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The Cyber Insider in the Supply Chain

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What is the Supply Chain Cyber-Attack Surface?







Image source: IAEA TDL-011

Taxonomy of Supply Chain Cyber-Attack Types



| Attack Type | Description | Publicly Acknowledged Attacks |
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| Theft of IP, design, or data | Unauthorized disclosure of information from a stakeholder who has a trust relationship with the end target, enabling future attacks and/or causing economic loss. This may include but is not limited to intellectual property (IP), design information, operational/configuration data, or stored secrets (i.e., private key, digital certificates). | Stuxnet, Target breach, Duqu 2.0, CCleaner attack |
| Malicious substitution | Complete replacement of digital technology, including hardware, firmware, and/or software. Hardware clones or counterfeits may not impact all end users depending on the distribution, whereas a substituted software package may compromise all end users even if only a few were targeted. | ShadowHammer, Dragonfly/Havex, Solarwinds Orion (Sunspot), CCleaner attack |
| Design, specification, or requirements alteration | Unauthorized modification of design, specifications, or requirements that compromises the design stages and results in the purposeful inclusion of latent design deficiencies (e.g., requirements that result in vulnerabilities) or built-in backdoors. | Dual_EC_DRBG random number generator backdoor |
| Development, build, or programming tool alteration | Unauthorized modification of the development environment, including platform, build and programming tools, with the intent to corrupt the device under development. | Xcode-Ghost, SolarWinds Orion (Sunspot) |
| Malicious insertion | Addition or modification of information, code, or functionality directly into a device to cause malicious intent, such as impairing or altering device operation or function. | Stuxnet, Target breach, SolarWInds Orion (Sunburst), NotPetya Ransomware, Kaseya (REvil Ransomware) |
| Tampering, configuration manipulation | Unauthorized alteration or fabrication of configuration, non-executable data, or sending of unauthorized commands with the goal of impacting device operation or function. | SQL Slammer worm |
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Are any of these Supply Chain Attacks by an Insider?





- Stuxnet
 - Malware on air gapped system
 - Stuxnet driver was signed with a valid certificate. Twice.
- Target Point of Sale (POS) Breach
 - 3rd party contractor's credentials were stolen and used for access
- Dragonfly/Havex
 - Vendor websites were compromised
 - Malware was inserted into legitimate software and downloaded by customers
- SolarWinds Orion
 - Sunspot: Deployed in build environment; replaces source file with one with Sunburst malware backdoor
 - Software update included Sunburst; downloaded by customers which then allowed further compromise





Hypothetical Supply Chain Insider Attack #1— Software Update Compromise

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Hypothetical Supply Chain Insider Attack #2— Hardware Configuration Manipulation

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Hypothetical Supply Chain Insider Attack #3— Theft and Release of Confidential Information





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Mitigations for Insiders in the Supply Chain

- Risk-informed approach: Focus first on the sensitive digital asset (SDA) supply chain
- Map the supply chain: Understand the supply chain attack surface for the SDAs; include service providers
- Establish supplier trustworthiness:
 - Establish and verify supplier security capabilities
 - Understand their insider threat mitigation processes
 - Visit and audit/assess suppliers, if possible (could be 3rd party verification)
 - Maintain approved supplier lists
 - Monitor and review supplier's security periodically

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Mitigations for Insiders in the Supply Chain (continued)

- Maintain your own facility's supply chain best practices
 - Establish cyber supply chain risk management (C-SCRM) policies and procedures
 - Include cybersecurity in procurement specifications
 - Perform inspections (supplier, on-receipt, prior to use, etc.)
 - Identify and train employees in C-SCRM
 - Maintain existing programs [e.g., Counterfeit, Fraudulent, Suspect Items (CSFI), Nuclear Quality Assurance (NQA-1), etc.]
 - Maintain detection and response capabilities
- Maintain your own facility's insider threat best practices



Framing Software Component Transparency: Establishing a Common Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

NTIA Multistakeholder Pr Framing Working Group 2021-10-21





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