SSA-468514: Improper Certificate Validation Vulnerability in Siveillance VMS Video Mobile App for Android and iOS

Summary

The latest update for the Siveillance VMS Video mobile app for Android and iOS fixes a security vulnerability that could allow an attacker in a privileged network position to read data from and write data to the encrypted communication channel between the app and a server. Precondition for this scenario is that an attacker is able to intercept the communication channel between the affected app and a server, and is also able to generate a certificate that results for the validation algorithm in a checksum identical to a trusted certificate.

Affected Products and Solution

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| Sivellance VMS Video for Android: All versions < V12.1a (2018 R1) | Update to V12.1a (2018 R1)  
| Sivellance VMS Video for iOS: All versions < V12.1a (2018 R1) | Update to V12.1a (2018 R1)  

Workarounds and Mitigations

Siemens has not identified any specific mitigations or workarounds.

General Security Recommendations

As a general security measure Siemens strongly recommends to protect network access to affected products with appropriate mechanisms. It is advised to follow recommended security practices in order to run the devices in a protected IT environment.

Product Description

The Sivellance VMS Video Mobile Apps allow to view video from your Sivellance VMS system on your Smartphone or Tablet.

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
Vulnerability CVE-2018-4849

Improper certificate validation could allow an attacker in a privileged network position to read data from and write data to the encrypted communication channel between the app and a server.

The security vulnerability could be exploited by an attacker in a privileged network position which allows intercepting the communication channel between the affected app and a server (such as Man-in-the-Middle). Furthermore, an attacker must be able to generate a certificate that results for the validation algorithm in a checksum identical to a trusted certificate. Successful exploitation requires no user interaction. The vulnerability could allow reading data from and writing data to the encrypted communication channel between the app and a server, impacting the communication’s confidentiality and integrity.

At the time of advisory publication no public exploitation of this security vulnerability was known. Siemens confirms the security vulnerability and provides mitigations to resolve the security issue.

CVSS v3.0 Base Score 4.8

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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