



# Control Systems Under Attack !?

**...about the Cyber-Security  
of modern Control Systems**

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# Security in a Nutshell

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- ▶ **YOU are responsible** for securing your services & systems:
  - ▶ As user, developer, system expert or administrator
  - ▶ As a project manager, system expert or administrator
  - ▶ As part of the CERN or your experiment hierarchy

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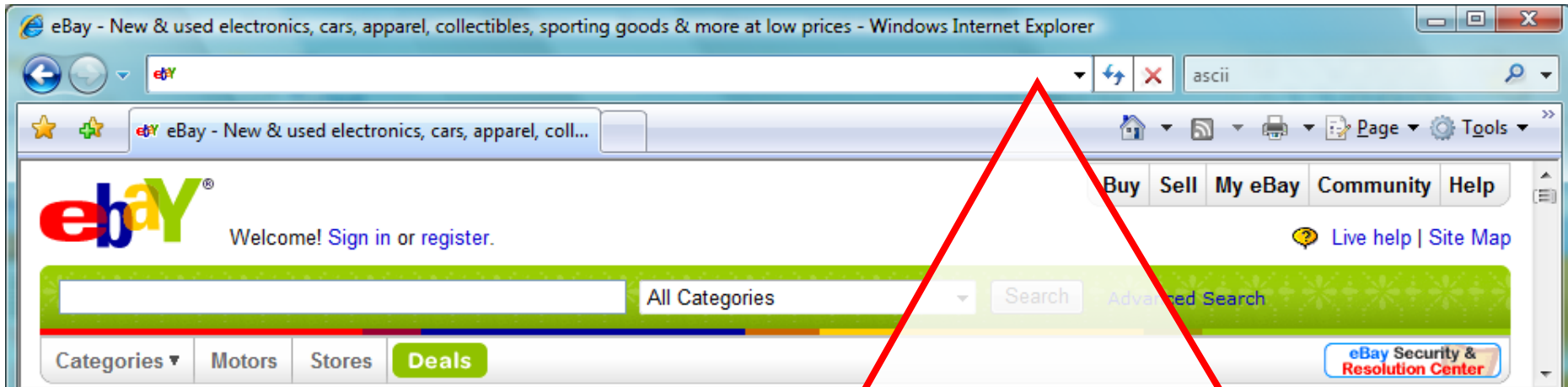


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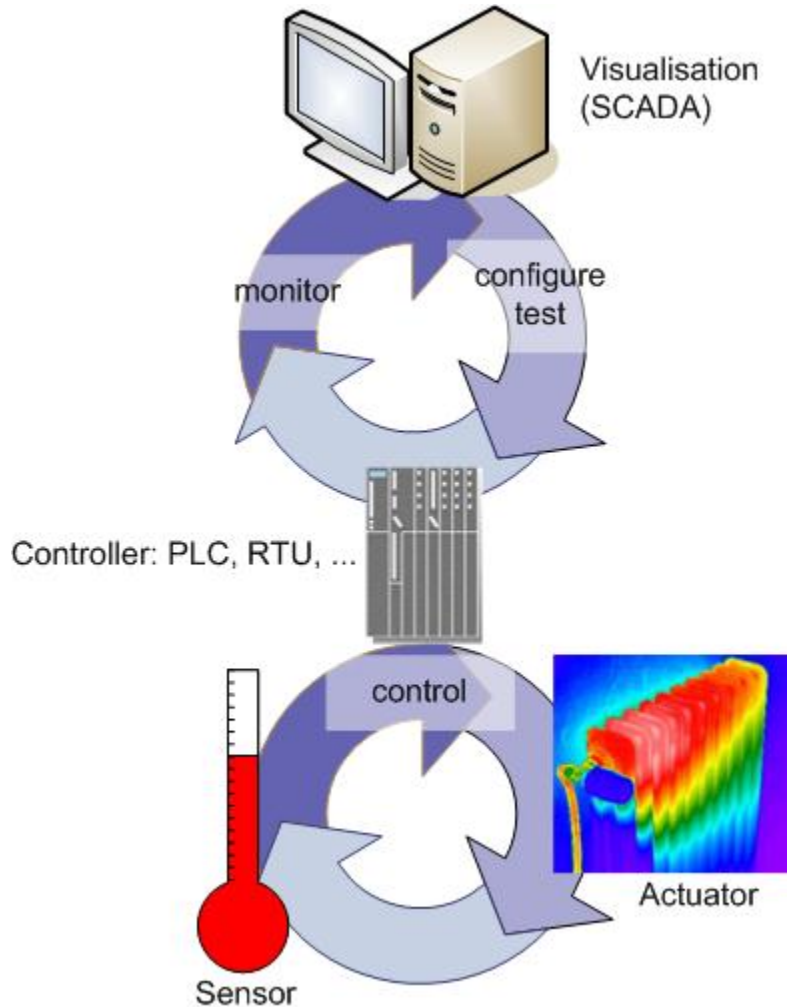




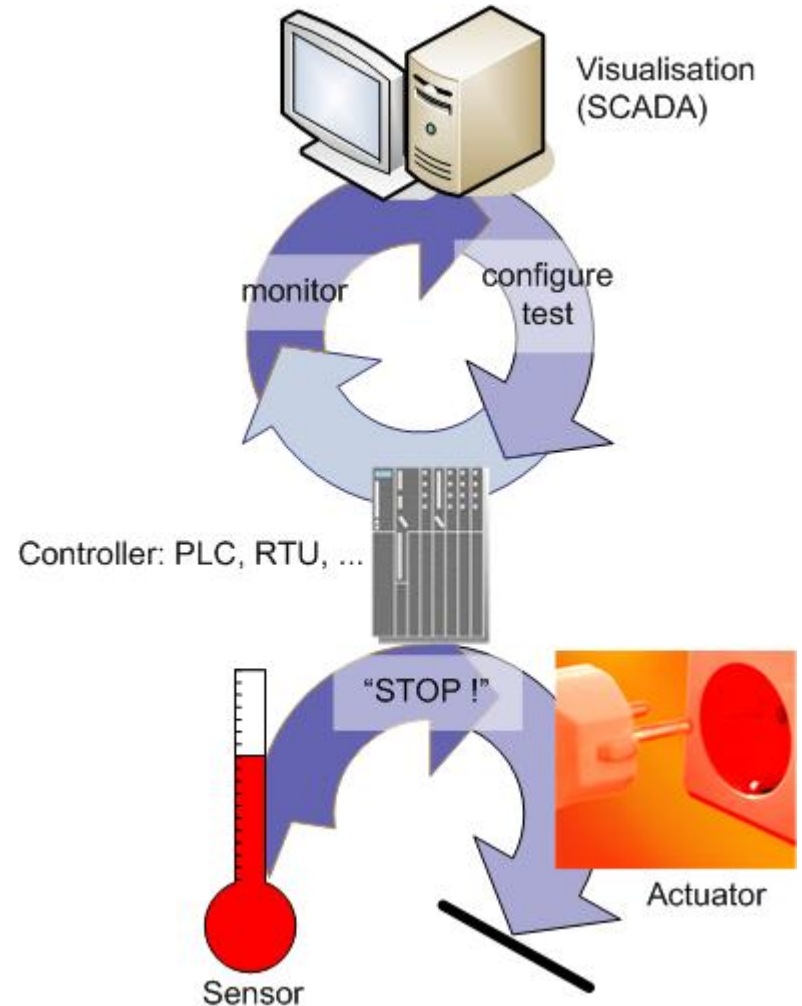
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## Process Control System (PCS)

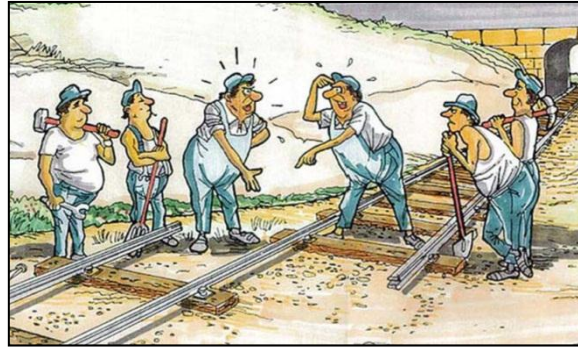
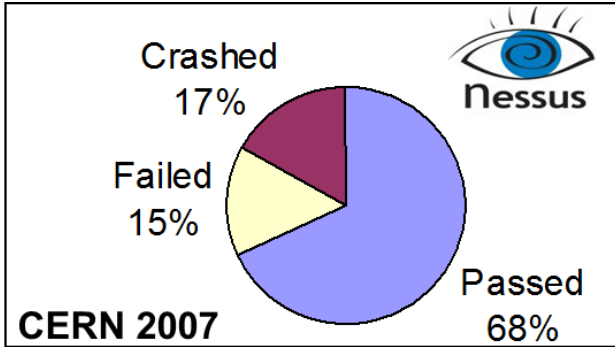


## Safety System



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# “Control Systems” go “IT” ...

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## In the past, PCS were

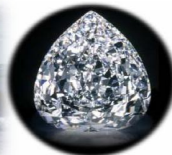
- ▶ largely proprietary
- ▶ stand-alone & interconnected using proprietary networks only
- ▶ accessed via modems, if at all
- ▶ using own standards, technologies & means



*"He's the only person who knows how to program our 20 year old PLCs."*

## Today, PCS

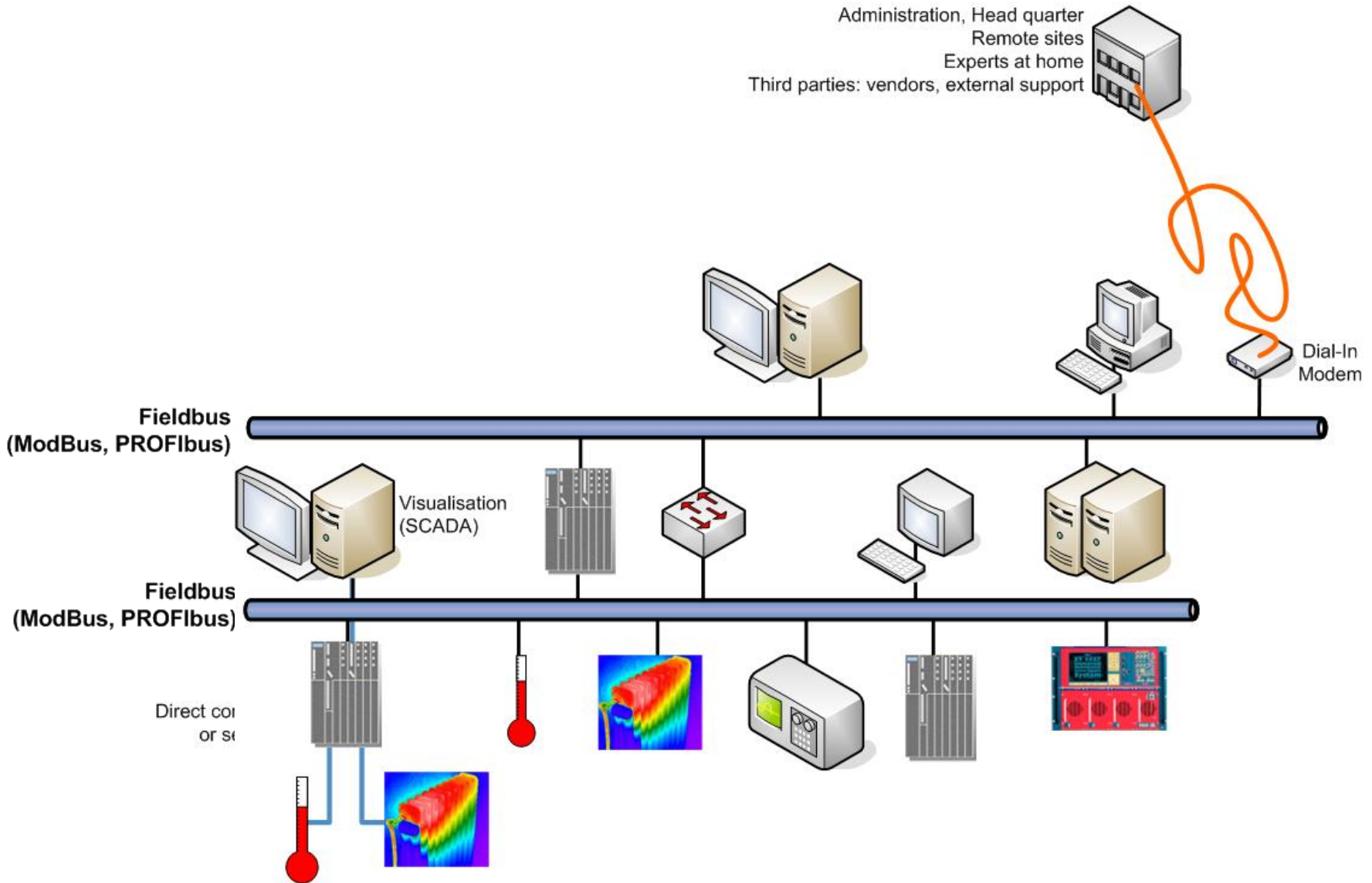
- ▶ base on custom-of-the-shelf hardware and software (“office IT”)
- ▶ are highly inter-connected
- ▶ determine & impact widely on our daily life





# (R)Evolution: The Past

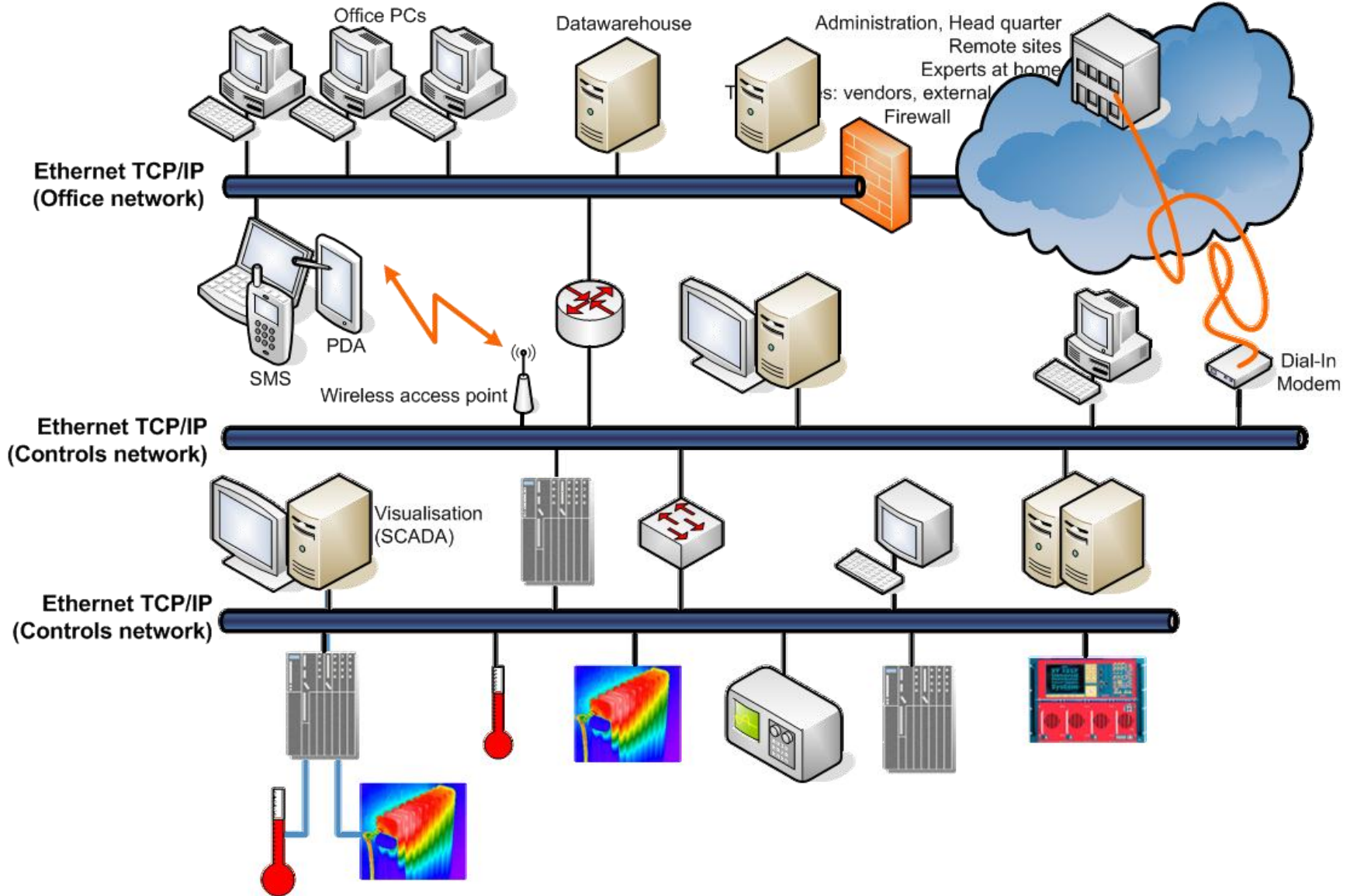
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# Control Systems for Living

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# Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)

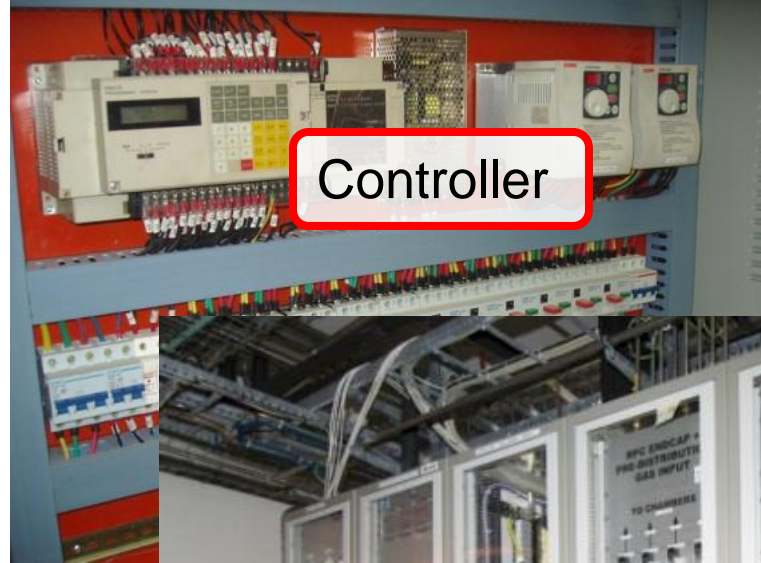
...for accelerator controls





# This is how PCS can look like

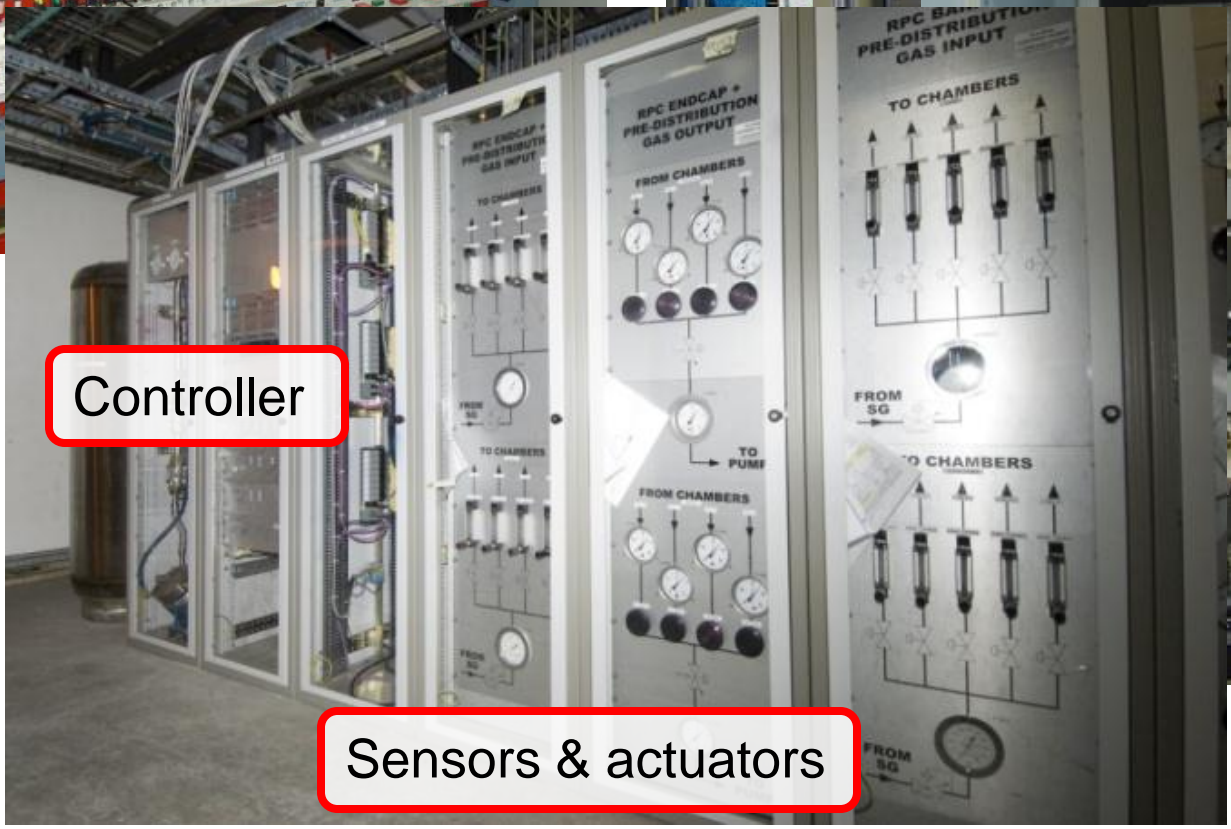
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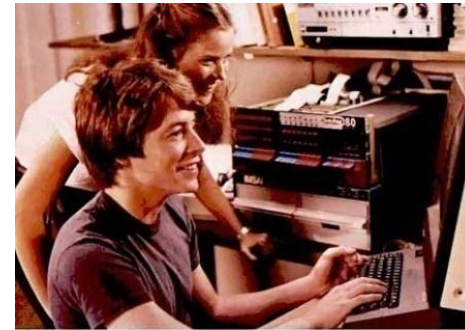


# PCS omitted security aspects!

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## In the past, PCS security was

- ▶ hidden (“**security through obscurity**”)
- ▶ never a real concern
- ▶ a target for nerds



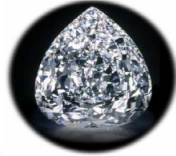
## Today,

- ▶ **Same “office IT”-risks**  
inherent in PCS (TCP/IP, Windows PCs, WWW & mail, C++, ...)
- ▶ **Same “office IT”-attackers**  
targeting PCS (viruses/worms, saboteurs, attacker, stupidity, ...)



# Why worry? The Risk Equation

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$$\text{Risk} = \text{Threat} \times \text{Vulnerability} \times \text{Consequence}$$

## Attacks performed by...

- ▶ Disgruntled (ex-)employees or **saboteurs**
- ▶ **Attackers** and terrorists, but also since “Stuxnet”: (Western) countries (step-by-step instructions on BlackHat conferences; freeware hacking tools for “Script Kiddies”)
- ▶ **Trojans, viruses, worms, ...**

## Lack of robustness & lots of stupidity

- ▶ Mal-configured or broken devices flood the network
- ▶ Developer / operator “finger trouble”

## Lack of procedures

- ▶ Flawed updates or patches provided by third parties
- ▶ Inappropriate test & maintenance rules / procedures

# Damage by Insiders?

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## Insider charged with hacking California canal system

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

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A pair of Los Angeles traffic system engineers used their access to the system to disrupt transportation across the state by sending out false signals to reprogram signal controllers.

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Earlier this year, a sullen, 28-year-old contractor in California was charged in federal court with sabotaging the computerized controls on oil-rig sitting off the coast, allegedly out of spite for not being hired full time. Prosecutors say the contractor hacked into a shore-to-rig communications network that, among other functions, detected oil leaks. He caused thousands of dollars worth of damage, they charge, though, fortunately, no leaks.



# Damage by Attacker?

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In February, hackers compromised an FAA public-facing computer and used it to gain access to personally identifiable information, such as Social Security numbers, on 48,000 current and former FAA employees, [the report said](#).

Last year, hackers took control of FAA critical network, seriously disrupted the agency's mission-support systems in Alaska, becoming "insiders," according to the report.

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### U.S. Official Signals Growing Concern Over Anonymous Group's Capabilities

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- Feb. 12, 2012: Announces a plan that it says will shut down the Internet on March 31.
- Feb. 17, 2012: Attacks two sites of the Federal Trade Commission.

group outlined, said Richard Bennett, chief security officer at computer-security company Mandiant. The announcement, however, shows the network's intent to wage more destructive attacks.

Similarly, any attack by Anonymous directed at the power grid is likely to inflict limited damage but would be certain to sow alarm, especially if Anonymous took credit publicly.

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### Mossad's Miracle Weapon

## Stuxnet Virus Opens New Era of Cyber War

By Holger Stark



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The Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency, has developed a program with a highly sophisticated computer program with a highly sophisticated digital weapon of geopolitical importance, it could change the way wars are fought -- and it will not be the last attack of its kind.

## Stuxnet, waiting on Pandora's box

by [Ukman](#)

A serious computer worm known as Stuxnet has gained more than notoriety since it was discovered in the summer of 2010. It has had a havoc on Iran's nuclear program. It stirred suspicions that it was unleashed by the Israelis, the Americans or both. And, last year, it heightened long-standing concerns about the potential for a cyber attack on critical infrastructure in the West.

... of Iran, Stuxnet worked its way rather insidious means -- it targeted uranium and causing them to s

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## The meaning of Stuxnet

A sophisticated "cyber-missile" highlights the potential—and limitations—of cyberwar

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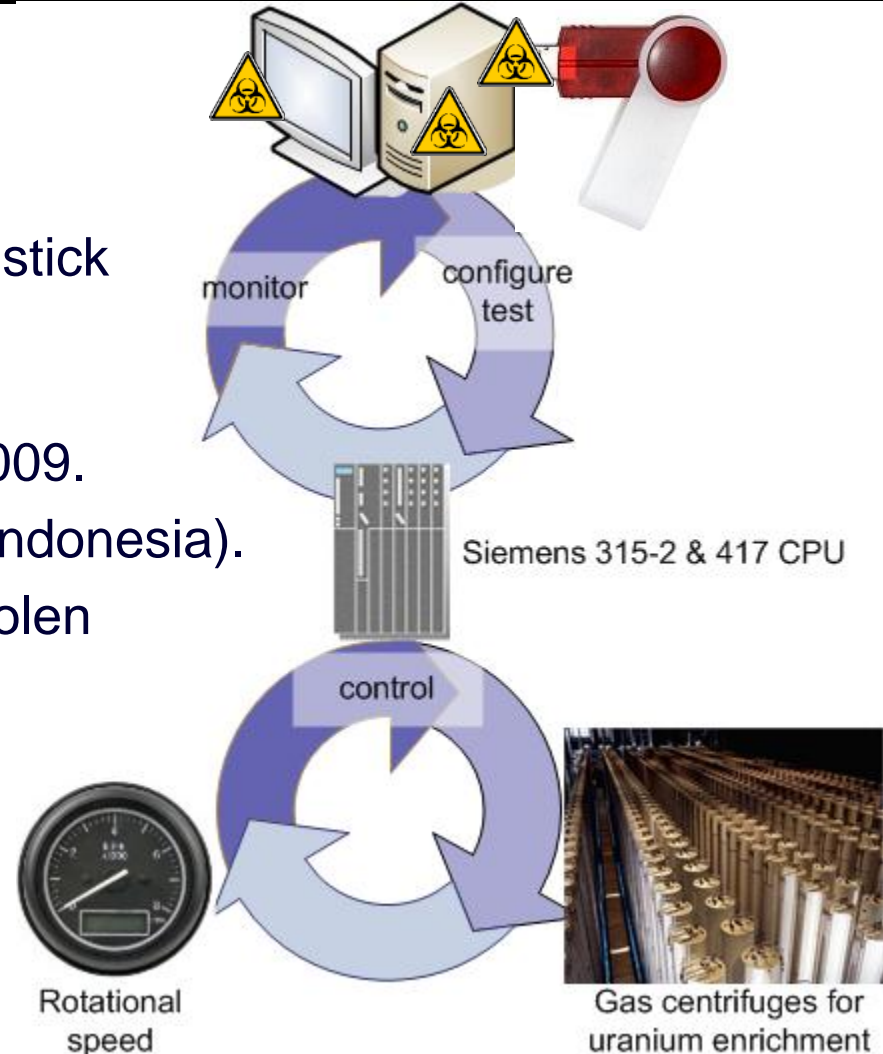


# The Workings of Stuxnet (I)

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- ▶ An infected USB stick was infiltrated into the plant either by **malicious act** or through **social engineering**.
- ▶ Once inserted into a Windows PC, the stick **tried to compromise the O/S** with up to **4(!) zero-day exploits** (worth >\$100k).
- ▶ There were 4-5 evolutions starting 6/2009.
- ▶ Infected 100.000 PCs (60% Iran, 10% Indonesia).
- ▶ Using “rootkit” technologies and two stolen certificates, it **hid from being detected**.
- ▶ It tried to infect other hosts and establish a P2P connection “home”.

**So far, nothing new:  
A standard,  
but expensive virus!**



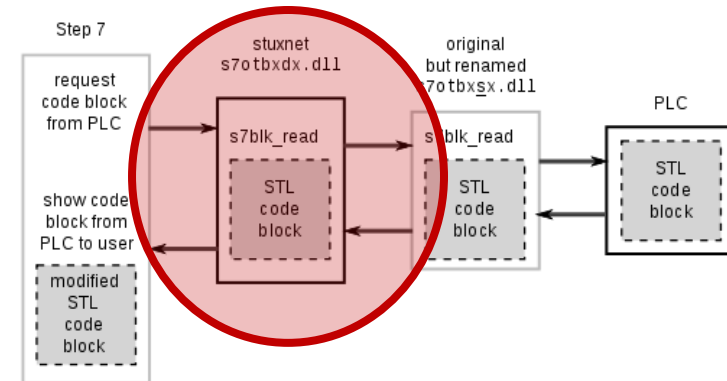
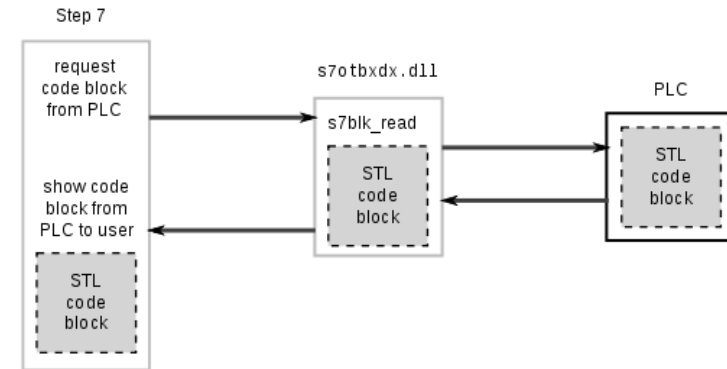


# The Workings of Stuxnet (II)

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- ▶ Stuxnet then checked the local configuration looking for the **presence of Siemens PCS7/STEP7/WINCC SCADA software**.
- ▶ If so, it copied itself into the local STEP7 project folder (to propagate further).
- ▶ It **replaced the S7 communication libraries (DLLs)** used for exchanging data with a PLC.
- ▶ Stuxnet can now **manipulate values** to be send to the PLC or displayed by the SCADA.

**Stuxnet is now the  
“Man in the Middle”  
controlling the communication  
between SCADA & PLC.**



- ▶ If not, Stuxnet got idle and would expire on 2012/06/24.

# The Workings of Stuxnet (III)

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- ▶ Next, Stuxnet was “fingerprinting” connected PLCs.
- ▶ If right PLC configuration, it downloaded/replaced code between 17 and 32 FBs & DBs.

This code varied the rotational speed of the centrifuges over months wearing them out and inhibiting uranium enrichment.

The “Man in the Middle” made everything looked fine at the SCADA level...

The screenshot shows the SIMATIC Manager interface for a SIMATIC 300 station. The left pane displays a project tree for 'ITCO V1-0 050113' containing a 'DSS PLC' with 'CPU 0' and 'CPU 1'. The right pane shows a table of objects:

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FC520	LogStatus	SCL	900	Function	LogStatus: Logs informa...
FC530	LogAlarm	SCL	784	Function	LogAlarm: Logs gone-off...
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OB11		SCL	120	Organiza...	OB11: Time-Of-Day Inter...
OB12		SCL	118	Organiza...	OB12: TIME-OF-Day Inter...
OB32		SCL	144	Organiza...	OB32: Cyclic Interrupt (e...
OB33		SCL	1000	Organiza...	OB33: US-Data...



# Stuxnet was not the first one!

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## CIA slipped bugs to Soviets

### Memoir recounts Cold War technological sabotage

By David E. Hoffman

[washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

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## Use case:

- ▶ Measuring your consumption at home
- ▶ Online with the grid: Optimizing the power usage
- ▶ Publicly accessible, off-the-shelf, open networks

## Risks:

- ▶ **Exploitation** of meter vulnerabilities: registration process, firmware, data, ...
- ▶ **Loss of confidentiality:** customer data available to others
- ▶ **Loss of integrity:** manipulation of reading data
- ▶ **Loss of availability:** data not available in a timely manner
- ▶ **Misuse** as attack platform

## Power Grid Is Found Susceptible to Cyberattack

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An emerging network of intelligent power switches, called the Smart Grid, could be taken down by a cyberattack, according to researchers with IOActive, a Seattle security consultancy.

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**We had this before ☹️:**  
▶ Modems in the 80's  
▶ Windows PCs in the 90's (before XP SP2)

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# Why care?

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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."

## Cyber weaknesses should deter US from waging war

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WASHINGTON (AP) — America's critical computer networks are so vulnerable to attack that it should deter U.S. leaders from going to war with other nations, a former top U.S. cybersecurity official said Monday.

Richard Clarke, a top adviser to three presidents, joined a number of U.S. military and civilian experts in offering a dire assessment of America's cybersecurity at a conference, saying the country simply can't protect its critical networks.

Clarke said if he was advising the president he would warn against attacking other countries because so many of them — including

China, North Korea, Iran and Russia — could retaliate by launching devastating cyberattacks that could destroy power grids, banking networks or transportation systems.

The U.S. military, he said, is entirely dependent on computer systems and could end up in a future conflict in which troops trot out onto a battlefield "and nothing works."

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# Mitigation: Today's Cacophony

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Using “office-IT” *must* also mean using “office-security technology”:

- ▶ Apply same security measures
- ▶ Inherent differences need to be taken care of separately
- ▶ Defence-in-Depth as a basis
- ▶ Influence your vendor!!!

**Too many stakeholders:**

- ▶ A cacophony in standards & guidelines
- ▶ A cacophony in interest
- ▶ No *real* directions by legislators



# Myths about Cyber-Security

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**"Network security, that's it !"**

**"The firewall makes you secure..."**

**"Encryption protects you..."** **"VPNs protect you..."**

**"Field devices can't be hacked..."**

**"IDSs can identify possible control system attacks..."**

**"You are secure if attackers can't get in..."**

**"You can keep hackers out..."**

**"More and better gadgets can solve security problems..."**

**"Everything can be solved by technique !"**



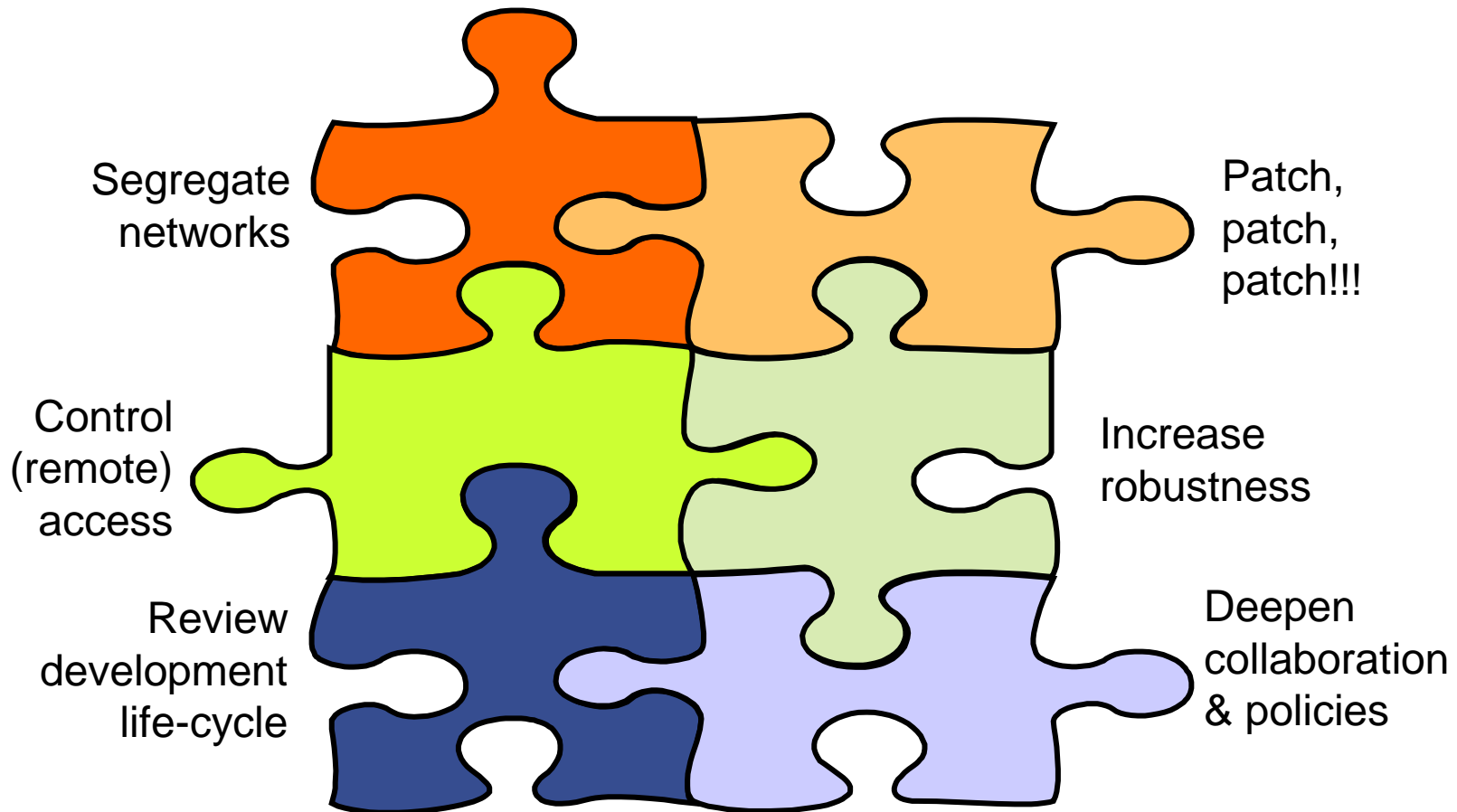
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device/hardware/network  
software/applications

firmware/operating systems/network protocols  
user/integrator/developer/vendor





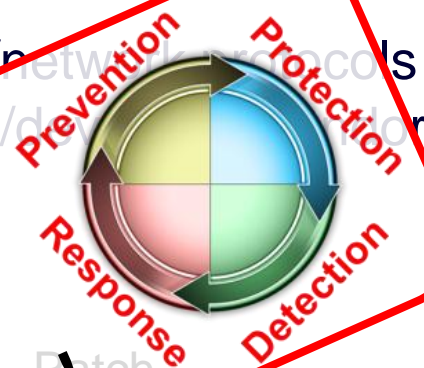
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Segregate networks

**Control Systems use COTS IT hard/software.**  
**Control System Cyber-Security must employ/allow for COTS IT security measures, too!**

Patch, patch, patch!!!

Increase robustness

Deepen collaboration & policies



# Damage due to Interconnectivity?

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## FAA: Boeing's New 787 May Be Vulnerable to Hacker Attack

By Kim Zetter  01.04.08

WIRED



The Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft makes its public debut outside the Boeing assembly plant in Everett, Washington.  
Photo: Robert Sorbo / Corbis

Boeing's new 787 Dreamliner passenger jet may be vulnerable to hacker attacks due to computer networks that could allow passengers to control the aircraft, according to the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

## Vulnerabilities give hackers ability to open prison cells from afar

By Sean Gallagher | Published about 21 hours ago

Researchers have demonstrated a vulnerability in the computer systems used to control facilities at federal prisons that could allow an outsider to remotely take them over, doing everything from opening and overloading cell door mechanisms to shutting down internal communications systems. Tiffany Rad, Teague Newman, and John Strauchs, who presented their research on October 26 at the **Hacker Halted** information security conference in Miami, worked in Newman's basement to develop the attacks that could take control of prisons' industrial control systems and programmable logic controllers. They spent less than \$2,500 and had no previous experience in dealing with those technologies.

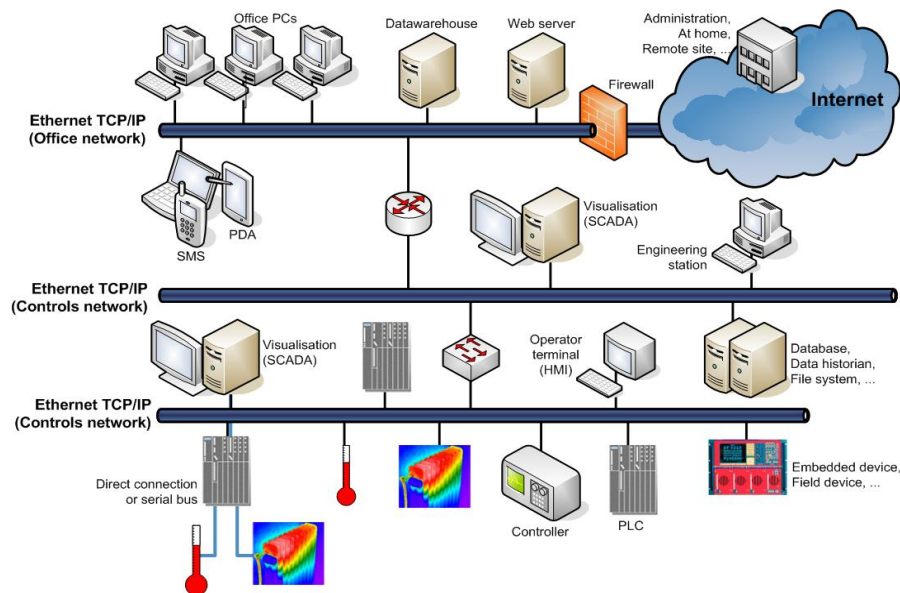
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# Network Segregation at CERN

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## Different networks for different purposes:

- ▶ ...for accelerator operations
- ▶ ...and for experiments
- ▶ Campus network for office computing
- ▶ Additional **protective measures** where needed (“VPNs”, ACLs, ...)



## Restrictions on Controls Networks:

- ▶ **Assignment of responsibilities** and usage of authorization procedures
- ▶ **No** Internet, no (GPRS) modems, no wireless access points or laptops
- ▶ **Controlled inter-communication** between networks
- ▶ **Blocked incoming emails & control over visible web pages**
- ▶ Controlled remote access, e.g. for maintenance, development & testing
- ▶ Traffic monitoring & intrusion detection at the gates



# Damage by Viruses & Worms?

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**2003/08/11: W32.Blaster.Worm**

'Sinister' Integral Energy virus

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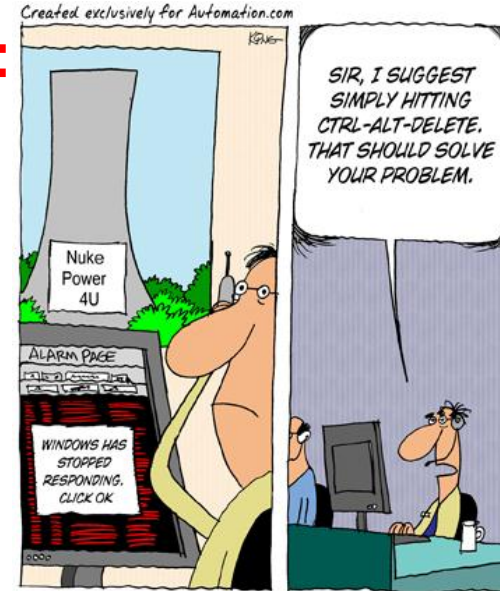


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- ▶ **They decide *when to install what on which control PC***
- ▶ NOT patching is NOT an option, but delays are tolerated
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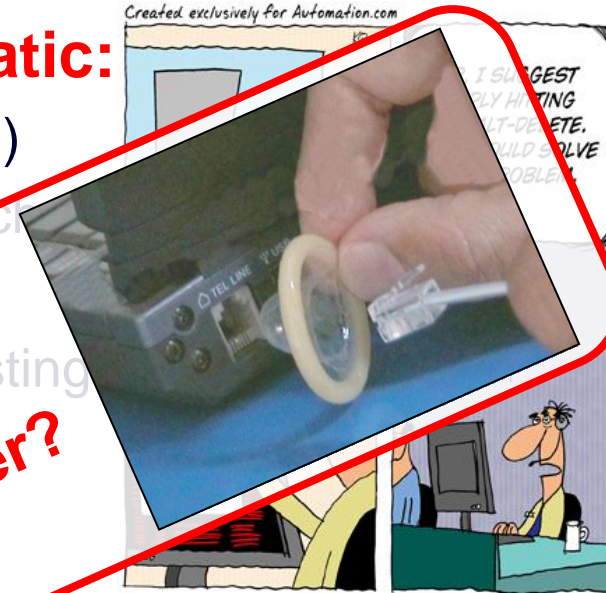


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Rude awakening for dawn drivers

7:38am Friday 27th October 2006

## The Argus

**"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..."**

*"I designed a program that allows me to run the entire plant from my computer. By the way, how's the weather back there?"*

iPhone

A German software developer and systems integrator has developed a mobile SCADA system based on BlackBerry smartphones. Hamburg-based Schad says that its Extend 7000 system, which relies on Java applications running on the BlackBerries, can control and monitor industrial processes controlled by Siemens S7 PLCs.





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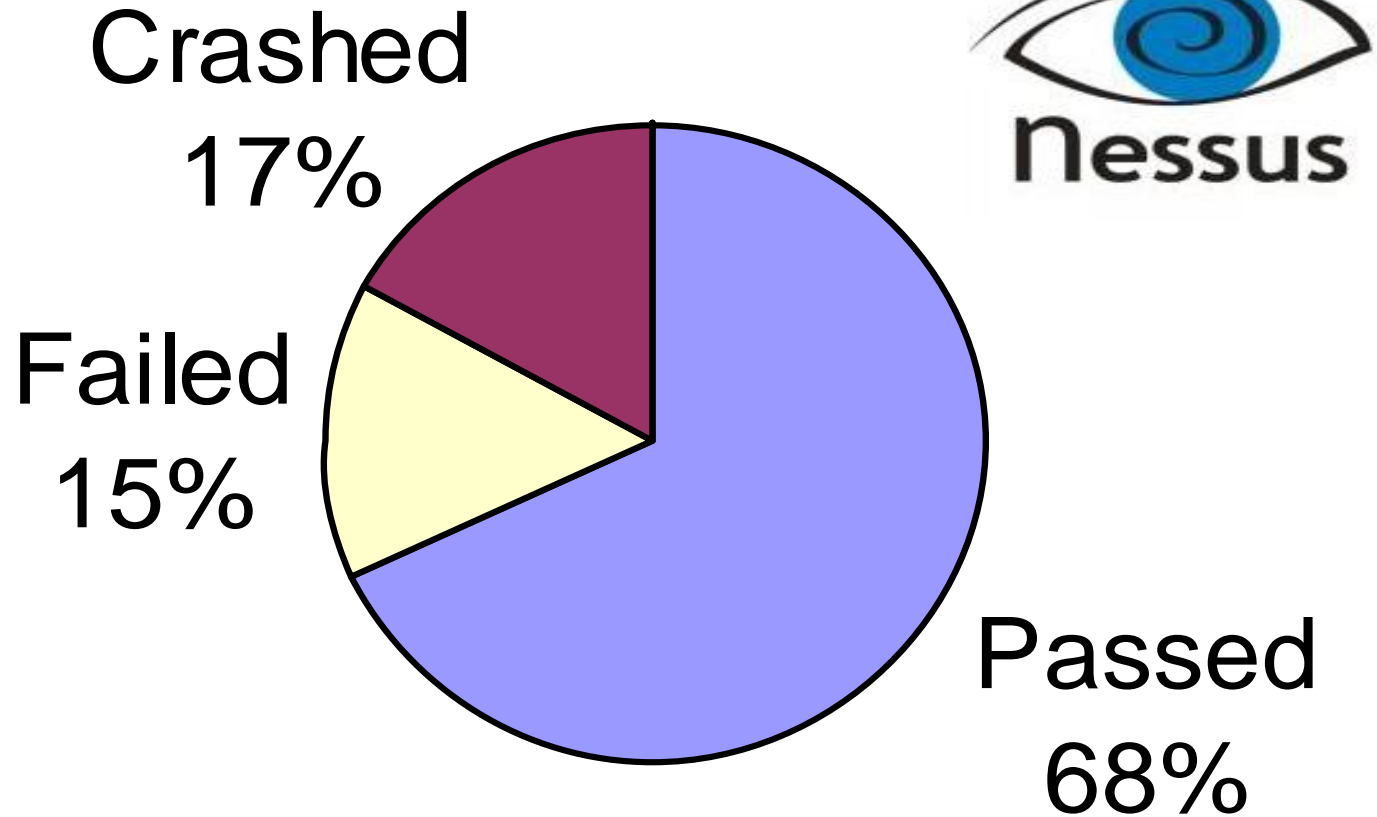
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- ▶ **Access should be personalized.**
- ▶ **Keep passwords secret!**
- ▶ **Ask your vendor of default/hidden accounts.**

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# Damage due to lack of resilience?

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CERN 2007

2005: DoS (70") stopped manual control



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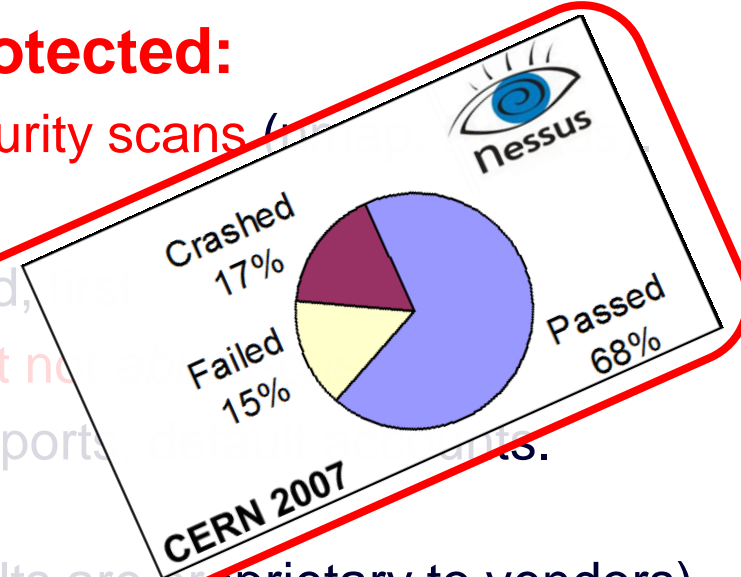
- ▶ Legacy & even today’s systems **fail basic security scans** (nmap, Nessus).
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## Understanding is the key at CERN:

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**Review you field devices.**  
**Scan them (if not in production ;-).**  
**Return failing ones to your vendor!**

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# Damage due missing procedures?

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## Hole Found in Protocol Handling Vital National Infrastructure

March 25, 2007

A Boeing 777 uses similar technologies to Process Control Systems



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vulnerability used to deliver it looks



# Review Development Life-Cycle

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## Reviewing procedures for

- ▶ ...development of hardware & applications
- ▶ ...system testing
- ▶ ...deployment
- ▶ ...operations
- ▶ ...maintenance & bug fixing
- ▶ Use of **software versioning systems**, **configuration management**, and **integration frameworks** (e.g. Git)



## Protecting operations

- ▶ **Keeping development separated** from operations (eventually debugging might need access to full hardware)
- ▶ **Avoiding online changes** for the sake of safe operations: Online changes must be authorized

# Damage due to Unawareness?

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## Cyber Incident Blamed for Nuclear Power Plant Shutdown

By Brian Krebs

washingtonpost.com Staff Writer  
Thursday, June 5, 2008; 1:46 PM

A nuclear power plant in Georgia was recently forced into an emergency shutdown for 48 hours after a software update was installed on a single computer.

The incident occurred on March 7 at Unit 2 of the [Hatch nuclear power plant](#) near Baxley, Georgia. The trouble started after an engineer from [Southern Company](#), which manages the technology operations for the plant, installed a software update on a computer operating on the plant's business network.

The computer in question was used to monitor chemical and diagnostic data from one of the facility's primary control systems, and the software update was designed to synchronize data on both systems. According to a report filed

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## Space station control codes on stolen NASA laptop

by Steven Musil | February 29, 2012 5:27 PM PST

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Theft of unencrypted laptop just one of thousands of incidents in recent years, costing millions of dollars, the agency's inspector general tells Congress.

A laptop stolen from NASA last year contained command codes used to control the International Space Station, an internal investigation has found.

The laptop, which was not encrypted, was among dozens of mobile devices lost or stolen in recent years that contained sensitive information, the space agency's inspector general told Congress today in testimony highlighting NASA's security challenges.

"The March 2011 theft of an unencrypted NASA notebook computer resulted in the loss of the algorithms used to command and control the International Space Station," NASA Inspector General Paul K. Martin said in [written testimony \(PDF\)](#). Another laptop contained sensitive information on the NASA's Constellation and Orion programs, as well as Social Security numbers, he said.



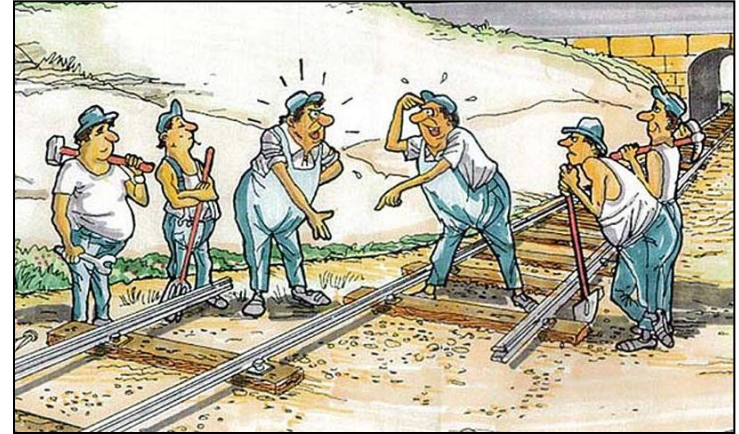


# This is a People Problem! (I)

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## Bringing together experts:

- ▶ Control system experts know their systems by heart – but IT concepts?
- ▶ IT people (should) know IT security – but don't know controls!
- ▶ Synergy between both is often poorly/not really exploited!



## Openly discuss vulnerabilities:

- ▶ Attackers are better networked than we are!  
Attackers know of vuln's probably long before we do.
- ▶ “Responsible disclosure” also for PCS vulnerabilities.
- ▶ Create “SCADA\_BugTraq” (ideally join BugTraq, CVE, & Co.).
- ▶ Deploy/train CERT/CSIRTs to understand PCS.
- ▶ More activism of the vendors needed (outside standardization bodies)!



# This is a People Problem! (II)

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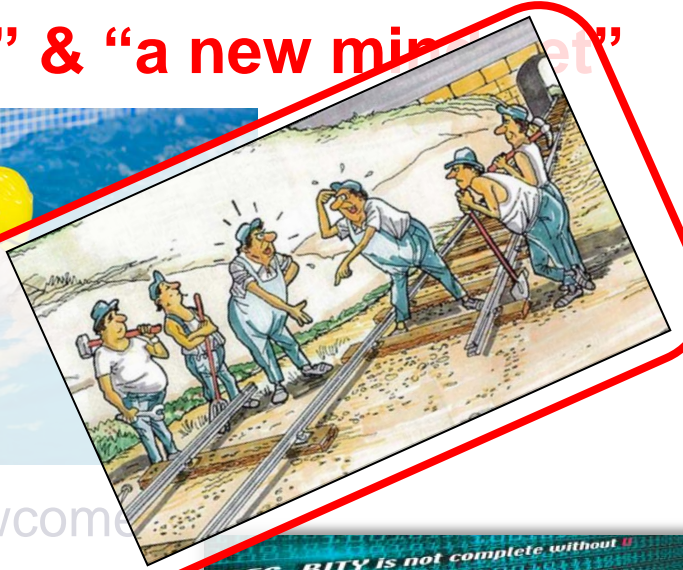
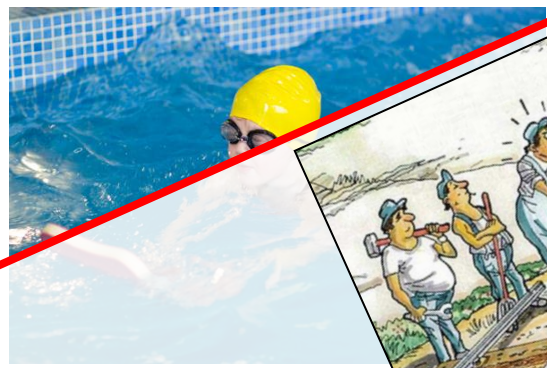
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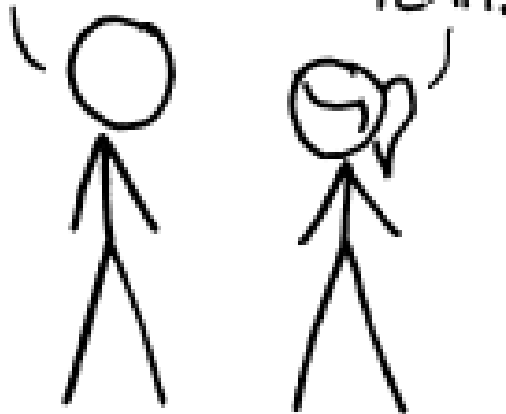
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HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:  
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)

SITUATION:  
THERE ARE  
14 COMPETING  
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!  
WE NEED TO DEVELOP  
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD  
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NIST SP800-82

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U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

<http://www.nerc.com/page.php?cid=2%7C20>

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ISO/IEC 27001:2005 and following

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**Pick one. It doesn't really matter which one.**  
**Apply its recommendations.**  
**Note down where you can't.**  
**Cross-check with a second one.**





# Some keyplayers...

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## Government Initiatives:



## Global Key Players:



## Mixed Communities:



(This list is not intended to be complete.)





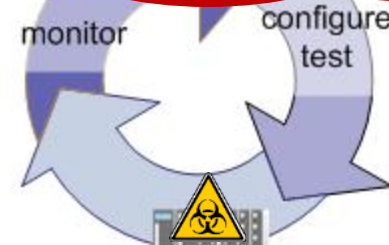
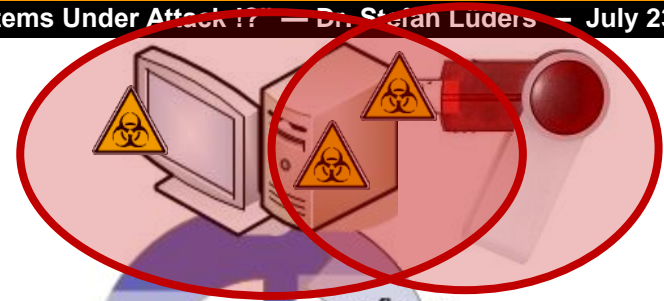
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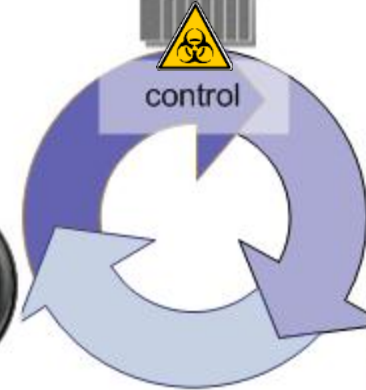
- ▶ Deploy a **Defense-in-Depth** protection



- ▶ Establish security cells on your network
  - ▶ **Forbid usage of USB keys** or use Epoxy ☺; restrict usage of CDs, open shares & DFS
  - ▶ Teach your experts about **"Social Engineering"**
  - ▶ Screen your experts: alcohol/drugs, financial, psychological/social/family, ...
  - ▶ **Patch, patch, patch...**  
...and **run up-to-date antivirus software** (wouldn't have helped here ☹)



Siemens 315-2 & 417 CPU



Rotational speed



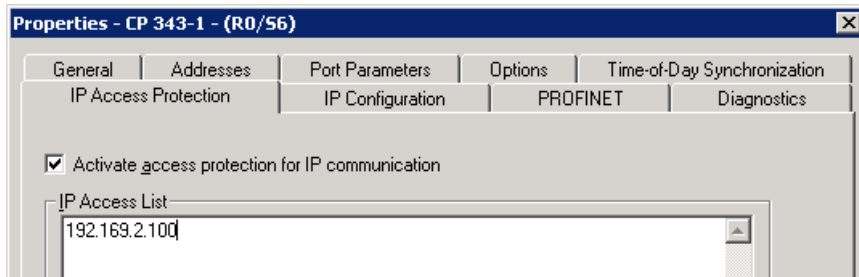
Gas centrifuges for uranium enrichment

**Apply Defense-in-Depth!!!  
...and follow a standard.**

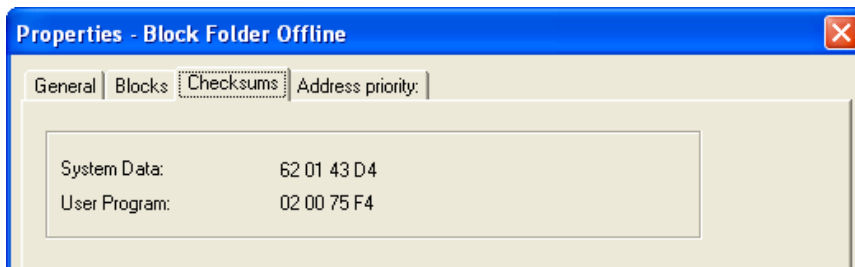
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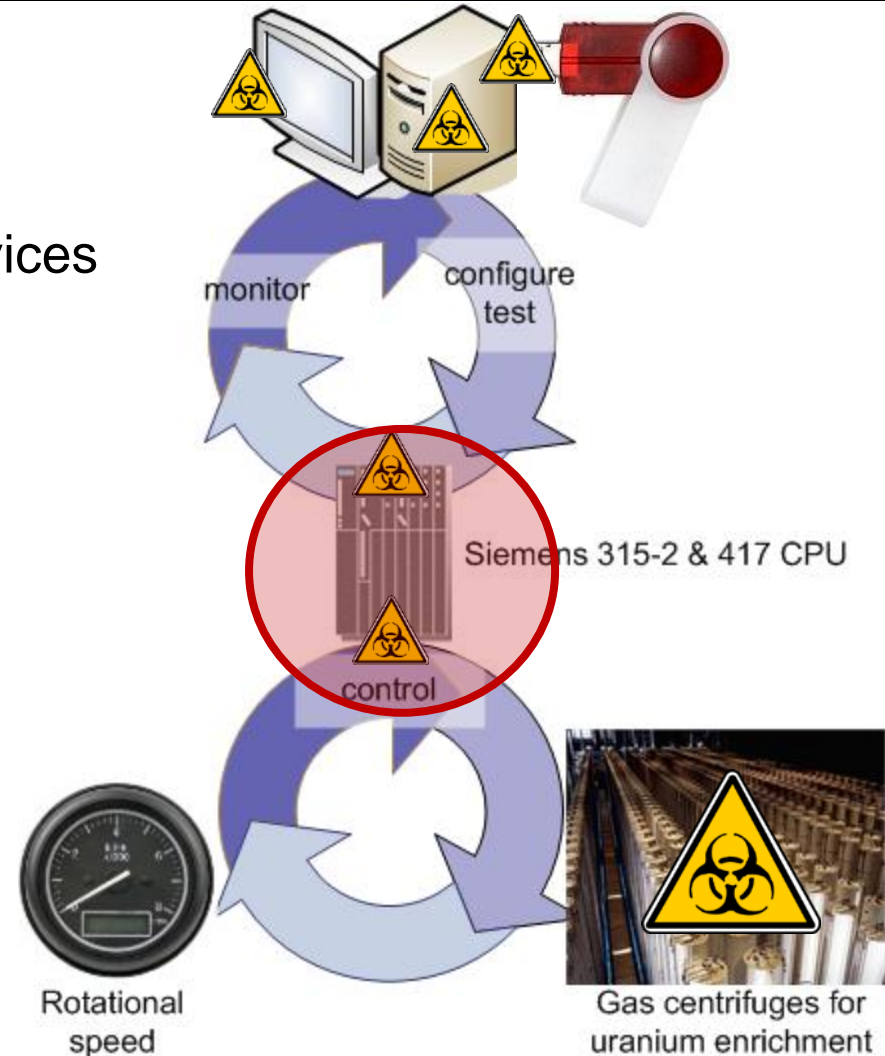
- ▶ Scan you PLCs on vulnerabilities & robustness
- ▶ Lock down the PLC configuration:  
Enable firewall, disable unneeded services



- ▶ Enable PLC intrusion detection



**Talk to your vendor!  
Accept the residual risk.**



# Summary

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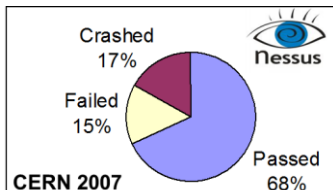
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**Defence-in-Depth is the key.**

Protective means must be applied on every layer.  
Control System Cyber-Security should align with IT security.



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



**Open communication, e.g. on vuln's, is essential.**

Get your vendors/integrators/IT people on board.



There was (is?) lots of hype on PCS security since Stuxnet.  
Many vendors quickly rolled out “security solutions”.

**Assess first. Choose a standard and apply.**

