



YAKSHA: Trends and challenges in EU-ASEAN cybersecurity



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Scope

- **YAKSHA will build an ecosystem of partners** around its solutions **that will contribute to** enhancing cybersecurity skills in Europe and creating new positions for cybersecurity specialists in ASEAN.
- Moreover, the **direct access to the important ASEAN market will positively impact the competitiveness of European security industry.**
- **The YAKSHA software solution will be validated in real-world pilot projects in both EU and ASEAN, initially focusing on Vietnam and Greece, and with plans to expand the deployments to other countries.**



Objectives

1. **To assess the Cyber Security state-of-the-art in the ASEAN area and future developments**
 - i. To **describe** in detail the **cybersecurity ecosystem in ASEAN region** (**complete assessment of the cybersecurity environment** and actors in the ASEAN region and comparison with EU).
 - ii. To **identify future trends and opportunities** in EU-ASEAN cybersecurity.
2. **To develop and validate a distributed, flexible, cybersecurity solution:**
 - i. **Develop innovative methods for malware detection, collection and analysis.**
 - ii. **Validate** the final product and YAKSHA service **in real pilot projects by testing the YAKSHA software suite in real-world test cases**, represented by complex end-user organisations with articulated cybersecurity risks.



Objectives (cont.)

3. To enable the sustainable uptake of scientific, technical and economic results and foster cooperation and partnerships between EU-ASEAN:
- i. To **design and deploy** a **comprehensive communication and dissemination strategy**, in order to increase the visibility of the results to all the relevant stakeholders, and contribute to an overall increased impact of the project.
 - ii. To **develop** a **sustainable business model for the commercial exploitation** and **propose scenarios of the operationalisation** of the cybersecurity software.
 - iii. To **survey and develop possible areas of collaboration between European and ASEAN stakeholders**, both in the academic sharing of knowledge and know-how and possible business partnerships.



Challenges

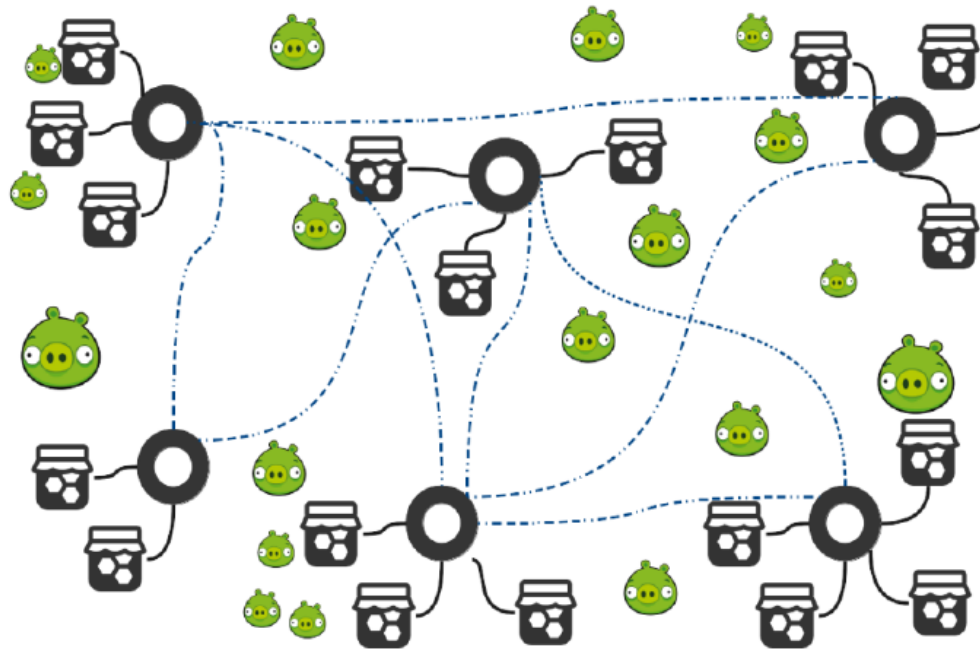
- **Automated Honeypot Deployment**
 - Create custom honeypots with the integrated sensors properly configured.
- **Automated Attack & Malware Analysis**
 - Extract knowledge from logs in a human readable format
→ attack analysis can be simplified and partially automated.
 - Provide ML tools and AI algorithms
malware detection, information correlation, attack patterns extraction.
- **Architecture and Scalability**
 - Inherently distributed architecture.
 - The nodes already contain powerful analytical capabilities
→ easier to collect information in a single place if needed.
 - Leverage information gathered by nodes outside of one's organisation
→ improving its readiness and defensive capabilities.
- **Global-scale Honeypots**
 - Facilitate end-users to exploit their capabilities, selectively share their collected samples, tools and knowledge.



YAKSHA Architecture

- **A YAKSHA Node:** On top, the installed honeypots which are exposed to the Internet so that attackers will try to penetrate them.

Not only typical Linux and Windows honeypots, but also hooks for IoT devices, Android and SCADA systems.





Architectural Components

- **Maintenance and Integration Engine:** configuration of a new honeypot, uploading and exposing it to the Internet and data wipe.
- **Monitoring Engine:** sanity checks to determine whether the honeypot is properly **working** (records changes in memory, processes, filesystem, network connections to detect anomalies during an attack).
- **Correlation Engine:** find how significant is the penetration and propagation of the sample, and it correlates the attack patterns with input from older samples.
- **Reporting Engine:** presenting the information in a readable form (issuing alerts and aggregating information for technical personnel, providing input on the organisation's cybersecurity risk levels).
- **Connectivity and Sharing Engine:** information exchange with other YAKSHA nodes (e.g., malware samples).



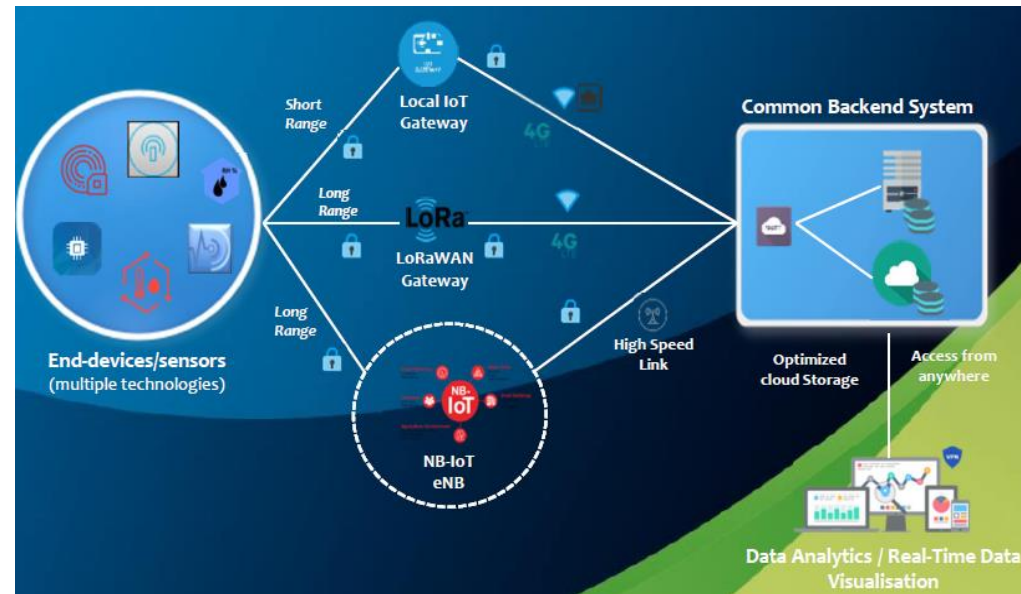
Use Cases

- **End-users of YAKSHA operate critical infrastructures and have very high security standards** → honeypot deployment is a crucial procedure.
- **YAKSHA trials will be conducted in both Europe and ASEAN countries** → each end-user will deploy his custom honeypots.
- **The partners will cooperate in finding common configurations to selectively share findings and test these features.**
- **Use of real data** (not simulated attacks).
- **Evaluate with the experts how well it clusters** the attacks, the quality of collected information, the reports, etc.



Use Cases: IoT Platform Testbed

- **Pre-commercial environment** (infrastructure and settings) **to collect real data** of potential attacks against the smart home IoT platform product.
- **YAKSHA analytics capability** will be used to raise awareness and provide decision support in strengthening the cybersecurity posture of the product.
- **Awareness of potential attacks in the wild, against ICT products and services.**





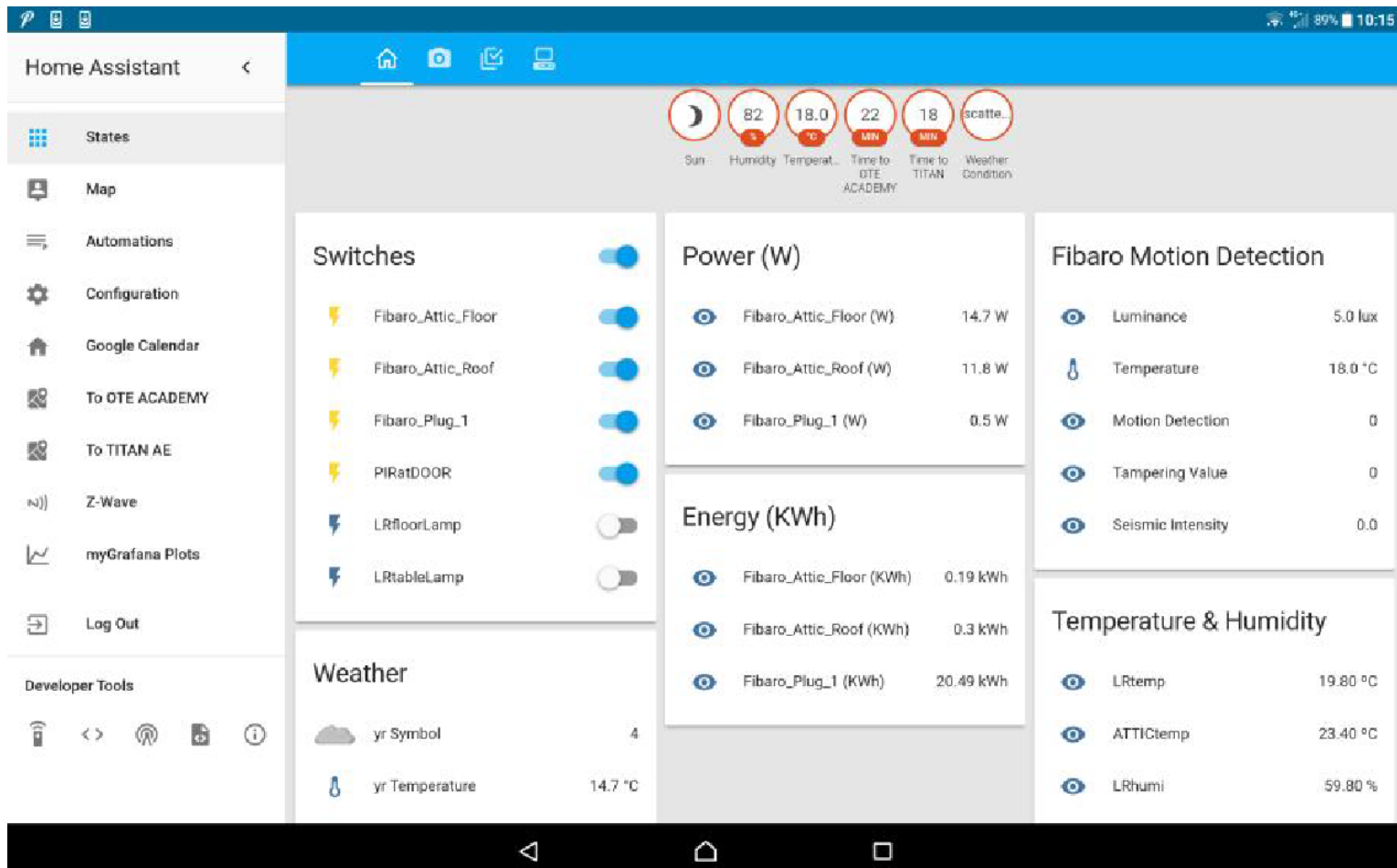
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- A wide range of **end-devices and sensors** are integrated on the IoT platform
 - Cameras
 - Microphones
 - Motion sensors
 - Temperature / humidity sensors
 - Energy consumption monitoring devices
- The end-devices use multiple technologies for communicating with the IoT platform
 - WiFi
 - 4G
 - High speed links
- Via LoRaWAN gateway, monitoring data are sent to a common backend system, with optimized cloud storage.





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- **End-users can connect remotely to the back-end system to have access to their data, as well as control their end-devices.**

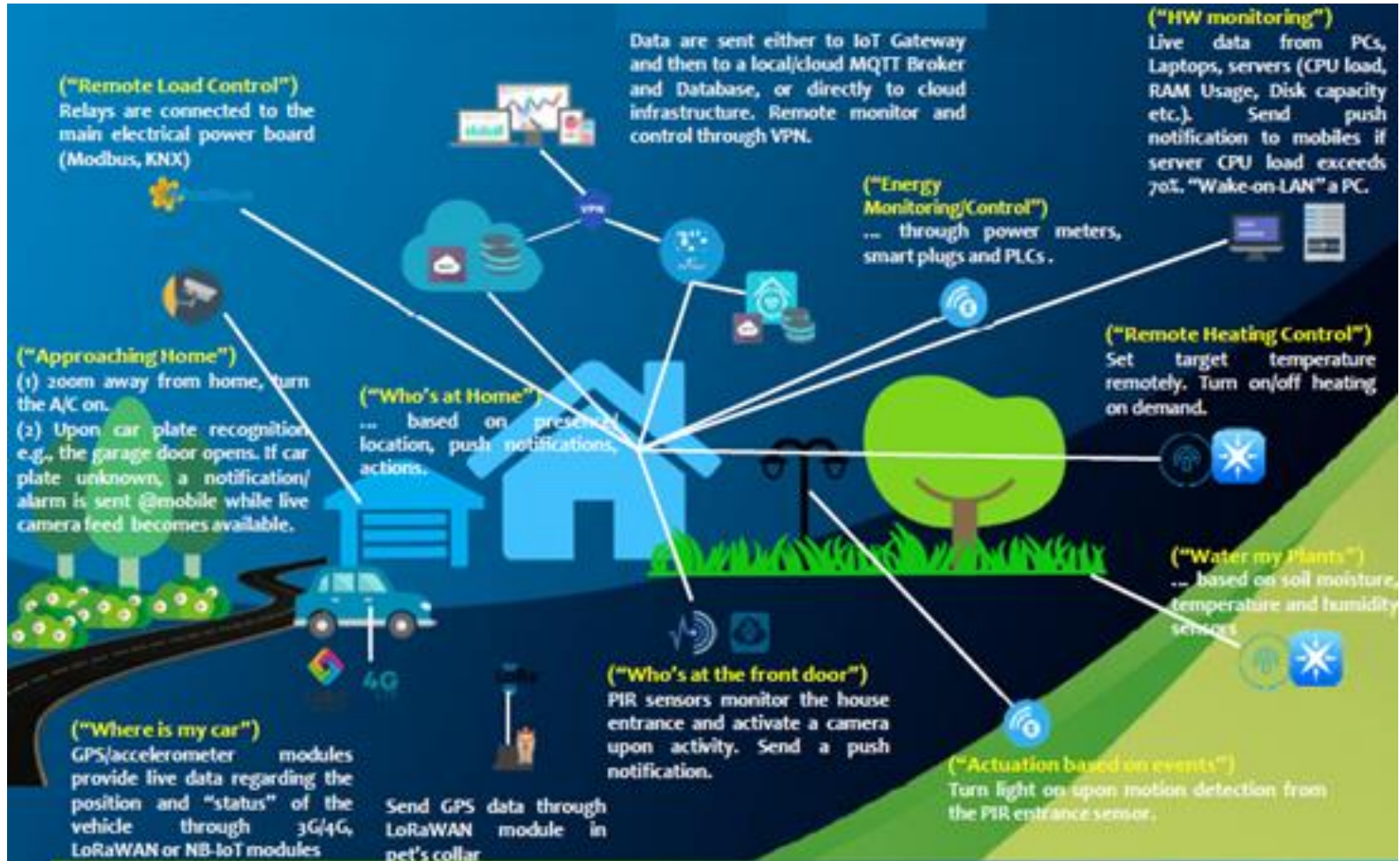


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➤ The back-end system is also enabled to provide data analytics, as well as real-time data visualisation to the end-users,

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Threat category	Threat	Component affected
Malicious code /software/ activity	Virus, worms/trojans, botnets, backdoors	Gateways
Malicious code /software/ activity	Privilege escalation	Gateway
Malicious code /software/ activity	Code injection	Database server
Denial of service	Denial of service	Analytics Server
Distributed Denial of Service	Distributed DoS	External targets (botnet)
Miners	Privilege escalation	Gateway
Execution of arbitrary code in IoT devices	Remote code execution	IoT devices
Leakage of private data	Data leakage	IoT devices



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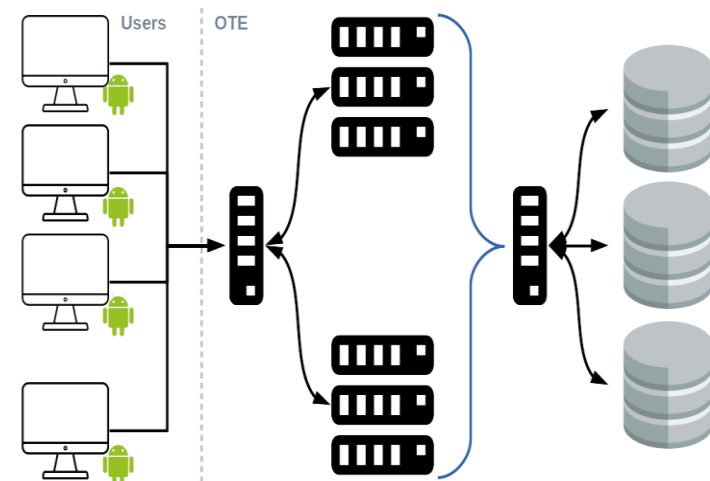
The considered OTE IoT platform supports the following capabilities:

-  **Monitoring (power/energy/voltage)**
-  **Energy management/Control (remotely, on-demand)**
-  **Facility automation (based on predefined events/rules)**
-  **Push notifications at end-users' mobile devices**
-  **Enhanced security and data privacy (VPN, SSL Certificates)**
-  **Data visualization**



Use Cases: Streaming box

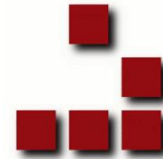
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