FIRMWARE REVIEWER V5.01 - CLOUD **FEATURES AND FUNCTIONS OVERVIEW**

This document describes the Features and Functions of Firmware Reviewer V5.01 as of May 2023.

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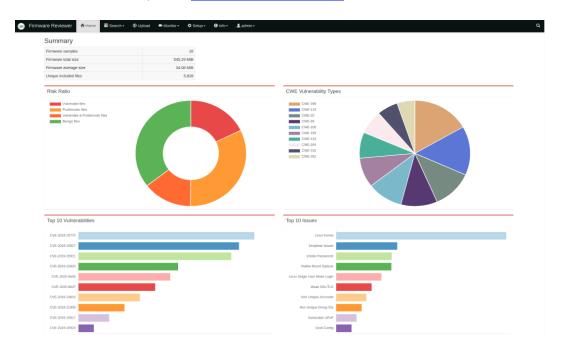
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Overview

Firmware Reviewer Cloud Service provides in-depth firmware analysis (binaries, file systems, containers, virtual machines, IoT, Mobile, UEFI, Automotive, Network, Smart Meters, Webcams, Drones, etc.), allowing to explore vulnerabilities at the same time to keeping the software securely in your own hands, for your eyes only. It can be used for a bunch of binary file formats, with No need of related physical device.

Firmware Reviewer is part of **Security Reviewer Suite**.



Firmware Reviewer does not require the Firmware source code.

Users must download the Firmware image themselves. Firmware Reviewer never access to physical devices.

Our Cloud infrastructure guaranteed to stay always up to date on Firmware Vulnerabilities analysis, while maintaining your data secured. See: Firmware Reviewer Security Policy chapter below.

Firmware Reviewer supports the following file formats: 7z, ace, apk, ar, arj, bzip2, CAB, cpio, deb, dmg, gzip, hex, ice, ipa, ISO9660, lha, Iz4, Izip, LZMA, Izo,, mpkg, pkg, SFX, SREC, SY_, rar, rpm, rzip, SIT, SQX, tar, TBZ, xar, xapk, xz, zip, zlib, zstd.from the following vendors:



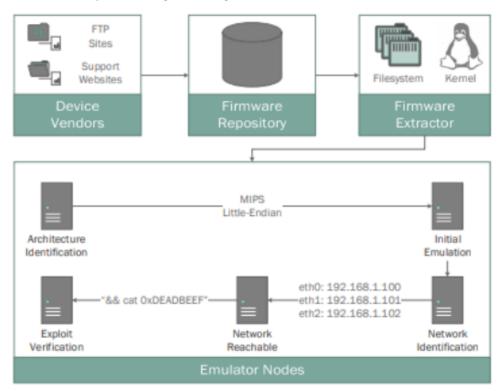
Firmware Reviewer is designed as the central firmware analysis tool for penetration testers. It supports the complete security analysis process starting with the firmware extraction process, doing static analysis and dynamic analysis via emulation, and finally generating a web report. Firmware Reviewer automatically discovers possible weak spots and vulnerabilities in firmware. Examples are insecure binaries, old and outdated software components, potentially vulnerable scripts, or hard-coded passwords. Firmware Reviewer can generate an easy-to-use web report for further analysis, that can be exported to PDF format.

Firmware Reviewer combines multiple established analysis tools and can be started with one simple click. Afterwards it tests the firmware for possible security risks and interesting areas for further investigation. No manual installation on client-side, once you have access to the Web GUI, you are ready to test your firmware.

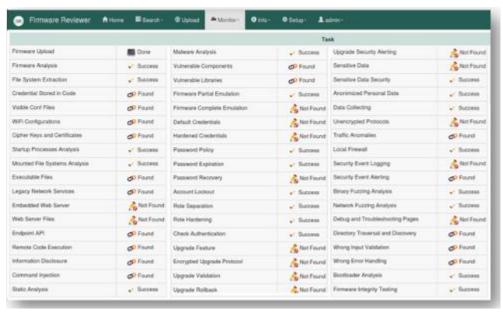
Firmware Reviewer is designed to assist penetration testers as a standalone tool without human interaction, using Task Automation. Firmware Reviewer should provide as much information as possible about the firmware, that the tester can decide on focus areas and is responsible for verifying and interpreting the results.

Firmware Reviewer – Task Automation

Firmware analysis is a tough challenge with a lot of tasks.



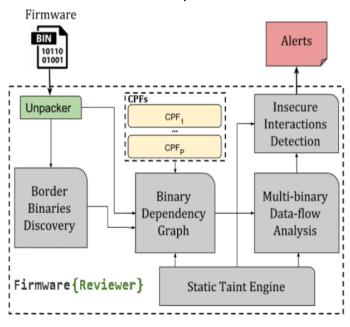
Many of these tasks can be automated (either with new approaches or incorporation of existing tools) so that a security analyst can focus on his main task: Analyzing the firmware (and finding vulnerabilities).



You can plan your own Tasks by choosing the ones available over 100+.

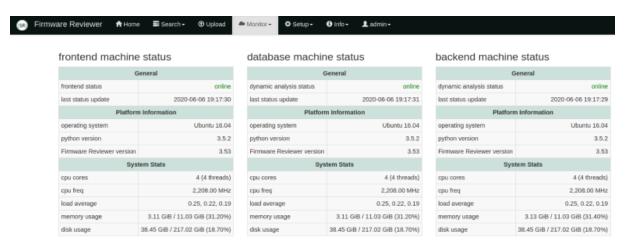
Architecture

Firmware Reviewer is made by:



- Front-end Browser web GUI so that you can start right away without any further knowledge about Firmware Reviewer or the firmware you want to look at.
- 4 Back-end Linux Engine. Includes an automated system for performing emulation and dynamic analysis
- **REST API** interface. Integration is easy as well since we provide a REST API covering almost all features
- Plugin architecture. It is based on a plug-in concept. Unpackers implemented as plug-ins, as well as analysis features and compare functionalitie
- **Alert System**

Firmware Reviewer is available in Cloud only.



Firmware Reviewer analyzes cyber threats on:

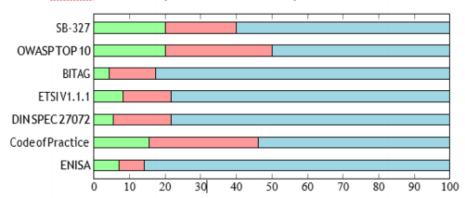
- Embedded Linux
- RTOS (QNX/MQX)
- **VxWorks**
- VMWare, QEMU, VirtualBox VMs
- Proprietary Firmware (Routers, Network HW, Radio, Mobile, Storage, Consumer IoT, etc.)

Compliance

Firmware Reviewer provides reports compliant to:

- **OWASP TOP 10 INTERNET OF THINGS 2018**
- **ENISA Baseline Security Recommendations for IoT**
- NIST Security Feature Recommendations for IoT Devices
- DCMS GOV.UK Code of Practice for consumer IoT security
- ETSI TS 103 645 V1.1.1 Cyber Security for Consumer Internet of Things
- BITAG Broadband Internet Technical Advisory Group
- SB-327 Information privacy: connected devices

OWASP IoTGoat version 1.0 (ID: b75cf40730ce98d4)



Embedded Application Security is often not a high priority for embedded developers when they are producing devices such as routers, managed switches, medical devices, Industrial Control Systems (ICS), VoIP phones, IoT devices, and ATM Kiosks due to other challenges outside of development. Other challenges developers face may include, but are not limited to, the Original Design Manufacturer (ODM) supply chain, limited memory, a small stack, and the challenge of pushing firmware updates securely to an endpoint. Firmware Reviewer can assist you to apply OWASP Embedded Best Practices, for:

- **E1** Buffer and Stack Overflow Protection
- **E2** Injection Prevention
- E3 Firmware Updates and Cryptographic Signatures
- **E4** Securing Sensitive Information
- **E5** Identity Management
- E6 Embedded Framework and C-Based Hardening
- **E7** Usage of Debug Code and Interfaces
- **E8** Transport Layer Security
- E9 Data collection Usage and Storage Privacy
- **E10** Third Party Code and Components

Firmware Reviewer results are enriched with threat intelligence from **Shodan** and the **NIST NVD**.

Easy to Use

Upload a firmware image or archive

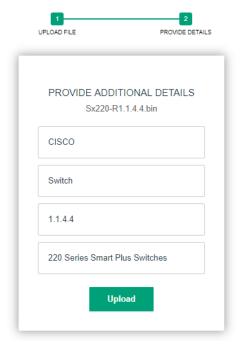
Supported archive types: zip, tar, tar.gz

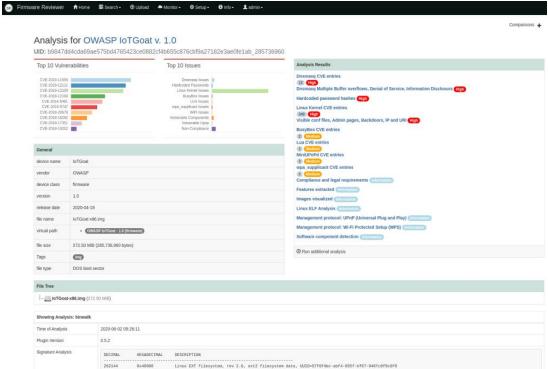


Once you uploaded the firmware,

Firmware Reviewer will extract all file systems,

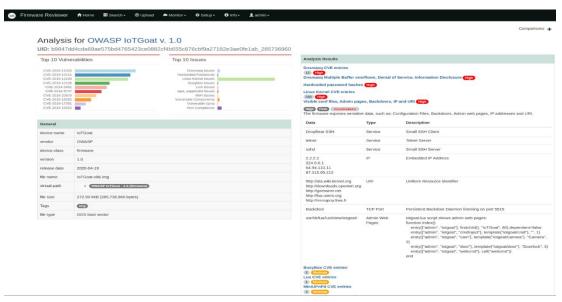
file information and services embedded in the firmware image and, in few minutes, you will obtain the first results:

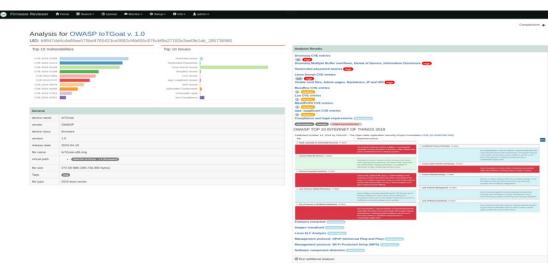




Analysis Results

You can drill-down the results:



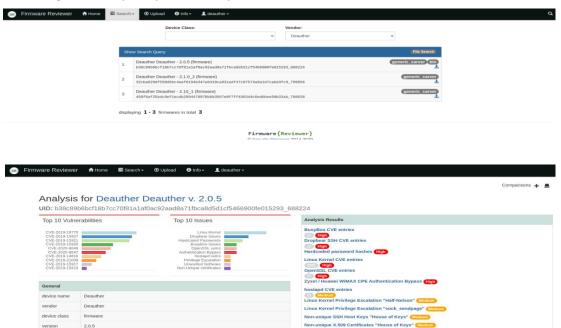


You can:

- In-depth browse each vulnerability
- Download all raw files, embedded in the firmware
- Download the PDF Report
- Re-do the analysis
- Update the analysis (differential)

Vendor Access

You can give a (temporary) access to your Firmware Vendors:



Information leakage through Subversion files Unwanted software: tcpdump

Compliance and legal requirements (normation)

Features extracted (normation)

Management protocol: TR-069 (CPE WAN Management Protocol "CWMP") Management protocol: UPnP (Universal Plug and Play)

Images visualized (Information)
Linux ELF Analysis (Information)

Private Keys (Information) Software component detection (mornation) Run additional analysis

The Vendors can:

- View the list of analyzed Firmware, only the related to their companies
- View every single analysis result

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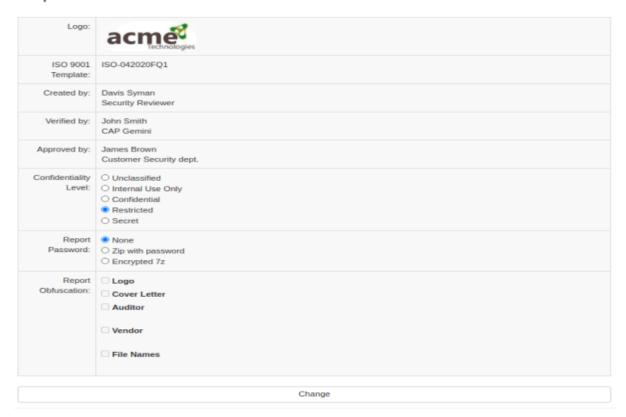
- Drill-down to each vulnerability
- Download raw firmware files
- Download the PDF Report

Reporting

All result details will be included in an ISO-9001 compliant PDF report.

Our Reporting system is fully customizable for authorized users:

Reports



You can:

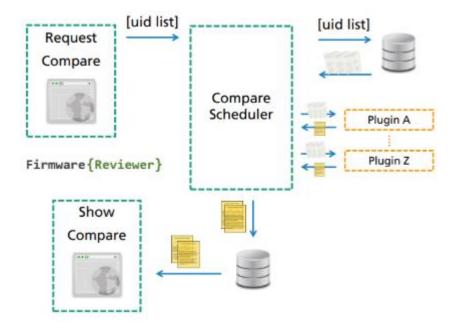
- Put your logo in all reports
- Change the report's cover letter details: ISO Template, Responsibility chain (Created, Verified, Approved)
- Set the Confidentiality Level
- Set a password to the report, or encrypt it
- Obfuscate the report, by hiding: logo, Cover letter, Auditor, Vendor or File Name, further than Credentials

Firmware Detections

Section	Description
Device Firmware Vulnerabilities	 Out-of-date core components Unsupported core components Expired and/or self-signed certificates Same certificate used on multiple devices Admin web interface concerns Hardcoded or easy to guess credentials Sensitive information disclosure Sensitive IP/URI disclosure Encryption key and Password hashes exposure Backdoor accounts Vulnerable services (web, ssh, tftp, etc.) Unauthenticated access Weak authentication Weak Protocol (30+ supported protocols) Hidden back-doors Unauthenticated CGI Encryption keys stored in firmware Buffer overflows vulnerabilities Debug services in production systems
Manufacturer Recommendations	 Ensure that supported and up-to-date software is used by developers Ensure that robust update mechanisms are in place for devices Ensure that certificates are not duplicated across devices Ensure supported and up-to-date software is used by developers Ensure a new certificate is installed when old ones expire Disable deprecated SSL versions Ensure developers do not code in easy to guess or common admin passwords Ensure services such as SSH have a secure password created Develop a mechanism that requires the user to create a secure admin password during initial device setup Ensure developers do not hard code passwords or hashes Have source code reviewed by a third party before releasing device to production Ensure industry standard encryption or strong hashing is used
Device Firmware Guidance and Instruction	 Firmware extraction and file analysis Dynamic binary analysis Static binary and code analysis (40+ language supported) Firmware emulation (complete, partial, sandbox) File system analysis (28 supported file systems) Software Composition Analysis (Third-party libraries)

Firmware Comparison

Firmware Reviewer can compare several images or single files. Furthermore, Unpacking, analysis and compares are based on plug-ins guaranteeing maximal flexibility and expandability.



In many cases you might want to compare Firmware samples. For instance, you might want to know if and where a manufacturer fixed an issue in a new firmware version. Or you might want to know if the firmware on your device is the original one provided by the manufacturer. If they differ, you want to know which parts are changed for further investigation. Again, Firmware Reviewer can automate many of these challenges, like: Identify added / changed / equal files and Identify changed software versions.

Find other affected Firmware Images

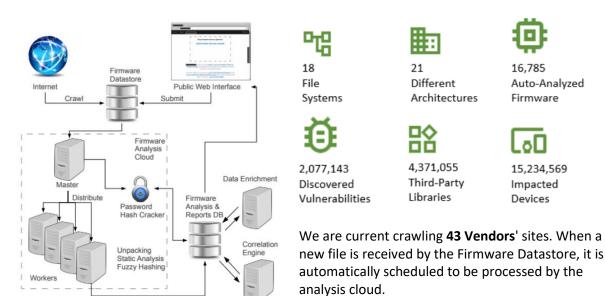
If you find a new vulnerability or a new container format, you might want to know if other firmware images share your finding. Therefore, FIrmware Reviewer stores all firmware files and analysis results in a searchable database. You can search for byte patterns on all unpacked files as well as any kind of analysis result.

Accuracy

For validating our result's accuracy, we have developed a fully automated framework and used it to test vulnerability discovery at large scale. Our system was able to find statically 38 new vulnerabilities for each of 16785 firmware packages. In addition to this, our system was able to discover dynamically 225 high-impact vulnerabilities (OWASP IoT Top Ten 2018) in at least 20% of emulated embedded web interfaces.

We also used the framework to test automated firmware and device classification. Our automated system was able to correctly classify firmware packages and identify live devices with an accuracy of 90% or more.

We explore several feature sets derived from the characteristics of firmware images, such as file size, file entropy and common strings. Then, we recommend the optimal feature set for this type of classification problems and show that our approach achieves high accuracy. Moreover, using sound statistical methods such as confidence intervals we estimate the performance of our classifiers for large scale, real world datasets. The following is an overview of the automated testing architecture:



In our evaluation, we used the score fusion technique to improve the accuracy of identification. The Score Fusion technique is widely and actively used in various research fields, such as biometrics and sensors data. It is used to increase the confidence in the results and to counter the effect of imprecisely approximated data (e.g., fingerprints in biometrics) and unstable data readings (e.g., sensors data). We take as input the decreasingly ordered rankings from each of the scoring systems described above. Then, we apply majority voting to each ranking from these three scoring systems. This allows our system to decide which match is the most accurate based on its scores computed using the three different scoring systems.

Our system achieved more than 90% classification accuracy when the training sets were based on at least 40% of each known firmware category.

Firmware Reviewer Security Policy

Firmware Reviewer Cloud Service provides in-depth firmware analysis via Web GUI. Does not require installation on client-side. It needs a Web Browser only.

Firmware Reviewer does not require the Firmware source code.

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Firmware Reviewer does not handle Sensitive or Personal Data. Usernames are represented by a sequence of alphanumeric characters from which is impossible to reveal information about the real Users. Once the Users got their Username and Password, they can login and Upload the Firmware Image they want to analyze.

The Firmware Image will be encrypted using AES-256, Uploaded using TLS 1.3 secure protocol and stored in a crypted DB Table.

Before Uploading, it is mandatory for the User to accept a **Disclaimer** to avoid improper use of Analysis' Results and Reports, and to confirm the User is fully authorized by the Customer and by the Vendor (the Firmware owner).

The Analysis Results will be available between 48 hours from the Upload.

Temporary files and intermediate data, generated during the analysis, even intercepted, do not permit to reverse engineering neither the Firmware Image, nor the Analysis' Results. They will be securely removed on each Analysis' step.

The Analysis' Results and Reports won't be shared to anyone else, further than authorized internal Users. They won't be visible neither fully nor partially on the Internet, neither on Social Media, nor in Electronic nor in Paper publications.

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Not the Firmware Reviewer Cloud Service administrator can download Firmware Images, Results and Reports, without express, written, authorization by Customer.

Users, once the Reports has been downloaded, can decide to erase them or not. The same for Analysis' Results.