



Industrial Networking Essentials & Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0

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Agenda

- The Problem to Solve and How
- Industrial Networking Essentials Course Deep Dive
- Discovering Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0 OT features

The Growing Number of Cyber Attacks on OT

Clorox says sales and profit took a big hit from cyberattack

Johnson Controls Ransomware Attack: Data Theft Confirmed, C

World's Critical Infrastructure Suffered 13 Cyber Attacks Every Second in 2023
Jan 29, 2024

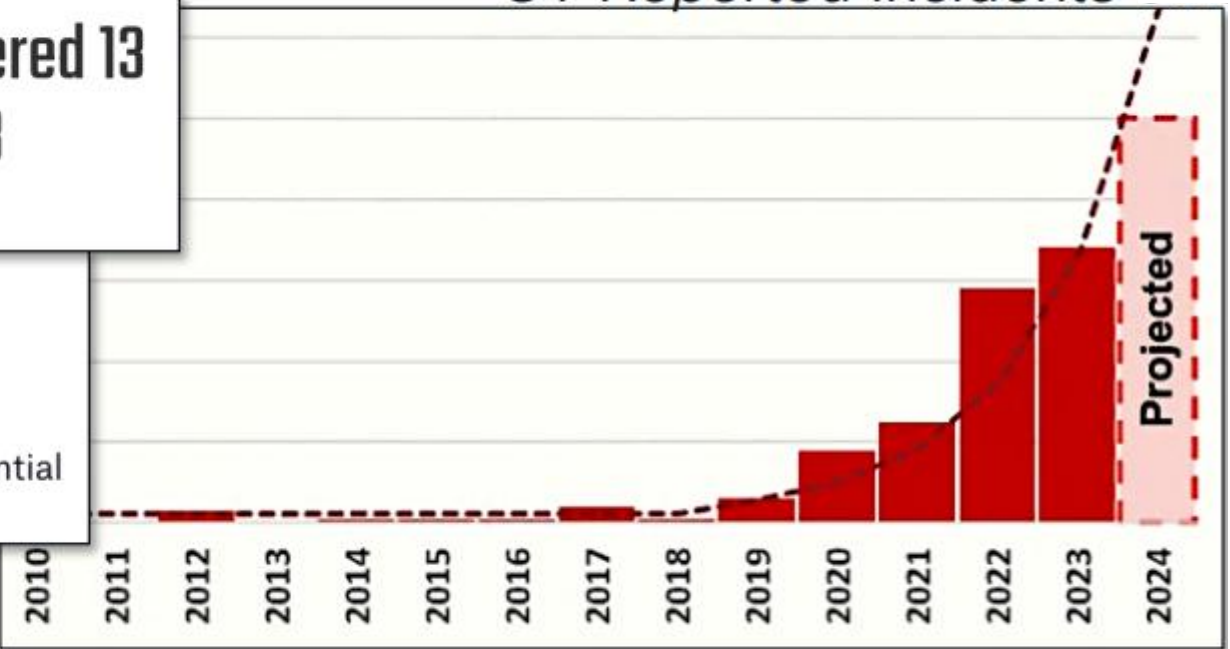
Cyberattacks on CNI surge by 30% in 2024, study reveals
The report by KnowBe4 details the significant rise in attacks on essential sectors - with the US power grid providing especially vulnerable.

Suzuki Motorcycle India breach forces plant shutdown

Simpson Manufacturing Takes Systems Offline Following Cyberattack
Simpson Manufacturing is experiencing disruptions after taking IT systems offline following a cyberattack.

Over 50% of incidents occurred in process and discrete manufacturing in 2023

OT Reported Incidents



Ukraine blackouts caused by malware attacks warn against evolving cybersecurity threats to the physical world

May 17, 2024

By [Emily Cerf](#)

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On a cold winter night in 2016, Ukrainians experienced the first-ever known blackout caused by malicious code (malware) designed to autonomously attack the power grid. One-fifth of Kyiv's citizens were plunged into darkness as attackers used malware to target the capital city's power grid. Six years later, in the early months of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, a second attack attempted to combine kinetic and cyber attacks to take down Ukraine's power grid.

Malware attacks against physical infrastructure have long been a looming threat in the realm of cybersecurity, but these two in Ukraine were the



Power lines in Ukraine. Photo credit: Mny-Jhee, iStock.

From Cisco Report on the State of Industrial Networking



Survey

- 1000+ Operation Leaders
- 17 Countries
- 20 Industries

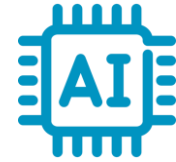
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Cybersecurity is a top Concern

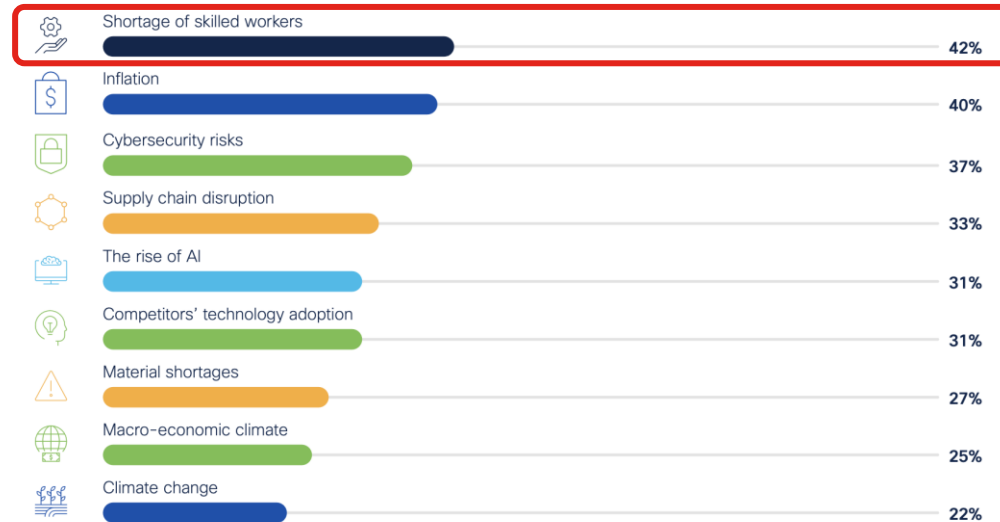


IT and OT must Become more collaborative

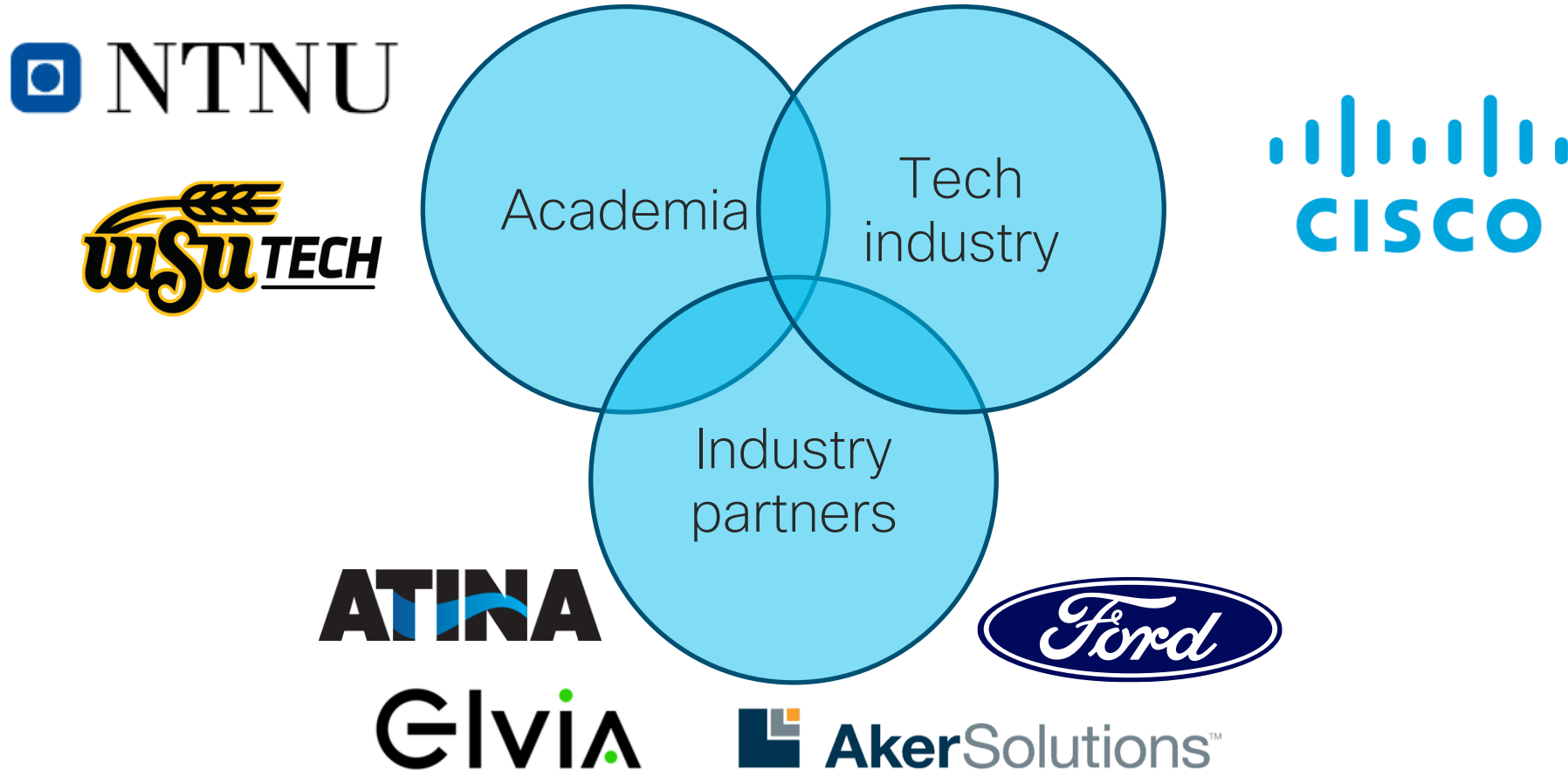


AI is driving infrastructure refresh cycle

Industry obstacles to growth: external



Collaboration to Address a Real Need: Skills Shortage



Securely Connect Operational Technology

Essential Industrial networking and cybersecurity skills for entry-level OT Jobs in two verticals: manufacturing and utility (power).

Target Audience:

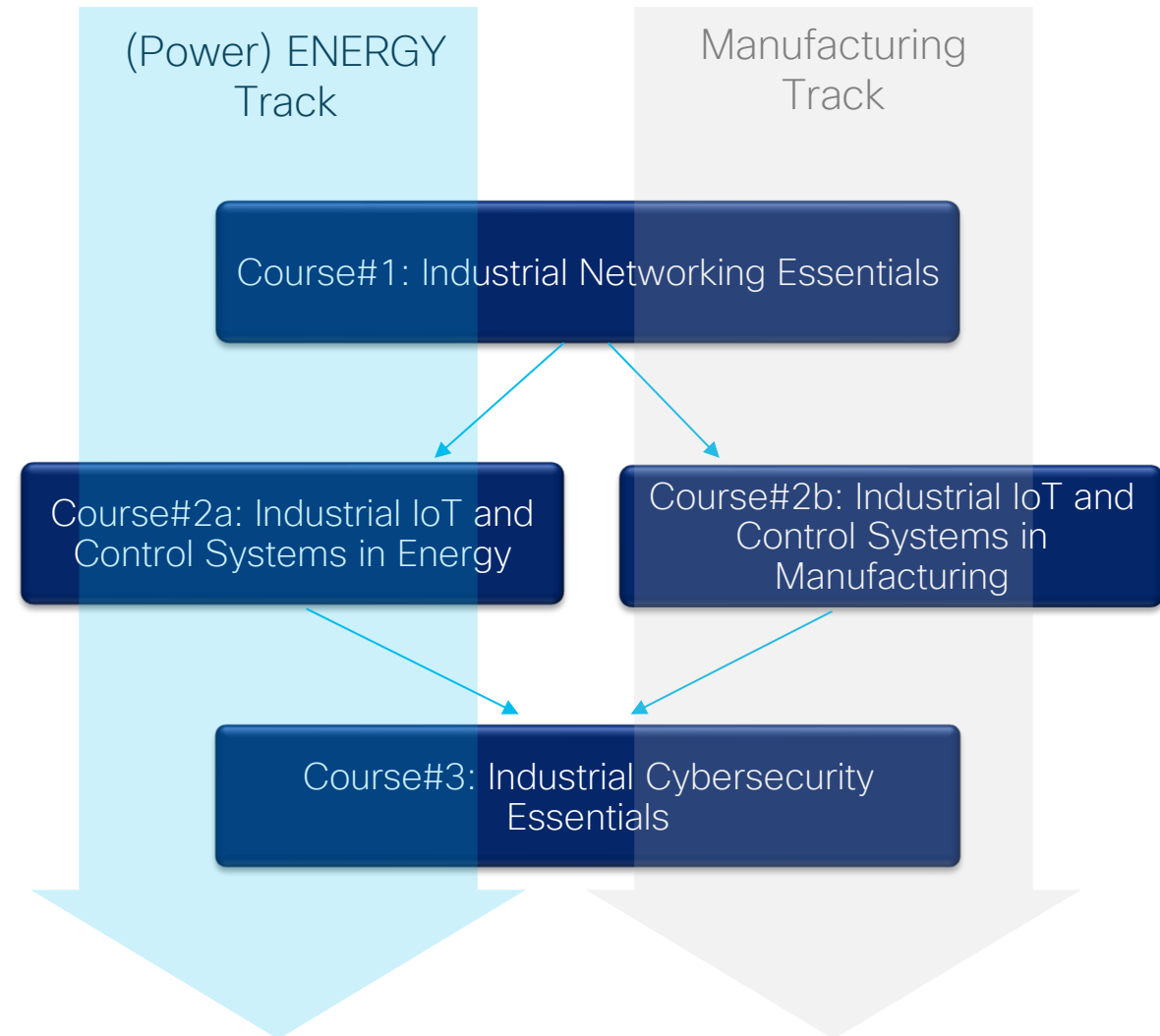
- Students in secondary and post-secondary educational Institutions in the two verticals: manufacturing, utility (Energy power)
- Adults that wants to reskill/upskill

Value proposition

- Complement the learner vertical-specific skills with Industrial Networking and Cybersecurity skills critical for operating modern converged OT infrastructures

Format:

- Learning Collection of courses available on NetAcad.com



Securely Connect OT: Courses and Modules

Estimated total duration ~ 75 hours

Industrial Networking Essentials (~35h)

1. Networking Concepts for OT
2. Network Components, Types, and Connections
3. Network Media
4. Wireless Networks in Integrated IT and OT Systems
5. Communication Principles
6. Network Design
7. The Access Layer
8. Configuring Network Devices
9. The Internet Protocol
10. IPv4 Addressing
11. Gateways to Other Networks
12. Routing Between Networks
13. Transport Layer
14. Application Layer Services
15. Application Layer Implementation in IACS and the Internet of Things
16. Build a Small IACS Network
17. Build a Simple Digital Substation Network

Industrial IoT and Control Systems in Manufacturing (~15h)*

1. Industrial Automation and Control Systems
2. Safety and Regulatory Compliance
3. High Availability Networking for OT
4. Time Sensitive Networking for OT
5. Manufacturing IACS
6. Implement a Simulated Manufacturing IACS System

Industrial IoT and Control Systems in Energy (~15h)*

1. Industrial Automation and Control Systems
2. Safety and Regulatory Compliance
3. High Availability Networking for OT
4. Time Sensitive Networking for OT
5. Smart Grid Systems
6. Implement a Simulated Smart Grid

Industrial Cybersecurity Essentials (~25h)*

1. Introduction to Industrial Cybersecurity
2. Attack Concepts and Techniques
3. Industrial Cybersecurity Frameworks and Regulations
4. Risk Assessment
5. Vulnerabilities
6. Secure Industrial Networks
7. Authentication and Authorization Controls
8. Hardening the Industrial Infrastructure
9. Frontiers in Industrial Security


Available on Netacad.com

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Networking

Computer networks are the brains powering the internet. Learning how they work is valuable for any career in tech!

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BEGINNER



Cisco Academy

Course | Instructor-led

Industrial Networking Essentials

Learn fundamental networking concepts for modern industrial architectures and practice with industrial devices in Cisco Packet Tracer.

35 Hours

Course Overview

Introduce foundational networking concepts essential for modern industrial infrastructures, focusing on IT and OT integration. Prepare learners for entry-level careers in operational technology (OT), with practice using Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0, to simulate real-world scenarios with industrial devices.

Benefits

Equip your students with the confidence and skills needed to get started in connecting industrial devices. This curriculum, co-designed with industry experts, ensures learners gain relevant skills that meet current industry demands.

- ✓ Discover the benefits and key considerations of IT and OT integration.
- ✓ Teach fundamental networking concepts tailored for industrial environments.
- ✓ Understand Ethernet network communication and IP addressing.
- ✓ Explore key industrial protocols including, Ethernet/IP, PROFINET, and Modbus.
- ✓ Build a simple, simulated Industrial Automation Control Systems (IACS) network using Cisco devices.

Course Details

Target Audience: High school, secondary and general audience

Estimated Time to Completion: 35 hours

Prerequisites: Basic computer skills, familiarity with operating systems, internet usage and a basic understanding of industrial components such as Programmable Logic Controller (PLC).

Course Delivery: Self-paced (exclusively through participating academies) and Instructor-led

Learning Component Highlights:

- 17 learning modules
- 22 Cisco Packet Tracer activities
- 3 interactive labs
- 1 per-module Glossary of Terms
- 1 final exam

Course Recognitions: Digital badge

Recommended Next Course: Additional courses coming soon.



Requirements

- ASC Alignment: Recommended
- Instructor Training: Optional
- Physical Equipment: Not Required

What is Operational Technology (OT)?

- OT refers to the hardware and software used to control or monitor physical equipment, processes, and events in the real world.
- This includes devices like valves, pumps, sensors, machines, robots, and industrial control systems (e.g. PLCs - Programmable Logic Controller)
- OT is essential for managing operations in industries such as manufacturing, energy (power grids), water utilities, oil and gas, and transportation.





Two worlds (IT/OT) Converging from
two (very) different cultures.

Speaking the same language?

Help, my logistics software App is not working, is the firewall blocking it?

Q: Which port are you using?

A: Port 161/UDP

B: Switch 2, port 5

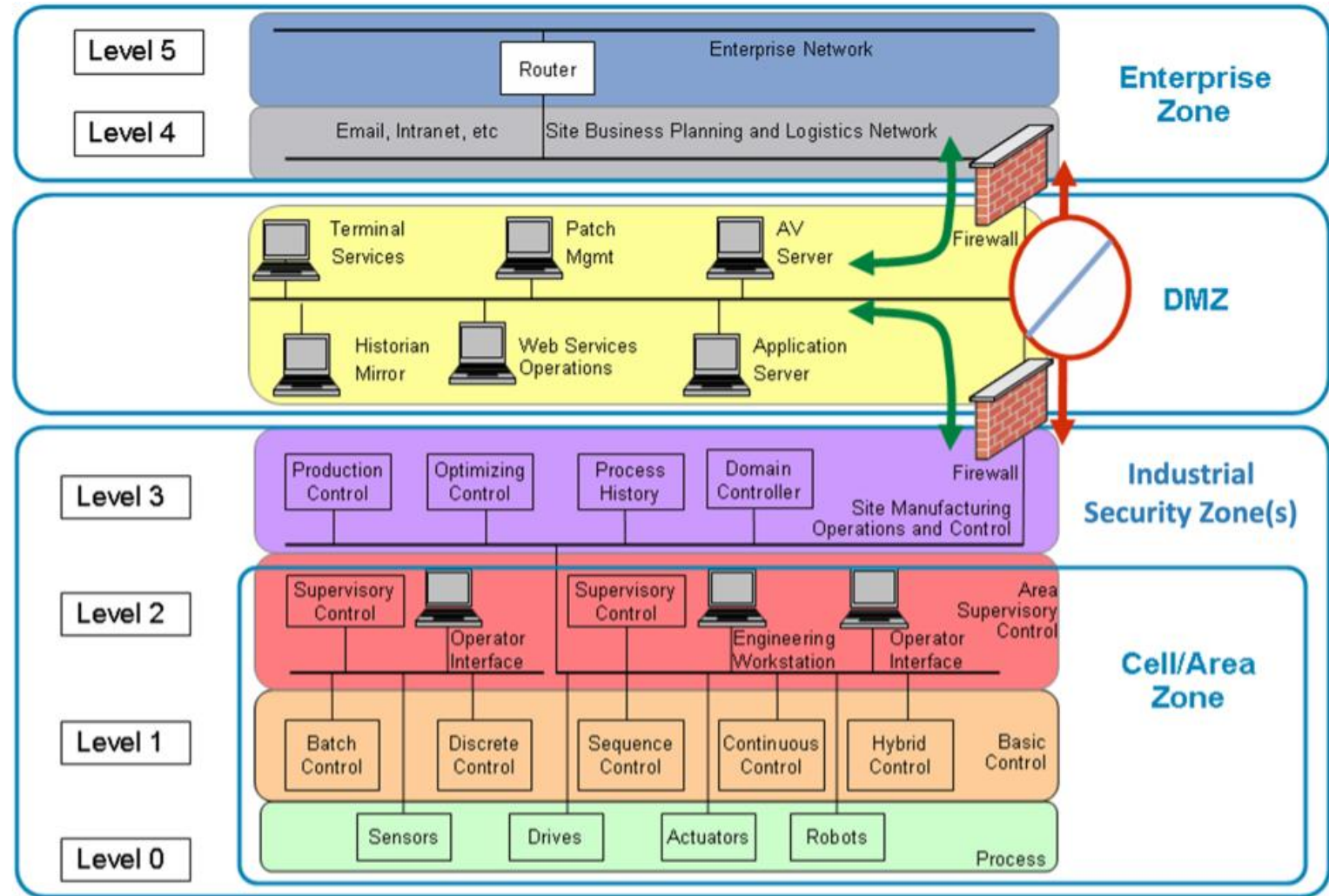
C: Serial Port

D: Rotterdam Port



Industrial Networking Essentials: The Purdue Model

The Purdue model is a framework for segmenting industrial control system (ICS) networks from corporate enterprise networks and organizing systems according to their roles in the industrial network



Industrial Networking Essentials: The Perdue Model Levels

- **Levels 4 and 5** (enterprise zone): comprise the traditional IT enterprise network, where business systems such as enterprise resource planning (ERP) and email servers are located, including user computers and related functions.

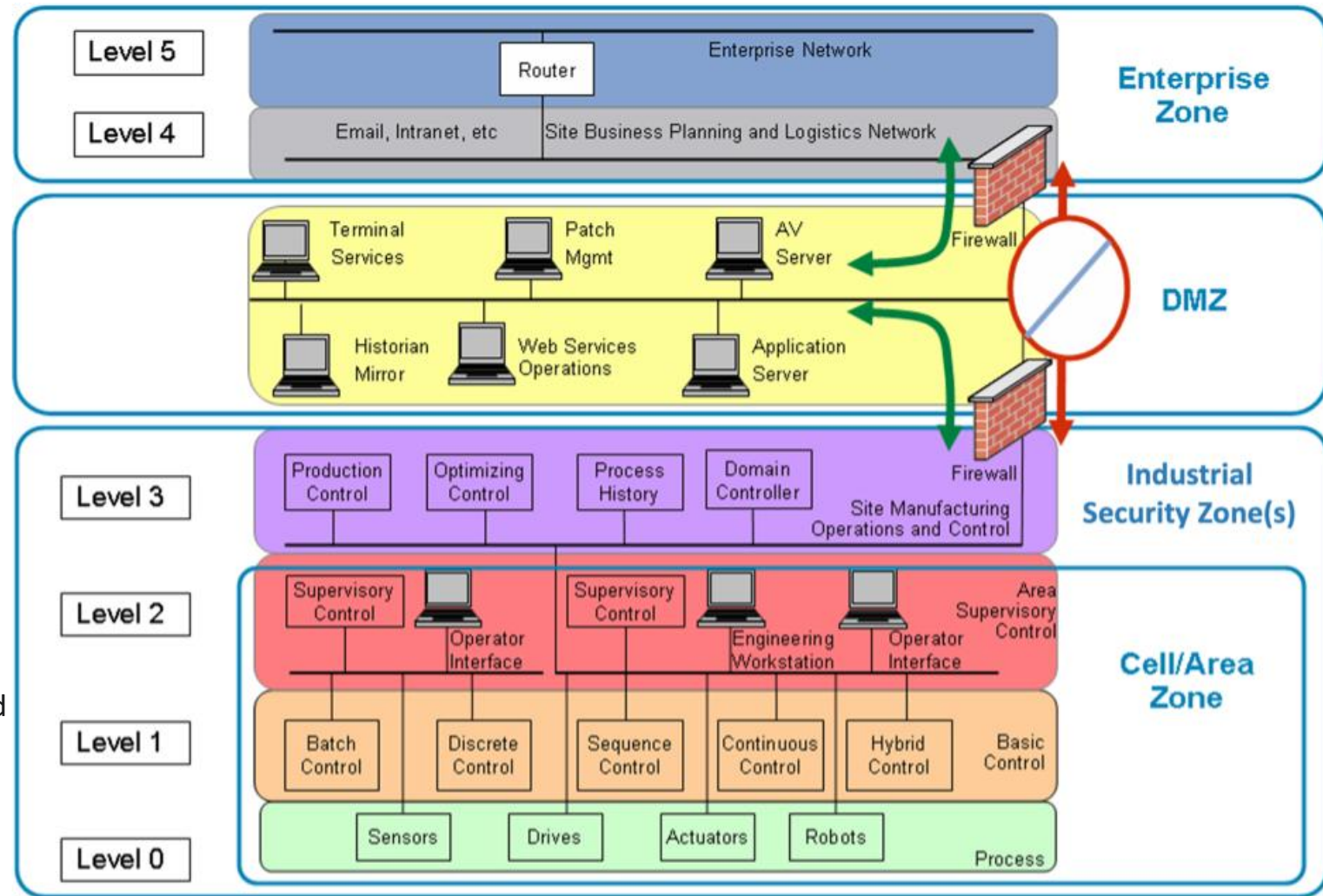
- The demilitarized zone (**DMZ**) is the buffer between the critical environments or production systems and the enterprise network. All shared services between the industrial zone and the enterprise zone are at the DMZ.

- **Level 3** (operations zone): acts like the data center of the operational network, includes *data historians*.

- **Level 2** (supervisory zone): contains systems that control and monitor the physical process, like human machine interfaces (*HMI*).

- **Level 1** (control zone): contains intelligent devices that send commands to level 0 devices; includes programmable logic controllers (*PLC*),

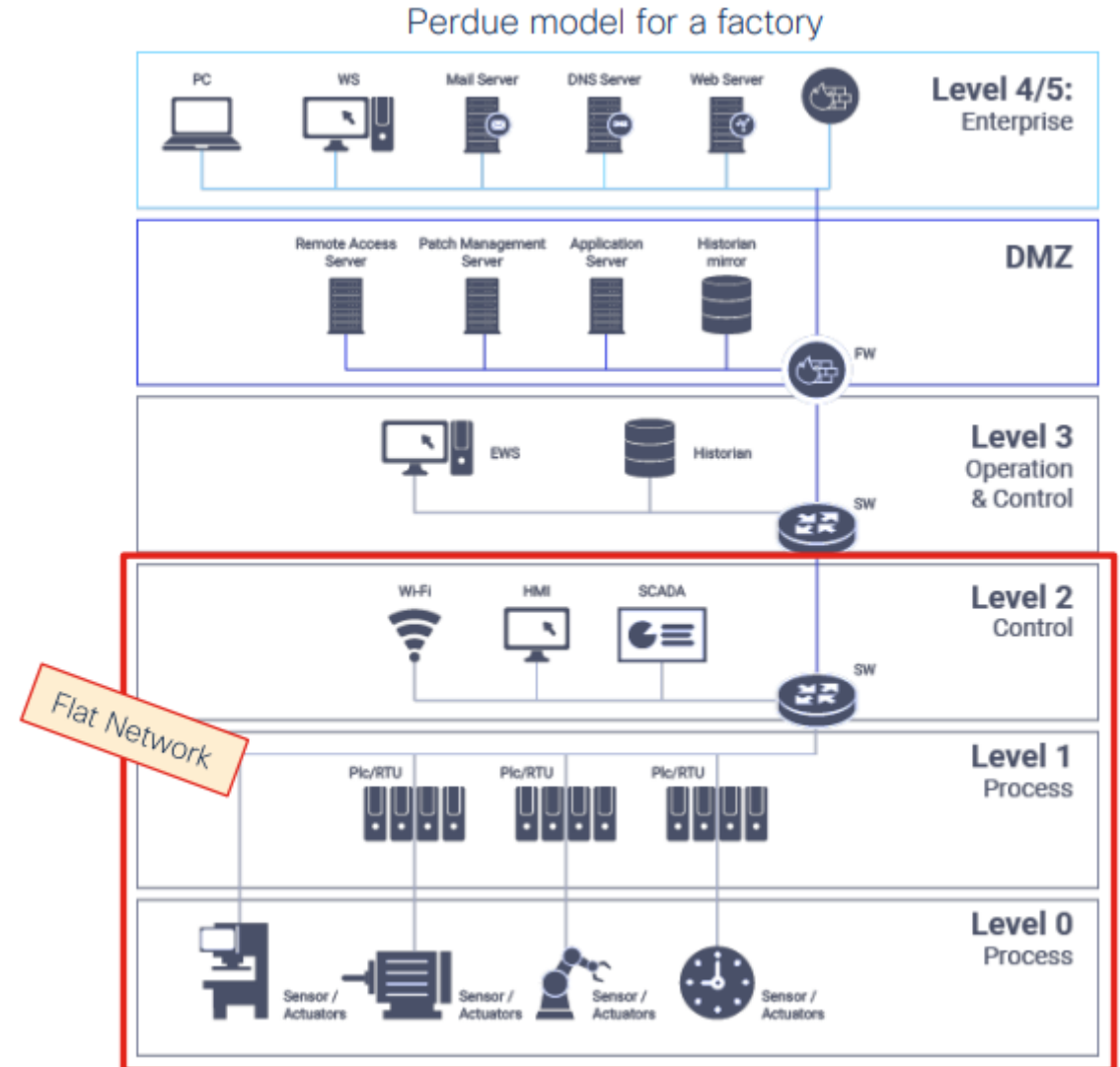
- **Level 0** (process zone): contains devices that interact with the physical world (*sensors, actuators, machines*).



Industrial Networking Essentials: The risks of Flat Networks



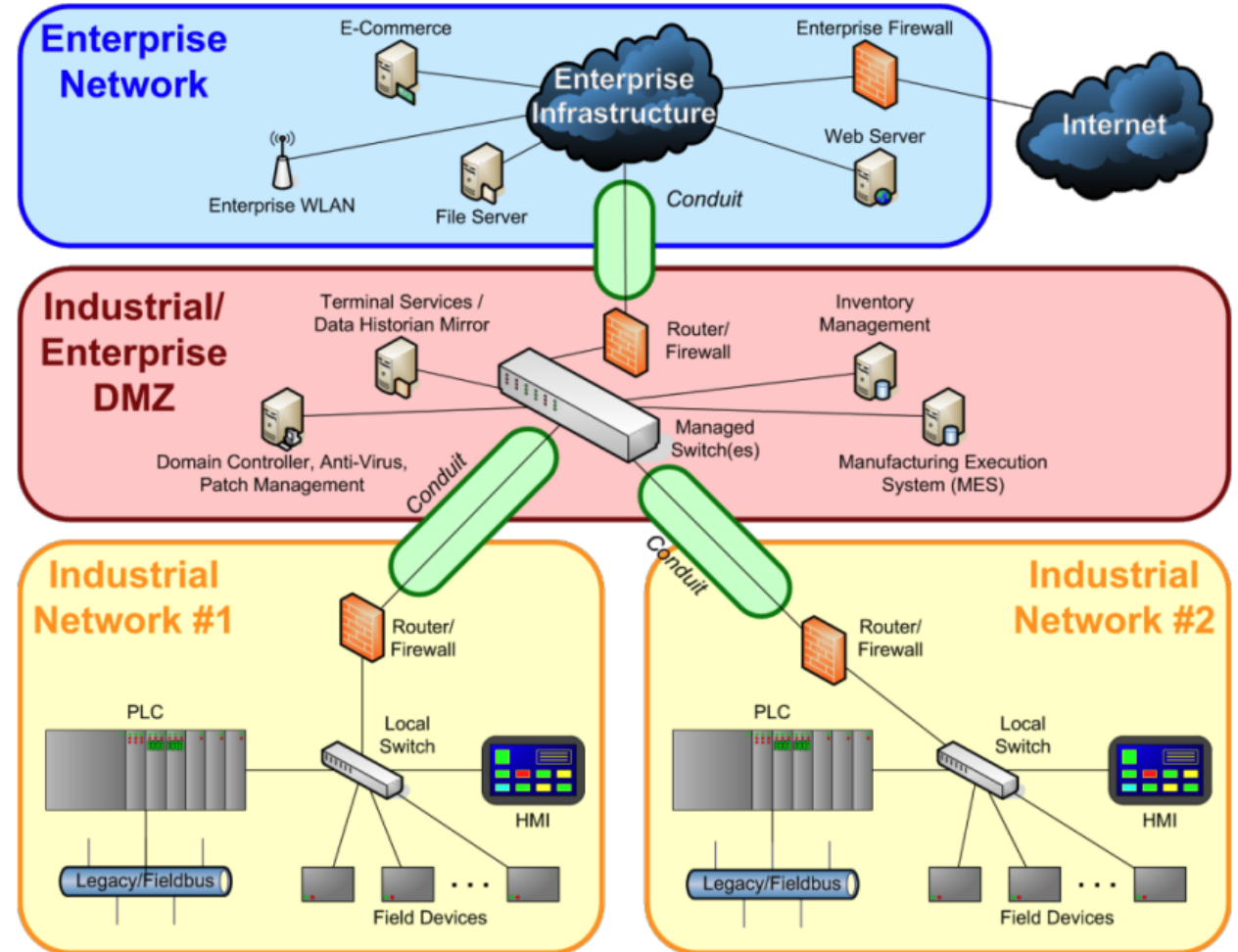
Threats can spread unrestricted and bring down entire factory floor



Industrial Networking Essentials: Network Segmentation

~~FLAT~~
~~NETWORKS~~

VLANs Trunks
IP
Address Subnet
Mask



Industrial Networking Essentials: Industrial Devices and Protocols



INDUSTRIAL SWITCH

Ethernet/IP: CIP

IEC 61850

- Goose
- SV
- MMS

PROFINET

MQTT

OPC UA



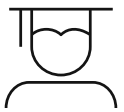
INDUSTRIAL ROUTER

Importance of Practice

A key pillar of Cisco Networking Academy



Motivate students with exciting experiences that make learning very real



Accelerate and optimize each student's path to career-ready skills



Build student confidence: "I can do this!"



Cisco
Packet Tracer



Virtual
Machines



Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0

Expand on the Industrial devices, protocols and process

Cisco Packet Tracer, a leading tool for practicing ICT skills, becomes even more unique in its latest version by empowering users to practice entry-level industrial skills. It enables practice of industrial processes, device connectivity and configuration, troubleshooting, and securing, with support for industrial-specific protocols - using just a simple PC.

Securely

- Industrial Firewall (ISA3000-ASA)
- Cyber Observer (inspired by Cisco Cyber Vision)

Connect

- Industrial Router
- IR8340
 - IR1101

- Industrial Switch
- IE9300
 - IE3400

- Fiber Optics
- DIN Rail

Operational Technologies

- Sensors
- Actuators
- Create your own sensor, actuator...

- PLC
- RTU
- HMI

- Data Historian
- Engineering Workstation
- Ladder Logic

- Modbus
- Profinet
- CIP: Ethernet/IP
- PTP (Power Profile)
- PRP
- IEC61850
 - Goose
 - SV
 - MMS
- OPC-UA
- 5G

Industrial Networking Essentials: Contextualized Packet Tracer Activities

16.3.3 Packet Tracer - Configure Devices in the Industrial Zone

Note: There are two versions of this activity below. One version is contextualized around the energy sector, and the other is contextualized around the manufacturing sector. Both teach the same skills, just in different context. Choose the activity appropriate to your desired sector.

Energy: In this activity, you will complete the following objectives:

- Part 1: Configure Initial Device Settings
- Part 2: Secure the Networking Devices
- Part 3: Configure End Devices



Packet Tracer - Configure Devices in the Industrial Zone
(Energy)



Packet Tracer - Configure Devices in the Industrial Zone (E
nergy)

Manufacturing: In this activity, you will complete the following objectives:

- Part 1: Configure Initial Device Settings
- Part 2: Secure the Networking Devices
- Part 3: Configure End Devices

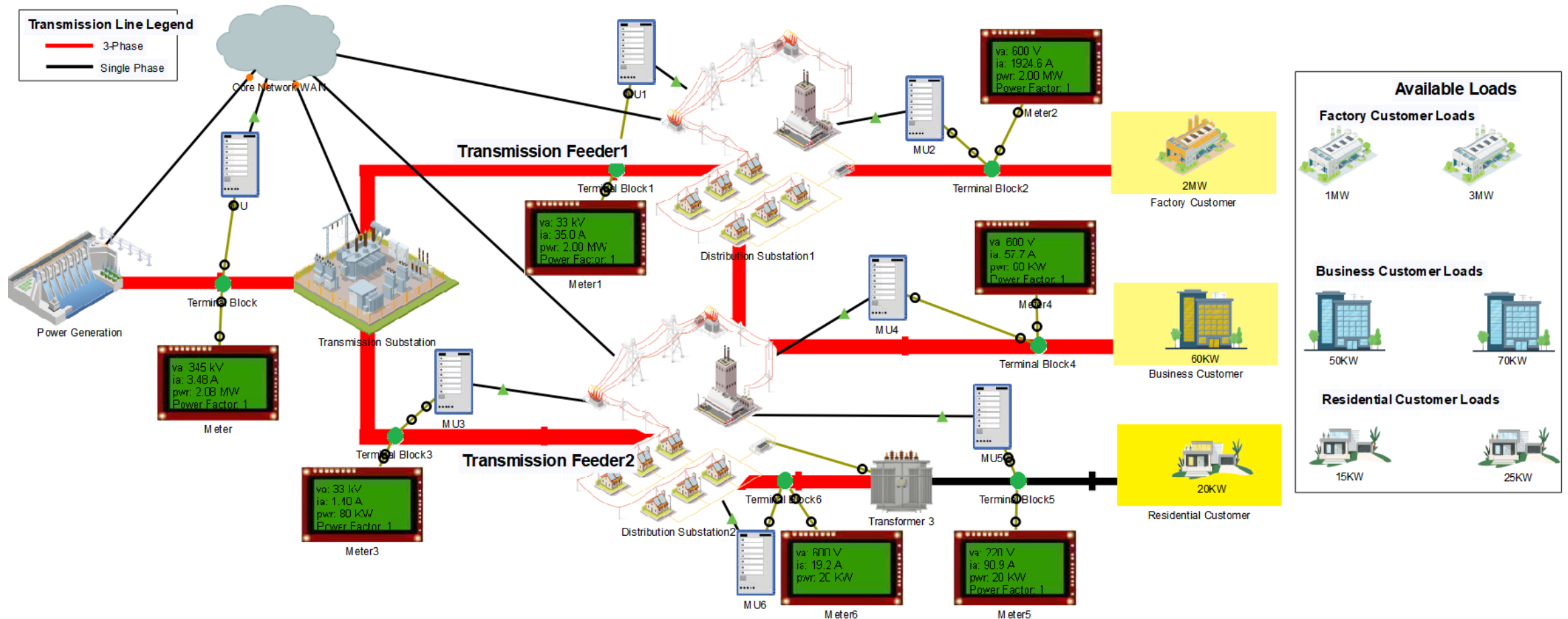


Packet Tracer - Configure Devices in the Industrial Zone
(Manufacturing)

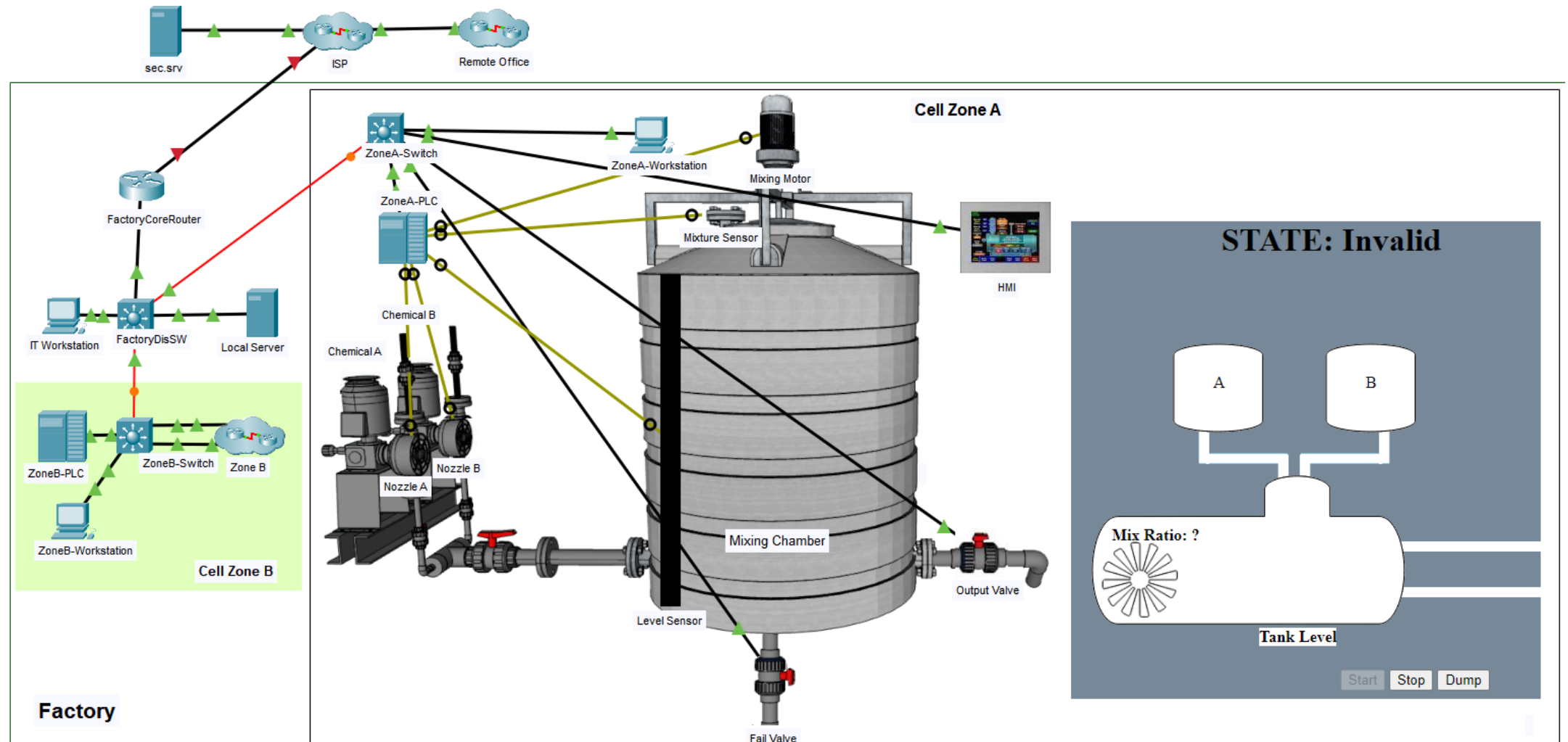


Packet Tracer - Configure Devices in the Industrial Zone (M
anufacturing)

Industrial IoT in Energy: Simulate a Smart Grid



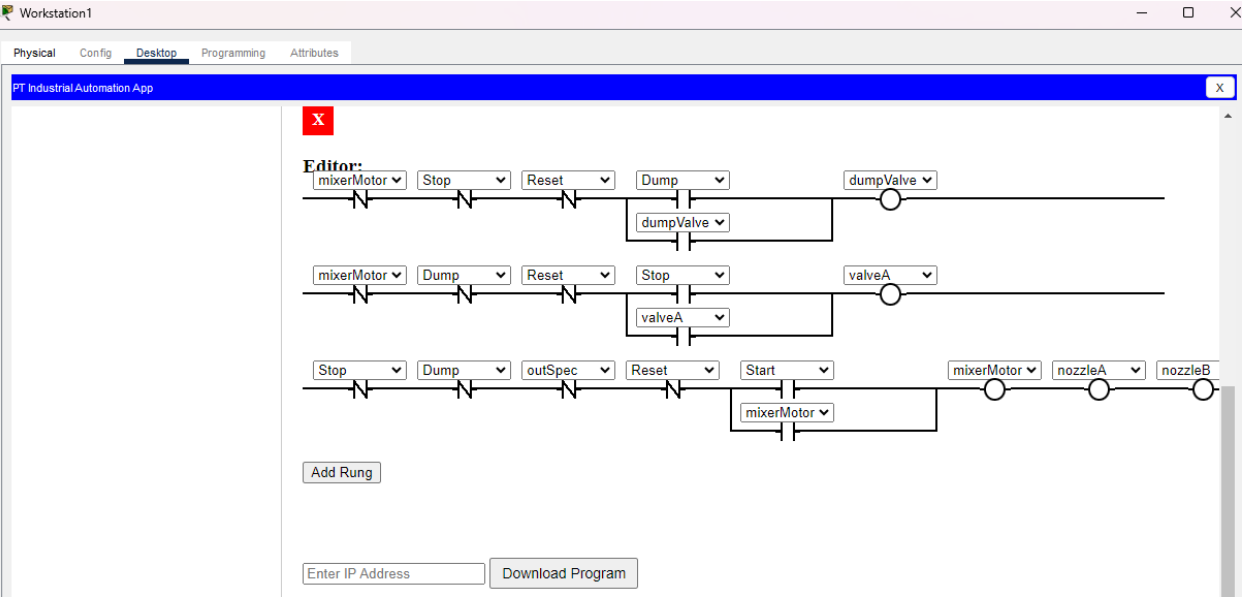
Industrial IoT in Manufacturing: Simulate a factory for mixing raw materials



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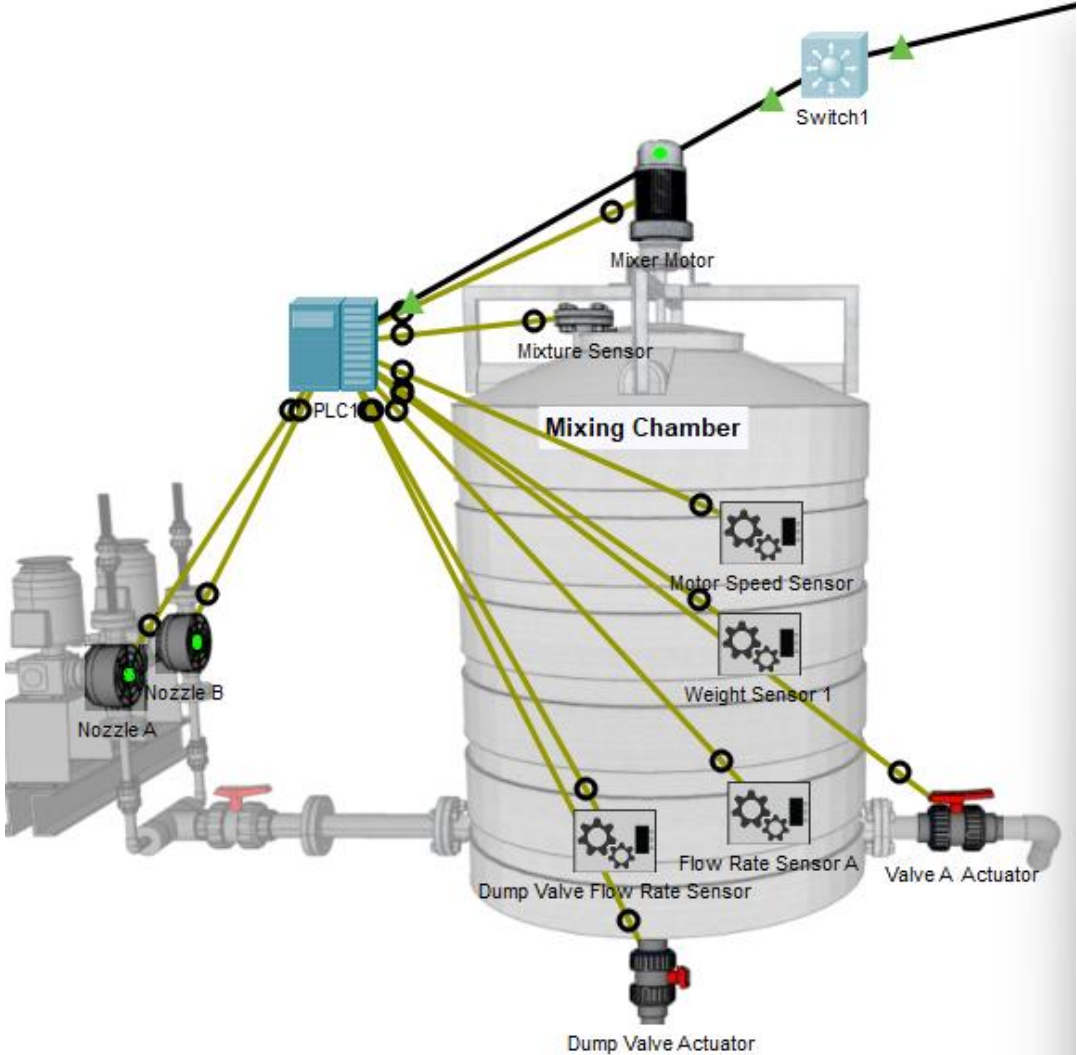
Practice Programming PLCs in an IACS Network

Practice ladder logic programming to control manufacturing processes.



Cell Zone 1 - Mixing

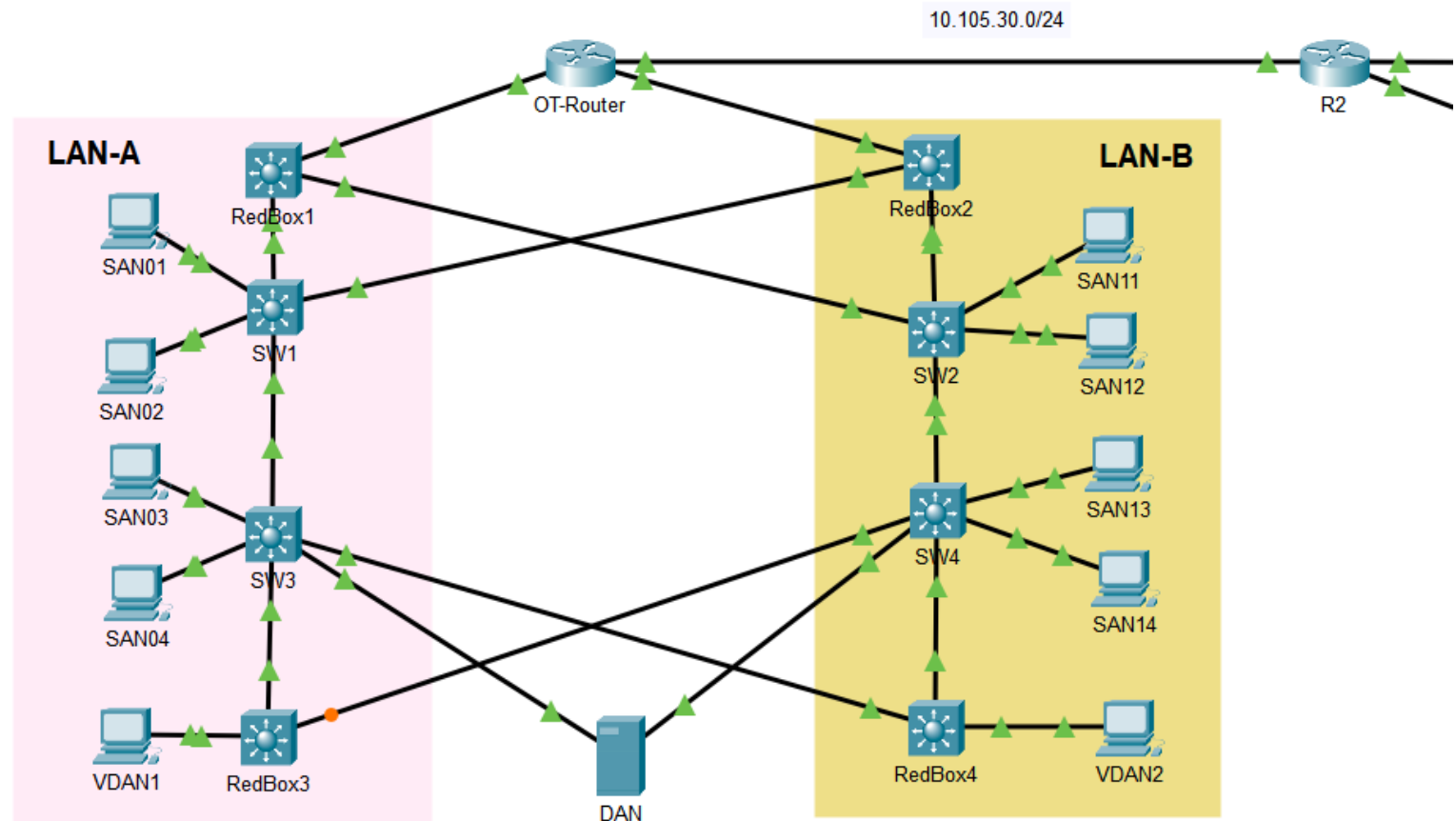
The mixing chamber is the first step in the process of producing rubber compound. It is where the ingredients for the rubber compound are mixed in the proper proportions to create a rubber compound with the desired characteristics demanded by the customer.



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Implement High Availability Protocols

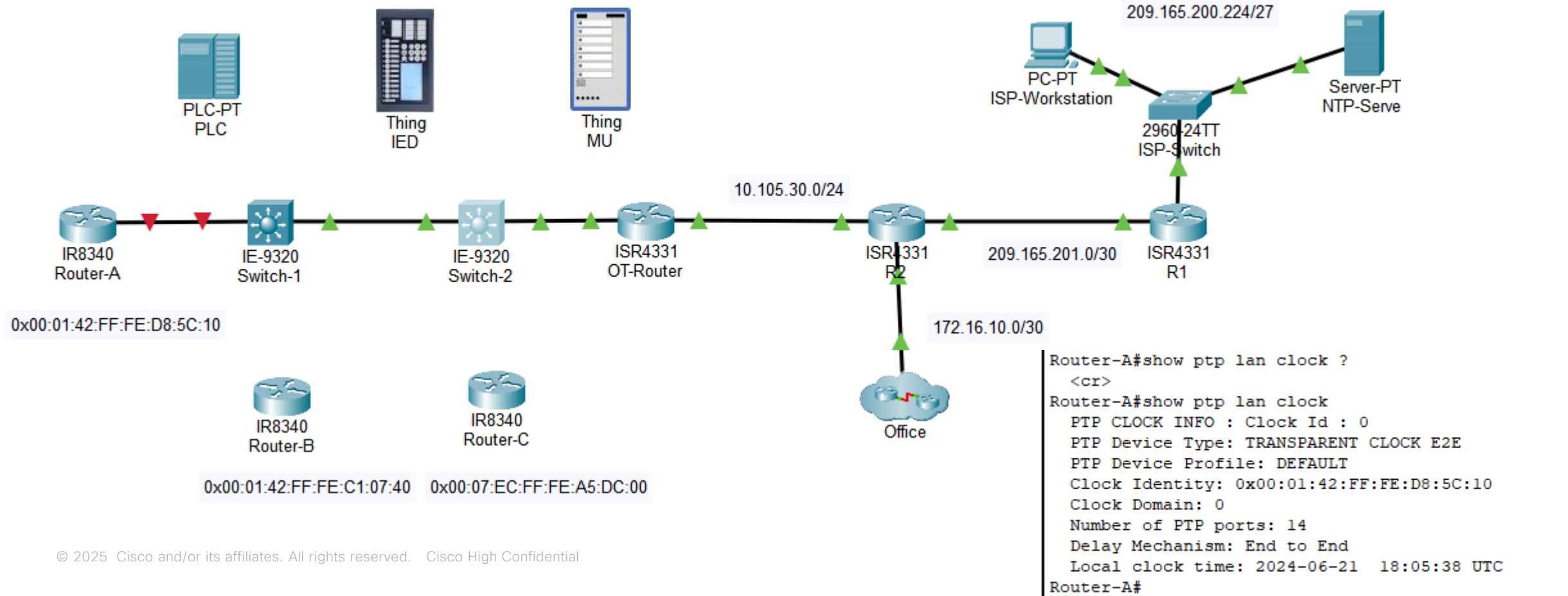
PRP (Standard IEC 62439-3)
based scenario to simulate hitless
redundancy (zero recovery time
after failures) in Ethernet networks.



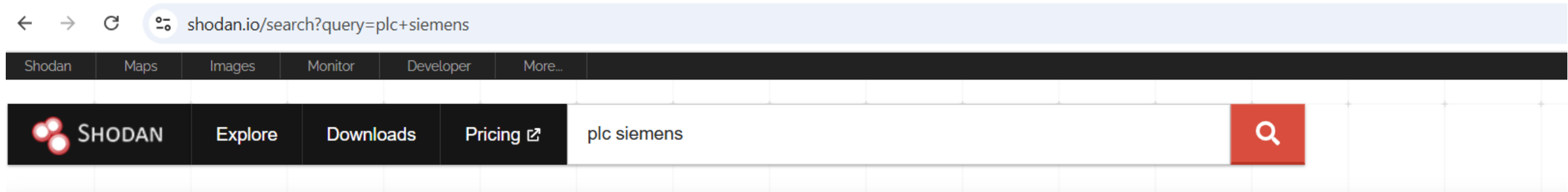
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Implement Time Sensitive Networking (PTP)

Time synchronization at the microsecond and sub-microsecond level is achievable using the Precision Time Protocol (PTP) or IEEE 1588. This level of precision is critical for applications like fault detection ensuring the safe and efficient operation.



Industrial Cybersecurity Essentials: Shodan Lab



TOTAL RESULTS

503

TOP COUNTRIES



Germany

161



View Report



View on Map




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Product Spotlight: Keep track of what you have connected to the Internet. Check out [Shodan Monitor](#)

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Copyright: Original **Siemens** Equipment

PLC name: **PLC1**

Module type: IM151-8 PN/DP CPU

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Module: 6ES7 151-8AB01-0AB0 v.0.7

Basic Firmware: v.3.2.14

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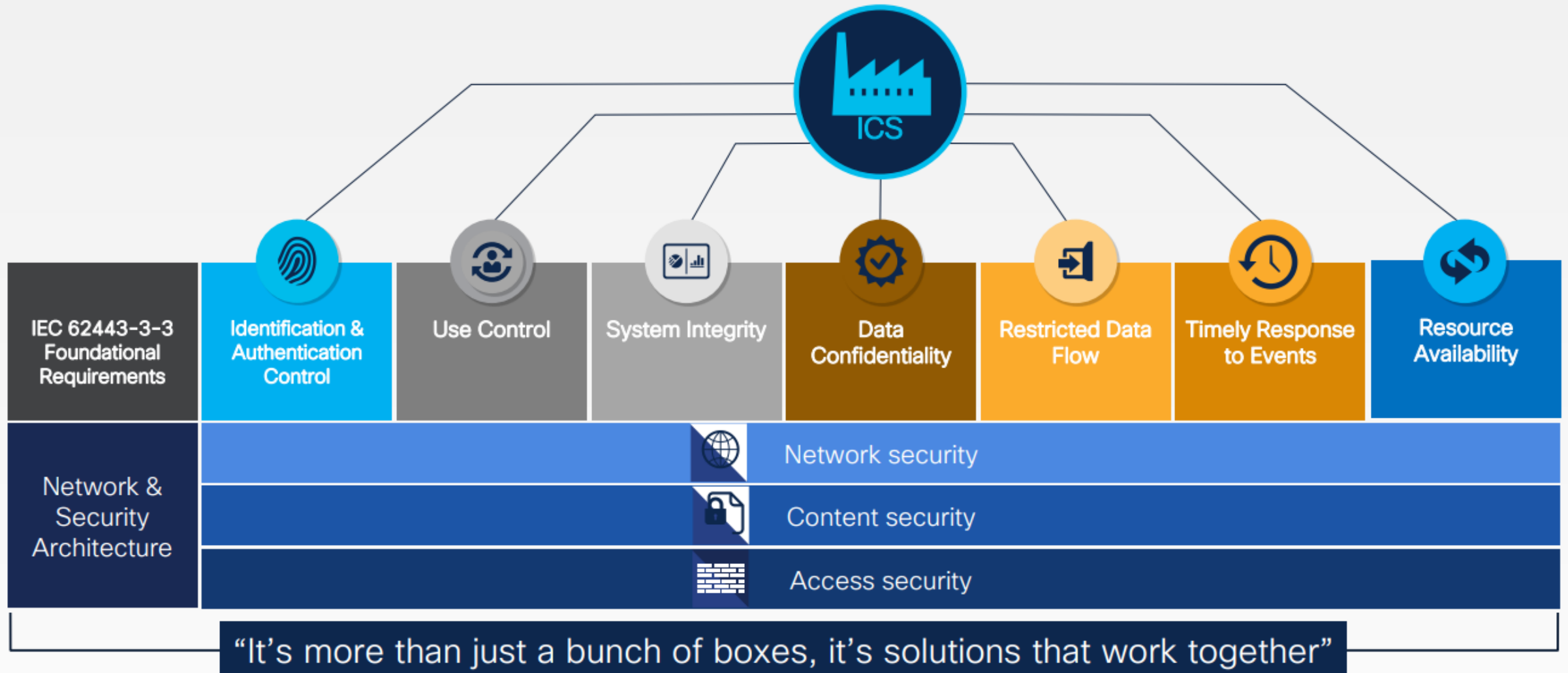
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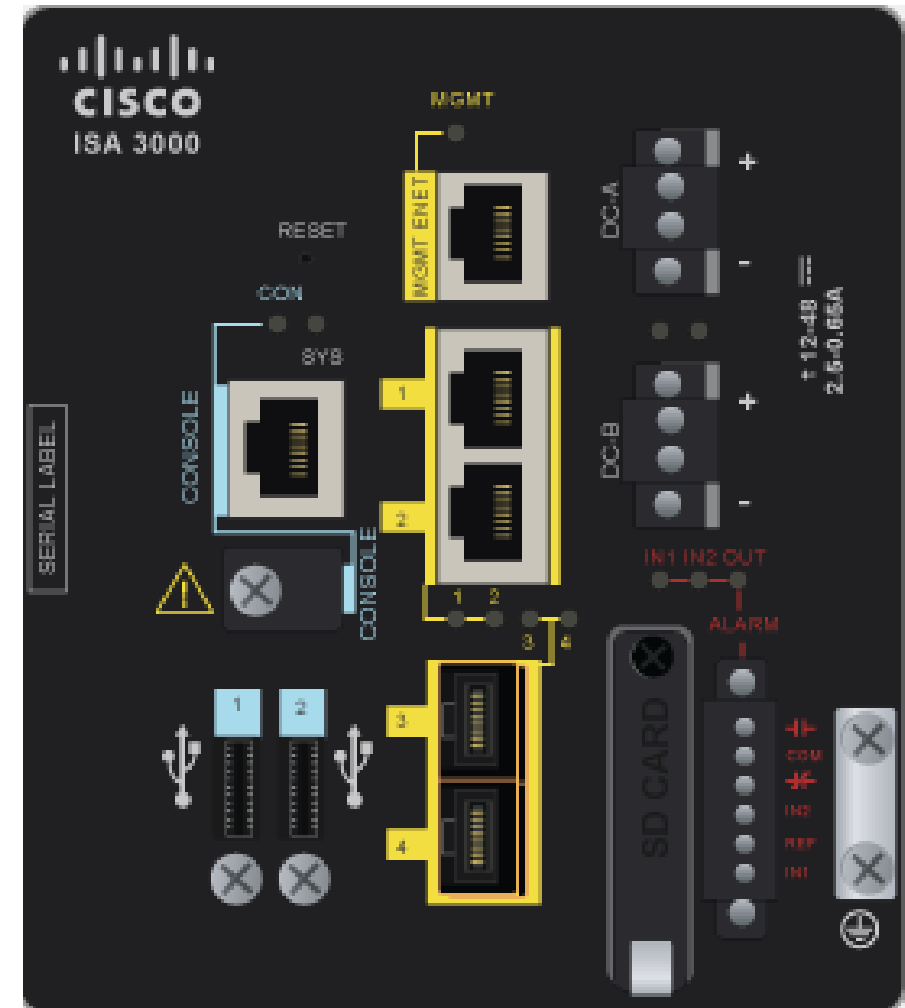
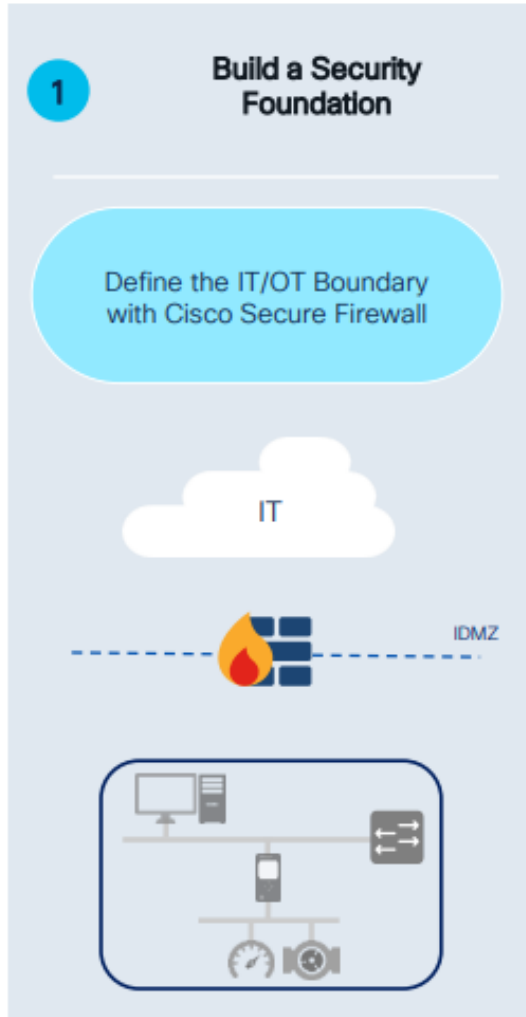
Industrial Cybersecurity Essentials: Practice using Open-Source Tools



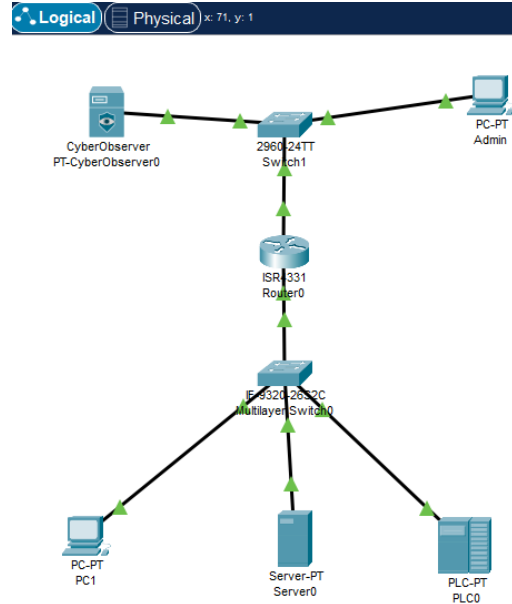
Industrial Cybersecurity Essentials: Introducing Standards



Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0: Configure an IDMZ Firewall



Cisco Packet Tracer 9.0.0: CyberObserver Inspired by Cisco Cyber Vision



≡ Cyber Observer admin

NETWORK DEVICE DISCOVERY CREDENTIALS VULNERABILITY DATABASE

Network Device + DEVICE

	Hostname	Model	Type	IP	Up Time	Last Updated	Software Version	Collection Status
⚙	Router	ISR4331	Router	2.1.1.1	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	15.4	Managed
⚙	Switch	2960-24TT	Switch	1.1.1.5	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	15.0	Managed
⚙	Admin	PC-PT	Pc	1.1.1.3	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	1.1.1	Managed
⚙	PC1	PC-PT	Pc	2.1.1.2	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	1.1.1	Managed
⚙	Server0	Server-PT	Server	2.1.1.3	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	1.1.1	Managed
⚙	PLC0	PLC-PT	End Host	2.1.1.4	15 minutes, 32 seconds	2011-03-30 01:44:02	1.0.0	Managed

The PT CyberObsever can be used to simulate scenarios on:

- 1) ICS Visibility: Asset Inventory
- 2) Identify Industrial Asset Vulnerabilities
- 3) Threat Detection and Mitigation

