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HP Study Reveals 70% of **Internet of Things (IoT)** Devices Vulnerable to Attack

**(IoT)** devices averaged **25 vulnerabilities per product**, indicating expanding attack surface for adversaries

With the rise of **(IoT)**, the number and diversity of connected devices is expected to increase exponentially.

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While this increase in **(IoT)** devices promises benefits to consumers, it also opens the doors for security threats ranging from software vulnerabilities to **Denial-of-Service (DOS)** attacks to weak passwords and cross-site scripting vulnerabilities.

## **HP Fortify on Demand scans found that**



Each (IoT) device averaged 25 vulnerabilities with a total of **250 concerns** across all tested products.

50% of the devices' mobile apps displayed issues with unencrypted communications to the cloud, internet or local network.





## Top 10 security problems with (IoT) devices

- **1.** Insecure web interface
- **3.** Insecure network services
- 5. Privacy concerns
- 7. Insecure mobile interface
- 9. Insecure software
- 2. Insufficient authentication
- **4.** Lack of transport encryptions
- 6. Insecure cloud interface
- 8. Insufficient security configurability
- **10.** Poor physical security

Source: OWASP

More details at: https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_Internet\_of\_Things\_Top\_Ten\_Project#tab=OWASP\_Internet\_of\_Things\_Top\_10\_for\_2014

## Most Common and Easily Addressable Vulnerability Sources Reported:



Vulnerability	Description
Privacy	80% raised privacy concerns regarding the collection of data such as name, email address, home address, date of birth, credit card credentials, and health information
Authorization	80% failed to require passwords of sufficient complexity and length, with most devices allowing passwords such as "1234" or "5678"
C Encryption	70% did not encrypt communications to the internet and local network, while 50% of their mobile applications performed unencrypted communications to the cloud, internet or local network
(۱) Web Interface	60% raised security concerns with their user interfaces such as persistent XSS, poor session management, weak default credentials and credentials transmitted in clear text
Software	60% did not use encryption when downloading software updates—some downloads could even be intercepted, extracted and mounted, allowing the full code to be viewed or modified
Source: HP Fortify	

To protect against security hazards that come along with the rise of **(IoT)**, it is imperative for organizations to implement an end-to-end approach to identify software vulnerabilities before they are exploited. Solutions like **HP Fortify on Demand** enable organizations to test the security of software quickly, accurately, affordably, and without any software to install or manage – proactively eliminating the immediate risk in legacy applications and the systemic risk in application development.



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