The OT Security Challenge

Modern-day industrial and critical infrastructure organizations rely heavily on operational technology (OT) environments to produce goods and services. Beyond traditional IT operations that utilize servers, routers, PCs and switches, these organizations also rely on OT, such as programmable logic controllers (PLCs), distributed control systems (DCSs) and human machine interfaces (HMIs) to run physical plants and factories. While OT devices have been in commercial use since the late 1960s, major changes are underway to modernize OT operations.

The Convergence Initiative

Today, an increasing number of organizations are considering—and adopting—convergence in their IT and OT environments. Others have no intention to converge IT and OT, however, even under the most favorable circumstances, this isolation is nearly impossible to maintain. The introduction of one seemingly harmless variable into a sterile environment can permanently destroy the most stringently enforced air-gap. This is known as “accidental convergence”.

Comprehensive OT Cybersecurity

Tenable.ot protects industrial and critical infrastructure from cyber threats, malicious insiders and human error. From threat detection and mitigation to asset tracking, vulnerability management, configuration control and adaptive assessment checks, Tenable’s industrial control systems (ICS) security capabilities maximize your operational environments visibility, security, and control.

Industry 4.0

Many organizations are rapidly adopting Industry 4.0 technology. In industrial and critical infrastructure environments, this can translate into thousands of devices connected via the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT).
Solution Components

• **Complete Visibility**
Up to 50% of your OT infrastructure contains IT assets. Attacks can easily propagate across IT/OT infrastructure. Why fly blind by only having visibility into OT assets and traffic?

Tenable.ot, now with built-in Nessus, provides complete visibility into your converged attack surface while measuring and controlling cyber risk across your OT and IT systems.

Tenable.ot also integrates with the Tenable product portfolio and leading IT security and operational tools for a best-in-class “ecosystem of trust” that leverages your entire security infrastructure.

• **Threat Detection and Mitigation**
Tenable.ot leverages a multi-detection engine you can fine-tune as each unique environment dictates. It also finds high-risk events and behaviors that can impact OT operations.

These engines include:

**Policy-Based:** With this unique capability, you can activate predefined policies or create custom policies that whitelist and/or blacklist specific granular activities that may indicate cyber threats or operational mistakes that trigger alerts. Policies can also trigger active checks for predefined situations. This is crucial to discover risky events that don’t rise above the statistical noise (e.g. malware, reconnaissance activity, querying device firmware versions from a human machine interface (HMI)).

**Behavioral Anomalies:** The system detects deviations from a network traffic baseline based on traffic patterns. Pattern baselines include a mixture of time ranges, protocols, devices, etc. Among other things, it allows detection of suspicious scans indicative of malware or rogue devices in your network. It then sends context-aware alerts with detailed information to your team so you can quickly respond and launch forensic investigations into what happened.

**Signature Updates:** In a partnership with the Open Information Security Foundation (OISF), Tenable.ot leverages the Suricata set of signatures along with Tenable’s proprietary signature rules. By leveraging crowdsourced data, you can detect attacks throughout all stages and get alerts with context about suspicious traffic that can indicate reconnaissance, exploits, installed malware, lateral propagation and more. The threat detection engine ingests new signature updates and you can select and customize them to address new threats as they evolve.

**Adaptive Assessment:** Tenable.ot actively queries assets on your network. Active querying gives you deep insights and unparalleled situational awareness into your infrastructure without impacting operations. This patented approach gathers far more information than passive monitoring alone, including identification of devices that do not communicate on your network.

• **Attack Vectors**
Increased security incidents in OT environments in addition to the lateral creep of attacks between IT and OT require advanced threat detection methods and also the ability to predict likely pathways of an attack. Tenable.ot can map attack vectors, provide risk guidance as well as mitigation techniques to harden the attack pathways.

Tenable.ot Attack Vector functionality:

• Identifies the communication paths along the chain and validates their relevance (or lack thereof) to the process.

• Reduces the associated and individual risk scores of the assets which participate in the attack vector.

• Identifies which surrounding systems to patch when a patch to the controller may not yet be available.
• Minimizes or removes network access to external networks.

• **Risk-Based Vulnerability Management**
  Tenable.ot leverages domain expertise in industrial security for OT assets, and Nessus for IT assets. Tenable's Vulnerability Priority Rating (VPR) scoring generates vulnerability and risk levels using intelligence gained for each asset in your OT network. Reports include detailed insights, along with mitigation suggestions. This enables authorized personnel to quickly identify the highest risk for priority remediation before attackers can exploit vulnerabilities.

• **Configuration Control**
  With Tenable.ot, you can track malware and user-executed changes made over your network or directly on a device. Tenable.ot provides a full history of device configuration changes over time, including granularity of specific ladder logic segments, diagnostic buffers, tag tables and more. This enables administrators to establish a backup snapshot with the “last known good state” for faster recovery and compliance with industry regulations.

Integrations

Tenable.ot integrates with the larger Tenable product portfolio including:

**tenable.sc**

Gain full visibility of all vulnerabilities that include both your IT and OT assets. You’ll know which vulnerabilities take priority with a Vulnerability Priority Rating (VPR) score with each and every alert.

**tenable.io**

For distributed environments or locations that cannot accommodate additional physical gear, leverage the power of the cloud with all of the intelligence gained from Tenable.ot being sent to Tenable.io for a “zero footprint” OT security solution.

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