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KEY FINDINGS

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Multifunction Products (MFP) are devices that allow businesses to extend their knowledge, marketing and daily operations through printing, copying, scanning, faxing and more. What makes MFP services exceptional is providing optimal customer care. MFP management assists businesses with diverse services – some seemingly minute tasks, such as toner replacement, and others for support of large internal network issues that cause disruptive and costly downtime.

To keep businesses running smoothly and continue driving productivity, operations are automated with cloud-based monitoring and device reporting. MFP components are no different than any other network endpoint and are equally susceptible to threats. Miercom recommends MFP management solutions are encouraged to be as secure as possible when handling these devices.

Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. engaged Miercom to perform a comprehensive security assessment of the latest version of bizhub CS Remote Care (branded as and referred to therein as bizhub vCare in the US, version 2.1x) and 8 bizhub products representative of their entire MFP range that served as endpoints in the test environment. By participating in Miercom's Certified Secure program, these products were subjected to vulnerability testing in a real-world environment to analyze protective functionality and identify opportunities for security hardening.

Key Finding

No prominent vulnerabilities were found in the email server, database server, Windows DCA component, Raspberry Pi DCA, web application, communication server, WebDAV server or engines.

Based on our findings, we award the Konica Minolta bizhub vCare Solution the *Miercom Certified Secure* accreditation for its impressive, hardened solution which protects against vulnerabilities and exploits in an enterprise environment.

Rob Smithers

CEO, Miercom

2 Test Summary

Table 1: Component Security Status

Component Tested	Pass/Fail
Email Server	Pass
Database Server	Pass
Windows DCA	Pass
Raspberry Pi DCA	Pass
Konica Minolta Web Application	Pass
Communication Server	Pass
WebDAV Server	Pass
Engine	Pass

3 Product Overview

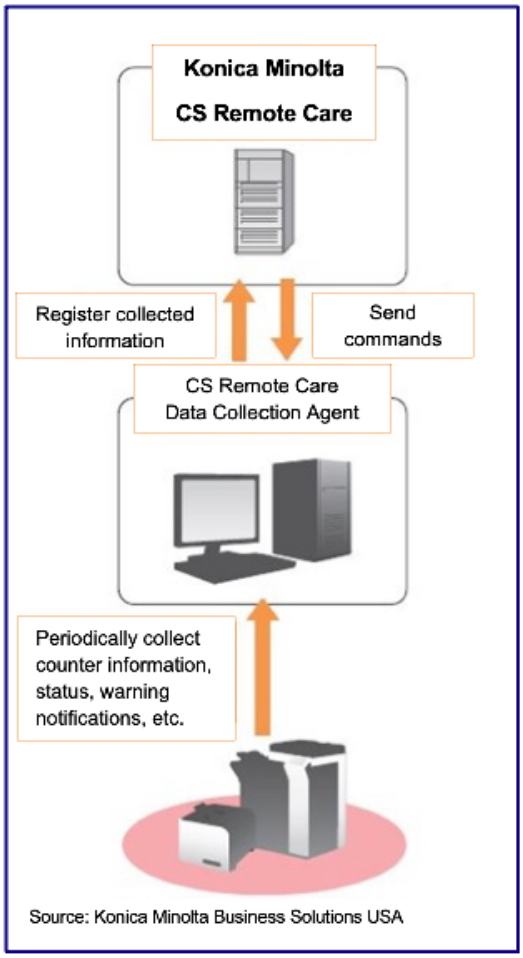
Konica Minolta bizhub vCare* is a software system that enhances customer care and management of Multifunction Products (MFP) with automated, secure services which enhance business productivity. This solution helps businesses with the following:

- Print, copy, scan and fax time-sensitive materials to drive efficiency and growth
- Offer immediate and thorough consulting during critical application use
- Automated, remote and secure services to reduce downtime and IT staff costs
- Easy-to-use interfaces
- "Invisible" diagnosis and maintenance of internal issues using cloud services
- Responsive support team for personal attention to business core values and expectations

bizhub vCare is the name used in the Europe and Japan for the device management and communications system introduced in 2008 by Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. The system is known as vCare in the United States and Canada, and three other names elsewhere in the world.

bizhub and bizhub PRO products manufactured since 2005 can be managed remotely by the system. At present, March 2021, it is managing close to over 400,000 products in the United States and Canada and over 1 million worldwide.

bizhub vCare consists of embedded technology within the Konica Minolta product and a Cluster of Servers running the vCare Solution. New in bizhub vCare 2.1x is the vCare Data Collection Agent, also deployed worldwide as the vCare Data Collection Application, which runs on a computer on the end-user organization's enterprise network and can manage up to 10,000 bizhub, bizhub PRO and 3rd Party products. This node regularly collects information about operational status and sends it to a Konica Minolta branch office or authorized reseller that provides the management service.



Source: Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA

The information enables the service provider to initiate appropriate action to keep the products in optimal operating condition.

bizhub and bizhub PRO devices manufactured since 2011 communicate with bizhub vCare via one-way e-mail or HTTP(S) one-way or bidirectional communication based on the reporting schedule set within the device. The vCare Data Collection Agent utilizes network polling to transmit data to the system via HTTPS for bizhub A4 Printers and third-party devices.

Table 2: Products and Applications Tested

Products Tested	
bizhub C458	
bizhub C308	
bizhub 4752	
bizhub C360i	
HP LaserJet M553	
KIP 940	
Lexmark T650	
Xerox Phaser	
Application	**Version**
bizhub vCare[1]	V2.1x
DCA (Windows)	1.8R1
DCA (Raspberry Pi)	2.3R1

1 The bizhub vCare Web Application, KMCore and Server are all at version v.2.1x

4 How We Did It

In a lab environment, Miercom evaluated the Konica Minolta bizhub vCare system by subjecting its individual components to vulnerability testing and analysis. Miercom used NMAP, Nessus and McAfee Vulnerability Manager (MVM) to carefully inspect components for security flaws. To obtain the Miercom Certified Secure accreditation, Miercom requires that no high-level vulnerabilities be found.

The test environment consisted of an email server, database server, two DCA servers, a Web Distributed, Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) server, communications server, ten MFPs, and four third-party devices.

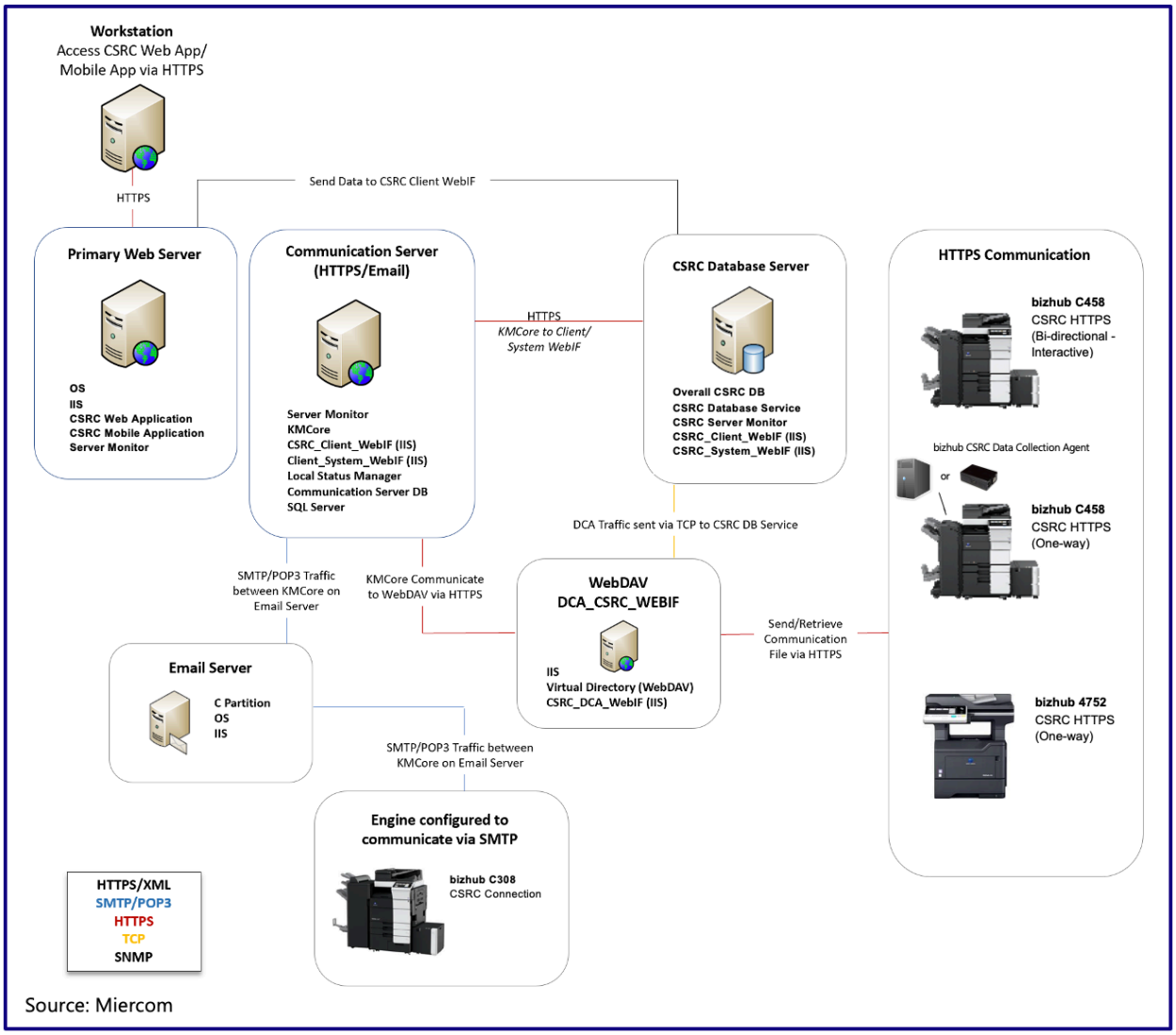
4.1 Test Tools

Nmap 7.12 scanner is a standard tool to help identify open ports and version information, where applicable, as the first insight into product communication. It offers custom probing to solicit responses to identify active IP addresses (used by host/network device) and scans active addresses for vulnerabilities that would affect the network using its database of about 2,200 known services to corresponding ports (e.g. SMTP for mail server, HTTP for webserver). When a response does not match an entry in its database, Nmap uses 6,500 pattern matches for more than 650 protocols to identify the vulnerability source.

Nessus vulnerability scanner locates exploitable areas to help penetration testers and other security consultants to immediately remediate potential attack points of entry. This scan consists of 55,000 plugins from the 108,191 published by Tenable. Each plugin attempts to identify vulnerabilities to highlight security shortcomings of the product.

McAfee Vulnerability Manager performs similarly to Nessus, with some deviations in content. The MVM engine has the capability to scan for over 4,700 vulnerabilities, along with identifying common security issues such as weak passwords.

4.2 Test Bed Diagram



Source: Miercom

The network diagram above outlines the lab environment configuration, consisting of many more components than seen in a typical vCare deployment. This expansive setup accounts for multiple deployment scenarios available with the vCare product. This test bed covers deployments which utilize direct HTTPS communications with the vCare DCA, SNMP to a local DCA, which then directs information to the CSRC DCA via HTTPS and SMTP/POP3 communications to a local email server to a communication server. The CSRC WebDAV and communication server communicate with the vCare database server, which logs vital system information. Together, these components provide customers with a seamless printer experience.

Results

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5.1 Email Server

IBM NOTES 9
Windows Server 2012/2016 R2

Status: **PASS**

5.2 Database Server

Windows Server 2012/2016 R2

Status: **PASS**

5.3 Windows DCA

Windows Server 2012 R2

Status: **PASS**

5.4 Raspberry Pi DCA

Status: **PASS**

5.5 Konica Minolta Web Application

Windows Server 2012/2016 R2

Status: **PASS**

5.6 Communications Server

Windows Server 2012/2016 R2 SP1

Status: **PASS**

5.7 WebDAV Server

Windows Server 2012/2016 R2

Status: **PASS**

5.8 Engine

Status: **PASS**

Conclusion

Security Assessment Summary

All findings presented in this report show the Konica Minolta *bizhub* vCare products provide flawless mitigation through all tested vulnerability scenarios. Thorough testing of different *bizhub* vCare system components revealed superior protection against network threats that are common to real-world deployments. Based on these impressive results, Konica Minolta receives the ***Miercom Certified Secure*** accreditation for its bizhub vCare products, *bizhub PRO* products, applications and third-party devices.

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