

Upgrading OpenSSL on RUGGEDCOM APE to Fix the Heartbleed Vulnerability AN25

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Preface

This application note is intended for use by network technical support personnel who are familiar with the operation of networks. It is also recommended for us by network and system planners, system programmers, and line technicians.

Related Documents

Other documents that may be of interest include:

- *RUGGEDCOM APE User Guide*

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Introduction

As of 1 February 2014, Siemens has been shipping some Linux® variants of RUGGEDCOM APE line modules (order codes APE1402-XX, APE1402-C01, APE1404-XX, and APE1404-C01, or MFLBs 6GK6015-0AL20-0GB0, 6GK6015-0AL20-0GB1, 6GK6015-0AL20-0GD0, and 6GK6015-0AL20-0GD1) with a version of the OpenSSL cryptographic software library that is vulnerable to the [Heartbleed](http://www.heartbleed.com) security vulnerability.

In response to the severity of the Heartbleed vulnerability, Siemens strongly recommends that customers of RUGGEDCOM APE line modules follow the procedures described in this application note to upgrade the OpenSSL package, if necessary, regardless of the manufacturing date of their hardware.

The following sections describe in further detail how to upgrade OpenSSL on a RUGGEDCOM APE line module:

- [Chapter 2, Verifying the OpenSSL Version](#)
- [Chapter 3, Upgrading OpenSSL](#)

2 Verifying the OpenSSL Version

To determine the version of OpenSSL currently installed, do the following:

1. Log in or gain root access to the APE line module.
2. At the command prompt, type the following command:

```
dpkg -l openssl
```

If the version is *1.0.1e-2+deb7u4*, the OpenSSL cryptographic software library is vulnerable to Heartbleed.

3 Upgrading OpenSSL

There are two methods available for upgrading the OpenSSL cryptographic software library.

Method 1: Obtaining an Upgrade Package from the Debian Security Update Repository

1. Make sure the APE module has access to the Internet.
2. Log in or gain root access to the APE line module.
3. Using vim or nano, open the file `/etc/opt/sources.list` and add the following line:

```
dep http://security.debian.org wheezy/updates main
```

This points Debian's upgrade system (referred to as *APT*) to Debian's online Security Update Repository for Debian 7. APE line modules based on Debian 6 are not vulnerable to Heartbleed and require no update.

4. At the command prompt, type the following commands to upgrade the OpenSSL cryptographic software library:

```
apt-get update
apt-get install openssl libssl1.0.0
```

Make sure both commands execute without errors.

5. Make sure OpenSSL has been upgraded to version 1.0.1e-2+deb7u6 or later. For more information, refer to [Chapter 2, Verifying the OpenSSL Version](#).
6. If further security updates from Debian's Security Update Repository are not desired, remove the lines previously added to `/etc/apt/sources.list`.

Method 2: Obtaining an Upgrade Package from Siemens Customer Support

1. Request the following Debian packages from Siemens Customer Support:
 - `openssl_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb`
 - `libssl1.0.0_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb`
2. Once obtained, upload the files to the APE line module via SFTP, SCP or a USB memory media.
3. Log in or gain root access to the APE line module.
4. At the command prompt, type the following command to upgrade the OpenSSL cryptographic library:

```
dpkg -i openssl_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb libssl1.0.0_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb
```

5. Delete the `.deb` files by typing:

```
rm openssl_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb libssl1.0.0_1.0.1e-2+deb7u6_i386.deb
```

