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OT Basics

Objectives:

- What is OT
 - Operational Technology
 - Managing, Monitoring, and Controlling industrial operations
 - Focused on the physical devices and processes they use
- OT Components/Systems
 - ICS (Industrial Control System)
 - SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition)
 - Gathers and presents data to operators
 - Make decisions about processes with the aid of operator input
 - Control plant functions based on those decisions
 - DCS (Distributed Control System)
 - Like SCADA, but focused more on automation
 - PLC (Programmable Logic Controller)
 - RTU (Remote Terminal Unit)
 - aka Remote Telemetry Unit and Remote Telecontrol Unit
 - A 'beefed-up' PLC
 - Better environmental tolerances
 - Backup power options
 - Autonomy
 - BPCS (Basic Process Control System)
 - SIS (Safety Instrumented Systems)
 - Sensors, logic solvers, and final control elements
 - Protects personnel, equipment, and environment
 - Isolates the plant in case of an emergency
 - HMI (Human Machine Interface)
 - Screen that allows a human to interact with a machine
 - Data input/output
 - Subset of SCADA
 - IED (Intelligent Electronic Devices)
 - Devices that receive data from sensors and/or power equipment
 - Issue control commands like

- Tripping breakers during voltage/current/frequency anomalies
 - Example device: voltage regulator
- IIOT (Industrial Internet of Things)
 - The convergence of OT and IT
 - Using traditional IT infrastructure to manage OT devices
- OT Security Challenges
 - Plain Text Passwords/Protocols
 - Complexity
 - Proprietary tech
 - Legacy Tech
 - Lack of security professionals
 - Converging with IT brings in IT Security issues