

SSA-181018: Heap Overflow Vulnerability in SCALANCE X switches, RUGGEDCOM Win, RFID 181-EIP, and SIMATIC RF182C

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SUMMARY

SCALANCE X switches, RUGGEDCOM Win, RFID 181-EIP, and SIMATIC RF182C are affected by a vulnerability that could allow an unprivileged attacker located in the same local network segment (OSI Layer 2) to gain system privileges by sending a specially crafted DHCP response to a client's DHCP request.

Siemens has released updates for several affected products and recommends that customers update to the new version. Siemens is preparing further updates and recommends specific countermeasures until patches are available.

AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION

Affected Product and Versions	Remediation
RFID 181-EIP: All versions	See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
RUGGEDCOM Win: V4.4, V4.5, V5.0, and V5.1	Update to V5.2 https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109762466
SCALANCE X-200: All versions < V5.2.3	Update to V5.2.3 https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109758142
SCALANCE X-200IRT: All versions < V5.4.1	Update to V5.4.1 https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109758144
SCALANCE X-200RNA: All versions < V3.2.6	Update to V3.2.6 https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109767359
SCALANCE X-300: All versions	See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SCALANCE X408: All versions	See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SCALANCE X414: All versions	See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SIMATIC RF182C: All versions	See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations

WORKAROUNDS AND MITIGATIONS

Siemens has identified the following specific workarounds and mitigations that customers can apply to reduce the risk:

- Use static IP addresses instead of DHCP
- Apply cell protection concept: <https://cert-portal.siemens.com/operational-guidelines-industrial-security.pdf>
- Apply Defense-in-Depth: <https://cert-portal.siemens.com/operational-guidelines-industrial-security.pdf>

GENERAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

As a general security measure, Siemens strongly recommends to protect network access to devices with appropriate mechanisms. In order to operate the devices in a protected IT environment, Siemens recommends to configure the environment according to Siemens' operational guidelines for Industrial Security (<https://cert-portal.siemens.com/operational-guidelines-industrial-security.pdf>), and to follow the recommendations in the product manuals.

Additional information on Industrial Security by Siemens can be found at: <https://www.siemens.com/industrialsecurity>

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

SCALANCE X switches are used to connect industrial components like Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) or Human Machine Interfaces (HMIs).

The SCALANCE X-204RNA Industrial Ethernet network access points enable the cost-effective connection of non-PRP terminal devices to separate parallel networks, where a high availability is required.

RUGGEDCOM Win

RFID 181-EIP is a RFID communication module for Ethernet/IP to connect two serial SIMATIC identification readers to an Ethernet/IP scanner.

SIMATIC RF182C is a RFID communication module for Ethernet TCP/IP and XML to connect two serial SIMATIC identification readers to a PC or another programmable device able to communicate via Ethernet TCP/IP and XML.

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

The vulnerability classification has been performed by using the CVSS scoring system in version 3.0 (CVSS v3.0) (<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.

Vulnerability CVE-2018-4833

Unprivileged remote attackers located in the same local network segment (OSI Layer 2) could gain remote code execution on the affected products by sending a specially crafted DHCP response to a client's DHCP request.

CVSS v3.0 Base Score

7.5

CVSS Vector

CVSS:3.0/AV:A/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:T/RC:C

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For further inquiries on security vulnerabilities in Siemens products and solutions, please contact the Siemens ProductCERT:

<https://www.siemens.com/cert/advisories>

HISTORY DATA

V1.0 (2018-06-12): Publication Date
V1.1 (2018-12-11): Added solution for RUGGEDCOM Win
V1.2 (2018-12-13): Update for RUGGEDCOM Win not available, see mitigations
V1.3 (2019-01-08): Added solution for RUGGEDCOM Win
V1.4 (2019-06-11): Clarified product names. Added solution for SCALANCE X200RNA

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