



OT Cybersecurity for IT Professionals

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The Differences Between OT & IT

It's Still About People, Process, & Technology

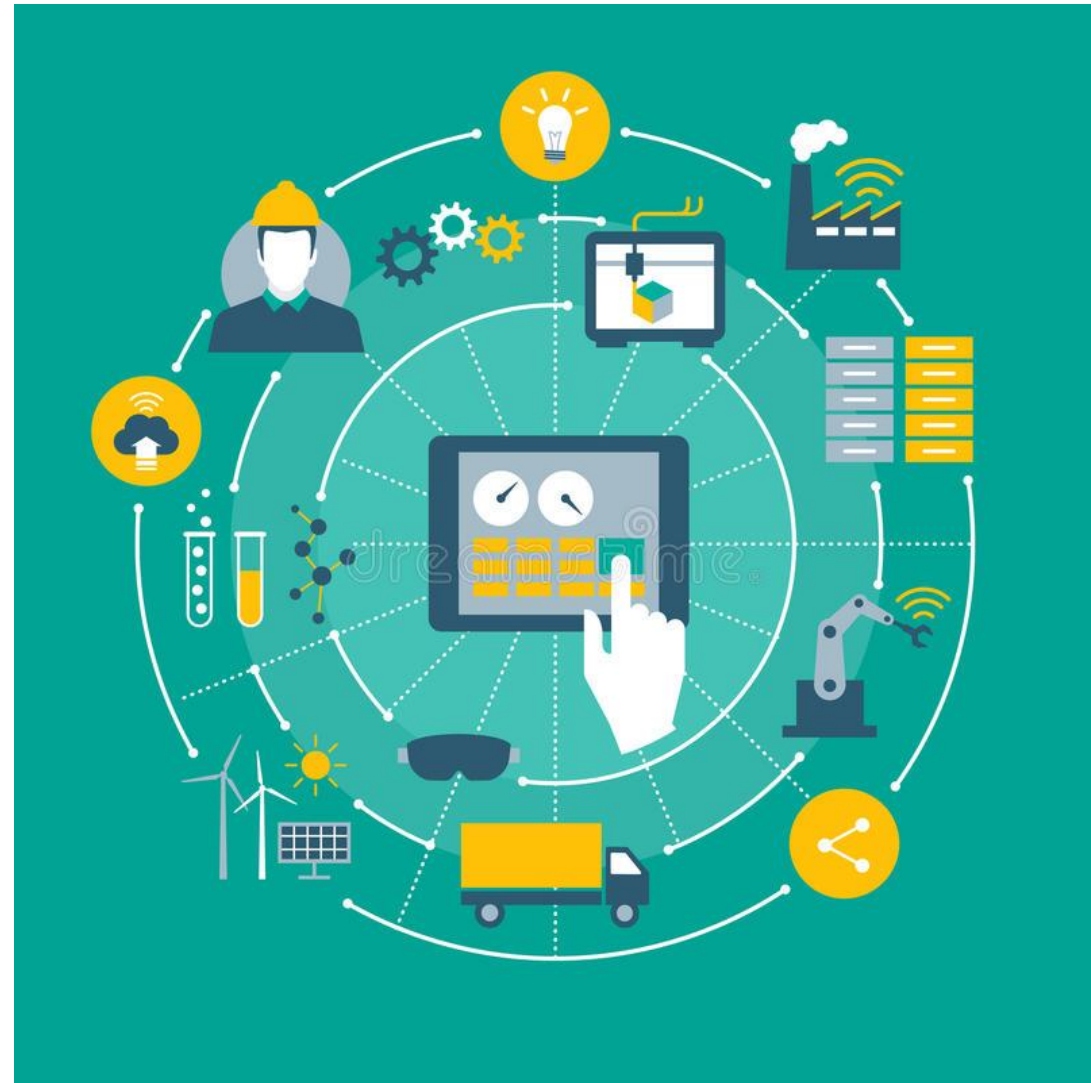
- Convergence of Operations Technology (OT) & Information Technology (IT) has “mostly” occurred
- Can we apply similar security controls in IT to OT?
- What preventative detective and recovery controls should we be focusing on?
- Where to begin?



A Little on Perspective

The IT Challenge

- This HMI looks like it's IT
- It's running Windows...
- But it's running an older OS than we are running on the enterprise.
- We need to patch it, scan it, and eventually upgrade it.
- How critical is this computer by the way?



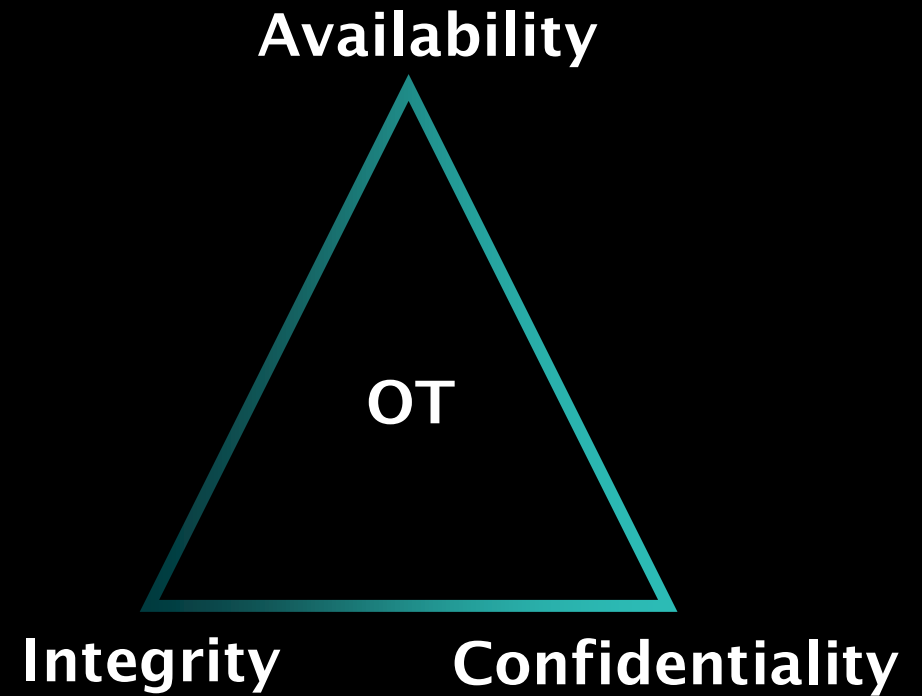
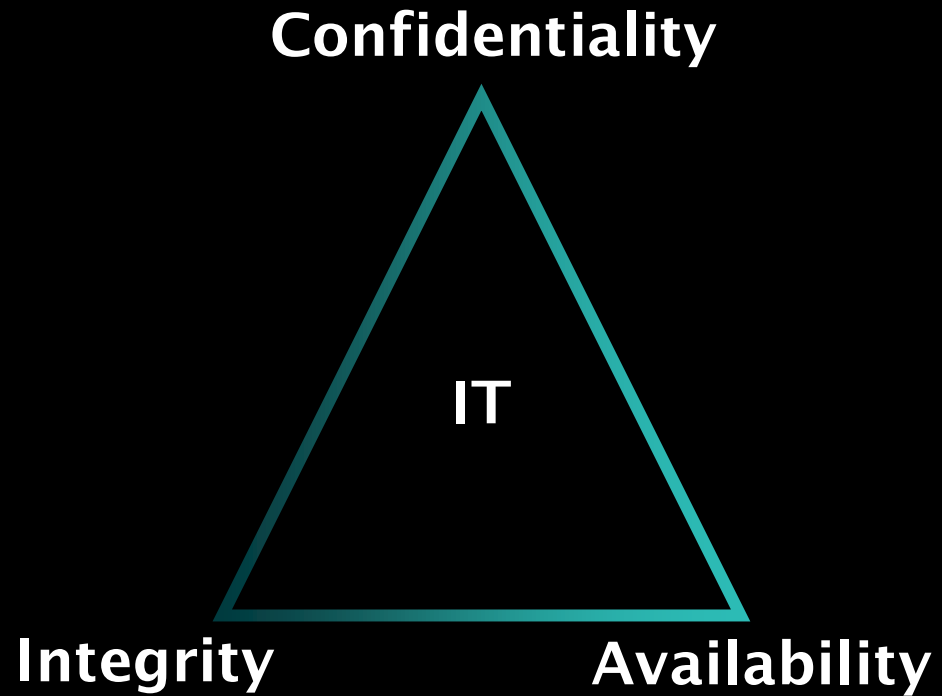
Managing Risks in an OT Environment

Common IT-Centric Mistakes

- Too much emphasis on vulnerability management
- Expecting OT to keep pace with IT for asset refresh
- Treating OT security as a project and not continual processes
- Hyper focused on moving to the cloud
- Ownership and accountability

Let's Talk Fundamentals

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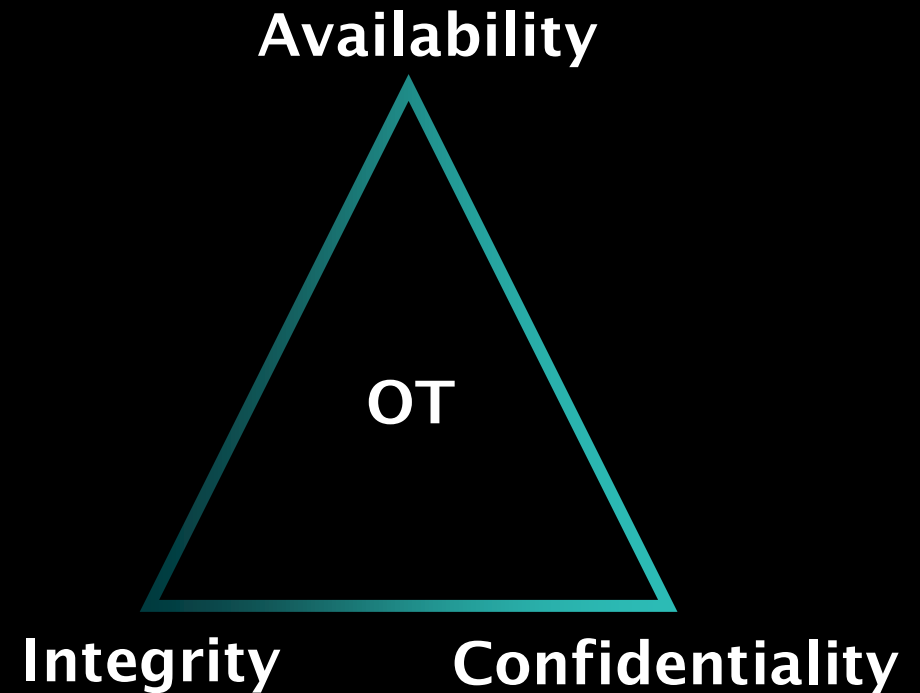


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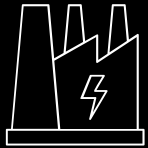
SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Process safety
- Environmental safety
- Personal safety



Delivering Core Business Functions

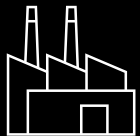
Protecting the Business Value



Generating, transmitting, and distributing power



Producing, transporting, and refining oil & gas products



Melting, casting, and forming metals



Converting raw ingredients into foods and packaging

Attributes of OT Systems

A Look at the Primary Level



Interacting directly with physical systems



Running production and manufacturing equipment



Performing continuous and batch processing



Bringing often significant inherent HSSE risks

OT Environments

Stringent Requirements & Regulations

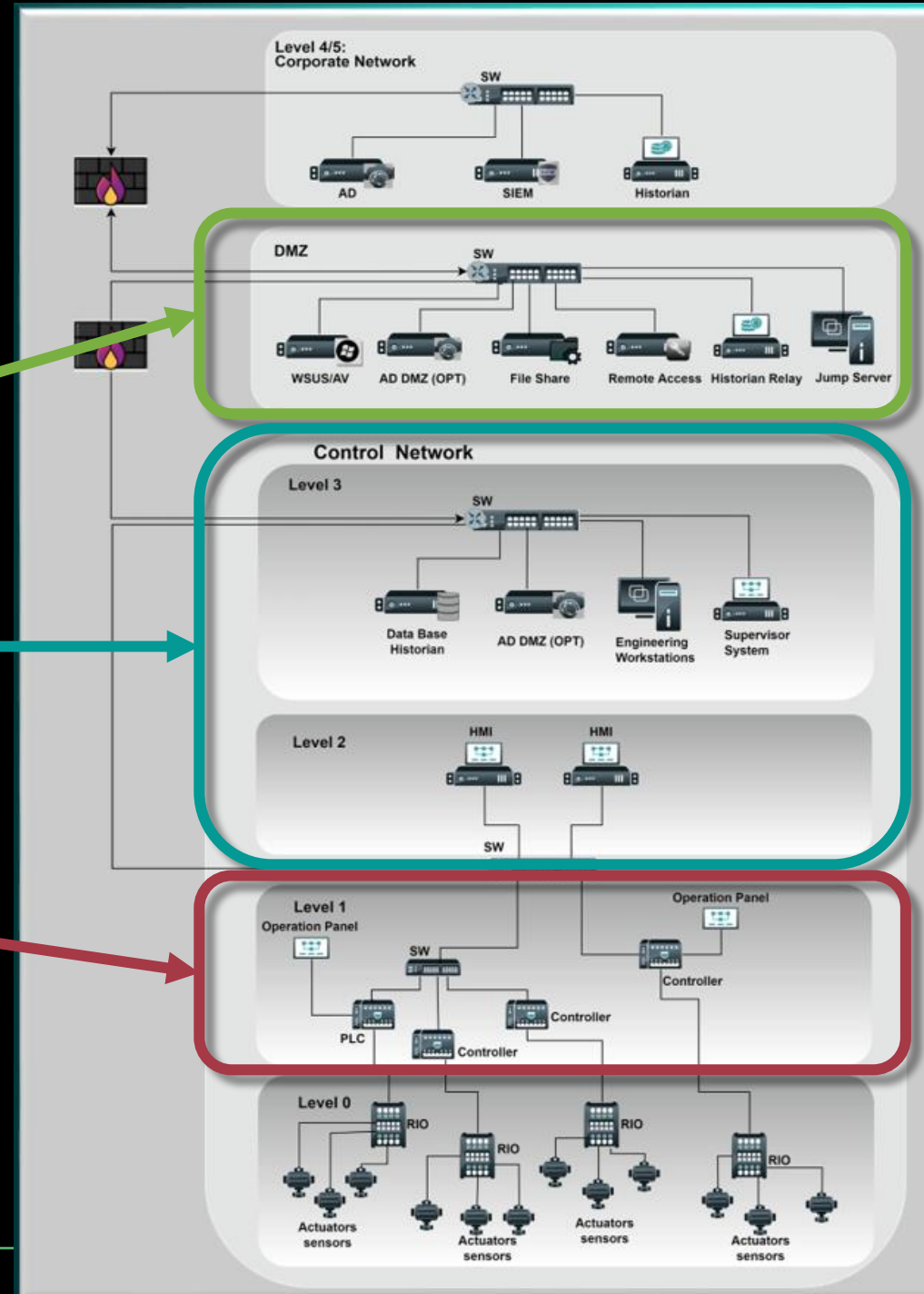
- High uptime
- Redundancy
- Low latency
- Strict vendor requirements
- Regulations (NERC-CIP, TSA, etc.)



OT Systems Require Context

Where the System is Located Matters

- A WSUS/AV server in the DMZ may not be “business” critical
- The Engineering Workstations, HMIs, Automation Servers, and DCs, are more critical
- The PLCs and controllers are absolutely critical



The Classic Cyber Risk Equation

... A Starting Point...

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Disaster Risk = Hazard × Exposure × $\frac{Vulnerability}{Capacity}$

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ICS Advisory (ICSA-20-042-04) [More ICS-CERT Advisories](#)

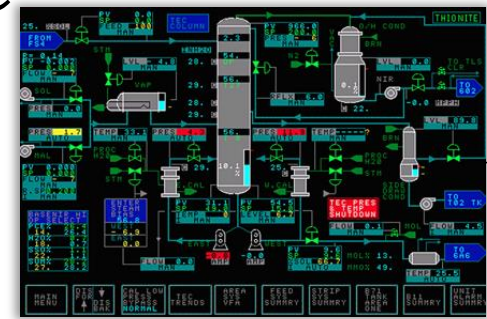
Siemens PROFINET-IO Stack (Update C)

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CROWN JEWEL ANALYSIS (CJA)

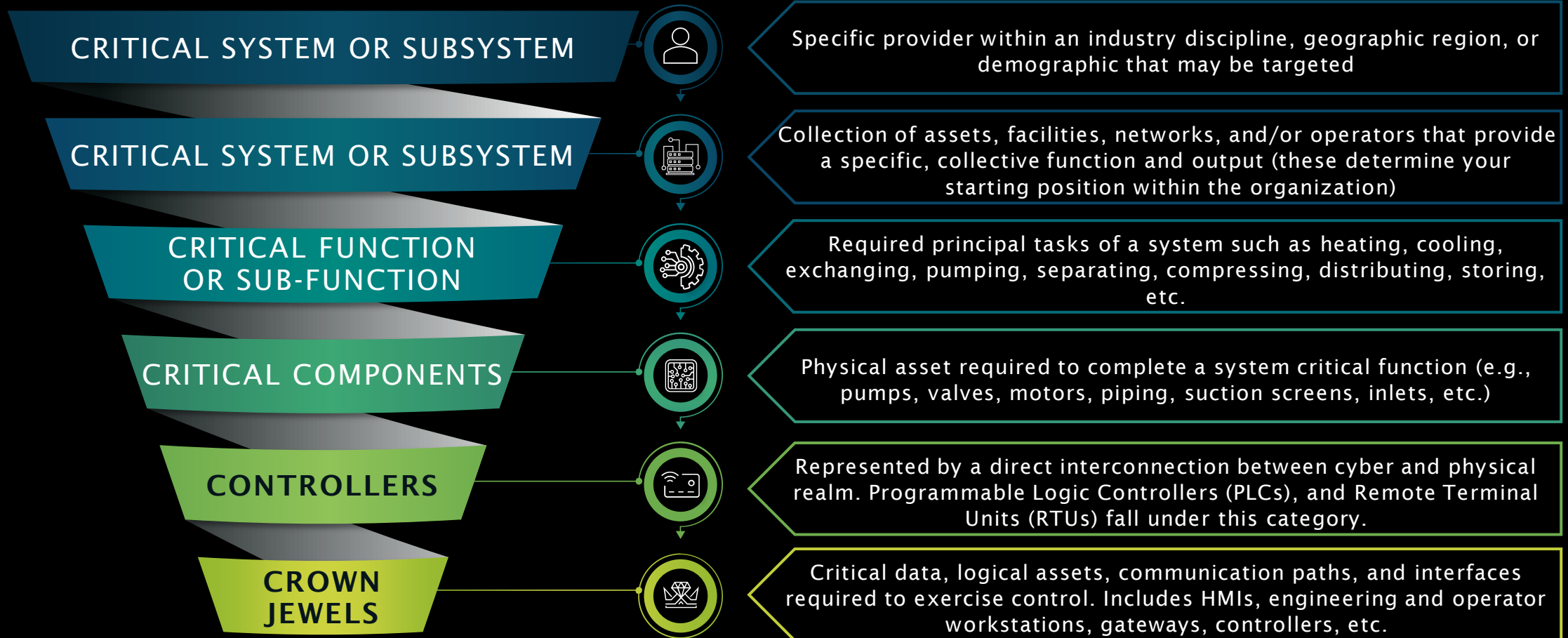
Understanding What Really Matters

- Not all ICS devices and systems are the same
- Each may have different levels of criticality based on process impact
- Higher levels of criticality require additional security countermeasures
- Going through the CJA processes requires a multidiscipline team
- Results in identifying key systems and components that need enhanced prevention, detection, and recovery capabilities



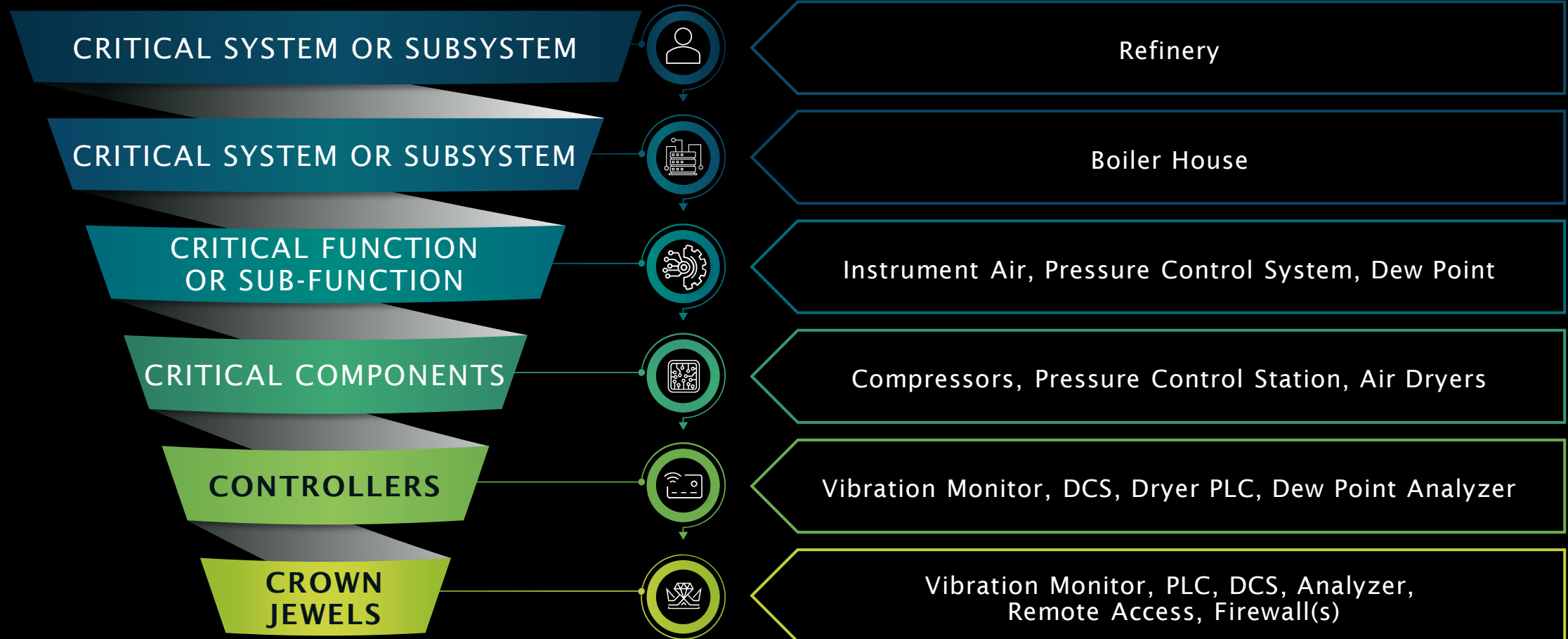
Crown Jewel Analysis

Overview of the Process

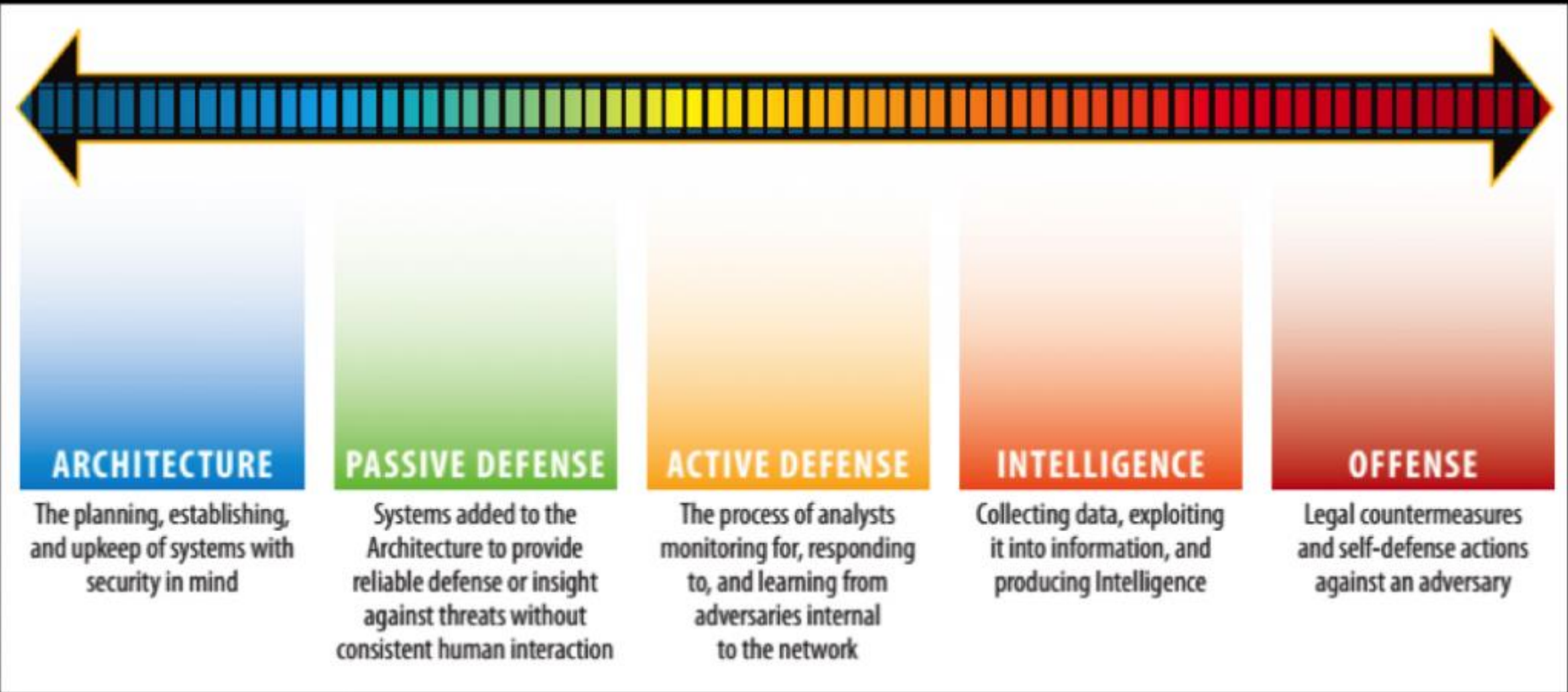


Crown Jewel Analysis

Control And Shutdown Valves Need Air



Sliding Scale Of Cyber Security



FIVE CRITICAL CONTROLS

<http://www.dragos.com/5controls>



CRITICAL
CONTROLS FOR
EFFECTIVE OT
CYBERSECURITY

01

An ICS-specific incident response plan

02

A defensible architecture

03

OT Visibility: asset inventory, vulnerability mapping, & monitoring

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Vulnerability management program

05

Multi-factor authentication (MFA)

Create an OT Incident Response Plan (IRP)

Develop OT response capabilities

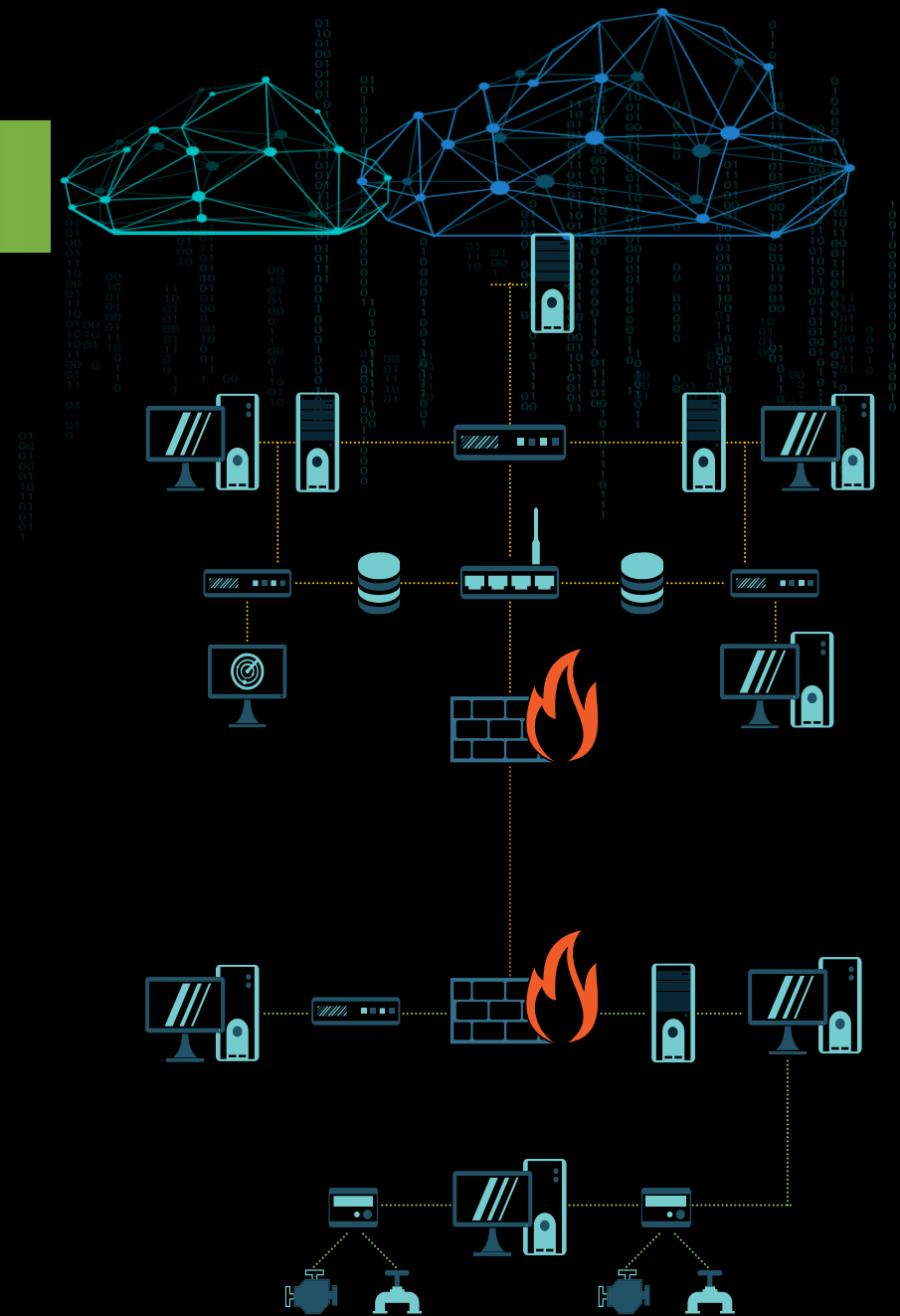
- Create a dedicated incident response plan ICS/OT environments
- OT involves different device types, communication protocols, different types of tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) specific to the industrial threat groups
- The IRP should be regularly exercised with cross-disciplinary teams (IT, OT, Executives, etc.)



Build A Defensible Architecture

Start At The Edge And Work Your Way In

- Leverage traditional IT tools and concepts such as strong segmentation, firewalls, and software defined networks to reduce cyber risk, especially around remote access
- This can take a variety of forms such IEC/ISA 62443 zones and conduits, DMZs, jump hosts, etc.
- Identify and secure OT / IT data flows to the enterprise/cloud environments



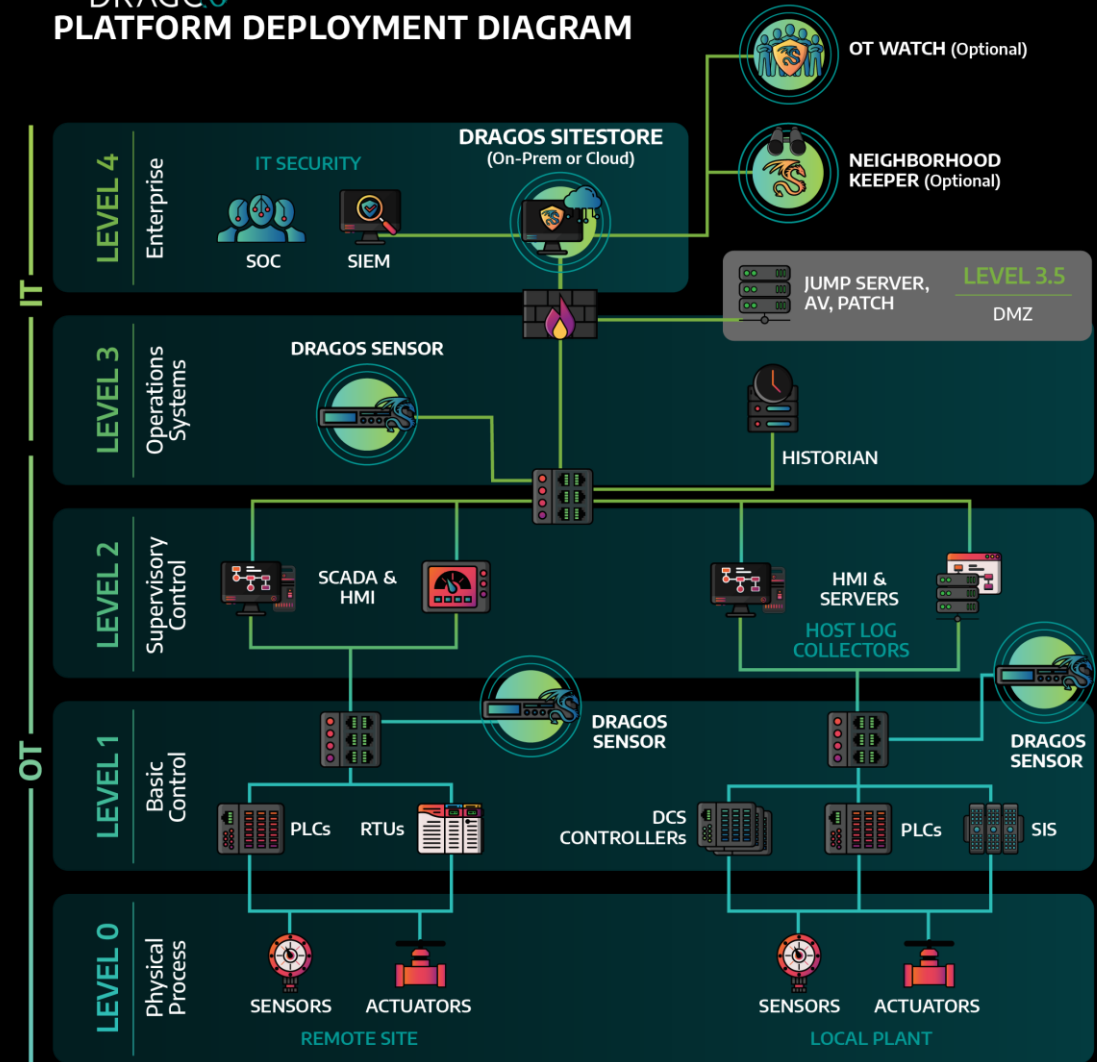
Implement Network Monitoring

You Can't Protect What You Can't See...

- Visibility gained from monitoring industrial assets validates the security controls implemented
- Threat detection from monitoring allows for scaling and automation for large and complex networks
- Monitoring can also identify vulnerabilities easily for action
- Greatly assists in supporting incident response processes
- Identifies network issues and system configuration errors

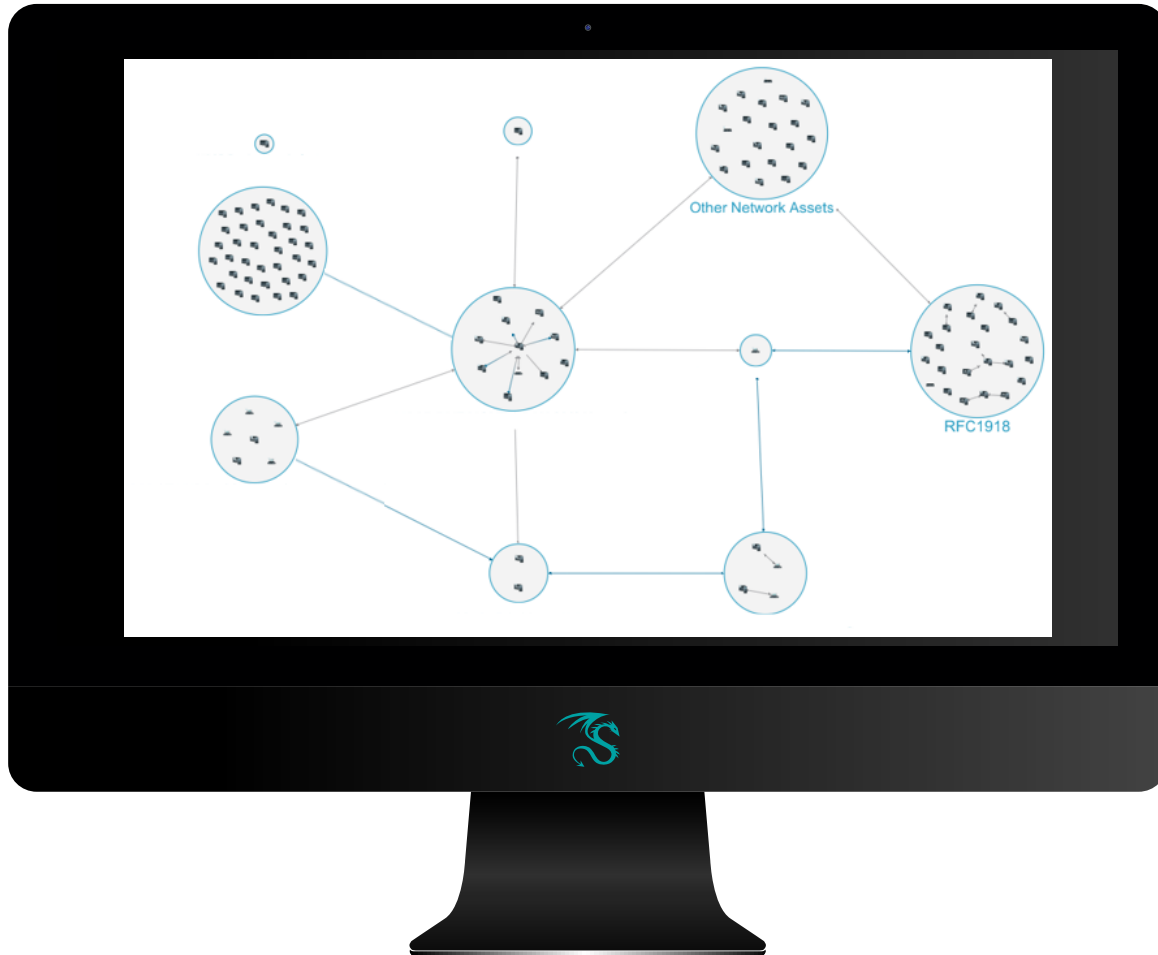
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PLATFORM DEPLOYMENT DIAGRAM

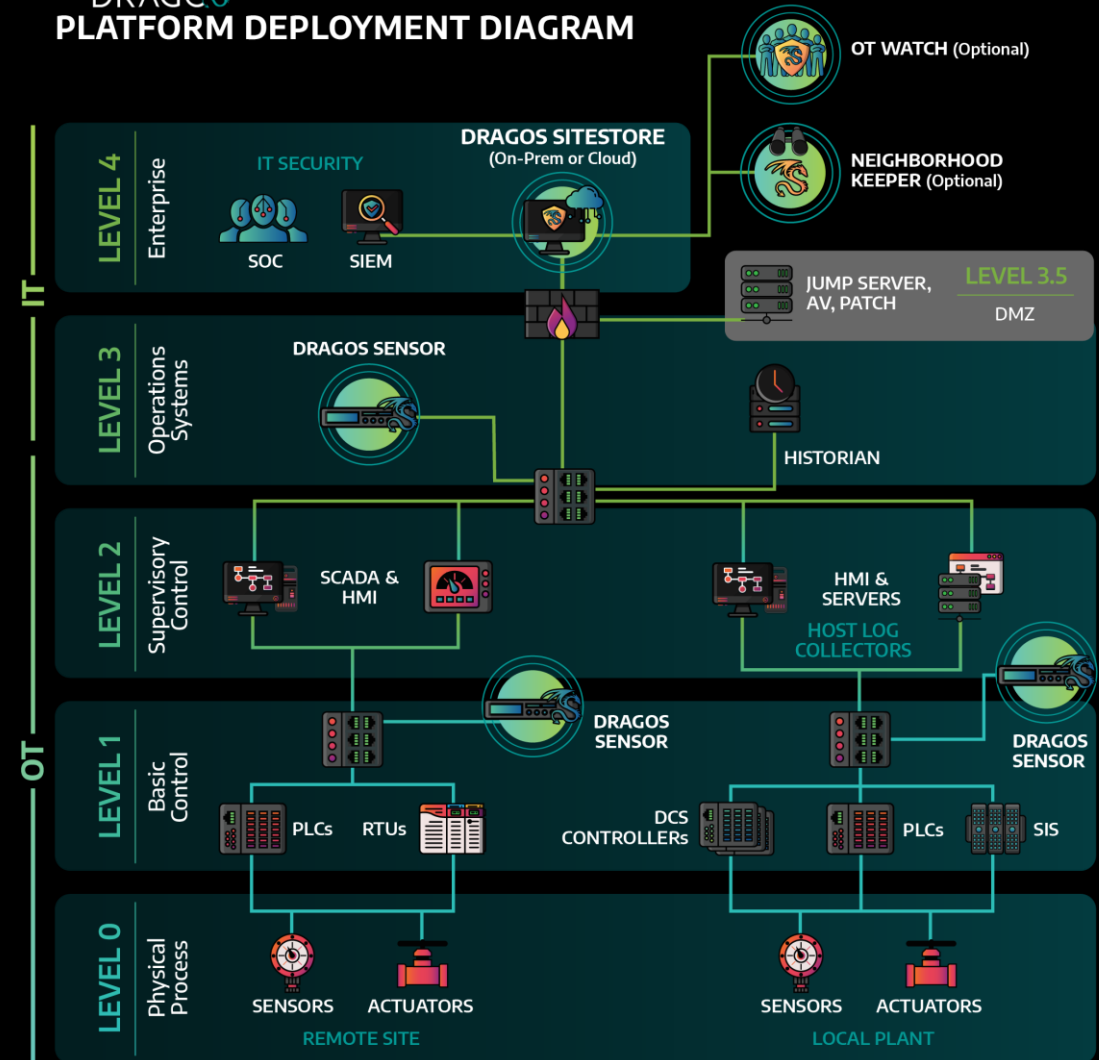


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Seeing Is Believing



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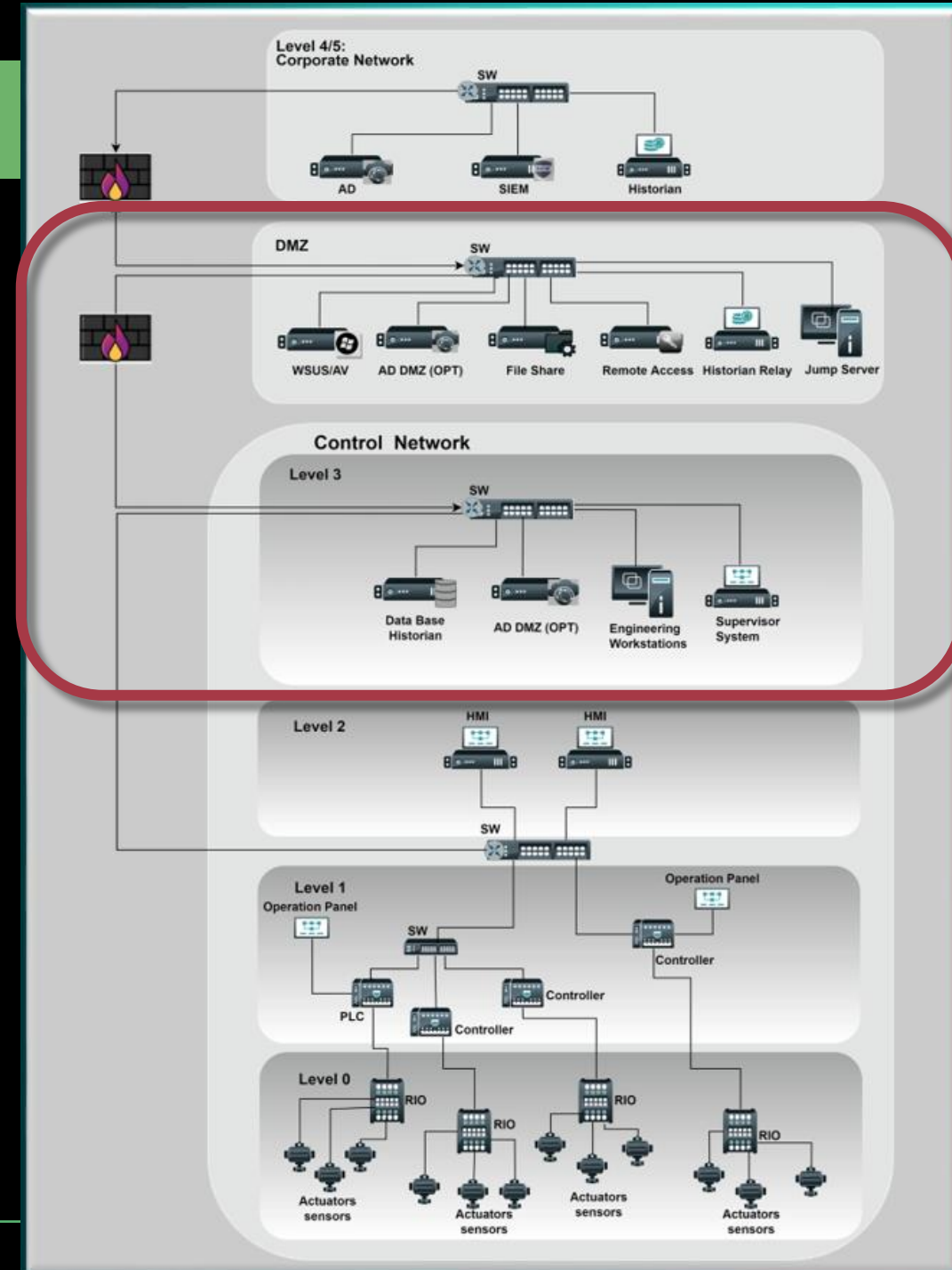


Manage Key Vulnerabilities

Focused Vulnerability Remediation

- Most vulnerabilities have limited impact if you have a defensible architecture
- Dragos recommends defenders prioritize those that bridge IT and OT over those residing deep within the ICS/OT network

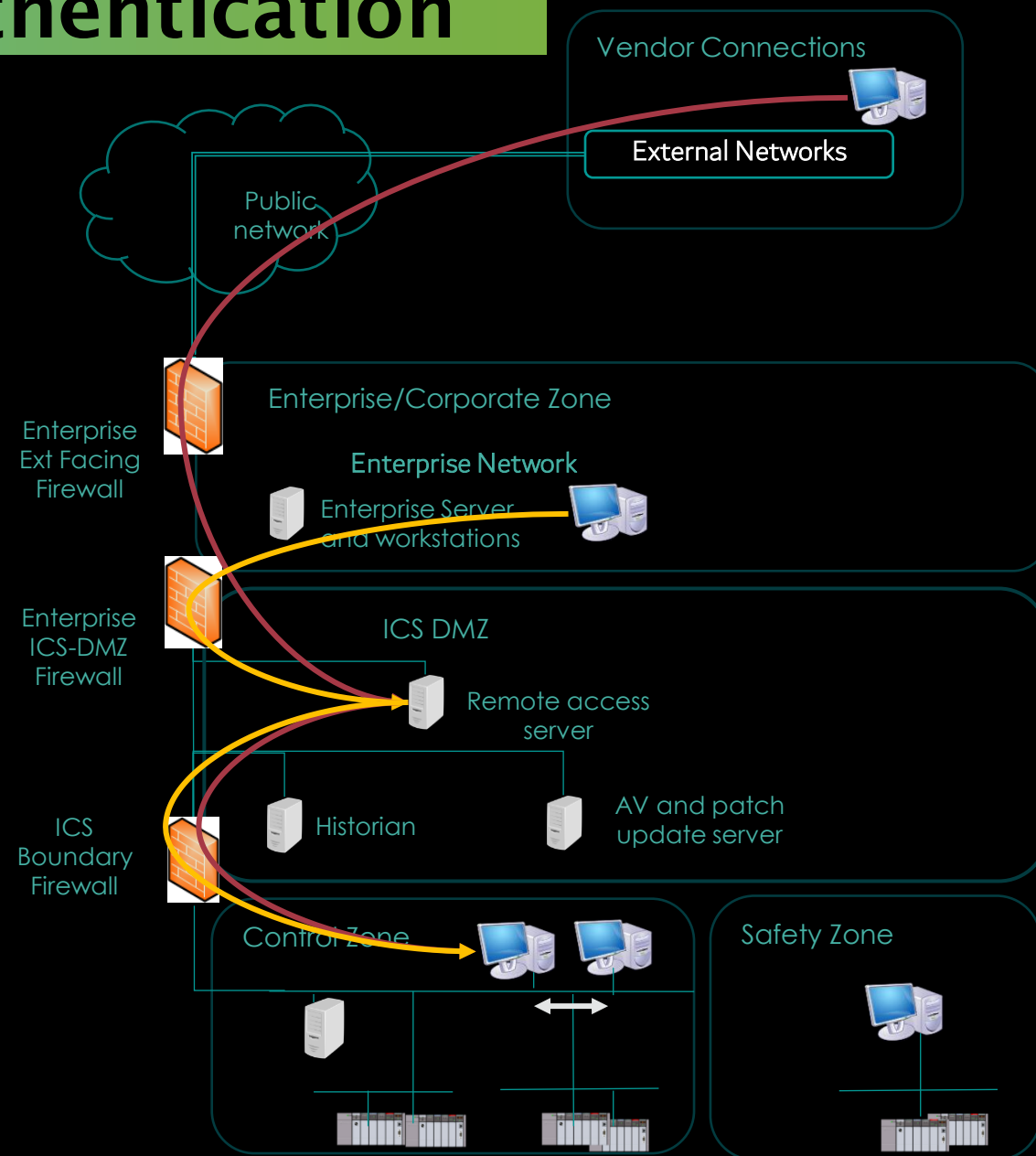
*These systems could be considered in-scope for vulnerability scanning



Establish Remote Access Authentication

Secure Remote Access

- The most effective control for remote access authentication is multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Where MFA is not possible, consider alternate controls such as jump hosts with focused monitoring
- The focus should be placed on connections in and out of the OT network and not on connections inside the network



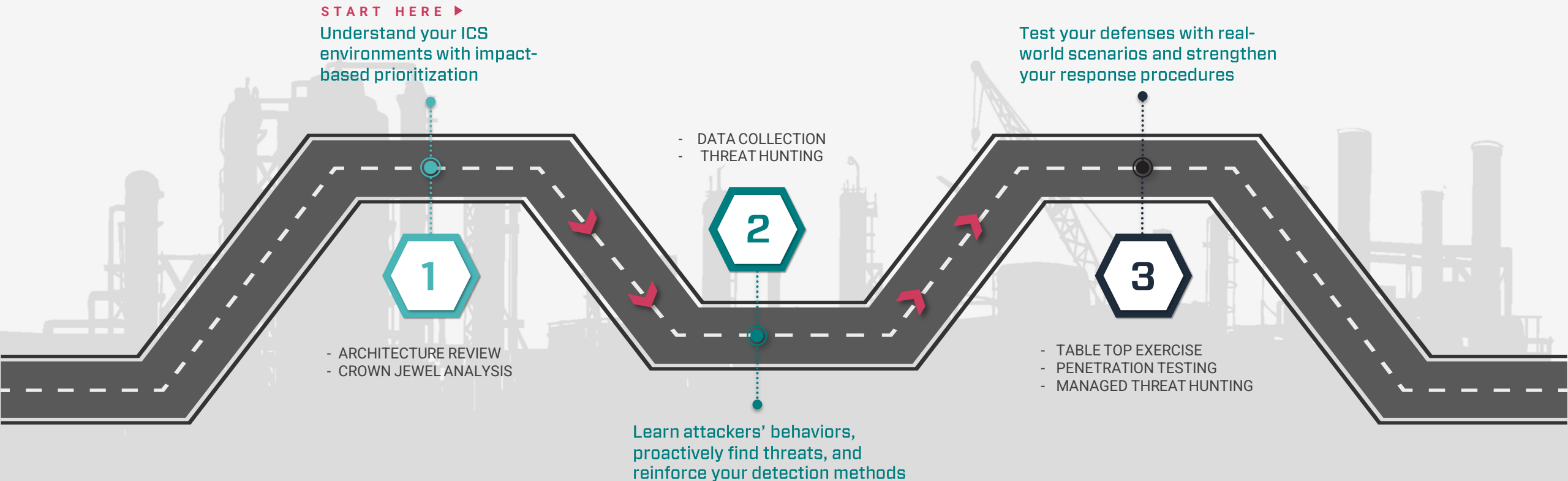
Working Together

Bring In The Best Of The OT & IT Side

- Form a cross functional team
- Bring in people from IT and OT backgrounds
- Leverage operations and process/electrical/control engineers - they are MVPs for understanding what's important and what needs to be secured
- OT Security is a journey, not a project

Roadmap for ICS Security Sustainability

Establish, Enable, & Enhance Your ICS Defenses



Summary

Yes, OT is different than IT

- It all depends on context and how the IT component is utilized
- Identify critical systems through the CJA process and devise mitigative solutions
- Look for ways to engineer out the problem, then work to mitigate, i.e., Prevent, Detect, Respond
- Start with the 5 Critical Controls
- Remember – defense is doable, and you have an important role to play



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Thank You!

