

Spies, Saboteurs, & Scoundrels

How Russia, China, & Nefarious Actors Are Hacking xIoT Devices

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Printers



Phones



Cameras



Robotics



UPS systems



Wireless routers

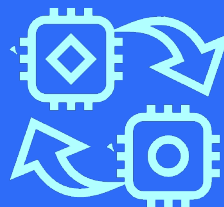


Smart cities

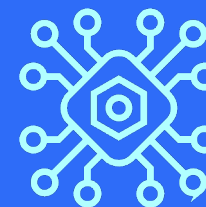


Door controllers

What is xIoT?



**Purpose-built
firmware/HW**



**Network-
connected**



**Can't run
Endpoint security**

■ xIoT Volume, Velocity, & Variety

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Cloud Security

10M 10 Million servers world-wide.



60M



Endpoint Security

5B 5 Billion desktops world-wide.

Total computers with keyboards.



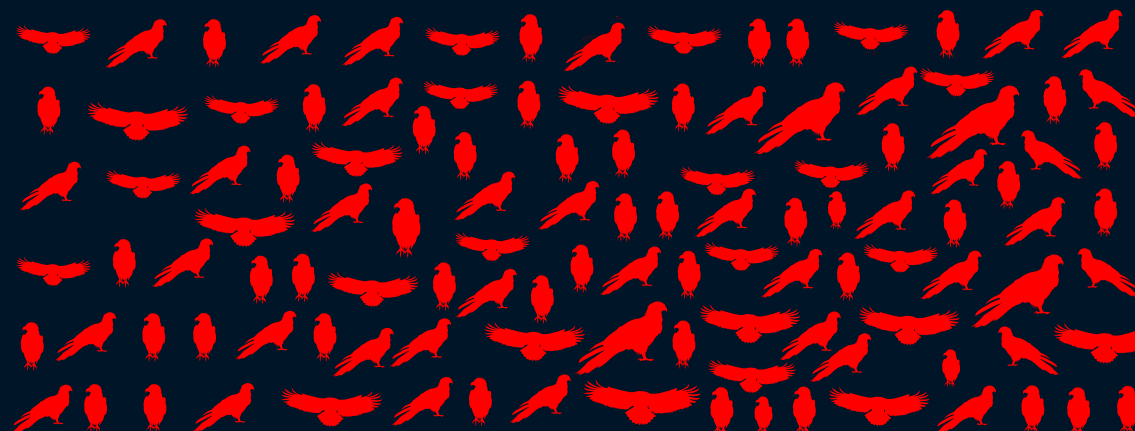
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xIoT Security

50B 50 Billion xIoT devices world-wide.

Spanning IoT, OT, and Network Devices.



50B

Internet-accessible xIoT

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Google

default password apc ups

All

Shopping

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News

Videos

More

Tools

About 389,000 results (0.53 seconds)

The default username for your **APC** UPS is apc. The default password is apc. Enter the

■ 2022 xIoT Threat & Trend Report

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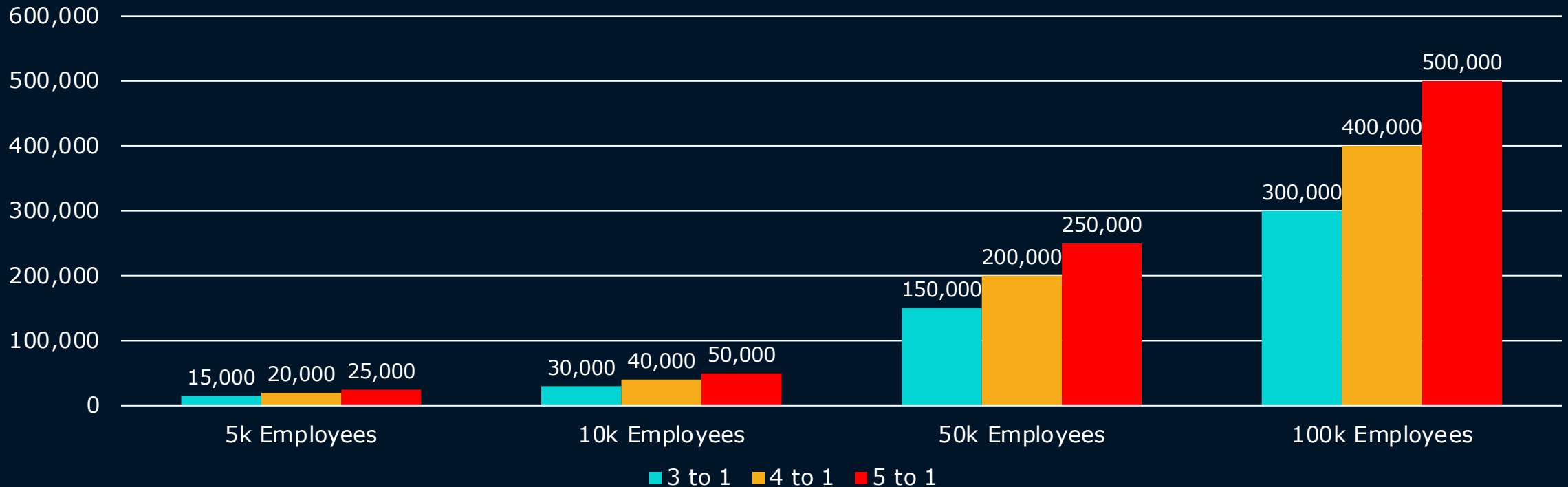
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<https://phosphorus.io/xiot-threat-and-trend-report-2022/>

■ Phosphorus Research Stats

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3-5 xIoT Devices per Employee



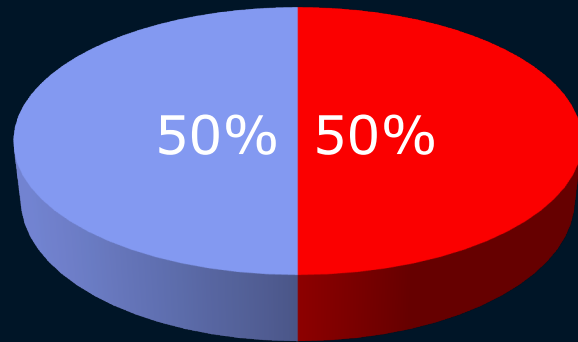
Customer estimations of their xIoT inventories
are consistently off by

40-60%

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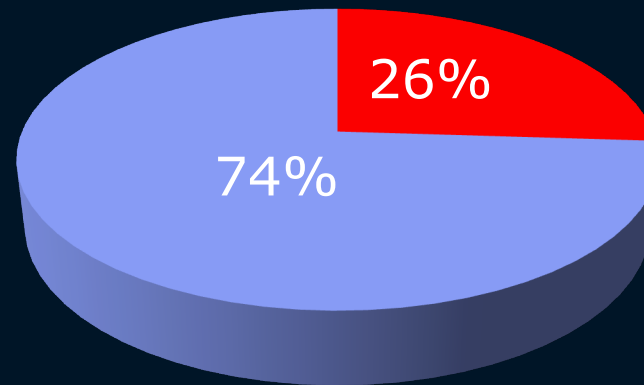
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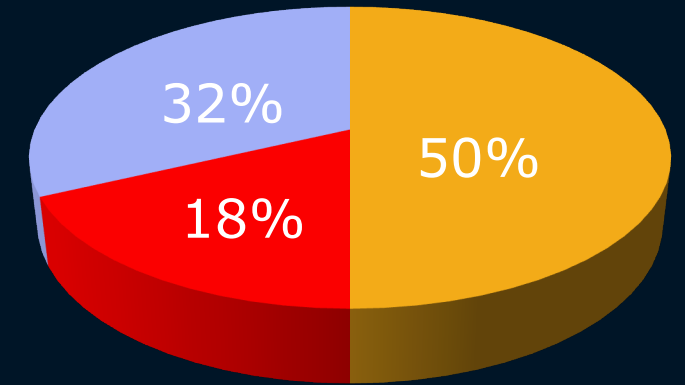
■ Default Passwords
■ Passwords Changed at Least Once (Usually Only Once)

EoL Firmware



■ EoL ■ Supported, but 6-year average age

CVSS Scores



■ CVSS = 8 ■ CVSS = 9 or 10 ■ CVSS <= 7

■ Common xIoT Attack Types

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■ Fronton

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- “Fronton,” designed by contractors for Russian FSB
- Targets **x**IoT devices for C&C
- Digital Revolution hacking group discovered & released it
- Now available on torrents & the usual places



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■ Illegal xIoT Devices

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- China-based firms including Huawei, ZTE, Hikvision, Dahua & Hytera
- NOW illegal to import or sell in the USA as of November 2022



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Pivot attacks: Gain access through an IT asset, hide on multiple xIoT assets, attack IT assets, & exfiltrate data through the xIoT assets (*QUIETEXIT*)

■ “QUIETEXIT”

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HACKING Security Cameras Demo

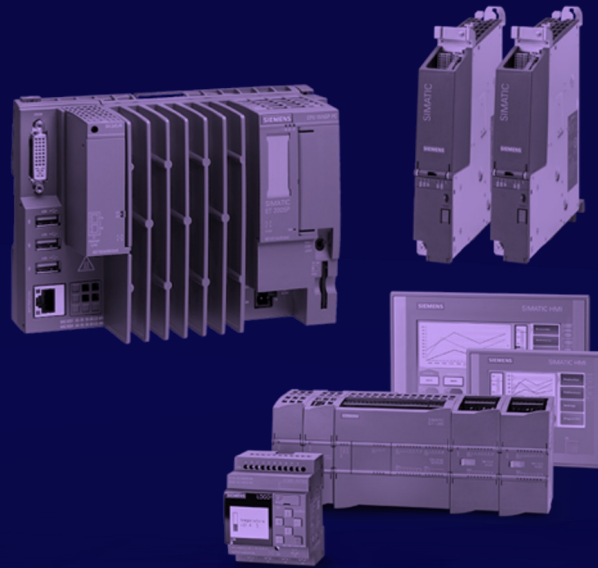


■ “S7+:Crash”

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Send packets over **TCP/102**
Remote, unauthenticated **DoS**



Siemens security suggestions

- Update firmware
- Enable access control
- Set a password
- Disable unneeded protocols

HACKING Industrial Robots Demo



“Some people want to see you fail.
Disappoint them!”

Joker

Arthur Fleck



■ Disappoint Bad Actors

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Discovering

Issues with “old school”
discovery – sniffing, scanning,
& IT asset managers

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Managing Credentials & Validating Certificates

Passwords can't be managed at
scale & PAMs don't speak **xIoT**

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**Upgrading Firmware
& Hardening**

VLANs 😊 😞

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Monitoring for Environmental Drift & Reporting

xIoT state changes aren't monitored & lack alerts & most security reports don't consider **x**IoT assets or **x**IoT risks

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Isolating Malicious / Illegal Devices

There are a multitude of known, malicious & illegal **xIoT** devices that can't be secured or patched – they ship with nefarious design from the manufacturers

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Enterprise **xIoT Security Platforms**

■ IoT Attack Surface Management & Preventative Risk Mitigation

■ IoT security is IT & cloud security too.

Know what you have.
(Attack Surface Management)

Be Proactive.
(Preventative Risk Mitigation)

Fix assets; if they are malicious, isolate them.

Fix assets at scale.

Keep assets fixed.

Thank You!

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