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Security Advisory for Phoenix Contact WLAN enabled devices utilizing WPA2 encryption [Update 2018-09-24]

Synopsis

Multiple security issues and vulnerabilities within the WPA2 standard have been identified and publicized by Mr. Mathy Vanhoef and KU Leuven (<https://www.krackattacks.com>). These vulnerabilities may allow the reinstallation of a pairwise transient key, a group key, or an integrity key on either a wireless client or a wireless access point (AP). In consequence an attacker could establish a man-in-the-middle position between AP and client facilitating packet decryption and injection.

Affected devices

Phoenix Contact is currently working on identifying affected devices. Phoenix Contact embedded devices used in AP mode are not affected. To current knowledge due to the firmware properties embedded devices used in client or repeater mode are only affected by 3 out of 10 published CVEs assigned to this vulnerability (CVE-2017-13077, CVE-2017-13078, CVE-2017-13080). Phoenix Contact devices running Microsoft Windows are affected.

Impact

Phoenix Contact embedded devices running in AP mode are not affected by these vulnerabilities. If devices are used in client or repeater mode, an attacker could in theory decrypt any packet sent by the client. Devices of the FL WLAN 110x, 210x, and 510x product families are only affected to a very limited extent. With these devices, only data packets sent within three seconds after key renewal could possibly be decrypted by a successful attacker. In general, if TCP SYN packets are decrypted, this could be used to hijack TCP connections and inject malicious traffic into unencrypted protocols. However, to perform the attack, the attacker must be significantly closer to the WLAN client than the access point. In industrial or indoor applications, the attacker would have to be inside the plant. A successful external attack therefore seems to be very difficult.

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Furthermore, the WPA2 password cannot be compromised using a KRACK attack. It is not possible for the attacker to gain full access to the network. However, please note that if WPA-TKIP is used instead of AES-CCMP, the impact of this vulnerability is more severe, because an attacker might be able not only to decrypt packets, but also to forge and inject packets directly into the WLAN.

Solution

Phoenix Contact is currently in the process of reviewing which of our devices may be affected by this vulnerability and will update the advisory including information about patches provided.

For Phoenix Contact devices running Microsoft Windows, we recommend to apply the security update provided by Microsoft.

If you are using WPA-TKIP in your WLAN, we recommend switching to AES-CCMP.

This advisory will be updated as further details become available.

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Below you may find an overview of affected product names and article numbers. For products of which several variants are available, the product name was grouped and shortened (identifiable by “*”). The list of article numbers contains all product variants.

Articles	Article numbers	Product state
BL2 BPC *	2404777, 2404845	current
BL2 PPC *	2404844, 2404846	current
FL COMSERVER WLAN 232/422/485	2313559	discontinued
FL WLAN 110x	2702538, 2702534	current
FL WLAN 210x	2702535, 2702540	current
FL WLAN 510x	2700718, 2701093, 2701850	current
FL WLAN 230 AP 802-11*	2884444, 2700452	discontinued
FL WLAN 24 AP 802-11*	2700448, 2884075	discontinued
FL WLAN 24 DAP 802-11*	2884279, 2700451	discontinued
FL WLAN 24 EC 802-11*	2884130, 2700449	discontinued
FL WLAN EPA*	2692791, 2700488, 2701169	discontinued
FL WLAN SPA	2884761	discontinued
ITC 8113*	2403738, 2403485, 2402911, 2403267, 2402979, 2402957 - 2402964	current
RAD-80211-XD*	2885728, 2900046, 2900047, 2990011	discontinued
RAD-WHG/WLAN-XD	2900178	current
TPC 6013*	2913784, 2700740, 2700611, 2701316	discontinued
VMT 30xx	2913852, 2701003, 2700969, 2913959, 2700878	discontinued
VMT 50xx	2887580, 2887593, 2887593, 2913810	discontinued
VMT 70xx	2400158 - 2400161	current

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For the following products a firmware update addressing the issues is available for download on the Download tab of the corresponding product page on our website:

Articles	Firmware version	Released
FL EPA 2, FL EPA 2 RSMA	FW 1.53 or higher	06/2018
FL WLAN 5100, FL WLAN 5101, FL WLAN 5102, FL WLAN 5110, FL WLAN 5111	FW 3.06 or higher	06/2018
FL WLAN 1100, FL WLAN 1101, FL WLAN 2100, FL WLAN 2101	FW 2.21 or higher	06/2018