Short Paper: TLS Ecosystems in Networked Devices vs. Web Servers^{*}

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Abstract

Recently, high-speed IPv4 scanners, such as ZMap, have enabled rapid and timely collection of TLS certificates and other security-sensitive parameters. Such large datasets led to the development of the Censys search interface, facilitating comprehensive analysis of TLS deployments in the wild. Several recent studies analyzed TLS certificates as deployed in web servers. Beyond public web servers, TLS is deployed in many other Internet-connected devices, at home and enterprise environments, and at network backbones. In this paper, we report the results of a preliminary analysis using Censys on TLS deployments in such devices (e.g., routers, modems, NAS, printers, SCADA, and IoT devices in general). We compare certificates and TLS connection parameters from a security perspective, as found in common devices with Alexa 1M sites. Our results highlight significant weaknesses, and may serve as a catalyst to improve TLS security for these devices.

1 Introduction

Beyond user-level computing devices and back-end servers, there are many other Internet-connected devices that serve important roles in everyday IT operations. Such devices include routers, modems, printers, cameras, SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) controllers, DVR (digital video recorders), HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning technology), CPS (cyber physical systems), and NAS (network-attached storage) devices. Several past studies have identified critical security issues in these devices, including authentication bypass, hard-coded passwords and keys, misconfiguration, serious flaws in their firmware and web interfaces; example studies include: [28], [11], [10], [8], [9], [26]. The recent massive DDoS attack on DynDNS as attributed to the Mirai botnet (e.g., [27]), populated by DVRs, IP cameras and other IoT devices, shows the clear danger of security flaws and weaknesses in these devices.

Over the years, manufacturers of networked devices have implemented some security mechanisms, notably, the adoption of SSL/TLS for communication with other devices. With the help of the ZMap [18] high-speed IPv4 scanner, some recent projects analyzed the TLS ecosystem for web, email and SSH servers, and identified and measured significant security issues in TLS deployments in the wild; see e.g., [17], [23], [16], [1].

Heninger et al. [22] highlighted faulty random number generators in networked devices (see also the recent follow-up work [21]). Chung et al. [7] analyzed over 80 million invalid TLS certificates, and attribute most of them to network devices, including modems/home routers, VPNs, NAS, firewalls, IP cameras and IPTVs. However, we are unaware of any comprehensive study on the overall TLS ecosystem for networked devices. In this paper, we report our results on analyzing certificates and TLS parameters from 299,858 devices (out of 1,018,911), collected from the Censys (censys.io) service on October 8, 2016. Unsurprisingly, many devices still use crypto primitives that are currently being phased out from modern browsers and web servers.

Specifically, we found a significant number of devices use unsafe RSA 512-bit keys (4100 certificates) and 768-bit keys (8919 certificates). The vulnerable/deprecated RC4 stream cipher is still widely used in devices (113,186, 37.7%). A large number of devices (66,540, 22.2%; 19,063) also use (deprecated) SSLv3

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and SSLv2, respectively. We also compare TLS security parameters between devices and Alexa Top 1M sites, which clearly highlight the differences in these two domains. In all security aspects that we consider (SSL/TLS version, signature, encryption and hashing algorithms, and RSA key length), all device types are significantly more vulnerable than Alexa 1M sites. Our analysis focuses on TLS security weaknesses, but we also summarize the use of stronger security primitives in devices and Alexa 1M sites. We hope our results, albeit preliminary, to serve as a catalyst to quick fixing of TLS issues in devices, so that these devices do not remain less secure than the HTTPS/web ecosystem in the long run.

2 Related work

We briefly discuss measurement studies on real-world TLS deployments.

To allow researchers to analyze SSL certificates, the EFF SSL Observatory project [19] offered the first large-scale, open certificate repository containing SSL certificates for the IPv4 address space in 2010. Later, in 2013, Durumeric et al. [17] analyzed the ZMap collected data over a period of 14 months to uncover all public certificate authorities (CAs) and the certificates they issued. Censys [15] is a search engine used to query information of hosts and networks stored in daily ZMap scans. As an example application for Censys, the prevalence of the unauthenticated Modbus protocol among SCADA systems has been studied. Numerous such systems have been found across the globe. However, non-SCADA devices, specifically, the TLS ecosystem for those devices have not been studied. We extend existing work to understand the TLS ecosystem for networked devices, mostly used at home, enterprise, and industrial environments, and physical/network infrastructures.

Heninger et al. [22] reported in 2012 that RSA/DSA algorithms as used specifically in embedded network devices are vulnerable due to faulty random number generators. They found that 0.75% of TLS certificates share keys, and RSA private keys can be easily calculated for 0.50% of TLS hosts (also reported similar results for RSA/DSA keys as used in the SSH protocol). However, other TLS/certificate parameters were not analyzed in this study.

Pa et al. [26] propose the IoT honeypot (IoTPOT) to analyze malware attacks against devices such as home routers, smart fridges, and other IoT devices. Their honeypot data also shows significant increase in Telnet-based attacks, including DDoS, against IoT devices. Costin et al. [8] devise a platform to find possible reuse of fingerprints of SSL certificates, public/private keys of devices in ZMap datasets; many devices were found with reused keys.

Shodan.io is a search engine similar to Censys, targeted towards IoT devices (full access requires paid subscriptions). In addition to IPv4 devices, Shodan claimed to have scanned millions of IPv6 addresses, reportedly by exploiting a loophole in the NTP Pool Project [3]. Arnaert et al. [2] highlight challenges in aggregating search results from Shodan and Censys, and propose an ontology to make these engines more usable and effective for finding vulnerable IoT devices.

3 Methodology and device info

We rely on the Censys [15] search engine for our analysis. In this section, we provide a brief overview of Censys, and detail our methodology.

Censys enables querying data from the Internet-wide scan repository (scans.io), a data repository hosting the periodic scan results as collected by the ZMap scanner [18]. Censys tags the collected data with security-related properties and device types, allowing easy but powerful search queries through its online search interface and REST API. Censys also tags TLS and certificate data of Alexa Top 1M web sites. Tagging is done by annotating the raw scan data with additional metadata, e.g., type and manufacturer for devices, and Alexa ranking for sites. The output from the application scanners is used to identify device-specific metadata. The annotation process involves ZTag (paired with ZMap and ZGrab), allowing researchers to add logic to define metadata for currently untagged devices [15]. Apparently, search capabilities in Censys is still evolving (not all device metadata is defined in ZTag, although ZTag can be extended by other researchers); thus, TLS/certificate data and tag information for all device types are still not comprehensively reflected in Censys.

Table 1 lists available device types extracted from Censys, divided by TLS support. We further group some device types from Censys for easier presentation as follows: modem (cable/DSL), printer (all printer models, print servers), network (generic network devices, network analyzers), SCADA (scada controller, router, gateway, server, frontend), media (set-top box, digital video recorders, VoIP, cinema), CPS (PLC, HVAC, industrial control system, water flow controller, light controller, power distribution unit, power monitor, power controller). Certain device types (e.g., CPS) appear to be small in numbers. This may be due to the fact that the tagging process in Cen-

Device type	Non-TLS	Non-TLS	TLS	TLS					
	%	Count	%	Count					
Infra. router	23.31	237,540	11.61	118,259					
Modem	15.56	$158,\!558$	2.53	25,724					
Camera	14.11	143,721	0.69	6809					
NAS	7.07	71,997	5.45	55,503					
Home router	5.04	$51,\!347$	2.52	$25,\!667$					
Network	0.00	3	3.91	39,857					
Printer	1.00	$10,\!148$	2.19	22,296					
Scada	2.45	24,909	0.37	3773					
CPS	1.26	$12,\!820$	0.09	868					
Media	0.79	8000	0.11	1102					
Total	70.57	719,043	29.43	299,858					

Table 1: Type-wise device distribution

sys is still not very comprehensive. We do not consider some devices that are very low in number (e.g., 10 USB devices). The devices appear to come from all around the world (75 countries with >1000 devices); the top 10 countries host about 56% of all devices, including: Germany 17.9%, USA 15.0%, India 4.9%, and China 4.4%.

For comparison, we chose the Alexa Top 1M sites. Data extracted from Censys was transformed to an intermediary format that requires a resource-intensive post-processing phase. Search queries can be executed on Censys in two ways: a RESTful web API or an SQL interface engine. We used the latter option (with the help of a Censys author), as it is more efficient for large-scale search results. After the TLS parameters and certificates are extracted for devices and Alexa 1M sites, we first analyze our selected security parameters and algorithms in devices. We then compare the security parameters from devices with those from Alexa 1M sites, to highlight any important differences between them. Similar to past work (e.g., [17], [24]), we choose the following certificate/TLS parameters: cipher suite (algorithms used for hashing, key encryption, key exchange and authentication, signature), SSL/TLS protocol version, and RSA key length.

4 Analysis and results

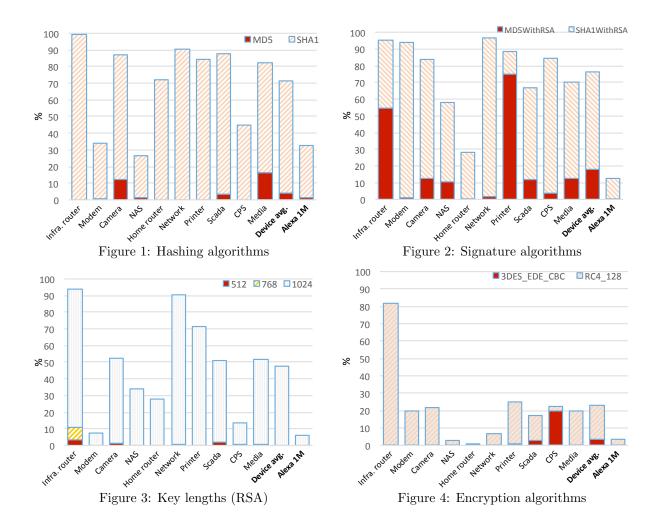
On October 8, 2016, we extracted certificates and TLS parameters (contained in a daily dump) from 299,858 TLS-supporting devices (out of a total of 1,018,911 devices), and from 598,888 HTTPS sites in Alexa Top 1M. The client used to extract TLS certificates are ZMap along with ZGrab (i.e., not following any popular browser), which is later queried from Censys. In this section, we provide the results of our analysis and compare the use of TLS/certificate parameters.

4.1 Prevalence of weak security practices

For each cryptographic primitive in a device certificate and TLS/SSL protocol banner, we compute the percentage to compare the parameters between devices; see Figures 1–5 for a comparison of the weak cryptographic primitives (for exact data, see Table 2). We also compare average values from devices with Alexa sites (the last two bars). For brevity, we first highlight results for algorithms and parameters that are most vulnerable. We also analyze certificate reuse in both devices and Alexa sites.

Hash functions in message authentication. The use of SHA1 is prominent in all device types (67.4%), most notably in infrastructure routers (117,550, 99.4%) and network devices (35,918, 90.1%). In contrast, SHA1 usage in Alexa 1M sites is far less (31.2%); see Figure 1. Some devices still use MD5, e.g., cameras (817, 12%) and media devices (176, 16%). MD5 is broken for more than a decade now [34], and SHA1 is also becoming subject to feasible collision attacks [31] (being phased out as of writing).

Hash functions in signature schemes. The MD5-RSA signature scheme is predominantly used in devices, notably in printers (16,993, 74.9%) and infra. routers (64,879, 54.9%); see Figure 2. These devices are vulnerable to certificate collision attacks, where attackers create certificates that collide with arbitrary prefixes/suffixes [32]. SHA1-RSA is also used more in modems (24,025, 93.4%), network (37,836, 94.9%)



	Hashii	ng alg.	Signature alg.		RSA keylen			Enc. alg.		Protocol		
	MD5	SHA1	MD5-	SHA1-	512	768	1024	3DES	RC4	SSL	TLS	TLS
	MD5	SIIAI	RSA	RSA	512	108	1024	JDEO	104	3.0	1.0	1.1
Infra. router	0.2	99.4	54.9	40.3	3.2	7.4	83.2	0	81.5	55.0	44.0	0.2
Modem	0.4	33.4	0.7	93.4	0.1	0	7.4	0	19.9	0.2	32.4	0
Camera	12.0	74.9	12.5	71.3	1.1	0.1	51.5	0.4	21.6	3.7	66.0	12.1
NAS	1.1	25.5	10.3	47.7	0.2	0	33.9	0.2	2.6	0.8	21.8	0.1
Home router	0.2	71.9	0.3	27.5	0	0	28.2	0	0.3	0.1	25.1	0
Network	0.3	90.1	1.8	94.9	0	0.4	90.0	0.3	6.2	0.9	84.4	0.1
Printer	0	84.2	74.9	13.4	0	0	71.5	0.9	24.3	0	82.4	0
Scada	3.7	84.0	11.6	55.4	2.0	0	49.1	2.6	14.5	4.1	67.6	1.1
CPS	0.3	44.7	3.6	81.0	0.7	0	12.9	19.7	2.8	1.0	19.7	19.4
Media	16.0	66.2	12.3	57.9	0.3	0.1	51.4	0.5	19.0	15.9	59.6	0.6
Device avg.	3.8	67.4	18.3	58.3	1.1	2.0	47.9	3.5	19.3	9.1	50.3	4.8
Alexa 1M	1.1	31.2	0.5	11.8	0	0	5.8	0.2	3.1	0	15.6	0.1

Table 2: Percentages of weak cryptographic primitives in devices; under Enc. alg., 3DES and RC4 represent 3DES-EDE-CBC and RC4-128, respectively.

and CPS (703, 81%). A few devices (102) use "unknown" algorithms; according to a Censys author (email correspondence), these algorithms are not parseable.

RSA key lengths. Certificates with 1024-bit RSA keys are deemed to be insecure as of early 2016; see NIST SP 800-131A (at least 2048 bits should be used). However, many devices still use 1024-bit keys (Figure 3); most notably infra. routers (98,432, 83.2%) and network devices (35,886, 90%). More seriously, we found many devices with factorable 512-bit keys, e.g., infra. routers (3810, 3.2%), cameras (77, 1.1%) and scada devices (76, 2%).

Encryption algorithms. We check the use of vulnerable ciphers such as RC4 (see e.g., [20], RFC 7465), and 3DES (the recent Sweet32 attack [5]). Except infra. routers (96,433, 81.5%), the use of RC4 is relatively low in other devices (Figure 4). Some Alexa sites still use RC4 (3.1%). Note that the ZGrab application scanner as used with ZMap includes RC4 as a supported cipher (in addition to ciphers included in the Chrome browser), to support older TLS servers. The use of 3DES is very limited overall, except in CPS devices (171, 19.7%). The use of ChaCha20-Poly1305 (currently being standardized, RFC 7905) as a replacement of RC4 is still negligible in devices.

TLS/SSL version. TLS 1.0 is mostly used in network devices (33,637, 84.4%) and printers (18,367, 82.4%), and TLS 1.1 in CPS (168, 19.4%); see Figure 5. TLS 1.0 is vulnerable to the BEAST attack [14]. More seriously, many infra. routers (65,061, 55%) and media devices (175, 15.9%) use SSL 3.0 (vulnerable to the POODLE attack [25]). Surprisingly, 19,063 devices still support SSL 2.0 (deprecated in 2011, see RFC 6176). Top-5 such device types include: NAS (manufacturers: QNAP, NetGear, Synology; count: 5517), network (Cisco: 2006), printer (Lexmark, Sharp: 1812), camera (HikVision: 1324), and infra. router (Cisco: 1046). We do not include SSL 2.0 in Figure 5 or other comparisons, as SSL 2.0 dataset is separately maintained by Censys.

Certificate issuers. Most device certificates are selfsigned (71%), potentially making them vulnerable to man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks. The remaining certificates are CA-signed; see Table 3 (total CAs: 1335). Some CA organizations are device manufacturers, others are browser trusted. Certificate data in Censys contains a flag indicating the browser trusted status (based on Mozilla NSS).

Certificate reuse. Some devices often come with the same default certificate, which remains unchanged afterwards. We group certificates according to their SHA256 fingerprints for reuse detection.¹ Many devices reuse certificates (120,572, 11.83%), including infra. routers (48,637, 4.77%), NAS (34,145, 3.35%), and network (30,307, 2.97%). These devices may be vulnerable to MITM attacks (cf. SSH attacks [6]). Alexa

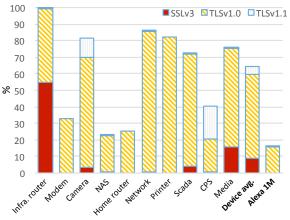


Figure 5: SSL/TLS protocol versions

Issuer org.	Count	%	Trusted?
Western Digital	6846	0.67	×
Synology Inc.	6461	0.63	×
ZyXEL	4220	0.41	×
GoDaddy.com	1412	0.14	1213
hw	1101	0.11	×
TELMEX	1038	0.10	×
TAIWAN-CA	818	0.08	818
COMODO	811	0.08	630
StartCom Ltd.	628	0.06	399
GeoTrust Inc.	622	0.06	538

Table 3: Top 10 organizations issuing device certificates (the last column represents browser trustworthiness)

sites reuse certificates more commonly (38% of certificates are reused, mostly due to CDN, similar to past studies, e.g., [33]); see Figure 6. Certificate reused by groups of 5+ Alexa sites/devices are relatively low.

The Common Name (CN) in most reused certificates contain non-routable IP addresses, e.g., 192.168.1.1 (27,082, 2.64%), generic identification labels, e.g., zxserver (1100), CyberoamApplianceCertificate (372), or domain names, e.g., *.mynet.vodafone.it (1076), captive-portal.peplink.com (78).

¹Certificates with the same public key may differ in other fields, resulting in different fingerprints. We did not analyze public key reuse in certificates; the dataset we use from ZMap/Censys does not contain actual public key values.

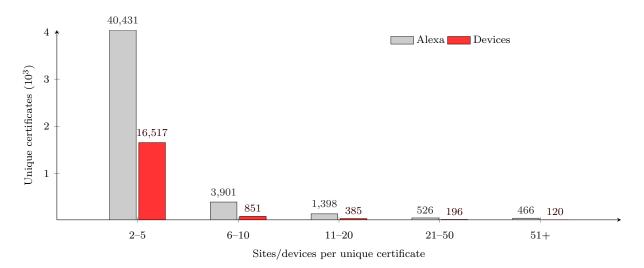


Figure 6: Unique certificates: Alexa 1M (total certs: 598,888) vs. devices (299,858)

DH prime number reuse. Many devices supporting Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key Exchange reuse prime numbers. Such reuse can be exploited via the Logjam attack, enabling a man-in-the-middle attacker to downgrade connections to export grade Diffie-Hellman [1]. There are (27,617, 2.71%) reused primes in devices, including infrastructure routers (14,723, 1.45%), NAS (5479, 0.54%), modems (2748, 0.27%), and network (2248, 0.22%). In contrast, only 0.2% of the Alexa sites supporting DHKE reused prime numbers.

4.2 Adoption of stronger cryptographic primitives

We also analyze the use of generally-accepted crypto primitives (as of Feb. 2017) in devices and compare with Alexa 1M sites; see Figures 7–11 for a comparison of such primitives (for exact data, see Table 4). SHA256 is extensively used in NAS (40,732, 73.4%) and Modems (17,031, 66.2%); these values are comparable to Alexa 1M sites (67.7%). The use of ECDSA signature algorithm is negligible in devices. SHA256WithRSA is used in abundance in home routers (18,518, 72.1%) which is on par with the same of Alexa 1M sites (75.6%). SHA512WithRSA is mostly used in CPS devices (80, 9.2%). RSA-2048 is used significantly in most device types, except infrastructure routers, and network devices; only a small number of devices and Alexa sites currently use RSA-4096 keys. For symmetric encryption, AES is used by both devices and Alexa sites.

4.3 A preliminary security rating of device types

For a quick overall overview of SSL security and comparison between device types, we create a preliminary rating mechanism. We follow and adapt the guidelines (as needed) from the SSL Pulse project [30] (used to rate SSL security of a given HTTPS site from Alexa 1M). We calculate the rating points as follows: take percentages of cryptographic primitive implementations for each device type, multiply the percentages by -1 (for weak primitives) or 1 (for strong primitives), and sum them up. For each cryptographic primitive (e.g., hashing algorithm) and device type, the summed up value should fall within a range of -100 and 100. We then assign letter grading to these values as follows: A (60 to 100), B (20 to 59), C (-20 to 19), D (-60 to -19), E (-100 to -61). For the resulting ratings, see Table 5. Alexa 1M sites (graded A) have relatively high security compared to any of the device types. Infrastructure routers, cameras, networked devices and printers are relatively insecure as opposed to modems, NAS and home routers.

5 Disclosure

The vulnerable devices we found are manufactured by hundreds of different companies; see Table 6. We have contacted the ones with many vulnerable devices, where we could locate contact emails, explaining



Figure 11: TLS version: 1.2

	Hash alg.	Si	gnature al	Signature alg.			Encryption alg.			Protocol
	SHA256	SHA256- RSA	SHA512- RSA	SHA256- ECDSA	2048 4096	4096	AES- 128-	AES- 256-	AES- 128-	TLS 1.2
						CBC	CBC	GCM		
Infra. router	0.4	4.4	0	0	5.7	0.1	0.6	17.4	0.4	0.8
Modem	66.2	5.7	0.1	0	91.7	0.4	5.8	8.1	66.2	67.3
Camera	13.1	8.0	0.1	0	38.4	0.2	3.7	61.2	13.1	18.2
NAS	73.4	41.9	0.1	0	65.1	0.6	5.4	18.4	73.4	77.3
Home router	27.9	72.1	0	0	71.7	0.1	0.2	71.6	27.9	74.8
Network	9.6	3.1	0	0	9.4	0.1	3.7	80.2	9.6	14.6
Printer	15.8	11.7	0	0	28.4	0	0	59.1	15.8	17.6
Scada	12.3	32.1	0.1	0.1	46.7	1.5	12.0	58.6	12.3	27.3
CPS	55.0	6.2	9.2	0	85.8	0.2	4.7	17.9	55.0	59.9
Media	17.9	29.9	0	0	47.2	0.1	14.4	48.3	17.9	23.9
Device avg.	29.2	21.5	1.9	0.1	49.0	0.4	5.6	44.1	29.2	38.2
Alexa 1M	67.7	75.6	0.1	12.1	78.6	4.3	3.1	25.8	67.6	84.3

Table 4: Percentages of strong cryptographic primitives in devices

	Infra. router	Modem	Camera	NAS	Home router	Network	Printer	Scada	CPS	Media	Alexa 1M
Hashing alg.	E	B	E	B	D	E	E	E	C	E	B
	(-99)	(32)	(-74)	(47)	(-44)	(-81)	(-68)	(-75)	(10)	(-64)	(35)
Encryption alg.	E	A	B	Α	A	A	В	A	B	A	A
Encryption alg.	(-63)	(60)	(56)	(94)	(99)	(87)	(50)	(66)	(55)	(61)	(93)
DCA loss los ath	E	Α	D	В	В	E	D	С	A	C	Α
RSA key length	(-88)	(85)	(-22)	(32)	(44)	(-81)	(-43)	(-3)	(73)	(-4)	(77)
C:	E	Е	E	С	В	E	Е	D	E	D	A
Signature alg.	(-91)	(-88)	(-84)	(-16)	(44)	(-94)	(-77)	(-35)	(-69)	(-40)	(76)
CCI /TTI C	E	В	E	В	В	E	Е	D	С	D	A
SSL/TLS ver.	(-98)	(35)	(-64)	(55)	(50)	(-71)	(-65)	(-46)	(20)	(-52)	(69)
	E	В	D	В	В	D	D	С	С	C	Α
Average	(-88)	(25)	(-37)	(42)	(39)	(-48)	(-41)	(-19)	(18)	(-20)	(70)

Table 5: Security ranking by device types

Manufacturer	MD5	RC4	SSLv3	<rsa1024< th=""><th>Device types</th></rsa1024<>	Device types
Cisco	347	98,904	65,413	12,731	Network, infra. router
Hewlett-	1	5214	1	13	Network, printer,
Packard					scada, home router
AVM	78	5062	33	2	Modem
Hikvision	664	1085	214	75	Camera
QNAP	383	889	286	51	NAS

Table 6: Top 5 manufactures with vulnerable devices

our findings (Oct. 2016). As of writing, we got responses from Cisco, Honeywell, Hikvision, and Hewlett Packard – most claiming to have released software/firmware upgrades in the past, but apparently, users did not follow. Example responses include: [Honeywell] "This helps a lot and as we have looked almost all of the systems you identified are "out of date" systems. Tridium/Honeywell released the patches to address your findings almost three years ago with follow on updates each year. The end users are not updating their systems to make them less vulnerable."

6 Limitations and future work

Certain statistics as extracted from Censys appear to be unusual. For example, there is only one infrastructure router from manufacturers, e.g., DrayTek and LinkSys; Hewlett-Packard appears to have only one device with MD5 and SSLv3. We communicated such observations to a Censys author, who attributed them to be possible limitations of the current Censys logic, or device misconfiguration. Also, the SQL engine in Censys is still evolving. Currently, it does not allow querying all device-related information in a flexible structural format from the data available in ZMap. We plan to extend the comparison including all IPv4 web servers, when data hygiene and structure of data improve in Censys.

Overall, Censys provides a free and powerful interface to search and analyze all types of connected devices. However, inherently, Censys excludes devices that cannot be reached via ZMap (e.g., private/non-routable/firewalled addresses, opt-out from ZMap scanning). Newer IoT devices are increasingly adopting IPv6 [12], which also cannot be measured by the IPv4-based ZMap scanner. More collective effort is also needed to improve device tagging/annotating in Censys [15].

As apparent from several studies on the real-world deployment of web servers (e.g., [24], [17]), TLS can provide tangible security benefit, only when it is configured properly. Partly due to several recent highprofile measurement studies (e.g., [16], [1]), TLS security for user-facing servers is improving. However, we found that many networked devices are still using weaker/broken crypto primitives in TLS, compared to Alexa sites. Some vulnerabilities may have no effect if the services are accessed within a local network (e.g., inside a private home network), or via a modern browser—e.g., no current browser would accept the RC4 cipher or SSL 2.0, even if offered by a server. As these devices are varied (unlike regular web servers), actual exploitation of their weaknesses will depend on how they are used/accessed. These seemingly obsolete attack vectors can also be revived in the presence of a vulnerable TLS proxy between a modern browser and the vulnerable server, such as an anti-virus proxy [13]; simply supporting SSL 2.0 can be exploited as well [4]. We hope our findings to raise awareness of this issue and positively influence the manufactures to push appropriate firmware upgrades (possibly with auto-update).

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