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# Cyber-Physical Security and Resilience in SmartGrid

## Cyber Security Landscape from a vendor's perspective

# Guiding principles

## Reality

There is no such thing as 100% or absolute security

## Process

Cyber security is not destination but an evolving target – it is not a product but a process

## Balance

Cyber security is about finding the right balance – it impacts usability and increases cost



**Cyber security is all about risk management**

# Cyber Security

A definition *in the context of power and automation technology*

## Traditional

*Measures taken to protect a computer or computer system (as on the Internet) against unauthorized access or attack\**



## Power and automation technology

*Measures taken to protect the **reliability, integrity and availability** of **power and automation technologies** against unauthorized access or attack*



# Cyber security in power and automation

## Why is cyber security an issue?

### Power and automation today

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- Modern automation, protection, and control systems are highly specialized IT systems
  - Leverage commercial off the shelf IT components
  - Use standardized, IP-based communication protocols
  - Are distributed and highly interconnected
  - Use mobile devices and storage media
  - Based on software (> 50% of ABB offering is software-related)

### Cyber security issues

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- Increased attack surface as compared to legacy, isolated systems
- Communication with *external* (non-OT) systems
- Attacks from/over the IT world

**Attacks are real and have an actual safety, health, environmental, and financial impact**



# ABB Cyber Security

## A word from ABB's CEO

Ulrich Spiesshofer, CEO ABB

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*"ABB recognizes the importance of cyber security in control-based systems and solutions for infrastructure and industry, and is working closely with our customers to address the new challenges."*



# Importance of Software for ABB

## Majority of offering with software content today

### ABB software business – some facts

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**Embedded software:** core of our electronics offering

**Automation system software:** a leading DCS<sup>1</sup> player

**Application software:** for design, operations, and services

> 50% of offering is software-related

> 2'600 software developers

### Smallest software application

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3-pole contactor

~100 lines of software code

### Large software application

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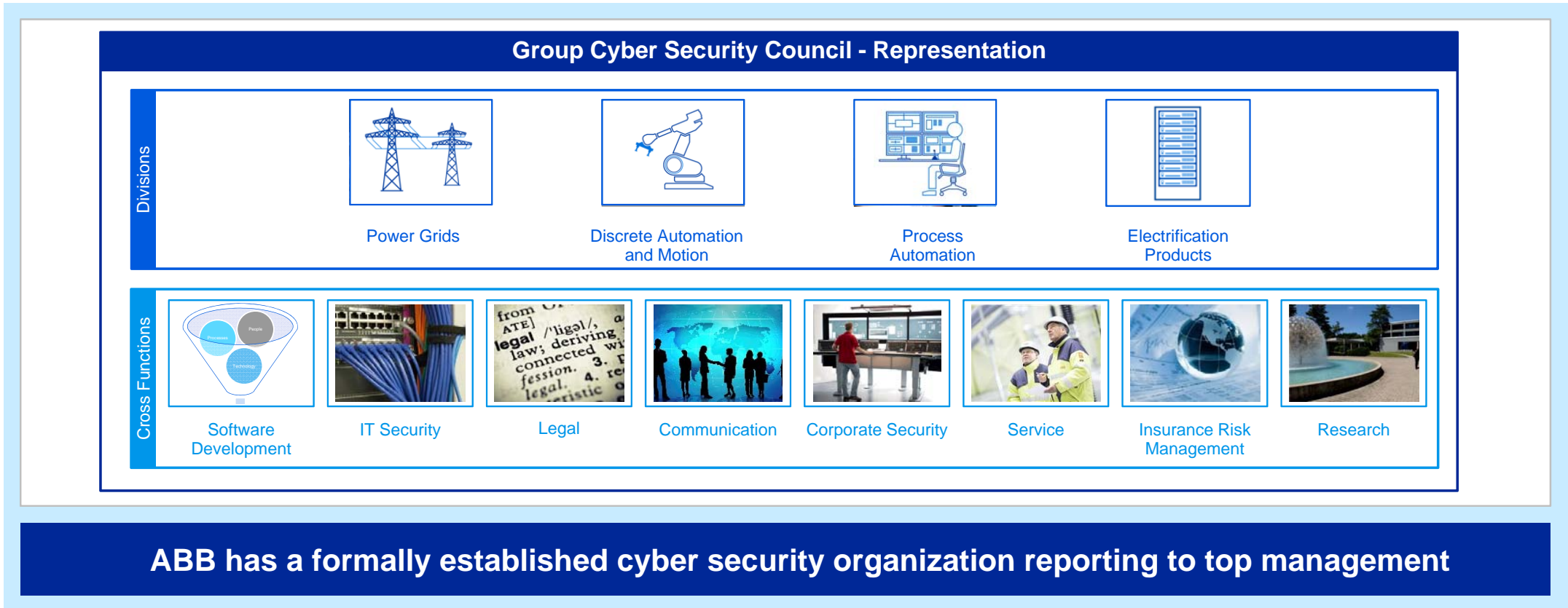
Network Manager

>5 mn lines of software code

Same size as avionics and control system of Boeing 787

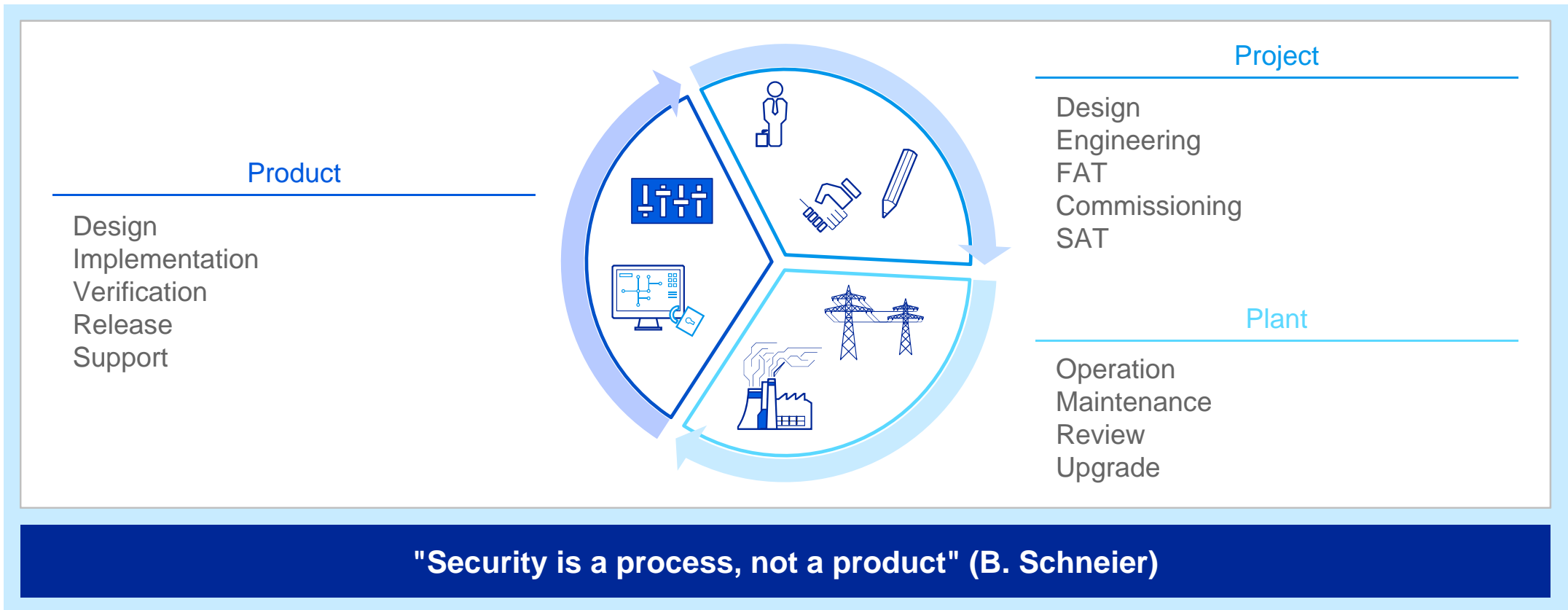
**ABB - a leading industrial software player**

# ABB Group Cyber Security Council Representation



# Cyber Security in the System Lifecycle

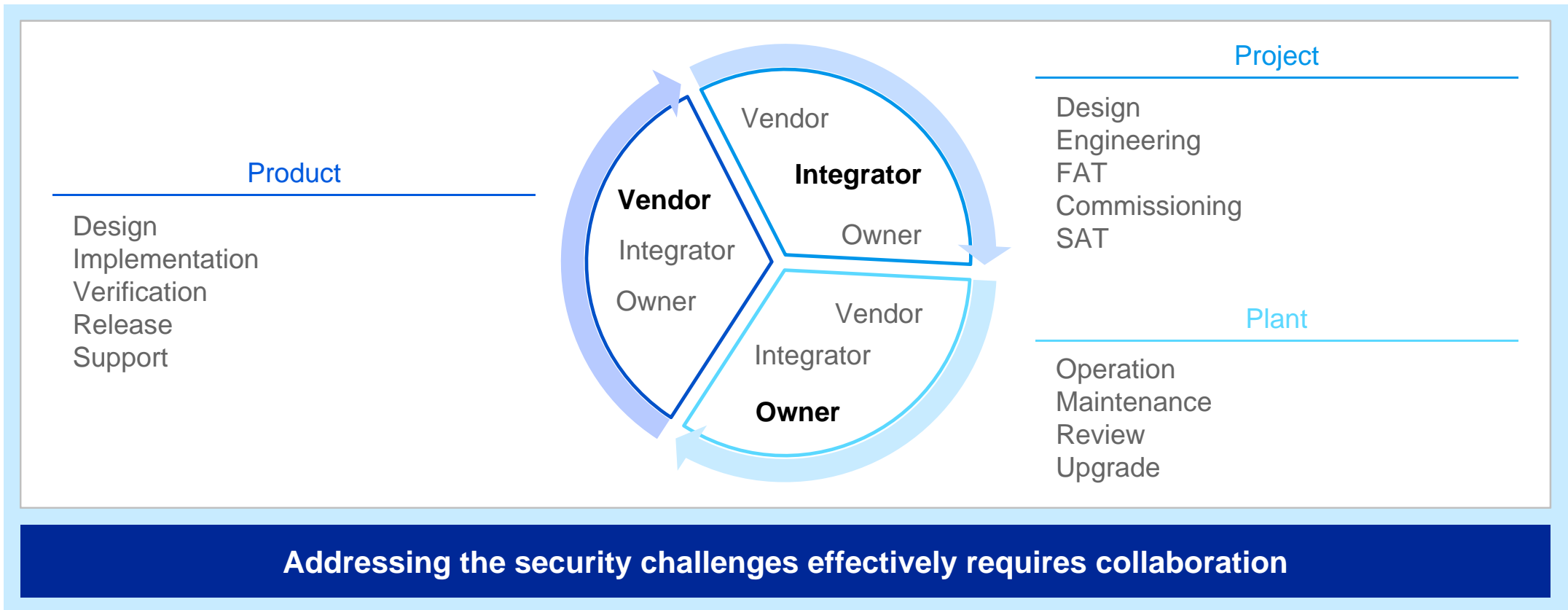
## Product Lifecycle to Plant Lifecycle and back





# Cyber Security in the System Lifecycle

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# Cyber Security in the System Lifecycle

## Tendering and contracts

### Recommendations

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Address cyber security explicitly in tenders and contracts

- Be specific but practical

Consider the entire lifecycle

- Product, Project and Plant

Be transparent and establish clear expectations

- What is included in delivery
- What comes with additional cost
- Who is responsible for what
- When do responsibilities shift

### Examples for R&D

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Security Development Lifecycle ☺

Independent Validation

Certification ☹

### Examples for Processes

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Awareness & training ☺

Background investigations ☹

Vulnerability handling ☺

### Examples for Information Security

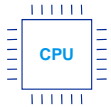
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Protection of customer data ☺

(Sub) Contractor information security policies

# Security considerations in products and systems

## Hardware



Capabilities for security operations

Dedicated security chips

Trusted modules (tampering)

Long-term deployment

## OS



Security needs and functionalities

Addition security features (anti-virus, whitelisting)

Lifecycle and support

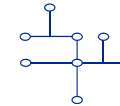
## Application



Security capabilities (access control secure comm.)

Security as SW quality requirement: SDL

## Network and System



DMZ, perimeter protection, zone and conduits

Firewalls

IDS and IPS

Monitoring

## Infrastructure for Service



Secure remote access

Monitoring & asset management

Access control

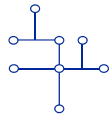
Patch management

Incident management

# Security considerations in system design, engineering and operations

## Architecture

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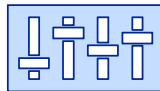
Network topology  
(e.g., DMZ, zone and conduits)

System security controls  
(e.g., firewalls, logging, directories)

Remote access and system connectivity

## Management

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Software updates

Malware protection

System hardening

Backup and recovery

Security monitoring and diagnostics

Incident management

## Access

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Roles and permissions

Account management

Policy enforcement

User authentication

## Documentation

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System and software inventory

Network diagram

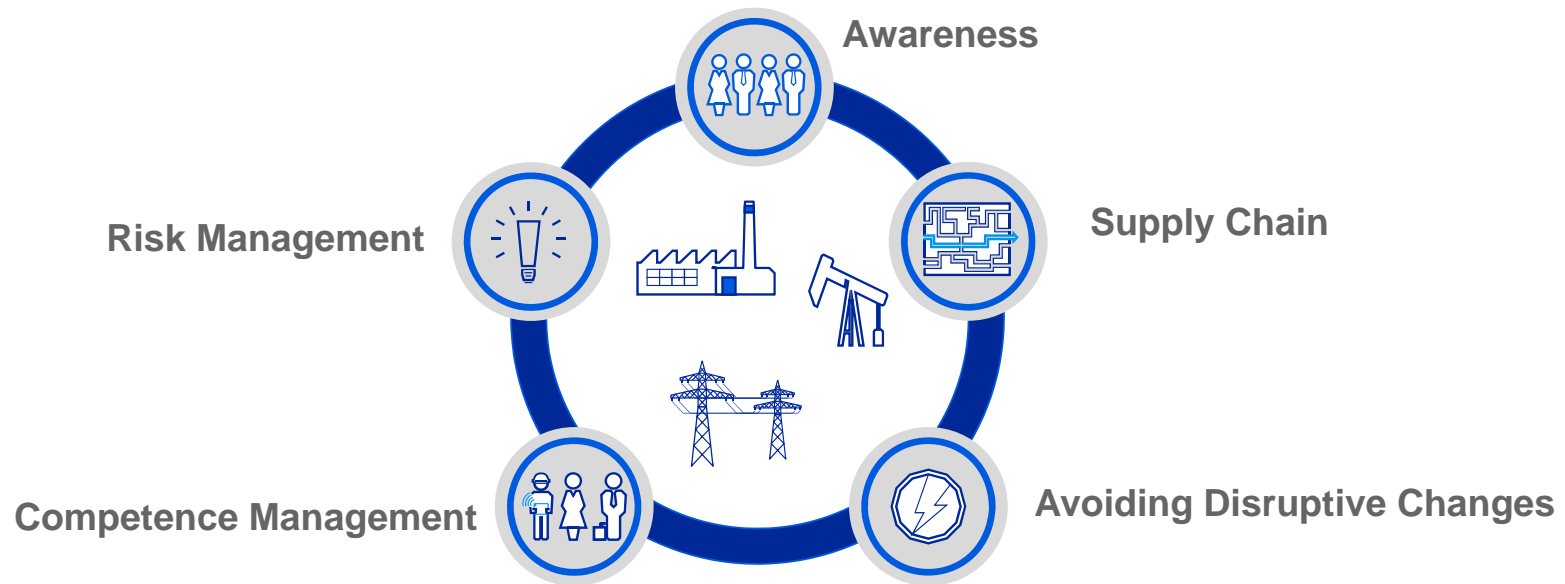
Used / required ports and services

Hardening settings

User and system accounts

# Biggest challenges for asset owners

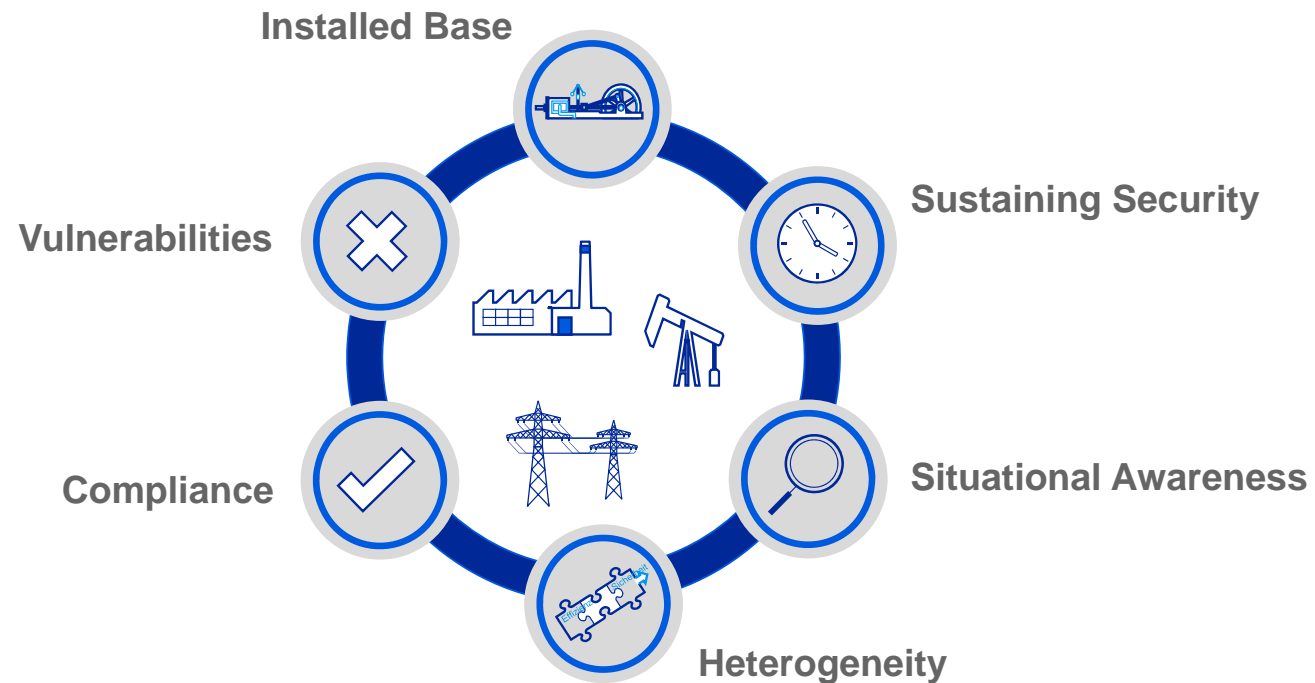
## Operational and Organizational





# Biggest challenges for asset owners

## Technical



# What the future holds

## Software

### Importance of IT and SW will increase

- Use of COTS components
- Cloud based offerings
- Wireless technologies

## Demand

### Importance of and demand for cyber security will increase

- in all corners of the world
- for all industries

## Success

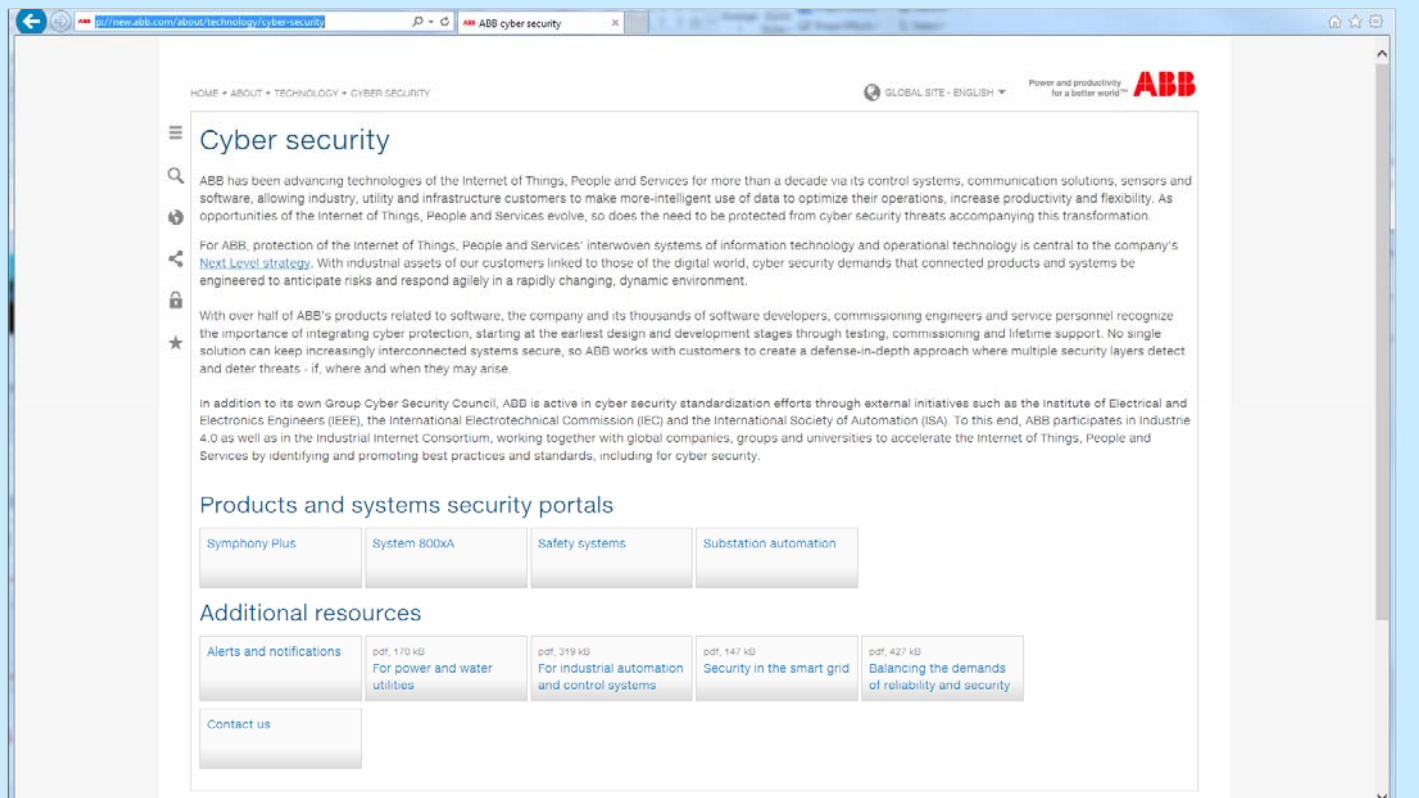
### Keys for success

- Joint effort by all stakeholders, e.g. asset owners, vendors, governments
- True integration with automation technology, bringing end-to-end security
- Better integration of cyber security into organization and operational processes

# External Cyber Security Portal

## Links

- Web:  
<http://www.abb.com/cybersecurity>
  
- Email:  
[cybersecurity@ch.abb.com](mailto:cybersecurity@ch.abb.com)



The screenshot shows the ABB Cyber Security Portal. The browser address bar displays <http://new.abb.com/about/technology/cyber-security>. The page title is "Cyber security". The main content area includes an introductory paragraph about ABB's commitment to cyber security, a section titled "Products and systems security portals" with buttons for Symphony Plus, System 800xA, Safety systems, and Substation automation, and an "Additional resources" section with buttons for Alerts and notifications, For power and water utilities, For industrial automation and control systems, Security in the smart grid, and Balancing the demands of reliability and security. A "Contact us" button is also visible at the bottom.

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