TRENDS
Companies in the manufacturing industry have always wanted to optimize their machine load, minimize their inventory, and improve their energy efficiency in order to maximize productivity and maintain their competitiveness. As a result of growing interconnectedness, production systems are becoming a part of industrial environments with connections to ERP systems and other IT office applications.

Machine Communication
Components and equipment are increasingly outfitted with IIoT technology. Cyber Physical Systems, i.e. systems of systems, develop out of previously isolated units. Via IT technology, these systems are capable of communicating with each other and processing information about production processes, the products themselves, as well as logistics chains.

Big Data
Through the increased use of sensors, the amount of information in production environments is growing. As a result, production is not only able to be monitored meticulously, product history can be followed reliably and establish secure legal evidence – even off-site.

CHALLENGES
The growing complexity of industrial processes only presents one of the new dangers accompanying changes in the industrial sector. Massive IT interconnectedness via the internet is making production technology systems and the products manufactured within them attractive targets for industrial espionage, sabotage, and organized cyber criminals. Machine-specific attacks via Trojans, for example Stuxnet, Duqu, Flame, Shamoon, or the most recent activities of diverse intelligence services, like Prism, Byzantine, ShadyRat or Tempora, have already shown that extremely real threats exist.

Protection of Know-how and Manufacturing Knowledge
Considering the possible information channels within production environments, there is a growing necessity to protect valuable know-how and unique product characteristics without inhibiting manufacturing processes and quality. The goods that are to be protected as well as the processes and data differ incredibly. For instance, machine and systems manufacturers are concerned about piracy prevention as well as protecting machine configurations and settings.
SERVICES
Fraunhofer SIT has longstanding experience in the conception and realization of cryptographic concepts that enable software and hardware elements to be connected with each other as required for each individual application. The Institute runs its own test laboratory, where comprehensive security evaluations are performed based on national and international standards as well as in accordance with the Institute’s own seal of approval.

Fraunhofer SIT offers the following services to companies in the production field:
- Creation of threat analyses and minimum requirements
- IT security evaluation of systems and components
- Integration of IT security mechanisms
- Development of protocols and IT security functions
- Development of security architectures for industrial networks
- Product protection via cryptographic systems
- Secure engineering for software development processes
- Technical consultation

BENEFITS
For system operators:
- Protection against production losses and problems
- Fast and efficient support with risk management

For system/machine/component manufacturers:
- Competitive advantages via certified security properties
- Protection against product piracy and reverse engineering
Information technology has already permeated large parts of our everyday life: whether it be a car, telephone or heating. Without the use of IT, the majority of devices and systems are almost inconceivable. Businesses in particular use IT systems to effectively design their working processes. The Fraunhofer Institute for Secure Information Technology focuses on protecting these systems against failures, attacks and manipulations.

The Institute works for companies in various industries. Many successful projects with international partners are impressive evidence of the faithful and reliable cooperation. Our customers include HP, Software AG, SAP, Lufthansa and the Federal Office for Information Security.

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