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Projects

- Great work on milestone presentations!
  - I will try to read through the reports by the end of next week
- Next steps
  - Keep working towards final demo
  - Keep fleshing out and updating documentation
  - Soon: modeling and verification

Security

Safety is about system failing without an attacker model

Security is about system failing because of adversarial actions

What special considerations do we have to make when thinking about security for embedded systems?

FDA issues recall of 465,000 St. Jude pacemakers to patch security holes

Heart patients will have to visit their doctors to have their pacemakers patched for the "voluntary" recall -- but there are risks.

It seems such an odd concept at first, but with many kinds of pacemakers now "smarter," with connections to mobile devices and diagnostic systems, the avenue has been carved for these medical devices to potentially be tampered with, should a threat actor choose.

In particular, Abbott's pacemakers, formerly of St. Jude Medical, have been "recalled" by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on a voluntary basis.

The devices must be given a firmware update to protect them against a set of critical vulnerabilities, first reported by MedSec, which could drain pacemaker battery life, allow attackers to change programmed settings, or even change the beats and rhythm of the device.

On Tuesday, the FDA issued a security advisory, warning that the pacemakers must be recalled -- and as they are embedded within the chests of their users, this requires a trip to the hospital to have the software patch applied.

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It’s not just software….

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Considering all applications of which you are aware, what do you regard as the most interesting use of the IoT? (Selected write-in responses from 2019 & 2017).

- *Automatic **traffic control.***
- ***AR/VR** -- Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality.*
- *Connected automated **houses/buildings.***
- *Connected/autonomous **vehicles.***
- *Detecting location: providing **original content** by screen, audio, phone.*
- *Distributed sensing for diagnostics and control. Think of sensors that **detect bearing, failures in rotating machinery, bridges, roadways, factory lines** etc.*
- *Environment monitoring/ global electrical **energy consumption reduction.***
- *Intelligent industrial machines, **predictive maintenance** of industrial components.*
- ***Remote medical** information/**diagnostic** integration, medical devices.*
- *Real-time sensing (**road conditions, power grid data, total-plant monitoring**).*
- ***Earthquake/seismic** monitoring signaling building evacuations in time to save lives.*
- ***Drones; remote control** and monitoring.*
- ***Security** within IOT - the technology is totally insecure.*
- *Smart cities, smart factories, **precision agriculture**, pest management in farming.*
- ***Brain waves to control wheelchair** movement. Opportunities endless and scary.*
- *Wireless monitor for **underground** water.*

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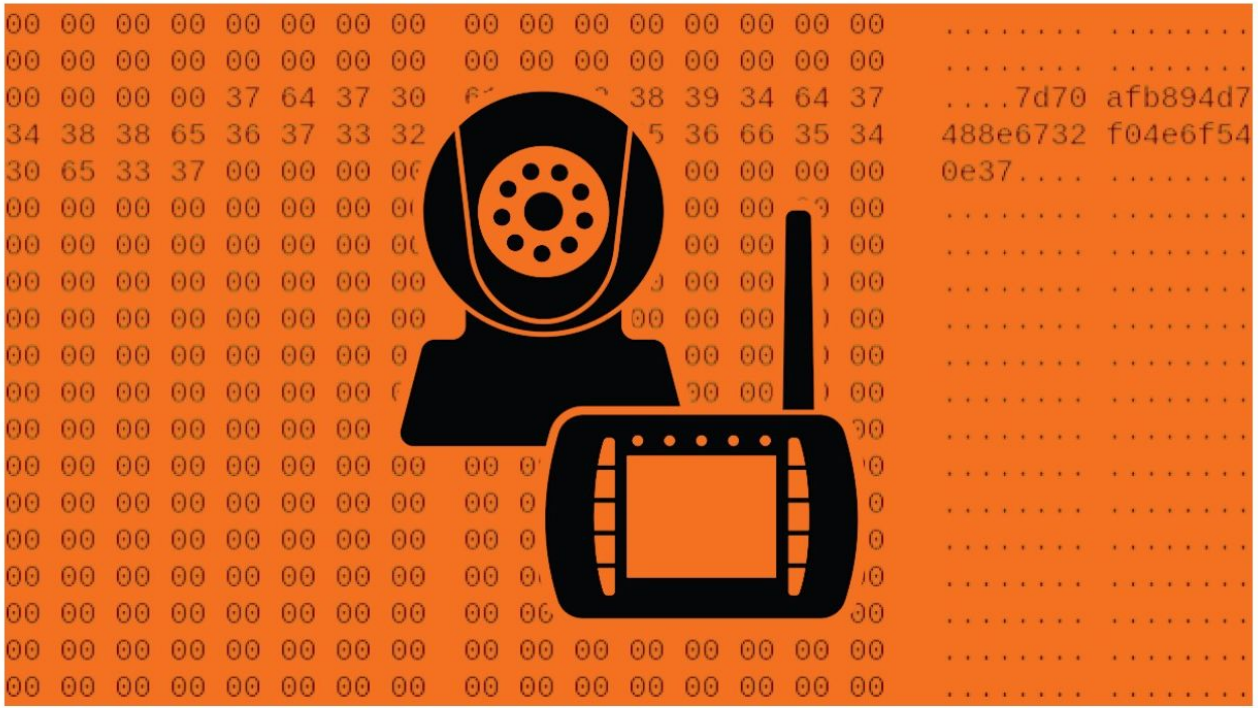

Several zero-day vulnerabilities in a home baby monitor could be exploited to allow hackers access to the camera feed and plant unauthorized code such as malware.

The security flaws in the IoT devices, which are manufactured by China-based vendor Victure, were discovered by researchers from Bitdefender.

In a security advisory (PDF), Bitfender detailed how a stack-based buffer overflow vulnerability in the ONVIF server component of Victure's PC420 smart camera allowed an attacker to execute remote code on the target device.

Review: code in memory

Code in memory

Stack

PC

Main function

ISR

SP

Program state (local variables, etc)*

Old PC

```
000020fc <setup>:
    20fc:   4b07        ldr r3
    20fe:   b510        push
    2100:   681c        ldr r4
    2102:   2301        movs
    2104:   2200        movs
    2106:   0019        movs
    2108:   4294        cmp r4
    210a:   dd04        ble.n
    210c:   18c8        adds
    210e:   3201        adds
    2110:   0019        movs
    2112:   0003        movs
    2114:   e7f8        b.n 21
    2116:   4a02        ldr r2,
    2118:   6013        str r3, [r2, #0]
    211a:   bd10        pop {r4, pc}
    211c:   20000000    .word   0x20000000
    2120:   200000bc    .word   0x200000bc
00002
    2126:   4b05        ldr r3, [pc, #20]   ; (213c <loop+0x1
    2128:   220a        movs    r2, #10
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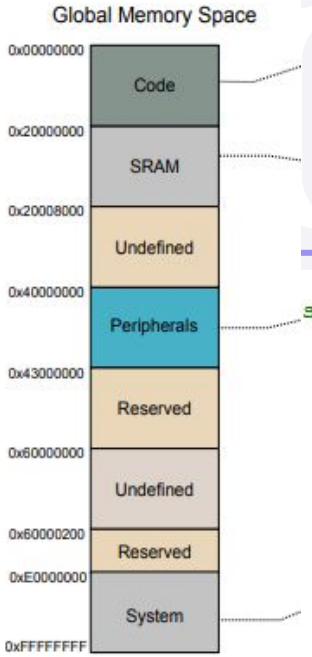
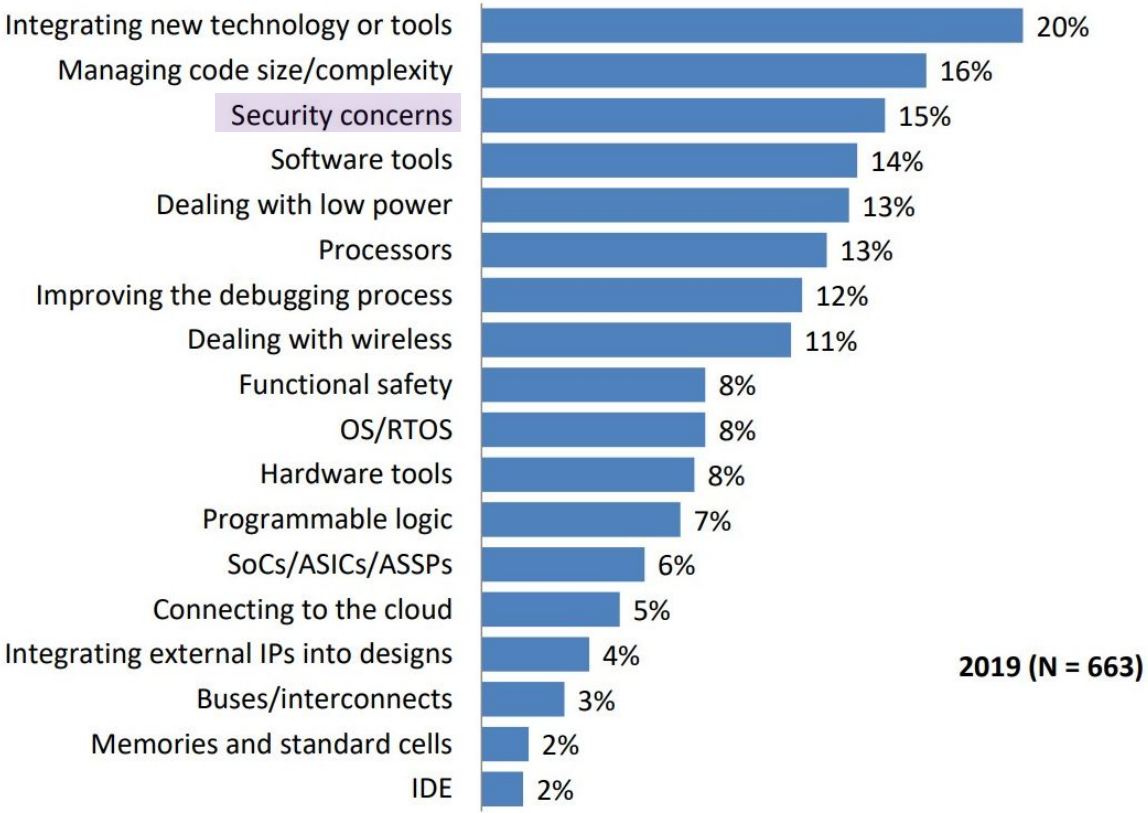
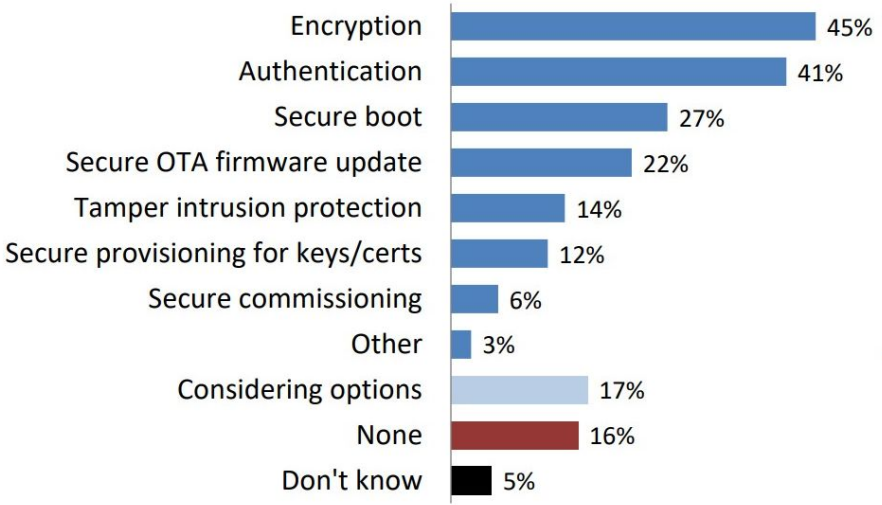
Memory address of instruction



Thinking about the next year, what areas will be your greatest technology challenges?



What security measures are you incorporating into your current design?



Have taken one or more security measures:
70% in 2019
66% in 2017
61% in 2015

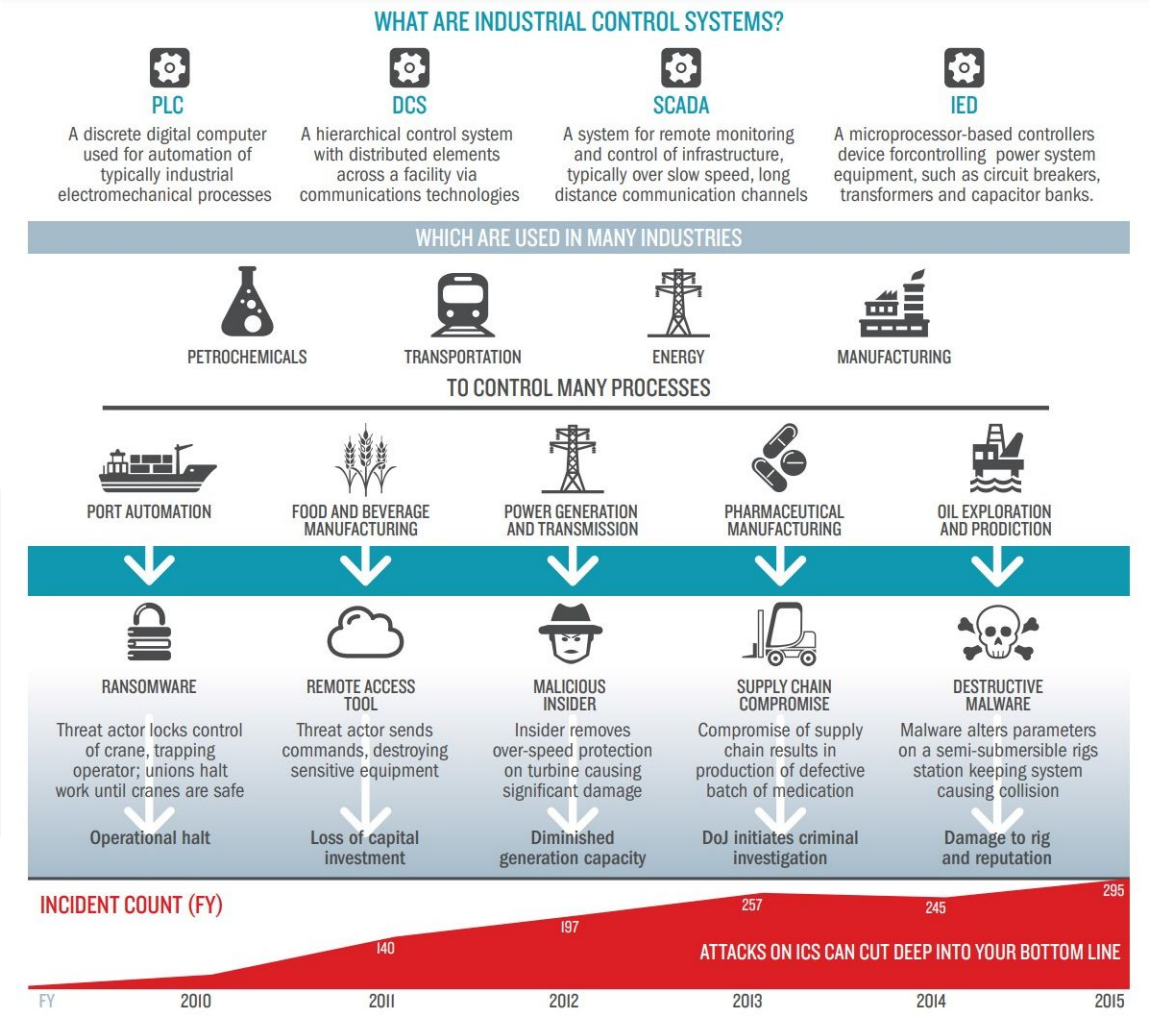
EMEA uses **Encryption** significantly more than other regions **(49%).**

Safety plans

- Requirements
- Threats
- Vulnerabilities
- Mitigation
- Validation

Security requirements: CIA

- Confidentiality: is data released?
- Integrity: is data tampered with?
- Availability: is the system down?


WHAT ARE INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS?
PLC
A discrete digital computer used for automation of typically industrial electromechanical processes
DCS
A hierarchical control system with distributed elements across a facility via communications technologies
SCADA
A system for remote monitoring and control of infrastructure, typically over slow speed, long distance communication channels
IED
A microprocessor-based controllers device forcontrolling power system equipment, such as circuit breakers, transformers and capacitor banks.
WHICH ARE USED IN MANY INDUSTRIES
PETROCHEMICALS
TRANSPORTATION
ENERGY
MANUFACTURING
TO CONTROL MANY PROCESSES
PORT AUTOMATION
FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANUFACTURING
POWER GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION
PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING
OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODICTION
RANSOMWARE
Threat actor locks control of crane, trapping operator; unions halt work until cranes are safe
Operational halt
REMOTE ACCESS TOOL
Threat actor sends commands, destroying sensitive equipment
Loss of capital investment
MALICIOUS INSIDER
Insider removes over-speed protection on turbine causing significant damage
Diminished generation capacity
SUPPLY CHAIN COMPROMISE
Compromise of supply chain results in production of defective batch of medication
DoJ initiates criminal investigation
DESTRUCTIVE MALWARE
Malware alters parameters on a semi-submersible rigs station keeping system causing collision
Damage to rig and reputation
INCIDENT COUNT (FY)
140
197
257
245
295
ATTACKS ON ICS CAN CUT DEEP INTO YOUR BOTTOM LINE
FY
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015

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Threats

Securing a system is challenging:

- Have to actively prevent all attacks, while attacker only has to find one way in
- Attackers can be highly motivated and have many resources (ex. nation-states)
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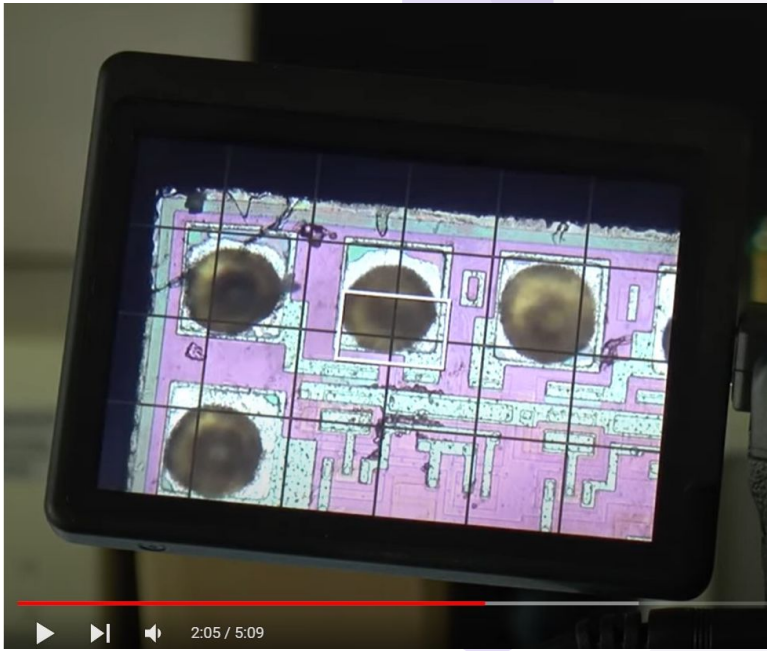

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Italian Traffic Lights

Event: Feb, 2009 Italian authorities investigating unauthorized changes to traffic enforcement system

Impact: Rise of over 1,400 traffic tickets costing > 250K Euros in two month period

Specifics: Engineer accused of conspiring with local authorities to rig traffic lights to have shorter yellow light causing spike in camera enforced traffic tickets

Lessons learned:

- Do not underestimate the insider threat
- Ensure separation of duties and auditing

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Vulnerabilities

- Connection to internet
- Homebrew crypto
- Physical access
- “Security by obscurity”
- Weak or master passwords
- Constrained resources on MCU

The top 10 most common passwords list:

1. 123456
2. 123456789
3. qwerty
4. password
5. 12345
6. qwerty123
7. 1q2w3e
8. 12345678
9. 111111
10. 1234567890

Transportation – Road Signs

Lessons learned:

- Use robust physical access controls
- Change all default passwords
- Work with manufacturers to identify and protect password reset procedures

Homeland Security

Event: Jan 2009, Texas road signs compromised

Impact: Motorists distracted and provided false information

Specifics: Some commercial road signs, can be easily altered because their instrument panels are frequently left unlocked and their default passwords are not changed. "Programming is as simple as scrolling down the menu selection," a blog reports. "Type whatever you want to display … In all likelihood, the crew will not have changed [the password]."

Space Station – Air Gap Bridged

Event: Aug. 2008, Viruses intended to steal passwords and send them to a remote server infected laptops in the International Space Station (again).

Impact: Created a “nuisance” to non-critical space station laptops

Specifics:The virus did make it onto more than one laptop -- suggesting that it spread via some sort of intranet on the space station or via a thumb drive.

Lessons learned:

- Due to the human factor – there is no true airgap, for example, thumb drives, laptop connection, modems, VPN, CD/ DVD, etc.

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Mitigation/Validation

- Testing is not enough!
- Consult experts, use vetted algorithms
- Principle of least privilege
  - Only give device as much access as it needs (internet connection, access to data, etc)
  - Mitigates effects if device is compromised

CSX Train Signaling System

Event: Aug, 2003 Sobig computer virus was blamed for shutting down train signaling systems

Impact: The virus infected the computer system at CSX Corporation's Jacksonville, Florida, headquarters, shutting down signaling, dispatching, and other systems

Specifics: Ten Amtrak trains were affected

Recovery time:

- *Train service was shut down or delayed for six hours*

Lessons learned:

- Critical patches and Anti-Virus needs to be applied and updated regularly
- Defense-in-depth strategies, Firewalls
- Isolate control networks from corporate networks

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