

Communication Authenticity, Mitigation M0802 - ICS

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ICS [T0800 Activate Firmware Update Mode](#)

Protocols used for device management should authenticate all network messages to prevent unauthorized system changes.

ICS [T0830 Adversary-in-the-Middle](#)

Communication authenticity will ensure that any messages tampered with through AiTM can be detected, but cannot prevent eavesdropping on these. In addition, providing communication authenticity around various discovery protocols, such as DNS, can be used to prevent various AiTM procedures.

ICS [T0858 Change Operating Mode](#)

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ICS [T0868 Detect Operating Mode](#)

Protocols used for control functions should provide authenticity through MAC functions or digital signatures. If not, utilize bump-in-the-wire devices or VPNs to enforce communication authenticity between devices that are not capable of supporting this (e.g., legacy controllers, RTUs).

ICS [T0816 Device Restart/Shutdown](#)

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ICS [T0831 Manipulation of Control](#)

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ICS [T0832 Manipulation of View](#)

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ICS [T0839 Module Firmware](#)

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ICS [T0861 Point & Tag Identification](#)

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ICS [T0843 Program Download](#)

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ICS [T0845 Program Upload](#)

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ICS [T0848 Rogue Master](#)

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ICS [T0856 Spoof Reporting Message](#)

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ICS [T0857 System Firmware](#)

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ICS [T0855 Unauthorized Command Message](#)

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ICS [T0860 Wireless Compromise](#)

Do not inherently rely on the authenticity provided by the network/link layer (e.g., 802.11, LTE, 802.15.4), as link layer equipment may have long lifespans and protocol vulnerabilities may not be easily patched. Provide defense-in-depth by implementing authenticity within the associated application-layer protocol, or through a network-layer

VPN. [1] Furthermore, ensure communication schemes provide strong replay protection, employing techniques such as timestamps or cryptographic nonces.

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