INITIAL POST

Security management has become a herculean task because of the ever-increasing sophistication of threats and number of cyberattacks. Keeping an eye on the systems they are responsible for protecting, requires security analysts to deal with large amounts of inconsistent log data from a wide variety of sources (e.g., network devices like firewalls, routers/switches and web & database servers etc.).

(Ekelhart et al., 2018)

Why Logging is needed? – Benefits:

There are numerous ways in which log management can help a business:

- It aids in keeping detailed computer security logs for an adequate time frame.
- Reviewing and analyzing logs on a regular basis helps find and fix security breaches, policy infractions, fraud, and other operational issues.
- Auditing and forensic analysis
- There are few compliance requirements which mandates for log management
  - FISMA (Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002)
  - HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996)
  - SOX (Sarbanes-Oxley Act)
  - PCI-DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard).

How to keep Log Data secure? - Challenges

Integrity and availability protection of log data can be done in various ways:

- Limited privilege access to log data
- Archived of files protection through file encryption
- Secure mechanism for log-data in transit – from source to the log servers
- Avoiding logging unwanted sensitive data

(Karen Kent, Murugiah Souppaya, N.D.)

Attackers are actively scanning the networks to exploit log-related vulnerability like Log4j (**CVE-2021-44228 , CVE-2021-45046, and CVE-2021-45105**). Log4Shell, a software vulnerability in ApacheLog4j 2 which is a popular Java Library for logging error messages in applications, was rated as critical vulnerability by Apache because of the extensive use of JAVA across IT platforms /applications

(Berger 2021) (CISA 2021)

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