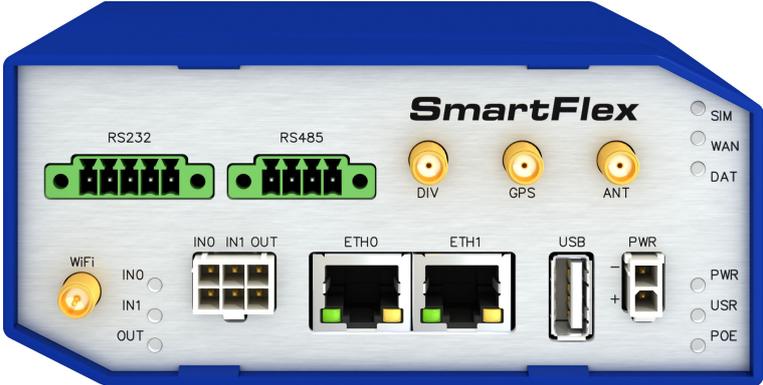




Firmware 6.2.9

RELEASE NOTES



Abstract

This document describes:

- Firmware update instructions.
- Description of all new features, fixes and other changes implemented in the firmware.
- Known issues related to a firmware version.

Firmware Details

- **Firmware version:** 6.2.9
- **Release date:** April 7, 2021
- **Hardware compatibility:** applicable to the Advantech routers

Please note that not all new Advantech routers are produced and shipped with the latest release of the firmware. The reason for this is usually an existing certification valid for a specific carrier or a region. For more information about the latest version of the firmware for your router, see the *Firmware Distribution Overview* document.



For current and detailed information about the router configuration see the latest version of the *Configuration Manual* for your router.

Product related documents and applications including the firmware can be obtained on *Engineering Portal* at <https://ep.advantech-bb.cz/> address.

Part I

Firmware Update Instructions

General Update Instructions and Notices

HTTPS certificates: The HTTPS certificate format in the router was updated in FW 5.3.5 to improve the security. Existing HTTPS certificates on previously manufactured routers will not automatically be updated with the firmware update! It is possible to update the HTTPS certificates by deleting the files within `/etc/certs/https*` in the router (e.g. via SSH). The certificates will be re-created automatically during the router's next start.

Specific Update Instructions

New filename: If the filename of firmware for your router was changed, you will meet with an issue during manual firmware updating or with automatic firmware update feature. This warning message will appear during the firmware updating process: *"You are trying to upload file "xx.bin" but "yy.bin" is expected. Are you sure to continue?"*

To proceed with the firmware updating please follow these steps: Check the table below for details about recent firmware filename changes and make sure you have the correct firmware file for your router. Go ahead with manual firmware updating and confirm the displayed warning message.

To proceed with automatic firmware updating, rename new firmware files (*.bin and *.ver) to filenames valid before the filename change. This should allow the router to pass through the process of automatic firmware updating. Next time, the automatic firmware update feature will work as expected with no need to rename the file.

Router model	FW ver.	New filename	Original filename
SmartMotion ST352 SmartMotion ST355	6.0.2	SPECTRE-v3T-LTE.bin	BIVIAS-v3LL.bin
SmartStart SL302	6.0.3	SPECTRE-v3L-LTE-US.bin	SPECTRE-v3L-LTE-AT.bin

Table 1: Recent Firmware Filename Changes

Updating Firmware of Version Less than 5.3.0



It is necessary to follow specific update instructions below only if you are updating from firmware older than 5.3.0.

Due to a bug in the firewall (now fixed) when a WAN device is part of a bridged interface, caution should be taken when updating in following case:

Condition: When a WAN device is part of a bridged interface, access to that WAN device (HTTPS, SSH) is always granted regardless of configuration.

Problem: If this is your configuration, it is highly likely that you are not aware of this, so the undesired effect of the bridge firewall fix may render the router inaccessible.

Recommended Action: Enable access to both the web and ssh services before updating if you want to retain the current behavior (access to the WAN interface). This can be done on the *NAT* page in the *Configuration* section of the router's Web interface.

Change the root's password:

It is necessary to change the password for the *root* user when updating to the firmware version 5.3.0 or newer. The reason for this is an update of the authentication system (encryption algorithm *crypt* was changed to *MD5*; passwords are now stored in the */etc/shadow* file instead of */etc/passwd*). The change of the password is required before setting up the remote access on the *NAT Configuration* page.

Please note that when downgrading from 5.3.0+ to previous firmware versions, the password for the *root* user is reset to the default one, which is *root*.

Part II
Changelog



Legend: Affected products are marked as shown below for every changelog item:

Affected product Not affected product

Mobile WAN Status Enhancement

ER75i SPECTRE 3G SPECTRE RT SPECTRE LTE-AT SPECTRE LTE-VZ
 ER75i v2 UR5i v2 XR5i v2 LR77 v2 CR10 v2 UR5i v2L RR75i v2 LR77 v2L XR5i v2E
 Bivias v2HC Bivias v2LC Bivias v2LL Bivias v2LH Bivias v2HH
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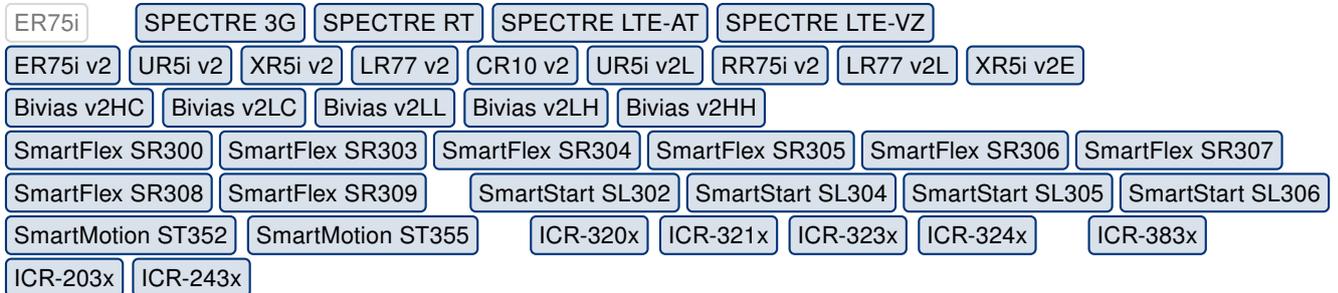
Information reported on the *Mobile WAN* status page was enhanced with new fields for RSSI, RSRP, RSRQ, RSCP, Ec/Io and the frequency band number. Please note, that some of this information may not be displayed, if not supported by the cellular module.

Identity Validation

ER75i SPECTRE 3G SPECTRE RT SPECTRE LTE-AT SPECTRE LTE-VZ
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There are some special characters, “ \$ & ’ () ; < > \ ^ ‘ | , which are not allowed to be used for some types of identity fields in the GUI. This restriction is implemented to most of the username, password, or other identity fields. What the function did, was that it removed all the forbidden characters during the data storage without a warning message. It could be confusing, especially for forms with hidden characters, typically for the password entry. From now, a warning message pops up, informing that an invalid entry was entered, and the form storage is not allowed.

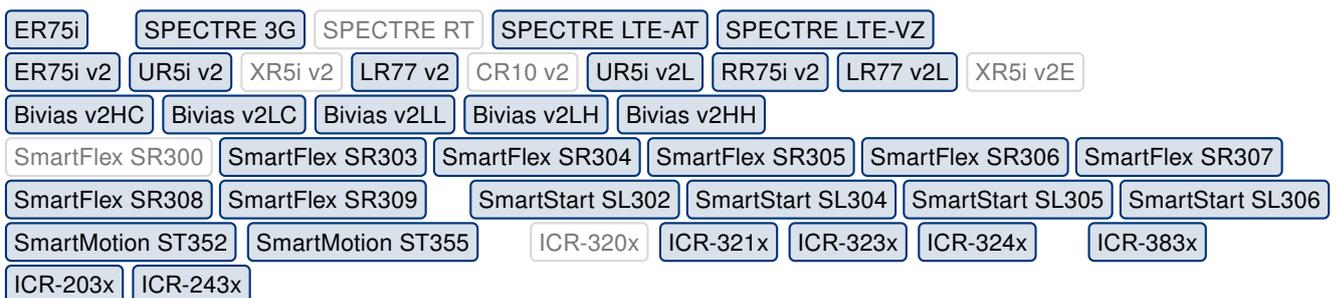
New Programs Supported



There are six new programs supported by the firmware, see the table below. These programs were added for better support for some management software, but can be used by a user module, in a console, or in a script. For detailed information about these command, please see the [Commands and Scripts](#) application note.

Program	Description
basename	Strips directory path and suffix from file.
cut	Prints selected fields from each input file to standard output.
dirname	Strips non-directory suffix from filename.
printf	Formats and prints argument(s) according to specified format (as in C).
readlink	Displays the value of a symlink.
realpath	Returns the absolute path name of given file name.

New Default APNs



We have added these default APNs:

- For PLMN 22603 set up to broadband string.
- For PLMN 22610 set up to net string.

Updated OpenSSL Library

ER75i	SPECTRE 3G	SPECTRE RT	SPECTRE LTE-AT	SPECTRE LTE-VZ				
ER75i v2	UR5i v2	XR5i v2	LR77 v2	CR10 v2	UR5i v2L	RR75i v2	LR77 v2L	XR5i v2E
Bivias v2HC	Bivias v2LC	Bivias v2LL	Bivias v2LH	Bivias v2HH				
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ICR-203x	ICR-243x							

We have updated the OpenSSL library to version 1.1.1k. This update has fixed [CVE-2021-3449](#) (medium) and [CVE-2021-3450](#) (high).

Updated curl Program

ER75i	SPECTRE 3G	SPECTRE RT	SPECTRE LTE-AT	SPECTRE LTE-VZ				
ER75i v2	UR5i v2	XR5i v2	LR77 v2	CR10 v2	UR5i v2L	RR75i v2	LR77 v2L	XR5i v2E
Bivias v2HC	Bivias v2LC	Bivias v2LL	Bivias v2LH	Bivias v2HH				
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We have updated the curl program to version 7.76.0. This update has fixed [CVE-2021-22876](#) (medium) and [CVE-2021-22890](#) (low). For more details about this curl release, see https://curl.haxx.se/changes.html#7_76_0.

Updated FTP Service

ER75i	SPECTRE 3G	SPECTRE RT	SPECTRE LTE-AT	SPECTRE LTE-VZ				
ER75i v2	UR5i v2	XR5i v2	LR77 v2	CR10 v2	UR5i v2L	RR75i v2	LR77 v2L	XR5i v2E
Bivias v2HC	Bivias v2LC	Bivias v2LL	Bivias v2LH	Bivias v2HH				
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We have updated the FTP service (program ftpd) in the firmware to version 2.0. This update has fixed a stack overflow vulnerability (in the client-side environment) together with possible buffer overflow vulnerability.

Part III
Known Issues

Firmware Update – Unexpected Filename

If the filename of firmware for your router was changed, you could have an issue during manual firmware updating or with Automatic Update feature. This warning message will appear: *"You are trying to upload file "xx.bin" but "yy.bin" is expected. Are you sure to continue?"* To fix this issue follow instructions in Part I - [Firmware Update Instructions](#).

Automatic Update – Update to Version 6.1.10

The feature of automatic firmware update will not recognize the firmware version 6.1.10 as a new version in case the installed version of firmware is from 6.1.0 to 6.1.8. To fix this issue, either update the firmware by the automatic update to version 6.1.9 first or update it manually directly to the version 6.1.10.

WiFi Configuration – Lost After Firmware Downgrade

If the firmware is downgraded to the version less than 6.2.0, the WiFi configuration will be lost completely.

ICR-3200 – Country Code for WiFi

The first version of the firmware for the WiFi module does not support the settings of the country code. Due to this issue, the settings of the country code made on the configuration page has no effect at all. The country code is set up during the manufacturing process according to the product destination region.

SmartStart – Cellular Network Registration

It is necessary to use router's firmware version 6.1.5 or higher if the *Telit* cellular module installed in your SmartStart router has following version of the firmware:

- *Telit LE910-EU V2* cellular module with firmware version 20.00.403 or newer,
- *Telit LE910-NA1* cellular module with firmware version 20.00.014 or newer.

Note: The model name and firmware version of the cellular module can be found on router's web GUI at *Mobile WAN Status* page in *Mobile Network Information* section.

SmartStart SL302 – Cellular Network Authentication

It is not possible to use username and password when connecting to Mobile WAN network (on *Mobile WAN Configuration* page) if your SmartStart SL302 router has the 20.00.522 firmware version inside the Telit LE910-NA1 cellular module. The version of cellular module firmware can be found at *Mobile WAN Status* page in *Mobile Network Information* section.

SmartStart SL302 – SMS in Verizon Network

SmartStart SL302 router (equipped with the *Telit* modules *LE910-SV1* or *LE910-NA1*) supports sending and receiving of SMS in *Verizon* cellular network since the firmware version 6.1.4. Please note that to support SMS receiving, cellular module with Verizon firmware version higher than 20.00.012 is required.