

CYBER SECURITY DIVISION
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Advanced Situation Awareness of
High Impact Malware Attacks
Against the Internet Routing
Infrastructure

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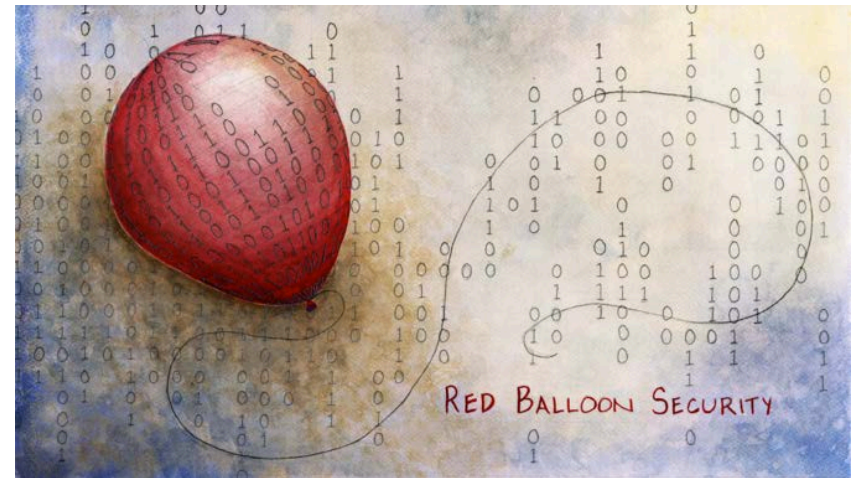
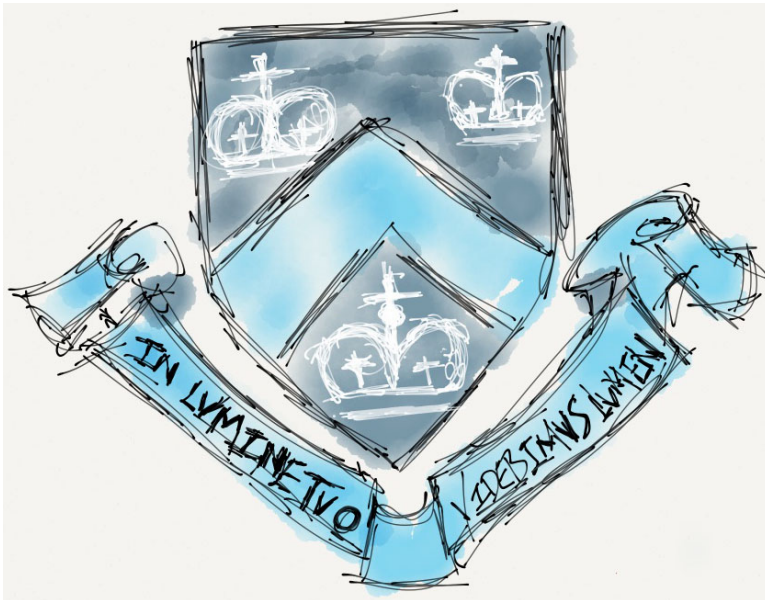


Homeland
Security

Science and Technology

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- RBS has produced the world's first Embedded Device "AV" for
 - Cisco IOS Routers, Printers, IP Phones, ...

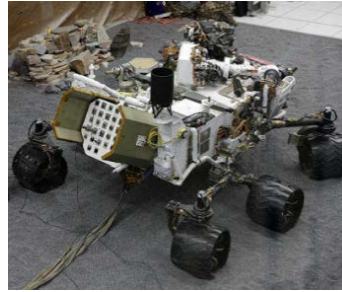
Billions of Embedded Systems with no Anti-Virus (We have to break them to learn how to fix them)



50 Million - [Hacked](#)



[Hacked](#)



3? [Hacked???](#)



100 Million/year -
[Hacked](#)



How many? [Hacked](#)



Millions? (Unknown due to HIPPA)



Runs our homes
70 Million - [Hacked](#)



Runs the internet! [Hacked](#)



Customer Need



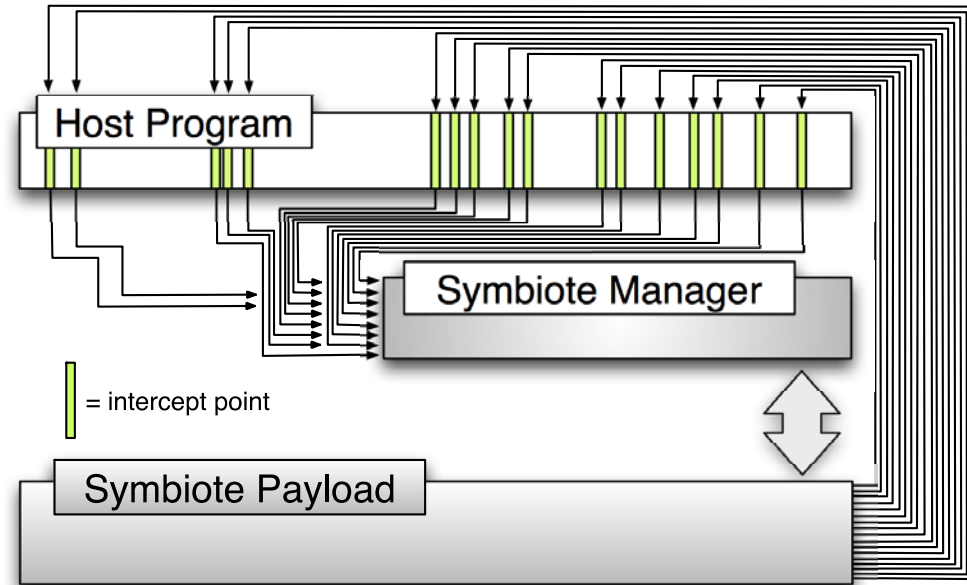
- Embedded devices are insecure
- The myriad of different ISA's, OS's, Proprietary Firmware versions makes it all but impossible to develop a single security solution until now
- Symbiote technology was invented to inject security functionality in arbitrary firmware
 - Injection is “randomized” - Self-protecting
 - Automated through FRAK



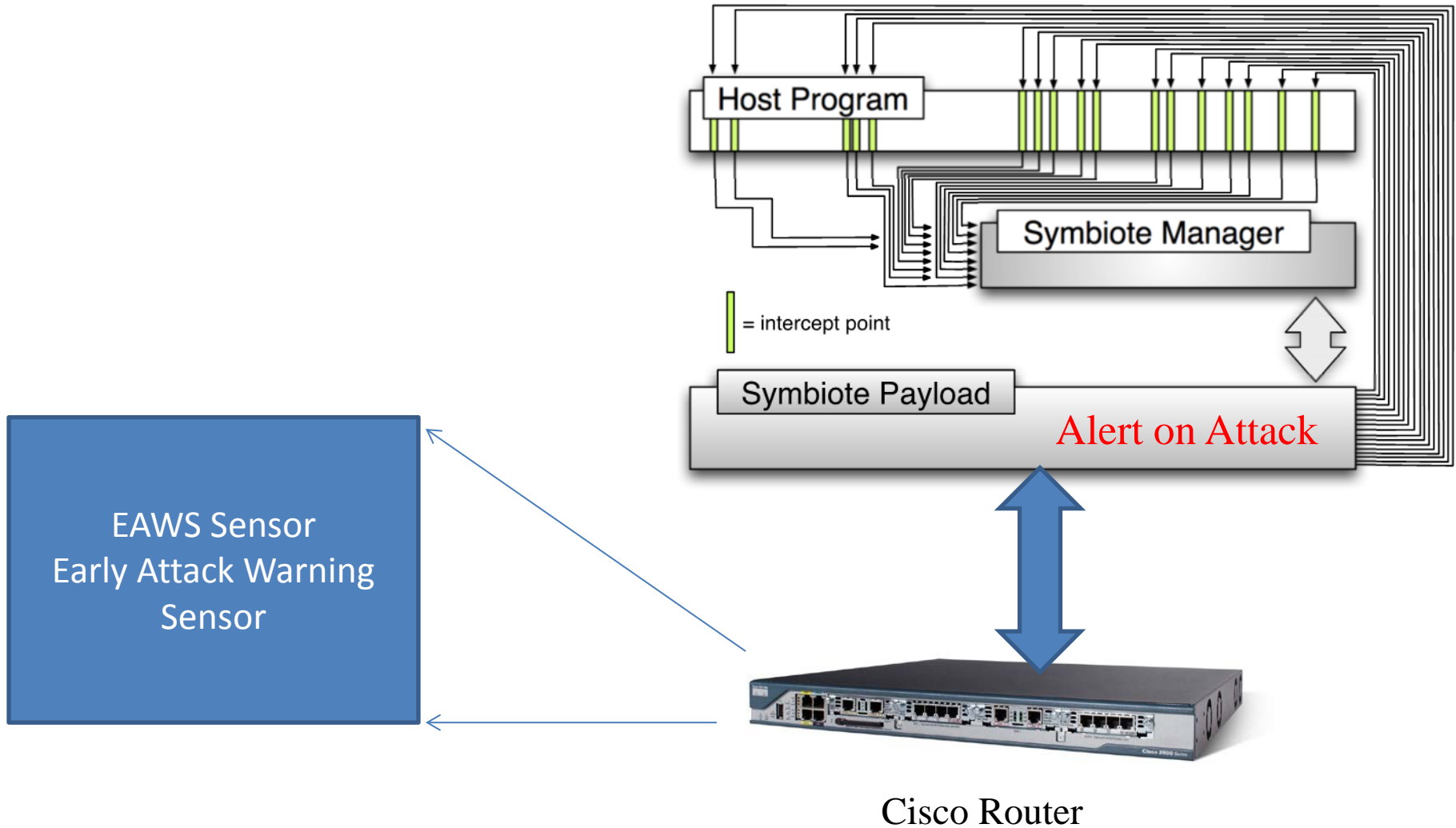
Approach



Defending Embedded Systems with Software **Symbiotes**



Converting **Symbiote**-injected Routers into Network Attack Detectors



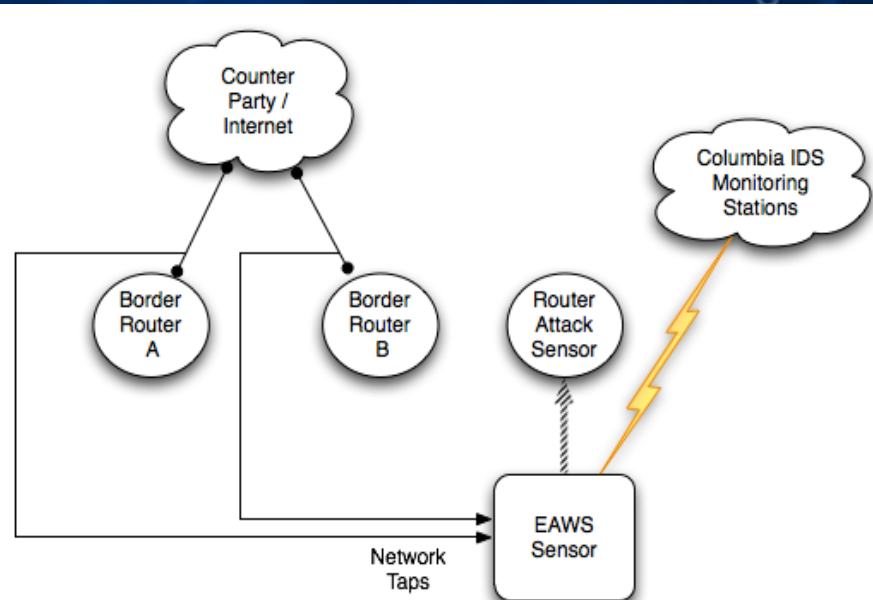


Benefits

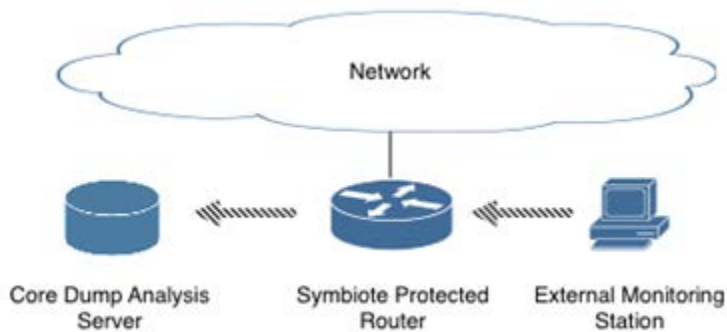


- All embedded devices can now be protected from advanced malware threats
- The internet routing infrastructure can also be turned into a monitoring infrastructure to detect advanced threats

Early Attack Warning System against the Routing Infrastructure



Routers As Detectors



Easy Deployment Anywhere

- No impact on network operations
- Integrated with existing SIMs
- New eyes into the security posture of the network



Competition



- None, really! (Except perhaps inertia to do nothing)



Current Status



- Testable Symbiote-protected Cisco IOS router ready for test and evaluation at Deter within 6 months



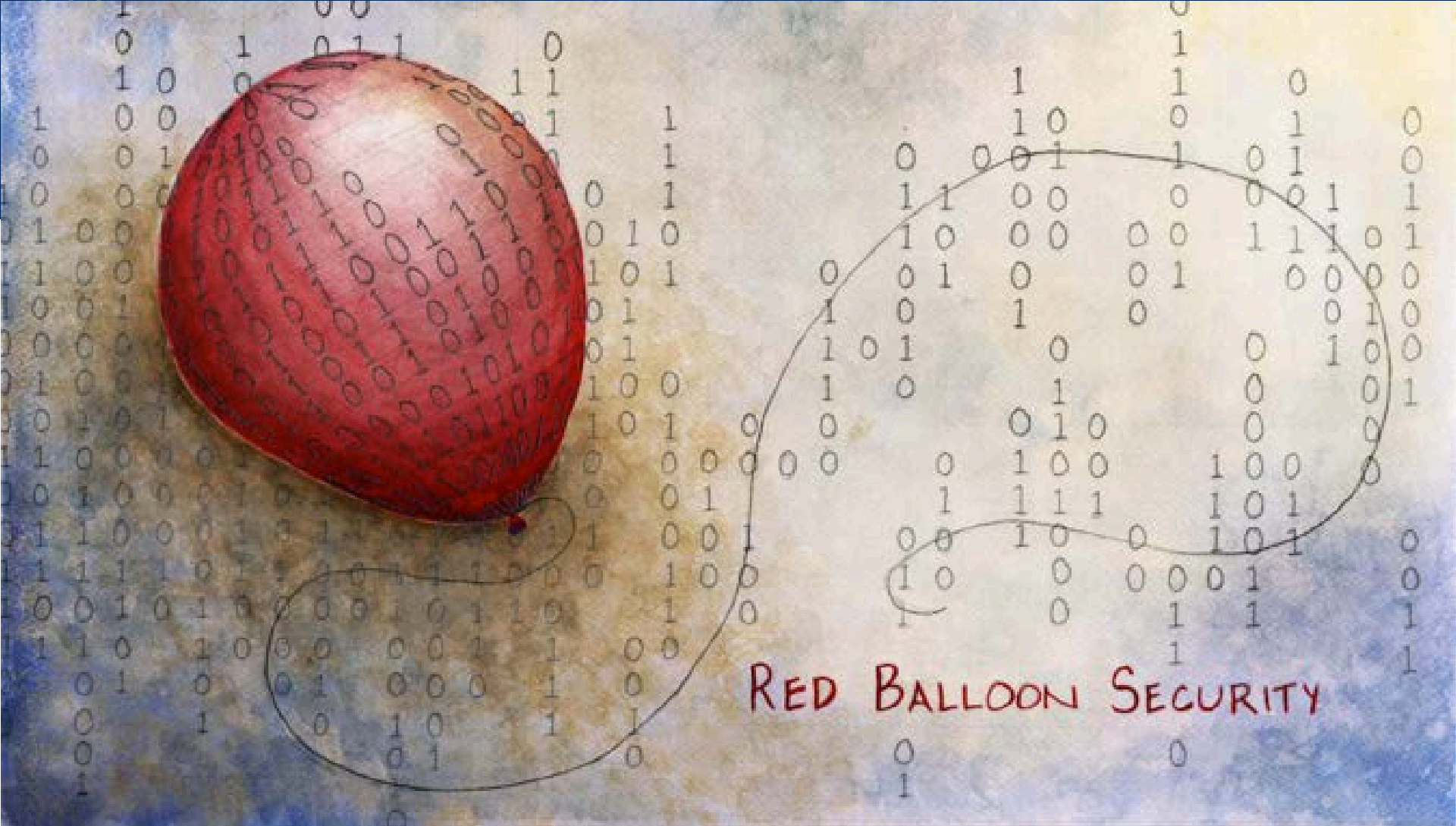
Next Steps



- Complete T&E and deliver Symbiote-protected router sensor
- RBS successfully transitioned technology from Columbia and is in direct discussions with vendors

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