

# INDUSTRIAL SIMULATION ENVIRONMENT WITH OPEN PLC

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## **OUR GOALS**

#### • Simulation of Industrial Environment and Components:

- o Design and implement a mini-industrial infrastructure to simulate an assembly station.
- Integrate components like OpenPLC, Factory I/O, and ScadaBR.

#### Containerization with Docker:

• Use Docker to containerize the simulation to ensure isolation and portability.

#### Automation with Terraform:

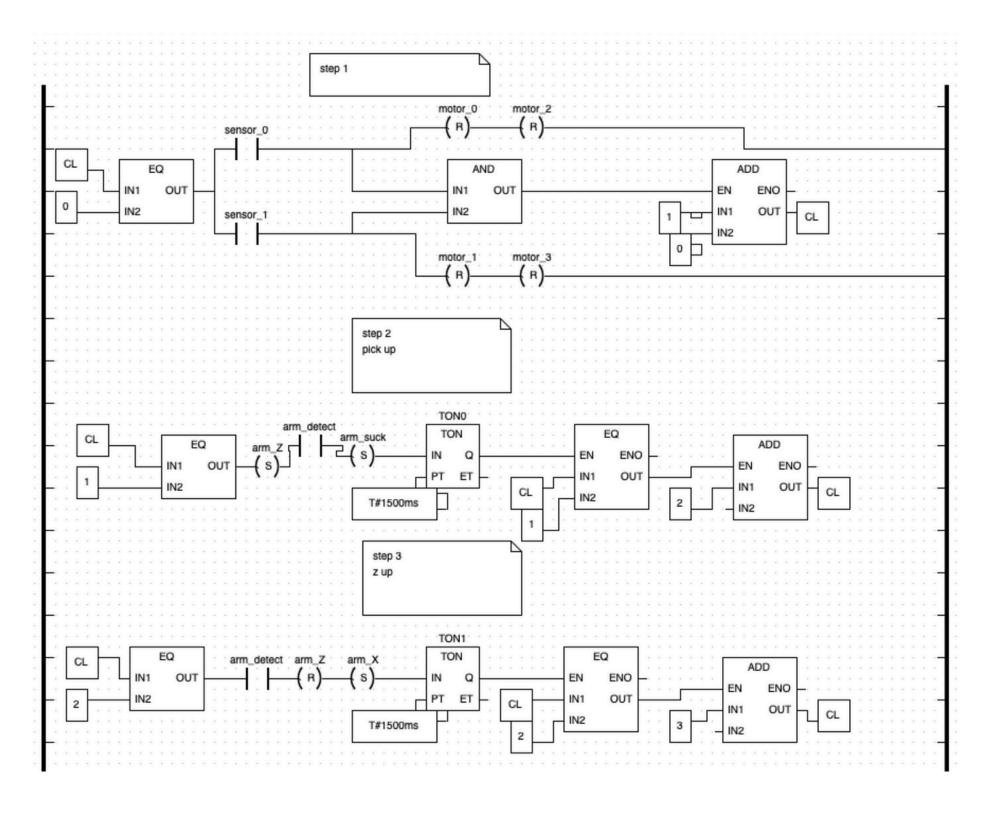
 Implement Terraform to automate the provisioning of the infrastructure and enable reproducibility across different deployments.

#### • Security Evaluation:

 Evaluate the security of the simulated industrial environment by performing various cyberattacks.

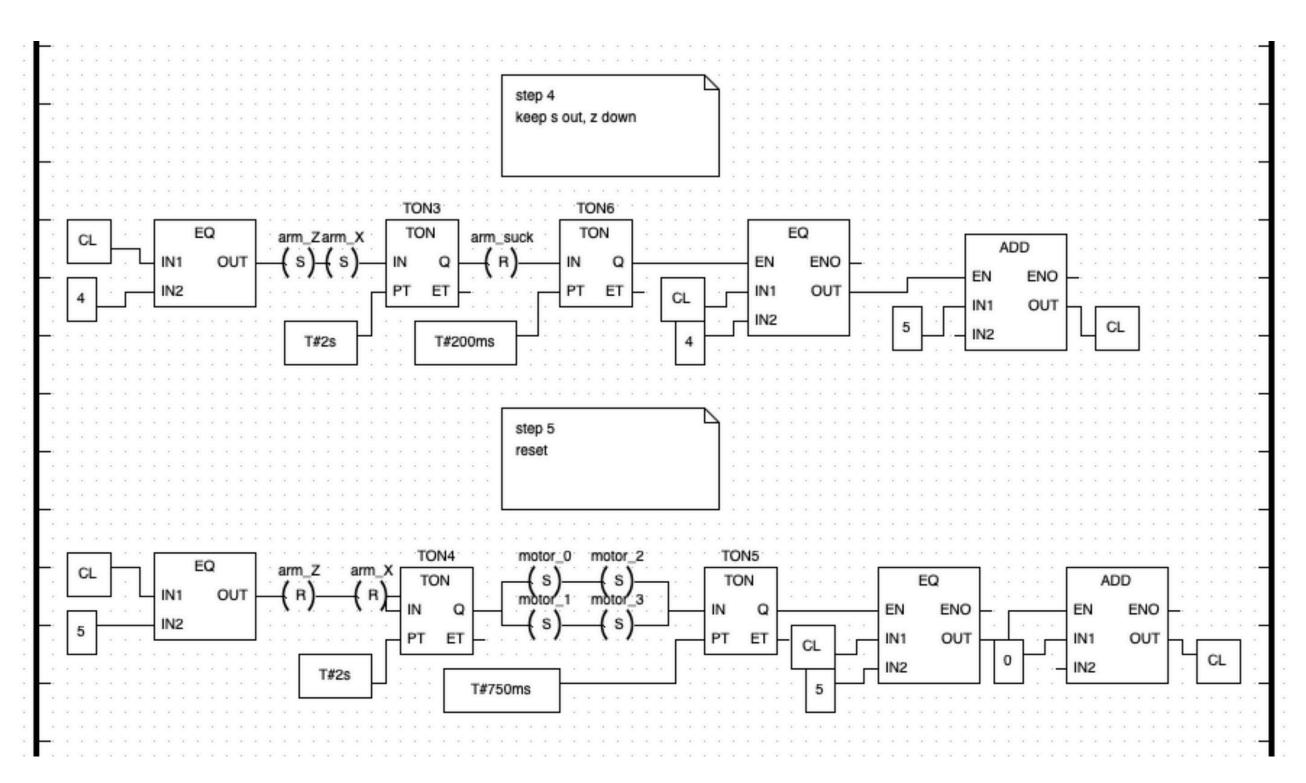


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## INDUSTRY COMPONENTS SIMULATION







#### **OPEN PLC**

- Open-source platform for Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs).
- Designed for simulating and controlling industrial automation components.
- OpenPLC Runtime: Executes PLC programs and handles real-time industrial control and simulation.
- OpenPLC Editor: Provides a user-friendly interface to create and edit PLC programs.

#### **FACTORY I/O**

- Provides a dynamic 3D simulation environment for testing PLC programs.
- Complements OpenPLC for a full simulation and control workflow.



## INDUSTRY COMPONENTS SIMULATION

#### **SCADA BR**

- Open-source Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA).
- Serves as the Human-Machine Interface (HMI) for monitoring and controlling industrial processes.
- Provides a user-friendly interface to monitor real-time data.





## INFRASTRUCTURE SETUP

#### **CONTAINERIZATION AND NETWERK**



- Provides isolated containers for applications and their dependencies.
- Network ensures containers can communicate with each other.
- Use Cases in Our Project: Running OpenPLC Runtime and ScadaBR and simulating cyberattacks.

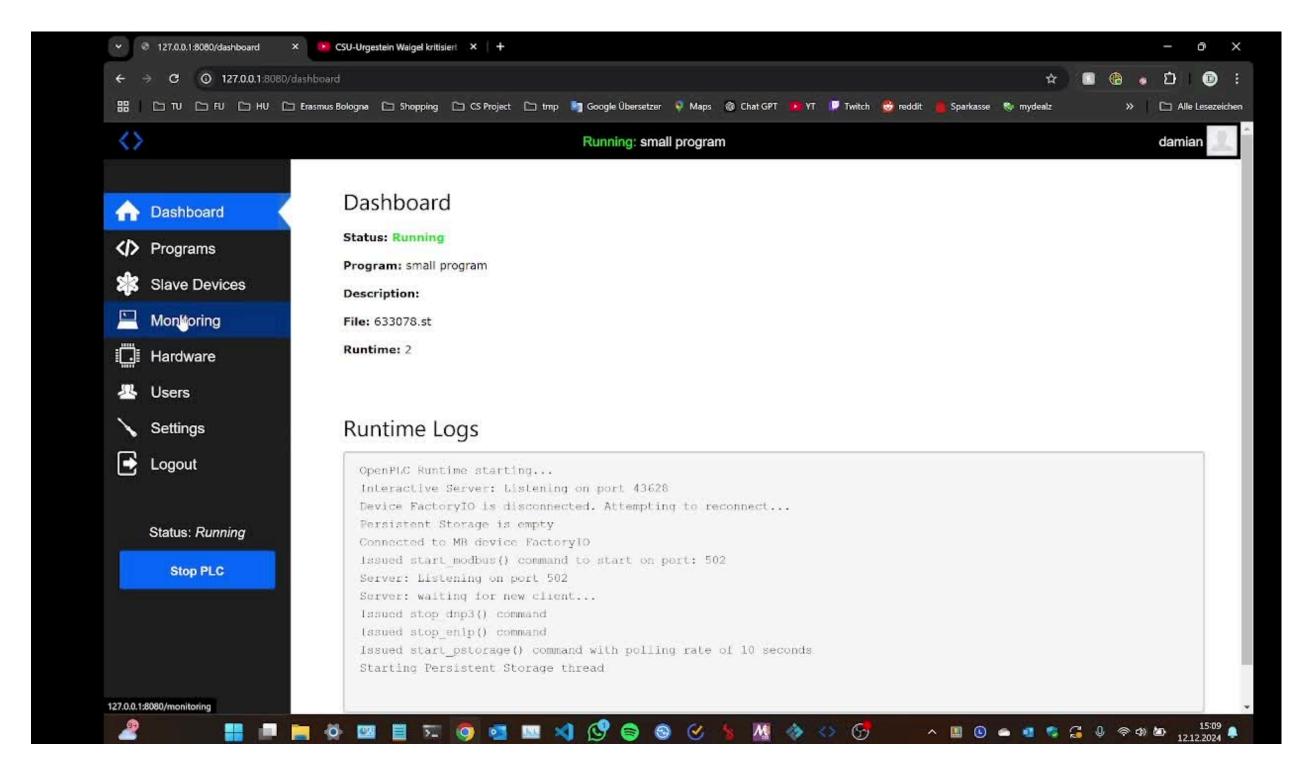
#### INFRASTRUCTURE AS CODE



- For automating resource management.
- Used to provision Docker components.
- Simplifies Docker infrastructure management.
- Enhances scalability and reproducibility of our project environments.



## PROJECT SIMULATION





## **CYBERATTACKS**

#### • DDoS (Distributed Denial of Service):

• Overwhelms the OpenPLC system with excessive traffic to cause disruptions in normal operations and make it unresponsive to legitimate requests.

#### • HTTP Flood:

 Targets the OpenPLC web interface by simulating a large number of login attempts to prevent legitimate users from accessing the system.

#### • MITM (Man-in-the-Middle):

 Intercepts and manipulates communication between OpenPLC and ScadaBR to allow attackers to alter data or inject malicious commands without detection.

#### Modbus Flooding:

• Exploits the Modbus communication protocol by sending a flood of illegitimate requests to the OpenPLC system to disrupt its ability to process valid commands and responses.



## RESULTS

#### Simulation Success:

- Successfully simulated an assembly station integrating OpenPLC, Factory I/O, and ScadaBR.
- Utilized two versions of OpenPLC: one running locally and another in Docker containers.

#### Containerization with Docker achieved:

- o Docker used to containerize all components, ensuring isolation and portability.
- o Docker networking enabled seamless communication between OpenPLC and ScadaBR.

#### Automation achieved:

 Terraform fully automated infrastructure provisioning, ensuring consistency and reproducibility.

#### • Security Testing Outcome:

- Conducted DDoS, HTTP Flood, MITM, and Modbus Flooding attacks.
- Attacks were unsuccessful because of their simple nature and to robust network configurations.



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