

A SANS 2021 Survey MITRE ATT&CK[®] for ICS Framework

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The MITRE ATT&CK® framework is one of the most comprehensive sets of attack tactics and techniques in use in the wild, and this revolutionary framework has recently been customized for the ICS space. This survey and analysis will inform the SANS audience on the adoptions and experiences of the recently released ATT&CK for ICS framework.

ATT&CK for ICS, much like ATT&CK for Enterprise, provides a structured framework for articulating adversary behaviors, tactics and techniques. The framework takes into consideration the unique characteristics of adversaries attempting to impact critical infrastructure operations such as physical impact, process exploitation, and denying or degrading response and restoration efforts. The framework helps organizations apply useful mitigations to frustrate adversary-desired outcomes while enabling defenders to track behaviors and more rapidly identify anomalous behavior.

The seven key questions SANS will examine in this report are:

- How are companies leveraging ATT&CK for ICS?
- How does ATT&CK for ICS help companies smartly apply resources to defend their control networks?
- How has ATT&CK for ICS helped to bolster network defensive postures?
- How has ATT&CK for ICS helped defenders to better understand what adversaries are using in the wild?
- How is ATT&CK for ICS different from other frameworks?
- What are the important use cases for ATT&CK for ICS?
- How are companies leveraging both ATT&CK for Enterprise and ATT&CK for ICS together?

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