

Security Bulletin:

Log4Shell – Unauthenticated RCE 0-day exploit

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Executive summary

A vulnerability is present in all applications embedding Log4j (ver. 2.0 to 2.14.1.) for audit logging feature. Mainly Apache stack but also applications like Elastic search, Redis, etc. The vulnerability is based on forcing applications to log a specific string which forces vulnerable system to download and run malicious script from attacker-controlled domain. According to security researchers, apps and services across the globe has already been actively scanned for vulnerable versions of Log4j by malicious actors. Some Atos products may propose the vulnerable component in their delivered distribution.

Vulnerability Info

| CVE No. | CVSS Score | Type of Vulnerability |
|----------------|------------|--|
| CVE-2021-44228 | 10 | CWE-502 Deserialization of Untrusted Data CWE-20 Improper Input Validation CWE-400 Uncontrolled Resource Consumption |

Affected products

The vulnerability affects all products that use these specific log4j versions independently from software or operating system within which it is used. Vulnerability exists in log4j library not in Operation Systems or Vendor software itself.

| Atos Product line | Version | Status | Comments |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--|
| Bull Sequana Edge series | | Not affected | The Bull Sequana Edge servers do not make use of the vulnerable library. |
| Bull Sequana S series | | Not affected | The Bull Sequana S servers do not make use of the vulnerable library. |
| Bull Sequana XH series | | Not affected | The Bull Sequana XH servers are not affected by themselves, but they may come with delivered environment for HPC which may include a vulnerable Log4j component (e.g. ElasticSearch). However, it is not susceptible to be impacted due to usage of the Java Security Manager. |
| All IDnomic products | | Not affected | Those products do not embed the vulnerable component. |

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Recommendations

To detect if the log4j library is present on a linux machine please execute the following commands:

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```
find / -iname "*log4j*" -print
```

```
ls -l | grep log4j
```

Available Vendor Patches

Atos has not yet provided a patch for its

Available Workarounds

Start your Java Virtual Machine (JVM) server with

```
log4j2.formatMsgNoLookups
```

set to true, by adding

```
"-Dlog4j2.formatMsgNoLookups=True"
```

To be applied everywhere.

Available Mitigations

Starting with version 2.15.0 of log4j, the default configuration sets `formatMsgNoLookups` to `True`.

For the exploitation of the vulnerability the targeted web server needs to have the capacity to connect to a rogue server. Isolated networks are likely protected.

Available Exploits/PoC

Exploitation in the wild of the vulnerability has been observed. The current exploits leverage some LDAP rogue servers.

Details

On Thursday December 9th, 2021, around 8 AM CET new remote code execution exploit vulnerability has been publicly disclosed by security researcher @P0rZ9 on Twitter. Discovered during a bug bounty engagement against Minecraft servers, the vulnerability is far more impactful than some might have expected. As described by the Recorded Future researchers "Log4j is included with almost all the enterprise products released by the Apache Software Foundation, such as Apache Struts, Apache Flink, Apache Druid, Apache Flume, Apache Solr, Apache Flink, Apache Kafka, Apache Dubbo, (...). also, in open-source projects like Redis, Elasticsearch, Elastic Logstash, the NSA's Ghidra, and others".

Described further Luna Sec researchers has tested and shared extensive report on this 0-day vulnerability on their blog. According to researchers exploit exist in popular Java login library log4j allowing unauthenticated threat actor to remotely execute code on victims' machine by login certain

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string. So far it has been determined that impact is wide and any application or service using JDK or JNDI via LDAP is potentially vulnerable.

Further details, including IoCs can be obtained from Atos Threat Intelligence report.

References

1. [Atos Threat Intelligence Team, Log4Shell – Unauthenticated RCE 0-day exploit, Vulnerability Analysis](#)
2. <https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/security.html>
3. <https://access.redhat.com/security/cve/cve-2021-44228>

List of changes

| Version | Date | Description |
|---------|---------------|---|
| 0.1 | Dec. 13, 2021 | Initial neutralization version |
| 0.2 | Dec. 15, 2021 | Updated neutralization version with Bull Sequana S status. Relaxing TLP constraint. |
| 2.0 | May 30, 2022 | First public version. |

Glossary of terms

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| Mitigation | Refers to a setting, common configuration, or general best-practice, existing in a default state that could reduce the severity of exploitation of a vulnerability. |
| Neutralization | The neutralization phase is the decision-making process during which the risk posed by an incident is evaluated. Security bulletins issued during this phase are numbered 0.x. |
| POC | Proof of Concept |
| Remediation | The remediation phase ends with the delivering of a qualified solution/update fixing the vulnerability without regression. Security bulletins issued during this phase are numbered 1.x when private. Publicly disclosed bulletins are numbered 2.x. |
| TI | Threat Intelligence |
| TLP | Traffic Light Protocol |
| Workaround | Refers to a setting or configuration change that does not correct the underlying vulnerability but would help block known attack vectors before you apply the update. |

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¹ <https://www.cisa.gov/tlp>