Strengthening Cybersecurity at the Intersection

Addressing Vulnerabilities from Controller Devices to Network Infrastructure

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Taking things seriously



Transportation is one of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors designated by DHS and CISA



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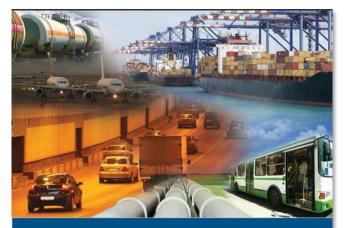
Transportation Systems Sector

- Aviation
- Highway and Motor Carrier
 - "traffic management systems; and cyber systems used for operational management."
- Maritime Transportation Systems
 - Mass Transit and Passenger Rail
- Pipeline Systems
- Freight Rail
- Postal and Shipping

How well are we executing against the plan?

3.3.2 Cybersecurity

Cyber-based technologies in transportation operations enable greater economies and efficiencies, improve customer service, enhance operational controls, and provide better security capabilities. Consequently, transportation companies are increasingly dependent on cyber systems for business, security, and operational functions. Cyber technologies upon which transportation services rely include positioning, navigation, tracking, shipment routing, industrial system controls, access controls, signaling, communications, and data and business management. These technologies are often interconnected through networks and remote access terminals, which may allow malicious actors easier access to key nodes. Continuity of operations and system resilience following a disaster are increasingly dependent on the recovery of cyber systems.



Transportation Systems Sector-Specific Plan

2015







Transportation was 37% of tracked OT cyber attacks with physical consequences in 2024.

146% increase in sites suffering physical impairment of operations because of cyber attacks vs. 2023

Nation states 6:1 Hacktivists

Source: Waterfall ICS Strive 2025 OT Cyber Security Report



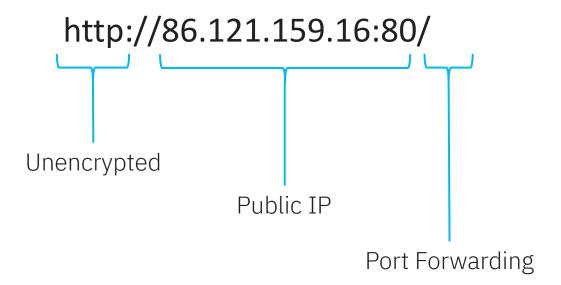
Troublesome Cameras

Somewhere in Romania...

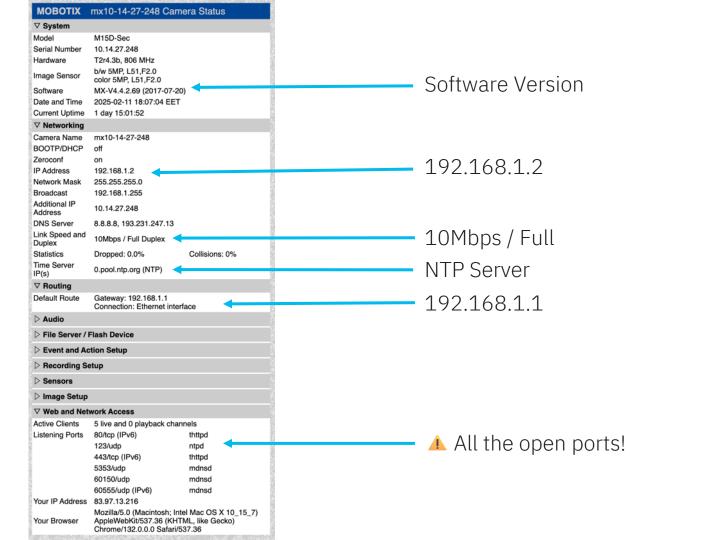


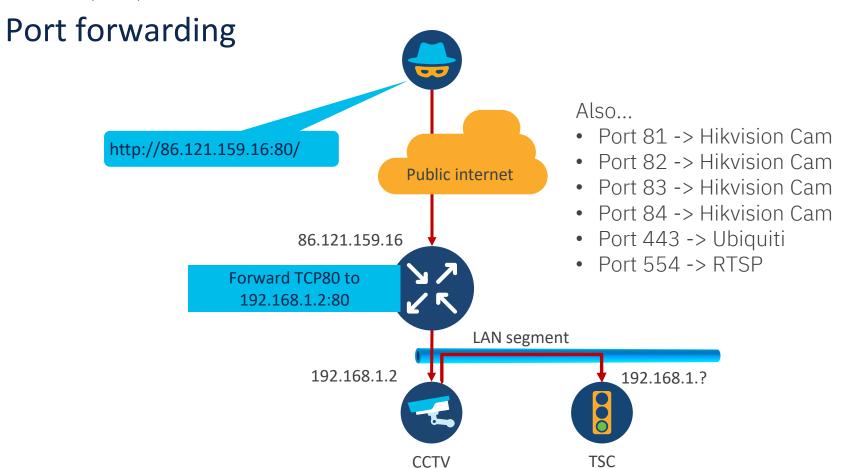


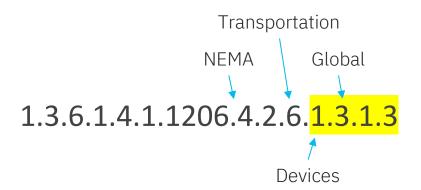
A screw up, in three acts:











NTCIP 8004

Structure and Identification of Management Information

NTCIP 1201 Global Object Definitions

2.2.3.3 Module Make Parameter moduleMake OBJECT-TYPE SYNTAX OCTET STRING ACCESS read-only STATUS mandatory DESCRIPTION "<Definition>This object specifies the manufacturer of the associated module. A null-string shall be transmitted if this object has no entry. <Object Identifier> 1.3.6.1.4.1.1206.4.2.6.1.3.1.3" ::= { moduleTableEntry 3 }



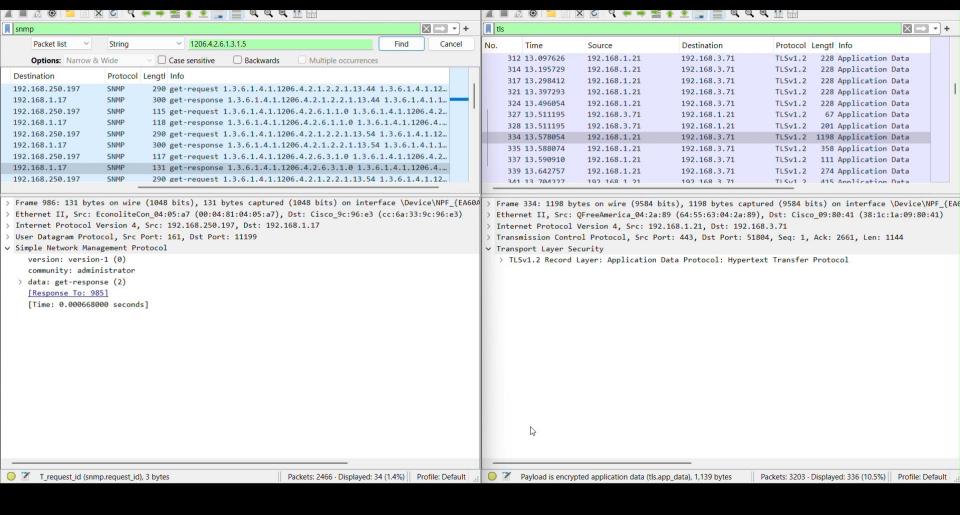
SNMP: Simple Network Management Protocol

SNMPv1 (circa 1980)

Plain text, non-encrypted, communications

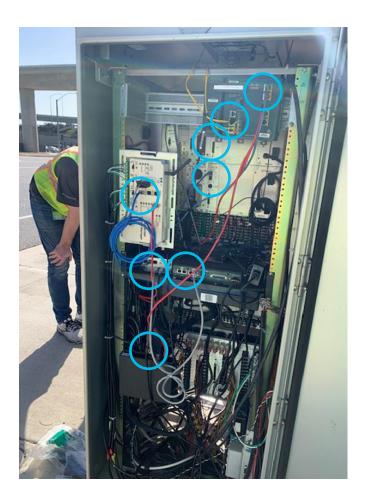
Well-known security vulnerabilities including (spoofing, message stream modification, and denial of service)

Community strings provide a primitive form of authentication management



Once you are in... oof!

= attack surfaces





Best practices

- Cybersecurity begins with physical security
- Know what is on your network!
- Avoid the three epic fails in your network schema
- Upgrade your systems with security in mind
 - Authentication
 - Encryption
- Deploy network tools that monitor and control authorized communication



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System and Organization Controls (SOC)

Defined by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

- SOC 1 is about financials
- SOC 2 is about security

SOC 2

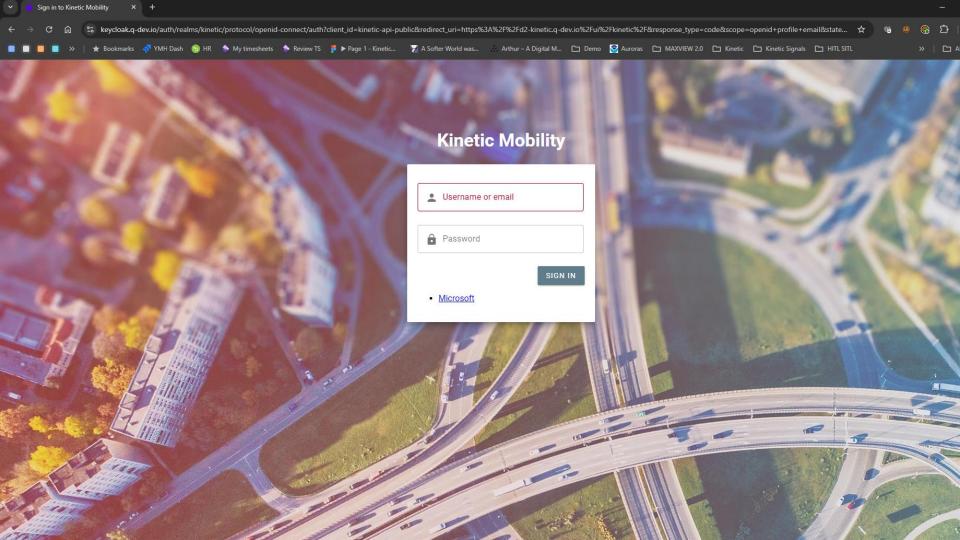
1. Security

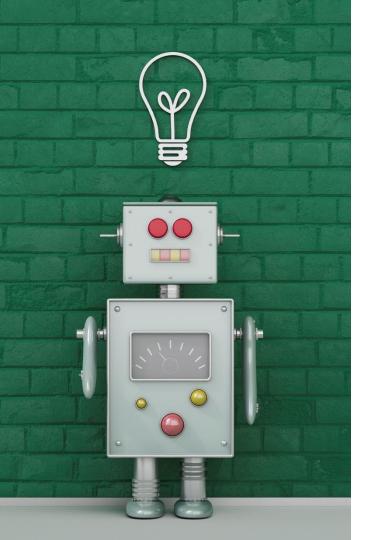
4. Processing integrity

2. Availability

- 5. Privacy
- 3. Confidentiality







Tools and automated scans

Vulnerability Scanning

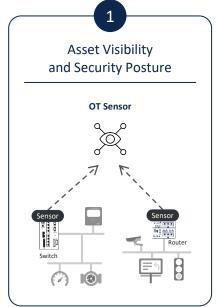
Scan Linux host for missing patches. Repositories for security vulnerabilities in component software.

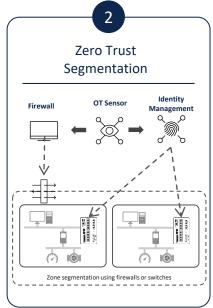
Penetration Testing

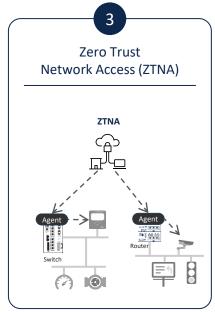
Simulated attack performed to evaluate system security.

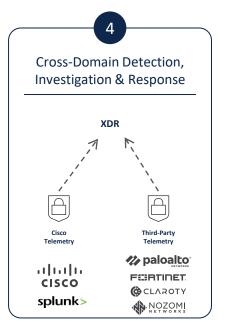
End Point Security

Intrusion detection systems (IDS) and intrusion prevention systems (IPS).











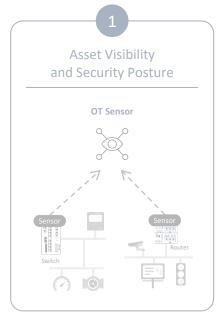


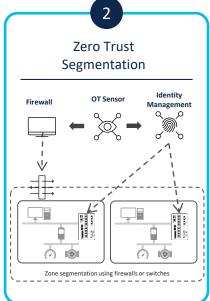








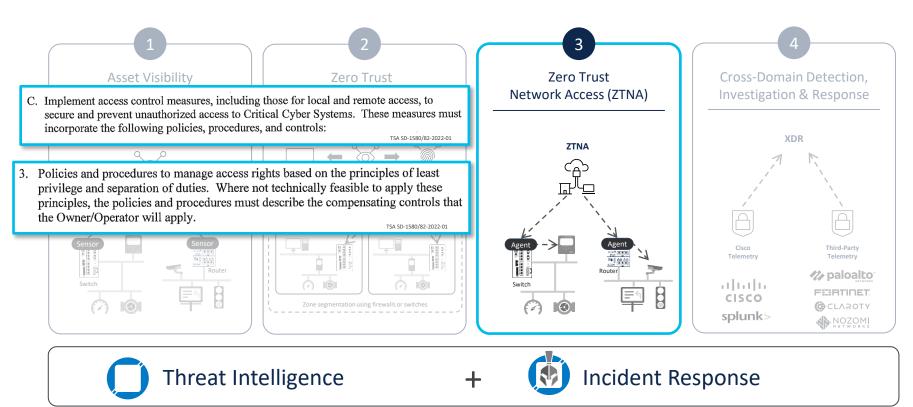


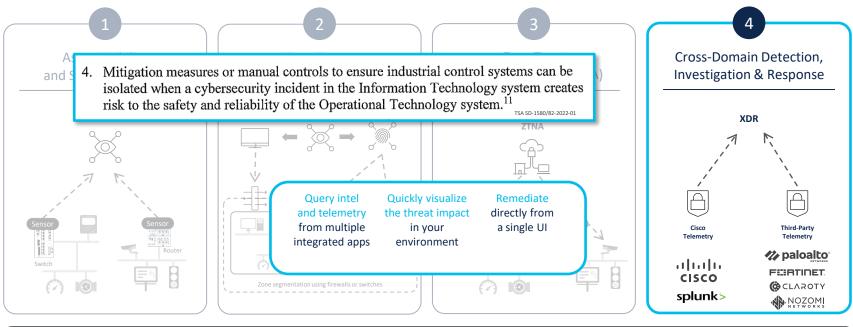




- B. Implement network segmentation policies and controls designed to prevent operational disruption to the Operational Technology system if the Information Technology system is compromised or vice-versa. As applied to Critical Cyber Systems, these policies and controls must include:
 - 1. A list and description of
 - a. Information Technology and Operational Technology system interdependencies;
 - All external connections to the Information Technology and Operational Technology system;
 - Zone boundaries, including a description of how Information Technology and Operational Technology systems are defined and organized into logical zones based on criticality, consequence, and operational necessity; and
 - Policies to ensure Information Technology and Operational Technology system services transit the other only when necessary for validated business or operational purposes.
 - 2. An identification and description of measures for securing and defending zone boundaries, that includes security controls
 - a. To prevent unauthorized communications between zones; and
 - b. To prohibit Operational Technology system services from traversing the Information Technology system, and vice-versa, unless the content is encrypted or, if not technologically feasible, otherwise secured and protected to ensure integrity and prevent corruption or compromise while the content is in transit.

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Thank You!
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