Challenges in Developing a Safety Standard for Medical Application Platforms

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Health Care Involves A Variety of System Components



Together these elements form the precursor of a Cyber-Physical System of Systems. Unfortunately, these elements are largely un-integrated, and so appropriate automated systems solutions cannot be applied.

Medical Application Platforms



- A Medical Application Platform is a safety- and securitycritical real-time computing platform for...
 - Integrating heterogeneous devices, medical IT systems, and information displays via communications infrastructure, and
 - Hosting applications ("apps") that provide medical utility via the ability to acquire information from and update/control integrated devices, IT systems, and displays

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- In an envisioned "component-wise" regulatory approach, when adding a new device...
 - ...the scope of regulation would be the device and its MAP interface
 - Does it appropriately declare its capabilities, hazards, safety-states?
 - Does it appropriately implement the MAP networking protocols?

Envisioned Compositional Approach



- In an envisioned "component-wise" regulatory approach, when adding a new app...
 - ...the scope of regulation would be the just the app
 - ...the app specifies its requirements for devices and platform capabilities (which would be checked by the platform at launch time)
 - ...the app regulatory submission provides an overall argument for safety of the constituted device

System Integration

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- Integration is performed *before* deployment with full knowledge and behavior of components being integrated
- Integrator has expert-level technical knowledge of components & system behavior
- Responsible for overall system
 - Verification & Validation
 - Safety arguments
 - Certification



787 Final Assembly Integrator - The Boeing Company

As Prime Contractor/Integrator for the final assembly of the composite 787 Dreamliner in Everett, WA,

team, which includes Northrop Grumman as principal subcontractor and airborne electronic attack subsystem integrator.

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MAP Development & Assembly



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With MAPs, there is **no** prime contractor that is responsible for integration and system-level verification and validation.

- Assembly is performed *after* deployment
- Assembler (hospital staff) does not have expert-level technical knowledge of components & system behavior
- **App developer** is responsible for overall
 - System safety arguments
- Platform services (compatibility checks) assist in determining **at app launch time** if platform and attached devices satisfy requirements of app
- The app's directions for assembly of the platform constituted device are stated only in terms of properties/capabilities that are exposed on the interfaces of the platform and devices.

Trust via Staged Checking

App declares its requirements for devices, communication, execution. A Priori third-Party certification evaluates safety/correctness of app wrt those declarations.



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Device declares its capabilities for supplying clinical data control functions, safety modes, QoS/RT properties. A priori third-party certification evaluates safety/correctness of device wrt those declarations.



Trust via Staged Checking

At app launch time, platform services check to see whether platform and attached devices can satisfy requirements stated by the app. If so, app is launched. If not, app is not allowed to run.



How to Achieve the MAP Vision?

- A rigorous architecture oriented to compositional safety/trust
- Precise/formal interface specifications capturing a variety of properties
 - Including real-time and resource constraints
- Static Enforcement -- Formal verification techniques for checking interface compatibility and implementation compliance to interfaces
- Dynamic Enforcement -- Run-time enforcement that app's requirements on platform and devices are satisfied
- Rigorous third-party certification of compliance to architecture/interfaces



KSU / UL Collaboration

Open experimental ICE-compliant platform to bring together academic researchers, industry vendors, and government regulators

- UL / AAMI have formed a Joint Committee on Medical Device Interoperability
 - goal is to create a family of *safety standards* for medical application platforms
- KSU is providing inputs based on experience with the *Medical Device* Coordination Framework – prototype MAP environment
 - Developed by Kansas State University and U Penn
 - Funded by NSF CPS and NSF FDA Scholar-in-Residence programs
- Focus of KSU/UL Interactions
 - Formal architecture descriptions in AADL
 - Tool-supported risk management based on the AADL Error Model annex
 - Using the PCA artifacts described in the afternoon sessions as case studies

Medical Device Coordination Framework

Open experimental ICE-compliant platform to bring together academic researchers, industry vendors, and government regulators

- Background
 - Developed by Kansas State University and U Penn
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- Goals
 - Open source infrastructure
 - Meet performance requirements of realistic clinical scenarios
 - Provide middleware with reliability, real-time, security
 - Provide an effective app programming model and development environment with integrated verification/validation support and construction of regulatory artifacts
 - Support evaluation of device interfacing concepts
 - Illustrate how to support real and mock devices
 - Illustrate envisioned regulatory oversight and 3rd party certification