



Air Gapping: The Slowest Gear in Digitalization

Dr. Fulvio Arreghini – Head of International Sales

GovWare 22 conference

Singapore, 18/10/2022



The Digital Transformation

Digital Transformation - a must have



INNOVATION

Digital Transformation Is 80% EQ And 20% IQ

https://www.forbes.com/sites/servicenow/2022/09/14/digital-transformation-is-80-eq-and-20-iq/?sh=156e74309397

Digital transformation of oil and gas sectors: How to tap new value ecosystems

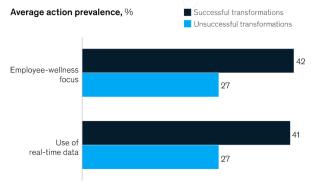
Stop Using 'Digital Transformation' to Describe Your Business. This Meaningless Buzzword Fails To Spotlight Your Company's Biggest Asset.

Businesses must move away from vague buzzwords surrounding "digital transformation" if they hope to genuinely and clearly get their messaging acro



Governments and Digital Transformation

What differentiates successful from unsuccessful transformations is the focus on employee engagement and use of real-time data.



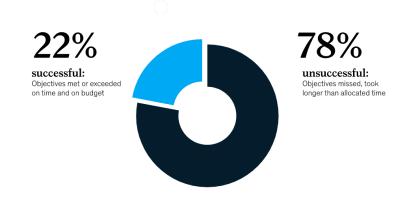
1.6x

Successful transformations use employee-wellness focused mechanisms 1.6 times more that unsuccessful transformations

1.5x

Successful transformations use real-time data 1.5 times more than unsuccessful transformations

Twenty-two percent of government transformations meet their objectives fully and on time.



Source: McKinsey Center for Government Transformation Survey, 2021

McKinsey & Company



Source: McKinsey Center for Government Transformation Survey, 2021

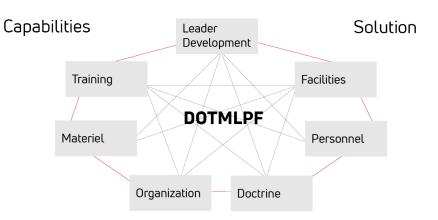


Digital Transformation

- 1. Disruptive digital technologies
- 2. Alteration of value creation paths
- 3. Managing Structural changes and organizational barriers

digital transformation, broadly speaking, is the process of organizing work so that people and technology work better together.



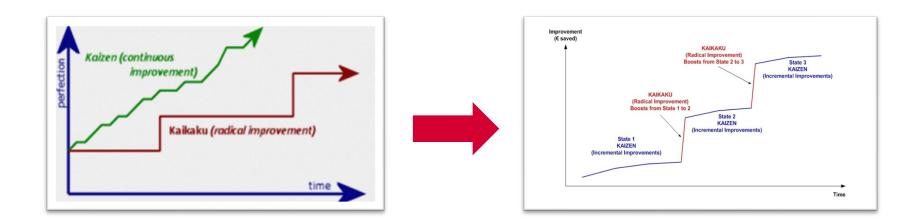






The End of Kaizen?

Digital Kaizen—a philosophy that focuses on making continuous digital improvements—could guide large-scale digital transformation activities in incremental steps



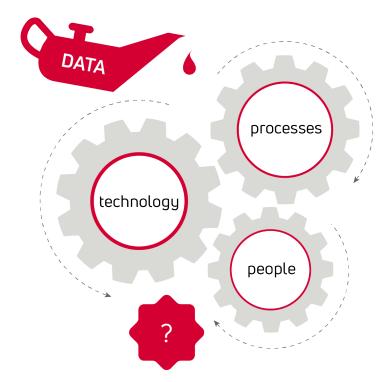


The DT Gearbox

- Multi Domain Operations: Decision Dominance
- The 3 Vs of Big Data
- Cyberspace redefines concepts time and distance

Something in the mechanism not designed for the new working point.

The result: blockage or the breaking of the entire mechanism.



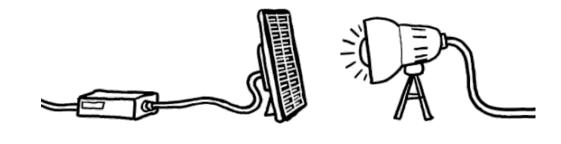




Air Gapping: The Golden Standard

Air Gapping

- Aka Sneaker networks
- Mainly based on the use of removable media
- The golden standard for data I/O in high security domains
- Still the reference in many norms



ENERGY TIP: INCREASE THE SECURITY OF YOUR HOME POWER SUPPLY BY INSTALLING AN AIR GAP.



The Myth of Air Gapping Security

Viability

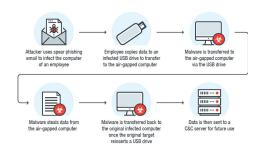
- Non real-time
- Scalability issues for high volumes
- High operational costs
- Legacy interfaces on endpoints
- Gaps in accountability





Security

- Open data interfaces increase attack surface
- Trust anchor only in the human actor
- Chain of custody auditable only at endpoints

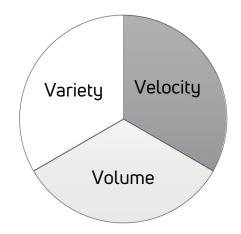




Air Gapping: Velocity and Volume

Velocity in air gapped systems depends on:

- Interfaces on endpoints and I/O capability of media
- Physical distance between source and destination endpoint
- Speed of the carrier (how good the sneakers are....)
- Volume of the data to be transferred
- Number of receiving endpoints



Volume and air gapping:

- Several TB of data may be transferred on a regular basis: capacity of media
- Management overhead for media in their lifecycle (procurement, management, destruction)
- CAPEX/OPEX for removable media



Security of Air Gapping

- Open ports increase <u>surface of attack</u> (hardening)
- Violation of the <u>Separation of Duties</u> principle
- Complete loss of <u>accountability</u>
- Violation of <u>Integrity</u>
- unique trust anchor is the human courier











Cross Domain Solutions

Cross Domain Solutions

What is a CDS

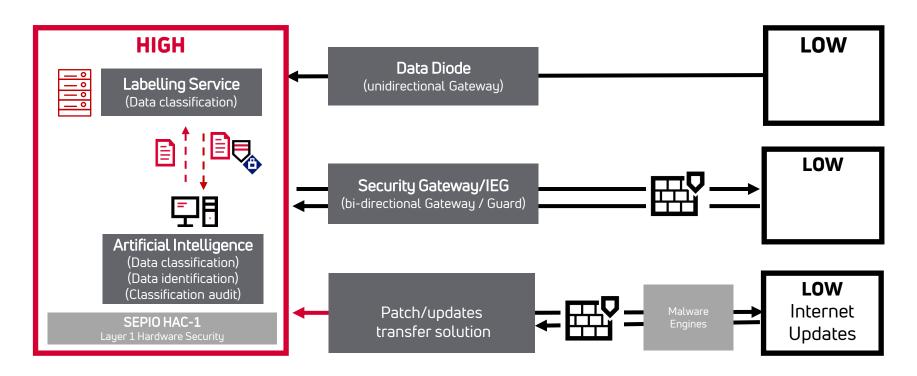
- Solution which Enable unidirectional and bidirectional interconnections between security domains
- Protect classified/sensitive information (confidentiality, integrity)
- Full auditing
- ✓ Separation of duties
- Security by design, development, deployment (evaluations and certifications)

What a CDS is NOT

- x Firewall
- x An encrypting device/encrypted storage
- x An anti malware scanner

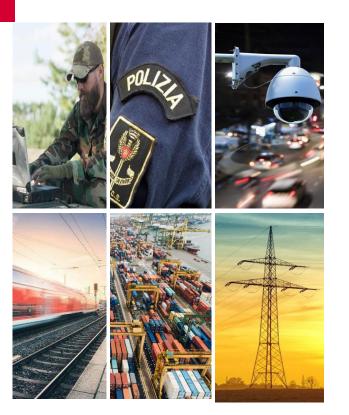


Cross Domain Solution in a Nutshell

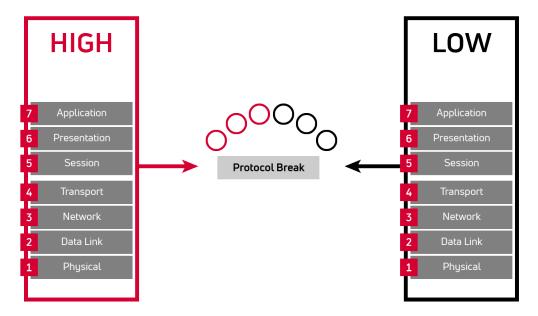




CDS Applications



- Defence, Public Security, Critical infrastructure
- Security, Privacy or safety requirements





CDS Benefits

Small footprint:

- Limited SWAP (Size, Weight And Power)
- Resilience/Reliability
- Low impact on logical architectures
- Integration with other security solutions (firewalls, anti malware)

High assurance:

- approvals/certification to the highest security standards
- High availability/fail safe
- security by design:
 - Separation of duties (4 eyes/RBAC with HW token)
 - Full accountability (full logging)
 - Hardening (microkernel)
 - Low sensitivity to new threats (ruleset/security label based)



INFODAS Cross Domain Solutions



CJ SDOT



LOW

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

Appliances "men in the middle"

Security by design

Unidirectional Bi-directional

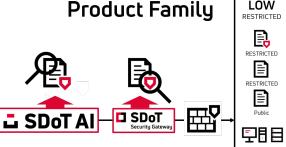
Data flow based on zero trust & whitelisting

Deep Content Inspection & Sanitization Filters of any data object

Government evaluations & accreditation

















Thank you

INFODAS

Rhonestr. 2 50765 Cologne Germany

+49.221.709120.0 f.arreghini@infodas.de www.infodas.de



