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U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Command – Current & Future Threats to the MTS

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The Coast Guard Provides

Maritime Safety

Saving lives and
protecting property



Maritime Security

Establishing and maintaining
a secure maritime system

Maritime Stewardship

Managing the sustainable and
effective use of waters and resources



Today's Maritime Environment

Critical Infrastructure Sectors with Marine Environment Organizations



95,000 Miles of Coastline

3.4 million Square Miles of Exclusive Economic Zone

23 Million U.S. Jobs are sustained

90% of U.S. imports enter and exports exit by ship

360 Seaports, **3,700** Marine Terminals, and **25,000** Miles of Waterways

By 2025 Worldwide demand for waterborne commerce is expected to more than double



U.S. Coast Guard Lines of Effort (LOE)

LOE 1: Defend and Operate the Enterprise Mission Platform

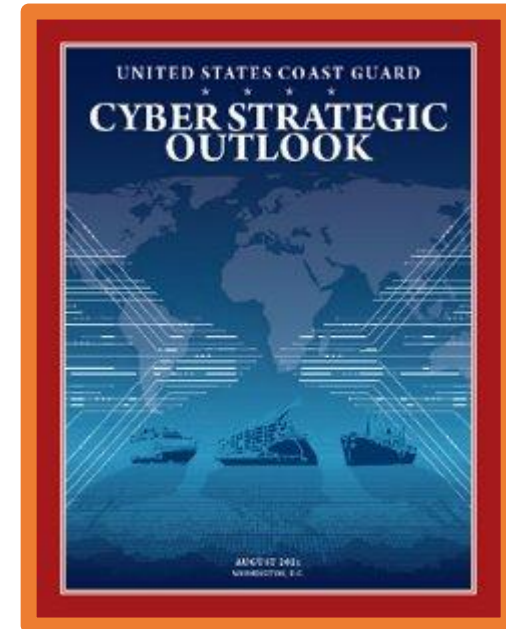
- The Coast Guard must defend and operate the U.S. Coast Guard Enterprise Mission Platform (EMP), its portion of the Department of Defense Information Network (DODIN), which includes Coast Guard technology.

LOE 2: Protect the Marine Transportation System (MTS)

- The Coast Guard must employ frameworks, standards, actionable intelligence, and best practices in prevention and response activities to identify and manage cyber risks to the MTS.

LOE 3: Operate In and Through Cyberspace

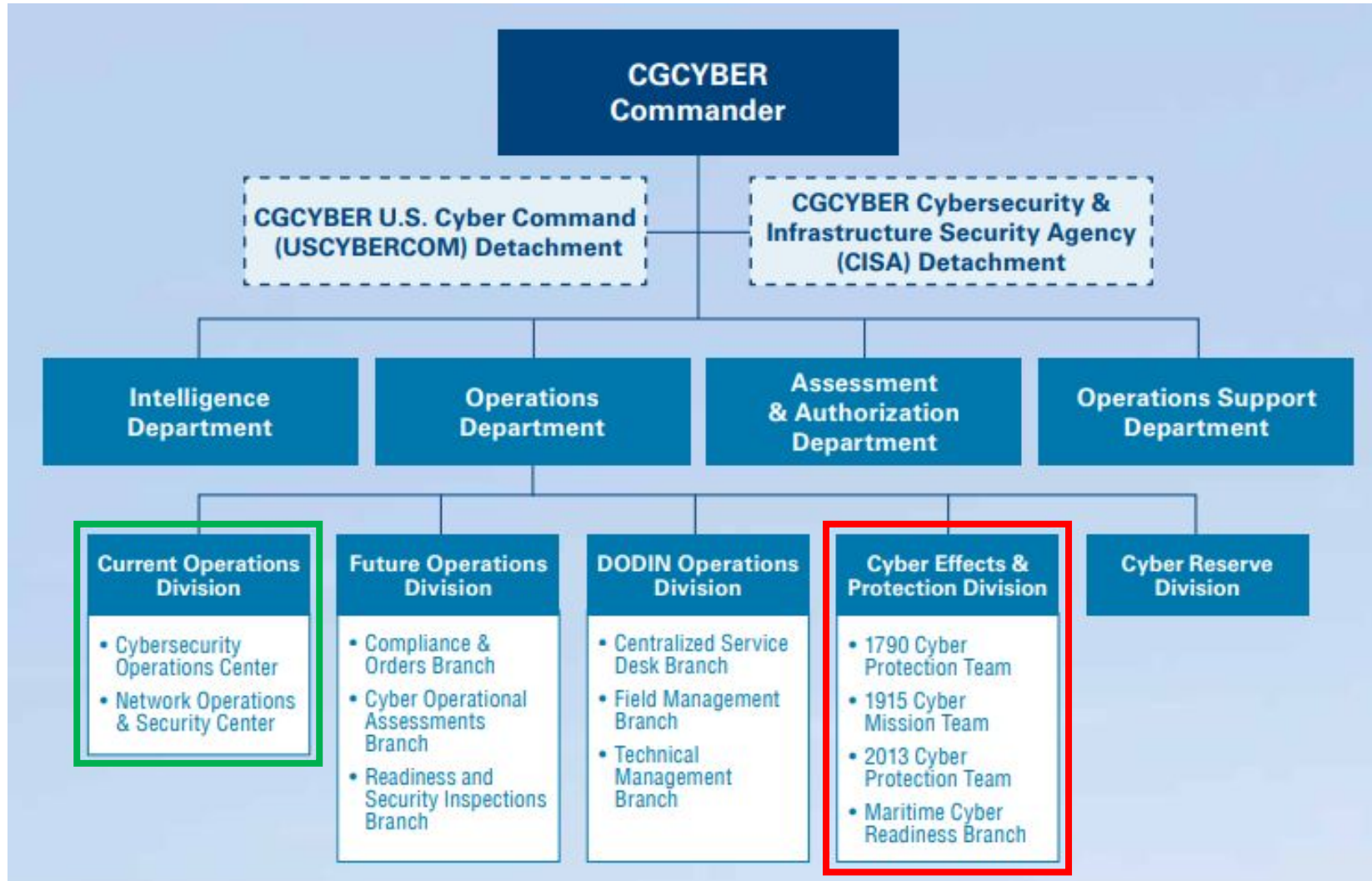
- The Coast Guard must implement cyber planning into traditional missions and execute collaboration across cyber operations that combines the Service's unique authorities, capabilities, and workforce to deliver mission success.



For more information
visit www.uscg.mil/Cyber



CGCYBER Overview



Coast Guard Cyber Protection Teams



APT Actors Exploiting Newly Identified
Vulnerability in ManageEngine ADSelfService Plus

- **Assess**

- Identify vulnerabilities and weaknesses in Critical Infrastructure **before** exploitation causes a major incident
- Guidance and recommendations to secure and protect MTS networks
- Provide situational awareness to Coast Guard leadership on cybersecurity risk posture of U.S. MTS Infrastructure

- **Hunt**

- Discover yet-undetected adversary on MTS networks **before** the compromise impacts critical systems or services
- Analyze malicious tactics, techniques and procedures

- **Incident Response**

- Advise on mitigation & remediation steps and best practices
- Forensic analysis to inform mitigation & remediation steps.
- Assistance with integration of FBI, CISA & other agencies.



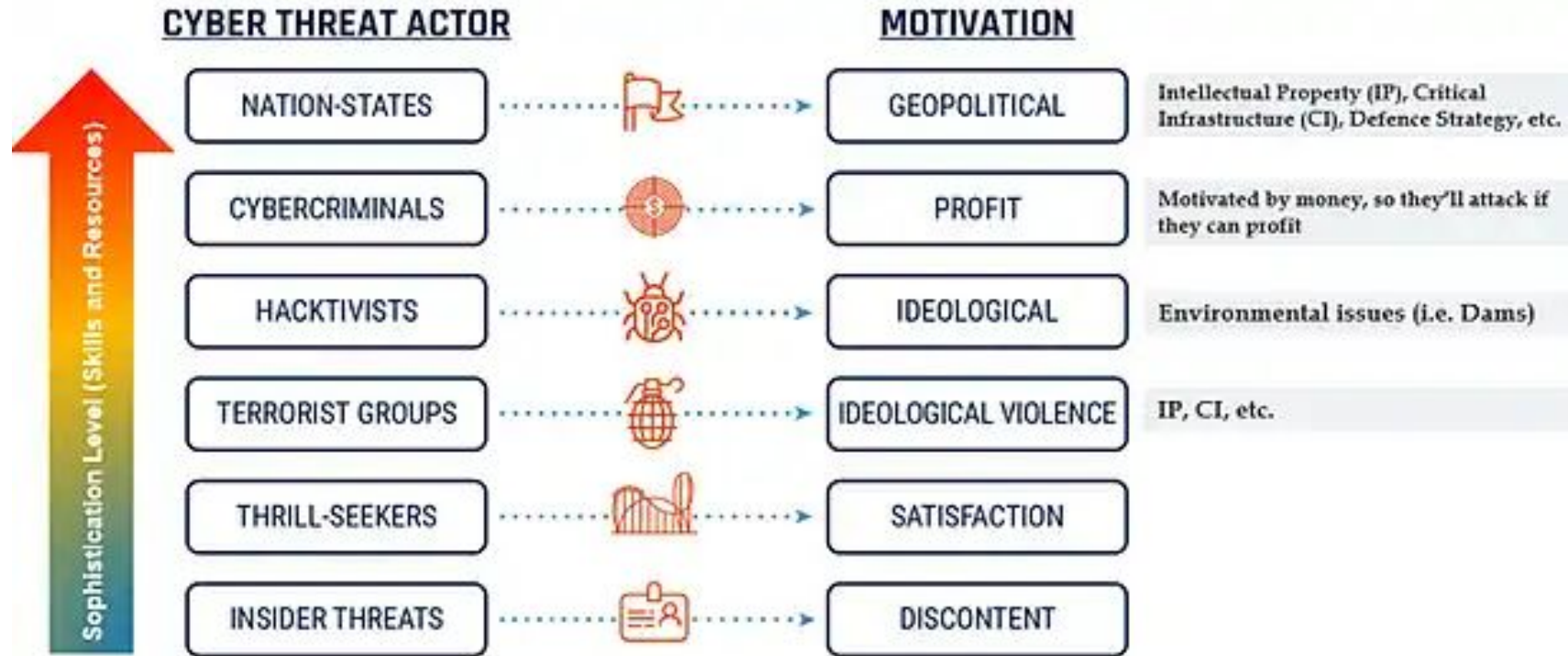
Maritime Cyber Readiness Branch (MCRB)



- Maritime Cyber Readiness Branch (MCRB)
 - MCRB provides guidance and mitigation tactics
 - Based on lessons learned from cyber incidents
 - Maritime Cyber Alert (MCA)
 - Marine Safety Information Bulletins
 - Maritime Commons Posts
 - <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/CGCYBER/Maritime-Cyber-Readiness-Branch/>
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Threat Actors



MTS Attack Surface

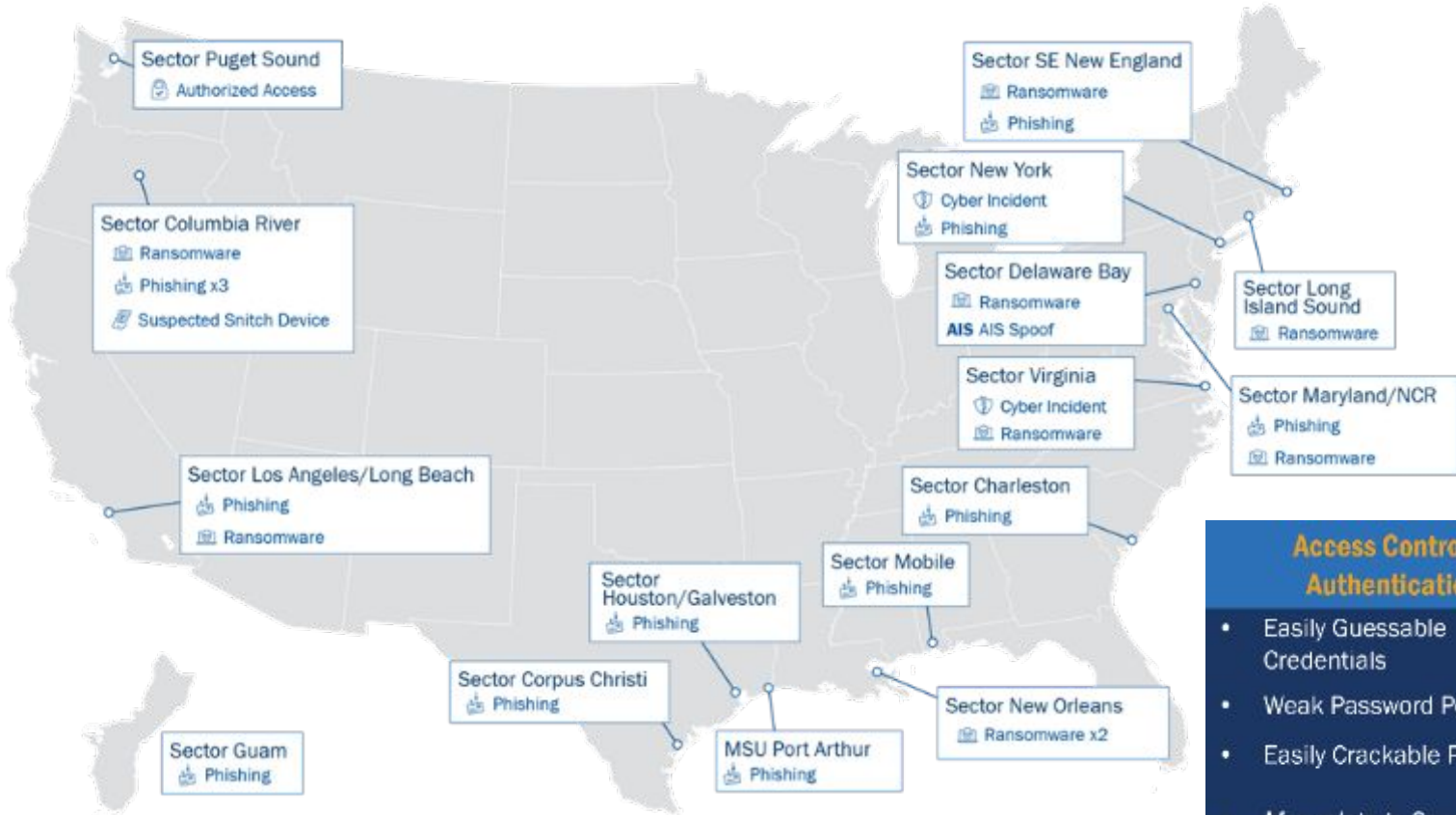
- *Global Interconnections*
- *Old meets New*
- *Intermodal*
- *Public / Private Partnerships*



This image is for illustrative purposes only. It is not intended to represent an actual facility or potential vulnerabilities.



Insights - Incidents and Findings (2021)



In 2021, USCG observed a 68% increase in the number of reported MTS cyber incidents

As of October 1, 2021, MTSA-regulated facilities are required to address cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities in their facility security plans and facility security assessments.

Access Control & Authentication

- Easily Guessable Credentials
- Weak Password Policy
- Easily Crackable Passwords
- *May relate to Security Measures for Access Control (i.e., 33 CFR 105.255)*

Least Privilege

- Elevated Service Account Privileges
- Non-essential Use of Elevated Access
- Open Mail Relay
- *May relate to Security Measures for Restricted Areas (i.e., 33 CFR 105.260)*

System Maintenance

- Patch Management
- Unsupported OS
- *May relate to Security Systems and Equipment Maintenance (i.e., 33 CFR 105.250)*



Access Control & Authentication

Top 10 Default Username		Top 10 Default Passwords	
Admin	553	<BLANK>	418
<BLANK>	372	admin	275
<N/A>	261	PASSWORD	133
root	145	1234	46
Administrator	73	epicrouter	18
User	37	0	34
guest	33	root	19
MGR	23	system	23
operator	23	user	19
system	21	DEMO	21


Top 20 Most Common Passwords		
Rank	Password	Time to Crack
1	123456	<1 Second
2	password	<1 Second
3	12345	<1 Second
4	123456789	<1 Second
5	password1	<1 Second
6	abc123	<1 Second
7	12345678	<1 Second
8	qwerty	<1 Second
9	111111	<1 Second
10	1234567	<1 Second
11	1234	<1 Second
12	iloveyou	<1 Second
13	sunshine	<1 Second
14	monkey	<1 Second
15	1234567890	<1 Second
16	123123	<1 Second
17	princess	<1 Second
18	baseball	<1 Second
19	dragon	<1 Second
20	football	<1 Second

Multi Factor Authentication (MFA) reduces risk by **99%**

User Perspective


Uncommon Base Word:

v@cati0rn!3




Difficulty to Remember:

HARD




Common words retain easier:

Four Random Common Words



Difficulty to Remember:

EASY



Attacker Perspective

~ 28 bits of Entropy

= 3 days to crack at 1,000 guesses per second



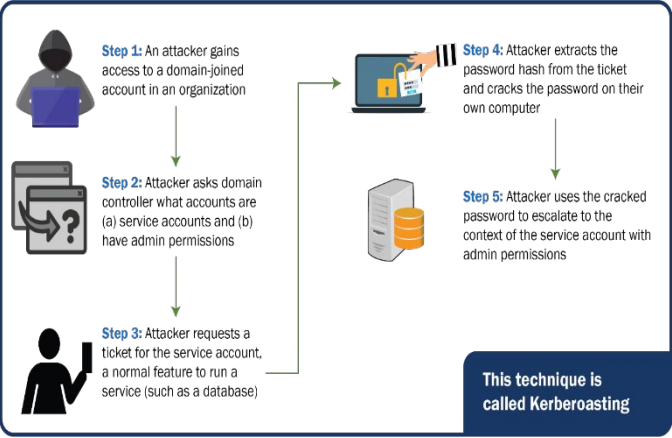
~ 44 bits of Entropy

= 550 years to crack at 1,000 guesses per second



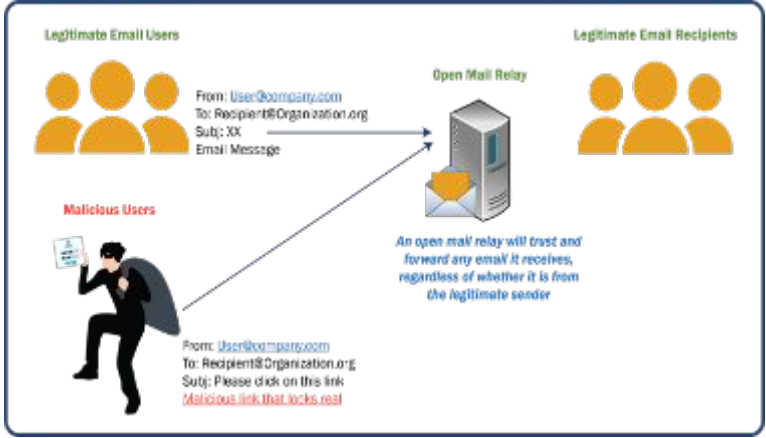
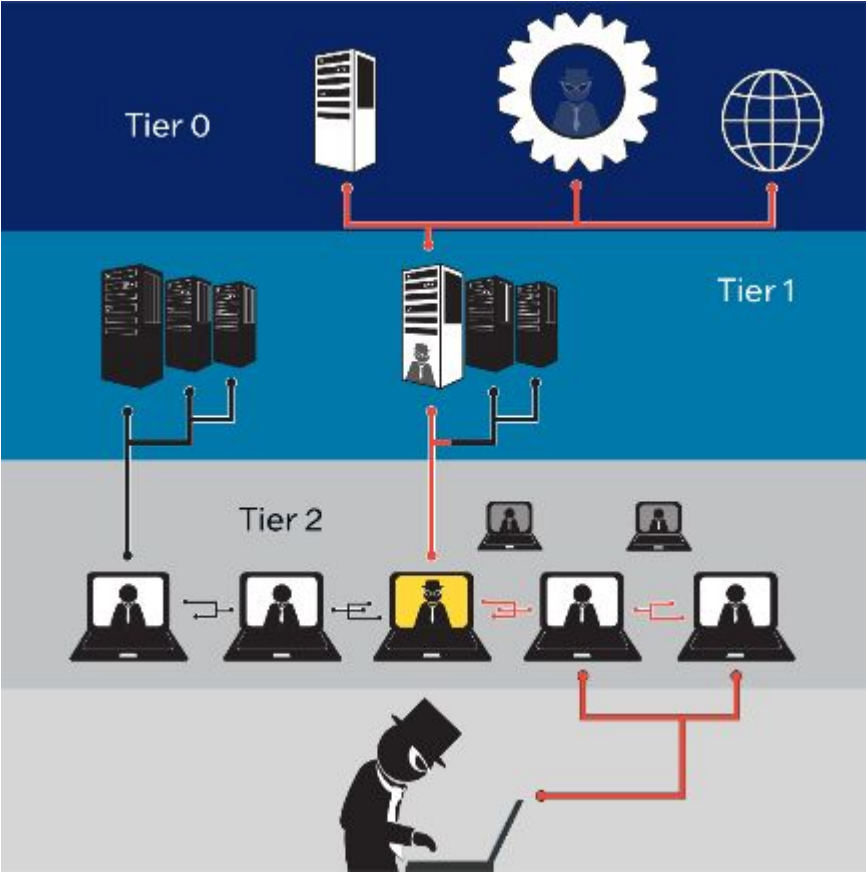


Least Privilege



Elevated Service Accounts

Non-essential Use of Elevated Accounts



Open Mail Relay



System Maintenance



Windows 7 Operating System has 680 known exploits since Microsoft stopped providing updates in 2020



98% of systems infected with WannaCry ran Windows 7 unsupported



60% of breach victims said they were breached due to an unpatched known vulnerability where the patch was not applied



62% were unaware that their organizations were vulnerable prior to the data breach



52% of respondents say their organizations are at a disadvantage in responding to vulnerabilities because they use a manual process



Operational Technology

Terminal Operating System

Internet Accessible System at risk from unpatched vulnerabilities



Customer Portal

Privileged credentials at risk if service account used for TOS database not hardened



Domain Controller



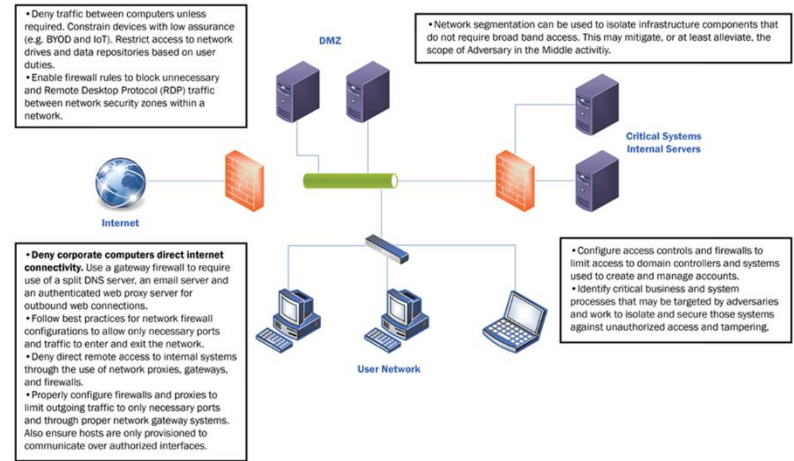
TOS MSSQL



Gantry Cranes



Terminal Operating System



Questions/Discussion

