

EVLA Monitor & Control Software PDR

Monitor & Control Network Security

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Requirements



- Accessibility
 - Operators
 - Engineers
 - Scientists
- Monitor vs. Control
 - Read vs. write
- Security
 - Acceptable risk



Access



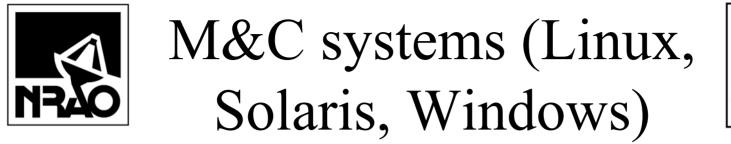
- From M&C systems to antennas
- From VLA to antennas
- From AOC to antennas
- From NRAO to antennas
- From non-NRAO to antennas



Vulnerabilities



- M&C systems
- M&C/Antenna Network
- MIB
- Other ?





- Virus
- Root access
- Denial of Service
- M&C software itself



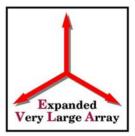
M&C and antenna network



- Network Devices
 - CISCO IOS NTP vulnerability
 - Announced May 8th
 - TCP/IP stack
- Network flooding



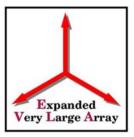
MIB vulnerabilities



- TCP/IP stack
- Telnet (authentication)
- HTTP server
- NTP
- Denial of service - Port flooding
- Human Error



Direct Access



- Firewall
 - Limit access based on
 - Source IP
 - Sender Digital Certificate
 - MIB awareness
 - Throttle flooding
 - Encryption precludes content filtering
- Can't guarantee packet integrity



Indirect Access



- Proxy service
 - Request proxy
 - Web Proxy
- Virtual antenna
 - Same client software
- Remote display
 - X11 or Citrix
 - slow