

Responsible disclosure process vulnerabilities of IP security cameras

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How it all started

- -Physical security looks like a hot topic...
- -Let's teach physical security to people!
- -Can we introduce some artificial weaknesses?
- -Sure, bring me a[ny] professional security camera







Before introducing weaknesses...

• It's usually a smart idea to check for pre-existing ones



Possible approaches

- It's all about the firmware:
 - connect to serial and dump it via bootloader
 - find it* online
 - a similar one will suffice
 - attack over the network



Likely result

Peace of mind replaced by additional worries:

- CVE-2016-2357
- CVE-2016-2356
- CVE-2016-2359
- CVE-2016-2358
- CVE-2016-2360



Milesight cameras contain hard-coded SSL private key

```
$ cd /etc/config
$ 1s -1a
total 8
drwxr-xr-x
              2 root
                                         304 May 12 2015 .
                         root
                                        2976 Sep 26 23:34 ...
drwxr-xr-x
             17 root
                         root
                                         944 Aug 29 2014 ssl cert.pem
              1 root
                         root
-rwxrwxrwx
                                         887 Aug 29 2014 ssl_key.pem
              1 root
                         root
-rwxrwxrwx
$ md5sum *
676f33a8a7db627d01c4cd5951a15510
                                   ssl_cert.pem
Offeadb14227aab171ede207bf21adee
                                   ssl key.pem
```



Milesight cameras vulnerable to buffer overflow of username/password fields in CGI bin

- Requesting a CGI script crashes the webserver if the combined length of HTTP username and HTTP password is more than 31 symbols
- Indicative of a buffer overflow



Milesight cameras do not properly authenticate commands submitted to CGI bin

 Requesting a privileged action simultaniosuly with an unprivileged one over vb.htm leads to both actions being executed without authorization





Milesight cameras contain hard-coded default credentials

- If there are less than the maximum of 10 users configured, attacker can use any of the empty users to access the camera over HTTP
- Empty users' authority set to o (full access)
- There is a check built in JavaScript that *prevents* this from actually working via the web interface



Milesight cameras use a vulnerable version of dropbear with hard-coded default credentials

- Dropbear sshd vo.53.1 has multiple publicly known vulnerabilities
- Root password is set to a shared default value for all cameras

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# head -c16 /etc/shadow
root:$1$acQMceF9
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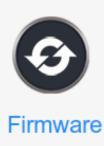


Milesight's response

- <u>+10w:</u> "I have forwarded your information to the appropriate party. If there is an interest, someone will contact you."
 - IF?!? Seriously?
- <u>+36w:</u> "Fix will be issued in 2 weeks"
- +40w: "We will have fix ready by the end of the month..."
- <u>+45w:</u> "We have fixed it!"



All fixed now (+49w)



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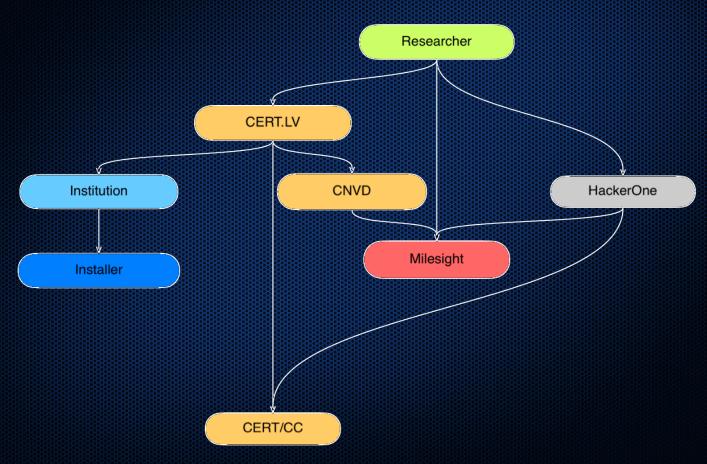
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Organisations involved





Lessons learned

- Time to locate five vulnerabilities less than 24 hours
- Time to get them fixed -48 weeks (and counting?)
- Actual responsible disclosure can get quite messy and complex
- Lack of clear contact points is a challenge to responsible disclosure





- Brace yourselves reports are coming!
 - Be ready to process RDP reports, even if you haven't published a policy
 - Better yet publish a policy!
- Think about incentives what could motivate a hacker to go to you rather to a grey market vendor?
 - Hint: maybe a streamlined process?
- Convince your CFO that investing in cyber security is worth it





- Ensure that efficient cooperation platform is available for working with actors outside of EU
 - Promote shared values
- Establish clear contact points and governmental brokers
- Require cyber safety for all relevant products not unlike:
 - food
 - cars
 - electronics



Thank you for your time!

