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Critical 'Update Now' Warning Issued For VxWorks OS Inside 2 Billion IoT Devices



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Impacted Wind River VxWorks

Real-Time Operating System (RTOS)

- 11 Critical Zero Day Vulnerabilities
 - 6 RCE/Takeover
 - 5 Denial of Service, Information Leaks, Logical Flaws
- All in the core networking stack (**IPnet**)
 - No User interaction required
 - Non-application specific



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Wind River VxWorks

Impacted

- All versions from VxWorks v6.5 forward
- Updates have been released

Not Impacted

- VxWorks 653
- VxWorks Certified



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Devices Impacted

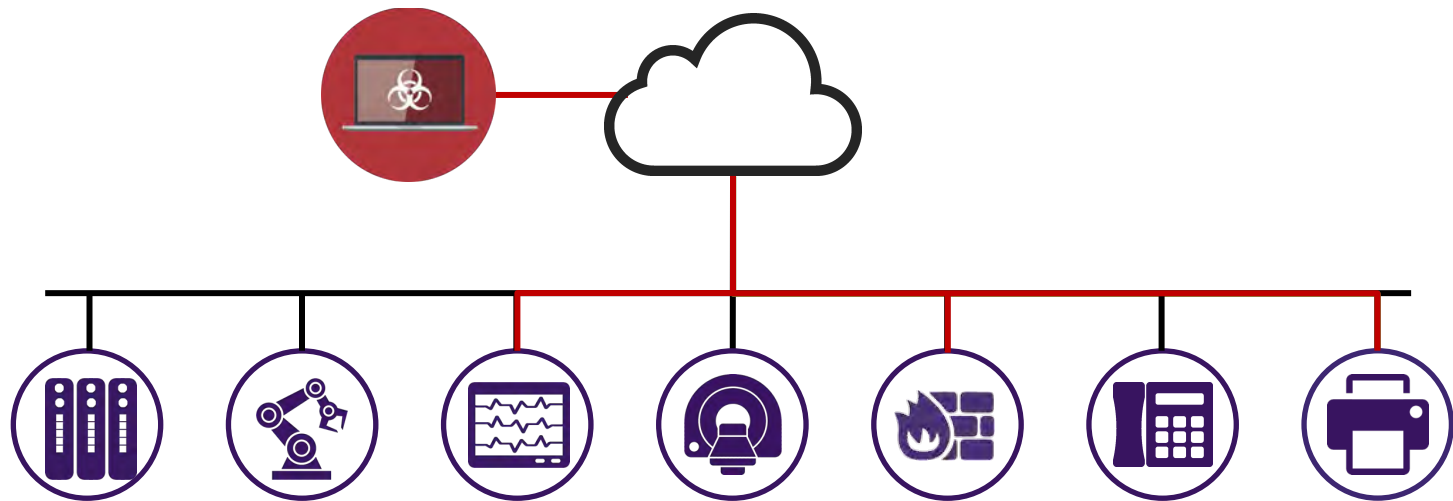
SCADA, industrial controllers, patient monitors, MRI machines, as well as firewalls, VOIP phones, printers, etc.



Siemens, ABB, Emerson Electric, Rockwell Automation, Mitsubishi Electronic, Samsung, Ricoh, Xerox, NEC, GE, and Arris, among others.

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Clarifying The Exposure



Even a device reaching outbound to the Internet could be taken over.

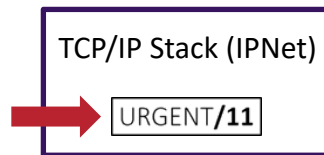
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Every Device Has 3 Layers

Application Layer (Dev Specific)



Network Stack Layer (Network & Transportation)



Physical Layer (Link Layer, Chip Layer)



Ethernet



Wi-Fi

URGENT/11 Enterprise Risk

- Can target a device:
 - On the perimeter of the network
 - Within the network
- In all scenarios
 - Can attack remotely
 - Can gain complete control over the targeted device
 - No user interaction required
 - Can bypass perimeter security and NAT solutions

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Security Advisories



Security Bulletin – Wind River VxWorks Vulnerabilities (URGENT/11)

2 August 2019

Overview

Schneider Electric is aware of recently disclosed vulnerabilities in Wind River's VxWorks TCP/IP Stack. These vulnerabilities have wide-ranging impact across multiple IT and industrial applications. We are working closely with Wind River to understand and assess how these vulnerabilities impact Schneider Electric offers and our customers' operations. We downloaded Wind River's patches as soon as they were made available to us, and we have quickly instituted a remediation plan to evolve all current and future products that rely on the Wind River platform to embed these fixes.

We will continue to monitor and will respond further if new information becomes available. In the meantime, customers should immediately make sure they have implemented cybersecurity best practices across their operations to protect themselves from these vulnerabilities. Where appropriate this includes locating your industrial systems behind firewalls, installing physical controls on mission-critical systems and devices from the Internet.

Please subscribe to the Schneider Electric updates to this disclosure, including details as other important security notifications.

<https://www.schneider-electric.com/en/secure>

For additional information and support, please contact your Schneider Electric's Customer Representative.

Details

Additional details on these specific vulnerabilities are available on the following notification webpage:

<https://www.windriver.com/secure/patches>

Of the 11 disclosed Wind River vulnerability disclosures, four of those six can be mitigated to the device is required. The other six require a software patch.

2-Aug-19 Document Reference



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VxWorks Vulnerabilities affect Programmable Automation Controllers, EtherNet/IP Communication Modules, I/O Modules, Kinetix 6500 Servo Drive, High-Frequency RFID Interface Block

Version 1.0 – July 30, 2019

Armis, an IoT security firm, reported a total of eleven vulnerabilities to WindRiver, a real-time operating system (RTOS) utilized by many different technology vendors, including Rockwell Automation™. These vulnerabilities, if successfully exploited, may result in several impacts ranging from packet information disclosure to allowing a threat actor to execute arbitrary code on the targeted device.

At this time, Rockwell Automation is working to address these vulnerabilities. Please subscribe to updates to this advisory and notify us.

Customers using potentially affected products are encouraged to contact their local service. Additional details relating to the disclosure are available on the following webpage:

Product/Device	Component	CVE ID	Severity	Impact
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11265	High	Denial of Service
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11266	High	Denial of Service
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11267	High	Denial of Service
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11268	High	Denial of Service
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11269	High	Denial of Service
ControlLogix™ 5500 (PLC)	5500-L1	CVE-2019-11270	High	Denial of Service



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Wind River VxWorks IPnet TCP/IP STACK Vulnerabilities

Name: Wind River VxWorks IPnet TCP/IP STACK Vulnerabilities

Tracking Number: 2019-001

First Publish Date: 22 Jul 2019

Date of Current Status: 22 Jul 2019

Next Planned Update: 22 Aug 2019

Description: A number of vulnerabilities in Wind River's VxWorks IPnet TCP/IP Stack implementation have been disclosed. These vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to hijack existing TCP/IP connections, or force a denial of service, or cause a system to crash, or cause a system to execute arbitrary code.

What You Need To Know? Security researchers at Armis have disclosed 11 different zero-day vulnerabilities within Wind River's VxWorks IPnet TCP/IP Stack implementation. These vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to hijack existing TCP/IP connections, or force a denial of service, or cause a system to crash, or cause a system to execute arbitrary code.

Currently available information indicates that these vulnerabilities are not currently being exploited. However, the potential for exploitation is high, and the impact could be severe. Customers are encouraged to contact their local service for more information.

The 11 CVEs that were 2019-12265. Exploitation is possible for the following:

- All versions of VxWorks 5.8.0 (V5.8.0)
- Older: End-of-Life versions of VxWorks 5.8.0 (V5.8.0)
- All versions of the VxWorks 5.8.0 (V5.8.0) that are not patched with the VxWorks 5.8.0 (V5.8.0) patch.
- The VxWorks 5.8.0 (V5.8.0) patch.



Security Advisory & Archive

VxWorks Urgent/11 Advisory (1 August 2019)

Publication Date: August 1, 2019
Update Date: August 2, 2019

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Philips is currently monitoring developments and updates related to the above-mentioned CVEs as referred to as Urgent/11. In the meantime, Philips is considering product evaluation and updates.

As part of the company's product security policy, Philips is providing this information to its customers for potential impacts from these reported vulnerabilities and evaluating further action to remediate these vulnerabilities. Philips is committed to ensuring the safe use of its products and services.

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If a product does require operating system updates, product-specific service delivery platforms such as the Philips Inc. contract-entitled customers, licensed resellers, or other authorized service providers.

Contract-entitled customers may use Philips information posted. If customers still have service support team or regional product support team, they should contact them.

Begin Update A: August 2, 2019



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Many more impacted

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- [Alcatel-Lucent](#)
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On The Way To Black Hat and DefCon

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BD Alaris tagged as "IPnet"

Alaris PCU

MAC Address: [REDACTED]	Category: Medical Therapeutic	First Seen At: May 16, 2019 1:43 AM
IPv4 Address: [REDACTED]	Type: Acute Cares	Last Seen At: Sep 26, 2019 12:14 AM
Manufacturer: Becton Dickinson	OS: Enea OSE	Last Seen By: [REDACTED]
Model: Alaris PCU		

Tags: Corporate × Medical × FDA × IPnet TCP/IP Stack × Add Tag

Device... Connections ... Alert... Activities (... Service... Traffi... Vulnerabiliti... Risk Factor... Enforcement... Application...

Alaris PCU

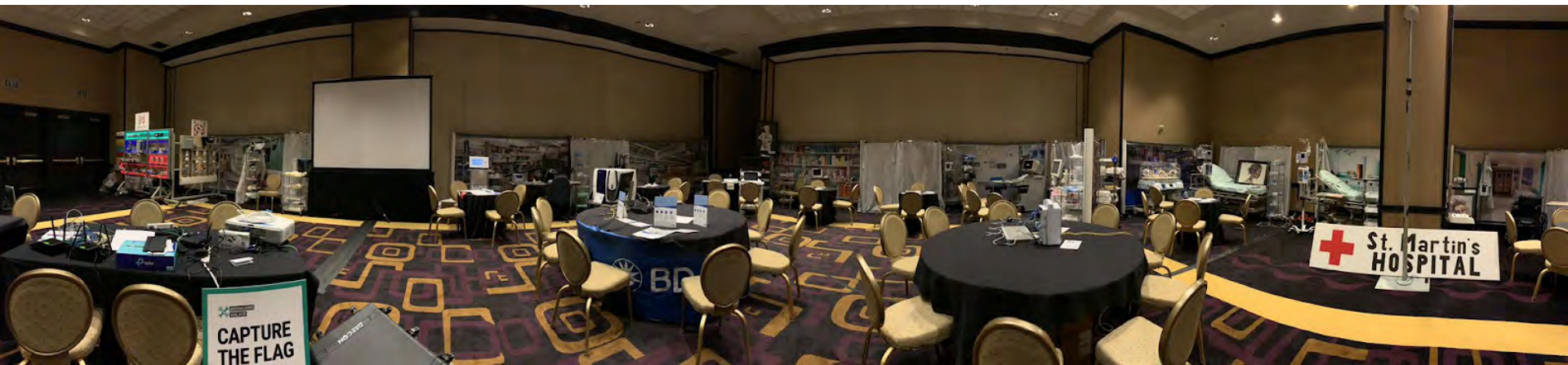
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Alaris uses IPnet -> OSE might be impacted



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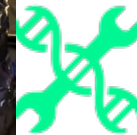
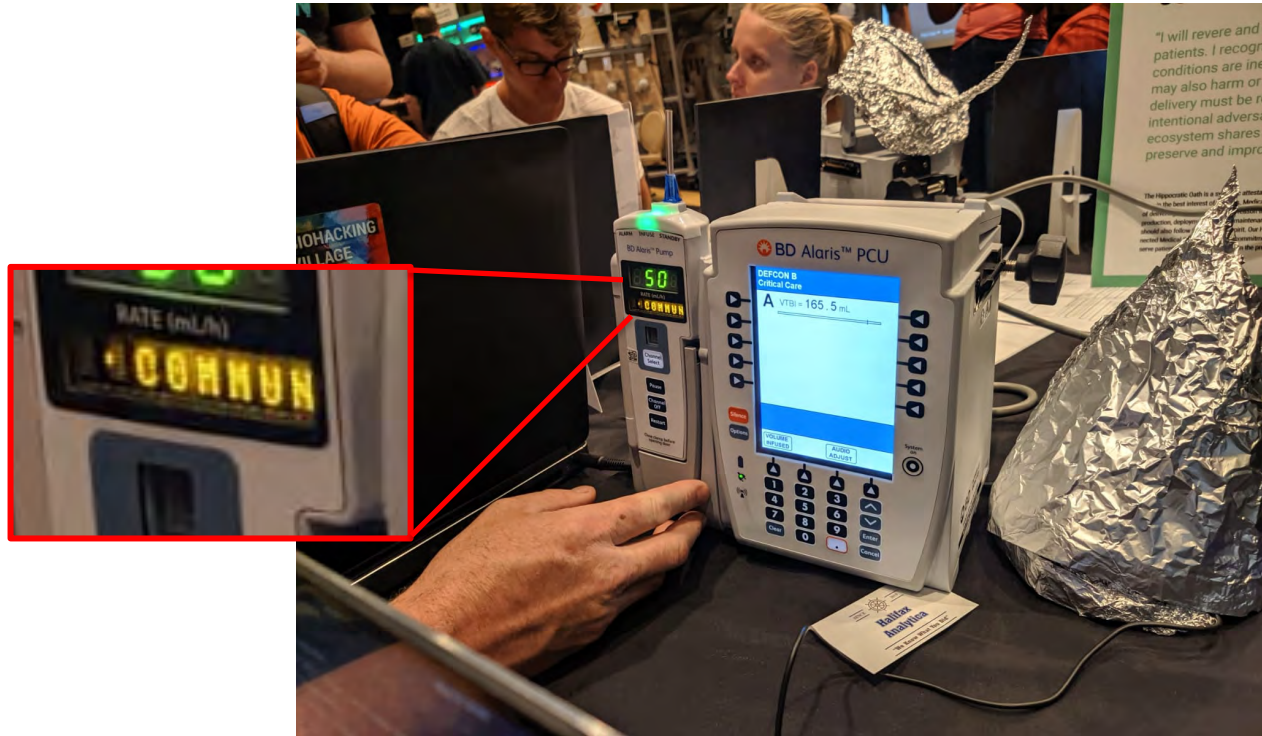
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COMMUNICATION ERROR



**BIOHACKING
VILLAGE**

URGENT/11 Expanded IPnet Impact

- OSE by ENEA (new)
- Integrity by Green Hills (new)
- ThreadX by Microsoft (new)
- Nucleus RTOS by Mentor (new)
- ITRON by TRON Forum (new)
- ZebOS by IP Infusion (new)



URGENT/11 Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities in a Widely-Used Third-Party Software Component May Introduce Risks During Use of Certain Medical Devices: FDA Safety Communication



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Date Issued: October 1, 2019

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is informing patients, health care providers and facility staff, and manufacturers about cybersecurity vulnerabilities that may introduce risks for certain medical devices and hospital networks. The FDA is not aware of any confirmed adverse events related to these vulnerabilities. However, software to exploit these vulnerabilities is already publicly available.

A security firm has identified 11 vulnerabilities, named "URGENT/11." These vulnerabilities may allow anyone to remotely take control of the medical device and change its function, cause denial of service, or cause information leaks or logical flaws, which may prevent device function.

These vulnerabilities exist in IPnet, a third-party software component that supports network communications between computers. Though the IPnet software may no longer be supported by the original software vendor, some manufacturers have a license that allows them to continue to use it without support. Therefore, the software may be incorporated into other software applications, equipment, and systems which may be used

Content current as of:

10/01/2019

Regulated Product(s)

Medical Devices

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CVEs

CVEs	VxWorks IPnet	Additional RTOSs IPnet
CVE-2019-12256	X	
CVE-2019-12255	X	X
CVE-2019-12260	X	
CVE-2019-12261	X	
CVE-2019-12263	X	
CVE-2019-12257	X	
CVE-2019-12258	X	X
CVE-2019-12262	X	X
CVE-2019-12264	X	X
CVE-2019-12259	X	X
CVE-2019-12265	X	

URGENT/11 Mitigating the risk

- Identifying vulnerable devices
- Patching if possible
- Preventing an attack using IDS and Firewalls
- Limiting the exposure using network segmentation

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Identifying vulnerable devices:

- Track the advisories published by vendors (through CISA)
- Use Urgent11-Detector tool to actively test devices
- Use passive detection tools for a widescale & permanent solution

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Patching

- Eliminates the risk, but will take the longest time to get done
- Requires a manual process, requires taking devices offline
- Some devices will never get patched

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Mitigating the risk

Preventing an attack using IDS and Firewalls

- Attacks exploiting URGENT/11 will leverage distinct fields in TCP/IP
- IDS rules (Snort) published by Armis

URGENT/11 Signature


The most severe URGENT/11 vulnerabilities abuse esoteric parts of the TCP/IP stack that are almost never used by legitimate applications. Armis has developed the following Snort rules to be freely used by Firewall and IDS solutions to detect and prevent any attempt to exploit these vulnerabilities:

1. Detection of **any** use of the Urgent pointer can be done with the following Snort rule. Be advised that this rule might cause some false positives in the very rare case when Urgent Pointer is used by a legitimate application (such as the ancient RLOGIN protocol).

```
alert tcp any any -> any any (flags: U+; msg: "OS-VXWORKS - Use of Urgent Flag might indicate potential attempt to exploit an Urgent11 RCE vulnerability"; classtype:attempted-admin; reference:cve,2019-12255; reference:cve,2019-12260; reference:cve,2019-12261; reference:cve,2019-12263; reference:url,armis.com/urgent11; rev: 1; sid:1000002)
```
2. Detection of packets that contain both SYN, URG and FIN flags. This combination will never occur in legitimate TCP traffic, and is a strong indication of potential exploit attempt of URGENT/11:

```
alert tcp any any -> any any (flags: SUF+; msg: "OS-VXWORKS Illegal use of Urgent pointer - Potential attempt to exploit an Urgent11 RCE vulnerability"; classtype:attempted-admin; reference:cve,2019-12255; reference:cve,2019-12260; reference:cve,2019-12261; reference:cve,2019-12263; reference:url,armis.com/urgent11; rev: 1; sid:1000001)
```
3. Detection of any IP packet that contains the LSRR or SSRR options. These options should never be used in modern networks, regardless of the potential RCE vulnerability they present to VxWorks devices. Most firewalls will drop any IP packet that contain these packets for security reasons, and IDS solutions can detect any use of such packets using the following Snort rules:

```
alert ip any any -> any any (ipopts: lsrr; msg: "OS-VXWORKS Use of LSRR option, potential attempt to exploit an Urgent11 RCE vulnerability"; reference:cve,2019-12256; classtype:attempted-admin; reference:url,armis.com/urgent11; rev: 1; sid:1000003)  
  
alert ip any any -> any any (ipopts: ssrr; msg: "OS-VXWORKS Use of SSRR option, potential attempt to exploit an Urgent11 RCE vulnerability"; reference:cve,2019-12256; classtype:attempted-admin; reference:url,armis.com/urgent11; rev: 1; sid:1000004)
```



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Patches

windriver.com/security

Report

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FDA & DHS Advisories

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/2019-safety-communications>

<https://www.us-cert.gov/ics/advisories/icsma-19-274-01>

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