Enhancing Cyber Security in Tango Controls: A Special Interest Group Workshop

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#### Introduction

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### Acknowledgements

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# Agenda

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# Background



# **Security news**



July 2023

Recent stories by Dan Goodin 36 stories in 2024 Never-before-seen Linux malware gets installed using 1-day exploits wery means that NerbianRAT is cross-platform used by for-profit threat group GOODIN - 3/12/2024, 1:33 AM 46 Microsoft says Kremlin-backed hackers accessed its source and internal systems Midnight Blizzard is now using stolen secrets in follow-on attacks against customers 83 🌑 OODIN - 3/8/2024, 7:42 PM Attack wrangles thousands of web users into a password-cracking botnet Ongoing attack is targeting thousands of sites, continues to grow. 51 🔴 GOODIN - 3/7/2024, 11:29 PM VMware sandbox escape bugs are so critical, patches are released for end-of-life products VMware ESXi, Workstation, Fusion, and Cloud Foundation all affected. Z8 🔴 OODIN - 3/6/2024, 9:19 PM After collecting \$22 million, AlphV ransomware group stages FBI takedown AR ENL Affiliate claims payment came from AlphV victim, and AlphV took the money and ran. 114 DAN GOODIN - 3/5/2024, 11:28 PM Hackers exploited Windows 0-day for 6 months after Microsoft knew of it hnically, Microsoft doesn't consider such bugs vulnerabilities. It patched it anyway. 64 DODIN - 3/4/2024, 11:47 PM US prescription market hometrung for O down (on for) he ransomware attack Actively exploited 0-days in Ivanti VPN are letting hackers backdoor Patients having trouble getting lifes OODIN - 3/1/2024, 10:59 PM networks Organizations using Ivanti Connect Secure should take action at once. **Jugging Face, the Gi** 14 DAN GOODIN - 1/10/2024, 11:18 PM devices cious submissions have been a ODIN - 3/1/2024, 7:02 PM Linux devices are under attack by a never-before-seen worm GitHub besieged by m Based on Mirai malware, self-replicating NoaBot installs cryptomining app on infected devices. attack DAN GOODIN - 1/10/2024, 5:12 PM tHub keeps removing malware DIN - 2/28/2024, 11:12 PM 60 🌑 Hackers backed by Ru yours, FBI warns Hackers can infect network-connected wrenches to install ransomware ...... Researchers identify 23 vulnerabilities, some of which can exploited with no authentication. 169 🌑 DAN GOODIN - 1/9/2024, 3:00 PM

Source: <u>https://www.helmholtz.de/en/newsroom/bessy-ii-back-in-operation-after-cyber-attack-on-helmholtz-zentrum-berlin-hzb/</u>

Source: <a href="https://arstechnica.com/author/dan-goodin/">https://arstechnica.com/author/dan-goodin/</a>



# Kaspersky study



Percentage of ICS computers on which malicious objects were blocked in selected industries

Source: https://www.kaspersky.com/about/press-releases/2023\_attacks-on-industrial-sector-hit-record-in-second-quarter-of-2023



# Glossary

AAA	Authentication Authorisation Accounting		
Authentication	Are you really you? I.e., identity		
Authorisation	What are you allowed to do? I.e., privileges		
Accounting	Who did what when? aka Auditing		
РКІ	Public Key Infrastructure. The way certificates and public-private key pairs are managed, implemented and operated.		
СА	Certificate Authority. Trusted third party. The entity in a PKI that is responsible for issuing public-key certificates and exacting compliance.		
Certificate	A set of data that uniquely identifies a public key (which has a private key) and an owner that is authorized to use the key pair. Digitally signed by a CA.		
SSL	Secure Sockets Layer. Encryption-based Internet security protocol. Predecessor to TLS.		
TLS	Transport Layer Security . Authentication and encryption protocol. HTTPS = HTTP over TLS		



### Web security timeline



#### **Recommended configurations**

Mozilla maintains three recommended configurations for servers using TLS. Pick the correct configuration depending on your audience:

- Modern: Modern clients that support TLS 1.3, with no need for backwards compatibility
- Intermediate: Recommended configuration for a general-purpose server
- Old: Services accessed by very old clients or libraries, such as Internet Explorer 8 (Windows XP), Java 6, or OpenSSL 0.9.8

Recommendation source: <u>https://wiki.mozilla.org/Security/Server\_Side\_TLS</u>

Image source: Boris Rogier <u>https://www.networkdatapedia.com/post/3-things-you-should-know-about-https-ssltls-traffic-with-wireshark</u>



### Web certificates

*Digital certificates* aka *X.509 certificates* aka *PKI certificates.* 

Provided by global *Certificate Authorities*. E.g., Let's Encrypt, Verisign, Thawte, Entrust, etc.

Or can "self-sign" with limitations.

Read more:

https://www.keyfactor.com/education-center/what-is-pki/ https://www.feistyduck.com/library/bulletproof-tls-guide/online/ https://letsencrypt.org/





Image sources: The SSL Store: <u>https://www.thessIstore.com/blog/ssltls-certificate-its-architecture-process-interactions/</u> Pexip AS: <u>https://docs.pexip.com/admin/certificate\_management.htm</u>



# Web authentication: SAML and SSO

#### SAML: Security Assertion Markup Language

SSO: Single Sign-On

IdP: Identity Provider



Image source: <u>https://bigdataanalyticsnews.com/how-does-saml-work/</u>



# Web authentication: WebAuthn and FIDO2





WebAuthn credentials also referred to as passkeys



Image source: <u>https://fidoalliance.org/fido2/</u>

Image source: Tom Scavo <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Passwordless\_Web\_Authentication.svg</u>



### Web authorisation: OAuth 2.0

OAuth: Open Authorisation

Specifies a *delegation* protocol

Can be misused as pseudo-authentication

*OpenID Connect*: combines authentication and authorisation on top of OAuth





Image source: Devansvd <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Abstract-flow.png</u>



### Web tools: identity and access management

#### One example of an open-source implementation is Keycloak



Image source: <u>https://www.keycloak.org</u>



# Research facility control systems



# Karabo – European XFEL



European		-> SCADA messaging	The security <b>onion</b> Hardware loops
Securing Light Source SCADA Systems			
Leonce Mekinda, Valerii Bondar, Sandor Brockhauser, Cyril Danilevski, Waijd Ehsan, Sergey Esenov, Hans Fangohr, Gero Flucke, Gabriele Giovanetti, Steffen Hauf, David Gareth Hickin, Anna Kimovskaia, Luis Maia, Thomas Michelat, Astrid Muennich, Andrea Parenti, Hugo Sanos, Kerstin Weger, Chen Xu. European XFEL GmbH		# Just use the SCADA	Control Network
Barcelona, 12/10/2017		SCADA security is often telnet-grade	
Overview The security of SCADA systems is an increasing COTS computers via IP networks; support <i>de fa</i> What happens once attackers have been grante Can they do everything? Can they easily escalate their privileges? "We trust whoever has access to the Control Ne Would you let your personal laptop unlocked system be less protected than your laptop?	concern as they interconnect a significant number of cto standards like USB. d access to / broke into the Control Network? twork" 24/7 in a control room? If no, why should the control	Office Network	SH, IPSèc: Firewall, IDPS, Antivirus Example: Stuxnet(2010) attacking PLCs.
<ul> <li>We suggest to secure the SCADA system beyond the general IT infrastructure security</li> <li>Device servers would authenticate and authorize users for every issued message.</li> </ul>			
European XFEL			
		-	See details in the paper

Slide credit: Leonce Mekinda https://accelconf.web.cern.ch/icalepcs2017/talks/thbpa02\_talk.pdf







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https://github.com/European-XFEL/Karabo (note that it wasn't implemented this way)

*Slide credit: Leonce Mekinda* <u>https://accelconf.web.cern.ch/icalepcs2017/talks/thbpa02\_talk.pdf</u>







#### **Review from SLAC**





- 1. PV drive limits are not all set can lead to machine errors
- 2. Understaffed with Oracle DB Admin

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-SLAC

#### Recommendations

#### **EPICS Controls Security Issues & Recommendations**

#### Passive Traffic Inspection

Passive attacker can observe and learn Process Variable and server names. Not considered serious.  $\Rightarrow$  Could Mitigate by TCP+TLS(\*)

#### PV Denial of Service by search spam

Active attacker responds to PV search requests, directing to null server

#### • PV Search Hijacking / Man in the Middle Attack

Active attacker responds quickly to all observed searches, redirect clients to rogue EPICS server. Returns fake data, or proxy forwards bad control data to a legitimate control system EPICS server. Very bad things.

⇒ Mitigate by adding Transport Layer Security (as long as attacker does not hold certificate)

#### • Server impersonation / credential theft

Theft of server certificate used to maliciously impersonate PVs provided a legitimate server.  $\Rightarrow$  Mitigate by something like certificate "pinning."

(\*) Transport Layer Security (TLS); Encryption, certificate-based authentication, compression.

Work of Michael Davidsaver, Osprey DCS, under SLAC contract, 2021

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### **EPICS changes**





#### EPICS Security Improvement 2: US Dept of Energy sponsored project to add TLS to PvAccess for the EPICS community

**\$ 1.4 M over 2 years**. SLAC leading, Osprey primary contractor (M. Davidsaver, G. McIntyre). Kay Kasemir (ORNL) adding for core-pva. Many, many thanks to Dale Dale Hugo Leschnitzer & Mark Hahnert (US Dept of Energy, Office of Science).



#### Year One

1. Technology analysis and selection 2. Implement a simple prototype containing TLS additions to the EPICS PV Access protocol 3. Design changes to EPICS 4. Implement prototype for PV Access Name Server changes 5. Implement prototype for client authorization via certificate 6. Integrate with site-specific authentication protocols 7. PVA Protocol Performance tests 8. PV Access Name Server Performance tests 9. Functional Verification Testing and Combined Report Year Two 1. Implement Beta version of PVA TLS 2. Update Beta with performance and usability improvements 3. Update Beta with certificate management improvements -4. Release Beta to SLAC and monitor 6. Release Beta to selected facilities and monitor results

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### **Considerations for PVA over TLS**

EPICS Osprey DCS

PVA: process variable access (like a Tango attribute)



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### **Considerations for PVA over TLS**

#### System Considerations

- Distributing CA certs.
  - Straight forward copying of (mostly) static files
- Issuing Server (and Client) certs.
  - Tedious ~manual process
  - What Common Name?
- Cert. validity
  - Expiration date?
  - Certificate Revocation List?
  - Periodic online check (Open Certificate Status Protocol)?





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**NTP:** Network Time Protocol

### **Detailed technical proposal for EPICS TLS**





#### **Certificate usage**





#### **Data encryption**





### **Establishing TLS session**





#### **Network stack**





### Server certificate rotation





#### Outcome

#### What will adding TLS get us?

#### **TLS Benefits**

#### Server Certificates ->

- Prevent Service Impersonation
- Prevent Man-in-the-Middle attacks
- Cipher suite Message Authentication Codes →
- Guarantee Data Integrity
- Securely shared Symmetric Session Keys →
- Prevent Packet Snooping
- Client Certificates ->
- Provide a mechanism for Service Access Control
- Protect Data by allowing Services to Restrict Access
- Can be used as part of strategy to Reduce impact of DoS Attacks

#### TLS Will Not

- Prevent PV Impersonation in a mixed TLS/TCP network
- Prevent discovery of Service Endpoint or PV name
- Prevent discovery of Encryption Type
- Prevent discovery of Data Transmission Frequency
- Prevent discovery of approximate Amount of data transmitted



Network Management Impact

Install Server Certificates Configure Network for TLS traffic (network management tools)

EPICS Collaboration Meeting, Fermilab, 2023



#### **EPICS: C++ changes for PV access over TLS**



https://github.com/mdavidsaver/pvxs/pull/53



# What about Tango?



### Tango roadmap 2015

#### From ICALEPCS 2017



*Slide credit: Reynald Bourtembourg* <u>https://accelconf.web.cern.ch/icalepcs2017/talks/mobpl02\_talk.pdf</u>



### Tango protocols

Remote Procedure Calls use CORBA Commands, reading/writing attributes C++ uses omniORB – it has TLS option (TLS 1.3 support?) Java use JacORB – provides IIOP over SSL

Events use zeromq libzmq has: no TLS CurveZMQ for encryption: <u>https://rfc.zeromq.org/spec/26/</u> ZAP for authentication: <u>https://rfc.zeromq.org/spec/27/</u> Events are read-only, so do we need authentication?



# **Common issues**



#### **Common issues**

Certificates

Certificate Authority How do servers get certificates? How do clients get certificates? Expiry, revocation, rotation If time-based, then NTP must be secure

Backwards compatibility Do we allow insecure clients/servers? If yes, will we ever turn off the insecure option?



#### **Common issues**

Performance Time to establish connection Latency CPU/memory requirements Network bandwidth (~6.5kB for TLS session, ~40 B extra per message \*)

#### General

Is CA a single point of failure? Can we get locked out of our own system? How to sign software applications? Authentication? Authorisation? Accounting? Secrets management

\* TLS overhead for TLS 1.2: <u>http://netsekure.org/2010/03/tls-overhead/</u>





Tango servers Launched by Starter service / Kubernetes Started manually by engineer

Client applications Jive, Sardana, Taurus, Taranta User scripts Client to device in same process – does it do TLS?



#### Tango device/client developers Unit tests run locally – do we want to deal with certificates? CI/CD

Security team Penetration testing Auditing installed software Want vulnerable libraries updated ASAP "Break-glass" procedure Procedure to report and handle vulnerabilities



Updating server and client certificates Initial deployment Rotation/update after expiry Revocation – how soon is connection dropped?

Updating cipher suite and cryptographic keys security update to library need more bits need new cipher suite old & new versions of Tango, with different encryption methods



Authentication

Can we use LDAP, SSO? Can we use WebAuthn, hardware keys/devices? Are certificates linked to user accounts, hosts, or device servers? How to handle beamline user accounts? How to handle service accounts? How to handle temporary accounts for visiting users?



Authorisation

Is Tango access control sufficient? Are the rules from TAC sufficient? How fine-grained do we need it? Something like EPICS access control list files with rules? OAuth2?



Accounting / Auditing What do we log? Where do we log? Who has permission to see the logs? Who has permission to change/delete? Is there some notification for suspicious activity?



# Conclusion



#### Conclusion

Re-use existing standards and technologies

Learn from other control systems

It will take a long time / a lot of resources

Encrypting Tango data is only a small part of cyber security!







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