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TEK5530 - Measurable Security for the Internet of Things

L15 – Recent topics and rehearsal

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<https://its-wiki.no/wiki/TEK5530>

TEK5530: Lecture plan

- **21.01**
 - L1: Introduction (Josef Noll)
 - L2: Internet of Things (Josef Noll)
- 28.01 (Gyorgy Kalman)
 - L3: Security of IoT + Paper list
 - L4: Smart Grid, Automatic Meter Readings
- 04.02 (Josef Noll)
 - L5: Practical implementation of ontologies
 - L6: Multi-Metrics Method for measurable Security
- 11.02 (Josef Noll)
 - L7: Multi-metrics
 - L8: System Security and Privacy Analysis
- 18.02 (Josef Noll, Gyorgy Kalman)
 - L9: Paper analysis with 25 min presentation
 - L10: Security Controls
- 25.02 (Gyorgy Kalman)
 - L11: Communication in Smart grid, home and IoT
 - L12: Intrusion Detection Systems
- 04.03 (Gyorgy Kalman)
 - L13: Cloud Basics
 - L14: Cloud security and IoT
- **11.03**
 - L15: Selected recent topics from IoT security**
 - L16: Wrap-up of the course**
- 25.03
 - Exam? or after Easter



Recent topics in IoT

- SolarWinds
- Oldsmar water treatment plant
- SSA-541017: Embedded TCP/IP Stack Vulnerabilities
- SweynTooth Bluetooth Low Energy
- Outofcontrol



SunBurst – attack on SolarWinds

- Supply chain attack
- SolarWinds is a leading supplier of network management solutions
- Backdoor in the IT management product Orion.
- Source code directly modified and patch distributed through usual distribution channels
- Sophisticated coding with code placed in right context, matching coding and naming style
- Supernova, one of the malicious components associated with the attack, is a .NET web shell backdoor that presents itself as a legitimate SolarWinds web service handler. It is a second-stage payload in the attack.

- <https://www.solarwinds.com/solutions/orion>
- <https://ics-cert.kaspersky.com/reports/2021/01/26/sunburst-industrial-victims/>
- <https://e24.no/teknologi/i/9O6P7I/norske-kraftselskaper-beroert-av-solarwinds-hacking>
- <https://www.mcafee.com/blogs/other-blogs/mcafee-labs/additional-analysis-into-the-sunburst-backdoor/>



SunBurst – attack on SolarWinds

- Kaspersky's recommendations for possible victims of the SolarWinds compromise:
- Check whether backdoored SolarWinds versions are installed. Known affected versions include software builds 2019.4 HF 5, 2020.2 with no hotfix installed, and 2020.2 HF1.
- Check for known indicators of compromise (IOCs). CISA has published Alert AA20-35A with an extensive list
- If you have detected a compromised SolarWinds installation or related IOCs, initiate a security incident investigation and launch an incident response procedure, considering all possible attack vectors:
 - Isolate assets that are known to be compromised, while keeping the system

operable

Prevent IOCs that could be useful for the investigation from being deleted

Check all network logs for suspicious network activity

Check system logs and journals for illegitimate user account authentication

Locate suspicious process activity, investigate memory dumps and associated files

Check historical command-line data associated with suspicious activity



Oldsmar water treatment plant

- Attack on water treatment plant to change amount of chemicals in the water
 - Used TeamViewer
 - Detected by onsite operator
 - Additional defenses were in place to limit chemical level
- <https://threatpost.com/florida-water-plant-hack-credentials-breach/>
 - <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa21-042a>
 - <https://ics-cert.kaspersky.com/reports/2020/11/05/attacks-on-industrial-enterprises-using-rms-and-teamviewer-new-data/>
 - <https://www.aftenposten.no/oslo/i/RRard/klorutslipp-har-utradert-livet-i-akerselva>



SSA-541017: Embedded TCP/IP Stack Vulnerabilities

- 33 vulnerabilities in several open-source TCP/IP stacks for embedded devices, also known as “AMNESIA:33”
- Remote code execution (RCE) to take control of a target device
- Denial of service (DoS) to impair functionality and impact business operations
- Information leak (Infoleak) to acquire potentially sensitive information
- DNS cache poisoning to point a device to a malicious website
- <https://www.forescout.com/research-labs/amnesia33/>
- <https://www.forescout.com/company/resources/amnesia33-identify-and-mitigate-the-risk-from-vulnerabilities-lurking-in-millions-of-iot-ot-and-it-devices/>
- <https://cert-portal.siemens.com/productcert/pdf/ssa-541017.pdf>



SweynTooth Bluetooth Low Energy

- multiple Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) vulnerabilities with proof-of-concept (PoC) exploit code affecting a large number of IOT, Smart-home, wearable, and medical devices
- The vulnerabilities expose flaws in specific BLE SoC implementations that allow an attacker in radio range to trigger deadlocks, crashes, buffer overflows, or the complete bypass of security.

- <https://asset-group.github.io/disclosures/sweyntooth/>
- <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ics/alerts/ics-alert-20-063-01>

Type	Vulnerability Name	Affected Vendors	CVE
Crash	Link Layer Length Overflow	Cypress NXP	CVE-2019-16336 (6.1) CVE-2019-17519 (6.1)
	Truncated L2CAP	Dialog Semiconductors	CVE-2019-17517 (6.3)
	Silent Length Overflow	Dialog Semiconductors	CVE-2019-17518 (6.4)
	Public Key Crash	Texas Instruments	CVE-2019-17520 (6.6)
	Invalid L2CAP Fragment	Microchip	CVE-2019-19195 (6.8)
	Key Size Overflow	Telink Semiconductor	CVE-2019-19196 (6.9)
	Invalid Sequence Memory Corruption	Zephyr Project	CVE-2020-10061 (6.13)
	Invalid Channel Map	Zephyr Project Espressif Systems	CVE-2020-10069 (6.14) CVE-2020-13594 (6.14)
Deadlock	LLID Deadlock	Cypress NXP	CVE-2019-17061 (6.2) CVE-2019-17060 (6.2)
	Sequential ATT Deadlock	STMicroelectronics	CVE-2019-19192 (6.7)
	Invalid Connection Request	Texas Instruments	CVE-2019-19193 (6.5)
	HCI Desync	Espressif Systems	CVE-2020-13595 (6.12)
	Invalid Channel Map*	Microchip ON Semiconductor	CVE-2020-13594 (6.14) CVE-2020-13594 (6.14)
Security Bypass	Zero LTK Installation	Telink Semiconductor ON Semiconductor	CVE-2019-19194 (6.10) CVE-2019-19194 (6.10)
	DHCheck Skip	Texas Instruments ON Semiconductor	CVE-2020-13593 (6.11) CVE-2020-13593 (6.11)



outofcontrol

- The ten apps were observed communicating with at least 135 distinct third-party companies involved in advertising and/or behavioural profiling
- The Android advertising ID, which allows advertisers to track a specific device across different services, was transferred to at least 45 different third parties involved in advertising and/or behavioural profiling. All of the apps shared the advertising ID with multiple third parties, and all except one shared additional data.
- Additional data sharing included elements such as exact GPS location, IP address, device information, and personal attributes including gender and age.
- <https://www.forbrukerradet.no/out-of-control/>
- <https://www.mnemonic.no/news/2020/out-of-control/>



Exam preparation

- It is recommended to check the presentations on the wiki
- Focus on the concepts, there will be no question on googleable detail like bits in the header
- Be prepared to answer questions related to the group work, have a clear view on your contribution

- 20% paper presentation, 20% group work, 60% exam



Lessons learned

- What we mean with IoT
- Domains being addressed
 - Things
 - Semantics
 - Internet
- Security and privacy challenges
- Smart Grid and AMS
- Architecture components
- Services and Ecosystem
- Provide examples of challenges in IoT with focus on services, security and privacy
- Analyse security and privacy requirements in an example scenario
- Cloud and IoT
 - Shared responsibility
 - Cloud security



- Converged infrastructure
- IoT expands the attack surface
- Security requirements do also depend on type of data processed
- Devices with multiple interfaces present a risk
- End-to-end security and life-cycle support is key
- Privacy
- Why is this all good for the user?



- Services in IoT have an implication typically in the communication and security domain of IT
- The QoS requirements are more "hard" than in non-automation cases
- The metrics used at OT and at IT do differ, but with some reason we can convert them
- Big systems require a standardized, structured approach for planning infrastructure services
- Following up requirements is important as:
 - Unnecessary requirements might lead to either not feasible projects or higher cost
 - Necessary requirements shall be taken into account (and only those)
 - Following aggregated resource usage in the infrastructure is important
- Non-functional requirements are less typical in M2M systems
- life-cycle management, status monitoring, continuous evaluation of QoS



- explain components of the Smart Grid (AMS) System of Systems
- can explain the difference between functional, non-functional and security components
- provide examples of security challenges in IoT

- explain the difference between the web, the semantic web, web services and semantic web services
- explain the core elements of the Semantic Web

- apply semantics to IoT systems
- provide an example of attribute based access control

- discuss the shortcomings of the traditional threat-based approach
- list the main elements of the semantic descriptions of s,p,d functionalities
- perform a semantic mapping of s,p,d attributes

- Present features and usability of the MS Threat Modeling tool



- Security, Privacy, and Dependability (SPD) assessment
- Social Mobility Use-Case: loan a car
 - «behave» - full privacy awareness -> $SPD_{goal} = (s, 80, d)$
 - «speeding» - limited privacy -> $SPD_{goal} = (s, 50, d)$
 - «accident» - no privacy -> $SPD_{goal} = (s, 5, d)$
- Configuration assessment



- Intrusion Detection is an example, where a collection of parameters will serve as an input to a fuzzy system
- Industrial systems might be quite well suited for «sharp» heuristics
- The main difference is the physical process back (both plus and minus)
- Evaluation of the detection system is very much in line with the classification examples shown in previous lectures: one can define a set of metrics and analyse which level the system is can reach.



- Cloud deliveries
- Shared responsibility
- Elasticity
- Challenges related to multi-tenancy
- Logging, adapting logging to technical possibilities
- Control concepts
- IoT in the cloud: processing, split of functionality
- AWS IoT value chain, device shadow
- Different controls we can implement
- IAM
- AWS GreenGrass



Example questions

- What are the differences between an IT infrastructure and an operational control infrastructure with respect to connectivity, network posture, security solutions, and the response to attacks?
- What is special with security of the Internet of Things?
- Comparing IT and automation equipment, what would you see as main difference?
- What are the main issues in Smart Grids?
- What do you see as main security problems for an automated meter reader?
- Why is QoS is an important question in automation?
- What is meant by Defence-In-Depth?
- What is an Intrusion Detection System?

