

Car Hacking Expert, Chris Valasek, Keynotes at the 8th Annual SecTor (Security Education Conference Toronto)

TORONTO, ON, October 14, 2014 – While hacking a car almost always requires physical access, it won't be long before it doesn't. Consider this scenario: a virus is accidentally downloaded onto a driver's phone, who unknowingly pairs it to his car, now the infection is inside the vehicle, where the Bluetooth and brakes run on the same network... what's the defence?

As vehicles become more computers-on-wheels than cars, the act of securing them should be a priority for automakers, yet there's an absence of information on this topic. Here's a rare opportunity to hear from a bleeding-edge expert, Chris Valasek (Director of Vehicle Security Research at IOActive), Keynoting SecTor.

Chris' Keynote presentation, 'The Connected Car: Security Throwback' <http://www.sector.ca/Program/Speakers/SpeakersDetail/chris-valasek-23987>, will demonstrate how present-day automotive security is like a hard shell with a gooey inner layer - protect the outside, but once inside, it's a field day. He'll draw comparisons between today's auto landscape and the early 2000s of the internet, when protection mechanisms were an afterthought.

Automotive industry types - is your product resistant against a cyber-attack? If you're not securing the vehicles you're producing, then they can be weaponized, and yes that sentence is intended to give you chills.

His keynote will include the opportunity to ask questions. Catch it at SecTor www.sector.ca on Tuesday, October 21 at 12:00 - 1:10pm.

To read the full article: Keri Potipcoe, Auto Journalist, <http://KeriBlog.com/category/security/>, keri@keriblog.com

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