

# Intermediate SCADA Security

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Demonstration
- “Chalk Talk”
- Network Layers Review
- Vulnerability Reduction Process
- **10 Minute Break**
- Application Security Identification and Remediation
- **Lunch**
- SQL Injection Identification and Remediation
- **10 Minute Break**
- Unauthorized Control Identification and Remediation
- **10 Minute Break**
- Interactive Test Discussion

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# Why This Class?

- **To develop an understanding of tools & methods that can be used to:**
  - **Discover & identify vulnerabilities in your system**  
(CIP-005 R3.2, CIP-005 R4, & CIP-007 R8)
  - **Develop mitigation strategies for resolving these issues**  
(CIP-007 R3)
  - **Fix the problems you find**
- **Ask yourself**
  - **If I don't know I have a problem, how can I fix it?**

# NERC Top 10 Vulnerabilities

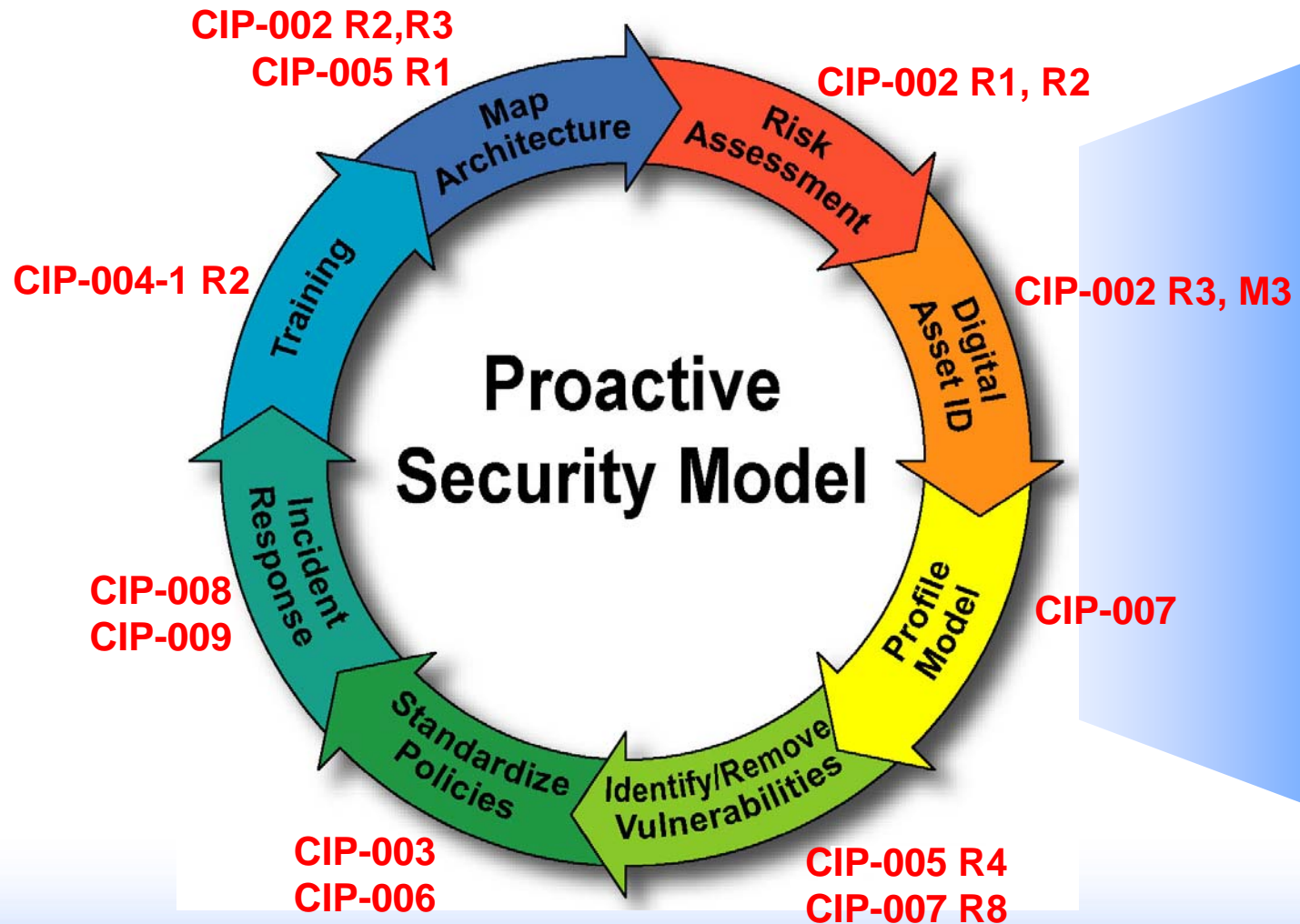
1. Policies, procedures & culture governing control system security are inadequate & lead to lack of executive management buy in. In addition, personnel routinely ignore or lack training in policies & procedures to protect the control systems.
2. Poorly designed control system networks that fail to employ sufficient defense-in-depth mechanisms.
3. Remote access to the control system through means which do not provide identity control.
4. Prescribed system administration mechanisms are not part of control system implementation.
5. Use of wireless communication
6. Lack of a dedicated communications channel for command & control in applications such as Internet based SCADA, & inappropriate use of control system network bandwidth for non control purposes.
7. Lack of quick & easy tools to detect & report on anomalous or inappropriate activity. Non existent forensic & audit methods.
8. Installation of inappropriate applications on critical systems.
9. Software used in control systems is not adequately scrutinized, & newer systems include extraneous vulnerable software.
10. Control systems data sent in clear text.

*These are not in any order of importance  
Items in blue are covered by this course*



***There is No Such Thing  
as a Secure System!***

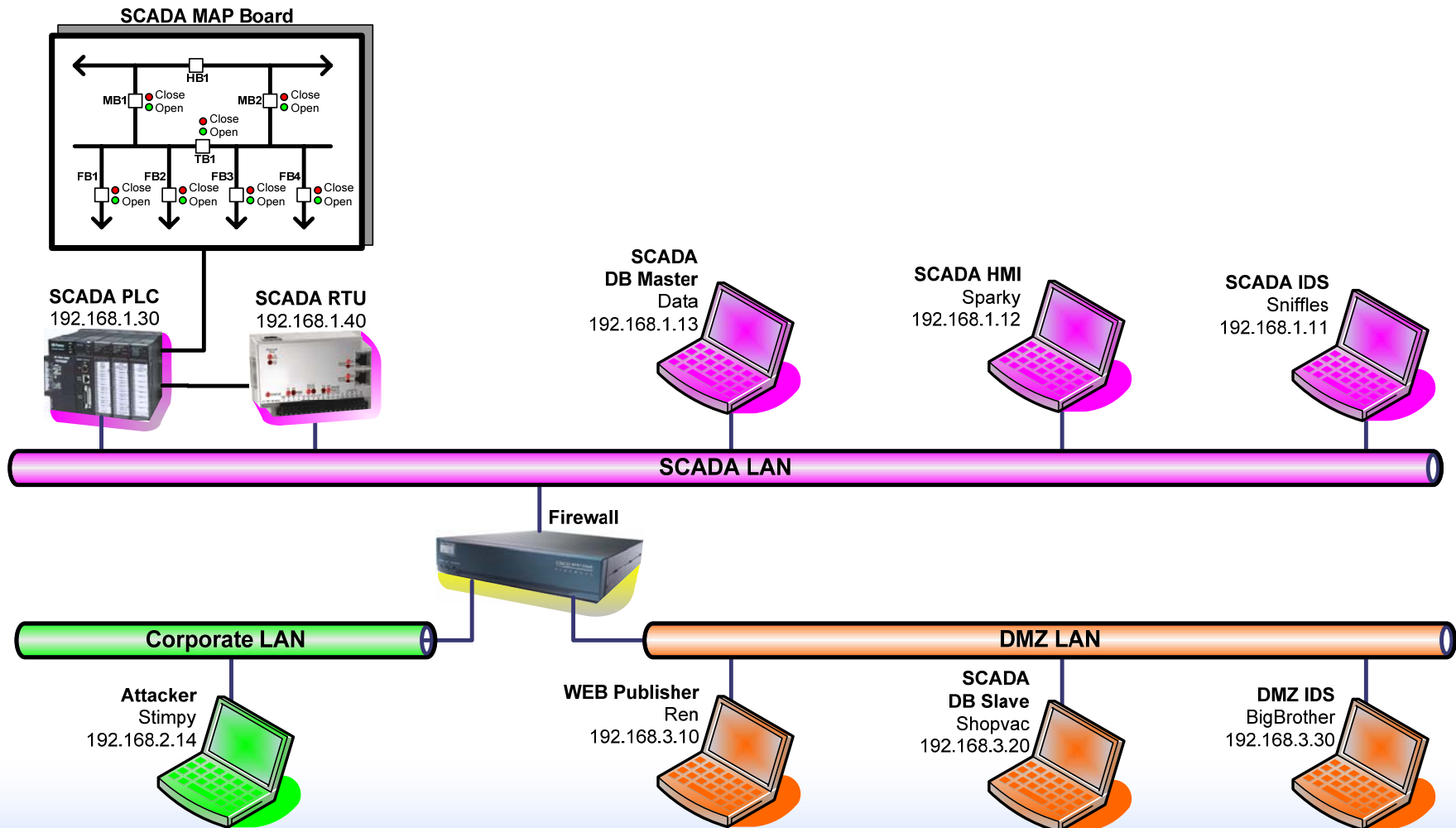
# Security is a Never Ending Process



# Demo

## SCADA Exploit Demonstration

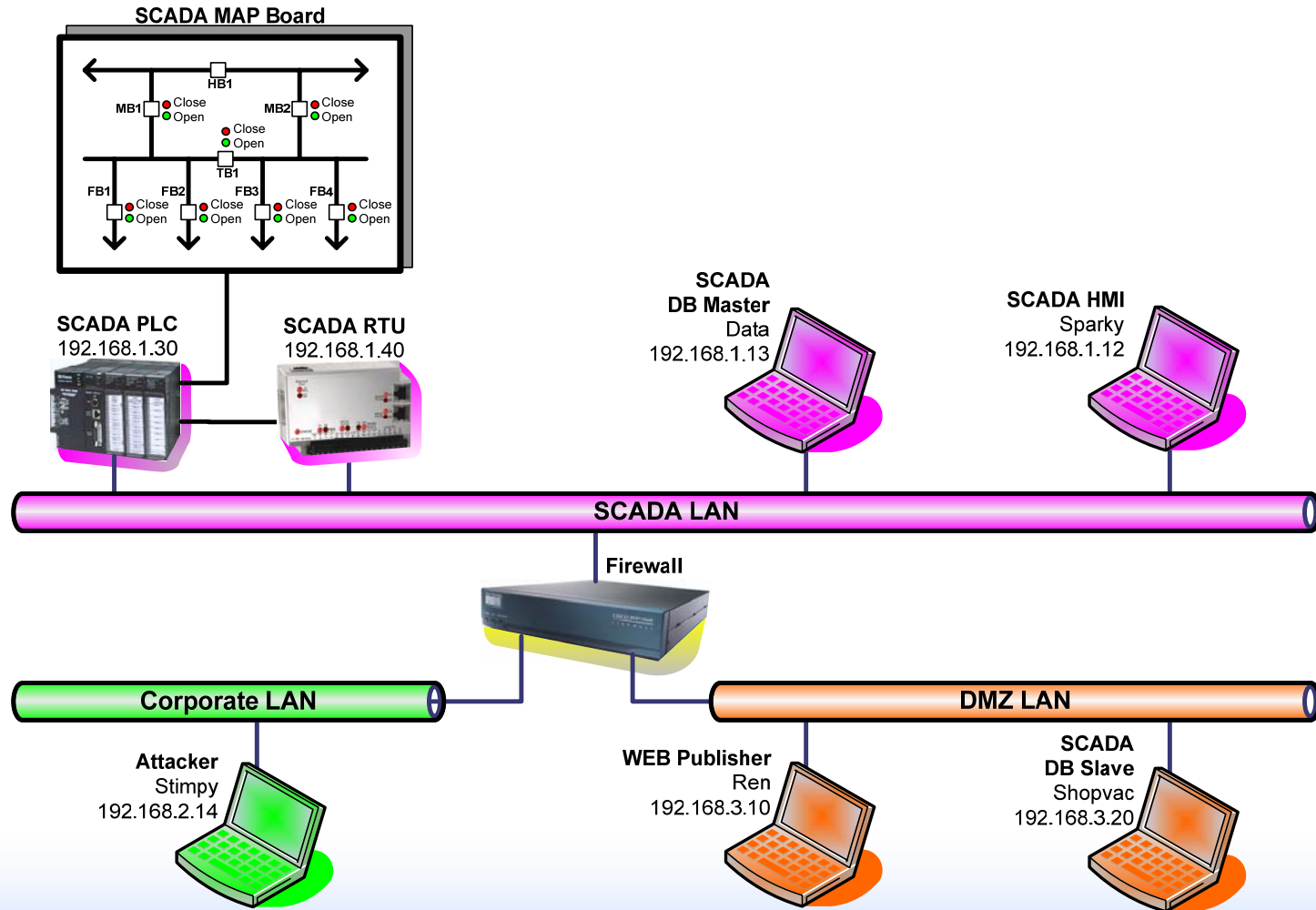
# Demo Network Layout



# Demo System Vulnerabilities

- ✓ **Clear Text Communications**
- ✓ **Network Switch Configuration Flaws**
- ✓ **Dynamic ARP Tables**
- ✓ **Poorly Defined Firewall Policy**
- ✓ **Intrusion Detection System (IDS) Configured Poorly, Unusable**
- ✓ **Poor Application Coding Practices**
- ✓ **Improper Application & Service Privileges**

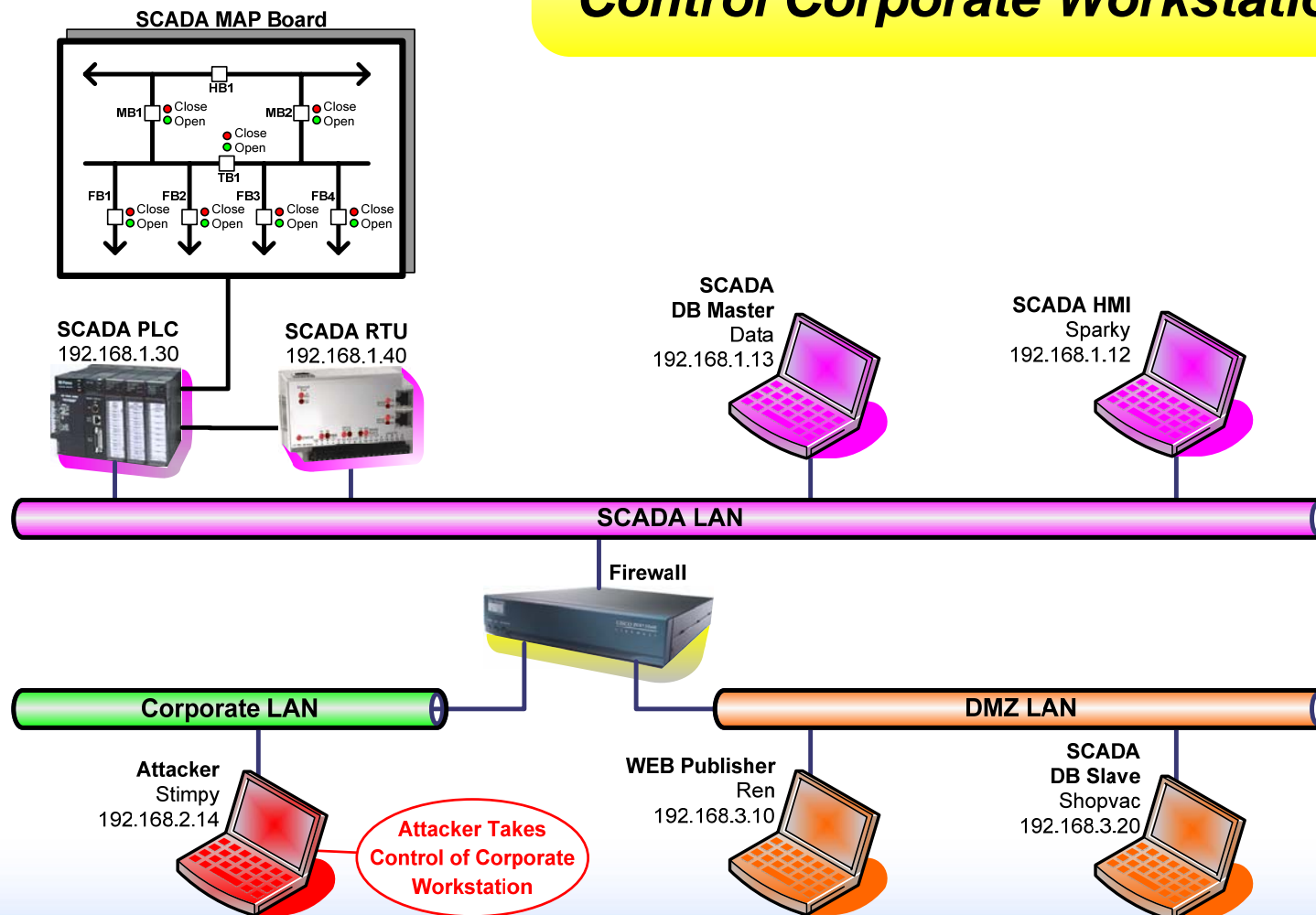
# Starting Configuration





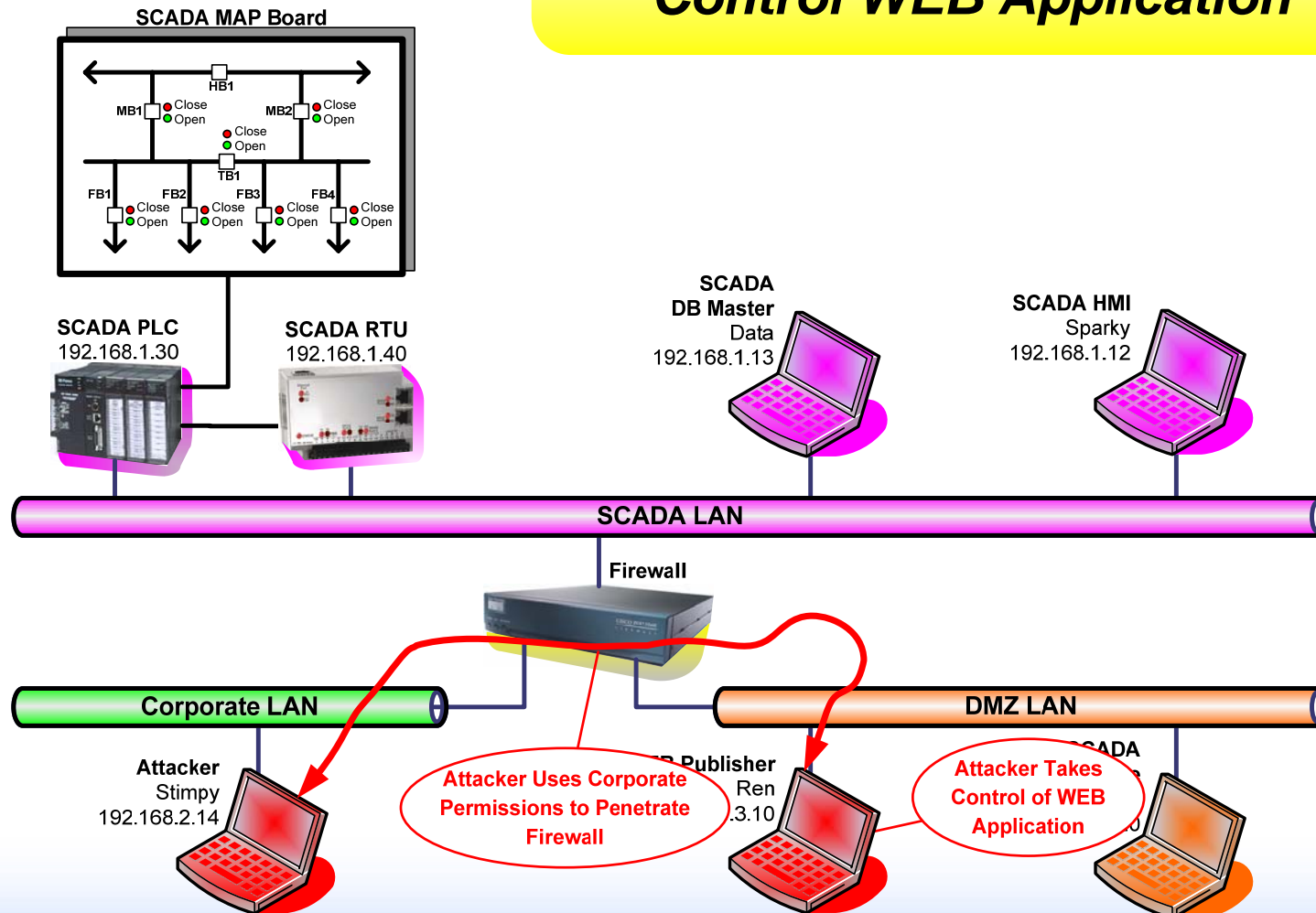
# Attack

## Control Corporate Workstation



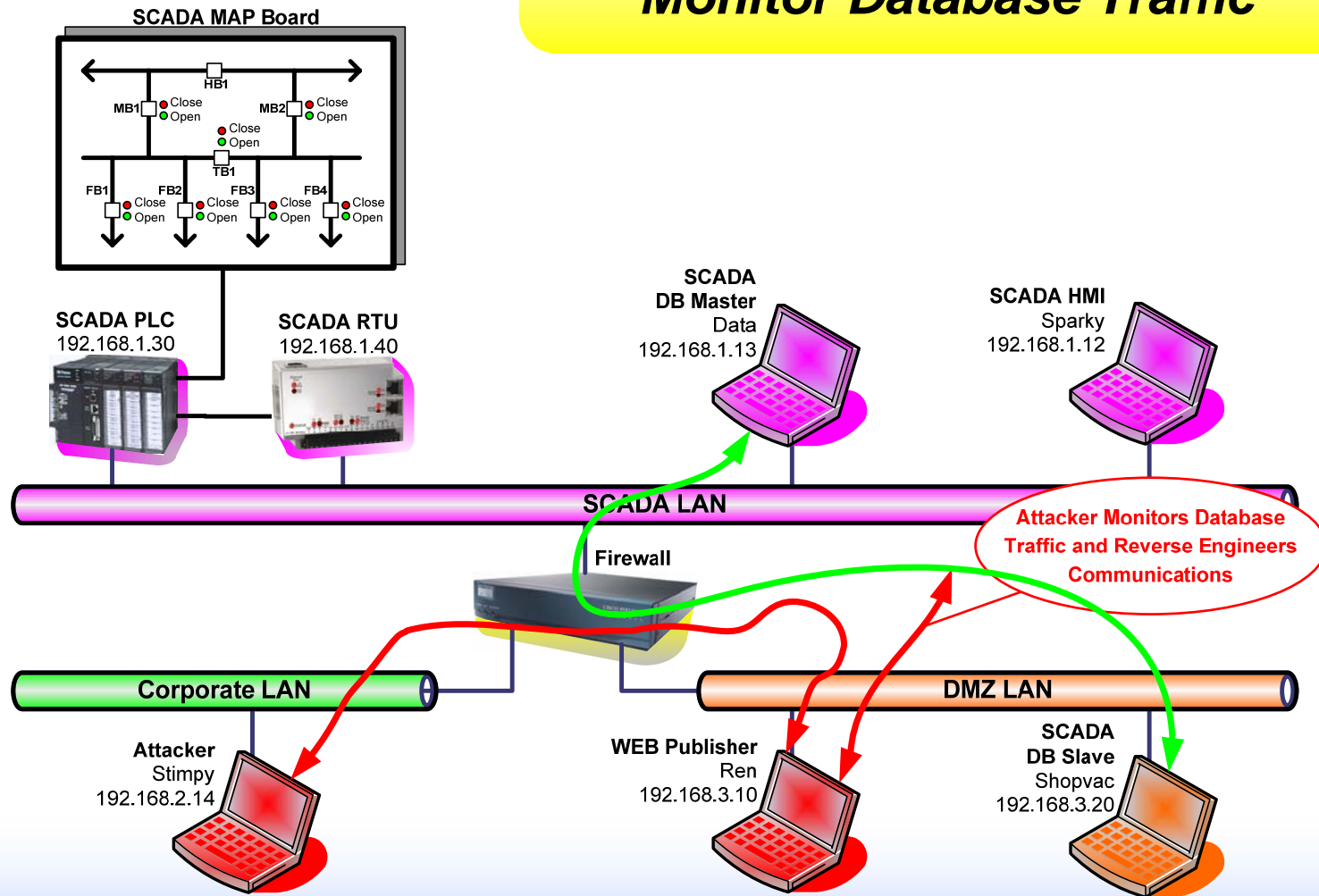
# Attack

## Control WEB Application



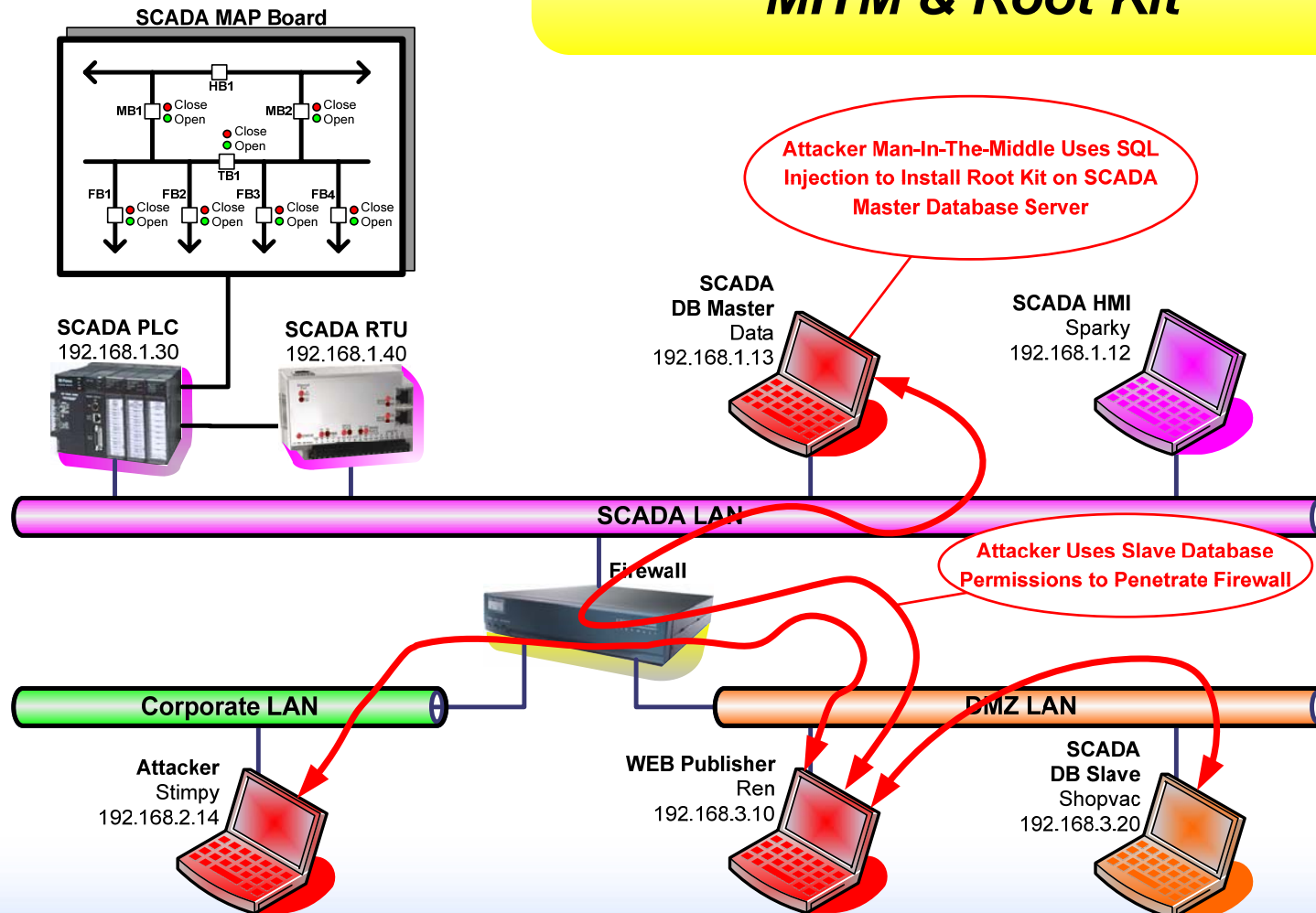
# Attack

## Monitor Database Traffic



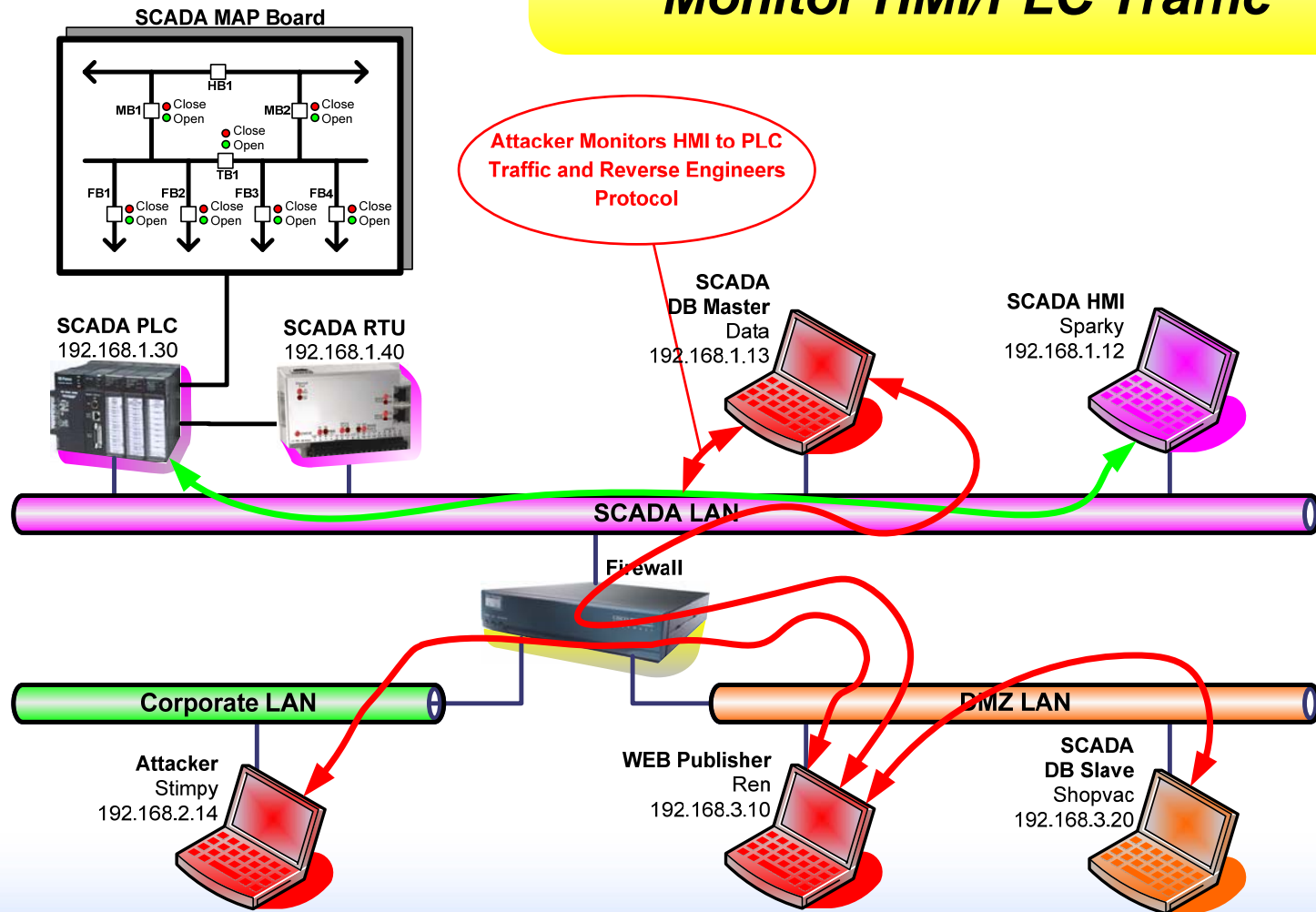
# Attack

## MITM & Root Kit



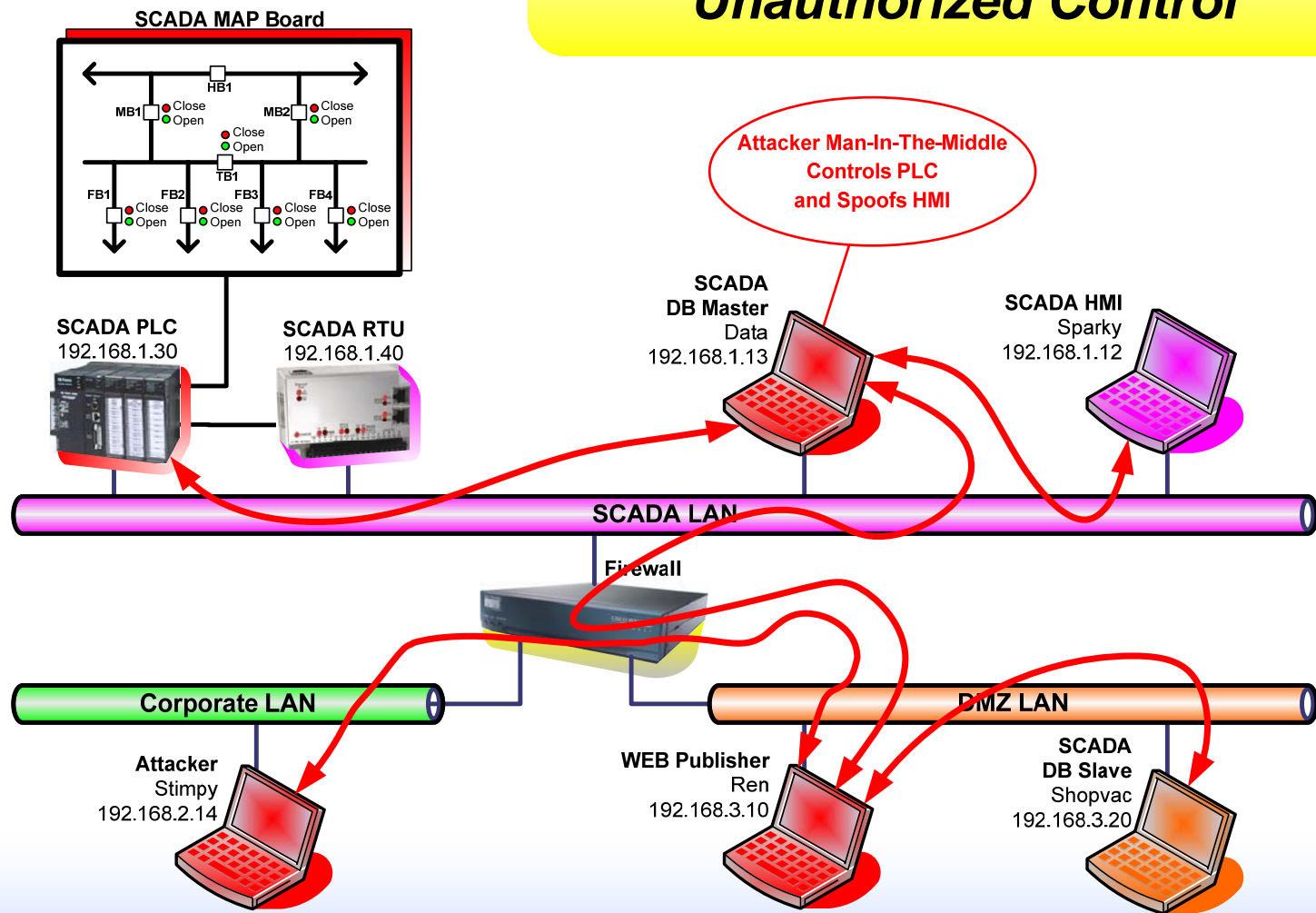
# Attack

## Monitor HMI/PLC Traffic



# Attack

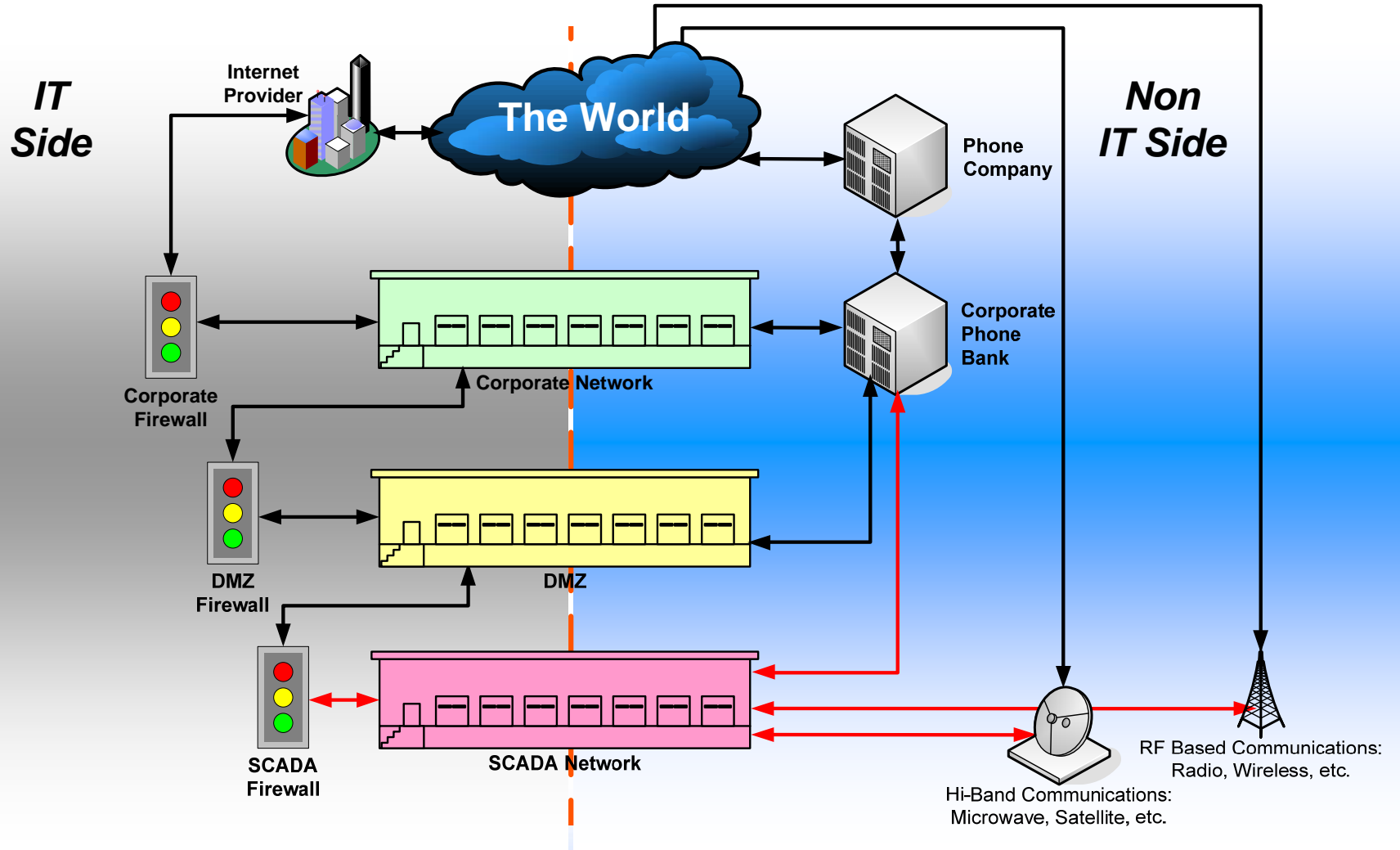
## Unauthorized Control



# SCADA Security

## “Chalk Talk”

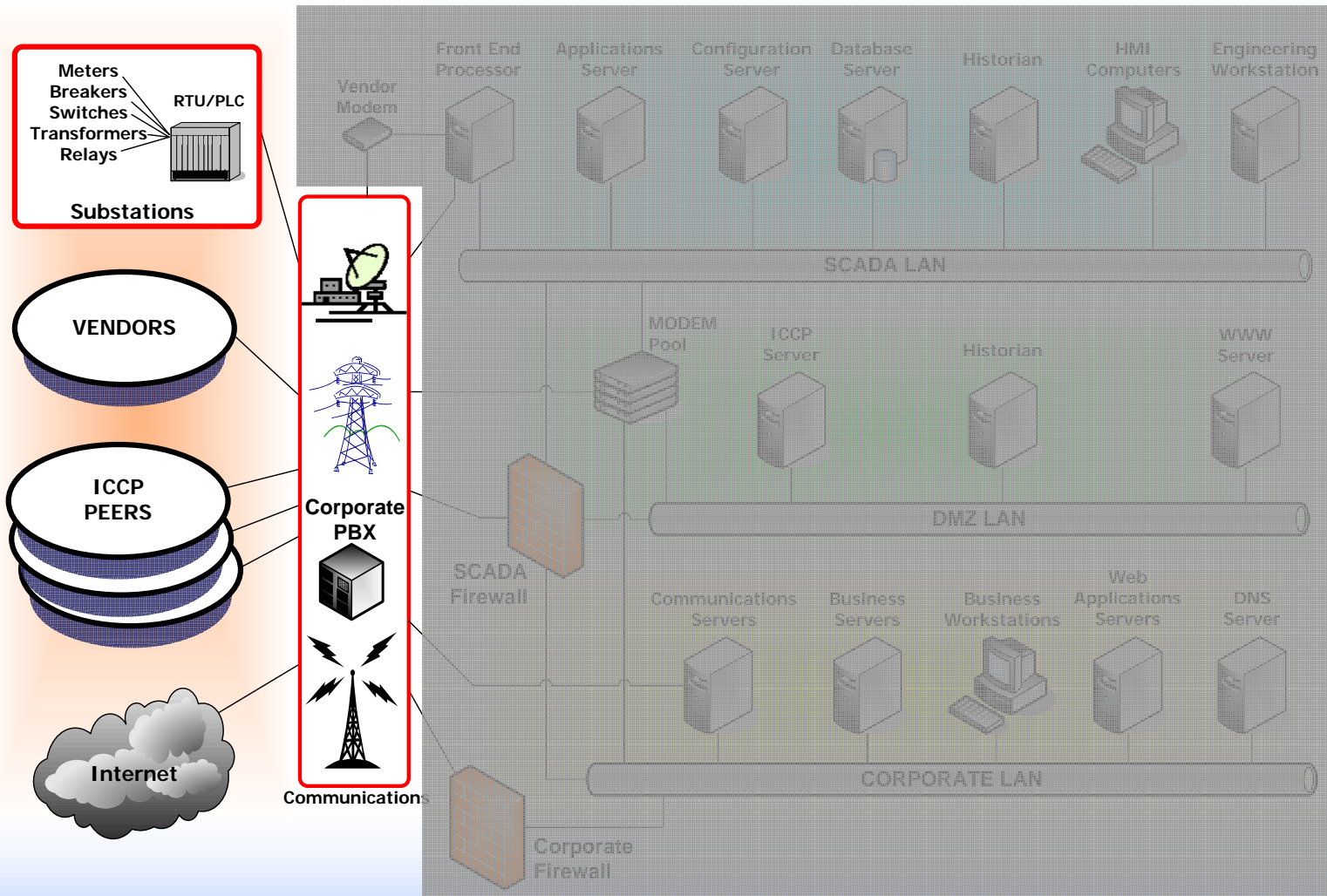
# Electronic Perimeter





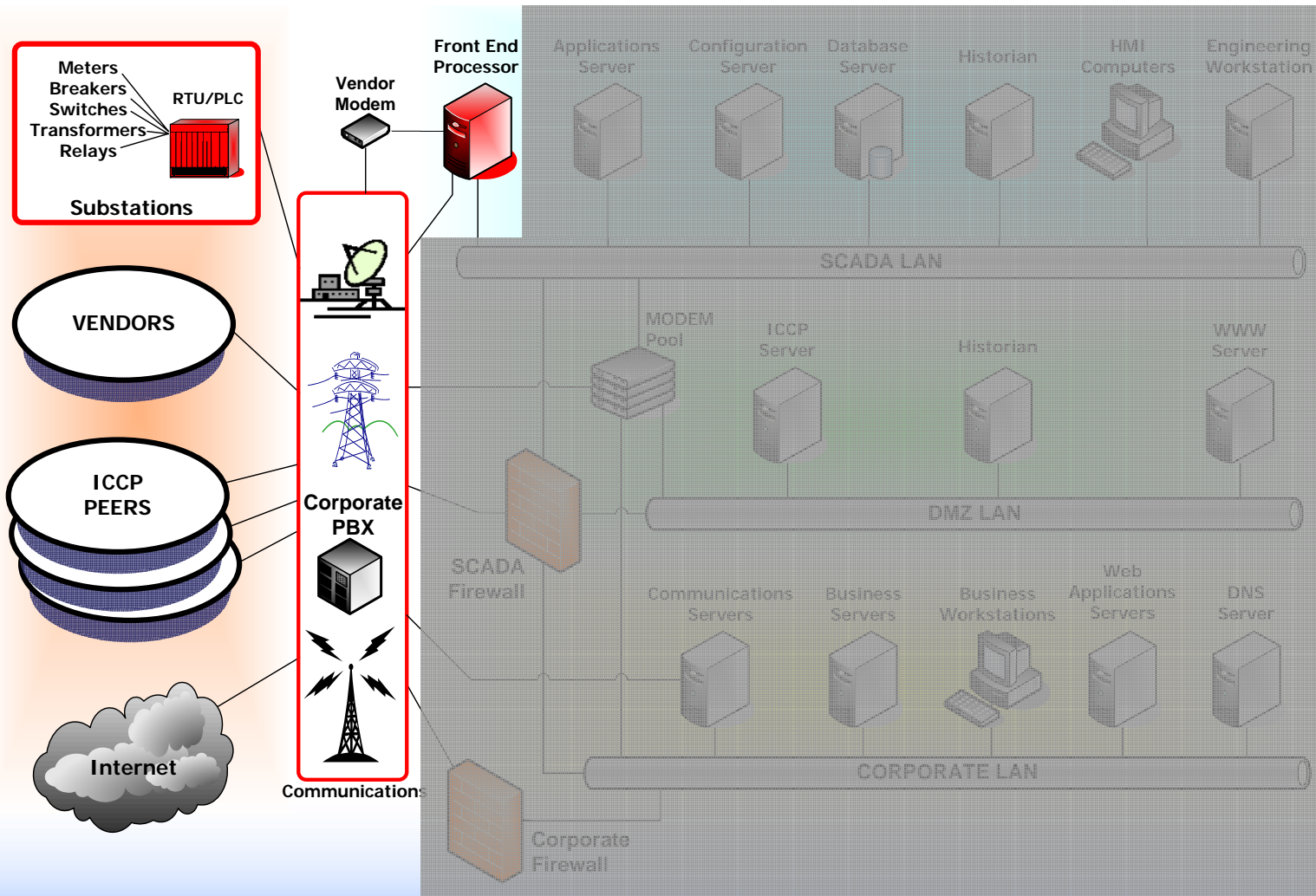
# Routes of Entry

## RTU Modems



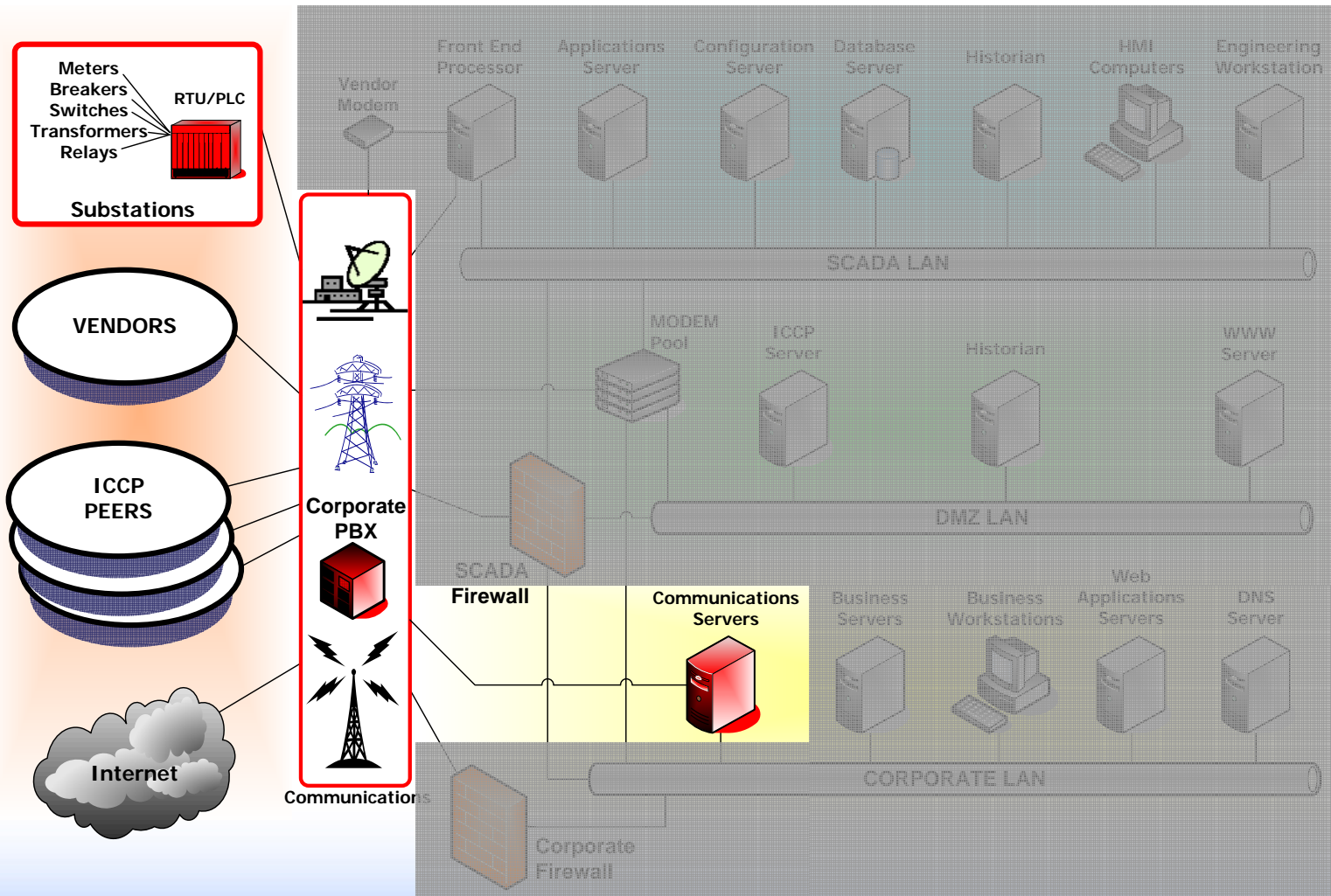
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## Communication Lines



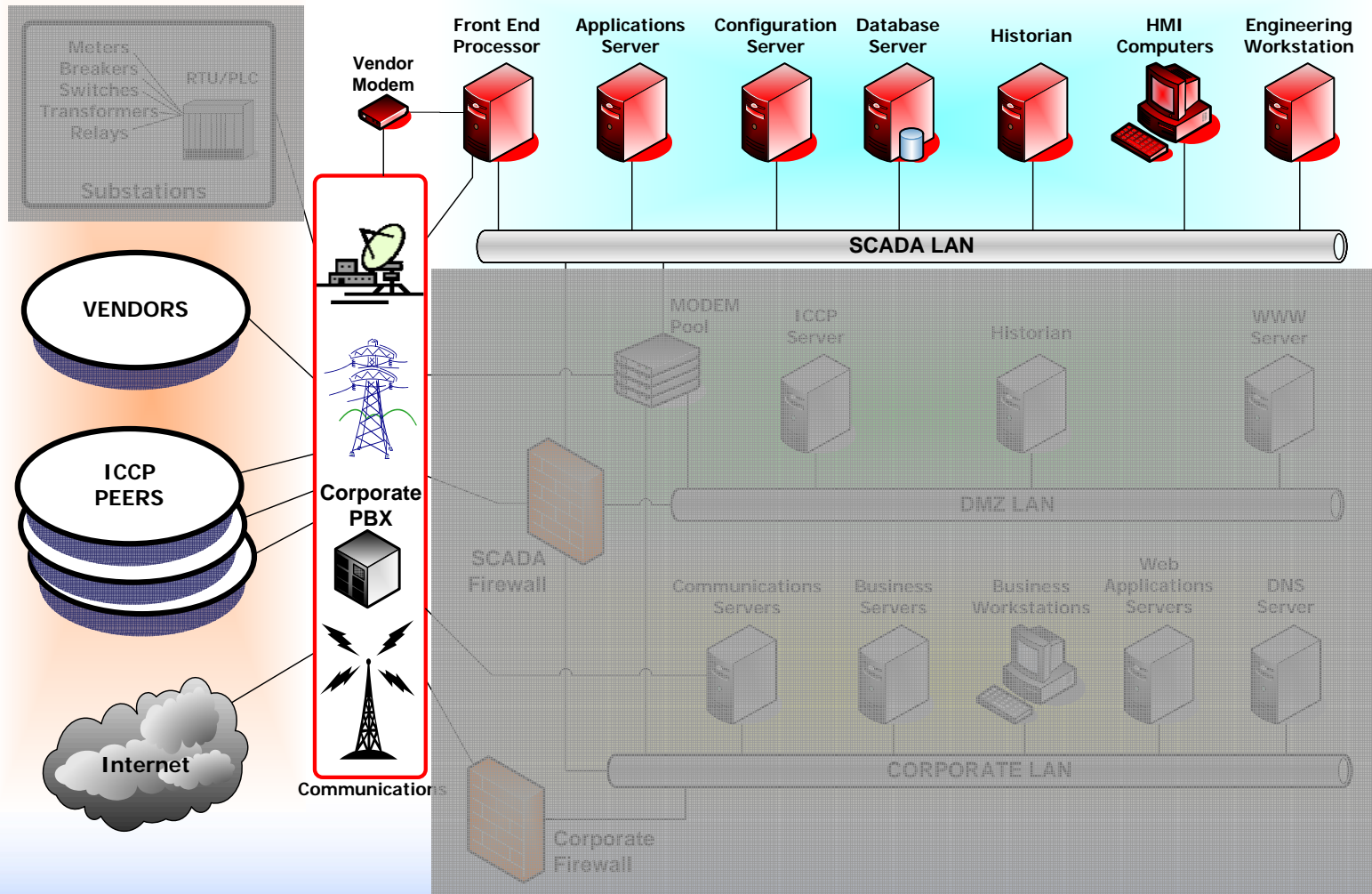
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## IT Controlled Communications Equipment



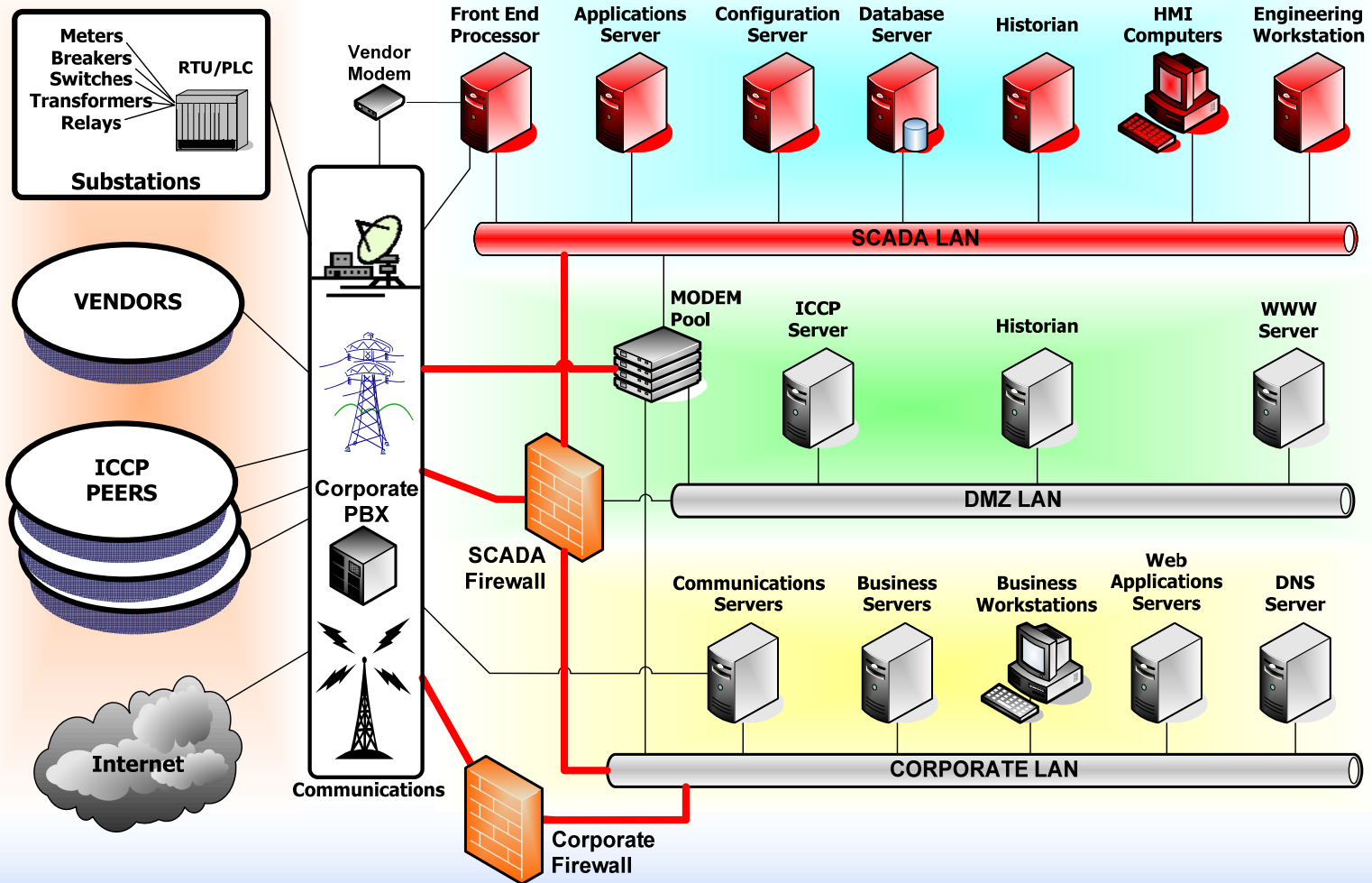
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**Vendor Support**



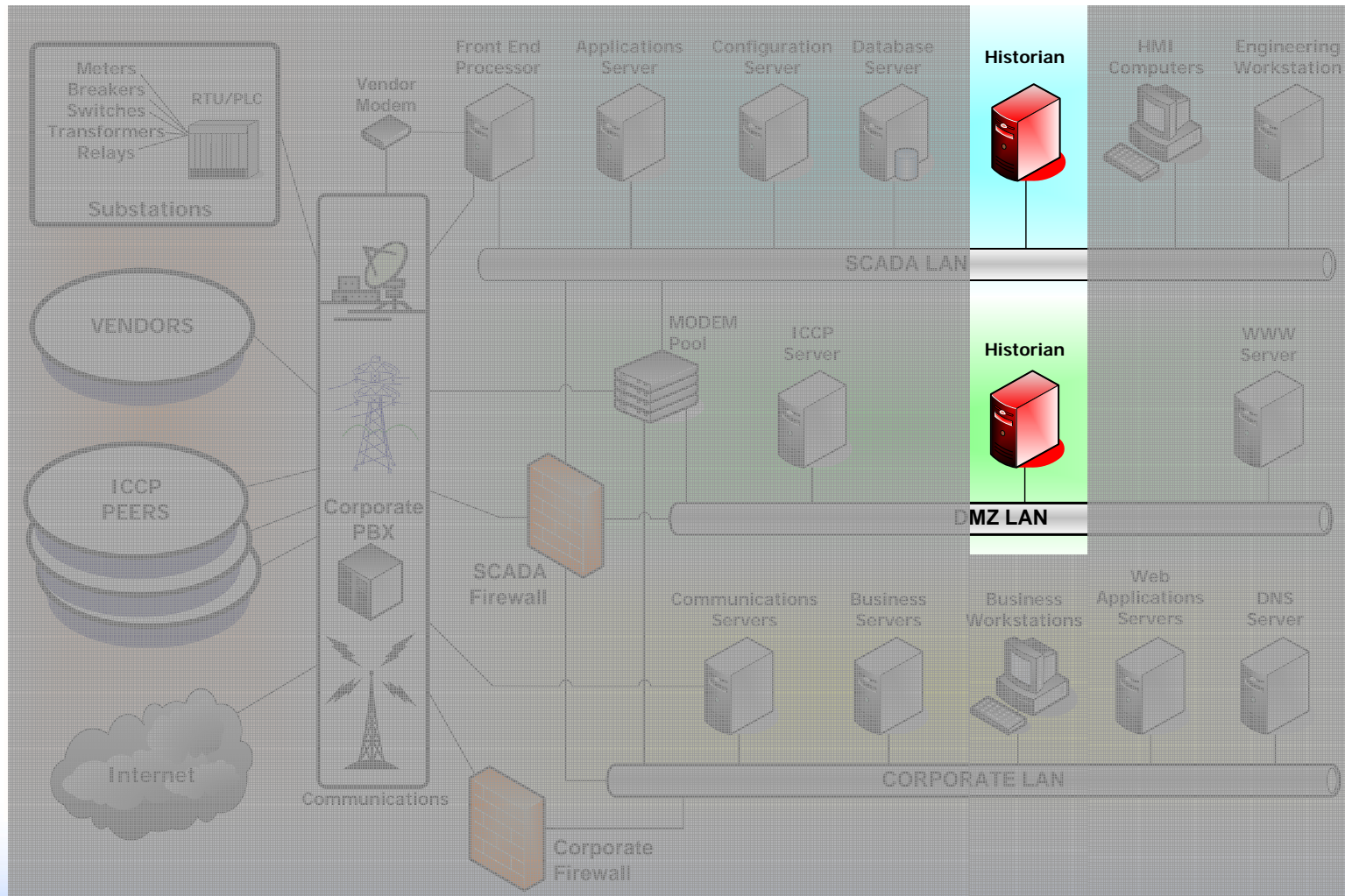
# Routes of Entry

## VPNs



# Routes of Entry

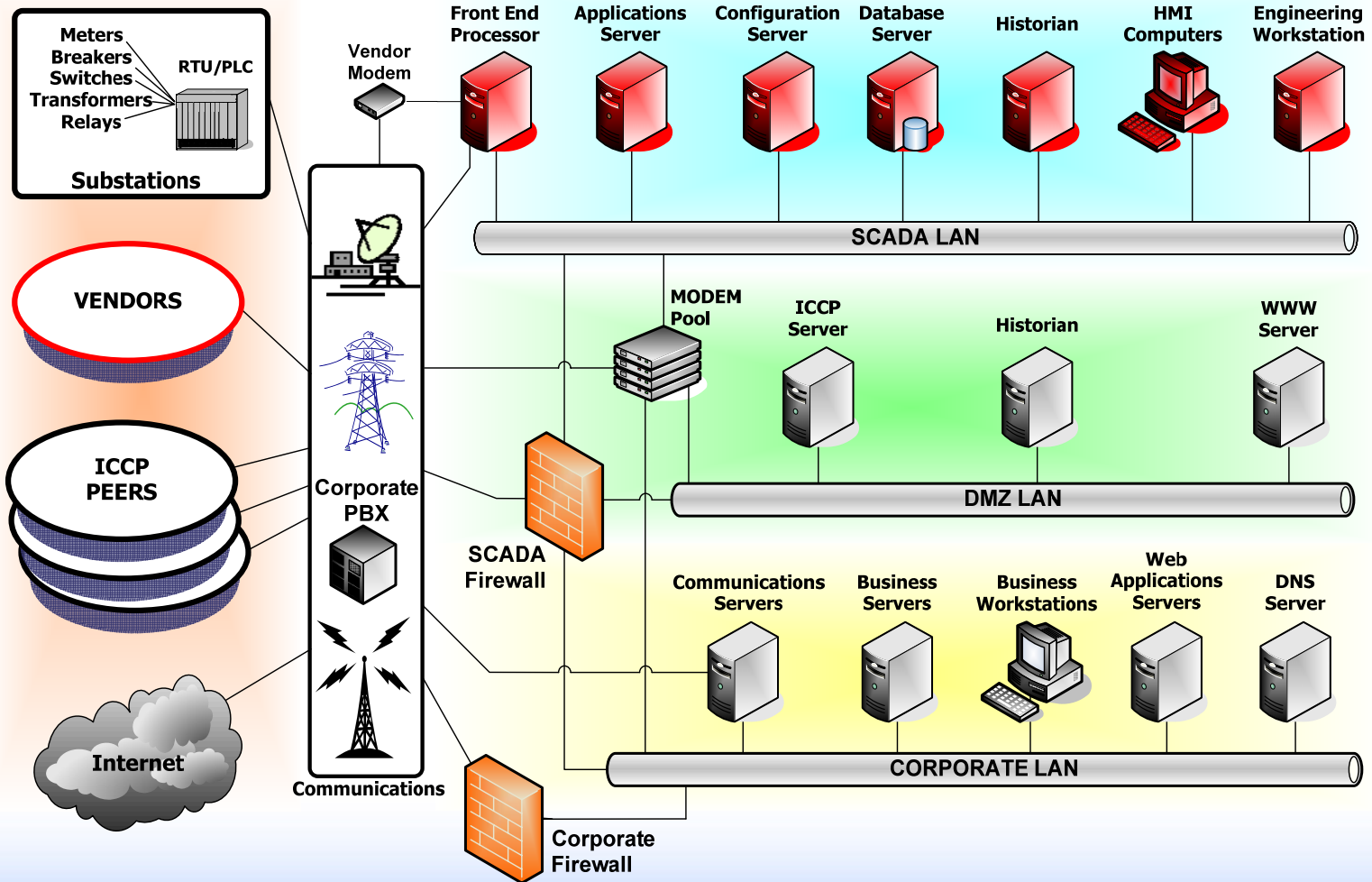
## Database Links





# Routes of Entry

## Vendor Patches



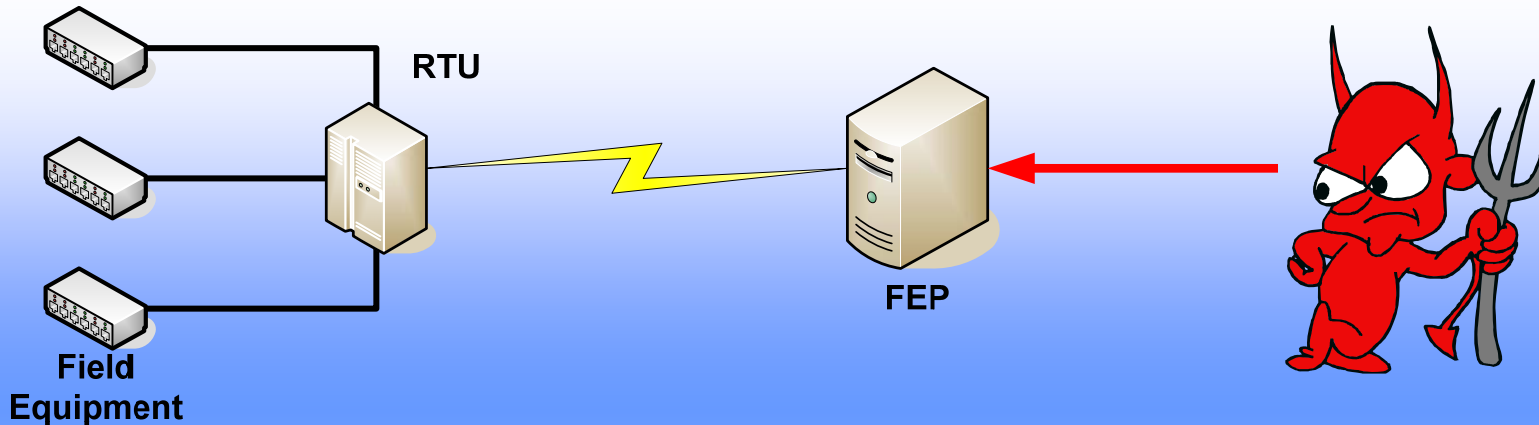
# Considerations

- **Knowledge of the process is key for long term or surgical disruption**
- **Field equipment generally doesn't contain process knowledge**
  - **Breaker 17A**
  - **Valve 4**
- **Direct access to field equipment without additional knowledge generally only results in nuisance disruption**



# Manipulation of the System

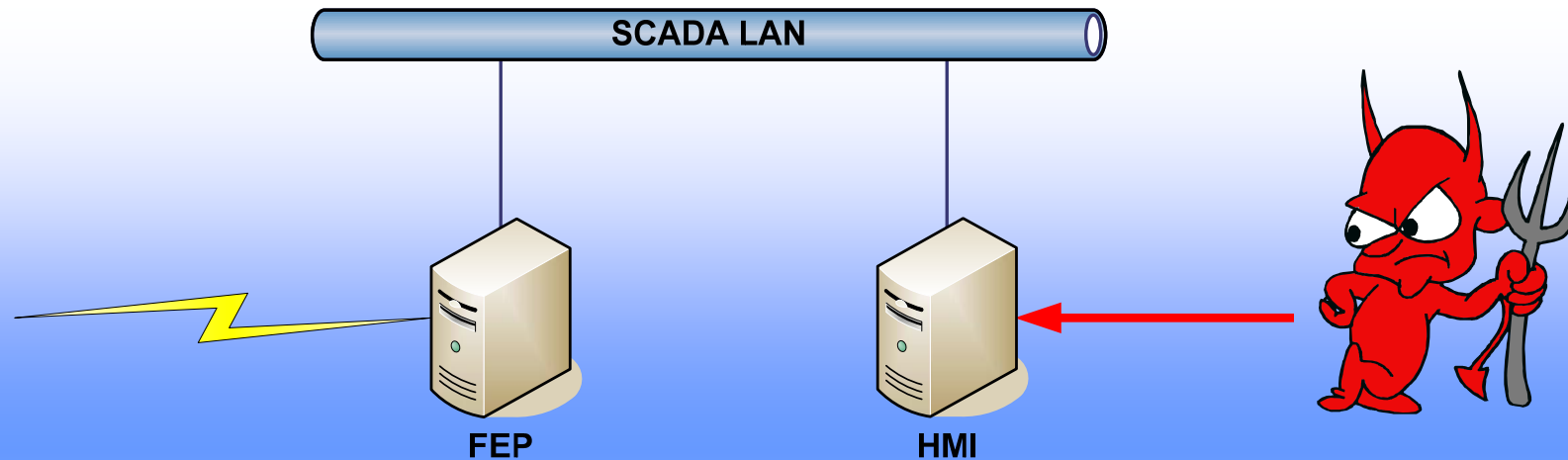
*Talk Directly to the Front-End Equipment*



- Often no userid/passwords required
- Undocumented vendor protocols are common
- Commands are generally not logged

# Manipulation of the System

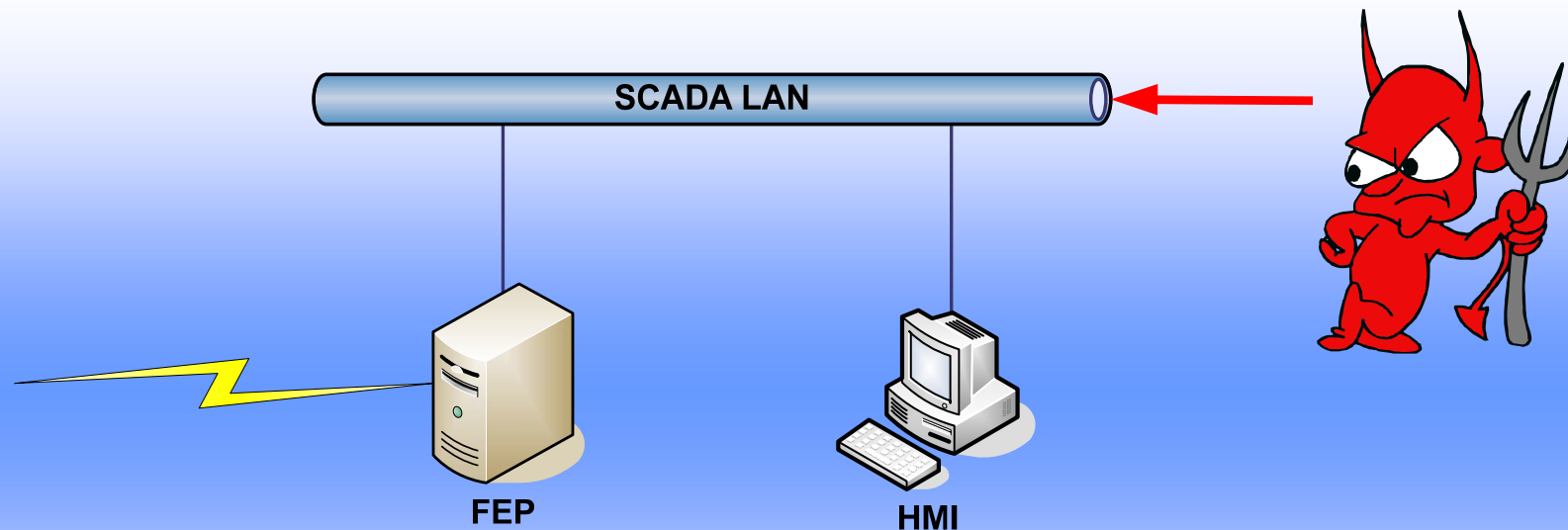
## *Export the HMI Screen*



- **Pretty pictures to describe the process**
- **Noticeable by the operator**
- **Can use your off-the-shelf tools**
- **Have credentials of logged in user**
- **May not be able to manipulate to failure**

# Manipulation of the System

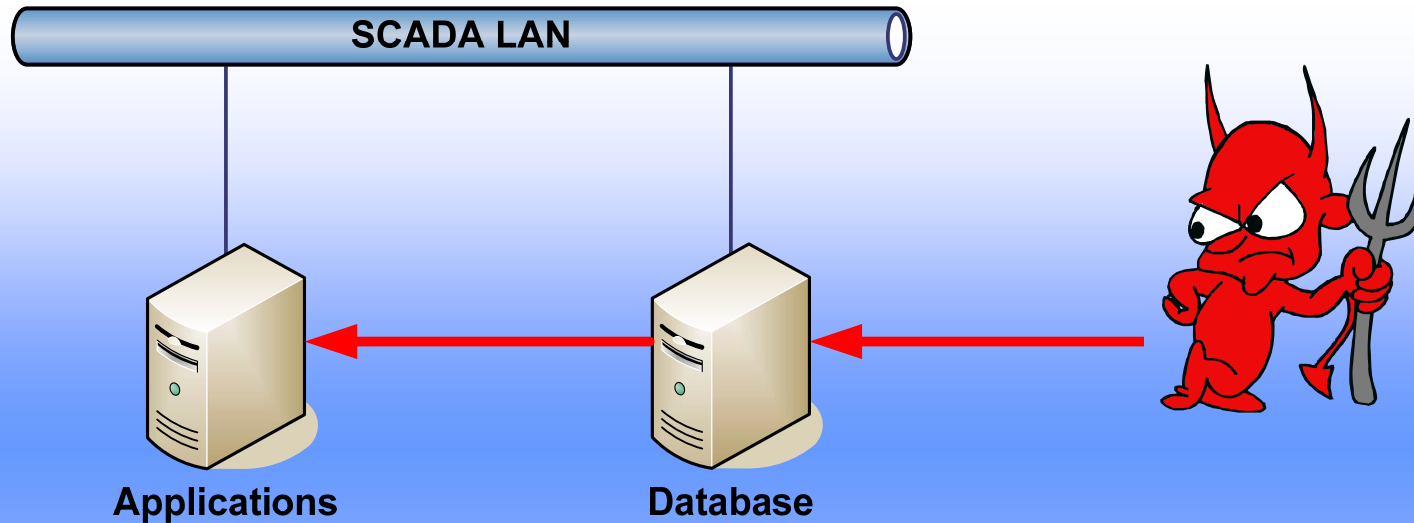
## *Peer Utility*



- Often the least secured link
- Necessary for operation in electric power
- Peers often have limited rights on peer's system

# Manipulation of the System

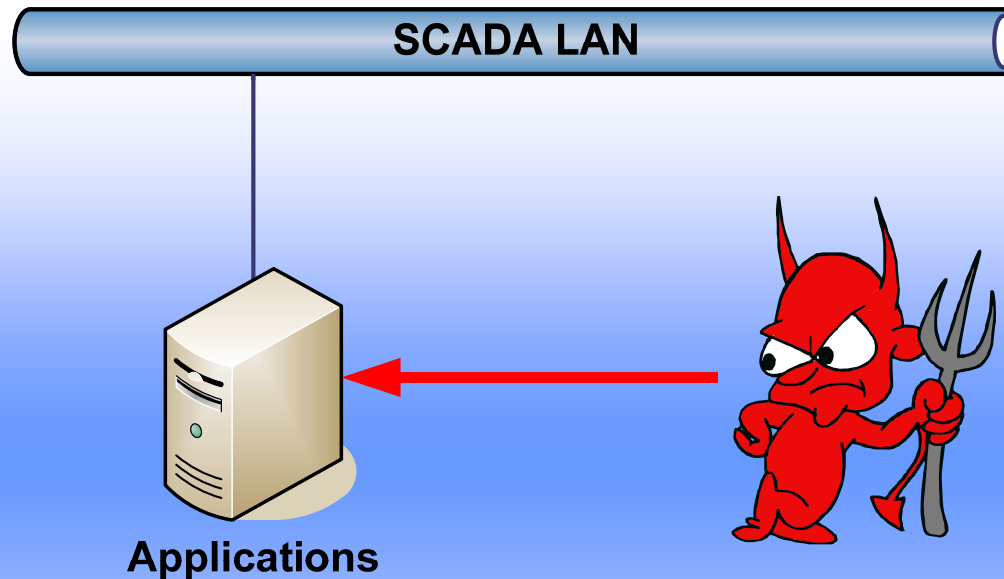
*Changing Data in the Database*



- **Application Server will make decisions based on bad data**
- **Not all vendor systems vulnerable**

# Manipulation of the System

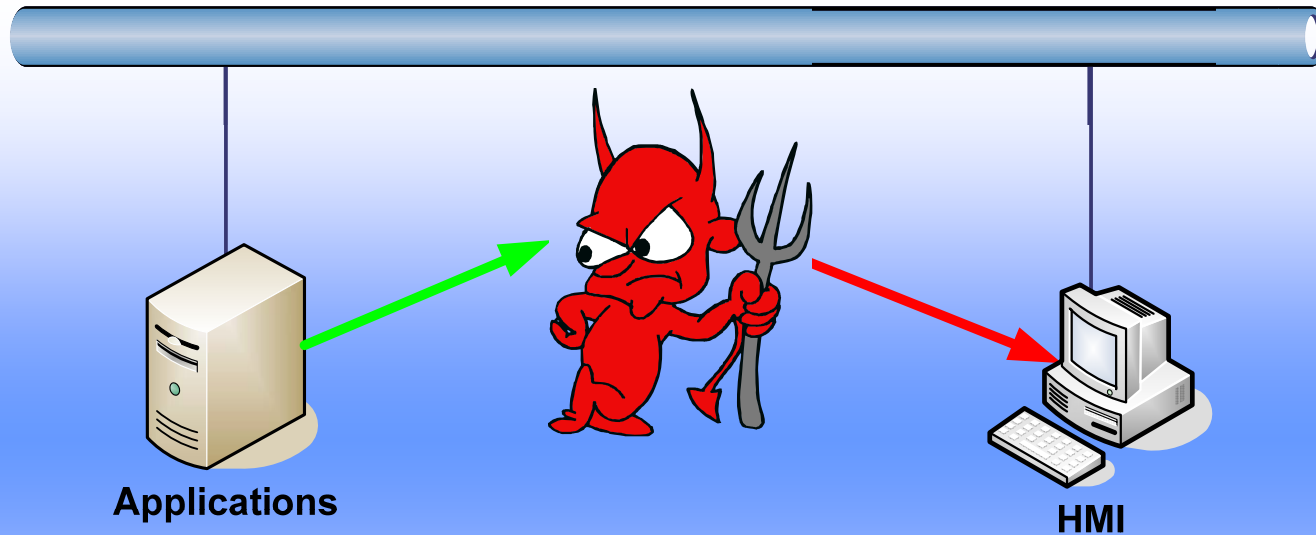
*Insert Commands in the Application Stream*



- **Must understand vendor protocols**
- **Logged as actions by the operator**
- **Generally can bypass failure logic**
- **May or may not need credentials**

# Manipulation of the System

## *Change Operator's Display*



- If presented with an out-of-control system, operator will take steps to shut down
- Logs will reflect operator actions & true state of system
- Detailed knowledge of process needed to make believable

# Observations from the Field

**“We have no outside communications....except for that one...and that one...and that one...”**

**“Hackers don’t understand process control.”**

**“Patches have historically broken SCADA systems.”**

**“Fear of regulation is greater than fear of attack.”**

**“I’m only going to tell NERC about a couple of assets, they don’t need to know about my whole system.”**

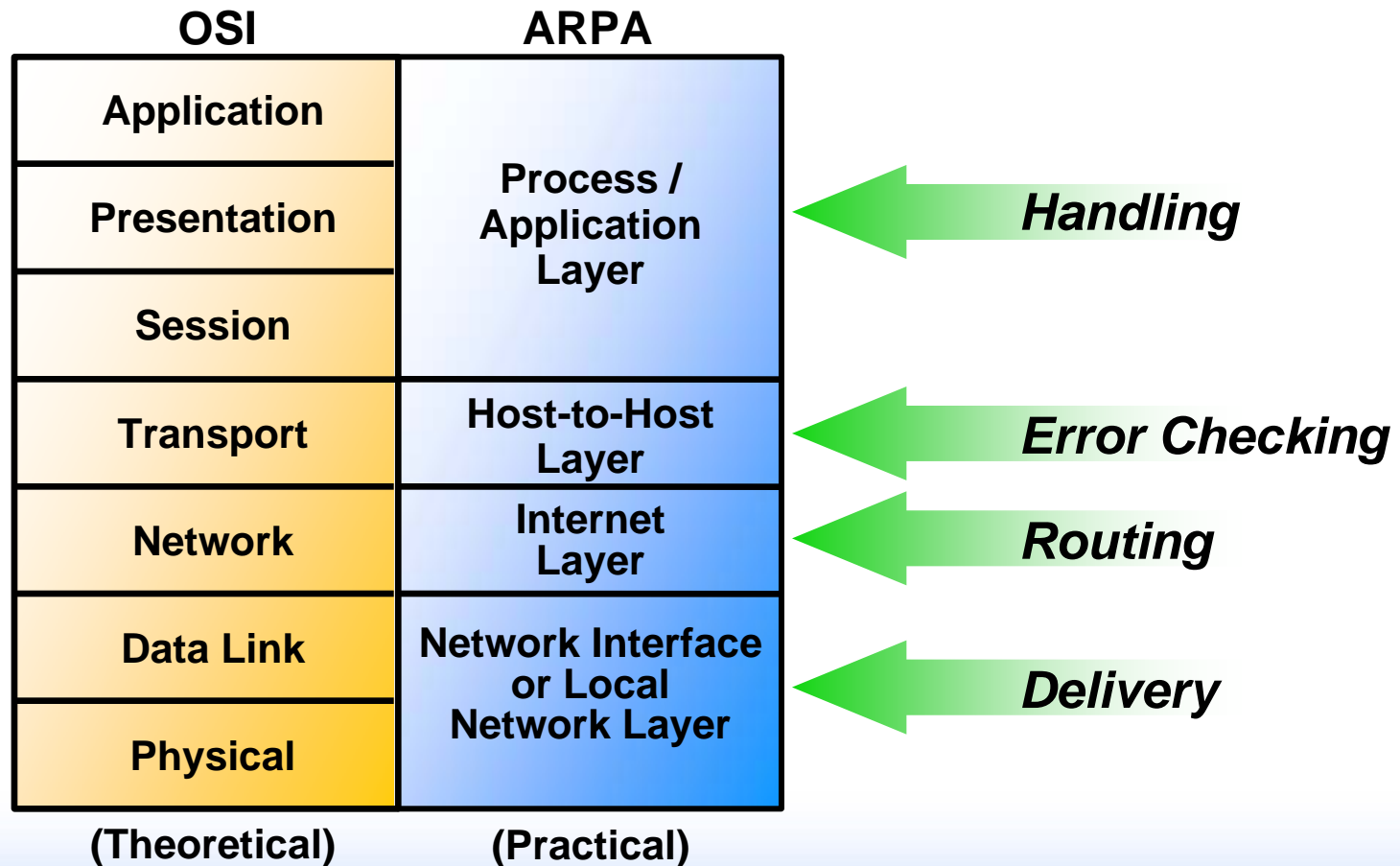
**“It’s only one-way traffic, my vendor says he only writes to the database.”**

# Network Layers Review

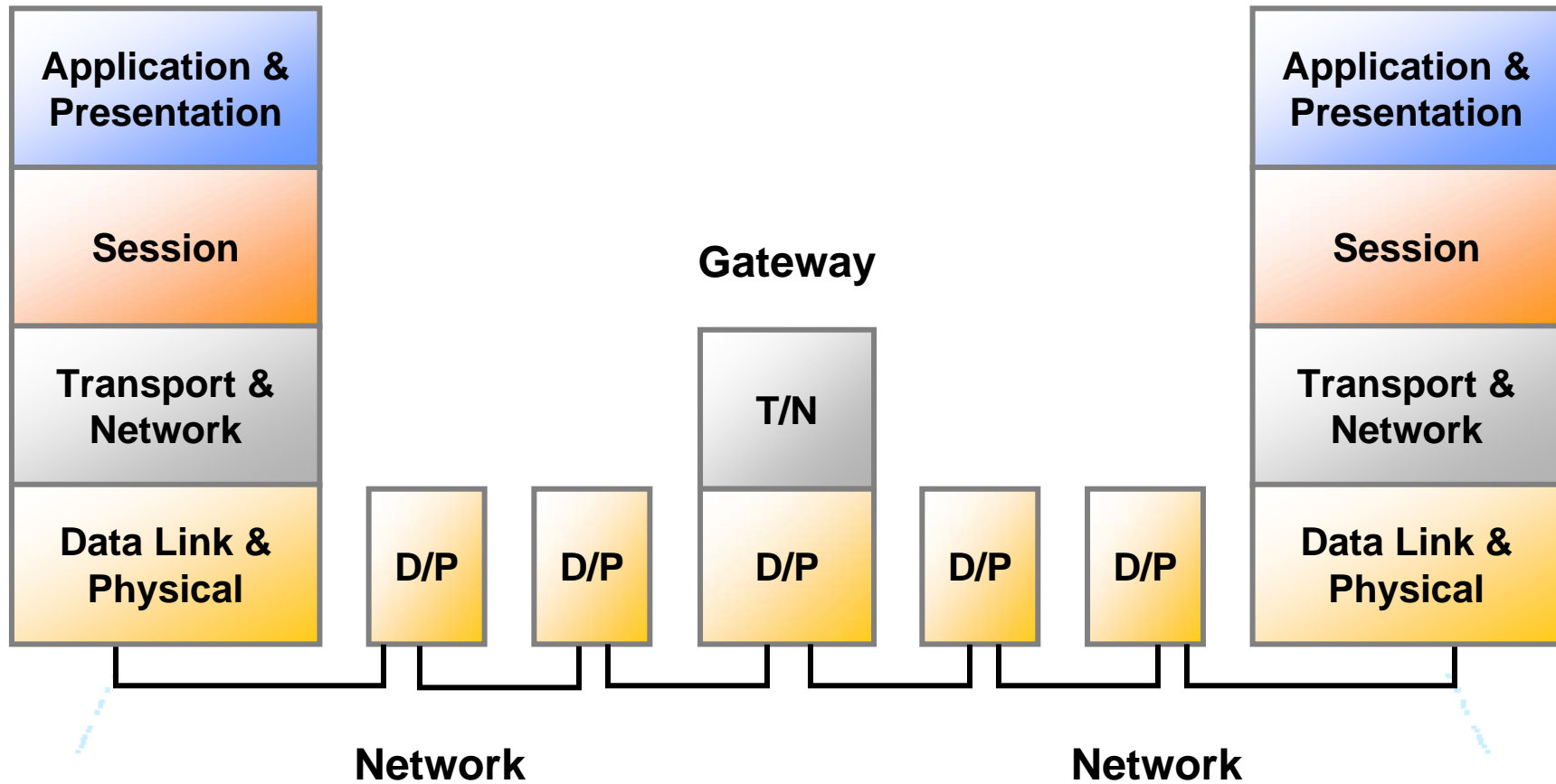


# Network Layers

## *The OSI & the ARPA Layered Architecture*

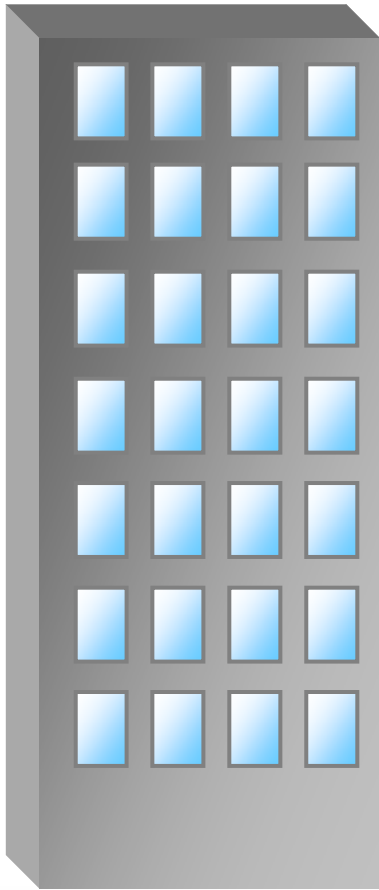


# A Packet in Time



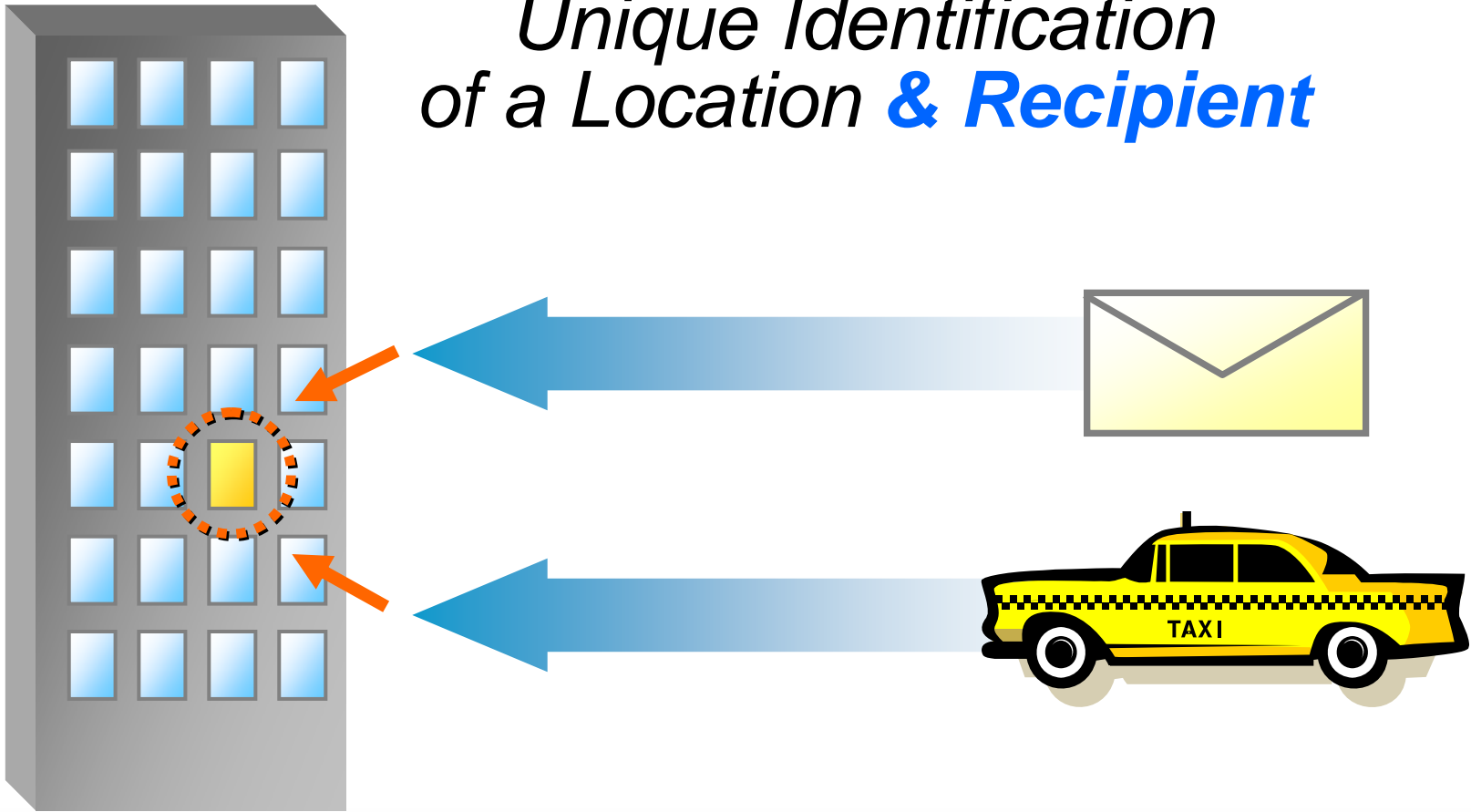
# IP Addresses

*Unique Identification  
of a Location*



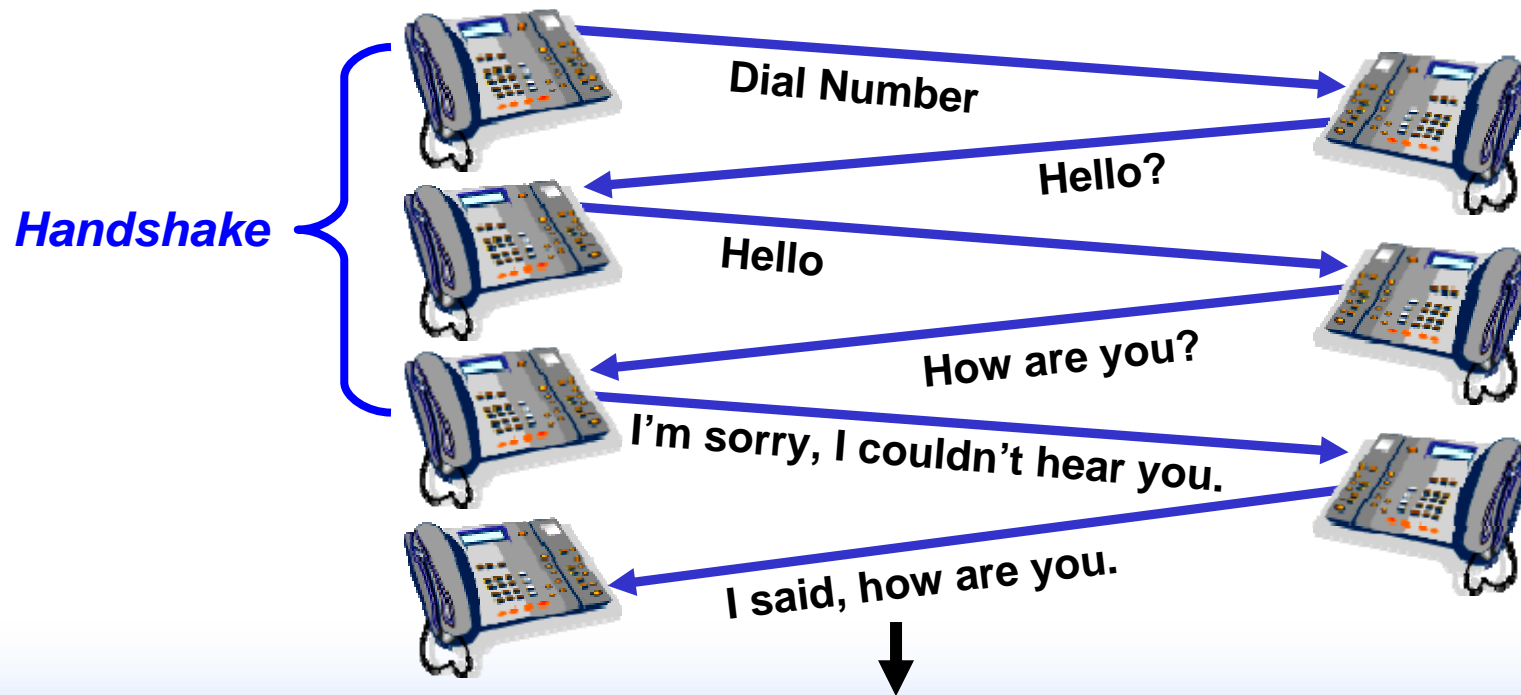
# IP Ports

*Unique Identification  
of a Location & Recipient*



# TCP Communication Basics

- TCP Is a Reliable, Stateful Communications Protocol
- Three-Way Handshaking
- There Are No One-way Communications with TCP



# Vulnerability Reduction Process

# Understanding Exposure

## *Three-Step Process*

### Components

- Network Comm.
- Operating Systems
- Applications

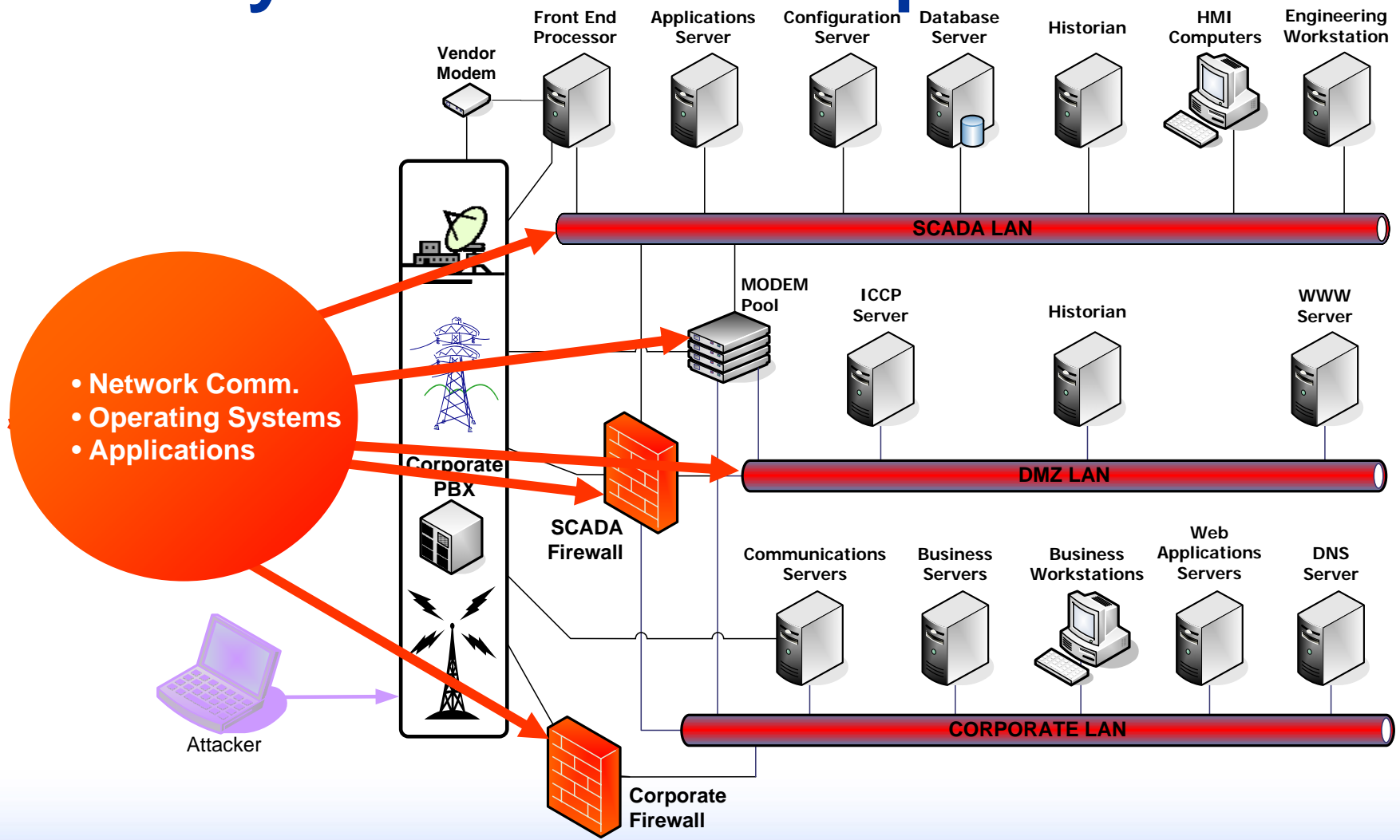
### Vulnerabilities

- Advisories
- Exploit Code
- Advanced Tools

### Mitigation

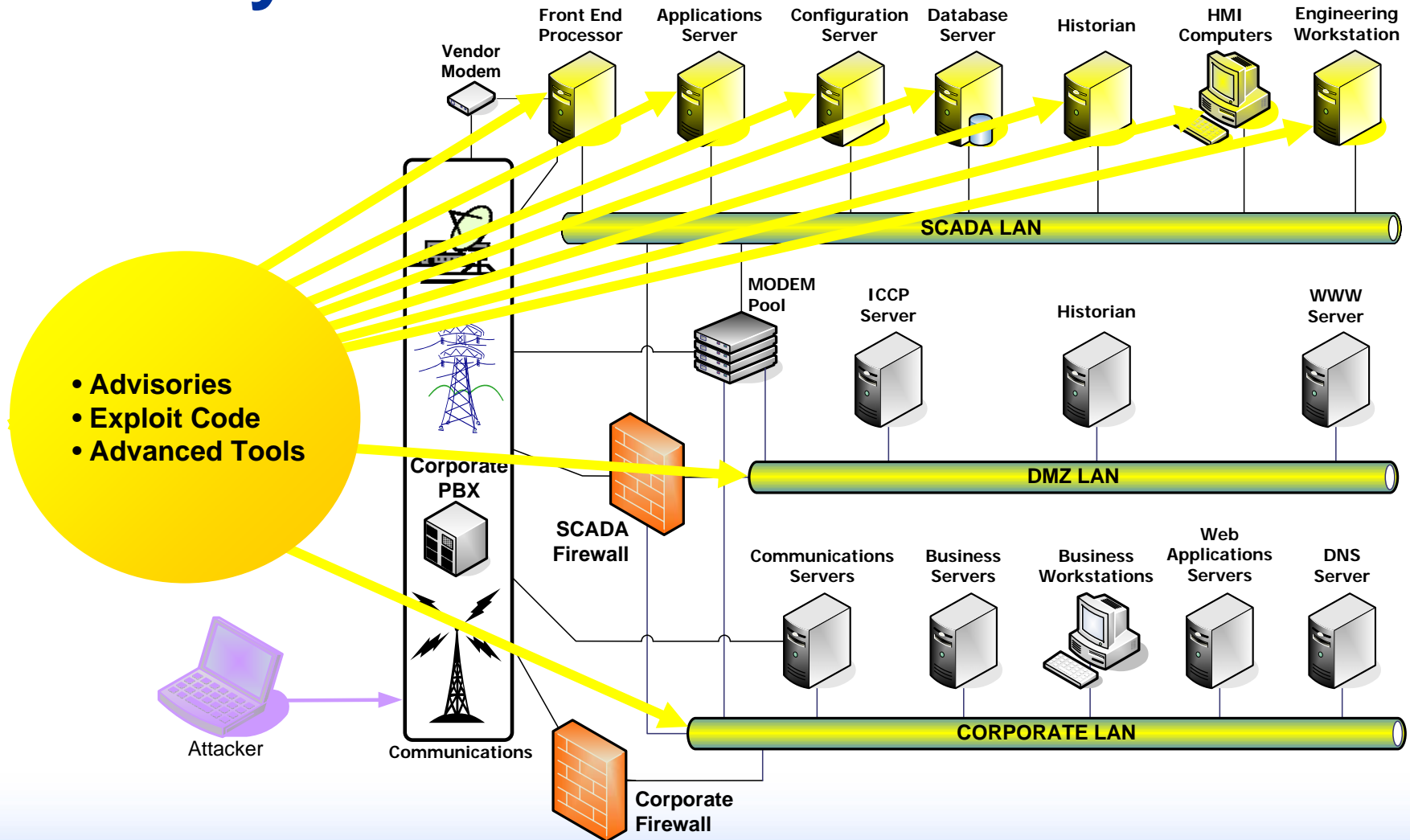
- Block
- Detect
- Workaround
- Fix

# Identify Vulnerable Components

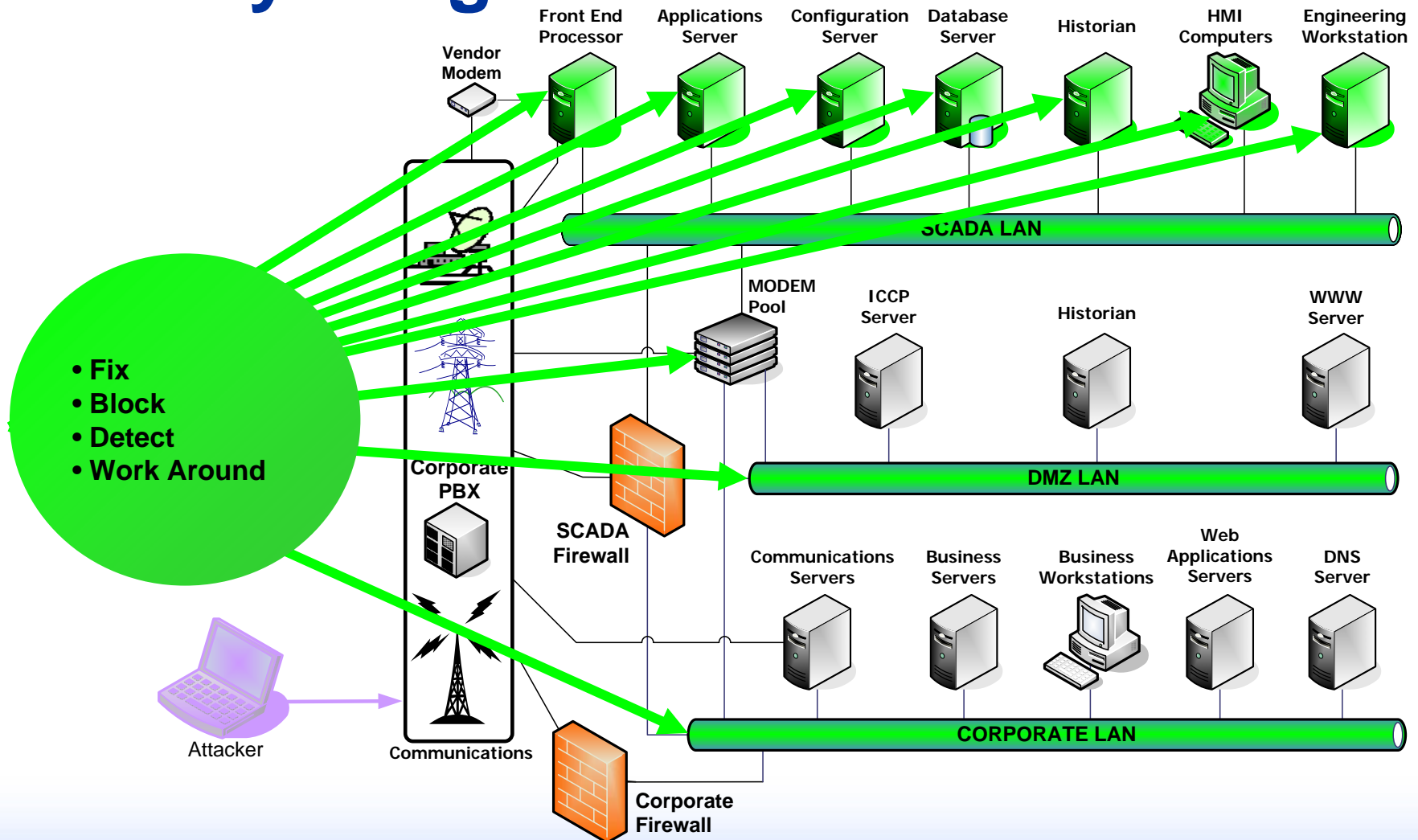




# Identify Threat Vectors



# Identify Mitigations



# Exposure

## *System Exposure*

### Components

- Network Comm.
- Operating Systems
- Applications

### Vulnerabilities

- Advisories
- Exploit Code
- Advanced Tools

**GAP**

### Mitigation

- Block
- Detect
- Workaround
- Fix

# Break

# Application Security Identification & Remediation (Corporate Network)

# First Step – Identify Reality

Nmap is designed to allow system administrators & curious individuals to scan large networks to determine which hosts are up & what services they are offering.

***A Fast & Informative Network Scanner that  
CAN Be Safely Used on isolated non-production  
SCADA/EMS Networks. \****

# Nmap Network Exploration

- Nmap was originally designed to be run from the command line (i.e. A Bash or DOS prompt)
- Some common Nmap options:
  - **-sS** TCP SYN Stealth Scanning (Default for root)
  - **-sF** TCP FIN Stealth Scanning
  - **-sX** Nmap Christmas Tree Scan (All TCP Flags Set)
  - **-sN** Null Stealth Scanning (No TCP Flags Set)
  - **-sP** Ping Sweep
  - **-sV** Enable Version Probing
  - **-O** OS Detection
  - **-Tx** Timing Mode (Polite & Sneaky are good)

# Nmap Network Exploration

- Target hosts can be specified in many ways:
  - 10.4.4.1-255
    - All 255 possible IP addresses on this subnet
  - 10.4.4.0/24
    - Equivalent to the above but signifying a class C address block
  - 10.4.1-4.1-10
    - Ranges are allowed for subnets as well
  - 10.4.1.0/16
    - The 16-bit netmask will scan the entire class B address block



# Nmap Network Exploration

```
stimpj rohdkw # nmap -sP 10.4.4.1-100

Starting nmap 3.81 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2005-10-12 09:48 MDT
Host 10.4.4.20 appears to be up.
MAC Address: 00:60:B0:03:C8:70 (Hewlett-packard CO.)
Host 10.4.4.50 appears to be up.
MAC Address: 00:12:3F:18:7E:0A (Dell)
Host 10.4.4.100 appears to be up.
Nmap finished: 100 IP addresses (3 hosts up) scanned in 3.610 seconds
stimpj rohdkw # nmap -sS -sV -O 10.4.4.1-100

Starting nmap 3.81 ( http://www.insecure.org/nmap/ ) at 2005-10-12 09:49 MDT
Interesting ports on 10.4.4.20:
(The 1660 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
23/tcp    open  telnet       HP JetDirect printer telnetd
515/tcp   open  printer?
9100/tcp  open  jetdirect?
MAC Address: 00:60:B0:03:C8:70 (Hewlett-packard CO.)
Device type: printer
Running: HP embedded
OS details: HP printer w/JetDirect card

Interesting ports on 10.4.4.50:
(The 1660 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 3.9p1 (protocol 2.0)
139/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
445/tcp   open  netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X (workgroup: WORKGROUP)
MAC Address: 00:12:3F:18:7E:0A (Dell)
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.4.X|2.5.X|2.6.X
OS details: Linux 2.4.18 - 2.6.7
Uptime 0.044 days (since Wed Oct 12 08:47:02 2005)

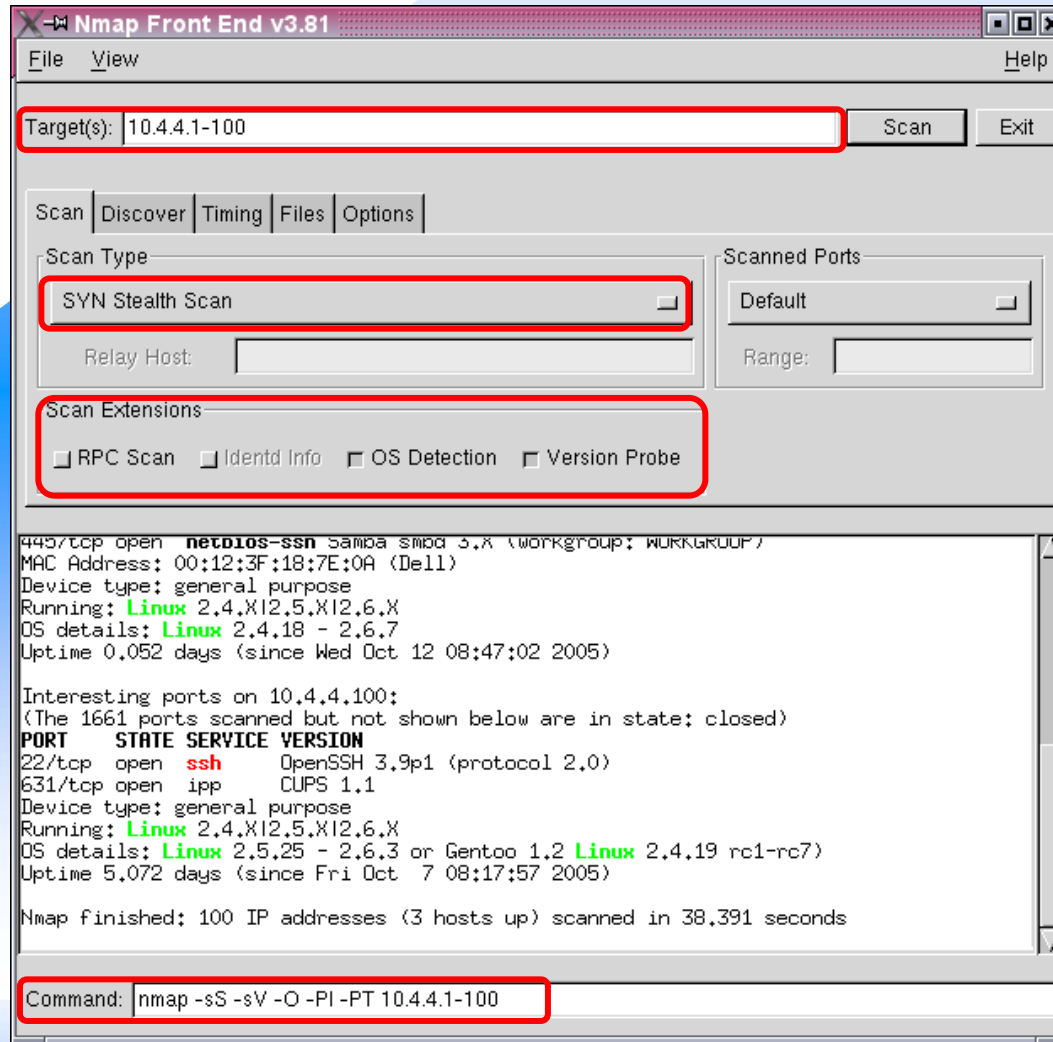
Interesting ports on 10.4.4.100:
(The 1661 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: closed)
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION
22/tcp    open  ssh          OpenSSH 3.9p1 (protocol 2.0)
631/tcp   open  ipp          CUPS 1.1
Device type: general purpose
Running: Linux 2.4.X|2.5.X|2.6.X
OS details: Linux 2.5.25 - 2.6.3 or Gentoo 1.2 Linux 2.4.19 rc1-rc7)
Uptime 5.064 days (since Fri Oct 7 08:17:57 2005)

Nmap finished: 100 IP addresses (3 hosts up) scanned in 37.592 seconds
stimpj rohdkw #
```

# Nmap Network Exploration

- **Fortunately there is a GUI for Nmap so that you don't need to memorize all of the options**
- **Sorry Windows users... You are stuck with the command line version**

# Nmap Network Exploration



# Nmap Network Exploration

- Nmap is on the live CD
- Execute Nmap with the following commands:
  - `nmap -sP 192.168.1.0/24`
  - `nmap -sS -sV -O 192.168.1-100`

## Second Step – Tcpdump Discover Communications

“Tcpdump prints out the headers of packets on a network interface that match the boolean expression. It can also be run with the -w flag, which causes it to save the packet data to a file for later analysis, and/or with the -r flag, which causes it to read from a saved packet file rather than to read packets from a network interface. In all cases, only packets that match the expression will be processed by tcpdump.”

[www.tcpdump.org](http://www.tcpdump.org)

***A Very Efficient & Clean Way for Creating a Customized “Wire Tap” on Your Network.***

# Second Step – Ethereal Discover Communications

Ethereal is a GUI network protocol analyzer. It lets you interactively browse packet data from a live network or from a previously saved capture file. Ethereal's native capture file format is libpcap format, which is also the format used by tcpdump & various other tools.

***Ethereal is THE Standard for Performing  
Network Protocol Analysis.***

# TCPDump & Ethereal

- Some common options for TCPdump:
  - **-s <len>**
    - The snap length of the packet capture
  - **-C <size>**
    - Limit output file to size (in MB)
  - **-F <file>**
    - Input filter file
  - **-i <lan>**
    - Network interface to sniff
  - **-w <file>**
    - Output PCAP file

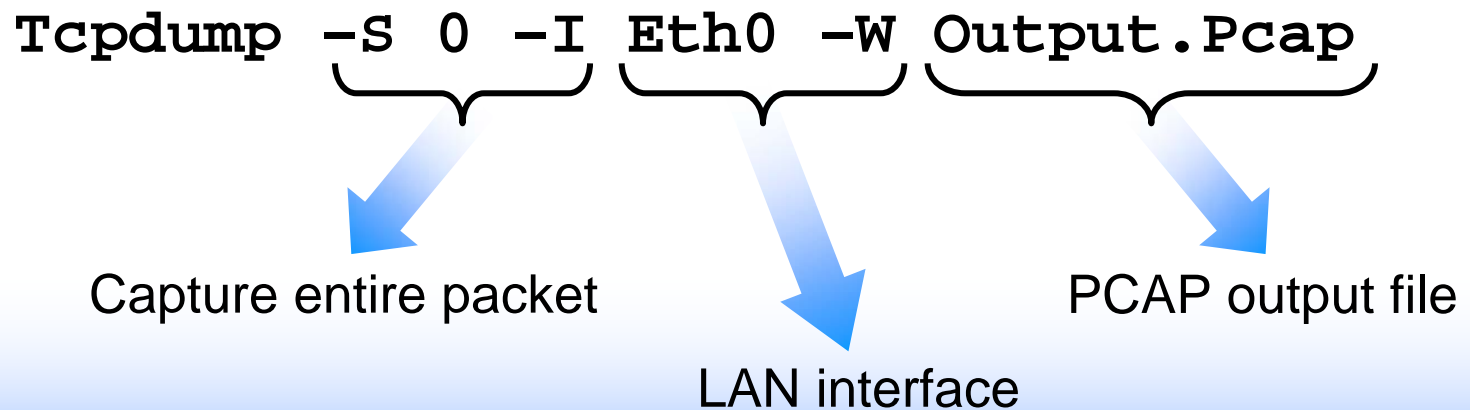
# TCPDump & Ethereal

- **Some common options for Ethereal:**
  - **Promiscuous Mode**
  - **Update list of packets in real time**
  - **Automatic scrolling in live capture**
  - **Hide capture info dialog**



# TCPDump & Ethereal

*We'll First Run A TCPdump Session & Capture a Few Minutes Worth of Data*



# TCPDump & Ethereal

The screenshot displays the Ethereal interface with a packet capture and the 'Ethereal: Capture Options' dialog box open. The dialog box has several options highlighted with red boxes:

- Filter:** (highlighted in the main window)
- Capture packets in promiscuous mode:** (checked)
- Display Options:**
  - Update list of packets in real time (unchecked)
  - Automatic scrolling in live capture (unchecked)
  - Hide capture info dialog (unchecked)

The main window shows a list of captured packets with the following columns: No., Time, Source, Destination, Protocol, and Info. The first few packets are:

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
507	6.016887	10.4.4.101	212.58.240.142	TCP	[TCP keep-alive]
508	6.028052	10.4.4.101	72.14.203.104	TCP	1453 > http
509	6.094185	212.58.240.142	10.4.4.101	HTTP	Continuation
510	6.094420	212.58.240.142	10.4.4.101	HTTP	Continuation
511	6.094455	212.58.240.142	10.4.4.101	HTTP	Continuation

The packet details pane shows the following information for the selected packet:

- Frame 1 (74 bytes on wire, 74 bytes captured)
- Ethernet II, Src: dell\_5a:f4:6c (00:12:3f:5a:f4:6c), Dst: CompaqCo\_56:e8: (08:00:0c:02:56:e8)
- Internet Protocol, Src: 10.4.4.101 (10.4.4.101), Dst: 134.20.25.50 (134.20.25.50)
- User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 1043 (1043), Dst Port: domain (53)
- Domain Name System (query)

The hex dump at the bottom shows the raw bytes of the packet:

```

0000  00 08 c7 56 e8 ab 00 12 3f 5a f4 6c 08 00 45 00  ...V.... ??.I..E.
0010  00 3c 80 78 00 00 80 11 ac 84 0a 04 04 65 86 14  <.>.....E..
0020  19 32 04 13 00 35 00 28 88 4a 51 27 01 00 00 01  .2...$(:'q'...
0030  00 00 00 00 00 00 04 6e 65 77 73 03 62 62 63 02  .....n ews.bbc.
0040  63 6f 02 75 6b 00 00 01 00 01                    co.uk... ..
    
```

# Nessus Security Scanner

*The Nessus Security Scanner  
is a Security Auditing Tool Made Up of Two Parts:*

## *Server*

The Server,  
Nessusd is in Charge  
of the Attacks

## *Client*

The Client Nessus  
Provides An Interface  
to the User.”

*Nessus is the Defacto Standard for (Free)  
Open Source Network Vulnerability Scanners*

**This tool can be dangerous \***



# Nessus Security Scanner

The image shows a terminal window and the Nessus Setup GUI. The terminal window displays the following text:

```
rohdkw@stimp:~ - Shell - Konsole
Session Edit View Bookmarks Settings Help

stimp rohdkw # nessusd -D
Loading the plugins... 612 (out of 2225)
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You are running a version of Nessus which is not configured to receive
a full plugin feed. As a result, your security audits might produce
results.

To obtain a full plugin feed, you need to register your Nessus scanner
at the following URL :

      http://www.nessus.org/register/

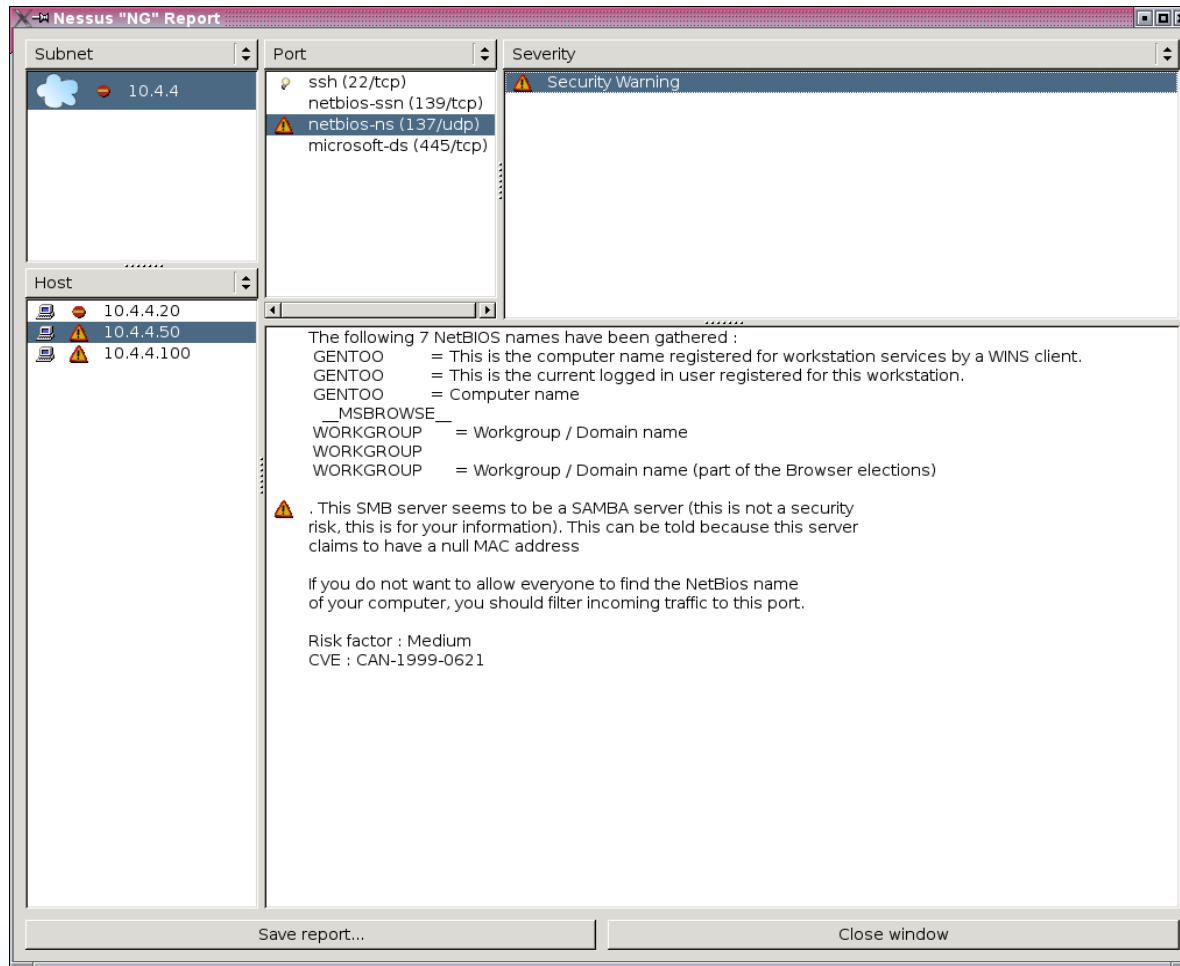
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All plugins loaded
stimp rohdkw # nessus &
[1] 32722
stimp rohdkw # █
```

The Nessus Setup GUI is shown with the 'Scan Options' tab selected. The 'Enable all' button is circled in red. The 'Scan Options' tab is also circled in red. The GUI shows a list of plugins with checkboxes to the right of each name. The 'Enable all' button is located below the list. The 'Enable dependencies at runtime' and 'Silent dependencies' checkboxes are also visible.

Plugin Name	Checked
AIX Local Security Checks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Backdoors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CGI abuses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CGI abuses : XSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CISCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debian Local Security Checks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

# Nessus Security Scanner



# Application Security

*Find It*

- Be “curious” about software used on your systems
  - play the idiot or the bad guy
- Analyze what applications & services are available on your critical networks
- Check database user privileges & database service configuration
- Examine firewall rules for replication

# Application Security

- **Common tools used when analyzing application security:**
- **Curiosity**
- **Ethereal &/or TCPDump**
- **Strings**
- **Source Code Analysis like RATS & Flawfinder**
- **IDAPro (Very Advanced)**

# Application Security

*Find It*

- **Examine the communication protocols in use**
  - Database Traffic
  - Proprietary Traffic
- **Advanced students may wish to create a “protocol fuzzer” to see what happens when sending unexpected input over the network**



# Application Security

*Fix It*

- The major flaws with this application were:
  - Database userid & password exposed by application
  - Database userid has way too many privileges on the system
  - Database is running as a privileged user
  - Proprietary protocol encoder/decoder flaws (server crashes)

# Application Security

*Fix It*

- This is the perfect place for well defined policy. Applications introduced into the DMZ potentially create a means for hackers to gain unauthorized access to a system. Ensure that your policy checks for the following before any application is developed or installed:
  - Code reviews for good/secure programming practices
  - Implementing “least privileges” policy for database users & the database service
  - Encrypt link(s) between the SCADA & the DMZ
  - Implement smart Network Intrusion Detection
  - Implement monitoring/control to prevent man in the middle attacks
  - Outbound firewall rules will prevent the rootkit from calling home

# Least Privileges

“The principle of least privilege requires that a user be given no more privilege than necessary to perform a job. Ensuring least privilege requires identifying what the user’s job is, determining the minimum set of privileges required to perform that job, & restricting the user to a domain with those privileges & nothing more. By denying to subjects transactions that are not necessary for the performance of their duties, those denied privileges cannot be used to circumvent the organizational security policy.<sup>1</sup>”

1. Integrity in Automated Information Systems. National Computer Security, Center, September 1991.

Least privileges may not be possible due to technology limitations  
User may be a computer

# Least Privileges

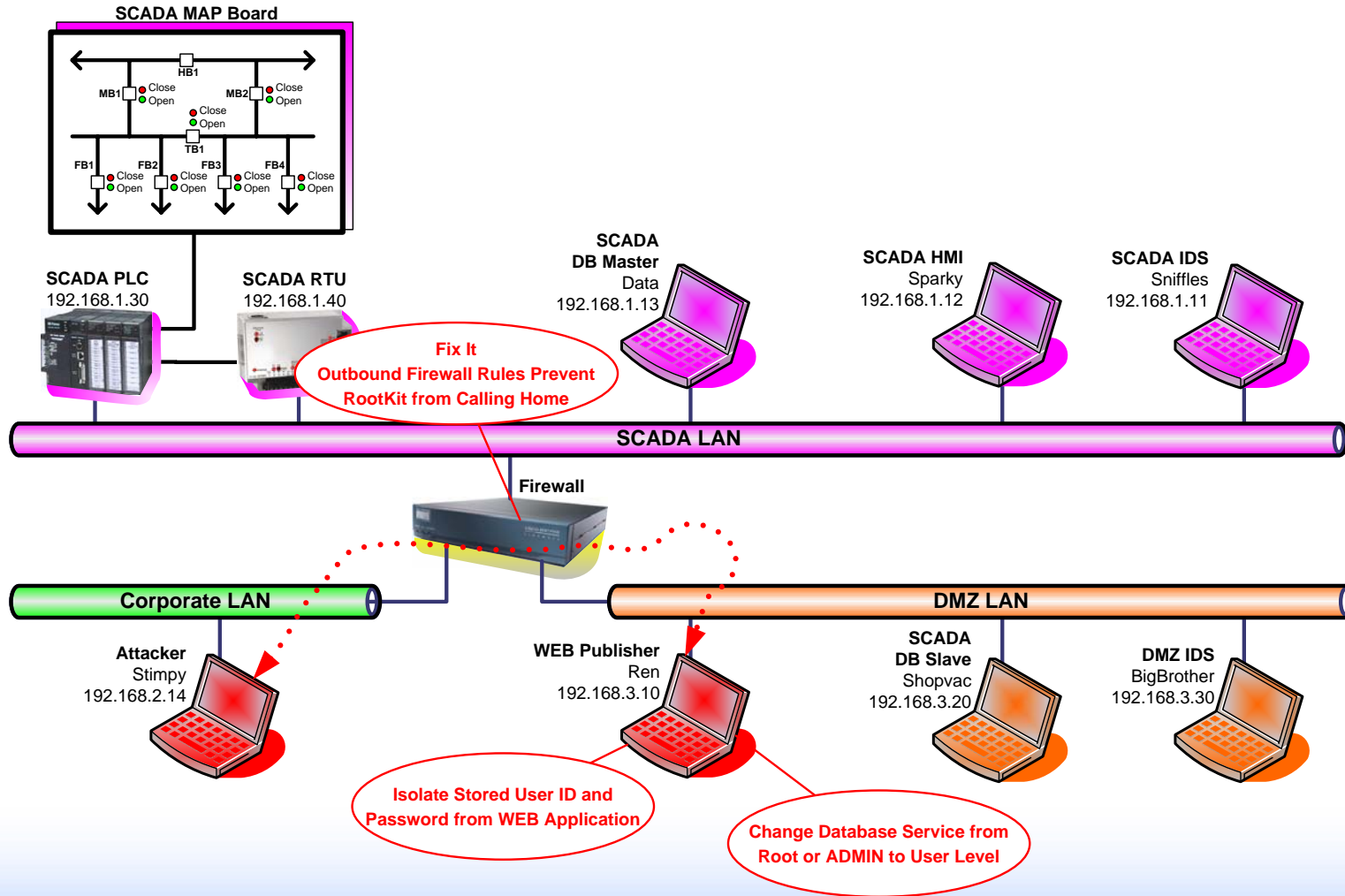
## *An Important Note with Respect to Least Privileges:*

This methodology does not remove vulnerabilities from a system. It only prevents exploitation from obtaining immediate superuser access.

Administrators still need to care for their systems to prevent ***escalation of privileges*** when unauthorized access is gained.

# Application Security

**Fix It**



# Application Security

*Relate It*

- **Excerpts from NERC's Top 10 Vulnerability List**
  - **Software used in control systems is not adequately scrutinized, & newer systems include extraneous vulnerable software.**
  - **Installation of inappropriate applications on critical systems.**
  - **Poorly designed control system networks that fail to employ sufficient defense-in-depth mechanisms.**
  - **Policies, procedures & culture governing control system security are inadequate & lead to lack of executive management buy in. In addition, personnel routinely ignore or lack training in policies & procedures to protect the control systems.**

# Application Security

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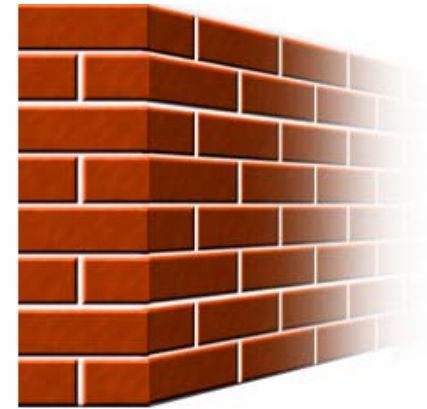


# SQL Injection Identification & Remediation (DMZ Network)

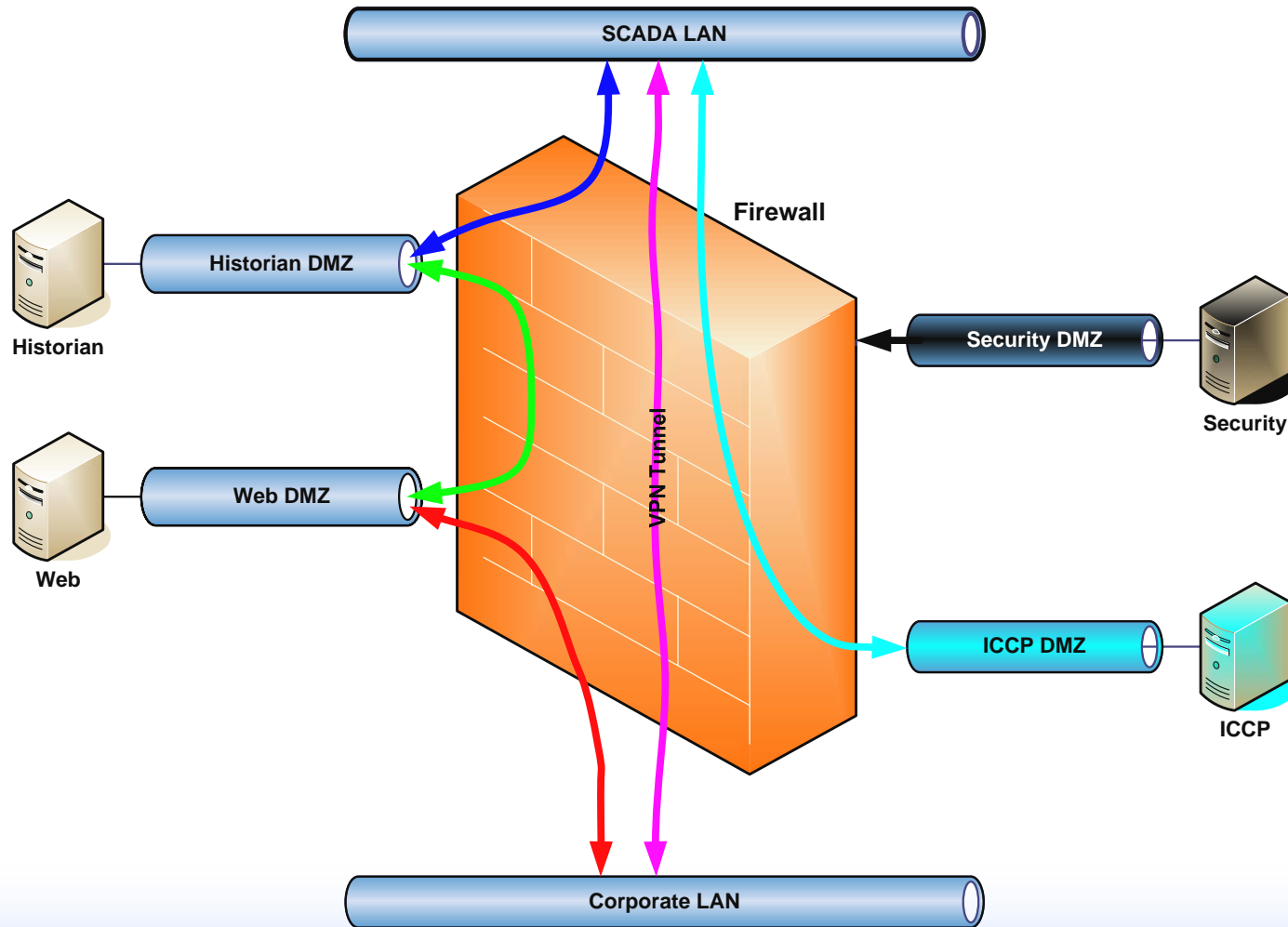
# First Step

## *Understand the Firewall*

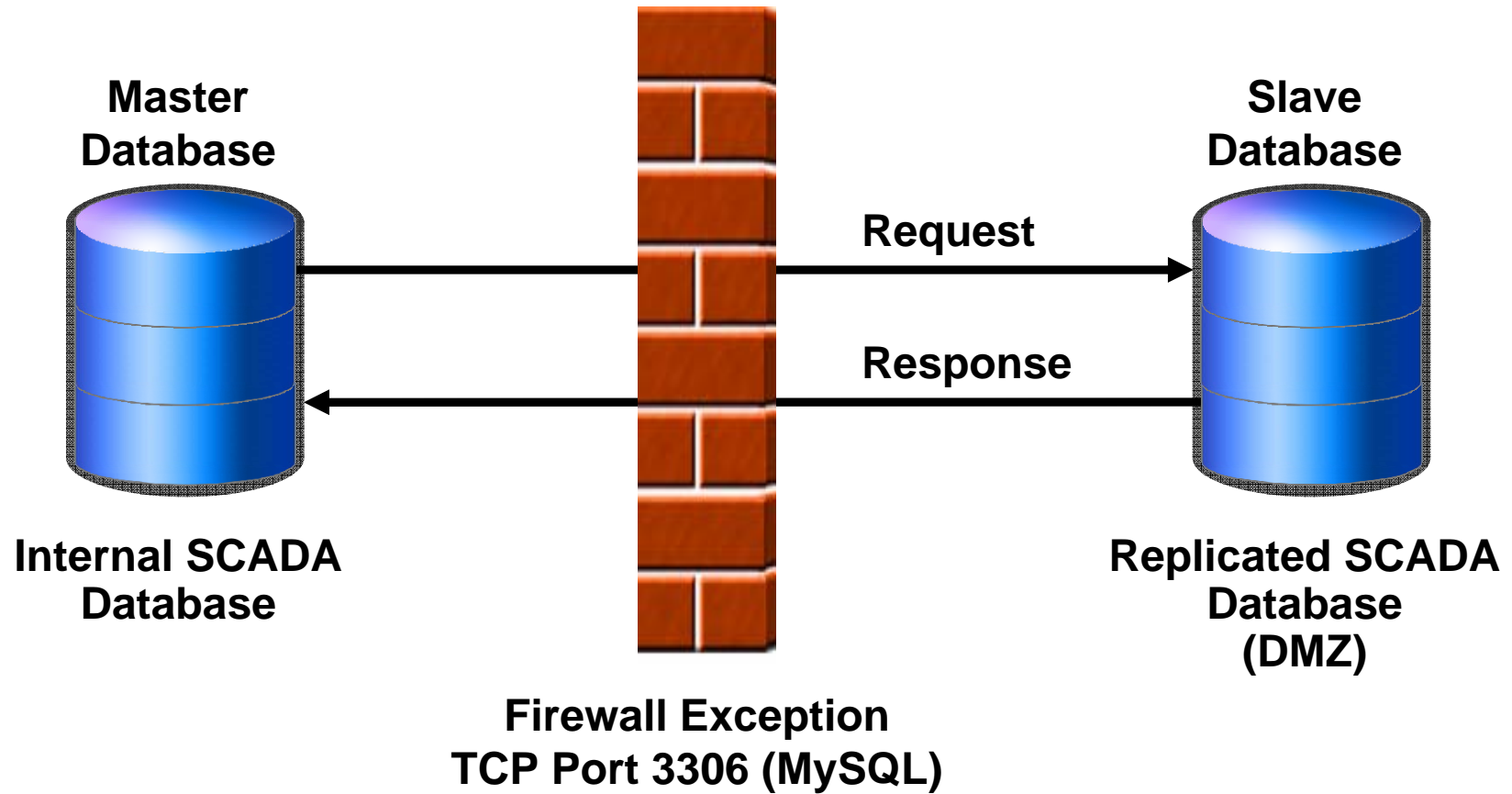
- **To fix the problems on our DMZ we need to first understand how the firewall is configured**
- **The exploit used to move from the DMZ to the SCADA network involved exploiting a database exception in the firewall**
- **Use the tools we've demonstrated thus far to watch the communications into the SCADA network**



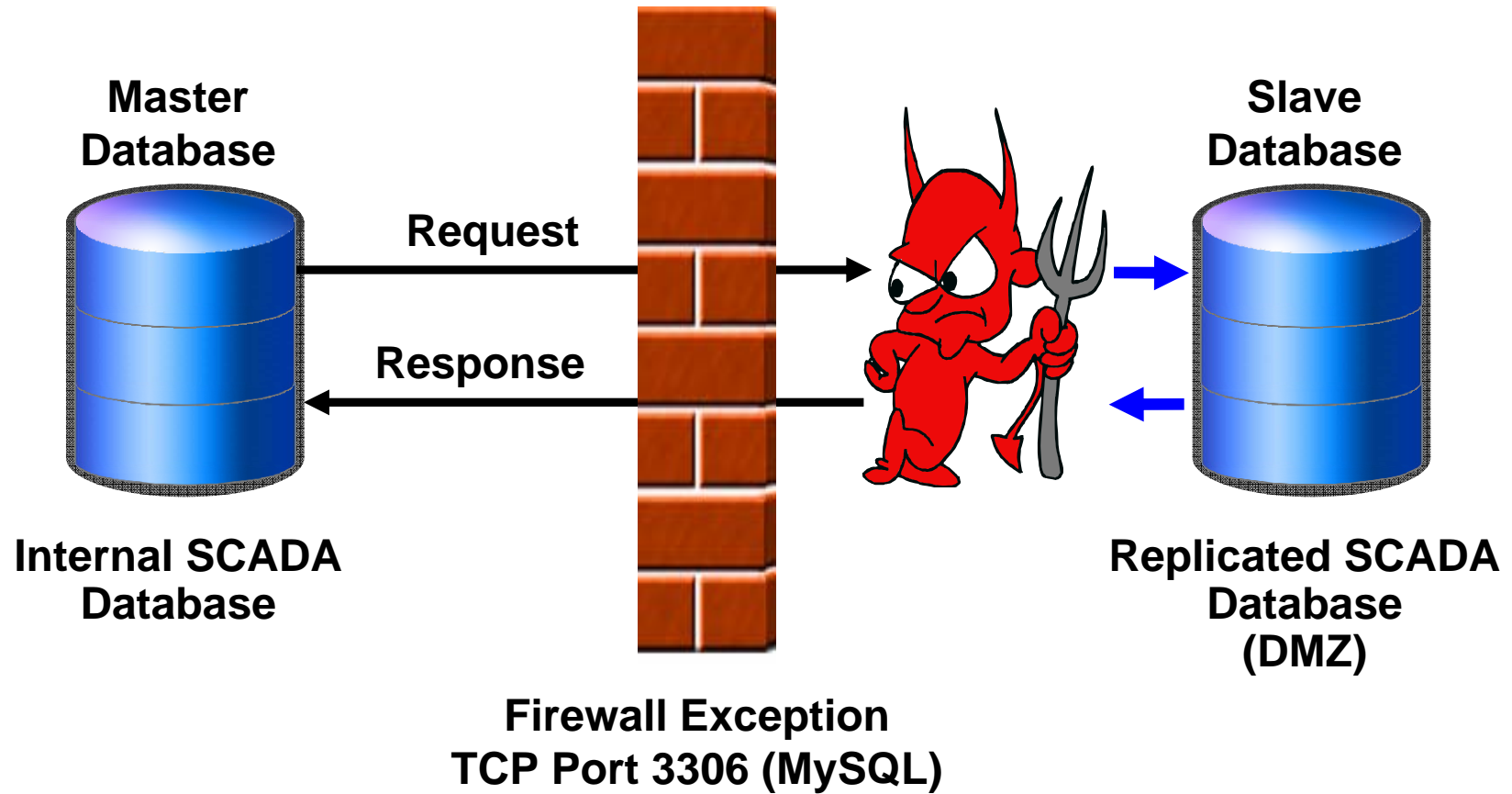
# Segmented Firewall



# Firewall Exception – Database

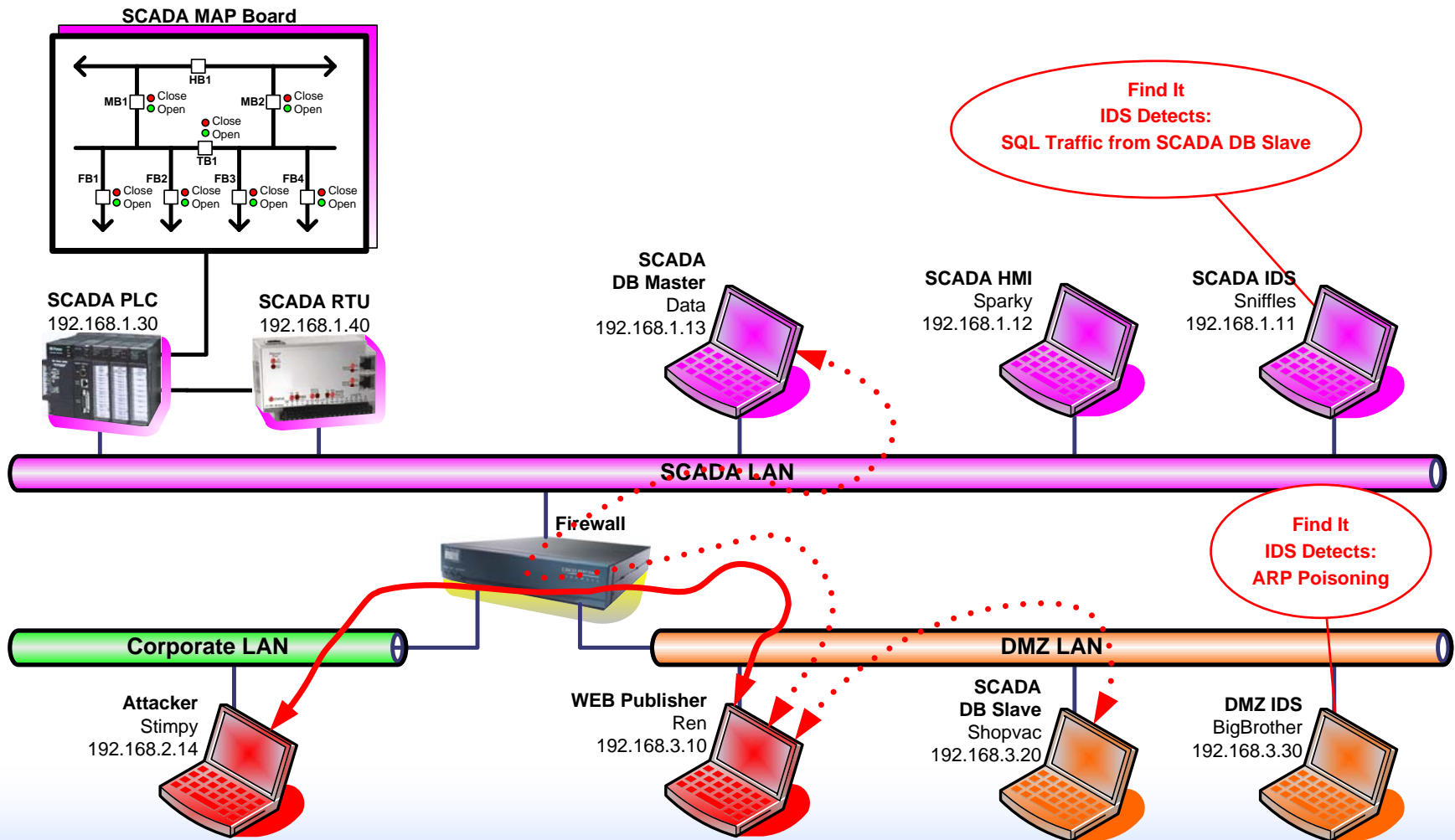


# Firewall Exception – Database



# SQL Injection

*Find It*



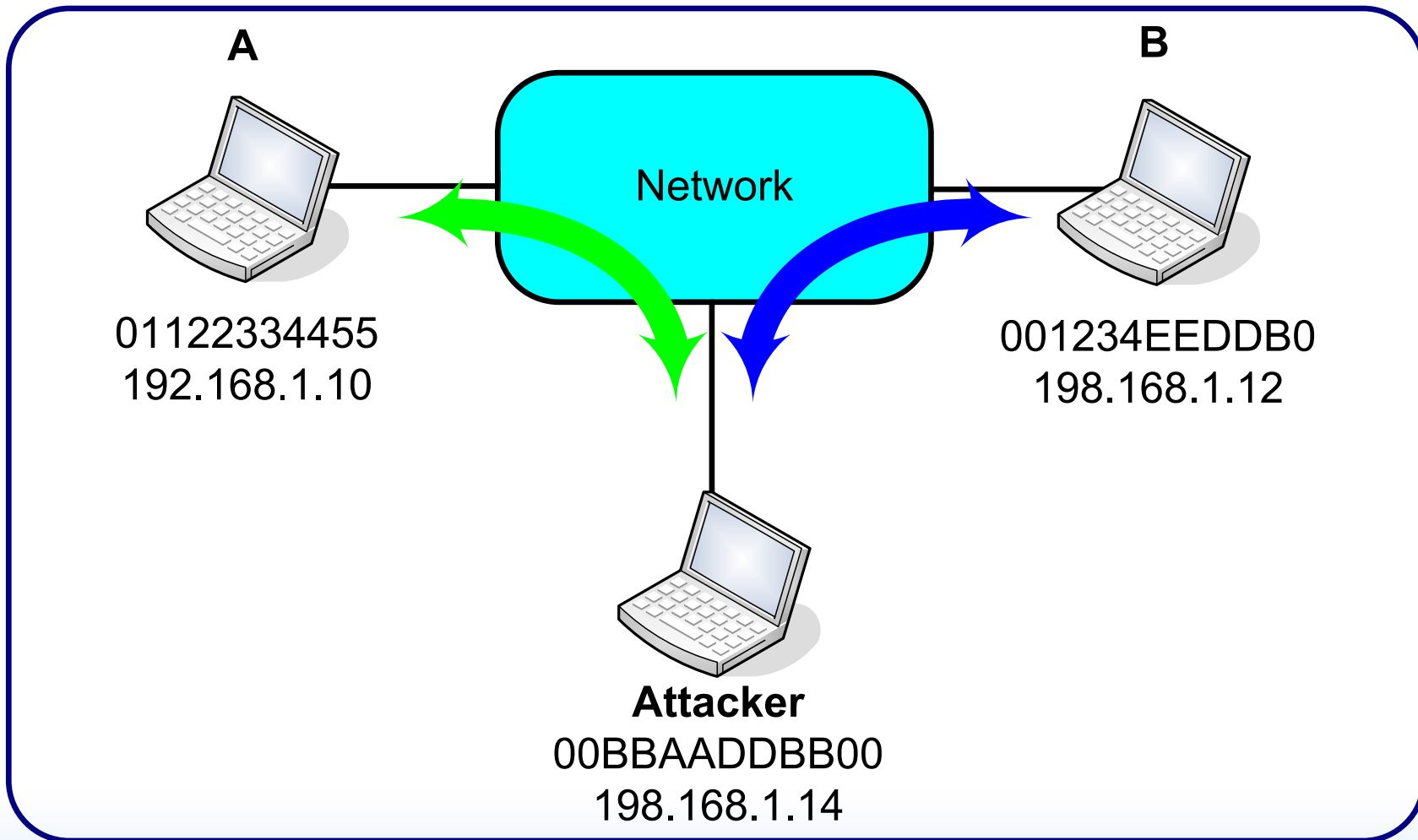
# Second Step

## *Monitor Exceptions*

- Exceptions should be closely monitored using syslog & IDS, but another weakness is spoofing or MITM
- “Arpwatch keeps track of ethernet/ip address pairings. It syslogs activity & reports certain changes via email. Arpwatch uses pcap to listen for arp packets on a local ethernet interface.” Linux man page

***This Is a Good Simple Solution for Monitoring the Network for Potential ARP MITM Attacks WITHOUT Having to Hardcode ARP Addresses***

# ARP Poisoning





# Arpwatch

- Arpwatch is typically configured to send alerts to syslog & local email. Some common configuration options include:
  - -m
    - Specify the email address of where to send alerts
  - -u
    - userid & groupid for Arpwatch (least privileges)

# Third Step

## *Prevent Data Overload*

**Swatch Perl script utility is designed to monitor system activity. In order for Swatch to be useful, it requires a configuration file which contains pattern(s) to look for & action(s) to perform when each pattern is found.**

***Swatch Is Extremely Useful for Harvesting Important Information from Log Files As New Data Is Entered by Applications Such As Snort & Arpwatch.***

***Swatch Can Also Be Used to Create Application Log Intrusion Detection***

# Swatch

```
*** swatch version 3.1 (pid:7619) started at Tue Feb 21 08:07:13 MST 2006

Tue Feb 21 08:32:07 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**]
Tue Feb 21 08:33:47 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 26 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:34:56 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 352 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:38:24 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 28 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:39:53 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 32 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:40:51 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000000:1] Not HMI talking to PLC [**]
Tue Feb 21 08:40:54 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 451 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:42:08 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000003:1] Not slave db talking to master [**] (seen 92 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:42:23 MST 2006
[**] [112:4:1] (spp_arp spoof) Attempted ARP cache overwrite attack [**]
Tue Feb 21 08:42:40 MST 2006
[**] [1:1000000:1] Not HMI talking to PLC [**] (seen 146 times)
Tue Feb 21 08:43:20 MST 2006
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**Swatch is easily configured to monitor multiple data sources in real-time.**

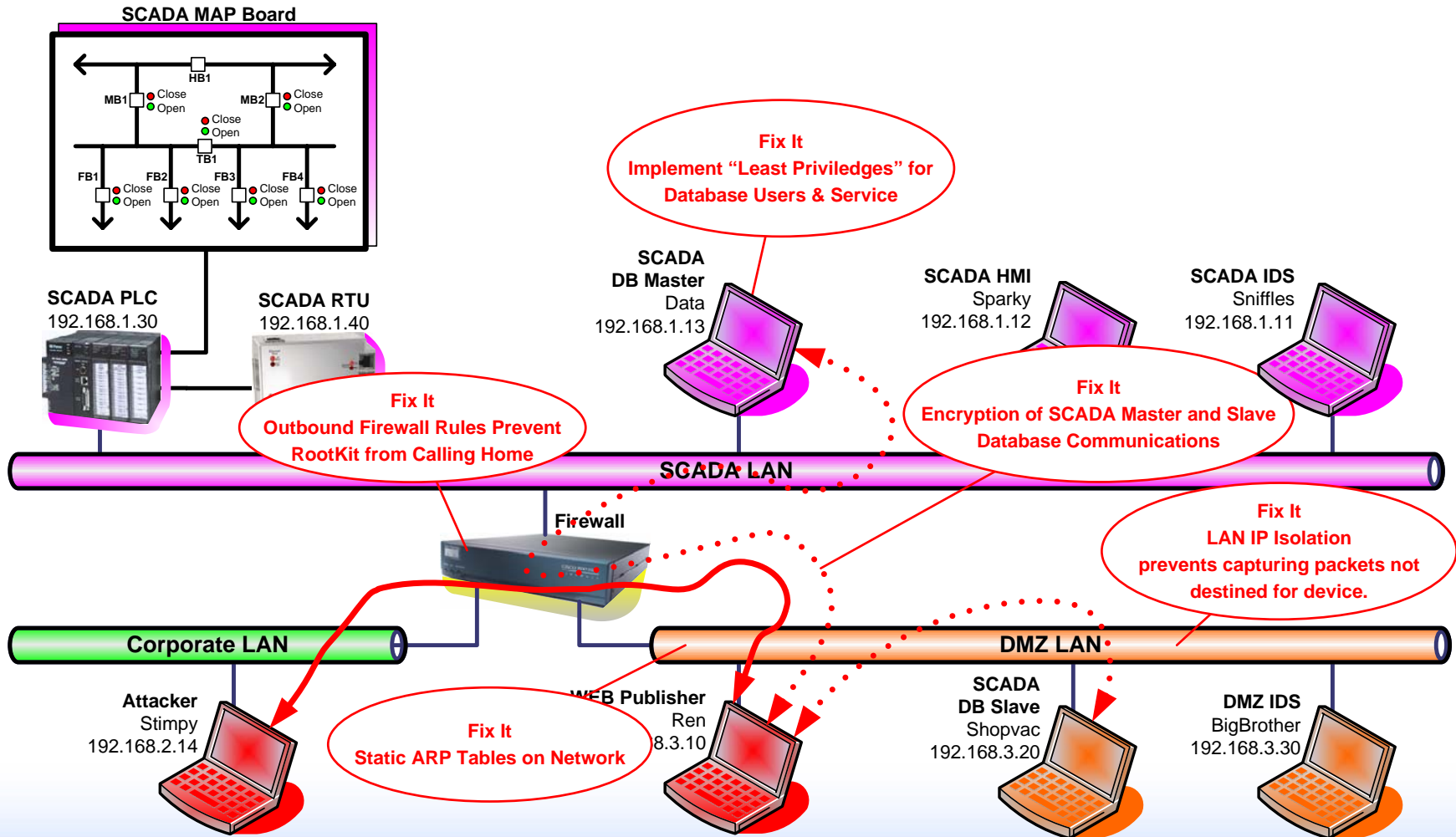
- c Specify the configuration file to use**
- t Specify the log file to monitor**

**Swatch uses simple regular expressions to monitor lines of text as they are added to log files.**



# SQL Injection

**Fix It**



# SQL Injection

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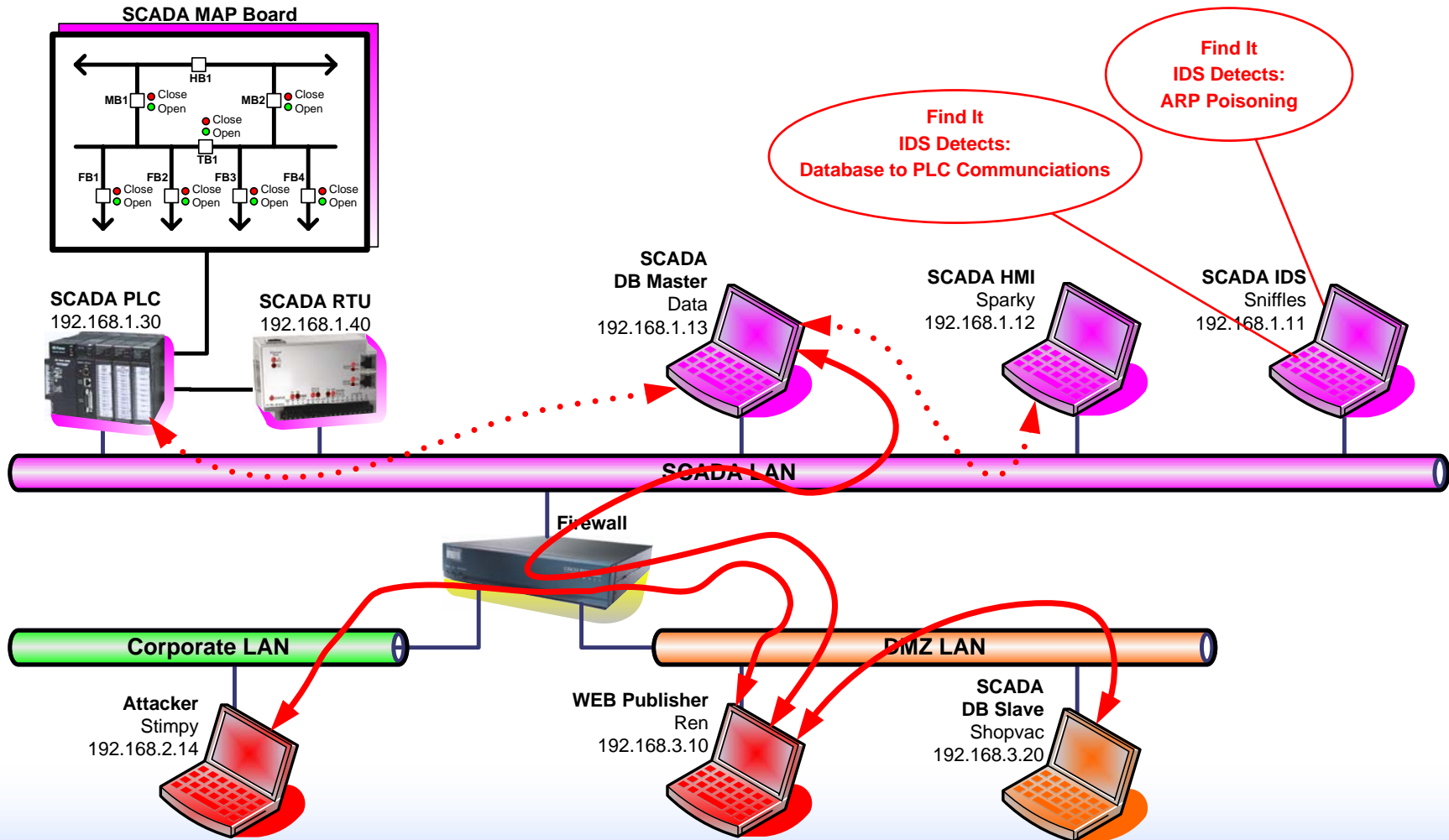


# First Step – Identify Reality

- Using the tools and skills developed thus far, discover the process and protocols currently in use
- Develop a “reality diagram” of the control system network

# Unauthorized Control

*Find It*



# Second Step – Monitor Communications

“Snort is an open source network intrusion prevention system (IPS) capable of performing real-time traffic analysis and packet-logging on IP networks. It can perform protocol analysis, content searching & matching and can be used to detect a variety of attacks and probes, such as buffer overflows, stealth port scans, CGI attacks, SMB probes, OS fingerprinting attempts and more.

Snort uses a flexible rules language to describe traffic that it should collect or pass, as well as a detection engine that uses a modular plug-in architecture. Snort has a real-time alerting capability as well, incorporating alerting mechanisms for syslog, a user-specified file, a UNIX socket, or WinPopup messages to Windows clients using Samba's smbclient. Snort has three primary uses. It can be used as a straight packet sniffer like tcpdump, a packet logger (useful for network traffic debugging and so), or as a full-blown network intrusion prevention system.”

[www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com)

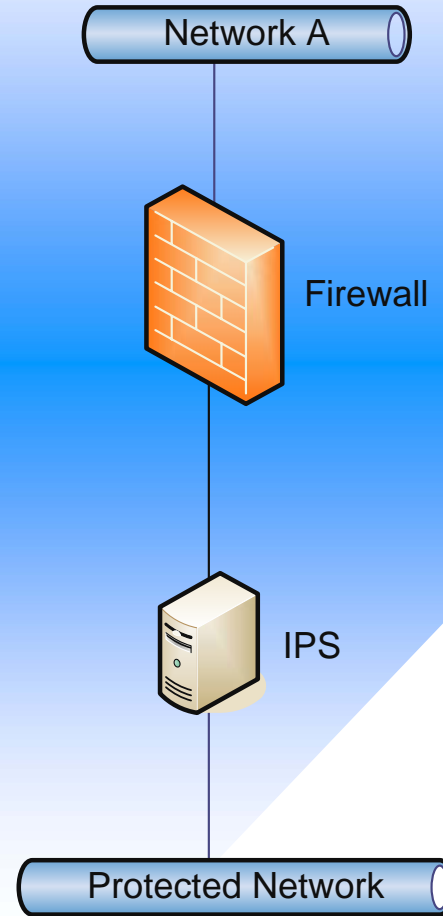
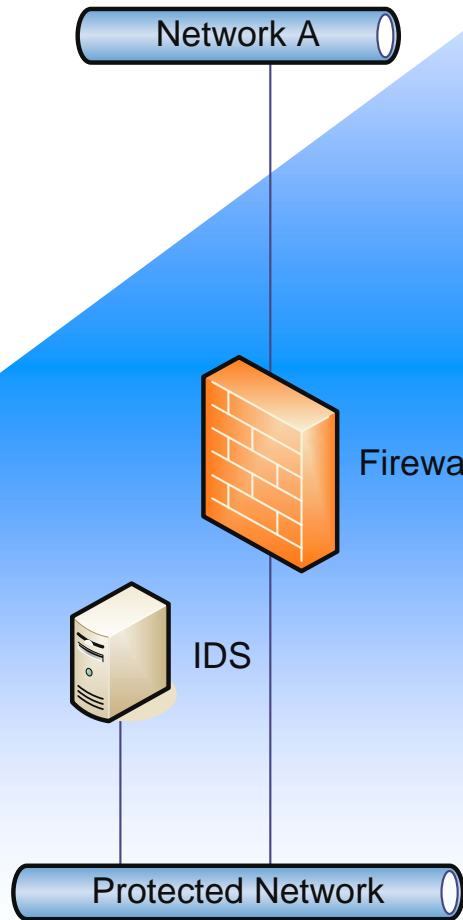
***Network Intrusion Detection Is a Great Way of Monitoring What Communication You KNOW Should Be ALLOWED on Your Network.***



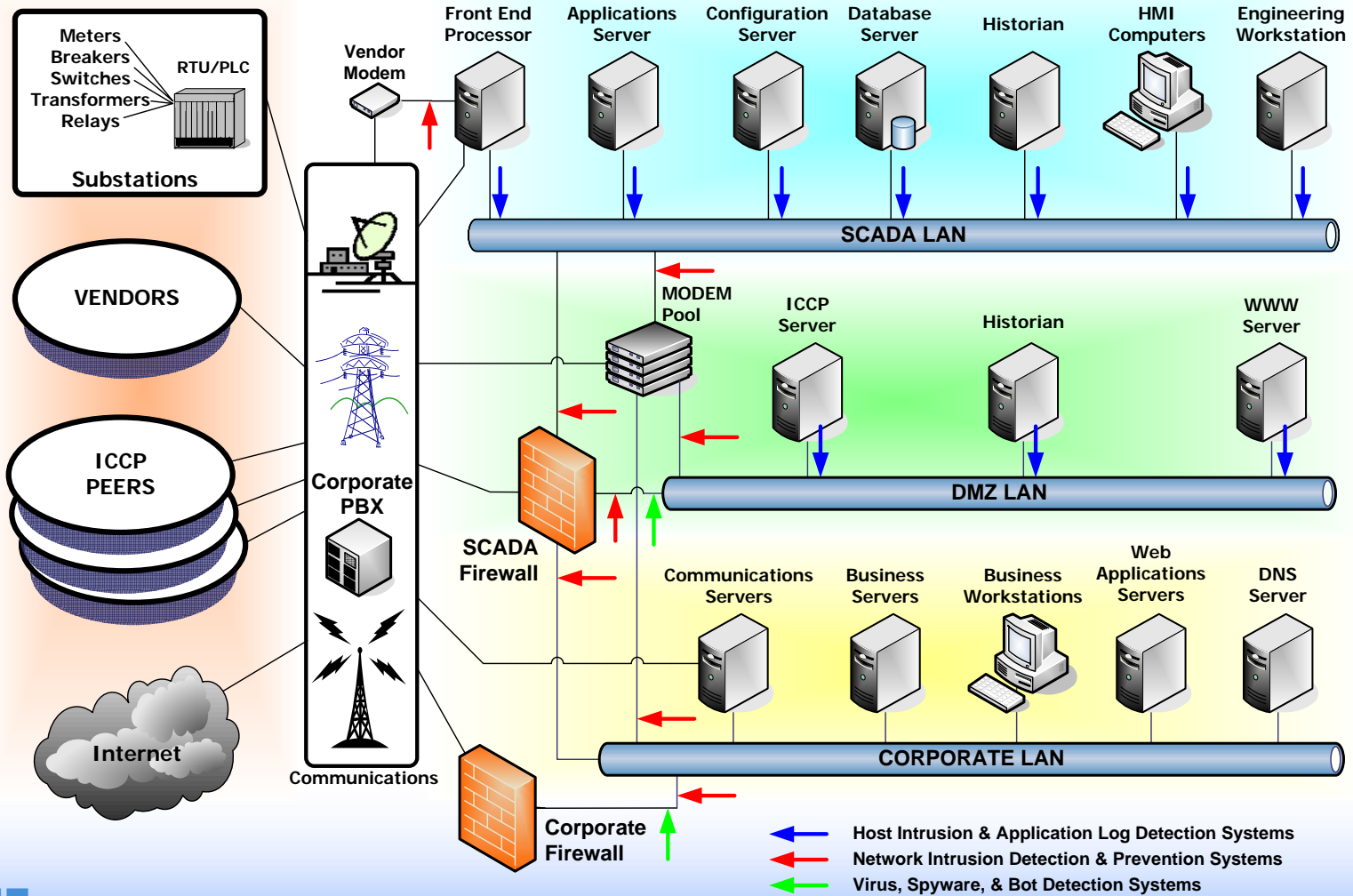
# Snort Rule Expectations

- **What they can do for you**
  - Tell you what it knows about, specific information
  - Tell you there might be a problem
  - Tell you that you are being picked on
- **What they can't do**
  - Tell you if the system was exploited
  - Tell you what happened on the system console
  - Do analysis

# IDS vs. IPS Placement



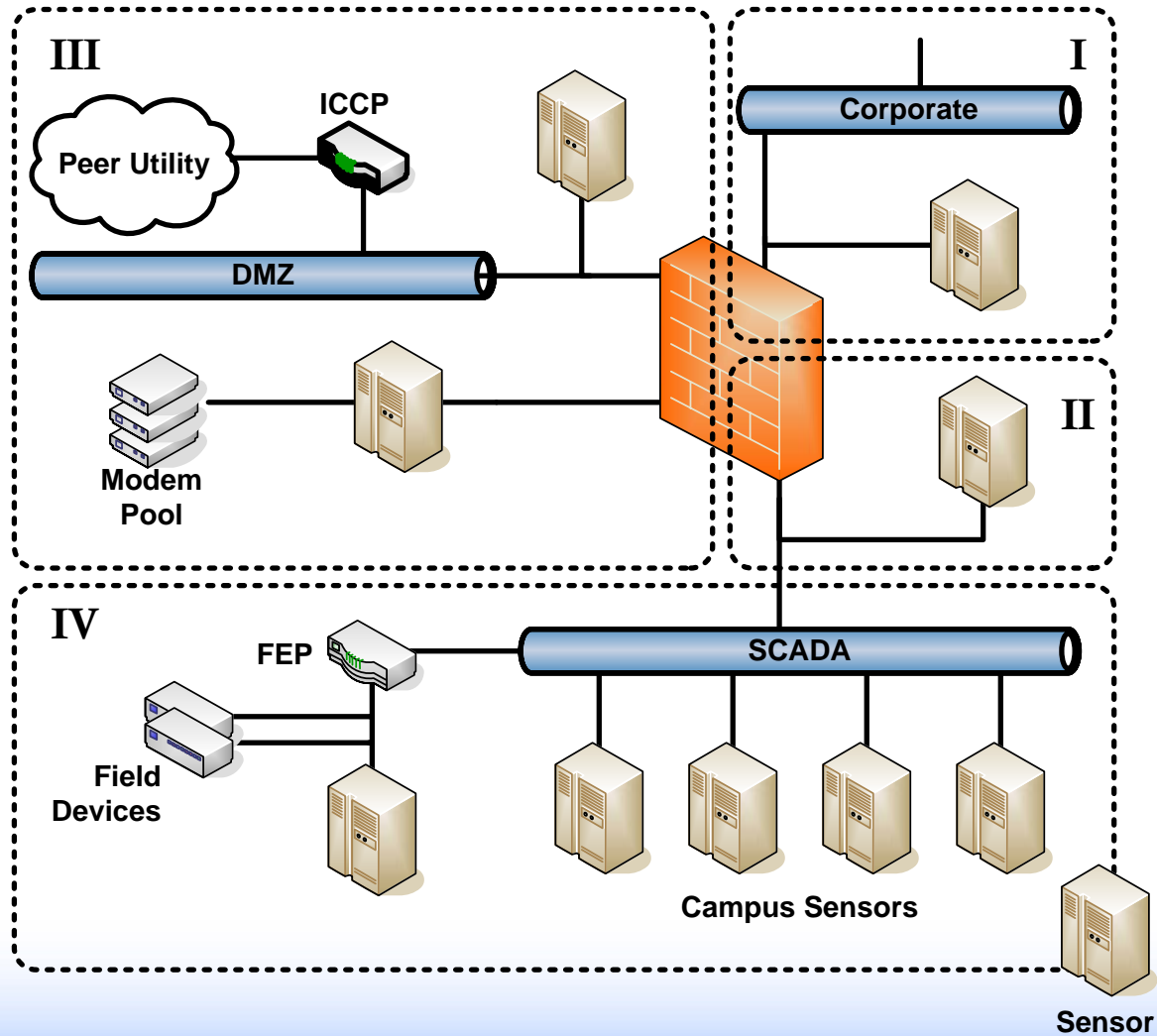
# IDS Placement Overview



# IDS Rules

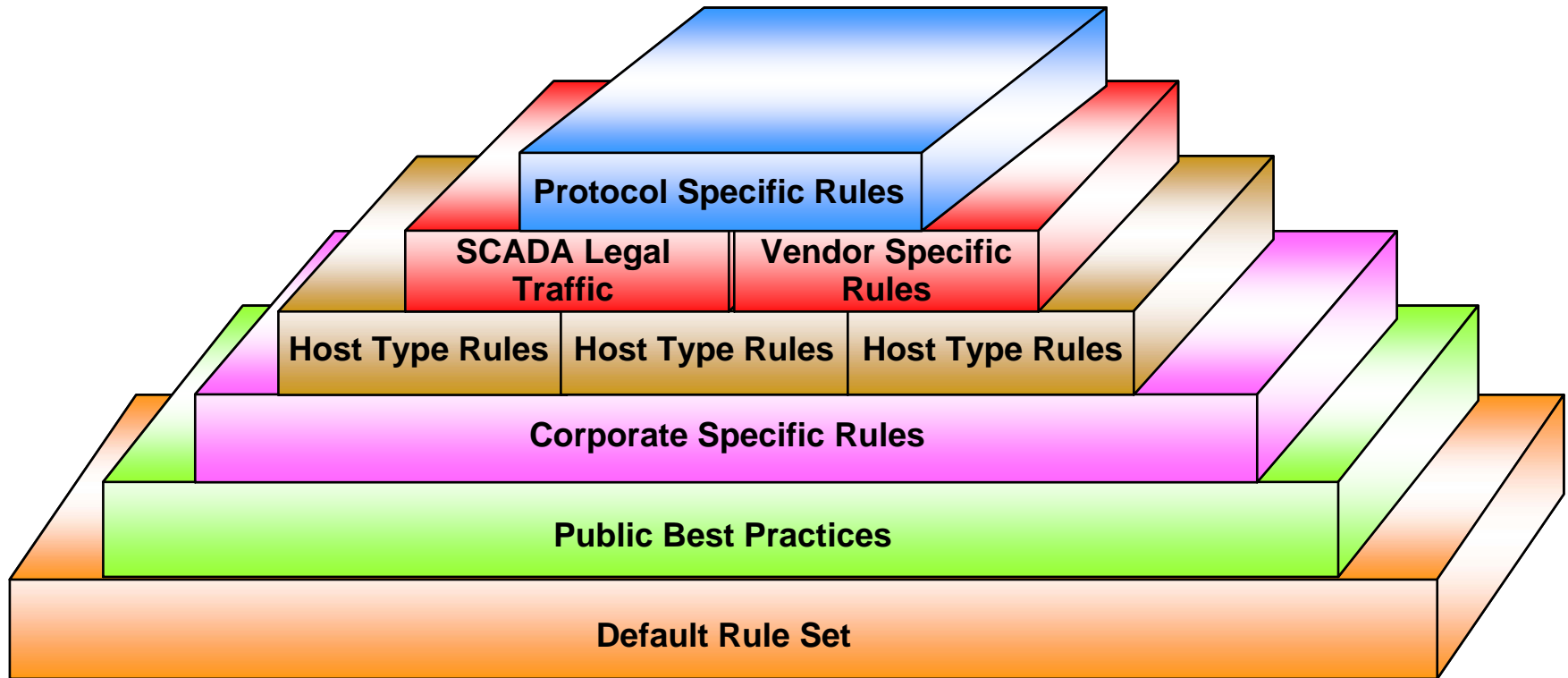
- **Actions taken:**
  - **None (PASS),**
  - **Notification (LOG),**
  - **Alerting (ALERT)**
- **Writing rules**
- **Data collection**
- **Monitoring IDS's**

# Rule Strategy





# Rule Strategy



***SCADA Rule Set Should Build Upon Existing Rules***

# Snort Preprocessors

- **Modular plugins that extend Snort functionality**
- **Process packets after decoding & before the detection engine**
  - **Allows preprocessor to add additional/modify information useful to the detection engine**
- **Preprocessors can also generate alerts**

# Snort Intrusion Detection

- **Snort has a main configuration file named snort.conf**
- **This file should be extensively modified to meet the needs of the enclave in which your Snort sensor is deployed.**
- **Key configuration options to look for:**
  - **Pre-processing Options**
  - **Snort Rules**
  - **Output processing options**

# Snort Rule Details

- Two main components in Snort rules
- Rule Header
  - Action, Protocol, IP Address, Port Number, direction, IP Address, Port Number
  - alert tcp 10.1.1.1 any -> 10.1.1.3 80
- Rule Options
  - content, messages, references, sid, uricontent, flow, etc
  - alert tcp 10.1.1.1 any -> 10.1.1.3 80 (msg:"cmd.exe web request"; uricontent:"cmd.exe");

# Snort Output Plugins

- Flexible system for logging & alerting Snort events
- Attached to the alert or log output chain
- Plugins on the same chain are run in series

# SCADA Application Logs

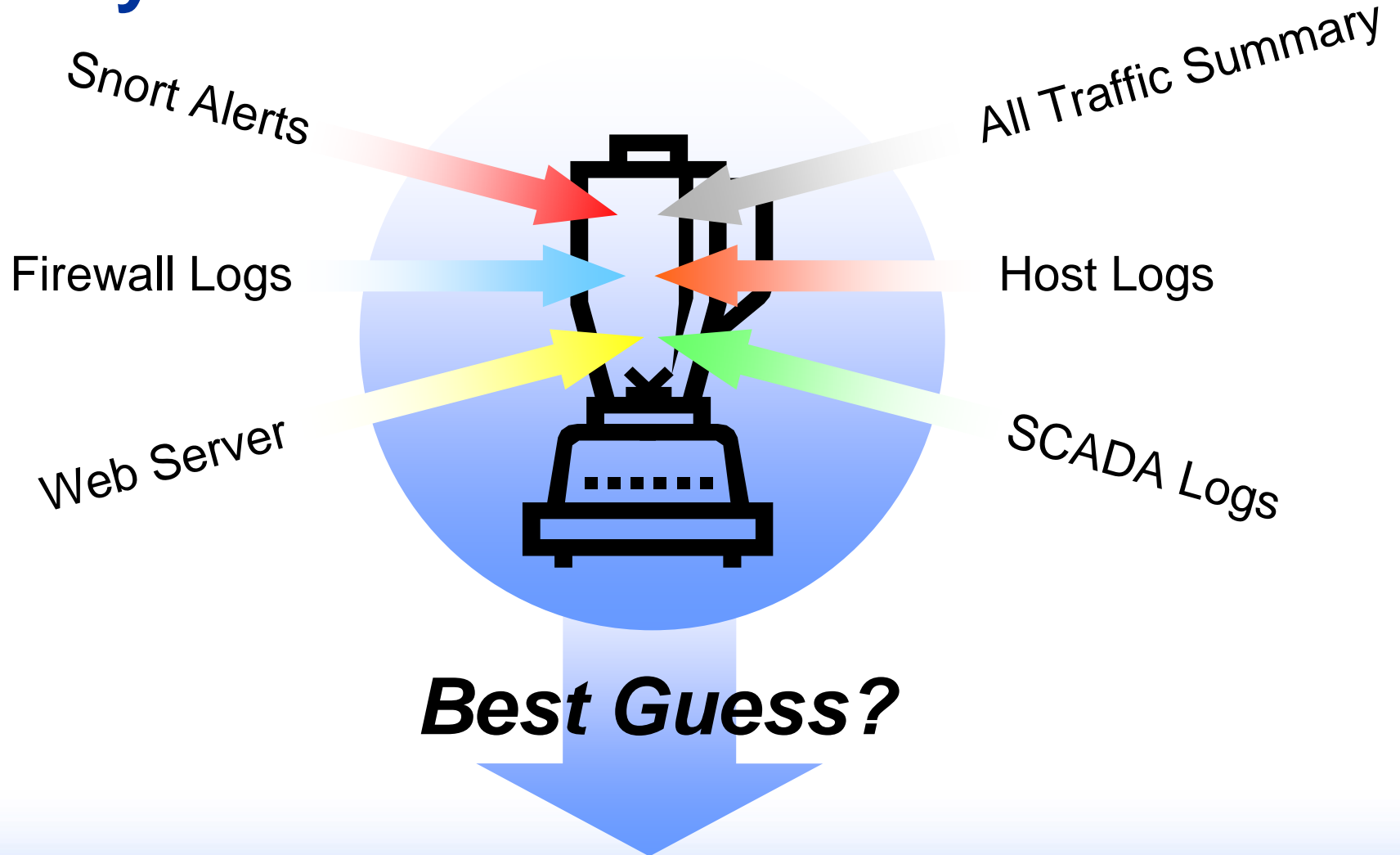
*Data Mining*



**Process Control  
Engineer**

**Security Analyst**

# Many Data Sources



# Log Correlation

- **Applications logs**
  - **Access: who, when, where**
  - **Events: what, when, where**
  - **Status: states, when**
  - **Traffic: source, destination, when, volume**
- **Traditionally used by control engineers**
  - **Timing**
  - **Traffic flow**
  - **Logic**
  - **Debug**



# Log Correlation

- **Data of Security interest**
  - **Access:** **Authorized?**
  - **Event correlation:** **I saw events A & B**
  - **Status:** **Compromised?**
  - **Traffic:** **Legitimate?**
  - **Timing:** **DOS?**
  - **Traffic flow:** **Anomalies?**

# Third Step – Customize Network

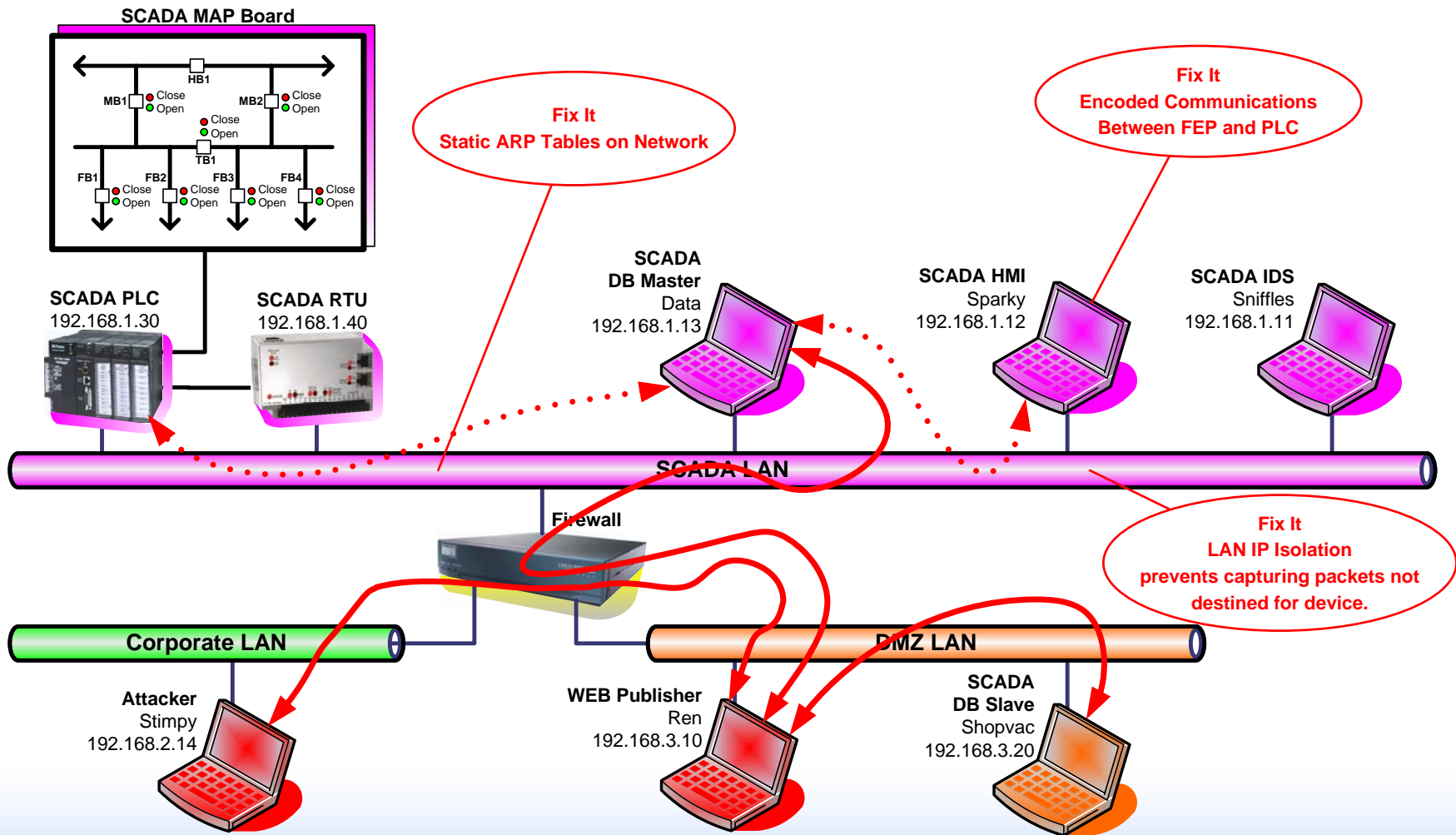
*A Good Question that Needs to Be Addressed is:*

**“Should the Implicit Outbound Rule on the Firewall Be Allowed on the SCADA Network?”**

- **Should Hosts Be Able to Access Networks Other than Their Own?**
- **Do the SCADA Hosts Need Default Gateways?**
- **If So, Are These Networks Outside the Firewall? Why?**
- **Outbound Exceptions Should Be Created Just Like Inbound Exceptions**

# Unauthorized Control

**Fix It**



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# Unauthorized Control

*Test It*

- Let's test our newly implemented mitigation techniques to see if our detection is more reliable & effective
- How do the IDS alerts compare to the original demonstration?
- Is the IDS able to detect the MITM?

# Summary

- **What was wrong?**
- **How did we find it?**
- **How did we fix it?**
- **What did we learn from it?**
- **When does it end?**
- **Q&A session**

# ***Interactive Test Discussion***

# Thank You



# Supplemental Slides

# Protocols

Process/ Application	Hypertext Transfer	File Transfer	Electronic Mail	Terminal Emulation	Domain Names	File Transfer	Client/ Server	Network Management	Application
	Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)  RFC 2068	File Transfer Protocol MIL-STD-1781  RFC 959	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) MIL-STD- 1781 RFC 2821	TELNET Protocol  MIL-STD- 1782  RFC 854	Domain Name System (DNS)  RFC 1034, 1035	Trivial File Transfer Protocol (TFTP)  RFC 783	Sun Microsystems Network File System Protocol (NFS)  RFCs 1014,1057, & 1094	Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) V1: RFC 1157 V2: RFC 1901-10 V3: RFC 2571-75	
Host-to-Host	Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) MI-STD-1788 RFC 793					User Datagram Protocol (UDP)  RFC 768			Presentation
									Session
Internet	Address Resolution ARP RFC 826 RARP RFC 903		Internet Protocol (IP) MIL-STD-1777 RFC 791			Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)  RFC 792			Transport
									Network
Network Interface	Network Interface Cards: Ethernet, Token Ring, ARCNET, MAN & WAN RFC 894, RFC 1042, RFC 1201 & others								Data Link
	Transmission Media:  Twisted Pair, Coax, Fiber Optics, Wireless Media, etc.								Physical

# Typical Attack Steps

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- **Target Identification / Selection**
- **Reconnaissance**
- **System Exploits**
- **Keeping Access**
- **Covering the Tracks**

# Target Identification / Selection

- **How visible is your company in the public?**
- **Is your company/utility desirable?**
- **How do your defenses compare to your neighbor?**

# Reconnaissance

- **Open Source Intelligence**
  - **External Web Site**
  - **Google (Internet) Searches**
  - **DNS Lookups**
- **Dumpster Diving**
- **Social Engineering**
- **War Dialing / War Driving**
- **Scanning**
- **Insider Threat**

# Reconnaissance Example

- Picking on the U.S. Government
  - SCADA at Pearl Harbor

**District Profile**  
Pearl Harbor Naval Base  
Power Monitoring SCADA System

- DYNACT Software
- Remote Telemetry Units (RTUs)
- Redundant Alpha SCADA Servers
- Ethernet LAN
- Peer-to-Peer Communications
- Sequence of Events Recording (SER) Record
- Fiberoptic
- DNP3 Protocol
- Operator Consoles With Dual 21" CRTs

# System Exploits

- **Viruses & Worms**
- **Email**
- **Hostile Web Pages**
- **Direct Attacks**



# Keeping Access

- **Attacker may/may not care**
- **Account creation**
- **Password cracking**
- **Backdoors / Trojan Horses**
- **Rootkits**

# Covering the Tracks

- **Physical damage**
- **Hiding files**
- **Log file modification / deletion**
- **Covert channels (loki, ncovert)**

# TCP/IP Packet Headers

***The Following Packet Header Slides  
Are Available on the Web From:  
[www.Securitywizardry.Com/Protpackets.Htm](http://www.Securitywizardry.Com/Protpackets.Htm)***

# IP Header



**Format of the Type of Service Field:**

Bits 0-2: Precedence  
 111 = Normal Control  
 110 = Internetwork Control  
 101 = CRITIC/ECP  
 100 = Flash Override  
 011 = Flash  
 010 = Immediate  
 001 = Priority  
 000 = Routine

Bit 3: Delay  
 0 = normal delay  
 1 = low delay  
 Bit 4: Throughput  
 0 = normal throughput  
 1 = high throughput  
 Bit 5: Reliability  
 0 = normal reliability  
 1 = high reliability  
 Bit 6-7: Reserved

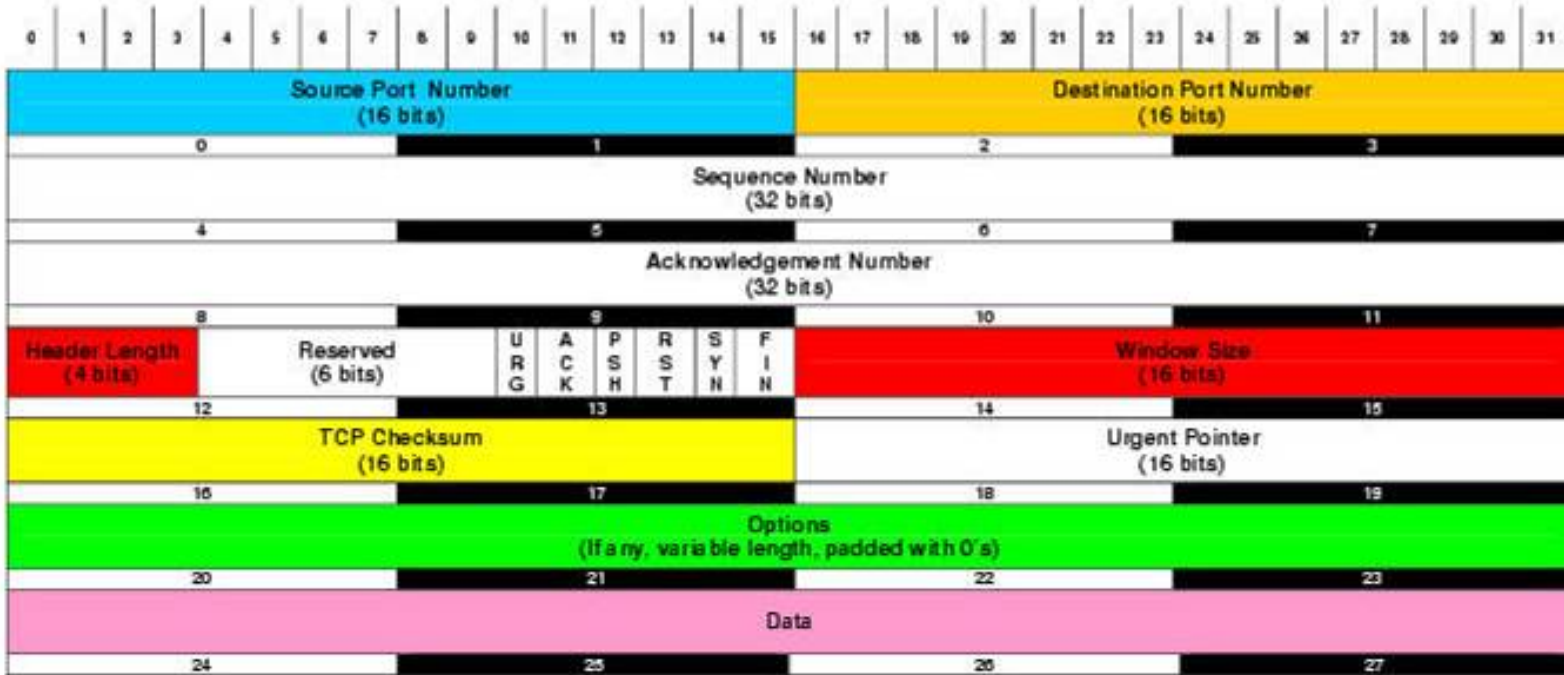
**Flags:**

R: Bit 0 is reserved and must be zero  
 DF: Bit 1: Don't fragment bit:  
 0 May fragment  
 1 Don't fragment  
 MF: Bit 2: More fragments bit:  
 0 Last fragment  
 1 More fragments

**Type of Service Field**

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Precedence			Delay	Throughput	Reliability	Reserved	

# TCP Header



**Example TCP Applications**

- TELNET
- FTP
- SMTP
- HTTP

# UDP Header



## Common UDP Well-Known Server Ports

Port	Description
7	Echo
19	Chargen
37	Time
53	Domain
67	Bootps (DHCP)
68	Bootpc (DHCP)
69	Tftp
137	Netbios-ns

Port	Description
138	Netbios-dgm
161	Snmp
162	Snmp-trap
500	Isakmp
514	Syslog
520	Rip
33434	Traceroute

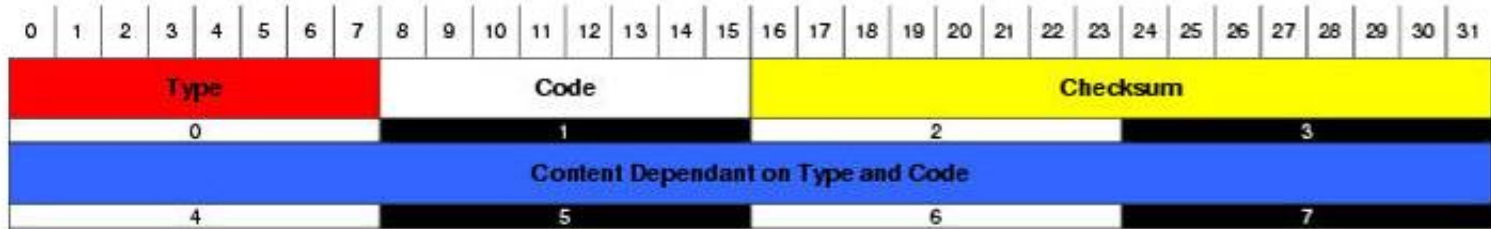
### Length

The number of bytes in the entire datagram, including the header; minimum value = 8

### Checksum

Covers pseudo-header and entire UDP datagram

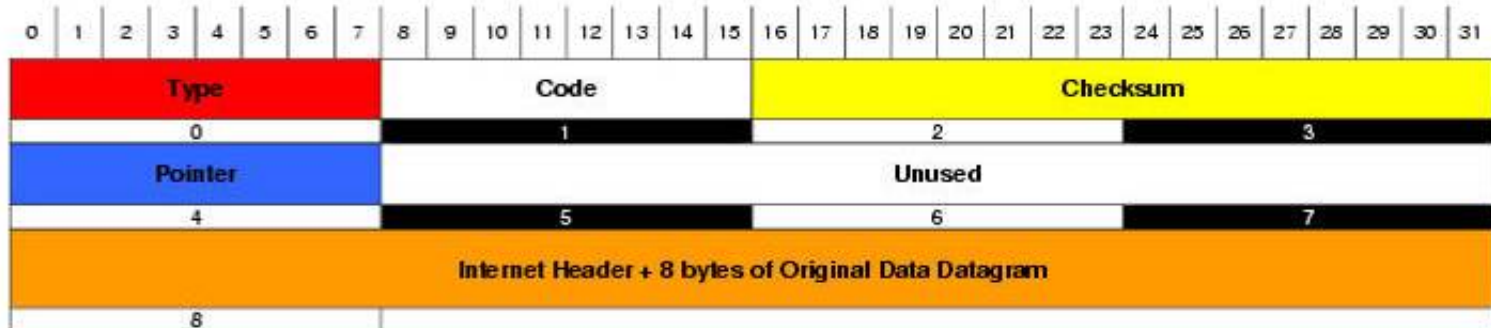
# ICMP Message Format



Type	Code	Meaning
0	0	Echo Reply
3	0	Net Unreachable
	1	Host Unreachable
	2	Protocol Unreachable
	3	Port Unreachable
	4	Frag needed and DF set
	5	Source route failed
	6	Dest network unknown
	7	Dest host unknown
	8	Source host isolated
	9	Network admin prohibited
	10	Host admin prohibited
	11	Network unreachable for TOS
	12	Host unreachable for TOS
	13	Communication admin prohibited
4	0	Source Quench (Slow down/Shut up)

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8	0	Echo
9	0	Router advertisement
10	0	Router selection
11	0	Time To Live exceeded in transit
	1	Fragment reassemble time exceeded
12	0	Pointer indicates the error (Parameter Problem)
	1	Missing a required option (Parameter Problem)
	2	Bad length (Parameter Problem)
13	0	Time Stamp
14	0	Time Stamp Reply
15	0	Information Request
16	0	Information Reply
17	0	Address Mask Request
18	0	Address Mask Reply
30	0	Trace route (Tracer)

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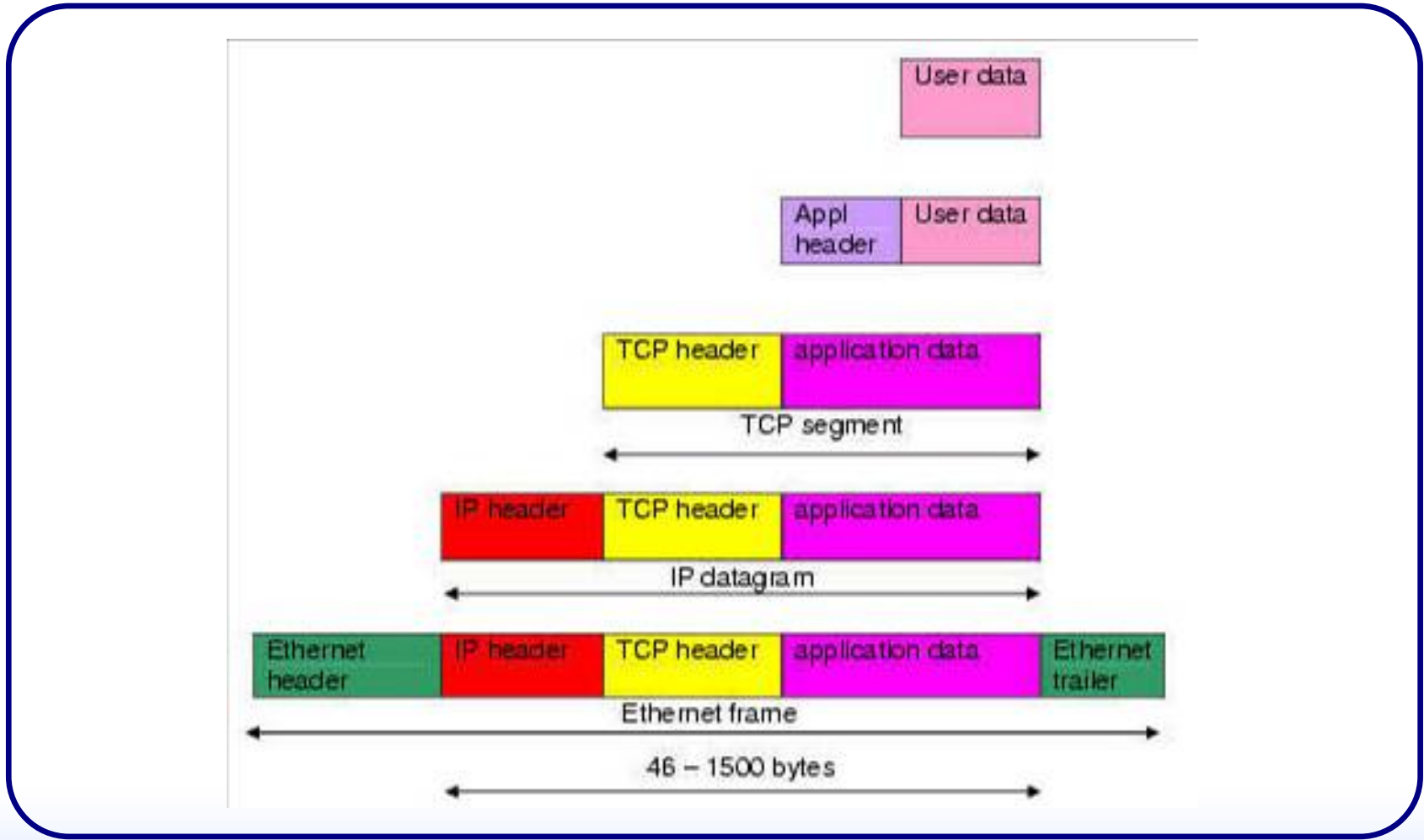


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# Encapsulation of Data



# ARP



### ARP Parameters for Ethernet and IPv4

<b>Hardware Address Type</b>	
1	Ethernet
6	IEEE 802 LAN
<b>Protocol Address Type</b>	
2048	IPv4 (0x0800)
<b>Hardware Address Length</b>	
6	for Ethernet / IEEE 802

<b>Protocol Address Length</b>	
4	For IPv4
<b>Operation</b>	
1	Request
2	Reply

# DNS



## DNS Parameters

### Query / Response

- 0 Query
- 1 Response

### Opcode

- 0 Standard Query (QUERY)
- 1 Inverse Query (IQUERY)
- 2 Server Status Request (STATUS)

- AA 1 = Authoritative Answer
- TC 1 = TrunCation
- RD 1 = Recursion Desired
- RA 1 = Recursion Available
- Z Reserved; set to 0 (The DNS Evil bit)

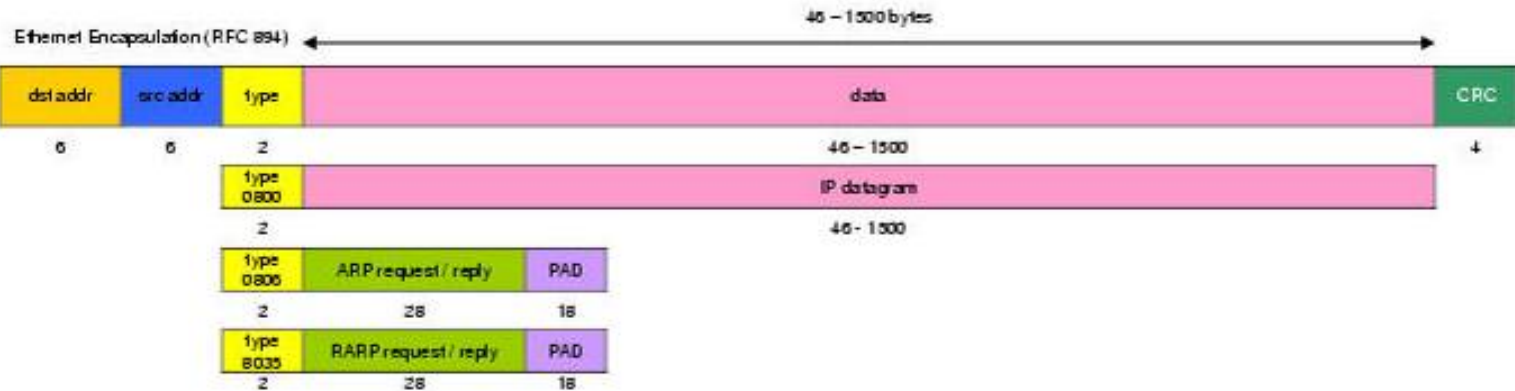
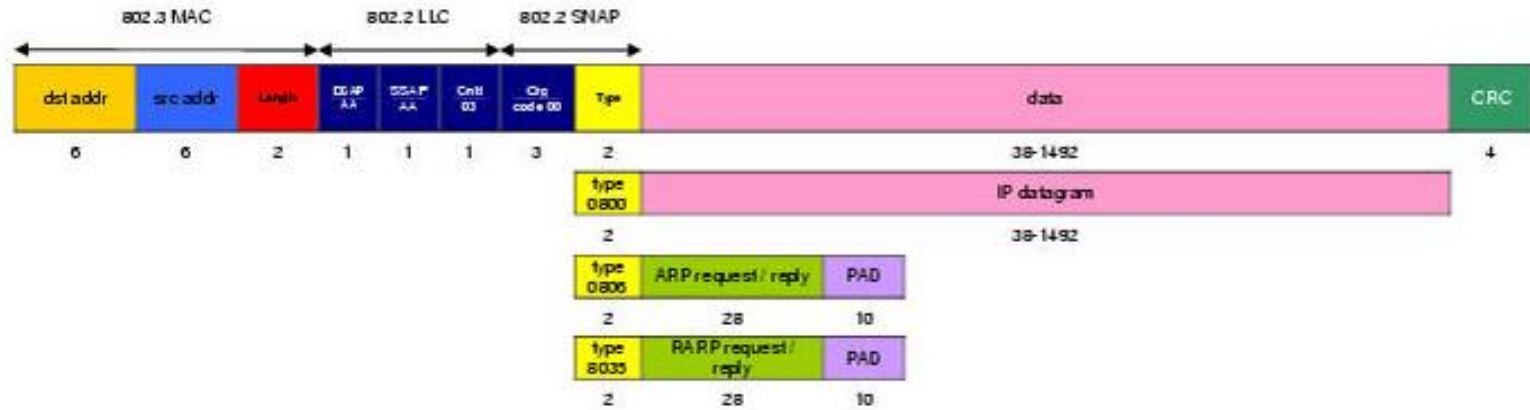
### Response Code

- 0 No error
- 1 Format error
- 2 Server failure
- 3 Non-existent domain (NXDOMAIN)
- 4 Query type not implemented
- 5 Query refused

- QDCOUNT No. of entries in the Question Section
- ANCOUNT No. of resource records in Answer Section
- NSCOUNT No. of name server resource records in Authority Section
- ARCOUNT No. of resource records in Additional Information Section.

# Link Layer Headers

## IEEE 802.2 / 802.3 Encapsulation (RFC 1042)



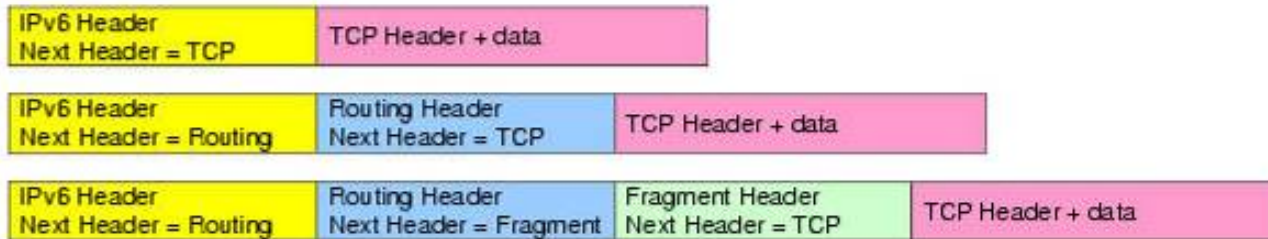
# IPv6 Header



Note: the standard IPv6 is 40 bytes long as opposed to 20 bytes for a v4 header (without options) also the v6 header is a lot simpler than is older brother and thus easier to understand. There are however, IPv6 extension headers that fit between the IPv6 header and next header, these include routing headers and fragment headers.

# IPv6 Extension Headers

*(RFC2460 IPv6 Spec) An IPv6 Packet Can Carry As Many Extension Headers As It Needs (Obviously within Reason)*



## Extension Header Order

The extension headers are not checked until the destination is identified. The following order is recommended in RFC 2460 and that they feature no more than once except for the destination options which can occur at most twice (once before a Routing header and once before the upper-layer header):

IPv6 header, Hop-by-Hop Options header, Destination Options header (note 1), Routing header, Fragment header

then  
Authentication header (note 2), Encapsulating Security Payload header (note 2), Destination Options header (note 3) and then upper-layer header

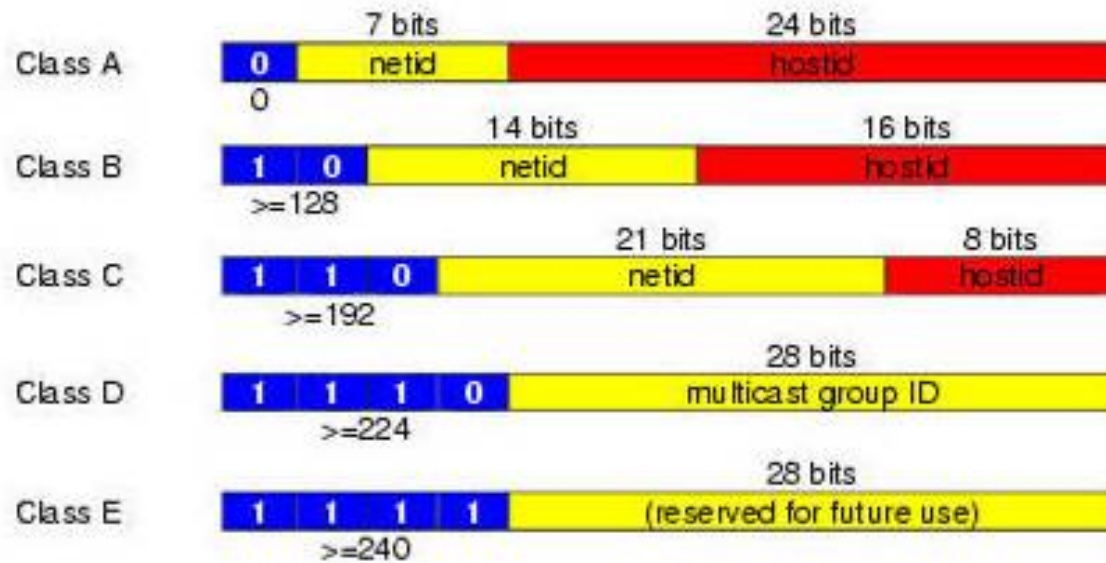
**note 1:** for options to be processed by the first destination that appears in the IPv6 Destination Address field plus subsequent destinations listed in the Routing header.

**note 2:** additional recommendations regarding the relative order of the Authentication and Encapsulating Security Payload headers are given in [RFC-2406](#).

**note 3:** for options to be processed only by the final destination of the packet.



# Network Classes



Class	Range
A	0.0.0.0 to 127.255.255.255
B	128.0.0.0 to 191.255.255.255
C	192.0.0.0 to 223.255.255.255
D	224.0.0.0 to 239.255.255.255
E	240.0.0.0 to 255.255.255.255





# Snort Rules Overview



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# Snort Rule Expectations



- **What they can do for you**
  - Tell you what it knows about, specific information
  - Tell you there might be a problem
  - Tell you that you are being picked on
- **What they can't do**
  - Tell you if the system was exploited
  - Tell you what happened on the system console
  - Do analysis

# Config Files: Snort Configuration File



- Defines common variables
- Defines System settings
  - Defines Runtime configuration options
  - Specifies Rules file to be included

# Config File: Common Variables



- **var: <variable name> <value>**
  - HOME\_NET, EXTERNAL\_NET, SMTP\_SERVER, etc
- **IP Lists**
  - var HOME\_NET [10.1.2.0/24,192.168.0.0/24]
  - var DNS\_SERVER 10.1.1.1
- **PORTS**
  - Single port number
    - var HTTP\_PORT 80
  - Range of port number
    - var COMMON\_SERVICES 20:1024
    - var HIGH\_PORTS 3000:
    - var LOW\_PORTS :1025
  - Snort currently does not support port lists

# Config File: System Settings



- Runtime configuration options
  - config order: alert pass log custom
  - config bpf\_file: filename
- Specify rule files to be included
  - include \$RULE\_PATH/local.rules

# Rule Details



- Two main components in Snort rules
- Rule Header
  - Action, Protocol, IP Address, Port Number, direction, IP Address, Port Number
  - alert tcp 10.1.1.1 any -> 10.1.1.3 80
- Rule Options
  - content, messages, references, sid, uricontent, flow, etc
  - alert tcp 10.1.1.1 any -> 10.1.1.3 80 (msg:"cmd.exe web request"; uricontent:"cmd.exe");

# Rule Headers



```
alert udp $EXTERNAL_NET any -> $HOME_NET 135
```

- Rule Actions
  - alert, log, pass, activate, dynamic, custom rule type
  - Active & dynamic are being deprecated in favor of tagging
- Protocols
  - IP, TCP, UDP, ICMP
- IP Address
  - \$HOME\_NET, \$EXTERNAL\_NET, 10.10.10.1/32, any
- Port Numbers
  - \$HTTP\_PORT, any, 6001:6666, 8080
- Direction Operator -> <- <>
- Absolute Minimum for a rule

# Common Rule Options



- **Four Categories of Rule Options:**
  - **Meta-Data**
    - Information about the rule that has no effect on detection
  - **Payload**
    - Look for specified data in the packet payload
  - **Non-Payload**
    - Look for specified data in headers of packet
  - **Post Detection**
    - How subsequent packets are handled after the rule has been triggered



# Meta Data Options



- **Message to Print Out When Rule Triggers**
  - msg:”cmd.exe attempt”;
- **Reference Information**
  - ref: <id system>, <id>
  - List of available id systems is located in the reference.conf file
  - May add your own reference information
  - References are important!!!!
- **Revision Information**
  - rev:<number>;

# Meta Data Options (cont.)



- **Snort Identification Number**
  - **sid:<number>**
  - **<100 reserved for future use**
  - **100-1,000,000 rules included in Snort distribution**
  - **>1,000,000 local custom rules**
  - **sid is also used for thresholding & suppression**

# Meta Data Options (cont.)



- **Classtype categorizes rules into attack classtypes**
  - **classtype: <classification>;**
  - **Listing of default class types & priorities can be found in the classification.conf file**
- **Priority used to change default priority of classification type for a specific rule**
  - **priority:<number>;**

# Payload Options

- **Content**
- **Uricontent**
- **PCRE - Perl Compatible Regular Expressions**

# Payload Options – Content

- **Content** – searches for specified data within the packet payload
  - Can be specified as ascii or hex
  - Multiple contents in one rule are searched for in the order they appear in the rule
  - `content:"cmd.exe"; content:"|00 00 00 FA 00|";`

# Payload Options – Content Modifiers

- Content modifiers must be listed after the content they are to modify.
  - nocase – don't pay attention to case of content
    - content:"cmd.exe"; nocase;
  - rawbytes – ignores any decoding previously done & compares against the raw bytes of the packet
    - content:"|00 00 00 FA 00|"; rawbytes;
  - depth – tells the engine how deep into the packet to stop looking for the content, either from the beginning of the packet or from the previous content match
    - content:"cmd.exe"; depth 50;

# Payload Options – Content Modifiers (cont.)

- **Content Modifiers**
  - **within** – search for content within x number of bytes from either the beginning of packet or previous content match (flexible)
    - **content:”cmd.exe”**; within 10;
  - **offset** – search for the content only after x number of bytes from either beginning of packet or previous content match (static)
    - **content:”cmd.exe”**; offset 5;
  - **distance** - only search for next content, x number of bytes relative from previous content match
    - **content:”windows”**; **content:”cmd.exe”**; distance 1;

# Payload Options – Uricontent

- Works in conjunction with the HTTP Inspect preprocessor
- Uricontent searches normalized uri field
  - uricontent:”/etc/passwd”;
- Uses the same content modifiers as seen previously



# Payload Options – PCRE

- Perl Compatible Regular Expressions (PCRE)
  - [www.pcre.org](http://www.pcre.org)
  - Replaces regex
- pcre /regular expression/ modifiers [ismx AEG RUB]
  - Perl compatible modifiers
    - i – ignore case
    - s – include newlines as meta characters
    - m – have ^ & \$ evaluated at all newlines within the buffer
    - x – ignore white space except when escaped or inside a character class

# Payload Options – PCRE (cont.)

- **pcre /regular expression/ modifiers [ismx AEG RUB]**
  - **PCRE compatible modifiers**
    - **A** – pattern match only at start of buffer same as perl <sup>^</sup>
    - **E** – Set \$ to match only at end of subject string
    - **G** – Sets greediness of qualifiers
  - **Snort specific modifiers**
    - **R** – search relative to last pattern match
    - **U** – match decode uri content
    - **B** – don't use decoded buffers (similar to rawbytes)
- **alert tcp any any -> any any (pcre:"/BLAH/i");**
  - Looks for BLAH while ignoring the case of blah

# Non-Payload Options

- **General Information**
- **IP Specific**
- **TCP Specific**
- **ICMP Specific**
- **Other**

# Non-Payload Options – General

- **Snort is able to not only search on packet payload info but also on packet header information**
- **Fields of the IP, ICMP & TCP headers can be included in the rules**

# Non-Payload Options – IP Specific

- **fragoffset**
  - fragoffset [**<|>**] value
  - Use to compare the fragoffset value in the IP header to a decimal value. Commonly used with the more fragments options.
- **fragbits**
  - fragbits: [**+ - !**] M D R
  - Check for the more fragment bit, don't fragment bit, or the reserved bits are set

# Non-Payload Options – IP Specific

- **ip\_proto**
  - **ip\_proto: [!] value or name**
  - **This enable the rule to look for other IP protocols like IGMP**
- **TTL**
  - **ttl: value**
  - **Compares the ttl value of the IP header to a decimal value. Mostly used for traceroutes.**

# Non-Payload Options – TCP

- **Flags**
  - flags: [!|\*|+] <FSRPAU120>, <FSRPAU120>;
  - Checks the tcp flag bits
- **Sequence**
  - seq: number
  - Checks the sequence number
- **Acknowledge**
  - ack: number
  - Checks the acknowledgement number

# Non-Payload Options – TCP (cont.)

- **Flow**
  - Not associated with the flow preprocessor
  - Dependent on the stream4 preprocessor
  - Allows rules to selectively apply only to one side of the session
  - flow: [to\_server | to\_client | from\_server | from\_client | stateless | established | no\_stream | only\_stream]



# Non-Payload Options – TCP (cont.)

- **Flow Modifiers**
  - **to\_client, to\_server, from\_server, from\_client**
    - **Which side of the session to apply the rule to**
  - **established**
    - **Only evaluate rule once the stream has been fully established**
  - **stateless**
    - **Don't worry about state of stream**
  - **only\_stream**
    - **Only trigger on rebuilt streams**
  - **no\_stream**
    - **Don't trigger on streams (useful for dsize & rawbytes)**

# Non-Payload Options – ICMP

- **itype**
  - **itype: value**
  - **Compares to the ICMP type**
  - **Useful for detecting icmp based scans**
- **icode**
  - **icode: value**
  - **Compares to the ICMP code**
  - **Useful for detecting icmp based scans**
- **icmp\_id**
  - **icmp\_id: value**
  - **Compares to the ICMP id value**
  - **Useful for detecting covert channels**
- **icmp\_seq**
  - **icmp\_seq: value**
  - **Compares to the ICMP sequence number value**
  - **Useful for detecting covert channels**

# Non-Payload Data – Other

- **sameip**
  - Triggers on packets whose source IP & destination IP are the same
- **rpc**
  - Looks for rpc application, version, & procedure number in SUNRPC Call requests
  - Due to fast pattern matching actually slower than content matching.
  - rcp: <application number>, <[version|\*]>,< [procedure number|\*]>;