

## **SSA-983548: Multiple SPP File Parsing Vulnerabilities in Tecnomatix Plant Simulation**

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Current Version: V1.0  
CVSS v3.1 Base Score: 7.8

### **SUMMARY**

Siemens Tecnomatix Plant Simulation has released an update for version V16.0 that fixes multiple vulnerabilities that could be triggered when the application reads SPP files. If a user is tricked to open a malicious file using the affected application, this could lead to a crash, and potentially also to arbitrary code execution or data extraction on the target host system.

Siemens recommends to update to the latest version and to avoid opening of untrusted files from unknown sources.

### **AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION**

<b>Affected Product and Versions</b>	<b>Remediation</b>
Tecnomatix Plant Simulation: All versions < V16.0.5	Update to V16.0.5 or later version <a href="https://support.sw.siemens.com/">https://support.sw.siemens.com/</a> (login required)

### **WORKAROUNDS AND MITIGATIONS**

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

- Do not open untrusted SPP files from unknown sources

### **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**

Tecnomatix Plant Simulation allows you to model, simulate, explore and optimize logistics systems and their processes. These models enable analysis of material flow, resource utilization and logistics for all levels of manufacturing planning from global production facilities to local plants and specific lines, well in advance of production execution.

### **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-2021-27396

The PlantSimCore.dll library lacks proper validation of user-supplied data when parsing SPP files. This could result in a stack based buffer overflow, a different vulnerability than CVE-2021-27398.

An attacker could leverage this vulnerability to execute code in the context of the current process. (ZDI-CAN-13279)

CVSS v3.1 Base Score	7.8
CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C
CWE	CWE-121: Stack-based Buffer Overflow

#### Vulnerability CVE-2021-27397

The PlantSimCore.dll library lacks proper validation of user-supplied data when parsing SPP files. This could result in a memory corruption condition.

An attacker could leverage this vulnerability to execute code in the context of the current process. (ZDI-CAN-13287)

CVSS v3.1 Base Score	7.8
CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C
CWE	CWE-119: Improper Restriction of Operations within the Bounds of a Memory Buffer

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An attacker could leverage this vulnerability to execute code in the context of the current process. (ZDI-CAN-13290)

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CVSS Vector	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:P/RL:O/RC:C
CWE	CWE-121: Stack-based Buffer Overflow

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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## **HISTORY DATA**

V1.0 (2021-05-11): Publication Date

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