

SSA-134651: Hard Coded SSH ID in CPCI85 Firmware of SICAM A8000 Devices

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CVSS v3.1 Base Score: 9.8

SUMMARY

The CPCI85 firmware of SICAM A8000 CP-8031 and CP-8050 contains a hard-coded ID in the SSH `authorized_keys` configuration file. An attacker with knowledge of the corresponding credential could login to the device via SSH. Only devices with activated debug support are affected.

Siemens has released updates for the affected products and recommends to update to the latest versions.

AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION

Affected Product and Versions	Remediation
CP-8031 MASTER MODULE (6MF2803-1AA00): All versions < CPCI85 V05.11 (only with activated debug support)	Update to CPCI85 V05.11 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109804985/
CP-8050 MASTER MODULE (6MF2805-0AA00): All versions < CPCI85 V05.11 (only with activated debug support)	Update to CPCI85 V05.11 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109804985/

WORKAROUNDS AND MITIGATIONS

Product-specific remediations or mitigations can be found in the section [Affected Products and Solution](#). Please follow the [General Security Recommendations](#).

GENERAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Operators of critical power systems (e.g. TSOs or DSOs) worldwide are usually required by regulations to build resilience into the power grids by applying multi-level redundant secondary protection schemes. It is therefore recommended that the operators check whether appropriate resilient protection measures are in place. The risk of cyber incidents impacting the grid's reliability can thus be minimized by virtue of the grid design. Siemens strongly recommends applying the provided security updates using the corresponding tooling and documented procedures made available with the product. If supported by the product, an automated means to apply the security updates across multiple product instances may be used. Siemens strongly recommends prior validation of any security update before being applied, and supervision by trained staff of the update process in the target environment. As a general security measure Siemens strongly recommends to protect network access with appropriate mechanisms (e.g. firewalls, segmentation, VPN). It is advised to configure the environment according to our operational guidelines in order to run the devices in a protected IT environment.

Recommended security guidelines can be found at: <https://www.siemens.com/gridsecurity>

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The SICAM A8000 RTUs (Remote Terminal Units) series is a modular device range for telecontrol and automation applications in all areas of energy supply.

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

The vulnerability classification has been performed by using the CVSS scoring system in version 3.1 (CVSS v3.1) (<https://www.first.org/cvss/>). The CVSS environmental score is specific to the customer's environment and will impact the overall CVSS score. The environmental score should therefore be individually defined by the customer to accomplish final scoring.

An additional classification has been performed using the CWE classification, a community-developed list of common software security weaknesses. This serves as a common language and as a baseline for weakness identification, mitigation, and prevention efforts. A detailed list of CWE classes can be found at: <https://cwe.mitre.org/>.

Vulnerability CVE-2023-36380

The affected devices contain a hard-coded ID in the SSH `authorized_keys` configuration file. An attacker with knowledge of the corresponding private key could login to the device via SSH. Only devices with activated debug support are affected.

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CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C
CWE	CWE-798: Use of Hard-coded Credentials

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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HISTORY DATA

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