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Managed Detection and Response (MDR) Delivery Models for Industrial Control Systems (ICS)

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Do we have anything to argue about? What about terminology? OT или ICS?

**Gartner** defines operational technology (OT) as: "hardware and software that detects or causes a change through the direct monitoring and/or control of physical devices, processes and events in asset-centric enterprises, particularly in production and operations."

ICS is a complex of software and software hardware aimed at controlling technological and/or industrial equipment (control devices) and their processes as well as management of such equipment and processes;

Depending on the type of business we can speak about the following kinds of AS: Industrial Control Systems (ICS)...

Depending on the type of managed object (process) ICS can be, for example, ICS of Technological Processes (ICSTP), ICS of enterprise (MES) etc.
History in figures

Malware specifically designed for cyber attacks against Industrial Control Systems
- Stuxnet
- Havex
- Blackenergy
- Industroyer
- TRITON

Malware specifically designed for industrial process disruption.
- Stuxnet
- Industroyer
- TRITON

Malware specifically designed for cyber attacks against safety instrumented system (SIS)
- TRITON
History of methodology development

**IT Kill Chain**

- **Reconnaissance**: research, identification and a selection of a cyber attacks target.
- **Weaponization**: coupling a remote access trojan with an exploit into a deliverable payload, typically by means of an automated tool.
- **Delivery**: transmission of the weapon to the targeted environment.
- **Exploitation**: after the weapon is delivered to victim host, exploitation triggers intruders’ code.
- **Installation**: installation of a remote access trojan or backdoor on the victim system and others actions.
- **Command and Control (C2)**: intruders control the target environment.
- **Actions**: collecting, encrypting and extracting information from the victim environment; violations of data integrity or availability are potential objectives as well.

**OT Kill Chain**

- **Develop**: identify target ICS type and develop malware.
- **Test**: ensure malware works as intended, likely off network in the adversary environment.
- **Delivery**: transfer malware to the ICS which contains the ‘loader’ module for the new logic and support binaries that provide the new logic.
- **Install/Modify**: execution and masking malicious code like a legal software.
- **Attack**:

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History of technology development

1. Multi-Purpose Tools
2. IOC Detection Tools
3. Network Traffic Anomaly Detection Tools
4. Outlier Analysis Tools
5. Log Review Tools
6. System Artifact Review Tools
7. Reverse Engineering Analysis Tools

A Survey of Security Tools for the Industrial Control System Environment
The Idaho National Laboratory (INL) USA, 2017
Mature OT SOC is:

- 24/7/365 threat monitoring.
- High level of expertise.
- Well-defined processes.
- Analyst controlling infrastructure.
- Advanced analytics including Threat Intelligence and Threat Hunting.
- Investigation of every security event.
- An individual plan for incident response.
Why should we use MDR in ICS?

We start from the supposed level of ICS-related threat:

- APT-attacks.
- Nation-State sponsored cyberattack.

Therefore, emphasis should be made on detection and response.

SOC, built as MDR, intends to detect and response to advanced threats (APT-attacks).

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Start conditions. Subsequent development.

Stage 1:
  • Infrastructure of the protected object doesn’t have information security tools.

Stage 2:
  • Infrastructure of the protected object has a fundamental security tools, e.g.
    • Perimeter Security Gateway.
    • Antivirus software.

Stage 3:
  • Infrastructure of the protected object has ICS Security Tools:
    • Industrial firewall.
    • EndPoint Protection.
    • EDR.

Stage 4:
  • ICS includes a comprehensive built in security.
Basic architecture of the protected object

Detect network critical for protection nodes in the IT segment.

- IT workstation.

Detect network critical for protection nodes in the OT segment.

According to Russians and foreign standards at substation (digital substation) should be made:

- OT workstation.
- Workstation for configuration IED (PAC).
- ICS workstation.
- SCADA servers.
- ICS servers.
- AMI etc.
Basic architecture

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Audit of workstation and servers under Windows System control

- Authentication;
- Account management;
- OS processes;
- Installation of OS services;
- Changes of file register: register criteria, file system objects;
- Network activity.
Security events audit in ICS

The following points are logged in the security log and forwarded to a connected syslog log server:

**Actions:**
- Successful log off of a user, even after a certain period of time.
- Successful log on of a user.
- Change or delete the connection password.
- Update or restore the firmware version in the device.
- Update the configuration in the device.
- Change the operating mode of the device.
- Change the date and time.
- Change or overwrite state value entries by the logged-on user.
- Switching operations by the registered user.

**Potential errors:**
- Number of entries with correct or incorrect passwords.
- Unsuccessful login attempt by typing 3 wrong passwords.
- Reboot or restart the device.
Basic control architecture should guarantee:

Intrusion into the technological process.

- Control, response and investigation into incidents of elements of the higher level of the ICS.
- 90% of tested SIEM scenarios of the IT-segment can be used to build a basic architecture of end-to-end monitoring.

Basic architecture should allow to:

- Detect the attack development through kill chain stages.
- Detect suspicious traffic from the mission critical segment (Tor, etc).
- Detect changes brought into processes, structure of files of mission critical nodes.
- Detect attempts to escalate privileges.
- Detect new unknown nodes in the mission critical segment.
- Detect changes brought into the selection of services started in the mission critical segment.

Investigation into the suspected incident and fast response will come to the front.
How to detect Industroyer activity:

ESET document analysis:

• Main backdoor: the main module is connected to C&C servers with Tor.
• We should detect on outputs TOR feeds.
• We should detect changing a critical DLL in folders windows or system 32.
• We should detect a new system service start.
• We should detect changing a critical file.

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Advantages:

Possible predictable result:

Minimize the influence of the incident and business risk of malfunction of technological processes, which means keeping functioning of the protected object at the necessary integrity level.

- Earlier detection of incidents and stages of APT-attacks.
- Fast response in case of incident detection and analysis.
- High possibility of successful investigation of the incidents, which will allow to manage cyber security risks more effectively.

Easier compliance with the Regulator’s requirements and using of best practices.
Mature architecture of the protected object:

Common Data Sources in IT Environments:
- Switches;
- Routers;
- Endpoint Protection Software.
- IT workstation.
- Antivirus software.
- Perimeter Security Gateway.
- Intrusion Detection System (IDS).

Common Data Sources in OT Environments:
- IED, PLC – with Syslog;

Tailored ICS cyber security tools:
- Industrial firewall.
- Endpoint Protection Software.
Conclusion:

Implementation of SOC OT allows to:

- Raise a number of detected incidents.
- Detect aberrant behavior.
- Raise the possibility of ART-attack detection at the earlier stage.
- Minimize the influence of such incidents on the technological process.
- Minimize business risks which threaten the functioning of the company.

Implementation of solutions and services improving situational awareness allows:

- Suggest well-founded measures of reducing the influence of cyber attacks.
- Raise the quality of response to incidents.
- Make conclusions based on data.
- Develop a strategy of risk management at a whole new level.
- Easier compliance with the Regulators requirements and implementation of best practices.
Your questions...

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