OVERVIEW OF OT THREATS

Recent Attacks on OT
Cyber-attacks have expanded beyond the digital realm of IT into the physical world of OT. The stakes have escalated as it opens new vulnerabilities and risks that are pushing security and risk management leaders to adopt a paradigm shift in their cybersecurity approach. While the breach of a personal computer may cause data loss and private distress, the cyber-attack on infrastructures can disrupt or destroy essential services, and ultimately affect lives.

Oct 2016  The Mirai botnet was used to attack internet infrastructure provider Dyn, causing many organisations across the internet to go offline.
Source: CSO, March 2018

May 2017  The WannaCry ransomware attacked the UK networks, before spreading to over 150 countries affecting industrial plants across Europe and Asia.
Source: Security Intelligence, September 2017

Mar 2018  The malware found in the US energy, nuclear, water and critical manufacturing networks are traced to Moscow.
Source: The CyberX-Files Issue 10, May 2019

Mar 2019  Ransomware attacked Norsk Hydro, one of the world’s largest aluminum producers, shutting down its worldwide network, and stopping or disrupting its plants.
Source: Ars Technica, March 2019

Key Factors Driving Towards a Coordinated OT/IT Security Strategy
By 2021, 25% of asset-centric enterprises will adopt a hybrid model of traditional security controls and specialised OT security tools to secure OT environments, up from 10% in 2018. This forecast is driven by many factors:

1. New Risks Arising from OT/IT Convergence
2. Wider Range of Industries Impacted by OT/IT Convergence
3. Reduced Effectiveness of Air Gap Technique in Securing Merged Environments
4. Increasing Pressure on Regulatory Compliance
Source: Gartner OT Security Best Practices, September 2018

Challenges Faced by Organisations

- Lack of Visibility
- Lack of Personnel with overarching and in-depth knowledge on ICS/SCADA/Cybersecurity
- Rapid Pace of Change
- Network Complexity

CYBER SECURE AND FUTURE PROOF
ST Engineering is a leading provider of trusted and innovative cybersecurity solutions, with practically two decades of deep experience and proven track record in protecting and defending critical infrastructures.

INDIGENOUS CAPABILITIES
DEEP EXPERTISE
BROAD EXPERIENCE ACROSS ALL DOMAINS

Our significant investments in research and development, coupled with our active engagements with leading research institutes, academic partners and industry leaders in capability development, enable us to create future-ready cybersecurity solutions and stay ahead of cyber-attacks.

While organisations have to cover the full extent of their computer networks and secure every endpoint, attackers only need to pinpoint the weakest link. Cyber-defenders have to get it right every time, while threat actors only need to get it right once.

This is why we developed our 90%, 9% and 1% cybersecurity architecture. Technology is used to eliminate 90% of the known threats to reduce the noise threshold. Processes are then applied to counter another 9% of the sophisticated threats and malware. Finally, our deep expertise is utilised to eliminate the last 1% of sophisticated and unknown threats.

In providing our customers with the right cybersecurity architecture, future-ready solutions and best practices, we help them to maintain a vigilant and resilient digital space, securing their OT environment to ensure the proper and undisrupted functioning of the digital economy.
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CYBERSECURITY OPERATIONS SOLUTION

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OREPARE

Proven by global standards, our integrated framework is aligned with the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. The global cybersecurity guidance on how organisations can assess and improve their ability to prevent, detect and respond to cyber-attacks, covers 5 key areas:

DETECT
Develop and implement the appropriate activities to identify the occurrence of a cyber-attack.

PROTECT
Develop and implement the appropriate safeguards to ensure delivery of critical infrastructure services.

IDENTIFY
Develop the organisational understanding to manage cybersecurity risk to systems, assets, data, and capabilities.

RESPOND
Develop and implement the appropriate activities to take action regarding a detected cyber-attack.

RECOVER
Develop and implement the appropriate activities to maintain plans for resilience and to restore any capabilities or services that were impaired due to a cyber-attack.

AN INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK

To address the challenges, our approach to OT cybersecurity is engineering-oriented rather than solely IT-centric.

Leveraging this multidisciplinary mindset and skillset, we adopt an integrated framework to encompass all the objectives of IT and OT networks:

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OUR HOLISTIC SOLUTION FOR OT & IT NETWORKS

OT Anomaly Detection Monitoring System (ADMS) (Augmented with Level 0 monitoring capability)
Monitors OT networks to provide situational awareness and real-time alerts on behaviour anomalies, without disrupting normal operation. It uses multiple security engines in parallel, each offering a unique capability to detect suspicious traffic and activities within the networks.

Secured Gateway
Secures both Machine to Machine (M2M) and Human to Machine (H2M) traffic by incorporating Deep-Packet Inspection (DPI) capability for analysing SCADA network traffic. Upon detecting an anomaly, it automatically generates alerts, blocks the abnormal activity and isolates any affected sub-networks.

Data Collector
Sends all data traffic from remote sites to a central ADMS without overloading the network, by receiving all LAN traffic from the local switch (using port mirroring) via a secure tunnel.

DiskCrypt M10
Enables users to store information securely in an ultra-slim, credit-card size encrypted data storage with two-factor authentication smartcard protection, featuring real-time hardware encryption for data protection and smartcard technology for authentication.

Black Computer (Desktop Version)
Allows users to work securely in both trusted (Intranet) and untrusted (Internet) environments, through hardware-defined segregation that guards against cyber exploitation. If infected, it removes malware from any infected surface with a simple reboot.

Our holistic cybersecurity solution for Production OT networks and Enterprise IT is designed for CII, which includes Building Management System, ensuring the cybersecurity of ICS and SCADA systems.

Embracing security by design, our end-to-end solution suite involves the main deployment of OT Anomaly Detection Monitoring System (ADMS), Data Collector (DC) and Secured Gateway (SG), alongside proprietary products such as Data Diode, Diskcrypt M10 and Black Computer.