

DEFENDING TOMORROW'S INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY



CATALYZING CYBER SECURITY INNOVATION THROUGH CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITIONS



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CURRENT PROBLEM

- The Cyber Security Workforce continues to experience unprecedented shortages.
 - The ISACA, a non-profit information security advocacy group, predicts there will be a global shortage of two million cyber security professionals by 2019.[1]
- Finding and training professionals with the skills to keep pace with the constantly-changing threat landscape and ever-evolving state of Information Technology is a challenge faced by National Laboratories and the private sector alike.

[1] Kauflin, J. (2017, March 16). *The Fast-Growing Job With A Huge Skills Gap: Cyber Security*. Retrieved June 23, 2017, from <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeffkauflin/2017/03/16/the-fast-growing-job-with-a-huge-skills-gap-cyber-security/#33eabbf65163>

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Create an unique and challenging competition for the collegiate academia to begin cyber security workforce development.
- Hands-on learning and experience with real world scenarios
- Cyber-physical cause and effect of defense implementations
- Encourage innovated out-of-the-box defense strategies



WHAT IS A CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

- A Cyber Defense Competition (CDC) is a competition that focuses on the defensive/hardening nature of cyber security. A typical CDC has a Blue Team (defenders) that protects a network infrastructure from the Red Team (attackers). A blue team consists of high school or college students who secure and harden their competition system. A red team consists of students or industry professionals that work to cause cyber destruction to the blue teams' network infrastructures. The competition is scored utilizing a point system. Points can be both given and taken away depending on the actions or lack of action from both blue and red teams. The blue team with the most points at the end of the competition is declared the winner of the event.

CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

Exponential Growth and Interest in One Year

2017 STATISTICS

- 27 teams registered
- 15 competing teams
- 20 unique universities
 - 6 returning schools
- 9 different states
- 100 volunteers
 - Red
 - Green
 - Pink
 - White

2016 STATISTICS

- 9 teams registered in 2016
- 8 competing teams
- 7 unique universities
- 2 different states
- 20 volunteers
 - Red
 - Green
 - White

CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

Team Breakdown

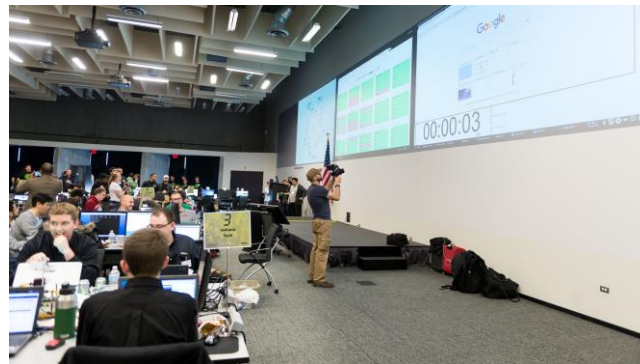
BLUE TEAM

- Students of universities that are tasked to defend their networks from exploitation.



WHITE TEAM

- Individuals that assist the teams in their technical setup of infrastructure.



CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

Team Breakdown



PINK TEAM

- Individuals who are mentored on what the attackers are doing throughout the day.



GREEN TEAM

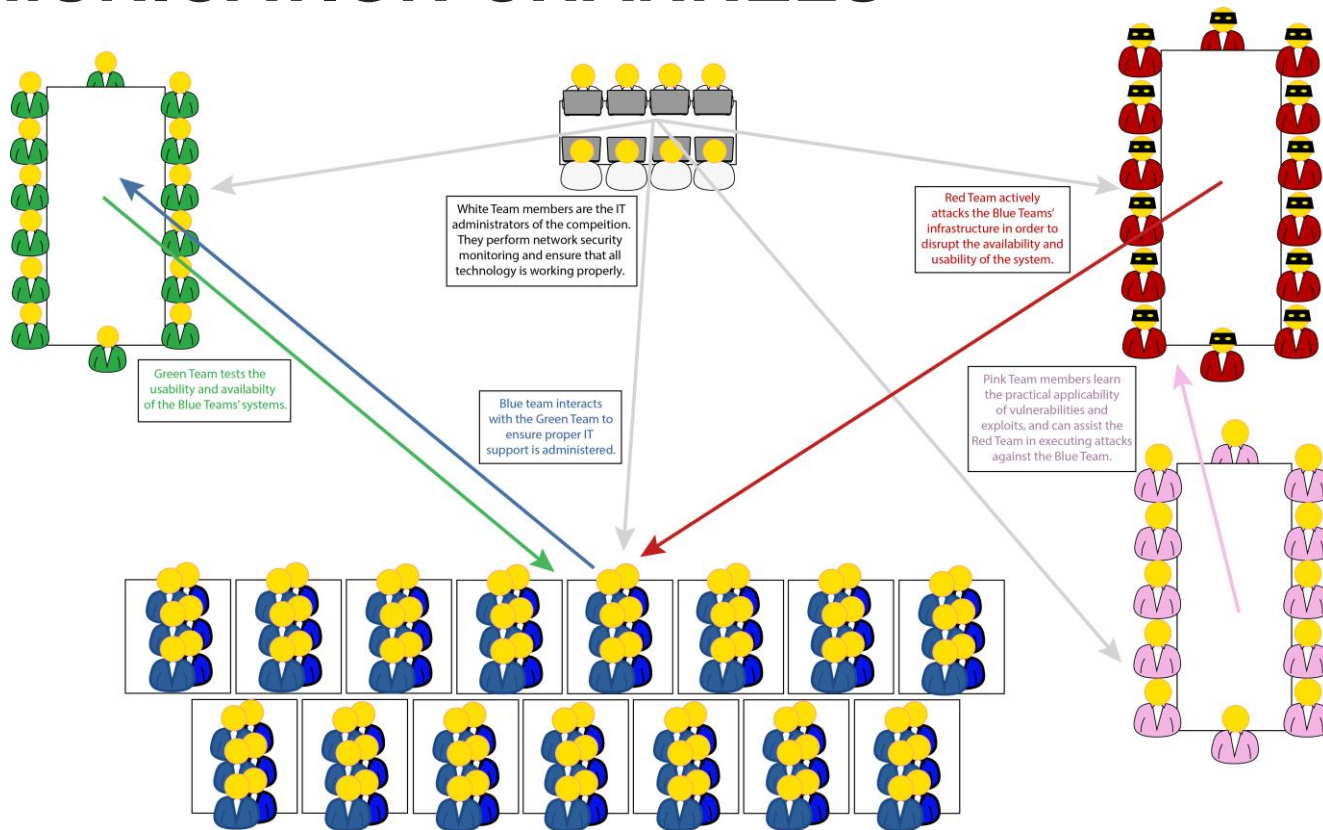
- Individuals who play the role of a typical user of the system.



RED TEAM

- Individuals with technical background that play the role of the attacker.

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS



CYBER DEFENSE COMPETITION

Energy-focused Scenarios with a Physical Device



- Oil and Natural Gas Fracking



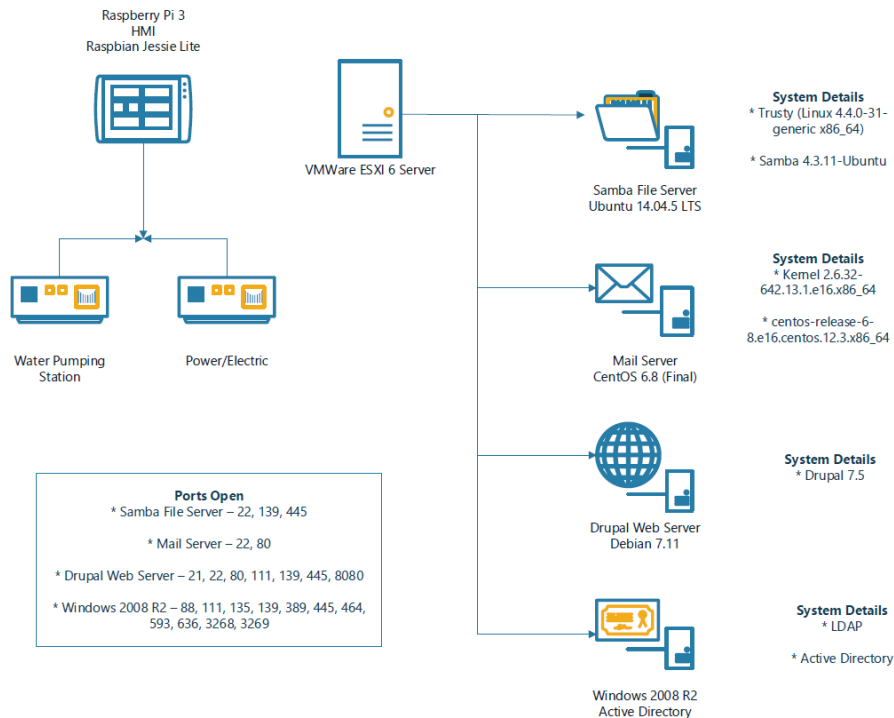
- Water and Power Delivery System



- Corporate Energy Distribution

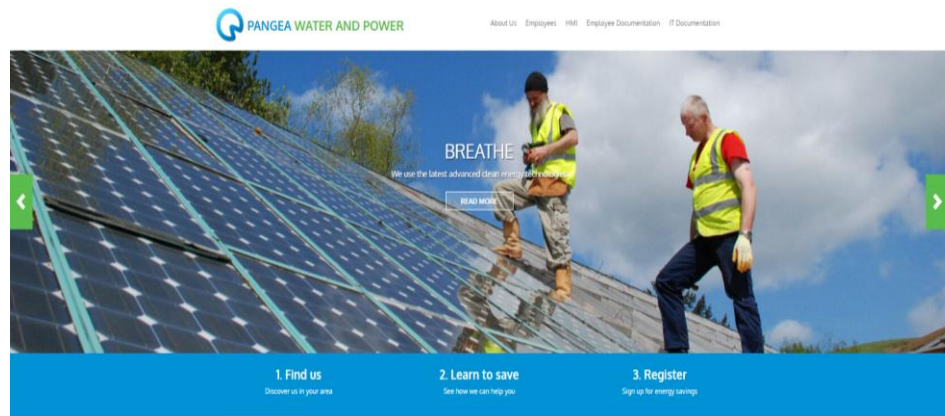


PROVIDED ENVIRONMENT TO BLUE TEAM

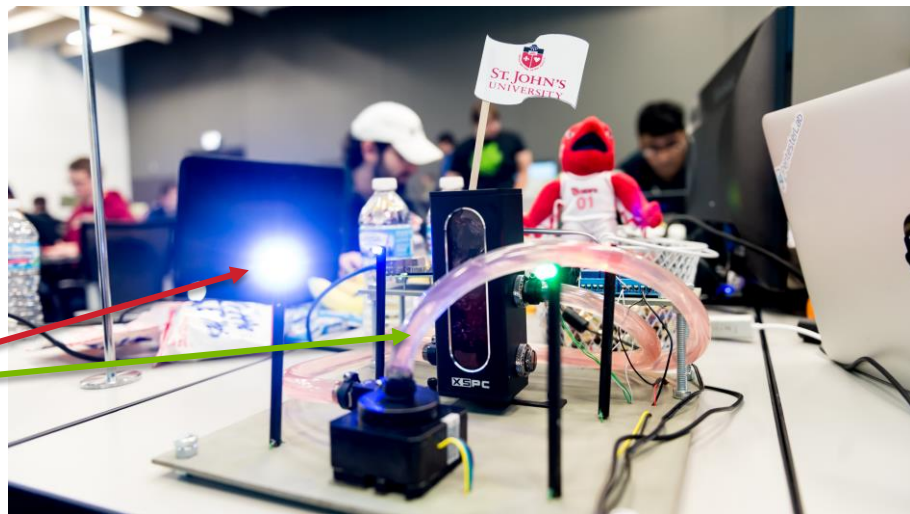
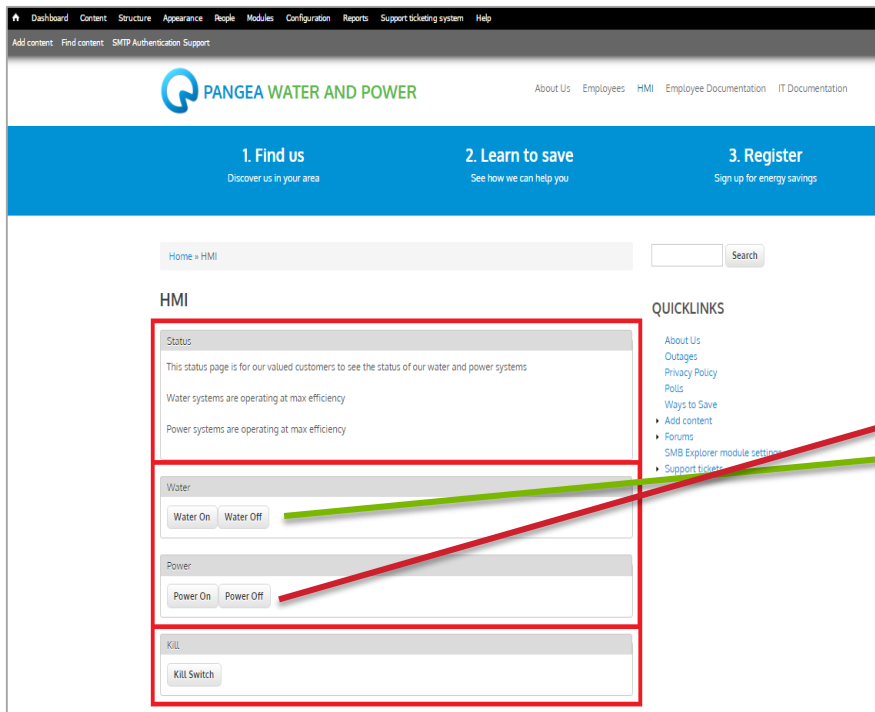


BLUE TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- Services required to run at all times included:
 - Website/Web Server
 - Help Desk
 - Email Server
 - File Server
 - Active Directory Server
 - Human Machine Interface
 - Industrial Control System
- Encouragement on Unique Defenses of their networks



HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE



USABILITY CONSTRAINTS

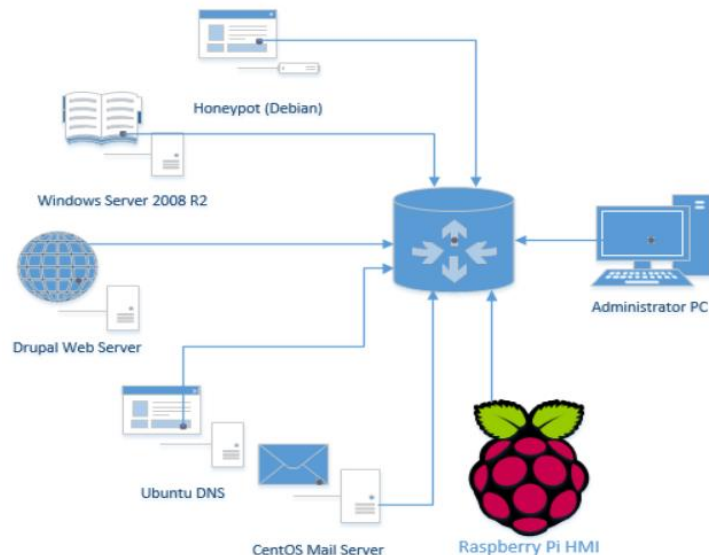
- Blue team had to maintain functionality so that users could still:
 - Log in
 - Upload and download files
 - Add Comment to Posts
 - Access ICS HMI
 - Request support through help desk
 - Answer a request from help desk

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Create Support ticket" for "ENERGY AND POWER". The form includes a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Add content", "About Us", "Employees", "HMI", "Employee Documentation", and "IT Documentation". The form fields are as follows:

- Title:** A text input field containing "HMI is not working".
- Body:** A rich text editor with a toolbar. The content includes "The HMI webpage is still down. Someone better fix it soon or... YOUR FIRED!", "Frank Castle", and "CEC".
- TICKET PROPERTIES:** A section with dropdown menus for "State" (set to "new"), "Priority" (set to "normal"), "Assigned" (set to "f.castle"), and "Project".
- NOTIFICATIONS:** A section with a checked "Subscribe" checkbox and a note: "Receive email notifications when this ticket is updated."

UNIQUENESS IN DEFENSE

- Teams added their own unique defenses such as:
 - Hosting the web application inside of Docker
 - Rewriting authentication scripts
 - Isolating mail servers
 - “Jailing” services and users to containers
 - Adding “banned” constraints
 - Adding honeypots
 - Custom written operating systems



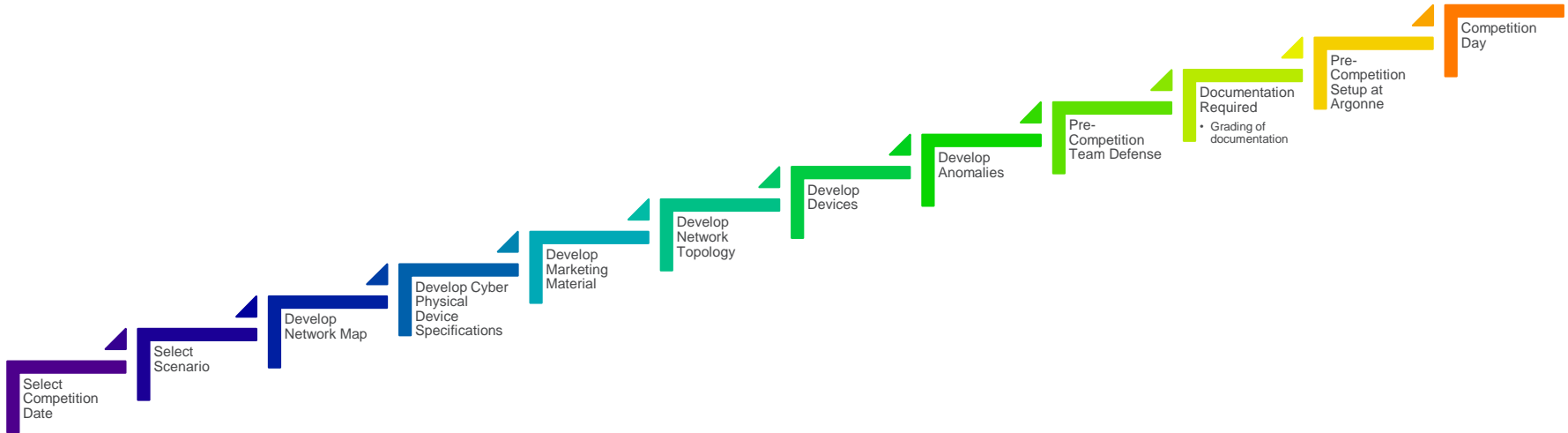
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Teams are required to provide
 - Documentation on their networks
 - User manual documentation
 - 5 minute presentation to both technical and non-technical group
- All these items are required by a specific deadline and the teams are graded on
 - Professionalism
 - Creativity
 - Uniqueness
 - Readability
 - Clarity
 - Completeness
 - Supporting diagrams

REAL WORLD COMPLICATIONS

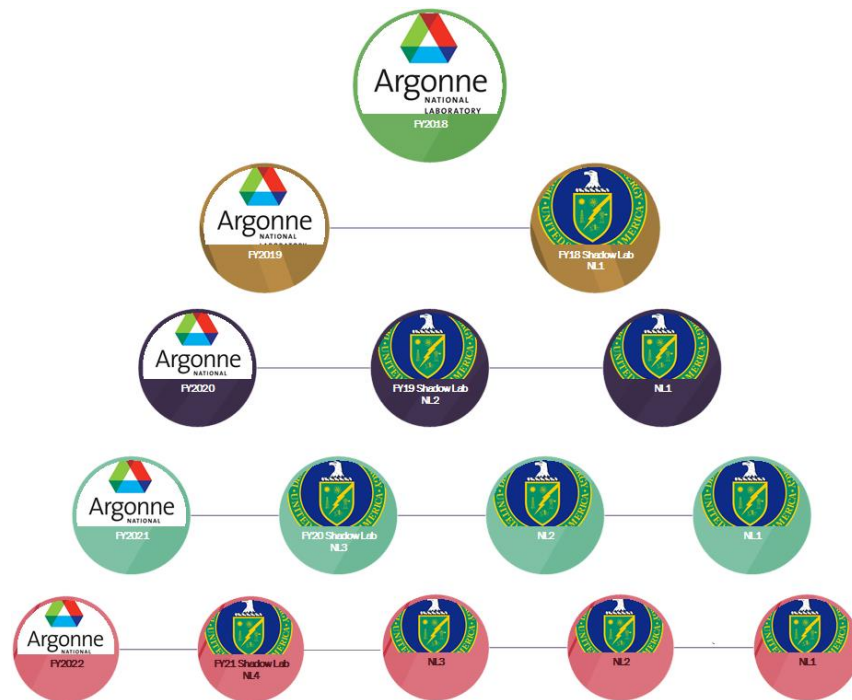
- Besides the normal defense and operations of the system, there are “anomalies” that are provided that a real-world administrator may come into play.
- For example,
 - Administrators are called into a standing meeting for 20 minutes.
 - Teams are asked for a quick turn on a specific threat seen.
 - Teams are asked to change their architecture for no apparent reasoning.
 - Website upgrades
 - “FUN” crypto games
 - Red teams have ability to roam room for shoulder surfing.

TIMELINE



FUTURE GROWTH PLAN

- The goal is to expand this to multiple laboratories.
- Current Layout
 - April 2018
 - Argonne National Laboratory
 - *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Shadow Lab)*
 - *Oak Ridge National Laboratory (Shadow Lab)*
 - October 2018
 - All three laboratories synchronize their event.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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