

## Security-related Definitions and Semantics

**MILS:** Multiple Independent Levels of Security is a high-assurance security architecture based on the concepts of separation and controlled information flow.

**Embedded system Safety and Security:** Embedded systems must be safe and secure, that is the environment is unable to affect the system in an undesirable way as well as the system unable to affect its environment in an undesirable way.

**Trustworthiness (a.k.a Dependability):** Trustworthiness is the ability for a system to deliver service that can justifiably be trusted:



- *Availability:* readiness for correct service.
- *Reliability:* continuity of correct service.
- *Safety:* absence of catastrophic consequences on the user(s) and the environment.
- *Integrity:* absence of improper system alterations.
- *Maintainability:* ability to undergo modifications and repairs.

**Information Security:** Protecting information and information systems from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction.

- *Confidentiality:* A requirement that private or confidential information not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals.
- *Integrity:* Information has integrity when it is timely, accurate, complete, and consistent.
- *Availability:* A requirement intended to assure that systems work promptly and service is not denied to authorized users.

Information security can also require :

- *Accountability:* Availability and integrity of the person who performed the operation.
- *Authenticity:* Integrity of a message content and origin, and possibly of some other information, such as time of emission.
- *Non-repudiability:* availability and integrity of the identity of the sender or receiver of a message.

**Assurance:** The level of guarantee that a secure system will behave as expected.

**Risk:** A possible event which could cause a loss.

- *External risk:* When someone outside the organization “breaks into” the organization information network to try to secure items of value.
- *Internal risk:* When an organization’s employees or authorized users access the information network to secure personal information for their own benefit.
- *Human error risk:* An information security network may be improperly designed leaving some employees at risk for error and causing harm to the organization.

**Vulnerability:** A weakness in a target that can potentially be exploited by a security threat.

**Threat:** A method of triggering a risk event that is dangerous.

**Exploit:** A vulnerability that has been triggered by a threat.

**Countermeasure:** A way to stop a threat from triggering a risk event.

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