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INVESTIGATING CYBER THREATS AND PROVIDING TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR SPACE CYBER SECURITY

Abstract

Cyber security in space is a rapidly growing concern, as the number of satellites, spacecraft, and ground-based systems increases. Space systems are vulnerable to a wide range of cyber threats, including hacking, malware, and cyber-attacks on ground-based systems. These threats can cause significant damage to space systems and their associated ground infrastructure, as well as posing risks to human safety and national security. To mitigate these threats, a range of countermeasures must be employed, including technical solutions, operational procedures, and international cooperation. The first line of defense against cyber security threats in space is the development and implementation of secure systems. This includes the use of secure protocols and encryption, as well as ensuring that systems are designed and tested to withstand cyber-attacks. Technical solutions must also be constantly updated and tested to keep pace with evolving threats and emerging technologies. In addition to technical solutions, operational procedures must be developed and implemented to minimize the risks posed by cyber threats. This includes training for personnel on the use of secure systems, as well as the development of contingency plans for responding to cyber-attacks. It is also important to establish a clear chain of command and a well-defined incident response plan, so that effective action can be taken quickly in the event of a cyber-attack. International cooperation is also essential to mitigate the risks posed by cyber threats in space. This includes the sharing of information on emerging threats and the development of international standards for the design and operation of space systems. It is also important to establish a framework for cooperation between spacefaring nations, so that resources can be shared and coordinated in the event of a cyber-attack. This paper is focused on the risks posed by cyber threats in space that are growing and must be addressed through a combination of technical solutions. This paper will also assess the common threats and threat sources that are exist for the space segment. Certain security mechanisms to avoid the potential threats and threat mitigations during contingency situations will be introduced.