
Your House knows what you did last Summer

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Building Automation Systems (BAS)

- Early systems (1950's)
 - Pneumatic systems
- Later systems (1960's):
 - First electric components and robust networks
- Today:
 - Smart Buildings
 - Internet of Things (IoT)



Goals of BAS

- Energy saving
- Reducing operating costs
- Enhanced life safety and security
- Fast and effective service
- Environmental friendly



Vulnerability in Vaillant Heating Systems Allows

Unauthorized Access

By: [Loredana Botezatu](#) |  comment : 1 |  April

Vulnerability Lets Hackers Control Building Locks, Electricity, Elevators and More

A critical security vulnerability in the heating an unauthorized people access the systems, turn them



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Are smart buildings the next cyber-threat?

For years Eben Moglen has been warning about potential dangers of proprietary software in embedded computers, from [trusted computing](#) to chips [running software](#) nobody can access. Moglen's warnings are more relevant, as builders and architects are racing to implement intelligent buildings and smart grids, which are widely heralded as a boon in terms of both energy efficiency and facilities management.

According to [an article](#) in the the journal *Intelligent Buildings International*, building owners and architects are overlooking the potential risk of malicious attacks on these highly networked control systems. The author looks at recent threats like the Stuxnet virus, which demonstrated the wide-ranging havoc that could be caused by malicious software infecting plant controllers. This section also explains to the 'smart grid' and other open systems.

The author says:

"In 2010, a PC in Iran began to repeatedly reboot itself. That was the first sign of a virus attack. The virus, now labelled as the Stuxnet virus, was a coding commitment by an unknown agent (Weinberg 2011). It hid its code. But what would have been at once conspicuous if inserted into a system (something like 64-k RAM) was easily lost at modern download space. Once it had infected a host, it sought to communicate on other devices that were running Step 7 the Siemens systems used in industrial controllers. Siemens are of course one of the world's largest manufacturers of industrial control systems. Their devices are everywhere. They dominate the market. Industrial controllers are not themselves usually connected to the Internet (I think!), just to keep them quarantined.


How did Stuxnet achieve the first step? It installed itself on any uninfected system and then went wherever the drive went next. In this case, the virus as the drive was installed. Such drives are routinely used to connect standalone networks. Stuxnet transfer was activated simply by inserting a ready to insert itself in any clean USB stick inserted later. A flawed assumption is given by how Stuxnet hid from site operators that were under attack. Siemens had designed the input process image



With the Internet of Things, smart buildings pose big risk

As buildings get more automated, they raise new security risks

By [Jaikumar Vijayan](#)

May 13, 2014 06:30 AM ET 



[Computerworld](#) - In an Internet of Things world, smart buildings with Web-enabled technologies for managing heat, lighting, ventilation, elevators and other systems pose a more immediate security risk for enterprises than consumer technologies.

The increasing focus on making buildings more energy efficient, secure and responsive to changing conditions is resulting in a plethora of Web-enabled technologies. Building management systems are not only more tightly

How many are connected to the Internet?

- Malchow and Klick (2014) counted BAS via SHODAN
 - Most systems were found in the USA (~15.000)
 - *One out of ten* systems with known vulnerabilities

- Praus and Kastner (2014):
 - USA: ~9.000 BACnet devices
 - Germany: ~120 BACnet devices and ~630 KNX devices

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN?

Surveillance

- Private or sensitive information can be accessed or leaked using building automation equipment.



Example:

An employee observes the presence of another employee in an office room using presence sensors (directly) or CO₂ and temperature sensors (indirectly).

Buildings as Botnets

- So-called **Smart Building Botnets** can be realized in practice.
- These botnets use buildings as 'bots'.



Examples:

- > Parallel surveillance of thousands of buildings and their inhabitants.
- > Sell private data of thousands to health insurance companies.
- > Increase oil consumption of a smart city to sell more oil.

Organized Thefts

- **BAS wardriving** (Kahler and Wendzel, 2012) helps to identify vulnerable smart buildings and homes.
- **How?**
 - Opening windows or doors allows thieves to enter a building.
 - Sensor information can be used to see whether someone is actually at home, or not, reducing the risk for thieves.



Disrupting Organizational Processes

- Several organizational processes rely on building automation systems.
- If attackers stop a BAS from working, they also influence organizational processes.

- **Example:**
Heating, air-conditioning and lightening in a greenhouse.

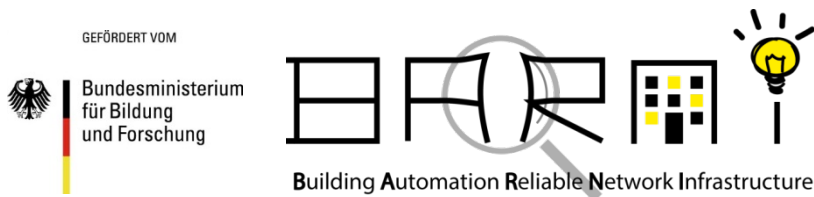
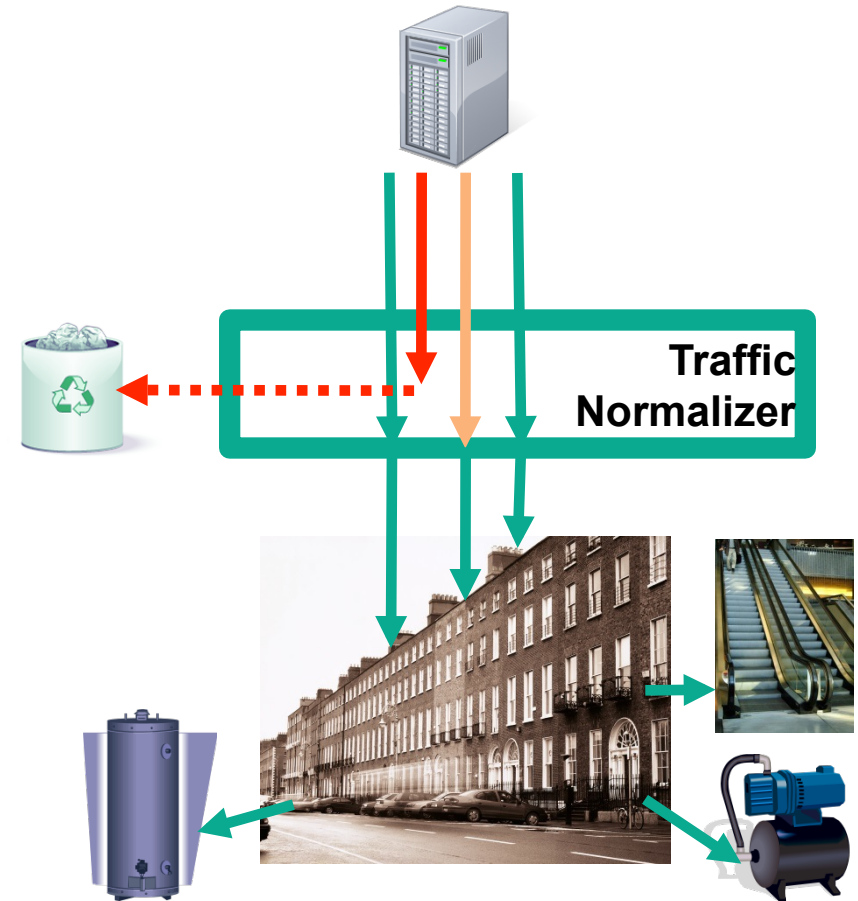


Building Automation Systems Protection:

SELECTED SOLUTIONS FROM OUR OWN RESEARCH

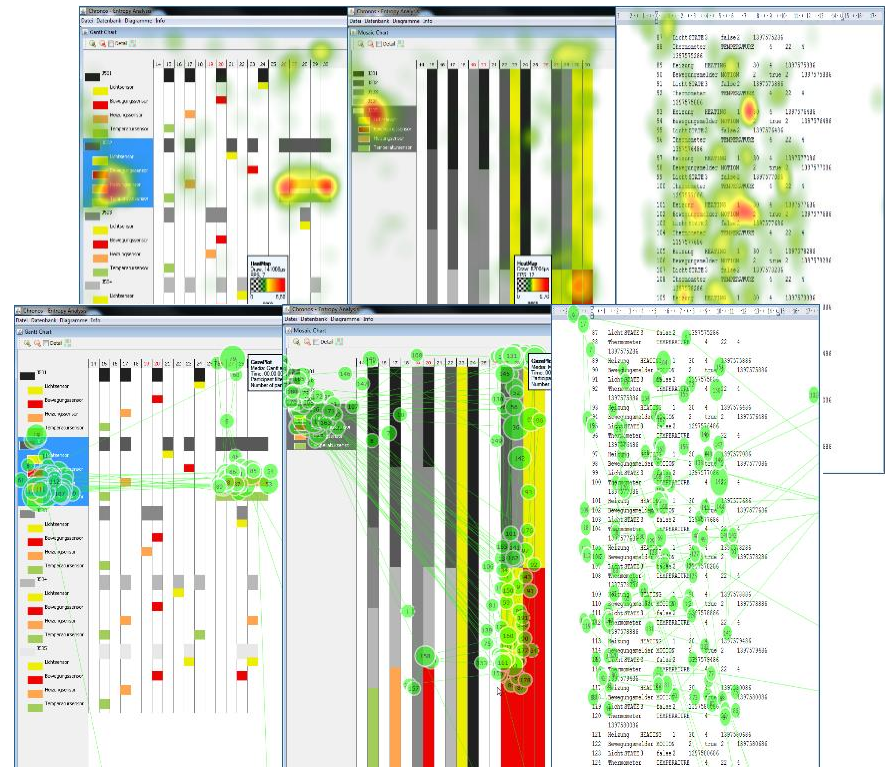
Traffic Normalization

- Traffic sent within building automation networks is monitored by a **traffic normalizer**.
- To evaluate traffic, the normalizer is **aware** of the building's setup and typical behavior. Normalization can provide high-quality analysis results of all events.



Situational Awareness

- BAS are complex distributed systems with a large number of parallel events to monitor.
- Studying visualization methods helps to determine the optimal method to present events of the BAS to an operator.



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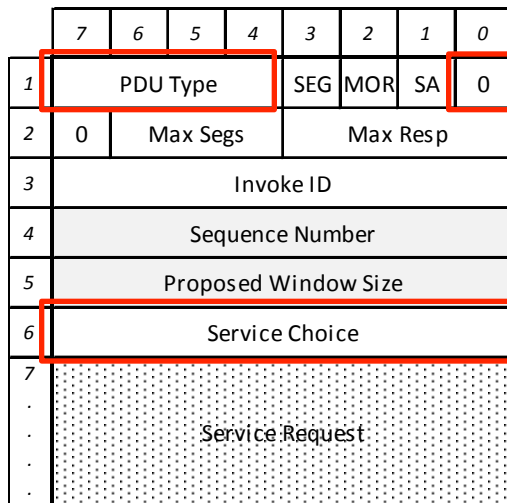
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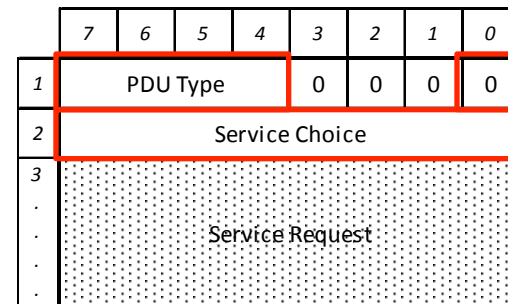
Building Automation Reliable Network Infrastructure

Tagging of Sensitive Data

- Ensuring that sensitive data is not distributed to all nodes of a network. This solution was designed for easy implementation in practice.



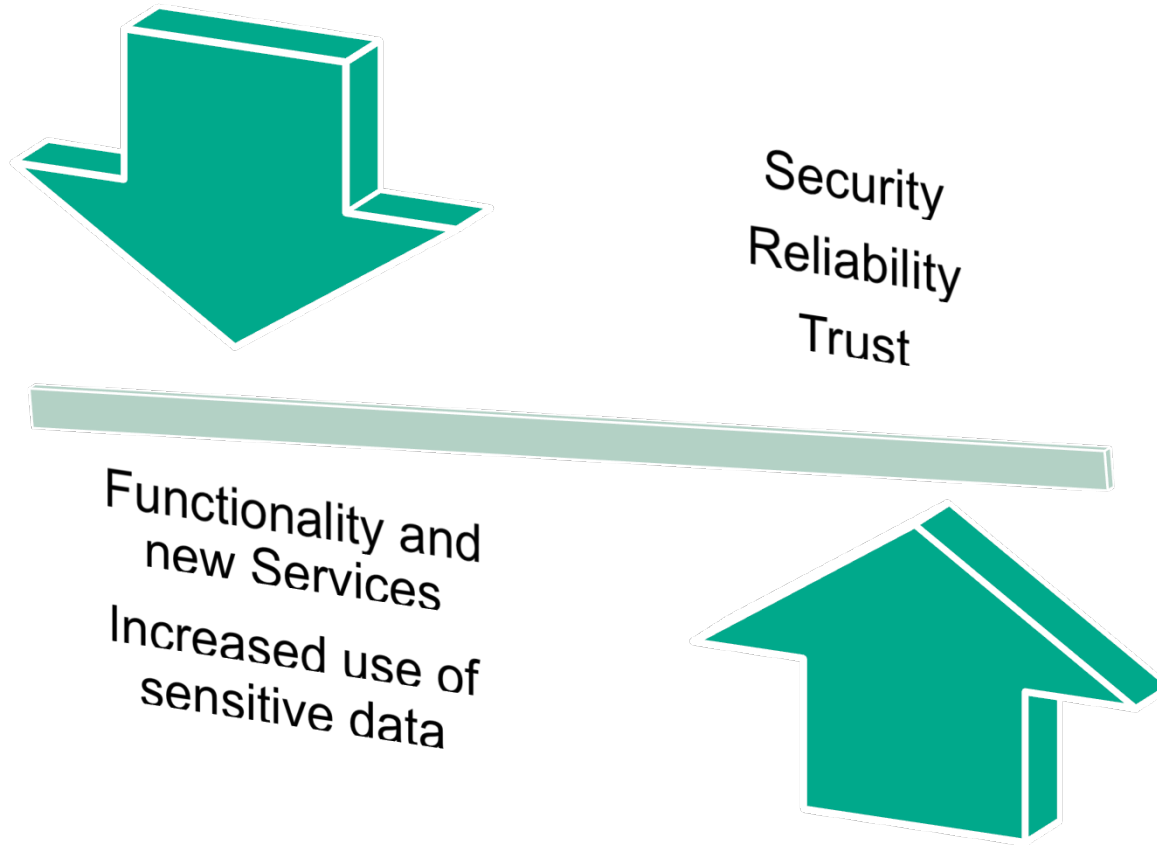
Confirmed-Request-PDU



Unconfirmed-Request-PDU

CONCLUSION

Balance Between Functionality and Security



Thank you for your attention!

What we do:

Security Analysis of Building
Automation Systems

Prototype Development

Consulting and Training

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