

Integrating Wazuh with AbusIPDB

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Goal of This Guide

This document walks you step-by-step through integrating Wazuh with AbuseIPDB, a real-time IP threat intelligence service. The goal is to:

Detect suspicious SSH login attempts (both failed and successful).

Automatically send the source IP to AbuseIPDB for scoring.

If AbuseIPDB confirms it as malicious, raise a security alert in Wazuh.

Why Do This?

This setup is ideal if you want to:

Automatically validate incoming IPs against a global threat database.

Spot SSH brute-force or credential stuffing attempts.

Leverage community-sourced intelligence for automated threat detection.

Take action based on abuse confidence scores (e.g., alert or block).

What is AbuseIPDB?

AbuseIPDB (Abuse IP Database) is an open and collaborative threat intelligence platform designed to track and report malicious IP addresses across the internet. It allows users and systems to report IPs involved in suspicious activities and provides actionable data to security professionals and automated defense systems.

AbuseIPDB focuses on identifying IP addresses engaged in various types of unauthorized or harmful behavior, including:

Brute-force login attempts
Spamming and email abuse
Unauthorized port scanning
Exploit attempts targeting known vulnerabilities
Other forms of suspicious or malicious network activity

Through its RESTful API, AbuseIPDB provides valuable information for each IP address, such as:

Abuse Confidence Score (0–100): Indicates how likely the IP is involved in abusive behavior ISP and Hosting Provider Information Associated Domain Name(s)
Total Number of Reports Filed Against the IP
Last Reported Date

This data helps system administrators, cybersecurity teams, and intrusion detection systems (like Wazuh) to identify threats early, block abusive IPs, and strengthen network defense strategies.

Real-World Example

Imagine someone tries to connect to your server using SSH (remote login), but they fail to log in. The attack comes from the IP address: 45.159.112.120.

Here's what happens step by step:

Wazuh notices this failed login attempt and logs it.

Wazuh sends this IP address (45.159.112.120) to AbuseIPDB to check if this IP is bad. AbuseIPDB replies and says:

"Yes, this IP is dangerous. It has a 90% abuse score, which means it has done bad things before (like attacks or spam)."

Now, Wazuh creates a high-priority alert because it knows this IP is a real threat.

You or your system can now take action, such as:

Blocking the IP address

Sending a warning

Notifying the system admin

Step-by-Step Integration Instructions

API Key Generation for AbuseIPDB

To enable integration between Wazuh and AbuselPDB for reporting malicious IP addresses, an API key is required. Follow the steps below to generate your key:

Create an Account

Visit https://www.abuseipdb.com and sign up using a valid email address.

Verify Your Email

Check your inbox and click the verification link sent by AbuseIPDB to activate your account.

Log In

Access your account using your registered credentials.

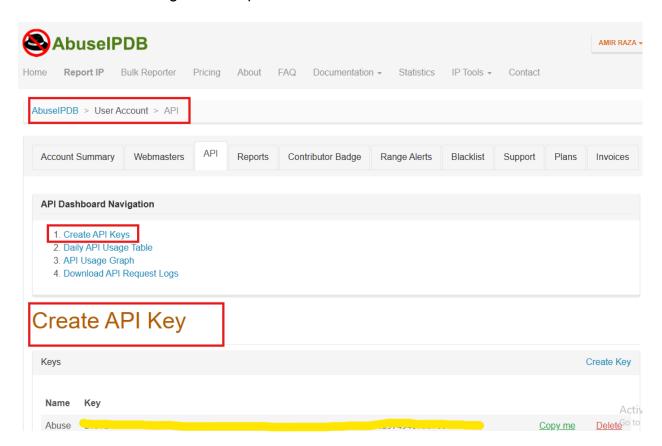
Access the API Section

Navigate to your profile and select the "API" option or directly visit:

https://www.abuseipdb.com/account/api.

Generate and Copy the API Key

Click "Reveal Key" to generate your personal API key. Copy and securely store it for use in the Wazuh integration script.



Replace < your AbuseIPDB API Key here> with your real API key.

Create the Custom Script on the Manager Side

We will place the script inside the Wazuh integrations directory.

cd /var/ossec/integrations

```
—(kali⊛kali)-[~]
—$ <u>sudo</u> -i
——(root® kali)-[~]
_# cd /var/ossec/integrations
 _(<mark>root®kali</mark>)-[/var/ossec/integrations]
sudo nano /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py
```

sudo nano /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py

```
Add this:
import json
import sys
import time
import os
from socket import socket, AF UNIX, SOCK DGRAM
try:
   import requests
   from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth
except Exception as e:
 print("No module 'requests' found. Install: pip install requests")
   sys.exit(1)
# Global vars
debug enabled = False
pwd = os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__)))
json alert = {}
now = time.strftime("%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Z %Y")
# Set paths
```

```
log_file = '{0}/logs/integrations.log'.format(pwd)
socket addr = '{0}/queue/sockets/queue'.format(pwd)
def main(args):
 debug("# Starting")
 # Read args
alert file location = args[1]
 apikey = args[2]
debug("# API Key")
debug(apikey)
debug("# File location")
debug(alert file location)
# Load alert. Parse JSON object.
with open(alert file location) as alert file:
json alert = json.load(alert file)
debug("# Processing alert")
debug(json alert)
# Request AbuseIPDB info
msg = request abuseipdb info(json alert,apikey)
# If positive match, send event to Wazuh Manager
 if msg:
send_event(msg, json_alert["agent"])
def debug(msg):
if debug enabled:
msg = "{0}: {1}\n".format(now, msg)
 print(msg)
```

```
f = open(log_file,"a")
 f.write(msg)
  f.close()
def collect(data):
abuse_confidence_score = data['abuseConfidenceScore']
country code = data['countryCode']
usage type = data['usageType']
isp = data['isp']
domain = data['domain']
total reports = data['totalReports']
last reported at = data['lastReportedAt']
return abuse confidence score, country code, usage type, isp, domain,
total_reports, last_reported_at
def in database(data, srcip):
result = data['totalReports']
if result == 0:
 return False
return True
def query api(srcip, apikey):
params = {'maxAgeInDays': '90', 'ipAddress': srcip,}
headers = {
"Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate",
 'Accept': 'application/json',
"Key": apikey
response =
requests.get('https://api.abuseipdb.com/api/v2/check',params=params,
headers=headers)
```

```
if response.status_code == 200:
    json response = response.json()
  data = json_response["data"]
 return data
else:
alert output = {}
  alert output["abuseipdb"] = {}
 alert output["integration"] = "custom-abuseipdb"
 json response = response.json()
     debug("# Error: The AbuseIPDB encountered an error")
alert output["abuseipdb"]["error"] = response.status code
     alert output["abuseipdb"]["description"] =
json_response["errors"][0]["detail"]
 send event(alert output)
exit(0)
def request abuseipdb info(alert, apikey):
 alert output = {}
# If there is no source ip address present in the alert. Exit.
if not "srcip" in alert["data"]:
return(0)
# Request info using AbuseIPDB API
   data = query api(alert["data"]["srcip"], apikey)
# Create alert
alert output["abuseipdb"] = {}
alert output["integration"] = "custom-abuseipdb"
 alert output["abuseipdb"]["found"] = 0
```

```
alert output["abuseipdb"]["source"] = {}
   alert output["abuseipdb"]["source"]["alert id"] = alert["id"]
   alert_output["abuseipdb"]["source"]["rule"] = alert["rule"]["id"]
   alert output["abuseipdb"]["source"]["description"] =
alert["rule"]["description"]
  alert output["abuseipdb"]["source"]["full log"] = alert["full log"]
   alert output["abuseipdb"]["source"]["srcip"] = alert["data"]["srcip"]
srcip = alert["data"]["srcip"]
 # Check if AbuseIPDB has any info about the srcip
 if in database(data, srcip):
  alert output["abuseipdb"]["found"] = 1
# Info about the IP found in AbuseIPDB
 if alert_output["abuseipdb"]["found"] == 1:
       abuse confidence score, country code, usage type, isp, domain,
total reports, last reported at = collect(data)
# Populate JSON Output object with AbuseIPDB request
       alert output["abuseipdb"]["abuse confidence score"] =
abuse confidence score
  alert output["abuseipdb"]["country code"] = country code
  alert output["abuseipdb"]["usage type"] = usage type
      alert output["abuseipdb"]["isp"] = isp
alert output["abuseipdb"]["domain"] = domain
      alert output["abuseipdb"]["total reports"] = total reports
  alert output["abuseipdb"]["last reported at"] = last reported at
debug(alert output)
  return(alert output)
def send_event(msg, agent = None):
 if not agent or agent["id"] == "000":
```

```
string = '1:abuseipdb:{0}'.format(json.dumps(msg))
else:
      string = '1:[{0}] ({1}) {2}->abuseipdb:{3}'.format(agent["id"],
agent["name"], agent["ip"] if "ip" in agent else "any", json.dumps(msg))
debug(string)
 sock = socket(AF_UNIX, SOCK_DGRAM)
sock.connect(socket addr)
   sock.send(string.encode())
sock.close()
if name == " main ":
try:
# Read arguments
 bad arguments = False
if len(sys.argv) >= 4:
     msg = '\{0\} \{1\} \{2\} \{3\} \{4\}'.format(now, sys.argv[1], sys.argv[2],
sys.argv[3], sys.argv[4] if len(sys.argv) > 4 else '')
debug enabled = (len(sys.argv) > 4 and sys.argv[4] == 'debug')
else:
 msg = '{0} Wrong arguments'.format(now)
  bad arguments = True
# Logging the call
f = open(log file, 'a')
 f.write(msg +'\n')
f.close()
if bad arguments:
 debug("# Exiting: Bad arguments.")
sys.exit(1)
```

Purpose of the Script

The purpose of the custom-abuseipdb.py script is to enhance Wazuh's detection capabilities by integrating it with AbuseIPDB, a threat intelligence platform. When Wazuh generates an alert involving an IP address (e.g., after a failed login attempt), this script:

Submits the suspicious IP to AbuseIPDB.

Retrieves the abuse confidence score and relevant threat data.

Adds this external intelligence to Wazuh alerts.

Helps identify malicious IPs and improves response decisions.

Supports automation for blocking or alerting based on abuse scores.

This integration strengthens Wazuh's ability to detect, classify, and respond to external threats in real-time.

Set Proper Permissions:

chmod 750 /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py chown root:wazuh /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py

```
(root@kali)-[/var/ossec/integrations]
# chmod 750 /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py
chown root:wazuh /var/ossec/integrations/custom-abuseipdb.py
```

chmod 750: Makes the script executable by owner, readable by group (Wazuh).

chown root:wazuh: Ensures correct ownership to avoid execution issues.

Configure the Integration in Wazuh Manager (ossec.conf)

Edit the Wazuh Manager config:

sudo nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf

Add This Block inside <ossec_config>:

```
<!-- AbuseIPDB Integration -->
```

<integration>

<name>custom-abuseipdb.py</name>

<hook url>https://api.abuseipdb.com/api/v2/check</hook url>

<api_key>YOUR_ABUSEIPDB API KEY</api key>

<rule id>100002,100003</rule_id>

<alert_format>json</alert_format>

</integration>

What this does:

Tells Wazuh to run custom-abuseipdb.py when rules 100002 and 100003 fire.

Sends the alert content in JSON format.

Provides the API key (which your script can read via stdin, env, or argument).

Why:

This step registers the integration, allowing Wazuh to trigger your script automatically just like it does with Slack, VirusTotal, or any third-party integration.

```
GNU nano 8.3
                                                                                         /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf *
  <threads>1</threads>
<max_sessions>64</max_sessions>
  <session_timeout>15m</session_timeout>
 </rule_test>
 <auth>
  <disabled>no</disabled>
  <port>1515</port>
  <use_source_ip>no</use_source_ip>
  <purge>yes</purge>
  <use_password>no</use_password>
  <ciphers>HIGH:!ADH:!EXP:!MD5:!RC4:!3DES:!CAMELLIA:@STRENGTH</ciphers>
  <ssl_verify_host>no</ssl_verify_host>
  <ssl_manager_cert>etc/sslmanager.cert</ssl_manager_cert>
  <ssl_manager_key>etc/sslmanager.key</ssl_manager_key>
  <ssl_auto_negotiate>no</ssl_auto_negotiate>
 <!-- AbuseIPDB Integration -->
 <integration>
  <name>custom-abuseipdb.py</name>
  <hook_url>https://api.abuseipdb.com/api/v2/check</hook_url>
  <api_key
                                                                                              </api_key>
  <rule_id>100002,100003</rule_id>
   <alert_format>json</alert_format>
 </integration>
```

Define Custom Rules for SSH Login Events

We create two rules to catch public IPs attempting SSH login:

Edit the rules file:

cd /var/ossec/etc/rules/ sudo nano local_rules.xml

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]

$ sudo -i

(root@ kali)-[~]

# cd /var/ossec/etc/rules/

(root@ kali)-[/var/ossec/etc/rules]

# sudo nano local_rules.xml

(root@ kali)-[/var/ossec/etc/rules]
```

Paste These Rules:

<group name="local,syslog,sshd,">

<rule id="100002" level="5">

<if sid>5716</if sid>

<match

type="pcre2">\b(?!(10)|192\.168|172\.(2[0-9]|1[6-9]|3[0-1])|(25[6-9]|2[6-9][0-9]|[3-9][0-9][0-9]| 99[1-9]))[0-9]{1,3}\.(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)\.(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)\ .(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)</match>

<description>sshd: Authentication failed from a public IP address \$(srcip).</description>

<group>authentication_failed,authentication_success,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,</group>

</rule>

<rule id="100003" level="5">

<if sid>5715</if sid>

<match

type="pcre2">\b(?!(10)|192\.168|172\.(2[0-9]|1[6-9]|3[0-1])|(25[6-9]|2[6-9][0-9]|[3-9][0-9][0-9]| 99[1-9]))[0-9]{1,3}\.(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)\.(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)\ .(25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)</match>

<description>sshd: Authentication succeeded from a public IP address

\$(srcip).</description>

<group>authentication_failed,authentication_success,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,</group>

</rule>

</group>

What this does:

Creates two custom rules: one for **failed** SSH auth from a public IP (5716), one for **successful** (5715).

Only public IPs are matched using regex (ignores private/internal IPs). Each rule triggers your integration.

Why:

You want to only check **untrusted/external IPs**, not local ones (e.g., 192.168.x.x). These rules are filters.

```
Couls dat-Sidon' level="0">

if_sid>6100./if_sid>

<if_sid>6100./if_sid>

<if_sid>6100./if_sid>

<if_sid>6100./if_sid>

<id>celection system eventID">^2$</field>

<id>celection system or Event 2: A process changed a file creation time by $(win.eventdata.sourceImage)</description>

coptions>no_full_log

/rule
```

Add AbuseIPDB Result Handling Rules

Continue editing the same local_rules.xml file.

<group>authentication_failed,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,</group>

</rule>

```
<rule id="100005" level="14">
    <field name="abuseipdb.source.rule" type="pcre2">^100003$</field>
    <field name="abuseipdb.abuse_confidence_score" type="pcre2"
negate="yes">^0$</field>
```

<description>AbuseIPDB: SSH Authentication succeeded from a public IP address
\$(abuseipdb.source.srcip) with \$(abuseipdb.abuse_confidence_score)% confidence of
abuse.</description>

<group>authentication_failed,pci_dss_10.2.4,pci_dss_10.2.5,</group>



</group>

Configure Agent (Ubuntu) to Feed Logs

a. Switch to Root:

sudo -i

b. Create a Log File for Testing:

touch /var/log/abuseipdb.log

```
amir@Ubuntu:~$ sudo -i
root@Ubuntu:~# cd /var
root@Ubuntu:/var# cd log
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# ls
alternatives.log btmp.1
alternatives.log.1 cloud-init.log
        rives.log.2.gz cloud-init-output.log lastlog
apport.log
                                            README
apport.log.1
                      dmesg
                      dmesg.0
                                             syslog
auth.log
                                             syslog.1
                      dpkg.log
auth.log.1
                      dpkg.log.1
                       faillog
boot.log
                                             ubuntu-advantage-apt-hook.log
                       fontconfig.log
                                             ufw.log
boot.log.1
boot.log.2
                                             ufw.log.1
boot.log.3
                      gpu-manager.log
boot.log.4
boot.log.5
boot.log.6
boot.log.7
                      kern.log
                                             vboxpostinstall.log
bootstrap.log
                      kern.log.1
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# touch /var/log/abuseipdb.log
```

c. Stop Wazuh Agent Temporarily:

systemctl stop wazuh-agent

```
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# sudo systemctl stop wazuh-agent
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf
root@Ubuntu:/var/log#
```

d. Edit Agent Config:

nano /var/ossec/etc/ossec.conf

Add this before </ossec_config>:

<localfile>

log format>syslogformat>

<location>/var/log/abuseipdb.log</location>

</localfile>

e. Restart the Agent:

systemctl start wazuh-agent

Inject Sample Log Events for Testing

Create a file with test SSH events:

nano injector

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87 236 176 50 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 85.62.67.73 port 1066 ssh2

```
GNU nano 7.2 injector

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.50 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 85.62.67.73 port 1066 ssh2
```

Append to the monitored log:

cat injector >> /var/log/abuseipdb.log

Check the file:

tail /var/log/abuseipdb.log

```
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# cat injector >> /var/log/abuseipdb.log
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# cat injector >> /var/log/abuseipdb.log
root@Ubuntu:/var/log# tail /var/log/abuseipdb.log

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 119.96.158.238 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.50 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.50 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 85.62.67.73 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.50 port 1066 ssh2

Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 85.62.67.73 port 1066 ssh2
```

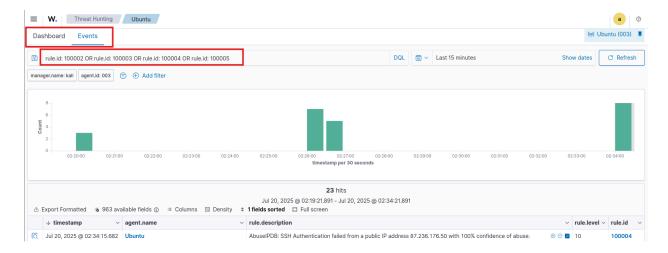
Monitor Results in Wazuh Dashboard

Go to Wazuh Dashboard → Discover, and search for:

- data.integration:custom-abuseipdb
- rule.id:100004 or 100005
- rule.id: 100002 OR rule.id: 100003 OR rule.id: 100004 OR rule.id: 100005

You should see:

- Source IP
- Abuse Score
- Full SSH log
- Rule description





■ W. Discover wazuh-aler	ts-4.x-2025.07.20#ygWKJpgBgzVyJtbGV4zZ	a
Table JSON		
∰ @timestamp	Jul 20, 2025 @ 02:34:15.682	
t _index	wazuh-alerts-4.x-2025.07.20	
t agent.id	003	
t agent.ip	10.0.2.15	
t agent.name	Ubuntu	
① data.abuseipdb.abuse_confidence_scor	re 🛆 100	
① data.abuseipdb.country_code	△ GB	
⊕ data.abuseipdb.domain	△ driftnet.io	
③ data.abuseipdb.found	△ 1	
① data.abuseipdb.isp	△ Driftnet Ltd	
① data.abuseipdb.last_reported_at	△ 2025-07-19T19:26:39+00:00	
① data.abuseipdb.source.alert_id	△ 1752993242.3939492	
① data.abuseipdb.source.description	\triangle sshd: Authentication failed from a public IP address 87.236.176.50.	
⊕ data.abuseipdb.source.full_log	△ Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.50 port 1066 ssh2	
⊕ data.abuseipdb.source.rule	△ 100002	

③ data.abuseipdb.source.rule	∆ 100002				
① data.abuseipdb.source.srcip	△ 87.236.176.58				
① data.abuseipdb.total_reports	<u>△</u> 273				
① data.abuseipdb.usage_type	△ Fixed Line ISP				
t data.integration	custom-abuseipdb				
t decoder.name	json				
t full_log	{'abuseigdb': {"found': 1, "source": {'alert_id": "1752993242.3939492", "rule": "180882", "description": "sshd: Authentication failed from a public IP address 87.236.176.58", "full_log": 'Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Failed none for root from 87.236.176.59 port 1066 ssh2", "srcip": "87.236.176.59"}, "abuse_confidence_score": 100, "country_cc de": "G8", "usage_type": "Fixed Line ISP", "isp": "Driftnet Ltd", "domain": "driftnet.io", "total_reports": 273, "last_reported.at": "2025-07-10710:26:30+00:00"), "integration": "custom-abuseignb"."				
t 1d	1752993255.3944969				
t input.type	log				
t location	abuseipdb				
t manager.name	kali				
t rule.description	AbuseIPDB: SSH Authentication failed from a public IP address 87.236.176.50 with 100% confidence of abuse.				
# rule.firedtimes	2				
t rule.groups	local, syslog, sshd, authentication_failed				
t rule.id	198984				

t agent.ip				
	10.0.2.15			
t agent.name	Ubuntu			
t decoder.name	sshd			
t decoder.parent	sshd			
t full_log	Dec 10 01:02:02 host sshd[1234]: Accepted none for root from 119.96.158.238 port 1066 ssh2			
t id	1752992485.3445521			
t input.type	log			
t location	/var/log/abuseipdb.log			
t manager.name	kali			
t predecoder.hostname	host			
t predecoder.program_name	me sshd			
t predecoder.timestamp	Dec 10 01:02:02			
t rule.description	sshd: Authentication succeeded from a public IP address .			
# rule.firedtimes	5			
t rule.groups	local, syslog, sshd, authentication_failed, authentication_success			
t rule.id	100003			
# rule.level	5			

Summary:

This document describes the implementation and workflow of integrating the AbuseIPDB threat intelligence service with the Wazuh SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) platform to enhance the detection and analysis of potentially malicious SSH login attempts.

The integration was accomplished by developing a custom Python script (custom-abuseipdb.py) placed in the Wazuh integrations directory. This script is executed when a matching rule triggers an alert and is responsible for querying the AbuseIPDB API to check the reputation of the source IP address involved in the event. The script also logs additional threat intelligence data back into Wazuh for enrichment and correlation.

To enable this functionality, the Wazuh manager was configured to:

Monitor a custom log file (/var/log/abuseipdb.log) that contains SSH activity.

Use custom detection rules defined in local_rules.xml to identify patterns such as failed or successful SSH login attempts.

Execute the custom integration based on specific rule IDs.

During testing, simulated SSH login events were written to the monitored log file to verify detection accuracy and script execution. Wazuh successfully processed the log entries, triggered the correct rule, and called the integration script, which queried the AbuseIPDB service and recorded the response.

For regex pattern matching to function correctly, the PCRE2 (Perl-Compatible Regular Expressions) library was required and confirmed to be installed on the Wazuh manager.

This integration demonstrates a complete flow from log ingestion and real-time detection to external threat intelligence enrichment. It enhances Wazuh's capabilities by providing actionable insights and improving security visibility, especially in the context of SSH-based brute-force or unauthorized access attempts.