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ICS [T0858 Change Operating Mode](#)

[Triton](#) has the ability to halt or run a program through the TriStation protocol. TsHi.py contains instances of halt and run functions being executed. [\[8\]](#)

ICS [T0885 Commonly Used Port](#)

[Triton](#) uses TriStations default UDP port, 1502, to communicate with devices. [\[8\]](#)

ICS [T0868 Detect Operating Mode](#)

[Triton](#) contains a file named TS_cnames.py which contains default definitions for program state (TS_progstate). Program state is referenced in TsHi.py. [\[8\]](#)

[Triton](#) contains a file named TS_cnames.py which contains default definitions for key state (TS_keystate). Key state is referenced in TsHi.py. [\[8\]](#)

ICS [T0871 Execution through API](#)

[Triton](#) leverages a reconstructed TriStation protocol within its framework to trigger APIs related to program download, program allocation, and program changes. [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0820 Exploitation for Evasion](#)

[Triton](#) disables a firmware RAM/ROM consistency check after injects a payload (imain.bin) into the firmware memory region. [\[3\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[4\]](#) Triconex systems include continuous means of detection including checksums for firmware and program integrity, memory and memory reference integrity, and configuration. [\[10\]](#)

ICS [T0890 Exploitation for Privilege Escalation](#)

[Triton](#) leverages a previously-unknown vulnerability affecting Tricon MP3008 firmware versions 10.010.4 allows an insecurely-written system call to be exploited to achieve an arbitrary 2-byte write primitive, which is then used to gain supervisor privileges. [\[3\]](#)

ICS [T0874 Hooking](#)

[Triton](#)'s injector, inject.bin, changes the function pointer of the 'get main processor diagnostic data' TriStation command to the address of imain.bin so that it is executed prior to the normal handler. [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0872 Indicator Removal on Host](#)

[Triton](#) would reset the controller to the previous state over TriStation and if this failed it would write a dummy program to memory in what was likely an attempt at anti-forensics. [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0880 Loss of Safety](#)

[Triton](#) has the capability to reprogram the SIS logic to allow unsafe conditions to persist or reprogram the SIS to allow an unsafe state while using the DCS to create an unsafe state or hazard. [\[1\]](#)

ICS [T0849 Masquerading](#)

[Triton](#)'s injector, inject.bin, masquerades as a standard compiled PowerPC program for the Tricon. [\[3\]](#)

[Triton](#) was configured to masquerade as trilog.exe, which is the Triconex software for analyzing SIS logs. [\[11\]](#)

ICS [T0821 Modify Controller Tasking](#)

[Triton](#)'s argument-setting and inject.bin shellcode are added to the program table on the Tricon so that they are executed by the firmware once each cycle. [\[3\]](#) [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0834 Native API](#)

[Triton](#)'s imain.bin payload takes commands from the TsHi.ExplReadRam(Ex), TsHi.ExplWriteRam(Ex) and TsHi.ExplExec functions to perform operations on controller memory and registers using syscalls written in PowerPC shellcode. [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0843 Program Download](#)

[Triton](#) leveraged the TriStation protocol to download programs onto Triconex Safety Instrumented System. [\[7\]](#)

ICS [T0845 Program Upload](#)

[Triton](#) calls the SafeAppendProgramMod to transfer its payloads to the Tricon. Part of this call includes performing a program upload. [\[8\]](#)

ICS [T0846 Remote System Discovery](#)

[Triton](#) uses a Python script that is capable of detecting Triconex controllers on the network by sending a specific UDP broadcast packet over port 1502. [\[3\]](#)

ICS [T0853 Scripting](#)

[Triton](#) communicates with Triconex controllers using a custom component framework written entirely in Python. The modules that implement the TriStation communication protocol and other supporting components are found in a separate file -- library.zip -- the main script that employs this functionality is compiled into a standalone py2exe Windows executable -- trilog.exe which includes a Python environment. [\[3\]](#)

ICS [T0869 Standard Application Layer Protocol](#)

[Triton](#) can communicate with the implant utilizing the TriStation 'get main processor diagnostic data' command and looks for a specifically crafted packet body from which it extracts a command value and its arguments. [2]

ICS [T0857 System Firmware](#)

[Triton](#) is able to read, write and execute code in memory on the safety controller at an arbitrary address within the devices firmware region. This allows the malware to make changes to the running firmware in memory and modify how the device operates. [3]

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