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# **PLCs Security**

An Automated Security & Robustness Testing Environment for Industrial Devices



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## **Presentation Summary**

- Industrial security model
  - IT VS ICS
  - Protocol Robustness
- Test bench components
  - PLC Monitoring to detect failures
  - Fuzzing Testing Implementation
- Creation of an automated testing system
  - Client-Server Model for the Fuzzing Framework



# INDUSTRIAL SECURITY MODEL



#### Different requirements:

- Performances
  - best-effort vs real-time
- Availability
  - reboot strategy vs no downtimes admitted
- Network architecture
  - generic services (DNS, Domain Controller, ...)
     vs industrial services
- Updating and patching
- Communication protocols
  - Public vs proprietary
- Software and component lifetime



#### Need for a specific Security Model

#### ICS failures Consequences:

- Loss of Vision (Temp or Perm)
- Loss of Control (Temp or Perm)
- In 2010 more than 180 security incidents were reported
  - Pipelines explosions
  - Environment damages
  - Casualties

We defined a specific security model for embedded devices based on ISA-99 security standards!



## Security Model Fundamentals

- Access Control
- Data Integrity and Confidentiality
- Restricted Data Flow
- Auditing and logging
- Protocols Robustness
- Updating and Patching
- Backup and recovery
- Integration with third party systems and extensibility



#### **Protocols Robustness Testing**

Which a system or component can function correctly in the presence of invalid inputs or stressful environmental conditions."

#### What is a robustness failure?

- Failure to return the expected packet
- Inability to progress to next protocol state
- Dropped connections
- Lost or modified data
- MORE IMPORTANT: Any unexpected effect in the process control!



# Fuzzing and Grammar Testing

- Brute Force Testing:
  - Simple but inefficient
  - Not all the combinations are interesting
- Fuzzing:
  - Not random: need for debugging!
  - Not exhaustive but we can cover specific sequences
  - Grammar driven
  - Exploits the security specialists' knowledge



## **Protocol Testing Activities**

- ISCI CRT-based 5 phases testing:
  - Discover Protocol Functionalities and Attack Surface
  - Storms and Maximum Load Tests
  - 3. Single Field Fuzzing
  - 4. Combinatorial Fields Injection
  - 5. Cross State Fuzzing (for Stateful Protocols)

We need a platform to automate all the testing activities!

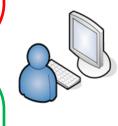


# **TEST BENCH COMPONENTS**



#### Test-bench diagram

# System Testing HACKING HACKING HEXTOURISHED Extended Peach Fuzzing NETWOX Network Toolbox





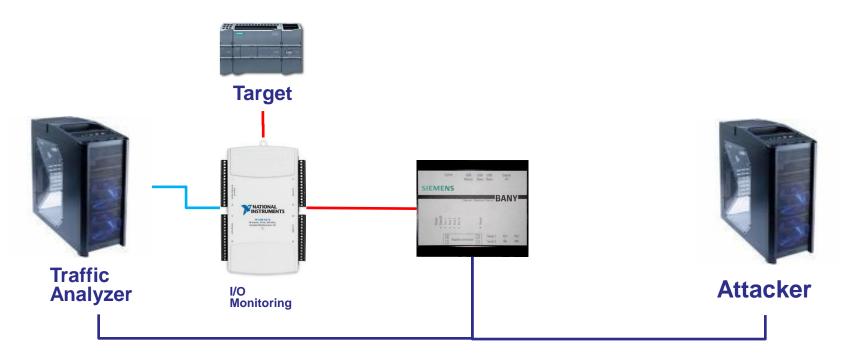






#### How do we detect a PLC failure?

- PLC's I/O monitoring (through another PLC or DAC)
- Traffic Analysis
- PLC status





# **Fuzzing Testing requirements**

- A Common Framework:
  - No standalone scripts
- Scalability
  - Handle and organize the growing amount of tests (almost infinite combinations)
- Tests Customization
  - Protocol header format
  - Protocol field values
  - Protocol state machine
- Reproducibility
  - Essential for any debugging activity



#### Data Model:

- Definition of the protocol header
- Specify the protocol field values
- Indicate protocol field to mutate or to calculate (checksum)
- Specify field format (string or number) and codification (hex)
- Mutation Strategy
  - How to change the protocol fields values
- State Machine
  - In case of Stateful protocol
- Publisher
  - Send the specific protocol packet



# CREATION OF AN AUTOMATED TESTING SYSTEM



#### How to react in case of PLC's failures?

Stop the test activity

Save and analyze the communication load

Detect the specific "dangerous" packets sequence

Restart the test from the last point



## Test Environment Requirements

#### Test configuration:

- The security testers will not be able to change the tests but only to run it against specific targets
- The tests are built-in or produced as a part of the peach framework
- No specific security knowledge is necessary to run a test

#### Tests execution:

- No client-side installation required
- Client Compatibility with both Windows and Linux
- Automated Start/Stop of tests



# Fuzzing Framework Architecture

#### **Extended Peach**

#### Agent:

Receive a TCP or UDP packet in case of PLC failure to stop the test.

# Customized Engine



#### Watcher:

Save and restore the testing PEACH STATUS in case it stops.

#### XMI test config

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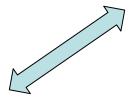
XML test config

#### **HTTP Client:**

- -Download the lists of possible tests divided into protocols
- -Request the execution/stop of specific tests.
- -Get feedback during the tests

#### **HTTP Server:**

Handle HTTP requests to start /stop /restart the tests.





# **Any Questions**



# Thank you for attending!



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