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Out of Control: Ransomware in Industrial Control Systems

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Putting on the Black Hat

- Most malware authors and attackers are in it for the money
- Ransomware is the hot new business model
 - \$209 Million profit in Q1 2016 Source: CNN, "Cyber-extortion losses skyrocket, says FBI"

- High profile ransomware attacks
 - San Francisco's light rail system
 - Hospitals
- Where might an enterprising young hacker attack next?





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Market Research

Brief History of Ransomware

Locker Ransomware

- Renew software license
- Fake AV
- FBI threats
- Awareness and security tools decreased effectiveness
- Crypto Ransomware
 - No false pretense, clear extortion
 - No easy recovery

Symantec Whitepaper "The Evolution of Ransomware"

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Brief History of Ransomware

Booz Allen Industrial

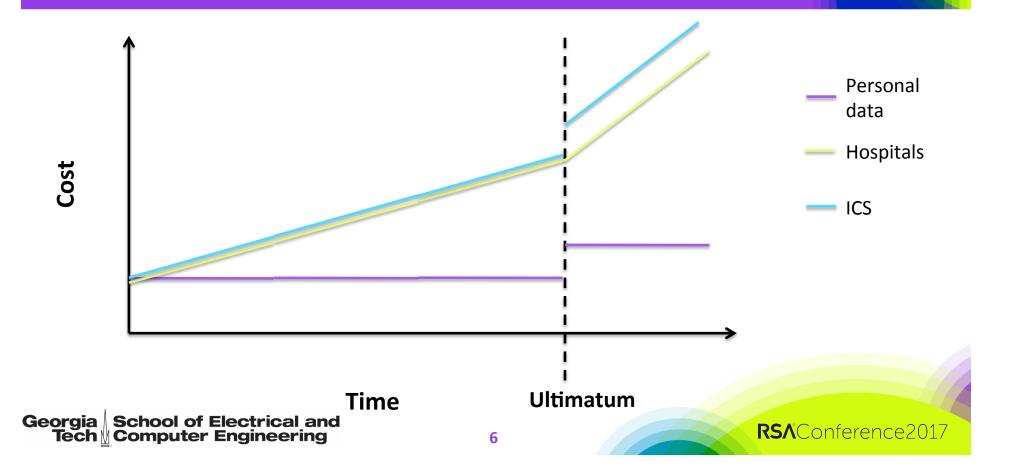
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potential threats and vulnerabilities as well as 06/07/2016 Palo Alto Networks to auard against them.

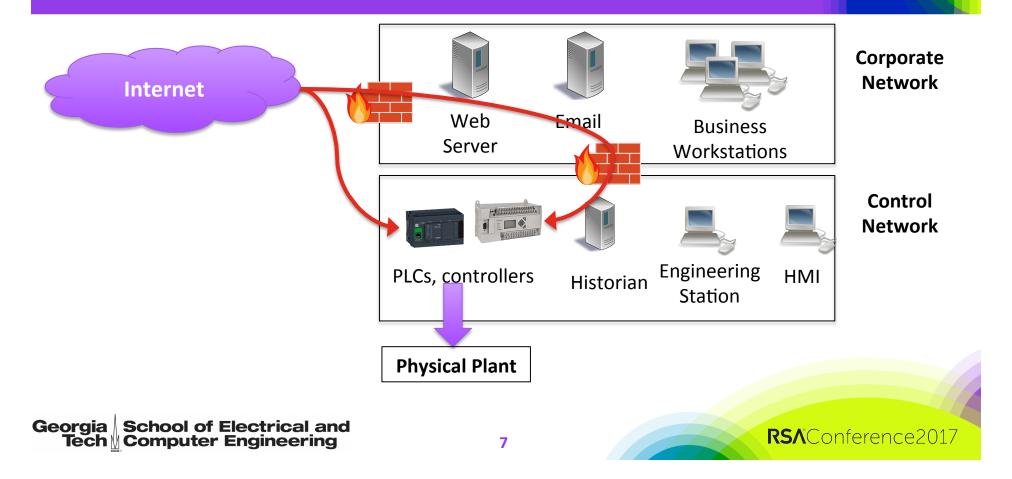
Move over Healthcare, Ransomware Has Manufacturing In Its Sights

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The Ransomware Races



Overview of Industrial Control Systems



ICS Security

- Most protocols have no message authentication
 - Accept any command injected on the network
- Most PLC programming interfaces lack solid password authentication

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- Nonexistent
- Misleading
- Poor protection against brute forcing
- Rely on fallacies
 - Security through obscurity

• "Airgaps"





What Makes a Ransomware Attack Successful?

Hospitals

- Easier targets
 - Old equipment
 - Traditionally weak security posture
- Increasing time pressure
- Lives at stake
- Crown jewels = patient data

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ICS Networks

- Easier targets
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- Increasing time pressure
- Lives at stake
- Crown jewels = safe operation

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Market Size Analysis

Businesses Hit by Ransomware

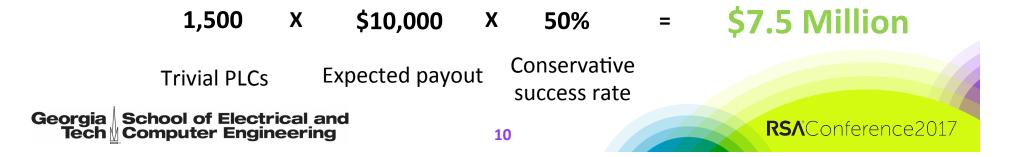
- 70% paid the ransom
- Median payout approx. \$10k

Small, medium sized businesses less prepared

Source: IBM, "Ransomware: How consumers and businesses value their data"

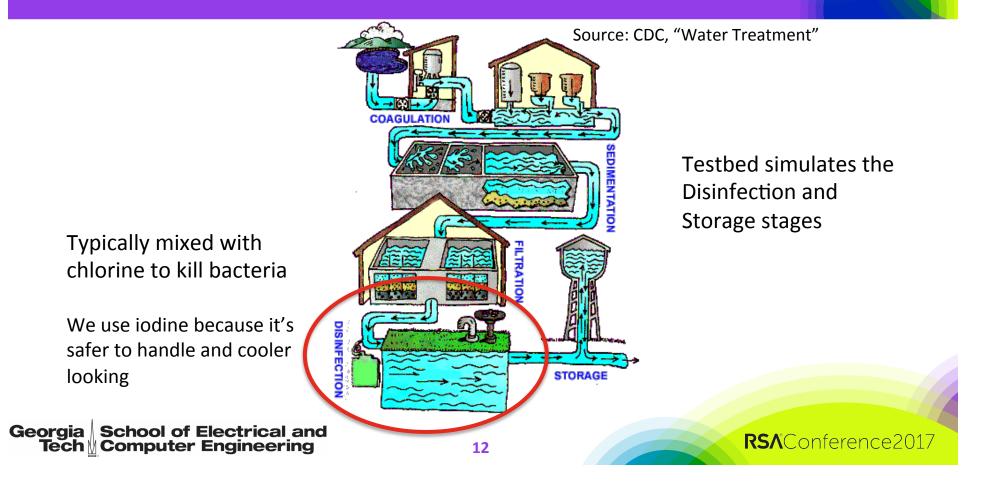
PLCs on the Internet

- MicroLogix 1400
 - 1,300
- Schneider Modicon M221
 - 200

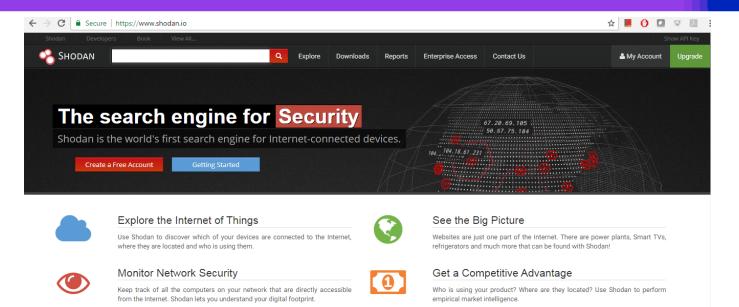


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Water Treatment Facility



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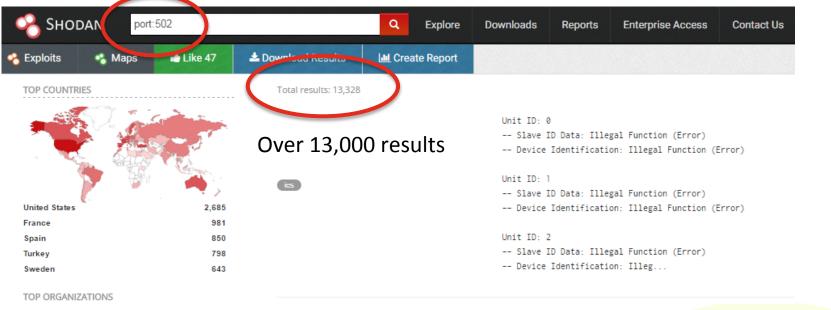
Search engine for connected ICS devices

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Plenty of choices to choose from, just pick one

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Initial Foothold

- Schneider Modicon M241
 - Running CODESYS V3
 - Third party PLC runtime environment used by over 200 vendors
 - Password
 - No brute force checks
 - No strength policy
 - Controlling the water input and monitoring the storage levels

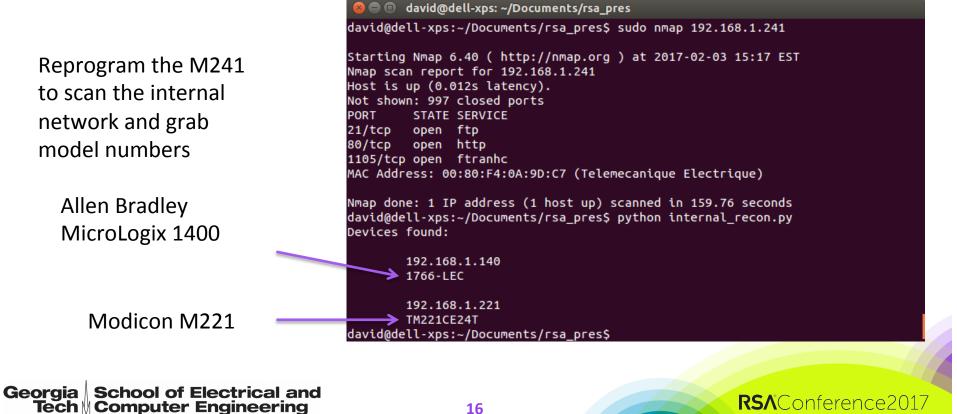
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Internal Network Scan



Internal Network Scan

Allen Bradley MicroLogix 1400

- Password only checked in engineering software, NOT the PLC
- SMTP mail client
- Controlling the addition of chlorine (ioc



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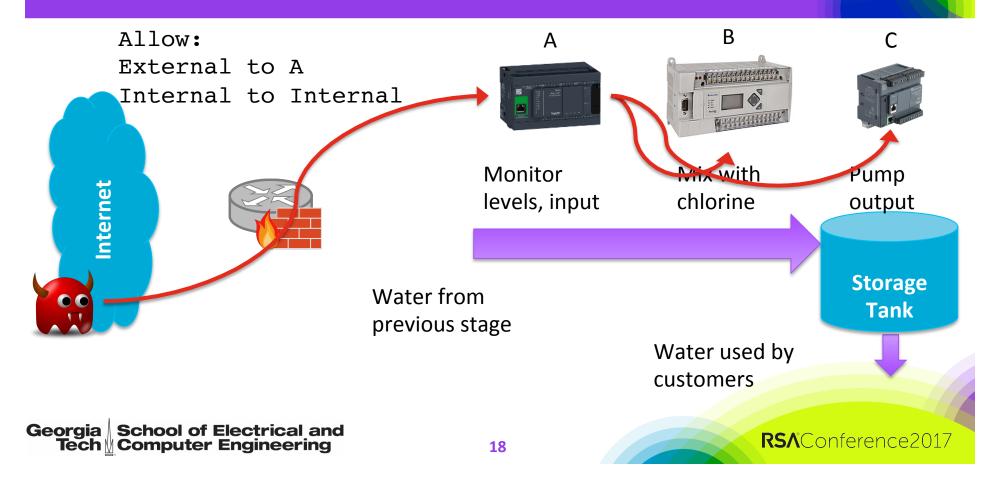
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Schneider Modicon M221

- Password only checked in engineering software, NOT the PLC
- Controlling the final output of treated water



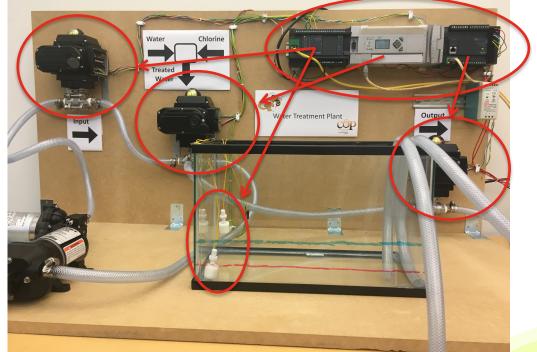
Actual Network



Actual Network

Input water valve

Mixing valve to control ratio of water/ iodine



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Programmable logic controllers

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Output water valve

Level sensors

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How Can We Maximize Success Rate

- Pick targets with high downtime costs
- Understand the process behind the PLCs
- Threaten to screw things up if they don't meet deadline
 - What if they just unplug everything?
- Covertly move system into critical state before notifying them
 - Allow reserve storage tank to get low first, blinding operators
 - Make continued operation by attacker more attractive than shutting everything down

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Water Treatment Testbed

https://youtu.be/KTKRjvTgTQI

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Attack



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Discussion

Apply: Lessons Learned

- ICS networks and devices are STILL very vulnerable
 - Poor/nonexistent password protection
 - Vendors slow to fix obvious problems
 - A lot of exposed devices on the Internet
- Ransomware trend is likely to jump to ICS
 - Early signs attacking corporate networks of ICS
 - Easy targets
 - Money and lives at stake

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Apply: Defenses

- Know your network
 - Devices, remote vendor connections
- Security assessment
 - Firewall rules, segmented network, proper remote access
 - Passwords
- Monitor at the ICS level
 - Communication patterns
 - PLC programming events
- Pressure vendors to build more security into their products

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