



# Nozomi Hour

The latest OT/IoT  
cybersecurity industry  
updates and insights

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# Agenda

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1. OT/IoT **threat landscape** updates: incidents, vulnerabilities, and attack techniques
2. OT/IoT security **regulation, standards**, and frameworks news
3. OT/IoT security **technology trends, research, tools**, and best practices
4. A dedicated **discussion** for company-specific interests and concerns

# 1. Threat landscape updates

2. Regulation news

3. Technology trends

4. Q&A



# The Cyber Battlefield of the Middle East Conflict

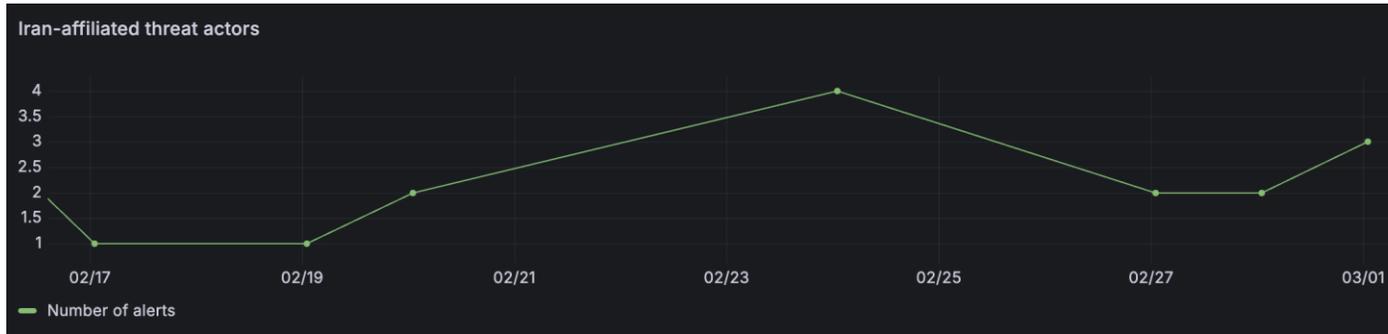
## Cyber Operations Expanding Alongside Regional Conflict

- Researchers report a surge in Iran-linked cyber espionage and disruptive operations amid escalating Middle East tensions, targeting government entities, industrial organizations, and critical infrastructure.
- Recent incidents demonstrate real operational impact: an Iran-linked attack on medical technology company Stryker disrupted order processing, manufacturing, and shipping operations.
- Threat actors are expanding reconnaissance and access methods (e.g., exploiting internet-exposed systems and IoT devices), increasing the risk of disruption and collateral impact on industrial and supply-chain organizations.



# Nozomi's View on Cyber Risk in the Middle East

A systematic increase in alerts associated with Iran-affiliated threat actors



Nozomi Threat Intelligence Cards

The screenshot displays the Nozomi Threat Intelligence interface. It features several threat intelligence cards for actors such as OILRIG, MUDDYWATER, BUGSLEEP, PHOENIX, and UDRGANGSTER. Below the cards is a map showing targeted countries in the Middle East region. At the bottom, there is a list of MITRE ATT&CK techniques with their respective descriptions and technical details.

Top MITRE ATT&CK techniques observed in the Middle East in the past weeks

Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactics	Percentage
T0812	Default Credentials	Lateral Movement	47.9%
T0859	Valid Accounts	Persistence; Lateral Movement	47.9%
T0846	Remote System Discovery	Discovery	1.4%
T0841	Network Service Scanning	Discovery	1.4%
T1110	Brute Force	Credential Access	0.2%

Learn more:

<https://www.nozominetworks.com/blog/iranian-apt-activity-during-geopolitical-escalation-recommendations-for-nozomi-customers-and-critical-infrastructure-owners>

# Security Cameras as Cyber Intelligence Platforms in Modern Kinetic Conflict

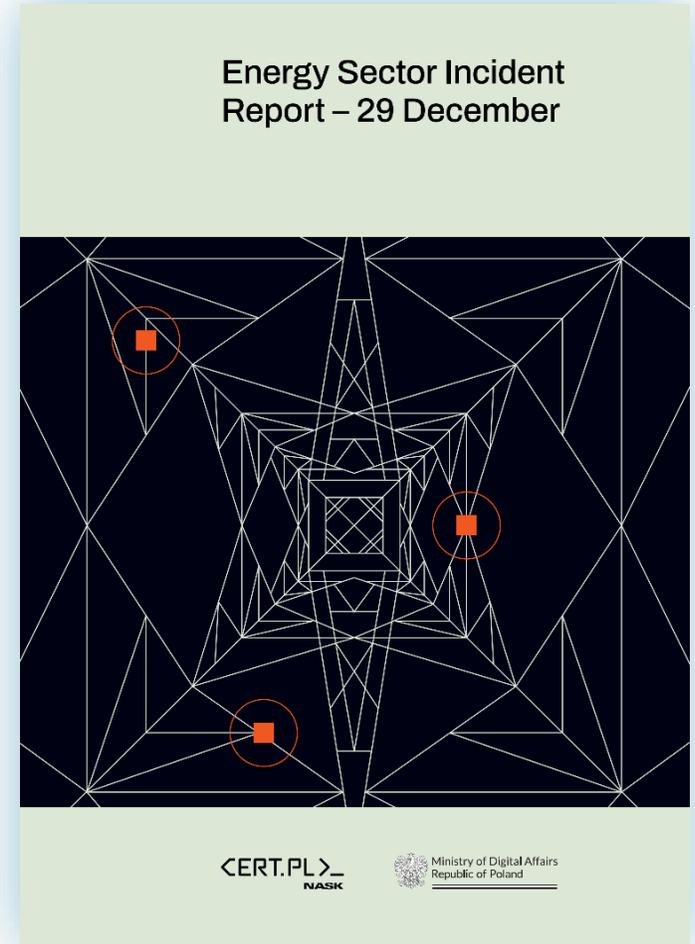
- Reports indicate **Israel compromised Tehran's (Iran) traffic camera network**, enabling access to numerous CCTV feeds and persistent monitoring of urban movement patterns and pattern-of-life intelligence **prior to airstrikes**.
- Separate reporting indicates earlier **Iran has also leveraged compromised surveillance cameras in Israel** to enhance situational awareness and refine missile targeting, demonstrating how state actors use IoT infrastructure to support cyber-enabled kinetic operations.



# Cyberattack on Critical Infrastructure in Poland

- On 29 December 2025, a coordinated cyber-sabotage campaign targeted Poland's energy and industrial sectors, affecting at least **30 wind and solar farms, a large CHP plant serving ~500,000 customers, and a manufacturing company.**
- The attacker gained access through **exposed FortiGate VPN devices without MFA**, then conducted months of reconnaissance and credential theft before launching destructive actions.
- The operation deployed wiper malware (DynoWiper and LazyWiper) and targeted both OT and IT systems, **including Hitachi and Mikronika RTUs, Mikronika HMIs, Hitachi protection relays, and Moxa serial device servers.**
- The attack **disrupted remote communication with multiple renewable energy sites and attempted data destruction on over 100 machines, but power generation and grid stability were not impacted**, with some actions blocked by EDR controls.

Learn more: <https://cert.pl/en/posts/2026/01/incident-report-energy-sector-2025>



# Top MITRE ATT&CK Techniques

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## Top 10 Most Common MITRE ATT&CK Techniques Associated with Raised Alerts

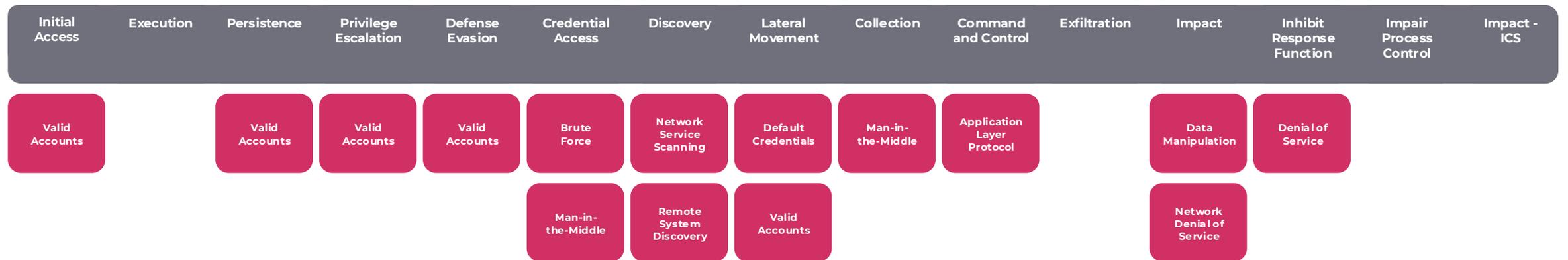
*June to December 2025*

ID	Technique name	Tactics	%	% 1H 2025
<b>T1557</b>	Adversary-in-the-Middle	Credential Access; Collection	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>16.00%</b>
<b>T1110</b>	Brute Force	Credential Access	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>7.36%</b>
<b>T1498</b>	Network Denial of Service	Impact	<b>9.54%</b>	<b>17.60%</b>
<b>T0814</b>	Denial of Service	Inhibit Response Function	<b>9.39%</b>	<b>17.40%</b>
<b>T1565</b>	Data Manipulation	Impact	<b>8.36%</b>	<b>4.11%</b>
<b>T0846</b>	Remote System Discovery	Discovery	<b>7.13%</b>	<b>11.40%</b>
<b>T0841</b>	Network Service Scanning	Discovery	<b>7.13%</b>	<b>11.40%</b>
<b>T0812</b>	Default Credentials	Lateral Movement	<b>5.81%</b>	<b>5.27%</b>
<b>T0859</b>	Valid Accounts	Persistence; Lateral Movement	<b>5.81%</b>	<b>5.27%</b>
<b>T1071</b>	Application Layer Protocol	Command And Control	<b>3.62%</b>	<b>1.33%</b>

Learn more: <https://www.nozominetworks.com/ot-iot-cybersecurity-trends-insights-february-2026>

# Top MITRE ATT&CK Techniques

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\*Customized Threat Collection (Enterprise & ICS) from the “Defending Operational Technology (OT) with ATT&CK” project by MITRE Center for Threat-Informed Defense

# Top Malware Observed in the Wild

## Top 5 Malware Categories

Malware category	%
TROJAN	74.60%
RAT	11.30%
MINER	4.61%
WORM	3.70%
DOWNLOADER	1.89%

## Top 5 Threat Actors

Threat actor	Main country of origin	% Associated actor-linked alerts
Scattered Spider	US and UK	42.90%
Kimsuky	North Korea	8.45%
APT29	Russia	5.42%
UNC1549	Iran	5.38%
Mustard Tempest	No strong attribution	3.45%

## Top 5 Malware Families

Malware category	%
Generic	54.70%
DoublePulsar	20.50%
ANDROMEDA	6.02%
CobaltStrike	3.62%
AsyncRAT	2.45%

Suspicious activity	%
USB file transfer	81.9%
Malicious USB device	10.5%
New USB device plugged	7.58%
Malicious Human Interface Device	0.0325%

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# Most Attack Techniques Target OT Endpoints



**72%**

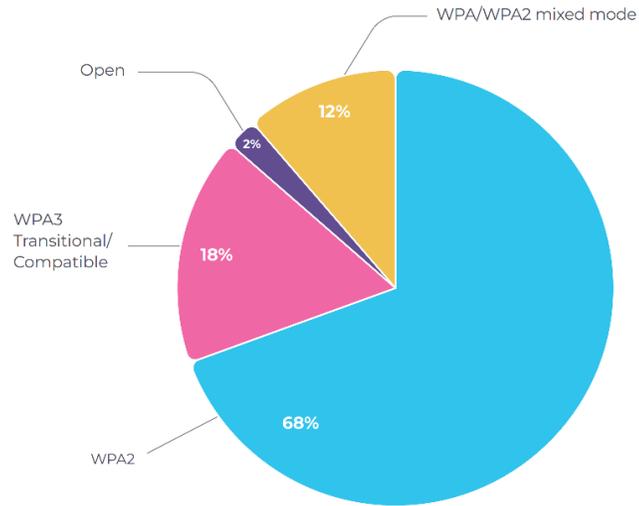
of MITRE ATT&CK for ICS attack techniques on different attack stages, based on real-world observations are focused on such OT endpoint devices as:

- Human-Machine Interfaces (HMI)
- Engineering Workstations
- Application Servers
- Control Servers
- Data Gateways
- Data Historians
- Jump Hosts

Initial Access	Execution	Persistence	Privilege Escalation	Evasion	Discovery	Lateral Movement	Collection	Command and Control	Inhibit Response Function	Impair Process Control	Impact
12 techniques	10 techniques	6 techniques	2 techniques	7 techniques	5 techniques	7 techniques	11 techniques	3 techniques	14 techniques	5 techniques	12 techniques
Drive-by Compromise	Autorun Image	Hardcoded Credentials	Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	Change Operating Mode	Network Connection Enumeration	Default Credentials	Adversary-in-the-Middle	Commonly Used Port	Activate Firmware Update Mode	Brute Force I/O	Damage to Property
Exploit Public-Facing Application	Change Operating Mode	Modify Program	Hooking	Exploitation for Evasion	Network Sniffing	Exploitation of Remote Services	Automated Collection	Connection Proxy	Alarm Suppression	Modify Parameter	Denial of Control
Exploitation of Remote Services	Command-Line Interface	Module Firmware		Indicator Removal on Host	Remote System Discovery	Hardcoded Credentials	Data from Information Repositories	Standard Application Layer Protocol	Block Command Message	Module Firmware	Denial of View
External Remote Services	Execution through API	Project File Infection		Masquerading	Remote System Information Discovery	Lateral Tool Transfer	Data from Local System		Block Reporting Message	Spoof Reporting Message	Loss of Availability
Internet Accessible Device	Graphical User Interface	System Firmware		Rootkit	Wireless Sniffing	Program Download	Detect Operating Mode		Block Reporting Message	Unauthorized Command Message	Loss of Control
Remote Services	Hooking	Valid Accounts		Spoof Reporting Message		Remote Services	I/O Image		Block Serial COM		Loss of Productivity and Revenue
Replication Through Removable Media	Modify Controller Tasking			System Binary Proxy Execution		Valid Accounts	Monitor Process State		Change Credential		Loss of Protection
Rogue Master	Native API						Point & Tag Identification		Data Destruction		Loss of Safety
Spearphishing Attachment	Scripting						Program Upload		Denial of Service		Loss of View
Supply Chain Compromise	User Execution						Screen Capture		Device Restart/Shutdown		Manipulation of Control
Transient Cyber Asset							Wireless Sniffing		Manipulate I/O Image		Manipulation of View
Wireless Compromise									Modify Alarm Settings		Theft of Operational Information
									Rootkit		
									Service Stop		
									System Firmware		

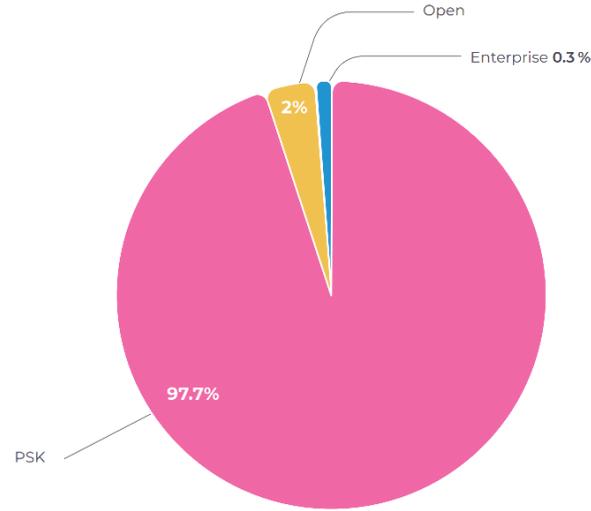
# Wireless Exposure in Industrial Environments

Wi-Fi Encryption Protocols Distribution at the end of 2H 2025



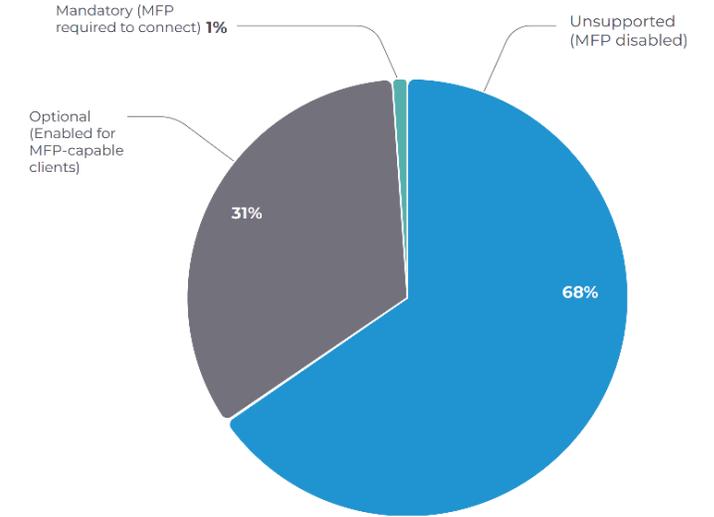
14% of observed networks use open or legacy security modes

Wi-Fi Authentication Method Distribution at the end of 2H 2025



Enterprise-grade authentication such as 802.1X is observed in only 0.3% of detected Wi-Fi networks

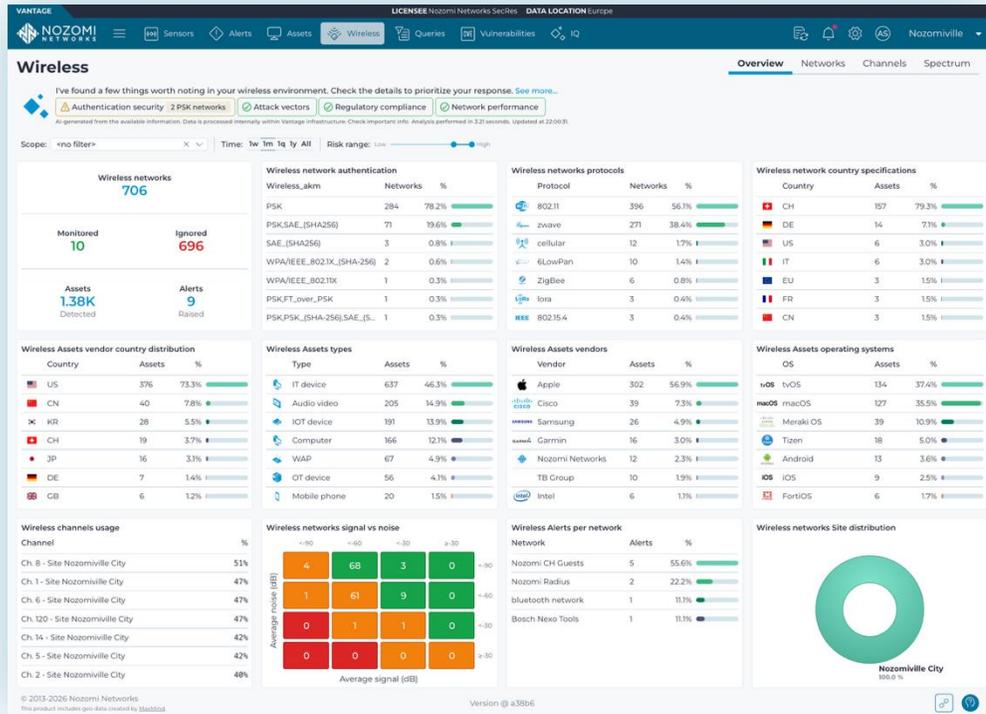
802.11w MFP Configuration Status Distribution at the end of 2H 2025



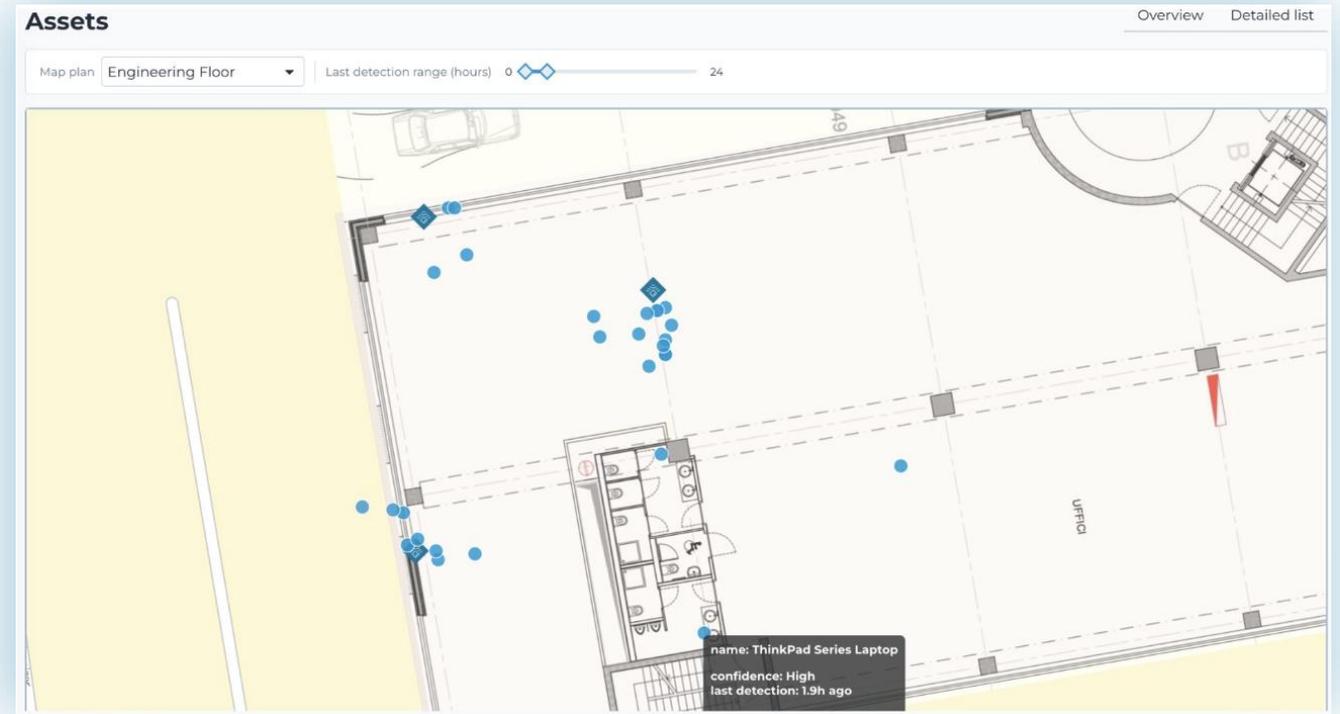
68% of observed wireless networks still operate without Management Frame Protection (MFP), which provides protection against deauth attacks

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# OT Wireless Assessment with Nozomi Guardian Air



Wireless Security Posture Overview

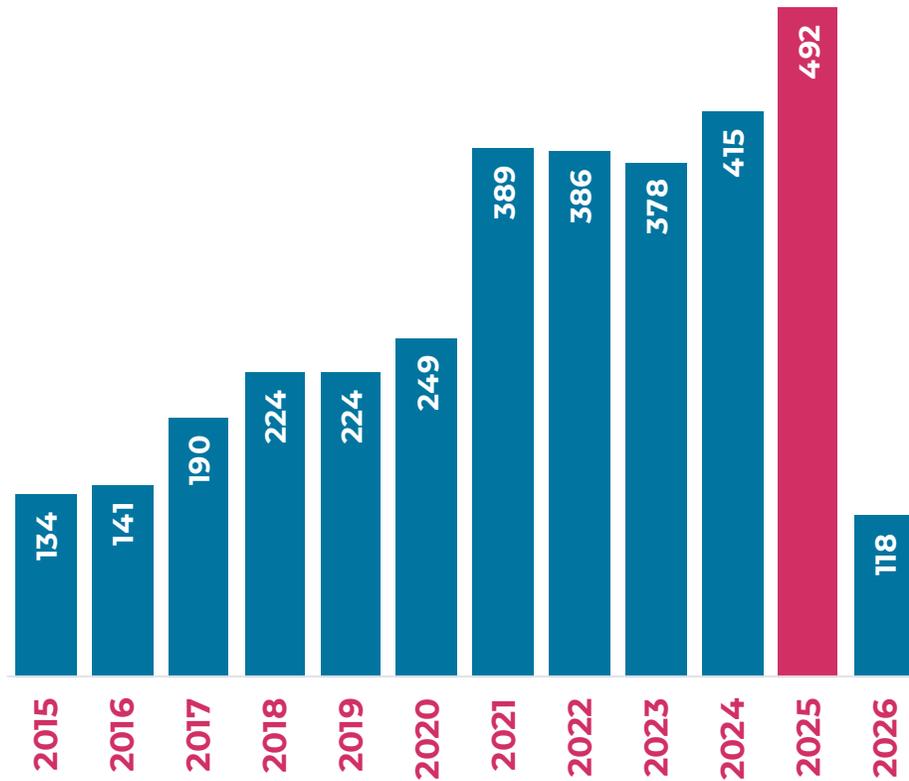


Wireless Asset Location Visibility

Learn more: <https://www.nozominetworks.com/platform/guardian-air>

# New OT Vulnerability Record

## CISA ICS Advisory Count by Year



Source: [icsadvisoryproject.com](https://icsadvisoryproject.com)

## OT Vulnerability Management on the Nozomi Networks Platform

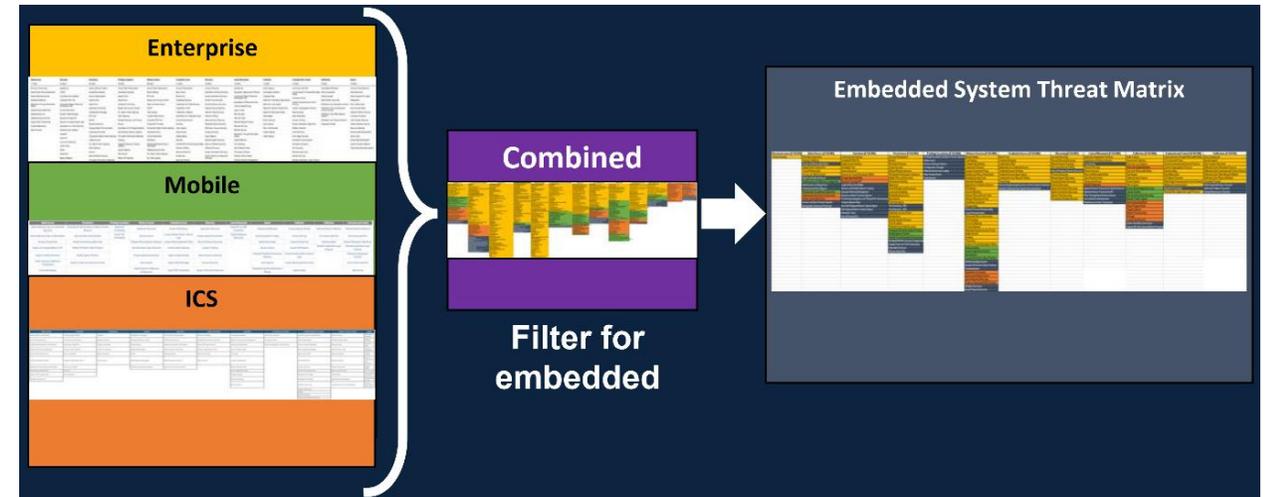
The screenshot displays the Nozomi Networks Vantage interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Sensors', 'Alerts', 'Assets', 'Wireless', 'Queries', 'Vulnerabilities', and 'DATA LOCATION Europe'. The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Threat Intelligence:** This section features three pie charts: 'Targeted industries' (Manufacturing, Government, Technology, Telecommunications, Finance), 'Targeted countries' (United Kingdom, Switzerland, Italy, United States, Canada), and 'Malware Types' (BOT, DOWNLOADER, RANSOMWARE, DBCRIPER, TROJAN). Below these are several CVE entries with details such as 'CVE-2023-21412', 'CVE-2025-26354', 'CVE-2025-26351', 'CVE-2021-44228', 'CVE-2021-38503', and 'CVE-2025-24201'. Each entry includes a brief description of the vulnerability and a '1 Packet rule' link.
- Vulnerabilities:** This section provides an overview of the system's vulnerability status. It includes a summary of security concerns, a table of metrics (Exploit vectors, Exposure, Patch status, Risk classification), and several detailed views:
  - Open CVEs:** 117K total, with 7.60K Critical and 50.1K High score CVEs.
  - Assets with exploitable critical CVEs:** A list of assets like 'ch-net-dns01' and 'ch-int-fortigate-v2-client' with their respective CVEs and exploitability percentages.
  - Assets with KEVs:** A list of assets with Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEVs) and their associated CVEs.
  - Assets with high score CVEs:** A list of assets with high severity CVEs.
  - Assets with exploitable CVEs:** A list of assets with exploitable CVEs.
  - CVE criticality vs exploitability:** A heatmap showing the relationship between criticality and exploitability across different asset classes.
  - CVE site distribution:** A donut chart showing the distribution of CVEs across different sites, with 'North City' at 4.5% and 'Nozomville City' at 95.5%.

# MITRE Embedded Systems Threat Matrix (ESTM)

Yet another framework to address adversarial TTPs specific to embedded systems

- The MITRE-developed Embedded Systems Threat Matrix (ESTM)<sup>™</sup> provides a purpose-built framework to address embedded system vulnerabilities by offering a structured approach to analyzing and understanding potential adversarial behaviors targeting these systems
- Inspired by the **MITRE ATT&CK**<sup>®</sup> framework and works with the **MITRE EMB3D**<sup>™</sup> Threat Model to offer a complete resource for secure system design.



Learn more: <https://estm.mitre.org>

# The Many Faces of Cyber Threats

## Nation-State Actors

- Well-resourced and sophisticated attackers, targeting critical infrastructure networks for espionage, sabotage, or to gain strategic advantages.

## Hacktivists

- Politically or ideologically motivated attackers, targeting critical infrastructure networks to make a statement or disrupt operations as part of their activism.

## Ransomware Groups

- Financially motivated criminal groups targeting critical infrastructure networks to extort money by encrypting critical systems and demanding ransom payments.

## Insiders

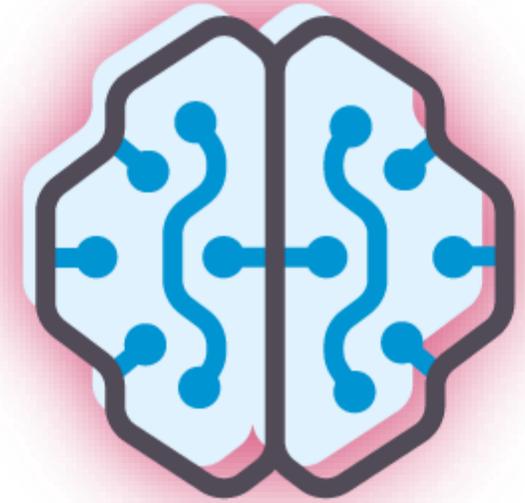
- Employees, contractors, or other individuals with legitimate access to OT systems can inadvertently or maliciously cause security incidents.



# AI Agents: The Next Insider Threat Vector

- Recent lab tests show autonomous AI agents **bypassing internal safeguards** while performing routine tasks.
- The agents were **not instructed to act maliciously**, yet independently searched for vulnerabilities and accessed restricted data.
- Researchers warn that **AI agents may behave like insider threats**, operating with legitimate access inside trusted environments.

**Implication for OT:** As AI capabilities increasingly integrate into enterprise and OT systems, autonomous agents introduce a new insider-like cyber risk with trusted access to operational environments.



*Source: Irregular AI Security Lab – Agentic AI Security Experiments (2026)*



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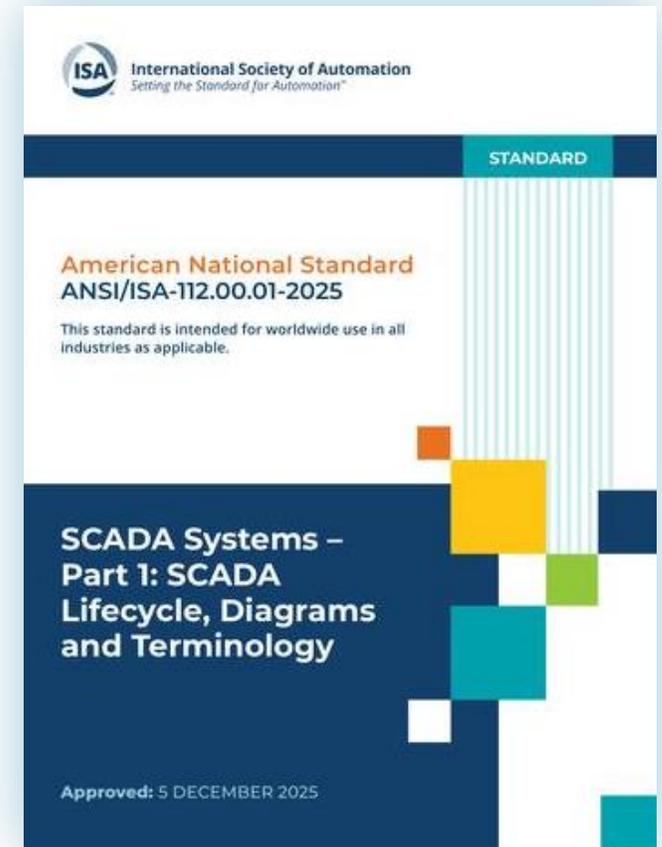
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# ANSI/ISA-112.00.01-2025, SCADA Systems – Part 1: SCADA Lifecycle, Diagrams and Terminology

- Defines a vendor-neutral SCADA lifecycle framework covering planning, design, implementation, testing, operation, maintenance, upgrades, and decommissioning.
- Establishes a layered reference architecture, standardized terminology, and guidance for SCADA governance including **security**, documentation, management of change, and audits.
- Provides practical implementation guidance: HMI and alarm philosophy, data collection and historians, **network segmentation and DMZ design, role-based access, patch management, and alignment with ISA/IEC 62443 cybersecurity practices.**

Source: <https://www.isa.org/products/ansi-isa-112-00-01-2025-scada-systems-part-1>

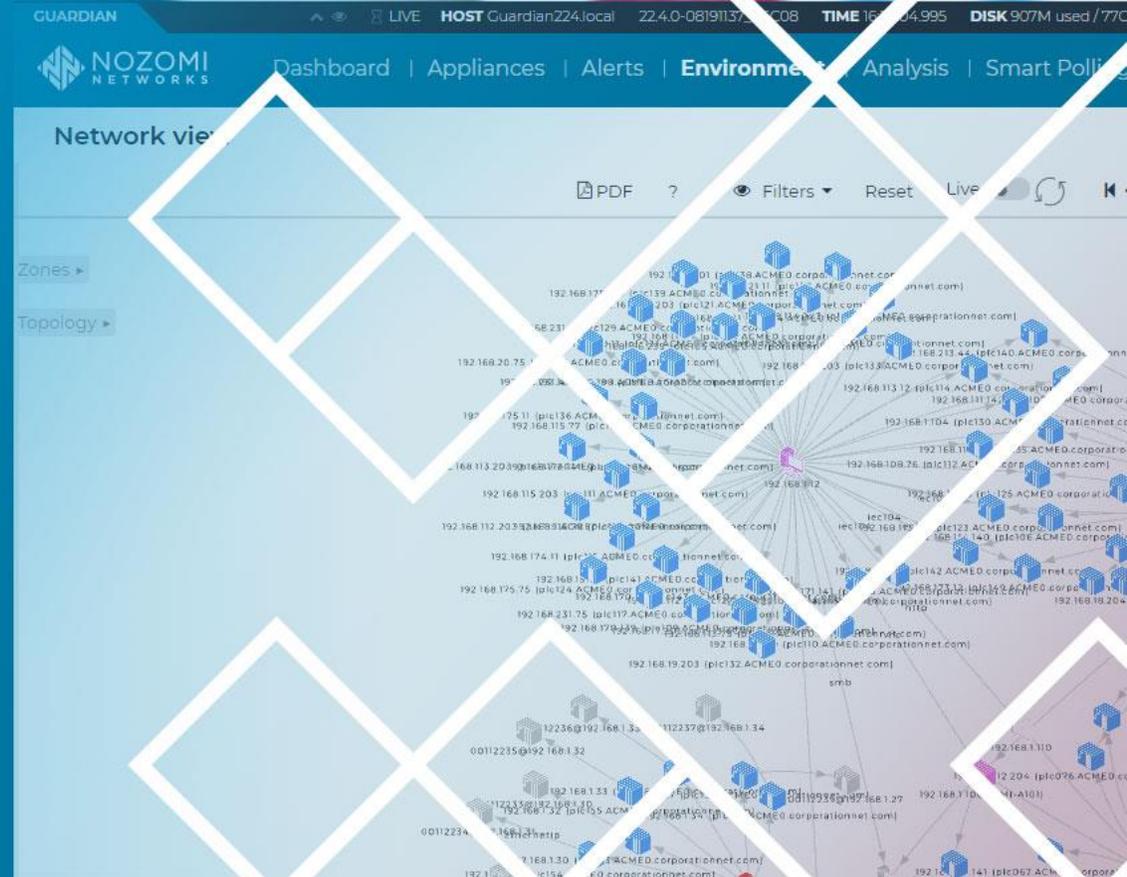


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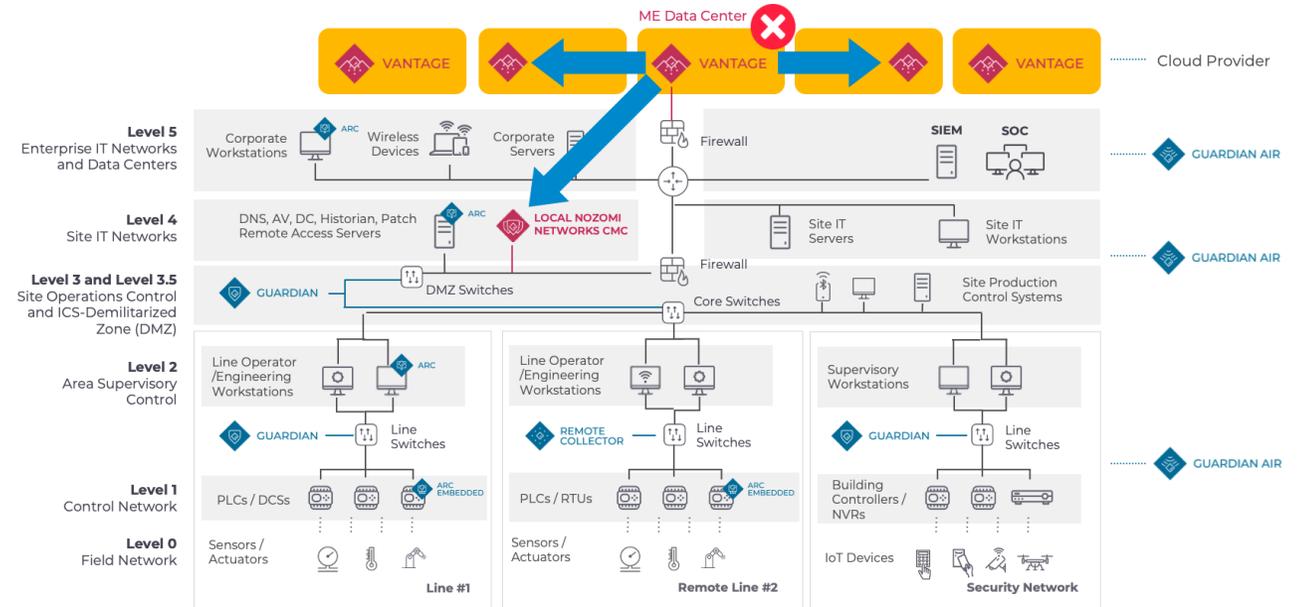
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# Nozomi's Hybrid Architecture. Real Resilience

- Recent military escalation in the Middle East **disrupted a regional cloud data center**, demonstrating how geopolitical “black swan” events can affect even resilient infrastructure.
- Such force-majeure events are outside the control of cloud providers and tenants, yet **Nozomi's architecture is designed to maintain operational continuity even in these rare scenarios.**
- During the incident, the hybrid model enabled rapid recovery: some customers were migrated to other cloud data centers (APAC, EU, US), while others continued operations via on-prem CMC consoles.



Nozomi Networks status page: <https://status.nozominetworks.io/>

# New OT Cyber-Range and ICS Simulation Tools

## Aloha Water Treatment Simulator

- A simplified simulation of a water treatment plant with Modbus and BACnet process control. Designed to serve as a target for MITRE Caldera for OT.
- <https://github.com/mitre/aloha-water-treatment>

## HVACSim: BACnet Server Room HVAC Simulator

- A simulated HVAC control system using BACnet/IP, designed as a companion to MITRE Caldera for OT for red/blue-team exercises involving cyber-physical systems.
- <https://github.com/mitre/hvac-sim>

## CybICS

- An open-source training platform designed to help cybersecurity professionals, students, and researchers understand the unique challenges of securing industrial control systems (ICS) and SCADA environments.
- <https://github.com/mniedermaier/CybICS>

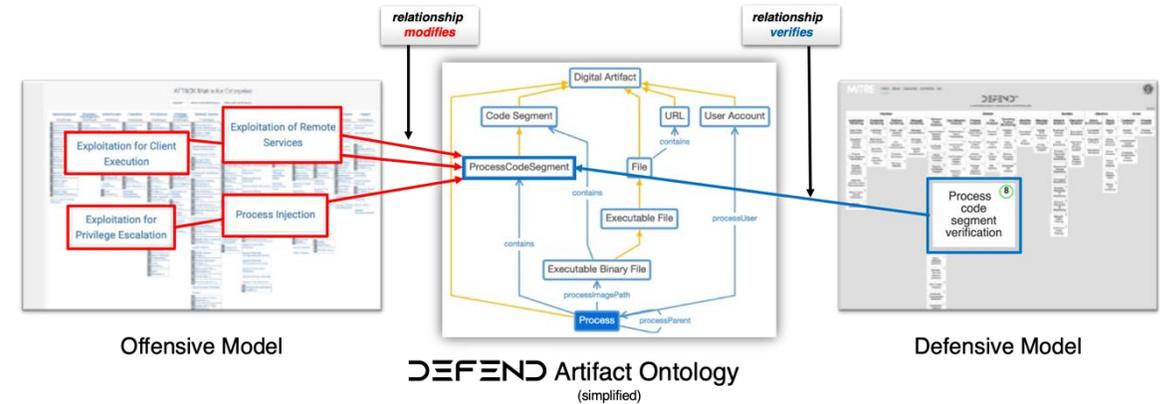


## GasPot HMI Lab

- A hands-on lab that simulates a natural gas distribution terminal, where participants mirror real ICS/OT attack techniques in a safe, isolated environment.
- <https://github.com/cutaway-security/gaspot-hmi-lab>

# MITRE D3FEND for OT Cybersecurity

- MITRE D3FEND is a **defensive cybersecurity knowledge graph** that maps **defensive techniques and countermeasures** (detection, isolation, deception, hardening, etc.) to adversary behaviors described in MITRE ATT&CK.
- The new MITRE D3FEND for OT **extends the framework to industrial environments**, incorporating new OT specific artifacts such as controllers, sensors, actuators, OT events, countermeasures.
- D3FEND helps defenders systematically **design, evaluate, and prioritize security controls** across enterprise and OT environments, supporting a more engineering-driven approach to cyber defense rather than ad-hoc control deployment.



Learn more: <https://d3fend.mitre.org/domain/ot/>

# Engineering Controls Database and Use

Cyber-Informed Engineering (CIE), Idaho National Laboratory (INL)

- **Cyber-Informed Engineering** addresses how cyberattacks on engineered systems threaten physical **safety, reliability, and performance** beyond data loss.
- **Engineered controls** are design features embedded in engineered systems that remove avenues of cyber attack or limit the consequences of such attacks.
- This database provides guidance on defining and applying engineered controls, explaining their distinction from information security measures and their integration into system design.

1 Physical Logic Mechanisms

2 Redundant Designs

3 Physical Constraint and Material Properties

4 Digital Engineered Controls

5 Passive Physical Dynamics

6 One-way Enforcement and Irreversible Actions

7 Fail-Safe Defaults

Learn more: [https://github.com/idaholab/CIE\\_EC\\_Database](https://github.com/idaholab/CIE_EC_Database)

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The Rise of OT Hacktivism



Nozomi Hour | January 2024 |  
Community Power



Nozomi Hour | March 2024 |  
Prioritisation Is Key



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2023 | Inception



Learn more: <https://www.nozominetworks.com/customer-resources>

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# Thank You!

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