



ISO 21434: Best Practices on Development and Testing and Alignment with SESIP

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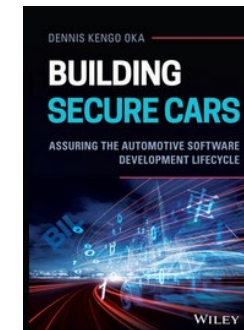
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ISO/SAE 21434



- **ISO/SAE 21434** Road Vehicles — **Cybersecurity Engineering**
- Jointly published standard by ISO and SAE in August 2021
- Contents:
 - Organizational cybersecurity management
 - Continual cybersecurity activities
 - Concept
 - **Product development**
 - **Cybersecurity validation**
 - Production, Operations & Maintenance
 - Threat analysis and risk assessment methods

The image shows the cover page of the ISO/SAE 21434:2021 standard. It features a red and white color scheme. At the top left is the ISO logo. Below it is a red bar with the ICS number '43 > 43.040 > 43.040.15'. The main title 'ISO/SAE 21434:2021' is in large, bold, black font, followed by the subtitle 'Road vehicles — Cybersecurity engineering'. Below the title is a 'PREVIEW' button. The 'ABSTRACT' section contains three paragraphs of text. The 'GENERAL INFORMATION' section includes details about the status, publication date, edition, number of pages, technical committee, and ICS number.

Overview of ISO 21434

- 1. Scope
- 2. Normative references
- 3. Terms and abbreviations
- 4. General considerations



Activities

Product lifecycle



SESIP (EN 17927)

- Security Evaluation Standard for IoT Platforms (**SESIP**) is a security evaluation methodology introduced by GlobalPlatform
- Assists IoT device manufacturers and certification bodies in adopting a **standardized approach** for **evaluating the security** of IoT devices
- Additionally, by **mapping** to other security requirements like NIST, ISA/IEC 62443 and ETSI/EN 303 645, (**ISO 21434?**), SESIP allows to define **assurance levels** that are mutually recognizable across multiple various schemes, achieving scalability





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ISO 21434 Project-Level Artifacts (Development and Testing Phases)

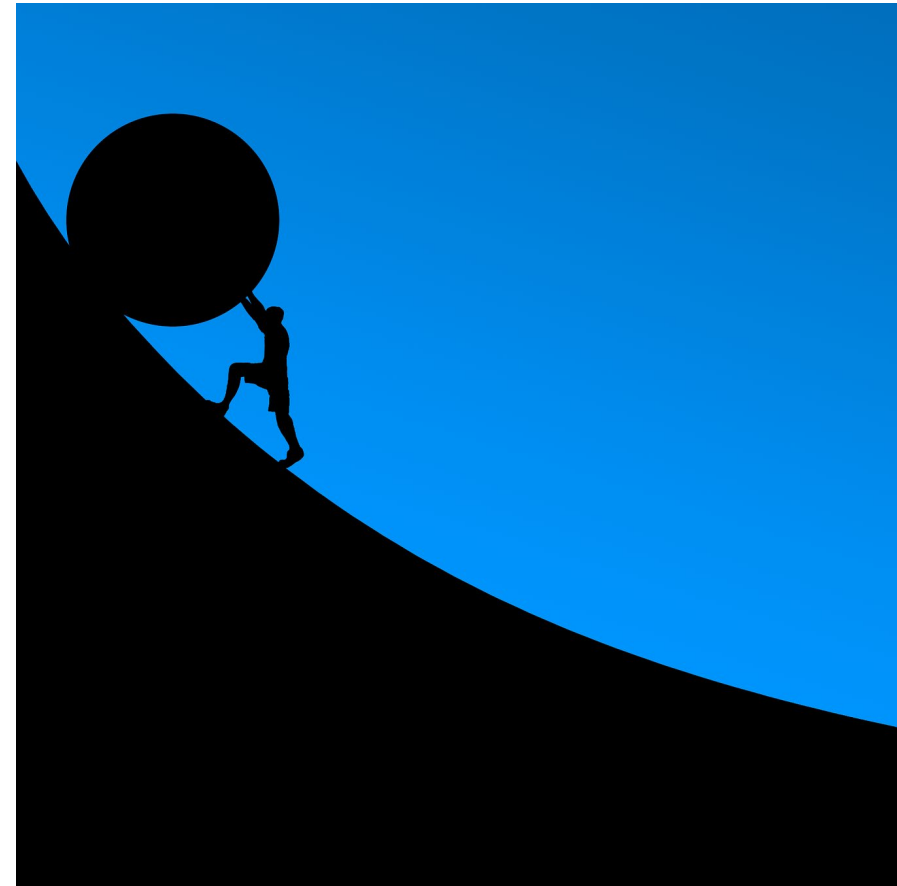
Activities	Artifacts
[RQ-10-09][RQ-10-10] Integration and verification activities	[WP-10-06] Integration and verification specification [WP-10-07] Integration and verification report
[RQ-10-11] Test coverage evaluation using metrics	[WP-10-07] Integration and verification report
[RC-10-12] Test to confirm unidentified weaknesses and vulnerabilities remaining are minimized	[WP-10-07] Integration and verification report
[RQ-10-05] Coding guidelines criteria	[WP-10-03] Documentation on coding guidelines
[RQ-10-07] Analyze to identify weaknesses and vulnerabilities	[WP-10-05] Weaknesses found during product development
[RQ-11-01][RQ-11-02] Validation activities	WP-11-01 Validation report

Level of effort, coverage, type of test methods etc. may vary depending on the risk level... but what is the best practice?



Challenges

- How to define the best practice to fulfill the requirements for cybersecurity activities during development and testing?
- How to achieve a certain level of assurance?
- If focus only on compliance, the risk is that only the minimum is done to fulfill requirements (check-box approach)
- How can we improve product quality (security) using best practices?



CAL - Cybersecurity Assurance Levels (Annex E in ISO 21434)

- CAL can be used to specify and communicate a set of **assurance requirements**, in terms of levels of rigor to provide **confidence** that the **protection** of the assets of an item or component is adequately developed
- CAL can be used to **determine**:
 - **Methods** used for **development** and **verification**
 - **Methods** to identify **weaknesses** and analyze **vulnerabilities**
 - **Approaches** for **cyber security assessment**

Example of CAL determination based on impact and attack vector

	Attack Vector:	Physical	Local	Adjacent	Network
Impact:	Severe	CAL 2	CAL 3	CAL 4	CAL 4
	Major	CAL 1	CAL 2	CAL 3	CAL 4
	Moderate	CAL 1	CAL 1	CAL 2	CAL 3
	Negligible	--	--	--	--

Each increasing CAL corresponds to an increase in the level of assurance based on cyber security engineering methods used

CAL – Example of testing parameters

Example usage of CAL in product development and validation

Method	Requirements	CAL 1	CAL 2	CAL 3	CAL 4
Static code analysis	[RQ-10-10], [RQ-10-05]	T1	T1	T2	T2
Functional testing	[RC-10-12], [RQ-11-01]	T1	T1	T2	T2
Vulnerability scanning	[RC-10-12], [RQ-11-01]	T1	T1	T1	T1
Fuzz testing	[RC-10-12], [RQ-11-01]	-	T1	T2	T2
Penetration testing	[RC-10-12], [RQ-11-01]	-	-	T1	T2
...	...				


T1: Limited test time/test cases

T2: Increased test time/test cases

ISO/SAE AWI PAS 8475 – CAL and TAF

- Joint ISO/SAE working group
 - Under development
 - Committee draft: July 2024
 - Public release: ~Nov 2024
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- Expand on CAL concept from ISO 21434 (only described as informative section in Annex E)

ISO/SAE AWI PAS 8475
Road vehicles — Cybersecurity Assurance Levels (CAL) and Targeted Attack Feasibility (TAF)

General information 

Status : Under development

Edition : 1

Technical Committee : [ISO/TC 22/SC 32](#) Electrical and electronic components and general system aspects

ICS :

Life cycle

Now

Under development
ISO/SAE AWI PAS 8475
Stage: 20.00 ~



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Can We Leverage SESIP Assurance Levels?



SESIP Assurance Levels

- **5 levels:** SESIP1-5 to evaluate IoT platforms

- Covers **various topics** including
 - Security Target evaluation (requirements)
 - Development (specification)
 - Guidance documents
 - Lifecycle support (procedures, tools)
 - Tests (coverage, testing)
 - **Vulnerability assessment**
- Can we **map SESIP to CALs** and help define **best practices**?
 - Vulnerability assessment (AVA) as an example

Table 4-5: SESIP5 Assurance Requirements

Assurance Class	Assurance Families
ASE: Security Target evaluation	ASE_INT.1 <i>ST Introduction</i> ASE_OBJ.1 <i>Security requirements for the operational environment</i> ASE_REQ.3 Listed security requirements ASE_TSS.1 <i>TOE summary specification</i>
ADV: Development	ADV_ARC.1 <i>Security architecture description</i> ADV_FSP.4 <i>Complete functional specification</i> ADV_TDS.3 <i>Basic modular design</i> ADV_IMP.2 <i>Complete mapping of the implementation representation of the TSF</i>
AGD: Guidance documents	AGD_OPE.1 <i>Operational user guidance</i> AGD_PRE.1 <i>Preparative procedures</i>
ALC: Life-cycle support	ALC_CMC.4 <i>Production support, acceptance procedures and automation</i> ALC_CMS.4 <i>Problem tracking CM coverage</i> ALC_DEL.1 <i>Delivery procedures</i> ALC_DVS.2 <i>Sufficiency of security measures</i> ALC_FLR.2 <i>Flaw reporting procedures</i> ALC_TAT.1 <i>Well-defined development tools</i>
ATE: Tests	ATE_COV.1 <i>Evidence of coverage</i> ATE_DPT.1 <i>Testing: basic design</i> ATE_FUN.1 <i>Functional testing</i> ATE_IND.1 <i>Independent testing: conformance</i>
AVA: Vulnerability Assessment	AVA_VAN.5 <i>Advanced methodical vulnerability analysis</i>

SESIP2: CAL1

Evaluation activity – Vulnerability analysis

AVA_VAN .2	Evaluation activity	Test approach	Rigor (example)
AVA_VAN. 2.1E	Confirm that information provided meets all requirements for content and presentation of evidence	Manual review	N/A
AVA_VAN. 2.2E	Search public domain sources to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE, components in list of 3 rd party components, IT products in the env. TOE depends on	Vulnerability scanning	Vulnerable software versions
AVA_VAN. 2.3E	Independent vulnerability analysis using guidance doc., functional spec., TOE design, and security arch. description to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE	Manual review	
AVA_VAN. 2.4E	Penetration testing based on identified potential vulnerabilities to determine that the TOE is resistant to attacks performed by attacker possessing Basic attack potential	Penetration testing Identify potential vulnerabilities	Basic attack potential

SESIP3: CAL2

Evaluation activity – **Focused** vulnerability analysis

AVA_VAN .3	Evaluation activity	Test approach	Rigor (example)
AVA_VAN. 3.1E	Confirm that information provided meets all requirements for content and presentation of evidence	Manual review	N/A
AVA_VAN. 3.2E	Search public domain sources to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE, components in list of 3 rd party components, IT products in the env. TOE depends on	Vulnerability scanning	Vulnerable software versions
AVA_VAN. 3.3E	Independent, focused vulnerability analysis using guidance doc., functional spec., TOE design, security arch. description and implementation representation to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual review • Static analysis • Fuzz testing • Dynamic analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANS Top 25 CWE • 16 hours, in-band instrumentation • Known vuln.
AVA_VAN. 3.4E	Penetration testing based on identified potential vulnerabilities to determine that the TOE is resistant to attacks performed by attacker possessing Enhanced-Basic attack potential	Penetration testing	Enhanced-Basic attack potential

SESIP4: CAL3

Evaluation activity – **Methodical** vulnerability analysis

AVA_VAN .4	Evaluation activity	Test approach	Rigor (example)
AVA_VAN. 4.1E	Confirm that information provided meets all requirements for content and presentation of evidence	Manual review	N/A
AVA_VAN. 4.2E	Search public domain sources to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE, components in list of 3 rd party components, IT products in the env. TOE depends on	Vulnerability scanning	Vulnerable software versions
AVA_VAN. 4.3E	Independent, methodical vulnerability analysis using guidance doc., functional spec., TOE design, security arch. description and implementation representation to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual review • Static analysis • Fuzz testing • Dynamic analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANS Top 25 CWE, CISQ CWE • 40 hours, external instrumentation • Unknown vuln. using known attack patterns
AVA_VAN. 4.4E	Penetration testing based on identified potential vulnerabilities to determine that the TOE is resistant to attacks performed by attacker possessing Moderate attack potential	Penetration testing	Moderate attack potential

SESIP5: CAL4

Evaluation activity – **Advanced methodical** vulnerability analysis

AVA_VAN .5	Evaluation activity	Test approach	Rigor (example)
AVA_VAN. 5.1E	Confirm that information provided meets all requirements for content and presentation of evidence	Manual review	N/A
AVA_VAN. 5.2E	Search public domain sources to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE, components in list of 3 rd party components, IT products in the env. TOE depends on	Vulnerability scanning	Vulnerable software versions
AVA_VAN. 5.3E	Independent, methodical vulnerability analysis using guidance doc., functional spec., TOE design, security arch. description and implementation representation to identify potential vulnerabilities in the TOE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manual review • Static analysis • Fuzz testing • Dynamic analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SANS Top 25 CWE, CISQ CWE • 160 hours, external instrumentation • Verify exploitability
AVA_VAN. 5.4E	Penetration testing based on identified potential vulnerabilities to determine that the TOE is resistant to attacks performed by attacker possessing High attack potential	Penetration testing	High attack potential

Discussion

- If mappings are appropriate and we can leverage SESIP, it is possible to state that if a product **meets a certain CAL**, it also **meets the corresponding SESIP**
- There may be requirements defined in SESIP that are not in ISO 21434 as well as requirements in ISO 21434 that are not covered in SESIP ⇒ Therefore, it may **not be possible** to do a **one-to-one mapping** between SESIP and CAL
- Instead, we could use **SESIP as a base** and **fill the gaps** with additional **ISO 21434 specific requirements**

Call to Action

Mapping between ISO 21434 and SESIP

- Continue mapping requirements between SESIP and ISO 21434
- Use SESIP as a base

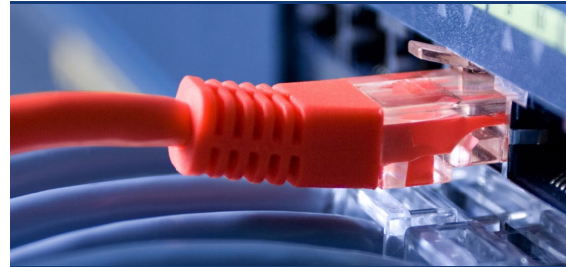
Consider how use ISO/SAE 8475 (CAL)

- Realign mapping between SESIP and ISO 21434 using ISO 8475
- Consider how to leverage SESIP (and ISO 8475) for improving best practice for ISO 21434

Thank You

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Defensics Fuzz Testing

Black Duck OSS Management

Security Services

Find critical defects and vulnerabilities in code

Automotive compliance (MISRA, ISO26262)

Security: CERT-C and CWE Top 25

Find vulnerabilities before hackers

Fuzzing for automotive protocols

CAN, Ethernet, WiFi, Bluetooth, IPv4, mp3, mp4

Find known vulnerabilities in OSS

Generate SBOM for supply chain management

Alerts for newly detected vulnerabilities

Best practices consulting

Security testing services

Gap analysis/remediation planning