# **Alexander Ticket**

**Note:** This report has been sanitized for public sharing.

All internal IPs, hostnames, and Splunk URLs have been redacted or replaced with simulated values.

Report was originally prepared for Jira; internal console links are not publicly accessible. Query references shown for context

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*QRadar ID:* 55269
```

\*Description\*

ET WEB\_SERVER ColdFusion componentutils access — Probe for /CFIDE/componentutils/ suggesting ColdFusion component reconnaissance/exploitation attempt.

\*Victim:\*

[internal web server] - redacted-domain.local

```
* Encoded log: *
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\*User Agent:\* ""Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/94.0.4606.81
Safari/537.36" — this string is consistent with a desktop Chrome 94 on Windows 10, but User-Agent headers are trivially spoofable. Treat this UA as **not** proof of a human browser; automated scanners and exploit tools commonly impersonate popular browsers to evade detection."

<sup>&</sup>quot;\\/CFIDE\\/componentutils\\/"

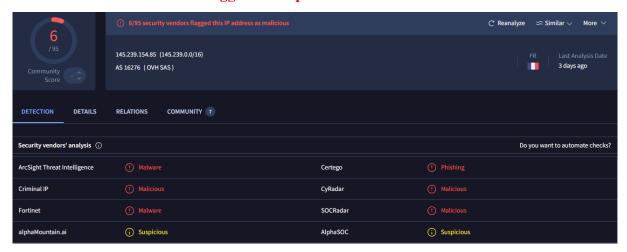
<sup>\*</sup> Decoded log: \*

<sup>&</sup>quot;/CFIDE/componentutils/"

<sup>\*</sup>ATTACKER INFO:\*

<sup>\*</sup>IP:\* 145.239.154.85 on port 49704

- \*ANALYST INVESTIGATION:\*
- \*Virus Total Result:\* [here|https://www.virustotal.com/gui/ip-address/145.239.154.85]
- \*Security Vendors' Analysis from Virus Total: \* 6/95 security vendors flagged this IP address as malicious and 2 flagged as suspicious



\*Talos Intelligence:\*

\*REPUTATION DETAILS:\*

**Email Reputation: \*Neutral\*** 

Web Reputation: \*Questionable\*

\*BLOCK LISTS:\*

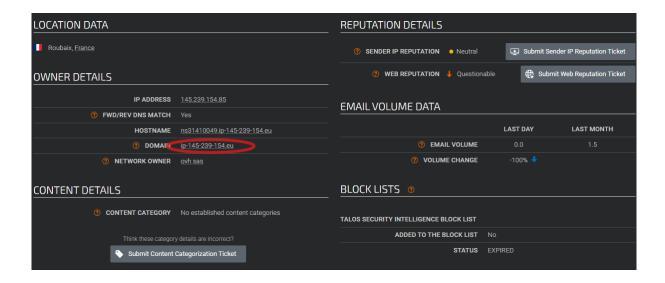
\*Talos Security Intelligence Block List\*

Added to the Block List = No

Status = EXPIRED

\*Talos Result:\*

[here|https://talosintelligence.com/reputation\_center/lookup?search=145.239.154.85]



The source IP \*\*145.239.154.85\*\* was checked in Cisco Talos, which resolved to the domain \*\*ip-145-239-154.eu\*\*.

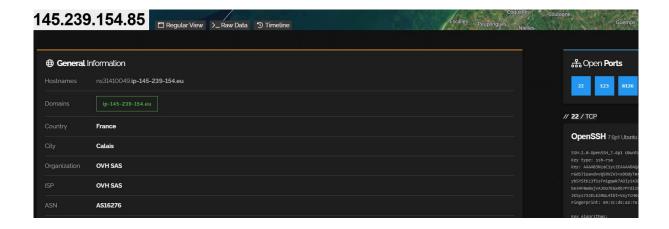
A lookup of this domain in VirusTotal showed \*\*0/94 security vendors flagged it as malicious\*\*, but Trustwave flagged as "suspicious"

# [here|https://www.virustotal.com/gui/domain/ip-145-239-154.eu]



<sup>\*</sup>ShodanResult:\* [here|https://www.shodan.io/host/145.239.154.85]

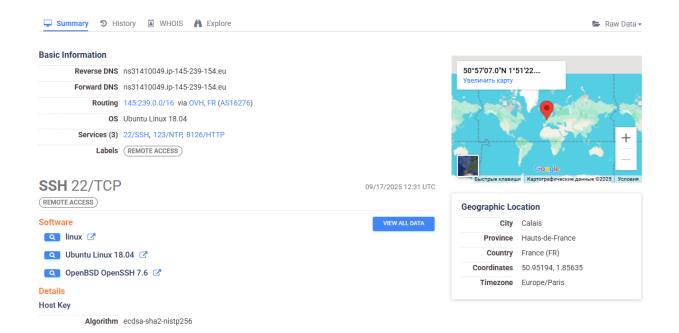
<sup>\*</sup>Open Ports: \* 22, 123, 8126



# \*CensysResult:\* [here|https://search.censys.io/hosts/145.239.154.85]

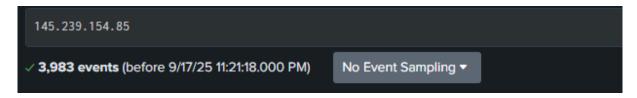
## 145.239.154.85

As of: Sep 17, 2025 12:32pm UTC | Latest



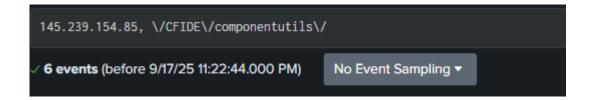
\*Splunk Investigation: \* A total of 3,983 events were identified for IP 145.239.154.85.

To focus the investigation, the key URI \/CFIDE/componentutils\/ was applied, which reduced the dataset to 6 events.



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**Result 1: Splunk search – internal link (not accessible)** 



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**Result 2: Splunk search – internal link (not accessible)** 



HTTP response status for all events: 404 (Not Found) – no successful exploitation observed.

**Result 3: Splunk search – internal link (not accessible)** 

```
index=YOUR_INDEX src_ip=145.239.154.85
| stats count by http.url
| sort - count

✓ O events (before 9/17/25 11:30:25.000 PM)
No Event Sampling ▼
```

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No additional URIs were found for IP 145.239.154.85.

This indicates the attacker focused only on /CFIDE/componentutils/ and did not attempt other paths.

Result 4: Splunk search – internal link (not accessible)

```
index=YOUR_INDEX src_ip=145.239.154.85 http.url="/CFIDE/componentutils/"
| where _time >= relative_time(how(), "-30m")

✓ O events (before 9/17/25 11:31:20.000 PM)

No Event Sampling ▼
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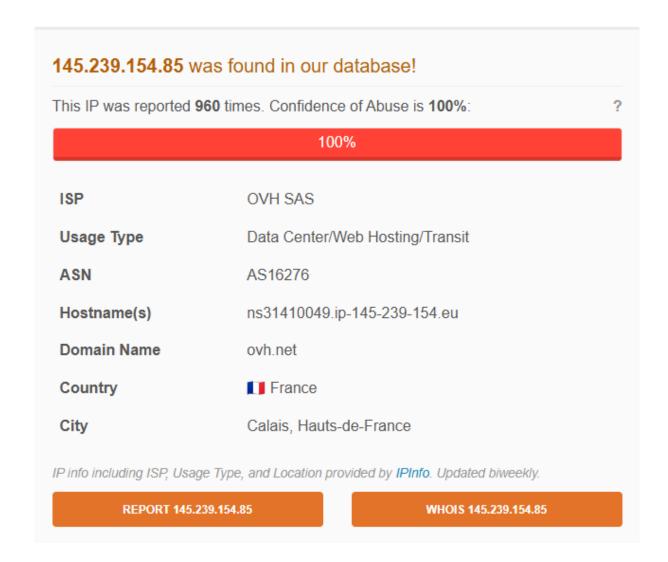
No recent activity in the last 30 minutes, suggesting no ongoing attack.

**Result 5: Splunk search – internal link (not accessible)** 

## \*Raw Data:\*

<168>suricata[8969]: {"timestamp":"2025-08-16T06:42:18.8791290400","flow\_id":826671155015547,"in\_jface":"eth0","event\_type":"alert","src\_ip":"145.239.154.85","src\_port":49704,"d
est\_ip":"38.242.128.144","dest\_port":80,"proto":"TCP","tx\_id":0,"alert":{"action":"allowed","gid":1,"signature\_id":2016
182,"rev":6,"signature":"ET WEB\_SERVER ColdFusion componentutils access","category":"Web Application
Attack","severity":1},"http":{"hostname":" [redacted-hostname]","url":"VCFIDE\/componentutils\/","http\_user\_agent":"Mozilla\/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
AppleWebKit\/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome\/94.0.4606.81
Safari\/537.36","http\_content\_type":"text\/html","http\_method":"GET","protocol":"HTTP\/1.1","status":404,"length":289}
}

\*Additional Findings:\*



This IP address has been reported a total of **960** times from 312 distinct sources. 145.239.154.85 was first reported on July 27th 2024, and the most recent report was **42 minutes ago**.

\*ResultAbuselPDB:\* [here|https://www.abuseipdb.com/check/145.239.154.85]

## **Summary:**

Suricata detected ET WEB\_SERVER ColdFusion componentutils access from source IP **145.239.154.85** against [internal web server] - redacted-domain.local. Splunk shows **3,983** total events from this IP; filtering to the ColdFusion path

/CFIDE/componentutils/ reduced the set to 6 events. All six returned HTTP 404 (Not Found). No other URIs or non-404 responses were observed. Overall, activity is consistent with automated reconnaissance rather than a successful exploit.

#### Attack details:

- **Source:** 145.239.154.85 (src port 49704) → **Destination:** [internal web server] redacted-domain.local
- Targeted path: /CFIDE/componentutils/ (Adobe ColdFusion component probe)
- Events: 6 requests to that path (subset of 3,983 total events from this IP)
- HTTP status: 404 for all observed attempts no successful response recorded
- Suricata signature: ET WEB\_SERVER ColdFusion componentutils access (sid: 2016182 rev:6)

#### Path breakdown / what it means:

- /CFIDE/ ColdFusion administrative/utility components commonly probed by attackers.
- componentutils frequently targeted ColdFusion component; existence may allow remote actions or information disclosure if vulnerable.
- Observed requests appear to be **probes** to detect presence of ColdFusion endpoints; 404 responses indicate the path was not present/accessible.

#### **Method / Indicators:**

- HTTP method: GET passive probing to discover endpoint.
- User-Agent: "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
  AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
  Chrome/94.0.4606.81 Safari/537.36" looks like a common browser
  UA but is trivially spoofable; treat as **not** proof of human browsing.

• **Timing/volume:** large number of events from the source overall (3.98k) but only 6 hits to the specific ColdFusion path — typical scanner behavior.

### **Threat Intelligence enrichment:**

- VirusTotal (IP): 6/95 vendors flagged the IP as malicious; 2 vendors flagged as suspicious.
- VirusTotal (domain ip-145-239-154.eu): 0/94 detections for the domain itself, but Trustwave labeled it suspicious.
- **Talos:** reputation lookup shows *no active block list entry / status: EXPIRED* (no current block).
- **Shodan:** host shows open ports including 22, 123, 8126 (note: presence of open services increases attack surface).
- **AbuseIPDB:** IP reported ~960 times from 312 distinct sources (historical abuse reports).
- Censys / other scanners: present (links saved in ticket for analysts to review full host/service fingerprint).

Note: TI sources are discordant — some vendors flag the IP, domain VT shows 0/94 but Trustwave marks suspicious. Treat as **potentially suspicious** and correlate with telemetry.

#### **Detection context:**

- Signature-triggered Suricata alert for a web application probe.
- Splunk analysis confirms limited, targeted probing of the ColdFusion path and no evidence of successful exploitation.
- No additional suspicious URIs, no rare/unique User-Agents, and no recent activity in the last 30 minutes.

## Impact if successful:

•	Remote Command Execution (RCE) via vulnerable CF components or misconfigured handlers.							
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• Data disclosure, webshell installation, persistence, lateral movement, or pivoting from a compromised web host.

•	Potential	privi	lege esca	ılation	if	executed	commands	s run	with	elevated	rights.
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**Mini Attack Visualization:** 

Suricata detects ET WEB\_SERVER ColdFusion componentutils access (Web Application Attack)] 1 [Analyst investigates Suricata alert — source IP 145.239.154.85] 1 [Connection observed from source port 49704 -> destination [internal web server] - redacteddomain.local1 [HTTP GET requests targeting /CFIDE/componentutils/] 1 [User-Agent present: "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/94.0.4606.81 Safari/537.36" likely spoofable] [Splunk correlation: 3,983 total events from IP → narrowed to 6 events for /CFIDE/componentutils/]  $\downarrow$ [All 6 requests returned HTTP 404 Not Found — no successful response observed]  $\downarrow$ [Threat intel: VirusTotal flags 6/95 vendors for the IP; Trustwave marks related domain as suspicious; AbuseIPDB ~960 reports]

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[Shodan/Censys show open services (e.g., 22, 123, 8126) — increases attack surface]

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[Assessment: automated ColdFusion reconnaissance/scanning; no confirmed exploitation]

#### \*ACTION\*

### 1. Block the Source IP (145.239.154.85)

Block the attacker's IP at the perimeter firewall, IDS/IPS, or WAF to prevent further reconnaissance attempts. Continue to monitor for reappearance from other IPs in the same ASN (ip-145-239-154.eu).

### 2. Restrict Access to /cgi-bin/

Limit or disable public access to /CFIDE/ directories if ColdFusion is not required. If ColdFusion is in use, restrict access to admin/utility components like /CFIDE/componentutils/ to trusted IPs or internal networks only.

#### 3. Harden Against Path Traversal

Verify that ColdFusion is fully patched. Disable unused components and ensure error pages do not leak stack traces or version information. Confirm directory listing is disabled.

#### 4. Enable or Tune WAF Rules

Configure the Web Application Firewall to detect and block:

- Requests to /CFIDE/\* from untrusted sources
- Automated reconnaissance patterns targeting ColdFusion components
- Suspicious or spoofed User-Agent strings that mimic browsers but originate from mass scanners

#### 5. Investigate Suspicious User-Agent (libredtail-http)

Review logs for other requests from IP 145.239.154.85 with the same User-Agent string

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Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) Chrome/94.0.4606.81.
```

Spoofed UA strings are common in scanning tools — correlate with request frequency and target paths.

### 6. Expand Threat Hunting via Threat Intelligence

Monitor for related activity from the domain ip-145-239-154.eu and other malicious IPs flagged in VirusTotal or AbuseIPDB. Add these indicators to watchlists for early detection.

# 7. Correlate in Historical Logs

Search Splunk/QRadar for additional requests to /CFIDE/ or other ColdFusion endpoints in the last 30–60 days. Look for any non-404 responses or POST requests that might indicate exploitation attempts.

## 8. Validate QRadar SIEM Offense

The detection was initially triggered in **QRadar (Severity 9 offense)**. Verify that correlation rules are tuned to generate alerts for similar exploitation attempts.

## 9. Continuous Monitoring

Set up alerting for future attempts targeting /CFIDE/componentutils/. Escalate if you observe successful responses (200/500), file uploads, or command execution attempts.