

APPLICATION SECURITY ANALYZER USING SIEM TOOL

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Abstract :

The "Application Security Analyzer Using SIEM Tool" (ASA) project represents a pivotal advancement in bolstering organizational security measures. ASA serves as a sophisticated tool tailored to scrutinize system events within an organization's infrastructure. Leveraging the capabilities of a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool, ASA enables the centralized monitoring and analysis of system events, providing administrators with invaluable insights into potential security threats and vulnerabilities. Moreover, ASA's integration with cloud technology further enhances its utility by facilitating remote management and control of organizational systems. This cloud connectivity empowers administrators to swiftly deploy patches, updates, and enact system controls from any location, thereby ensuring the continuous protection of critical assets. In essence, the implementation of ASA offers organizations a comprehensive solution to proactively identify and address security risks, ultimately safeguarding their digital infrastructure and ensuring business continuity in an increasingly interconnected world.

INTRODUCTION :

"Application Security Analyzer" (ASA) project: ASA serves as a vital tool for scrutinizing system events within organizational infrastructures, leveraging the centralized recording and analysis capabilities provided by a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool. Through this centralized approach, ASA enables comprehensive event analysis to identify potential security threats and vulnerabilities effectively. Furthermore, ASA's integration with a cloud platform facilitates remote access and management, empowering administrators to deploy patches, updates, and system controls seamlessly to bolster organizational security measures. Overall, the ASA project represents a significant advancement in enhancing cybersecurity protocols and safeguarding organizational assets against evolving threats.

1.1 Problem Definition & Description

Problem Specification:

- Incomplete event analysis, leaving potential security threats undetected and leaving the organization vulnerable to cyber attacks. Additionally, the current process of centralizing and analyzing system events within the organization relies solely on the SIEM tool, leading to inefficiencies and delays in threat detection and response.
- As a result, the organization faces heightened cybersecurity risks and may experience disruptions in business operations due to security breaches or vulnerabilities not addressed in a timely manner.

Problem
description:

- lack of connectivity to a cloud platform exacerbates the problem by limiting administrators' ability to manage the organization's systems remotely. This restriction hampers the timely deployment of essential security measures such as patches, updates, and system controls. As a result, the organization remains vulnerable to cyber attacks and disruptions in business operations due to unaddressed security vulnerabilities and breaches.

1.2 Objectives of the Project

Aim of the project :

Implementing the Application Security Analyzer (ASA) tool to comprehensively analyze system events recorded by the SIEM tool, facilitating centralized event analysis and leveraging cloud connectivity to remotely deploy patches and updates, enhancing organizational cybersecurity measures.

1.3 Scope of the project

The scope of this project encompasses the development, integration, and deployment of the Application Security Analyzer (ASA) tool within the organization's cybersecurity infrastructure. ASA will be designed to meticulously analyze system events recorded by the Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool, facilitating centralized event analysis. Additionally, the project will focus on establishing connectivity between the SIEM tool and a cloud platform, enabling remote management functionalities. This includes the ability to send patches, updates, and system controls to organizational systems from the cloud interface. The scope also encompasses thorough testing, documentation, and training to ensure the effective utilization of ASA and cloud connectivity features by administrators. Overall, the project aims to enhance the organization's cybersecurity posture by providing comprehensive event analysis and remote management capabilities.

Determining goals

- The primary goal of this project is to enhance the organization's cybersecurity infrastructure by implementing the Application Security Analyzer (ASA) tool. This tool will enable comprehensive analysis of system events recorded by the Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool, thereby enhancing threat detection and response capabilities. Additionally, the project aims to establish connectivity between the SIEM tool and a cloud platform, facilitating remote management functionalities such as patch deployment, updates,

2. System Analysis

1. Existing System

Relies on a centralized SIEM tool for analyzing system events within the organization. However, it lacks direct connectivity to a cloud platform for remote management and control of organizational systems.

❑ Systematic Review of Web Application Security Vulnerabilities Detection Methods (2015)

Limitations of Existing System:

- Lack of Remote Management Capabilities
- Dependency on Manual Intervention
- Inefficient Response to Security Threats
- Potential Disruption to Business Operations
- Limited Scalability and Adaptability

2.2

Proposed

System

Advantages of Proposed System

- Enhanced Remote Management Capabilities
- Improved Response Time to Security Threats
- Seamless Integration with Organizational Infrastructure
- Scalability and Adaptability

2.3 Software and Hardware Requirements

Hardware Requirements

System processor - Minimum Pentium IV 2.2GHz

Hard Disk – Minimum required of 512Gb

Ram – Minimum required of 16Gb

Software Requirements

Operating System - windows 10/11, cent OS v7

Vmware

IBM Qradar

2.4

Feasibility Study

Study

- **Technical Feasibility:** High due to existing cybersecurity technologies like SIEM and cloud computing.
- **Financial Feasibility:** Initial investment required for development and integration, but potential cost savings justify it.
- **Operational Feasibility:** High enhances cybersecurity and streamlines system management.
- **Legal and Compliance Feasibility:** Careful consideration needed for data privacy and compliance.
- **Time Feasibility:** Achievable with proper planning and

3. Architectural Design

~~1. Modules Design~~

3.1.1 Data Pre-processing:

Integrate seamlessly with your SIEM tool to collect comprehensive system event logs. Consider factors like:

- If SIEM event logs have inconsistent formats, normalize them to a common structure (e.g., CEF, JSON) for easier parsing and analysis. This may involve mapping custom fields from your SIEM to standardized fields.
- Filter logs based on your security focus (e.g., authentication failures, suspicious file access, unauthorized configuration changes). This reduces data volume and improves analysis speed.

3.1.2 Data Collection and Integration:

- SIEM Event Logs:
Integrate seamlessly with your SIEM tool to collect comprehensive system event logs.
- Event Format Standardization:
If SIEM event logs have inconsistent formats, normalize them to a common structure (e.g., CSV, JSON) for easier parsing and analysis. This may involve mapping custom fields from your SIEM to standardized fields.
- Event Filtering:
Filter logs based on your security focus (e.g., authentication failures, suspicious file access, unauthorized configuration changes). This reduces data volume and improves analysis speed.

3.1.3PuTTY:

- **Functionality:** PuTTY is a versatile terminal emulator primarily used for connecting to remote systems over a network. It supports various protocols including SSH, Telnet, and rlogin, enabling secure and non-secure communication with servers and networking devices.
- **Features:** Apart from basic terminal emulation, PuTTY offers a range of features such as session management, customizable keyboard shortcuts, and support for X11 forwarding. It also includes tools like SCP and SFTP for secure file transfer between systems.
- **Cross-Platform Compatibility:** While originally developed for Windows, PuTTY has been ported to several other operating systems including Unix-like systems such as Linux and macOS. This cross-platform compatibility makes it widely accessible across different environments.
- **Open Source and Freeware:** PuTTY is distributed as open-source software under the MIT license, allowing users to freely use, modify, and distribute it. Its lightweight nature and robust functionality have made it a popular choice among both novice users and experienced system administrators alike.

3.1.4Analyzing:

The generated logs will be analyzed either manually by admin through remotely using tool like “Putty” or it will be automated according to our needs.

- Data Aggregation: IBM QRadar's analyze function aggregates vast amounts of security data from various sources such as network traffic, logs, and endpoints into a centralized platform.
- Correlation: It correlates and contextualizes this data in real-time, identifying patterns, anomalies, and potential security threats across the entire IT environment.
- Risk Prioritization: Analyze assesses the severity and potential impact of security incidents, prioritizing them based on risk levels to ensure efficient resource allocation and timely response.
- Actionable Insights: By providing actionable insights and alerts, IBM QRadar's analyze capability empowers security teams to swiftly investigate and mitigate threats, enhancing overall security posture and resilience.

3.1.5 IBM QRadar:

- SIEM Solution: IBM QRadar is a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platform that centralizes security data from various sources, including network devices, servers, endpoints, and applications, enabling comprehensive threat detection and response.
- Advanced Analytics: It employs advanced analytics and machine learning algorithms to detect and prioritize security incidents, correlating seemingly unrelated events to identify threats in real-time while reducing false positives.
- Threat Intelligence Integration: QRadar integrates with external threat intelligence feeds, enabling organizations to stay updated on emerging threats and enriching security analysis with contextual information to make more informed decisions.
- Compliance and Reporting: It facilitates compliance management by providing pre-built templates and customizable reporting capabilities, helping organizations meet regulatory requirements and demonstrate adherence to security policies.

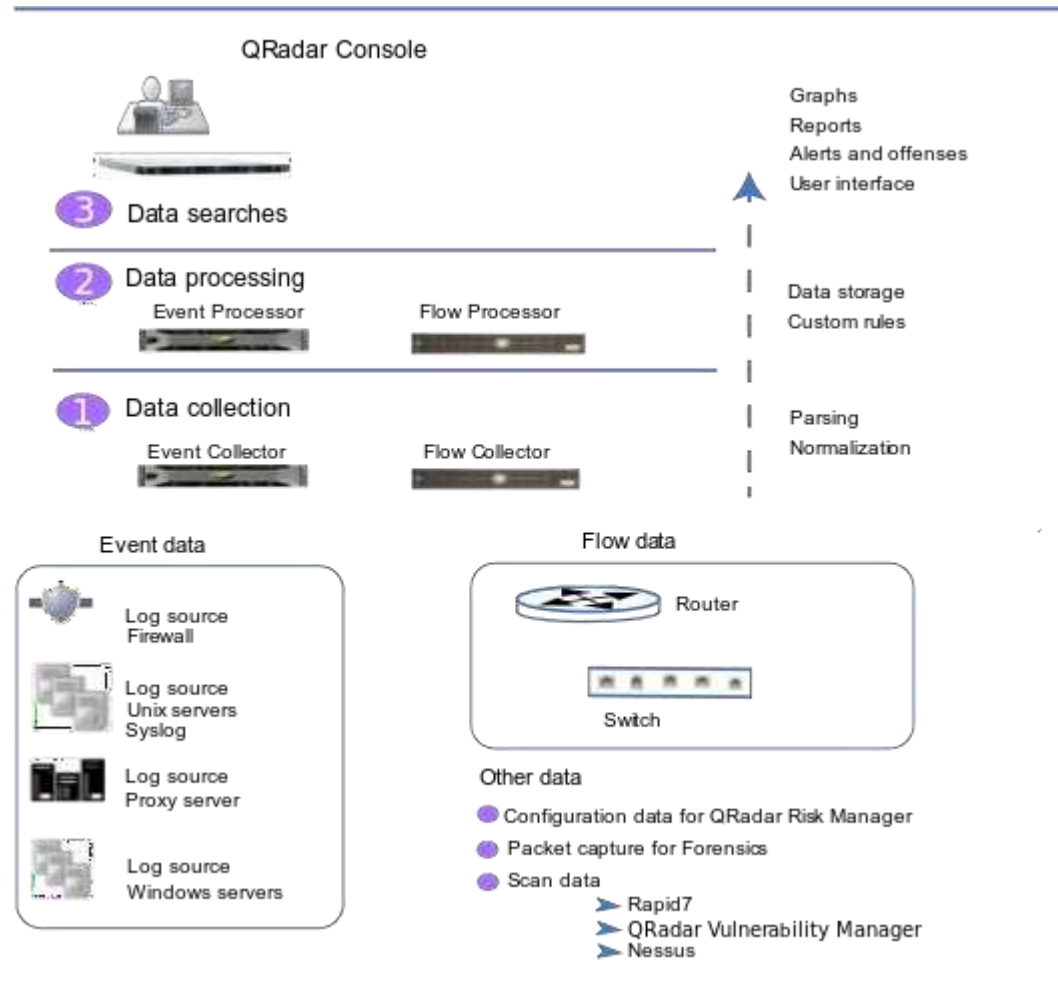
3.1.6WinCollect:

WinCollect is a component of IBM QRadar that specializes in collecting and forwarding Windows event logs for security analysis.

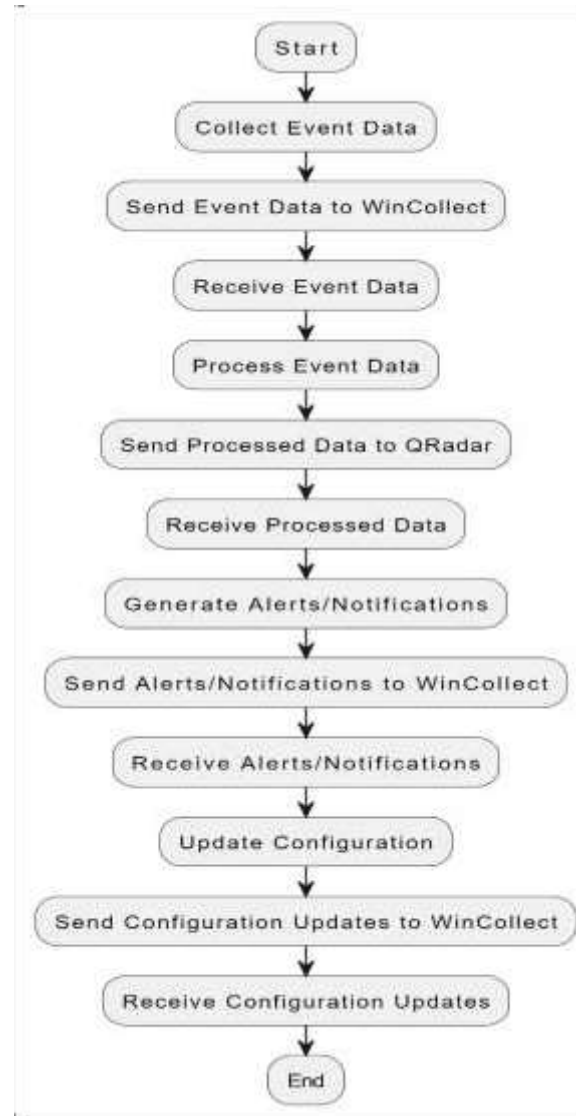
- Windows Event Log Collection: WinCollect gathers event logs generated by Windows-based systems, including workstations, servers, and domain controllers, capturing crucial security events such as logins, file access, and system changes.
- Normalization and Parsing: It normalizes and parses the collected event logs, converting them into a standardized format that QRadar can analyze effectively. This process ensures consistency and accuracy in threat detection and response.
- Real-time Forwarding: WinCollect forwards the normalized event data in real-time to the QRadar SIEM platform, allowing security teams to monitor Windows-based environments for potential security threats promptly.
- Configuration Flexibility: WinCollect offers flexibility in configuration, allowing administrators to tailor log collection settings based on specific organizational requirements, including log source types, event categories, and filtering criteria.

3.2 Project Architecture

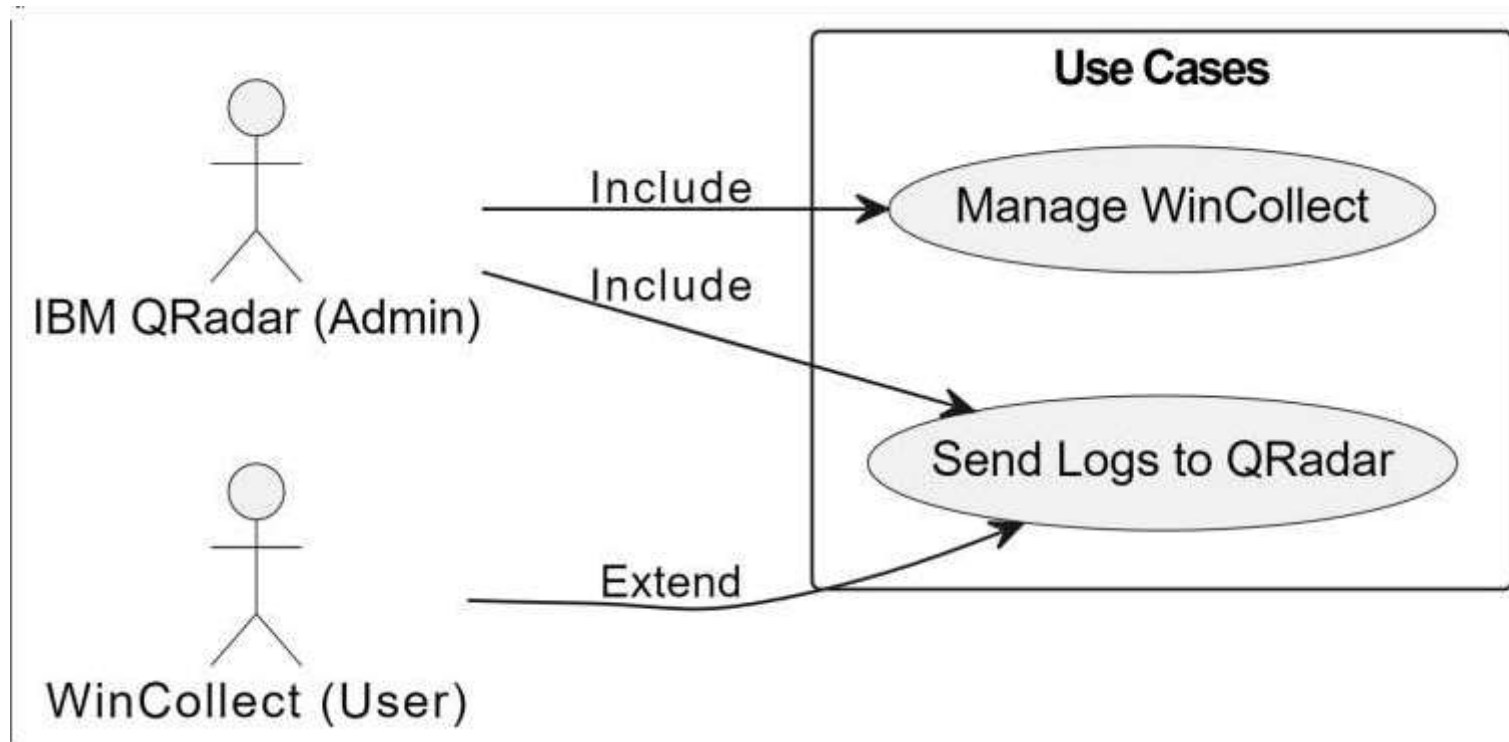
3.2.1 Complete architecture



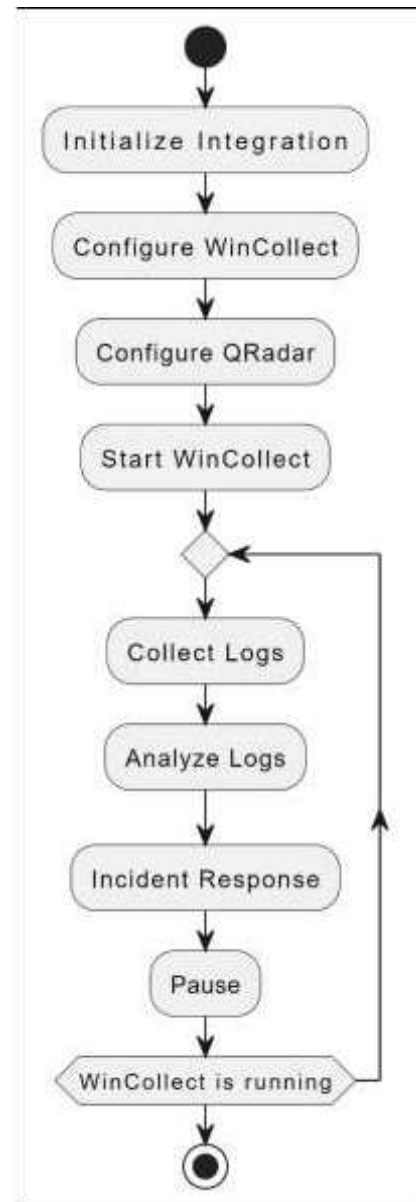
3.2.2 Data Flow /Process Flow Diagrams



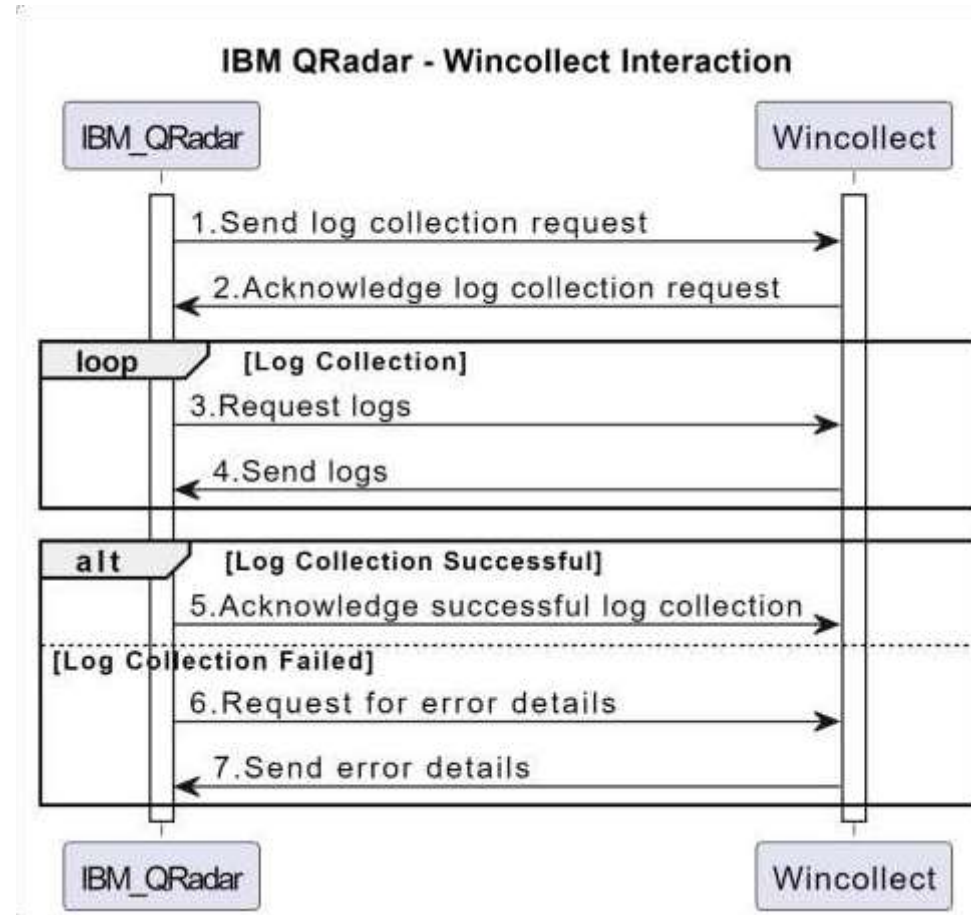
3.2.3 Use Case Diagram



3.2.4Activity Diagram



3.2.5 Sequence Diagram



4.Implementation

4.1Sample Commands:

- ✓ `sudo mount -o loop /opt/ibm/cloud/iso/QRadarCE2019.14.0.20191031163225.GA.iso /media/cdrom`
- ✓ `cd /media/cdrom/post/dsmrpms`
- ✓ `yum -y install <rpm_filename>`
- ✓ `mkdir /media/updates`
- ✓ `mkdir /storetmp`
- ✓ `cd /storetmp`
- ✓ `Mount -t squashfs -o loop <Installer_file_name.sfs> /media/updates`
- ✓ `cd /media/updates`
- ✓ `./installer`

4.2Execution Flow

Data Flow:

Data starts from the SIEM Connector, where system events are collected.

It then moves to the Data Preprocessor for cleaning and preprocessing.

Next, the preprocessed data goes to the Feature Extractor to extract relevant features.

Extracted features are passed to the Feature Selector for selecting important features.

Analysis Phase:

The selected features are sent to the SIEM Tool and Database for further analysis and storage.

The SIEM Tool analyzes historical data stored in the Database to identify patterns and anomalies.

Features and analysis results are then used to build a Feature Model for future analysis.

Security Analysis:

The Feature Model is utilized by the Security Analyzer to analyze current system events.

Based on the analysis, Security Alerts are generated for potential security threats.

Actionable Insights:

Finally, Security Alerts are forwarded to the Security Team for review and action, ensuring timely response to security incidents.

Step by step implementation :

1. Install IBM QRadar:

- Obtain the QRadar installation files from IBM.
- Follow the installation instructions provided by IBM for your specific environment (physical, virtual, cloud).
- Make sure to allocate sufficient resources (CPU, RAM, storage) according to the QRadar system requirements.

2. Initial Configuration:

- Once installed, access the QRadar console using a web browser.
- Complete the initial setup wizard, including network configuration, licensing, and setting up admin credentials.

3. Configure Log Sources:

- Go to the Admin tab in the QRadar console.
- Navigate to the "Log Sources" section and click on "Add".
- Choose the appropriate log source type for WinCollect. Usually, it's "WinCollect" or "Windows Event Log".

4. Configure WinCollect:

- On a Windows machine, download the WinCollect installer from IBM.
- Run the installer and follow the on-screen instructions to install WinCollect.
- During the installation, you will be prompted to provide the IP address or hostname of the QRadar Console and credentials to communicate with QRadar.

5. Configure Event Log Collection:

- After installing WinCollect, launch the WinCollect Configuration tool.
- Enter the QRadar Console IP address or hostname and the appropriate credentials.
- Configure which event logs you want WinCollect to collect from the Windows machines. You can select from various Windows event logs, such as Security, Application, System, etc.

6. Tune Log Source Properties:

- In QRadar, navigate to the Log Sources section and locate the WinCollect log source you added earlier.
- Click on the log source, then click on "Properties" to fine-tune settings such as log source identifier, log source name, and other parameters as needed.

7. Verify Log Collection:

- Once configured, monitor the QRadar console to ensure that log events from WinCollect are being received and parsed correctly.
- Check for any errors or warnings related to log collection in the QRadar Log Activity tab.

7. Test and Troubleshoot:

- Perform tests to ensure that logs are being collected from Windows machines properly.
- Troubleshoot any issues that arise, such as connectivity problems, permissions issues, or configuration errors.

9. Optimize Configuration:

- Fine-tune WinCollect and QRadar configurations based on your organization's logging requirements and best practices.
- Consider filtering unnecessary logs to reduce noise and improve system performance.

9. Regular Maintenance:

- Monitor QRadar regularly for any issues with log collection.
- Keep WinCollect and QRadar up to date with the latest patches and updates provided by IBM.

4.3Testing:

- Test Case 1:
- System: IBM QRadar
- Scenario: Test data ingestion and processing
- Steps:
 - Generate a sample log file containing different types of events (e.g., security alerts, system logs).
 - Configure IBM QRadar to ingest logs from the sample file using a specific log source protocol (e.g., syslog, SNMP,
 - WinCollect).

Test Case 2:

System: IBM QRadar

Scenario: Integration with WinCollect

Steps:

- Configure WinCollect to collect logs from Windows endpoints within the network.
- Verify that WinCollect is sending logs to IBM QRadar.
- Check if WinCollect is configured to send logs securely (e.g., using TLS encryption).
- Validate that WinCollect is configured to handle event log rotation and retention policies.
- Monitor IBM QRadar console to ensure all logs from WinCollect are correctly received and processed.

Expected Result:

- ☐ WinCollect is configured properly to collect logs from Windows endpoints.
- ☐ Logs are securely transmitted to IBM QRadar using TLS encryption.
- ☐ WinCollect adheres to event log rotation and retention policies.
- ☐ All logs from WinCollect are successfully received and processed by IBM QRadar.

Test Case 3:

System: WinCollect

Scenario: Log Collection from Multiple Sources

Steps:

- Configure WinCollect to collect logs from multiple sources, including Windows endpoints, Linux servers, and network devices.
- Verify that WinCollect is configured with appropriate log source protocols for each type of device (e.g., WMI for Windows, syslog for Linux).
- Generate log events from different types of sources to ensure diversity in the test data.
- Monitor WinCollect to ensure that logs from all configured sources are being collected and sent to the central log management system.
- Validate that WinCollect is capable of handling high volumes of log data from multiple sources without dropping or missing any logs.

Expected Result:

- ☐ WinCollect successfully collects logs from all configured sources.
- ☐ Logs are transmitted to the central log management system without loss or delay.
- ☐ WinCollect effectively handles diverse log sources and high volumes of log data.

Test Case 4:

System: IBM QRadar

Scenario: Rule Testing

Steps:

- Create a custom rule in IBM QRadar to detect a specific type of security event (e.g., brute force attack).
- Generate test data that includes instances of the security event targeted by the custom rule.
- Ensure that the custom rule is enabled and properly configured to trigger on the specified event criteria.
- Generate the test data and observe if the custom rule correctly identifies and generates offenses for the security event.
- Verify that the offenses generated by the custom rule contain relevant information and are actionable.

Expected Result:

- ☐ The custom rule successfully detects the specified security event.
- ☐ Offenses are generated in IBM QRadar as per the configured rule.
- ☐ Offenses contain relevant information, such as source IP, destination IP, and event details.

Test Case 5:

System: IBM QRadar

Scenario: Log Source Connectivity

Steps:

- Ensure that the IBM QRadar appliance is powered on and accessible.
- Log in to the IBM QRadar console using valid credentials.
- Navigate to the "Admin" tab and select "Data Sources" from the menu.
- Choose a log source type (e.g., syslog, WinCollect) to add.
- Enter the necessary configuration details such as IP address, port, and protocol for the log source.
- Save the configuration and test the connectivity by clicking on the "Test Connection" button.
- Verify that the connection test is successful, indicating that IBM QRadar can communicate with the specified log source.

Expected Result:

- ☐ The connection test is successful, and IBM QRadar establishes communication with the configured log source without errors.
- ☐ A confirmation message or status indicator in the IBM QRadar console confirms the successful connection.
- ☐ If the test fails, troubleshoot the configuration parameters or network connectivity issues and retest until a successful connection is established.

5.Results

5.1 Resulting Screens

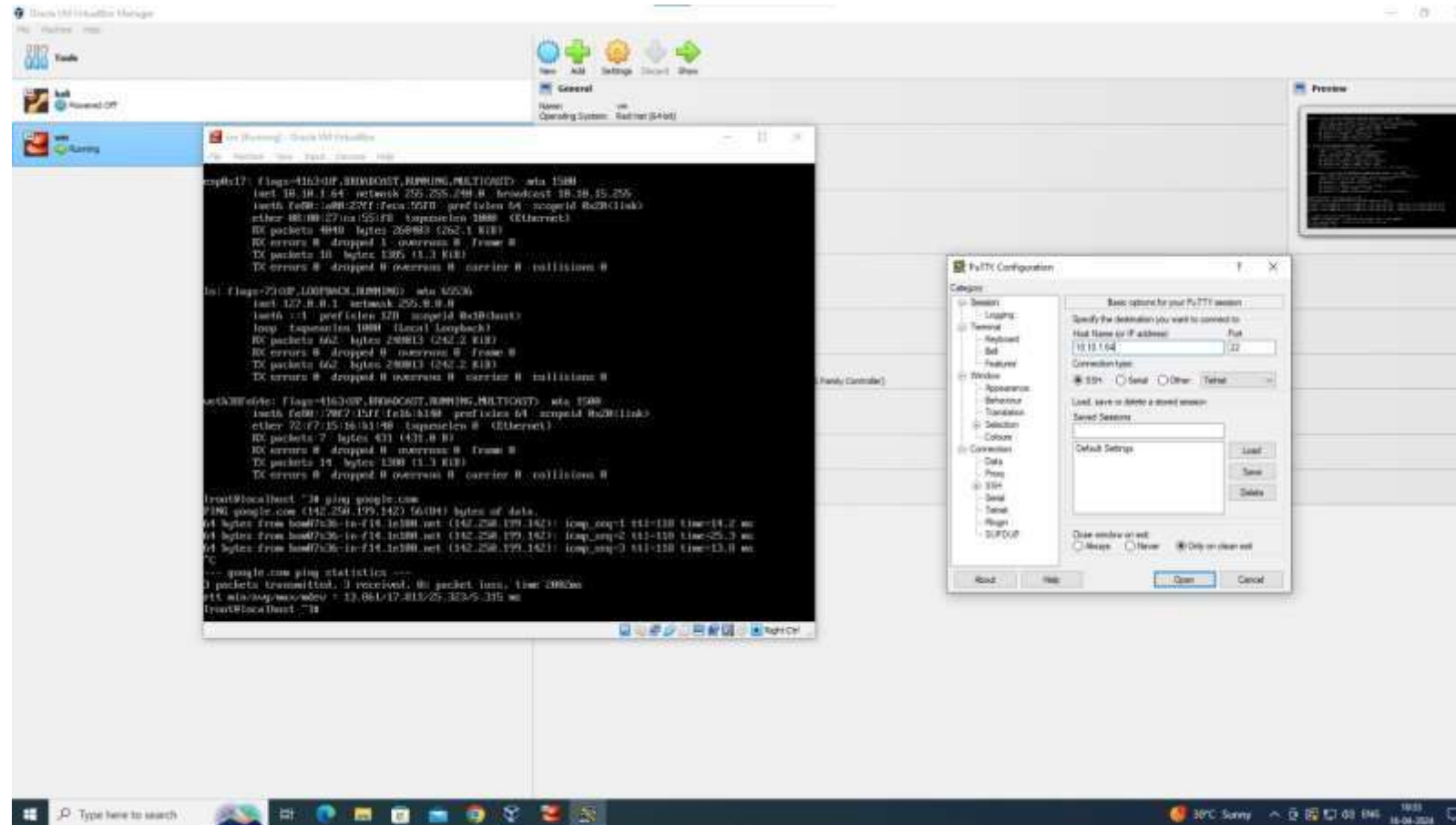


Fig 5.1.1 : Interacting IBM Qradar using Putty (SSH LOGIN)

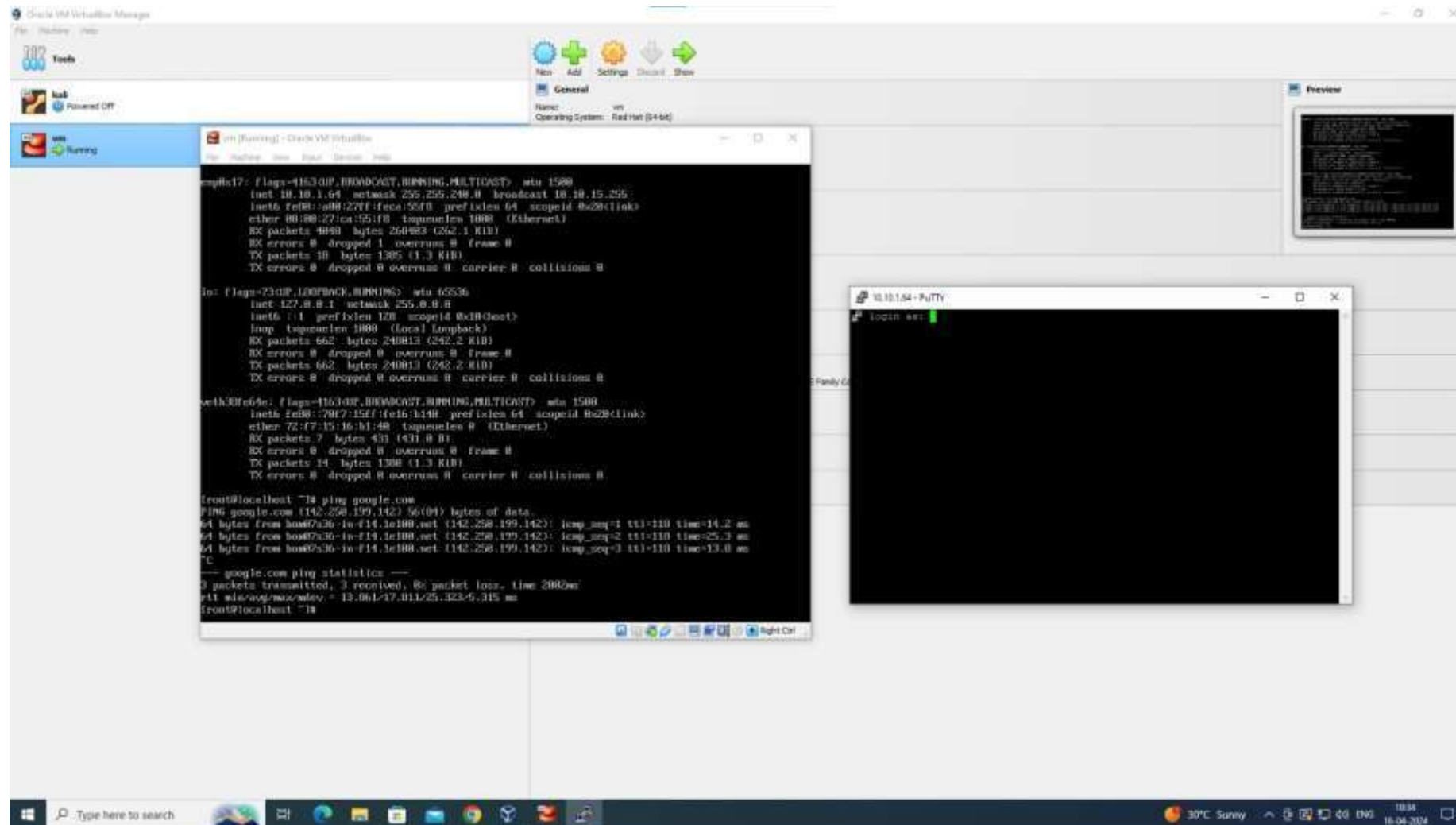


Fig 5.1.2 : Connecting to IBM Qradar using login credentials

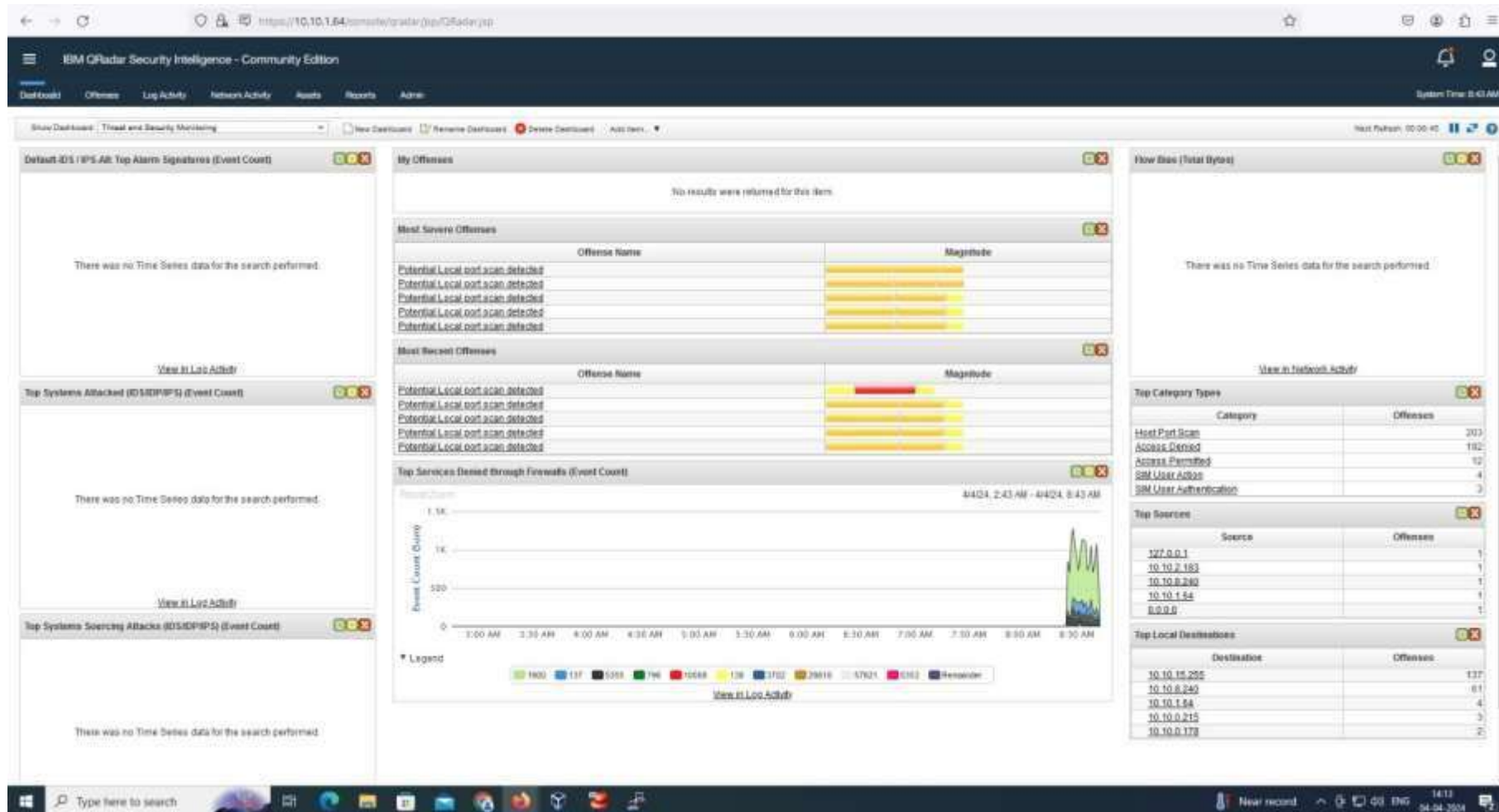


Fig 5.1.3 : IBM Qradar Dashboard

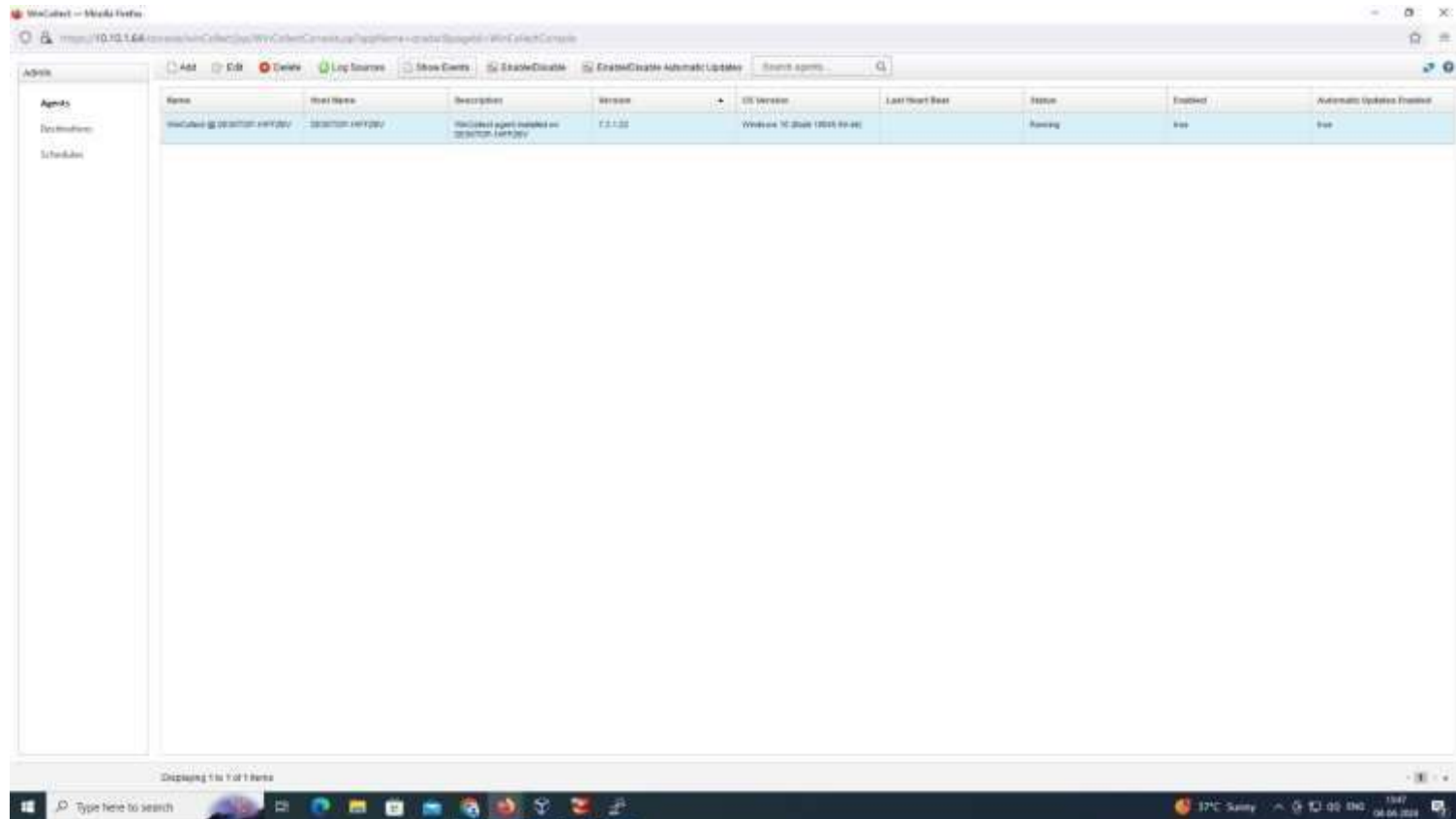


Fig 5.1.4 : Installing WinCollect Agent

IBM QRadar Security Intelligence - Community Edition

Dashboard Overview Log Activity Network Activity Assets Reports Admin

Search: Quick Search Add Filter View Events View Security Alerts Alerts Rules Actions

Quick Filter

Viewing real time events View Select An Option: Display Default (Normalized)

Event Name	Log Source	Event Count	Date	Low Level Category	Source IP	Source Port	Destination IP	Destination Port	Username	Magnitude
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	3	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:30 AM	Access Denied	10.10.7.182	796	10.10.8.248	796	NA	100
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 localhost	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:40 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.182	796	10.10.8.248	796	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	2	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:29 AM	Access Denied	10.10.8.193	60262	239.255.255.250	1900	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	2	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:29 AM	Access Denied	10.10.8.193	60262	239.255.255.250	1900	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Denied	10.10.2.154	57621	10.10.15.255	57621	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Denied	10.10.0.119	138	10.10.15.255	138	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Denied	10.10.10.214	138	10.10.15.255	138	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Denied	10.10.10.214	138	10.10.15.255	138	NA	100
Success Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform has allowed a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Permitted	224.0.0.251	5363	10.10.8.191	5363	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:38 AM	Access Denied	10.10.0.119	138	10.10.15.255	138	NA	100
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Success Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform has allowed a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	217	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:27 AM	Access Permitted	10.10.8.248	5363	10.10.8.248	5363	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:37 AM	Access Denied	10.10.7.149	138	10.10.15.255	138	NA	100
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Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform blocked a packet	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:37 AM	Access Denied	10.10.1.238	43377	239.255.255.250	1900	NA	100
Success Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform has allowed a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	177	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:27 AM	Access Permitted	224.0.0.251	5363	10.10.1.2	5363	NA	100
Failure Audit: The Windows Filtering Platform has blocked a connection	DESKTOP-94F72B	1	Apr 4, 2024, 8:37:37 AM	Access Denied	10.10.1.138	43377	239.255.255.250	1900	NA	100

Receiving an average of 9 results per second.

Windows Taskbar: Type here to search, 37°C Sunny, 1407, 04-04-2024

Fig 5.1.5 : Collecting Logs from Host

IBM QRadar - Offense Manager

https://10.10.1.64/ibmsecurity/qradarapp/QRadar.jsp

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Dashboard Offenses Log Activity Network Activity Assets Reports Admin

System Time: 8:40 AM

Offenses

Display: Rules Group: Select a group...

Rule Name	Group	Rule Category	Rule Type	Enabled	Response	EventFlow Count	Offense Count	Origin	Creation Date	Modification Date
Host Port Scan Detected by Remote Host	Recon	Custom Rule	Common	True	Dispatch New Event	0	0	System	Dec 22, 2023, 12:...	Apr 4, 2024, 4:42...
Potential Local Port Scan Detected	Recon	Custom Rule	Common	True	Dispatch New Event	101,309	348	Blocked	Apr 4, 2024, 7:51	Apr 15, 2024, 9:0...

Rule

Apply Potential Local Port Scan Detected on events or flows which are detected by the Global system and when the local network is all and when the destination network is all

Notes

Potential Local port scan detected

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Fig 5.1.6 : Rule Making (Potential local port scan)

The screenshot displays the IBM QRadar Security Intelligence - Community Edition interface. The main window shows a table of log activity with columns: Event Name, Log Source, Event Count, Time, Low Level Category, Source IP, Source Port, Destination IP, Destination Port, Username, and Magnitude. The table lists several events related to 'Potential Local port scan detected' and 'Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset'. A network configuration window is overlaid on the table, showing details for three network adapters: Ethernet, Ethernet 2, and VMware Network Adapter VMnet1. Each adapter shows its connection-specific DNS suffix, link-local IPv6 address, IPv4 address, subnet mask, and default gateway.

Event Name	Log Source	Event Count	Time	Low Level Category	Source IP	Source Port	Destination IP	Destination Port	Username	Magnitude
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	7829	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	5298	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	7	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	64623	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	5298	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	2901	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	259	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	64623	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	259	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	2901	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	224.0.0.251	5353	10.10.4.72	5353	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	224.0.0.251	5353	10.10.4.72	5353	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.8.240	0	10.10.8.240	0	mrsh	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	224.0.0.251	5353	10.10.5.204	5353	N/A	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.8.240	0	10.10.8.240	0	mrsh	1
Potential Local port scan detected	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	224.0.0.251	5353	10.10.5.204	5353	N/A	1
Success Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	224.0.0.251	5353	10.10.1.32	5353	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	5298	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	7	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	64623	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	3826	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	10082	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	7829	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	3689	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	1956	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	259	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	2901	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.1.32	43780	239.255.255.250	1900	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.1.32	43780	239.255.255.250	1900	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	1956	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	3689	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	10082	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	3826	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	7829	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	7	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	5298	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	64623	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	259	N/A	1
Failure Audit: The Windows Firewall	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Host Port Scan	10.10.7.3	42852	10.10.8.240	2901	N/A	1
Multiple Failed Logins to a Compliance Asset	Custom Rule Engine-8 : localhost	1	Apr 18, 2024, 7:19:59 AM	Compliance Policy Violation	10.10.7.3	42854	10.10.8.240	9500	N/A	1

The network configuration window shows the following details for three adapters:

- Ethernet adapter Ethernet:**
 - Connection-specific DNS Suffix: .
 - Link-local IPv6 Address: fe80::3fb2:6a63:ff79:e78b5a
 - IPv4 Address: 10.10.7.3
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Default Gateway: 10.10.8.1
- Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:**
 - Connection-specific DNS Suffix: .
 - Link-local IPv6 Address: fe80::25eb:8b89:5813:fcbbd30
 - IPv4 Address: 192.168.56.1
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Default Gateway: .
- VMware Network Adapter VMnet1:**
 - Connection-specific DNS Suffix: .
 - Link-local IPv6 Address: fe80::bc79:265f:1226:227a8b
 - IPv4 Address: 192.168.129.1
 - Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0
 - Default Gateway: .

Fig 5.1.7 : Rule Testing (Potential local port scan)

5.2 Resulting Graphs

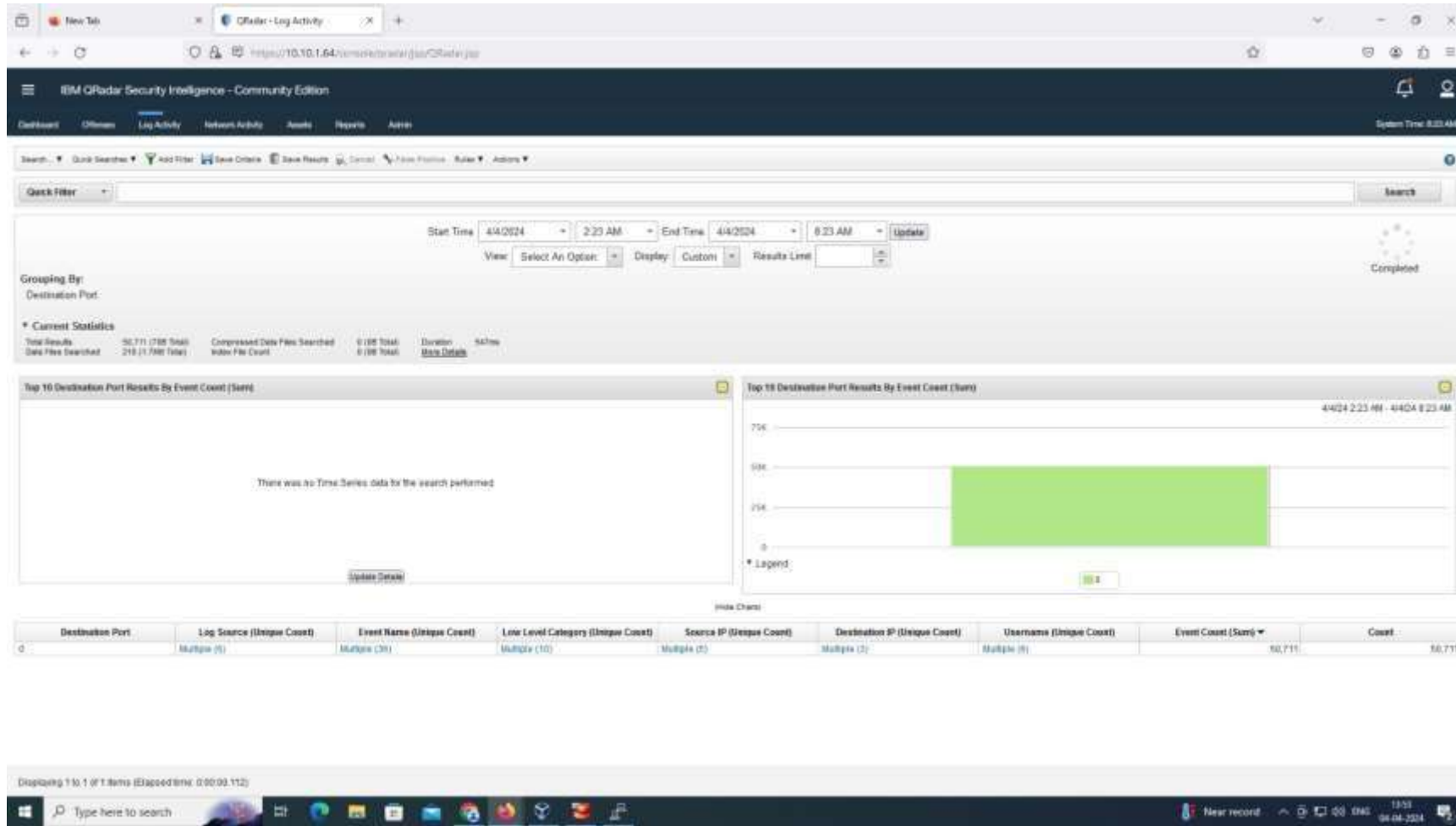


Fig 5.2.1 : Log Activity Bargraph based on events

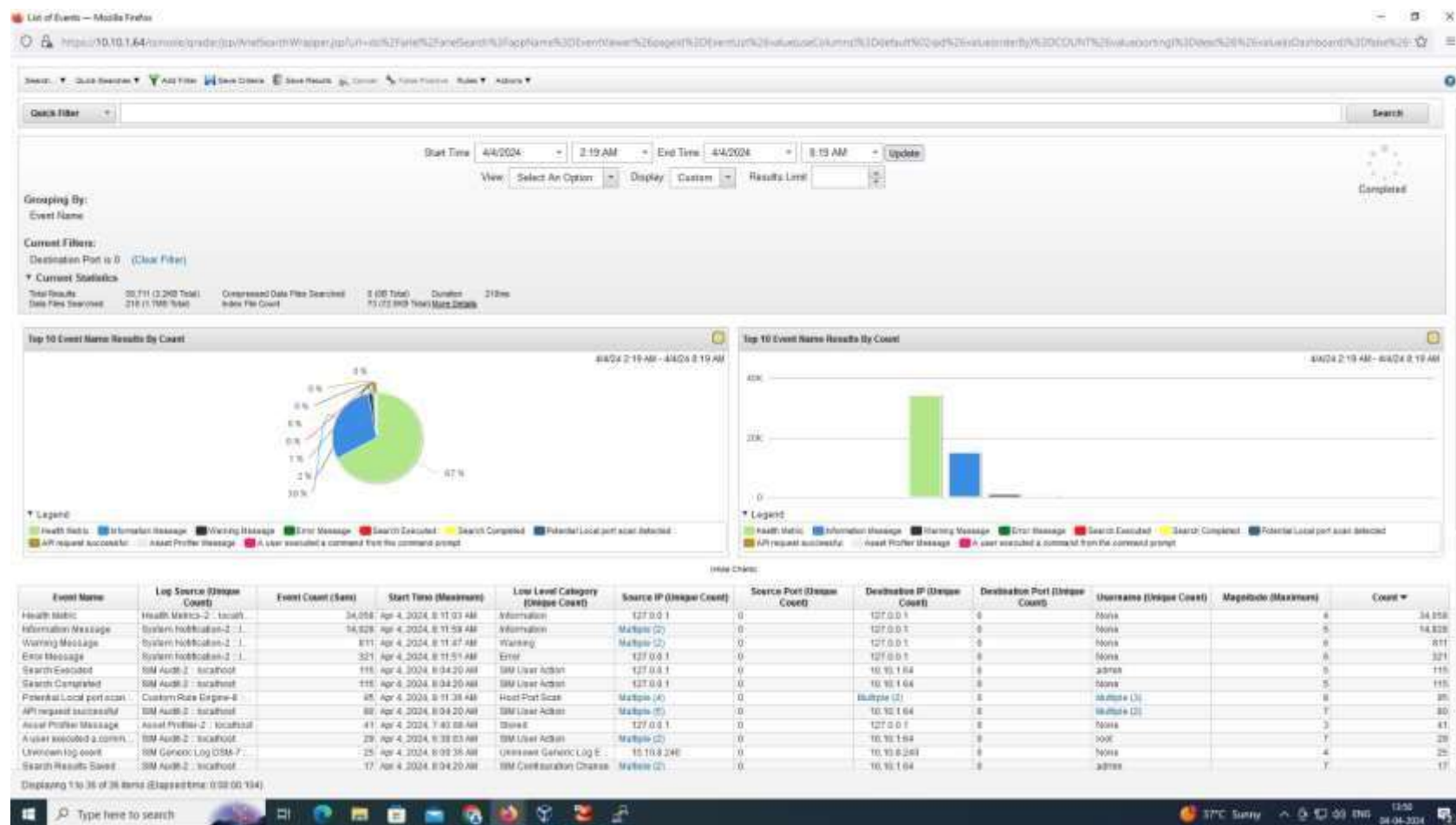


Fig 5.2.2 : Log Activity Piechart based on events

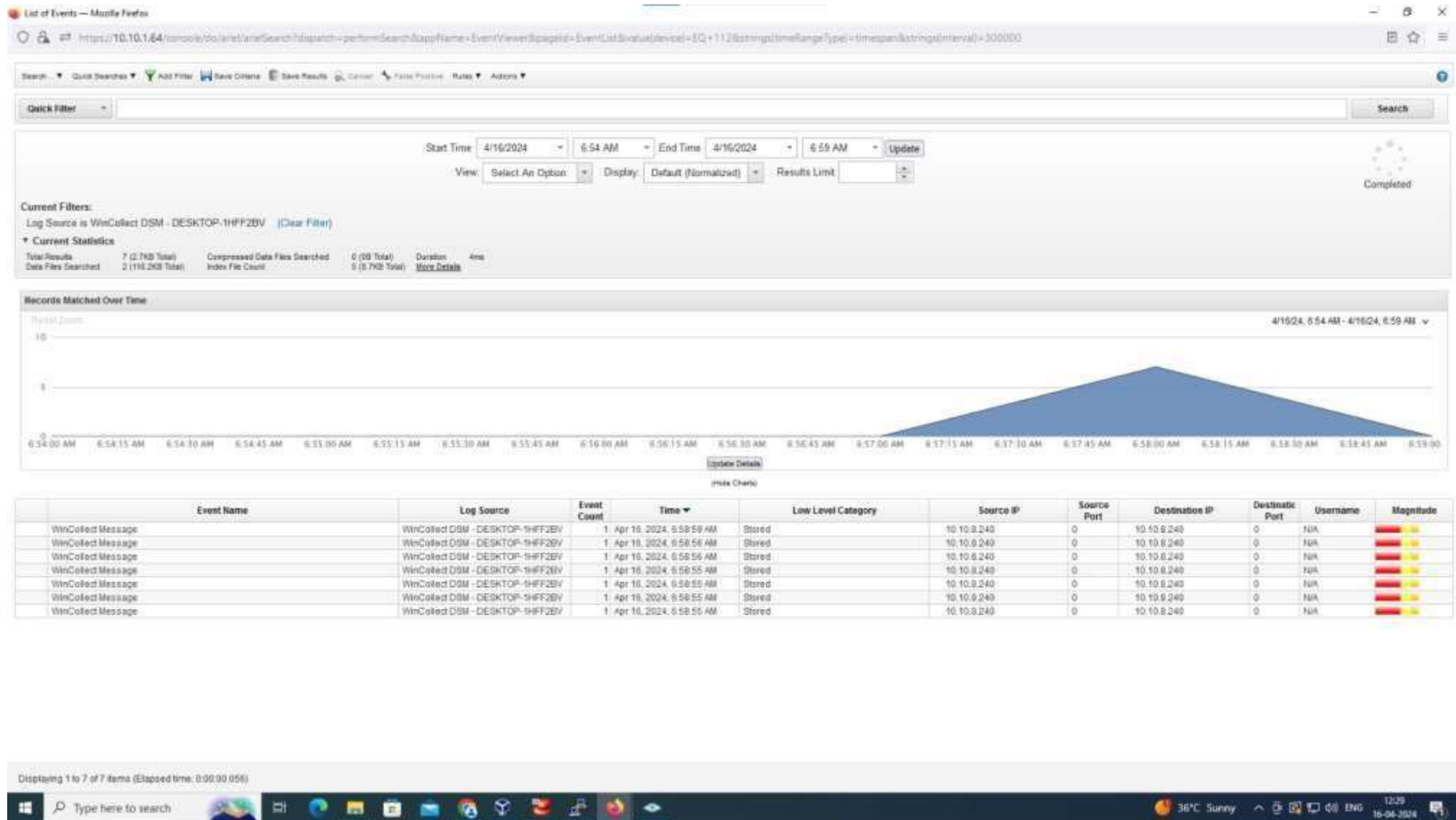


Fig 5.2.3 : Events log of WinCollect Agent

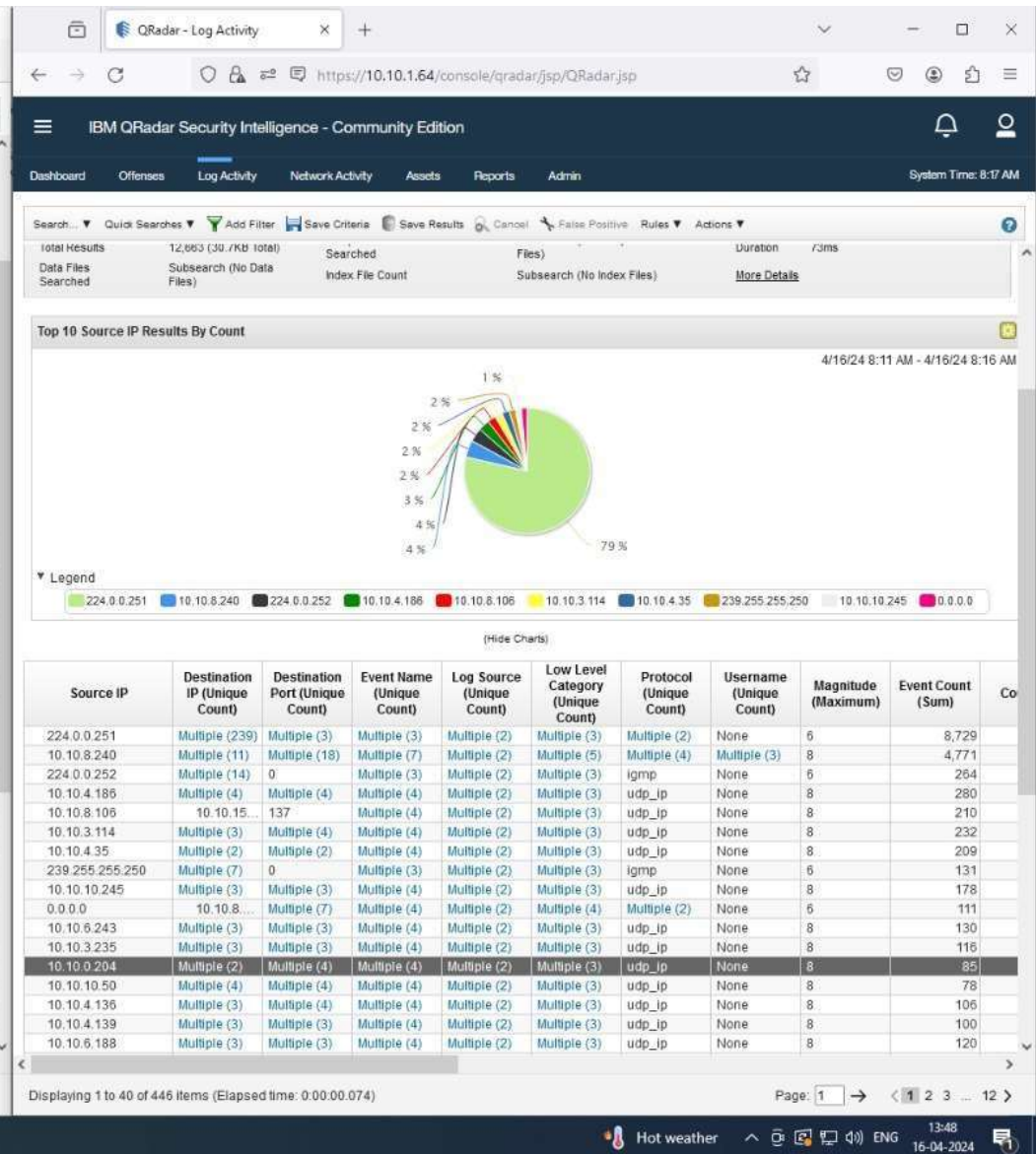
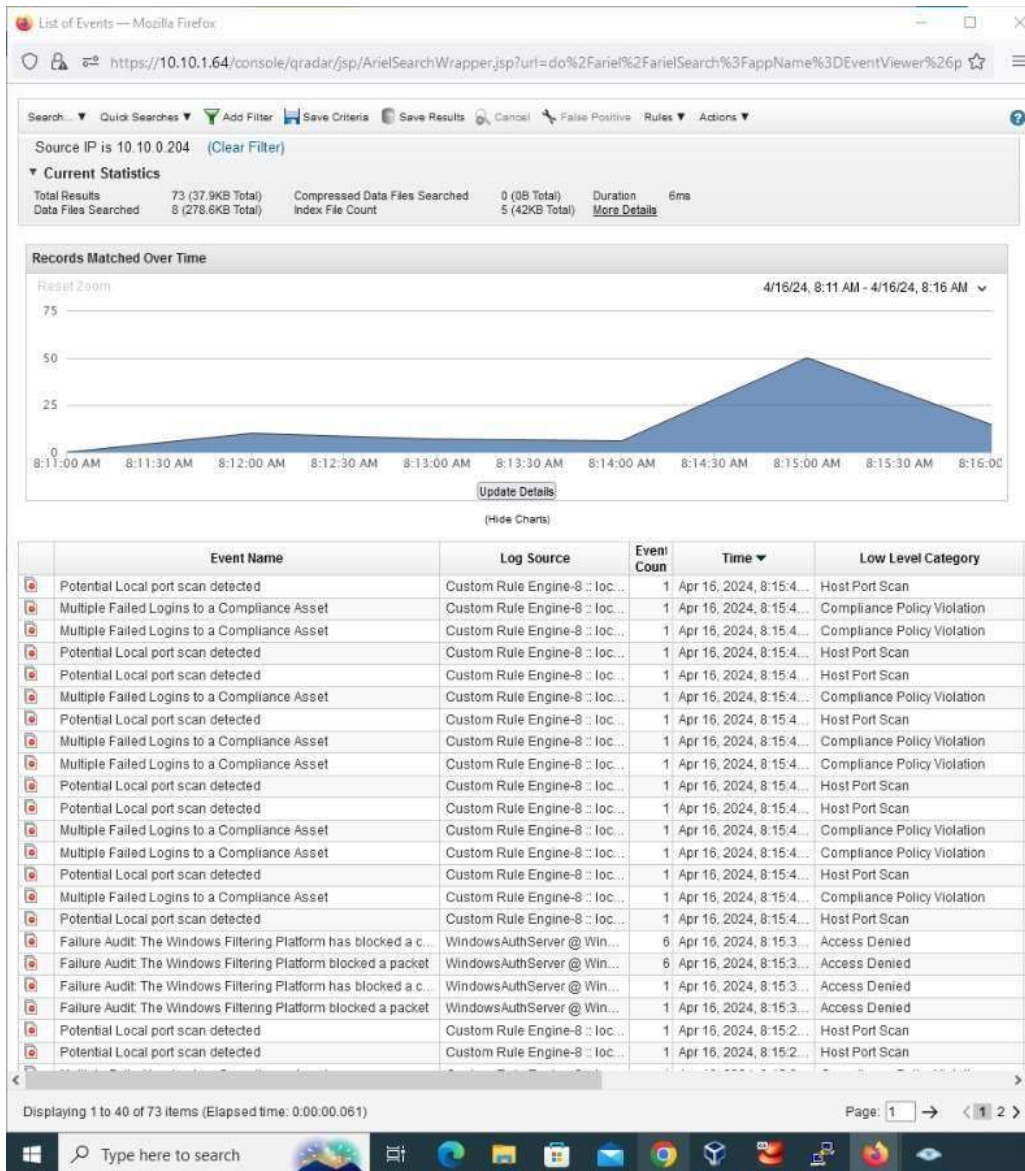


Fig 5.2.4 : Events of a particular IP address (10.10.0.204)

5.3Result Analysis

5.3.1Time Complexity

In the context of IBM QRadar and Wincollect, the time complexity can vary depending on specific operations and configurations.

1.IBM QRadar:

- **Time complexity for event processing:** IBM QRadar processes a large volume of security events in real-time, including log parsing, normalization, correlation, and analysis. The time complexity of these operations depends on factors such as the number of events, rules configured, and the complexity of correlation queries.
- **Time complexity for search and reporting:** Searching and generating reports in QRadar involve querying the stored event data. The time complexity of these operations can vary depending on the size of the data set being queried, the complexity of the search criteria, and the efficiency of indexing.
- **Time complexity for network traffic analysis:** QRadar also performs network traffic analysis to detect anomalies and threats. The time complexity of this analysis depends on factors such as the volume of network traffic, the number of protocols analyzed, and the complexity of the detection algorithms employed.

2. Wincollect:

- **Time complexity for log collection:** Wincollect is an agent-based log collection tool used to gather Windows events logs and other system logs from endpoints. The time complexity of log collection depends on factors such as the number of endpoints being monitored, the volume of logs generated by each endpoint, and the efficiency of the communication between the Wincollect agent and the QRadar console.
- **Time complexity for log parsing and forwarding:** Wincollect parses the collected logs and forwards them to the QRadar console for further processing and analysis. The time complexity of parsing and forwarding operations can vary depending on factors such as the complexity of log parsing rules, the size of log entries, and the network latency between the Wincollect agent and the QRadar console.

5.3Result Analysis

5.3.2Space Complexity

In the context of IBM QRadar and Wincollect, the space complexity can vary depending on specific operations and configurations.

1.IBM QRadar:

- **Storage for Event Data:** QRadar collects and stores a large volume of security event data for analysis and reporting. The space complexity of QRadar primarily depends on the amount of event data stored over time. As the volume of events increases, so does the storage space required to retain this data. QRadar employs various mechanisms such as data compression and storage optimization techniques to manage space efficiently.
- **Database Storage:** QRadar relies on a backend database to store event data, configurations, and other operational information. The space complexity is influenced by the database schema, indexing strategies, and data retention policies configured within QRadar. Optimizing database performance and storage utilization is crucial for managing space efficiently.
- **Disk Space for System Components:** In addition to event data, QRadar requires disk space to store system components such as log files, temporary files, and software binaries. The space complexity of these components depends on the QRadar deployment size, the number of managed devices, and the frequency of system updates. Regular maintenance activities such as log rotation and disk cleanup help manage space usage effectively.

2. Wincollect:

- **Local Storage for Log Buffers:** Wincollect agents buffer logs locally before forwarding them to the QRadar console. The space complexity of Wincollect agents is influenced by the size of log buffers configured on each endpoint. Increasing the buffer size can temporarily increase space requirements on endpoints but can help mitigate network latency and connectivity issues during log collection.
- **Storage for Forwarded Logs:** Wincollect forwards collected logs to the QRadar console for further processing and analysis. The space complexity on the QRadar console side depends on the volume and size of forwarded logs. QRadar's storage requirements increase as more logs are received and stored for analysis. Implementing log rotation and retention policies within QRadar helps manage storage space efficiently.
- **Resource Consumption on Endpoints:** Wincollect consumes system resources such as CPU, memory, and disk space on endpoints where it is installed. The space complexity on endpoints can impact system performance, especially on devices with limited resources. Configuring Wincollect to minimize resource usage while ensuring efficient log collection is essential for optimizing space utilization.

5.3Result Analysis

5.3.3Results Summary

1.IBM QRadar:

- **Comprehensive Security Insights:** QRadar provides a comprehensive summary of security events, threats, and anomalies detected across the IT environment. It offers real-time visibility into network traffic, system logs, and user activities, enabling security teams to quickly identify and respond to potential threats.
- **Advanced Threat Detection:** QRadar leverages advanced analytics, machine learning, and threat intelligence to identify sophisticated threats and attack patterns. It correlates security events from various sources to prioritize high-risk incidents and provides actionable insights to help security analysts investigate and remediate security incidents effectively.
- **Customizable Reporting and Dashboards:** QRadar offers customizable reporting and dashboard capabilities that allow organizations to tailor security insights according to their specific requirements. It provides predefined reports and dashboards for common security use cases, as well as the flexibility to create custom reports and visualizations based on unique business needs.

2. Wincollect:

- **Efficient Log Collection:** Wincollect provides efficient log collection capabilities for Windows endpoints, allowing organizations to centralize and analyze event logs for security monitoring and compliance purposes. It collects a wide range of Windows event logs, including security, system, application, and audit logs, providing visibility into system activities and potential security incidents.
- **Real-time Log Forwarding:** Wincollect forwards collected logs in real-time to the QRadar console for analysis and correlation. This enables organizations to detect and respond to security events promptly, reducing the time to detect and mitigate threats.
- **Agent-Based Flexibility:** Wincollect's agent-based architecture offers flexibility in log collection and forwarding, allowing organizations to deploy agents selectively on endpoints based on their security and compliance requirements. This minimizes network bandwidth usage and ensures efficient log collection without impacting endpoint performance.

6. Conclusions & Future Scope

1. Conclusions

- **Unified Security Ecosystem:** IBM QRadar and Wincollect together form a robust security ecosystem, offering comprehensive log management, real-time threat detection, and centralized security analytics. This integration enables organizations to achieve a holistic approach to security monitoring and incident response.
- **Efficient Log Collection and Analysis:** Wincollect provides efficient log collection from Windows endpoints, while QRadar offers advanced analytics and correlation capabilities. This combination streamlines security operations, enhances visibility into potential threats, and facilitates timely incident response.
- **Scalability and Adaptability:** Both QRadar and Wincollect are designed for scalability and adaptability, supporting deployment in diverse environments and evolving security requirements. This scalability ensures that organizations can effectively manage security operations as their infrastructure grows and changes over time.
- **Continuous Improvement and Support:** IBM consistently enhances QRadar and Wincollect with updates, new features, and integrations, ensuring they remain at the forefront of security technology. This commitment to continuous improvement and ongoing support helps organizations stay resilient against emerging threats and evolving security challenges.

6.2Future Scope

- **Enhanced Threat Intelligence Integration:** Future versions of IBM QRadar and Wincollect may focus on further enhancing integration with external threat intelligence feeds. This integration could provide security teams with more comprehensive and timely information about emerging threats, enabling proactive threat detection and response.
- **Advanced Analytics and AI/ML:** There's potential for IBM to continue investing in advanced analytics and artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) capabilities within QRadar. This could include the development of more sophisticated anomaly detection algorithms, predictive analytics, and automated response mechanisms to better identify and mitigate security threats.
- **Cloud-Native Solutions:** Given the increasing adoption of cloud computing, future iterations of QRadar and Wincollect may prioritize cloud-native architectures and deployment models. This could involve optimizing the platforms for cloud environments, offering seamless integration with cloud security services, and providing enhanced scalability and flexibility for organizations with cloud-centric infrastructures.
- **Improvements in Endpoint Security:** As endpoint security becomes increasingly critical in defending against sophisticated cyber threats, future versions of Wincollect may focus on enhancing endpoint detection and response (EDR) capabilities. This could include deeper integration with endpoint security solutions, improved visibility into endpoint activities, and more effective incident response workflows to better protect organizations from endpoint-based attacks.

Thank You!