



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!  
EFFECTIVE OT INCIDENT RESPONSE**

Safeguarding Civilization

# INTRODUCTION



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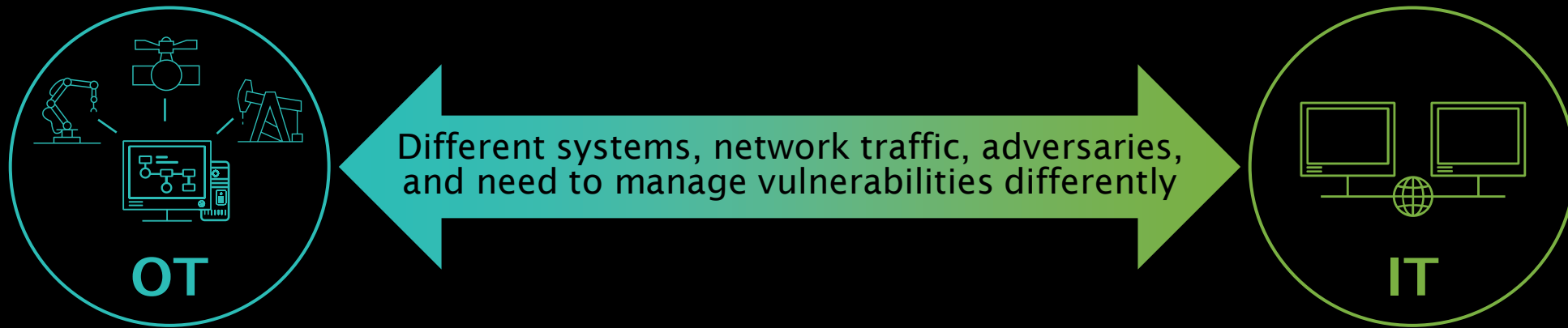
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# CYBER RISK

## Operational Technology (OT) vs. Information Technology (IT)



- Loss of electrical grid, water systems, safety systems, pipeline, or plant operations
- Loss of revenue generating operations for industrial companies

OT



Impact From a  
Major Cyber  
Security Incident

IT

- Loss of data, intellectual property, network services
- Loss of revenue generation for services, financial, & technology companies

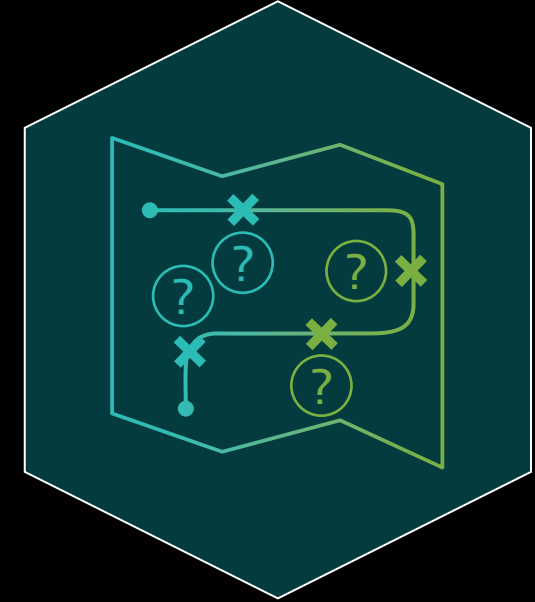
# COMMON QUESTIONS



What are you trying to defend? What are your OT “crown jewels”?



What are you trying to defend against?



Where are you in your OT security journey?

# DRAGOS PLATFORM

Expertise Integrated Into Software to Reduce OT Risk

OT THREAT INTELLIGENCE



OT EXPERT SERVICES



DRAGOS PLATFORM



OT WATCH Dragos Managed Vulnerability Response, Hunting, & Incident Triage

 VISIBILITY

Assets, Traffic, & Vulnerabilities

 DETECTION

Compromises & Threat Behaviors

 RESPONSE

Investigation Forensics & Playbooks



NEIGHBORHOOD KEEPER Community-Wide Threat Visibility & Collective Defense

# EFFECTIVE OT SECURITY



CRITICAL  
CONTROLS FOR  
EFFECTIVE OT  
CYBERSECURITY

**01**

ICS incident response

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**02**

Defensible architecture

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**03**

ICS network visibility & monitoring

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**04**

Secure remote access

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**05**

Risk-based vulnerability management



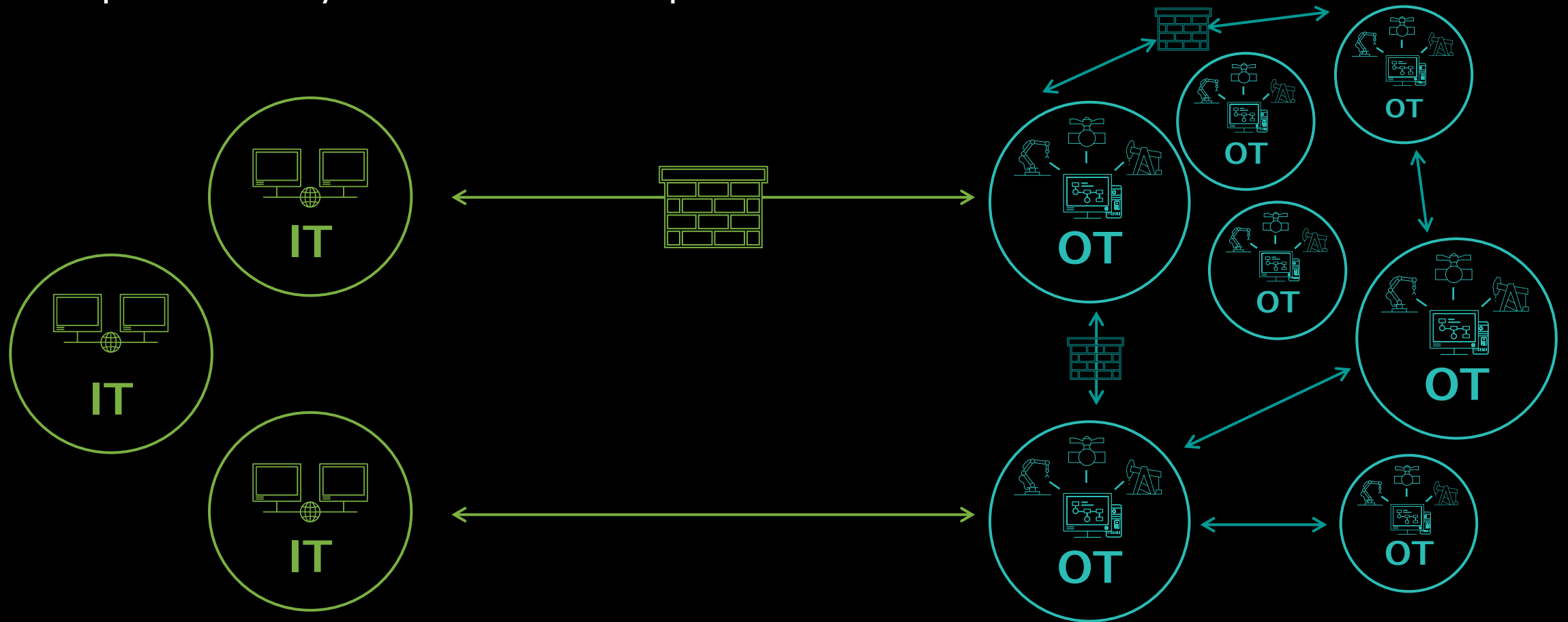


# YOUR SYSTEMS ARE NOT ALONE

Defensible architectures and prioritization

# SYSTEMS OF SYSTEMS

Architectures contain multiple interconnected and interdependent systems and components



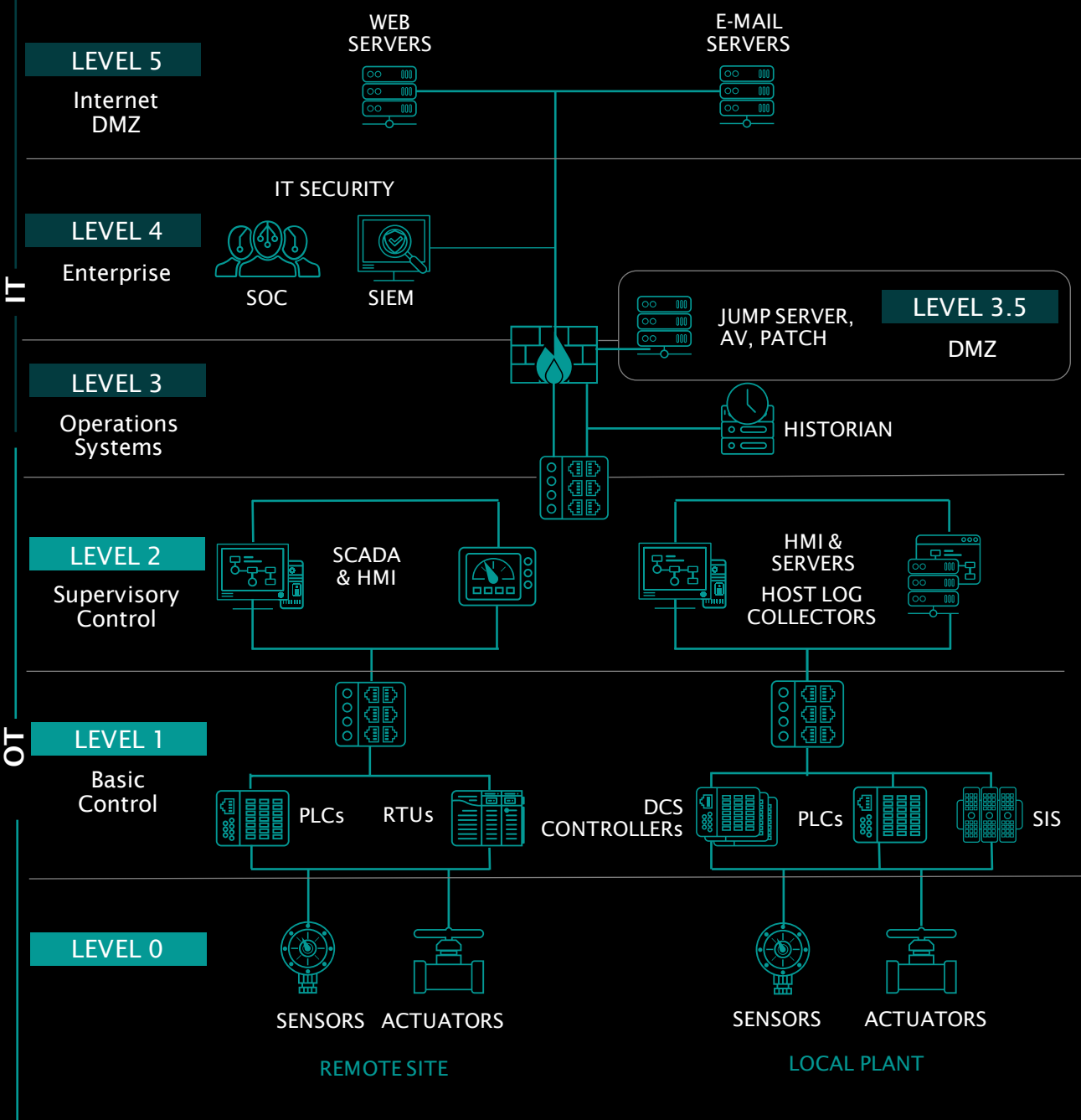


# TYPICAL OT ARCHITECTURE

What does your network look like?

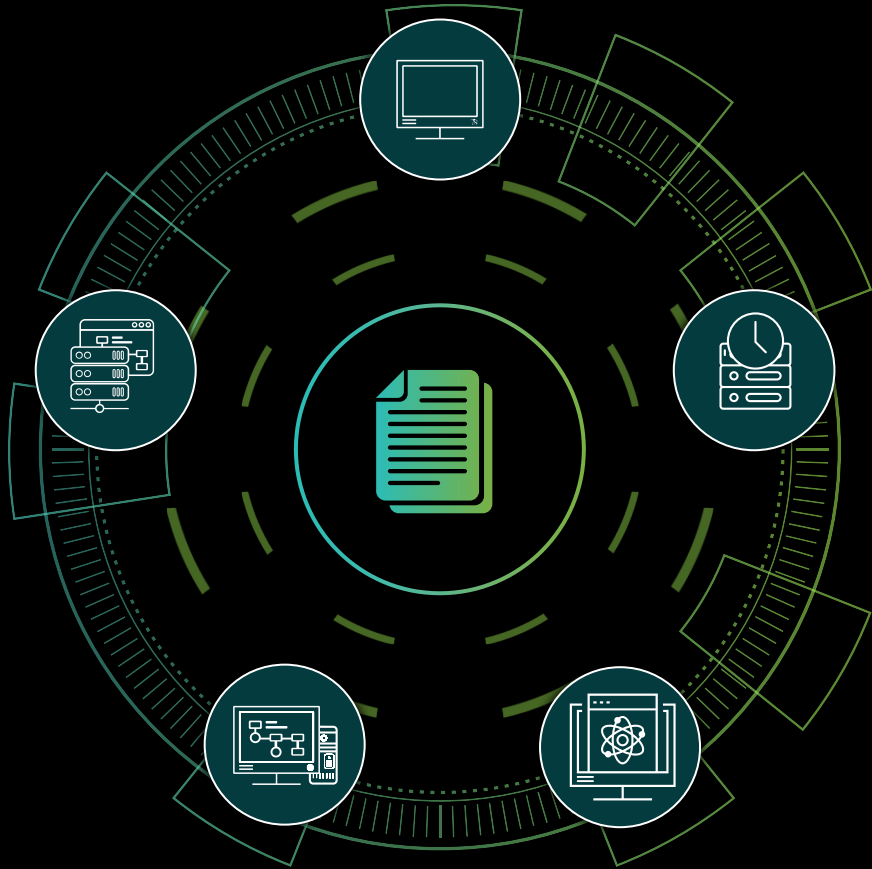
Is your system architected properly?

Do you have a current asset inventory?



# COLLECTION MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (CMF)

Sustained visibility into your environment



A CMF is the practice of documenting all the potential sources of data that could be used by incident responders and investigators

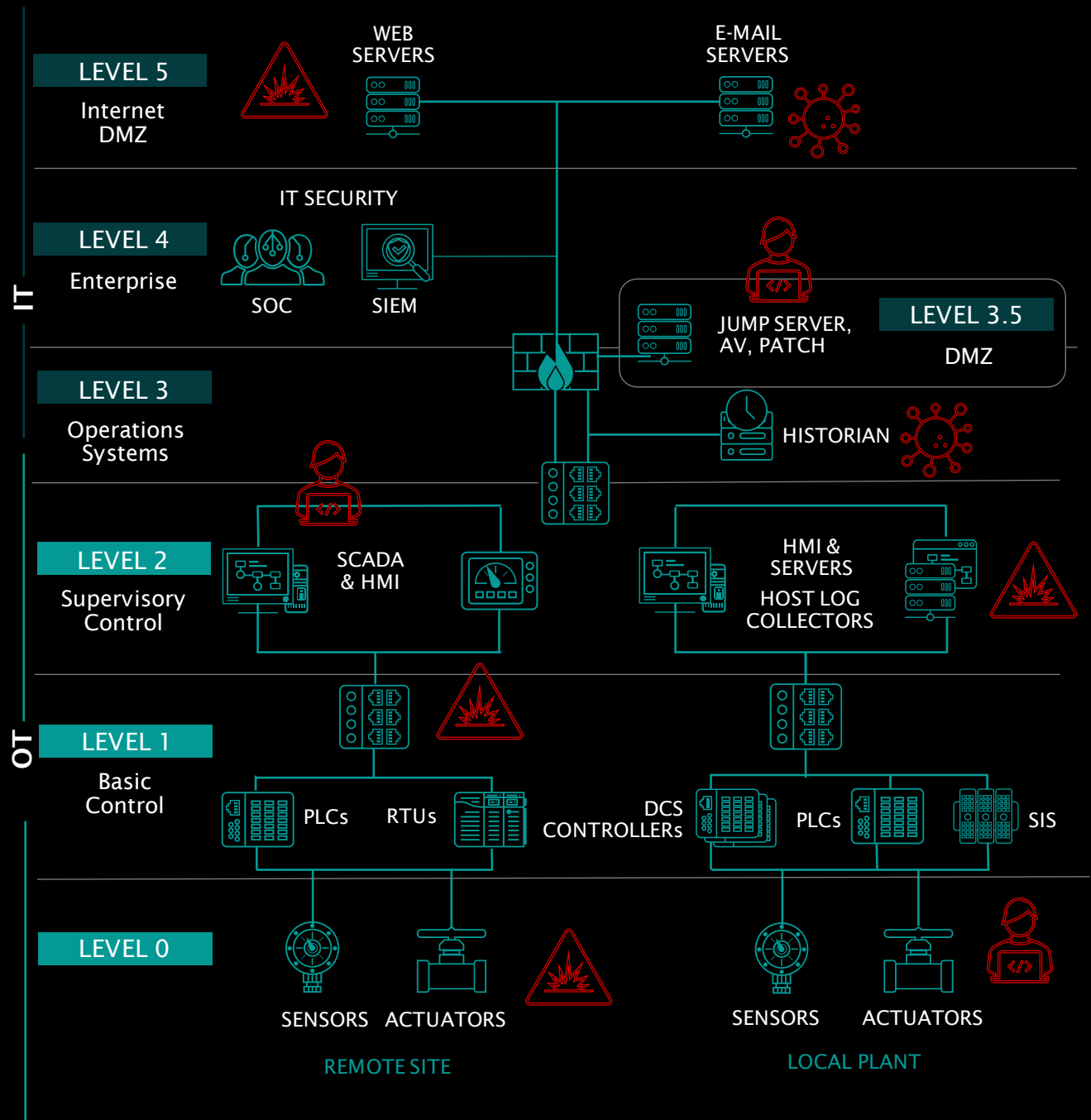
- Includes all digital assets such as computers, data loggers, network equipment, PLCs
- Anything that contains logging or forensic information that could inform an analyst during an investigation is valuable

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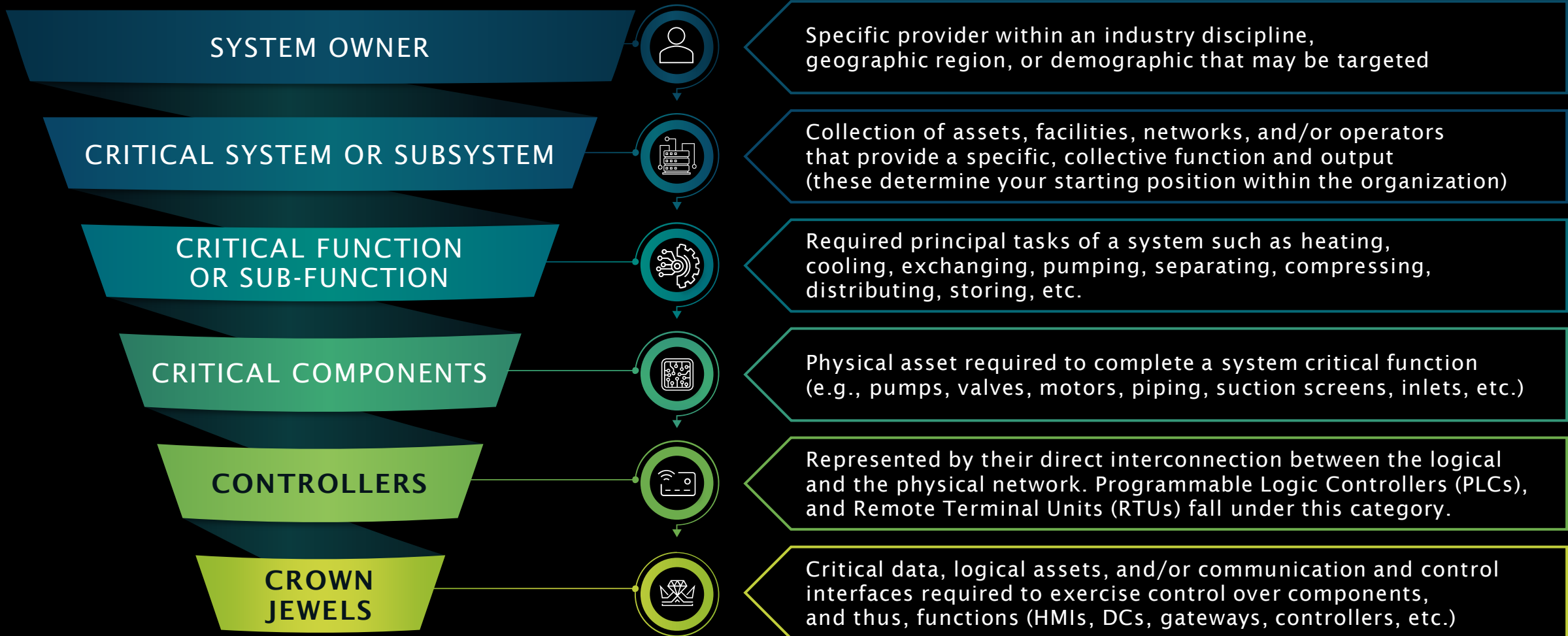
What does a **bad day look like** in your environment?

Do you know the **hidden dependencies**?

What are **consequences of attacks and adverse events**?



# DRAGOS CROWN-JEWEL-ANALYSIS MODEL





# YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN AN INCIDENT

Responding to incidents in industrial environments

# INCIDENT RESPONSE

## Do not respond to incidents alone

- Consider OT specific skills and personnel, use a retainer, decide on activation criteria
- Prepare all potentially involved personnel for Incident Response
- Utilize previously planned incident command systems and playbooks

## Prioritize life/environment before production outages

- An incident might not be limited to a single location, process or system

## Consider consequences of actions and adversaries

- Most IR activities will impact the normal operation
- Loss of visibility, loss of control, loss of productivity, ...

## An adversary could be inside your network

- You might not be alone while handling an incident



# THE 'TAKE 5' OF OT IR



1

Keep Calm

2

Assemble Your Team

3

Activate Third Parties Early

4

Spin Up Out-of-Band Comms

5

Collect Evidence & Scope

# COLLECTING FROM OT NETWORKS

## FOCUS

on the most valuable hosts and datasets

## PRIORITIZE

collection of volatile, time-sensitive or time-consuming datasets

## COLLECT

from individual systems via removable media

IT approaches for (forensic) data collection may fail in OT

Focus and prioritize crown jewel applications

Assess available (forensic) data and their retention time

Collection might require on-site presence

Prepare access/removable drives and validate procedures

# KICKSTARTING YOUR INCIDENT RESPONSE

Good preparation and readiness is key for effective response

## Benefits of OT Monitoring & Visibility

- 1 Quicker investigation
- 2 More thorough investigations
- 3 Easier assurance of eradication
- 4 More insightful results
- 5 Early detection to prevent/limit incident





# YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN THE COMMUNITY

Share information and join forces

# OT CERT AND ISACS

Information sharing is a key community aspect



## Share OT security knowledge and best practices

Utilize and contribute to close the OT cybersecurity skills gap in the community



## Share Information on adversaries and anomalies

Sharing indicators and adversary behavior allows protection and proactive hunting



## Forming partnerships

Build information sharing groups (ISACs), promote shared values and jointly safeguard critical infrastructures

# COMMUNITY DEFENSE

Exchanging Intel & Building Skills to Strengthen the Collective Defense



## NEIGHBORHOOD KEEPER

Collective Threat Insights & Defense

A free, opt-in program for  
Dragos Platform customers

Collective ICS threat, asset, &  
vulnerability intelligence



## DRAGOS OT-CERT

OT Cyber Emergency Response Team

Free resources & expertise open  
to asset owners & operators

Regional workshops, growing content  
library, vulnerability disclosures



# OT-CERT

## Industrial Cybersecurity Resources For The OT Community



### Free Cybersecurity Resources

Free content available for OT asset owners and operators, to help you build and maintain an effective OT cybersecurity program



### Open to ICS/OT Community

Beneficial for businesses of all sizes, especially those with fewer OT cybersecurity resources and expertise



### New Content Monthly

Members have access to a growing library of resources such as reports, webinars, training, best practice blogs, assessment toolkits, tabletop exercises and more, available from the OT-CERT portal



### Regional Workshops

Customized regional workshops to meet the needs of the community



### Vulnerability Disclosures

We take a coordinated approach to the disclosure of vulnerabilities, working with vendors to better protect our customers and the ICS/OT community



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Operational Technology –  
Cyber Emergency Readiness Team

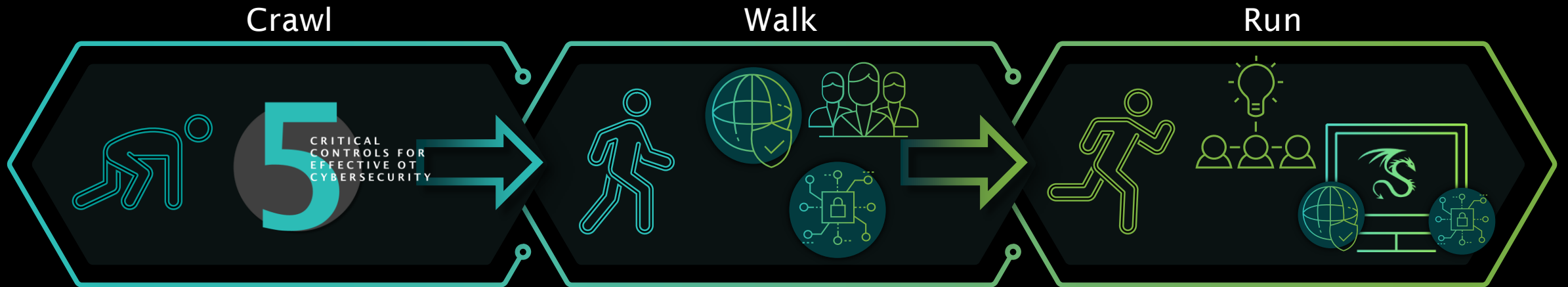
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# ROADMAP FOR EFFECTIVE OT INCIDENT RESPONSE

Moving forward with an action plan

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE ON YOUR JOURNEY!



- Implement 5 Critical Controls for Effective OT Security
- Identify Crown Jewels

- Utilize Threat Intelligence for Defense
- Increase Visibility and Resilience
- Test Plans and Control Effectiveness (TTX)

- Exercise! Exercise! Exercise! Exercise!
- Measure and improve
- Collaborate and share



THANK YOU



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