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# OT vs IT Cybersecurity

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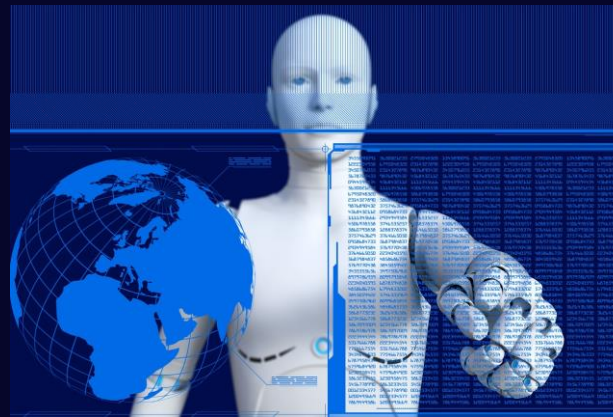
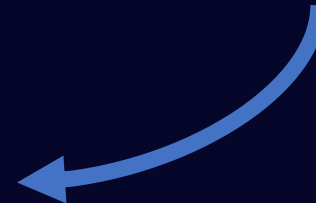
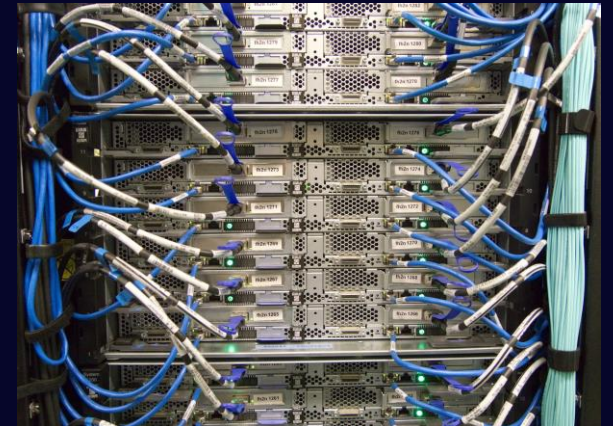
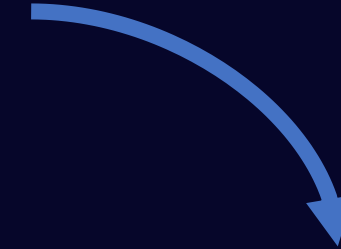
# OT Legacy

- OT used to be air-gapped
  - Very open configurations
  - Unprepared for IT threats
  - Equipment sensitive to disturbance
- Siloed world
  - OT protocols  $\neq$  IT protocols
  - Vendor lock-in common



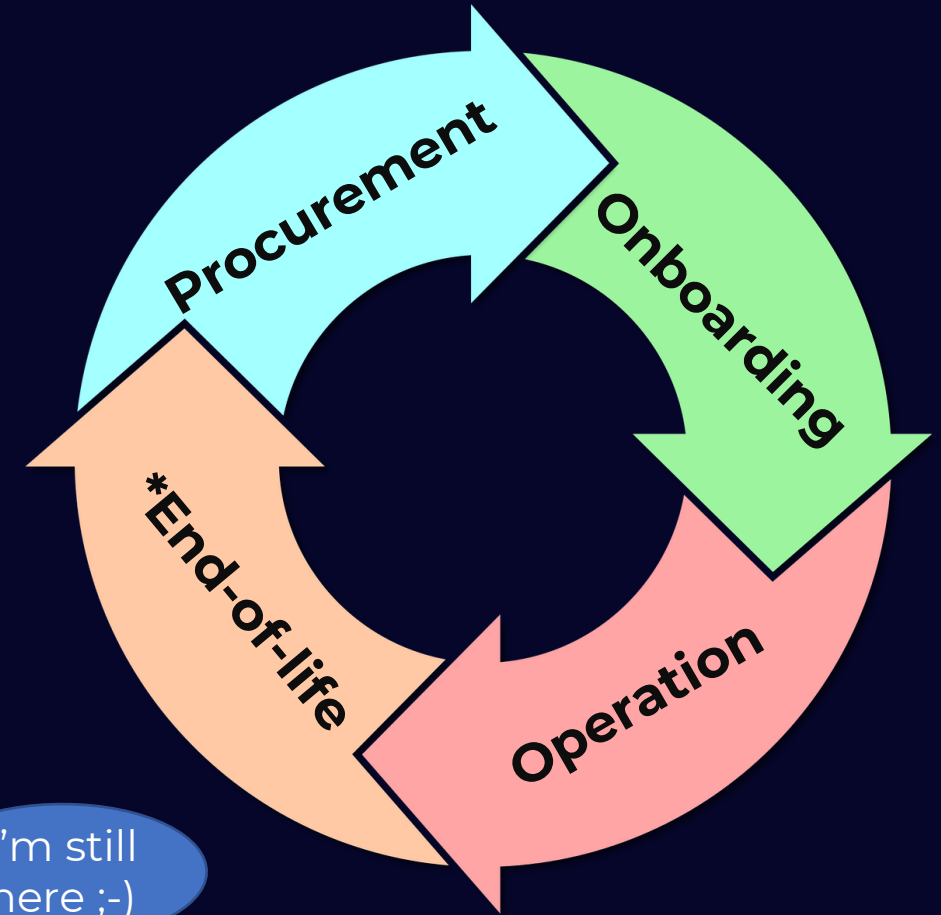
# IT – OT Convergence

- OT increasingly connected
  - Remote working
  - Remote support
- Generic IT solutions & protocols used
  - TCP/IP, MQTT, HTTP(S)
- Big data & AI – Industry 4.0
  - Predictive maintenance
  - Production optimization



# OT Lifecycle

- Equipment has **very** long lifetime
  - Up to 20 years
- Changes are rare
  - “Never touch a running system”
- Why?
  - Machines are expensive (~\$500K for a CNC)
  - Machine EOL\* == Software EOL >> OS EOL
  - Changes can cause downtime
  - Changes can require re-certifying



I'm still here ;-)



\*EOL: End-of-life



# Operational conditions and priorities

- IT: Confidentiality > Integrity > Availability
- OT: Availability > Integrity > Confidentiality
  - Or: Safety > Reliability > Productivity
- Real-time requirements
  - OS and protocols
- Harsh environments
  - Dust, heat, vibrations



# Cybersecurity in OT vs IT

Security Control	IT	OT
Endpoint protection	Signature or behaviour-based, automated response, always online	Application whitelisting, detect-only, offline
Segmentation	Internet DMZ, Firewalls, Tier model	Industrial DMZ, Segment OT from IT, Segment production zones
Vulnerability Management	Regular, streamlined process. Patching automated with good tool support (e.g., SCCM, WSUS)	Bad visibility, Infrequent patching, legacy may not be patchable, need scheduled downtime to patch, manual process
Incident Response	Detect, Isolate, Eradicate, Recover, Analyze	Maintain safety, isolation possible?, restore operations, full eradication on next maintenance window

# Example: Remote Access

- Problem
  - Specialist support at remote locations
- Security goals
  - Isolate factory from remote client
  - Access control & monitoring
- Challenges
  - Manage remote access credentials
  - Tools and licenses on client machine





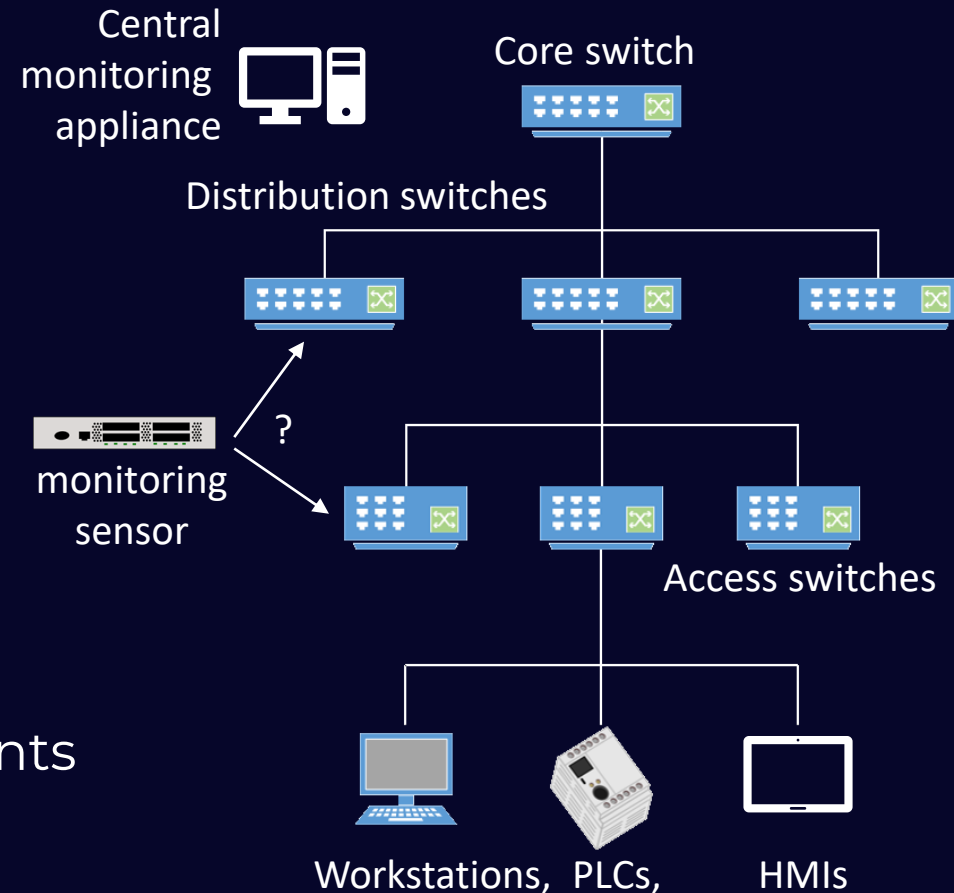
# Example: Network Monitoring

## ○ Goals

- Visibility
- Detect malware
- Raise alerts on anomalies

## ○ Challenges

- OT protocols
- Active scanning vs Real-time requirements & legacy
- Side-channels (e.g., wireless modems)



# Example: Patching

- Goal: Close vulnerabilities
- IT
  - Automated patching is the norm
  - Vulnerability management tools used
- OT
  - 24/7 operations → Need downtime → \$\$\$
  - Breaks legacy system? → Need to roll-back
  - Environment certified? → re-certify → \$\$\$





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