Cyber threats and attacks in ICS

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What is cyber risk



Total security of the society is at stake



ICS Cyber kill chain



Resistance and Resiliance are different things and capabilities!



Company Confidential

Black energy

- Well documented and studied attack into Ukranian distribution network with service loss to 225000 end users
- December 2015 but new variants emerging even today
- Specifically targeting ICS and energy companies
- Trojan based hack which enables access to ICS control
- How to protect
 - Strong authentication
 - Patching
 - Strong administrative policies
 - User training





Petya / NotPetya

- 2017 series of attacks with Ukraine as the main target but infections widely also elsewhere in Europe
- First version needed user to download and approve. The evolved and got in from "MeDoc" accounting widely in use in Ukraine, when its update was compromised
- Ransomware attack
- Targeting business and industrial infrastructures shows wannacry was only the beginning
- Maersk hit with tens of millions of damages (up to billion) 45000 PCs and 4000 servers reinstalled
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VPNFilter

- Very recent reported by FBI in past week publicly and revealed by Cisco Talos
- More than half million routers compromised creating botnet in several countries
- Can intercept, monitor and impact passing data. Evolves in steps and enables Modbus SCADA features...
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In conclusion

- Threats are real!
 - Even nation state based
- Cyber security is a continuous process
 - Security assessments
 - Monitoring
 - Cyber insurance
- Response is a joint effort
 - 1. Victim
 - 2. Cyber security service companies
 - 3. ICS vendors
 - 4. Police and government i.e. NCSA







Thanks!

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