SSA-661034: Incorrect Permission Assignment in Multiple SIMATIC Software Products

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CVSS v3.1 Base Score: 7.3

SUMMARY

Multiple SIMATIC software products are affected by a vulnerability that could allow an attacker to change the content of certain metafiles and subsequently manipulate parameters or behaviour of devices configured by the affected software products.

Siemens has released updates for several affected products and recommends to update to the latest versions. Siemens is preparing further updates and recommends specific countermeasures for products where updates are not, or not yet available.

AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION

Affected Product and Versions	Remediation
SIMATIC PCS 7 V8.2 and earlier: All versions	Currently no fix is planned See recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SIMATIC PCS 7 V9.X: All versions < V9.1 SP2	Update to V9.1 SP2 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109812240/ See further recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SIMATIC PDM: All versions < V9.2 SP2	Update to V9.2 SP2 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109811911/ See further recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SIMATIC STEP 7 V5.X: All versions < V5.7	Update to V5.7 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109794088/ See further recommendations from section Workarounds and Mitigations
SINAMICS STARTER (containing STEP 7 OEM version): All versions < V5.4 SP2 HF1	Update to V5.4 SP2 HF1 or later version https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109800526/ See further 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:

- Restrict access on the engineering station to trusted users only

Product specific remediations or mitigations can be found in the section Affected Products and Solution. Please follow the General Security Recommendations.

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 (Download: https://www.siemens.com/cert/operational-guidelines-industrial-security), 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

SIMATIC PCS 7 is a distributed control system (DCS) integrating SIMATIC WinCC, SIMATIC Batch, SIMATIC Route Control, OpenPCS7 and other components.

SIMATIC PDM (Process Device Manager) is an universal, manufacturer-independent tool for configuration, parameter assignment, commissioning, diagnostics and maintenance of intelligent process devices (actors, sensors) and automation components (remote I/Os, multiplexer, process control units, compact controller).

SIMATIC STEP 7 V5.X is the classic engineering software to configure and program SIMATIC S7-300/S7-400/C7/WinAC controllers.

STARTER is the drive engineering tool for parameterizing and commissioning.

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/.

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A directory containing metafiles relevant to devices' configurations has write permissions. An attacker could leverage this vulnerability by changing the content of certain metafiles and subsequently manipulate parameters or behavior of devices that would be later configured by the affected software.

CVSS v3.1 Base Score	7.3
CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:C/C:N/I:H/A:L/E:U/RL:O/RC:C
CWE	CWE-732: Incorrect Permission Assignment for Critical Resource

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 (2021-07-13):	Publication Date
V1.1 (2021-09-14):	Added solution for SINAMICS STARTER
V1.2 (2022-08-09):	Added solution to SIMATIC PCS 7 V9.X and SIMATIC PDM

TERMS OF USE