

A high-speed train is stopped at a modern train station platform. The platform is covered by a large, arched glass and steel structure. The train is white with blue accents. The sky is clear and blue.

IT Risk Management and Security Architecture in Trains

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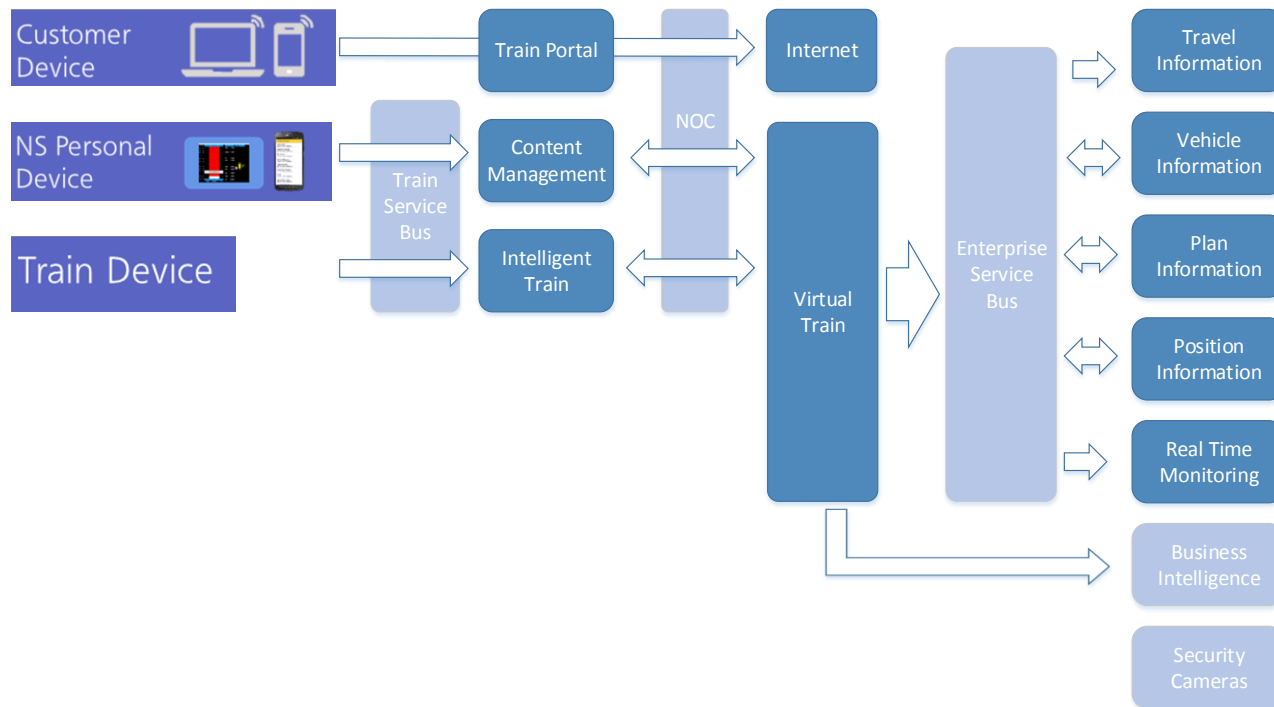
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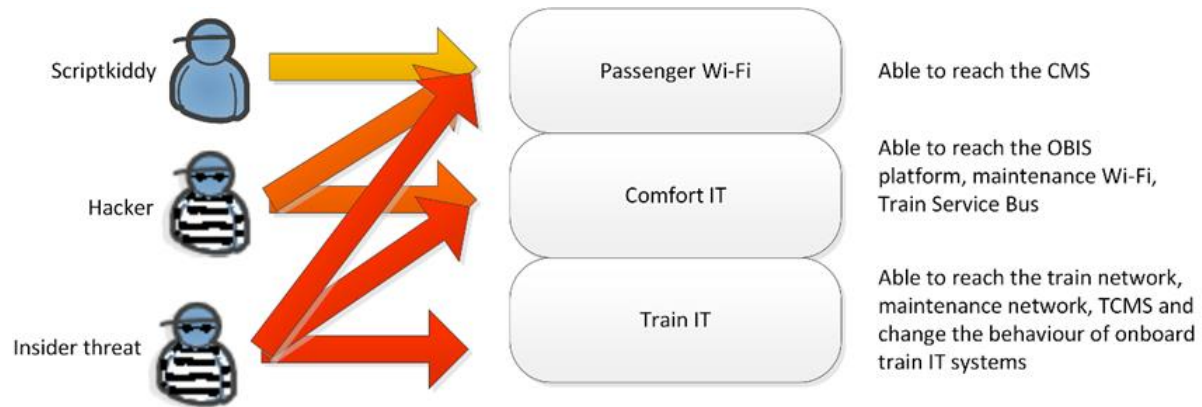
- Setting the scene
- Where is the risk
 - Mitigation strategies
- Prevention is key
 - Secure train architecture
- Lessons learned
- Conclusion



Setting the scene – Computers on Rails



Where is the risk - Risk analysis for trains



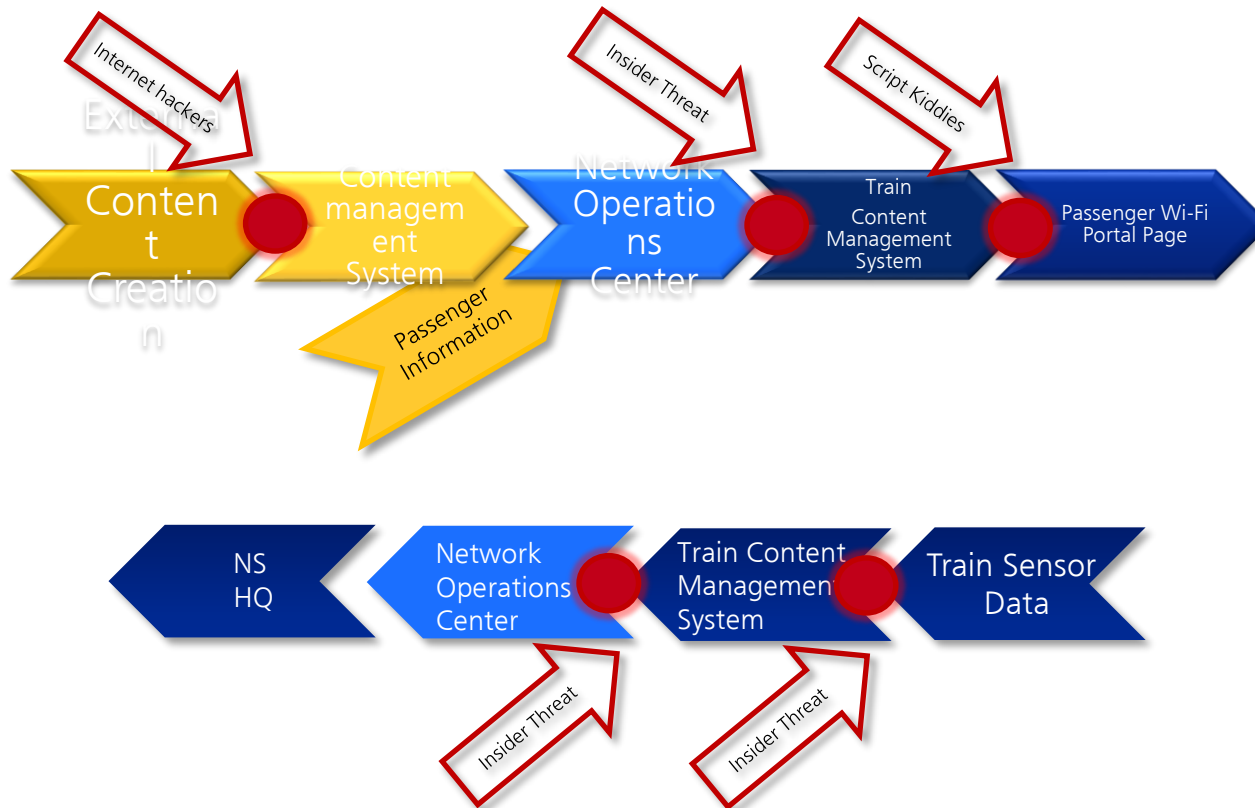
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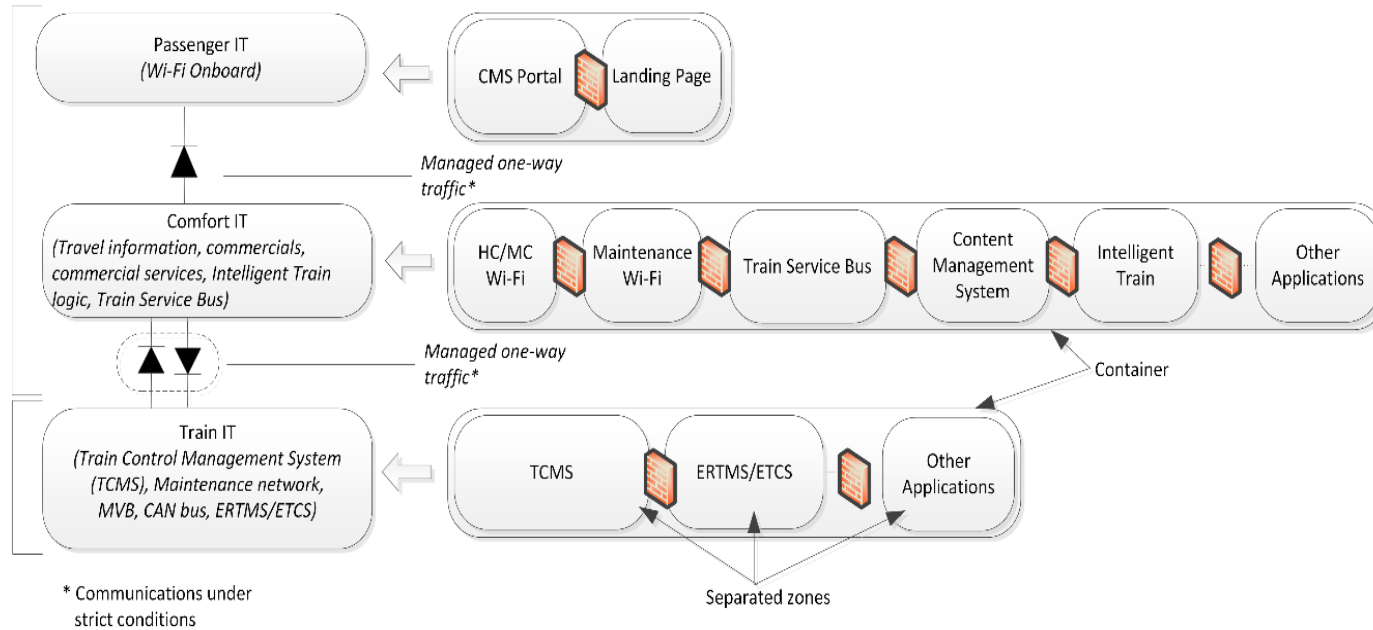
OBIS: Onboard Information Systems

TCMS: Train Control Management Systems

Where is the risk – Information flows

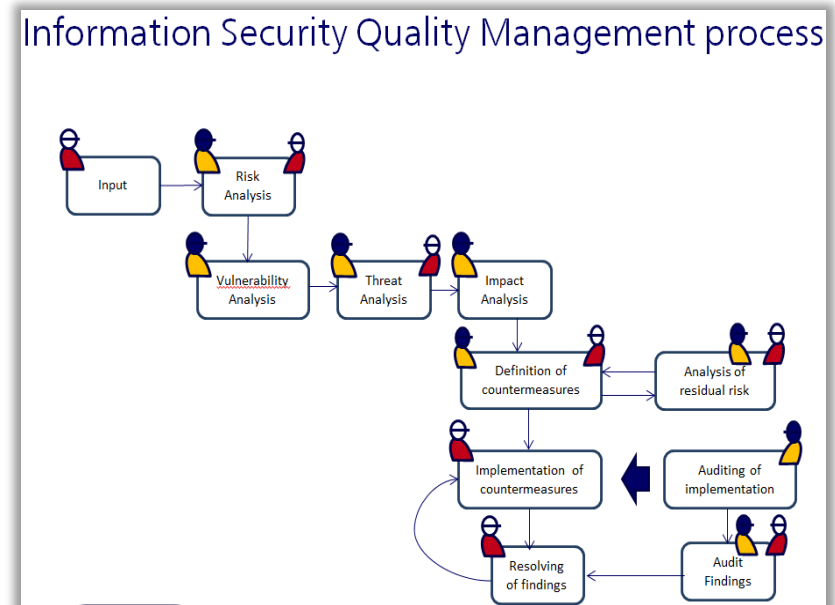


Prevention is key - Target architecture



Prevention is key - External challenges

- Train suppliers
 - Include security requirements in RfI and RfP
 - Assist in interpretation of requirements
- Continuous communication and open exchange of information
- Create a common understanding of risks using a standard process
 - Business Impact Analysis
 - Threat and Vulnerability analysis
 - Determine Risk
 - Select and implement controls
 - Check implementation
 - Accept remaining risks



Key take-aways

- Specify Information Security Requirements beforehand
- All software must be protected (logical and physical) and up to current levels of security standards
 - Comfort IT
 - Media player, content management system, passenger Wi-Fi, etc
 - Train IT
 - HMI software, train personnel Wi-Fi, RTM, etc
 - TCMS
 - Train computer, PLC's, CAN bus/MVB/Train ethernet, etc
- Physical security is an important aspect (safety versus cyber)
- Train builders are willing to comply on process level. It is harder to improve hardware level when buying off-the-shelf trains
- Define an internal process to manage residual risk including stakeholders and ownership



Conclusion

- Information technology enables new business and operational models
- Information security for Train IT is relative new but key in keeping trains safe in the (very) near future
- Threat analysis provides a good basis for mitigating risks efficiently
- Close co-operation is needed
 - Rail Operators
 - Suppliers and
 - Maintenance Companies and
 - Regulators



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