

# How Many Bugs Can a Time Server Have?



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  - What we tested
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  - Why it's bad



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# What Did We Test?

- Symmetricom (Micro Semi) S350i



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# Who Would Buy One?

- No-one Important
  - Financial Institutions
  - Medical
  - Energy
  - Aviation
  - Communications
  - Defence
  - Security
  - Industrial...

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# The Attack Surface

- Physical
  - USB
  - Serial
  - Network Ports
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# Physical: USB

- Updates
- Configuration backups
- Peripherals

/etc/mvl-release:

Montavista Linux Version 4.0.1, Professional Edition (0600996)

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# Physical: Serial

- Boot time
- Console access

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# Physical: Network Ports

- Different ports = Different networks = Different services

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# Physical: Buttons

- Change settings
- Make backups
- PIN

/etc/dispd.conf:

```
# Keypad lockout password  
Password=123
```

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# Logical: Management

- Web interface
- SSH
- SNMP
- PostgreSQL(?!)



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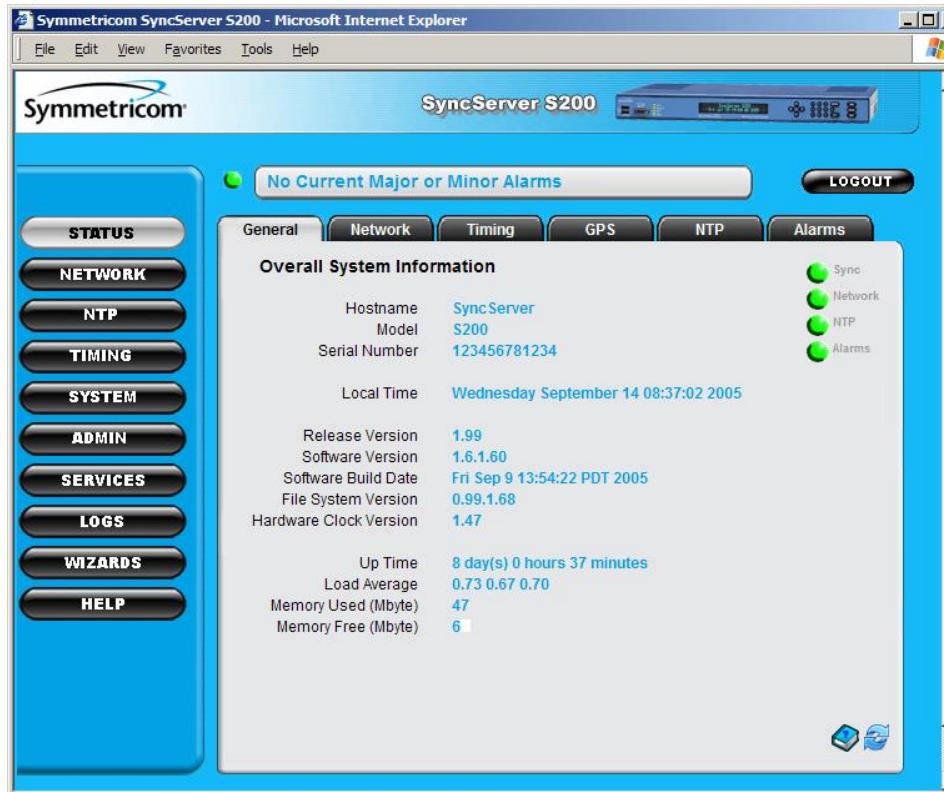
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# Management: Web interface

- Just awful- Blame J. Costanza



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# Management: Web interface

- CVE-2014-5071: SQL Injection
- CVE-2014-5070: Vertical Privilege Escalation
- CVE-2014-5069: Stored XSS
- CVE-2014-5068: Directory Traversal
- CVE-2014-5067: Arbitrary File Upload
- But who cares? CVE-2014-5061: Remote Root

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# Management: SSH

- WTH is this shell?

The screenshot shows the IDA Pro debugger interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Jump, Search, View, Debugger, Options, Windows, and Help. The title bar displays "IDA - C:\cygwin64\home\timb\Shell". The main window features a toolbar with various icons for file operations, search, and analysis. Below the toolbar is a color-coded memory dump view. The left side contains a "Functions window" listing numerous functions with their addresses and names. The right side shows the assembly code for one of the functions, with labels like ".rodata" and various memory locations. A status bar at the bottom provides information about the Python interpreter and the current state of the analysis.

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# Management: SSH

- CVE-2014-5062: Shell Breakout

```
<NN> ? root engineering  
<NN> ? sys  
<NN> ? cp /z /zz;id  
<NN> ? cp /z /zz;/bin/bash  
...  
<NN> ? ifconf lo;id  
<NN> ? ping 8.8.8.8;id
```



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# Management: SNMP

```
UCD-SNMP-MIB::versionConfigureOptions.0 = STRING: '--host=i586-montavista-  
linux' '--build=i686-pc-linux-gnu' '--prefix=/usr' '--exec-prefix=/usr' '--  
bindir=/usr/bin' '--sbindir=/usr/sbin' '--sysconfdir=/etc' '--  
datadir=/usr/share' '--includedir=/usr/include' '--libdir=/usr/lib' '--  
libexecdir=/usr/libexec' '--localstatedir=/var' '--sharedstatedir=/usr/share'  
'--mandir=/usr/share/man' '--infodir=/usr/share/info' '--  
includedir=/usr/include/net-snmp' '--with-persistent-directory=/var/net-snmp'  
'--enable-ipv6' '--enable-shared' '--with-libwrap' '--with-logfile=' '--with-  
openssl=/home/buildslave/syncserver-buildbot/s3xx-centurion-experimental/s3xx-  
centurion-experimental/build' '--without-dmalloc' '--without-efense' '--with-  
sys-contact=root@localhost' '--with-sys-location=unknown' '--with-mib-  
modules=symmetricom' '--without-rpm' '--with-endianness=little' '--with-perl-  
modules' '--with-defaults' 'CC=586-gcc' 'CFLAGS=-I/home/buildslave/syncserver-  
buildbot/s3xx-centurion-experimental/s3xx-centurion-experimental/build/include  
-I/home/buildslave/syncserver-buildbot/s3x
```

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# Management: PostgreSQL

- Used by a Java Applet in the Web Management
- CVE-2014-5064: PostgreSQL Accessible
- CVE-2014-5063: Hardcoded Default Credentials

```
public PmDataConnector(String s)
{
    pConnector = null;
    type = graphTypes.E2E;
    pConnector = new PostgresConnector("jcostanza","jcostanza");
    pConnector.setServerAddress(s);
    pConnector.setPassword("shadow");
    startError = false;
    pmDataConnector = this;
    if(pConnector.openDatabase())
```

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# Logical: Production

- NTP
- PTP – not configured



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# Production: NTP

- MONLIST was enabled. Derp.
- What else were you expecting?



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# Logical: Authorised

- Safe to say we've owned the box
- Let's poke around...



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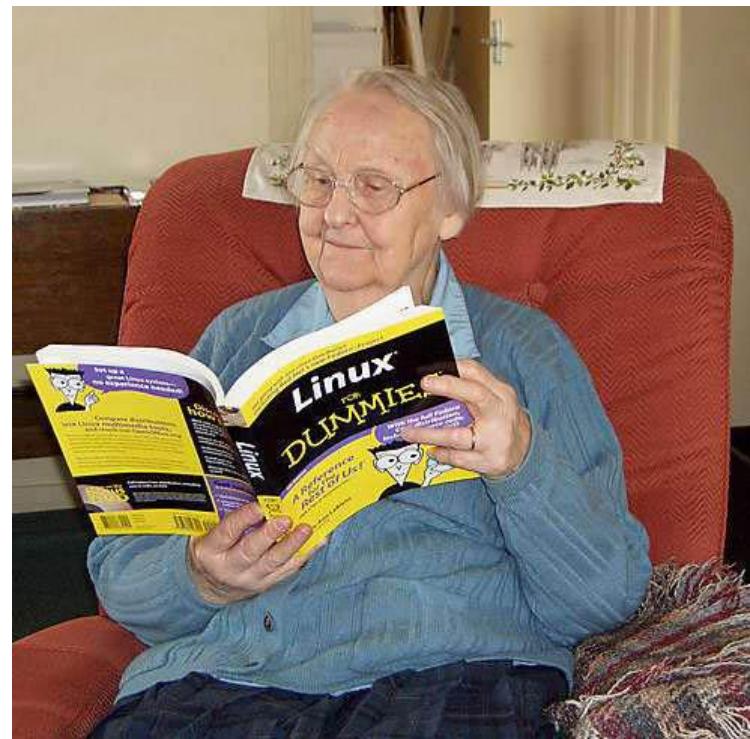
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# Logical: Authorised

- CVE-2014-5066: World Writable Files & Directories
- CVE-2014-5065: Insecure Sudo Configuration



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# Ultimately Who Cares?

- Well, they do if they bought one
- All of us: The device we tested was being used to supply time to domestic appliances
- This guy:

*"FSMLabs or Symmetricom (although Symmetricom seem to have a habit of falling over unexpectedly and then being difficult to support/get new antennas for, at least in the UK). Avoid Meinberg unless you (like the rPi solution) like inaccuracies introduced by USB connected network adaptors." - El Reg Mole*

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