

Cybersecurity: safety, privacy, sustainability and liberty

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The Big Picture

- Yesterday the FT leaked the Commission's plan for a 'Transatlantic Agenda for Global Cooperation' on tech, global warming, covid...
- In tech, the EU is the global privacy regulator as Washington and Peking don't care while nobody else is big enough to matter
- The same is happening in safety and in the prevention of market abuses
- Yet security as privacy is getting entangled with security as safety, and both of them with market abuse!

Safety 101

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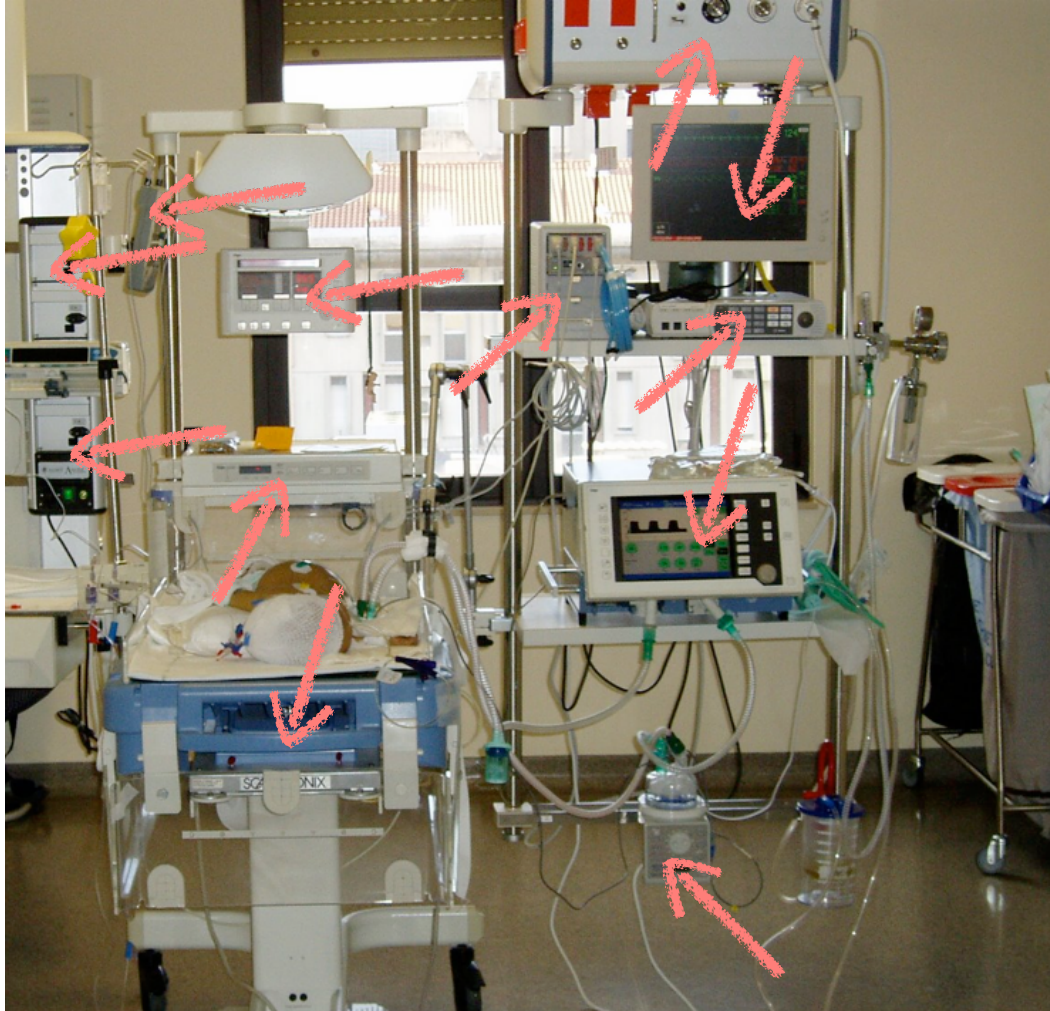
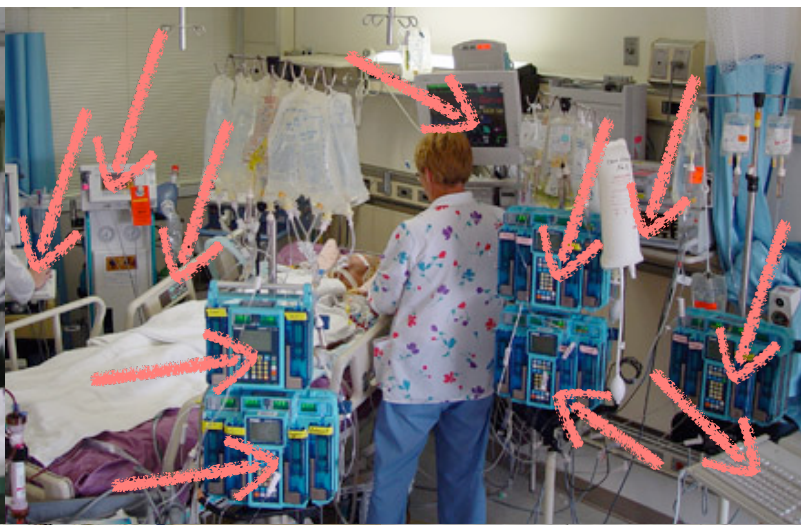
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- Enox's 'Safe-Kid One' was recalled Feb 2019
- “Unencrypted communications with its backend server ... enables unauthenticated access”
- Hackers can track and call kids, change device ID...
- Doesn't comply with Radio Equipment Directive

What about security and safety?

- In 2015, the Commission asked Éireann Leverett, Richard Clayton and me to examine what IoT implied for safety regulation
- 2016 report 'Standardisation and certification of safety, security and privacy in the Internet of Things': once there's software everywhere, safety and security get entangled
- How will we update safety regulation (and safety regulators) to cope?
- We looked at cars, medical devices, and electricity distribution as examples





Medical Devices

- Research by Harold Thimbleby: hospital safety usability failures kill about 2000 p.a. in the UK, about the same as road accidents
- Safety usability ignored – incentives wrong...
- But attacks are very much harder to ignore – a Wi-Fi tampering demo in 2015 led the FDA to blacklist the Hospira Symbiq infusion pump
- 2017: recall of 450,000 St Jude pacemakers
- What should Europe do?

Medical Devices (2)

- The Medical Device Directives have been revised: reg 2017/745 will now come into force in 2021 requiring post-market surveillance, a per-device risk management plan, ergonomic design ...
- Reg 17.2: ‘for devices that incorporate software... the software shall be developed ... in accordance with the state of the art taking into account the principles of development life cycle, risk management, including information security, verification and validation’

Medical Devices (3)

- 18.8 ‘Devices shall be designed and manufactured in such a way as to protect, as far as possible, against unauthorised access that could hamper the device from functioning as intended’.
- Similar issues exist in many other sectors, and regulatory action is either underway or needed...
- Not one ‘cybersecurity standard’ but hundreds!

Broader questions include...

- Who will investigate incidents, and to whom will they be reported?
- How do we embed responsible disclosure?
- How do we bring safety engineers and security engineers together?
- Will regulators all need security engineers?
- How do we prevent market abuse? Tech is plagued by monopolies large and small...

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- So what happens to support costs now we're starting to connect all sorts of durable goods to the Internet, and have to patch them?

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NOISE. CAN YOU TAKE A LOOK?

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IS ALSO BROKEN.

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Consumer Protection Too!

- 2019/771: EU directive on sales of goods
- Buyers of goods with digital elements are entitled to necessary updates for two years, or for longer if this is a reasonable expectation of the customer
- Trader has burden of proof in first two years
- ‘Reasonable expectation of the customer’ should mean 10+ years for cars, white goods...

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- Example: draft ISO 27533
- Biometric authentication on mobile devices: adds modes of operation with templates, matching both on central servers
- This is in parallel to existing Fido Alliance ways of working (bio in secure chip on device)
- Lone academic dissidents can't push back on this stuff. It will take governments

The coming tussle with China (2)

- Rather than fighting individual suppliers, we need to push technical standards that embed European values of democracy, privacy ...
- We also need to embed and defend these values in our own tech policy
- But hang on: the new crypto-war proposal to use upload filters to break end-to-end crypto
- We must abandon this! See “Keys under Doormats” ...

More ...

- Our papers 'Standardisation and Certification in the Internet of Things', 'Keys under Doormats' and on sustainability are at <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~rja14/>
- Or see our blog <https://www.lightbluetouchpaper.org>
- Workshop on the Economics of Information Security, CEPS, December 14–15 2020

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