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# Cyber Resilient Infrastructure Detect, Protect, and Mitigate Threats Against Brocade SAN FOS with IBM QRadar

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## **About this document**

Enterprise networks are large and rely on numerous connected endpoints to ensure smooth operational efficiency. However, they also present a challenge from a security perspective.

The focus of this Blueprint is to demonstrate an early threat detection against the network fabric that is powered by Brocade that uses IBM® QRadar®. It also protects the same if a cyberattack or an internal threat by rouge user within the organization occurs.

The publication also describes how to configure the syslog that is forwarding on Brocade SAN FOS. Finally, it explains how the forwarded audit events are used for detecting the threat and runs the custom action to mitigate the threat.

# **Executive summary**

The financial effects of cyberattacks continue to rise. Cyberattacks can occur in various ways. They can take the form of malware or ransomware that is targeted at stealing confidential data or holding valuable information for ransom.

Sometimes, these attacks are designed to destroy confidential data to cripple organizations. In many cases, it was observed that the data breaches involve internal threat actors.

A *fabric* refers collectively to the equipment and configuration that implements a network. A *network fabric* describes the network topology in which components pass data to each other through interconnecting switches.

Brocade SAN switches are immensely popular because of the robustness, simplified configuration, and ease of management. To support most the Brocade switch implementations, IBM QRadar integrated the support for the events that were produced by SAN-FOS by using the QRadar device support module (DSM).

Detecting a threat before it starts can help speed recovery even more. IBM Security™ QRadar is a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) and threat management system that monitors activities. It looks for signs that can indicate the start of an attack, such as logins from unusual IP addresses or outside business hours or multiple login failures from a single IP.

# Scope

The focus of this publication is to proactively start a cyber resilience workflow from IBM QRadar to block an IP address when multiple failed logins on Brocade switch are detected.

As part of early threat detection, a sample rule that us used by IBM QRadar is shown. A Python script that also is used as a response to block the user's IP address in the switch is provided.

Customers are encouraged to create control path or data path use cases, customized IBM QRadar rules, and custom response scripts that are best-suited to their environment.

The use cases, QRadar rules, and Python script that are presented here are templates only and cannot be used as-is in an environment.

#### Introduction

Combining the capabilities of Brocade SAN FOS and IBM QRadar enables enterprises to build comprehensive cyber resilience solutions that address the Detect function of the NIST framework and the Respond and Protect function.

The Brocade SAN FOS can log all administrative activities in the access logs. To identify and detect potential malicious access and for compliance auditing purpose, such access logs must be integrated with the SIEM solution.

By combining Brocade SAN FOS administration access logs, application logs, network or server logs, flow and packet data IBM QRadar can provide complete protection for the enterprise data.

# **Brocade SAN Fabric Operating System**

All Brocade switch products are based on a foundation of innovative, industry-leading core technologies that are built into the Brocade Fabric Operating System (FOS). This operating system manages all hardware resources, and processes is optimized to improve performance, efficiency, and availability of each switch and the fabric that is formed by the interconnected switches.

Brocade FOS enables the ability to proactively monitor millions of physical-layer, protocol-layer, and application-layer data points in real time. In combination with Brocade SANnav, it also translates the information that is gathered into actionable insights about the performance and health of the storage area network (SAN).

In addition, Brocade FOS supports various authentication, encryption, and management tools to protect fabrics and data from unauthorized access.

By partnering with IBM QRadar and their SIEM solutions, Brocade SANs can be further integrated into a user's secure infrastructure strategy.

#### **IBM QRadar**

IBM® QRadar® is a leading Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution that can monitor, inspect, detect, and derive insights for identifying potential threats to the data that is stored on IBM Spectrum® Scale-managed systems. It is one of the most popular SIEM solutions on the market today. It provides powerful cyber resilience and threat detection features, such as centralized visibility, flexible deployment, automated intelligence, machine learning, and proactive threat hunting.

The data management and storage features of IBM Spectrum Scale, combined with the log analysis, deep inspection, and detection of threats that are provided by IBM QRadar, offer an excellent platform for hosting unstructured business data, reducing the effect of cyberthreats, and increasing cyber resilience.

IBM QRadar can detect malicious patterns by using several data sources and analysis tools and techniques. These tools include access logs, heuristics, and correlation with logs from other systems, such as network logs or server logs, network flow and packet data, and even unknown threat vector detection by using IBM Watson® for Security resources. Its open architecture enables third-party interoperability so that many solutions can be integrated, which makes it even more scalable and robust.

# **Prerequisites**

The following prerequisites must be met for the solution:

- A user with Administrator privileges is created on the Brocade switch or centralized authentication, such as LDAP or Active Directory. This user is used by IBM QRadar® system to securely log on to storage system by using SSH to perform various actions. We suggest creating gradaradmin user for this task.
- Password-less authentication is set up between IBM QRadar and Brocade switch, which is
  the public key from a user on IBM QRadar that is added to the qradaradmin user that is
  defined on Brocade SAN FOS. Figure 3 on page 5 shows the sshutil command, which is
  used to perform this action at the switch.
- To authenticate the qradaradmin user by using the public key that is shared with Brocade SAN FOS, the private key of the same user from IBM QRadar is added to /opt/qradar/bin/ca\_jail/home/customactionuser/.ssh folder.
- The firewall rules between IBM QRadar and Brocade SAN FOS are adjusted to allow traffic on 514/tcp or 514/udp.

**Note:** IBM QRadar accepts incoming events on both TCP/UDP protocols on port 514. The choice of the protocol that is used for communication depends on the organization's guidelines.

#### Solution overview

Organizations can face threats in multiple ways: compromised user credentials by using sphere fishing attack, a rouge user within the organization, or cyberattacks, such as brute force attempts or ransomware. Any of these threats poses grave risks to the infrastructure that is used within an organization.

Fabric or network components are the backbone of any infrastructure. Although it is not common for normal users to access the switch hardware, nothing stops a curious or threat actor from unknowingly or knowingly starting a brute force attack.

Figure 1 shows a typical infrastructure within the organization, wherein the application hosts and storage are connected by using fabric interconnects.

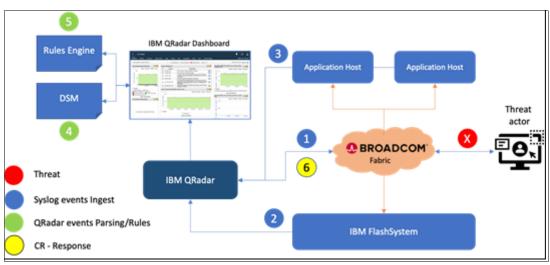


Figure 1 Solution overview

As part of the solution to perform an early threat detection, the switch appliance is configured to forward the audit logs by using syslog configuration. Also, the audit or system logs are forwarded from IBM FlashSystem® and other hosts within the infrastructure.

Armed with the audit information from all devices, IBM QRadar now has a complete view of device topologies. Any threat that originates from any of the devices can now be detected in real time.

When a curious user or a threat actor makes multiple failed login attempts to the switch appliance, IBM QRadar receives the failed login attempt as event. IBM QRadar's device support module supports Brocade SAN FOS immediately. The data from the received events is automatically parsed, stored in the local database, and presented in the QRadar dashboard in a tabular format under various headings.

Because the information is now locally available, IBM QRadar's rules wizard is used create various rules to match the threat and start a predefined response. In our example, because the received events were from failed login attempts, the IP address that is associated with the events was blocked so no further connections can be made.

To block the IP address, a Python script is used to log on to the switch and create a switch policy with a "deny" rule specification for the program that was used in login attempt.

In the following sections, we discuss various use cases in which these responses can be repeated.

#### Control path use cases

Some of the threats that otherwise go unnoticed are described in this section. Although the following list is not exhaustive, but these threats can be used as a starting point by the security or compliance officer. Attacks on switch infrastructure are uncommon, but cannot be entirely ruled out:

- · Multiple failed login attempts by a user or administrator.
- Administrator logins outside business hours or a maintenance window.
- Same administrative user log in detected from different locations or IP address at the same time.
- A less privileged user attempts to elevate privileges by using administrator commands post login in the switch.

# Lab setup

This section describes the steps that are involved in creating the lab setup.

Although most switches allow changes by using the CLI or REST API interfaces we used CLI commands in our lab setup. Therefore, access was enabled to port 22 to switch and a user with administrator privileges also was defined.

Complete the following steps:

1. Define a new administrator user on the switch. (In our example, we added the qradaradmin user.) You are prompted for the password during this creation process (see Figure 2).

```
ssh admin@129.40.101.137

IBM_2498_F48_110:admin> userconfig --add qradaradmin -r admin
```

Figure 2 Defining gradaradmin user in switch local database

2. Import the public key from the IBM QRadar host.

In this step, it is assumed that a public/private SSH key pair was generated on the IBM QRadar host (see Figure 3).

```
IBM_2498_F48_110:admin> sshutil importpubkey
Enter user name for whom key is imported: qradaradmin
Enter IP address: 129.40.101.137
Enter remote directory:/root/.ssh
Enter public key name(must have .pub suffix):id_rsa.pub
```

Figure 3 Importing QRadar root user's public key to gradaradmin

3. Create the syslog configuration to forward the audit log events to IBM QRadar host (see Figure 4).

```
IBM_2498_F48_110:admin> syslogadmin -set -ip 129.40.103.20 -port 514 -facility syslog.1

IBM_2498_F48_110:admin> syslogadmin --show -ip syslog.1 129.40.103.20
```

Figure 4 Create syslog facility on the switch

Post-configuration of syslog facility on the switch, QRadar starts receiving events. QRadar's DSM support for SAN FOS appliances normalizes the event data on which the QRadar administrator defines rules to identify threat and starts a response. The following section shows these configuration changes on QRadar.

#### **Configuring QRadar host**

Complete the following steps:

 Copy the private key of the IBM QRadar user to the /opt/qradar/bin/ca\_jail/home/customactionuser/.ssh folder. Figure 5 shows the location and permissions on the id\_rsa file.

Figure 5 The .ssh folder path for customactionuser

The private key must be copied because IBM QRadar creates a false root (chroot environment) to provide a pristine, yet isolated environment for user-provided scripts.

Log in to QRadar as the admin user and click the Admin tab. Then, click Define Actions
under the Custom Actions section. Finally, click Add to define the custom action (see
Figure 6).



Figure 6 Defining the custom action

3. Under the scripts parameter section, define parameters under Fixed Property and Network Event Property (see Figure 7).

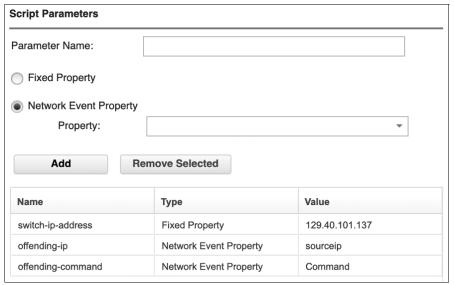


Figure 7 Script Parameters window

When defining the Network Event Property, the drop-down list provides different properties from which the administrator can choose. In our example, we restrict the selection choice only to sourceip and Command properties. Save all of the defined properties and acknowledge the dialog box to deploy the change.

4. Click the **Admin** tab again and then, click **Deploy Changes** to deploy the script in the QRadar environment (see Figure 8).

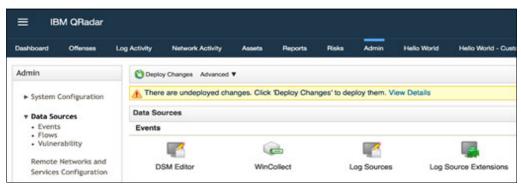


Figure 8 Deploying changes from Admin tab

5. Click the **Log Activity** tab and then, click **Add filter** and enter the switch IP address as the value for the Source or Destination IP property (see Figure 9).

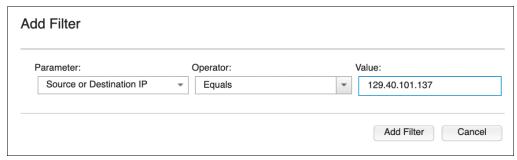


Figure 9 Adding filter to events only from switch IP address

Figure 10 shows the filtered events.



Figure 10 Filtered events

Click Rules and choose the Rules menu option to open the Rules window. Click Actions and choose the New Event Rule menu option (see Figure 11).

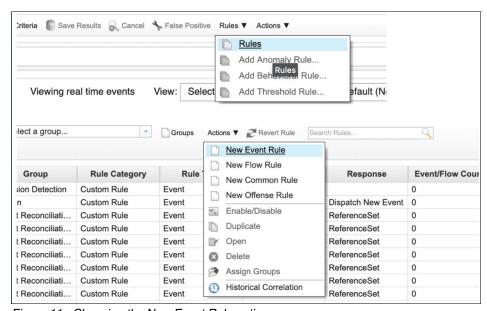


Figure 11 Choosing the New Event Rule option

7. In the rules wizard window, click the **Events** radio button to define an event rule and then, click **Next** to start the Rules Wizard Stack Editor.

8. The Rules Test Stack Editor window shows various rules, which includes the option to define conditions. Use the (+) sign in the green circle to add the rule. Any condition object, such as these log sources, is shown as a hyperlink (see Figure 12).

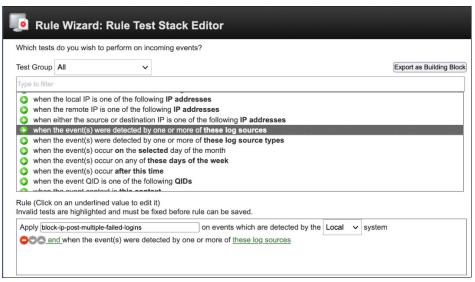


Figure 12 Rule Test Stack Editor window

When the value or condition is selected or applied, the condition object is changed to reflect the value (see Figure 13).



Figure 13 Rule completed with condition object or value

When choosing the value for QID object, make sure to select the QID number that matches the QID value that is shown on the event (see Figure 14).

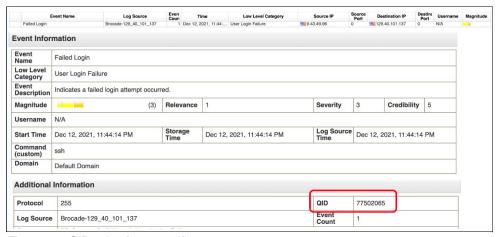


Figure 14 QID value for a specific event

Figure 15 shows a fully defined rule in the Rules Stack Editor window.

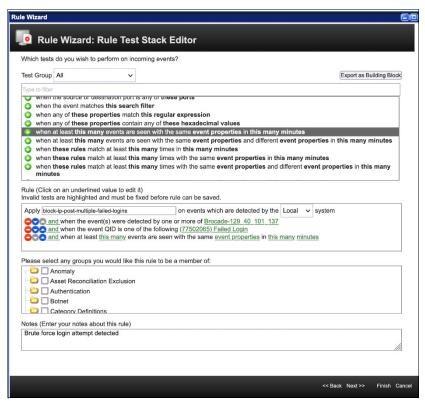


Figure 15 Fully defined rule with notes

 Click Next to define the Rule Action attributes, such as Severity, Credibility, Relevance, and Offense, that are based on event-violating attributes. Use the same window to define the Rule Response. In our example, we select the block-ip Custom Action (see Figure 16). This custom action was added earlier.

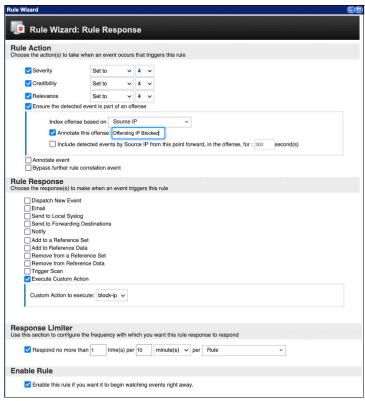


Figure 16 Defining rule attributes

10. Click **Next**. The last window that is shown here is the Rule Summary window, which displays the rule (see Figure 17).

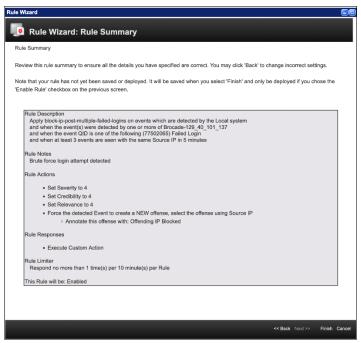


Figure 17 Rule Summary window

#### **Understanding log source**

This section describes how to work with the log source, which is automatically defined for audit events that are received from Brocade SAN FOS.

When log forwarding is enabled on Brocade SAN FOS by using the **syslogadmin** command, IBM QRadar starts receiving the events. The received events are listed in IBM QRadar's Log Activity window (see Figure 18).



Figure 18 IBM QRadar Log Activity window

To see the log source definition, click the **Admin** tab, and then, select the **Log Source** option. A list is displayed that includes user-defined and automatic log sources that are available on the system. Select the row that matches the log source name and click **View**. The automatically defined log source for Brocade SAN FOS is shown (see Figure 19).

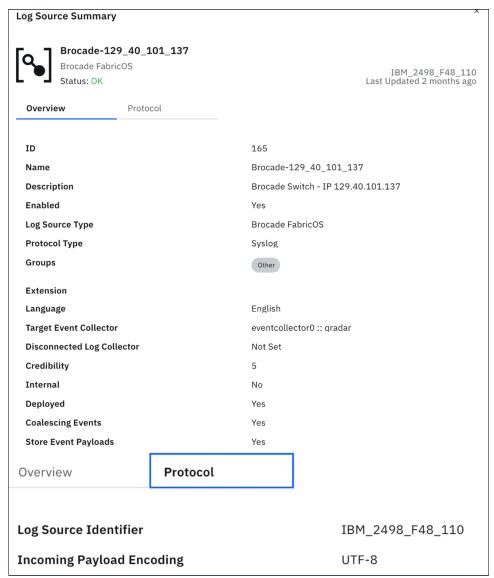


Figure 19 QRadar Log Source Summary window

# Sample use case demonstration

To demonstrate the cyber resiliency workflow by using the configuration that we built so far, a sample use case of a brute force login attack was generated from within the network.

After the QRadar rules engine identifies the threat, it starts the predefined response. The response in this case is to block the offending IP address by defining a new switch policy that is based on the active policy.

The new policy that is defined includes the deny rule for the offending IP and includes another rule to enable logging in from any IP by using the same protocol.

Figure 20 shows the policies that are active on the switch.

```
[root@qradar ~]# ssh qradaradmin@129.40.101.137
[IBM_2498_F48_110:gradaradmin> ipfilter --show
Name: default_ipv4, Type: ipv4, State: active
       Source IP
                                                  Protocol
                                                              Dest Port
                                                                          Action
                                                                  22
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                  23
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                          permit
3
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                  80
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                 443
                                                                          permit
                                                                 161
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        udp
                                                                 123
                                                                         permit
      any
                                                        udp
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                 600 - 1023
                                                                                 permit
      any
                                                        udp
                                                                 600 - 1023
                                                                                 permit
Name: default_ipv6, Type: ipv6, State: active
                                                  Protocol
                                                              Dest Port
Rule
       Source IP
                                                                          Action
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                  22
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                  80
                                                                          permit
                                                                 443
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        tcp
5
                                                                 161
                                                                          permit
      any
                                                        qbu
6
      any
                                                        udp
                                                                 123
                                                                          permit
                                                                 600 - 1023
                                                                                 permit
      any
                                                        tcp
                                                                 600 - 1023
                                                                                 permit
      any
                                                        abu
```

Figure 20 Existing switch policies

Next, we generate a brute force login attack on the switch (see Figure 21).

```
sha@Shashanks-MBP QRadar-Brocade % ssh qradaradmin@129.40.101.137
Warning: Permanently added '129.40.101.137' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
qradaradmin@129.40.101.137's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
qradaradmin@129.40.101.137's password:
Permission denied, please try again.
qradaradmin@129.40.101.137's password:
qradaradmin@129.40.101.137's password:
qradaradmin@129.40.101.137: Permission denied (publickey,password).
```

Figure 21 Brute force login attack

All failed login attempt events are logged in QRadar (see Figure 22).

Failed Login	Brocade-129_40_101_137	1 Nov 12, 2021, 4:18:51 AM User Login Failure	9.206.136.159	0	<b>129.40.101.137</b>	0	N/A	in the
Failed Login	Brocade-129_40_101_137	1 Nov 12, 2021, 4:18:47 AM User Login Failure	9.206.136.159	0	<b>129.40.101.137</b>	0	N/A	Name in
Failed Login	Brocade-129 40 101 137	1 Nov 12, 2021, 4:18:42 AM User Login Failure	9.206.136.159	0	129.40.101.137	0	N/A	1

Figure 22 Failed login events that were received in QRadar

The response to block the offending IP when three consecutive failed login events are observed in 5 minutes.

Figure 23 shows more events that were captured in QRadar. The Python script is configured as the rule response, logs in to the switch by using the QRadar admin user, copies the active policy, and inserts the blocking rule.

**Note:** The value of 3 for the number of failed events is a user-defined value. It is added as part of the rule in the lab for demonstration purposes only.

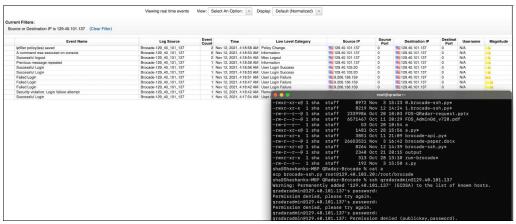


Figure 23 Brute force login attack and QRadar response events

The switch now has a new defined policy that shows the newly defined rule with the deny attribute (see Figure 24).

```
Name: qr_1636708734, Type: ipv4, State: defined
         Source IP
                                                     Protocol
                                                                 Dest Port
                                                                              Action
      9.206.136.159
                                                                      22
                                                          tcp
                                                                               deny
                                                                      23
                                                           tcp
                                                                             permit
      any
3
      any
                                                           tcp
                                                                     80
                                                                             permit
      any
                                                           tcp
                                                                    443
                                                                             permit
                                                                     161
      any
                                                          udp
                                                                             permit
                                                                    123
                                                          abu
      anv
                                                                             permit
                                                                                     permit
      any
                                                           tcp
                                                                    600
                                                                           1023
                                                                                     permit
      any
                                                          udp
                                                                     600
                                                                           1023
      any
                                                           tcp
                                                                             permit
```

Figure 24 New policy defined on switch

For demonstration purposes, we defined the policy only; it was *not* enabled.

The sample script that is provided with this publication shows how the new policy rules are created. For more information about downloading the sample script from GitHub, see "Resources" on page 16.

**Note:** Readers should customize the sample script and sample rules per their needs. They also should confirm the response that is generated in the test environment before implementing changes in the production environment to avoid any disruptions. Do *not* implement the script in your environment.

# **Summary**

The solution that is described in this paper shows the integration of IBM QRadar and Brocade SAN FOS for early threat detection and generating response to block the attacker IP by defining a new policy in the switch.

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IBM QRadar:

http://www.ibm.com/docs/en/qsip

· Adding custom actions to IBM QRadar:

http://ibm.com/docs/en/qsip/7.4?topic=tasks-adding-custom-actions

- · Broadcom switch documentation:
  - http://www.broadcom.com/products/ethernet-connectivity/switching
  - http://www.broadcom.com/products/fibre-channel-networking
- · NIST Framework:

http://www.nist.gov

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