



# Central Security Incident Management Platform in Industry 4.0 with Threat Intelligence Interface

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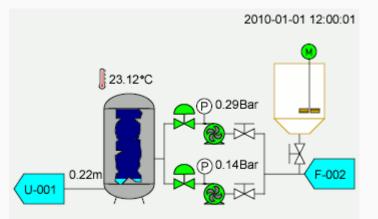
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# Industrial Control Systems (ICS)

- Information system used to control industrial processes such as manufacturing, production and distribution:
  - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system
  - Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC)
  - Human-Machine Interface (HMI)
  - Intelligent Electronic Devices (IED)



SCADA standard animation, Source: Wikipedia

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**Vulnerability Surfaces** 

- Existence of outdated and unpatched assets in ICS environments.
- Communication over insecure ICS protocols such as PROFINET or Modbus (mostly in clear text).
- Direct access of ICS environments to internet via VNC or RDP protocols for remote maintenance services.
- Lateral movement from IT network.



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Attack history

- Stuxnet (2010)-Iran nuclear facility: (a malicious worm)
   Siemens Step7 software running on Windows systems
- Industroyer/CrashOverride malware(2016)-Ukraine's power grid
- Triton/Trisis (2017)- petrochemical plant in the Middle East, specifically Saudi Arabia: Triton malware targets Triconex Safety Instrumented System (SIS) controllers manufactured by Schneider Electric





- ZenSIM4.0 : Central Security Incident Management for Small and Medium Enterprises in Industry 4.0
  - https://zensim-project.de
  - Cooperation project within the German BMBF
     and Research
  - October 2021 September 2024
- Partners:
  - DECOIT<sup>®</sup> GmbH & Co. KG: coordinator, developer, and SIEM specialist
  - University of Applied Sciences of Bremen: research and simulating specialist
  - VDE CERT: Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies. CSAF aggregator role in project



**Research questions** 

- Can SIEM protect ICS environments as well?
- How can a SIEM safely identify assets in the ICS environments?
- How can a SIEM protect the ICS environment against known vulnerabilities of assets and implement countermeasures?
- How can a SIEM produce and share information about detected attacks in the ICS environments?





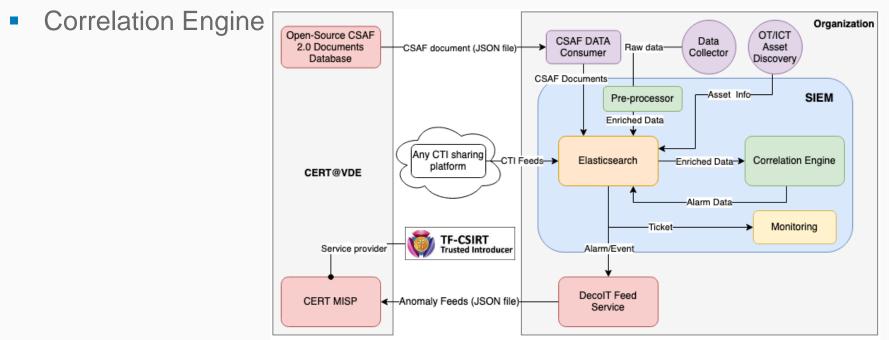
- Security Incident Management:
  - Identifying, managing, recording and analyzing security threats or incidents in the product and production environment
- Central Plattform:
  - ZenSIM 4.0 develops a special central platform for SMEs operating in Industry 4.0 to support security incident management.

Focus of



ZenSIM 4.0 Framework

- ScanBox (SIEM)
- Asset discoverer
- Data collector: both It and OT protocols
- Common Security Advisory Framework (CSAF) consumer



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### Common Security Advisory Framework (CSAF)

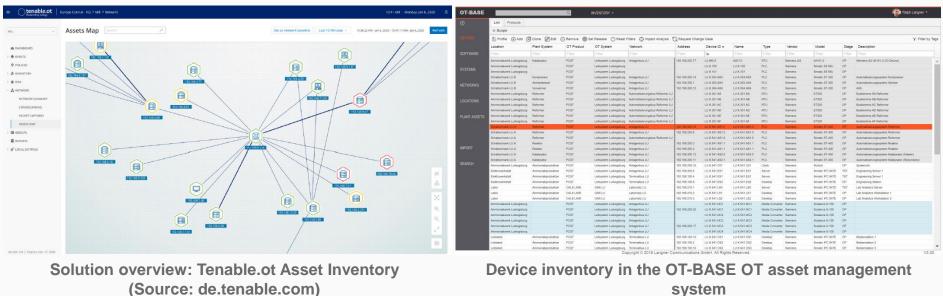
- Is a language to exchange Security Advisories.
- Is a human-readable security information (security advisories).
- Is a structured information on
  - Product
  - Vulnerabilities
  - The status of impact
  - Remediation
- Is published by the manufacturers or the coordinating bodies.
- CSAF aggregator: is an entity to collect and aggregate CSAF documents from <u>trusted providers</u> and provide a single point of contact for end users.

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Asset Discoverer

- Scan the ICS network and discover assets
- Create a topology of network
- Send asset information to the SIEM for storing



(Source: de.tenable.com)

(Sourco- https://www.longpor.com)

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## ZenSIM 4.0 Framework (Correlation engine 1)

- Use Case 1:
  - Check organizational assets against CSAF documents.
  - If a match is found, it creats a ticket
    - Mach is based on name (Affected Product and Versions), brand, manufacturer, PURL, CPE, serial numbers and module numbers, file hashes, SBOM URL, and SKUs of assets.
- Use Case 2:
  - Check for attack signatures in the collected data, such suspicious use of netstat.exe via cmd.exe or PowerShell.
  - Detection of unusual events
    - Example: significant increase in the number of RDP connections between the Engineering workstation and PLC.

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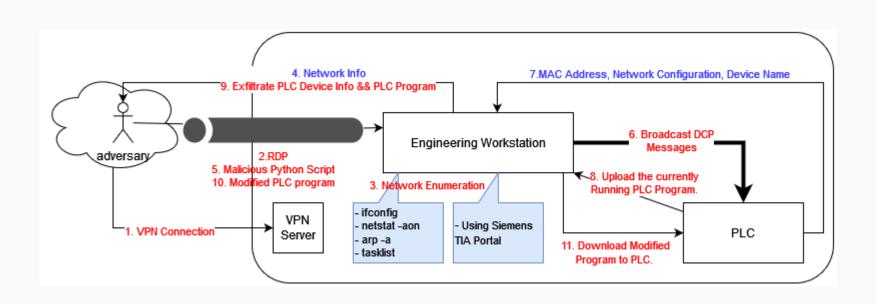


### ZenSIM Framework (Correlation engine 2)

- Use Case 3:
  - Check for multiple alerts on same machine.
    - Alert 1: Network enumeration from the engineering workstation EWS) (ipconfig, netstat, arp, and tasklist)
    - Alert 2: executable file transfer to EWS
    - Alert 3: DCP message broadcast.



# Attack Scenario (1)



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Attack Scenario (2)

- Connection via VPN (Valid account) and then via RDP to EWS
- Network enumeration on EWS
  - IP addresses of PLC
  - Port 102/TCP is open  $\rightarrow$  Siemens S7 protocols
  - Target network is utilizing Profinet protocol
- Malicious script (DCP.exe)
  - DCP broadcast is sent to the network
  - Profinet devices reply to MAC address, network configuration and device name
- Totally Integrated Automation Portal (TIA) from Siemens
  - PLC's firmware version and article number and PLC program via the TIA Portal

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### Attack IoCs

### Name of product, timestampt, OS version, Malware name and summary

id:	"INC1234"
discovery_date:	"2022-02-25713:42:17Z"
vendor:	"Acme Corporation"
product:	"Widgetizer"
item_number:	"WIDG-12345"
product_version:	"3.2.1"
firmware:	"widgetos"
firmware_version:	"2.1.0"
051	"Windows"
os_version:	"10.0.19643"
ioc:	"malware.example.com"
cve:	"CVE-2022-1234"
▼ summary:	*On February 25, 2022, an attacker used a remote code execution vulnerability in Widgetizer version 3.2.1 to install malware on a user's computer. The malware contacted the command and control server at malware.example.com and attempted to exfiltrate sensitive data."
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type: id:	"bundle" "bundle1de5cd96-9002-47d5-b240-f3003b2c829a"
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▼ id:	"x-zensim=iocioadd05783e-bb94-4ff0-b77f-d87edbaeb213"
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zensim_vendor:	"XYZ Corp"
zensim_product:	"SecureApp"
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<pre>zensim_product_v</pre>	ersion: "5.0"
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zensim_os:	"Linux"
<pre>zensim_os_versio</pre>	
zensim_ioc:	"ip_address: 192.168.1.100"
zensim_cve:	
▼ zensim_summary:	"On February 27, 2022, an unauthorized user gained access to SecureApp running on a Linux system. The attacker attempted to extract sensitive information and execute malicious code on the system. The system logs indicate that the attacker's IP address was 192.168.1.100."

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Communication of IoCs

- IoC feed producer at operator part
- Mlaware Information Sharing Platform (MISP) server at CERT@VDE
- Trusted Automated Exchange of Intelligence Information (TAXII) server at CERT@VDE
- IoC files in JSON format or Structured Threat Information eXpression (STIX) format



# Conclusion

- Automated usage of CSAF adversary by SIEM
- Detect vulnerable assets and countermeasure them
- Detecting of attacks in ICS environment
- Construction of IoC files
- Communication of IoC with CERT@VDE
- On going project:
  - CSFA adversary matcher was implemented and tested
  - TAXII and MISP servers and feed producers developed and tested.
  - Attack detection rules was not tested yet.

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