



# T44 – Owl Computing Technologies Data Diodes Implement DHS Strategies for Industrial Control System Cybersecurity

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# Operations Technology (OT) – ICS and IIoT

Industrial Control Systems (ICS), Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT)

#### **OT Network**



#### **Information Creators**



#### **Information Consumers**

# Remote Access of Data – Is it Secure?



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# DHS, FBI, NSA Risk Assessment for ICS







- 1. Application Whitelisting
- 2. Configuration/Patch Management
- 3. Reduce Attack Surface
- 4. Defendable Environment
- 5. Manage Authentication
- 6. Implement Secure Remote Access
- 7. Monitor & Respond



#### These strategies could have *prevented 98%* of attacks in 2014 and 2015



- gies Highlights from DHS Seven Strategies
- Application Whitelisting: Only allow pre-designated applications to run
- Configuration and Patch Management: safe import of trusted patches
- Reduce Attack Surface Area: Isolate industrial control system (ICS) networks olock down unused services and ports ouse a *data diode* to provide network segmentation
  - if bidirectional communication is needed use a single port over a restricted path.
- Build a Defendable Environment: Use optical separation ("data diode") to:
   segment networks orestrict host-to-host paths oprevent and contain the spread of infection
- Implement Secure Remote Access: Remove back doors and modem access oimplement monitoring only with access enforced by *data diodes* of do not rely on "read only" software configurations of don't allow persistent remote connections



#### **Bottom Line – Reduce Open Access**

Eliminate connections that aren't necessary 1.



Lock down unused ports ٠

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- Eliminate modem connections ٠
- Consolidate access points ٠

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- 3. Any remaining two-way connections for external command and control, requires risk assessment
  - DHS recommendation:
    - "if bidirectional communication is needed use a single port over a restricted path"
    - Transient connections (NERC-CIP terminology)
      - Short term, single purpose connection only connected while in-use
      - VPN, physical Ethernet switch, restricted firewalls, etc.
    - Owl data diode Bi-Lateral solution (More about this later)



# Implementing DHS Guidance

#### **#1 One-Way Communications Path out of the Plant**

- Build a Defendable Environment: Segment networks and restrict host-to-host paths to prevent and contain the spread of infection
- <u>Reduce Attack Surface Area</u>: Use a *data diode* to provide network segmentation
- <u>Implement Secure Remote Access</u>: Implement monitoring only solution with access enforced by **data diodes**

#### #2 One-Way Communications Path into the Plant

<u>Configuration/Patch Management</u>: Provide secure configuration/patch management program centered on safe importation of trusted patch updates









#### **Two-Way Communications Path with the Plant**

- <u>Reduce Attack Surface Area</u>: If bidirectional communication is needed use a single port over a restricted path
- Bi-Lateral data diode solution

#### **By-pass alternative**

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- Permanent infrastructure used for temporary connections
  - Ethernet on/off switch, dedicated patch cable



#### Change the Paradigm – Monitoring without Access



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# Effectiveness of Cybersecurity Technologies

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# Air Gap Network Segmentation

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# Data Diode Network Security

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vFirewall



#### What is a Data Diode?

- Hardware based cybersecurity *designed* to be one-way
- Impervious to software changes or attacks (hardware cannot change)
- Defends the perimeter of the source network (prevents all external attacks)
- Transfers data across network security boundaries (without creating attack vector)



#### Source Network OT Network

Destination Network IT Network

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# How One-Way Works in a Two-Way World



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# Weiterhologies One-Way out & One-Way in #1 DHS Recommendation One-way Out Image: Construction on the state of the stat

#### **#2 DHS Recommendation One-way In**





#### DHS Strategy #3: Reduce Your Attack Surface Area -

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"If *Bidirectional communication is necessary*, then use a single open port over a restricted network path."



- Pair of secure one-way transfers within 1U enclosure
- Non-routable ATM protocol breaks
- TCP/IP proxies that break and join single whitelisted session

### Small Enterprise Architecture

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#### Supports simple and easy security and established data replication flows

#### Medium Enterprise Architecture

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Meets the needs of any midsize company security and data needs

### Large Enterprise Architecture

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Supports largest enterprise needs with failover, redundancy and load balancing

#### Examples of One-Way in, One-Way Out and Bi-Lateral



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### Industry Use Cases

- Power Generation, Substations, Transmission and Distribution (T&D)
  - Gas turbine, nuclear, fossil, hydro plant performance data
  - Historian replication
  - Secure remote monitoring syslog, alarms, events
  - Compliance reporting
- Manufacturing and Mining
  - Secure monitoring of system alarms, events, syslog messages
  - Transfer of files, email, security video
- Oil and Gas
  - Transfer of historian data, alarms, events
  - Interfaces: Modbus, OPC
- Water, Wastewater
  - Windows HMI replication
  - Historian data
- Financial and Banking
  - Data transfer between secure and less secure locations
  - Financial transactions







Network Hardware Interfaces

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- Ethernet, serial, USB, dial up modem
- Standard Vendor Software Interfaces
  - Rockwell Factory Talk Historian, Rockwell Asset Center, Rockwell RS-Links
  - OSIsoft PI Historian

#### • Network application interfaces:

- Syslog, SNMP, FTP, SFTP
- Email (SMTP)
- UDP, multicast, broadcast, unicast (video)
- TCP/IP
- Standards Bodies interfaces:
  - OPC Foundation interfaces: DA, A&E, UA
  - Modbus



#### **OPDS Data Diode Product Line**

- OPDS-5D, OPDS-100D
  - Compact, single box solutions
  - Vertical DIN rail mount
  - Operate in Environmental Extremes
  - Market entry and high end solutions

- OPDS-100, OPDS-1000
  - 1U, 19" rackmount
  - IT environments
  - Variable bandwidth licenses
  - Scale from 10 Mbps to 1 Gbps





- OPDS-100D Replication of data out of the plant

   Rockwell FT Historian ME to SE replication
   RS Linx and RS View OPC server replication
   HMI Screen replication (UDP connection)
   File Transfer (TCP/IP connection)
- OPDS-100 Secure Software Update Service
   Secure file transfer into the plant
   With Secure SHA hash code validation





# Summary

- 1. Threats to the Connected Enterprise demand improved cybersecurity measures
- 2. US Dept. of Homeland Security provides strategies for protecting ICS:
  - Reduce the overall number of connections into the OT network
  - Convert two-way connections to one-way data diode connections
  - For remaining external command and control requirements:
    - use protected, single purpose, transient connections
- 3. Existing Owl Use Cases illustrate successful implementation of these DHS recommendations for protecting ICS





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