

Data Center Expert

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Overview

Schneider Electric is aware of a vulnerability in its Data Center Expert product.

The <u>Data Center Expert</u> product is a scalable monitoring software that collects, organizes, and distributes critical device information providing a comprehensive view of equipment.

Failure to apply the fix provided below may risk information disclosure, which could result in access to private data.

Affected Products and Versions

Product	Version
Data Center Expert	Versions 8.1.1.3 and prior

Vulnerability Details

CVE ID: CVE-2024-8531

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 7.2 | High | CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:H/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

CWE-347: Improper Verification of Cryptographic Signature vulnerability exists that could compromise the Data Center Expert software when an upgrade bundle is manipulated to include arbitrary bash scripts that are executed as root.

CVE ID: CVE-2024-8530

CVSS v3.1 Base Score 5.9 | Medium | CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:N/A:N

CWE-306: Missing Authentication for Critical Function vulnerability exists that could cause exposure of private data when an already generated "logcaptures" archive is accessed directly by HTTPS.

Note regarding vulnerability details: The severity of vulnerabilities was calculated using the CVSS Base metrics in version 3.1 (CVSS v3.1) without incorporating the Temporal and Environmental metrics. Schneider Electric recommends that customers score the CVSS Environmental metrics, which are specific to end-user organizations, and consider factors such as the presence of mitigations in that environment. Environmental metrics may refine the relative severity posed by the vulnerabilities described in this document within a customer's environment.



Remediation

Affected Product & Version	Remediation
EcoStruxure™ IT Data Center Expert Versions 8.1.1.3 and earlier	Version 8.2 of EcoStruxure™ IT Data Center Expert includes fixes for these vulnerabilities and is available upon request from Schneider Electric's Customer Care Center.
(Formerly known as StruxureWare Data Center Expert)	

Customers should use appropriate patching methodologies when applying these patches to their systems. We strongly recommend the use of back-ups and evaluating the impact of these patches in a Test and Development environment or on an offline infrastructure. Contact Schneider Electric's Customer Care Center if you need assistance removing a patch.

If customers choose not to apply the remediation provided above, they should immediately apply the following mitigations to reduce the risk of exploit:

Mitigations

- Ensure that the principals of least privilege are being followed so that only those with need
 have account access and that the level of their respective account authorization aligns
 with their role, including Privileged Accounts as described in the <u>Data Center Expert</u>
 Security Handbook.
- Verify SHA1 checksums of upgrade bundles prior to executing upgrades as described in the Upgrades section of the <u>Data Center Expert Security Handbook</u>.
- Delete any existing "logcapture" archives present on the system and do not create any new "logcapture" archives. Existing archives can be deleted from the https://server_ip/capturelogs web page after authenticating.

General Security Recommendations

We strongly recommend the following industry cybersecurity best practices.

- Locate control and safety system networks and remote devices behind firewalls and isolate them from the business network.
- Install physical controls so no unauthorized personnel can access your industrial control and safety systems, components, peripheral equipment, and networks.
- Place all controllers in locked cabinets and never leave them in the "Program" mode.
- Never connect programming software to any network other than the network intended for that device.



- Scan all methods of mobile data exchange with the isolated network such as CDs, USB drives, etc. before use in the terminals or any node connected to these networks.
- Never allow mobile devices that have connected to any other network besides the intended network to connect to the safety or control networks without proper sanitation.
- Minimize network exposure for all control system devices and systems and ensure that they are not accessible from the Internet.
- When remote access is required, use secure methods, such as Virtual Private Networks (VPNs). Recognize that VPNs may have vulnerabilities and should be updated to the most current version available. Also, understand that VPNs are only as secure as the connected devices.

For more information refer to the Schneider Electric Recommended Cybersecurity Best Practices document.

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For More Information

This document provides an overview of the identified vulnerability or vulnerabilities and actions required to mitigate. For more details and assistance on how to protect your installation, contact your local Schneider Electric representative or Schneider Electric Industrial Cybersecurity Services: https://www.se.com/ww/en/work/solutions/cybersecurity/. These organizations will be fully aware of this situation and can support you through the process.

For further information related to cybersecurity in Schneider Electric's products, visit the company's cybersecurity support portal page:

https://www.se.com/ww/en/work/support/cybersecurity/overview.jsp

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