

# Denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance: reporting 0-days to Russian vendors

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# Hello world

Kaspersky Lab ICS CERT team member

ICS Security researcher



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- 1. Intro**
- 2. What's happening with 0days?**
- 3. Case studies + Denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance (DABDA) stages for RU and Non-RU**
- 4. Why so?**
- 5. Outro**



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# INTRO

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## **Conditions:**

- 1. No IT giants (classical software guys)**
- 2. Hardware, ICS vendors only**



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**Epigraph:**

**Cr4sh:**

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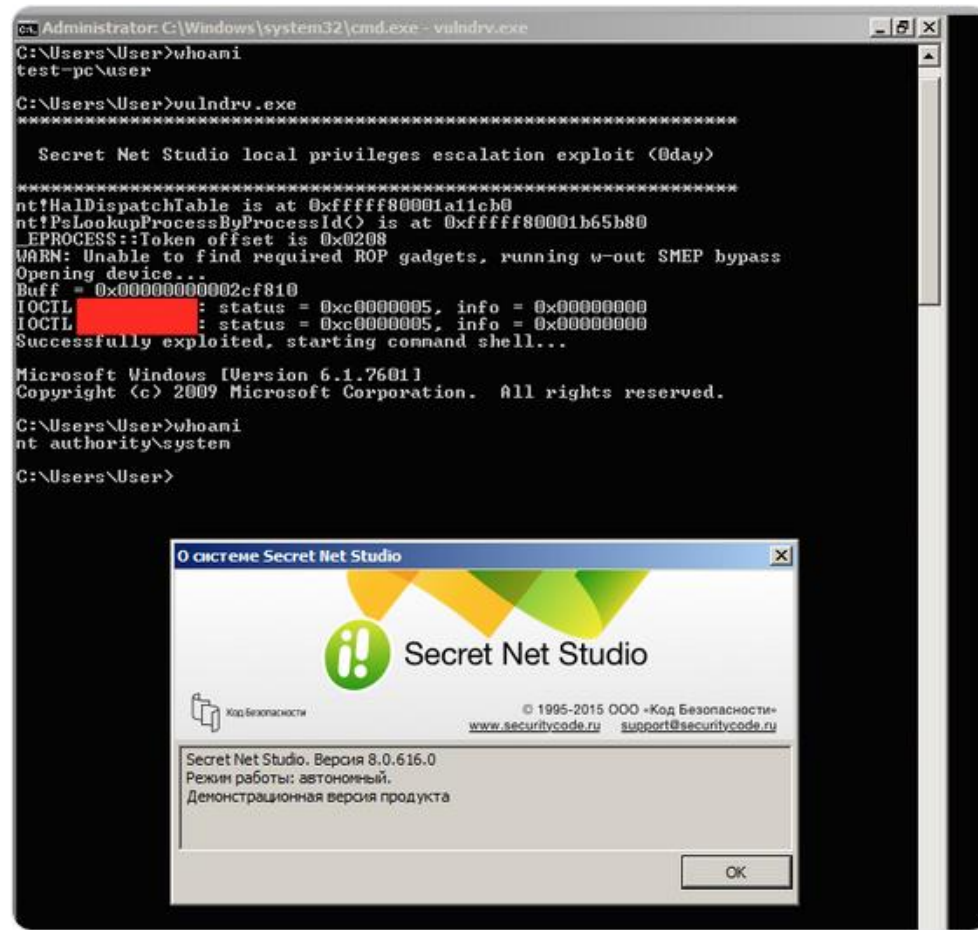
**Dmytro Oleksiuk**

@d\_olex

Читаю

В ответ @ivladdalvi

@ivladdalvi “Вы любите розы? А я на них срал!” (с)



16:28 - 22 дек. 2015 г.

21 ретвит 18 отметок «Нравится»





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# The Stages of Grief



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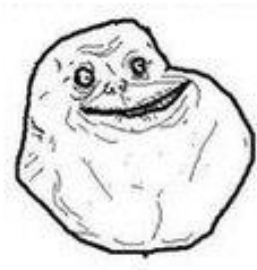
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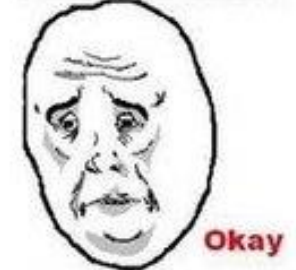
anger



bargaining



depression



acceptance

**+  
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# The 'Importozameschenie'





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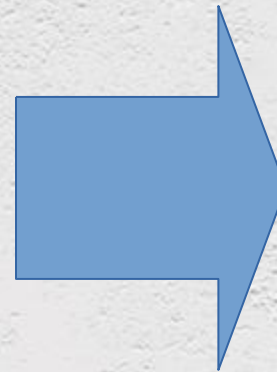


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## **Industrial sectors:**

- **Oil & Gas**
- **Chemicals**
- **Vehicles and transportation production**
- **Mechanical Engineering**
- **Etc...**



**Critical infrastructure**



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**Doing 'Importozameschenie' for Services+products+software+hardware+other stuff...**

**Why is it important to compare 'there' and 'here':**

- **Chance for a local players**
- **Stimulate market**
- **A lot of attention to it**
- **A great responsibility**



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## **Couple things could not be replaced – experience and responsibility**

### **There:**

- ✓ **CERTs**
- ✓ **PSIRTs**
- ✓ **Regulations**
- ✓ **Money!**

### **Here:**

- × **CERTs**
- × **PSIRTs**
- × **Regulations (in terms of vulnerability disclosure)**
- ✓ **FSTEK vulnerability database (great start, but has to be updated)**



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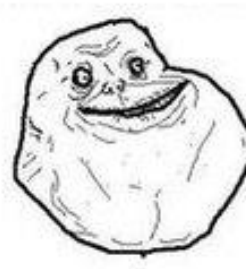
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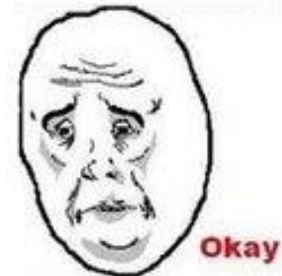
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bargaining



depression



acceptance

**Here**

**Here**

**Here**

**There**



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# How we reach vendors

Kaspersky Lab ICS CERT Experience

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**The next moment after bug is discovered.**

**Contact person:**

**There:**

- 1) PSIRTs
- 2) Security mail-box
- 3) Friends who knows someone from vendor
- 4) Twitter/LinkedIn
- 5) Phone calls
- 6) CERTs

**Here:**

- 1) Any email you can find; usually you need to find a senior developer
- 2) Phone calls

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**Communications:**

**There:**

- 1) PGP

**Here:**

- 1) PGP



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## **The next moment after bug is discovered Reporting the bug**

### **Artifacts :**

- 1)Short summary**
- 2)Detailed explanation**
- 3)PoC**
- 4)...**
- 5)Video**
- 6)Demo**
- 7)Screen shots**
- 8)Audio explanation**
- 9)Etc...**





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**Case studies. Here.**

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## PLC Vendor. Popular brand on ICS market. Arbitrary file reading

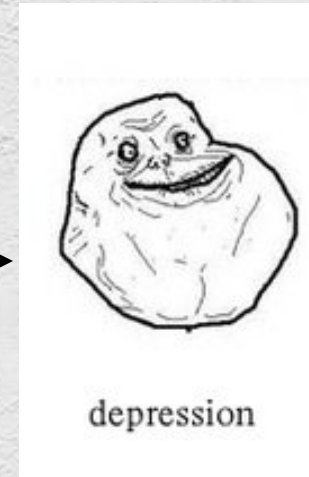
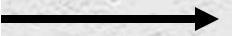
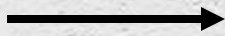




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**The same PLC vendor. Remote Code Execution with root privileges  
(no sandbox/container isolation for byte-code like in other PLCs)**



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4 month  
already

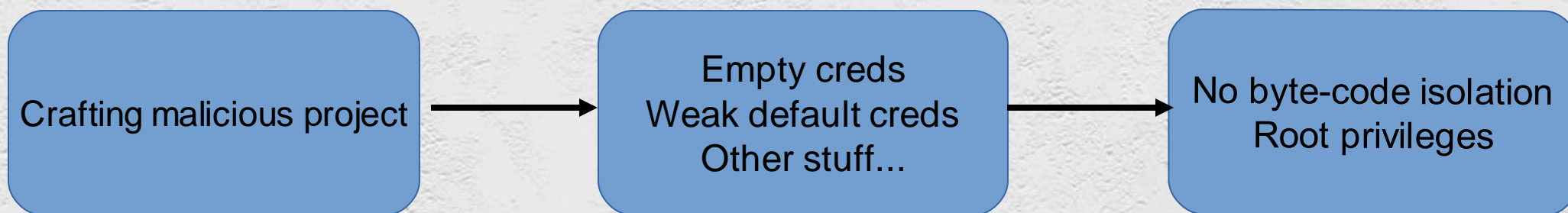


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## The same PLC vendor. Remote Code Execution via crafted/modified project

### Architectural issue

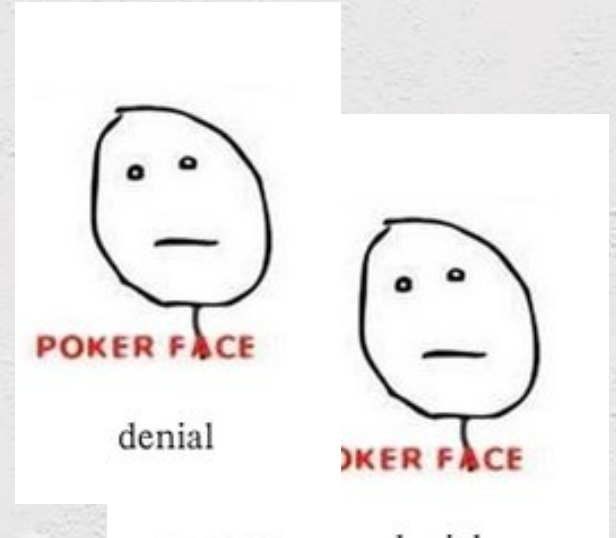
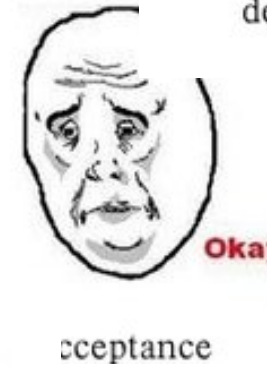
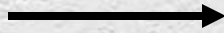




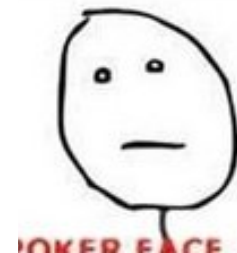
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## Industrial router vendor



**1+ year story. Still do not know. CVEs assigned**





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## **Industrial router vendor. Multiple bugs**

**Gray box: docs, installation image, other useful stuff**

**Timing: Three weeks**

**Passwords issues**

**Insecure sudo Configuration**

**Build-in user with highest privileges**

**Information Disclosure**

**Command injection**

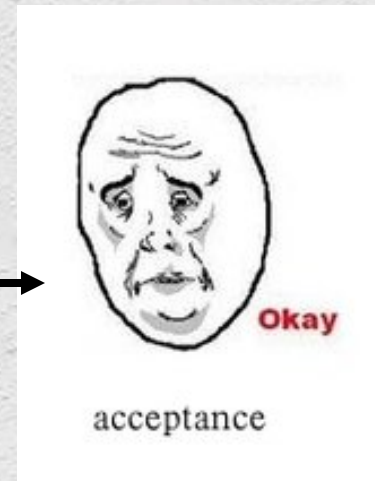
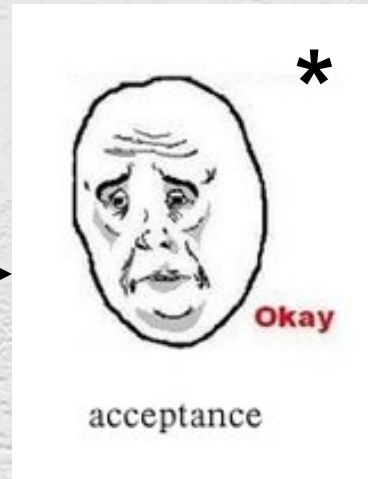
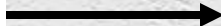
**Require authentication**



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## Industrial router vendor (other one). Multiple bugs



**A bit less than one year**



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## **Industrial router vendor (other one)**

**Gray box: docs, installation image, other useful stuff**

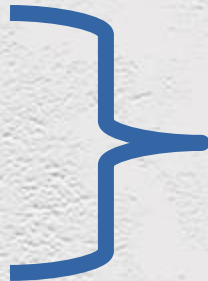
**Timing: Three weeks**

**Cert issue**

**DoS x 3**

**RCE (via POST)**

**Credential issues**



**Remotely**





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**Case studies. There.**

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## Exceptional cases



[REDACTED]@meau.com >

Tue 12/15/2015, 4:28 PM

Vladimir Dashchenko

Reply all



*Messages for the B*

Download

Vladimir,

A direct email from you to me is secure enough. Please let me know the specific details of your finding. I appreciate you contacting Mitsubishi Electric with this information.

Respectfully,



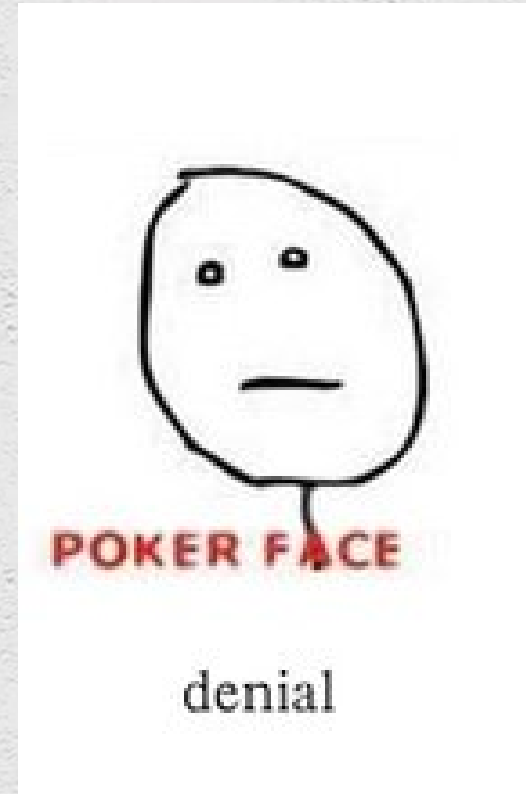
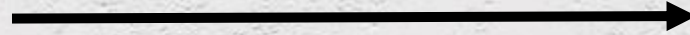


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## Exceptional cases

Establish TCP connection

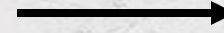
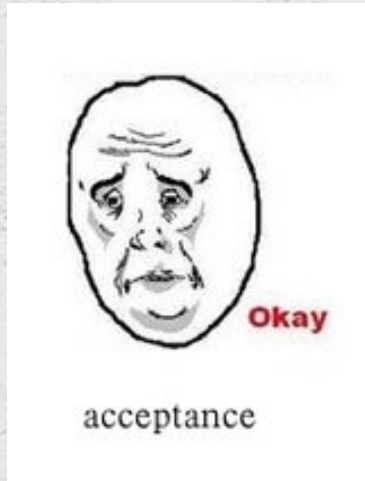




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## Most cases





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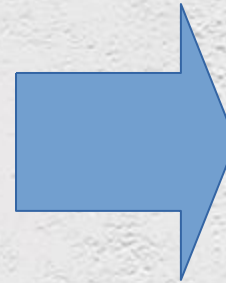
**Most of cases. There**

**90-day policy does not work**

**In ICS world it takes years (example – 2015 report)**

**Lowering number of vulnerabilities**

**No security patch. Only a version update**



**A new level of ‘maturity’**

**“Your IT vs Our OT”**



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## **Possible reasons. ‘Here’ and ‘There’**

### **Here:**

**Sense of Invulnerable/Immortal solutions**

**“Who even needs us except these guys  
(customers)?!”**

### **There:**

**Okay, vulnerabilities exist**

**It’s too risky to show how vulns we’ve  
had**

**Not that easy to update/upgrade (why no  
patches available)**



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# ICS Security ‘Balkanization’?



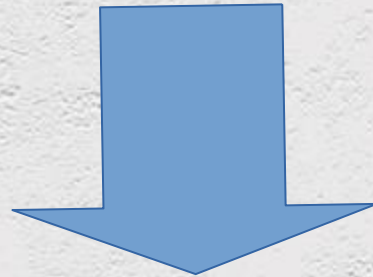
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**ICS CVSS is coming to ya!**

**First notice – Jul 2015 by Reid Wightman**

**2019 – S4X19 ‘A New CVSS For ICS’. Practical testing of methodology**



**Maybe use both to take into account ICS specifics and cyber-physical effect?**





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# Conclusions



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## **For vendors**

**Make a vulnerability report procedure transparent and easy**

**Inform all of your customers that security issue was patched**

**A security researcher is your friend**

**Any bounty matters – stickers, public advisory, t-shirt!**

**Resolved and disclosed bug is better than not reported at all**

**If you don't receive bug reports – does not mean that they do not exist**



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## **For researchers**

**How solutions are secured – depends on us**

**Be patient. Sometimes they need time to realize and to react**

**Explain possible business impact. Or at least try**

**If you're not sure that it's a good idea to report a bug (punishment?) ask us! Or other ICS security guys**



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## **Quick Hall of Thanks**

**Kaspersky Lab ICS CERT family**

**ICS Vendors**

**@cyberpunkych**

**And these little guys:**

**CVE-2016-8368**

**CVE-2016-8370**

**CVE-2018-15360**

**CVE-2018-15359**

**CVE-2018-15358**

**CVE-2018-15357**

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