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Abstract

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1 Background

The motivation for this research was taken from [4] where the authors indicated that fault-tolerant design considerations include basic concepts like redundancy management, a contingency management system, and a good understanding of the issues that can affect reliability. In addition the authors stated that "Survivability considerations are more difficult to incorporate since the faults that are to be considered include all security issues, including pathological cases, as they may result from insider attacks. The general expectation is that the system can "survive" different faults and continue to provide essential services [2]."[4]. [In the first case the arguments are simply acknowledged from the source paper. The second is a direct quote from the source, which itself also contains a citation (which was not changed or renumbered).

1.1 System Overview

The system that is the basis for this research is representative of any control application found in a distributed critical infrastructure, e.g., electrical power grid; however, in this case it turns out to be part of the intelligent transportation system. The application is an embedded system that takes real-time data from a national sensor network via the Clarus [1] database server over the Internet and incorporates this data in algorithms that control the behavior of traffic signal operation [3]. The basic system is depicted in Figure 1 (restated from [4]). The system architecture combines traditional principles of fault-tolerance with the concept of Design for Survivability [2]. [This reference is simply there to get the reader to a source of the term in italic].

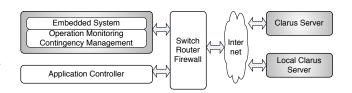


Figure 1: System Overview from [4]

1.2 Conclusions

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