

DEFCIN NSM 101 for ICS

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What happens when you use nmap or a fuzzer on an ICS?



If ICS are so vulnerable, why haven't we seen more attacks?

We aren't looking!

Two Key Reasons

Intent



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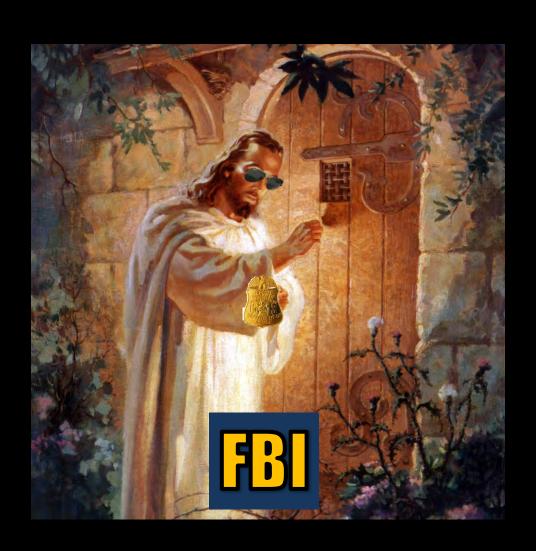
Very little ICS targeted attack data

- Maroochy Shire to Stuxnet to German Steel Plant Why are targeted attacks different?
- It's a "Who" not a "What"
- Professional, organized, well-funded
- If you kick them out, they will return

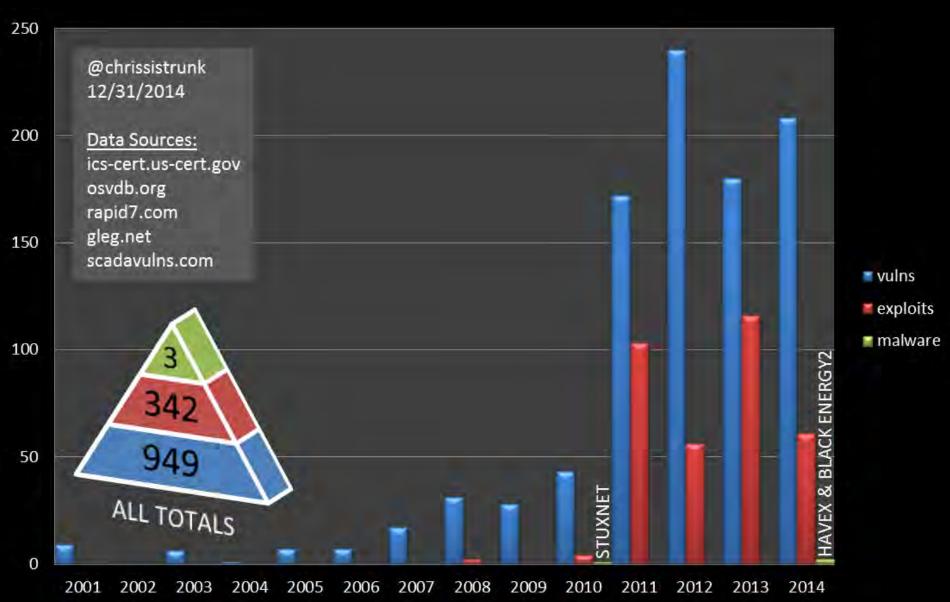
Visibility



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Public ICS Vulnerabilities Per Year



If your ICS gets hacked...

you can't make gadgets
water anymore
electricity

Now what?

- More Gov't security regulations
- ICS security still lagging
- Breaches are inevitable
 - Attacks aren't stopping
 - Every sector
 - Including ICS

What can we do to get ahead of this???

Network Security Monitoring

"The collection, analysis, and escalation of indications and warnings to detect and respond to intrusions. NSM is a way to find intruders on your network and do something about them before they damage your enterprise."

- The Practice of Network Security Monitoring



Network Security Monitoring

Invented in 1990, still in use today

Cliff Stoll
"Stalking the
Wily Hacker"
1988



Todd Herberlein et al.

"A Network Security Monitor"

1990



Defense
Information
Systems Agency
Lawrence
Livermore
National Lab

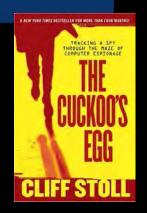
US Air Force



NetRanger
RealSecure
Snort
and many
others
Late 1990s -



Formal definition of NSM 2002











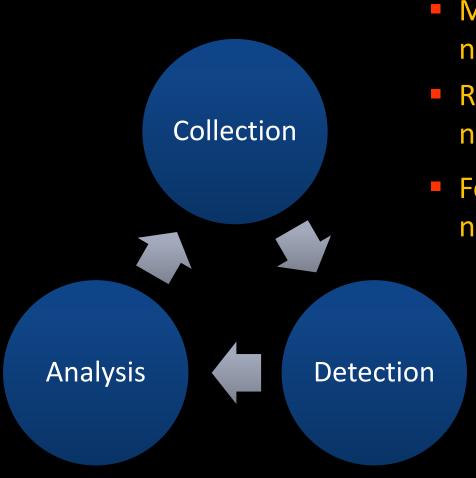
Before we start looking...

We need

- At least one person (to watch and hunt)
- The right tools to collect and analyze the data



The NSM Cycle



- Model for action, based on network-derived data
- Requires people and process, not just technology
- Focuses on the adversary, not the vulnerability

Methods of Monitoring

- Network tap physical device which relays a copy of packets to an NSM sensor
- SPAN or mirrored ports switch configuration which sends copies of packets to a separate port where NSM sensor can connect
- Host NIC configured to watch all network traffic flowing on its segment (usually on NSM sensor)
- Serial port tap physical device which relays serial traffic to another port, usually requires additional software to interpret data





Types of Data Collected

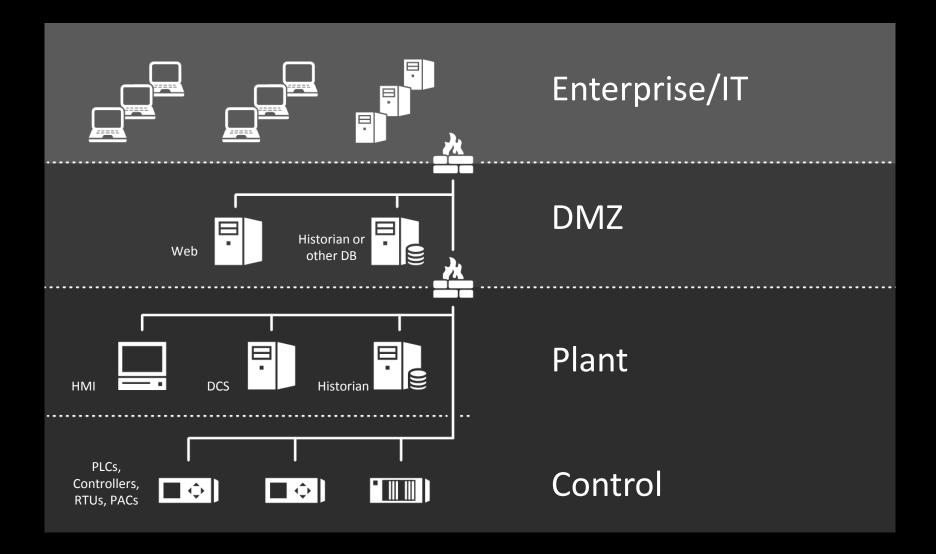
- Full content data unfiltered collection of packets
- Extracted content data streams, files, Web pages, etc.
- Session data conversation between nodes
- Transaction data requests and replies between nodes
- Statistical data description of traffic, such as protocol and volume
- Metadata aspects of data, e.g. who owns this IP address
- Alert/log data triggers from IDS tools, tracking user logins, etc.

Difficulties for NSM

- Encrypted networks
- Widespread NAT
- Devices moving between network segments
- Extreme traffic volume
- Privacy concerns

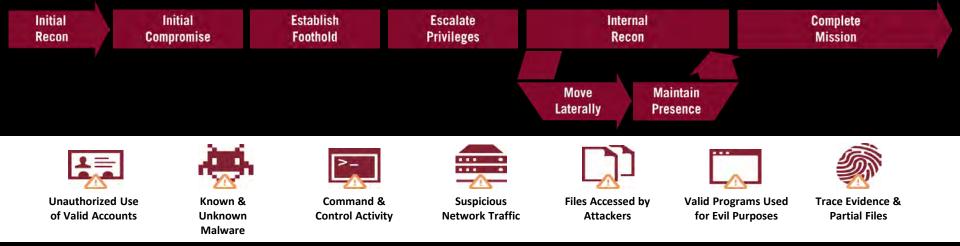
Issues that most ICS do not face!

Example ICS



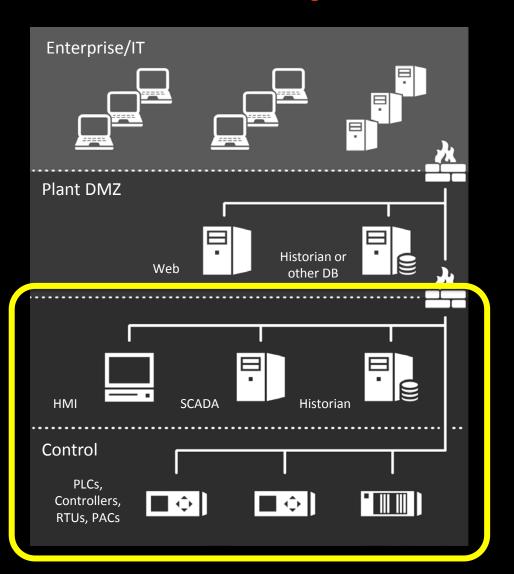
Anatomy of an Attack

While attackers often use malware to gain an initial foothold, they quickly move to other tactics to execute their attacks.



Over all Mandiant attack investigations, only a little more than half of victim computers have malware on them.

Attacker Objectives



Attacker's goals:

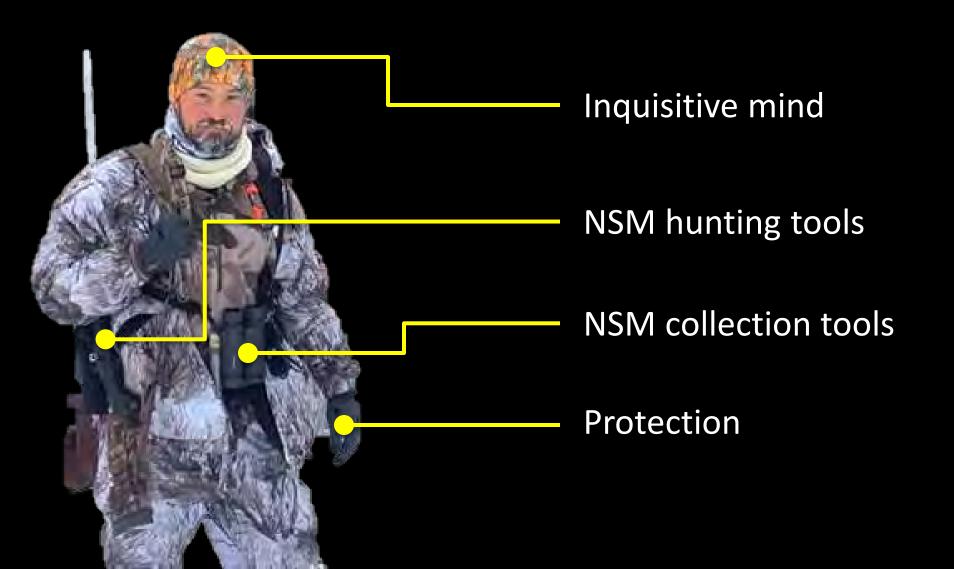
- Damage equipment
- Affect or steal process info
- Cause safety or compliance issue
- Pivot from vulnerable ICS to enterprise

Attacker's options:

- Gain physical access to an ICS host
- Gain remote access to an ICS host
- Compromise a highly-privileged client machine with access to the ICS network

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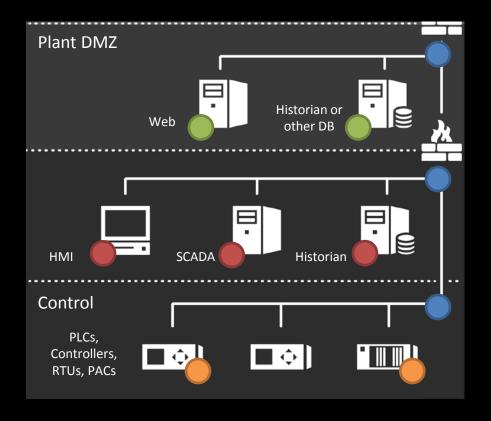


NSM Collection

- Enterprise technology collectors
- Logs and/or Agent

Network sensors

Logs only





- Firewall Logs
- Session Data
- NIDS/HIDS Logs
- Full packet capture
- Windows Logs and syslog
- SNMP (CPU % etc.)
- Alerts from security agents (AV, whitelisting, etc.)

NSM Collection



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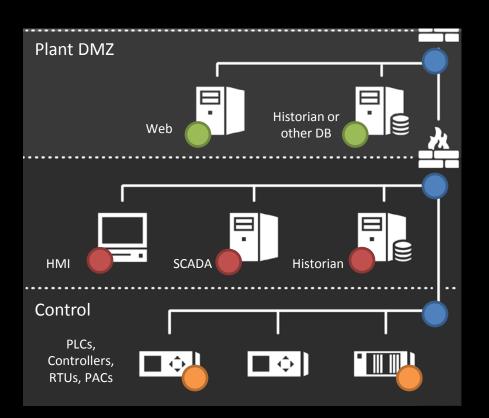
What are we looking for?

- Exceptions from baseline (e.g. A talks to B but never C)
- "Top Talkers"
- Unexpected connectivity (to Internet, Business network)
- Known malicious IPs and domains
- Logins using default accounts
- Error messages that could correlate to vulnerabilities
- Unusual system and firewall log entries
- Host-based IDS or other security system alerts
- Unexpected file and firmware updates
- Antivirus alerts
- And others....

NSM Detection & "Hunting"

Analyst looks at detected anomalies or alerts then escalates to IR





- IDS alerts
- Anomaly detection
- Firmware updates, other commands
- Login with default credentials
- High CPU or network bandwidth
- Door alarms when nobody is supposed to be working
- Devices going off-line or behaving strangely

NSM Detection

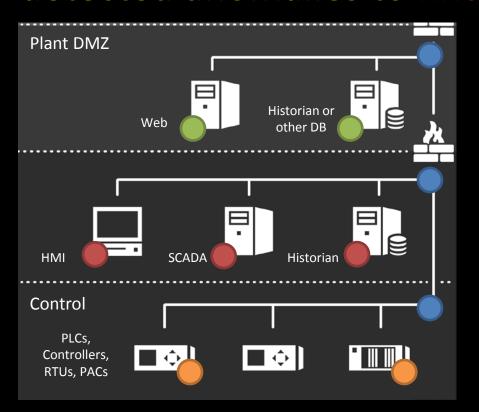


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NSM Analysis

Incident responders analyze the detected anomalies to find evil





- Application exploitation
- Third-party connections (ex. ICCP or vendor access)
- ICS-specific communication protocol attacks (ex. Modbus, DNP3, Profinet, EtherNet/IP)
- Remote access exploitation
- Direct network access due to poor physical security
- USB-delivered malware

NSM Analysis

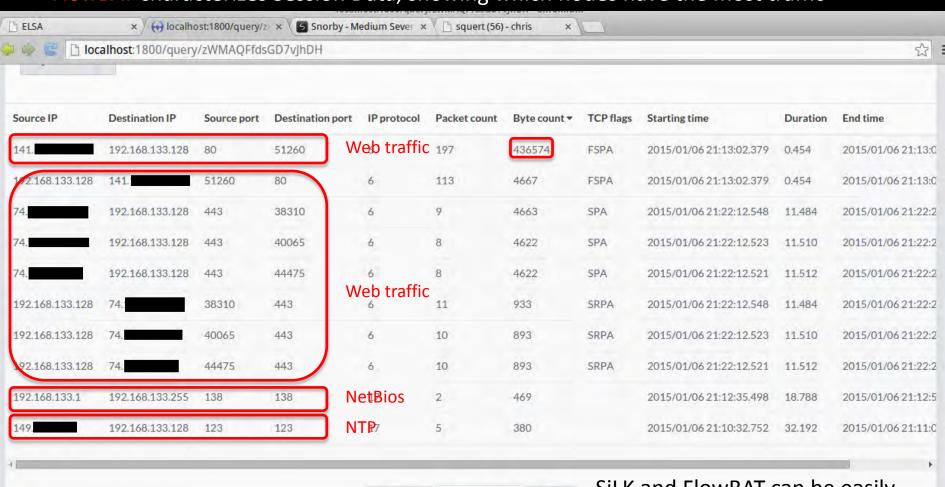


ICS NSM Examples



Session Data "Top Talkers"

FlowBAT characterizes Session Data, showing which nodes have the most traffic

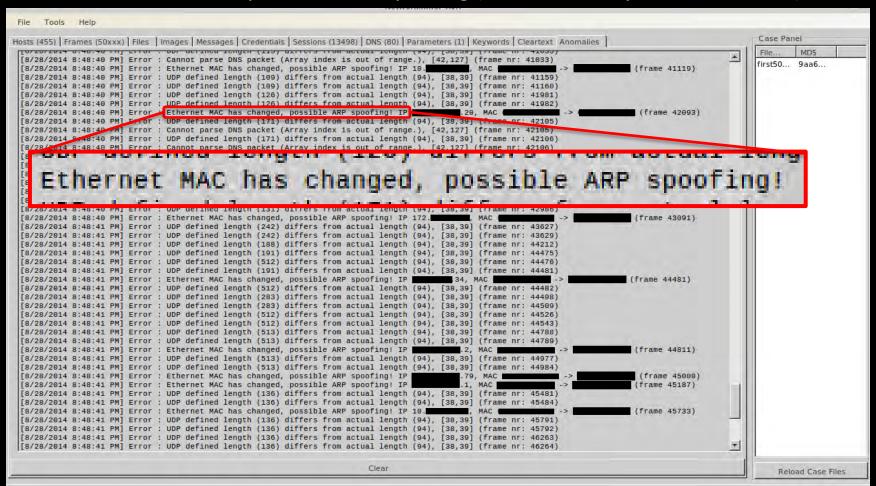


SILK and Flow installed in S

SiLK and FlowBAT can be easily installed in Security Onion

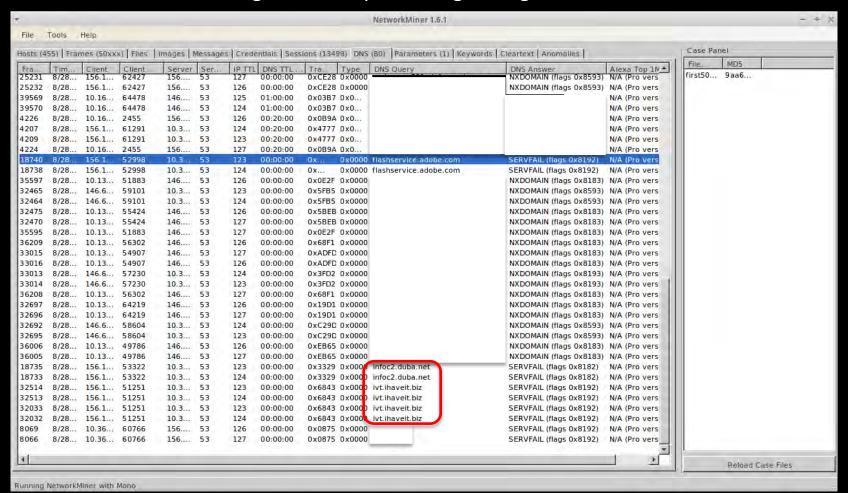
Pcap Analysis for anomalies

NetworkMiner can find potential ARP spoofing (as well as many other indicators)



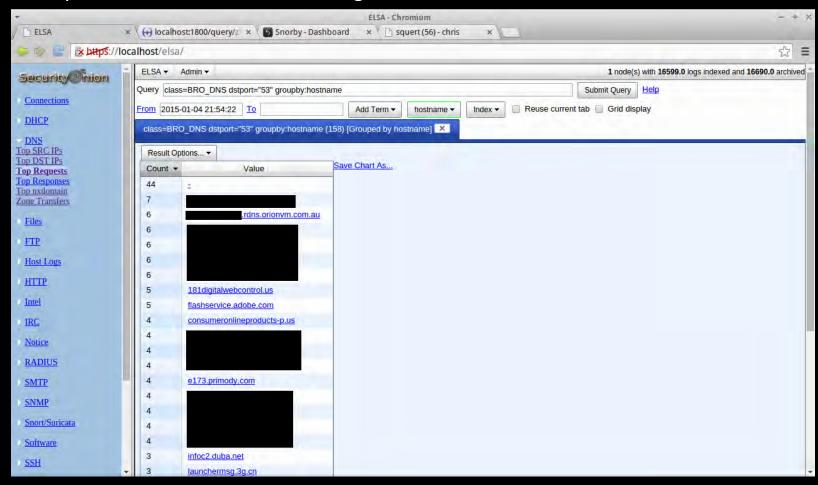
Pcaps - Abnormal DNS Traffic

NetworkMiner sees "strange" DNS requests originating from within the ICS



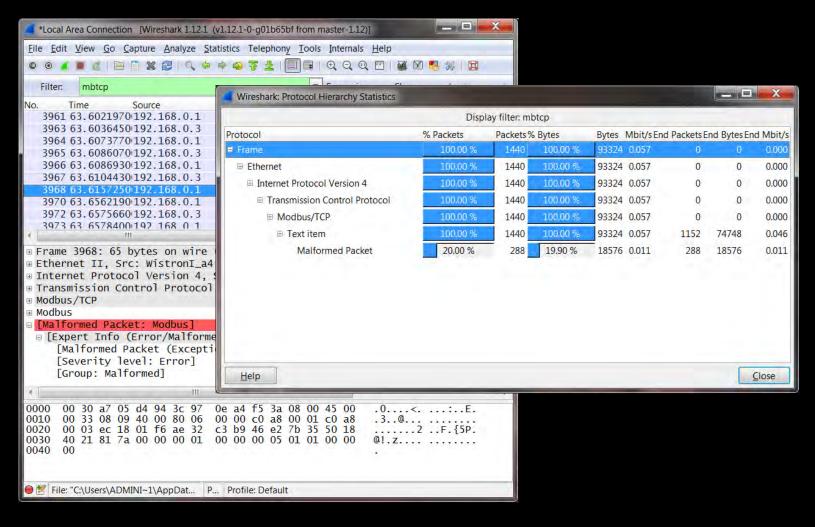
IDS alerts - Abnormal DNS Traffic

DNS requests shown in the Bro IDS log in ELSA



Pcaps - Malformed Modbus

Deep packet inspection of Modbus by Wireshark



IDS Logs

Bro IDS

- DNP3 & Modbus
- More ICS protocols being developed by UIUC

Snort IDS

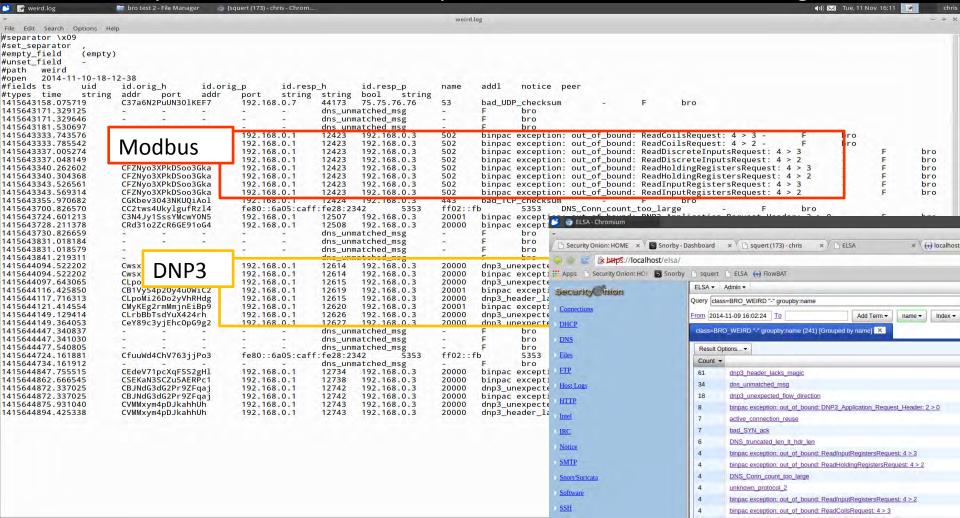
- DNP3 & Modbus preprocessors
- ET SCADA & DigitalBond Quickdraw Snort rules

Suricata IDS

New DNP3 parser & ET SCADA rules

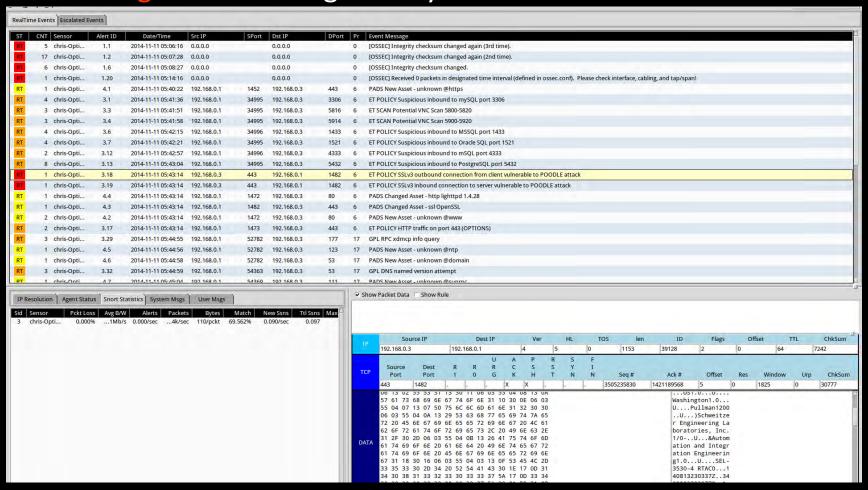
IDS Logs

Bro IDS parses Modbus and DNP3 packets, ELSA consolidates Bro logs



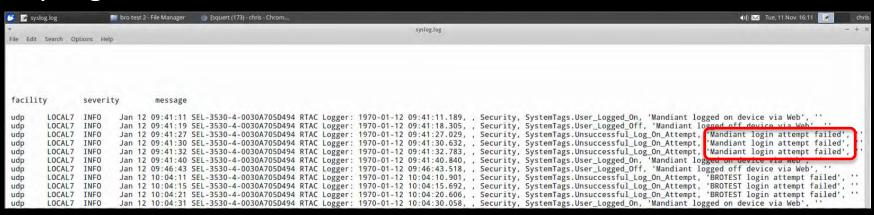
IDS GUIS

Alerts in Sguil of scanning activity



Syslog

Syslog can be configured to send to a NSM sensor or detected in network traffic if sent elsewhere. This is the Bro IDS Log for Syslog from an RTU.



RTUs with Syslog

- SEL-3530 RTAC
- GE D20MX
- Novatech OrionLX
- Cooper SMP 16



If not...require syslog and other logs in the ICS procurement language

NSM Tools for the 7 Data Types

Security Onion Linux distribution

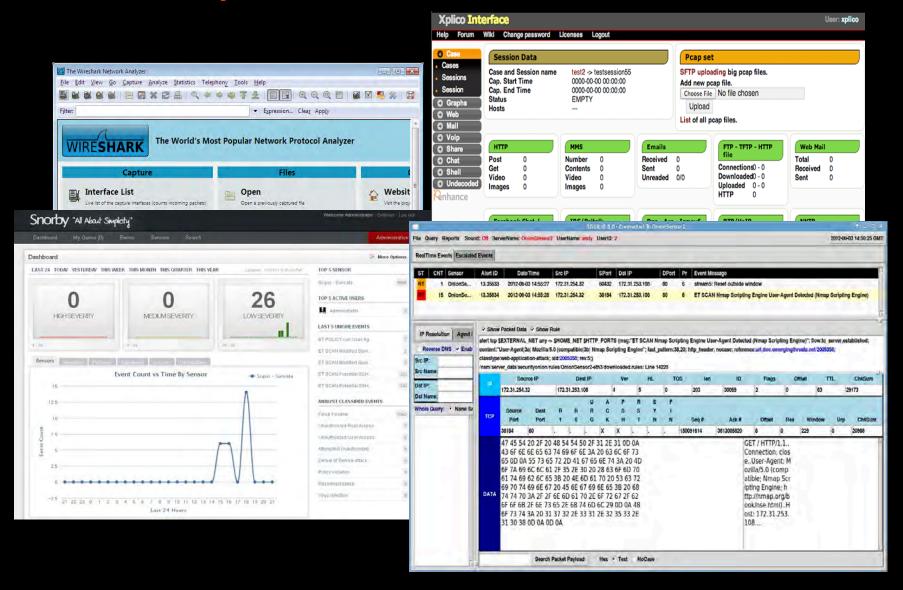
- Easy to install and lots of documentation
- Full packet capture –
 Tcpdump/Wireshark/NetworkMiner
- Extracted content Xplico/NetworkMiner
- Session data Bro/FlowBAT
- Transaction data Bro



Peel Back the Layers of Your Network

- Statistical data Capinfos/Wireshark
- Metadata ELSA (Whois)
- Alert data Snort, Suricata, Sguil, Snorby

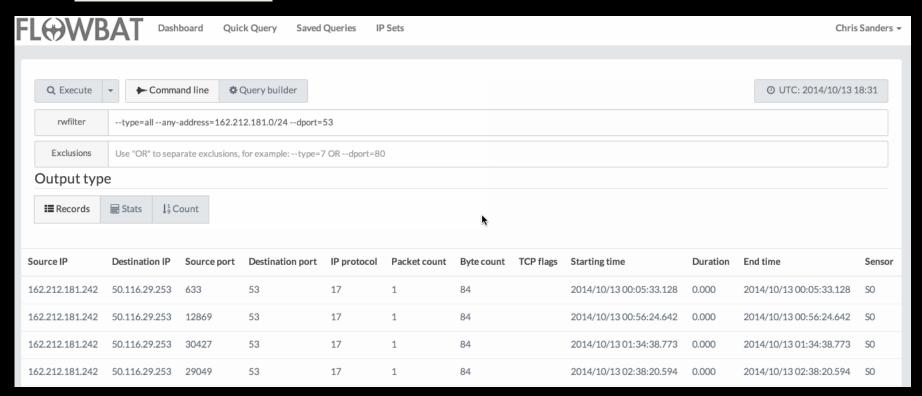
Security Onion Tools



NetFlow Tools

SiLK & FlowBAT

- Install on Security Onion with 2 scripts
- www.flowbat.com



Security Onion Implementation

- Test in a lab first
- Select suitable hardware platform
 - More RAM is better
 - Bigger hard drive is better (longer retention)
- Mirrored/SPAN port on router/switch or a good network tap
- Select proper placement of SO sensor
 - The Practice of Network Security Monitoring
 - Applied Network Security Monitoring
- Work with the right stakeholders if placing in production

SO for ICS = Security Ogre



NSM References/Resources

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- The Practice of Network Security Monitoring by Richard Bejtlich http://www.nostarch.com/nsm
- Applied Network Security Monitoring by Chris Sanders & Jason Smith http://www.appliednsm.com/
- The NSM Wiki http://nsmwiki.org
- http://securityonion.net

Takeaways

- ✓ You can implement NSM in ICS today without impacting your operations
- ✓ There are free tools available to help you start looking at your ICS and hunting for evil

People...

...the most important part of NSM!

- Gigabytes of data and 1000s of IDS alerts are useless without interpretation
- Analyze data collected to understand what's normal – and what's not
- Identify adversary TTPs and act to disrupt them



Remember
Adversaries are a "Who", not a "What"

Find Evil



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