# eCTF 2023 UNHaven Attack Report

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### 1 Report Overview

#### 1.1 Executive Summary

The 2023 MITRE eCTF is a competition revolving around embedded security. This year, the teams were tasked with creating a secure car and fob system. The competition is split up into two phases: A design phase, where each team developed firmware to be attacked by other teams, and an attack phase, where each team can attack the other team's firmware and designs to try and extract flags from the other team's firmware.

This document only pertains to the Attack Phase of the competition and the vulnerabilities that were discovered and exploited.

The fob and car firmware developed must meet the Security Requirements as specified in section 1.2. The TM4C123GH6PM microcontroller by Texas Instruments was the target platform.

#### 1.2 Security Requirements

The following security requirement must be met per design as specified in the Competition Rules:

- SR1: A car should only unlock and start when the user has an authentic fob that is paired with the car
- SR2: Revoking an attacker's physical access to a fob should also revoke their ability to unlock the associated car
- SR3: Observing the communications between a fob and a car while unlocking should not allow an attacker to unlock the car in the future
- SR4: Having an unpaired fob should not allow an attacker to unlock a car without a corresponding paired fob and pairing PIN
- SR5: A car owner should not be able to add new features to a fob that did not get packaged by the manufacturer
- SR6: Access to a feature packaged for one car should not allow an attacker to enable the same feature on another car

#### 1.3 Scope of Attacking

The full scope of the attacks were limited to the firmware running on the microcontroller designed by the other teams. The secure bootloader provided by MITRE was out of scope. Furthermore, attempting to switch the microcontroller to debugging mode before the secure bootloader disabled it was also out of scope.

### 2 Observations

This section serves as a high-level overview of the vulnerabilities in the other team's designs as discovered and attacked by UNHavenThis is not a full scope of all possible vulnerabilities within the other team's firmware, as the team had significant time constraints during the attack phase. As such, difficult, time-consuming, and less obvious exploits were not found, or investigated.

There were two primary top-level causes of exploits that UNHaven utilized during their attack phase:

### **Buffer Overflow**

The most prominent easy-to-attack vectors UNHaven found in other designs were buffer overflows. Buffer overflows, during this competition, in some cases allowed UNHaven to write to the return address allowing arbitrary code jumping. This was utilized to point to a in the program's memory to attack it, or point it back to the buffer location to execute shell code

## Bad RNG

Another source of easy-to-attack vectors UNHaven utilized where bad RNG. The TM4C123GH6PM does not have a hardware RNG, so any source of entropy (timers, ACD noise, etc) must be used in order to create entropy for a software RNG. Some designs did not implement the RNG correctly, allowing easy replay attacks to be executed.

### 2.1 Summary of Recommendations

The following is an overview of recommendations that should be implemented in any future design:

- Ensure all I/O functions define a maximum explicit buffer size to read/write from the I/O and program memory.
- Implement a more secure RNG with more entropy source, possibly including an entropy pool.
- Enabling and setting the Memory Protection Unit (MPU) to prevent shell code execution.
- Ensure the communication channel between the car and fob were encrypted.
- Ensure any sensitive data is encrypted.

#### 2.2 Positive Security Measures

During the attack phase, UNHaven was impeded by many of the security measures teams had in place in their design. A number of security best practices were observed that limited UNHaven's ability to attack some designs. Some instances of aforementioned security practices implemented include:

- The enabling and setting of the MPU.
- The usage of macros to check the output of some critical computation multiple times, deterring glitch-based attacks.
- A delay to prevent brute-force attacks.
- The usage of good RNG with an entropy pool.
- The usage of Rust due to its inherit memory safety, and other compile time checks to prevent common errors which can easily become vulnerabilities.

### 3 Technical Findings

This section describes, in detail, each vulnerability found, how it was exploited by UNHaven, and recommended solutions to patch the exploit.

### 3.1 Team 1: Car Authentication Buffer Overflow

#### Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
х	х	Х	х		

#### **CWEs Exploited**:

- CWE-823[1]: Use of Out-of-range Pointer Offset
- CWE-787[2]: Out-of-bounds Write
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-121[3]: Stack-based Buffer Overflow

#### **Description**:

The attacker, upon sending an unlock packet and a crafted attack packet, allows the car to unlock without any authenticated fob.

To unlock the car, first, the unlock command is sent as

5700

The car will then return a challenge to unlock it. Then the following crafted packet is sent

The car will then unlock.

#### Exploitation Details:

This attack exploits the receive\_board\_message\_by\_type() function, which writes up to 256 bytes of data into the given buffer pointer. The size of the data written is defined by the message packet.

In the car firmware's receiveAnswerStartCar() function, a 256-byte buffer is allocated. Passing this by itself to the receive\_board\_message\_by\_type() function would make it safe, but the buffer offset by sizeof(challenge) (which is 32 bytes) is passed instead.

The offending line is #6 shown below:

```
void receiveAnswerStartCar()
1
    {
2
        // Create a message struct variable for receiving data
3
        MESSAGE_PACKET message;
4
        uint8_t buffer[256];
\mathbf{5}
        message.buffer = buffer + sizeof(challenge);
6
7
        // Receive FEATURE DATA(5) and SIGNATURE(64)
8
        if (receive_board_message_by_type(&message, ANSWER_MAGIC) !=
9
        sizeof(FEATURE DATA) + 64)
        {
10
             return;
^{11}
        }
12
13
        . . .
    }
14
```

While doing a memory analysis using an unprotected car, the UNHaven team discovered that part of the 32-byte "overflow" memory looked similar to the return pointer as shown by the debugger, shown in fig. 1.

PROBLEMS 44 OUTPU	IT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL <b>MEMORY</b>
0x20005640 ~ +	/ ြ 語 凹 ひ 磯 Status: Debugger attached, stopped
000000020005640	000102030405060708090a0b0c0d0e0fDecodedBytes
000000020005640	ff ff 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0
000000020005650	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000020005660	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000020005670	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000020005680	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000020005690	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000000200056a0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000000200056b0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000000200056c0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000000200056d0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00000000200056e0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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000000020005720	5a 5a 5a 5a 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 2 Z Z Z nulnulnulnulnulnulnulnul å . nulnul
000000020005730	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
000000020005740	61 80 80 f3 d6 94 97 48 30 2b 23 08 35 24 8c 20 a ó Ö H 0 + # bs 5 \$ .

Figure 1: Memory view, with the return pointer circled

Looking thru the assembly code of the car, this makes sense as right after the function is exited the PC is popped from the stack, shown in fig. 2.

This was utilized by UNHaven to point the program counter to where the car is authenticated

and prints out the unlock key, which was memory location 0x8308 (The memory set in the attack packet was 0x8309 due to ARM's PC offset). The register R5, which is also popped from the stack, also needed modification to 0x40, as R5 sets the EEPROM read size as shown in fig. 2

021C;» 4004 » IIIUV»14, 10	
8300:» a804 » add»r0, sp, #16	
8302:» f001 f8f3 » bl» 94ec <mbedt1s_pk_free></mbedt1s_pk_free>	
8306: bb24 » cbnz» (24,) 8352 <receiveanswerstartcar+0xfa< td=""><td></td></receiveanswerstartcar+0xfa<>	
8308: 462a » mov»r2, r5	
830a:» f44f 61f8 » mov.w» r1, #1984» ; 0x7c0 ~~~	
830e: a80e » add»r0, sp, #56»; 0x38	
8310;» f00a fc3e » bl» 12b90 <eepromread></eepromread>	
8314: 481c » ldr»r0, [pc, #112]» ; (8388 <receiveanswerstartcar+0x130>)</receiveanswerstartcar+0x130>	
8316:» 462a » mov»r2, r5	
8318:» a90e » add»r1, sp, #56»; 0x38	
831a:» f7Nf fecd » bl» 80b8 <uart_write></uart_write>	
831e:» f89d 3138 » ldrb.w» r3, [sp, #312]» ; 0x138	
8322:» 2b29 🔪 » cmp»r3, #41»; 0x29	
8324:» d115 🛛 🔪 bne.n» 8352 <receiveanswerstartcar+0xfa></receiveanswerstartcar+0xfa>	
8326:» 4e18	
8328:» f50d 759d » add.w» r5, sp, #314» ; 0x13a	
832c:» f89d 3139 » ldrb.w r3, [sp, #313]» ; 0x139	
8330:» 42a3 » cmp»r3, r4	
8332:» dc11     » bgt.n» 8358 <receiveanswerstartcar+0x100> /</receiveanswerstartcar+0x100>	
8334:» 4815	
8336:» 2200 » movs» r2, #0	
8338:» 2102 » movs» r1, #2	
833a:» f00a fe0b » bl» 12f54 <gpiopinwrite></gpiopinwrite>	
833e:» 4813              ldr»r0, [pc, #76]»   ; (83&c <receiveanswerstartcar+0x134>)</receiveanswerstartcar+0x134>	
8340:» 2200 » movs» r2, #0	
8342:» 2104 » movs» r1, #4	
8344:» f00a fe06 » bl» 12f54 <gpiopinwrite></gpiopinwrite>	
8348:» 2208 » movs» r2, #8	
834a:» 4810	
834c:» 4611 » mov»r1, r2	
834e:» f00a fe01 » bl» 12f54 <gpiopinwrite< td=""><td></td></gpiopinwrite<>	
8352:» f50d 7d06 » add.w» sp, sp, #536» ; 0x218	
8356:» bd70	
8358:» f815 1b01 » larb.w» r1, [r5], #1	
835c:» 0189 » lsls» r1, r1, #6	
835e:» f5b1 6ff8 » cmp.w» r1, #1984» ; 0x7c0	

Figure 2: Disassembly of exploited stack popping

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation is recommended to patch this exploit.

- Re-write the receiveAnswerStartCar() to have a limit given by the software that supersedes the user message size.
- Re-size the buffer to prevent the overflow
- Have message.buffer point to the entire allocated buffer and not an offset.

### 3.2 Team 2: Predictable Nonce Generation

Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	$\mathbf{SR2}$	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
	Х	х			

#### **CWEs Exploited**:

- CWE-294[4]: Authentication Bypass by Capture-replay
- CWE-340[5]: Generation of Predictable Numbers or Identifiers
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-342[6]: Predictable Exact Value from Previous Values
- CWE-1241[7]: Use of Predictable Algorithm in Random Number Generator

#### **Description**:

The attacker can, by analyzing the packet sent from the car to the fob for authentication and having a pre-collection of captures with the same car and fob, authenticate and unlock the car with a simple replay attack.

#### **Exploitation Details**:

This exploit attacks the car's nonce generation, which is a simple incrementation from a base nonce as shown below:

```
while (true) {
1
         char arr[8]; memset(arr,0,8);
2
        strncpy(arr,(char*) &nonce,4);
3
        regular send(arr,NONCE MAGIC);
\mathbf{4}
        unlockCar();
5
        nonce++;
6
             if(!reset_counter){
7
                  reset counter=true;
8
                  goto reset;
9
             }
10
    }
11
```

This nonce also gets reset on the car's startup. The nonce also does not encrypt when sent out over the channel and is periodically sent out every time a new nonce is generated.

This allowed UNHaven to record unlock packets from the car to the fob with a given nonce sent by the car, reset the car, then replay the same unlock packet to the car when the recorded nonce gets sent out as a challenge by the car.

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation methods are recommended to patch this exploit:

- Have an RNG generate the nonce.
- Do not sent out the nonce until the fob desires to unlock the car.
- Have the nonce be encrypted before it is sent to the fob.

### 3.3 Team 3: Nonfunctional RNG

Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
	х	х			

#### CWEs Exploited:

• CWE-1241[7]: Use of Predictable Algorithm in Random Number Generator

#### **Description**:

The attacker, by recording the packet sent from the car to the fob for unlocking, can unlock the car by sending a pre-determined attack packet to the car after the initial unlock initialization command.

#### Exploitation Details:

The car authenticates the fob by sending it a random challenge, and waiting for an expected reply from the fob. The Random Number Generator used in the car, called by the getRandomNumber() function, is non functional as it outputs a constant 0xFF. This allowed UNHaven to execute a replay attack by recording the unlock packet from the car to the fob, and replaying that for a future unlock.

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation methods are recommended to patch this exploit:

• Fix the RNG to generate random numbers.

#### 3.4 Team 4: Nonce Saturation

#### Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
		х			

#### CWEs Exploited:

- CWE-20[8]: Improper Input Validation
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-1284[9]: Improper Validation of Specified Quantity in Input

#### **Description**:

The attacker can, by analyzing the packet sent from the car to the fob for authentication for a single system, unlock the vehicle with a simple replay attack.

#### **Exploitation Details**:

The communication scheme is designed to prevent replay attacks by adding "random" nonces that the fob needs to solve as a challenge to authenticate the fob.

```
// send nonce2
1
    uint8_t* nonce;
2
    nonce = send board message(&N2, 11, N2 MAGIC, 0, 0);
3
4
    uint32_t nonce2;
5
    nonce2 = (nonce[3] << 24) | (nonce[2] << 16) | (nonce[1] << 8) | nonce[0];
6
7
    //converting to char array
8
    char a1[sizeof(uint32_t)*8+1];
9
    utoa(nonce1,a1,10);
10
    char a2[sizeof(uint32_t)*8+1];
11
    utoa(nonce2,a2,10);
12
    //concat
13
    strcat(a1,a2);
14
    //uart write(HOST UART, a1, 11);
15
16
```

```
17 //convert to nonce again
18 uint32_t concat_nonce;
19 char *str2;
20 concat nonce = strtoul(a1,str2,10);
```

As the encryption key and HMAC signature (used to encrypt and verify the authenticity of the channel and devices) use hard-coded keys, and the randomly generated combined nonce is broken, UNHaven was able to apply a basic replay attack to unlock the car.

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation methods are recommended to patch this exploit:

- Limit the input string number given to strtoul()
- Change the nonce combination algorithm to prevent numeric saturation
- Add randomness in the encryption key that is used for transmission

#### 3.5 Team 5: Fob Pairing Buffer Overflow

Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
	Х		х		

#### **CWEs Exploited**:

- CWE-119[10]: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer
- CWE-823[1]: Use of Out-of-range Pointer Offset
- CWE-787[2]: Out-of-bounds Write
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-121[3]: Stack-based Buffer Overflow

#### **Description**:

The attacker, upon sending a pairing message to the fob and a crafted packet, sets the fob to print the internal memory which includes the unlock encryption key and the pairing pin.

To get the key and pin, a pairing sequence is started with a paired fob:

pair\n

The fob will wait for the pin to be entered. Then the following crafted packet is sent

88b048f25867bf46dc1b00206700000036000000991b00200a

The fob will continuously print out the unlock password and pairing pin structure until reset. The unlock password can be used to solve the car's sent challenge and thus unlock it.

#### Exploitation Details:

This attack exploits the uart\_readline() function, which will write data to input buffer until a new line character. This was used to write above the given buffer's limit.

The offending line is #10 shown below:

```
void pairFob(FLASH DATA *fob state ram)
1
   {
2
     MESSAGE PACKET message;
3
     // Start pairing transaction - fob is already paired
4
     if (fob state ram->paired == FLASH PAIRED)
5
     {
6
       int16_t bytes_read;
7
       uint8_t uart buffer[8];
8
```

```
9 uart_write(HOST_UART, (uint8_t *)"Enter pin: ", 11);
10 bytes_read = uart_readline(HOST_UART, uart_buffer);
11
12 //If we read a message the same length as the pin
13 if (bytes_read == 6)
14 {
15 ...
16 }
```

A basic debugging memory analysis revealed what to write to the buffer to set the program counter, which is popped from the stack upon exiting the function, to anywhere in memory.

UNHaven attempted to point the program counter right after the pin comparison check, address 0x8658. This resulted in the wrong output being printed out. This is because the disassembly, shown in fig. 3, indicates that the print function's struct pointer is dependent on the stack counter.

802:»	4288 »	cmp»rຫ, r1
8654:»	d1f6 »	<pre>bne.n» 8644 <pairfob+0x38></pairfob+0x38></pre>
8656:»	b17b »	<pre>cbz»r3, 8678 <pairfob+0x6c></pairfob+0x6c></pre>
8658:»	f242 0355 »	movw» r3, #8277» ; 0x2055
865c:»	3401 »	adds» r4, #1
865e:»	f8ad 3000 »	strh.w» r3, [sp]
8662:»	9401 »	str»r4, [sp, #4]
		<b>bl</b> » 8ecc <sysctlclockget></sysctlclockget>
		movs» r3, #12
		udiv» r0, r0, r3
		<b>bl</b> » 8ec0 <ŚysCtlDelay>
		mov»r0, sp
		bl» 84e0 <send_board_message></send_board_message>
		add»sp, #16
		<b>pop</b> »{r4, r5, r6, pc}
		adds» r5, r0, #1
		movs» r1, #85»; 0x55
		add»r0, sp, #8
		str»r5, [sp, #12]
		<b>bl</b> » <b>85</b> 4c <receive_board_message_by_type></receive_board_message_by_type>
	4620 »	
		movs» r3, #0
		strb.w» r3, [r0], #33
0600	4620	

Figure 3: Pointed PC and SP reference issue

Due to a lack of an active MPU, shell code was able to be executed in RAM from the buffer's location. A small assembly program was written, shown below, that adds 32 to the stack

counter (16 from what is added shown in green in fig. 3, and another 16 that is automatically added from the pop instruction), then sets the program counter to the desired address.

#### Further Exploits:

Due to time constraints, stack pointer decrement and data print jump was the only exploit attempted by UNHaven using this vulnerability. However, due to the ability to write shell code, an agent with sufficient knowledge of the system can utilize this to set and extract other information from the fob, such as enabled features, given enough time to develop shellcode.

#### **Recommended Remediation**:

Any of the following mitigation is recommended to patch this exploit.

- Rewrite the uart\_readline() function to have a firmware defined limit to the I/O input size.
- Enable and set the MPU to prevent shell code execution.

### 3.6 Team 6: No RNG

Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
	х	Х			

#### CWEs Exploited:

- CWE-294[4]: Authentication Bypass by Capture-replay
- CWE-325[11]: Missing Cryptographic Step

#### **Description**:

The attacker, by analyzing the packet sent from the car to the fob for authentication and having a pre-collection of captures with the same car and fob, allows the attacker to authenticate with a simple replay attack.

#### Exploitation Details:

The packets between the fob and the car is not encrypted, and is constant for any paired system. Thus UNHaven was able to easily run a replay attack on a recorded unlock packet from the fob to the car.

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation methods are recommended to patch this exploit:

• Encrypt the data from the fob to the car with a random shared key.

#### 3.7 Team 6: Pre-Computable Unlock Message

Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
х	х	Х	х		

#### CWEs Exploited:

- CWE-294[4]: Authentication Bypass by Capture-replay
- CWE-325[11]: Missing Cryptographic Step
- CWE-319[12]: Cleartext Transmission of Sensitive Information

#### **Description**:

The attacker, by analyzing a feature file or brute-forcing the car ID, can pre-compute the unlock packet that can be sent to the car to unlock it.

#### Exploitation Details:

The car, to unlock, expects a hashed message as a means of "encrypting" the channel and verifying a fob is authenticated. The hashed message, as created by the fob, only includes that Car ID and a constant string.

The feature file generated, an example shown below, included the Car ID which was enough to pre-compute a valid unlock packet for the car.

350000000000000010a

The fob and car hashing function, due to a wrong implementation, only used 1 byte of the Car ID. So even without a feature file the Car ID can be easily brute-forced.

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation are recommended to patch this exploit:

- Encrypt the data from the fob to the car with a random key.
- Encrypt the feature file so as to not reveal the Car ID.
- Implement a better handshaking protocol between the fob and the car.

#### 3.8 Team 6: Plaintext Feature

#### Security Requirements Broken:

SR1	SR2	SR3	SR4	SR5	SR6
				Х	х

#### **CWEs Exploited**:

- CWE-294[4]: Authentication Bypass by Capture-replay
- CWE-325[11]: Missing Cryptographic Step
- CWE-922[13]: Insecure Storage of Sensitive Information
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-312[14]: Cleartext Storage of Sensitive Information
- CWE-311[15]: Missing Encryption of Sensitive Data
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-319[12]: Cleartext Transmission of Sensitive Information
  - $\hookrightarrow$  Parent of CWE-312[14]: Cleartext Storage of Sensitive Information

#### **Description**:

The attacker can either

- Craft a packet, after the car has been unlocked, to enable any feature they desire, or
- Craft a feature enable packet that will enable any feature in the fob

#### Exploitation Details:

After the car is unlocked, the car expects a starting command. The starting message includes the car ID, number of features enabled, and the enabled features. This can be exploited to have the car enable any features a user desires.

The fob's enabling feature expected a "feature file" to be sent. This feature file, as shown below as an example, includes the car ID and the feature number to enable as plain text. The feature to be enabled can be modified and sent to the fob after an initial *enable* message to allow the fob to accept the feature.

#### 350000000000000010a

**Further Exploits**: The UNHaven discovered that the car firmware, as shown below, prints out contents of the EEPROM based on the given feature number as sent by the fob. As this data is not encrypted, an actor can send any feature offset, thus allowing the agent to print out the entirety of the EEPROM if there is more data stored in it.

```
FEATURE DATA *feature info = (FEATURE DATA *)buffer;
1
2
   // Verify the correct car id
3
   if (strcmp((char *)car_id, (char *)feature_info->car_id)) {
4
   return;
5
   }
6
7
   // Print out features for all active features
8
   for (int i = 0; i < feature info->num active; i++) {
9
   uint8_t eeprom message[64];
10
11
   uint32_t offset = feature info->features[i] * FEATURE SIZE;
12
13
   if (offset > FEATURE_END) {
14
        offset = FEATURE END;
15
   }
16
17
   EEPROMRead((uint32_t *)eeprom_message, FEATURE_END - offset, FEATURE SIZE);
^{18}
19
   uart write(HOST UART, eeprom message, FEATURE SIZE);
20
   }
21
```

**Recommended Remediation**: Any of the following mitigation methods are recommended to patch this exploit:

- Encrypt the start packet from the car to the fob.
- Encrypt the feature file so as to not reveal the Car ID and allow any feature to be edited.
- Implement a better handshaking protocol between the fob and the car.
- Have the feature number limited from  $0 \rightarrow 2$  (or  $1 \rightarrow 3$ )

### 4 Conclusion

This document described some of the vulnerabilities that UNHaven found during the eCTF competition. As the firmware exploited is not used in any application and was solely developed for this competition, the highlights in this document are educational in nature for the teams whose designs were exploited to promote and educate on good embedded security practices and implementations.

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# Appendices

# A Physical Topology

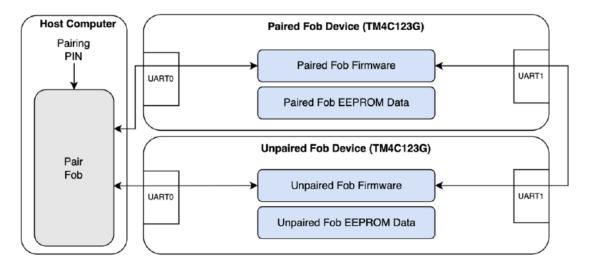


Figure 4: Pairing Physical Setup

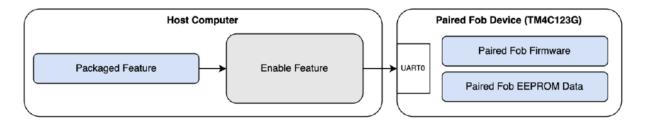


Figure 5: Feature Enabling Physical Setup

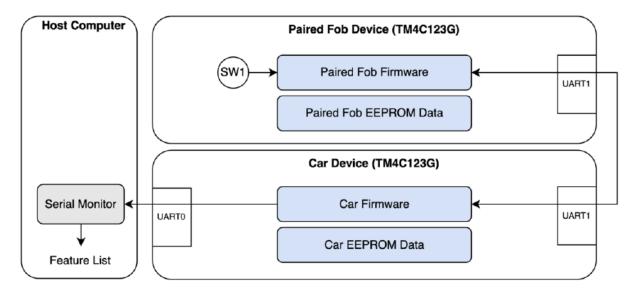


Figure 6: Unlocking and Starting Physical Setup

# B Tools

Name	Description	Link
VSCode	Text Editor	https://vscodium.com/
OpenOCD	Chip Programming and De- bugging Interface	https://openocd.org/
GDB	Debugger	https://www.sourceware.org/gdb/
Cutecom	GUI for serial comms	https://cutecom.sourceforge.net/
ARM GCC	Compiler, Assembler, Dis- assembler	https://developer.arm.com/Toolsand Software/GNUToolchain