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System Hardening Guide

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1 Introduction

Products, networks and systems must be protected against unauthorized access in order to ensure the availability, confidentiality and integrity of data.

This must be implemented through organizational and technical measures. Rittal recommends the following measures for increased security requirements.

There is not only information on secure use, but also on specific settings on the device that increase security.

In practice, it is always necessary to weigh up the extent to which one of the changes described should be applied or not.

The available settings may vary depending on the device used.

You can also find further information on the website of the Federal Office for Information Security:

- https://www.bsi.bund.de/DE/Themen/Unternehmen-und-Organisationen/Standards-und-Zertifizierung/IT-Grundschutz/IT-Grundschutz-Kompodium/it-grundschutz-kompodium_node.html
- https://www.bsi.bund.de/DE/Themen/Unternehmen-und-Organisationen/Informationen-und-Empfehlungen/Empfehlungen-nach-Angriffszielen/Industrielle-Steuerungs-und-Automatisierungssysteme/Allgemeine-Empfehlungen/allgemeine-empfehlungen_node.html

2 General information

Please follow the general IT security instructions in the manual for your device.

- Do not operate the device directly on the Internet, but only in internal networks that are protected from the outside by firewalls.
- Restrict the access authorizations to the devices to those persons who absolutely require authorization.
- Take suitable measures to restrict physical access to the devices.

3 Channels of communication

As a general rule, you should deactivate all unused communication channels on the device.

In addition, alternatives with higher security are available for many protocols. We recommend deactivating the insecure variant here. For some protocols, security can be increased by making further settings.

3.1 HTTP (Web access)

The website of the device may only be accessed via HTTPS. It is recommended to set the "Security Level" to "Modern" to force the use of TLS 1.3.

HTTP-Einstellungen

Standard Zugriff (ohne SSL)

Port: 80

Aktivieren: ☐

Sicherer Zugriff (mit SSL)

SSL-Port: 443

SSL Aktivieren: ☒

Sicherheitslevel: Modern

Warnung: HTTP ist eingeschaltet. Aus Sicherheitsgründen sollte nur HTTPS verwendet werden.

Speichern Zurücksetzen Abbrechen

Picture 1: HTTP settings

3.2 File transfer

Access to the device via FTP/SFTP should generally be deactivated. SFTP access should only be activated for the duration of a task (e.g. software update or data backup, see manual).

Einstellungen Dateitransfer

FTP

Port: 21

FTP Server aktivieren: ☐

SFTP

Port: 22

SFTP Server aktivieren: ☒

Speichern Zurücksetzen Abbrechen

Picture 2: File transfer settings

3.3 Console

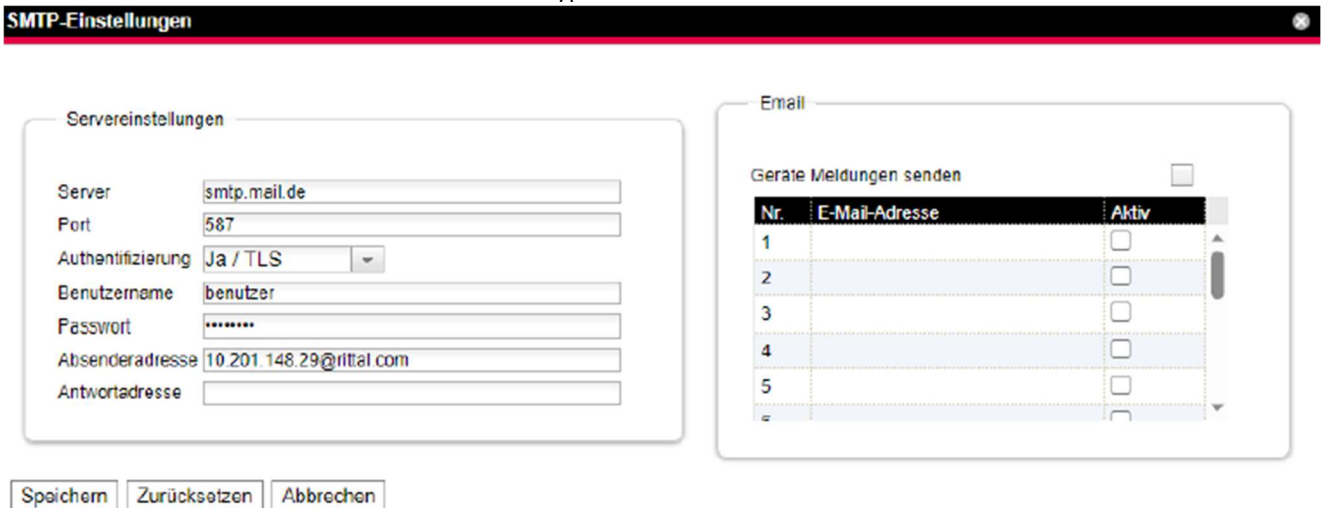
It is recommended to completely deactivate console access via Telnet, as the transmission is unencrypted.



Picture 3: Console settings

3.4 SMTP

When using SMTP, please note that the mail server used must support authentication and encryption.



Picture 4: SMTP settings

3.5 SNMP

When using SNMP, make sure to only use version 3, as versions 1 and 2 do not offer any authentication and encryption options.

In the settings, it is recommended to set the "Authentication method" to "SHA" and the "Privacy" to "AES". In addition, the default communities "public" for SNMP must be overwritten.

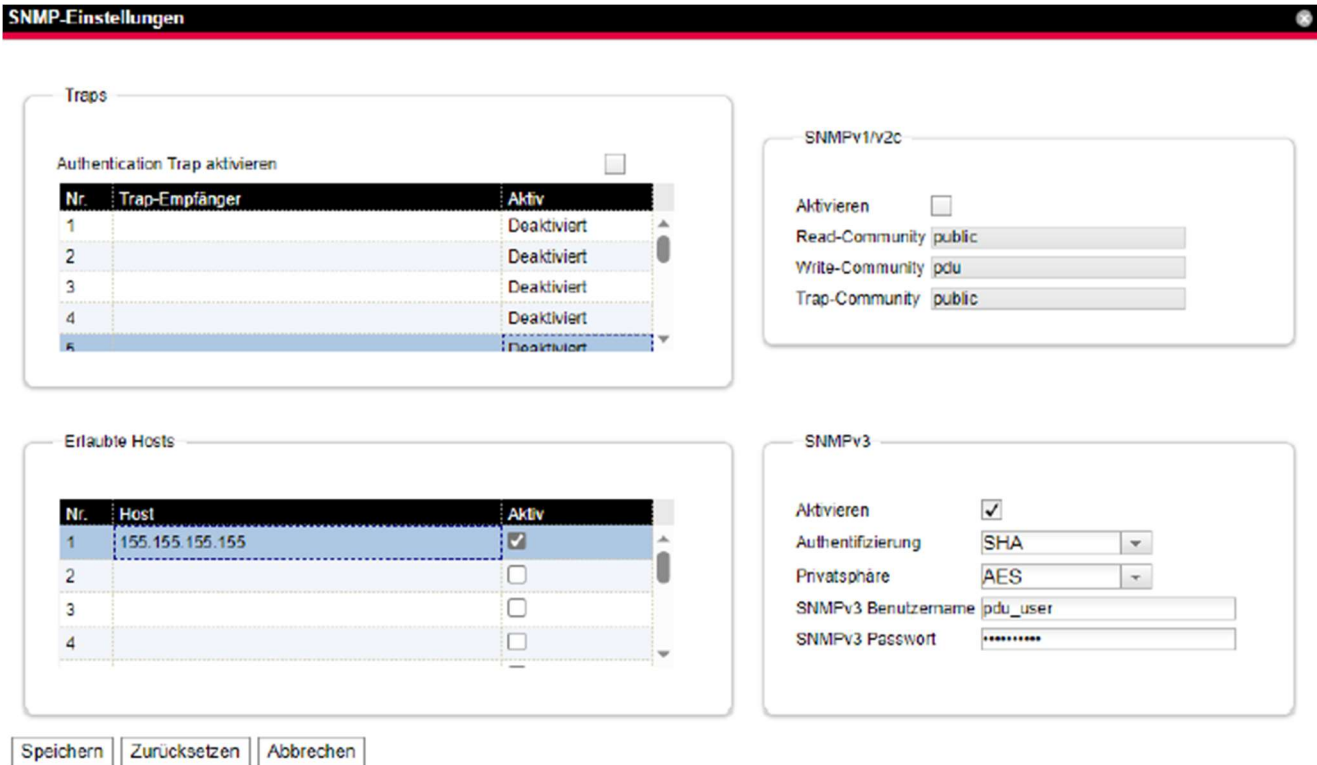
Only SHA1 is currently supported for SNMP on the device; if this does not meet the requirements in the application/environment, SNMP must not be used.

When assigning a password, make sure that it complies with the rules presented in the "Secure passwords" section.

3 Channels of communication

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It is also recommended to enter all hosts that are allowed to access the device via SNMP in the "Allowed Hosts" section.



The image shows the 'SNMP-Einstellungen' (SNMP Settings) window. It contains four main sections: 'Traps', 'SNMPv1/v2c', 'Erlaubte Hosts', and 'SNMPv3'. At the bottom are buttons for 'Speichern', 'Zurücksetzen', and 'Abbrechen'.

Traps

Authentication Trap aktivieren ☐

Nr.	Trap-Empfänger	Aktiv
1		Deaktiviert
2		Deaktiviert
3		Deaktiviert
4		Deaktiviert
5		Deaktiviert

SNMPv1/v2c

Aktivieren ☐

Read-Community public

Write-Community pdu

Trap-Community public

Erlaubte Hosts

Nr.	Host	Aktiv
1	155.155.155.155	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2		<input type="checkbox"/>
3		<input type="checkbox"/>
4		<input type="checkbox"/>

SNMPv3

Aktivieren ☒

Authentifizierung SHA

Privatsphäre AES

SNMPv3 Benutzername pdu_user

SNMPv3 Passwort *****

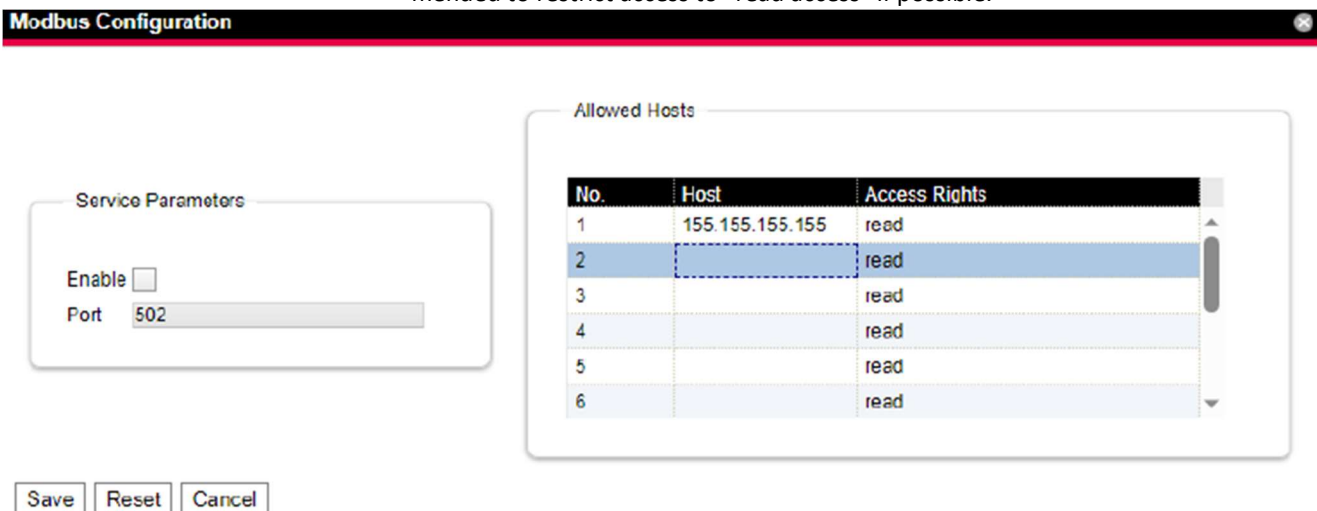
Speichern Zurücksetzen Abbrechen

Picture 5: SNMP settings

3.6 Modbus/TCP

The Modbus protocol does not offer an authentication and encryption function and its use is therefore not recommended.

If its use cannot be avoided, it is recommended to enter the hosts that are allowed to access the device via Modbus in the "Allowed Hosts" section. It is also recommended to restrict access to "read access" if possible.



The image shows the 'Modbus Configuration' window. It contains two main sections: 'Service Parameters' and 'Allowed Hosts'. At the bottom are buttons for 'Save', 'Reset', and 'Cancel'.

Service Parameters

Enable ☐

Port 502

Allowed Hosts

No.	Host	Access Rights
1	155.155.155.155	read
2		read
3		read
4		read
5		read
6		read

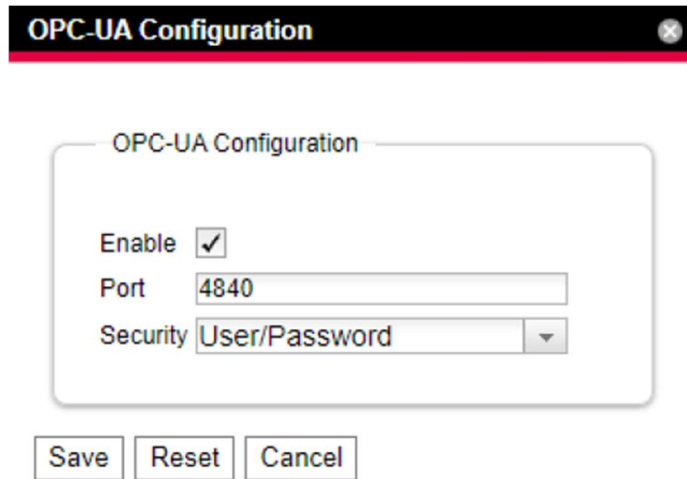
Save Reset Cancel

Picture 6: Modbus configuration

3.7 OPC-UA

The devices currently do not offer the option of encrypting access via OPC-UA.

If OPC-UA is still required, we recommend switching on user authentication under the "Security" dropdown and assigning a secure password.



Picture 7: OPC-UA configuration

4 File exchange and updates

4.1 Security software

To identify and eliminate security risks such as viruses, Trojans and other malware, it is recommended to have security software installed on all PCs and to keep it up to date.

Any data that is uploaded to the device must be checked by the user.

4.2 Firmware version

Ensure that the latest Rittal firmware is used on all devices. The firmware can be downloaded from available for download on the respective product pages on the Internet.

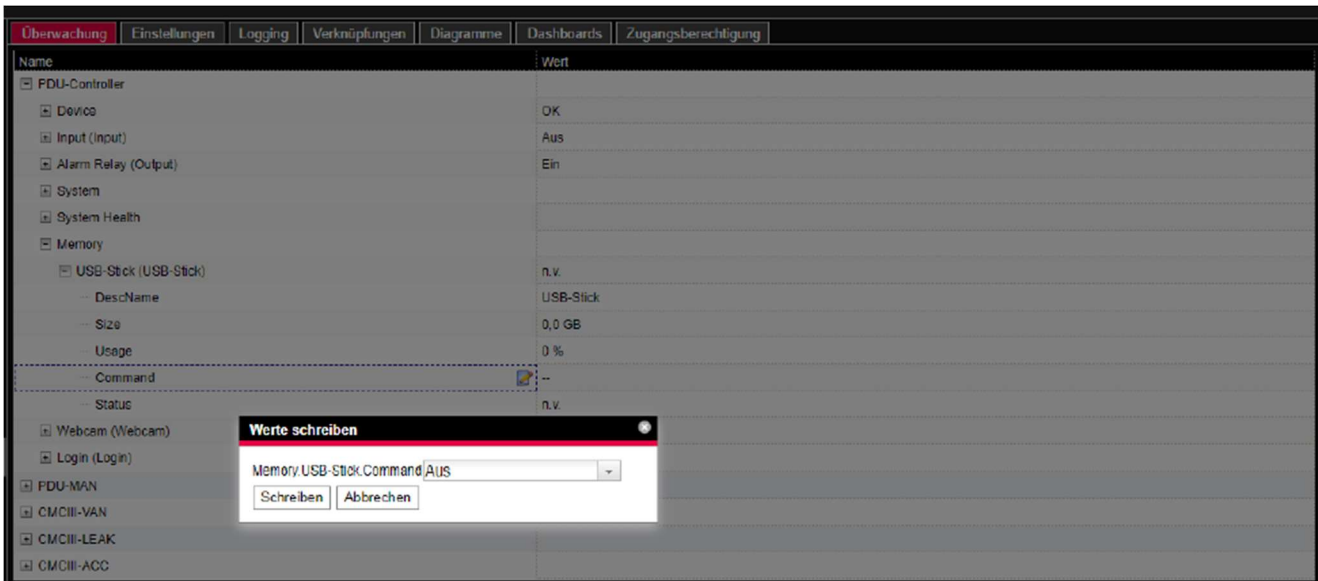
4.3 Interfaces

Although the device only accepts and processes known and signed data from the device, it is recommended to deactivate the interfaces (e.g. USB).

This is done in the Monitoring area and the setting can then be found in the device menu under "Memory". The corresponding "Command" for switching off the USB interface ("Off") can be written there.

5 Access authorization

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Picture 8: USB-Stick configuration

5 Access authorization

Unused user accounts must be deactivated.

Where possible, the use of central user administrations for user management and login information is recommended.

5.1 Admin permissions

Please note that users who belong to a group with an activated admin flag have access to the complete device configuration via the web management interface and can download and edit all settings.

The number of users with admin authorizations or admin group membership must be limited to the necessary trustworthy persons.

5.2 Filetransfer permissions

Users for whom file transfer is permitted can access all data stored on the device and, if write access is enabled, can also change it. This also includes status information and the device configuration. This is independent of membership of a group with an activated admin flag.

File transfer should therefore only be activated for users who are members of a group with an admin flag and, if possible, write access should not be used. Users with file transfer authorization are to be regarded as administrators.

5.3 Secure passwords

Do not use standard passwords, but only secure, long passwords that contain numbers, upper/lower case letters, characters and no repetitions.

If possible, create random passwords with a password manager.

5.4 Remote access

When using remote access, a secure access method such as VPN (Virtual Private Network) or HTTPS must be selected.

6 Factory reset

The following steps are required to reset the device and delete all data and settings:

- Disconnect the device from the power supply.
- Press and hold the display button under the R of the Rittal imprint

- Supply the device with power and keep the button pressed until the status LED turns red.
- Execution of the recovery can be recognized by the white flashing of the status LED.

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