Denial-of-Service (DoS) Vulnerability in MODBUS/TCP slave communication function on GOT and Tension Controller

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■ Overview
Denial-of-Service (DoS) vulnerability exists in the MODBUS/TCP slave communication function of GOT2000 series, GOT SIMPLE series, SoftGOT2000 and Tension Controller. A malicious attacker can stop the communication function of the products by sending a specially crafted packet. (CVE-2021-20589)

■ CVSS
CVE-2021-20589  CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H  Base Score:5.9

■ Affected products
Affected products and versions are below.

(1) Human-Machine Interfaces - GOT
Affected when using the “MODBUS/TCP Slave, Gateway” communication driver.

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How to check the versions in use:
For how to check the versions in use, please refer to the following manual. The latest version of manual is available from MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC FA Global Website (https://www.mitsubishelectric.com/fa).

For GT27/GT25/GT23 models
“6.9 Package Data Management” - “Property operation”

For GT21 models
“15.2 OS information”

For GS21 models
GOT SIMPLE Series User’s Manual (JY997D52901)
“15.2 OS information”

For GT SoftGOT2000
“2.7 Help” - “Confirming GT SoftGOT2000 version (When [About GT SoftGOT2000...] is selected)”

(2) Tension Controller
The following Tension Controller is affected when using the screen package data for MODBUS/TCP.

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<td>LE7–40GU–L</td>
<td>Screen package data for MODBUS/TCP V1.00</td>
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How to check the versions in use:
Please check the screen package data version with “Screen number 961: the Main unit ROM/Screen version”.
Please refer to the following manual for the display method and operation method of the above screen. If necessary, please consult your local Mitsubishi Electric representative for the latest manual.

LE7–40GU–L APPLICATION MANUAL(SH–170022ENG)

■ Description
Denial-of-Service (DoS) vulnerability exists in the MODBUS/TCP slave communication function of GOT2000 series, GOT SIMPLE series, SoftGOT2000 and Tension Controller due to buffer access with incorrect length value (CWE–805).
Impact
A malicious attacker, can stop the communication function of the products by sending a specially crafted packet. In that case, take the following measures to recover.

(1) Human–Machine Interfaces–GOT
It is necessary to turn on/off the GOT or press the GOT reset switch (reset switch is available only on GT27/25/23 models).
GT SoftGOT2000 needs to be restarted because the software will be forcibly terminated.

(2) Tension Controller
Please turn the power of Tension Controller back on.

Countermeasures
(1) Human–Machine Interfaces–GOT
In the case of using the affected products and versions, please update to the fixed versions by following the steps below.

<Fixed versions>
We have fixed the vulnerability at the following versions.
(GT Designer3 Version1(GOT2000) Ver.1.255R or later)

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<Update procedure>
For GOT2000/GOT SIMPLE series
① Download the fixed version of MELSOFT GT Designer3(2000) and install into the PC.
   Please contact your local Mitsubishi Electric representative about MELSOFT GT Designer3(2000).
② Start the MELSOFT GT Designer3(2000) and open the project data used in affected products.
③ Select [Write to GOT] from [Communication] menu to write the required package data to the GOT.
   * Please refer to the GT Designer3 (GOT2000) Screen Design Manual (SH-081220ENG).
   “4. COMMUNICATING WITH GOT”
④ After write the required package data to the GOT, refer to the <How to check the versions in use> and check the fixed versions.

For GT SoftGOT2000
① Download the fixed version of GT SoftGOT2000 Version1 from the following site and install into the PC.
   Please contact your local Mitsubishi Electric representative about GT SoftGOT2000 Version1.
② Refer to the <How to check the versions in use> and check the fixed versions.

(2) Tension Controller
Please carry out the mitigations below. We will release a fixed version in the near future.

Mitigations
(1) When connecting the product to the Internet, use a firewall or virtual private network (VPN) to prevent unauthorized access.
(2) Use it within the LAN and make it inaccessible from untrusted networks and hosts.
(3) Install antivirus software on a computer that can access the product.

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