


Medical Device Security

Learnings From Countless Security Assessments

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Agenda

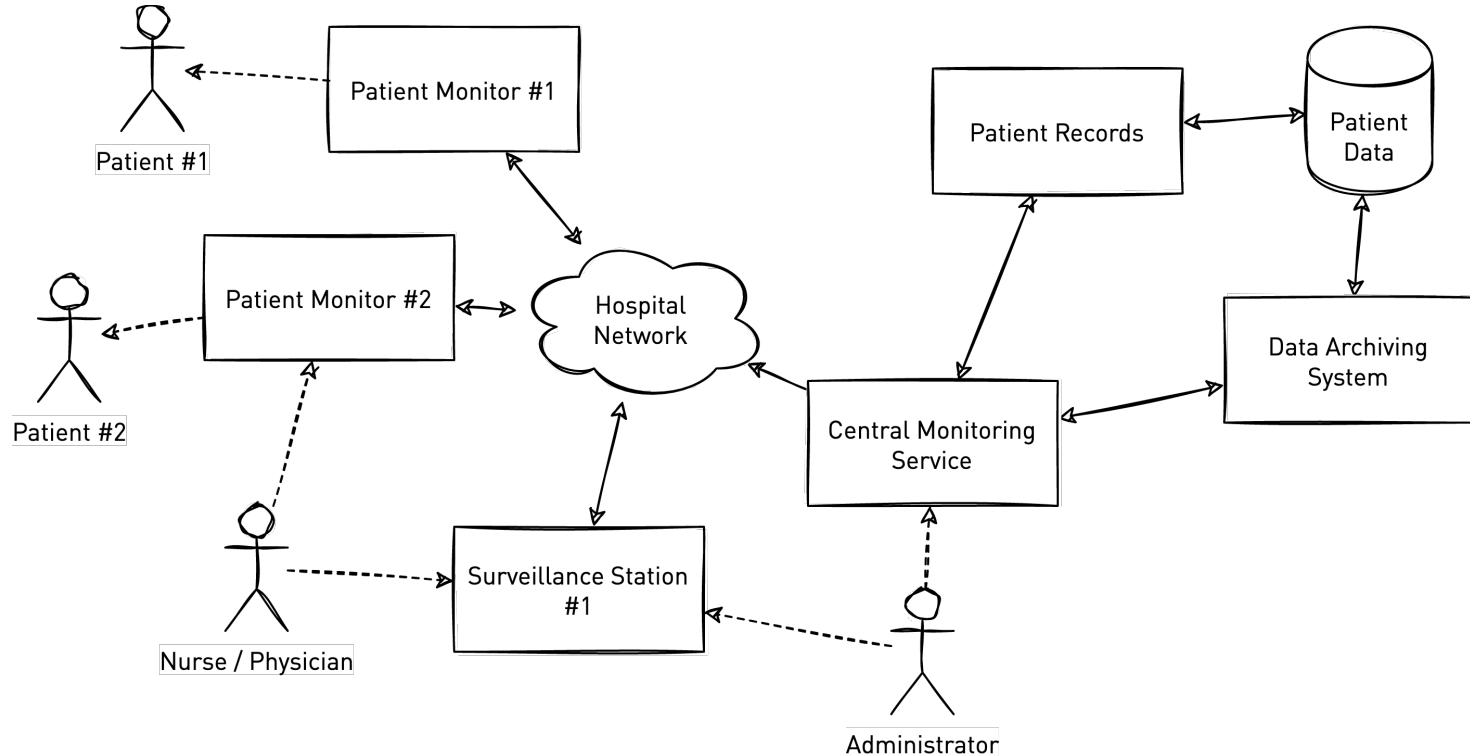
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Case Studies

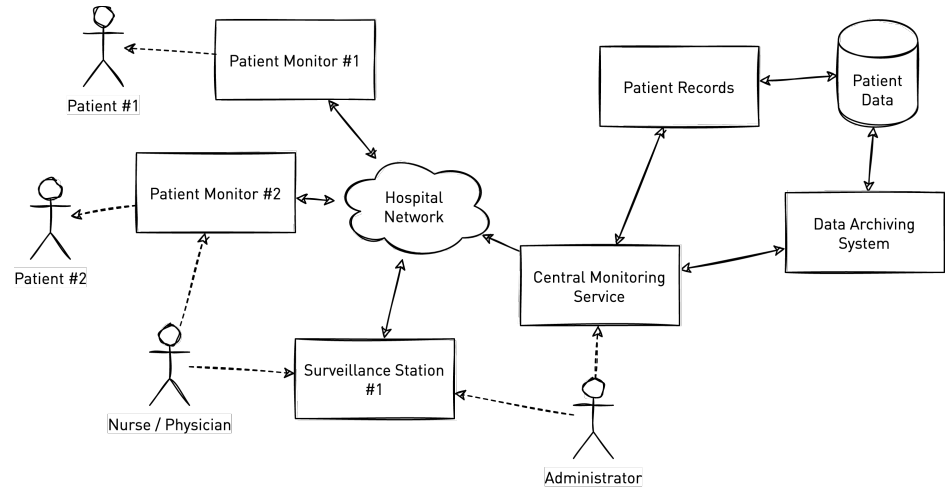
ICSMA-20-254-01: Philips Patient Monitoring Devices

Patient Monitoring System

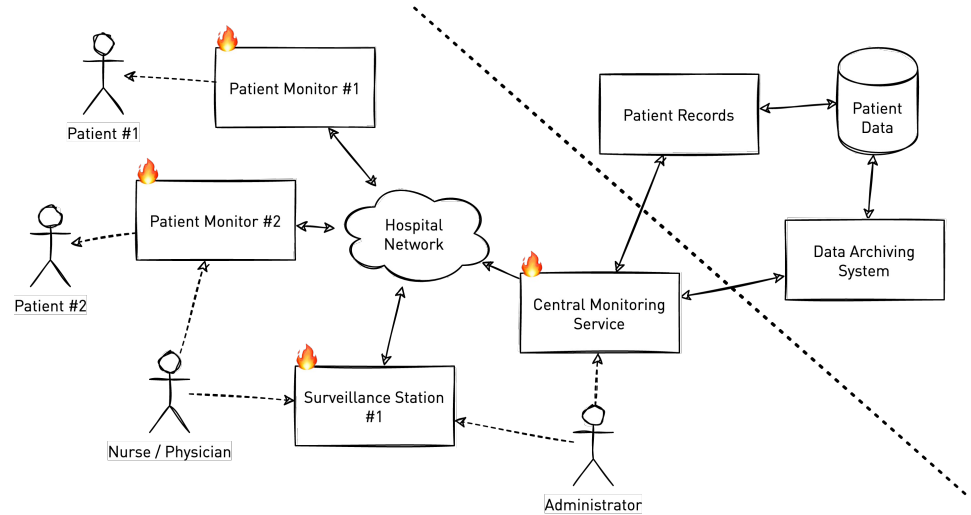


Patient Monitoring System

- Common trust anchor:
 - Environment CA with entity enrolment functionality
 - Certificates for every service and medical device
 - Mutual authentication via DTLS
- Communication protocol
 - Proprietary
 - Monitors need to connect to other monitors → trust?



- Central Monitoring Service:
 - Crashed and rebooted via unauthenticated TCP packet
 - Crash via certificate enrolment service
 - Short SCEP Pins: Obtain trusted certificates via brute-force
- Monitor:
 - Incorrectly validates received input via the DTLS-secured channel



Impact: Interrupted monitoring, access to patient health information.

Implications & Mitigations

- Disaster recovery:
 - Assume there is a compromised entity in your environment
 - How to handle compromised devices?
 - What is the impact on the device ecosystem?
- Trust relationships must be maintained between components.

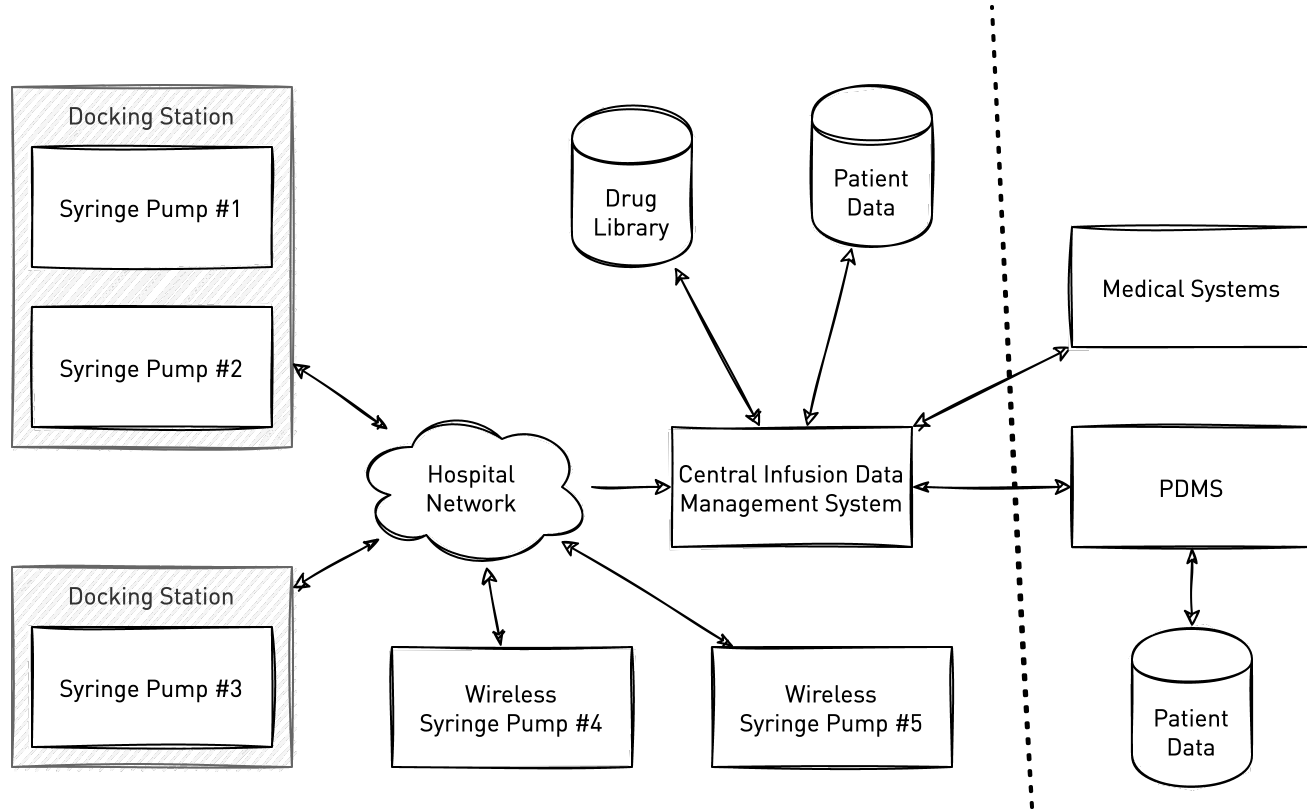
Implications & Mitigations

- Describe the processes that need to be established by operators:
 - Which configurations need to be checked on a regular basis?
 - Where is key material that needs rotation or certificates that expire?
 - How can operators terminate trust relationships of single devices?
- → Render secure operation feasible

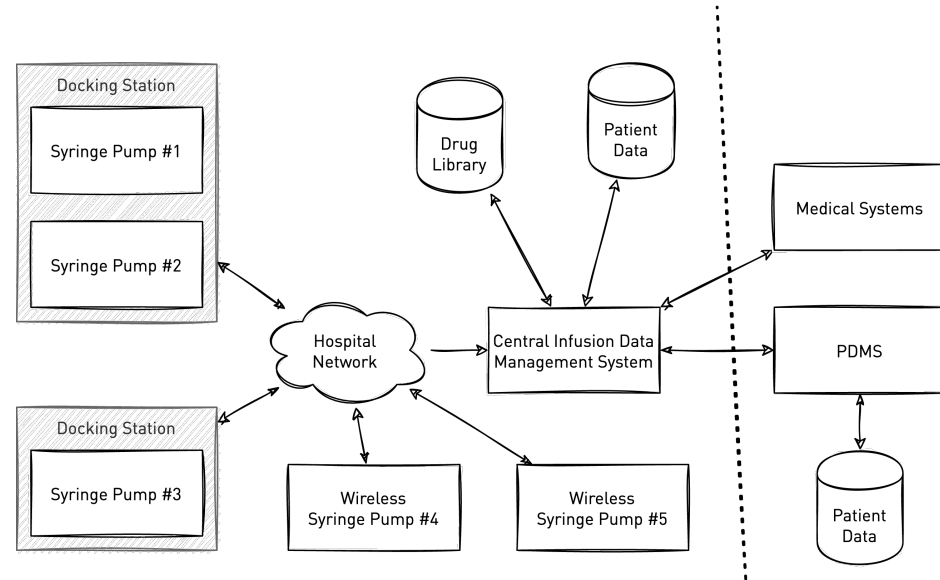
Infusion Systems

- ICSMA-20-296-01: B. Braun OnlineSuite
- ICSMA-20-296-02: B. Braun SpaceCom, Battery Pack SP with Wi-Fi, and Data module compactplus

Infusion Systems



- Docking stations act as communication gateway
- No remote-control functionality
- Manual interaction on device needed for medical use
- → Communication solely is for documentation / monitoring purposes

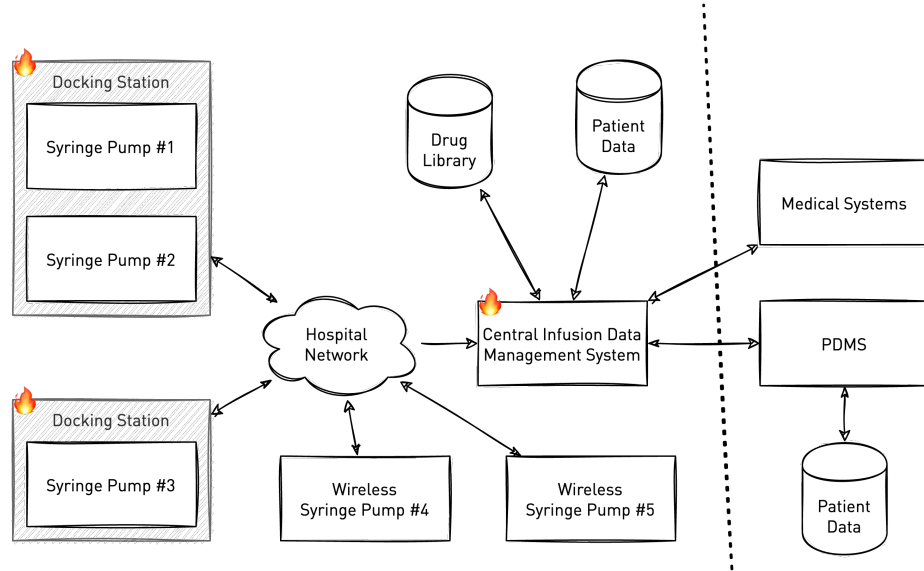




- Docks are running an administrative web application
 - XPath injections in login
 - Passwords stored hashed with MD5
 - Path traversal via authenticated file upload
 - Authenticated command injection
 - Privilege escalation to root via magic binary
- Central Management Service based on web services
 - Path traversal in unauthenticated file upload and download
 - DLL hijacking via bundled third-party library

What is the impact?

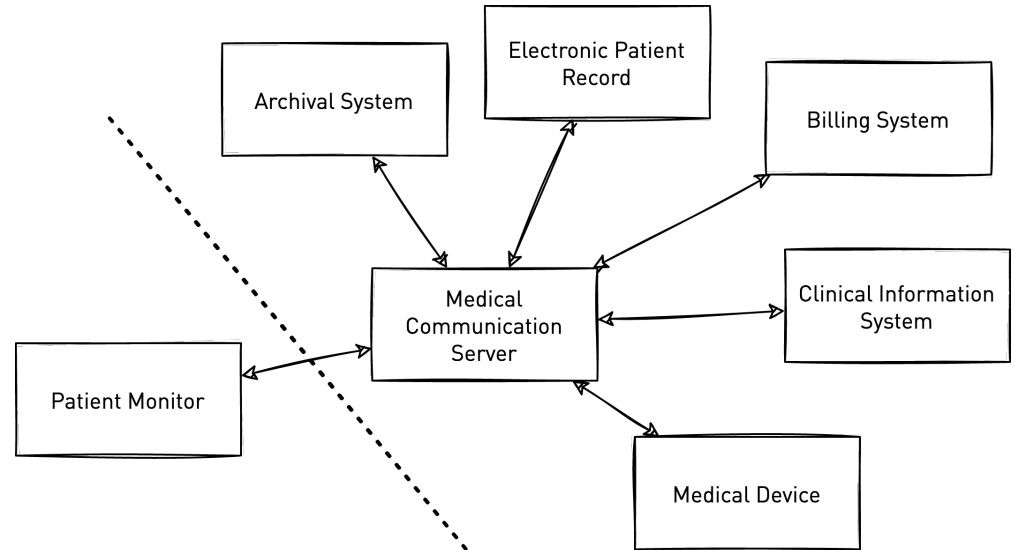
- Device is not affected in its medical operation or purpose
- Devices lose their ability to communicate
- An attacker is in the position of directly communicating with the infusion devices
- → Prerequisite for more attacks



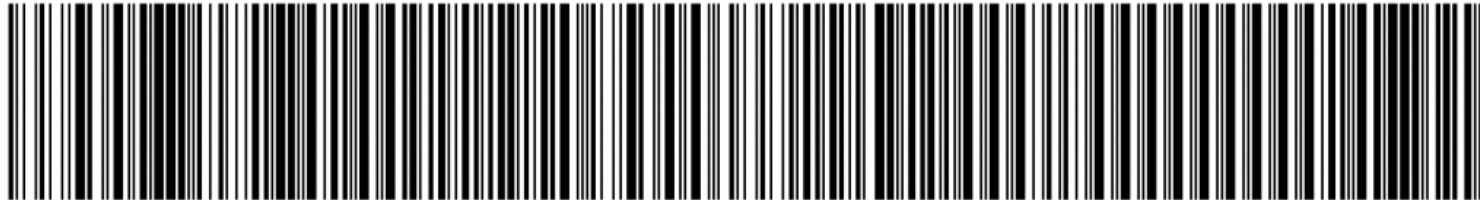
Impact: Full compromise of the medical device's accessory.

ICSMA-21-007-01: Innokas Yhtymä Oy Vital Signs Monitor

- Goal: Interoperability of heterogeneous medical systems
- → Agreements on message structure and content representations
- Common, text-based standard for transactions between medical systems



- Encoding characters in untrustworthy inputs are processed
- Requires physical access to the device
- Inject valid HL7 v2.x segments into the HL7 v2.x message with a connected barcode reader
- This barcode bypasses restrictions to special characters in input:
`ernw\rDG1|1||S61.80^ernw^icd10gm19|||BD|||||||1|\r`



`ernw\rDG1|1||S61.80^ernw^icd10gm19|||BD|||||||1|\r`

The Payload

- The payload adds an HL7 v2.x diagnosis segment according to a medical diagnosis code coding system
- Injecting the prepared payload in the patient's name causes the following HL7 v2.x communication between the device (red) and an HL7 v2.x – capable system (blue)

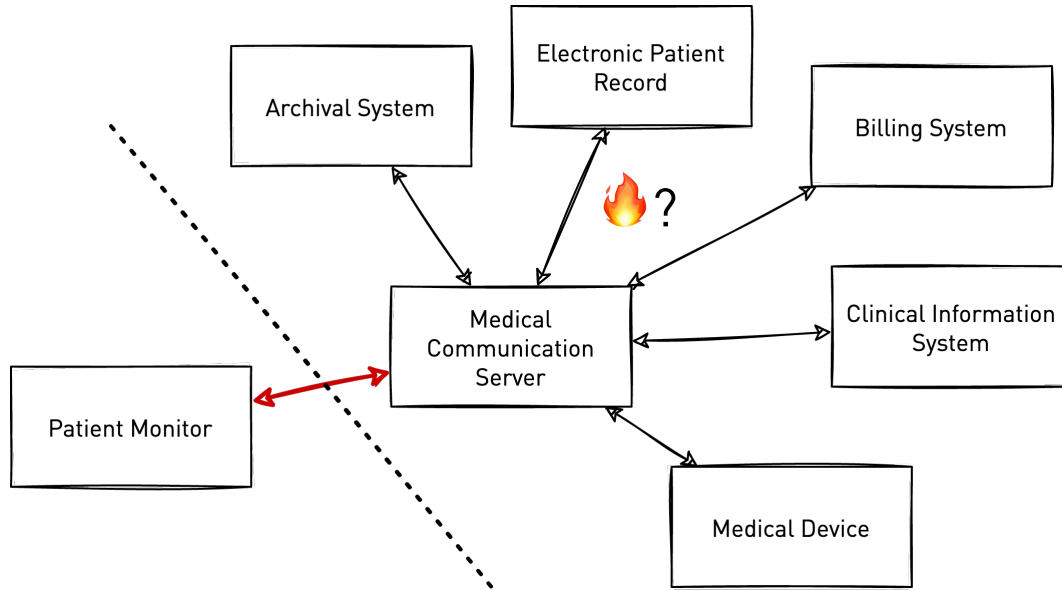
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.MSH|^~\&|██████████|ernw|ernw2|20000105235505.787+0000||ORU^R01^ORU_R01|495252308-0000000
PID|||ernw
DG1|1||S61.80^ernw^icd10gm19|||BD|||||||1|
||^~~~~~U|||
PV1|1|U|ernw|
OBR|1|1^1^1^ISO|1^1^1^ISO|██████████||20000105235457.000+0000|20000105235457.000+0000
.
.MSH|^~\&|ernw|ernw2|██████████|20191210094041.459||ACK^R01^ACK|20191210094041.459|P|2.6
MSA|AA|495252308-00000005
.
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ernw\rDG1|1||S61.80^ernw^icd10gm19|||BD|||||||1|\r

What is the impact?

```
▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 34042 (34042), Dst Port: ircu (6666), Seq: 1, Ack: 1, Len: 400
▼ Health Level Seven, Type: Unsolicited transmission of an observation, Event: Unsolicited transmission of an
  ▼ MSH (Message Header)
    field 1: MSH
    field 2: ^~\&
    field 3: ██████████
    field 4: ████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████
    field 5: ernw
    field 6: ernw2
    field 7: 20000105235505.787+0000
    field 9: ORU^R01^ORU_R01
    field 10: 495252308-00000005
    field 11: P
    field 12: 2.6
    field 15: NE
    field 16: AL
    field 21: IHE_PCD_001^IHE_PCD^1.3.6.1.4.1.19376.1.6.1.1.1^ISO
    field 24: ████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████████
  ▼ PID (Patient Identification)
    field 1: PID
    field 4: ernw
  ▼ DG1 (Diagnosis)
    field 1: DG1
    field 2: 1
    field 4: S61.80^ernw^icd10gm19
    field 7: BD
    field 16: 1
  ▼ PV1 (Patient Visit)
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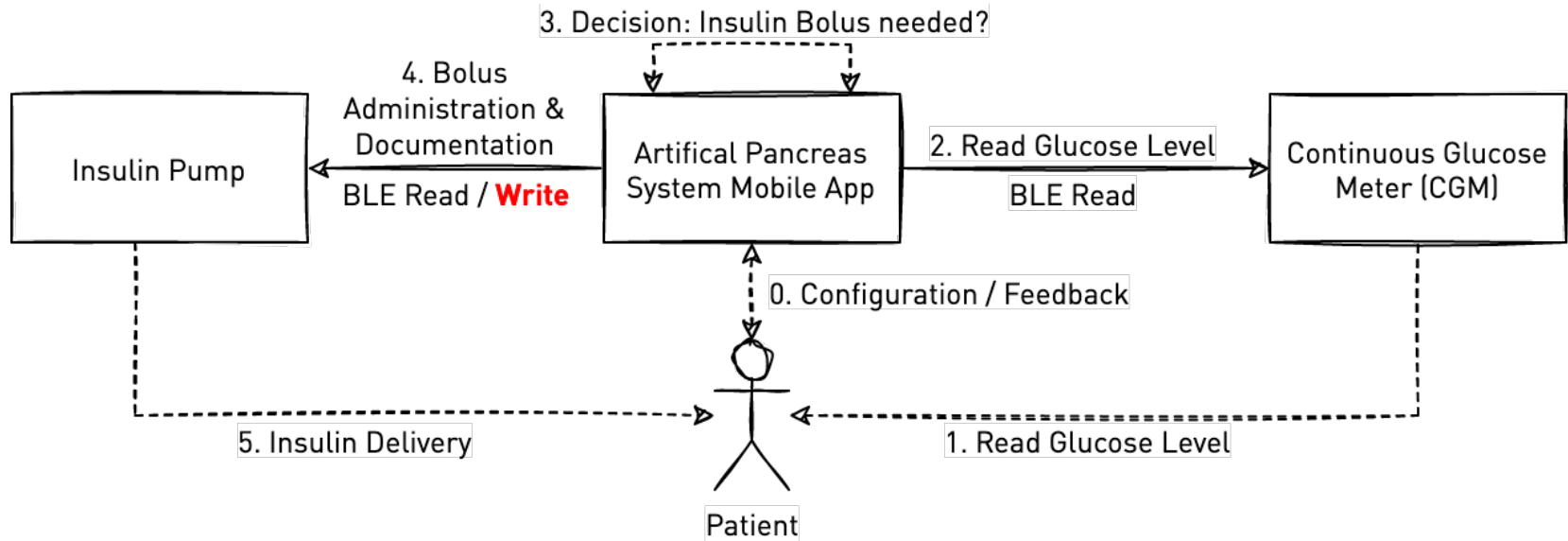
What is the impact?



- No direct impact on the patient monitor
- Exploitation allows an attacker to modify communications to downstream devices
- → Diagnosis may be parsed by clinical systems

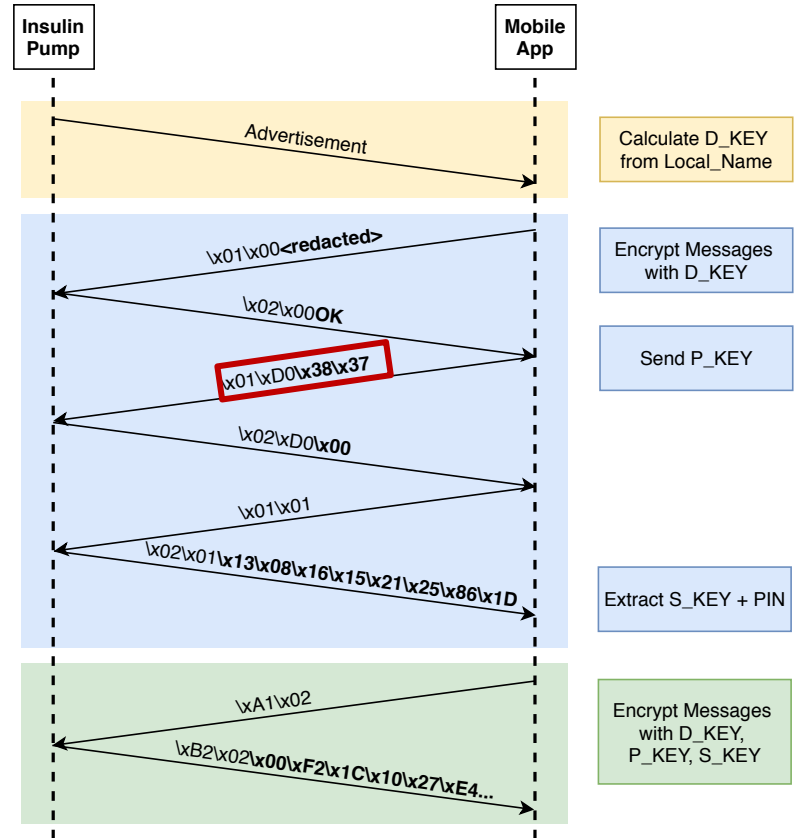
Insulin Therapy Systems & Point-of-Care-Testing Devices (POCT)

Insulin Therapy Systems



Broken Communication Protocol

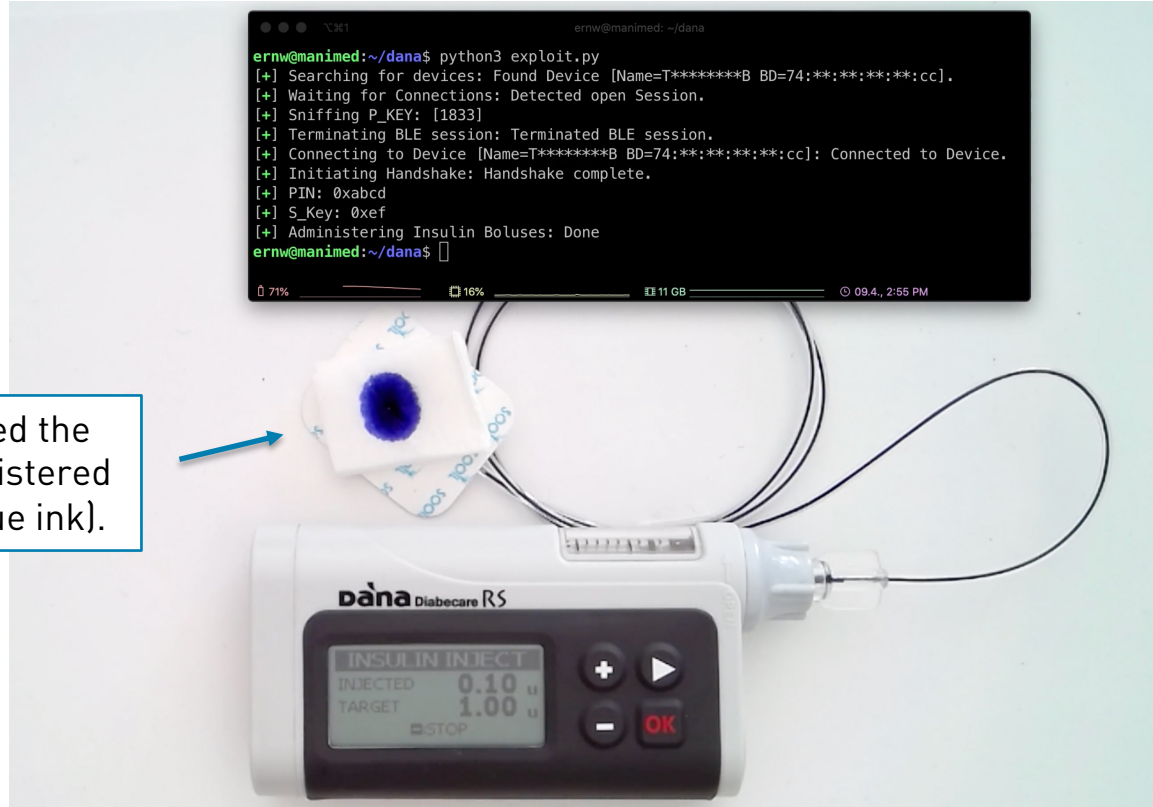
- Application-layer protocol on top of unauthenticated BLE GATT read/write
- Authentication relies on the app-layer pairing key.
- An attacker needs to be in proximity to the pump and sniff a single handshake between a pump and a paired mobile application.



What is the impact?

```
ernw@manimed: ~/dana
ernw@manimed:~/dana$ python3 exploit.py
[+] Searching for devices: Found Device [Name=T*****B BD=74:**:**:**:cc].
[+] Waiting for Connections: Detected open Session.
[+] Sniffing P_KEY: [1833]
[+] Terminating BLE session: Terminated BLE session.
[+] Connecting to Device [Name=T*****B BD=74:**:**:**:cc]: Connected to Device.
[+] Initiating Handshake: Handshake complete.
[+] PIN: 0xabcd
[+] S_Key: 0xef
[+] Administering Insulin Boluses: Done
ernw@manimed:~/dana$
```

Attacker hijacked the pump and administered Insulin (here: blue ink).



Implications & Mitigations

- Don't roll your own cryptography!
- Use security functionality provided by communication protocols
- Implement application-layer protocols only on top when needed
- Design your device with residual resources not to limit the possibilities in using stronger cryptography!

Point-of-Care-Testing Devices

- Medical purpose:
 - Bed-side lab diagnostics
 - May also be used by patients
- Portable, small, usually no wired connection



Point-of-Care-Testing Devices

- Technically:
 - Embedded devices
 - Resources: Not very powerful microcontrollers, SoCs, etc.
 - Embedded software stack / RTOS
 - Few software abstraction layers
 - Communication via:
 - USB, serial interfaces, Infrared
 - Bluetooth and WiFi



- Product Lifecycle Issues:
 - Outdated/ end-of-life OS and dependencies
 - Broken firmware update mechanisms
 - Masses of vulnerable third-party software, dependencies, etc.
- Design & Development:
 - Hard-coded secrets and credentials
 - Custom implementations for AES, Bluetooth stack, TLS, encryption and authentication protocols, ...
- Operation:
 - Unprotected service and debug interfaces
 - Compatibility assurance causes secure and insecure versions of protocols being available at the same time



Lessons Learned

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- Most vulnerabilities concerning medical devices are not specifically medical → e.g., OWASP IoT Top 10
- The device should be designed and manufactured in a way that ensures that the risks associated with environmental conditions are removed or minimized.
- There should be frequent security testing during design, development and the post-market lifecycle.



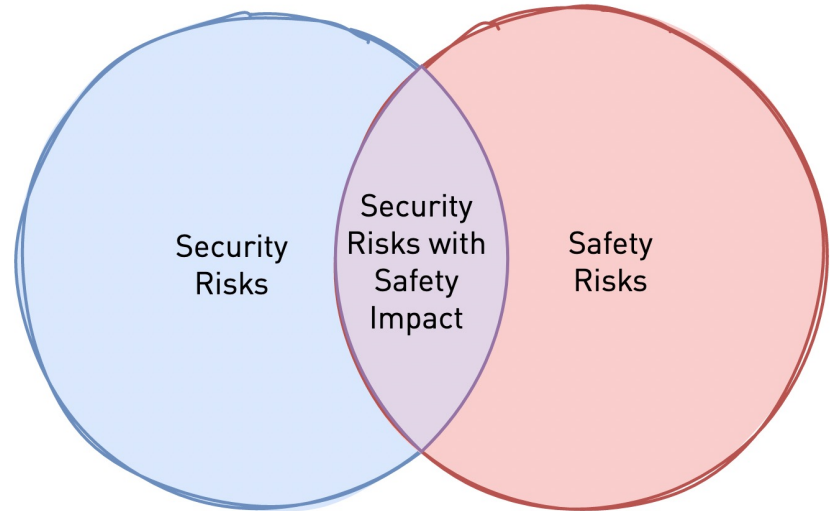
Regulatory Requirements

Medical Device Regulations

- Europe: Since 2017 there are two new regulations – MDR & IVDR
- Relevant changes for us in this context:
 - Safety approach based on the entire product life cycle:
 - Quality & Risk management
 - Intense post-market surveillance activities
- → MDCG 2019-16: Guidance on Cybersecurity for medical devices

Relationship: Safety & Security

- Any risks associated with the operation of medical devices must be acceptable.
- MDCG 2019-16:
 - Establishment of a **balance between benefit and risk** during all possible operation modes.
 - **Relationship between safety and security** as they relate to risk.



Requirements

- The manufacturer must implement state-of-the-art security capabilities depending on the risk management which is based on known vulnerabilities and attack vectors.
- **Security verification and validation testing:**
 - Processes are used to document the security testing to ensure that
 - all the security requirements have been met for the product
 - security of the product is maintained when used as intended
 - Security testing should be aligned to other product test activities



The security situation for software may change rapidly due to newly emerging security vulnerabilities, or new attack vectors.



A medical device is considered secure with respect to known vulnerabilities at a specific point in time.



Without any security maintenance the device may become unsecure and possibly unsafe.

Post-market Surveillance System

- The MDR requires a post market surveillance system (PMS) which must include security considerations:
 - Actively and regularly collect user experience from the market,
 - Collect information about 3rd-party software and hardware
 - Timely implement necessary corrective actions considering the risks

Post-market Surveillance System

- An effective and successful PMS should include:
 - Sharing and dissemination of cybersecurity information and knowledge of cybersecurity vulnerabilities and threats
 - Vulnerability remediation
 - Possible mitigations in the operating environment
 - Quick fixes
 - Medical device software updates
 - 3rd party software updates or patches
 - Information to operators of medical devices on the identified risk

Software Updates & Recertification

- Changes that should be considered a **significant change in design or intended purpose** require reporting to a notified body.
- → The MDCG guideline 2020-03 tries to clarify:
- Minor changes without impact to diagnosis or treatment:
 - Correction of an error which does not pose a safety risk (bugfixes),
 - Security update (e.g., cyber-security enhancements)
 - And some more software changes
- Reducing risks via software changes is considered major changes!

Supply Chain?

- Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)
 - Digital information sheet for software components and its dependencies
- Relevance: For which audience is the information?
 - MDCG 2019-16 mentions the SBOM as to be shared with operators
 - Hard to assess whether a component really is vulnerable
 - → Useless for medical device operators

- Common Security Advisory Framework (CSAF) 2.0
 - Standard for automated and interoperable exchange of advisories
 - Can be mapped to SBOM data of a specific product
- Profile: Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX)
 - Provide information on whether a product is impacted by a vulnerability
 - Are there remediations / workarounds recommended?
- Relevant information for vendors, systems integrators, and operators: **Is there a risk? What do we need to do to reduce it?**



Vulnerability Disclosure Processes

MDR - Vulnerability Disclosures?

- The MDR poses requirements for a PMS that includes security
- The MDR does not actively require a vulnerability disclosure statement, but the notified body / auditor may require a mature vulnerability disclosure process as part of an effective and successful PMS.
 - → “Sharing and dissemination of cybersecurity information and knowledge of cybersecurity vulnerabilities and threats”

- Few manufacturers publish a vulnerability disclosure statement or contact information
- Manufacturers wanted a proof of impact on patient safety to act
- Complexity of creating fixes and rollouts to the field:
 - Development process complexity & release cycles
 - Fixes and remediations: simple fix vs. the device is “totally broken”
 - Update process complexity requires a service technician
- Communication:
 - Stagnant progress and ambiguous statements about future actions
 - Strict information policies that strictly prohibit sharing information

- Limit misunderstandings and ease the process by providing:
 - Information about the vulnerabilities
 - A detailed explanation of every vulnerability
 - Recommendations for fixes
 - Descriptions with observed (safety) impacts (videos of the device crashing, unintended behavior, etc.)
 - Information about the process
 - Expectations to communication and responsiveness
 - Expectations to process timelines (start the clock!)
 - Intended results such as CVEs, blog posts, white papers, etc.
 - Escalation paths:
 - Involvement of authorities such as BfArM / BSI or a CERT



Closing

Summary

- Many vulnerabilities concerning medical devices are not specifically medical, but the operation environment is.
- MDR and its processes and requirements will help to:
 - Focus on the relationship between safety and security
 - Apply mature IT security process in the medical sector
 - Security verification and validation testing will increase the security level of new products in the product's lifecycle

Challenges

- Short-term impairment on security as of certification
- Rendering legacy devices compliant to MDR requirements
- How to secure an existing environment with existing equipment?
 - Customers are not replacing the entire environment at once
 - Compatibility between old and new equipment and devices?
- Securing and operating on-premise and cloud environments
 - Safety impact of cloud or connection outage?
 - Medical devices with permanent cloud connections?

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