SCADA Cyber Security in the Age of Internet of Things



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Industrial Control Systems

Long history going back decades

Evolution from specialized to generalized

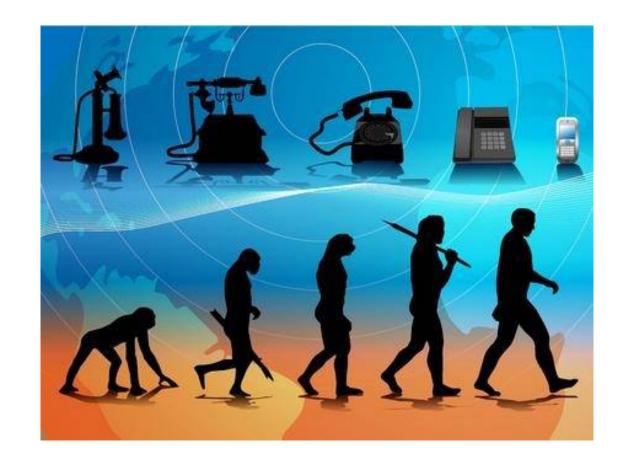
Evolution from closed to open systems

Evolution from isolated to connected





- Evolution from specialized to generalized
 - SCADA RTU/Telemetry
 - SCADA PLC based
 - DCS
 - Human Machine Interface
 - Manufacturing Execution Systems
 - Building Management Systems
- Evolution from closed to open systems
 - 1990's Microsoft NT Operating System
 - OPC Foundation





- Evolution from isolated to connected
 - Y2K concerns and IT oversight of ICS
 - Widespread ERP Adoption
 - Internet of Things
 - Industrial Internet of Things
 - Industry 4.0









- IIoT transformation
 - Disrupting work processes
 - Changing the role of the Control Room
- Emerging Contexual HMI component of IIoT
 - O&M productivity gains
 - Expands the perimeter of ICS
 - Impacts cyber threat management
 - Increases the perimeter











The Pillars of SCADA Cyber Security

- For ICS Vendors cyber security must be built into the quality process.
 - ISO 9001 Quality Process for development and production
 - Incorporate the Software Engineering Institute's Cyber Risk and Resilience Management.
- Objectives
 - Transparency on internally or externally reported vulnerabilities
 - Act quickly to minimize risk to customers.







The Pillars of SCADA Cyber Security

- ICS vendors should also participate in standards organizations focused on cyber security
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology – NIST USA.
 - Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers – IEEE USA
 - International Electrotechnical CommissionIEC Europe
 - National Agency for the Security of Information Systems – ANSSI France











The Pillars of SCADA Cyber Security

- NIST has provided a framework
 - Systematically identify critical assets
 - Systematically identify threats
 - Secure critical assets
- Pillars of Cyber Security
 - Identify assets and normal behavior
 - Protect the perimeter
 - Detect intrusions
 - React and recover from attacks







Identify – Recognizing Suspicious Behavior

- What is normal?
 - Prior to Boston Marathon in 2016
 Homeland Security surveyed "normal" radiation levels throughout the region.
 - Objective: recognize nuclear threats
- SCADA Systems have "normal behavior"
 - Expected data communication
 - Changes to programs are controlled
- Automated tools that map and monitor industrial networks help
 - Enterprise IT monitoring are not industrial aware
 - SNMP is a bridging technology between IT and industrial networks.





Identify – Recognizing Suspicious Behavior

- Build the ICS Baseline
- Extract metadata from the network flow
 - Passive sensors
- Inventory components & connections
 - Visual map
- Monitor and learn normal behavior
 - Statistical and behavioral descriptions
- Recommend preventative actions
- Trigger incident response
 - Upon evidence of compromise





Identify – Recognizing Suspicious Behavior

- ICS networks primarily use static IP so monitor for:
 - Changing IP addresses
 - Duplicate IP and MAC addresses
 - Device or cable movement
 - Unauthorized connections
- Mobility and IIoT complications
 - Sensors and mobility workers connecting through wireless access points have dynamically assigned IP







Tomorrow Industrial Internet of things





Protect - The Dissolving Perimeter

- Identity is the new perimeter
 - In the state of the state of
 - hackers target all; including privileged users
 - traditional perimeter security is insufficient
 - require context-based policies
- We see a dissolving perimeter of ICS
 - move to open and connected systems
 - culture of security is needed





Protect - The Dissolving Perimeter

- Control Engineers & Operators focus is safety
 - Protect processes and people against hardware failure or environmental casualties
- Cybersecurity is not part of ICS culture.
 - Fighting against malicious people is very different.
- An inter-organizational team approach is needed
 - New regulations demanding critical infrastructure operators to implement cybersecurity best practices
 - Chief Security Officer has the best practices





Protect - The Dissolving Perimeter

- Industrial networks provide the first level of defense.
 - Firewalls, VPNs, switches and routers
- ICS Vendors must do their part
 - Encrypt configuration files
 - Monitoring and alarm of connection attempts
 - Use secure protocols such as HTTPS
- Most importantly is strong identity management
 - Full integration with Microsoft Active Directory
 - Enables ICS single sign on
 - Dynamic context-based rights
 - Depending on physical location
 - Depending on role







Detect – Abnormal and Suspicious Behavior

- Real-time comparison to baseline
 - Asset inventory
 - Behavior templates
- Protect mobile devices
 - Mobile Device Management
 - Active monitoring
 - Rooting Android devices
 - Jail-breaking IOS devices





React – Minimize Damage, Ensure Recovery

- ICS Version control
 - Restore to a safe reference point
 - Keep on a separate secure server
 - Audit configuration changes to ICS
- Operations history protection
 - Redundancy helps reliability
 - Does not protect against corruption
 - What is the impact of loss?
 - Frequency of data backup and storage
- Use of Virtual Machines
 - Provides for rapid recovery
 - Allows for Disaster Recovery as a Service
 - (DRaaS)





Summary

- SCADA cyber security requires a holistic approach
- Development of culture of cyber security
- Secure computing infrastructure
- Strong identity management
- Implementation of the four pillars of cyber security
- Vendors committed to security quality and features







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