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# Managed Detection and Response (MDR) Delivery Models for Industrial Control Systems (ICS)

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## Do we have anything to argue about? What about terminology? ОТ или ICS?

**Gartner** defines operational technology (OT) as: "hardware and software that detects or causes a change through the direct monitoring and/or control of physical devices, processes and events in asset-centric enterprises, particularly in production and operations."

ICS is a complex of software and software hardware aimed at controlling technological and/or industrial equipment (control devices) and their processes as well as management of such equipment and processes;

Depending on the type of business we can speak about the following kinds of AS: Industrial Control Systems (ICS)...

Depending on the type of managed object (process) ICS can be, for example, ICS of Technological Processes (ICSTP), ICS of enterprise (MES) etc.



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# History in figures

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**Malware specifically designed for cyber attacks against Industrial Control Systems**

- Stuxnet
- Havex
- Blackenergy
- Industroyer
- TRITON

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**Malware specifically designed for cyber attacks against safety instrumented system (SIS)**

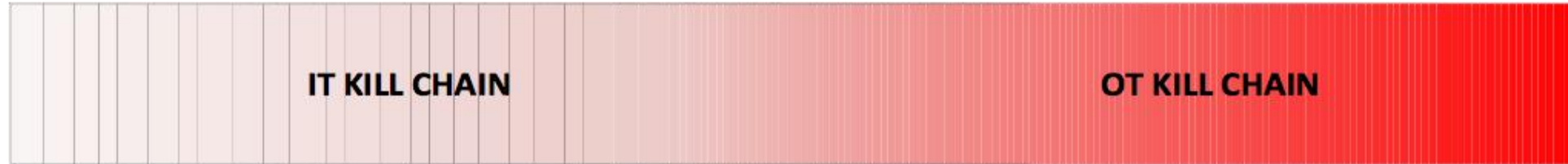
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**Malware specifically designed for industrial process disruption.**

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# History of methodology development



- **Reconnaissance:** research, identification and a selection of a cyber attacks target .
- **Weaponization.** coupling a remote access trojan with an exploit into a deliverable payload, typically by means of an automated tool.
- **Delivery.** transmission of the weapon to the targeted environment.
- **Exploitation.** after the weapon is delivered to victim host, exploitation triggers intruders' code.
- **Installation.** installation of a remote access trojan or backdoor on the victim system and others actions.
- **Command and Control (C2).** intruders control the target environment..
- **Actions.** collecting, encrypting and extracting information from the victim environment; violations of data integrity or availability are potential objectives as well

- **Develop:** identify target ICS type and develop malware.
- **Test:** ensure malware works as intended, likely off network in the adversary environment .
- **Delivery:** transfer malware to the ICS which contains the 'loader' module for the new logic and support binaries that provide the new logic.
- **Install/Modify:** execution and masking malicious code like a legal software
- **Attack:**

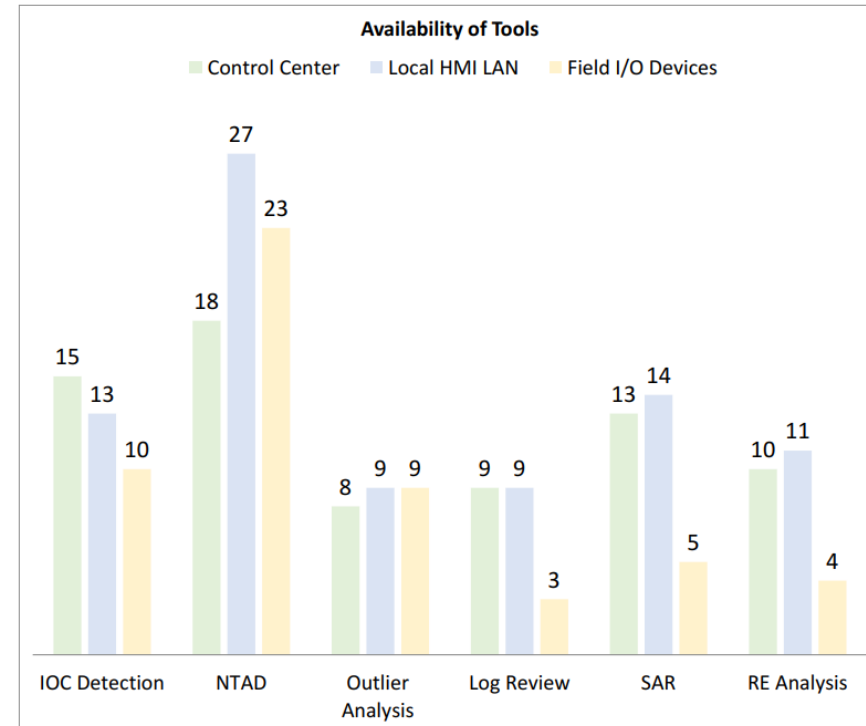
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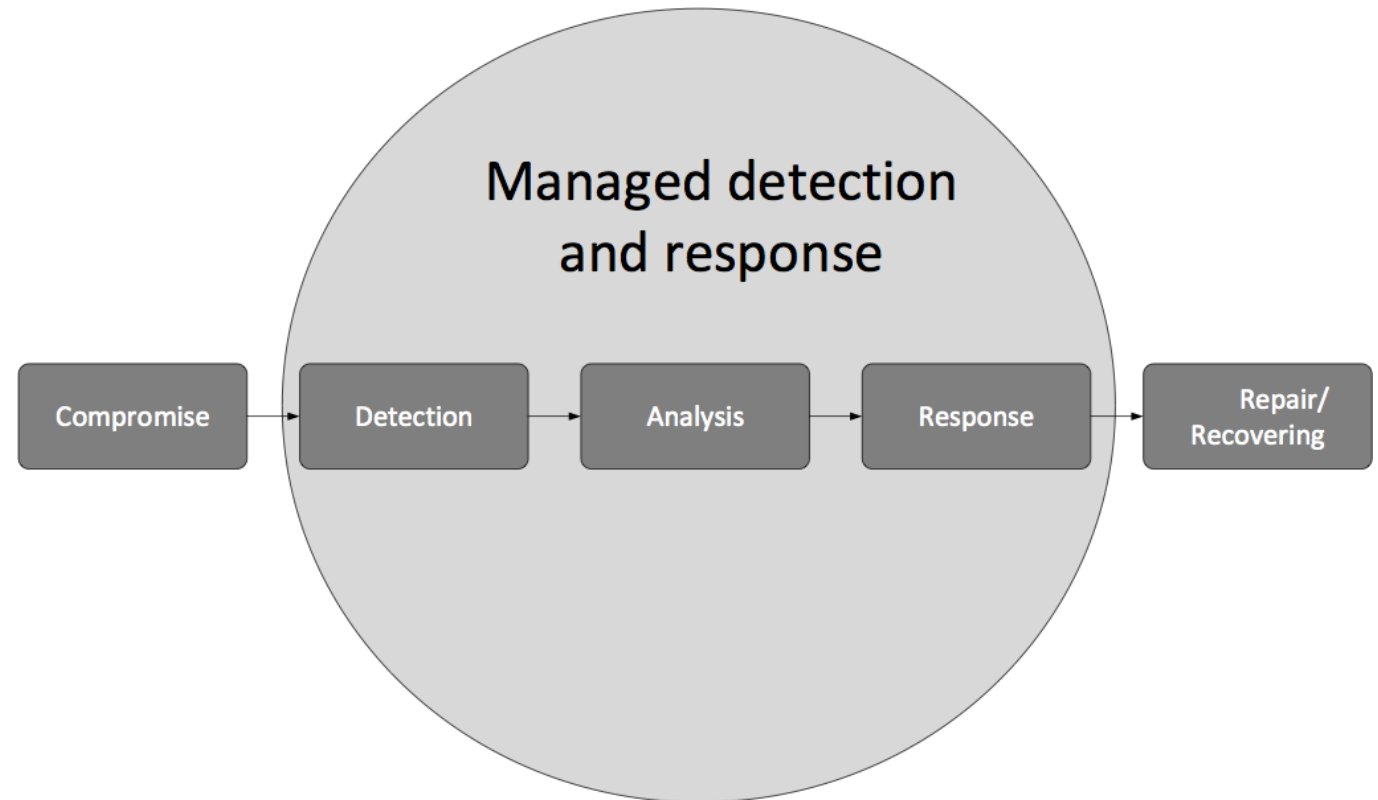
1. Multi-Purpose Tools
2. IOC Detection Tools
3. Network Traffic Anomaly Detection Tools
4. Outlier Analysis Tools
5. Log Review Tools
6. System Artifact Review Tools
7. Reverse Engineering Analysis Tools



A Survey of Security Tools for the Industrial Control System Environment  
The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) USA, 2017

# Mature OT SOC is:

- 24/7/365 threat monitoring.
- High level of expertise.
- Well-defined processes.
- Analyst controlling infrastructure.
- Advanced analytics including Threat Intelligence and Threat Hunting.
- Investigation of every security event.
- An individual plan for incident response.



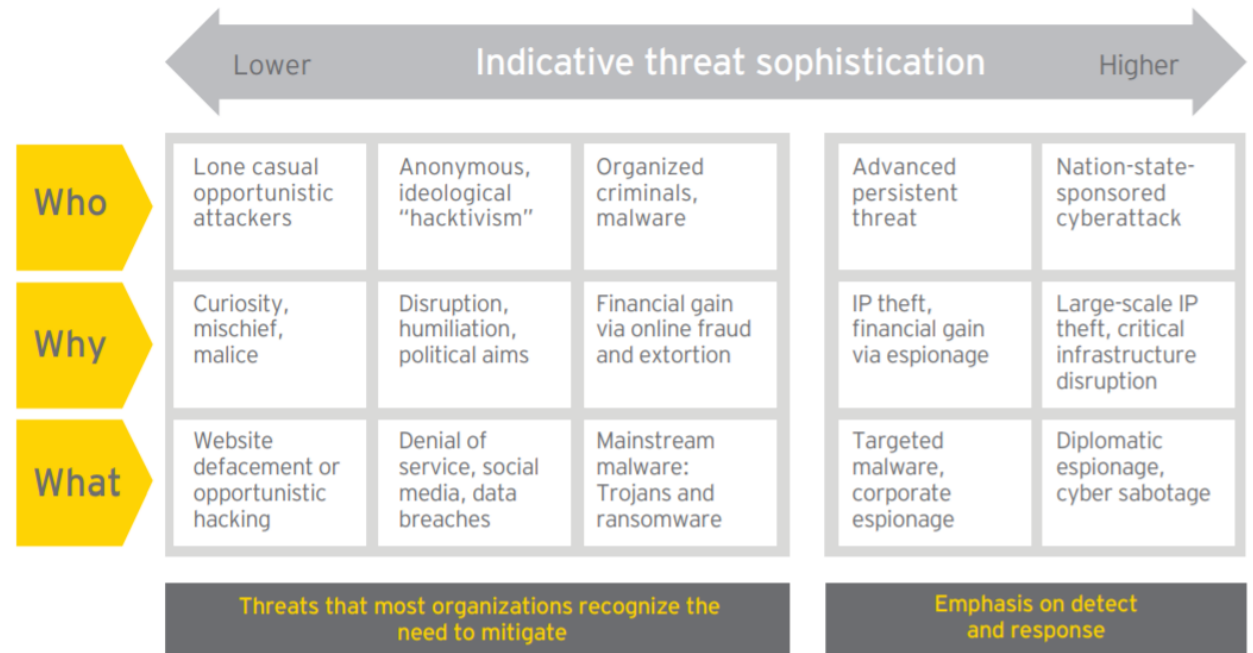
# Why should we use MDR in ICS?

We start from the supposed level of ICS-related threat:

- APT-attacks.
- Nation-State sponsored cyberattack.

Therefore, emphasis should be made on detection and response.

SOC, built as MDR, intends to detect and response to advanced threats (APT-attacks).



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# Start conditions. Subsequent development.

## Stage 1:

- Infrastructure of the protected object doesn't have information security tools.

## Stage 2:

- Infrastructure of the protected object has a fundamental security tools, e.g.
- Perimeter Security Gateway.
- Antivirus software.

## Stage 3:

- Infrastructure of the protected object has ICS Security Tools:
- ICS Threat Detection Systems/ICS Asset Management System/ICS Network Intrusion Detection System (IDS).
- Industrial firewall.
- EndPoint Protection.
- EDR.

## Stage 4:

- ICS includes a comprehensive built in security.

# Basic architecture of the protected object

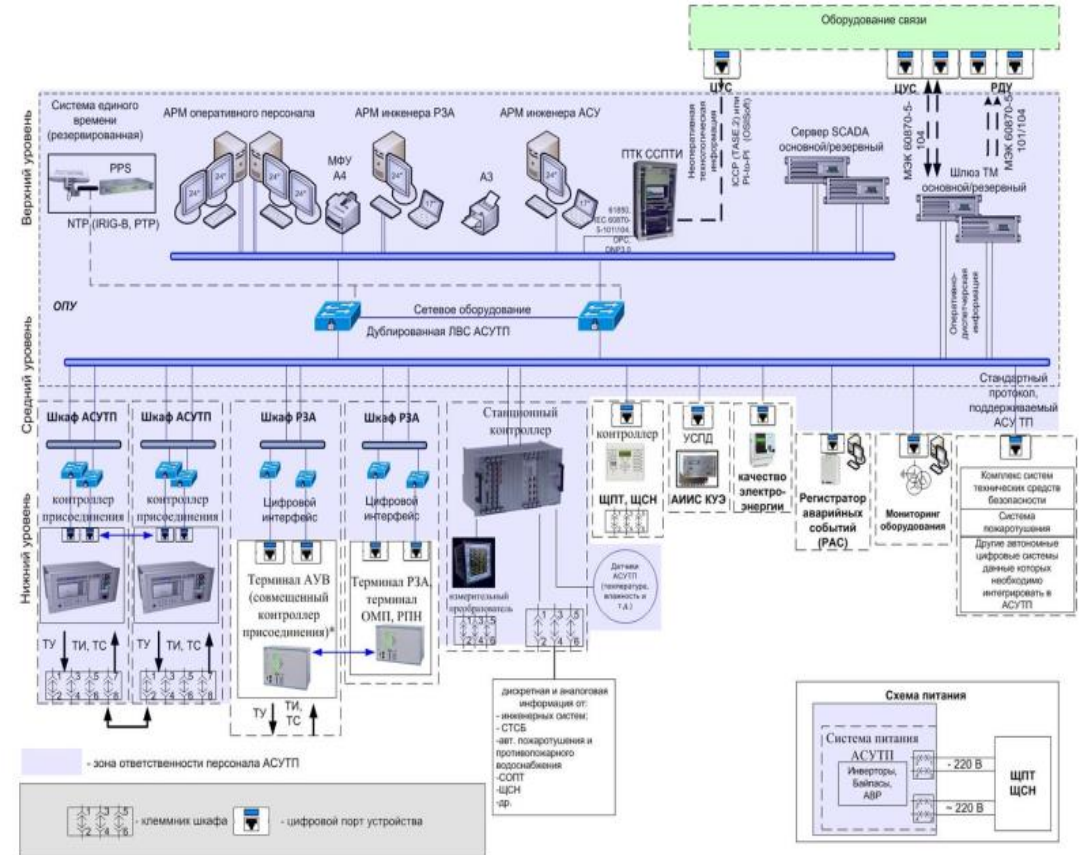
Detect network critical for protection nodes in the IT segment.

- IT workstation.

Detect network critical for protection nodes in the OT segment.

According to Russians and foreign standards at substation (digital substation) should be made:

- OT workstation.
- Workstation for configuration IED (PAC).
- ICS workstation.
- SCADA servers.
- ICS servers.
- AMI etc.



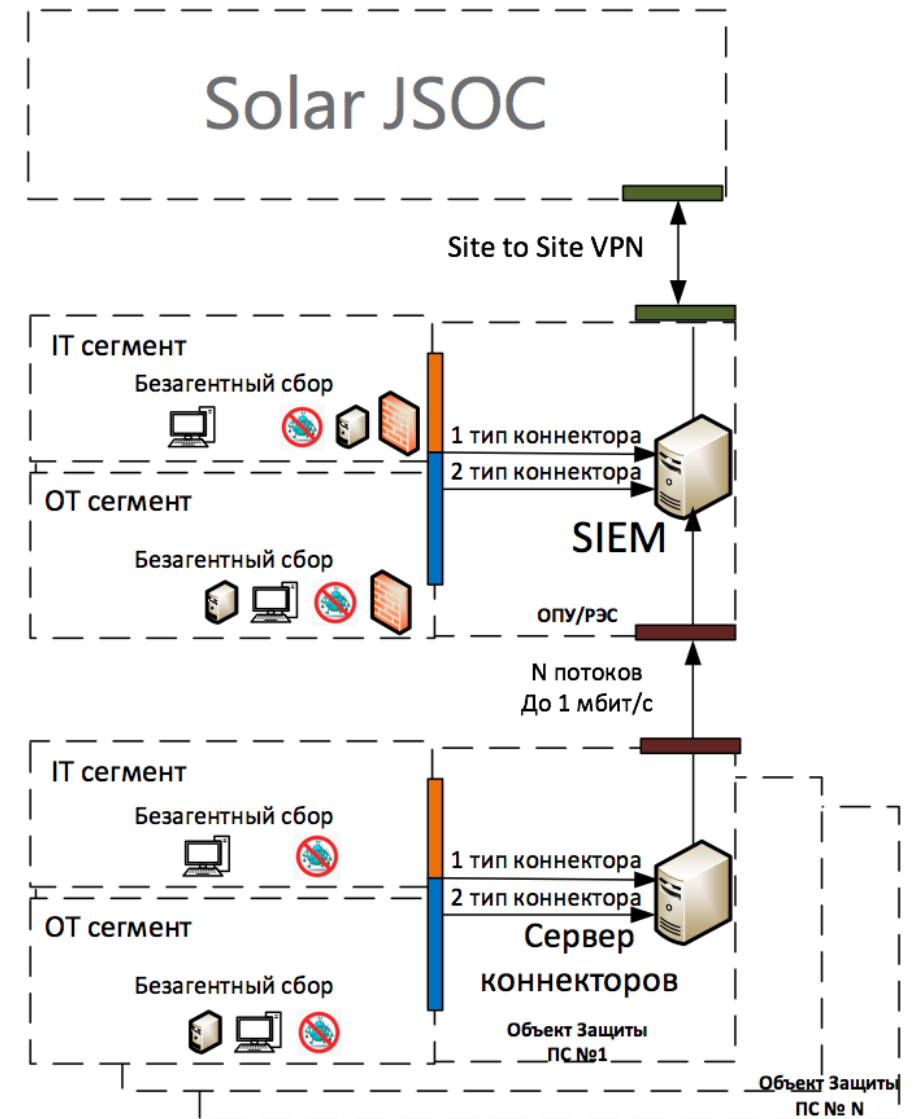
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## Common Data Sources in IT Environments:

- Switches.
- Routers.
- IT workstation.
- Antivirus software.

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## Audit of workstation and servers under Windows System control

- Authentication;
- Account management;
- OS processes;
- Installation of OS services;
- Changes of file register: register criteria, file system objects;
- Network activity.

# Security events audit in ICS

The following points are logged in the security log and forwarded to a connected syslog log server:

## Actions:

- Successful log off of a user, even after a certain period of time.
- Successful log on of a user.
- Change or delete the connection password.
- Update or restore the firmware version in the device.
- Update the configuration in the device.
- Change the operating mode of the device.
- Change the date and time.
- Change or overwrite state value entries by the logged-on user.
- Switching operations by the registered user.

## Potential errors:

- Number of entries with correct or incorrect passwords.
- Unsuccessful login attempt by typing 3 wrong passwords.
- Reboot or restart the device.



# Basic control architecture should guarantee:

Intrusion into the technological process.

- Control, response and investigation into incidents of elements of the higher level of the ICS.
- 90% of tested SIEM scenarios of the IT-segment can be used to build a basic architecture of end-to-end monitoring.

Basic architecture should allow to:

- Detect the attack development through kill chain stages.
- Detect suspicious traffic from the mission critical segment (Tor, etc).
- Detect changes brought into processes, structure of files of mission critical nodes.
- Detect attempts to escalate privileges.
- Detect new unknown nodes in the mission critical segment.
- Detect changes brought into the selection of services started in the mission critical segment.

Investigation into the suspected incident and fast response will come to the front.

# How to detect Industroyer activity:

## ESET document analysis:

- Main backdoor: the main module is connected to C&C servers with Tor.
- We should detect on outputs TOR feeds.
- We should detect changing a critical DLL in folders windows or system 32.
- We should detect a new system service start.
- We should detect changing a critical file.

### IP addresses of C&C servers:

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195.16.88[.]6  
46.28.200[.]132  
188.42.253[.]43  
5.39.218[.]152  
93.115.27[.]57
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Warning! Most of the servers with these IP addresses were part of Tor network which means that the use of these indicators could result in a false positive match.



Once the attackers obtain administrator privileges, they can upgrade the installed backdoor to a more privileged version that is executed as a Windows service program. To do this they pick an existing, non-critical Windows service and replace its `ImagePath` registry value with the path of the new backdoor's binary.

The additional backdoor provides an alternative persistence mechanism that allows the attackers to regain access to a targeted network in case the main backdoor is detected and/or disabled.

This backdoor is a trojanized version of the Windows Notepad application.  
This is a fully functional version of the application, but the malware authors

<https://goo.gl/DjaaCV>

# Advantages:

## Possible predictable result:

Minimize the influence of the incident and business risk of malfunction of technological processes, which means keeping functioning of the protected object at the necessary integrity level.

- Earlier detection of incidents and stages of APT-attacks.
- Fast response in case of incident detection and analysis.
- High possibility of successful investigation of the incidents, which will allow to manage cyber security risks more effectively.

Easier compliance with the Regulator's requirements and using of best practices.



# Mature architecture of the protected object :

## Common Data Sources in IT Environments:

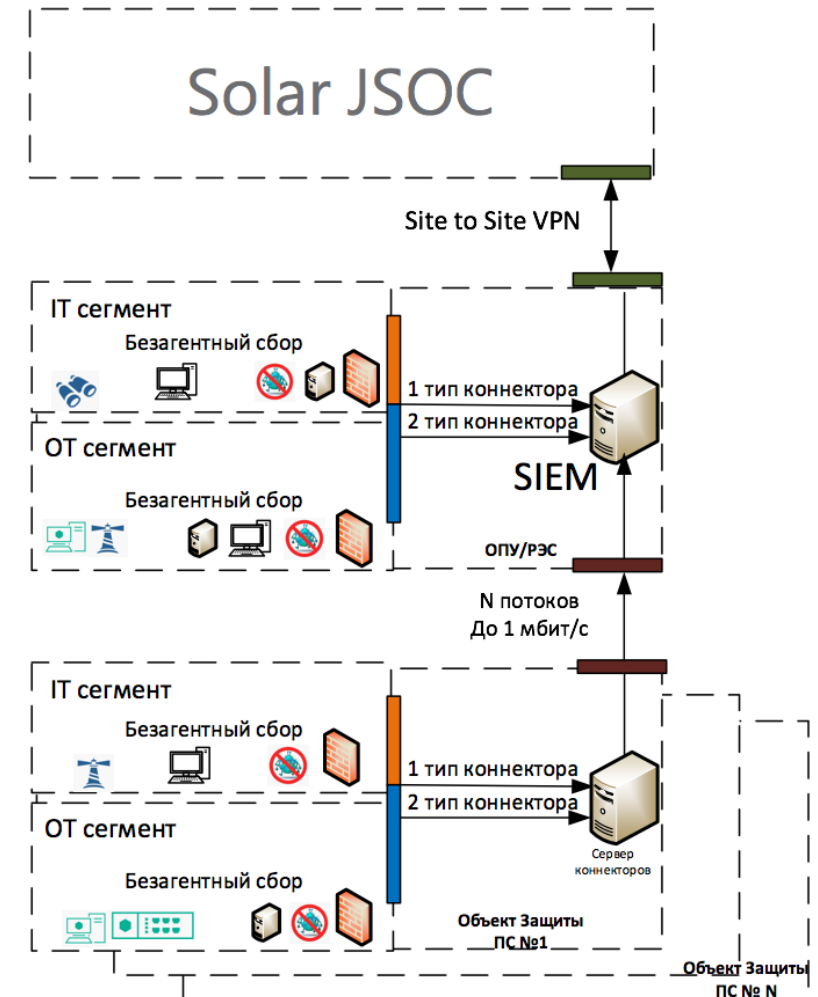
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- Endpoint Protection Software.
- IT workstation.
- Antivirus software.
- Perimeter Security Gateway.
- Intrusion Detection System (IDS).

## Common Data Sources in OT Environments:

- IED, PLC – with Syslog:

## Tailored ICS cyber security tools:

- ICS Threat Detection Systems/ICS Asset Management System/ICS Network Intrusion Detection System (IDS).
- Industrial firewall.
- Endpoint Protection Software.



# Conclusion:

Implementation of SOC OT allows to:

- ✓ Raise a number of detected incidents.
- ✓ Detect aberrant behavior.
- ✓ Raise the possibility of ART-attack detection at the earlier stage.
- ✓ Minimize the influence of such incidents on the technological process.
- ✓ Minimize business risks which threaten the functioning of the company.

Implementation of solutions and services improving situational awareness allows:

- ✓ Suggest well-founded measures of reducing the influence of cyber attacks.
- ✓ Raise the quality of response to incidents.
- ✓ Make conclusions based on data.
- ✓ Develop a strategy of risk management at a whole new level.
- ✓ Easier compliance with the Regulators requirements and implementation of best practices.



# Your questions...

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