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# Intrusion Detection Technologies within Process Control

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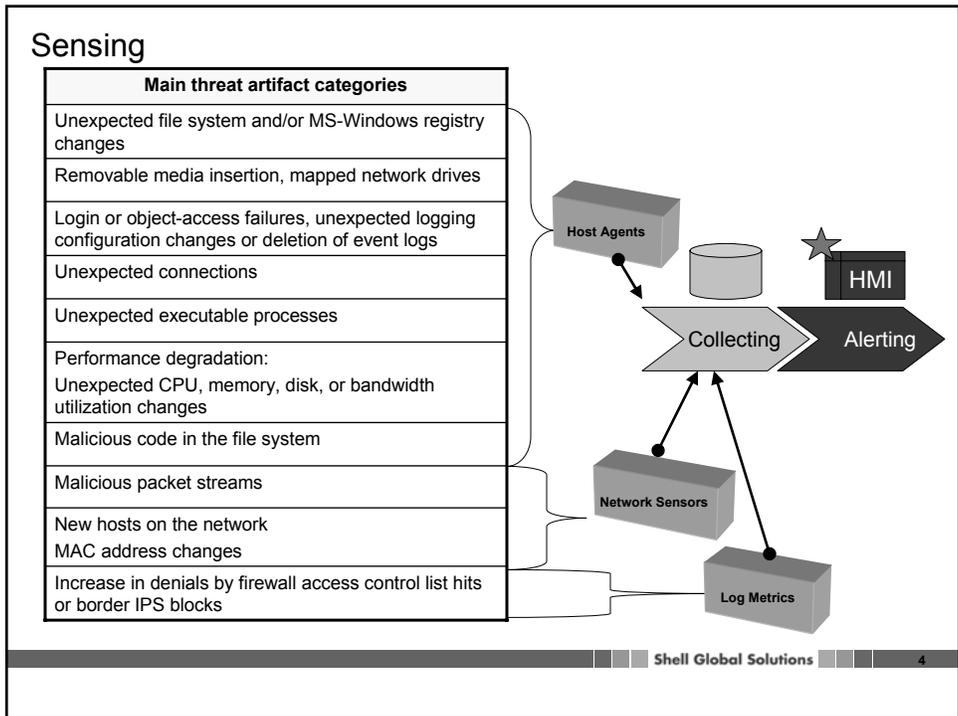
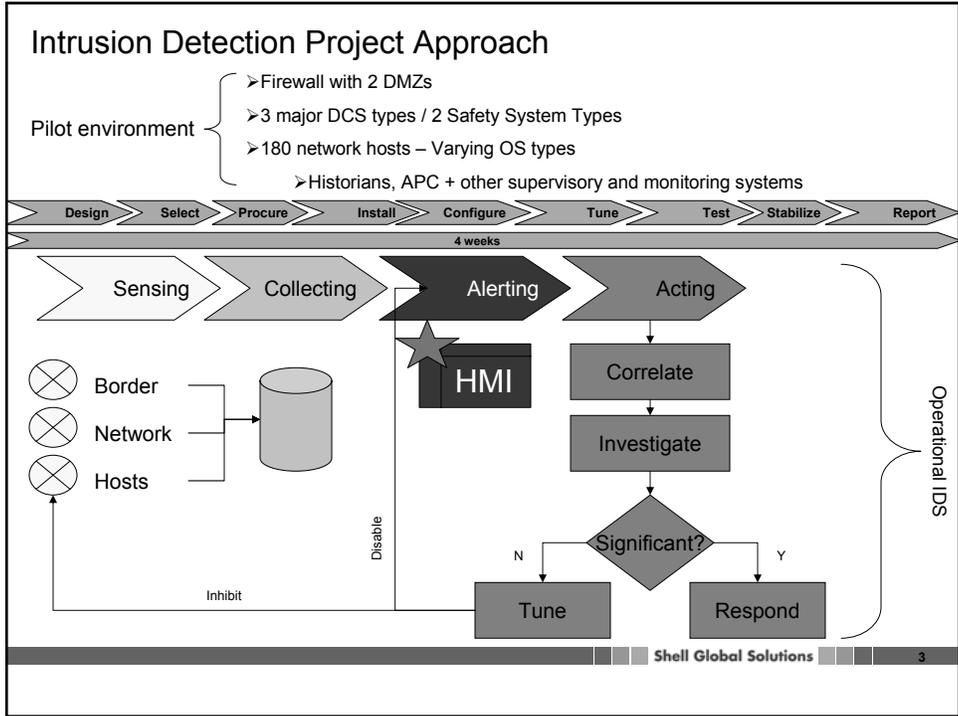
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## Agenda

- IDS Project Approach
- Value of IDS vs. likely business challenges
- Relative operating expense cost estimates
- Project Conclusions



## Why is collecting important?

### ➤ When you get hacked or infected:

- How far has malware spread?
- How many back doors did the hacker drop in?
- To ensure a clean bill of health, are you going to rebuild the whole network?

### ➤ Without collecting key events, you simply can't perform forensics:

- How it happened – prevent subsequent incidents
- What was affected – recover surgically
- Who was behind it – pursue legal relief

## Alerting

### ➤ Know what is 'normal'

- Packets and Packet streams
  - ✓ Between process control and office networks
  - ✓ Inter-process control communications
  - ✓ Host executables behind the connections
    - i.e. TCP Port 80 from iisexec.exe is OK, from any other EXE is not
- File system and Windows Registry
  - ✓ Changes that occur naturally as part of operations, log files, databases, state keys, etc.
- Executable processes
  - ✓ What should normally be running, the executable's path, security context, and parent process

## Acting

- Requires a high level of asset intimacy
  - Regardless of how 'smart' the correlation engine/HMI is, the IDS operator must have a functional and robust knowledge of the assets
- IDS operator must have authority and capability to act
  - Decrease time-to-respond by eliminating 'hand-offs'
- A well-tuned IDS system:
  - Can lead to a 'comfort-zone', when something does occur – you're skeptical
- A poorly-tuned IDS system:
  - Enough 'cry-wolfs' over time desensitize the organization

## IDS Potential Value-adds / Likely Challenges

### Potential value add

Reduction in event consequences - incident discovered and handled during the incipient stage.

Enables a more cost-effective implementation of existing security requirements and emerging accepted practices.

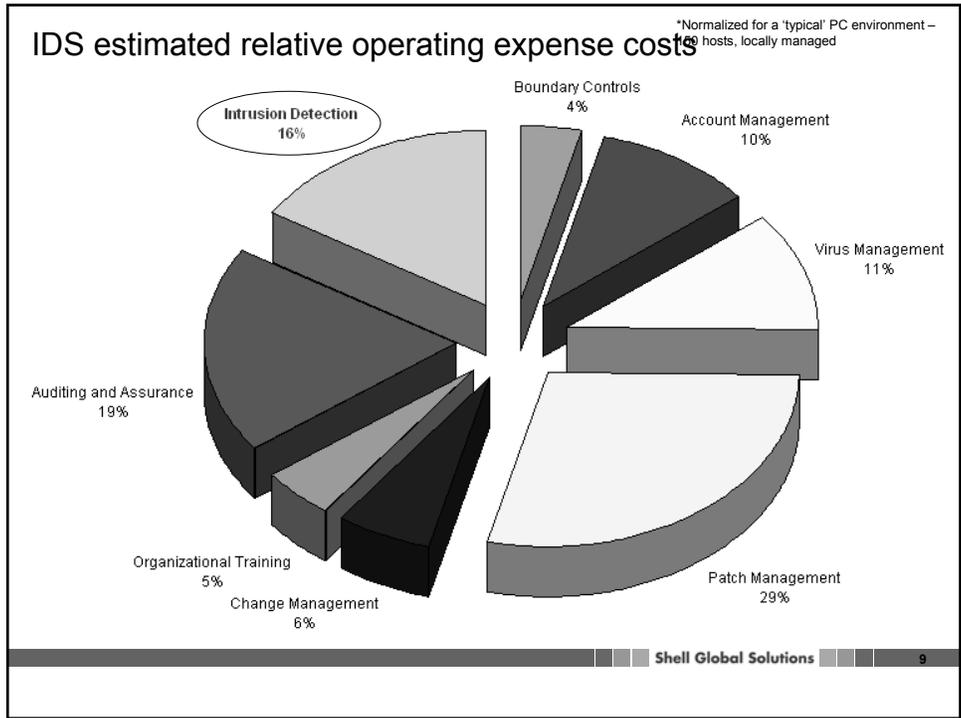
Increased visibility of process control behavior enables an improvement in system's reliability.

### Likely challenges

Difficult to justify investment against other risk mitigation opportunities – why purchase a home alarm system when you have yet to install locks on your doors?

Qualification by SCADA/DCS vendors – adds cost to the base-layer.

Organizational skills required don't exist – How many staff have a mastery of control systems, IT, and security?



- Conclusions
- **IDS Technology is mature and capable**
    - Though the supporting organization is likely not ready
  - **There are no technical reasons to not deploy**
    - No unmanageable operational interferences
  - **There are many solutions to choose from today**
    - And more will be offered as the market expands
  - **The Cost-to-Value ratio of IDS is currently a challenge**
    - Managing viruses is more proactive / proven technique to mitigate risk
    - IDS is slightly more expensive than virus management / more reactive and theoretical in it's ability to add equal value for the money
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