BIRD ICRDE: Task 17 - ICS Security by Design



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WP1 - Requirements



- Identify current cybersecurity issues which are relevant now and may be relevant for future energy cybersecurity.
- Gather requirements for desired attributes of secure ICS architecture.
- **Define relevant criteria** against which architecture proposals will be evaluated, as well as on the method of evaluation.

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Activities

- We surveyed:
 - Academic and nonacademic papers;
 - International standards (e.g., IEC/TS 62443, NIST.SP.800-160, NIST.SP.800-218);
 - Best practice proposed by the industry (e.g., MITRE ATT&CK ICS, SANS);
- Identify and map:
 - Security issues;
 - Security-by-design requirements for future ICS;
 - Criteria to check and test the future energy ICS architectures;
- Documentation

Note

We assume the following WPs of task 17 (e.g., mapping relevant commercial solutions and so on) may influence the 1st WP deliverables.





Security Issues

- Definition
- Mapping and Categorization;







Fajarsari, defines cybersecurity issue as: "any unmitigated risk or vulnerability" [Fajarsari 2018].

This definition includes possible risks and unmitigated vulnerabilities **resides in any component within the** industrial control system (ICS) e.g., hardware, firmware, software, networking, protocols, and human factor.

Fajarsari, Herlia M. "Managing Cybersecurity Risk in Process Control System." (2018).



• Our question is

- What types of security issue are today and will probably last to the future?
- We have come out of 3 groups of security issues.
 - Human related
 - Technological related
 - Policy / managerial related
 - A combination of the above



An example from the list

#	Security issue	Human related	Technology related	Policy/ managerial related
1	Lack of security policy	+		+
2	Bring your own device	+		+
3	Human factor	+		
4	Predictability in design		+	
5	Encryption		+	
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• The goal is

Suggest a security-by-design framework / list of requirements for **future ICS**

- Security is to be integrated at the **very beginning** stage of an ICS planning and be prioritize at the highest level
- Therefore, each component within the ICS should follow the security requirements imposed by the future Security-by-design document.
- Embrace advanced security remedies used in IT environment into the ICS environment





Security by Design (SbD) - Introduction

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- SbD is not just for my organization
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So, What is SbD?

Basically, as all standards and best practices it is a **list of requirements** That should be **evolve over time**

<mark>lts goal</mark>

If implemented properly is to improve the overall security of the ICS





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- SbD is a cross organizations effort my organization, business partners, manufacturers,...
- SbD is a managerial issue
 - SbD starts from the top Management and Directorate
- SbD goes down to everyone in the organization
- SbD is a technological issue as well

WHY?





- Currently The suggested SbD is of two parts
 - A general part
 - Technological part







- The general part that deals with aspects such as:
 - "Soft requirements" e.g., management, directorate, and CISO, obligations, audit, ...
 - Asset management e.g., inventory, ownership, mapping & classification
 - Security infrastructure e.g., access control, certification of devices and software, logs, data integrity, encryption, SIEM/SOC,
 - Architecture e.g., segmentation, DMZ, different environments, MFA, penetration tests,
 - Encryption, digital signature, certifications
 - Remote access

Security by Design (SbD) – Our point of view

- The technological part includes
 - Development life cycle
 - Requirement phase
 - Design phase
 - Development phase
 - Test phase
 - Deployment phase
 - Maintenance phase
 - Disposal phase
 - Some other technologies to be used





• Development life cycle

Requirement phase

#	Activity	#	Activity
а	Risk analysis	i	Communication
b	Quality assurance	j	Remote access
С	Identification & authentication	k	Segregation of duties
d	Access control	I	Segmentation
е	Logs / Historians	m	Perimeter security
f	Audit	n	Backup and recovery
g	Tests	0	Physical security
h	Security	р	Low and regulations



Security by Design (SbD) – Our point of view

- Development life cycle
 - Design phase

Design each requirement with respect to security

- Examples of activities
 - Decide on secure coding standards

Check for possible violations of standards and best practices

Build a threat modeling to identify threats = > ability to identify vulnerabilities Architecture risk analysis

Perform review design

Decide on test environment, test scenarios,

Insert all the security remedies, and countermeasures inside the development Design the backup and recovery process what we need to do at emergency

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• Development life cycle

- Development phase

Secure coding

Coed review – static analysis via COTS products and manually

Version management

Enhance testing scenarios

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Development life cycle



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- From the SbD = > 1'st part of criteria
- Architecture survey is included in the next phase = > 2'nd part criteria

