SSA-669158: DNS Client Vulnerabilities in SIMOTICS CONNECT 400

**Summary**

SIMOTICS CONNECT 400 is affected by DNS Client vulnerabilities as initially reported in Siemens Security Advisory SSA-705111 (https://cert-portal.siemens.com/productcert/pdf/ssa-705111.pdf) for the DNS Module in Nucleus RTOS.

Siemens has released updates for the SIMOTICS CONNECT 400 and recommends to update to the latest version.

**Affected Products and Solution**

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**Workarounds and Mitigations**

Siemens has not identified any additional specific workarounds or mitigations. Please follow the General Security Recommendations.

Product specific mitigations can be found in the section Affected Products and Solution.

**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**

SIMOTICS CONNECT 400 is a connector and sensor box, mounted on low-voltage motors to provide analytics data for the MindSphere application SIDRIVE IQ Fleet.

**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-2020-27736**

The DNS domain name label parsing functionality does not properly validate the null-terminated name in DNS-responses. The parsing of malformed responses could result in a read past the end of an allocated structure. An attacker with a privileged position in the network could leverage this vulnerability to cause a denial-of-service condition or leak the read memory.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 6.5
- **CWE**: CWE-170: Improper Null Termination

**Vulnerability CVE-2020-27737**

The DNS response parsing functionality does not properly validate various length and counts of the records. The parsing of malformed responses could result in a read past the end of an allocated structure. An attacker with a privileged position in the network could leverage this vulnerability to cause a denial-of-service condition or leak the memory past the allocated structure.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 6.5
- **CWE**: CWE-125: Out-of-bounds Read

**Vulnerability CVE-2020-27738**

The DNS domain name record decompression functionality does not properly validate the pointer offset values. The parsing of malformed responses could result in a read access past the end of an allocated structure. An attacker with a privileged position in the network could leverage this vulnerability to cause a denial-of-service condition.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 6.5
- **CWE**: CWE-788: Access of Memory Location After End of Buffer

**Vulnerability CVE-2021-25677**

The DNS client does not properly randomize DNS transaction IDs. That could allow an attacker to poison the DNS cache or spoof DNS resolving.

- **CVSS v3.1 Base Score**: 5.3
- **CWE**: CWE-330: Use of Insufficiently Random Values

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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 (2021-04-13): Publication Date
V1.1 (2022-03-08): Added solution for CVE-2021-25677

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