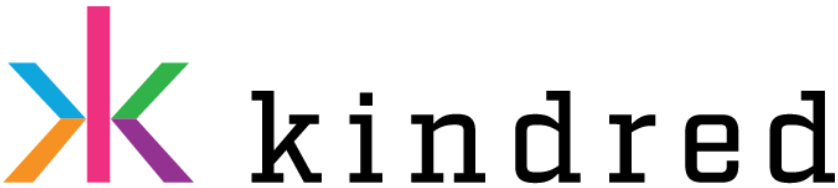

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The Next Wave of Log4J Attacks Will Be Brutal

A week ago, the internet experienced a seismic event. Thanks to a vulnerability in Log4j, a popular open source library, multitudes of servers around the world were suddenly exposed to relatively simple attacks. The first wave of hacking is well underway. But it's what comes next that should worry you.

So far, the vanguard of Log4j hacking has primarily comprised cryptominers, malware that leeches resources off of an affected system to mine cryptocurrency. (These were extremely popular a few years ago, before everyone realized that the real money's in ransomware.) Some nation-state spies have dabbled as well, according to recent reports from Microsoft and others.

What's seemingly missing is the extortion, the ransomware, the disruptive attacks that have defined so much of the past two years or so. This won't be the case for long.

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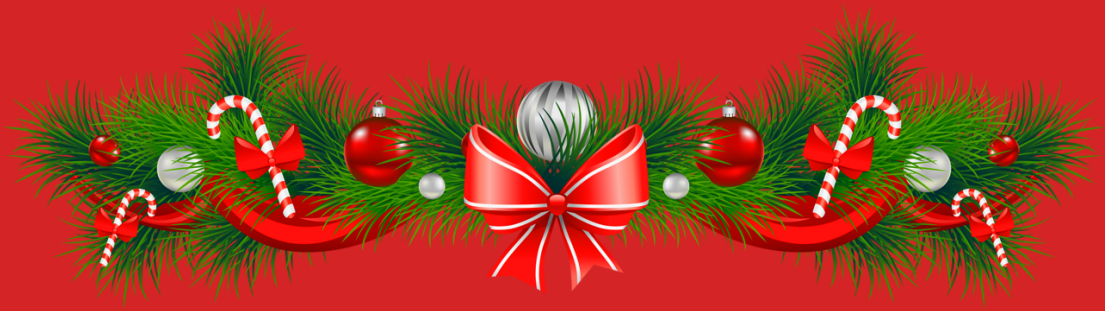

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- Lenovo ThinkPads vulnerable to privilege escalation exploit

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