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Why SCADA Security is NOT like Computer Centre Security

Finding vuln's is easy — finding solutions is the challenge!

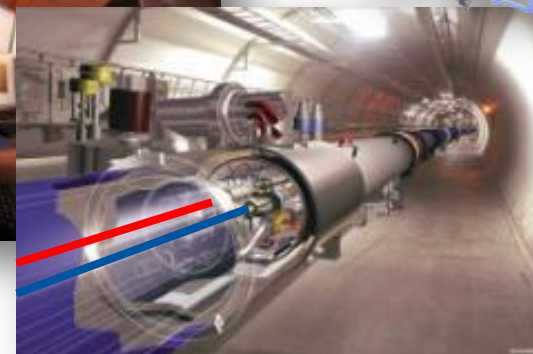
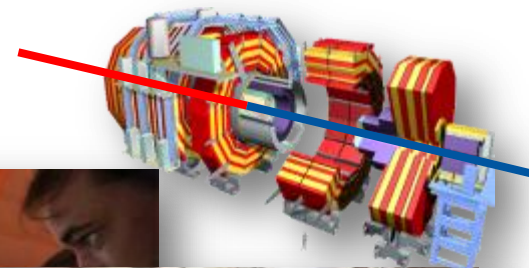


Office Computing Security

Computing Services Security

Grid Computing Security

Control Systems Security



CERN Sectors of Operation

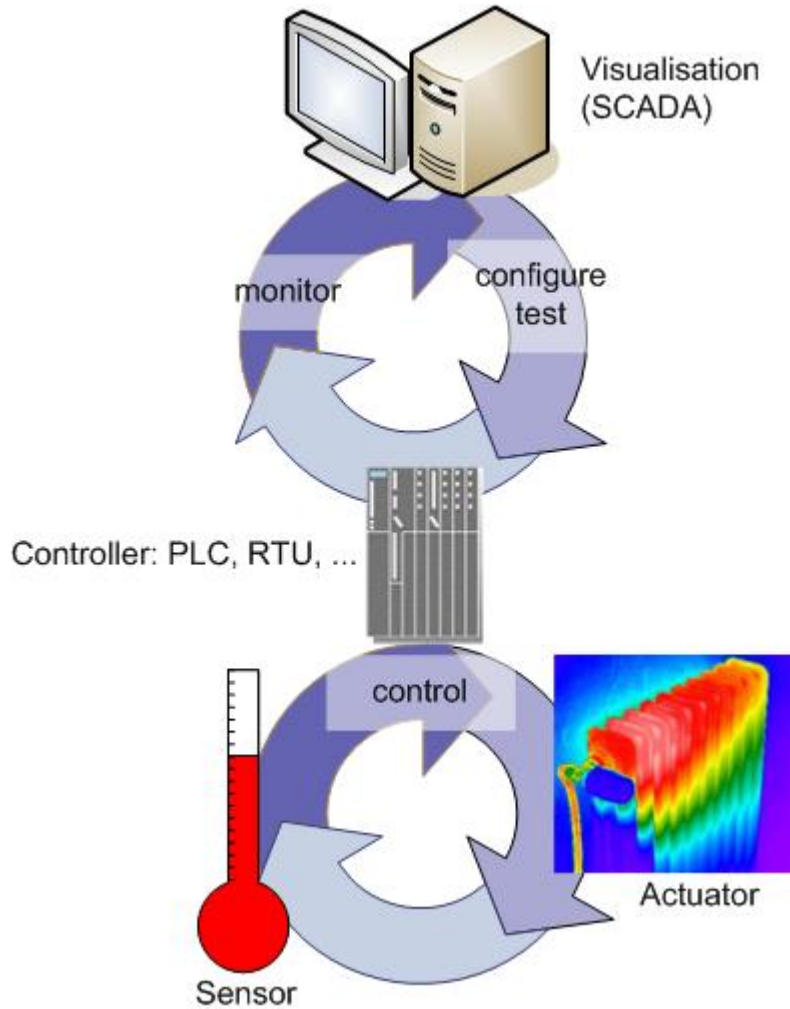
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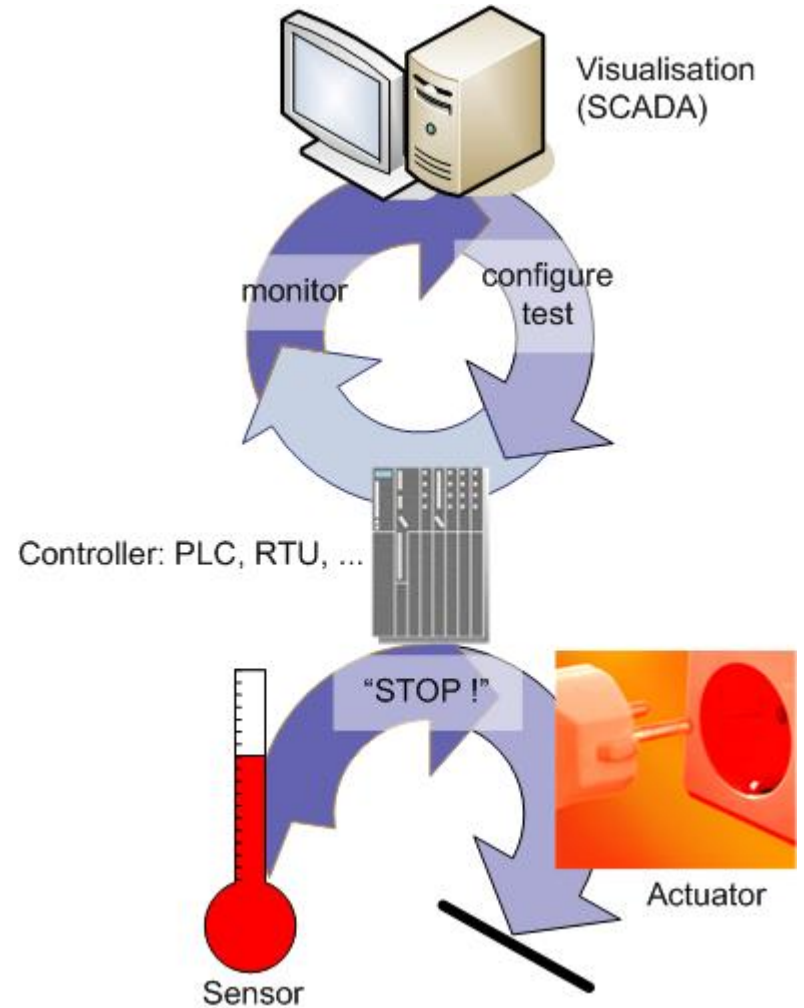
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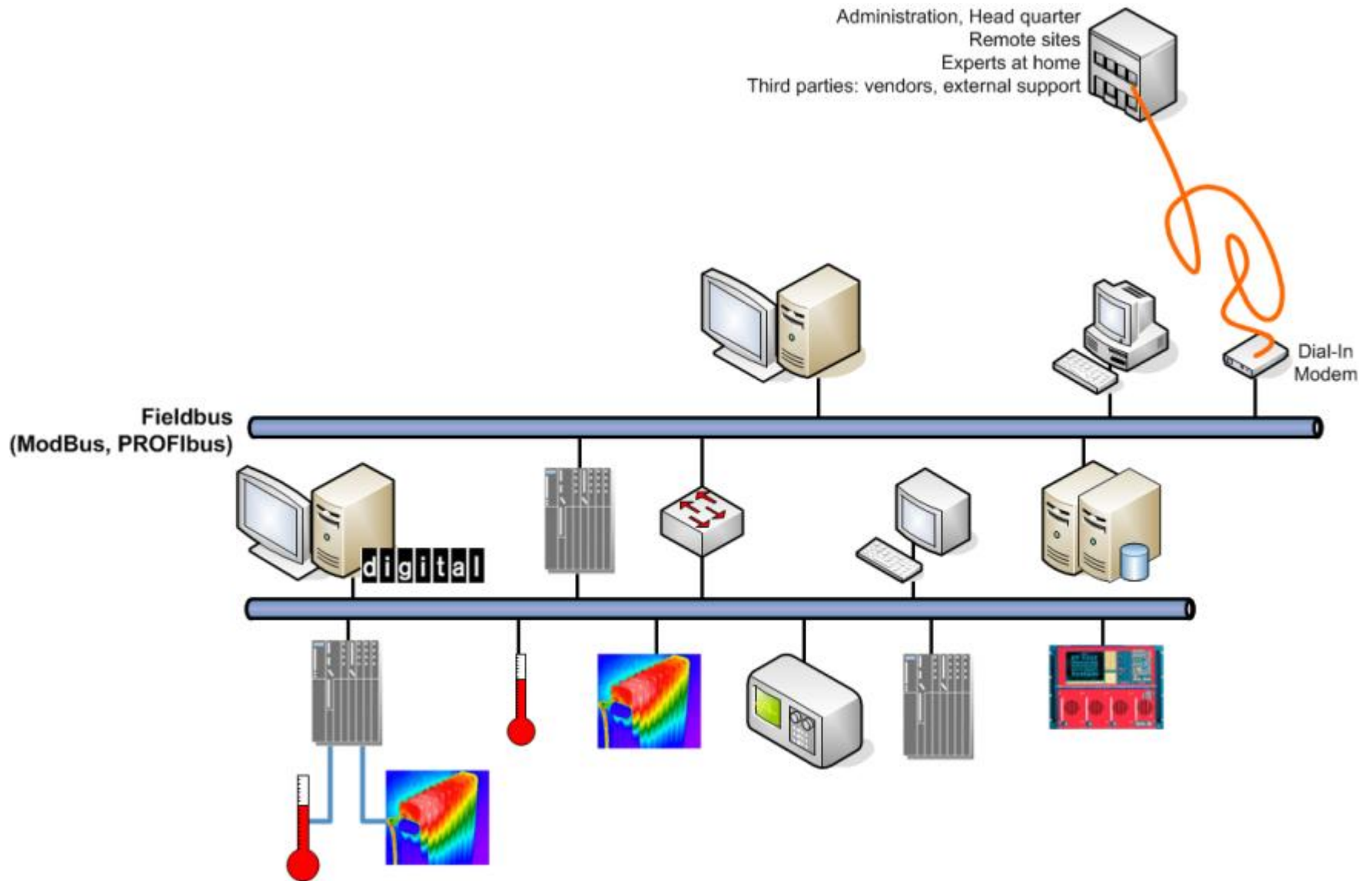
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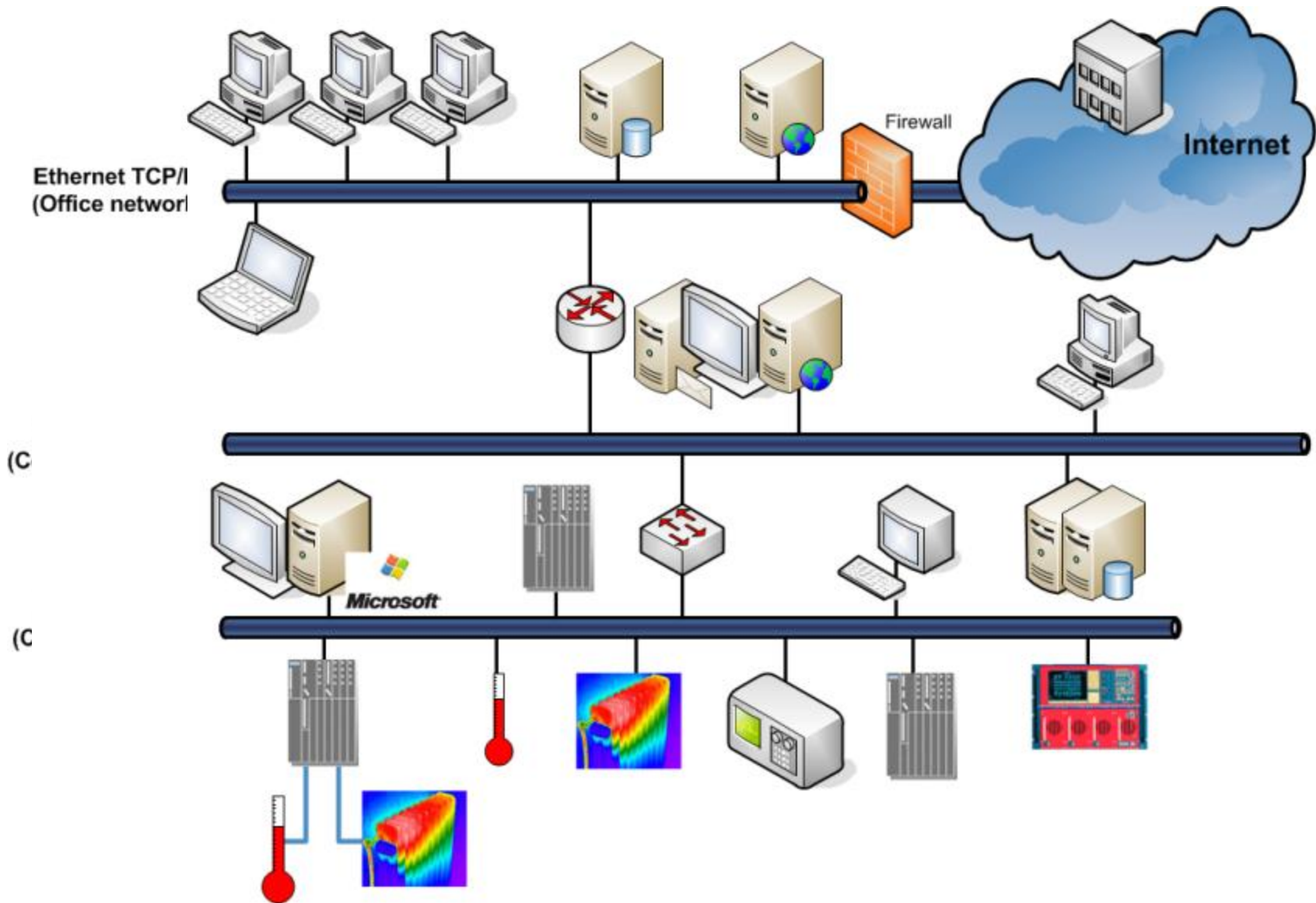
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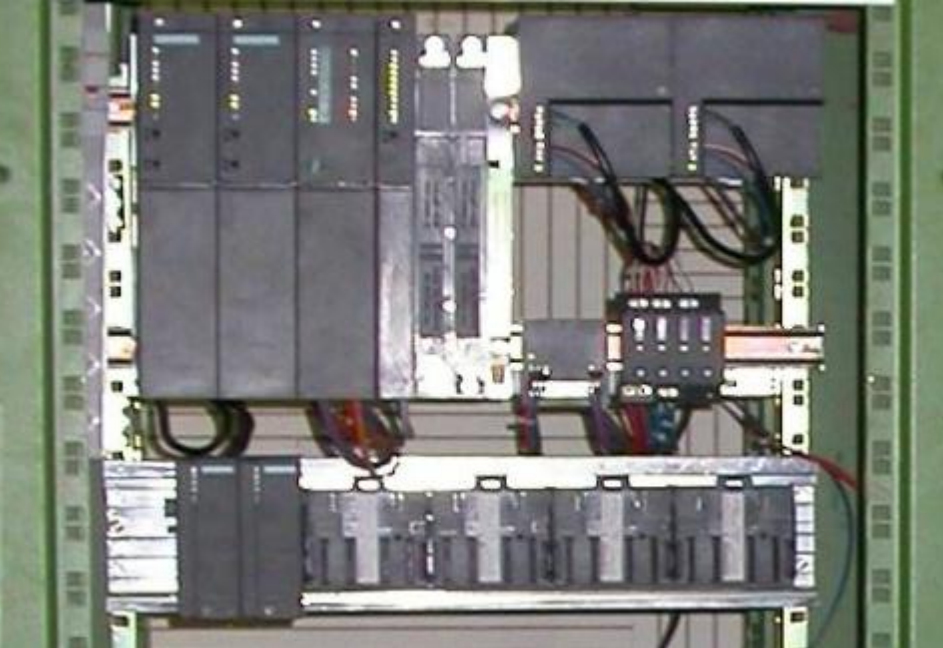


Safety System









Typical Control Systems & Devices

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COBB County Electric, Georgia



Middle European Raw Oil, Czech Republic



Athens Water Supply & Sewage



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Critical (Cyber-)Infrastructures

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Insider charged with hacking California canal system

Ex-supervisor installed unauthorized software on SCADA system, indictment says

By Robert McMillan
November 29, 2007 12:00 PM ET

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DHS: America's water and power utilities under daily cyber-attack

Ellen Messmer (Network World) | 05 April, 2012 00:46 | [Comments](#) |

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US Power Grid Vulnerable to Just About Everything

By [Jen Alic](#) | Mon, 26 November 2012 23:02 | 5

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Report: Cyber Attacks Caused Power Outages in Brazil

By [Kevin Poulsen](#) | November 7, 2009 | 12:55 am | Categories: [Cybarmageddon!](#)

Russia welcomes hack attacks
Script Kiddies cut teeth hijacking critical infrastructure

The Register

19 May 2013 Last updated at 23:52 GMT

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How to hack a nation's infrastructure

By Mark Ward
Technology correspondent, BBC News

BBC



Control systems for dams, industrial plants and building controls are increasingly being found online

CIA slipped bugs to Soviets

Memoir recounts Cold War technological sabotage

By David E. Hoffman

washingtonpost.com

updated 12:13 a.m. ET Feb. 27, 2004

In January 1982, President Ronald Reagan approved a CIA plan to sabotage the economy of the Soviet Union through covert transfers of technology that contained hidden malfunctions, including software that later triggered a huge explosion in a Siberian natural gas pipeline, according to a new memoir by a Reagan White House official.

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Posted at 09:26 AM ET, 09/20/2011

After Stuxnet, waiting on Pandora's box

HUFFPOST TECH

Report: Stuxnet Virus May Have Improved Iran's Ability To Enrich Uranium

Huffington Post UK | By Michael Rundle  


Posted: 16/05/2013 11:01 BST | Updated: 16/05/2013 11:23 BST



Iran hacks energy firms, U.S. says

FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013

Cyber weaknesses should deter US from waging war

 Associated Press By LOLITA C. BALDOR - Associated Press | AP - Tue, Nov 8, 2011

Clarke said a good national security adviser would tell the president that the U.S. might be able to blow up a nuclear plant somewhere, or a terrorist training center somewhere, but a number of countries could strike back with a cyberattack and "the entire us economic system could be crashed in retaliation ... because we can't defend it today."

YAHOO! NEWS

ELECTRIC GRID VULNERABILITY

Industry Responses Reveal Security Gaps



A report written by the staff of Congressmen Edward J. Markey (D-MA) and Henry A. Waxman (D-CA)

May 21, 2013



The Dawn of the Cold Cyber-War Era

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Zotob, PnP Worms Slam 13 DaimlerChrysler Plants

By: Paul F. Roberts
2005-08-18

eWEEK.COM

Malware on oil rig computers
raises security fears

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Deliciously Addictive Tech News Served Daily

Hospital Equipment Infected with Conficker

by Bill Lindner on 20090428 @ 02:13PM EST | [google it](#) | [send to friends](#)

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The Lack of Patching

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Integrity

- ▶ S/W development live-cycles
- ▶ Thorough regression testing
- ▶ Nightly builds
- ▶ Full configuration management

Availability

- ▶ Redundancy & virtualization

Exceptions

- ▶ “One-offs”; stand-alone systems

Safety!

- ▶ Needs heavy compliance testing (vendor & utility)
- ▶ Potential loss of warranties & certification (e.g. SIL)

Availability

- ▶ Rare maintenance windows

Legacy

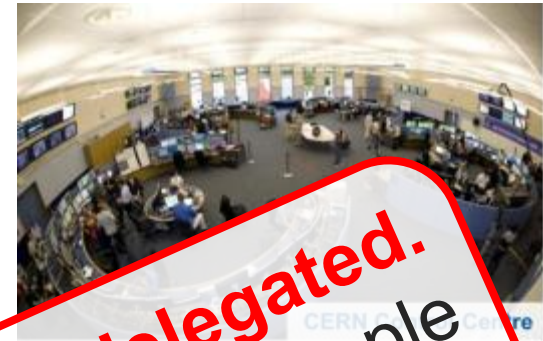
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Security at CERN has been delegated.
We (work hard to) enable & assist our people
to fully assume that responsibility!
They decide when to install what and where.



- ▶ "Stand-alone" systems; stand-alone systems

Availability

- ▶ Rare maintenance windows

Legacy

- ▶ Old or embedded devices



The Problem of Patching

Rude awakening for dawn drivers

7:38am Friday 27th October 2006

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By Louise Acford »

Early morning motorists got a shock yesterday when digital car park signs were tampered with by computer hackers and were left displaying an obscene message.

The message appeared on all similar signs around Crawley at about 6.45am.

Thousands of motorists travelling into the town would have been subjected to the unsavoury advice.

The signs normally display the number of spaces available in the town's car parks and were installed about four years ago.

The Argus



Sluices, pumping stations & bridges poorly protected

Published on 14 February 2012 - 8:41pm



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SCADAmobile for iPhone

November 25, 2009  CIIP

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I just came across this iPhone App (ScadaMobile) from SweetWilliam Automation. ([Company Website](#))

The App description states that the product can Monitor (*display and change*) PLC variables (tags) through local or remote wireless access.

 ScadaMobile Interface



“In March Windows computers were compromised...

...The initial compromised host was scanning the ... network and several compromise attempts succeeded due to MS-SQL servers (port 1433/tcp) with **no password for the 'sa' account...**

...Analysis indicated that the **[THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE]** installation left the password empty by default...”



The Lack of Access Controls

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Security

- ▶ Split of AuthN & AuthZ
- ▶ SSO, LDAP & AD
- ▶ Kerberos, x509 & 2-factor AuthN
- ▶ Access always to be guaranteed
- ▶ Shared accounts
- ▶ Encryption too “heavy”

Safety!

Laziness

- ▶ We still deal with people
- ▶ Password vs. Phishing

Legacy

- ▶ Default passwords
- ▶ Undocumented backdoors
- ▶ Impossible IdM integration
- ▶ No ACLs, iptables, etc.

Complexity

- ▶ WLCG: a network of computer centres



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Laziness

- ▶ Working with people
- ▶ Pushing
- ▶ A network of computer centre



CERN strives to bring IT to the plant floor.
CERN IT provides general services.
CERN CERT provides general protections.
CERN controls experts run the show.

Legacy

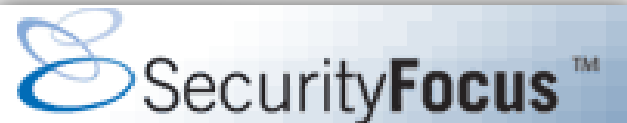
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"Data storm" blamed for nuclear-plant shutdown

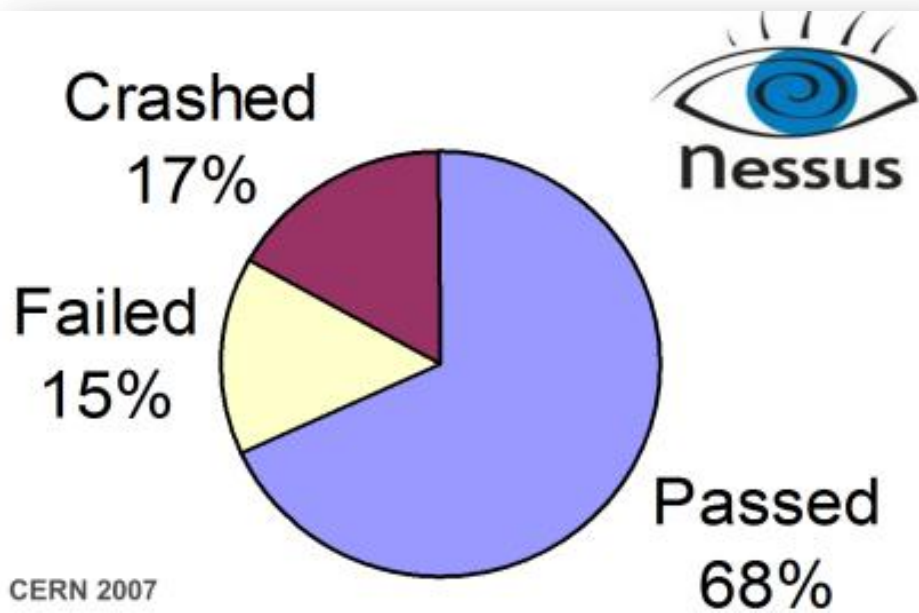
Robert Lemos, SecurityFocus 2007-05-18



The U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Homeland Security called the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to further investigate the cause of excessive network traffic that led to the shutdown of the plant.

SPIEGEL ONLINE

Fernwartung: Sicherheitslücke bedroht Hightech-Heizungen

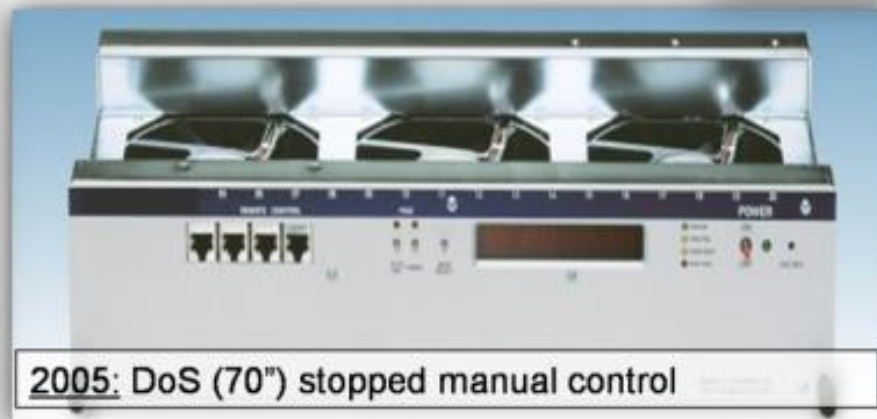


DHS investigates reported vulnerabilities in Siemens RuggedCom Tech

DHS is taking the findings of researcher Justin W. Clarke seriously, investigating his claim that Siemens RuggedCom products could be exploited to attack critical infrastructure.

Posted August 22, 2012 to [Critical Infrastructure](#) | [Add a comment](#)

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Robustness

- ▶ (Externally sponsored) penetration testing & vulnerability scanning

Robustness

- ▶ Use-cases *and* abuse-cases
- ▶ Not always compliant to standards
 - ▶ No certification (yet?)

Security

- ▶ Decades of experience & knowledge
- ▶ CSIRT: Protection, detection & response
- ▶ Responsible disclosure

Security

- ▶ Not integral part...
...or through obscurity
- ▶ Low priority, low knowledge
- ▶ Unwillingness to share incidents
 - ▶ No laws; too many guidelines





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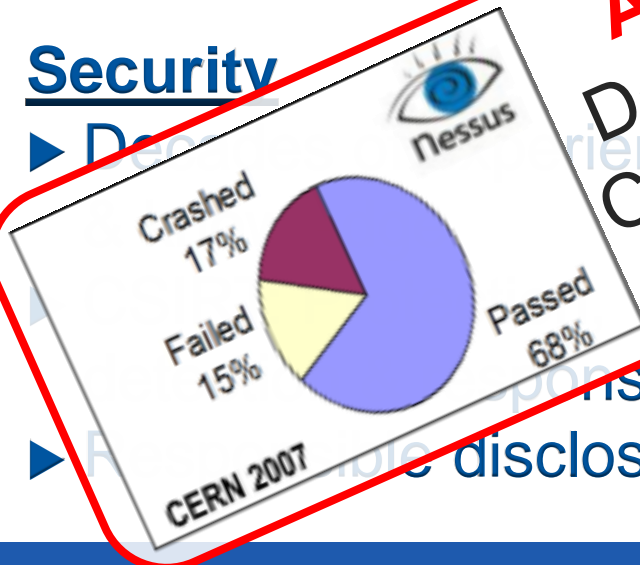
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Security

- ▶ Disclosure
- ▶ Response
- ▶ Incident disclosure



Asset inventories are key to CERN:
 Devices, websites, S/W, dependencies.
CERT pen tests everything (we can get hands on).
 (IPv6 is our next nightmare.)

Security

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The Problem of Robustness



PCS are (still) not designed to be secure.

They fulfil use-cases *and* abuse cases.



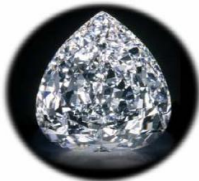
Defence-in-Depth is the key.

Make security part as functionality, usability, availability, maintainability, performance!



Align Control System Cyber-Security with IT security!

Patch procedures, access protection, robustness, certification & documentation need significant improvement.



Hack the box!

Buy any PCS on ebay and throw your favourite pen suite at it.
Push vendors & start responsible disclosure

P.S. Why do I have to do due diligence (and bear the costs) instead vendors shipping out insecure applications/devices?

