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Security Advisory for Touch Panels of the BTP series of articles

Advisory Title

Uncontrolled Resource Consumption Vulnerability (CWE-400) was discovered at Touch-Panels of the BTP series.

Advisory ID

CVE-2020-12524
VDE-2020-047

Vulnerability Description

Uncontrolled Resource Consumption can be exploited to cause the HMI to become unresponsive and not accurately update the display content (Denial of Service).

Affected products

Article no	Article	Affected versions
1050387	BTP 2043W	All versions
1046666	BTP 2070W	All versions
1046667	BTP 2102W	All versions

Impact

When the HMI is subjected to i.e. a rapid flood of ICMP ping packets, the HMI stops responding to user input and the running program provides no visual changes. Once the attack stops, the HMI will return to normal functionality.

Classification of Vulnerability

Base Score: 7.5

Vector: CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H

Temporary Fix / Mitigation

Phoenix Contact recommends operating network-capable devices in closed networks or protected with a suitable firewall. For detailed information on our recommendations for measures to protect network-capable devices, please refer to our application note:

[Measures to protect network-capable devices with Ethernet connection](#)

Acknowledgement

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