



Riskpool – A Security Risk Management Methodology

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Overview

- What is Risk & Risk Management
- Security Risk Management – Database
- Riskpool – Concept & Examples

Introduction

Risk

- **Risk** – *noun* - The possibility of something bad happening at some time in the future; a situation that could be dangerous or have a bad result [Oxford Dictionary]

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Risk Management

- Managing First Order Risk



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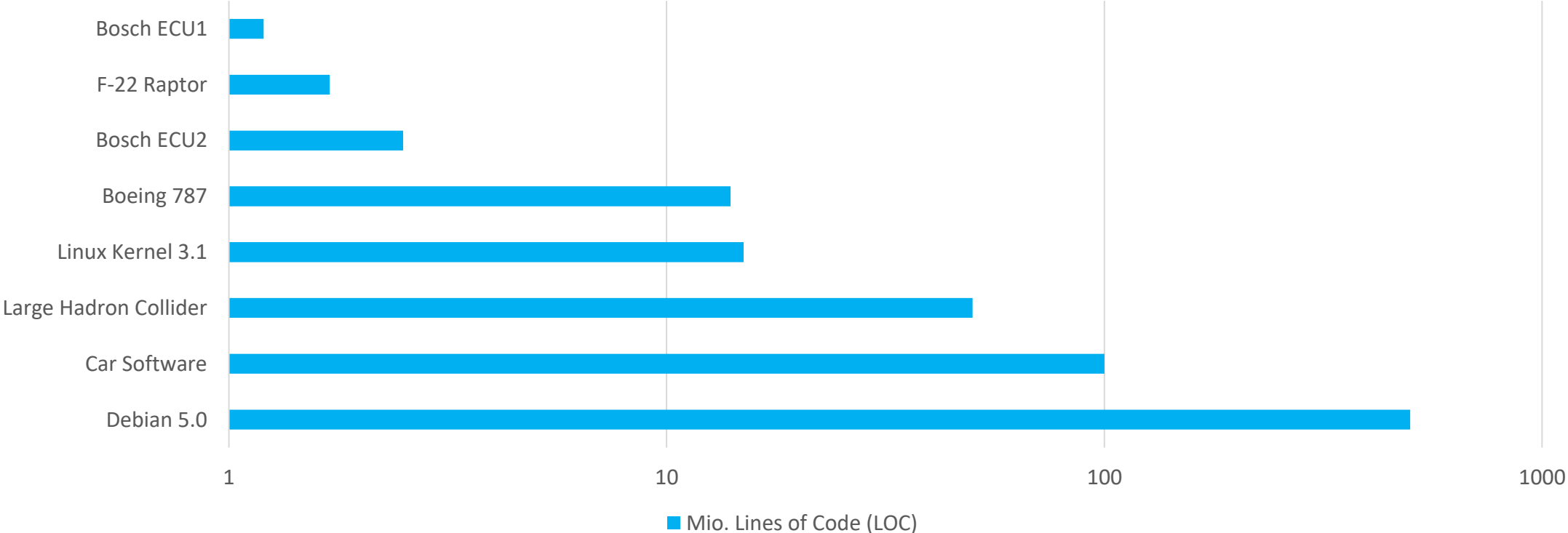
- Managing Second Order Risk



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Security Risk Management Database – Software Size

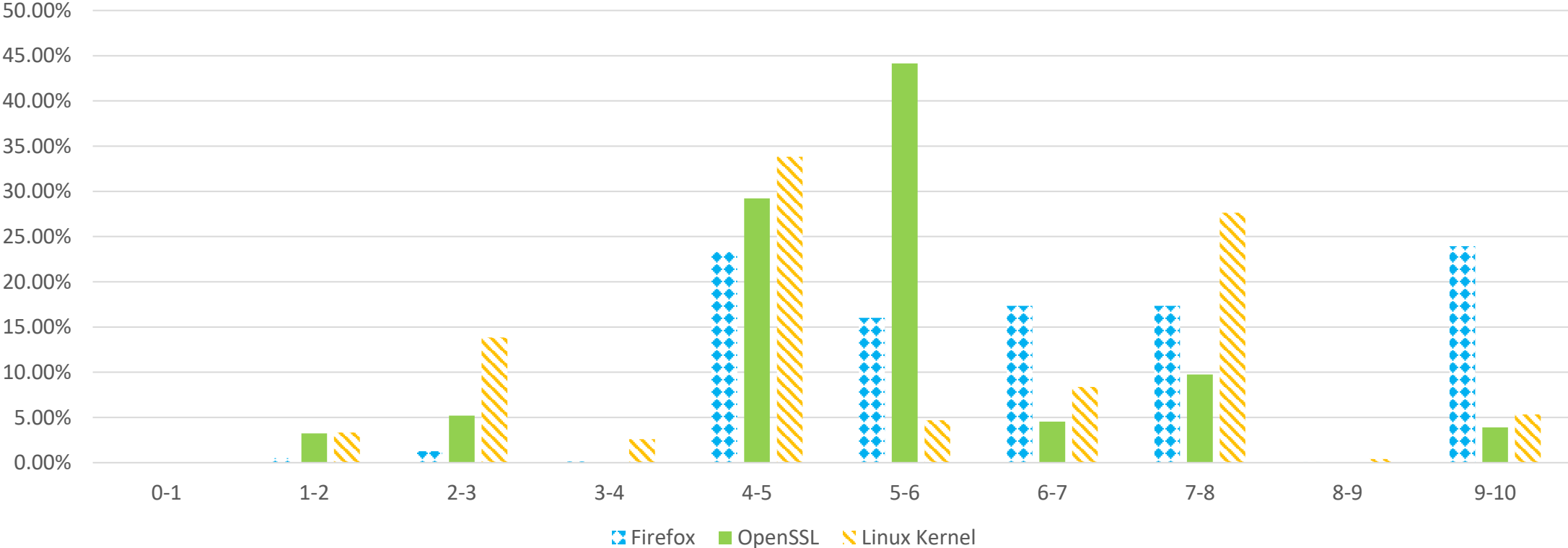
Mio. Lines of Code (LOC)



Security Risk Management

Database - Vulnerabilities

CVE Distribution for Three OSS Projects



Security Risk Management Database

Software	Vulnerabilities per 1,000 LoC	LoC (2023)	Σ CVEs 2012-2022
Google Chrome	0.08	25,600,000	2,154
Firefox	0.06	25,300,000	1,459
Linux Kernel	0.07	33,600,000	2,230
OpenSSL	0.11	1,540,000	163
Python	0.06	1,320,000	77
PHP	0.23	1,510,000	349

min. 2,000 exploitable vulnerabilities waiting to be discovered in a top of the line car over the next five years.

Riskpool Concept

- Risks associated with all products that are not at the end of their lifetime on one side and a risk pool, representing the available capacity to fix defects in a product over its lifetime on the other side:

$$\sum_i Project_i \cdot TARA\ Residual\ Risks_i \cdot Weight_i \leq \sum Developers \cdot Fixing\ Capability \cdot Capacity$$

- *i*: products in expected lifetime (lifetime, legal definition open – e.g., Porsche mean age of fleet = 25 years, Automotive OEM1 requests 6 years after SOP)
- *TARA Residual Risks*: Residual risk values depend on the used TARA methodology
- *Weight*: Residual risks will have an associated weight, 2-10% of the expected risks (TARA) manifest (scaling with code age, innovation level, delivery with known vulnerabilities, LoC & FotA capability)
- *Fixing Capability*: capability of developers to fix vulnerabilities, value depends on TARA methodology
- *Capacity*: how much capacity of the available developers is assigned for maintenance and fixing vulnerabilities

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Example UNECE

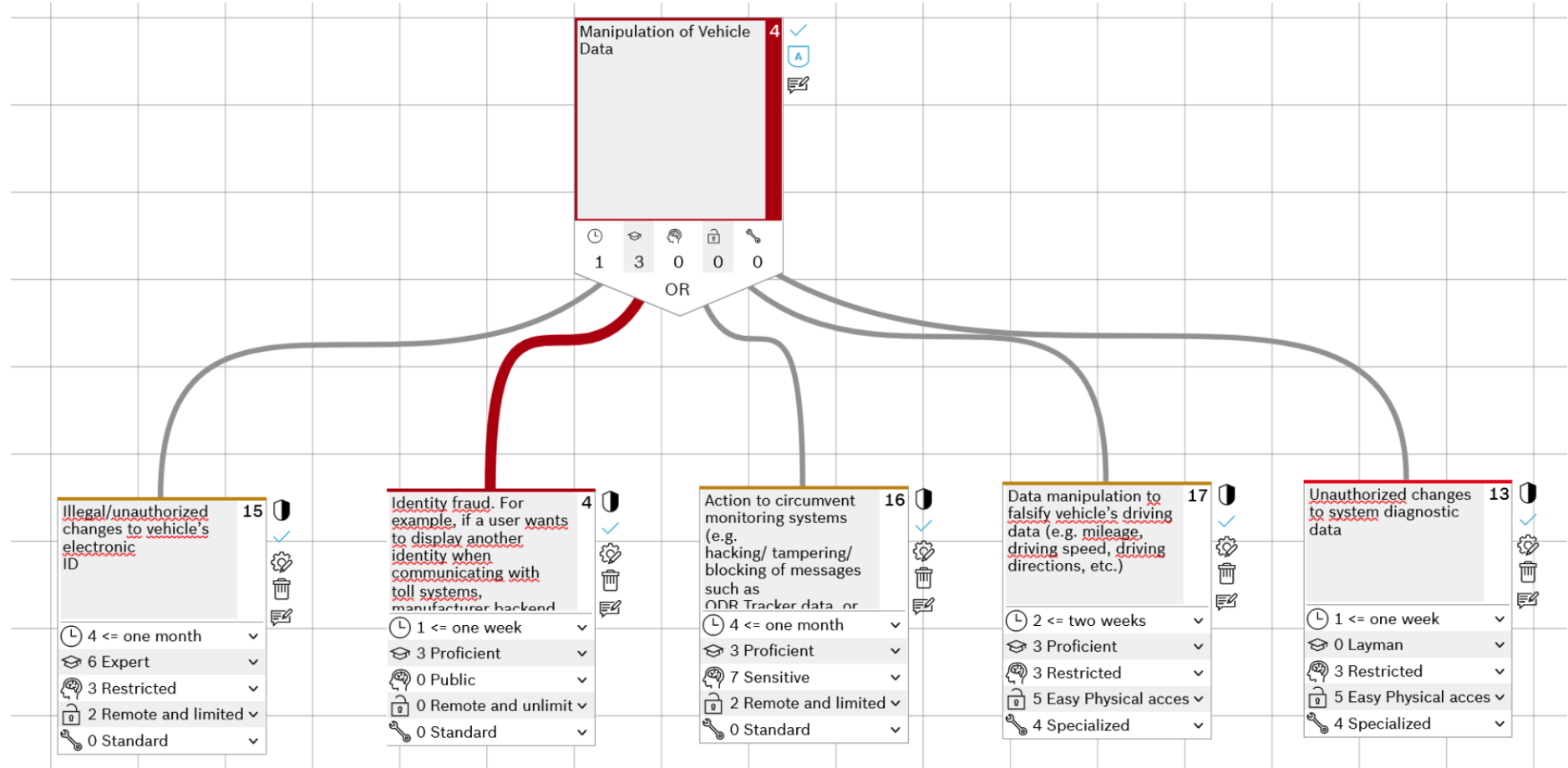
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Impact Rating	Criteria <i>(based on ISO 26262)</i>
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Example

- Company ExCom, 2 products: ECU_A & ECU_B, TARA according to ISO21434
- ECU_A:
 - Automotive Safety Integrity Level (ASIL) D ECU
 - low innovation level
 - deviations proven in field
 - low range wireless communication capabilities.
 - Residual Risk: 29 points, Weight: 0.02, 250 projects with this product each year, one year support
- ECU_B:
 - ASIL B ECU
 - new product
 - No wireless interfaces
 - Residual Risk: 116 points, Weight: 0.05, 250 projects with this product each year, one year support

Riskpool Example

- Company ExCom employs 1,000 developers, has 2 products ECU1 (RR: 29, Weight 0.02, 250 projects p.a.) & ECU2 (RR: 116, Weight 0.05, 250 projects p.a.)

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- $\sum_{250} 29 \cdot 0.02 + \sum_{250} 116 \cdot 0.05 \stackrel{?}{\leq} \sum 1,000 \cdot 30 \cdot 0.05$
- $1,595 > 1,500$
- The company in this example is exceeding its risk pool
 - Possible solutions might be increasing aloted developer capacity (increase to 6% would result in an available pool of 1,800 points)

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Conclusion

- The proposed method enables centralized management and monitoring of the company's risk appetite.
- The inequation can be affected by:
 - The projects, by mitigating the residual risks
 - Management, by increasing the number of developers or the assigned percentage to vulnerability management
- Risk pool shall be recalculated with every project going into production
- The weight might be adjusted by the individual company and the approach fine tuned over multiple years, so a realistic view on individual vulnerabilities and fixing capabilities becomes available.