



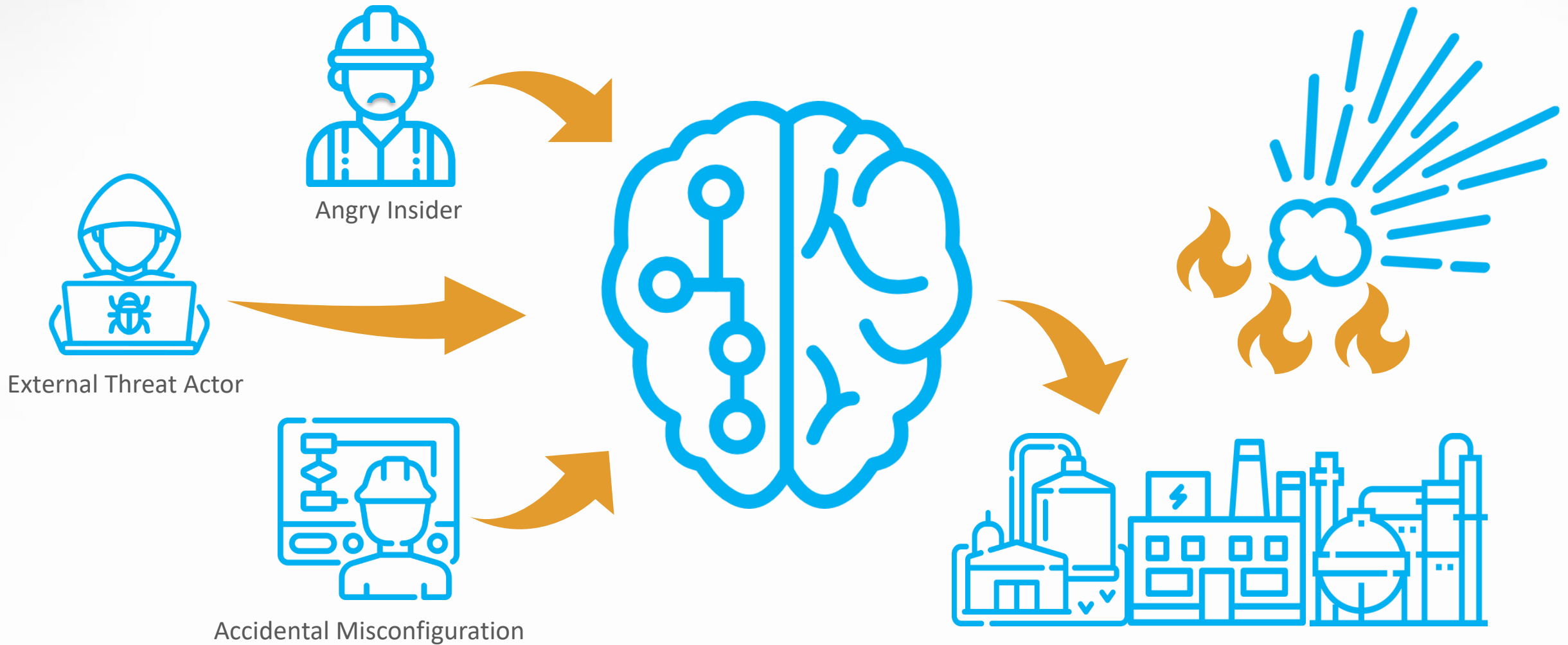
# Mind the Gap

*Understand the Distance Between  
IT & OT Cyber Incident  
Forensic Analysis & Safe Restart*

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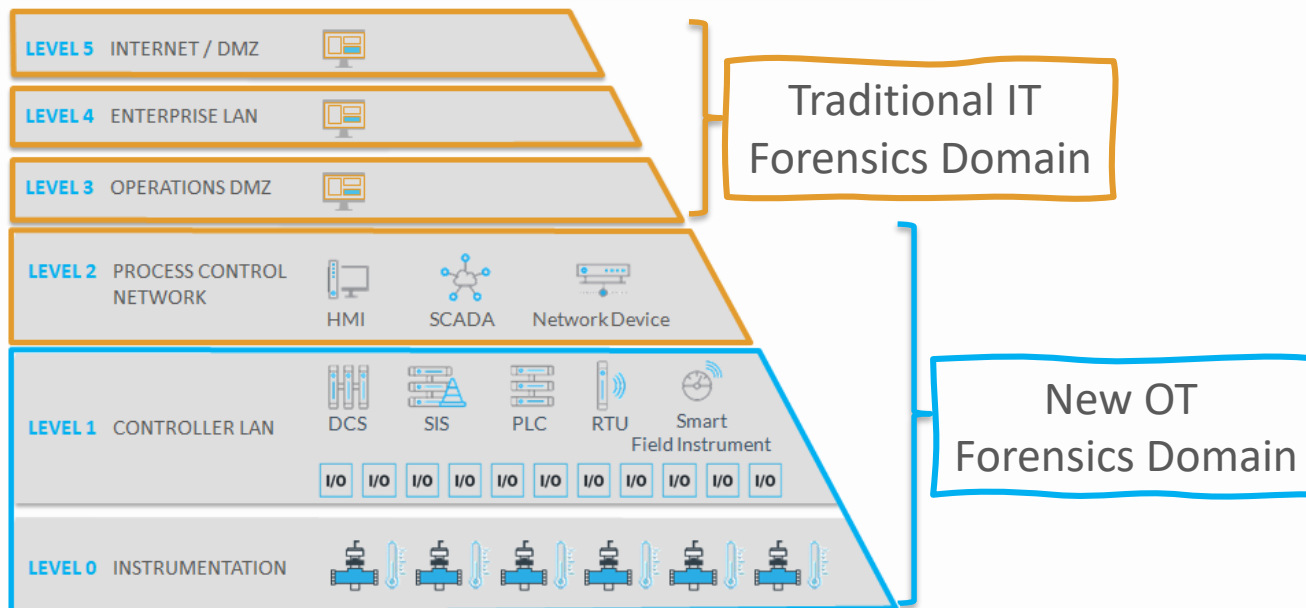
# Insiders, Outsiders, & Mistakes – All Require Forensic Analysis



# Forensic Analysis

## Forensic Analysis

*"...the application of science to the identification, collection, examination, and analysis of data while preserving the integrity of the information and maintaining a strict chain of custody for the data."*<sup>1</sup>



## Forensic Analysis Process Model<sup>2</sup>

- 1 Identification and Preparation
- 2 Identifying Data Sources
- 3 Prioritizing, Preservation, & Collection
- 4 Examination
- 5 Analysis
- 6 Reporting and Presentation
- 7 Reviewing Results

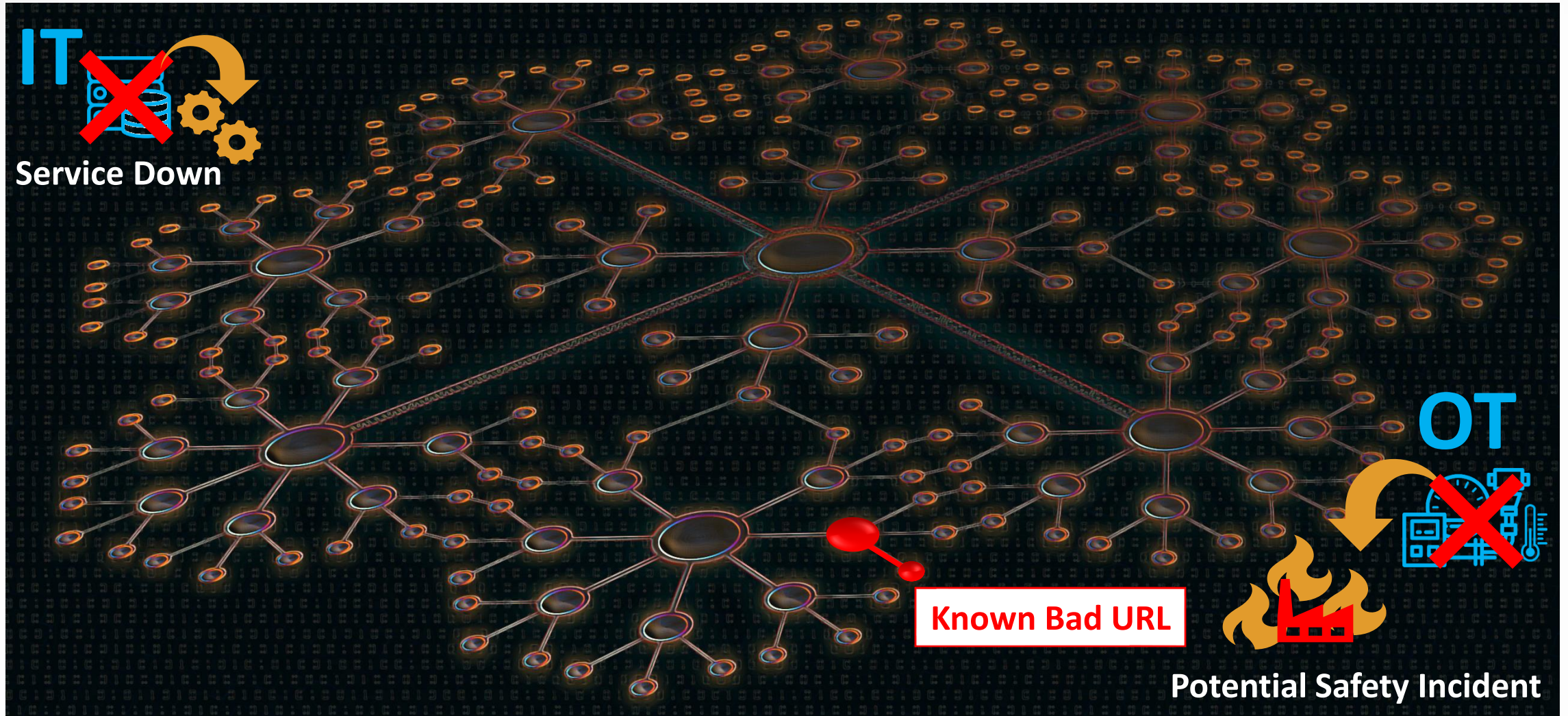
- 1 It's 12 AM
- 2 A system that controls a safety critical process is malfunctioning
- 3 You don't know if it is a technical problem or a cyber attack



*Who ya gonna call?*



# IT vs OT Consequences



# Differing Missions

## IT



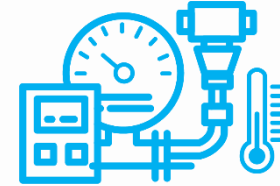
Workstations | Servers | Routers  
Switches | Firewalls

**Flexible Applications**

**Security > Availability**

**New (3-5 years)**

**Homogeneous**



## OT

DCS | PLC | SIS | Smart Field Instruments  
3rd Party Modules | COM Modules | Control Level Firewalls  
Controllers | Foundational Fieldbus Devices | Hart Devices  
I/O Cards | Profibus Devices

**Designed for Purpose**

**Availability > Security**

**Old (20+ years)**

**Heterogeneous**

# Building an OT Forensics Foundation

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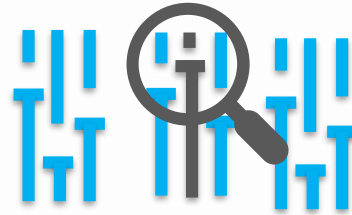
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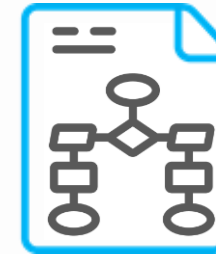
Detailed Configuration



Baselines



Change Point Verification\*



Documentation

# The Reverse



- Control Function Parameter – Output Characteristic
  - Name of parameter unique to each control system
- Binary Setting
  - Determines direct or indirect action based upon error (Setpoint-Process Value)

## *Flip the Setting, Watch the Fun!*

- *Valve that was 20% open will now be 20% closed*
- *Fail safe valve will do the opposite of intended action*

## Example

```
LOCAL t : TIME      -- Time variable
..
SET t = now         -- Get current time in t

IF T > 86350 THEN GOTO SET_REVERSE
ELSE GOTO LAST_ST

WAIT 15 Mins
GOTO SET_FORWARD

SET_REVERSE: SET FC_9290_23A.OPTDIR =REVERSE  'CTLACTN =REVERSE also work
SET FC_9290_23B.OPTDIR =REVERSE
SET FC_9290_23C.OPTDIR =REVERSE
..
GOTO LAST_ST

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SET FC_9290_23C.OPTDIR =FORWARD
..
GOTO LAST_ST
..
LAST_ST:
END OUTPUTDIR
```



# The Reverse

## Rev 1

```
BLOCK ZC0000_A (POINT ZC0000 ; AT PRE_CTPR(3))

IF FC0001.MODE = MAN OR FC0002.MODE = MAN OR
& FC0011.MODE = MAN OR FC0012.MODE = MAN THEN
& (SET COACTSTS(1) = INACTIVE ;
& SET PROGSTS = "TAG MAN" ;
& SET ERR_TIME = DATE_TIME ;
& EXIT )

SET PROGSTS = "NORMAL"
IF COACTSTS(1) = INACTIVE THEN
& (SET LAST_ERR = PROGSTS ;
& SET COACTSTS(1) = ACTIVE )

EXIT

END ZC0000_A
```

## Rev 2

```
BLOCK ZC0000_A (POINT ZC0000 ; AT PRE_CTPR(3))

IF FC0001.MODE = MAN OR FC0002.MODE = MAN OR
& FC0011.MODE = MAN OR FC0012.MODE = MAN THEN
& (SET COACTSTS(1) = INACTIVE ;
& SET PROGSTS = "TAG MAN" ;
& SET ERR_TIME = DATE_TIME ;
& EXIT )

BLOCK OUTPUTDIR
EXTERNAL FC_9290_23A, FC_9290_23B, FC_9290_23C
...

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END |
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# PAS Cyber Integrity™ Accelerates Forensic Analysis & Response



- Protects OT assets against cyber threats
- Identifies critical endpoint vulnerabilities & risks
- Manages across all major control system manufacturers
- Accelerates forensic analysis & incident response
- Enables rapid recovery
- Prevents unplanned downtime



DCS



SIS



Historian



RTU



Smart  
Field Instrument



SCADA



PLC



Network  
Device



HMI/  
Operator Station

ABB | AspenTech | Cisco | Emerson | GE | HIMA | Honeywell | Microsoft | OSIsoft | Rockwell | Schneider | Siemens | Schweitzer | Yokogawa | And More



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# Thank You

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