

# The Era of Cyber Espionage & Cyber Warfare (Case Study: Stuxnet)

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- The Era of Cyber Espionage and Warfare
- [TED] Cracking *Stuxnet*, a 21st-century cyber weapon
- Demystifying Stuxnet
  - Overview
  - Brief Statistics
  - Architecture
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- [TED] Fighting viruses, defending the net
- Conclusion



## ○ Voice of concerns

- ✓ Forbes: The Flame Cyber Espionage Attack: Five Questions We Should Ask  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/johnvillasenor/2012/06/04/the-flame-cyber-espionage-attack-five-questions-we-should-ask/>
  - What is the true scope of cyberattacks going on today?
  - Will infection with some form of malware soon become the rule rather than the exception?
  - In the future, will nations outsource domestic espionage?
  - Is forging digital certificates fair game for nation states?
  - Is Flame one more reason to increase cybersecurity spending?



## ○ Ralph Langner's Speech: Cracking *Stuxnet*

- ✓ German control system security consultant
- ✓ <http://www.langner.com/en/>
- ✓ <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2012/06/confirmed-us-israel-created-stuxnet-lost-control-of-it/>
- ✓ [2011.3] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CS01Hmjv1pQ> (10m 40s)





- Overview

**Stuxnet: APT Attack**

**Who did it?**

**Relative Resources**

**Analysis**

**(Ref#1) [Symantec] W32.Stuxnet Dossier**

**(Ref#2) [ESET] Stuxnet\_Under\_the\_Microscope**

**(Ref#3) [SecureView] Magazine 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in 2011**



## ○ Overview: APT Attack

- ✓ Highly Advanced Persistent Threat (지능형 지속가능 위협)
- ✓ Large and complex chunk
- ✓ Who did it? Or Who could do this?
  - Iran 핵발전소 겨냥하여 원심분리기 중단
  - 목표 시스템은 독일의 지멘스(siemens) 사의 원심분리기
  - Five zero-day vulnerabilities and one known for Windows OS
  - Target이 없으면 동작하지 않도록 설계
  - 최소 10개 이상의 팀이 수 개월~수 년간 치밀하게 준비 필요
  - 자금확보는?
- ✓ <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stuxnet>
- ✓ Malware 종합세트(?)  
Hooking, Injection, Rootkit, 0-day, Virus&Worm, C&C, Application Hacking, ...



## ○ Overview: WHO DID IT?

- ✓ It turns out that the attack was led by the US, code-named "Olympic Games" (2012.6.1) <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/01/world/middleeast/obama-ordered-wave-of-cyberattacks-against-iran.html>
- ✓ Imagine what happened if:
  - Power grid were crashed
  - Air control system was compromised
  - National intelligence was taken over
  - Military weapon was manipulated: nuclear weapons, intercontinental missiles

Eugene Gorrin · Union, NJ

To all those involved with the development and implementation of Olympic Games, Stuxnet and all other computer program initiatives directed at Iran, I say bravo and thank you.

This is the way to do it - what used to be known as "gumming up the works." But it's even more than that. We know what Iran is doing and how they're doing it - every email, every click, every result, etc. There's no hiding - it's all there for all to see.

And kudos to President Obama for his thoughtful, intelligent, smart and painstaking pursuit of the program, and his continuing guidance and involvement, seeing it through at each step and making the right decisions based on the newest developments. Well done, sir.

John S. · Natick, Ma.

Is this the best we can do to resolve our issues with Iran? Seems pretty bankrupt to me. Not to mention extremely dangerous and ill conceived. Should our leaders really be playing these dangerous games? Sooner or later someone might take exception, and more likely than not, it will not be the leaders, but the people who will suffer. So, if you are listening President Obama, I do not support this policy!

June 2, 2012 at 1:30 a.m. · RECOMMENDED 26 ·

Clyde Wynant · Pittsburgh ·

It's only a matter of time (and I'm sure it's already happened at some level) that we'll see a major disruption in the U.S. due to some form of worm, malware or other nasty code -- and it could be far more devastating than 9/11. Imagine if the power grid were crashed or if the air traffic control system was compromised, even for a short time.

June 1, 2012 at 8:52 p.m. · RECOMMENDED 70 ·



## ○ Overview: Relative Resources (1)

- ✓ 국제 원자력 기구(IAEA, International Atomic Energy Agency)  
Implementation of the NPT Safeguards Agreement and relevant provisions of Security Council resolutions in the Islamic Republic of Iran (2/9/2011)

### C.1. Natanz: Fuel Enrichment Plant and Pilot Fuel Enrichment Plant

9. **Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP):** There are two cascade halls at FEP: Production Hall A and Production Hall B. According to the design information submitted by Iran, eight units are planned for Production Hall A, with 18 cascades in each unit. No detailed design information has yet been provided for Production Hall B.

10. On 28 August 2011, 53 cascades were installed in three of the eight units in Production Hall A, 35 of which were declared by Iran as being fed with  $UF_6$ .<sup>9</sup> Whereas initially each installed cascade comprised 164 centrifuges, Iran has subsequently modified 12 of the cascades to contain 174 centrifuges each. To date, all the centrifuges installed are IR-1 machines. As of 28 August 2011, installation work in the remaining five units was ongoing, but no centrifuges had been installed, and there had been no installation work in Production Hall B.

- ✓ 지멘스사의 제어 시스템 (Siemens control solutions for utilities)  
<http://www.buildingtechnologies.siemens.com/bt/global/en/market-specific-solutions/utilities/control-room/Pages/control-room.aspx>





## ○ Overview: Relative Resources (2)

- ✓ Princeton 대학논문(2008.6)  
Characteristics of the Gas Centrifuge for Uranium Enrichment and Their Relevance for Nuclear Weapon Proliferation (우라늄 농축 가스 원심분리 특성과 핵무기 증설 관련성)  
<http://www.princeton.edu/sgs/publications/sgs/archive/16-1-Glaser.pdf>  
Cascade Interconnection with Partial Reconfiguration 부분 참조

As noted, it is plausible to assume that the first set of cascades (C1 and C2) are expanded, but essentially identical versions of the standard 164-machine cascade: these cascades were designed for the same type of centrifuge (P-1), produced a typical enrichment level (3.5%), and use a multiple of 164 machines ( $12 \times 164 = 1968$ ). In contrast, all cascades of the HC-type, which represent about one third of the total number of machines (1896 out of 5832), generally require other cascade configurations.<sup>38</sup> Figure 8 illustrates the configuration and further data on this enrichment strategy are summarized in Table 4. For the breakout scenario starting from natural uranium, the entire set of 5832 machines is used; for the scenario starting with pre-enriched feed, only the HC-type cascades are required.

- ✓ Mosaic theory: 보안 분석에서 기업 정보를 수집하는 방식  
<http://securityaffairs.co/wordpress/566/cyber-crime/from-the-mosaic-theory-to-the-stuxnet-case.html>

*As a brief recap, a first-generation Iranian uranium enrichment cascade consists of 164 centrifuges that are not simply piped in a serial fashion but in groups, which are called stages. Centrifuges within one stage are piped in parallel. The resulting overall pattern is a belly-shaped curve. The exact shape of an IR-1 cascade was not publicly known but was computed in approximation by Alexander Glaser from Princeton, based on revelations of a talkative Gholam-Reza Aqazadeh who let the world know that Iran used to group their IR-1 cascades into fifteen stages. From the IR-1 cascade structure computed by Alex we were able to link Stuxnet's 417 attack code to Natanz – the match was simply too good to be a coincidence.*



## ○ Overview: Analysis

- ✓ Target: a specific industrial control system (특정 산업 통제 시스템)
- ✓ 분석 보고서  
[ESET]  
[http://go.eset.com/us/resources/white-papers/Stuxnet Under the Microscope.pdf](http://go.eset.com/us/resources/white-papers/Stuxnet_Under_the_Microscope.pdf)  
[Symantec]  
[http://www.symantec.com/content/en/us/enterprise/media/security\\_response/whitepapers/w32 stuxnet dossier.pdf](http://www.symantec.com/content/en/us/enterprise/media/security_response/whitepapers/w32_stuxnet_dossier.pdf)
- ✓ Three Main Steps
  - (1) Windows Infection using zero-day vulnerabilities:
    - Microsoft Windows Server Service RPC Handling Remote Code Execution Vulnerability (MS08-067)
    - Microsoft Windows Shortcut 'LNK/PIF' Files Automatic File Execution Vulnerability (MS10-046)
    - Microsoft Windows Print Spooler Service Remote Code Execution Vulnerability (MS10-061)
    - Microsoft Windows Win32k.sys Local Privilege Escalation vulnerability (MS10-073)
    - Microsoft Windows Task Scheduler Escalation of Privilege vulnerability (MS10-092)
  - (2) Step7 Software Infection: Siemens' WinCC/PCS 7 SCADA control software
  - (3) PLC(Programmable Logical Computer) infection



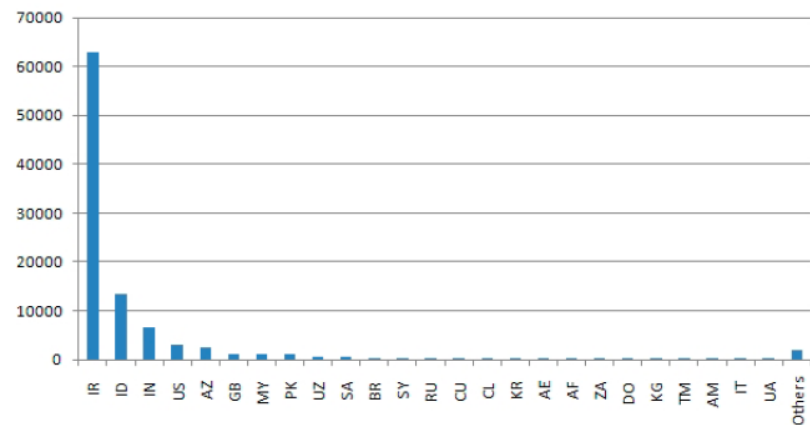
## W32.Stuxnet Timeline

Date	Event
November 20, 2008	Trojan.Zlob variant found to be using the LNK vulnerability only later identified in Stuxnet.
April, 2009	Security magazine Hakin9 releases details of a remote code execution vulnerability in the Printer Spooler service. Later identified as <a href="#">MS10-061</a> .
June, 2009	Earliest Stuxnet sample seen. Does not exploit <a href="#">MS10-046</a> . Does not have signed driver files.
January 25, 2010	Stuxnet driver signed with a valid certificate belonging to Realtek Semiconductor Corps.
March, 2010	First Stuxnet variant to exploit MS10-046.
June 17, 2010	Virusblokada reports W32.Stuxnet (named RootkitTmphider). Reports that it's using a vulnerability in the processing of shortcuts/.lnk files in order to propagate (later identified as <a href="#">MS10-046</a> ).
July 13, 2010	Symantec adds detection as W32.Temphid (previously detected as Trojan Horse).
July 16, 2010	Microsoft issues Security Advisory for "Vulnerability in Windows Shell Could Allow Remote Code Execution ( <a href="#">2286198</a> )" that covers the vulnerability in processing shortcuts/.lnk files. Verisign revokes Realtek Semiconductor Corps certificate.
July 17, 2010	Eset identifies a new Stuxnet driver, this time signed with a certificate from JMicon Technology Corp.
July 19, 2010	Siemens report that they are investigating reports of malware infecting Siemens WinCC SCADA systems. Symantec renames detection to W32.Stuxnet.
July 20, 2010	Symantec monitors the Stuxnet Command and Control traffic.
July 22, 2010	Verisign revokes the JMicon Technology Corps certificate.
August 2, 2010	Microsoft issues <a href="#">MS10-046</a> , which patches the Windows Shell shortcut vulnerability.
August 6, 2010	Symantec reports how Stuxnet can inject and hide code on a PLC affecting industrial control systems.
September 14, 2010	Microsoft releases <a href="#">MS10-061</a> to patch the Printer Spooler Vulnerability identified by Symantec in August. Microsoft report two other privilege escalation vulnerabilities identified by Symantec in August.
September 30, 2010	Symantec presents at Virus Bulletin and releases comprehensive analysis of Stuxnet.

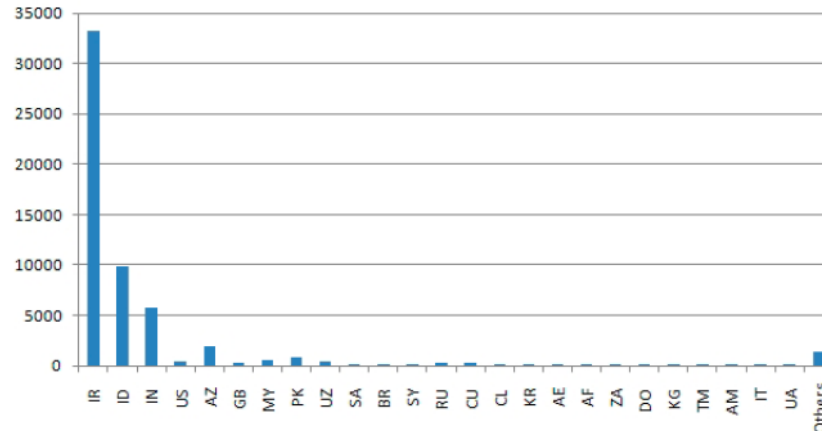


## Brief Statistics

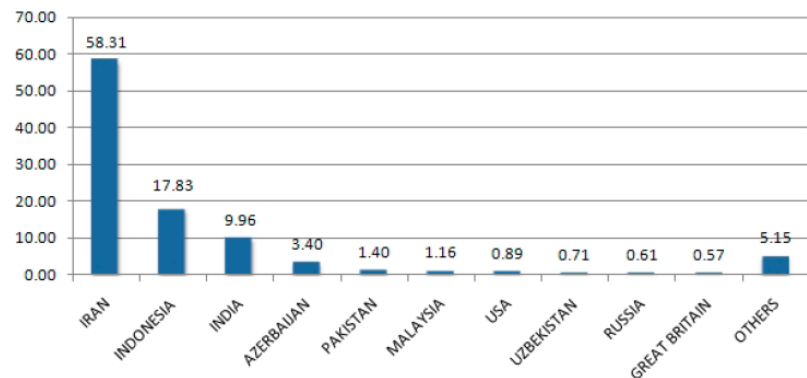
Infected Hosts



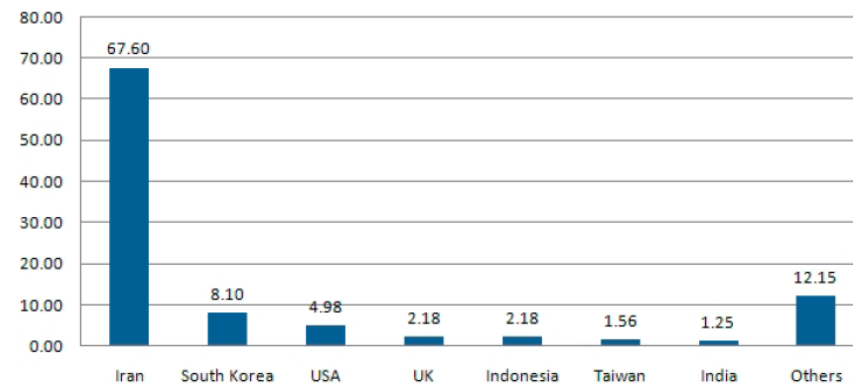
Infected Organizations (By WAN IP)



Geographic Distribution of Infections



Percentage of Stuxnet infected Hosts with Siemens Software installed





- **Architecture**
  - Overview**
  - Exports & Resources**
  - Techniques to use**



## Architecture - Overview

\* Stuxnet = a wrapper

→ stored in a **stub section**

→ Consists of  
: large .dll file

(1) A **pointer** to the original stub section is passed to exports as a **parameter**

(2) How to call exports in the main .dll file

→ Loading the .dll file into memory and calling an export **directly**

→ Reading an **executable template** from its own resources,  
populate the template with appropriate data

: two encrypted configuration file

5.1 - 1/1/0 - 2 - 2010/09/22-15:15:47 127.0.0.1, [COMPUTER NAME] [DOMAIN NAME] [c:\a\1.zip:\proj.s7p]

5.1 - Major OS Version and Minor OS Version

1/1/0 - Flags used by Stuxnet

2 - Flag specifying if the computer is part of a workgroup or domain

2010/09/22-15:15:47 - The time of infection.

127.0.0.1 - Up to IP addresses of the compromised computer (not in the June 2009 version).

[COMPUTER NAME] - The computer name.

[DOMAIN NAME] - The domain or workgroup name.

[c:\a\1.zip:\proj.s7p] - The file name of infected project file.



## Architecture – Exports & Resources

DLL Exports		DLL Resources	
Export #	Function	Resource ID	Function
1	Infect connected removable drives, starts RPC server	201	MrxNet.sys load driver, signed by Realtek
2	Hooks APIs for Step 7 project file infections	202	DLL for Step 7 infections
4	Calls the removal routine (export 18)	203	CAB file for WinCC infections
5	Verifies if the threat is installed correctly	205	Data file for Resource 201
6	Verifies version information	207	Autorun version of Stuxnet
7	Calls Export 6	208	Step 7 replacement DLL
9	Updates itself from infected Step 7 projects	209	Data file (%windows%\help\winmic.fts)
10	Updates itself from infected Step 7 projects	210	Template PE file used for injection
14	Step 7 project file infection routine	221	Exploits MS08-067 to spread via SMB.
15	Initial entry point	222	Exploits MS10-061 Print Spooler Vulnerability
16	Main installation	231	Internet connection check
17	Replaces Step 7 DLL	240	LNK template file used to build LNK exploit
18	Uninstalls Stuxnet	241	USB Loader DLL -WTR4141.tmp
19	Infects removable drives	242	MRxnet.sys rootkit driver
22	Network propagation routines	250	Exploits Windows Win32k.sys Local Privilege Escalation (MS10-073)
24	Check Internet connection		
27	RPC Server		
28	Command and control routine		
29	Command and control routine		
31	Updates itself from infected Step 7 projects		
32	Same as 1		



## ○ Architecture - Techniques to use: Hooking

- \* Bypassing behavior blocking when loading DLLs
  - **Hooking** `ntdll.dll` to monitor requests to load specially crafted file names  
: `KERNEL32.DLL.ASLR.[HEXADECIMAL]` or `SHELL32.DLL.ASLR.[HEXADECIMAL]`
  - Hooked functions
    - `ZwMapViewOfSection`
    - `ZwCreateSection`
    - `ZwOpenFile`
    - `ZwCloseFile`
    - `ZwQueryAttributesFile`
    - `ZwQuerySection`





## Architecture - Techniques to use: Process Injection

- \* Keep injected code in the trusted process
- \* Instruct the trusted process to inject the code into another currently running process

Process Injection	
Security Product Installed	Injection target
KAV v1 to v7	LSASS.EXE
KAV v8 to v9	KAV Process
McAfee	Winlogon.exe
AntiVir	Lsass.exe
BitDefender	Lsass.exe
ETrust v5 to v6	Fails to Inject
ETrust (Other)	Lsass.exe
F-Secure	Lsass.exe
Symantec	Lsass.exe
ESET NOD32	Lsass.exe
Trend PC Cillin	Trend Process

Ref. Symantec W32.Stuxnet Dossier p.14

### <Running trusted process>

- Kaspersky KAV (avp.exe)
- McAfee (Mcshield.exe)
- AntiVir (avguard.exe)
- BitDefender (bdagent.exe)
- Etrust (UmxCfg.exe)
- F-Secure (fsdfwd.exe)
- Symantec (rtvscan.exe)
- Symantec Common Client (ccSvcHst.exe)
- Eset NOD32 (ekrn.exe)
- Trend Pc-Cillin (tmpproxy.exe)

### <Registry>

- KAV v6 to v9
- McAfee
- Trend PcCillin

### <Potential Target Process>

- Lsass.exe
- Winlogon.exe
- Svchost.exe
- The installed security product process



- **Analysis in details**

**Installation: Preparation, Injection**

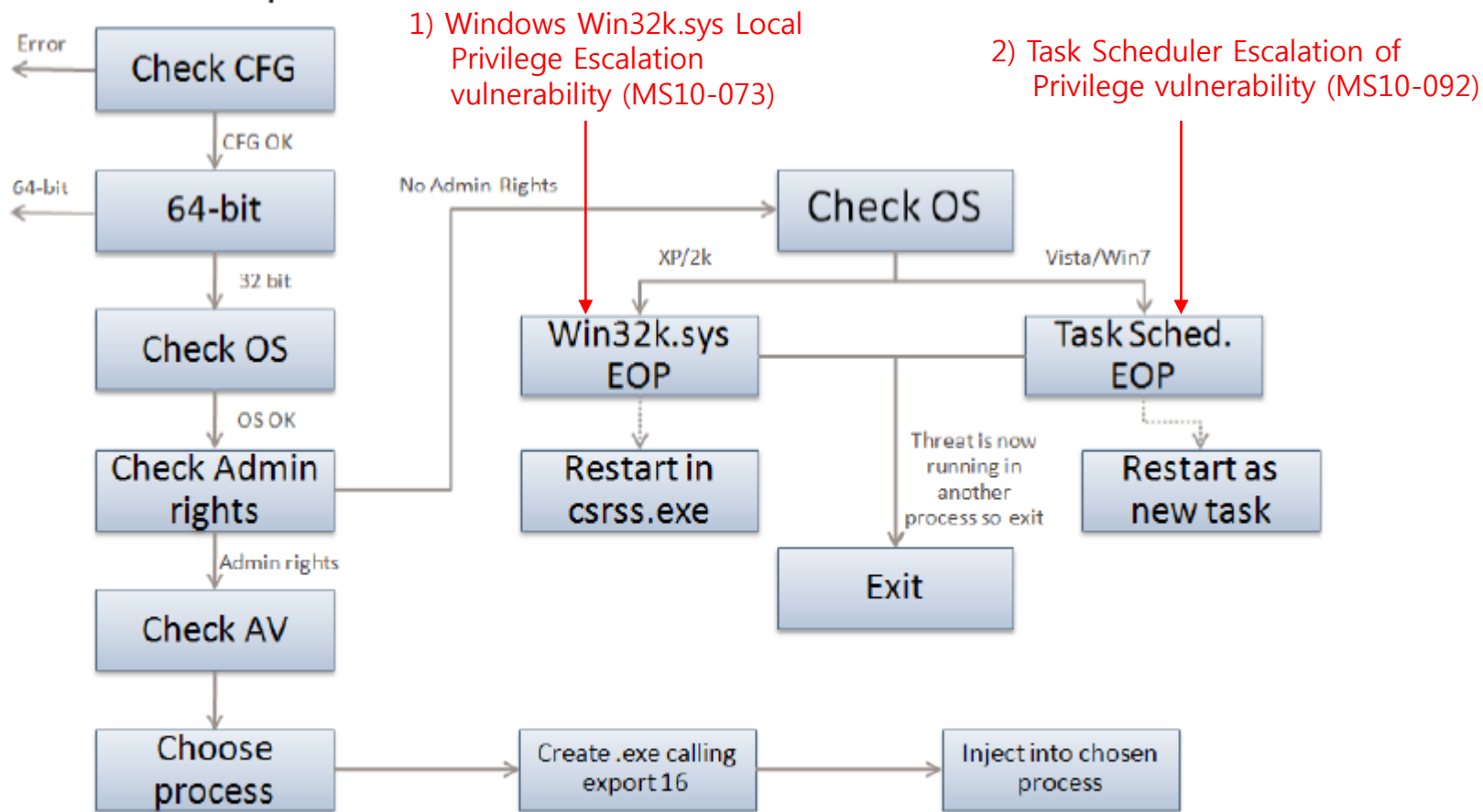
**Functionalities: Load point, C&C, Rootkit, Propagation**

**Techniques to use**



## Analysis in details - Installation: Preparation

Control flow for export 15



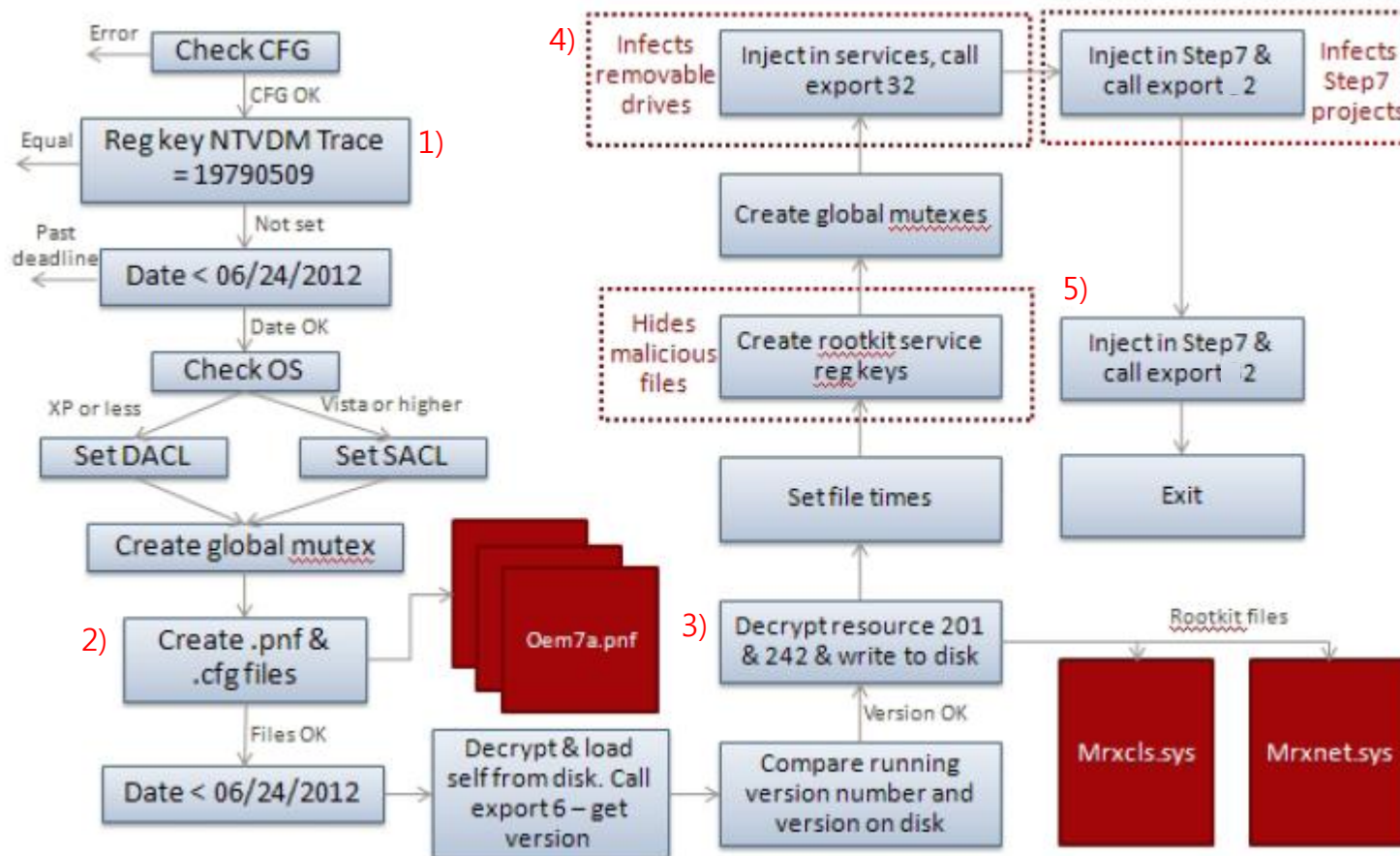
Two privilege escalation (or Elevation of Privilege) vulnerabilities:

1) <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/bulletin/MS10-073>

2) <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/bulletin/MS10-092>



## Analysis in details - Installation: Infection routine flow (Export 16)



- 1) HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\MS-DOS Emulation
- 2) %SystemDrive%\winf\mdm3.PNF, %SystemDrive%\winf\mdmcpq3.PNF, %SystemDrive%\winf\oem6C.PNF
- 3) %SystemDrive%\drivers\Mrxnet.sys, %SystemDrive%\drivers\Mrxcls.sys
- 4) Infecting newly connected removable drives and for starting the RPC server
- 5) Hooking APIs for Step 7 project file infections



## ○ Analysis in details - Functionality: Load Point

- ✓ Drops Resource 242 MrxCls.sys via Export 16
- ✓ The mrxcls.sys is a driver digitally signed with a compromised Realtek certificate. (suddenly revoked on July 16, 2010 by Verisign)
- ✓ File checksums

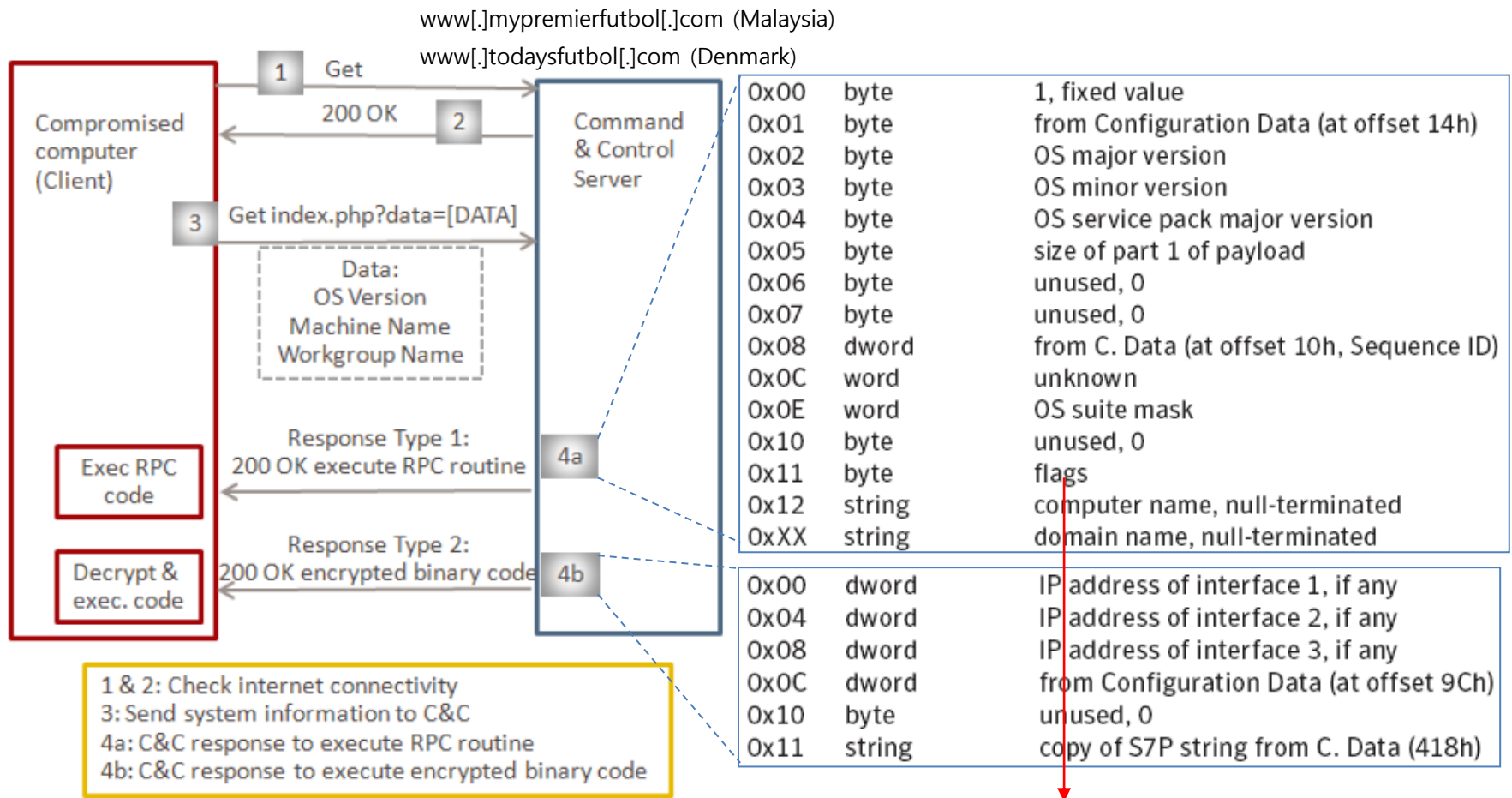
Filename	Size	MD5
mrxnet.sys	17,400 bytes	cc1db5360109de3b857654297d262ca1
mrxcls.sys	26,616 bytes	f8153747bae8b4ae48837ee17172151e

- ✓ Purpose of the rootkit drivers  
mrxnet.sys to hide the presence of the worm on removable drives  
mrxcls.sys to inject the worm into "services.exe" and two processes specific to Siemens software (Step7/S7 and WinCC)
- ✓ The driver contains an encrypted data block.  
services.exe — %Windir%\WinfWoem7A.PNF  
S7tgotpx.exe — %Windir%\WinfWoem7A.PNF  
CCProjectMgr.exe — %Windir%\WinfWoem7A.PNF  
explorer.exe — %Windir%\WinfWoem7m.PNF



## Analysis in details - Functionality: Command and Control

- System data is gathered via Export 28, and Export 29 send payload to a target server.



The flags at offset 11h have the 4th bit set if at least one of the two registry values is found:  
 HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Siemens\Step7, value: STEP7\_Version  
 HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Siemens\WinCC\Setup, value: Version




## ○ Analysis in details - Functionality: Windows Rootkit

- ✓ The ability to hide copies of its files copied to removable drives
- ✓ Registered as a boot start service  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\MRxCls\ImagePath" = "%System%\drivers\mrxcsl.sys"
- ✓ Digitally signed driver file with a legitimate digital certificate
- ✓ Scans the filesystem driver objects:
  - \FileSystem\ntfs
  - \FileSystem\fastfat
  - \FileSystem\cdfb
- ✓ The driver monitors "directory control" IRPs, in particular "directory query" notifications.
- ✓ Two types of files filtered out
  - Files with a ".LNK" extension having a size of 4,171 bytes.
  - Files named "~WTR[FOUR NUMBERS].TMP", whose size is between 4Kb and 8Mb; the sum of the four numbers modulo 10 is null.
    - Copy of Copy of Copy of Copy of Shortcut to.lnk
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    - Copy of Copy of Shortcut to.lnk
    - Copy of Shortcut to.lnk
    - ~wtr4132.tmp
    - ~wtr4141.tmp



## Several questions about digital signatures (from SecureView Mags)

- ✓ Digitally signed driver file with legitimate Realtek and JMicon digital certificates

	<b>Name of Signer</b>	JMicon Technology Corp
	<b>Email Address</b>	Not available
	<b>Signing Time</b>	Not available
Field	Value	
Version	2	
Description	JMicon	
URL	http://www.jmicon.co.tw	
TimeStamp	12/30/1899	
Issuer	Country = US; Organization = VeriSign, Inc.; Or...	
Serial Number	47 6F 49 F4 C9 59 F6 56 E9 AA 1E B8 7F C5 2...	
Digest Algorithm	SHA1 (2B 0E 03 02 1A)	
Digest Encryption Algorit...	RSA (2A 86 48 86 F7 0D 01 01 01)	
Authenticated Attributes:		
Content Type	06 0A 2B 06 01 04 01 82 37 02 01 04	
1.3.6.1.4.1.311.2.1.11	30 0C 06 0A 2B 06 01 04 01 82 37 02 01 15	
Message Digest	04 14 6A C5 D9 8A 5D F4 31 2D 7D 18 92 60 3...	
1.3.6.1.4.1.311.2.1.12	30 2E A0 10 80 0E 00 4A 00 4D 00 69 00 63 00 ...	

**Child Type:** StringFileInfo  
Language/Code Page: 1033/1200  
Comments: change me  
CompanyName: change me  
FileDescription: change me  
FileVersion: 3.00  
InternalName: change me  
LegalCopyright: change me  
LegalTrademarks: change me  
OriginalFilename: change me  
ProductName: change me  
ProductVersion: 3.00

	<b>Name of Signer</b>	Realtek Semiconductor Corp
	<b>Email Address</b>	Not available
	<b>Signing Time</b>	1/25/2010 2:45:24 PM
Field	Value	
Version	2	
Description	Realtek Semiconductor Corp	
URL	http://www.realtek.com	
TimeStamp	1/25/2010 2:45:24 PM	
Issuer	Country = US; Organization = VeriSign, Inc.; Or...	
Serial Number	5E 6D DC 87 37 50 82 84 58 14 F4 42 D1 D8 2...	
Digest Algorithm	SHA1 (2B 0E 03 02 1A)	
Digest Encryption Algorit...	RSA (2A 86 48 86 F7 0D 01 01 01)	

**Child Type:** StringFileInfo  
Language/Code Page: 1033/1200  
CompanyName: Microsoft Corporation  
FileDescription: Windows NT NET Minirdr  
FileVersion: 5.1.2600.2902 (xpsp\_sp2\_gdr.060505-0036)  
InternalName: MRxCls.sys  
LegalCopyright: ? Microsoft Corporation.  
All rights reserved.  
OriginalFilename: MRXNET.Sys  
ProductName: Microsoft® Windows®  
Operating System  
ProductVersion: 5.1.2600.2902

- \* How did the attackers manage to obtain the private keys required to sign them?
- \* Were Realtek and JMicon involved in the operation and willingly sign the files?
- \* Since both companies have development offices in China, are the Chinese involved?





- **Analysis in details - Functionality: Propagation Methods**

- Peer-to-Peer communication

- Infecting WinCC computers

- Through network shares

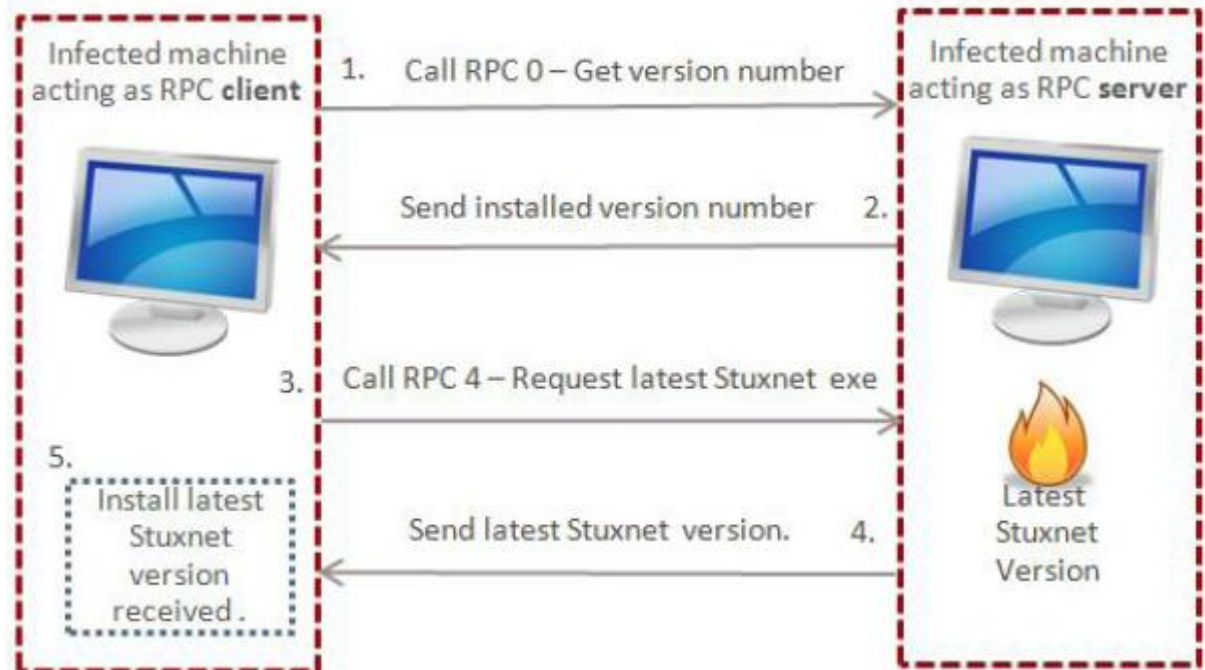
- Removable drives



## Analysis in details - Functionality: Propagation Methods (P2P)

- ✓ RPC Server offers the following routines.
  - 0: Returns the version number of Stuxnet installed
  - 1: Receive an .exe file and execute it (through injection)
  - 2: Load module and executed export
  - 3: Inject code into lsass.exe and run it
  - 4: Builds the latest version of Stuxnet and sends to compromised computer
  - 5: Create process
  - 6: Read file
  - 7: Drop file
  - 8: Delete file
  - 9: Write data records

Example of an old client requesting latest version of Stuxnet via P2P





## ○ Analysis in details - Functionality: Propagation Methods (Infecting WinCC computers)

- ✓ Connects to a remote server running the WinCC database using a password hardcoded within the WinCC software
- ✓ Two actions when found:
  - sends malicious SQL code
  - modifies an existing view
- ✓ Sends an SQL statement that creates a table and inserts a binary value into the table

```
SET @ainf = @aind + '\\sql%05x.dbi'
EXEC sp_addextendedproc sp_dumpdbilog, @ainf
EXEC sp_dumpdbilog
set @t=left(@t,len(@t)-charindex('\\',reverse(@t))+'\GraCS\cc_tlg7.sav';
set @s = 'master..xp_cmdshell "extrac32 /y "'+@t+'"' "'+@t+'x'""';
exec(@s);
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- **Analysis in details - Functionality: Propagation Methods (Through network shares)**

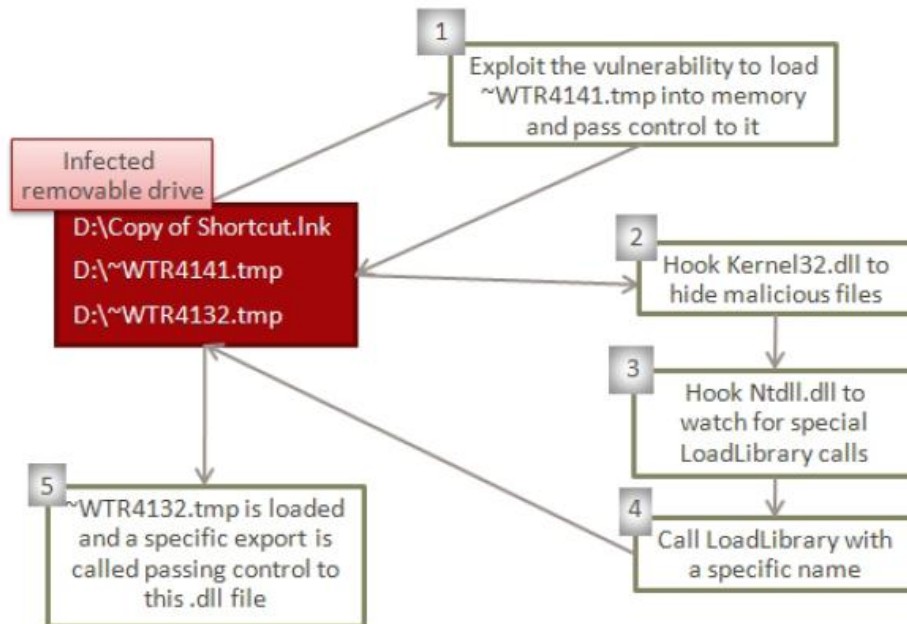
- ✓ Through either a scheduled job or using Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)
- ✓ Enumerate all user accounts of the computer and the domain, and try all available network resources either using the user's credential token or using WMI operations with the explorer.exe token in order to copy itself and execute on the remote share.



## Analysis in details - Functionality: Propagation Methods (Removable drive)

- ✓ LNK Vulnerability (MS010-046, CVE-2010-2568)

USB Execution Flow



### Autorun.inf header

```

00000000: 4D5A9000 03000000 04000000 FFFF0000 MZ|.....ÿÿ..
00000010: B8000000 00000000 40000000 00000000 .....@.....
00000020: 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 .....
00000030: 00000000 00000000 00000000 E0000000 .....à.....
00000040: 0E1FBA0E 00B409CD 21B8014C CD215468 ...ë...!...I!Th
00000050: 69732070 726F6772 616D2063 616E6E6F is program canno
00000060: 74206265 2072756E 20696E20 444F5320 t be run in DOS
00000070: 6D6F6465 2E0D0D0A 24000000 00000000 mode...$.
00000080: CF7A777C 8B1B192F 8B1B192F 8B1B192F IzW|...|...|...
00000090: ACDD642F 9D1B192F ACDD622F 9C1B192F ~Yd|.../~Yb|...
000000A0: 8B1B182F 6D1B192F ACDD6B2F DA1B192F |...m.../~Yk|Ü...
    
```

### Autorun.inf footer

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00041000: 0D0A5B61 75746F72 756E5D0D 0A6F626A ..[autorun]..obj
00041010: 65637444 65736372 6970746F 723D7B42 ectDescriptor={B
00041020: 33313535 33372D36 3341422D 39353132 315537-63AB-9512
00041030: 2D393941 392D3246 34363737 32333541 -99A9-2F4677235A
00041040: 34347D0D 0A 44}...
00041050: 636F6D6D 616E643D 2E5C4155 544F5255 command=.\AUTORU
00041060: 4E2E494E 460D0A 5C4D656E N.INF... \Men
00041070: 753D4025 77696E64 6972255C 73797374 u=@%windir%\syst
00041080: 656D3332 5C736865 6C6C3332 2E646C6C em32\shell132.dll
00041090: 2C2D3834 39360D0A -8496...
000410A0: 0D0A 55736541 75746F50 4C41593D ...UseAutoPLAY=
000410B0: 300D0A 0...
    
```

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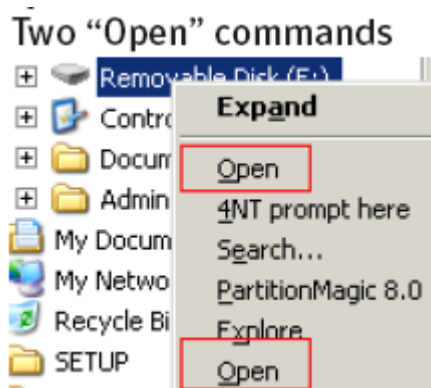
.?AVZdhrnpldcahnGvqzdhRnpldcahn@glijetwq@sr@@@
[autorun]
objectDescriptor={B315537-63AB-9512-99A9-2F4677235A44}
Menu\command=.\AUTORUN.INF
Menu=@%windir%\system32\shell132.dll,-8496
    
```

UseAutoPLAY=0



## ○ Analysis in details - Functionality: Others (Removable drive)

- ✓ Trick to enhance the chances to be executed
- ✓ Real one: %Windir%\System32\shell32.dll,-8496





## ○ Analysis in details - Step 7 Project File Infections

- ✓ Export 16 (Installation) calls Export 2 to hook specific APIs in the **s7tgttopx.exe**
  - In s7apromx.dll, mfc42.dll, and msvcrt.dll, CreateFileA is replaced to point to "CreateFileA\_hook".
  - In ccprojectmgr.exe, StgOpenStorage is replaced to point to "StgOpenStorage\_hook".
- ✓ *CreateFileA\_hook* to open S7P files for recording and infecting project folder
- ✓ \*.S7P files → %Windir%\winfx\oem6c.pnf
- ✓ \*.MCP files → oem6c.pnf
- ✓ \*.TMP files



## ○ Analysis in details - Step 7 Project File Infections: S7P files

- ✓ Step 7 Project file
- ✓ A candidate for infection if:
  - It is not deemed too old (used or accessed in the last 3.5 years).
  - It contains a “wincproj” folder with a valid MCP file.
  - It is not a Step7 example project, checked by excluding paths matching “\*\Step7\Examples\\*”.
- ✓ Infection process consists of next steps:
  1. Stuxnet creates the following files:
    - xutils\listen\xr000000.mdx (an encrypted copy of the main Stuxnet DLL)
    - xutils\links\s7p00001.dbf (a copy of a Stuxnet data file (90 bytes in length)
    - xutils\listen\s7000001.mdx (an encoded, updated version of the Stuxnet configuration data block)
  2. The threat scans subfolders under the “hOmSave7” folder. In each of them, Stuxnet drops a copy of a DLL it carries within its resources (resource 202). This DLL is dropped using a specific file name. The file name is not disclosed here in the interests of responsible disclosure and will be referred to as xyz.dll.
  3. Stuxnet modifies a Step7 data file located in Apilog\types.





## ○ Analysis in details - Step 7 Project File Infections: MCP files

- ✓ Created by WinCC
- ✓ A candidate for infection if:
  - It is not deemed too old (used or accessed in the last 3.5 years).
  - It contains a GracS folder with at least one .pdl file in it.
- ✓ Infection process consists of next steps:
  1. Stuxnet creates the following files:
    - GracS\cc\_alg.sav (an encrypted copy of the main Stuxnet DLL)
    - GracS\db\_log.sav (a copy of a Stuxnet data file, which is 90 bytes in length)
    - GracS\cc\_alg.sav xutils\listen\s7000001.mdx (an encoded, updated version of the Stuxnet configuration data block)
  2. A copy of resource 203 is then decrypted and dropped to GracS\cc\_tlg7.sav. This file is a Microsoft Cabinet file containing a DLL used to load and execute Stuxnet.
- ✓ WinCC DB is also infected during this infection process



## ○ Analysis in details - Step 7 Project File Infections: TMP files

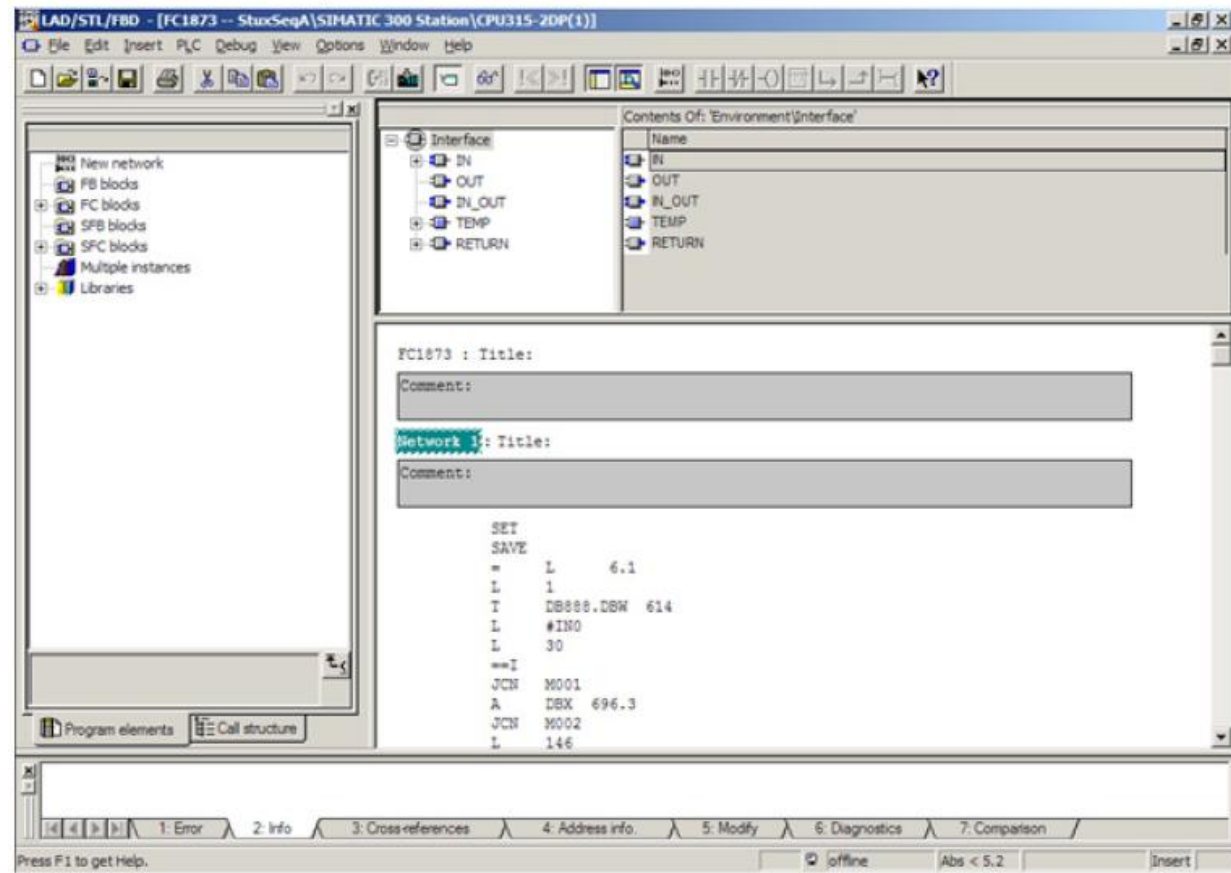
- ✓ Validated filename: ~WRabcde.tmp where  $(a+b+c+d+e) \bmod 16 = 0$
- ✓ Magic string (1st 8Bytes): LRW~LRW~
- ✓ Export #9 takes a Step7 Project path as input, then build paths:
  - ...\\XUTILS\\listen\\XR000000.MDX
  - ...\\XUTILS\\links\\S7P00001.DBF
  - ...\\XUTILS\\listen\\S7000001.MDX
- ✓ Export #31 takes a Step7 Project path as input, then build paths:
  - ...\\GracS\\cc\_alg.sav
  - ...\\GracS\\db\_log.sav
  - ...\\GracS\\cc\_tag.sav



## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Terms)

- ✓ DB (Data Blocks):  
program specific data  
Ex) numbers, structures
- ✓ SDB (System Data Blocks):  
configuration info.
- ✓ OB (Organization Blocks):  
entry point of programs  
→ OB1: main EP of the PLC  
→ OB35: standard watchdog
- ✓ FB (Function Blocks):  
standard code blocks

Stuxnet code in the Step7 STL editor



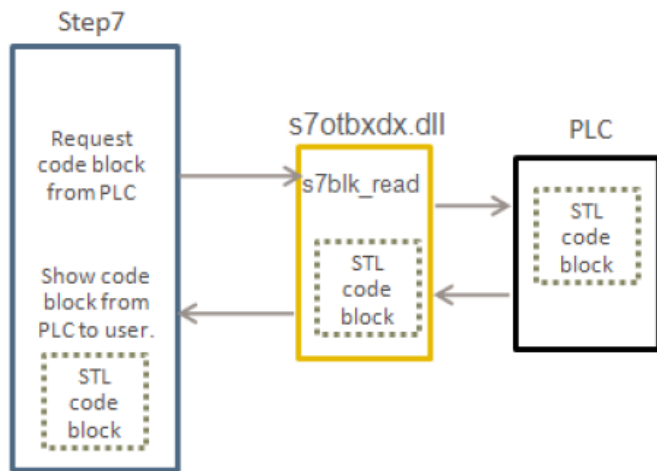


## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Infection)

- ✓ Resource 208 is dropped by export #17
- ✓ Replacement for Simatic's *s7otbxdx.dll* file.

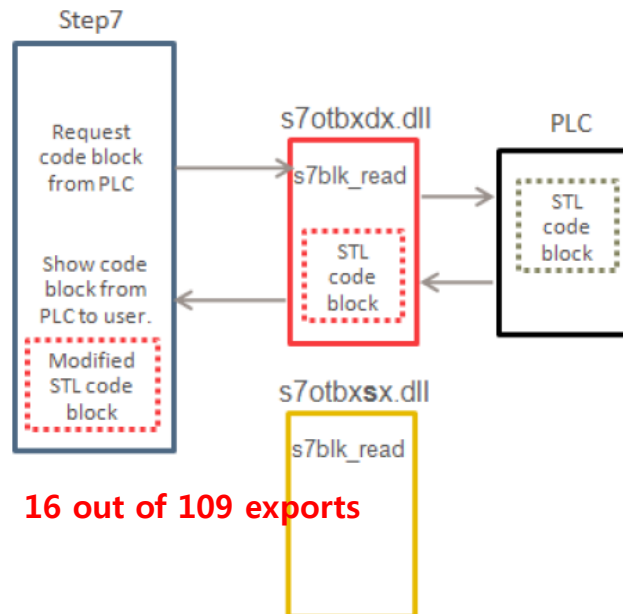


Step7 and PCL communicating via *s7otbxdx.dll*



93 out of 109 exports

Communication with malicious version of *s7otbxdx.dll*



16 out of 109 exports



## ○ Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Sequence Blocks)

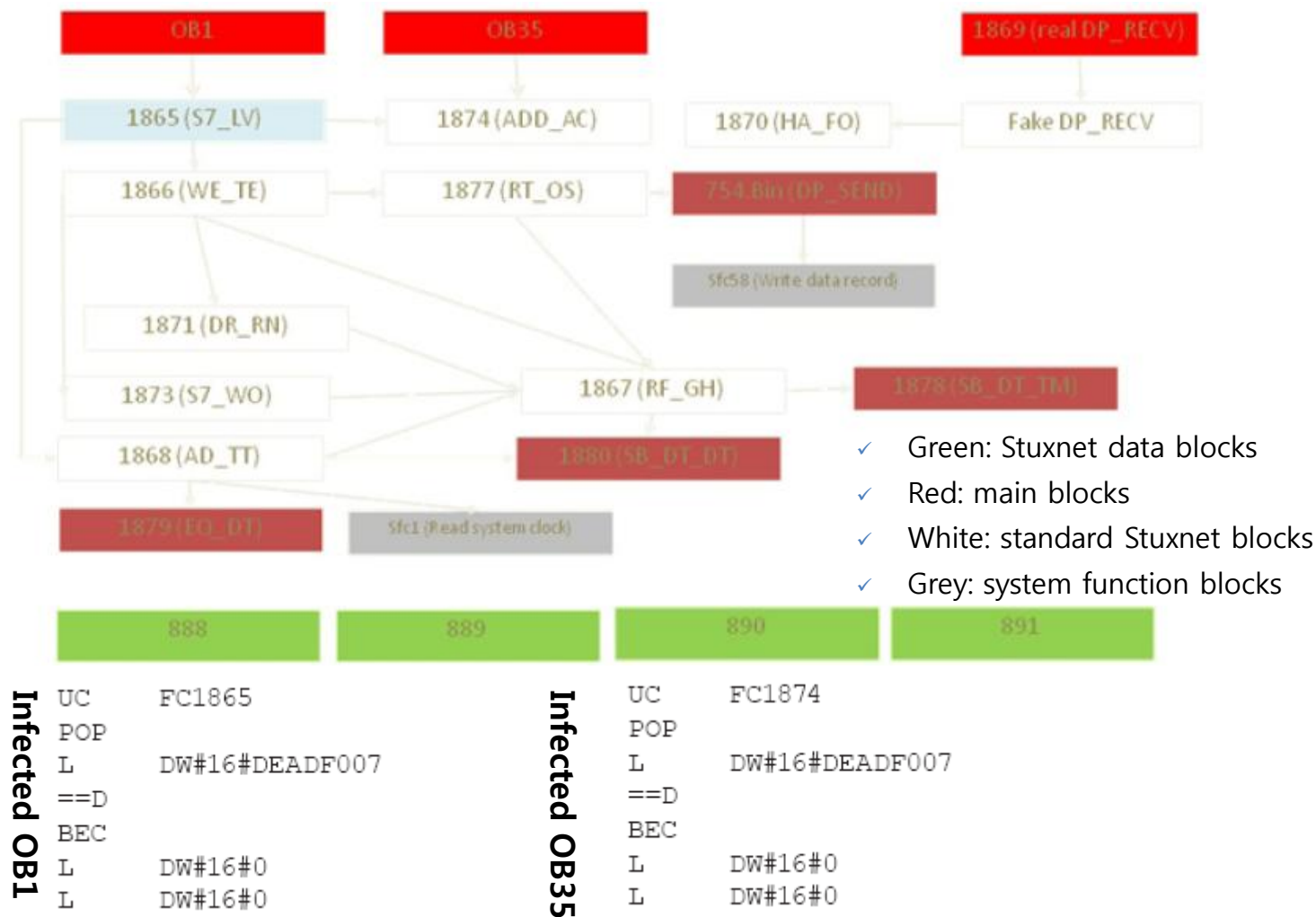
- ✓ Sequence A,B then C
- ✓ Initial Infection
  - The first thread runs an infection routine every 15 minutes. The targeted PLC information has previously been collected by the hooked exports, mainly `s7db_open()`. This infection routine specifically targets CPUs 6ES7-315-2 (series 300) with special SDB characteristics. The sequence of infection is A or B.
  - The second thread regularly queries PLC for a specific block that was injected by the first thread if the infection process succeeded. This block is customized, and it impacts the way sequences A or B run on the infected PLC.
- ✓ The infection threat, sequences A and B
  - First, the PLC type is checked using the `s7ag_read_szl` API. It must be a PLC of type 6ES7-315-2.
  - The SDB blocks are checked to determine whether the PLC should be infected and if so, with which sequence (A or B).
  - If the two steps above passed, the real infection process starts. The `DP_RECV` block is copied to FC1869, and then replaced by a malicious block embedded in Stuxnet.
  - The malicious blocks of the selected infection sequence are written to the PLC.
  - OB1 is infected so that the malicious code sequence is executed at the start of a cycle.
  - OB35 is also infected. It acts as a watchdog, and on certain conditions, it can stop the execution of OB1.
- ✓ Summary (key steps)
  - SDB Check
  - `DP_RECV` replacement
  - OB1/OB35 infection





## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Sequence Blocks)

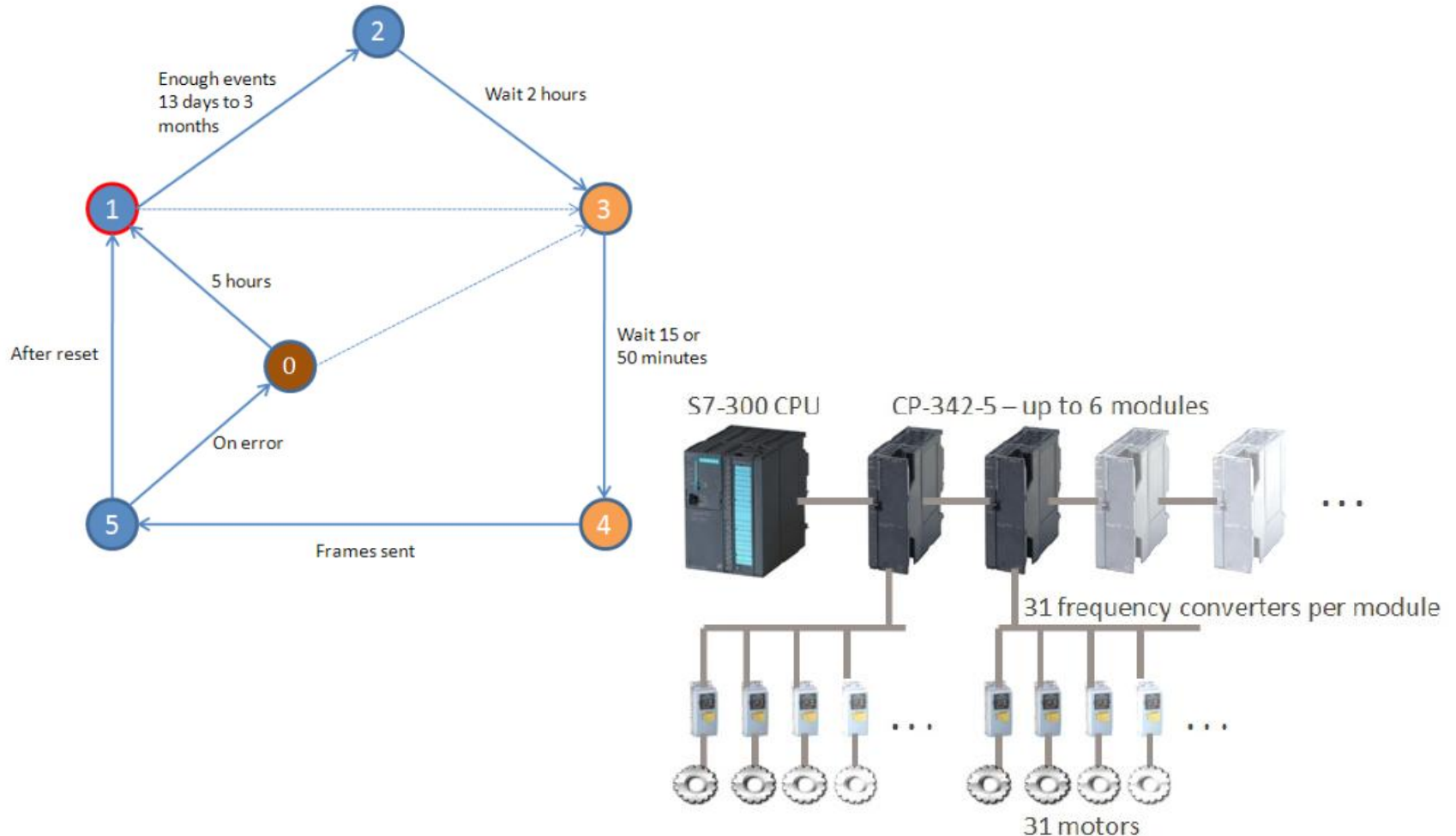
- Connections Between Blocks, Sequences A and B (targeting S7-315)





## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Sequence Blocks)

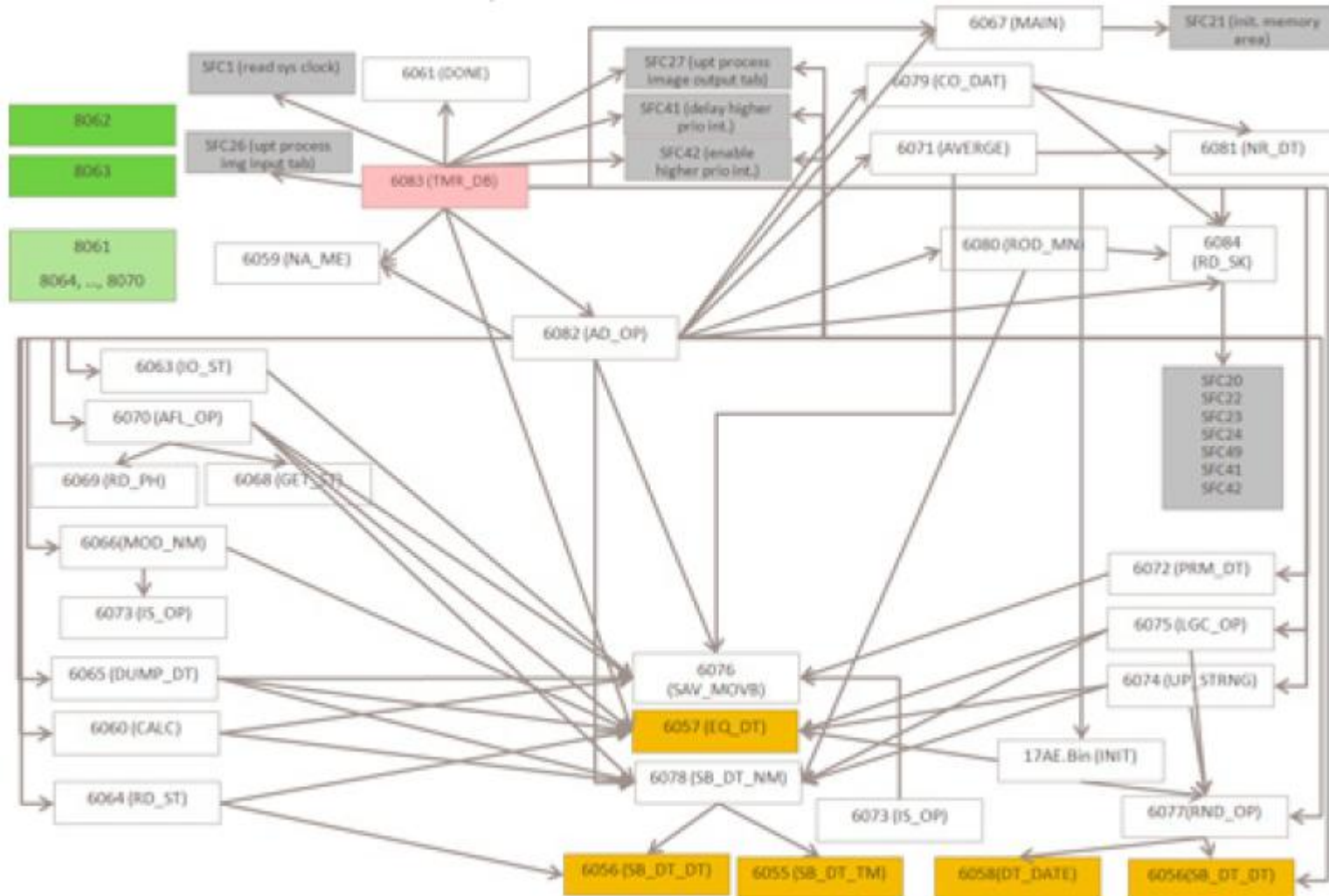
- ✓ State machine path of execution





## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Sequence Blocks)

- ✓ Connections Between Blocks, Sequences C (targeting S7-417 PLCs)

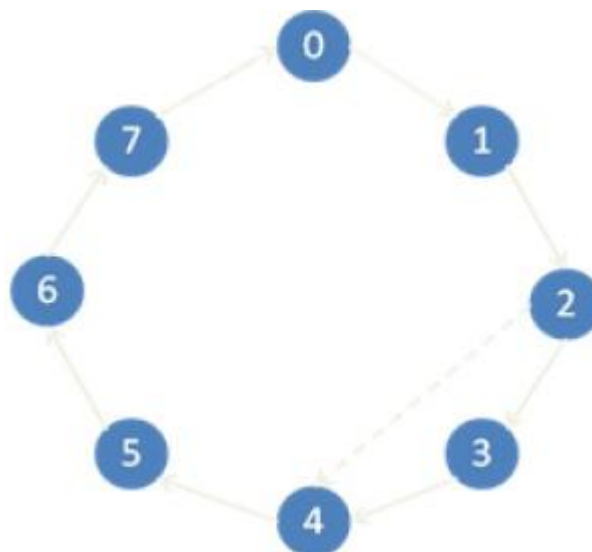






## Analysis in details - Modifying PLCs (Sequence Blocks)

- ✓ Eight states in sequence C
  - State 0: Wait
  - State 1: Recording
  - State 2-6: Sabotage
  - State 7: Reset
- ✓ Never happened due to the missing function in the DLL



**Affected peripherals within each cluster**

Cluster Number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Peripherals in the Cluster	2	2	4	6	8	10	12	16	20	24	20	16	12	8	4
Peripheral Number	0-1	2-3	4-7	8-13	14-21	22-31	32-43	44-59	60-79	80-103	104-123	124-139	140-151	152-159	160-163
Peripherals affected	2	2	2	4	6	8	10	13	14	0	14	13	10	8	4

→ 164 total

→ 110 affected



## ○ Mikko Hypponen's Speech: Fighting viruses, defending the net

- ✓ F-Secure CRO(Chief Research Officer)
- ✓ <http://mikko.hypponen.com/>
- ✓ [2011.7] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cf3zxHuSM2Y> (17m 34s)
- ✓ <https://www.clarifiednetworks.com/Videos>





## ○ Lessons Learned

- ✓ Cyber warfare has begun.
- ✓ Stuxnet was a huge threat and very complicated, targeted and sophisticated.
- ✓ It has started national support to attack against targeted enemy.
- ✓ It is like a mission-impossible game.
- ✓ Now is the time to foster cyber warriors with cyber weapons.
- ✓ APT is evolving : Duqu (2011.10), Flame (2012.6)

Last week, Kaspersky Lab announced the discovery of Flame, a malicious program with “complexity and functionality . . . exceed[ing] those of all other cyber menaces known to date.” Once





# NO QUESTIONS?