Identifying SCADA Devices and their Vulnerabilities on the IoT

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Overview

- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems supervise, maintain, control, and collect data from critical infrastructure (e.g., power plants).
- Shodan, a search engine for the Internet of Things (IoT), regularly scans, and indexes provides data about publicly accessible, internet-enabled SCADA systems.
  - However, minimal work has attempted to identify all SCADA devices and their vulnerabilities.
- **This work uses machine learning and vulnerability assessments to identify SCADA systems and their vulnerabilities available on Shodan.**

SCADA Devices on the Internet of Things (IoT)

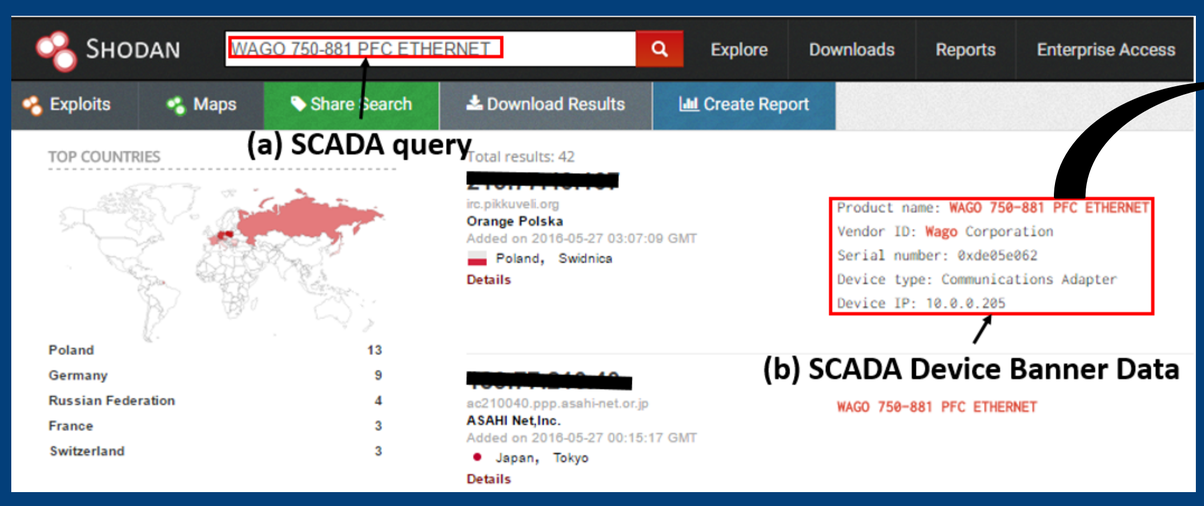

Figure 1. Shodan Results for a SCADA specific Query (WAGO 750-881 PFC)

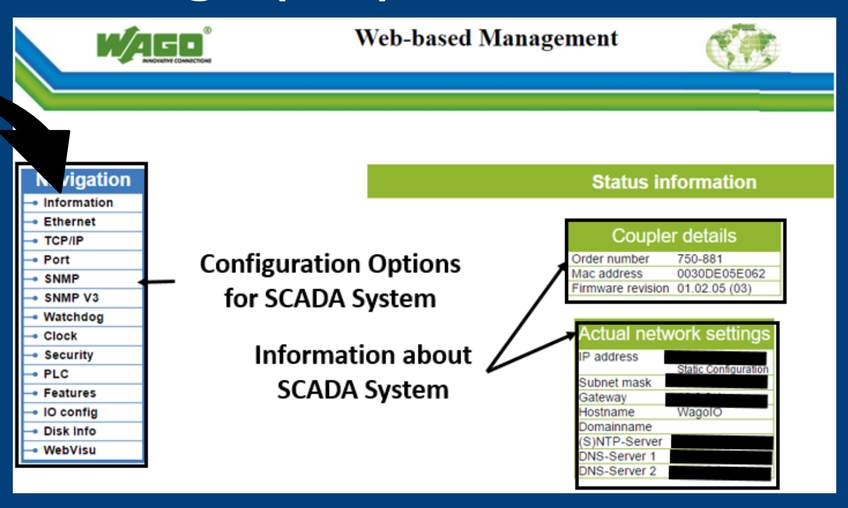

Figure 2. Web Based Control Panel of PFC Ethernet

Methodological Approach

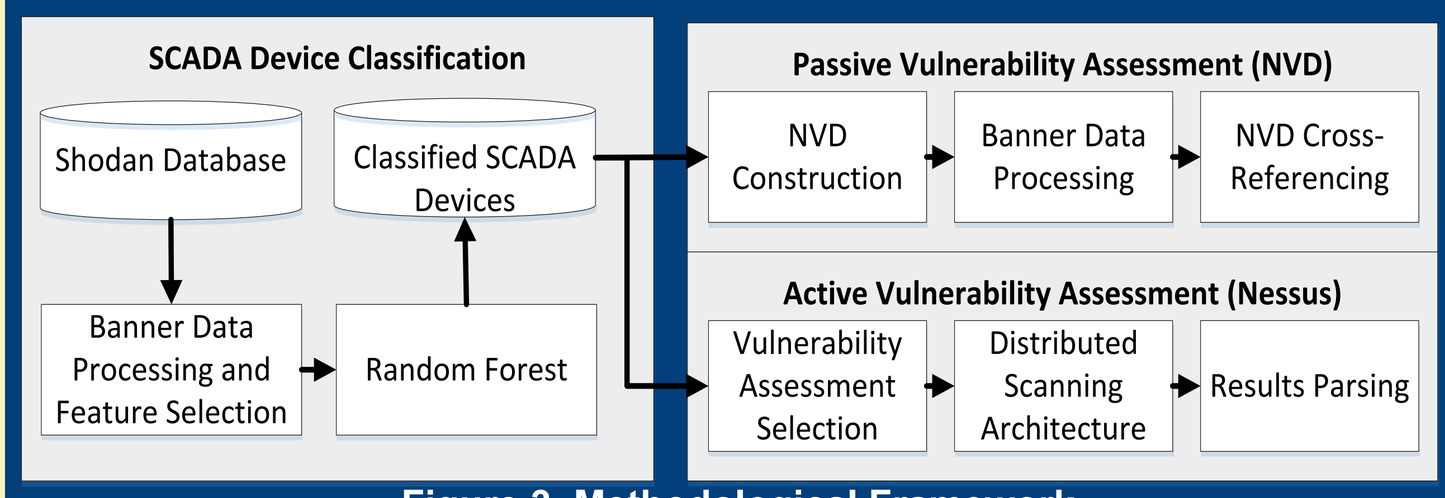

Figure 3. Methodological Framework

SCADA Device Classification:

- Extract features (e.g., port, n-grams) from banner data for all devices in Shodan
- Classify devices as SCADA/non-SCADA with Random Forest (F-Measure – 99.3%)

Vulnerability Assessment:

- Passive Assessment
  - Cross reference banner data with National Vulnerability Database (NVD)
- Active Assessment
  - Use Nessus in a distributed architecture actively probe devices for vulnerabilities

Selected Vulnerability Assessment Results

Risk Level	Number of Devices	Vulnerability Names(s)	Selected Affected Vendors
Critical	131	Rockwell Automation MicroLogix 1400 PLC Default Credentials	Rockwell Automation/ABB
	15	InduSoft Arbitrary Script Execution	InduSoft
	14	Default Credentials	HP, RuggedCom
	4	Conficker Worm Detection	Siemens
High	111	OpenSSH and DropBear SSH Vulnerabilites	Rockwell Automation/ABB, Siemens, Schneider Electric, Honeywell
	29	Default Credentials	Schneider Electric
Medium	1,407	Unencrypted Telnet Server	Rockwell Automation/ABB, Siemens, Schneider Electric, Power Measurement, Acromag, Honeywell
	607	Modbus Coil Access	Schneider Electric, Rockwell Automation/ABB, Acromag, Lantronix, Power Measurement
	524	OpenSSH Multiple Vulnerabilities	Rockwell Automation, Siemens, Schneider Electric, Honeywell, AKCP, RuggedCom

Table 1. About 4,009/20,461 (19.59% of devices) are susceptible to critical, high, and medium vulnerabilities such as default credentials, script execution, and Modbus coil access.

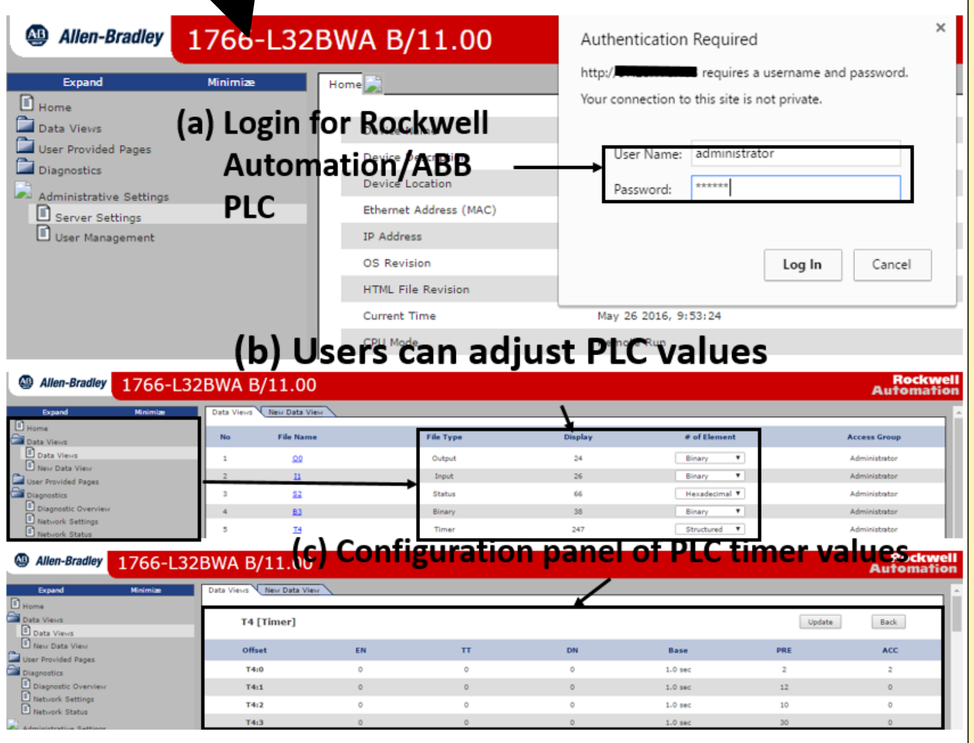

**Figure 4. Vulnerable Rockwell Automation PLC. Users can:
(a) Logging into PLC,
(b) potential PLC adjustment, and
(c) configure panel of timer values**

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