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THINK LIKE A HACKER ... but ACT LIKE AN ENGINEER!

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Definitions...

I use the term “Hacker” to talk about the good guys – White Hats.



Unfortunately – the media thinks all hackers are evil. Criminals, Black Hats – and all of them wear hoodies

Control System History Lesson



Information Technology	Operational Technology
Lean towards computer science	Lean towards engineering
Cybersecurity savvy	Safety savvy
New computer every 3 years	New ICS every 30 years
Patch the system every day	Expect the vendor to patch for them
Loss of a single client computer is a reasonably low impact event	Loss of a single controller can be a catastrophic event
Mostly concerned about Confidentiality of data (breaches)	Mostly concerned about Integrity of data and Availability of systems
Everything on the Internet 😊	Everything on the Internet ☹️

Everything is connected to everything!

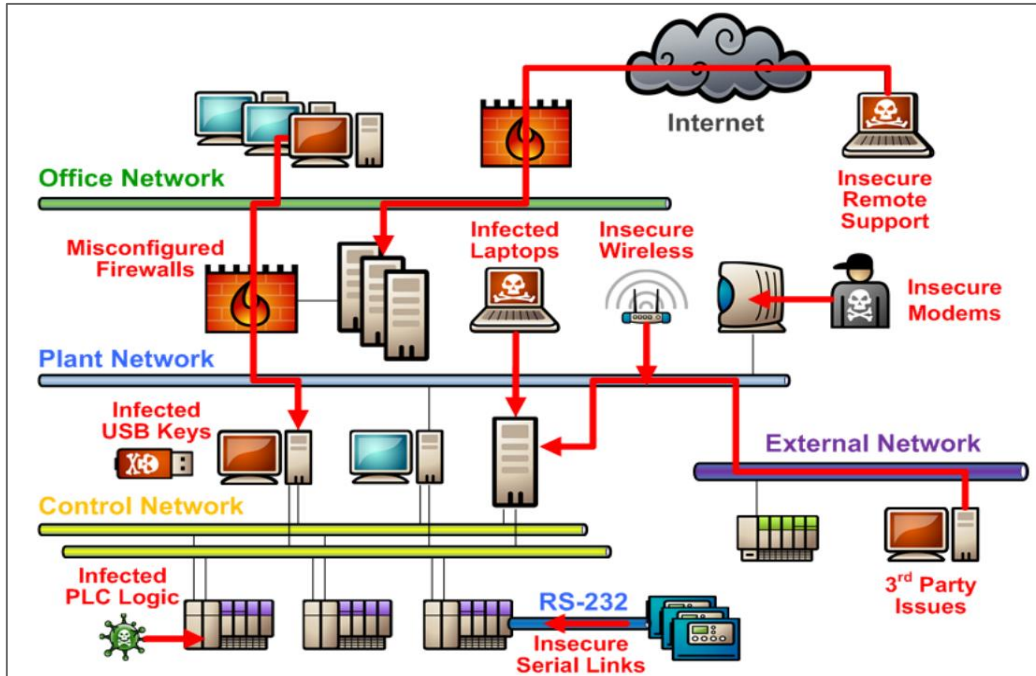


FY 2014-2017 Top Six Weakness Categories in Order of Prevalence			
FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
1. Boundary Protection	1. Boundary Protection	1. Boundary Protection	1. Boundary Protection
2. Access Control Policy and Procedures	2. Least Functionality	2. Least Functionality	2. Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
3. Least Privilege	3. Authenticator Management	3. Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)	3. Allocation of Resources
4. Remote Access	4. Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)	4. Physical Access Control	4. Physical Access Control
5. Physical Access Control	5. Allocation of Resources	5. Audit Review, Analysis, and Reporting	5. Account Management
6. Information System Monitoring	6. Least Privilege	6. Authenticator Management	6. Least Functionality

Table 1: FY2014-FY2017 Top Six Weaknesses.

System segmentation is still a huge issue!

Most OT has multiple entry points



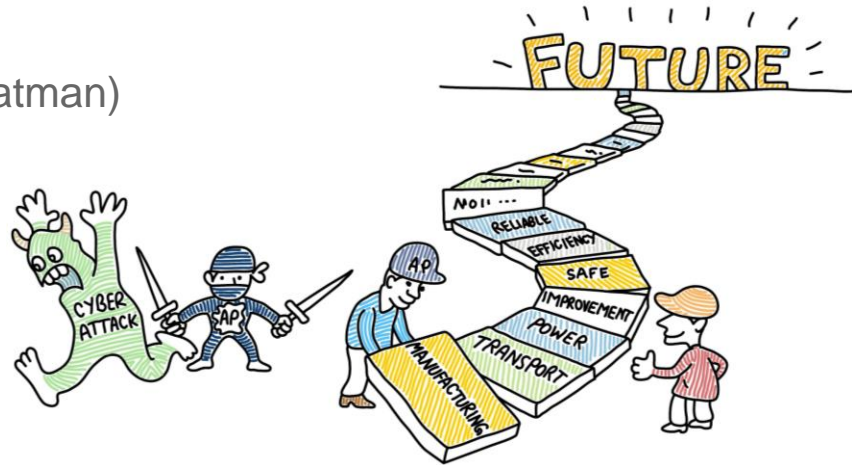
- Insecure Remote Access
- Firewall and Network Misconfiguration
- Infected Laptops
- Insecure Modems
- Infected USB drive
- Insecure Wireless
- And so on...

Lots of bugs and malware can affect ICS/OT



- Commodity OS Malware (MS08-067 / Conficker)
- Common Library Vulnerabilities (SSL / Heartbleed)
- Ransomware Infections (CryptoLocker / Petya)
- Intelligence Collection (HAVEX / BlackEnergy)
- IT Destructive / disk wiper (Shamoon)
- OT Destructive / firmware bricking (BlackEnergy 3)
- Surgically Targeted (Stuxnet)
- Physical Destruction (Triton / Trisis / Hatman)

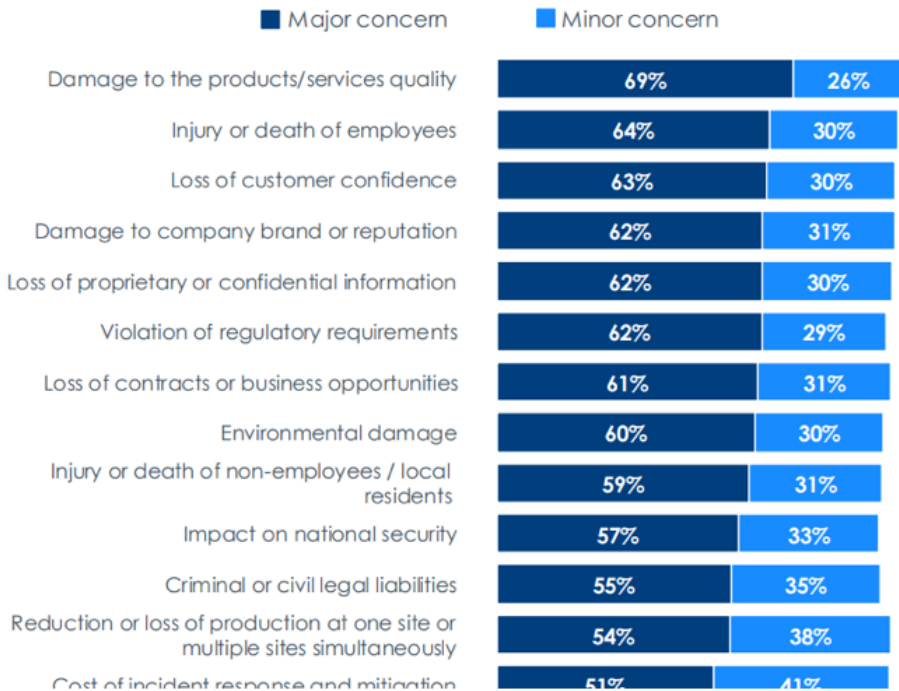
- What will the future bring ???



What are we concerned about?



Which of the following aspects will be a major, minor, or no concern for your company in case of an ICS cybersecurity incident/breach?



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Survey Says –

Top two categories are of Major Concern:

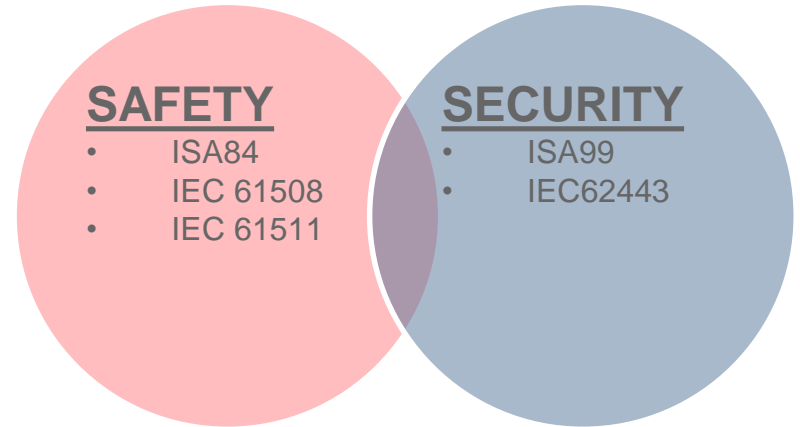
“Damage to the product”
“Injury or Death”

Houston we have a problem (actually two...)



- 1) We have critical safety systems that are now network accessible and often integrated closely with the “Basic Process Control System” (BCPS) and enterprise / business systems
- 2) We have been trying to patch and update every system without considering which ones are the most important – “no risk assessment”
If everything is important then nothing is.

It is time to consider BOTH Safety and Security as one in ICS/OT design



Stop ignoring the fundamentals



- **PROBLEM:**
 - Cyber attacks on Industrial Control Systems (ICS) and/or Operational Technology (OT) can have significant physical consequences
- **SOLUTION:**
 - Apply sound engineering principles, and consider cyber induced consequences when designing and building systems

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This requires several different skills

Adversary

CONSEQUENCE
PRIORITIZATION



- How can I cause the most significant damage to your process?

Analyst

SYSTEM OF
SYSTEMS
BREAKDOWN

- Is there a cyber-based control system involved?
- Where are the dependencies?

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CONSEQUENCE
BASED
TARGETING



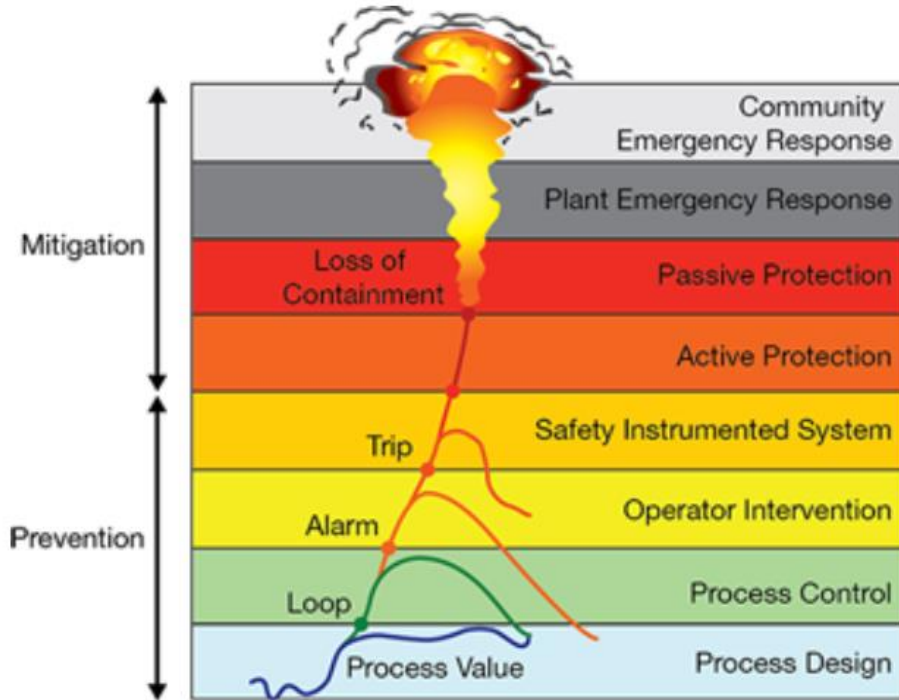
- Where can I attack the system using cyber means?
- Map the ICS Kill Chain

Engineer

MITIGATION &
PROTECTION
STRATEGIES

- Design out the cyber risk
- This is NOT application of control system cybersecurity!

Focus on the most significant consequence



- Find that one part of your process that if everything failed would be considered a significant disaster
- Remember these?
 - Bhopal India (1984)
 - Flixborough England (1974)
 - Texas City (2005)

First you need to know what systems exist

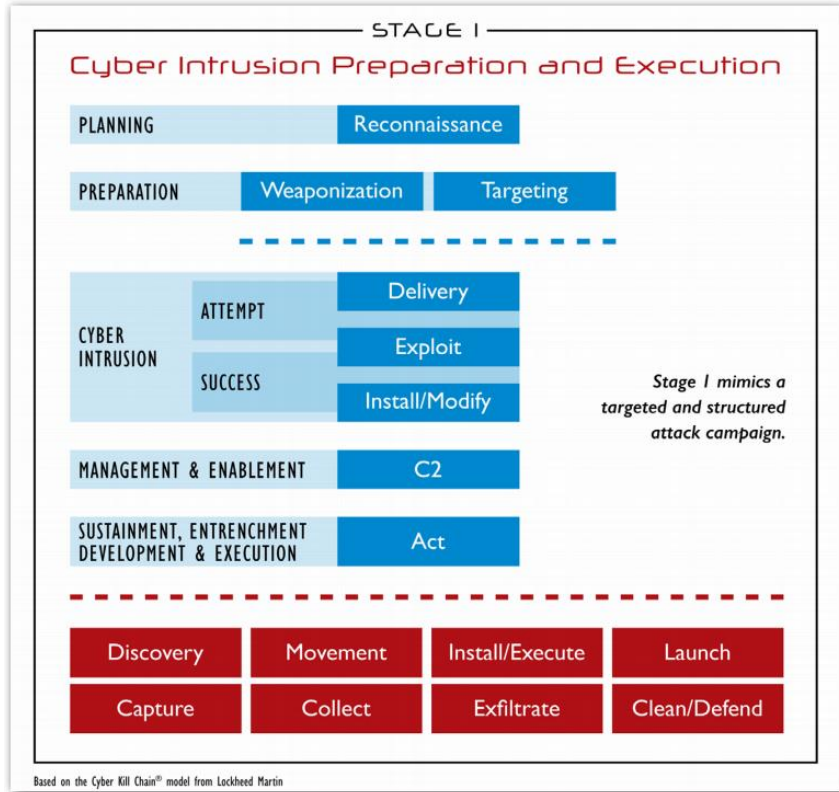
- Asset discovery / inventory – this can be hard in the OT space
- First step of the NIST Framework

IDENTIFY

“Know your enemy and know yourself ...”
Sun Tzu – The Art of War

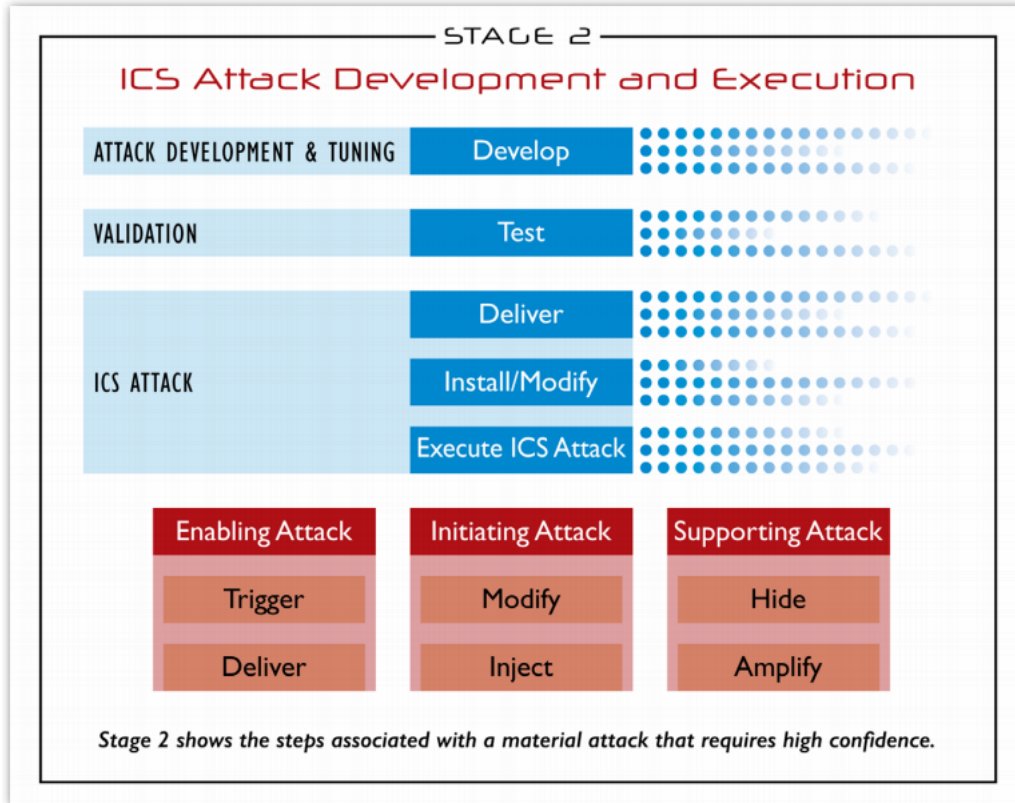


Next – Evaluate pathways into those systems



- This is where the attacker gains an initial foothold
- Various methods:
 - SpearPhishing
 - Waterhole
 - Insider
- Can be targeted or not (opportunistic)
- Each step has an effective defense to disrupt the attack
- Attacker will attempt to maintain persistent access
- Most of the time the malware is not ICS specific

Stage 2 – Execute attack on the target ICS



- Once access is obtained, then the attacker can carry out their plan
- Intelligence Gathering / Exfiltration
- IP Theft
- Data modification or destruction
- Now the malware will have to be ICS or system specific

Step 4 – Non-cyber mitigations / protections

GOAL

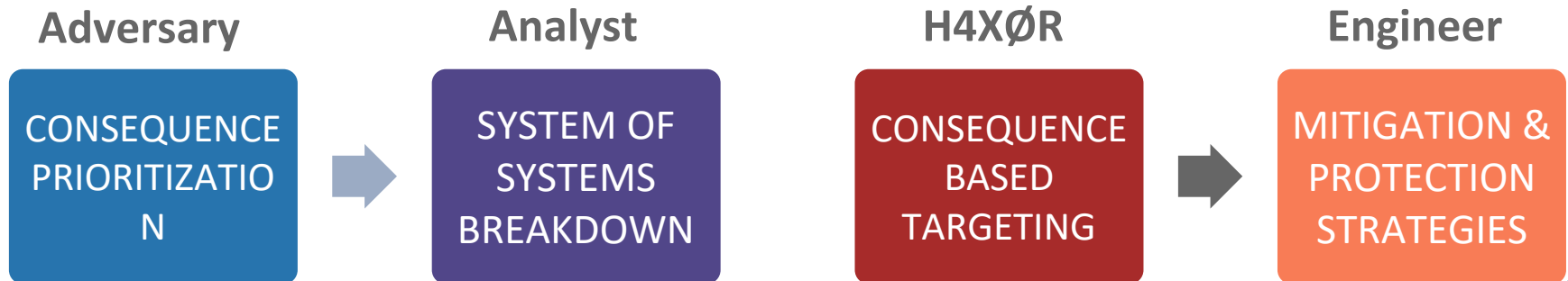
- Develop an engineering based control to eliminate the cyber risk to critical functions -- completely
 - Hardwired interlock
 - Mechanical protection
 - Custom analog and digital circuitry
- No this isn't going “backwards” – this is prudent use of technology
- Not applicable to every process



Think like a hacker but act like an engineer!

- Identify your most critical business or operations function
- Understand what systems, controls or devices support it
- Determine how an attacker would cause the most damage by compromising the cyber integrity of any of that equipment

- Go back to basics – find a way to accomplish the function without relying on a cyber device. After all, it is your most important function!
- Build a culture of security and safety around cyber-physical systems



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