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Universal Platform, Infinite Possibilities

PI and Security

Sharing the joy without exposing yourself

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Not Presented: Standard Policies/Practices

- password complexity / expiration
- physical security
- backup / restore
- intrusion detection
- auditing
- auto logout
- virus scanning

What is Presented?

Security considerations in deploying a PI-based Enterprise Architecture



Agenda

- Authentication
- Encryption
- Firewalls 101
- Attacks Prevented
- Common PI Scenarios
- Security Features of PI

Native PI Authentication

PI Username and Password

Pros:

– Domain not required

Cons:

- Login once for Windows, again for PI*
- No restriction on weak/blank passwords
- Not sufficiently encrypted



Encryption

Encryption uses a "key" and a math algorythm to change this:

"No Ferrari materials or data are or have ever been in the possession of any McLaren employee."

Into this:

"77ce615ca2ee098844f8566d9343db96d41d8cd98f00b204e98 00998ecf8427e"

Only with the "key" can it be changed back.



Windows Authentication

Trust Windows Domain (Kerberos)

Pros:

- Strong and Secure Cryptography
- Cross-Platform Industry Standard
- Single Sign-On
- Can secure with smart cards

Cons?



Kerberos

- Machines and Users must be Domain members, including the PI Server
- Only as strong as the password

Smart Card Inventor, Helmut Gröttrup



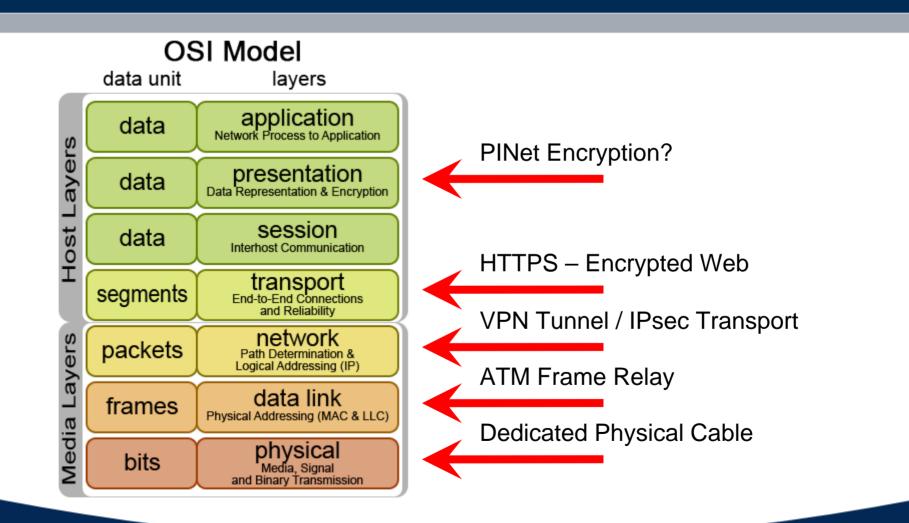
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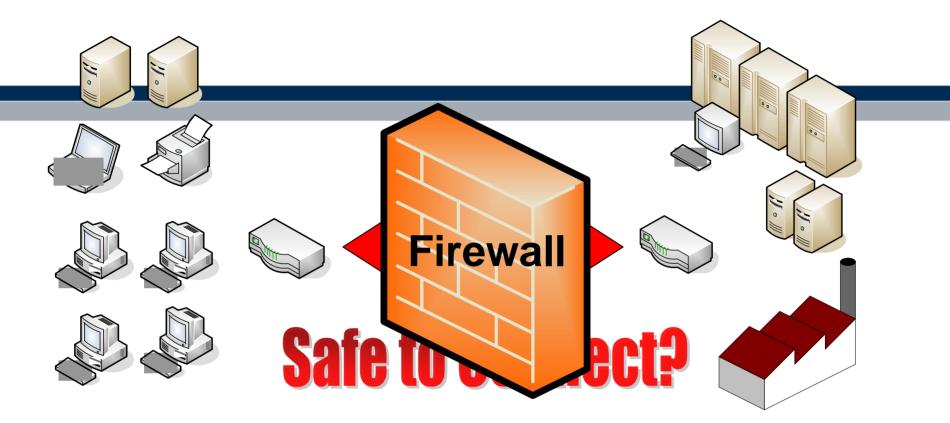




Protecting Network Traffic



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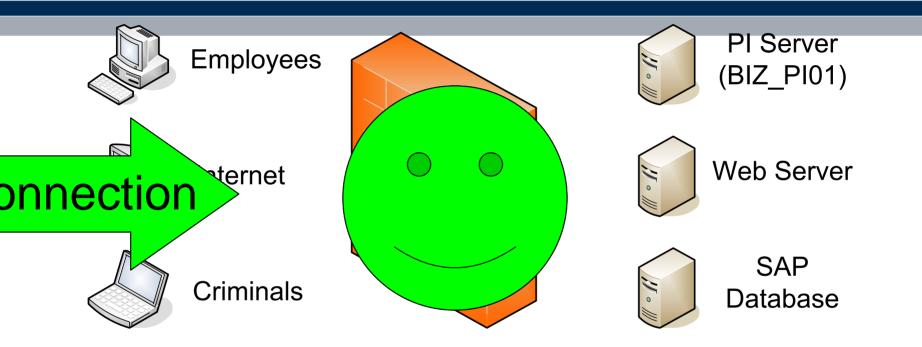


Business Network

Process Control Network



What is a Firewall?



Rules: Allow only PI Connections Deny everything else

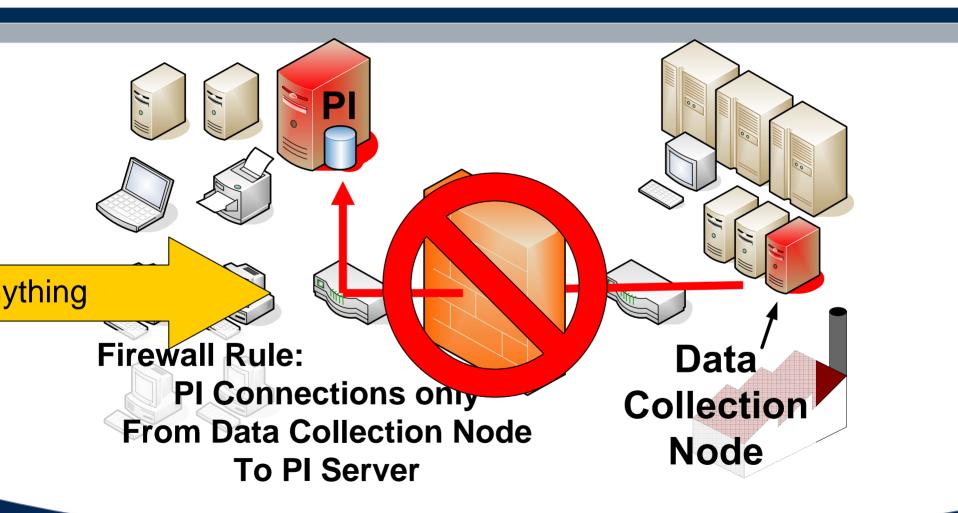


Some Common PI System Security Scenarios

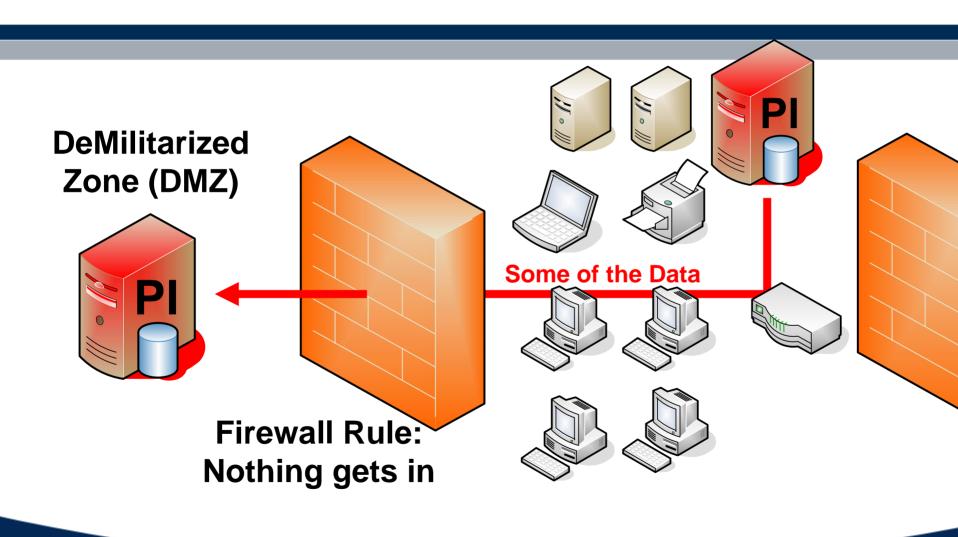




Data Collection on Control Network with PI on Business Network

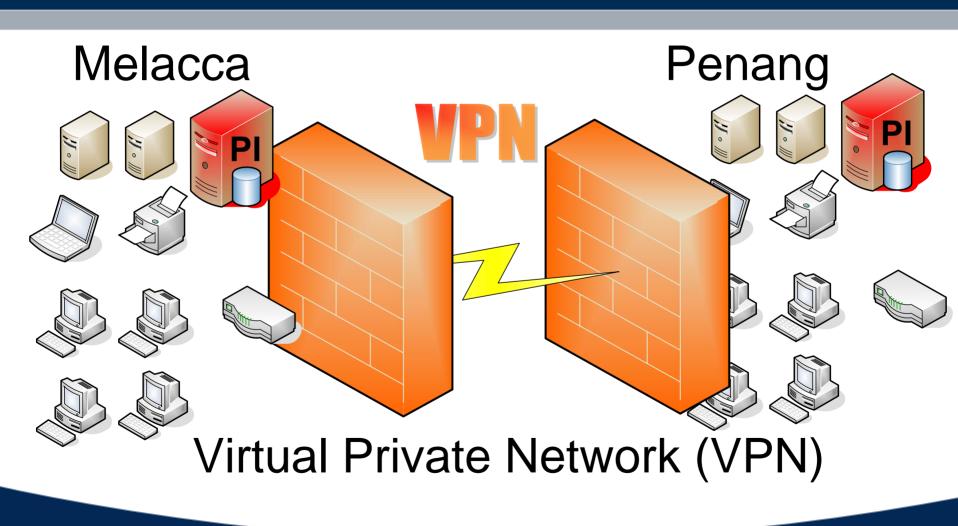


Replicating data to PI server in DMZ with PI-to-PI



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Disaster Recovery Location



Attacks – Virus and Worm

Common sources:

- USB drive, floppy disk
- Downloaded from web (Trojan Horses)
- IRC, email, file sharing
- Network



cols Deluxe B4.22 Disk View/Edit Service Path=#: Absolute sector 0000000, System BOOT Hex codes ASCII value -8J84: •F 0 Welcome to the Dungeon c) 1986 Basit Amjad (pvt) Lt Ē. ICES... BLOCK IOBAL TOX 53739 53333 58332 20232 34 30 392 33 34 26 38 31 28 2028 34 28 32 28 34 20 :430791, 280530. 1917

Home=beg of file/disk End=end of file/disk ESC=Exit PgDn=forward PgUp=back F2=chg sector num F3=edit F4=get name

Network Virus Attacks

- Nimda 80/tcp (web servers), by email, shared drives
- SQL Slammer 1434/udp (resolution service of Microsoft SQL)
- **Sobig** 25/tcp (email)
- **Blaster** 135/tcp (DCOM buffer overrun, MS-RPC used by exchange and Active Directory)
- MyDoom 25/tcp (email)
- **PI-in-your-face Virus?** 5450/tcp (not yet!)

Stopping Attacks

Reasons for Attack

- spying
- data manipulation
- sabotage

Attacks from outside

• firewall

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authentication

Attacks from inside

- encryption
- authorization
- physical protection

Unstoppable Attacks

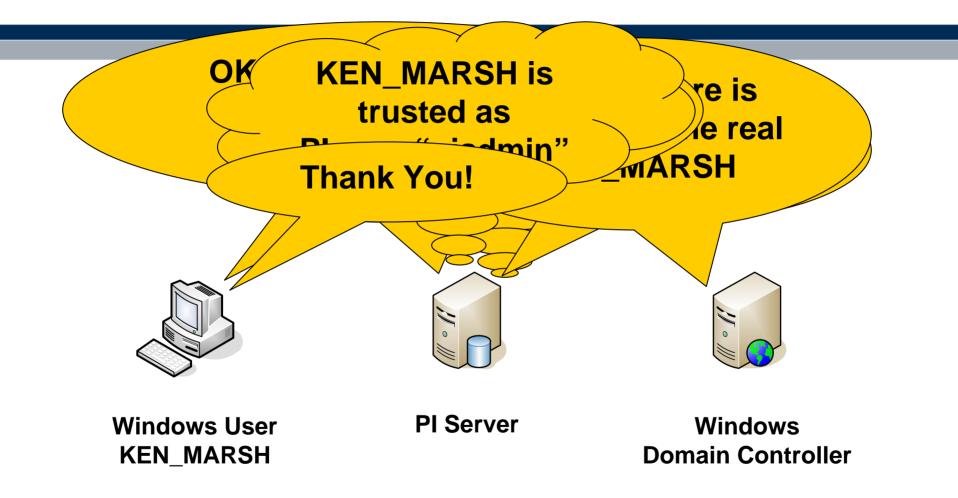
• disaster recovery plan

PI Security Features

- PI security features
- TCP Port 5450 Compatible with firewalls, authentication encryption mentioned so far.
- PI Trust give PI account based on Windows domain/username and soon Windows Groups

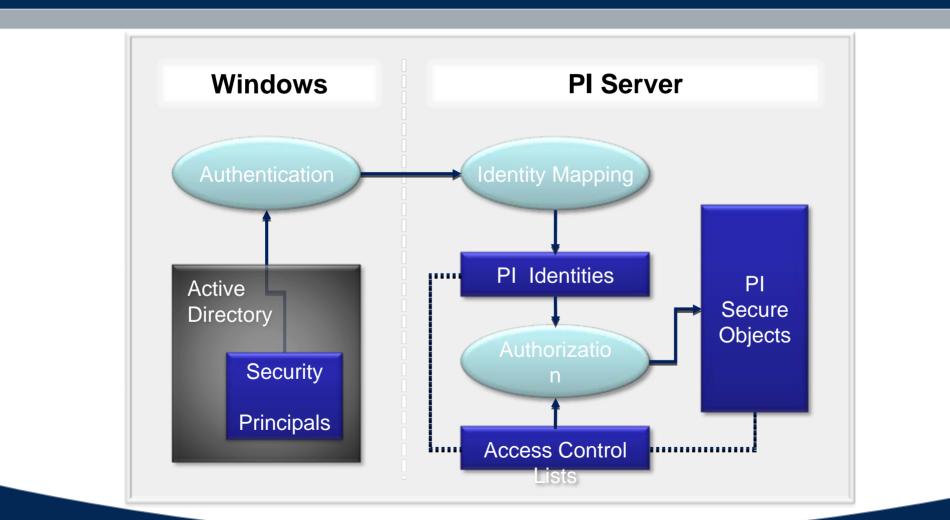
- Database Security
- Points Security
- AF Elements Security

PI Trusts





WIS: Simplified Diagram



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Conclusion

- PI Authentication based on Active Directory provides the best security
- Plnet is an ordinary TCP/IP protocol that can be properly secured using industry standard methods – Firewalls, IPsec, etc.
- PI Security features let you secure PI objects individually if desired



Thank You!





