EcoStruxure Transformer Expert

Digital transformation of transformers with IoT sensors and expert analysis

Security Overview



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EcoStruxure Transformer Expert Solution Architecture



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IT Security Overview

Schneider Electric has designed the IOT data transfer process, storage, access and management operations to be compliant with the EU power utility data security requirements.

- EcoStruxure Transformer Expert Architecture: Novel file format ensures data cannot be interpreted. In the unlikely case it is intercepted, data is verified and encrypted multiple times as it moves through our cloud and pipeline.
- IoT Architecture: Ensures customers can be automatically upgraded with security system updates as part
 of their Subscription Agreement. No customer involvement needed to be up to date with security
 enhancements.
- Use of AWS: The AWS hosted architecture ensures system reliability and security are in line with industry standards.
- No Transformer Control: There is no access to SCADA or transformer control through the communications or software actions of the solution. The solution monitors and analyses the transformer only.



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• EcoStruxure Transformer Expert security architecture protects customer data using four key features.





- Data contains no local information or direct load information
- No direct sensor-to-customer network interface
- No backdoor access to the customer's network
- All data is transferred over the 3G/4G network
- Files are stored in a Linux operating system
- Linux protection processes safeguards the files against any data damage



- Sensor data upload is conducted at a different, random time with a new IP address each day
- The 3G/4G interface is on-line for less than 2 minutes per day for uploading data
- The 3G/4G interface is powered down when not uploading
- Before transmission data is encrypted with AES-256 using Key Derivation Function algorithm
- Data can only be decrypted if it is undamaged
- Encryption checksum process restricts even a part file from being decrypted correctly
- Damage of even 1 byte would result in a complete scramming of the output



Data Transfer and Back-End Security

- EcoStruxure Transformer Expert uses a novel data upload format
- The sensor connects to a dedicated clearing site
- No direct access from the sensor to the back-end processing server
- Data integrity of upload is checked prior to ingestion and stored in a AES-256 encrypted database
- Raw data from the sensors is stored in a separate data base which contains no identifiable information
- There is no link from the data to a transformer/customer without access to the other databases



User Data & Dashboard Website Security

- Use of encrypted upload from the back-end processing service to the user-accessible website
- Secure password and HTTPS encrypted access for users
- Benchmark password security including password hardness management
- User interface only holds and displays processed plot-based data and outputs i.e. no raw data
- User interface has no system-stored linkage between data and a user site (unless entered at the user's discretion)

API Security

 EcoStruxure Transformer Expert provides a REST-based API that returns structured JSON data. API keys, generated by an organisation's user admin on demand, protect data from unauthorized access.



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