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GarrettCom President Says SCADA Worm Illustrates Threat to Industrial Control Systems

The Stuxnet worm that targeted Siemens SCADA management systems in Iran, as well as India and Indonesia is spreading. This is probably not the first time that industrial control systems have been threatened, but it is a dramatic example of the truism that no business or industry is safe from the threat of cyber attacks.

“This is not the time to stick your head in the sand and say ‘it can’t happen here’. Cyber attacks on industrial control system are happening now and will probably increase. At GarrettCom we have been developing and improving upon hardware and software security systems for more than a decade. We use a combination of industry standards with proprietary technology and best practices recommendations to fill in holes. The NERC CIP regulations for power utility substation protection are some of the most comprehensive security specifications available in the US today, and much of what we have learned and implemented is applicable to other industrial environments as well,” said GarrettCom President Frank Madren. “However, no system is completely immune from creative new incursions. Constant vigilance is required.”

It takes a lot of disciplines working together to create secure industrial environments in a world that is increasingly connected, and GarrettCom has a history of providing robust security solutions for industrial networking applications.

For more information on GarrettCom’s views on the threat to industrial control and potential solutions, contact Jim Krachenfels at jkrachenfels@garrettcom.com or 510-580-2767.

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