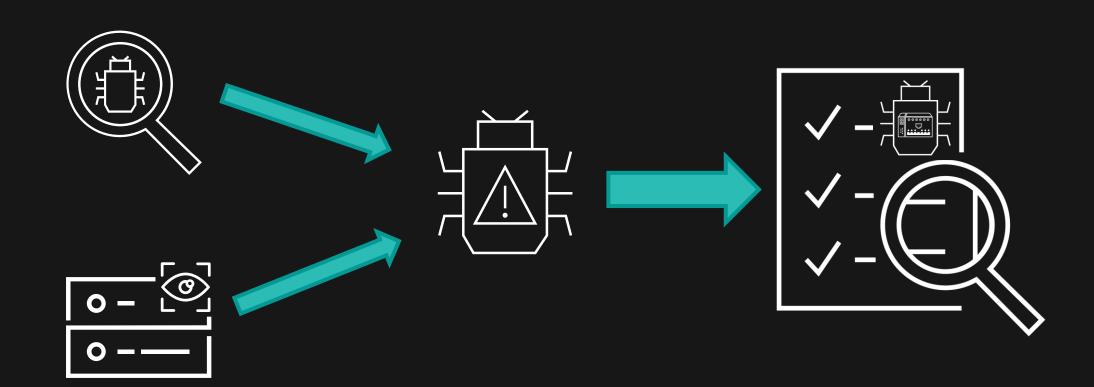


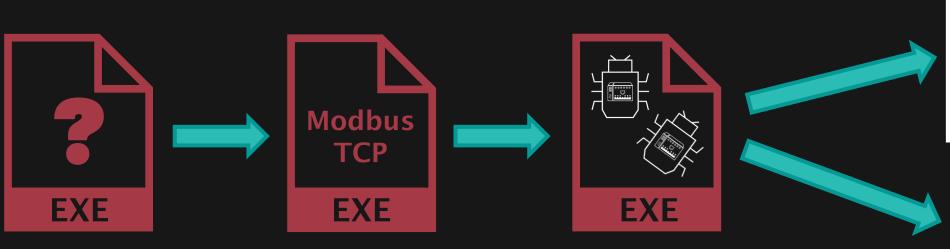
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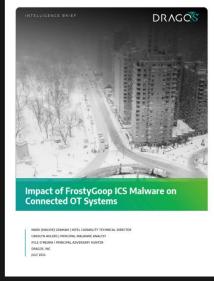
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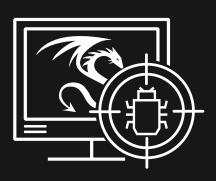
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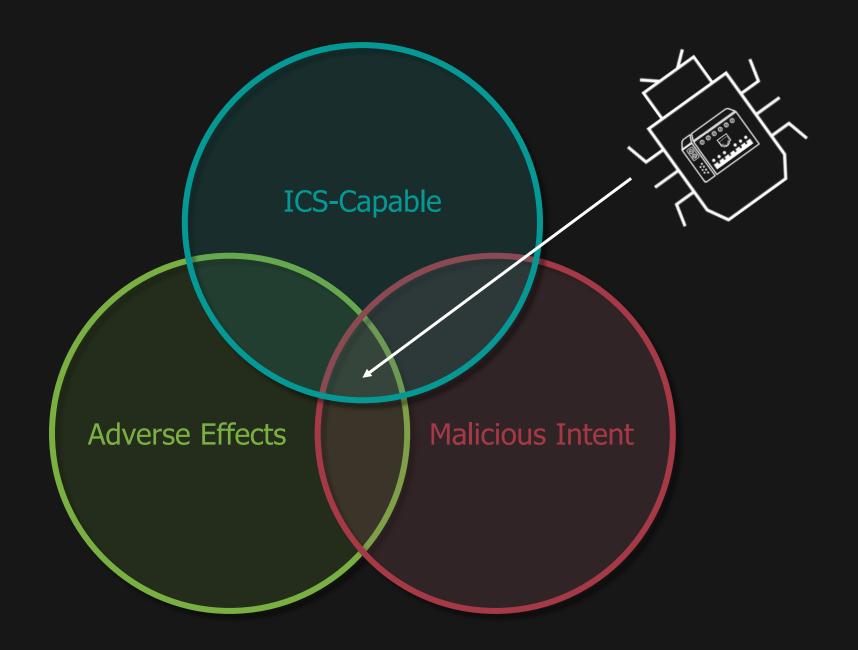






ICS-capable software intentionally designed for adverse effects on OT environments



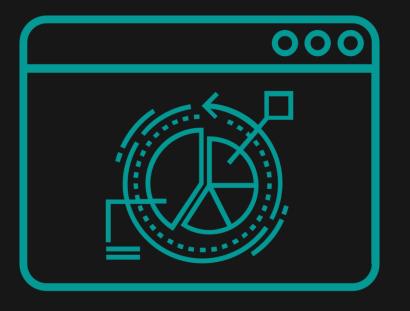




Logic designed to detect a deviation from the baseline of process states, protocols, or ICS system behavior



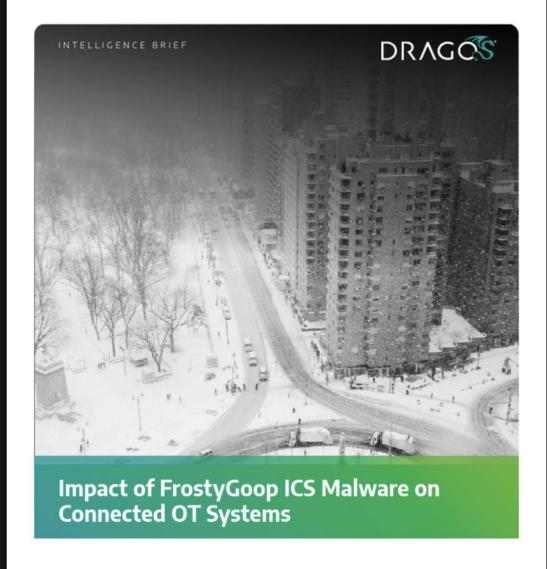
Protocol Knowledge



Site-specific baselines

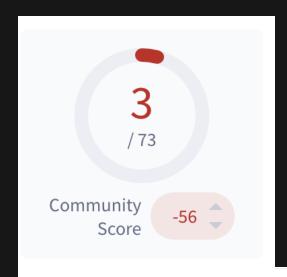
Low volume, High Stakes Safety-critical constraints





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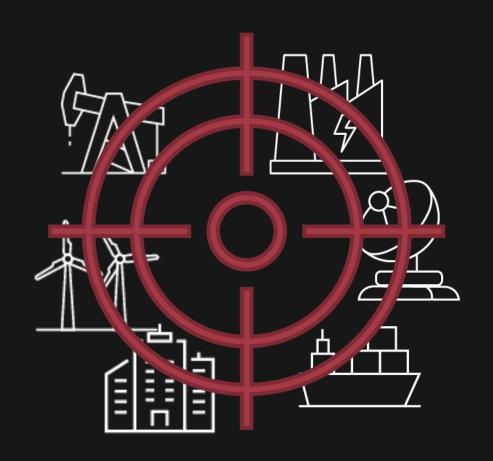


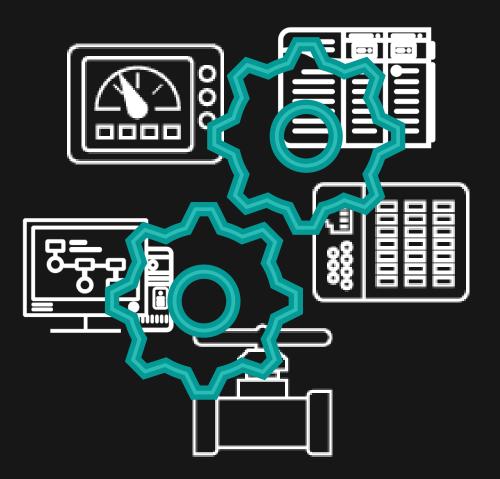


Security vendors' analysis on 2024-05-10T00:58:21 UTC 🗸

Popular threat label ① trojan.fro	ostygoop/glur Threat categories trojan		Family labels frostygoop glur fxcd
Bkav Pro	. W64.AIDetectMalware	MaxSecure	! Trojan.Malware.300983.susgen
Skyhigh (SWG)	! BehavesLike.Win64.Ransomware.wh	Acronis (Static ML)	
AhnLab-V3		Alibaba	
AliCloud		ALYac	
Antiy-AVL		Arcabit	
Arctic Wolf		Avast	
AVG		Avira (no cloud)	
Baidu	✓ Undetected	BitDefender	











Contains ICS/OT functions for navigating, altering, or retrieving information from OT networks, devices, or software



```
modbus
```

```
*modbus.adu
*modbus.pdu
*modbus.tcp
*modbus.Error
**modbus.Error
*modbus.Atomic
*modbus.Client
*modbus.Modbus
*modbus.Server
*modbus.client
*modbus.modbus
*[]modbus.Server
*chan modbus.adu
*chan modbus.pdu
*modbus.rtuFrame
*[8]modbus.Server
*[]*modbus.client
*[8]*modbus.client
*modbus.Diagnostic
*modbus.UpdateFile
*modbus.dataReader
*modbus.UpdateCoils
*modbus.readDecoder
*modbus.X11xServerID
*func() modbus.Atomic
*modbus.X01xReadCoils
*modbus.BusDiagnostics
*modbus.UpdateHoldings
*modbus.X04xReadInputs
github.com/rolfl/modbus
*modbus.X03xReadHolding
*func(int) modbus.Client
*map[uint8]modbus.Server
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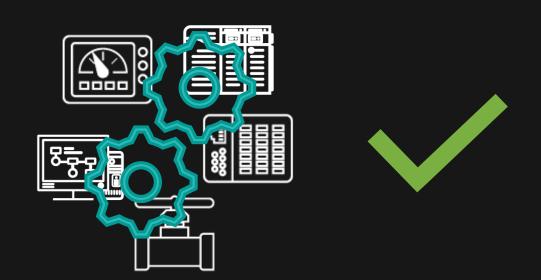


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  github_com_rolfl_modbus_X01xReadCoils.....text
  github_com_rolfl_modbus_X05xWriteSing... .text
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  f aithub com rolfl modbus X16xMaskWrit... .text
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```
main_TaskList_executeCommand
```

v117 = <mark>github_com_rolfl_modbus_NewTCP</mark>(v111, v110, <mark>v112, (int)":502", 4,</mark>





Initial Contact with Detection Team

- Early Engagement
- Uncertainty may exist
- FrostyGoop
- o **PIPEDREAM**

Research

- Protocol Specifics
- o Purpose, Nodes, Commands
- Asset Identification Constraints
- Target Details
- Collaboration with Engineers



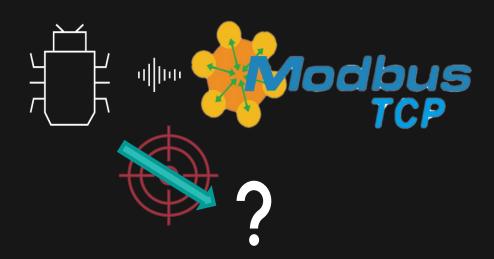


Preliminary Detection Capabilities Check

- ModbusTCP Dissection
- Existing Detections
- Special Considerations
- Contingency Planning Tagging, Suri, etc.

Feedback

- Share Findings
 - FrostyGoop on the Wire
 - Unique Behavior
- o Parallel Effort
 - Malware Analysts
 - Detection Engineers
 - Other Experts









Ability for Adverse Effects on OT Environments

Works correctly to achieve negative outcomes against the OT Environment

What adverse consequences can this ICS-capable software cause?



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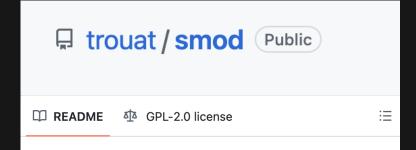
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ModBusPwn: ICS/SCADA Hacking & Modbus Exploitation Framework

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-(kali®kali)-[~]
spython modbus_exploitNEW3.py -t 109.197.200.206 -o plcresults.txt -v 2 --threads 3 --delay 0.3 --detect --m "6969"
 Modbus Exploitation Toolkit - Red Team Edition
 Made by #AfterDark
!] DISCLAIMER: This tool is for authorized testing only.
   The author assumes no liability for misuse.
+1 Loaded IPs: 1
+] Detecting PLC model, firmware version, and hardware details on 109.197.200.206...
   Manufacturer: Schneider Electric
   Model: TM241CEC24T_U
   Firmware Version: V05.02.11.18
   Serial Number: Unknown
   Hardware Version: Unknown
[+] Scanning for writable registers on 109.197.200.206...
[] Register 0 is writable. Current Value: 6969
[v] Register 1 is writable. Current Value: 6969
[/] Register 2 is writable. Current Value: 6969
[v] Register 3 is writable. Current Value: 6969
   Register 4 is writable. Current Value: 6969
```





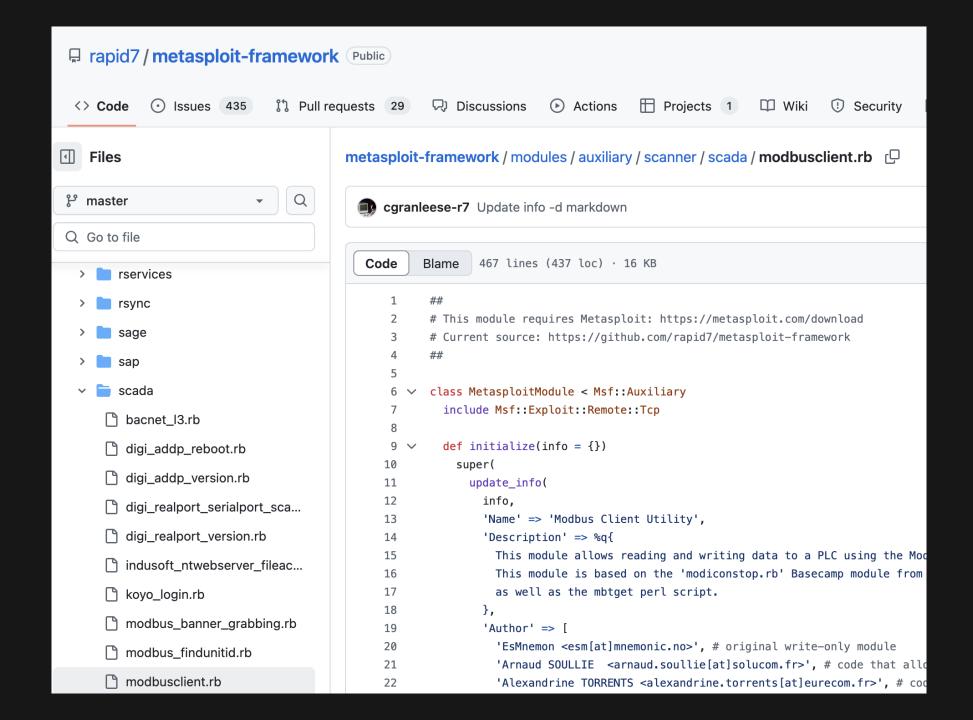
smod

smod is a modular framework with every kind of diagnostic and offensive feature you could need in order to pentest modbus protocol. It is a full Modbus protocol implementation using Python and Scapy. This software could be run on Linux/OSX under python 2.7.x.

Feel free to make pull requests, if there's anything you feel we could do better.

SMOD >show modules Modules Description modbus/dos/arp DOS with Arp Poisoning modbus/dos/galilRIO DOS Galil RIO-47100 modbus/dos/writeAllCoils DOS With Write All Coils modbus/dos/writeAllRegister DOS With Write All Register Function modbus/dos/writeSingleCoils DOS With Write Single Coil Function modbus/dos/writeSingleRegister DOS Write Single Register Function modbus/function/fuzzing Fuzzing Modbus Functions modbus/function/readCoils Fuzzing Read Coils Function modbus/function/readCoilsException Fuzzing Read Coils Exception Funct: modbus/function/readDiscreteInput Fuzzing Read Discrete Inputs Funct: modbus/function/readDiscreteInputException Fuzzing Read Discrete Inputs Excep. modbus/function/readExceptionStatus Fuzzing Read Exception Status Func modbus/function/readHoldingRegister Fuzzing Read Holding Registers Func modbus/function/readHoldingRegisterException Fuzzing Read Holding Registers Exc modbus/function/readInputRegister Fuzzing Read Input Registers Funct: modbus/function/readInputRegisterException Fuzzing Read Input Registers Excep. modbus/function/writeSingleCoils Fuzzing Write Single Coil Function modbus/function/writeSingleRegister Fuzzing Write Single Register Func modbus/scanner/arpWatcher ARP Watcher modbus/scanner/discover Check Modbus Protocols modbus/scanner/getfunc Enumeration Function on Modbus modbus/scanner/uid Brute Force UID modbus/sniff/arp Arp Poisoning SMOD >





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Hacking: Modbus

One of the challenges of pentesting in the OT/ICS environment is given by the protocols used which can also be very different from those of IT. ICS installations use a wide variety of protocols that often have little in common with standard Ethernet and TCP/IP.

https://scadasploit.dev/posts/2021/07/hacking-modbus/



Implementation and Detection of Modbus Cyberattacks

Panagiotis Radoglou-Grammatikis, Ilias Siniosoglou, Thanasis Liatifis, Anastasios Kourouniadis, Konstantinos Rompolos and Panagiotis Sarigiannidis

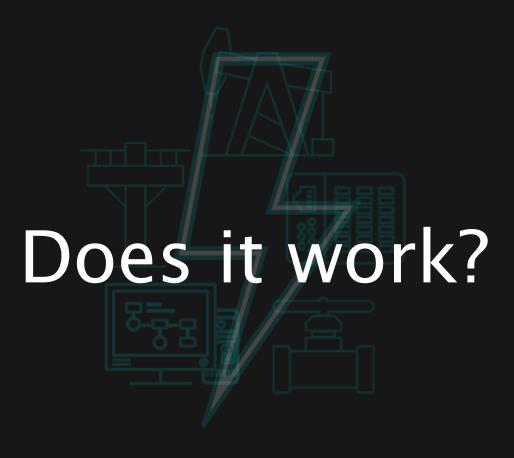
Abstract—Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems play a significant role in Critical Infrastructures (CIs) since they monitor and control the automation processes of the industrial equipment. However, SCADA relies on vulnerable communication protocols without any cybersecurity mechanism, thereby making it possible to endanger the overall operation of the CI. In this paper, we focus on the Modbus/TCP protocol, which is commonly utilised in many CIs and especially in the electrical grid. In particular, our contribution is twofold.

with new five cyberattacks. Second, we provide an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) capable of detecting DoS attacks against Modbus/TCP.

The rest of this paper is organised as follows. Section II provides relevant works regarding the Modbus/TCP security. In Section III, we list the various cyberattacks supported by Smod and describe our extensions. Section IV analyses the architecture of our IDS, while Section V evaluates its efficacy.

http://www.ids.uni-bremen.de/conf/mocast2020/papers/MOCAST_2020_paper_68.pdf



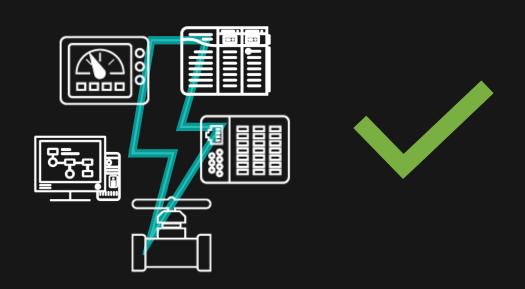




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2024/10/01 13:57:51 [runtime.goexit:asm amd64.s:1598][INFO] 192.168.56.15 | (1/1) | start
2024/10/01 13:57:51 [main.TaskList.executeCommand:main.go:370][INFO] 192.168.56.15 | (1/1)
                                                                                             address: 1 count: 2 + | 93.8831ms
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                                                                                             address: 1 count: 2 + | 99.1153ms
2024/10/01 13:57:52 [runtime.main:proc.go:250][INFO] Time delta | 1.0262969s
```



Universal controller Enco Control is designed as controller for process control in district heating / hot water and ventilation systems. Also as data collection device for remote meter reading and their subsequent storage in the internal memory, analysis and transmission to the central data acquisition system.





Assess Effects

- Capabilities Confirmed
- ✓ Evaluate Risk
 - Impact
 - Likelihood
- Ease of Detection
 - Effectiveness
 - False Positive Chance
 - Complexity

Scope Effort

- ✓ FrostyGoop Single Protocol
- ✓ PIPEDREAM 3 Protocols





- Custom Golang binary
- Modbus TCP
- Read/Write Registers
- It works
- Potential ENCO targeting



Designed with Malicious Intent

Intentionally designed to cause harm or negative consequences to OT environments



Code capabilities

Developer

Threat Group

Deployment

Victims

Incident Response









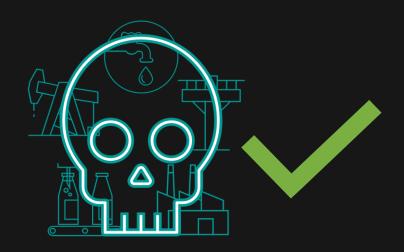
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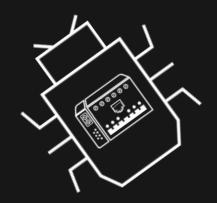












FrostyGoop ICS Malware



Which Detection?

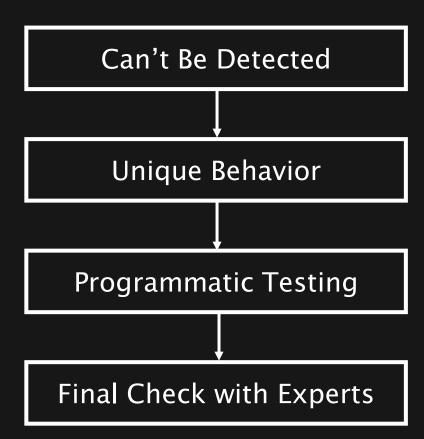
Indicator

Detection?

Legitimate or

Malicious?

FrostyGoop







FrostyGoop Malware Network Behaviors



1.4 KB

1.3 KB

DETECTION INFORMATION

WHAT HAPPENED:

Asset 7 using IP address 192.168.0.50 sent at least two (2) uniquely-formed Modbus TCP commands to asset 8 at IP address 192.168.0.7 within a time window of 60 seconds. The Modbus TCP commands sent by asset 7 were atypical because the network traffic resembled unique telemetry only produced by the FrostyGoop malware. Consult the Dragos Platform's playbook for FrostyGoop, linked in this notification, for ways to triage and respond to this alert.

Read Less

OCCURRED AT:

08/01/24, 10:29 AM CDT

COUNT:

1

DETECTED BY:

FrostyGoop Behavior

DETECTION QUAD:

Indicator

THREAT GROUP:

N/A

MITRE ATT&CK FOR ICS TACTIC

Command And Control ☑

QUERY-FOCUSED DATASETS:

No Applicable Query-Focused Datasets

PLAYBOOKS:

No Associated Playbooks

CASES:

No Cases Linked

LAST SEEN:

08/01/24, 10:29 AM CDT

STATE:

UNRESOLVED

SOURCE:

cf20131e-6e19-47eb-999a-2ee060079a02

ZONES:

RFC1918

ICS CYBER KILLCHAIN STEP:

Stage 2 - Install/Modify

MITRE ATT&CK FOR ICS TECHNIQUE

None

NOTIFICATION RECORD:

View in Kibana

NOTIFICATION COMPONENTS:

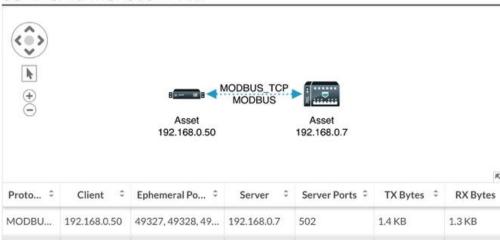
View in Kibana

ASSOCIATED ASSETS

View	\$	Type	٥	ID ‡	Criticality 2		Name \$	Dir.
VIEW	-	Public Se	rver	7	-	Asset 7	192.168.0.50	src
VIEW		Controlle	er	8	_	Asset 8	192.168.0.7	dst

COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

MODBUS 192.168.0.50 49327, 49328, 49... 192.168.0.7



< PREV NEXT >



A Note on FrostyGoop Detection Methodology





Behaviors are Not Normal

Preferred Method for Detecting ICS Malware





Exaramel C2 Followed by New Master Station then Commands



New **Commands** C2 in Controlling from that **Environment Device Device Controlling Station** Havex C2 New Commands **Black Energy C2** Server **Grey Energy C2 IO-Controller**



ICS Malware is

ICS-capable software intentionally designed for adverse effects on OT environments.

3 Properties:

ICS-Capable
Designed with Malicious Intent
Ability for Adverse Effects on OT environments















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ICS Capable, Adverse Effects, Malicious Intent



Engage Early, Scope Properly, Research Diligently

Test Extensively

Get Multiple Opinions



DEFENSE IS DOABLE

"Defenders need to be right 100% of the time but I only need to be right once."

~ Famous PenTester

"Not So Fast."

~ Obscure Detection Engineer





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