# Vehicle, System, and Component Level Threat Analysis & Risk Assessment TARA-as-a-Service to design vehicle cybersecurity with our expertise, tools, and efficiency.

The automotive industry is undergoing cybersecurity standardization and regulation that enforces consistent analysis to provide work products to auditors. Vehicles and their components that are cyber relevant must have a threat analysis and risk assessment (TARA) performed as a part of the cybersecurity design process.

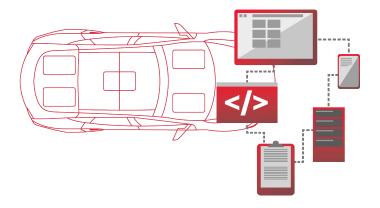
#### What is TARA?

A TARA is an automotive-specific risk assessment process that fits within the ISO/SAE 21434 vehicle cybersecurity standard. Like any risk assessment, it starts with item definition to understand the assets being protected and where the boundaries exist. Then, damage scenarios for the item definition are identified based on safety, financial, operational, and privacy considerations. Then, threat scenarios are defined that may realize those damage scenarios and a likelihood is documented. Finally, a set of risks are documented based on the security analysis that is the outcome of the TARA. Those risks should guide the cybersecurity design.

# Why Perform a TARA?

# Security by Design

Instead of checking cybersecurity after the product has been developed, security by design is magnitudes more efficient and effective at ensuring the end product is secure. Plus, due to ISO/SAE 21434, your customers will ask for a TARA for your product. You need to be able to effectively secure the vehicle and adjust the TARA based on a changing threat and vulnerability landscape.



# Challenges with TARA

#### Tools

Many companies are forced to create their own TARA template using tools like Excel because existing risk assessment tools do not fit automotive. At Block Harbor, we used industry-leading tools that specifically focus on ISO/SAE 21434 that let us focus on doing our job well.

#### Expertise

A cybersecurity design is only as good as the experts that are performing the TARA. Because TARA is done so early in the design process, it's critical that it's done right the first time.

# Reusability

Many items and components have very similar TARAs. If you're managing multiple projects, being able to reuse different parts of TARAs speeds the process significantly.

# Consistency

Each TARA may be different based on the knowledge and expertise of the security analyst performing the TARA. Being able to consistently perform, edit, and manage TARAs with a team of different analysts is critical to consistent cybersecurity.

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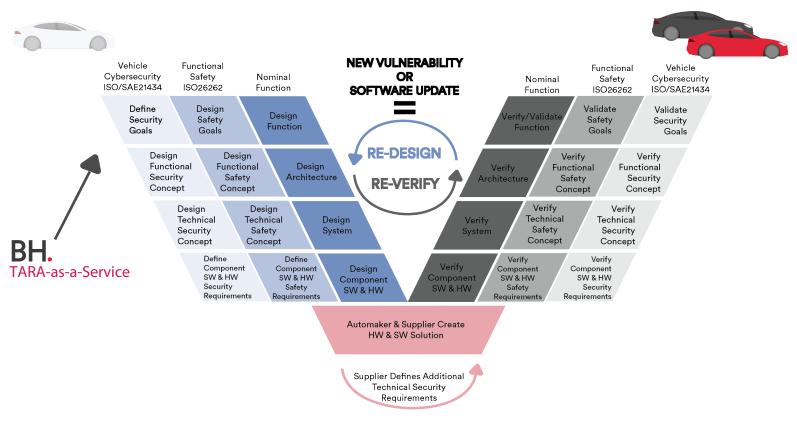
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#### How we work

#### **Item Definition**

#### Documentation

A Block Harbor security analyst will review documentation provided by the customer on technical details and functions of the target item. Then, we'll document assets relevant for cybersecurity in a formal item definition to perform a security analysis against.

#### Item Owner Review

Block Harbor will set up an interview with the item owner to refine the item definition and ensure accuracy before performing the security analysis.

#### Security Objectives

Then, we'll work with the customer to understand the security objectives of the item so that we don't miss critical considerations that we may not be accounting for.

# Security Analysis

### **Damage Scenarios**

Our security experts will document damage scenarios based on their understand of the target item. Damage scenarios used Safety, Financial, Operational, and Privacy dimensions to compute an impact level.

#### **Threat Scenarios**

Block Harbor's team identifies possible threat scenarios to realize the damage scenarios and violate the security objectives of the item. Threat scenarios use attack feasibility level to determine the likelihood of the scenario.

#### Risk and Risk Treatments

Block Harbor will generate a set of risks based on the security analysis that the target item faces. Then, we'll work with the item owner to identify security controls that can be used to treat the risks.

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