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Be afraid, be very afraid! Control systems under attack

We first heard of Stuxnet, the first malware to truly effect process automation systems, in July 2010 with a brief twitter from **Gary Mintchell**, former Editor of *Automation World*, which was followed within hours by a more detailed release from **Eric Byres** of *Byres Technology* which we published in full on line as "Security risk to the control industry world!" Subsequent research has maintained that the actual infections of SCADA and other automation systems may have occurred undetected earlier than previously thought.

As the Automation sector and we started to understand more what this involved and indeed the extent and method of the spread of this "infection" we started to compile a list of articles and references to what Byres has called the "little varmint." Initially these were part of articles which were updated as new resources became known to us but we eventually decided that perhaps that is not the best way to present them and so we started a new page



for more easy access.

Originally we followed only **Stuxnet** related matters but as things "progressed" we started to include links to other industrial and process related cyber security issues! Thus we find references to **Duqu** (Sept 2011) and more recently **Flame** (May 2012) and **Shamoon** (August 2012).

The most alarming thing is the ease with which these infections occur and, perhaps more alarming than that, the lack of preparedness of suppliers, not to mention users when the first attacks occurred. This was

not for want of information as we remember talks in 2002 and perhaps earlier by **Brian Aherne** of what is now *Industrial Defender* warning of dangers especially through inadvertent spreading of possibly harmful infection through use of discs the provenance of which was unknown or doubtful. Now of course the sources of infection are myriad, via memory sticks, and the internet. The interconnection of process systems through to company IT and management systems increase the risk of contamination too.

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A new book from the ever expanding ISA stable outlines clear and proven security principles, practices and standards that, when properly applied, can safeguard nations' critical infrastructure, defence establishment, and production capabilities from the risks of cyberattack.

Industrial Automation and Control System Security Principles by **Ronald L. Krutz**, Ph.D., P.E., CISSP, ISSEP, a scientist and consultant specialising in cybersecurity services, illustrates that while cyberwarfare presents considerable challenges to essential national assets—such as refineries, chemical plants, manufacturing operations, power plants and pipelines—there are highly effective, structured defenses against such aggression.

Dr. Krutz's book reveals a practical, implementable cybersecurity formula that incorporates the fundamentals of information system security while addressing the unique requirements of industrial automation and control systems. Web Commerce Security *“While there are numerous and worthy publications that discuss the protection of computer-based systems in a wide variety of implementations, these documents focus more on general terms, mostly in the area of risk analysis, and apply to disparate areas of applications,”* he says. *“In my book, I focus on in-depth treatment of proven, clearly identified cybersecurity principles, practices and standards, and how they can be tailored and applied to the special environments of industrial automation and control systems.”*

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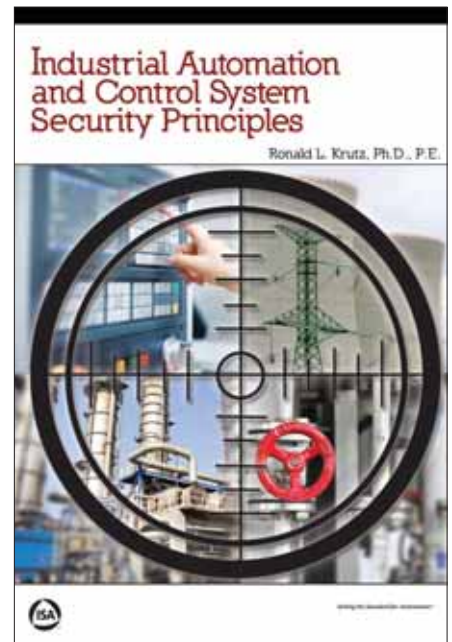
he emphasises, *“they must be practical instruments that can be clearly understood by practicing control system professionals and straightforwardly applied in real-world situations.”*

In separate chapters of the book, Dr. Krutz also highlights the importance of staying up to date on technological trends affecting future industrial automation and controls systems, and providing the necessary training to cybersecurity-related personnel. At the end of all chapters are review questions. Answers are provided in the appendix.

Dr. Krutz is Chief Scientist for Security Risk Solutions, Inc. in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. He has more than 30 years of experience in industrial automation and control systems, distributed computing systems, computer architectures, information assurance methodologies and information security training.

He has served as: a Senior Information Security Consultant at Lockheed Martin, BAE Systems, and REALTECH Systems Corporation; an Associate Director of the Carnegie Mellon Research Institute (CMRI), which he founded; founder and director of the CMRI Computer, Automation and Robotics Group; a professor in the Carnegie Mellon University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and a lead instructor for (ISC)2 Inc. in its Certified Information Systems Security Professionals (CISSP) training seminars.

He authored the book, *Securing SCADA Systems*, and three textbooks on microcomputer system design, computer interfacing and computer architecture. He



holds seven patents in the area of digital systems, and has published more than 30 technical papers.

Dr. Krutz also serves as consulting editor for the John Wiley and Sons Information Security Certification Series, and is a Senior Fellow of the International Cyber Center of George Mason University.

He is a bachelor of science, master of science, and doctorate degrees in electrical and computer engineering, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Pennsylvania (USA).

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Supported by live demonstrations and case studies the seminar will be of great value to Designers, Production Engineers and System Engineers involved in design,



LtoR: Mary O'Sullivan, Transition Year Co-ordinator, Ciarán Moody, Mitsubishi and Theresa Hennessy, Tallaght Community School Vice Principal

operation and maintenance of modern automated factories and machinery.

The seminar will be presented by safety and fieldbus specialists **Stephen Park** and **Harriet Gibbons** of BAE, **Derek Lane** of Wago, **Mark Freeman**, **Peter Brown** and **Ian Curtis** of Siemens Automation & Drives. Topics to be addressed include:

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- The Basics of PROFIsafe
- Simple good practice for Industrial IT Security

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- Security and its application to C&I networks
- PROFIsafe security considerations

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Career talk

Mitsubishi Electric visited Tallaght Community School to perform a career talk and Robot demonstration for its students.

As part of Engineers Week recently, run by Engineers Ireland, a visit to the transition year students at Tallaght Community School was made by **Mitsubishi Electric Ireland** Factory Automation Division to discuss engineering as a possible career path.

The talk was aimed at transition year students who are at the critical stages of selecting the subjects that will eventually help determine their future career paths. Several engineers from the Factory Automation Division visited the school to discuss the reasons behind their career choices and to reveal what a life in Engineering really means.

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Delegates will hear from industry leaders about the challenges facing the Water/wastewater industries and the innovative changes needed to address them.

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Professor **Dr Peter Frohlich** of *Beldon* perhaps expresses the implications best when he declared, “*Stuxnet has demonstrated what experts have long feared – the entry and penetration of embedded computer systems into all areas of industry means that we now all face a potential risk from computer malware.*”

We welcome notification of resources which discuss cybersecurity in industrial processes. Please send the URLs to us signpost@read-out.net for inclusion in this list!

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The new digital valve controller responds to safety demands, and features partial stroke and position monitoring capabilities for the final control element in a safety instrumented system (SIS). Intelligent automatic partial stroke valve testing provides improved safety and reliability versus traditional pneumatic and jammer partial stroke methods.

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So, when is centralised control still desirable and how can decentralised control be employed to improve process systems?

Automated process valves, depending on their size and design can either be 'piloted' i.e. a pressurised air supply or pressure from the medium being controlled is used to actuate the valve, or, an external actuator is used (typically an electric ball screw or pneumatic/hydraulic cylinder on larger valves), or, an electric solenoid is used.

These items are usually connected to a PLC or other electronic controller, one which uses a software program or routine in order to keep the sequence and operation of the process valves in synchronisation with the desired pressure, flow and mixing required of the fluid being controlled.

If a compressed air supply is available, then piloting the valves may be the right option and there are some innovative solutions on the market to connect large numbers of pneumatic control air lines to a control valve manifold block in a hygienic environment.

One example is Bürkert's new AirLINE Quick interface that offers a reliable, compact and time-saving solution for direct mounting of valve islands and automation equipment into a stainless steel control cabinet, for food grade wash down environments. Eliminating the need for individual bulkhead connections, and internal piping, it has rows of push-fit connectors & exhaust valves integrated into one stainless steel interface plate. It allows for an altogether smaller design of control cabinet for hygienic process actuation in the food, beverage or pharmaceutical industries.

When connecting larger numbers of process valves, which are often required in high densities for continuous process applications – typically supplying fluids such as ingredients or for CIP processes in confectionery production – then a distributed control approach may be more suitable. Using fieldbus protocols such as ASi, Profibus and DeviceNet allows individual valves to be connected using just one or two cables.

There is an excellent solution, pioneered by Bürkert, that allows process valves from a wide variety of manufacturers to be controlled

centrally, or indeed given a level of independence; Their new Type 8681 control head offers the key advantage of universal fitment onto third-party hygienic valves: single seat valves, double seat, mix proof, and also quarter turn ball & butterfly valves that have linear stainless steel actuators. It is compatible with a full range of fieldbus communication networks, and is enclosed in a robust housing rated up to IP67 enabling it to be washed down and cleaned safely.

For the final layer of distributed control, many process valve automation applications can now dispense entirely with the control cabinet, bringing true process automation down to valve level. Bürkert's type 8793 controllers are essentially designed to cut costs in processing applications by allowing a systems engineer to replace an entire control cabinet with one neat controller with a built-in backlit display and keypad.

The relative costs of a separate enclosure, rack mounted plc, I/O, cabling, power supply, HMI etc. can effectively be replaced with just one small control unit that can be mounted either on or very near to the process valve.

The key to finding the best possible automation solution is ultimately through an analysis of each individual part of the plant or installation. In this way, the question of where plant intelligence should rest can be answered: i.e. does the nature of the application require centralised control interfacing to non-intelligent nodes, or does the physical size of the system mean that control has to be decentralised – using a fieldbus system and intelligent valves and actuators, or, can smaller machines or areas be controlled by one localised but powerful process controller – the answer could be a mixture of all the options, but the advantage today is that there are new and innovative solutions available for each.

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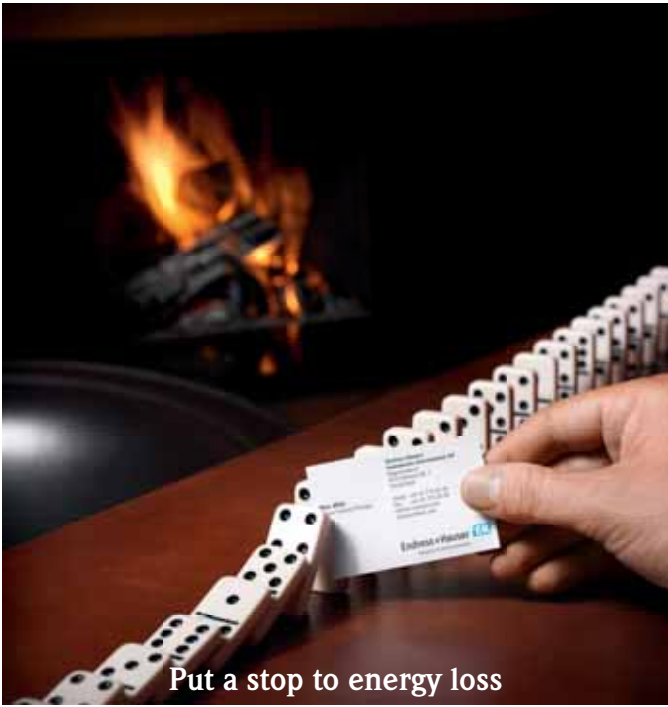
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industries. The PTC-125 is an alternative to the RTC-159 when requirements on accuracy, stability and temperature range are less demanding. The JOFRA Model RTC-159 Ultra Cooler - 100 to 155°C is a testament to AMETEK's position as a market leader and their dedication to push the limits and capabilities of dry block calibration. It builds upon the well proven ATC-125 patented technology and features all the expected advantages and functionality of the RTC series. The RTC-159 is designed to cover the full range of applications within the health care, medical, pharmaceutical, biotechnology and food industries. Previously users needed multiple calibrators to cover their requirements, ranging from calibration of sensors in super freezers (-95°C) all the way up to sensors in autoclave sterilization (135°C). With the RTC-159 one size

fits all. These models available from **Instrumentation Technology** in Ireland are also used by them in the calibration services they provide for customers.

www.calibrate.ie/

New meter totaliser!



Precision Digital, marketed here by **PJ Boner & Co.**, has announced the PD6830 ProtEx®-RTP Pulse Input Rate/Totaliser. With a rugged, explosion-proof, NEMA 4X enclosure, the PD6830 is designed for quick and easy display of local or remote flow information in hazardous areas

or the harshest safe area applications. The unique SafeTouch® through-glass buttons allow operation without removing the cover.

Flowmeter k-factor units are automatically converted to the desired display units; this means no conversion factors are needed. The pulse input accepts a wide range of flow transmitter signals, including mV input from a magnetic flowmeter, as well as high frequency signals. The unit includes backlighting and two open collector outputs as standard. The meter has FM, ATEX, CSA, IECEx, and CE approvals and is housed in a rugged, cast aluminum NEMA 4X enclosure.

"The ProtEX PD6830 is designed for what operators need most...a meter that is easy to read, displays important information about their process, and can be seen from wide angles and a distance," said **Jeffrey Peters**, President, Precision Digital Corporation. *"Other meter manufacturers have lost sight of the fact that users need to be able to see the data, even in hazardous areas. The PD6830 is designed for readability and ease of use, from large character displays to automatic rate conversions."*

It features an upper display that is 0.7 inches high and shows five digits of flow rate or total. The lower display is 0.4 inches high and shows a combination of flow rate, total, grand total, or a tag with seven alpha-numeric characters. The meter is easy to read from a distance, under various lighting conditions, and from wide viewing angles of up to +/- 40 degrees (twice that of competitive models).

Four sensors in the PD6830 operate as through glass buttons for programming & operation without removing the cover. These SafeTouch® buttons include an energy saving mode to save power, extend battery life, & prevent unintended triggers.

Maurice W. Bryan



Maurice W Bryan, who died recently at his home in Dublin was the first Editor of Read-out, when it was the house magazine of *Industrial Instruments Ltd.* He was in his early eighties.

An alumni of Trinity College, where he graduated in Science & Engineering his professional life was spent mostly in the area of Automation, with **Honeywell**, ILL and finally with **Jacobs Engineering** in Dublin.

The Ireland Section of the International Society of Automation recognised his contribution to Automation in Ireland by awarding him with their unique Instrument Pioneer Award in 1998.

Maurice was also long time member of Irish Veteran & Vintage Motorcycle Club (IVVMCC). He was associated with the club since its foundation and an all-rounder in Irish motor sport throughout his life.

Later he joined the University Motor Cycle and Light Car Club, becoming deeply involved in rally navigation and car trialing. In 1949 he acquired a 1933, 250cc Rudge Radial and took up short circuit road racing. He rode this machine through to 1960, not alone in road races but also in grass track and scrambling.

Maurice was an enthusiastic administrator too, performing duties for clubs and the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland of which he was President 1969-1971, and a former President of DUMC & LMC and the IVVMCC. In 1996, he became editor of the IVVMCC newsletter Exhaust Notes.

He was presented with the IVVMCC Meritorious Gold Star Award recognising his long dedication and commitment to the club in 2000, .

He had a lifelong interest in wildlife and when the South Dublin branch of Birdwatch Ireland was formed in 1984 Maurice was appointed chairman. We extend our sympathy to Bobbie, his wife, and to his family and friends.

What to expect in Automated Test

National Instruments has released its Automated Test Outlook 2013 highlighting the company's research into the latest test and measurement technologies and methodologies. The report examines trends affecting industries such as aerospace and defence, automotive, consumer electronics, semiconductor, telecommunications and transportation. Engineers and managers can use the report to take advantage of the latest strategies and best practices for optimising any test organisation.

Automated Test Outlook 2013 covers the following trends:-

Test Economics: *New investment models force test departments to rethink the way they measure success.*

Big Analogue Data: *Industry leaders leverage IT infrastructures and analytic tools to make faster decisions on test data.*

Software-Centric Ecosystems: *Open, software-centric ecosystems greatly impact the value derived from automated test systems.*

Test Software Quality: *Engineers use software development best practices to ensure test system reliability for complex systems.*

Moore's Law Meets RF: *New technology and instrumentation platforms drive up performance and drive down the cost of RF test equipment.*

The Automated Test Outlook, downloadable from the link below, is based on input from academic and industry research, user forums and surveys, business intelligence and customer advisory board reviews. With this data as its foundation, the report delivers a broad representation of the next generation of trends for meeting the business and technical challenges in test and measurement.

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Herman van den Berg has been appointed to the position of President of Yokogawa Europe B.V.



Aegis Software has appointed **Paul Price** as Vice President of Sales Worldwide.



PROFIBUS Ireland in Co-operation with Industrial technologies (ITEC) conducted a very successful Certified PROFIBUS Engineers (CPE) Course in Beirut. ITEC is a PI Competency Centre for Lebanon, and is actively involved in implementing PROFIBUS and PROFINET technologies in a wide range of applications. CPE course was organised and administered through ITEC offices in Beirut, and was conducted by **Hassan Kaghazchi**, Chairman of PROFIBUS Ireland. The course was held earlier this year in Beirut, with participants from different sectors of industry in Lebanon. All the participants successfully passed the examinations at the end of the course, and are now

Certified PROFIBUS Engineers. It is planned to conduct further courses in the near future.

Pic shows: L-R Joven Zamudio (Turck), Hassan Kaghazchi (PROFIBUS Ireland) Ahmad El Kaderi (Leeds), Salah Chlouk (ITEC), Marwan Habbel (Leeds), Julien Ziade (Matelec) and Bachir Trad (Holcim Liban)



The International Society of Automation has elected **Terrence G. Ives** as its 2013 President. Ives will work with ISA leaders during the year to continue moving the Society toward meeting its strategic goals. Ireland is represented well in the ISA with Vice President in District 12 (Europe, Middle East & Africa) headed by **Brian Curtis** and **Billy Walsh** who is Vice President for Strategic Planning Department and also sits on the Executive Board as Chair of the Department VPs.

In other ISA News, **Schneider Electric** became the fourth ISA Ireland Section Corporate Sponsor. The other sponsors are ESP, Rockwell and Zenith. Picture (left) shows ISA's **John Downey** (left) and Schneider's **Jim Rice**.

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Unit conversions are automatically performed by the PD6830. This means no maths or conversion factors are needed. The meter is capable of data logging up to 1024 records in real time. Records contains date, time, rate, total, grand total, and log number.

The instruments is designed to handle a wide variety of high speed inputs and outputs. Inputs include active to 20 mV, pulses, open collector, NPN, PNP, TTL, or switch contacts up to 64 kHz. Inputs can be discerned with pulse widths as small as 5 μ s. Two open collector outputs are individually programmable for rate, total, or grand total alarms; rate, total, or grand total pulse outputs; retransmission of pulse inputs; quadrature paired output or constant timed pulse.

The PD6830 provides flexible power options, including battery, DC with battery backup, DC only, output-loop, or output loop with battery backup. It is housed in a rugged, cast aluminum NEMA 4X (IP68) enclosure that provides three threaded conduit holes and integrated pipe or wall mounting holes. Operating temperatures range from -40 to 75 degrees C.

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