Tier X and the coming of the whitebox car

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Agenda

- Motivation
- Impact of new kinds of smaller players
- Risks of the new ecosystem
- Policy and legal developments
- Implications for automotive industry
Linux makes the whitebox car inevitable

- Cars are now consumer electronics.
- CE devices are identical slabs differentiated only by SW.
- Resisting SiliValley has not worked well for entertainment industry.
- Nokia laughed when Apple announced a phone.
- Google will sell a “Nexus”-branded autonomous vehicle.
- GENIVI stems from OEM wish to change supplier relationships.
  - Watch what you wish for.
Autonomous Vehicle Legislation in U.S.

- Enacted at some level in Nevada, Florida.
- Introduced as a bill in Hawaii, New Jersey and Oklahoma.

Self-Driving Cars From Google On The Road Toward Approval In California
Disruption in mobile: a model for automotive?

4 kinds of Unix!

source: guardian.co.uk/technology/blog/2011/may/19/smartphones-mobilephones
Tier X: “Start-ups” are different

- Venture-funded ones look for “big score.”
- Insurance companies are making big investments.
- Telematics and data mining are hot.
- Stanford and U.C. Berkeley innovation engines are onto IVI.
- Ride- and car-sharing and EV startups are active.
Bay Area IVI participants: players without logos matter!

Tier X: KleenSpeed, Savari, JustMiles, CloudCar, JustShareIt, RideJoy, UnifyCar, *Phil Sadow* . . .
Case study: Nissan, Phil Sadow and the BayLeafs

A win for entrepreneur, owners and Nissan.
Tier X outreach: Ford's OpenXC

Indian launch; plans for further roll-out unclear.
Hot area: ride- and car-sharing start-ups

- Well-established (Zimride, JustShareIt, carpooling.com) and new entrants (UnifyCars, Ridejoy, DriveNow . . .)
  - Not just cars: trucks, boats . . . BMW-funded ParkAtMyHouse.
  - Vehicles have CAN-bus driver monitors and/or lock overrides installed.

- Car-disinterested urban youth with lower means find sharing appealing.

- First augur of “Cars as a Service” – “whistle cars”.
Start-up to watch: CloudCar

$ whois openautomobilealliance.org
Domain Name:OPENAUTOMOBILEALLIANCE.ORG
Created On:16-Apr-2012 20:18:05 UTC
Registrant Name:Albert Jordan
Registrant Organization:CloudCar
Registrant City:Los Altos
Registrant State/Province:CA

Rumor: new project of Andy Rubin, serial entrepreneur.
• **Silicon Valley way**: free membership, free food, more active than local SAE and IEEE Vehicular Technology groups.

• Huge interest: over 430 members joined since Oct. 2011.

• Monthly technical presentations:
  
  - Stanford (CARS), Tata Consultancy Services (ADAS), GM (MirrorLink), Mentor Graphics (GENIVI), Intel (Tizen), Nissan BayLeafs (entrepreneur-owners' group), Ford (OpenXC), start-up panel discussion, Savari Networks (V2V and V2I), GM (Android SDK) . . .

• Sponsored by ICS, Intel and Mentor Graphics.
Watershed in Expectations about Electronic Devices

Library of Congress adds DMCA exception for jailbreaking or rooting your phone

By Paul Miller • posted July 26th 2010 11:33AM
“Each manufacturer of motor vehicles [...] shall make available for purchase by owners and independent repair facilities all diagnostic repair tools incorporating the same [...] capabilities that such manufacturer makes available to its dealers.”
I'm once again a cosponsor of the **Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act** in the 112th Congress. . . . The Act has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce . . . Sincerely, **Anna G. Eshoo**
Linux best practices can help with security

UCSD, UWa, Rutgers: http://autosec.org/

but they can't modernize CAN bus design.
Downside: Malware and simply obnoxiousware

- *Traffic-law evasion software* is an inevitability.
  - “radar detection” made simple by siren indication within the J2735 emergency vehicle alert message?

- *Dangerous ideas: augmented reality games for drivers.*
  - Terrible idea in urban areas and for teens.
  - What about convoys of long-haul truckers on lonely highways?
Allow arbitrary user-selected apps in containers?

Source: lisko Lappalainen, MontaVista, ELC 2011

Help is on the way from GENIVI Alliance.
Trusted computing: a hot topic in Linux

- Microsoft mandates a UEFI key-signing bootloader.
  - Controversial due to new post-sale vendor lockdown.
  - Different work-arounds by RedHat (pesign), Canonical and OpenSUSE.

- Automotive modifications are traditionally lightly regulated, except:
  - Emissions, anti-theft and safety systems.
  - Wireless comm (DSRC V2V and V2I) standards are in USDoT RFC stage.

- Principle: Systems that implement a standard API and pass a specified suite of safety tests are deemed safe.
Proposal: Extend Vehicle Safety Inspection to Software?

Any vehicle that passes a new safety and security inspection suite (to include at least black-box testing, static code analysis and coverage tools) is eligible for registration.

*Principle:* specify behavior of safety and security systems, not underlying implementation details.
Influential Doctorow's “trusted platform modules”

- Cory Doctorow is a renowned science fiction author and on-line rights advocate.
  - Principal of well-read BoingBoing and Electronic Frontier Foundation Fellow.
- Doctorow is a newly convinced advocate (*Long Now Foundation*, Aug 2012) of trusted computing for embedded.
- Specifically cites automotive example.
- [VIDEO CLIP]
Linux is the major force behind vehicle commodification

- Open source $\implies$ loss of control.
- Start-up activity is unpredictable change agent.
- Controversy over R2R, locked bootloaders is nascent.
- Autonomous cars are harbingers of SW domination.
- Globalization and push to lower costs cannot be curtailed.
Summary

- Linux and globalization will drive commodification.
- *Tier X* start-ups, consumer movements play major roles.
- Legal and regulatory situations are evolving.
- Identical hardware platforms differentiated by SW are inevitable.
- “Cars as a Service” is the end-point.
- Finally, a call to action . . .
Call to action

Raise awareness among OEMs' main customers: ask dealer salespeople, “What software does this car run?”
Why Automotive Linux needs start-ups: localization

- Need goes beyond varying fonts, maps and comms standards.
  - Use cases for cars vary hugely, even within one country.

- Average Chinese new car buyer has been driving for 3 years.
  - “Tutorial” driver mode for new drivers?

- “Co-operative navigation” traffic routing (ETSI TR 102 638) naturally relies on a combination of local knowledge and real-time information
Gateways pass information freely among subnets

Source: Renesas’ website
Right To Repair

Canada's auto manufacturers have acknowledged the aftermarket has a right to certain information required to repair vehicles, making life easier for insurers and their policyholders.

By: Scott Smith
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By signing an agreement referred to as the Canadian Automotive Service Information Standard (CASIS), Canadian automobile manufacturers finally acknowledged the aftermarket has the "right to repair" vehicles. Signed on Sept. 29, 2009, the agreement between the aftermarket and all car companies that sell vehicles in Canada will open access to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) tools and information to the aftermarket.