

## FANTASTIC INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT: A Guidebook to Open Source OT Reconnaissance

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#### What are Operational Technologies?



#### Inter/Intranet Zone 4/5 CORPORATE Printer Workstation Zone 3 DMZ Historian App Server Networking Zone 2 SCADA Other Historian Workstation Networking Devices Zone 1 PIC & RTU **SENSORS & ACTUATORS**

#### FireEye Reference Architecture

- Historian
- Engineering Workstation
- Human-Machine Interfaces (HMI)
- Distributed Control Systems (DCS)
- Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS)
- Programmable Logical Controller (PLC)
- Sensors and Actuators
- Etc.

#### **Click Here to Kill Everybody**

| Attribute               | IT Targeted Attack         | OT Targeted Attack                                   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Capabilities            | Low to High                | Very High  |
| Exploit                 | Single                     | Multiple   |
| Communication protocols | TCP/IP and UDP             | Multiple: TCP/IP, DNP3, ICCP, Modbus, Fieldbus, etc. |
| Impacts of compromise   | Financial or data exposure | Disruption of processes, physical damage, financial  |
| Timing                  | Delays tolerated           | Real-time communications                             |
| Bandwidth               | High                       | Normally limited                                     |



#### OPEN SOURCE OT RECONNAISSANCE

# Security through obscurity



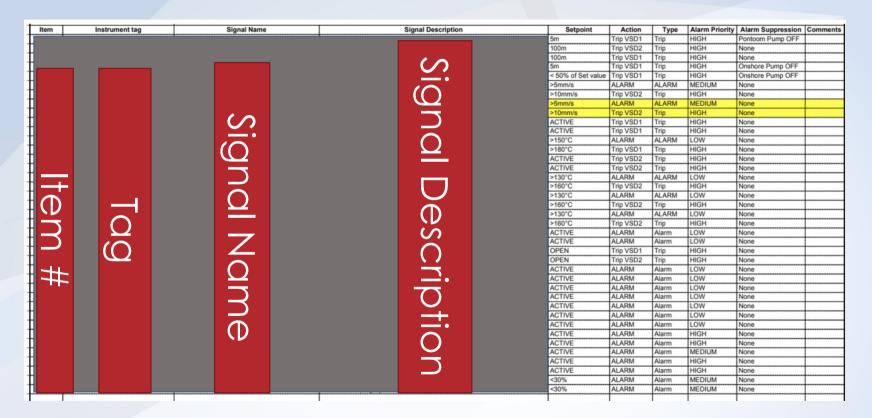
#### Open Source Intel IT vs. OT

- Asset Inventories
- Network and Architecture Diagrams

- Historian Process Data
- Etc.

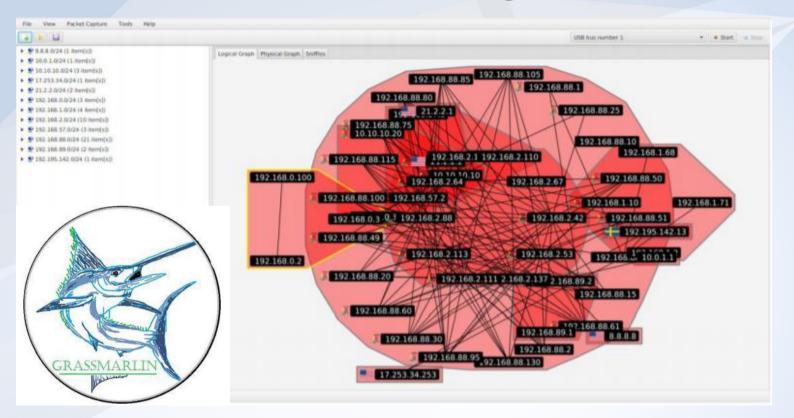


#### **Asset Inventories**

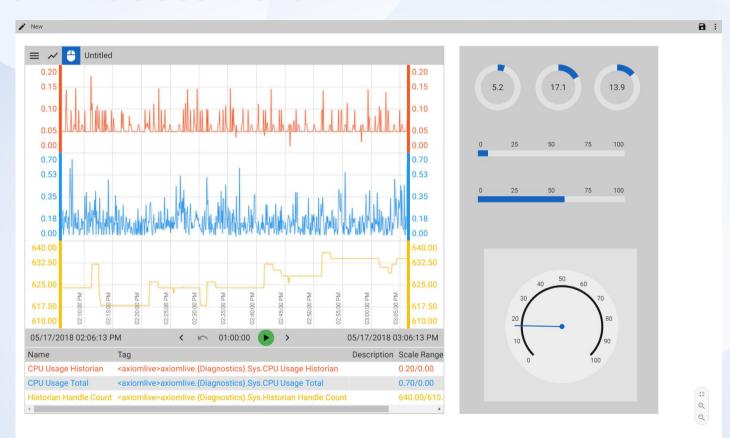




#### **Network and Architecture Diagrams**



#### **Historian Process Data**

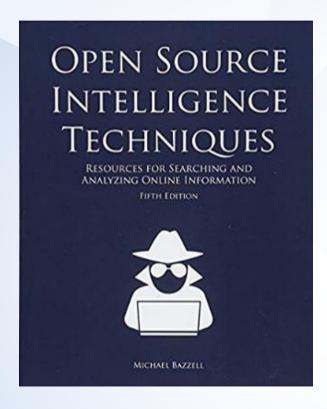


#### Purpose of OT recon info

- Leverage upstream equipment suppliers to compromise the victim
- Identify third party vendors/contractors with access to OT network
- Learn about manufacturing environments/processes
- Social engineer key stakeholders to compromise credentials/documents



#### Why Open Source For OT?



- Low cost
- Simple
- Legal(ish)
- Contextual
- Untraceable
- Fun and amazing

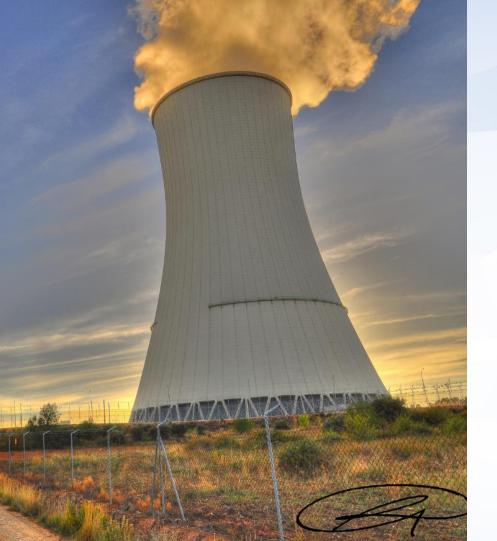


#### THE MAPPING MARAUDERS

#### Hallmark Reconnaissance Campaigns

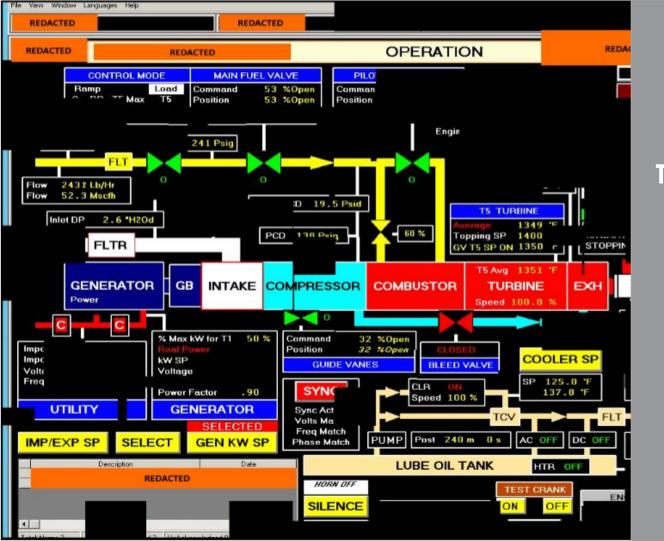
|   | Threat<br>Actor  | Initial<br>Detection | Known<br>For                  |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| • | Sandworm<br>Team | 2009                 | Ukraine<br>2014-2016          |
| • | Koala Team       | 2011                 | Havex                         |
| • | Temp.lsotope     | 2015                 | ICS CERT<br>TA17-293A         |
| • | Temp.Hermit      | 2017                 | Spear Phishing<br>(Sep. 2017) |
| • | Temp.Veles?      | ~2014                | TRITON                        |





#### **TEMP.Isotope**

- Spear-phishing/web compromises to steal engineer credentials
- Group performs reconnaissance on corporate networks possibly to:
  - Steal intellectual property
  - Learn about targets' OT and plan disruptive operations



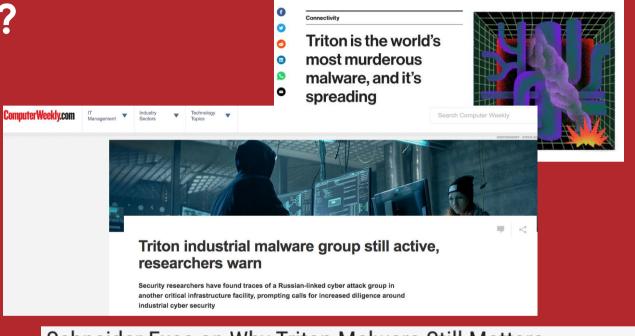
#### TEMP.Isotope findings:

HMI access
SCADA WIRING
Diagram.pdf
SCADA PANEL
LAYOUTS.xlsx
HR Website Images

#### What is TRITON?







MIT Technology Review

#### Schneider Exec on Why Triton Malware Still Matters

In 2017, so-called Triton malware attacked a safety system at an industrial facility in the Middle East. In this Q&A, Schneider Electric's director of cybersecurity explains why the incident should be a wake-up call to all industrial companies.

Written by Brian Buntz 6th September 2018





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#### **TRITON Attack Lifecycle**

◆TRITON attacker exploited Windows and Linux conduit systems to reach OT DMZ, plant backdoors, move to the DCS, SIS engineering station, and deploy TRITON to SIS controllers.





#### What happened on the SIS controller?



- SIS are last line of defense for a controlled process
- Actors accidently tripped safety systems, leading to safe but unplanned shutdown of systems

## Totally Tubular Treatsie on TRITON/TriStation

TriStation is a proprietary protocol and there is no official information detailing its structure. It remains a mystery what resources were used by the actor to understand the protocol.

| 1 | Connection Request       |
|---|--------------------------|
| 2 | Connection Response      |
| 3 | Disconnect Request       |
| 4 | Disconnect Response      |
| 5 | Execution Command        |
| 6 | Ping Command             |
| 7 | Connection Limit Reached |
| 8 | Not Connected            |

MPS Are Dead

Access Denied

Connection Failed

Message Type

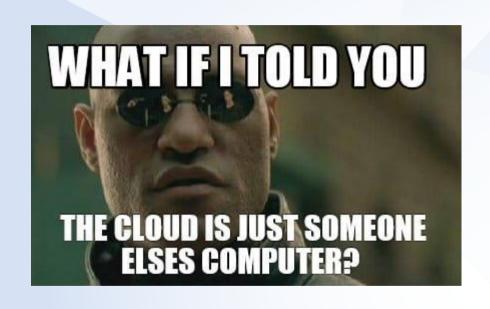
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### A GUIDEBOOK FOR FANTASTIC OT RECONNAISSANCE

#### Malware Analysis and Sandboxing Platforms



- Engineering Diagrams
- Configuration Documents
- Manuals and Operation Guidelines
- ICS software executables
- Purchasing Documentation



### Online Retail Stores, Auction Sites, and Vendor Download Centers

**Honeywell FMS** 



Triconex communication



PLC module

**Koyo DirectSoft** 



Fanuc industrial robot



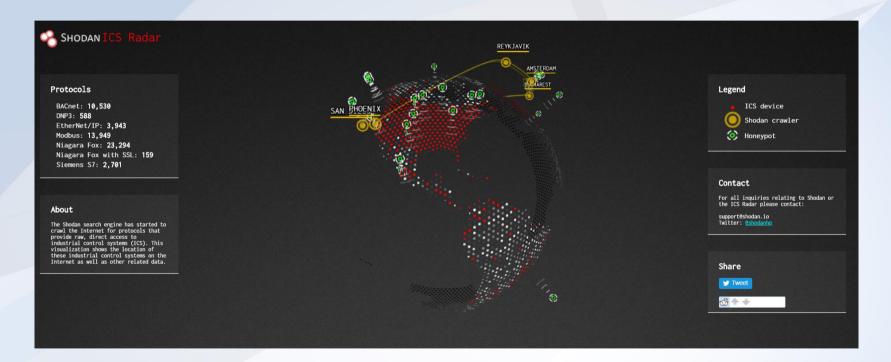


#### Manual Repositories and Vendor Websites



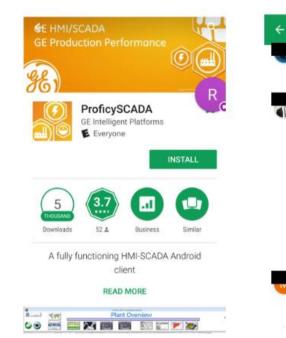


#### Specialized and Customer Search Engines



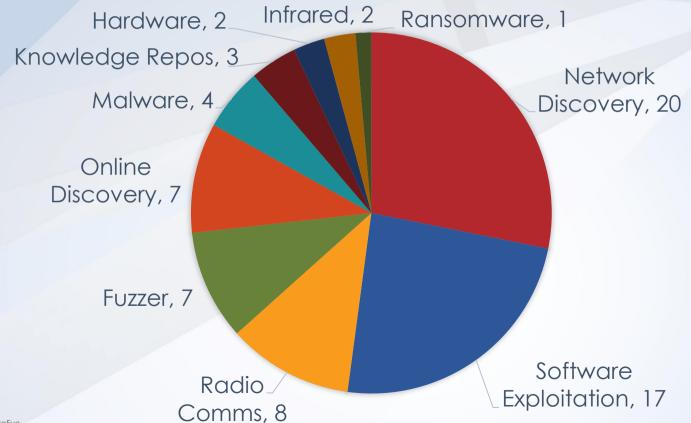
#### Social Media





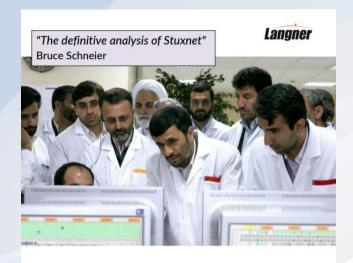


#### **OT-specific Attack Tools**





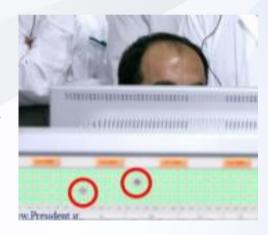
#### Some Hands-On OSINT...





A Technical Analysis of What Stuxnet's Creators Tried to Achieve

Ralph Langner





#### THOSE WHO SEEK SHALL FIND...



## I. Security through obscurity is dead

## 2. Please Mind What You Share





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