

## **SSA-325546: Denial-of-Service Vulnerabilities in EN100 Ethernet Communication Module of SWT3000**

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Current Version: V1.0  
CVSS v3.0 Base Score: 7.5

### **SUMMARY**

The firmware variant IEC 61850 of the EN100 Ethernet communication module for SWT 3000 is affected by security vulnerabilities which could allow an attacker to conduct a Denial-of-Service attack over the network.

Siemens has released updates for several affected products, is working on updates for the remaining affected products, and recommends specific countermeasures until fixes are available.

### **AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION**

<b>Affected Product and Versions</b>	<b>Remediation</b>
Firmware variant IEC 61850 for EN100 Ethernet module: All versions < V4.33	Update to V4.33. Applying the update causes the module to go through a single restart cycle. <a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/us/en/view/109745821">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/us/en/view/109745821</a>

### **WORKAROUNDS AND MITIGATIONS**

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

- Block access to port 102/TCP e.g. with an external firewall.

### **GENERAL SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS**

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 to Secure Substations can be found at:

<https://www.siemens.com/gridsecurity>

### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

The EN100 Ethernet modules are used for enabling process communication using IEC 61850 protocols via electrical/optical 100 Mbit interfaces on SWT3000 devices.

## **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-2018-11451**

Specially crafted packets to port 102/tcp could cause a denial-of-service condition in the affected products. A manual restart is required to recover the EN100 module functionality of the affected devices.

Successful exploitation requires an attacker with network access to send multiple packets to the affected products or modules. As a precondition the IEC 61850-MMS communication needs to be activated on the affected products or modules. No user interaction or privileges are required to exploit the vulnerability. The vulnerability could allow causing a Denial-of-Service condition of the network functionality of the device, compromising the availability of the system.

At the time of advisory publication no public exploitation of this security vulnerability was known.

CVSS v3.0 Base Score	7.5
CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C

### **Vulnerability CVE-2018-11452**

Specially crafted packets to port 102/tcp could cause a denial-of-service condition in the EN100 communication module if oscillographs are running. A manual restart is required to recover the EN100 module functionality.

Successful exploitation requires an attacker with network access to send multiple packets to the EN100 module. As a precondition the IEC 61850-MMS communication needs to be activated on the affected EN100 modules. No user interaction or privileges are required to exploit the security vulnerability. The vulnerability could allow causing a Denial-of-Service condition of the network functionality of the device, compromising the availability of the system.

At the time of advisory publication no public exploitation of this security vulnerability was known.

CVSS v3.0 Base Score	5.9
CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORY DATA**

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