

# A REMOTELY ACCESSIBLE, CONFIGURABLE, INSTRUMENTED ICS LAB FOR ATTACK, DEFEND, AND FORENSICS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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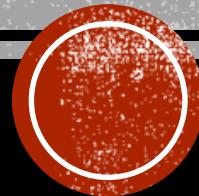
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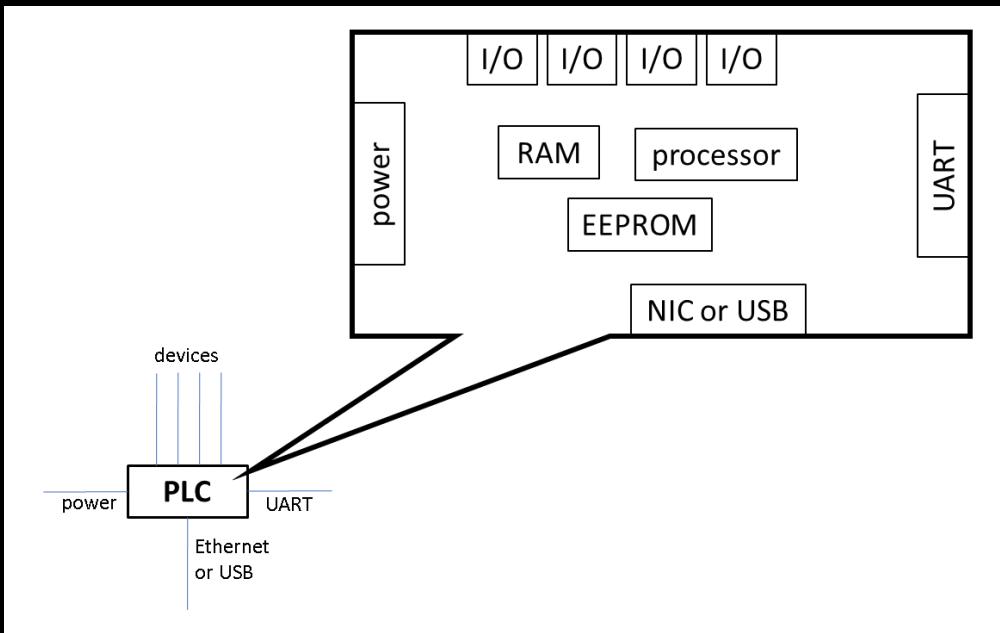
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# BACKGROUND

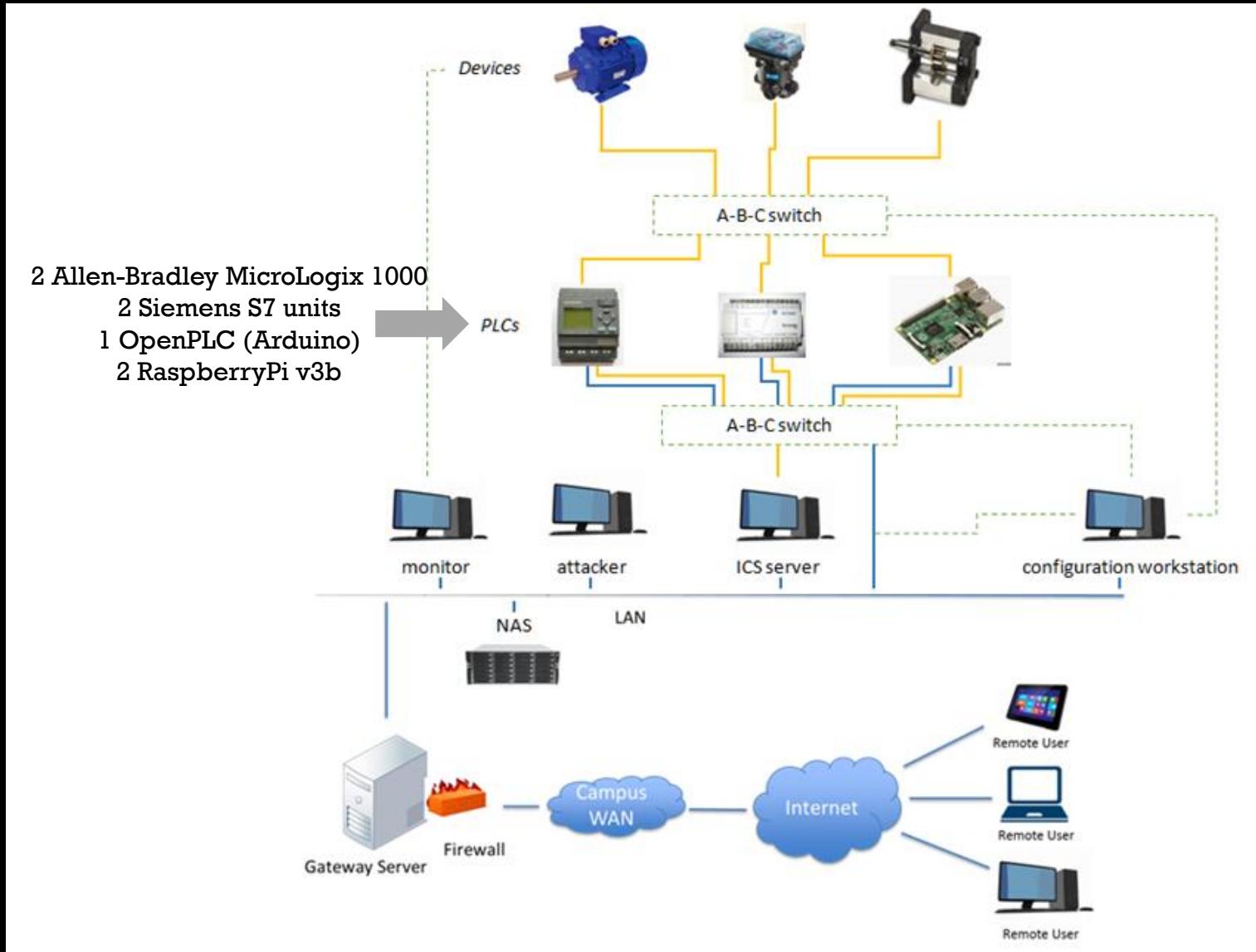
- ICS: Industrial Control System
- PLC: Programmable Logic Controller



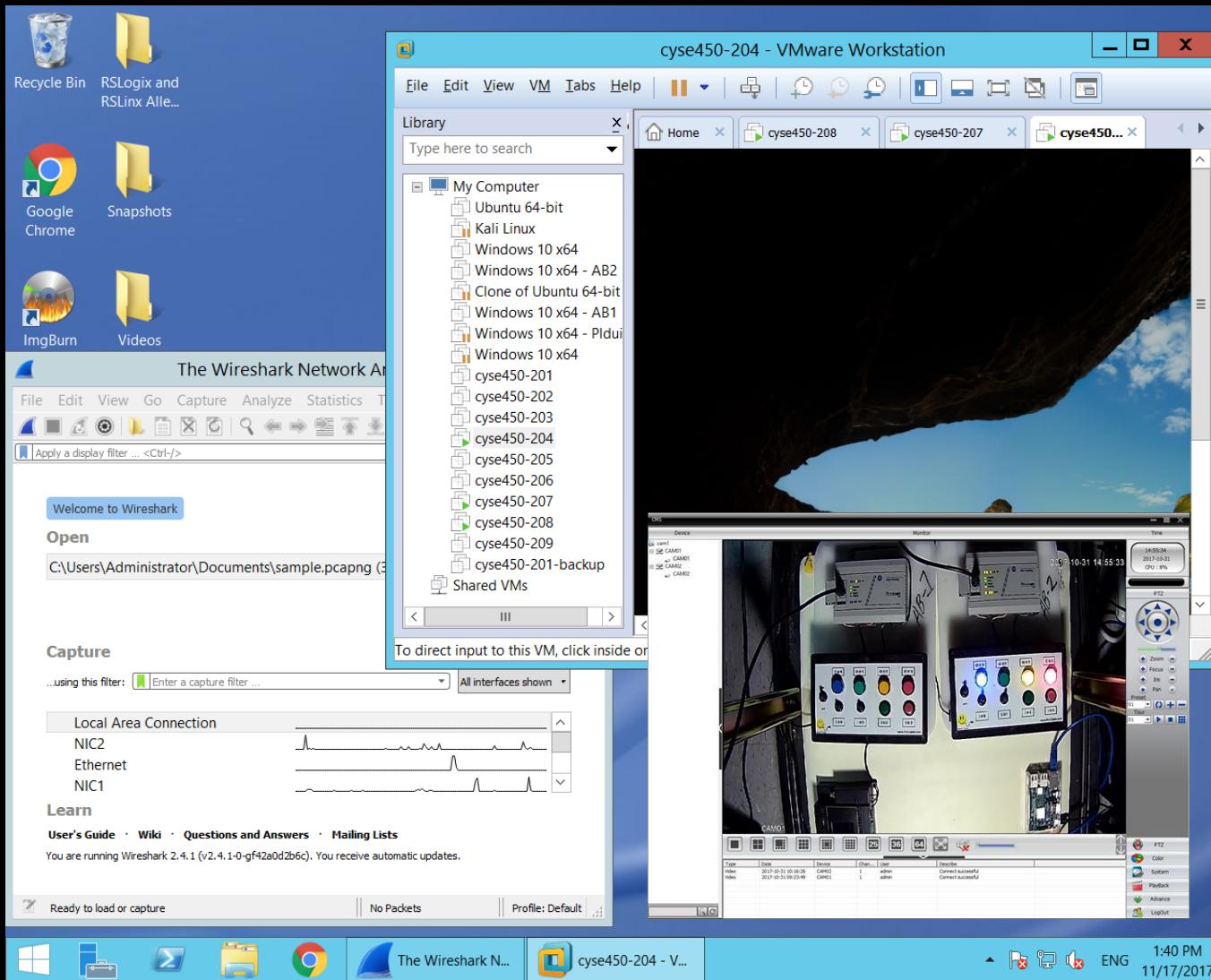
# WHY? WHAT'S THE NEED, GAP, PROBLEM?

- **Academic programs:**
  - BS Cybersecurity Engineering
  - BS/MS Computer Engineering
  - PhD Information Technology with concentration in Digital Forensics
- **Research:**
  - Attack and compromise residual digital artifacts
    - persistent storage, volatile memory, and network
- **Need:**
  - Hands-on with realistic devices and environments
- **Problem:** virtual is useful for many cases, but with PLCs...
  - fidelity for deep forensics (e.g., storage behavior)
  - physical effects (e.g., power and other faults, inputs)
- **Goal:**
  - Real, remote environment for testing attack, defense, response, and forensics on ICS components (especially PLCs vs. control workstations)
- **Funding:**
  - NSA/US Army Reserve P3i grant

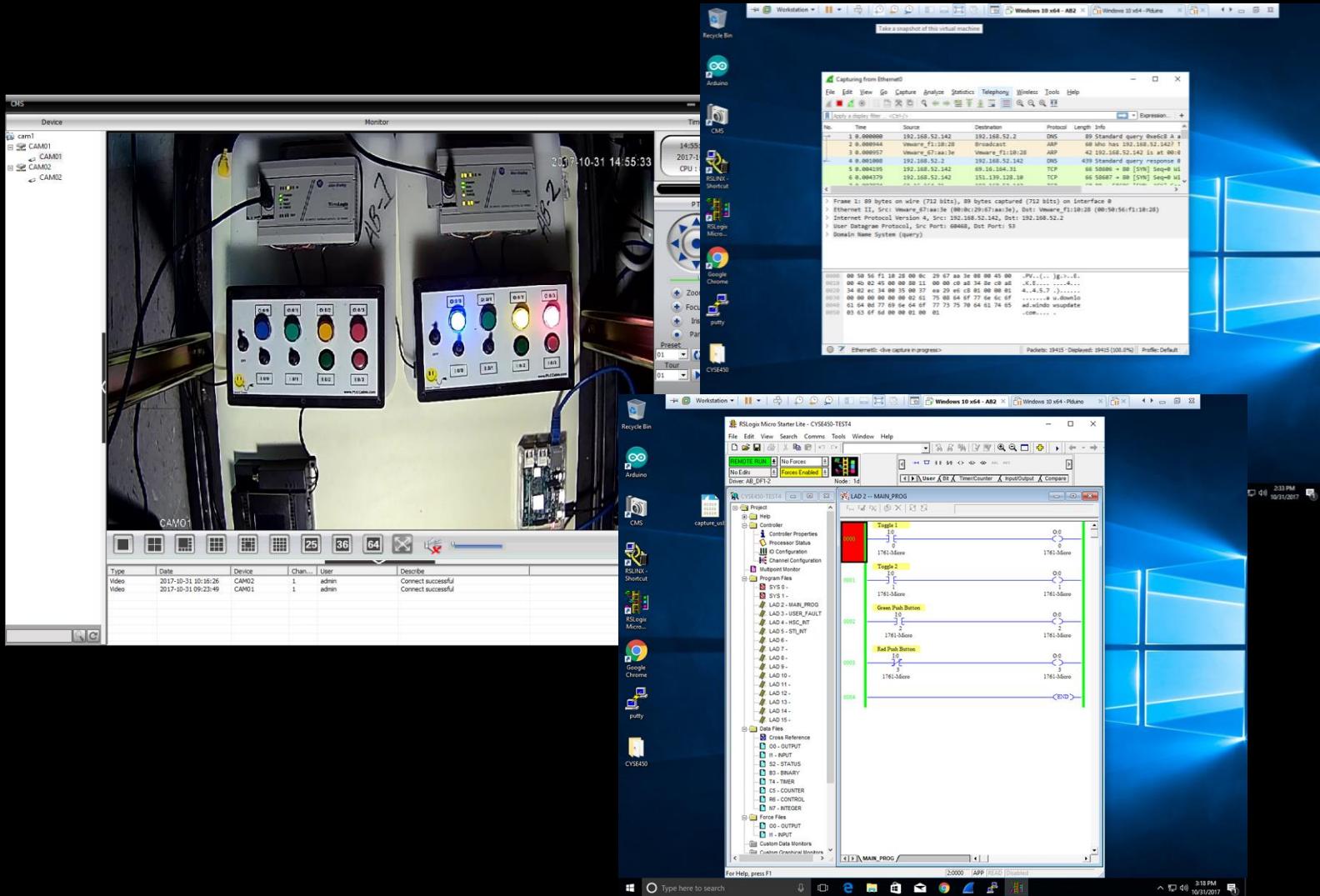
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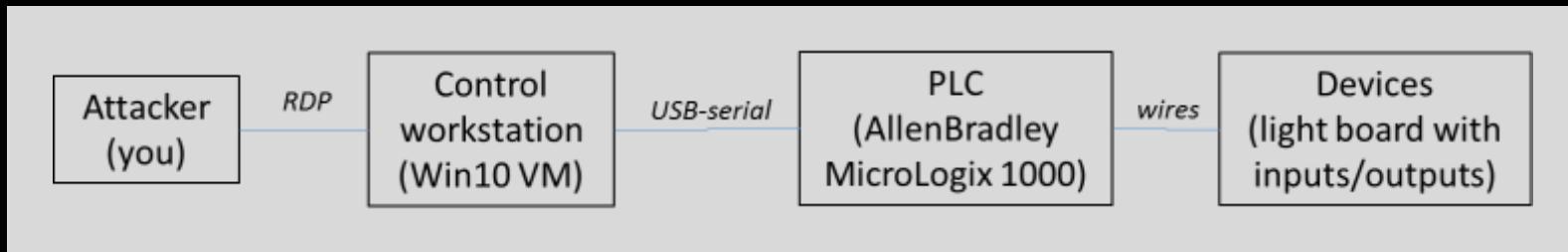
# THE ADMINISTRATOR SEES...



# THE STUDENT SEES...



# STUDENT EXERCISE (CYSE 450)



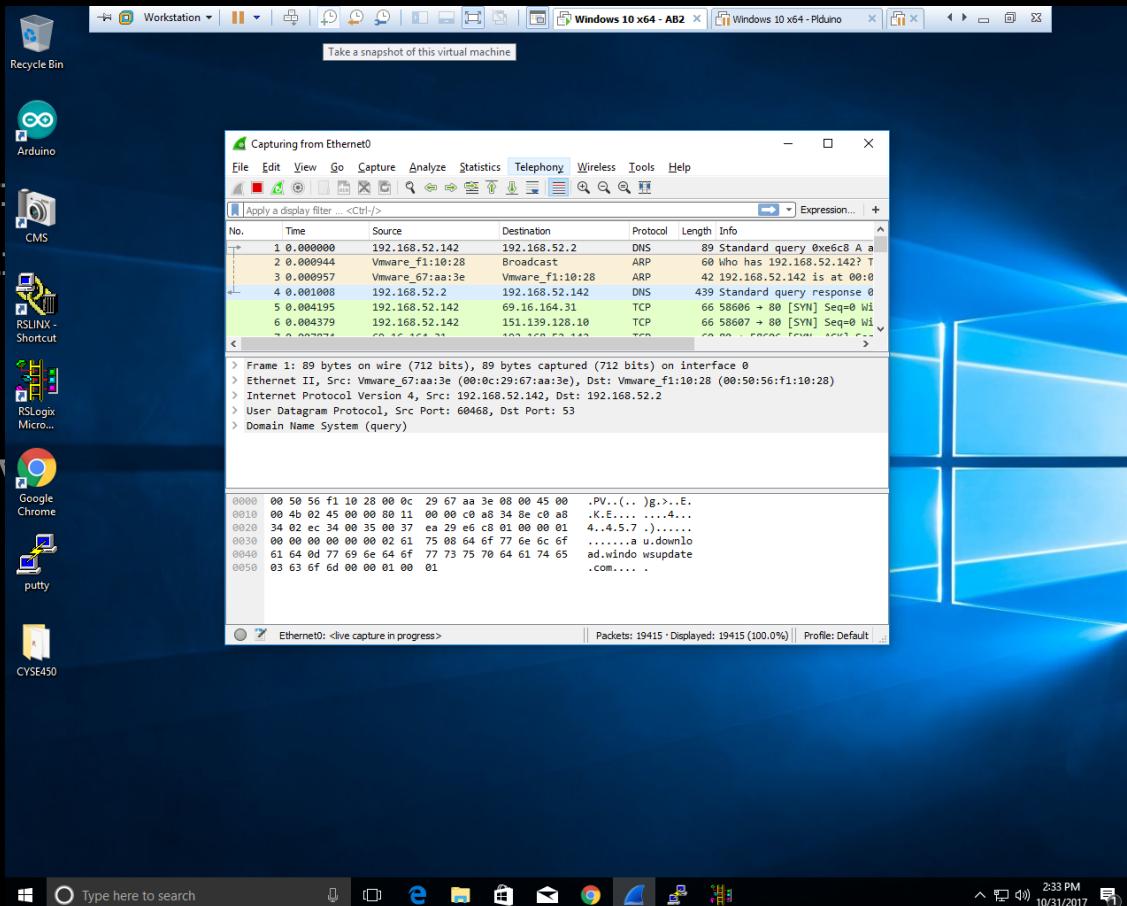
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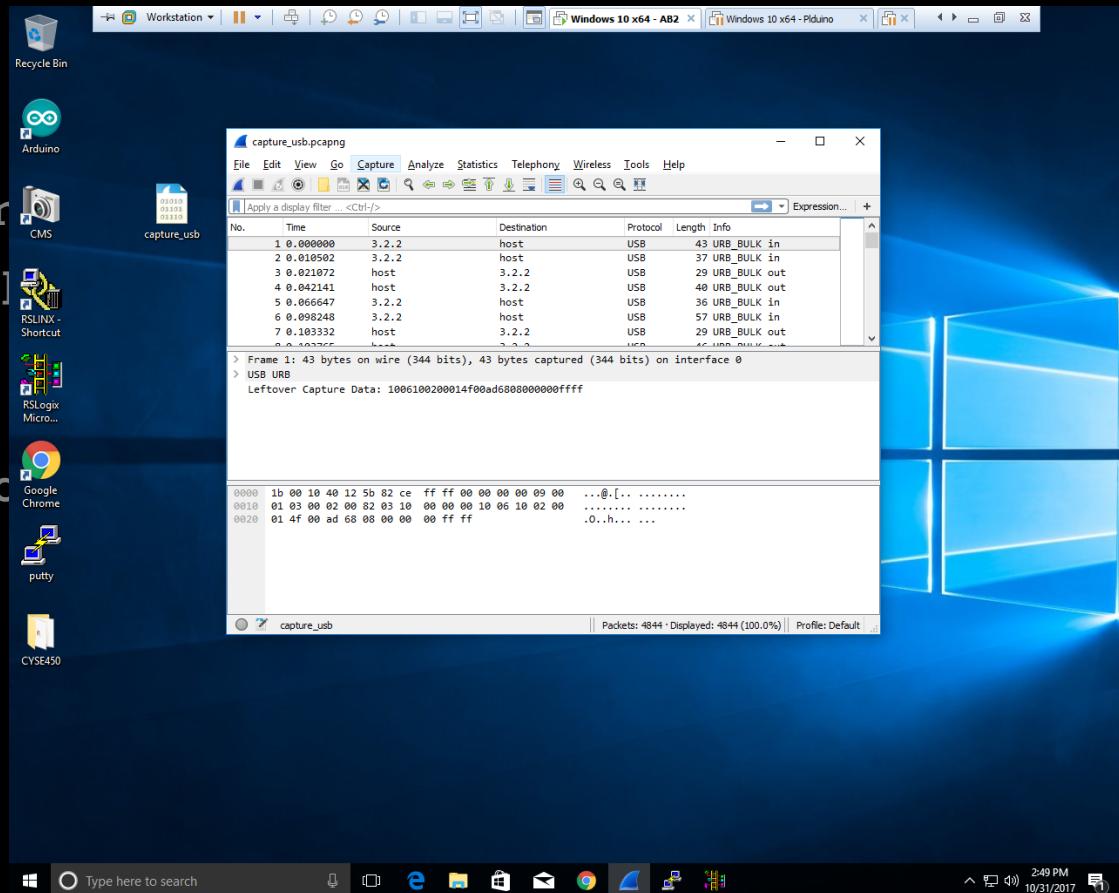
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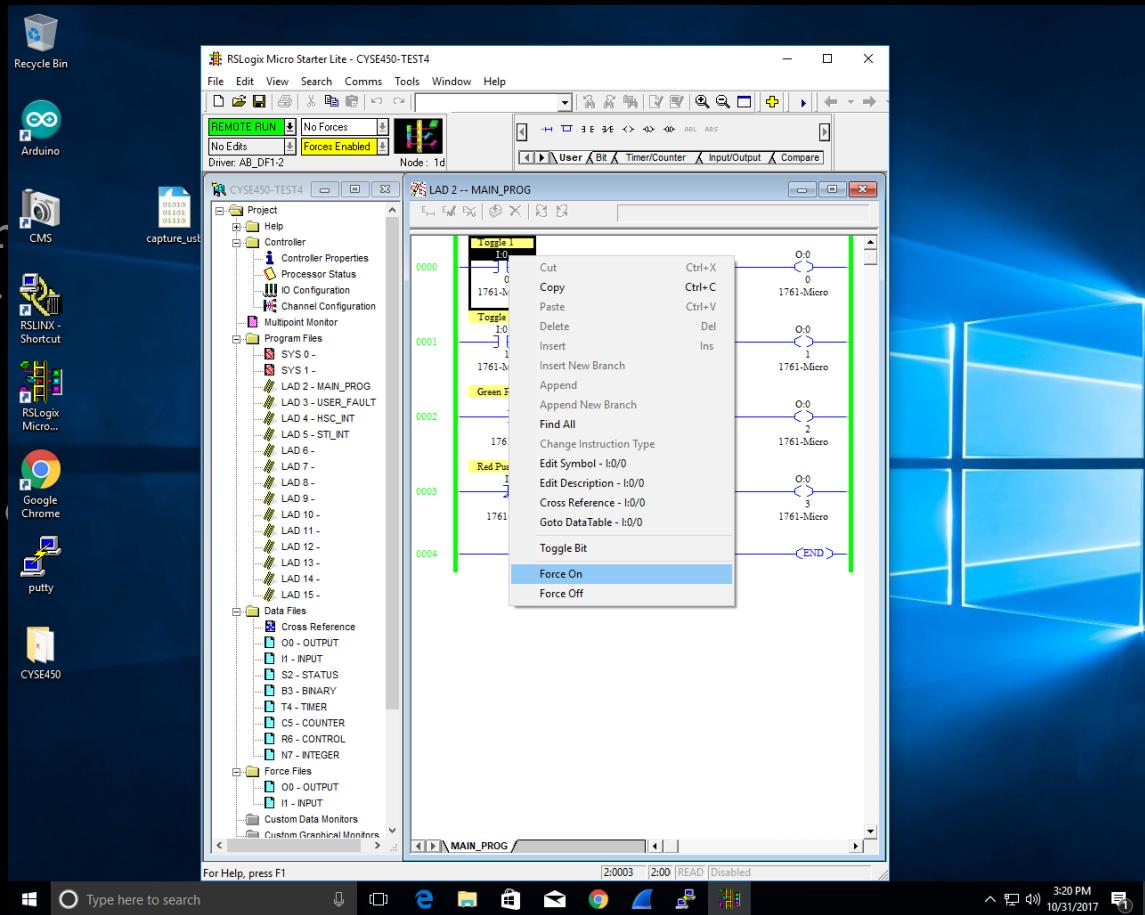
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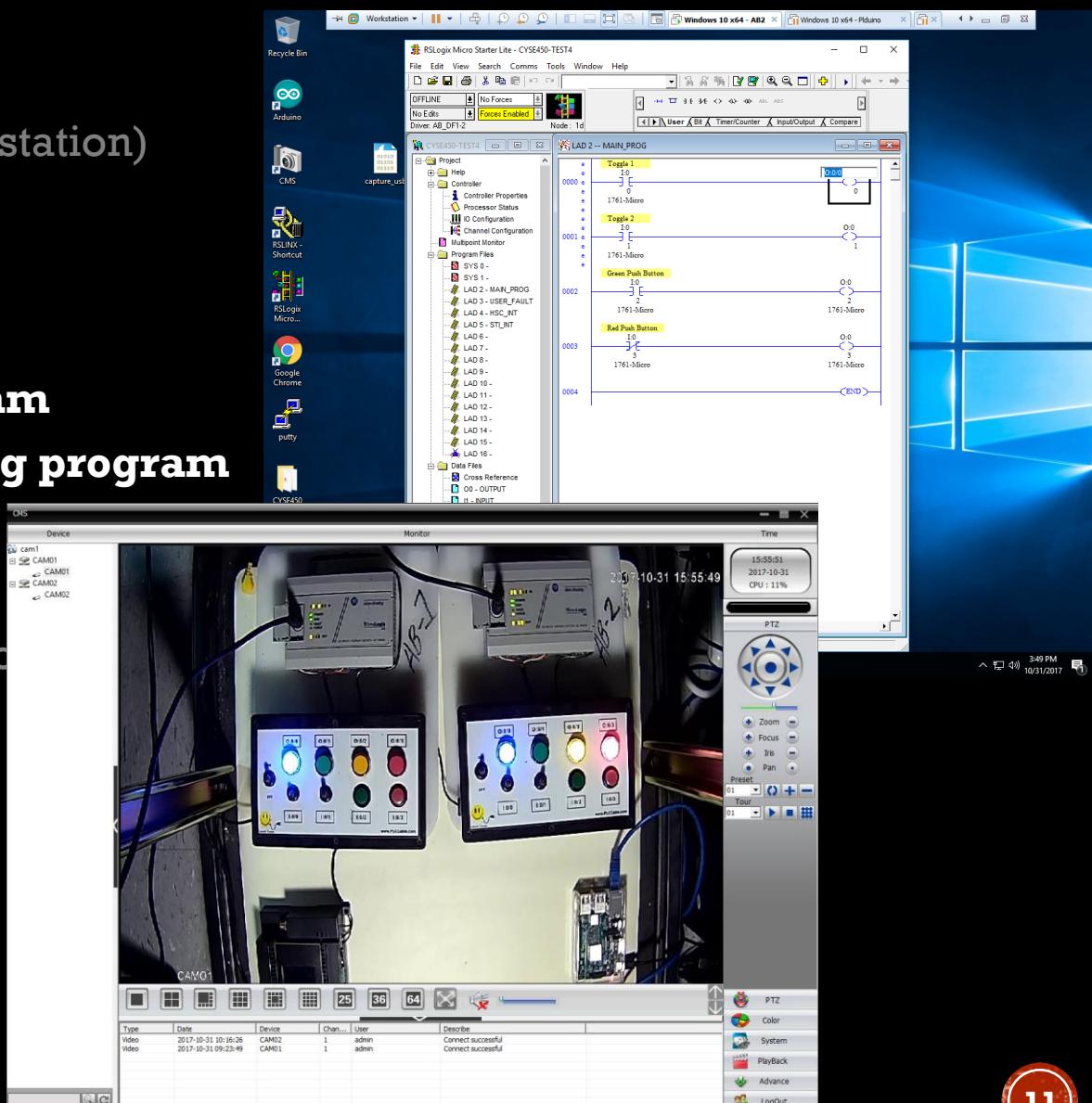
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HxD - [C:\Users\jones\Desktop\CYSE\CYSE450\1761-firmware.bin]

File Edit Search View Analysis Extras Window ?

1761-firmware.bin

Offset(h)	Hex	ASCII	Preview
00000000	4E F9 00 00 81 50 FF FF 46 57 52 4C 10 00 6E 2F	N...PyyFWRL/n	
00000010	61 00 00 00 FA 10 4D 4C 2D 31 31 30 30 20 4F 70	a...ú.ML-1100 Op	
00000020	65 72 20 53 79 73 74 65 6D 20 20 20 04 4C 00 01	er System .L..	
00000030	00 10 80 03 00 30 00 00 00 07 68 7C 00 00 F6 B3	..€.0....h ..ö³	
00000040	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
00000050	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
00000060	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
00000070	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
00000080	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
00000090	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
000000A0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
000000B0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
000000C0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
000000D0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
000000E0	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	.....	
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00000130	FF	vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv	
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000001B0	00 84 20 BC 00 1F 00 01 20 7C 40 00 00 8A 30 BC	.. ¤....   @..\$0¤	
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Offset: 0 Overwrite

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Data File S2 (hex) -- STATUS

Main
First Pass S:1/15 = No
Index Register S:2/4 = 0
Free Running Clock S:4 = 1001-1001-1011-1001
Scan Times
Maximum (x10 ms) S:2/22 = 1
Current (x10 ms) S:3 (low byte) = 0
Watchdog (x10 ms) S:3 (high byte) = 50
Math
Match Overflow Selected S:2/14 = 0
Overflow Trap S:5/0 = 0
Carry S:0/0 = 0
Overflow S:0/1 = 0
Zero Bit S:0/2 = 0
Sign Bit S:0/3 = 0
    Math Register (lo word) S:12 = 0
    Math Register (high word) S:14-S:13 = 0
    Math Register (32 Bit) S:14-S:10 = 0
Debug
Suspend Code S:7 = 0
Errors
Extend I/O Configuration S:0/8 = 0
Fault Override At Power Up S:1/8 = 0
Startup Protection Fault S:1/9 = 0
Major Error Halt S:1/13 = 0
    Major Error S:6 = 0h
Overflow Trap S:5/0 = 0
Control Register Error S:5/2 = 0
Major Error Executing User Fault Rtn. S:5/3 = 0
Retentive Data Lost S:5/8 = 0
Input Filter Selection Modified S:5/12 = 0
    Error Description:
    Major Error S:6 = 0h
STI
Pending Bit S:2/0 = 0
Enable Bit S:2/1 = 1
Executing Bit S:2/2 = 0
Overflow Bit S:5/10 = 0
Setpoint (x10ms) S:30 = 0
Protection
RUN Aways S:1/12 = No
Deny Future Access S:1/14 = No
Forces
Forces Enabled S:1/5 = Yes
Forces Installed S:1/6 = No
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Data File I1 (bin) -- INPUT																
Offset	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
I:0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
I:0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Bul.1761

MicroLogix 1000 DH-485/HDSLave

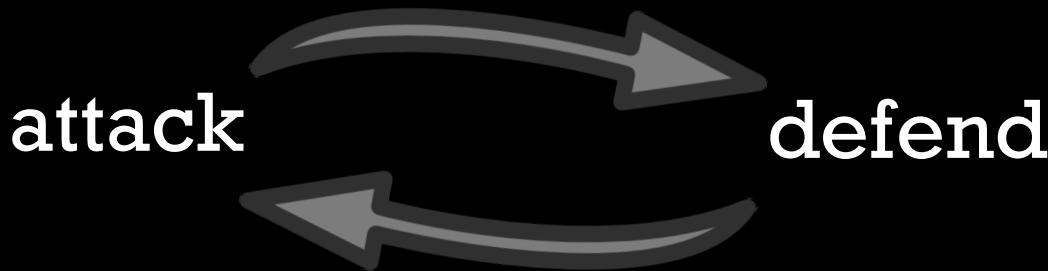
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# RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS

## RESULTS:

- Minimal problems walking through guided portion of lab
  - Exposure to PLCs, ladder logic
- Applied existing skills analyzing network, code, firmware, memory
- Offense and defense:
  - ideas from lab and open sources
  - applied iterative security assessment model

## NEXT STEPS:

- Additional hardware (more PLCs)
- Additional exercises (attack and manipulation; forensics)
- More instrumentation
- Sequential memory snapshot analysis under adversarial activity

# QUESTIONS?

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