

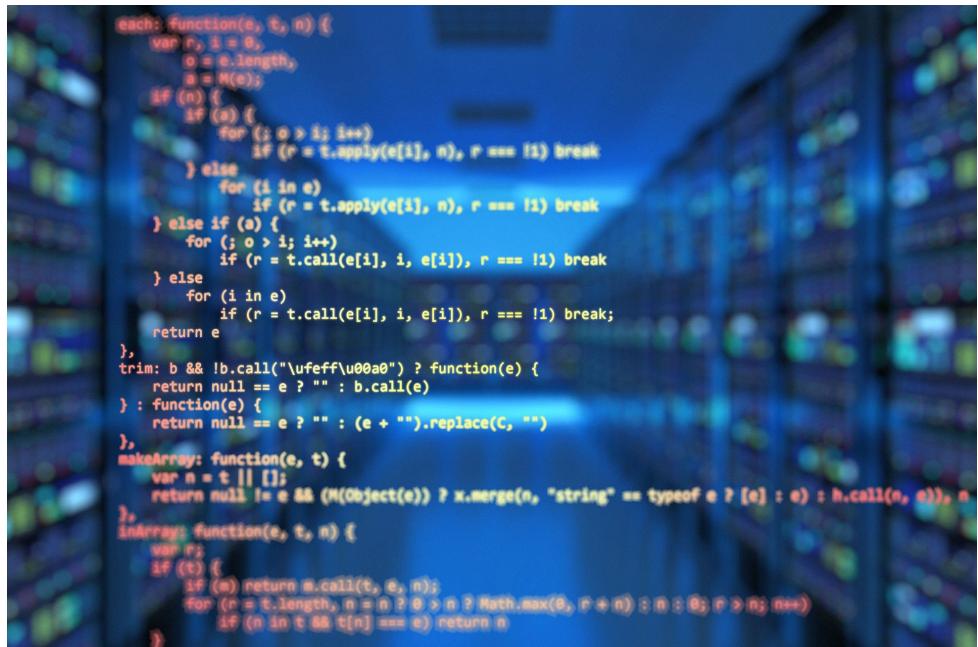
Notes from IT: What Is the Zero Day Vulnerability in Log4J and Why Is It So Critical?

In order to have an audit trail, you need a log file to record your transactions. In the computer world, there is a widely used program called Log4J. It is used by commercial and government entities to record details such as login credentials for computers and servers, credit card processing, and other business transactions.

Recently, a security flaw was discovered in this program that allowed attackers to inject instructions into the logs and execute programs to systems without being detected. These

criminals have wreaked havoc by taking advantage of this security flaw to bring down these computer applications and infrastructure that are used worldwide.

Athens Micro and Internal IT are checking all of our systems to make sure we are protected from this security flaw. We ask that you always be vigilant if you suspect something is wrong with any of your applications or devices. Do not use your county computer to go to any websites that are not county business related.

A screenshot of a computer screen displaying a block of JavaScript code. The code is a exploit for the Log4J vulnerability, specifically targeting the 'trim' function. It uses various techniques like string concatenation and function overwriting to bypass security measures and execute arbitrary code. The background of the code is a blurred image of a server room with many glowing blue lights.

Paula Nedza
IT Director

Employment Anniversaries

Congratulations to everyone on our team celebrating another year of service to the residents of Oconee County! Thank you for making our organization an outstanding place to work and for your dedication to our community! We appreciate all that you do!

<u>Board of Elections</u>		<u>Probate</u>	
John Hanley III	01/01/2014	Mike Hunsinger	01/01/2021
<u>Clerk of Courts</u>		<u>Property Appraisal</u>	
Angela Elder-Johnson	01/01/2001	Chris Neal	01/14/2013
<u>Coroner</u>		<u>Public Works</u>	
Ed Carson	01/01/2009	Michael Sutton	01/17/1995
<u>E-911</u>		<u>Senior Center</u>	
Yashica West	01/19/2016	Shirley Finch	01/28/2013
<u>EMS Operations</u>		<u>Superior Court</u>	
Karla Hulsey	01/24/2005	David Sweat	01/01/2003
<u>Facilities/Operations</u>		Clarence Browning	01/01/2010
Fabian Huizar	01/04/2021	Jennifer Parker	01/03/2017
<u>Jail</u>		Mandi Ellis	01/01/2019
Todd Gabriel	01/11/2008	Kelli Bardner	01/01/2019
Matthew Towe	01/13/2020	Lisa Lott	01/01/2019
<u>Law Enforcement</u>		<u>Tax Commissioner</u>	
Mark Smith	01/25/2010	Jennifer Riddle	01/01/2006
Kenji Dorsey	01/01/2017	<u>Tourism & Visitors Bureau</u>	
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>		Joann Hubert	01/21/2020
Chris Cotton	01/10/2011		

Employee Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in the Oconee County Government Family celebrating a birthday this month! You have our best wishes for a wonderful day, and we hope it's the start of a fantastic year!

Mickey Baughcum	01/02	Julianna Minton	01/14
Zachary Forrester	01/03	Melissa Braswell	01/16
Abigail Ryder	01/03	Ginger Thrasher	01/16
Branden Newton	01/05	Bruce Thaxton	01/17
Yagna Patel	01/05	Don Oliver	01/18
DonL Bearden	01/06	Krista Dorsey	01/19
Chris Neal	01/07	Allison Burns	01/21
Adam Layfield	01/09	Jordan Silvey	01/22
Charles Arlt	01/10	Julie Jackson	01/23
Joshua Dudley	01/10	Jeremy Wasdin	01/24
Patricia Anderson	01/11	Michael Downs	01/27
Jackie Rowell	01/12	Migdai Marin	01/27
Robert Perrin	01/13	Eric Norris	01/28
Dwayne Collins	01/14	Scott Underwood	01/30
		Jessica Ellis	01/30



Around the County



Senior Center Expansion

Walls are going up for the Senior Center expansion! Construction is expected to be complete in the fall of 2022 and will add additional program space and a health & wellness center.

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest colleagues - we are so glad you have joined us!

Law Enforcement
Dustin Mines

Jail
Susie Carlton-Gordon
Alex Wukoson
Krista Dorsey
Julian Love

Facilities/Operations
Alexus Hopkins

Parks & Recreation
Hunter Rainey
Haley Whitehead

Public Safety
Shelly Hale



Notes from HR

2022 Human Resources Calendar

Add these dates to your 2022 calendar!

Holidays

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 17

Memorial Day
May 30

Independence Day
July 4

Labor Day
September 5

Thanksgiving
November 24 & 25

Christmas Eve & Day
December 23 & 26

Employee Holiday Lunch

The 2022 Employee Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 7, 2022. Contact HR if you are interested in being on the planning committee!

JANUARY 2022							FEBRUARY 2022							MARCH 2022						
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OCTOBER 2022							NOVEMBER 2022							DECEMBER 2022						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						27	28	29	30			

Dates in **GREEN** are paydays. Dates in **BLUE** are County observed holidays.

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