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TRITON: How It Disrupted Safety Systems and Changed the Threat Landscape of Industrial Control Systems, Forever

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Line-up

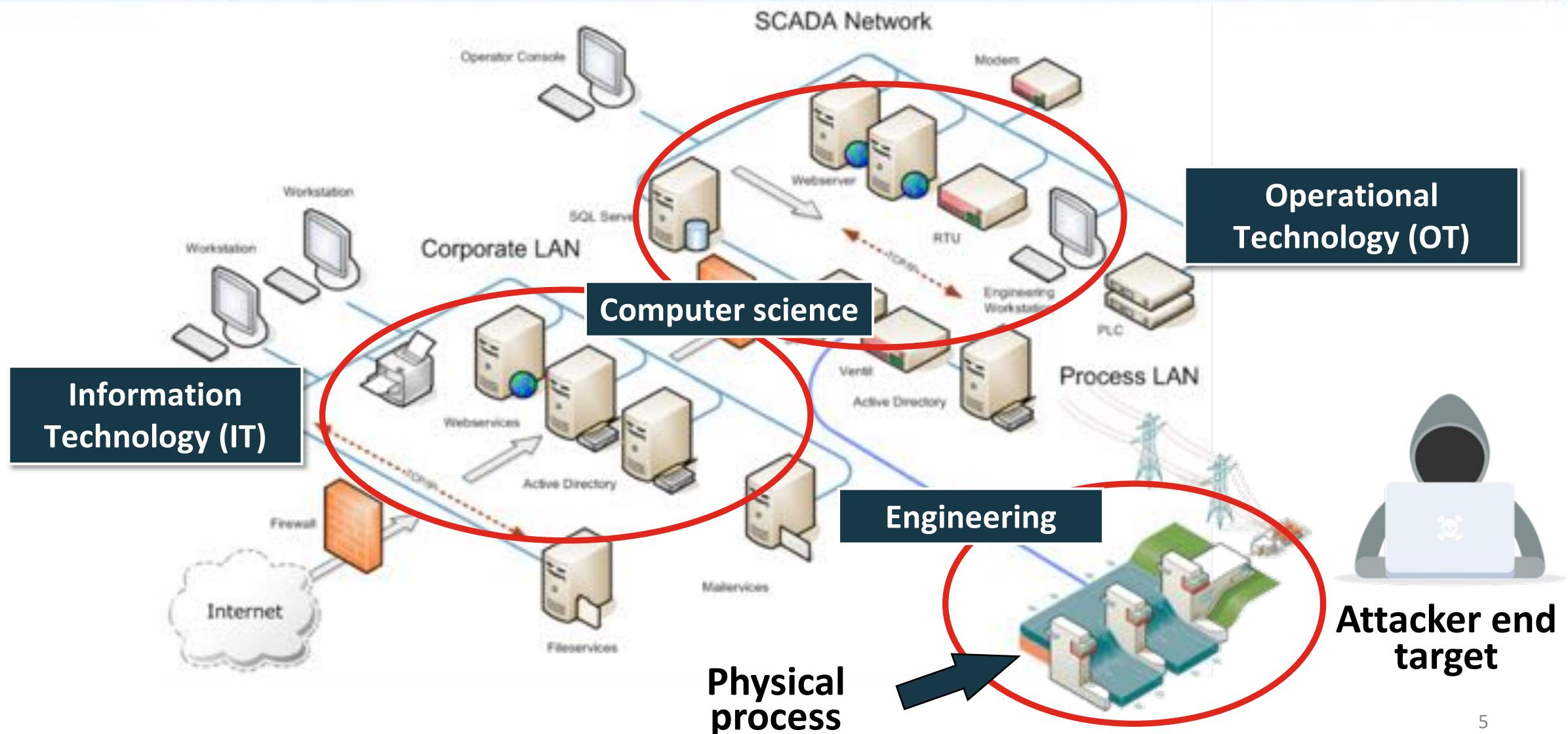
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- Introduction
- Turning an ‘Undocumented Device’ into Malicious Code
- Analysis of the TRITON Modules
- DEMO: TRITON in Action
 - And how to detect it (free toolset on Github)
- Discussion and Closing Remarks



Introduction to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) & Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS)

Industrial Control System (ICS)



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Industrial Control System (ICS)

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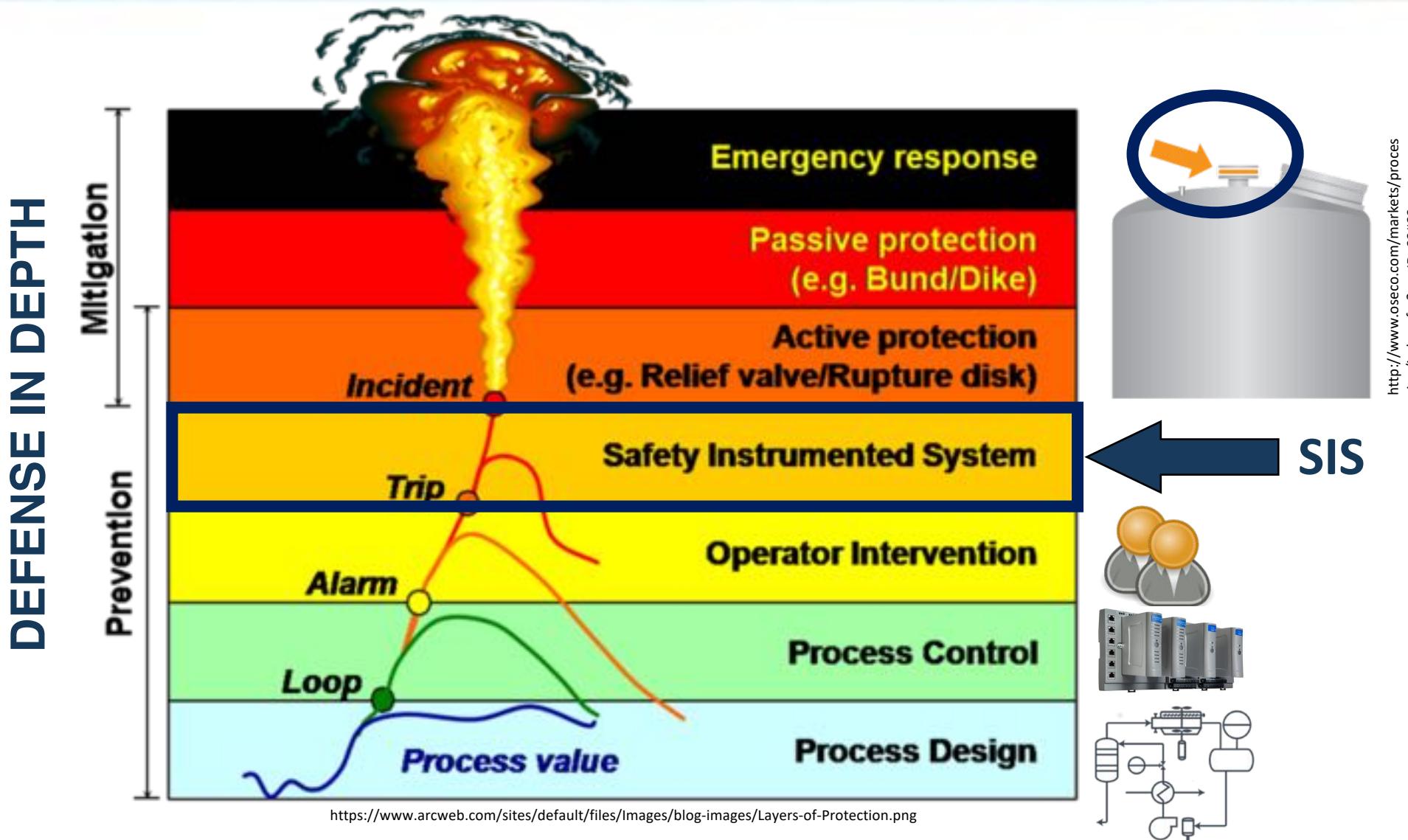
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Hazards and Layers of Protection

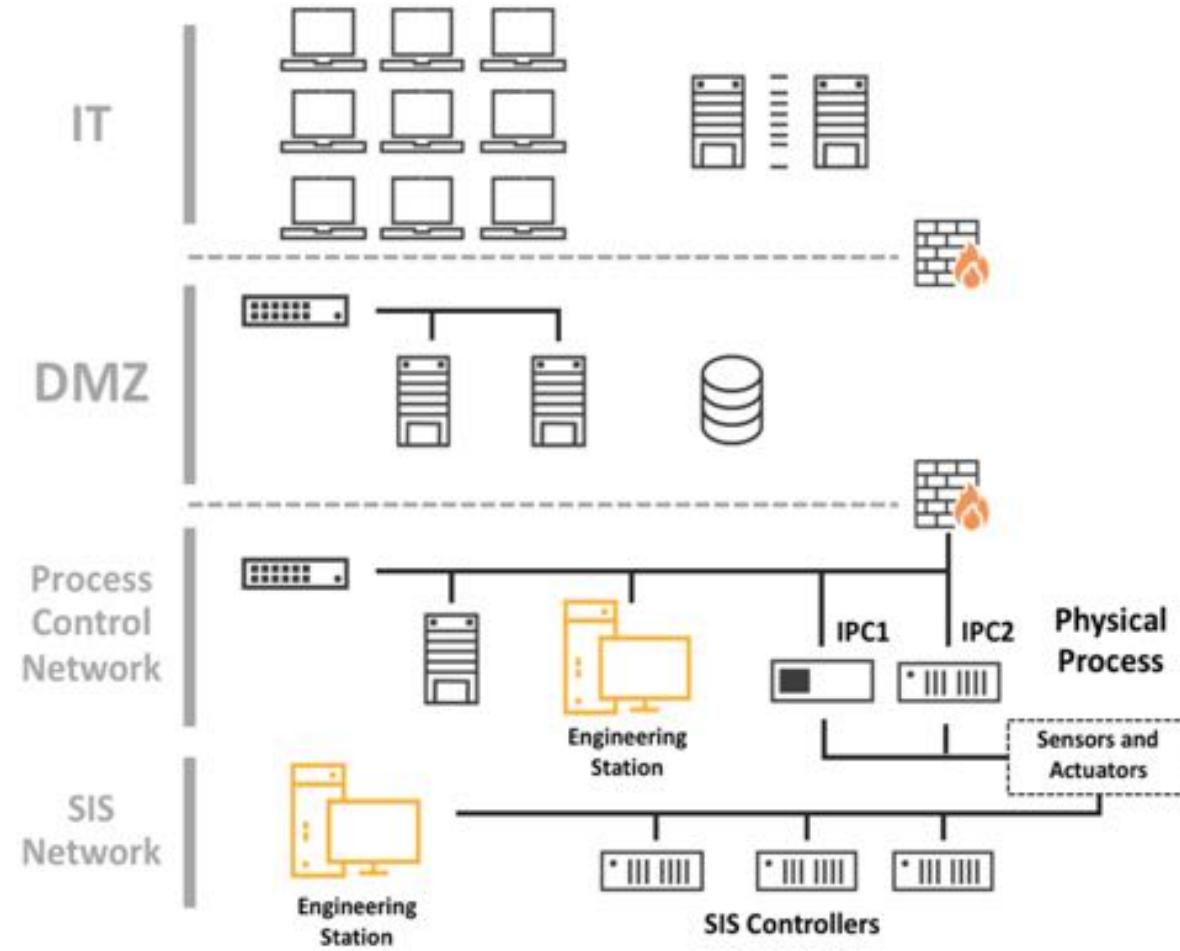


Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS)

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- Modern SIS are software-based systems
- **Best practices recommend to run SIS on a dedicated and isolated network**
- SIS is sometimes connected to the Process Control Network for data exchange, ease of maintenance, convenience, lower costs considerations, etc.
- Using **multi-vendors** in this critical layer increase the risk

An attack on a safety system can cause the **MOST DAMAGING** outcome of a cyber-physical attack



The Milestone TRITON Security Incident

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

TECH

New Type of Cyberattack Targets Factory Safety Systems

Malicious software Triton was able to manipulate Schneider Electric devices' memory and run unauthorized programs by leveraging a previously unknown bug

Industrial safety systems targeted by Triton malware meant to cause 'physical consequences': Reports

The Washington Times

WIRED

ANDY GREENBERG SECURITY 12.14.17 10:00 AM

UNPRECEDENTED MALWARE TARGETS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SYSTEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Hackers use Triton malware to shut down plant, industrial systems

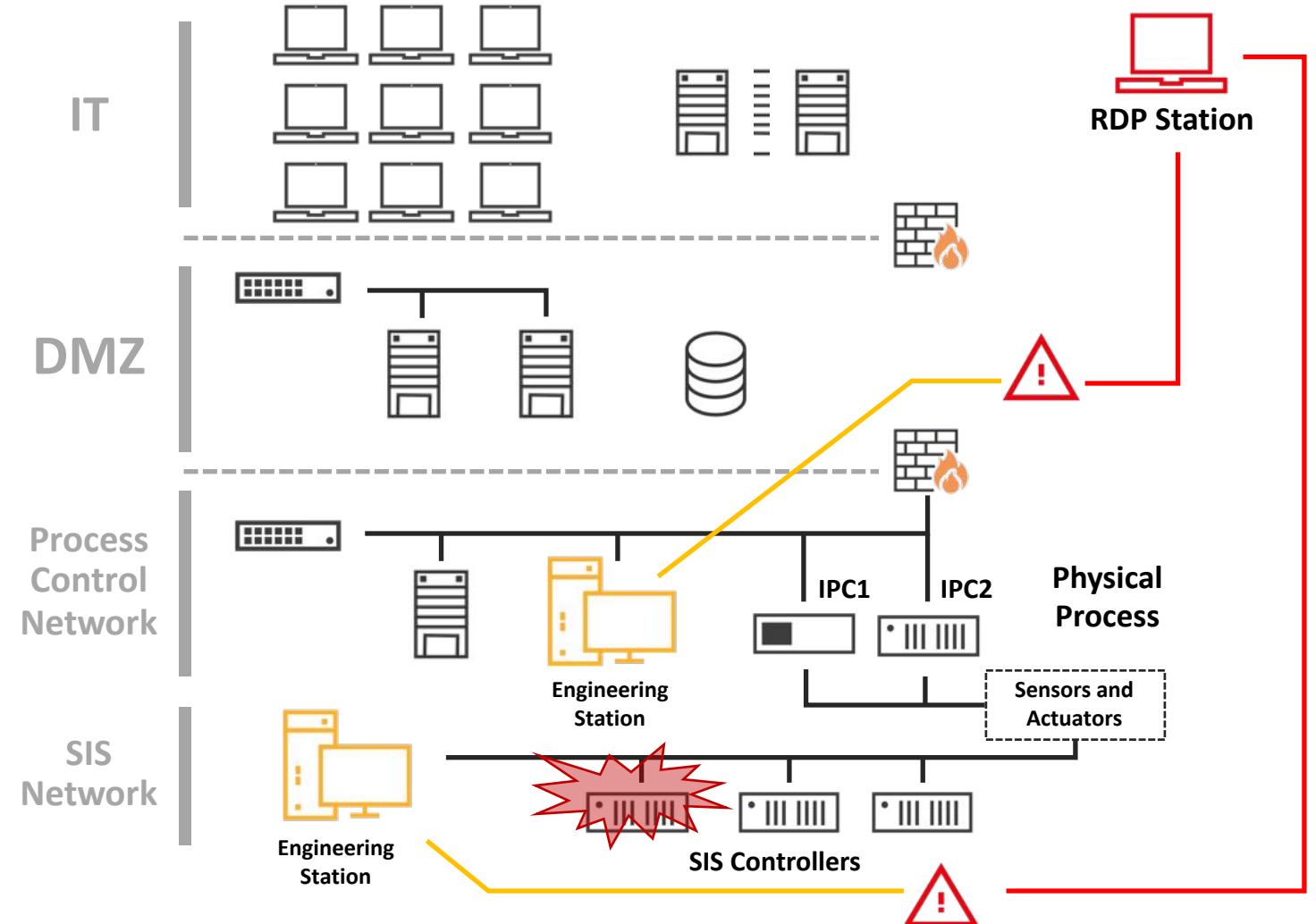
The malware has been designed to target industrial systems and critical infrastructure.



By Charlie Osborne for Zero Day | December 15, 2017 -- 09:54 GMT (01:54 PST) | Topic: Security

ZDNet

TRITON Attack: Overview



Attacker obtained
remote access to SIS
workstation

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TRITON Payload: Overview

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Attacker attempted to inject passive backdoor/remote access trojan into industrial safety controller

- Read arbitrary memory
- Write into memory
- Execute arbitrary code

Eng. Workstation

trilog.exe

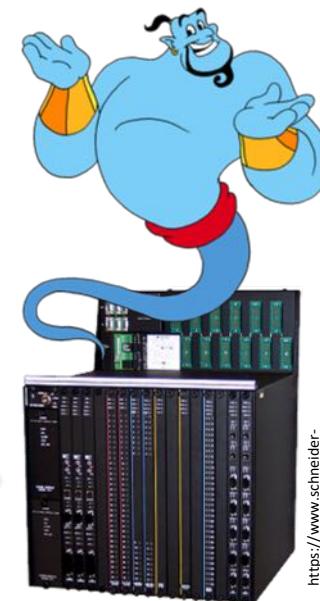
- script_test.py
- library.zip
- inject.bin
- imain.bin



TriStation protocol

imain.bin + inject.bin

“Your wish is my command”



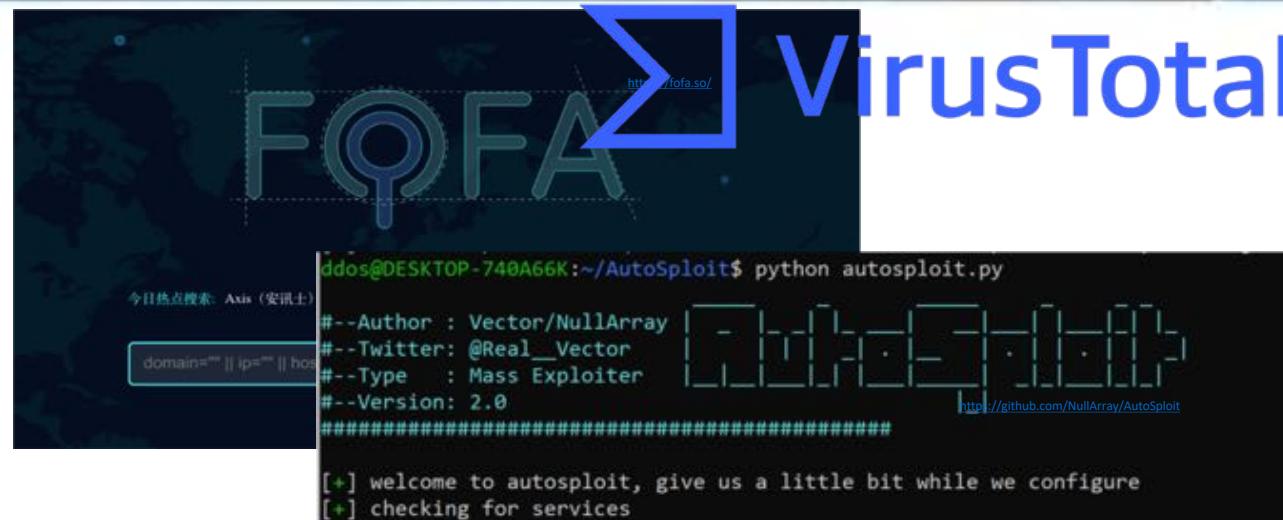
ICS Exploitation is No Longer for Elite

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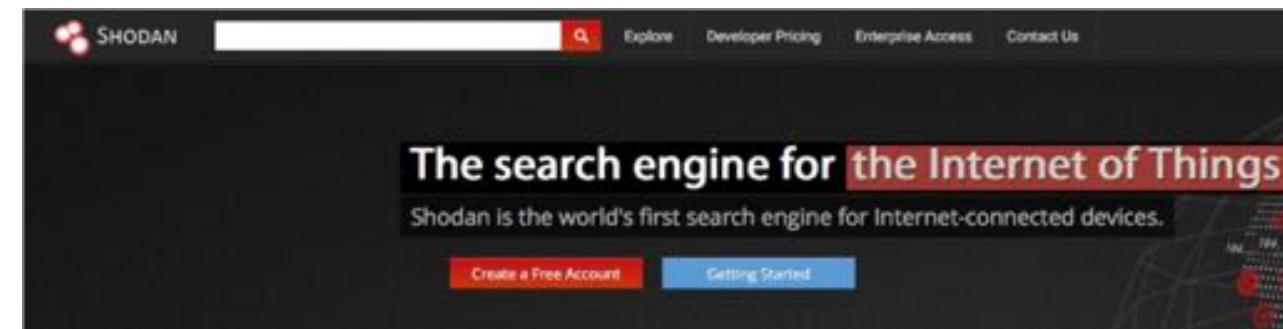
The barriers for advanced ICS hacking have been surprisingly lowered!

Dedicated tools and information on the wire make the life of an hacker much easier:

- Increased connectivity with IT networks and Internet has greatly increased the attack surface
 - Shodan my friend ...
- Advanced exploitation tools, frameworks and malware samples are «easy» to access
- ICS equipment and documentation are «easy» to procure/get
- Number of published ICS device vulnerabilities is growing, with slow implementation of countermeasures



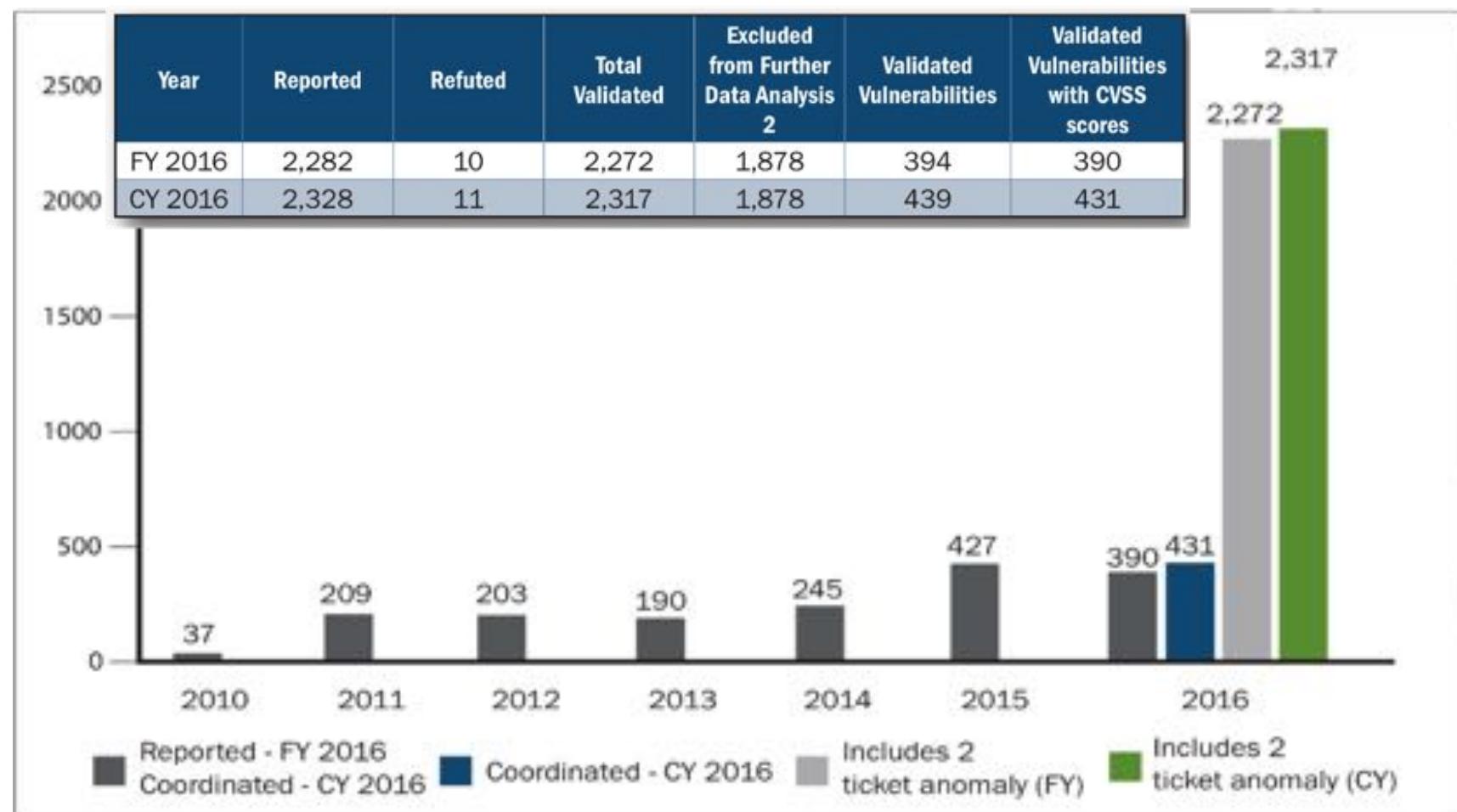
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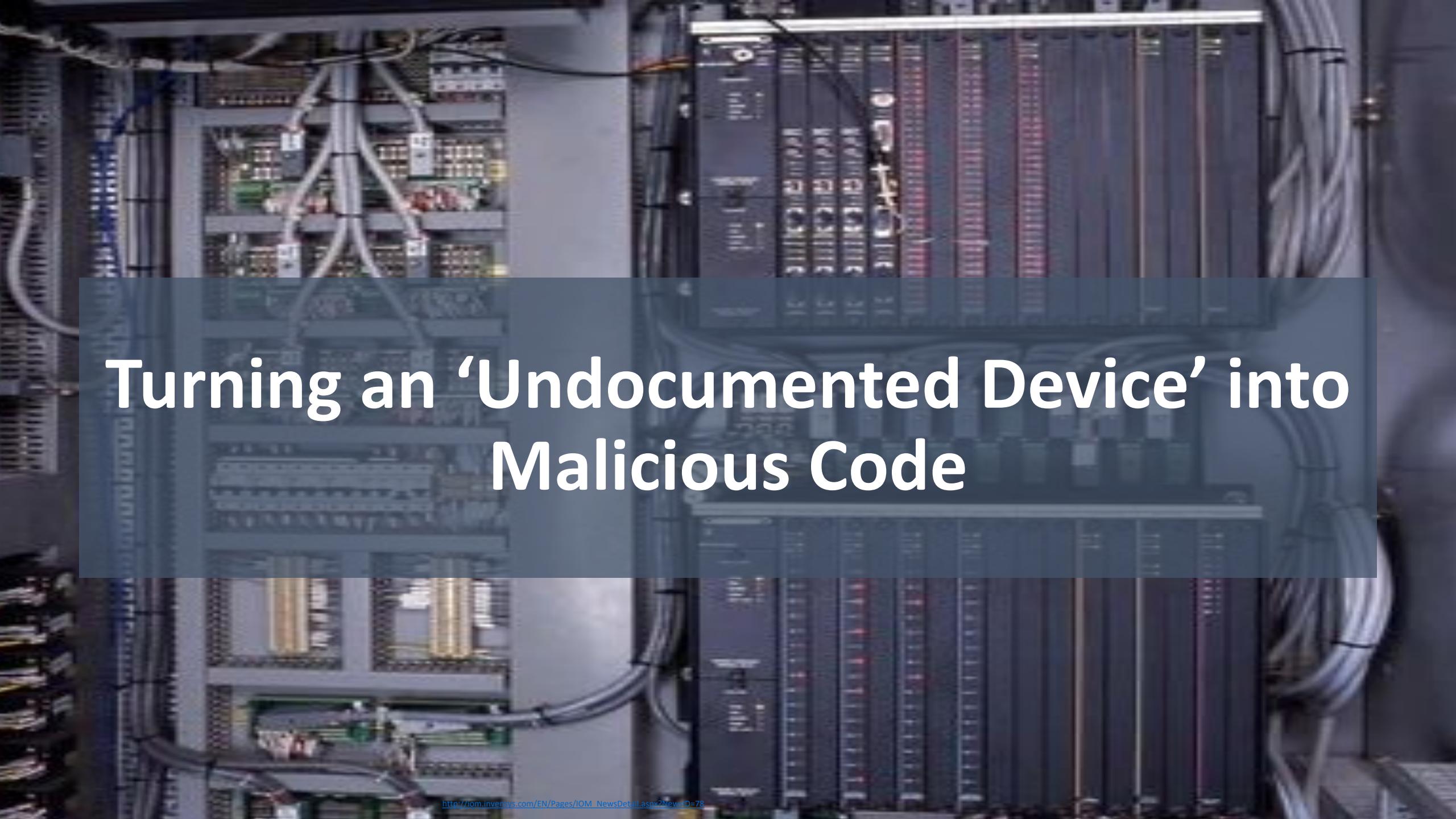


ICS is under Fire!

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Number of published ICS device vulnerabilities keeps growing!





Turning an ‘Undocumented Device’ into Malicious Code

What Does a Bad Guy Have to Do to Build an Attack like TRITON?

1

Gather Intelligence

- Collect as much information as possible
- Gain a ‘documented view’ of the target

2

Build a shopping list

- Documentation
- Engineering tool-set
- Firmware
- Controller

3

RE of Engineering Software

- Collect information by reverse engineering the engineering software

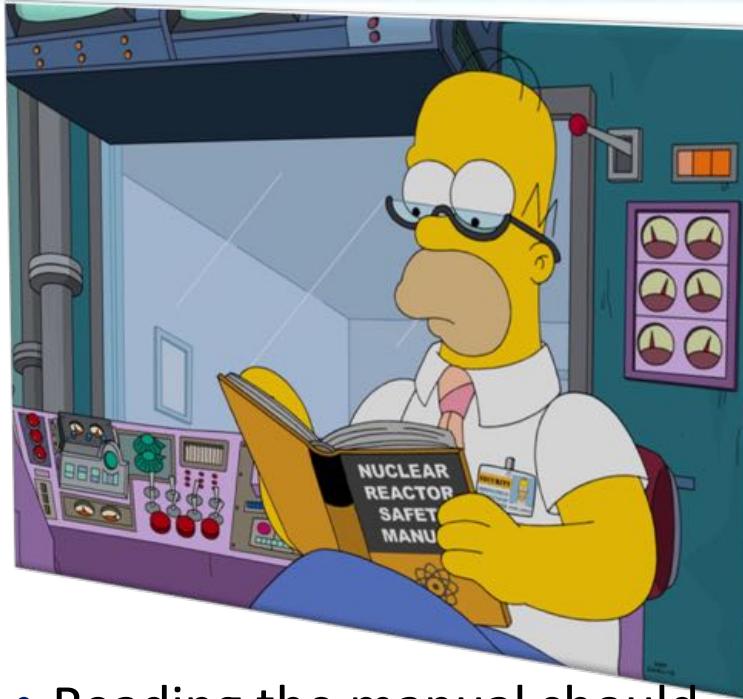
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RE of TriStation Protocol

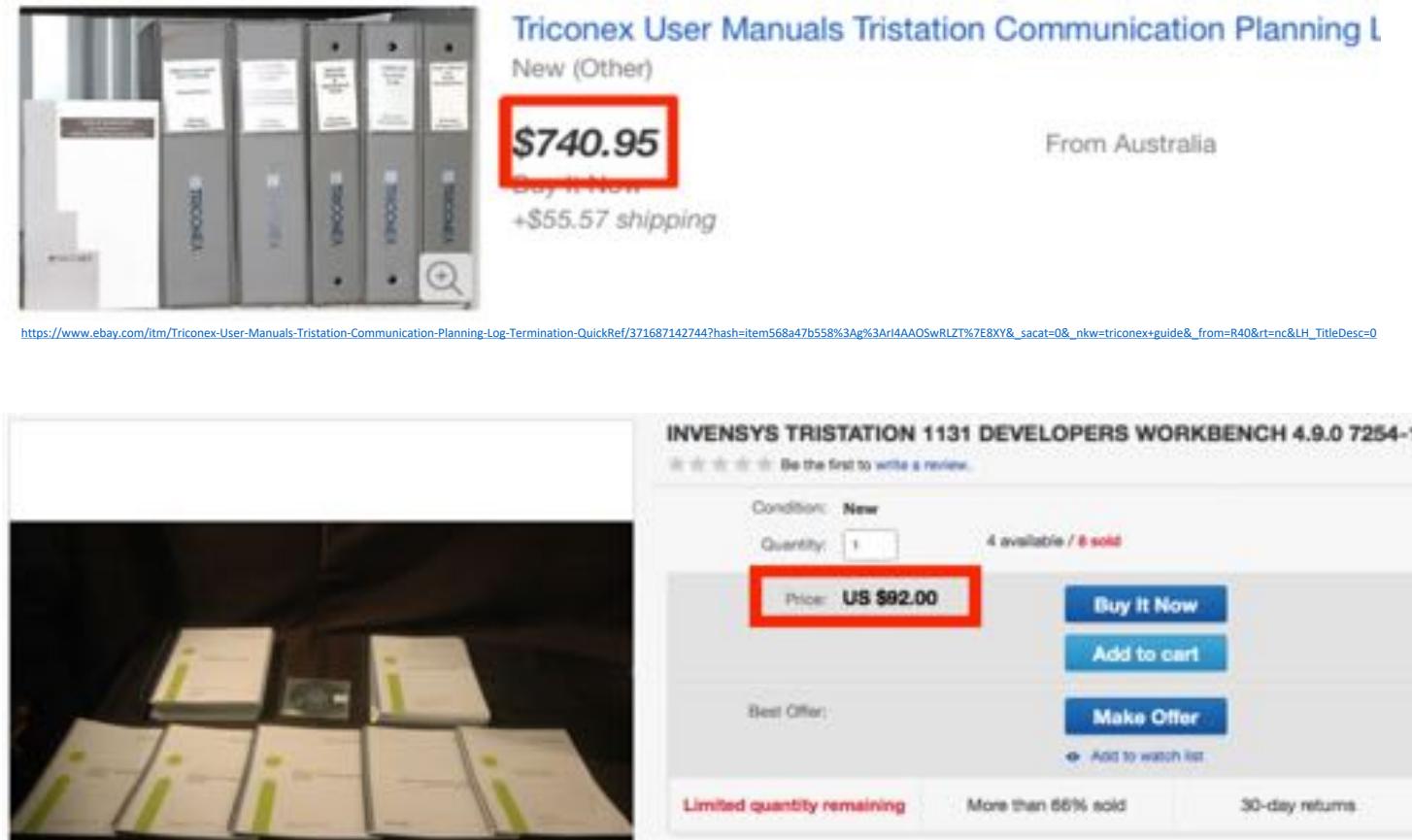
- Be able to talk and understand the protocol of the target system is crucial



Gather Intelligence



- Reading the manual should always be the first thing To Do
- Manual can be easily found online on auction platforms, some websites or p2p sharing



The image shows two eBay product listings side-by-side.

Top Listing: Triconex User Manuals Tristation Communication Planning Log-Termination-QuickRef. The price is \$740.95, with an additional \$55.57 shipping. The item is new (other) and from Australia. A red box highlights the price of \$740.95.

Bottom Listing: INVENSYS TRISTATION 1131 DEVELOPERS WORKBENCH 4.9.0 7254-14. The price is US \$92.00. There are 4 available / 8 sold. A red box highlights the price of US \$92.00.

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Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: Documentation

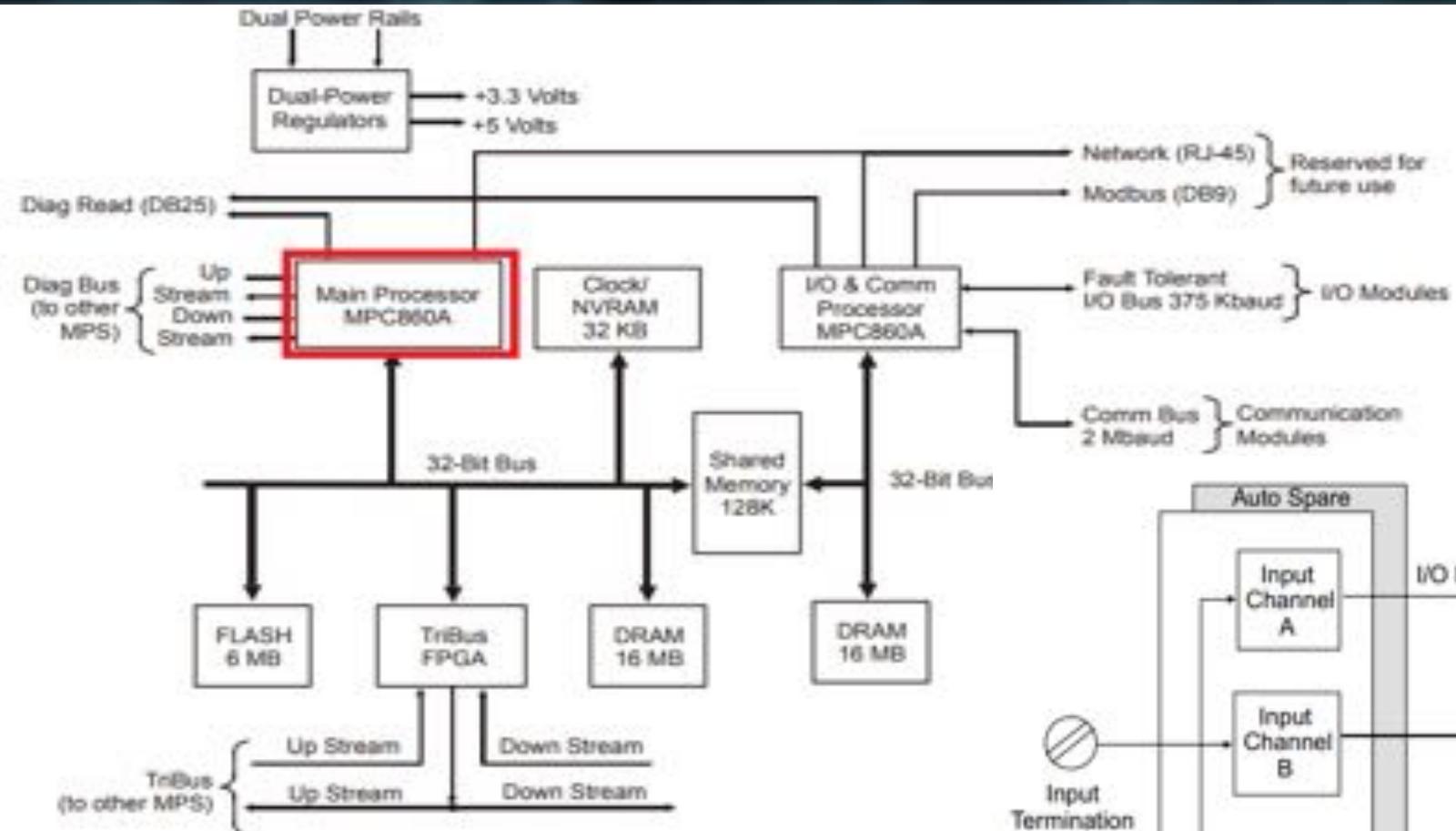


Figure 3 Architecture of a Model 3008 Main Processor

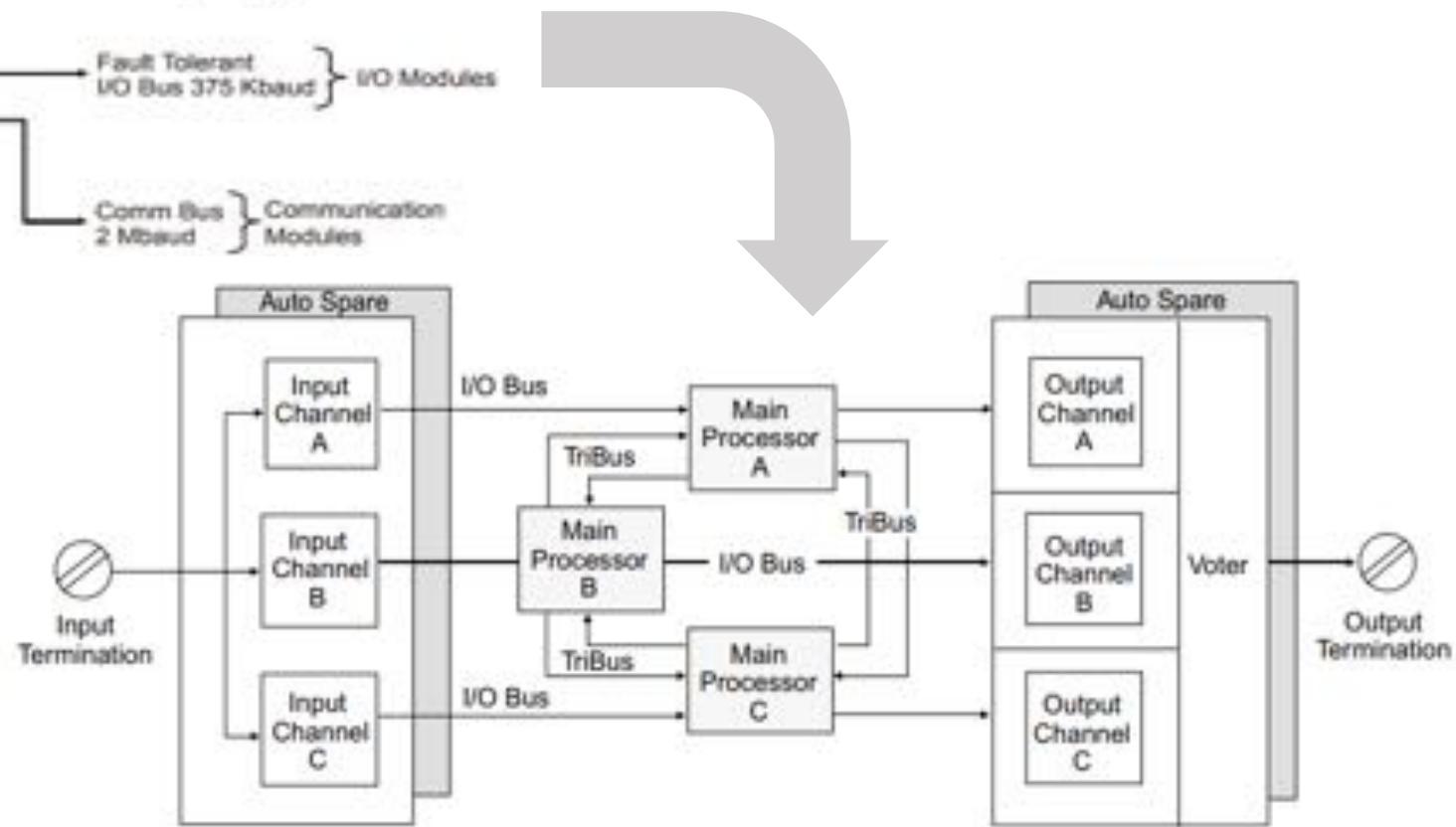


Figure 2 Triplicated Architecture of the Tricon Controller

Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: Engineering toolset



- **Directly from vendor website**
 - Asking the right people the right questions ☺



- **Asset owners**
 - Operations and security staff are our friends - and the best sources of information
- **Surf the Web and you'll find interesting stuff**
 - Installation CDs sold on e-commerce
 - Loose executable & archives drifting on forums
 - Open directories, FTP servers, etc.



You can pay for it or ask nicely.....

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https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:LinkedIn_Logo.svg

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Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: Triconex Engineering Software

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The image shows a Windows file explorer window with two main sections. The top section shows a folder named 'Tristation 1131' containing 'InTouch10.1', 'licence', and 'TS1131v4.9.0-CEMPLE'. The bottom section shows a folder named 'Enhanced Diagnostic Monitor v2.2' containing various DLL files like 'TriconFM.chm', 'trlevn40.dll', 'tricom40.dll', 'LAGCOM40.dll', 'PWMTR1.dll', 'FWMDE.exe', and 'FWMCORE.dll'. To the right of the file explorer is a product listing for 'Tristation 1131 4.1软件' (Software). The listing includes the price of ¥20.00 (约 USD 3.17), a quantity selector set to 1, and a note that there are 993 pieces in stock. It also features two buttons: '立即购买' (Buy Now) and '加入购物车' (Add to Cart). Below the buttons are payment method icons for JCB, VISA, Visa, and MasterCard. A red arrow points from the original price of ¥20.00 down to the corrected price of 3 USD.

Tristation 1131 4.1软件

价格 **¥20.00** 约 USD 3.17

0 1 累计评论 交易成功

配送 天津至全国 快速免运费 24小时内发货

数量 - 1 + 件(库存993件)

立即购买 加入购物车

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Here's the **PROBLEM...**



- Understanding the logic running inside the gear
- Extracting the firmware without bricking the hardware

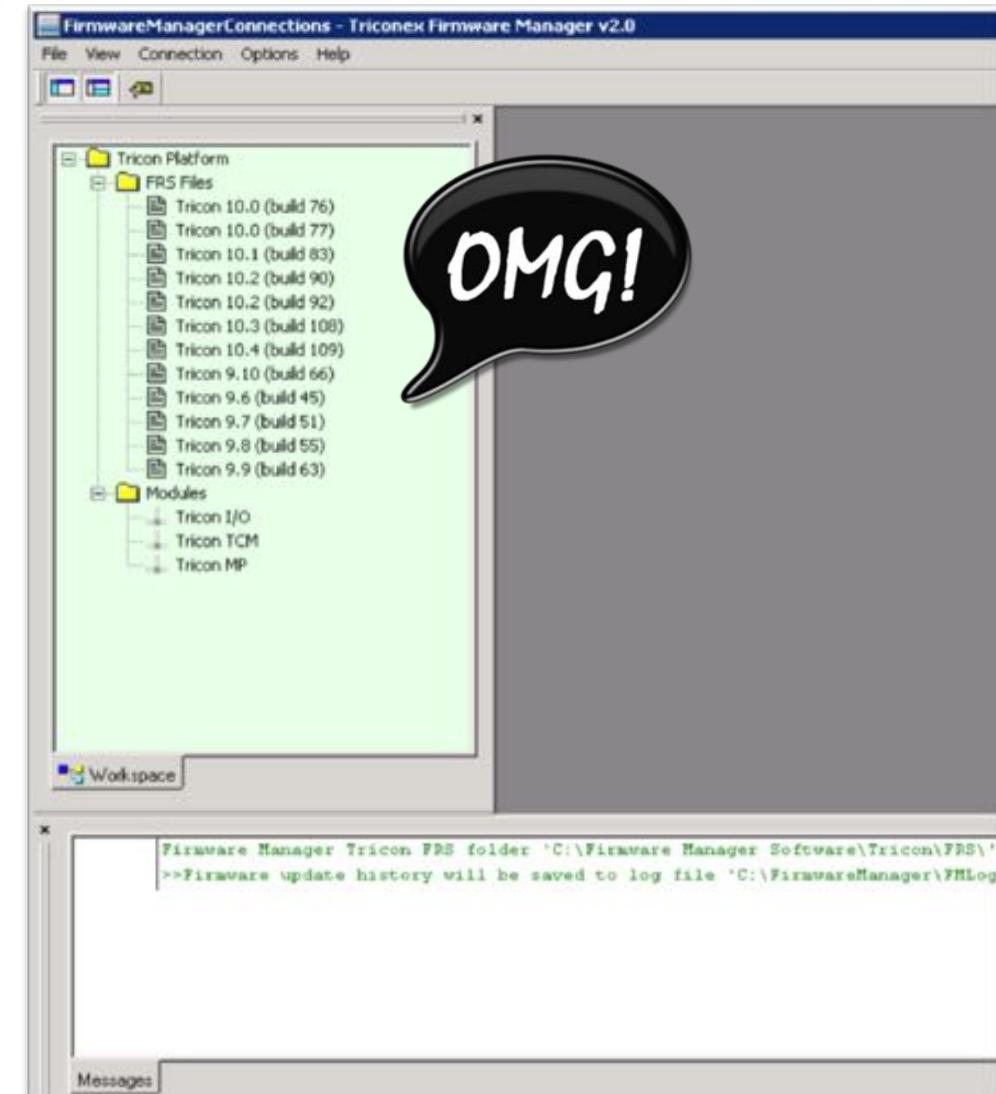
... the quicker the better ...

Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: Firmware

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Try Harder.

- Triconex firmware manager v2.0
 - Just really hard to find out there
 - **Contains all the fw versions!**



Number of bricked MP: 0

Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: The Controller (Hardware)



- **Alert: most ICS equipment is very expensive**
 - Go for it only if you have “money in your pocket”: approx. \$5-10K
 - You might want/need spares for teardown & in case you brick it
- **Directly from the vendor marketplace**
 - Not the cheapest way; must be a legitimate buyer
- **Try eBay / Alibaba**
 - Look for components, used devices or new ones with warranty. Keep in mind the compatibility issues: put together enough to make it work!



You're not gonna find this stuff at a yard sale or in the corner store.

Buy or Obtain the Right Instruments: The Controller (Hardware)

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TRICONEX 3008 MODULE Tricon

Pre-Owned

\$1,850.00

or Best Offer

+\$122.00 shipping

Free Returns



Triconex 7400027-100 Rack / Chassis Low

Pre-Owned

\$1,595.00

or Best Offer

+\$850.59 shipping

Free Returns

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Triconex Communication Module NCM 4329 Free 1 year Warranty & Free Shipping!

New (Other)

\$3,979.77

or Best Offer



[NEW TRICONEX POWER MODULE 120VAC](#) [MODEL# 8310](#)

New (Other)

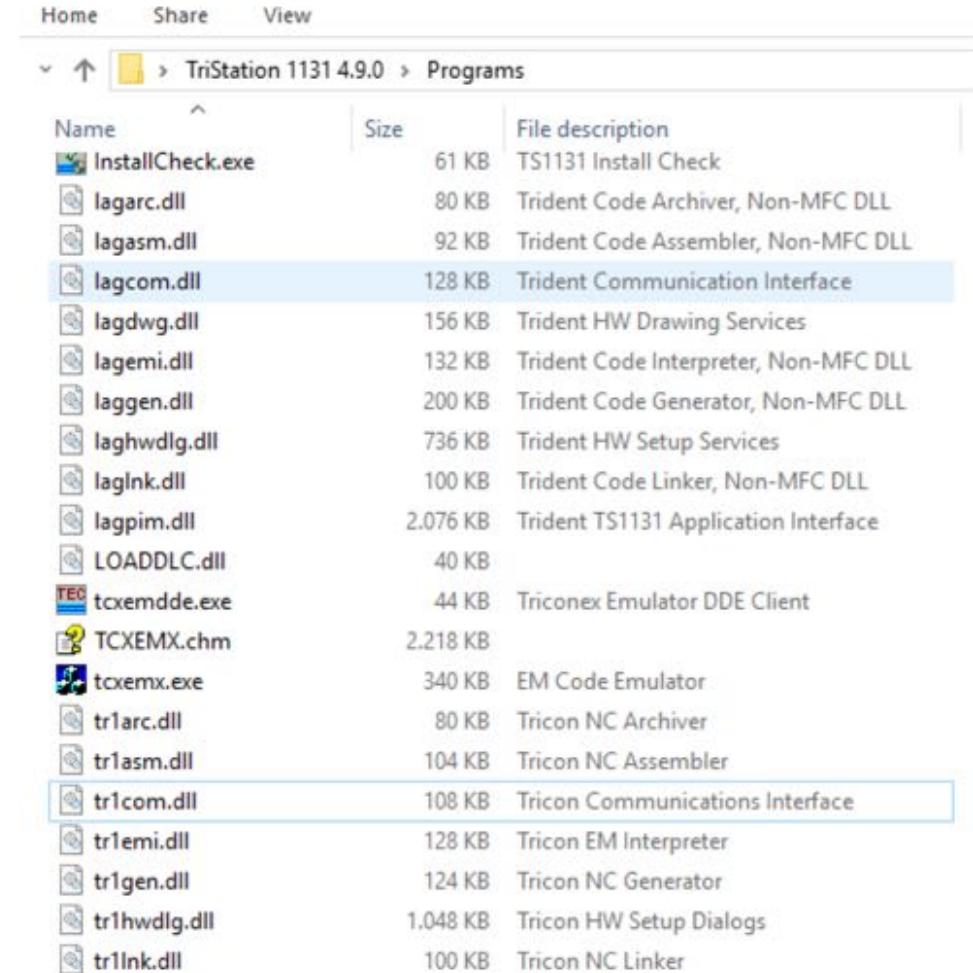
\$1,612.80

or Best Offer

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2 new & refurbished from \$1,612.80

- **TriStation 1131 v4.9.0 (build 117):**
 - A gold mine for the bad guys!
 - Contains all the information needed to interact with the controller
- **RE can be awesome!**
 - Learn protocol structure & error codes & juicy stuff



Name	Size	File description
InstallCheck.exe	61 KB	TS1131 Install Check
lagarc.dll	80 KB	Trident Code Archiver, Non-MFC DLL
lagasm.dll	92 KB	Trident Code Assembler, Non-MFC DLL
lagcom.dll	128 KB	Trident Communication Interface
lagdwg.dll	156 KB	Trident HW Drawing Services
lagemi.dll	132 KB	Trident Code Interpreter, Non-MFC DLL
laggen.dll	200 KB	Trident Code Generator, Non-MFC DLL
laghwdlg.dll	736 KB	Trident HW Setup Services
lagInk.dll	100 KB	Trident Code Linker, Non-MFC DLL
lagpim.dll	2.076 KB	Trident TS1131 Application Interface
LOADDLC.dll	40 KB	
TCXEMDDE.exe	44 KB	Triconex Emulator DDE Client
TCXEMX.chm	2.218 KB	
tcxemx.exe	340 KB	EM Code Emulator
tr1arc.dll	80 KB	Tricon NC Archiver
tr1asm.dll	104 KB	Tricon NC Assembler
tr1com.dll	108 KB	Tricon Communications Interface
tr1emi.dll	128 KB	Tricon EM Interpreter
tr1gen.dll	124 KB	Tricon NC Generator
tr1hwdlg.dll	1.048 KB	Tricon HW Setup Dialogs
tr1Ink.dll	100 KB	Tricon NC Linker

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TR1HWDEF.HWD

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00 07 00 01 00 01 00 02 00 02 00 03 00 03 00 04
00 04 00 05 00 05 00 06 00 06 00 07 00 07 00 4D
80 07 00 07 00 08 44 49 20 3B 32 34 56 38 4C 54
20 2E 44 69 73 63 72 65 74 65 20 49 6E 70 75 74
2C 20 32 34 20 56 2C 20 4C 6F 77 20 54 68 72 65
73 68 6F 6C 64 2C 20 33 32 20 70 6F 69 6E 74 73
09 33 35 30 35 2F 45 2F 45 4E 01 00 03 01 00 00
00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 24 40 00 00 00 00
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00 00 00 05 46 61 75 6C 74 C0 C0 C0 00 FF 00 00
00 04 00 00 00 06 41 63 74 69 76 65 C0 C0 C0 00
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73 63 72 65 74 65 20 49 6E 70 75 74 2C 20 32 33
30 20 56 2C 20 33 32 20 70 6F 69 6E 74 73 06 33
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Parsed: TR1HWDEF.HWD

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1 Reading info from TR1HWDEF.HWD
2
3 0x0001|1|MP|Tricon Main Processor|3006/N,3007
4 0x0001|2|BOOL; RO|BOOL (Aliased RO)|None
5 0x0002|2|BOOL; RW|BOOL (Aliased RW)|None
6 0x0003|2|BOOL; NA|BOOL (Non-aliased)|None
7 0x0004|2|DINT; RO|DINT (Aliased RO)|None
8 0x0005|2|DINT; RW|DINT (Aliased RW)|None
9 0x0006|2|DINT; NA|DINT (Non-aliased)|None
10 0x0007|2|REAL; RO|REAL (Aliased RO)|None
11 0x0008|2|REAL; RW|REAL (Aliased RW)|None
12 0x0009|2|REAL; NA|REAL (Non-aliased)|None
13 0x0020|2|DATA; NA|LOCAL (Non-aliased)|None
14 0x0003|1|Empty;Slot|Empty|----
15 0x0004|1|Unused;Slot|Unused|----
16 0x0001|0|DI :115:V |Discrete Input, 115 V, 32 points|3501/E/T/TN
17 0x0002|0|DI :48 :V |Discrete Input, 48 V, 32 points|3502/E/EN
18 0x0003|0|DI :24 :V |Discrete Input, 24 V, 32 points|3503/E/EN
19 0x0007|0|DI :24V;LT |Discrete Input, 24 V, Low Threshold, 32 points|3505/E/EN
20 0x000b|0|DI :230:V |Discrete Input, 230 V, 32 points|3508/E
21 0x0011|0|DO :115:VAC|Discrete Output, 115 VAC, 16 points|3601/E/T/TN
22 0x0013|0|DO :120:VDC|Discrete Output, 120 VDC, 16 points|3603/B/E/T/TN
23 0x0014|0|DO :24 :VDC|Discrete Output, 24 VDC, 16 points|3604/E/EN
24 0x0017|0|DO :48 :VAC|Discrete Output, 48 VAC, 16 points|3608/E
25 0x0018|0|DO :48 :VDC|Discrete Output, 48 VDC, 16 points|3607/E/EN
26 0x001d|0|DO :24 :VDC|Discrete Output, 24 VDC, 16 points|6603
27 0x001e|0|DO :48 :VDC|Discrete Output, 48 VDC, 16 points|6602
28 0x001f|0|DO :115:VAC|Discrete Output, 115 VAC, 16 points|6601
29 0x0020|0|AI :0- :10V|Analog Input, 10 V input, 32 points|3701/N
30 0x0021|0|AI :0- :5V |Analog Input, 5 V input, 32 points|3700/A/AN

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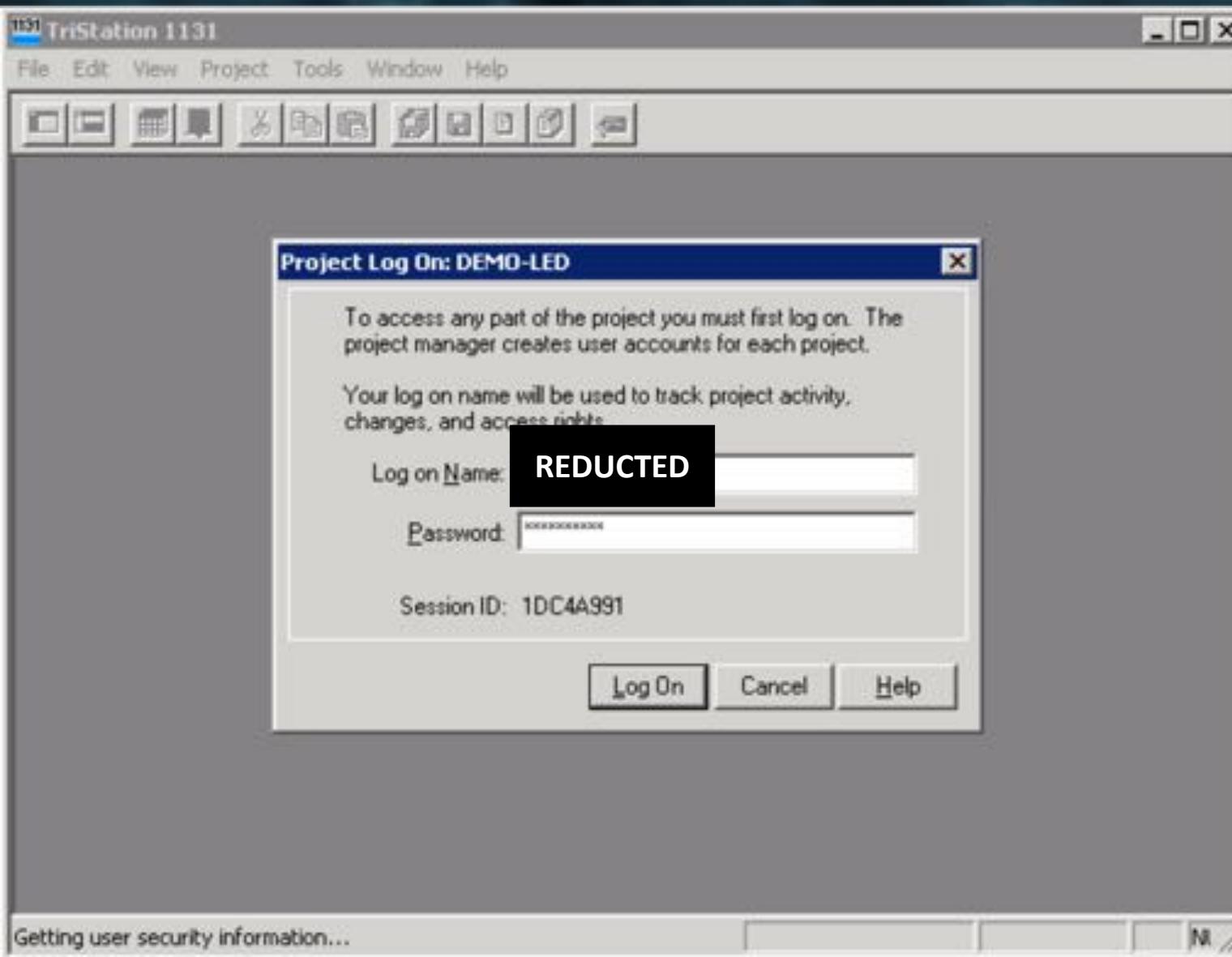
- **One User to rule them all**

- Default user: **Manager**
- Initial Level User: **1 (highest privilege)**
- Error message: “*You are not authorized to open this project because your **user name** was not found in the project*”
- ...but there is a way



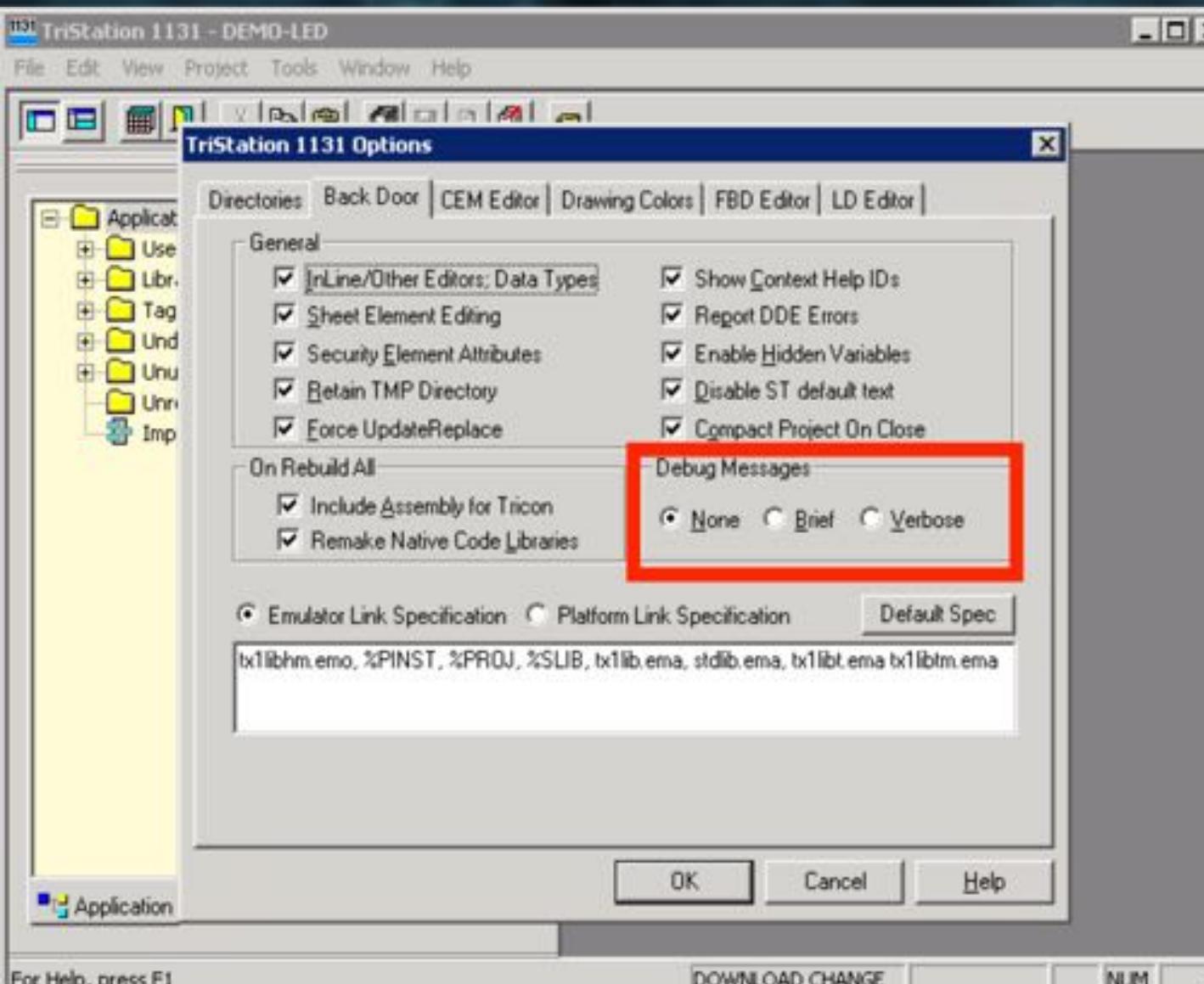
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Undocumented Users

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Debugging messages: let's try! 😊

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User: Manager

User: REDUCTED

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1.----- BILGEK APPLICATION started -----
2. -- Verifying the version of compiler, linker, assembler, and core generator...
3. -- Validating all registers...
4. -- VALIDATING ALL INITIALIZED REGISTERS...
5. -- Building Configuration...
6.   + Initializing program 'alink_32bit'...
7.   + Generating program instances
8.   + Generating executable content
9. > Assembling Linker for Tricore...
10. > Linking the Tricore...
11. > Validating symbols...
12. The estimated stack size is 832 bytes.
13. ERROR(s), 0 WARNING(s)

14.----- Initialization Table Information -----
15. The total # of bytes in the current project are as follows:
16.   I + S = 18 bytes total
17.
18. BOOL: 0 + 0 = 0 +
19. SHORT: 0 + 0 = 0 +
20. REAL: 0 + 0 = 0 +
21. TIME: 0 + 0 = 0 +
22. TOTAL: 0 + 0 = 0 +
23.
24.----- Backing up project to 'BILGEK-32bit_0_PROJECT.DWZ...' -----
25.
26.----- Building up project to 'BILGEK-32bit_0_PROJECT.DWZ...' -----
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RE of Engineering Software



Schneider Electric acknowledges that in the **4.9.0** and earlier versions of the **Tristation software**, a fixed support account was used to provide our customers the best possible service.

As cybersecurity norms evolved, our product did as well.

In the **4.9.1 and later version** of the Tristation software this fixed account was made public in our user documentation and an option (including a recommendation) to delete these fixed accounts was provided.

In today's security-enhanced installation of the Tristation software this fixed support account **no longer is present**.

This includes during upgrades from older, unsecured versions of the Tristation software, to the current security-enhanced version, where the fixed support account is removed entirely.



What to know?

- Trying to understand the protocol from ground zero would take a considerable amount of time!
 - LOTS of reverse engineering effort needed
- The current TriStation UDP/IP protocol ‘was’ little understood
 - Natively implemented through the TriStation 1131 software suite



Work smarter, not harder....

RE of TriStation Protocol

TricCom.dll - Tristation 1131

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3C 32 32 36 3E 00 00 00 3C 32 32 35 3E 00 00 00 <226>...<225>...
3C 32 32 34 3E 00 00 00 50 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 <224>...Program-
6E 61 6D 65 20 69 73 20 69 6E 76 61 6C 69 64 00 name.is.invalid.
49 6E 76 61 6C 69 64 20 50 6F 69 6E 74 20 4C 6F Invalid.Point.Lo-
63 61 74 69 6F 6E 00 00 49 6E 76 61 6C 69 64 20 cation..Invalid-
70 6F 69 6E 74 20 74 79 70 65 00 00 42 61 64 20 point.type..Bad-
6F 66 66 73 65 74 20 66 6F 72 20 61 6E 20 49 2F offset.for.an.I/
4F 20 70 6F 69 6E 74 00 3C 32 31 39 3E 00 00 00 O.point.<219>...
3C 32 31 38 3E 00 00 00 4D 6F 64 75 6C 65 20 61 <218>...Module.a
64 64 72 65 73 73 20 69 73 20 69 6E 76 61 6C 69 ddress.is.invali
64 00 00 00 42 61 64 20 49 6E 64 65 78 20 66 6F d...Bad.Index.fo
72 20 61 20 6D 6F 64 75 6C 65 00 00 3C 32 31 35 r.a.module..<215
3E 00 00 00 43 6F 6D 6D 61 6E 64 20 6E 6F 74 20 >...Command.not-
69 6E 20 63 6F 72 72 65 63 74 20 73 65 71 75 65 in.correct.sequence.Bad.control.
6E 63 65 00 42 61 64 20 63 6F 6E 74 72 6F 6C 20 program.version.
70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 76 65 72 73 69 6F 6E 00 Key.setting.proh
48 65 79 20 73 65 74 74 69 6E 67 20 70 72 6F 68 ibits.this.operat
69 62 69 74 73 20 74 68 69 73 20 6F 70 65 72 61 ion....The.down
74 69 6F 6E 00 00 00 00 54 68 65 20 64 6F 77 6E load.time.mismat
6C 6F 61 64 20 74 69 6D 65 20 6D 69 73 6D 61 74 ches....A.Network
63 68 65 73 00 00 00 00 41 20 4E 65 74 77 6F 72 k.is.missing....
6B 20 69 73 20 6D 69 73 73 69 6E 67 00 00 00 00 <209>...Network-
3C 32 30 39 3E 00 00 00 4E 65 74 77 6F 72 6B 20 is.out.of.range.
69 73 20 6F 75 74 20 6F 66 20 72 61 6E 67 65 00 Not.loading.a.co
4E 6F 74 20 6C 6F 61 64 69 6E 67 20 61 20 63 6F ntrol.program...
6E 74 72 6F 6C 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 00 00 00 Control.program...
43 6F 6E 74 72 6F 6C 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 not.valid...No.m
6E 6F 74 20 76 61 6C 69 64 00 00 00 4E 6F 20 6D emory.available.
65 6D 6F 72 79 20 61 76 61 69 6C 61 62 6C 65 00 Control.program...
43 6F 6E 74 72 6F 6C 20 70 72 6F 67 72 61 6D 20 checksum.error..
63 68 65 63 6B 73 75 6D 20 65 72 72 6F 72 00 00

```

TS_cnames.py - TRITON

```

204: 'Control program checksum error',
205: 'No memory available',
206: 'Control program not valid',
207: 'Not loading a control program',
208: 'Network is out of range',
209: 'Not enough arguments',
210: 'A Network is missing',
211: 'The download time mismatches',
212: 'Key setting prohibits this operation',
213: 'Bad control program version',
214: 'Command not in correct sequence',
215: '<215>',
216: 'Bad Index for a module',
217: 'Module address is invalid',
218: '<218>',
219: '<219>',
220: 'Bad offset for an I/O point',
221: 'Invalid point type',
222: 'Invalid Point Location',
223: 'Program name is invalid',

```

RE of TriStation Protocol

- Don't need full RE, focus only on a few interesting packet types
 - Attacker does not need a full protocol parser

TricCom.dll – TriStation 1131

```
1 int __thiscall CAPLTricon::Run(CAPLTricon *this)
2 {
3     return CAPLTricon::SendRequest(this, 20u, 0x6Du, 0, 0);
4 }
```

```
1 int __thiscall CAPLTricon::Pause(CAPLTricon *this)
2 {
3     return CAPLTricon::SendRequest(this, 22u, 0x6Fu, 0, 0);
4 }
```

```
1 int __thiscall CAPLTricon::Halt(CAPLTricon *this)
2 {
3     return CAPLTricon::SendRequest(this, 21u, 0x6Eu, 0, 0);
4 }
```

TS_cnames.py - TRITON

```
TS_names = {-1: 'Not set',
0: 'Start download all',
1: 'Start download change',
2: 'Update configuration',
3: 'Upload configuration',
4: 'Set I/O addresses',
5: 'Allocate network',
6: 'Load vector table',
7: 'Set calendar',
8: 'Get calendar',
9: 'Set scan time',
10: 'End download all',
11: 'End download change',
12: 'Cancel download change',
13: 'Attach TRICON',
14: 'Set I/O address limits',
15: 'Configure module',
16: 'Set multiple point values',
17: 'Enable all points',
18: 'Upload vector table',
19: 'Get CP status',
20: 'Run program',
21: 'Halt program',
22: 'Pause program',
23: 'Do single scan'}
```

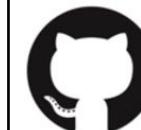
RE of TriStation Protocol: Dissector

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1 2018-03-28 14:05:51.071836..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	48 33279 -> 1582 Len=6
2 2018-03-28 14:05:51.082132..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64 1582 -> 33279 Len=6 ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE
3 2018-03-28 14:05:51.090787..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58 33279 -> 1582 Len=16
4 2018-03-28 14:05:51.239848..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	244 1582 -> 33279 Len=282
5 2018-03-28 14:05:51.248762..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=24
6 2018-03-28 14:05:51.437748..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	388 1582 -> 33279 Len=338
7 2018-03-28 14:05:51.438839..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=24
8 2018-03-28 14:05:51.614398..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	188 1582 -> 33279 Len=126
9 2018-03-28 14:05:51.615164..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=24
10 2018-03-28 14:05:51.836427..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	1892 1582 -> 33279 Len=1858
11 2018-03-28 14:05:51.839161..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=24
12 2018-03-28 14:05:52.088564..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64 1582 -> 33279 Len=18 ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE
13 2018-03-28 14:05:52.089106..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=24
14 2018-03-28 14:05:52.224378..	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	592 1582 -> 33279 Len=558
15 2018-03-28 14:05:52.335628..	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	66 33279 -> 1582 Len=34
+ Frame 4: 244 bytes on wire (1952 bits), 244 bytes captured (1952 bits) on interface eth0, link-layer type Ethernet II (Ethernet), source TriStation [192.168.1.2], destination Vmware [192.168.1.88]				
+ Ethernet II, Src: TriStation [192.168.1.2], Dst: Vmware [192.168.1.88] (oui-lookup: ZNODOMI)				
+ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.2, Dst: 192.168.1.88 (version=4, headerlen=20, ttl=128)				
+ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 1582, Dst Port: 33279 (length=186)				
+ TriStation Protocol				
+ TCM communication:				
+ 5 [COMMAND REPLY]				
+ Channel: 0				
+ data_len: 196				
+ TS communication:				
+ path: 1 [Controller --> Workstation]				
+ cid: 1				
+ Command: 108 [Get CP status response]				
unk: 256				
loadIn: 0				
modIn: 0				
loadState: 13				
singleScan: 0				
cpValid: 1				
keyState: 0x01 [Program]				
runState: 0x00 [Running]				
my: 128				
us: 2147483648				
ds: 1873741824				
heapMin: 1618612816				
heapMax: 4261478319				
fstat: 0				
project_minor: 23704				
project_major: 0				
project_timestamp: 33618549				
project: NOZOMI				

We built a dissector for Wireshark:

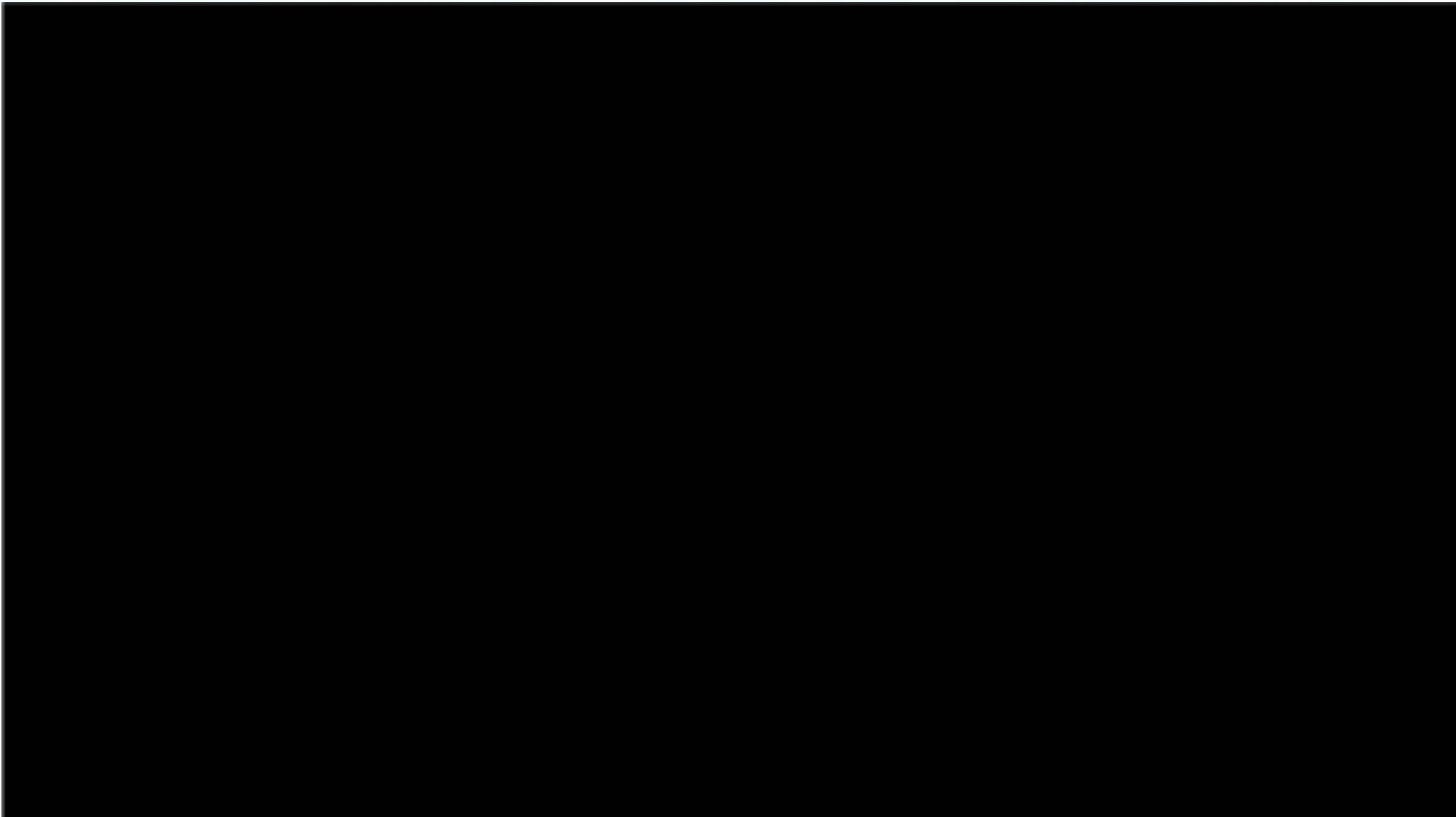
- Available on GitHub (see the link below)
- Feel free to improve it and help the community grow our knowledge



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DEMO: Triconex HoneyPot

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Analysis of the TRITON Modules

Multi-Stage Payload

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Stage 1: Argument-Setting Shellcode

Stage 2: Implant Installer (**inject.bin**)

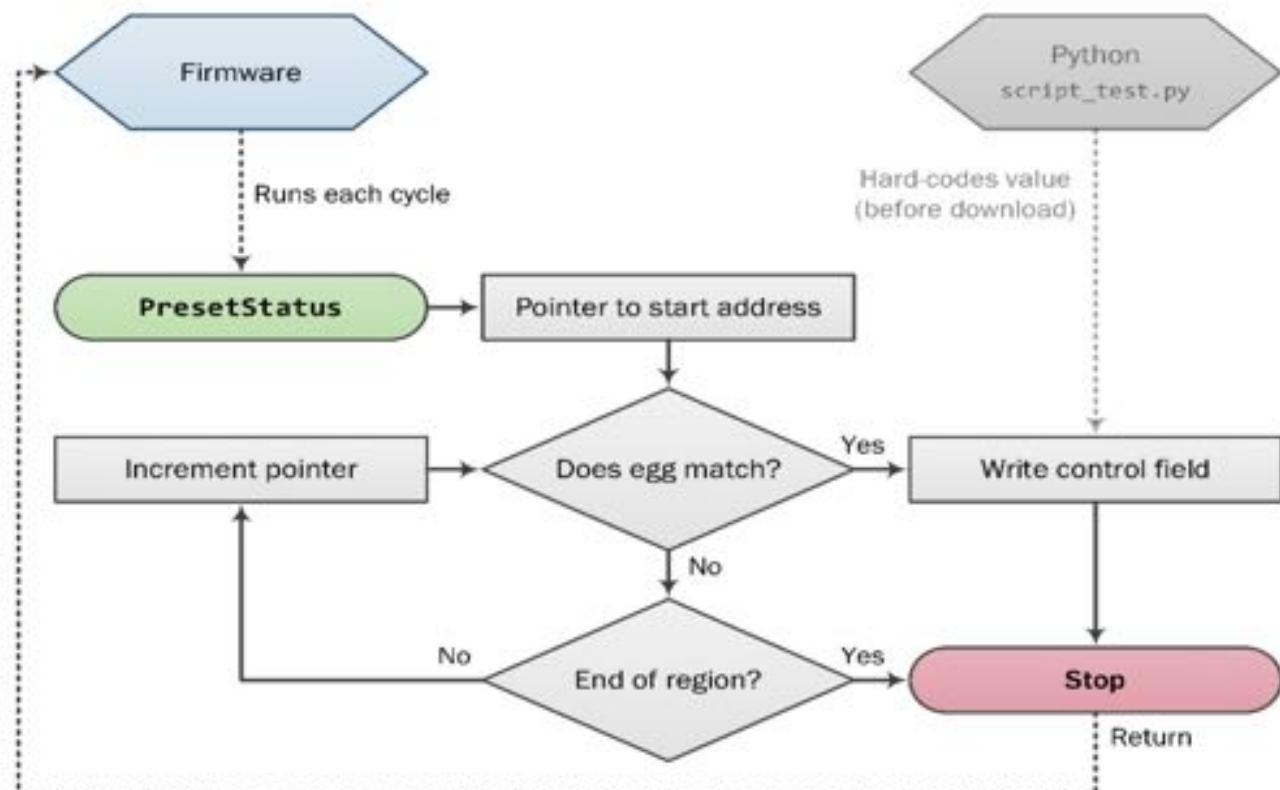
Stage 3: Backdoor Implant (**imain.bin**)

Stage 4: Missing OT Payload

- DEMO of how it could act like

Multi-Stage Payload

- Shellcode searches DRAM until it finds ***Control Program (CP)*** status structure, writes attacker-supplied *value* to ***fstat*** field
- Attacker queries status to check for success, uses *value* as argument (wait time & step number) for stage 2



Multi-Stage Payload - fstat

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No.	Date	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
73	2018-03-28 14:05:58.018988...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	68	33279 → 1582 Len=26
74	2018-03-28 14:05:58.290243...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64	1582 → 33279 Len=18 [ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE INCORRECT]
75	2018-03-28 14:05:58.290758...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	164	33279 → 1582 Len=122
76	2018-03-28 14:05:58.424787...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64	1582 → 33279 Len=16 [ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE INCORRECT]
77	2018-03-28 14:05:58.425142...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58	33279 → 1582 Len=18
78	2018-03-28 14:05:58.813948...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	64	1582 → 33279 Len=18 [ETHERNET FRAME CHECK SEQUENCE INCORRECT]
79	2018-03-28 14:05:58.813948...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58	33279 → 1582 Len=18
80	2018-03-28 14:05:59.013346...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	244	1582 → 33279 Len=282
81	2018-03-28 14:05:59.034675...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58	33279 → 1582 Len=18
82	2018-03-28 14:05:59.259677...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	244	1582 → 33279 Len=282
83	2018-03-28 14:05:59.224767...	192.168.1.88	192.168.1.2	TRISTATION	58	33279 → 1582 Len=18
84	2018-03-28 14:05:59.437425...	192.168.1.2	192.168.1.88	TRISTATION	244	1582 → 33279 Len=282
	cid: 0					
+	Command: 35 [Allocate program]					
	id: 3				0000 48 00 00 00 00 82 00 8c 29 28 00 c5 00 00 45 00 0.....]{...E.	
	next: 1				0001 00 96 59 12 40 00 40 11 5d 9a c0 a0 01 58 c0 a0 ..Y.0..0. 1....X.	
	full_chunks: 24				0002 01 82 81 05 de 00 82 84 3e 05 00 74 00 00 00>..T..	
	offset: 0				0003 37 24 00 00 a4 1a 74 00 03 00 61 00 18 00 00 00 75....t.	
	program_blocks (4 bytes): 24				0004 18 00 00 00 40 3c 00 00 62 00 40 00 00 3c 40 280<. b.0..<0	
	+ Programs:				0005 00 00 00 00 40 3c 00 00 62 00 40 00 00 3c 40 29 ..]...0.. b. ..<0	
	program: 0x8000003c [1]				0006 03 7c 0c 00 82 40 18 00 42 38 1c 00 00 48 00 00 ..]...0.. 00...R..	
	program: 0x800006280 [2]				0007 00 3c 00 01 84 00 40 20 82 7c 18 00 00 40 04 00 .<... 0 - ...0..	
	program: 0x4000003c [3]				0008 42 38 c4 ff ff 4b 00 00 00 3c 81 00 00 84 00 00 00 00...X.. .<....	
	program: 0x40200037c [4]				0009 82 98 ff ff ff 60 38 02 00 00 44 42 3c 97 6f 0c 00S.. DBK,s..	
	program: 0x1c0000248 [5]				0010 68 05 15 d7	
	program: 0x800006280 [6]					
	program: 0x60000003c [7]					
	program: 0x40200037c [8]					
	program: 0x0c0000248 [9]					
	program: 0x180004238 [10]					
	program: 0x1c0000048 [11]					
	program: 0x80000003c [12]					
	program: 0x800010460 [13]					
	program: 0x40200027c [14]					
	program: 0x180000048 [15]					
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	program: 0x80000003c [18]					
	program: 0x018000460 [19]					
	program: 0x800000290 [20]					
	program: 0xfffff0038 [21]					
	program: 0x820000044 [22]					
	triton signature: 0x423c976f					
	T5cksum: 0x0c9b6005 (210468677)					
	+ [Expert Info (Error/Malformed): TRITON malware detected!]					
	seq_num: 36					

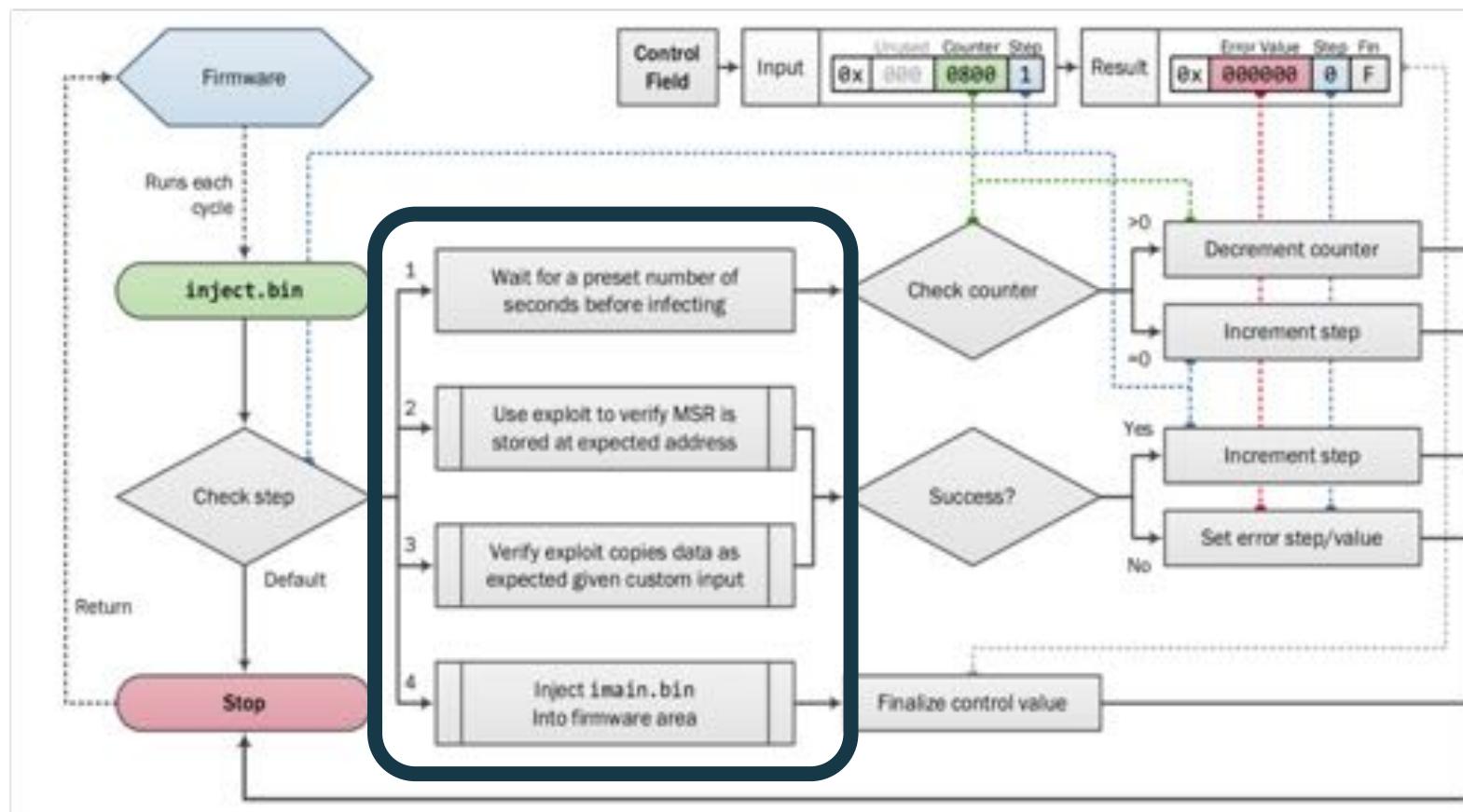


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Multi-Stage Payload

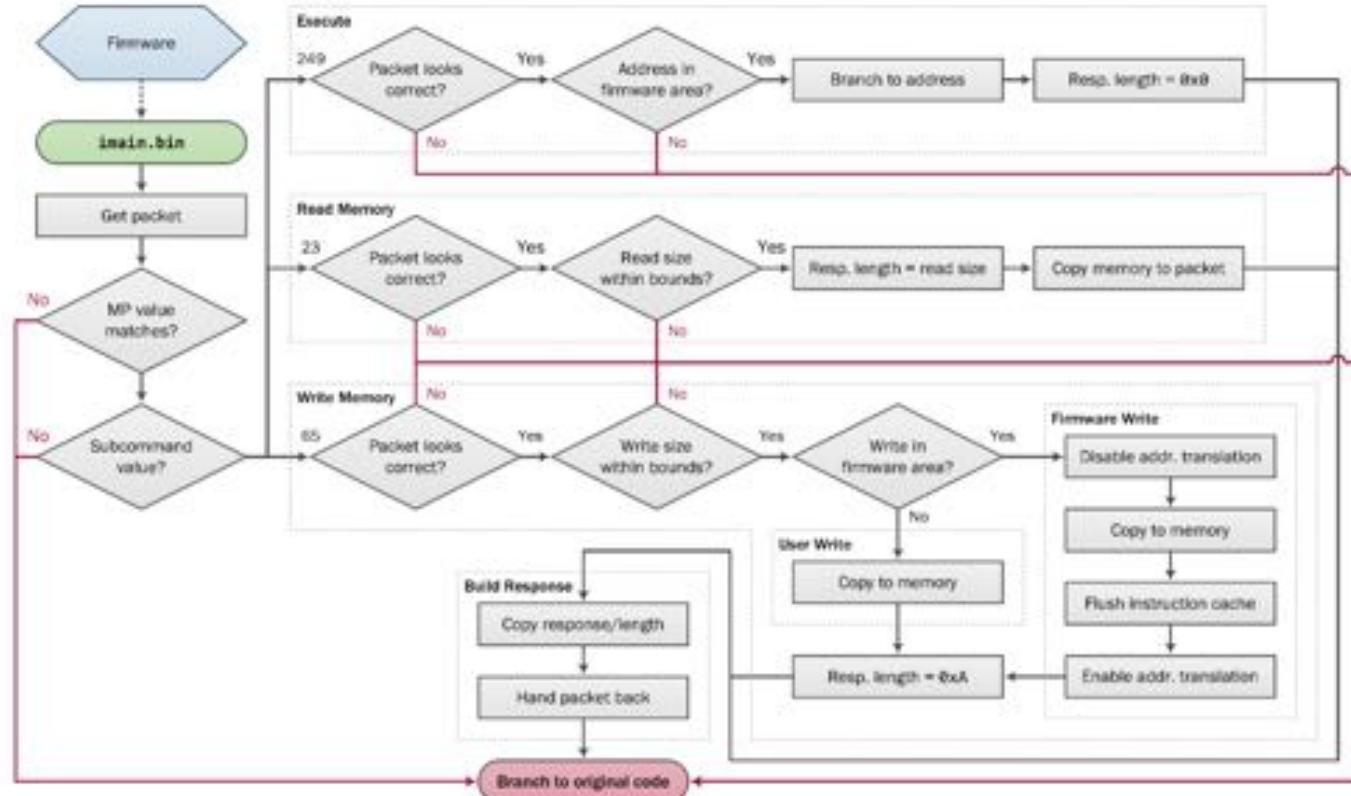
- *Inject.bin* handles the injection of *imain.bin* into the running firmware

*data = inject.bin + (payload size +8)
+ 0x1234 + imain.bin + (payload
size +8) + 0x56789A*



Multi-Stage Payload

- Stage 3 is a backdoor implant which enables attacker with Read/Write/Execute access to controller memory via custom TriStation ‘*Get MP Status*’ (FC: 0x1D) packet



Operation of implant

Malware Execution Edge Cases

```
nozomi@kali:~/work_scada/plc/tristation-triconex/decompiled_code/library$ python script_test.py  
setting arguments...
```

Injecting first stage of the malware - egg hunter

```
checking project state  
dumping program table  
counting functions (slow)  
performing program mod  
appending program  
using append  
sending mod request, attempt 1  
code write success, confirming  
append used, progcnt + 1  
waiting for program to start  
run success, mod success!
```

Uploading malicious payloads (inject.bin + imain.bin)

```
checking project state  
dumping program table  
counting functions (slow)  
performing program mod  
appending program  
sign detected, using overwrite  
sending mod request, attempt 1  
code write success, confirming  
waiting for program to start  
run success, mod success!
```

status of the injection phase - fstat: 01000000

01 00 00 00

countdown: 0

status of the injection phase - fstat: 02000000

02 00 00 00

status of the injection phase - fstat: 03000000

03 00 00 00

status of the injection phase - fstat: 04000000

04 00 00 00

status of the injection phase - fstat: cc000000

CC 00 00 00

```
status of the injection phase - fstat: 0f000000  
0F 00 00 00 ....
```

Script has stopped

Script **SUCCESS**

```
force removing the code, no checks  
uploading empty program  
checking project state  
dumping program table  
counting functions (slow)  
performing program mod  
appending program  
sign detected, using overwrite  
sending mod request, attempt 1  
code write success, confirming  
waiting for program to start  
run success, mod success!
```



DEMO: TRITON in Action

DEMO: Equipment Needed



Low-density chassis:

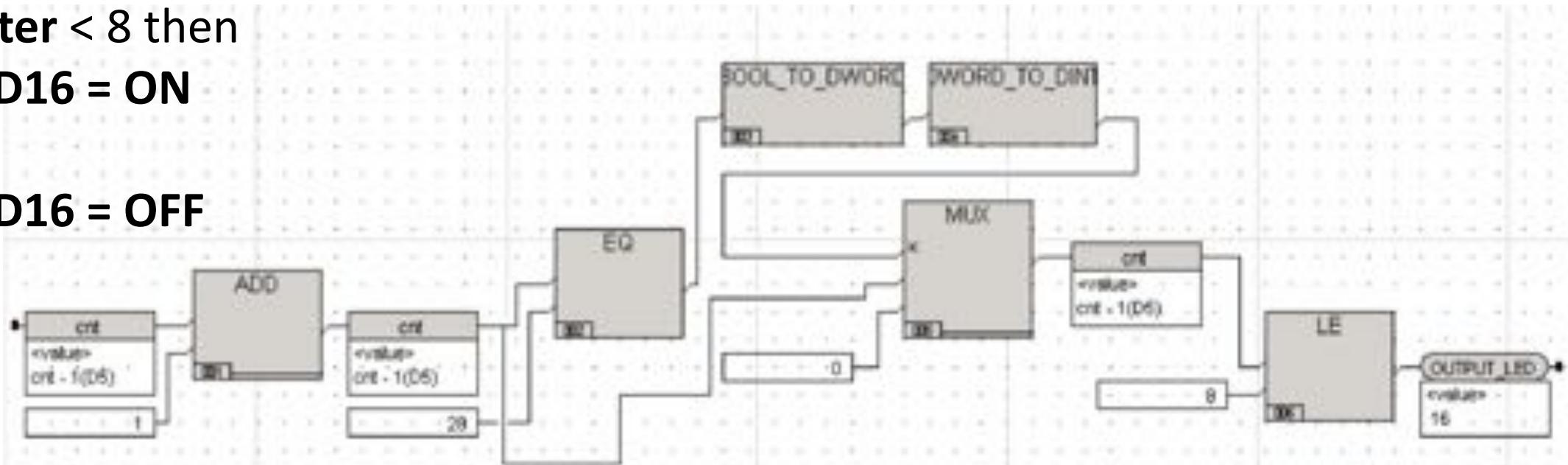
- 1.02 3008/N Tricon Enhanced Main Processor
- 1.05 4329/N/G NCM (Network Communications Module)
- 1.09 3503/E/EN Discrete Input, 24 V, 32 points
- 1.10 Marshalling Connector 2652 -310 DO
- 1.12 3604/E/EN Discrete Output, 24 VDC, 16 points

Terminator Panel 2652-1

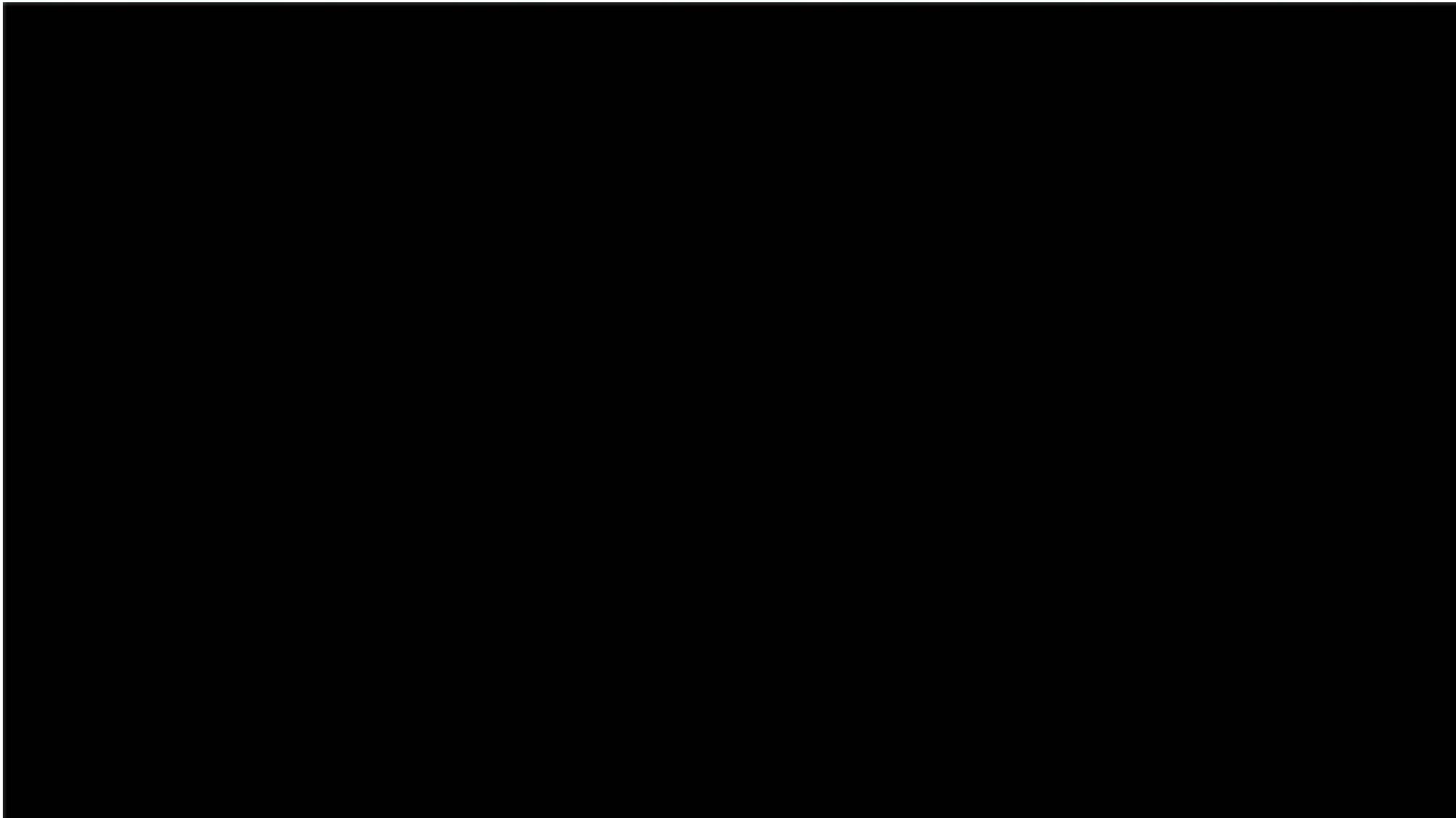
Compressor + balloon

Inflation/Deflation of the balloon

1. Increase **counter** by 1
2. If **counter** == 28 then
counter = 0
3. If **counter** < 8 then
LED16 = ON
else
LED16 = OFF



TRITON DEMO: Execution



Nozomi TRITON toolset

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1

Passive detection tool (dissector)

- Dissection of TriStation proprietary protocol
- For understanding the communication between engineering workstation and Triconex controller



<https://github.com/NozomiNetworks/tricotools>

2

Active detection tool

- Checks for TRITON programs running inside the controller
- Upload program table for suspicious payload



3

Honeypot

- Replication of Triconex system configuration
- Detection of unknown traffic targeting SIS network
- Tricking the enemy!

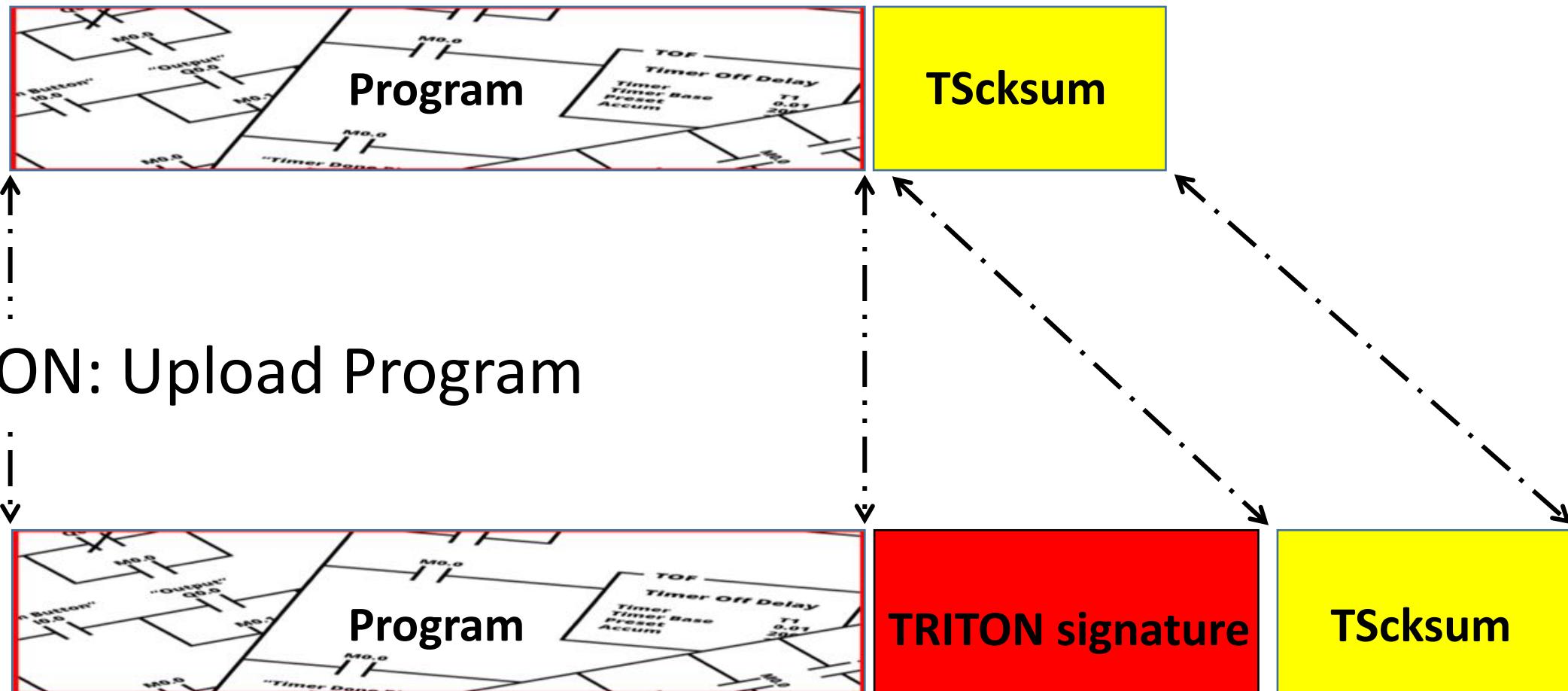


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Detection Toolset: How?

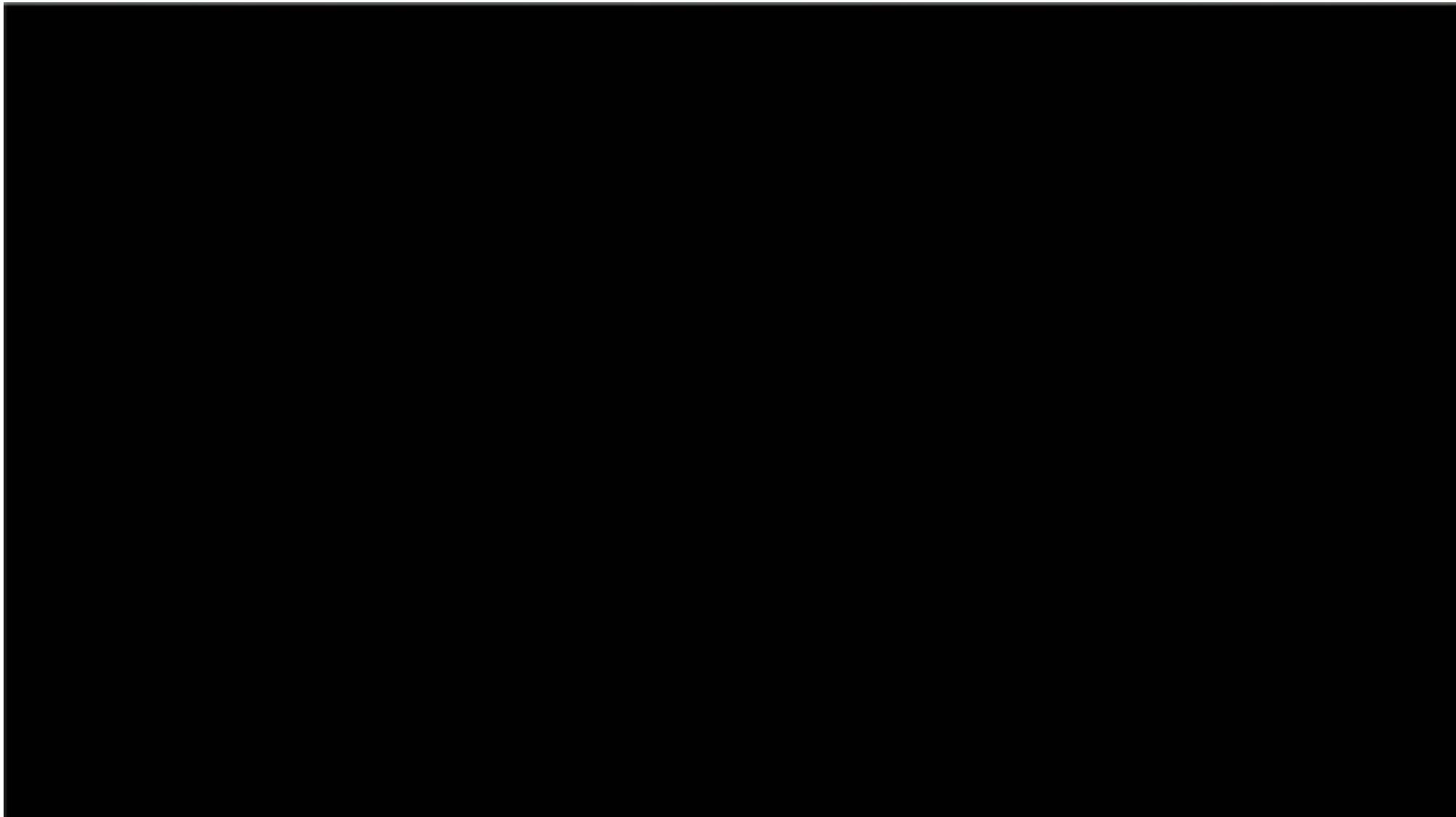
TriStation 1131: Upload Program

TRITON: Upload Program



DEMO: TRITON Detection

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Sum-up

What were we able to achieve ?

- 1 Followed the attacker footsteps to get a better idea about ICS exploits development efforts
- 2 Extensively tested TRITON implant and its capabilities in Nozomi Networks lab, on a controller of the targeted make and model
- 3 Developed a few useful tools and scripts by RE workstation software and protocol
 - Developed TritStation protocol dissector
 - Developed ‘Check for Implant’ tool
 - Developed HoneyPot
- 4 Developed TRITON detection approaches/tools
 - Passive and Active

Why Did the Attack Fail?

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There could be several reasons why the attacker failed to inject TRITON. One possibility is attacker's inability to manage the plurality of MPs

From the memory dump

```
94 Loading LSX
4506 LSX(2/16/98) initing. Memory Size(%x)
4507 CP Is valid
4508 Init Loader
4509 Init Config
4510 Init tribus
```

Enhanced Triconex System Executive (ETSX) – Runs on the application processor (MPC 860A). The ETSX executes the application (also known as the *control program*) on a per-scan basis. The code base for the ETSX code was taken from TSX and LSX (the Laguna System Executive). The following figure illustrates the ancestry of ETSX (see section 3.1.6 of the CDR for details on the software history of the 3008N MP):

<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0933/ML093370294.pdf>

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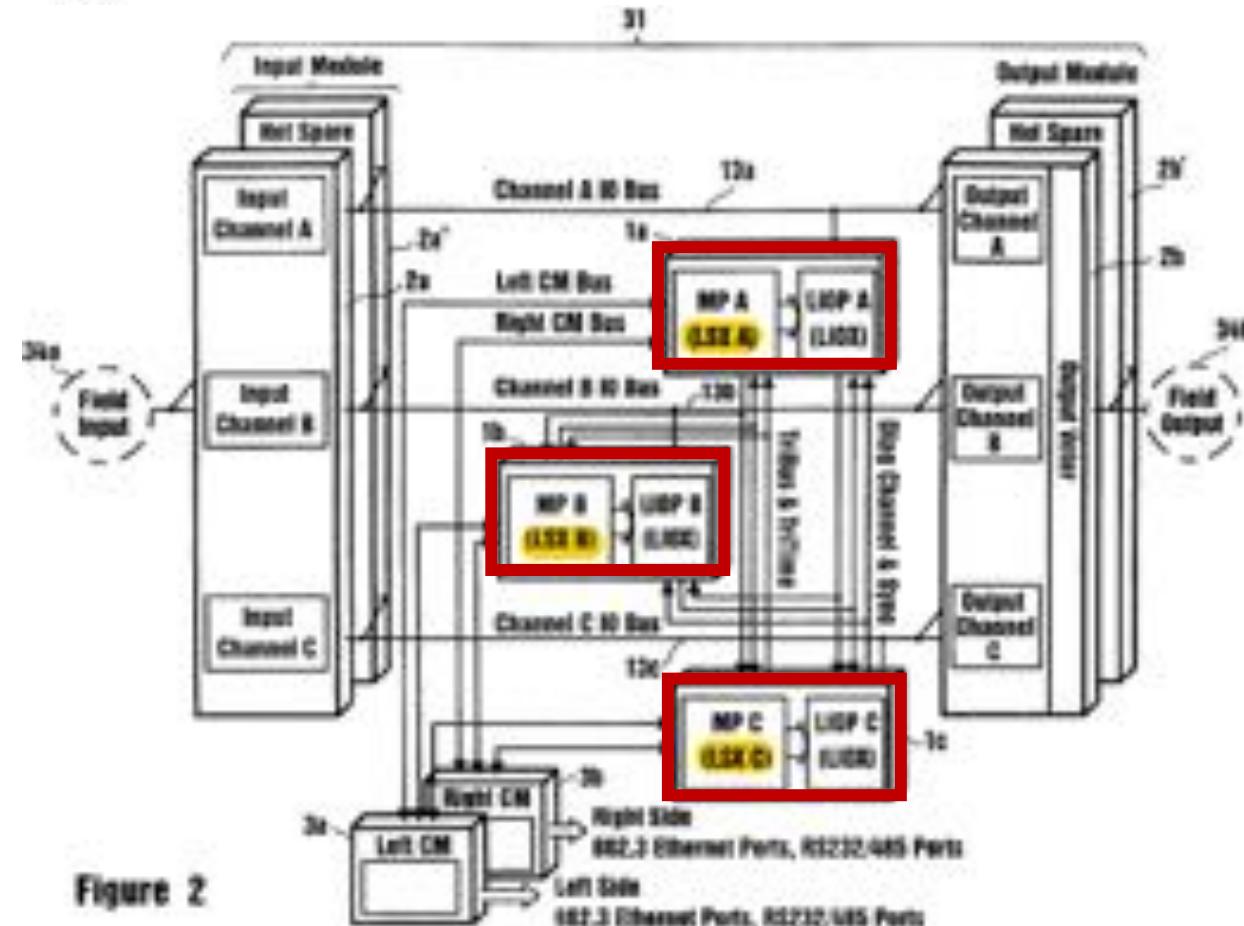
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Why Did the Attack Fail?

- A system for validating communications between a plurality of processors
- Among SX main functions:
 - Execution of user applications (control logic)
 - Timing and synchronization control between MPs
 - Voting on input and system data

LSX or SX Executive firmware System of the present invention





Discussion and Closing Remarks

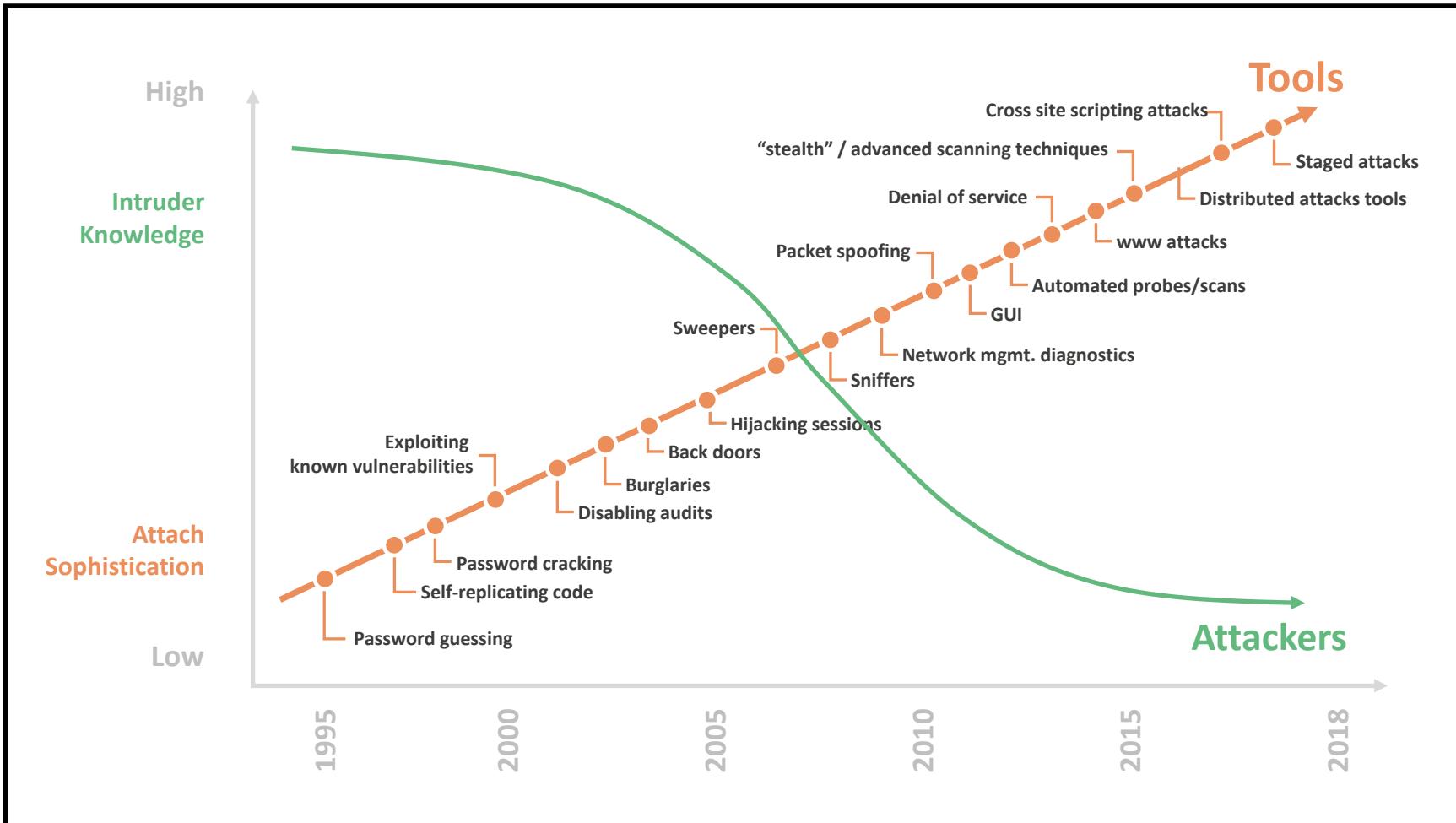
Possible Attack Objectives



TRITON is too expensive exploit for a simple process shutdown

- Physical damage?
 - Suppress safety intervention during execution of a 'damaging' attack
 - ICS hacking «Olympics»?
 - A test of capabilities / live drill?
 - Extortion?
 - Political, economic?
- No knowledge of this, just speculation*

Attack Tasks Become Incredibly Automated



Implications of TRITON Code Becoming Public

- Provides a playbook and toolkit for other threat actors
- Draws the attention of the entire hacking community to industrial targets
- Alerts industrial and critical infrastructure organizations to include SIS compromise in risk assessments and defense in depth measures

Need for Auditing/Forensics Tools

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It is critical to develop auditing/forensic tools before TRITON-like exploits become common

- Auditing tools
 - Is my device potentially tampered with?
- Forensic tools
 - What exactly has happened to my device?
- Asset owners should start a dialog with the vendors

Q&A

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