Safety Plans

“Adventure is just bad planning.”
– Roald Amundsen

These tutorials are a simplified introduction, and are not sufficient on their own to achieve system safety. You are responsible for the safety of your system.
Safety Plan: The Big Picture for Safety

Anti-Patterns for Safety Plans:
- It’s just a pile of unrelated documents
- It doesn’t address software integrity
- You don’t link to a relevant safety standard
- It doesn’t link to a security plan

Safety Plan:
- Safety Standard: pick a suitable standard
- Hazards & Risks: hazard log, criticality analysis
- Goals: safety strategy, safety requirements
- Mitigation & Analysis: HAZOP, FMEA, FTA, ETA, reliability, ...
- Safety Case: safety argument
Usually “functional safety” (safety functions)

- IEC 61508 is a generic starting point
- Many domains have specific standards
  - ISO 26262, EN-50126/8/9, MIL-STD-882, IEC 60730, DO-178, ...

Key elements of a safety standard:

- Method for determining risk
  - Usually Safety Integrity Level (SIL)
- SIL determines engineering rigor
  - Analysis techniques
  - Mitigation techniques
- Life-cycle approach to safety
Safety Goals & Safety Requirements

Safety Goal: top level definition of “safe”
- Example: vehicle speed control
  - Hazard: unintended vehicle acceleration
  - Goal: engine power proportional to accel. pedal position
- Safety strategy: how you plan to achieve goal
  - Example: correct computation AND engine shutdown if unintended acceleration

Safety Requirements:
- Goals at system level; requirements provide supporting detail
- Supporting requirements generally allocated to subsystems
  - Might include functionality and fail-safe mitigation requirements
- Examples:
  - Engine torque shall match accelerator position torque curve
  - Pedal/torque mismatch shall result in engine shutdown
**FMEA: Failure Mode Effects Analysis**

- **Idea:** Start with component failure; analyze results; identify hazards

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<th>Component</th>
<th>Potential Failure Mode</th>
<th>Failure Effects</th>
<th>Recommended Action</th>
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<td>Open</td>
<td>Triggers Shutdown</td>
<td>Use Industrial spec. component</td>
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<td>Short</td>
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<td>Capacitor C7</td>
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<td>Potential Fire</td>
<td>Select different component</td>
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- **Significant limitations for generating hazards**
  - “Complex component” failures are not well behaved
    - Software fails however it wants to fail
    - Integrated circuits are usually highly coupled internally
  - Poor at representing correlated and accumulated faults
    - E.g., exploding capacitor damaging several nearby components
HAZard and Operability Analysis (HAZOP)

- Hazard structured brainstorming
  - For each system requirement:
    - Modify with a guide word
    - Does the result suggest a hazard?
  - Effective starting point, but not guaranteed to find all hazards

- Examples
  - When pressure exceeds 6000 psig, relief valve shall **NOT** actuate.
  - System shall come to a complete stop within **AFTER** 5 seconds when emergency stop is activated.
  - Alternately: System shall come to a complete stop within 5 seconds **LATE** when emergency stop is activated.

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<td>MORE</td>
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<td>REVERSE</td>
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<td>OTHER THAN / INSTEAD</td>
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Hazards & Risks

- **Hazard**: a potential source of injury or damage
  - A potential cause of a mishap or loss event (people, property, financial)

- **Hazard log**
  - Captures hazards for a system
  - **HAZOP** generates some hazards
  - Others are legacy & experience

- **Risk evaluation**
  - Risk = Probability * Consequence
    - Typically determined via a risk table
  - Risk must be reduced to acceptable levels
    - Risk determines required SIL (e.g. “Very High” $\Rightarrow$ SIL 4)
Safety Analysis & Mitigation

- **Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA)**
  - Work forward from fault to mishap

- **Fault Tree Analysis (FTA)**
  - Work backward from hazard to causes
  - *Strategy*: HAZOP identifies fault tree roots

- **Avoid single points of failure**
  - If component breaks, is system unsafe?
  - Computational elements fail in worst way

- **Life-critical systems require redundancy**
  - Also avoid correlated faults
  - High-SIL software techniques to avoid SW defects
This system is safe because: structured argument + evidence

Incorporates safety plan topics:
- Methodical identification of hazards
- Each hazard evaluated for risk
- Mitigation rigor determined by risk (e.g., SIL)
- Analysis rigor determined by risk (e.g., SIL)
- Safety requirements appropriately cover all hazards
  - Including both accidental faults & malicious faults

Example techniques
- Goal Structuring Notation (GSN)  [http://www.goalstructuringnotation.info/documents/GSN_Standard.pdf]
- Systems-Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA / Leveson)
Best Practices For Safety Plans

- A written Safety Plan including:
  - Hazards + risks
  - Safety goals + requirements
  - Safety analysis + Mitigation
  - Following a safety standard
  - Resulting in a **written** safety case
  - Independent audit of safety case

- Pitfalls:
  - Software safety usually stems from rigorous SIL engineering
  - FMEA can miss correlated & multipoint faults – must use FTA
  - Need to include safety caused by security attacks

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# Dangers

Indexed by the number of Google results for "Died in a ____ Accident"

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URGENT: CRITICAL UPDATE AVAILABLE!

DETAILS: FIXES AN ISSUE THAT WAS CAUSING RANDOM LAPTOP ELECTRICAL FIRES.

(THESE UPDATE WILL REQUIRE RESTARTING YOUR COMPUTER.)

REMIND ME LATER

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