



TRAILING THE SNAIL: SDN CONTROLLER SECURITY EVOLUTION

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8 Spin-outs created, start-ups/scale-ups supported

Nucleated the Belfast Cyber Cluster (now 38 companies with >1,200 new jobs)

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PARTNERSHIP IN CONFLICT CRIME AND SECUIRTY RESEARCH PROGRAMME EST. 2009

BASED IN THE ECIT INSTITUTE
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INITIAL FUNDING OVER £30M

£30M

Additional £15M won in competitive tendering

IN 2015, PHASE 2 CORE FUNDING OF £14M SECURED, WHICH (OVER NEXT 5 YEARS) WILL LEVERAGE





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2015

Research Area: Data Security

Professor Máire O'Neill - Research Director

Quantum Safe Cryptography

 Physically secure efficient quantum-safe hardware and software designs, leads H2020 €3.8M SAFEcrypto Project

- Cryptographic hardware and software architectures
 - Including lightweight crypto
- Physical Unclonable Functions for M2M and IoT authentication
 - Strong PUF, Software PUF, resistance to SCA/Modelling attacks
- Side Channel Analysis
 - Including Machine Learning / Deep Learning SCA
- Hardware Trojan detection



Research Area: Networked Systems Security

Professor Sakir Sezer - Research Director

- Network Security
 - Intrusion detection, WEB security, DDoS detection
- Virtual Networks
 - including Software Defined Network security
- Cloud Computing Security
 - VM security, secure segregation, hypervisor security etc.
- Mobile & IoT security
 - Security policy enforcement, Android Malware etc.
- Critical Infrastructure Security
 - SCADA, Smart Grid intrusion prevention etc.
- Malware/Botnet defence
 - Obfuscation strategies, detection algorithms, reverse engineering





Research Area: Security Analytics and Event Mgmt.

Dr Paul Miller - Research Director

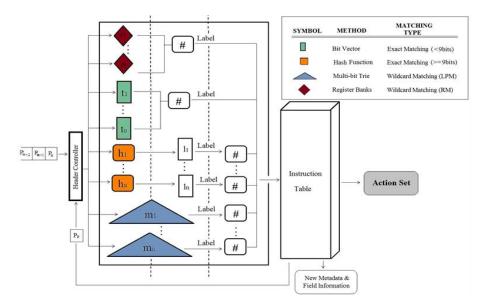
- Deep learning neural networks
 - Android malware detection
- Graph Mining
 - Network Intrusion Detection and Insurance Fraud Detection
- Event Reasoning
 - Alert correlation for total network defence
- Multimedia content analysis
 - Open source intelligence, cyber-physical security

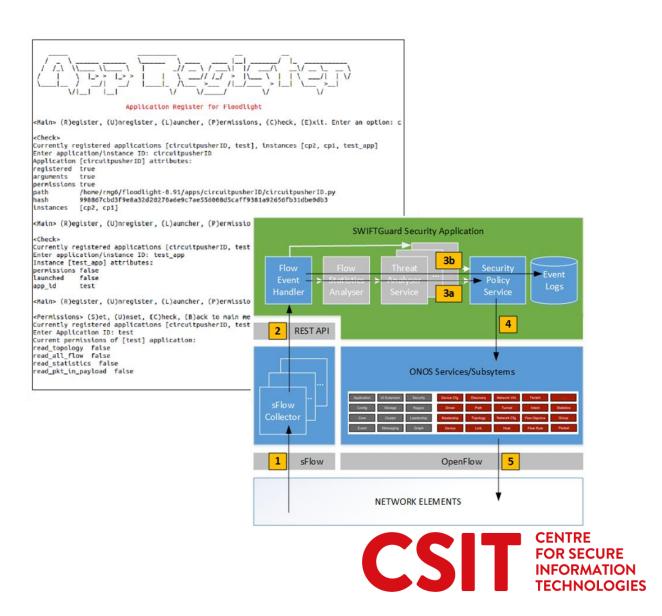




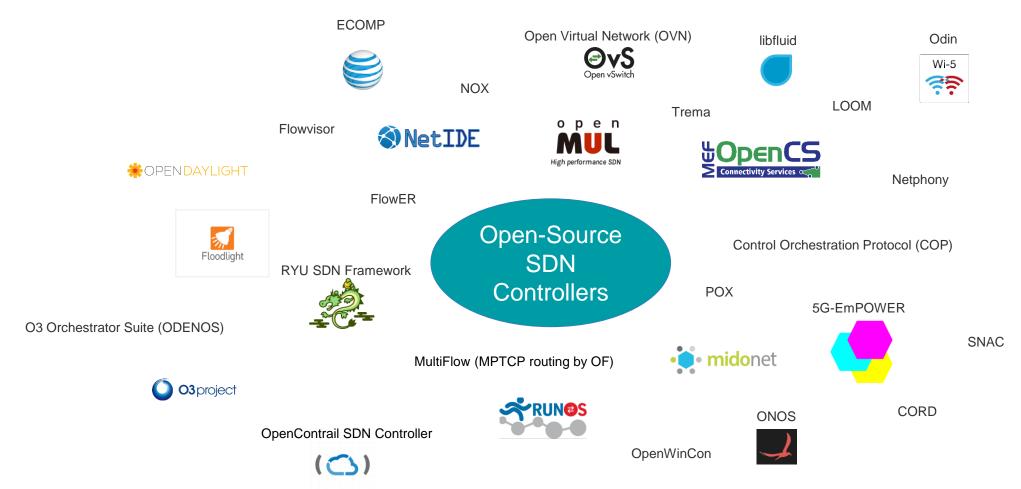
SDN Security Research

Controller	Source	Version	Release	Architecture	Objective	Security Features
ONOS	ON.Lab	Avocet 1.0.0	2014	Distributed	High-availability, Scale-out, Performance	Security-mode ONOS proposed for v2
OpenDaylight OPEN DAYEIGHT	OpenDaylight Project	Helium (Karaf 0.2.0)	2014	Distributed	Enterprise-Grade Performance, High Availability	AAA Service, Foundation of Security Group
ROSEMARY	KAIST, SRI International		2014	Centralized	Robust, secure, and high-performance NOS	Process Containment, Resource Usage Monitoring, App Permission Structure
Ryu	NTT	3.13	2012	Centralized, Multi- Threaded	High quality controller for production environments	Secure control layer communication
SE-Floodlight	SRI International	Beta 2	2013	Centralized	Security-enhanced version of Floodlight controller	Security enforcement kernel (AAA)





Open-source SDN Controllers



Source: https://wiki.sdn.ieee.org/display/sdn/SDN+Controllers+Catalogue

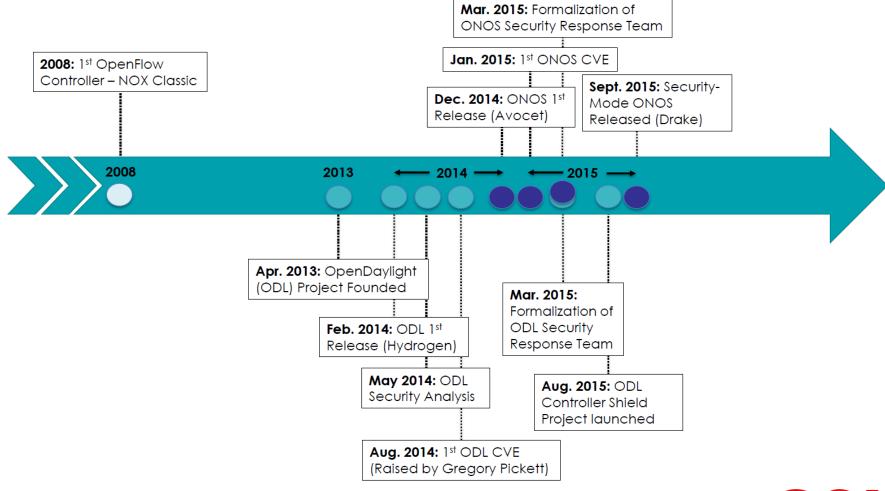








ODL and **ONOS** Security-related events





Features of a secure, robust, and resilient SDN Controller

Secure Controller Design

Control Process (Application) Isolation

Implementation of Policy Conflict Resolution

Multiple Controller Instances – Resilience

Multiple Application Instances – Resilience

Secure Storage

Secure Controller Interfaces

Secure Control Layer Communication

GUI/REST API Security

Controller Security Services

IDS/IPS Integration

Authentication and Authorization

Resource Monitoring

Logging/Security Audit Service







ONOS – Security Support



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Test team: Suibin Zhang

ON.Lab: Bill Snow, Luca Prete

Security advisories

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2015 – 2 CVEs

2017 – 4 CVEs

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ONOS – Projects/Applications

Project/Application	Proposal Date	Estimated Maturity
Security-Mode ONOS	Jan. 2015	Medium
Access Control based on DHCP	Jul. 2016	N/A
ACL	Jul. 2015	Low
AAA	Sept. 2015	Low



ONOS – Security-focused design

Version	Release Date	Security Features
Avocet (v1.0)	Dec. 2014	High Availability
Blackbird (v1.1)	Feb. 2015	
Cardinal (v1.2)	May 2015	
Drake (v1.3)	Sept. 2015	GUI and CLI require username and password login; REST interfaces require username and password; TLS support for inter-node communication; Configurable HTTPS for GUI and REST API; Security-Mode ONOS for application security
Emu (v1.4)	Dec. 2015	
Falcon (v1.5)	Mar. 2016	[Automatic application security policy extraction using static analysis techniques (KAIST)]; SecurityGroup feature of OpenStack
Goldeneye (v1.6)	May 2016	
Hummingbird (v1.7)	Sept. 2016	[New subsystem for anomaly detection (ATHENA) (SRI)]; Rate limit on port via NetConf (GEANT)
Ibis (v1.8)	Nov. 2016	
Junco (v1.9)	Feb. 2017	Implemented unit test for Security-Mode ONOS, Integrated Security (DELTA) tests into OnosSystemTest
Kingfisher(v1.10)	Jun. 2017	Added support of security group to Openstack/networking-onos and SONA
Loon (v1.11)	Sept. 2017	Enable TLS by default for intra-cluster communication
Magpie (v1.12)	Dec. 2017	

OPENDAYLIGHT



ODL – Security Support

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2014 – 2 CVEs

2015 – 7 CVEs

2016 – 2 CVEs

2017 - 6 CVEs

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Security Response Team

Current Members

- Robert Varga
- David Jorm
- Kurt Seifried
- Ryan Goudling
- Lori Jakab
- Stephen Kitt

They can be reached at the above private security mailing list.

Security: Advisories

This page lists all security vulnerabilities fixed in OpenDaylight. Each vulnerability is assigned a security impact rating on a four-point scale (low, moderate, important and critical). The versions that are affected by each vulnerability are also listed.

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 - 1.1 Description
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 - o 1.4 Mitigations
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- 2 [Moderate] CVE-2017-1000357 Denial of Service attack when the switch rejects to receive packets from the controller
 - o 2.1 Description
 - 2.2 Affected versions
 - 2.3 Patch commit(s)
 - 2.4 Mitigations
 - o 2.5 Credit
- . 3 [Moderate] CVE-2017-1000358 Controller throws an exception and does not allow user to add subsequent flow for a particular switch
 - o 3.1 Description
 - 3.2 Affected versions
 - o 3.3 Patch commit(s)
 - o 3.4 Mitigations
 - 3.5 Credit
- 4 [Low] CVE-2017-1000359 Java out of memory error and significant increase in resource consumption
 - 4.1 Description
 - 4.2 Affected versions
 - 4.3 Patch commit(s)
 - 4.4 Mitigations
 - o 4.5 Credit
- 5 [Low] CVE-2017-1000360 StreamCorruptedException and NullPointerException in OpenDaylight odl-mdsal-xsql
 - 5.1 Description
 - 5.2 Affected versions
 - 5.3 Patch commit(s)
 - 5.4 Mitigations
 - o 5.5 Credit
- 6 [Moderate] CVE-2017-1000361 DOMRpcImplementationNotAvailableException when sending Port-Status packets to OpenDaylight
 - 6.1 Description
 - 6.2 Affected versions



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Summary of ODL Security Features, May 2014

Security Feature	Comment	Recommendation
Application Bundle Security	Bundles provide some level of isolation	Augment with bundle signature/permission verifiers at loadtime, bundle access security at runtime; Bundle authentication/authorization should be logged
OSGi Runtime Container Security - ODL Apache Karaf Distribution	Concerns with security footprint of Karaf	Make Karaf security documentation available to ODL developers and administrators
ODL Controller Plugins Security	Secure communication access to the controller;	Provide secure access for 8 plugins, DDoS attack protection on
	5/13 plugins use secure versions of protocol	plugin exposed ports, use a common crypto key storage,
		and support pluggable/built-in CA
AAA for External Users	Supports secure access via NB API	Provide role-based access control for external users, user access
		authentication, access protocol authorization, services/resource
		authorization, auditing access/authorization pluggable AAA service
Secure Device/Controller BootStrap	Controller/Device Discovery is manual	Zero-touch bootstrap requirements - automatic device discovery
Authentication and Authorization		and AAA support
Controller Clustering and Security	Clustering comms channel should be secure	Configure Jgroups AUTH and ENCRYPT support for security



ODL – Projects/Applications

Project	Proposal Date	Estimated Maturity
Defense4AII	Aug. 2013	Medium
Secure Network Bootstrapping Interface	May 2014	High
AAA	Jun. 2014	High
Unified Secure Channel	Dec. 2014	High
Controller Shield	Aug. 2015	Low
Cardinal – ODL Monitoring as a Service	Mar. 2016	High



ODL – Security-focused design

Version	Release Date	Security Features
Hydrogen	Feb. 2014	Defense4All DDoS attack detection and mitigation tool
Helium	Sept. 2014	
Lithium	Jun. 2015	New features for security and automation: Unified Secure Channel eases secure communication between ODL and widely distributed networking equipment; Time Series Data Repository (TSDR) enables collection and analysis of large amounts of network activity; Device Identification and Driver Management (DIDM) provides end users the ability to discover, manage and automate a wide range of existing hardware in their infrastructure; Persistence ensures application-specific data is preserved over time or in the event of a catastrophe; Topology Processing Framework allows for filtered and/or aggregated views of a network, including multi-protocol, underlay/overlay
Beryllium	Feb. 2016	New features for performance and scalability: Stronger analysis and testing of clustering, applications that want to be cluster-aware can choose how to put data across the cluster; Fully support OpenStack High Availability and Clustering
Boron	Sept. 2016	NetVirt project enhanced support in OpenStack environments for IPv6, Security Groups (via OpenFlow configuration) and VLANs. Cardinal project monitors the health of the controller, delivered as a service to existing, deployed network monitoring and analytics tools. Centinel analytics engine enables end-to-end data collection and machine learning to support performance monitoring and bandwidth management across WAN links.
Carbon	May 2017	NetVirt and Genius projects integrate to dynamically create and manage tunnels and virtual network functions on demand.
Nitrogen	Sept. 2017	AAA bug fixes;
Oxygen	Mar. 2018	AAA bug fixes; USC bug fixes; Release notes highlight security considerations for each project



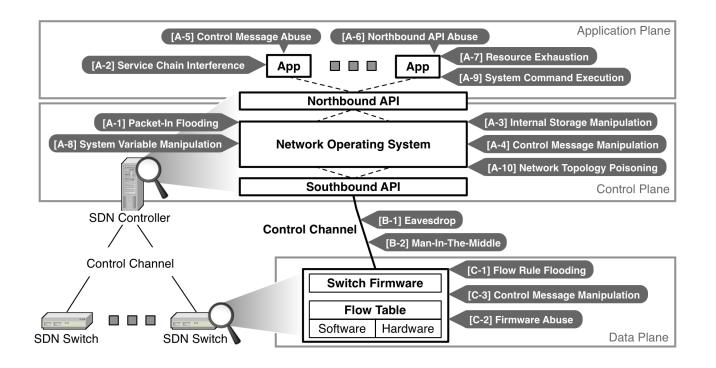
Delta - Motivation



Why? Motivated by the potential security vulnerabilities in SDNs

What? Aim to simplify the detection of security issues in SDNs and promote secure design, development and deployment of SDNs

How? Test the security issues of both the OpenFlow protocol and SDN components (control/data plane and channel)







Delta: A Penetration Testing Framework for Software-Defined Networks

Seungsoo Lee, Changhoon Yoon, Seungwon Shin, Sandra Scott-Hayward





Delta - Dashboard

Timestamp

2016-09-12 08:56:26

2016-09-12 08:56:57

2016-09-12 08:57:15

2016-09-12 08:57:14

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- PASS (ATTACK FAIL)
- FAIL (ATTACK SUCCESS)

Category

ADVANCED

ADVANCED

DATA_PLANE_OF

CONTROL_PLANE_OF

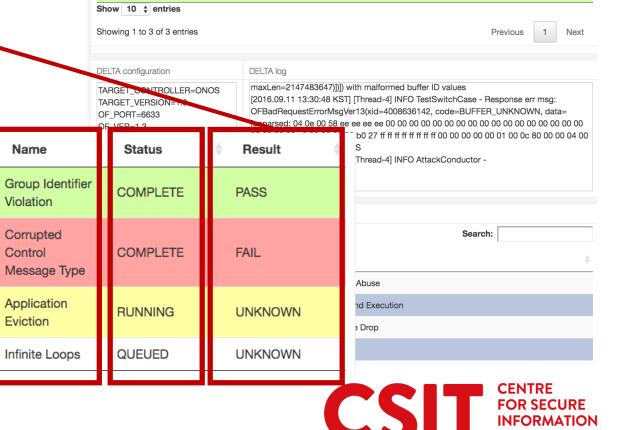
Testcase #

1.1.030

2.1.020

3.1.100

3.1.030



Testcase #

3.1.020

3.1.080

1.1.170

Name

Control Message Drop

Flow Table Clearance

Malformed Buffer ID Values

Search:

Status

COMPLETE FAIL

COMPLETE PASS

Result

▼ DELTA » Dashboard Home GitHub

Category

ADVANCED

ADVANCED

DATA_PLANE_OF

Live Test Queue

A Timestamp

2016-09-11 13:26:55

2016-09-11 13:28:33

2016-09-11 13:30:51

Delta – Data Plane Security Tests

Data Plane Security Evaluation				
Test No.	Test Name	In Progress	Completed	
1.1	Single Controller:			
1.1.10	Port Range Violation		✓	
1.1.11	TTP Port Range Violation	✓		
1.1.20	Table Number Violation		✓	
1.1.30	Group Identifier Violation		✓	
1.1.40	Meter Identifier Violation		✓	
1.1.50	Table Loop Violation		✓	
1.1.60	Corrupted Control Message Type		✓	
1.1.70	Unsupported Version Number (bad version)		✓	
1.1.80	Malformed Version Number		✓	
	(supported but not negotiated version)			
1.1.90	Invalid OXM – Type		✓	
1.1.100	Invalid OXM – Length		✓	
1.1.110	Invalid OXM – Value		✓	
1.1.120	Disabled Table Features Request		✓	
1.1.130	Handshake without Hello Message		✓	
1.1.140	Control Message before Hello Message (Main Connection)		✓	
1.1.150	Incompatible Hello after Connection Establishment		✓	
1.1.160	Corrupted Cookie Values		✓	
1.1.170	Malformed Buffer ID Values		✓	



Delta – Data Plane Security Tests

Data Plane Security Evaluation					
Test No.	Test Name	In Progress	Completed		
1.2	Multiple Controllers:				
1.2.10	Slave Controller Violation		✓		
1.2.20	Corrupted Generation ID	✓			
1.2.30	Auxiliary Connection – Terminate when main connection is down	✓			
1.2.40	Auxiliary Connection – Initiate Non-Hello	✓			
1.2.50	Auxiliary Connection – Unsupported Messages	✓			



Delta – Control Plane Security Tests

Control Plane	Control Plane Security Evaluation					
Test No.	Test Name	In Progress	Completed			
2.1	Single Controller:					
2.1.10	Malformed Version Number		✓			
	(supported but not negotiated version)					
2.1.20	Corrupted Control Message Type		✓			
2.1.30	Handshake without Hello Message		✓			
2.1.40	Control Message before Hello Message (Main Connection)		√			
2.1.50	Multiple main connection request from same switch		√			
2.1.60	Un-flagged Flow Remove Message notification		✓			
2.1.70	TLS Support		✓			
2.1.71	Startup Behaviour with Failed TLS Connection	✓				
2.1.72	Handling Invalid Authentication Credentials	✓				
2.1.73	Handling Control Packet Modification	✓				
2.1.80	Auxiliary Connection Mismatch with main connection	✓				



Delta – Control Plane Security Tests

Control Plane Security Evaluation						
Test No.	Test Name	In Progress	Completed			
2.2	Multiple Controllers:					
2.2.10	Master/Equal controller disabled packet-in type	✓				
2.2.20	Slave controller disabled control messages	✓				
2.2.30	Auxiliary Connection request without main connection	✓				
2.2.40	Improper Slave Bad Request Error Message	✓				



Delta – Advanced Security Tests

△: in progress✓: completedN/A: not applicable

Advanced Se	curity Evaluation							
		In Progress / Completed						
Test No.	Test Name	Floodlight ONOS OpenDaylight					aylight	
3.1	Single Controller:	0.91	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.9	Helium- sr3	Carbon
3.1.010	Packet-In Flooding				√			
3.1.020	Control Message Drop	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3.1.030	Infinite Loops	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	√
3.1.040	Internal Storage Abuse	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	√
3.1.050	Device Inventory Table Flooding		•	-	Δ		•	
3.1.060	Switch Identification Spoofing				✓			
3.1.070	Flow Rule Modification	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3.1.080	Flow Table Clearance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3.1.090	Event Listener Unsubscription	✓	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	√
3.1.100	Application Eviction	N/A	N/A	✓	√	√	✓	√
3.1.110	Memory Exhaustion	✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	√
3.1.120	CPU Exhaustion	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	√
3.1.130	System Variable Manipulation	✓	✓	✓	√	✓	✓	✓
3.1.140	System Command Execution	✓	✓	√	√	√	✓	√



Delta – Advanced Security Tests

 \triangle : in progress \checkmark : completed

N/A: not applicable

Advanced Se	Advanced Security Evaluation							
		In Progress / Completed						
Test No.	Test Name	Flood	llight		ONOS	_	OpenDay	/light
3.1	Single Controller:	0.91	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.9	Helium-sr3	Carbon
3.1.150	Host Location Hijacking		•	•	Δ	1	1	
3.1.160	Link Fabrication				√			
3.1.170	Eavesdrop				✓			
3.1.180	Man-In-The-Middle		√					
3.1.190	Flow Rule Flooding	✓	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \					
3.1.200	Switch Firmware Abuse	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Delta – Test Results



Test No.	Test Name	Floodlight		ONOS			OpenDaylight	
3.1	Single Controller:	0.91	1.2	1.1	1.6	1.10	Helium-sr3	Carbon
3.1.010	Packet-In Flooding	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.020	Control Message Drop	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.030	Infinite Loops	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.040	Internal Storage Abuse	F	F	F	F	Р	F	
3.1.050	Device Inventory Table Flooding	N/A						
3.1.060	Switch Identification Spoofing	F	F	Р	Р	Р	F	
3.1.070	Flow Rule Modification	F	F	F	F	Р	F	
3.1.080	Flow Table Clearance	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.090	Event Listener Unsubscription	F	F	Р	Р	U	F	
3.1.100	Application Eviction	Р	Р	F	F	F	F	
3.1.110	Memory Exhaustion	F	F	F	F	Р	F	
3.1.120	CPU Exhaustion	F	F	F	F	Р	F	
3.1.130	System Variable Manipulation	F	F	Р	Р	F	F	
3.1.140	System Command Execution	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.150	Host Location Hijacking	N/A						
3.1.160	Link Fabrication	F	F	F	Р	U	F	
3.1.170	Eavesdrop	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.180	Man-In-The-Middle	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.190	Flow Rule Flooding	F	F	F	F	F	F	
3.1.200	Switch Firmware Abuse	F	F	F	F	Р	F	



Delta – Test Results

Flow Type	Attack Code	Attack Name	Controller			
Flow Type		Allack Name	ONOS	OpenDaylight 1 4 1	Floodlight	
	SF-1	Switch Table Flooding [11]	X	X	O	
Symmetric Flows	SF-2	Switch Identification Spooting [10]	X	O	O	
Symmetric Flows	SF-3	Malformed Control Message [37]	X	0	O	
	SF-4	Control Message Manipulation [35]	O	0	O	
	AF-1	Control Message Drop [35]	0	0	0	
	AF-2	Control Message Infinite Loop [35]	O	0	O	
	AF-3	PACKET_IN Flooding [21], [38], [40]	O	O	0	
	AF-4	Flow Rule Flooding [8], [38], [45]	0	0	O	
Asymmetric Flows	AF-5	Flow Rule Modification [35]	O	0	O	
	AF-6	Switch Firmware Misuse [35]	0	0	0	
	AF-7	Flow Table Clearance [35]	O	0	O	
	AF-8	Eavesdrop [35]	0	0	0	
	AF-9	Man-In-The-Middle [35]	0	0	0	
	CF-1	Internal Storage Misuse [39]	O	0	O	
Intra-Controller Control Flows	CF-2	Application Eviction [39]	0	0	N/A	
	CF-3	Event Listener Unsubscription [39]	N/A	0	O	
	NF-1	System Command Execution [39]	O	0	0	
Non Flow Operations	NF-2	Memory Exhaustion [39]	О	0	0	
Non Flow Operations	NF-3	CPU Exhaustion [39]	O	0	0	
	NF-4	System Variable Manipulation [35]	X	0	O	

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Conclusion

Increasing focus on security within both controller communities

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Lack of integration of security as a core feature of the controller



Thank you

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