.
  - Counter actions to be programmed using cybersecurity libraries (Secure On-Board Communication, Cryptography Service Manager, etc.) to implement cybersecurity objectives like authentication, non-repudiation, authorization, integrity, availability, confidentiality.
- 03 SW Unit Design and Specification
  - Detailed requirements for single SW units broken down from cybersecurity related software requirements.
  - Coding follows cybersecurity related coding guidelines
- 03 HSM Architecture, Config. And Communication
  - Architecture of the HSM (Hardware Security Module) and service calls to the HSM. Configuration of HSM in Autosar 4.3.

## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Verification – Unit Level**

- 04 MISRA Addendum
  - Additional cybersecurity related coding rules from 2016 (MISRA C:2012 Amendment 1 April 2016)
- 04 CERT
  - CERT as additional cybersecurity related coding rules (ISO/IEC TS 17961:2013 C-Secure)
- 04 Security bad practices list MITRE
  - Cybersecurity Attack and Mitigation Patterns
  - <https://attack.mitre.org>
- 04 OWASP
  - The Open Web Application Security Project ([owasp.org](http://owasp.org)), in case the supplier develops an ECU connected to the internet / WLAN / Car2X, etc.
- 04 Code Inspection
  - Reviews applying an extended cybersecurity related checklist and rule set

## Typical Work Products from Practice Example (for all see the SPRINGER CCIS 1442 paper) – **Validation – System/SW Level**

- 06 New EOL Test Bench
  - Suppliers in most cases needed a new test bench where the flashing of new keys for the EOL (End Of Line) Test is simulated.
- 06 Penetration Test / Test Team Cooperation
  - The norm requires a penetration test by an external cybersecurity expert team. Here usually only the general level of specification is provided and
  - 06 New Scenarios in Vehicle Testing
  - Vehicle testing required new scenarios in car set up. E.g. the test driver needs to flash new keys before the driving tests are starting.
- 06 Cybersecurity Case/ Validation Report
  - A cybersecurity manager needs to document the cybersecurity case by proving that 100% of cybersecure relevant requirements at all levels are tested and passed. In case of deviations the deviations must appear in the release statement and the impact is to be analysed and documented.



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