



NDIA ATC Project Updates

Synthetic Instrumentation & Cyber Security

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- Follow up to “Software Architecture for Synthetic Instrumentation Trade Study” undertaken in 2014
 - At the 4/17/18 NDIA meeting, there was discussion about the need for a standardized method for interfacing to synthetic instruments
 - Projects team was tasked with canvassing DoD regarding the need for a standardized interface method
 - Created a questionnaire & distributed to DoD individuals associated with Navair, Army and Air Force.
 - Does the DoD have a need for this effort? – i.e. a standardized method for communicating / controlling Synthetic Instrumentation. During the 4/17 meeting Dave Carey pointed out that IVI classes exist for many SI functions, so couldn’t IVI classes be used to “standardize” these interfaces?
 - What problems are we trying to solve by creating this standardization? Are there some examples that one can point to today that demonstrate how standardization would solve these problems?
 - No response from questionnaire
- Recommendation: No need to pursue this effort, IVI classes can offer many of the standardized interfaces for SI functions

- 4/17/2018: Projects team asked to initiate a task to address cyber security for ATE systems
- Mike Dewey / Dave Carey as co-project leads initiated effort relating to ATE Cyber Security
- Initial telecon with DoD participants on 5/11 for the purpose of framing the overall task:
 - Phase I - Creation of an SOW that outlines the overall scope of the effort. This document can be used to frame / identify the threats and possible mechanisms for infiltration of cyber attacks / malware as well as defining what content will be included in a subsequent document / project that address these threats.
 - Phase II - After acceptance / agreement of the SOW by the NDIA ATC, creation of a "Guidelines and Recommendations for Addressing ATE Cyber Threats" document which is guided by the SOW.
 - Agreement that co-project leads would send out a questionnaire to DoD participants to better frame the overall effort

Cyber Security Task (cont'd)

- Questionnaire sent out to DoD members on 6/3
- Distribution expanded to include all NDIA members on 6/18
- To date, 5 responses – 3 from DoD, 2 from industry

Cyber Questionnaire: (Submitted to both DoD & Industry)

•Rank the outcomes associated with ATE cybersecurity for which you are most concerned. (0 (none) to 10 (high))

Outcome	Example	Rank
Confidentiality	Files or data theft	
Integrity	Corruption of data or system	
Availability	Server crash	
Non-Repudiation	Sending of misinformation or malicious messages	
Authentication	Login credentials theft	

•Rank the listed “entry” source or method for an ATE cybersecurity attack that concerns you the most and the perceived probability of that entry point for an attack. Rank 0 (none), 10 (high), Probability 0 to 100%

ATE Entry Method / Source	Rank	Probability
Network		
Memory devices (USB Drive, CD/DVD, Disk)		
Equipment Vendor		
Test Program		
Instrument Driver		
User/operator		
Calibration Facility		
Repair Facility		
Test Instrument		
Weapon system or unit under test		

•Have you experienced a cybersecurity breach with a test system or instrument? If yes, explain if authorized or possible.

Cyber Questionnaire: Compiled Responses

Outcome	Example	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	
	Responses	1	2	3	4	5	AVE
Confidentiality	Files or data theft	7	7	6	0	2	4.4
Integrity	Corruption of data or system	8	10	6	0	5	5.8
Availability	Server crash	5	10	4	0	8	5.4
Non-Repudiation	Sending of misinformation or malicious messages	1	5	10	0	3	3.8
Authentication	Login credentials theft	2	1	8	0	2	2.6

ATE Cyber Security Entry Method / Source of Most Concern	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	Rank	
Responses	1	2	3	4	5	AVE
Network	0	1	7	0	9	3.4
Memory devices (USB Drive, CD/DVD, Disk)	8	10	10	0	5	6.6
Equipment Vendor	7	10	7	10	2	7.2
Test Program	6	7	6	0	1	4
Instrument Driver	7	10	7	0	1	5
User/operator	5	5	9	5	5	5.8
Calibration Facility	2	7	5	0	2	3.2
Repair Facility	3	10	5	10	1	5.8
Test Instrument	4	7	5	0	1	3.4
Weapon system or unit under test	4	10	7	0	0	4.2

Observations / Responses from Questionnaire

- Top concerns:
 - System availability & integrity
 - Cyber entry points of most concern: Memory devices, equipment vendor
- Lack of response / participation indicates limited interest in this task
 - Reluctance on the part of industry to participate – addressing cyber is considered company IP
- Projects committee recommends terminating any additional effort for this task
- Any future effort should be coordinated with other existing cyber project efforts that might be underway with other NDIA divisions, e.g. the Cyber Security Division