

Vaccinating Android

BalCCon2k14 edition

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/WhoAreWe

- > Just two guys from Ex-Yu
- > Having fun breaking stuff
- > Love to play with apps
- > Specialized in app security
- > Only 6 hours to get here



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FBI, Slovenian and Spanish Police Arrest Mariposa Botnet Creator, Operators

Washington, D.C.
July 28, 2010

FBI National Press Office
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The FBI, in partnership with the Slovenian Criminal Police and the Spanish Guardia Civil, announce today significant developments in a two-year investigation of the creator and operators of the Mariposa Botnet. A botnet is a network of remote-controlled compromised computers.

The Mariposa Botnet was built with a computer virus known as “Butterfly Bot” and was used to steal passwords for websites and financial institutions. It stole computer users’ credit card and bank account information, launched denial of service attacks, and spread viruses. Industry experts estimated the Mariposa Botnet may have infected as many as 8 million to 12 million computers.

“In the last two years, the software used to create the Mariposa botnet was sold to hundreds of other criminals, making it one of the most notorious in the world,” said FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, II. “These cyber intrusions, thefts, and frauds undermine the integrity of the Internet and the businesses that rely on it; they also threaten the privacy and pocketbooks of all who use the Internet.”

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Agenda

- > Android mobile apps
- > Short 101 APK
- > Analysis (static, dynamic)
- > Vaccinating APK, Android
- > DEMO(s)
- > The end



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APPLICATIONS

Home	Dialer	SMS/MMS	IM	Browser	Camera	Alarm	Calculator
Contacts	Voice Dial	Email	Calendar	Media Player	Photo Album	Clock	...

APPLICATION FRAMEWORK

Activity Manager	Window Manager	Content Providers	View System	Notification Manager
Package Manager	Telephony Manager	Resource Manager	Location Manager	...

LIBRARIES

Surface Manager	Media Framework	SQLite	WebKit	Libc
OpenGL ES	Audio Manager	FreeType	SSL	...

ANDROID RUNTIME

Core Libraries
Dalvik Virtual Machine

HARDWARE ABSTRACTION LAYER

Graphics	Audio	Camera	Bluetooth	GPS	Radio (RIL)	WiFi	...
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LINUX KERNEL

Display Driver	Camera Driver	Bluetooth Driver	Shared Memory Driver	Binder (IPC) Driver
USB Driver	Keypad Driver	WiFi Driver	Audio Drivers	Power Management

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HP research finds vulnerabilities in 9 of 10 mobile apps

Summary: *Obvious security vulnerabilities are disturbingly common in corporate mobile apps. If HP can find them, so can malicious actors.*



By [Larry Seltzer](#) for [Zero Day](#) | November 19, 2013 -- 13:15 GMT (05:15 PST)

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Tests run by [HP Fortify](#), the company's enterprise security arm, indicate that 90% of mobile apps have at least one security vulnerability.

The company used their [Fortify On Demand for Mobile](#) product to test the security posture of 2,107 applications published by 601 companies on the Forbes Global 2000. Only iOS apps were tested, but HP says that there is good reason to believe the same problems exist in any Android counterparts.

Overall, the problems fell into one of four categories. The analysis showed that 86% of apps that accessed potentially private data sources, such as address books or Bluetooth connections, lacked sufficient security measures to protect the data from access.

86% of apps tested lacked binary hardening protection. This refers to a group of techniques, many implemented simply with checkboxes at compile time, which protect against certain attacks, like buffer overflows, path disclosure and jailbreak detection.

Malicious and risky apps on Android and iOS

Coursera privacy issues exposed

HealthCare.gov breach affected test server, not users

Researchers compile list of Android apps that allow MitM attacks

Profit leads motives for malware engineers

91% of Americans have privacy concerns

OS X version of Windows backdoor spotted

eBook: APT Protection

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Researchers compile list of Android apps that allow MitM attacks

Posted on 05 September 2014.

Around 350 Android apps that can be downloaded from Google play and Amazon stores fail to properly validate SSL certificates for HTTPS connections, and thus open users to Man-in-the-Middle attacks if they use them on insecure and open networks, a researcher with the CERT Coordination Center at the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University warned.

The vulnerable apps have been discovered via automated testing using the CERT Tapioca testing appliance, and the researchers keep a [list](#) of these updated - among them are OKCupid's official app, (ironically) a number of security apps, but most worryingly, a number of e-commerce (such as an eBay app for German users) and e-banking apps.

The list is not yet complete. The setup created by the researchers tests only one application at a time, and the testing started only a few weeks ago.

Things

- > There is a (big) need for testing mobile apps
- > Mobile app development feels like late 90's development
- > Our experience?

101 APK, Android

- > APK? WTF?
- > Get APK
- > Decompile and analyze code
- > Test
- > Exploit

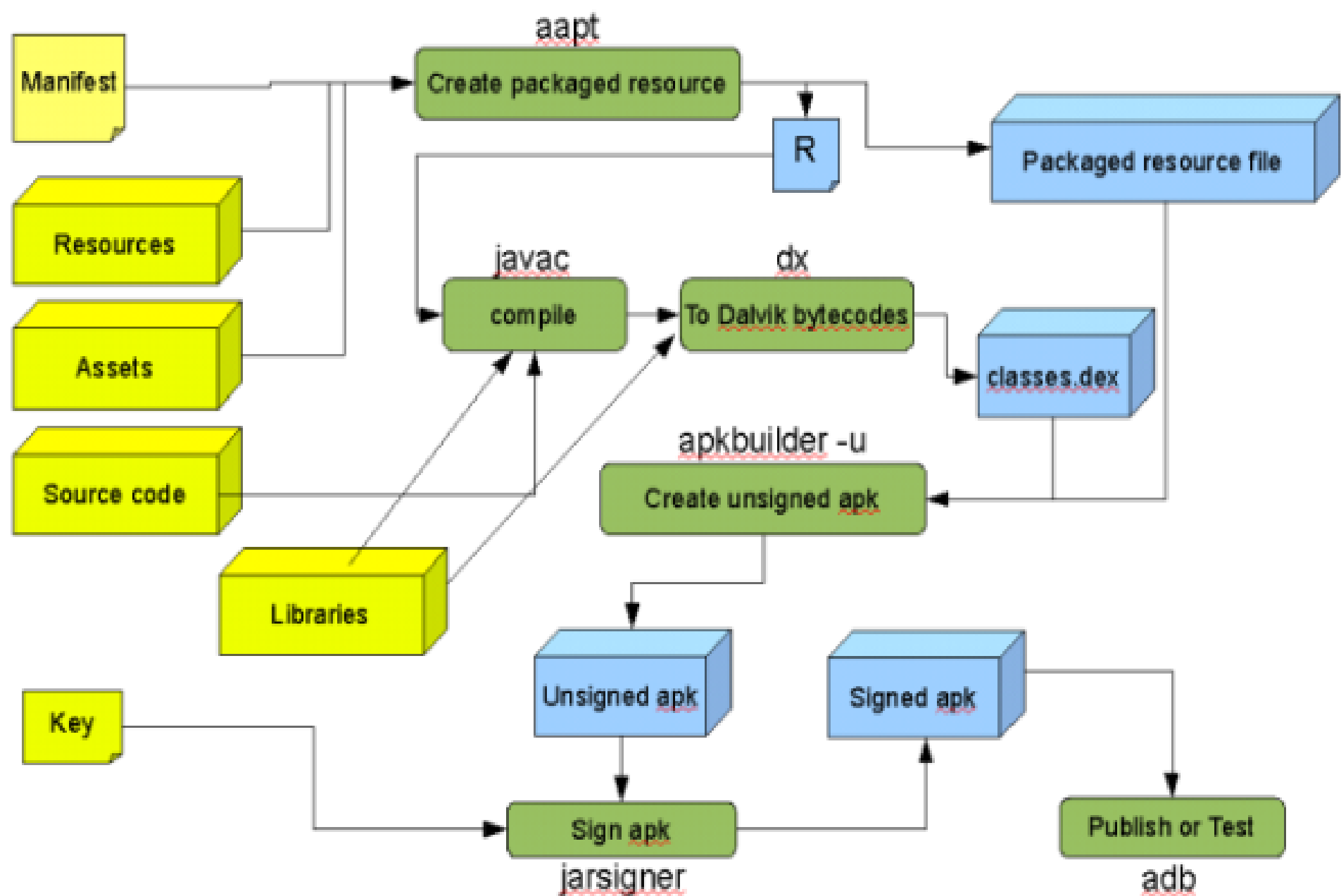
APK?

- > Android application package file (**APK**) is the package file format used to distribute and install application software and middleware onto Google's Android operating system, and certain other operating systems, such as Blackberry 10 Devices with the OS version 10.2.1.

Wikipedia

Android Applications

- > .apk (Android Package) format
- > Nothing more than a zip
- > Written exclusively in Java, with native libraries in C/C++.
- > Composed of components like Activities, Services, Broadcast Receivers, etc.



Getting APK

- > Copy from the phone
- > Copy from the backup
- > Adb pull
- > <http://apps.evozi.com/apk-downloader/>
- > Download from untrusted source ;)

Decompile

> Pull from phone.

```
adb pull /data/app(or app-private)/app1.apk
unzip app1.apk
dex2jar classes.dex
jdgui classes2jar.jar
```

or convert to smali and then analyse the code

```
adb pull /data/app/app1.apk
unzip app1.apk
java -jar baksmali.jar -o C:\pentest\app classes.dex
```

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Tools used for reversing APK

> Dex2Jar

> JD-GUI

> (Back)smali

> APKTool

> <http://www.decompileandroid.com/>

Short demo

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What to check?

> Transport security

- » Plaintext Traffic
- » Improper session handling
- » Validate SSL certificates

> Compiler protection

> UIWebviews

- » Data validation
- » Analyze UIWebView implementations

> Insecure data storage

- » SQLite DB
- » File caching
- » Checking log files

What to check? (cont)

> Logging

- » Custom logs
- » Crash reports logs and files

> Binary analysis

- » Disassemble/decompile the application
- » Detect obfuscations
- » Detect anti-debugging protections

> Client side injections

> Third party libraries

Testing app

- > Start simulator with proxy
- > Install app in emulator or device
- > Use Wireshark, Fiddler &/|| Zap &/|| Burp to monitor network
- > Run app
- > See logs, dump, crashes, files

Request

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Options Alerts

Intercept History Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Modifi...	Status	Length	MIME type	Extens
71	http://kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi	GET	/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nudid=...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	905	text	php
72	http://adserver.fugo.mobi	GET	/ads/geomap.php?platform=and...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	255	text	php
73	http://mob.adwhirl.com	GET	/getInfo.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	588	JSON	php
74	http://i.w.inmobi.com	POST	/showad.asm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	1541	XML	asm
77	http://met.adwhirl.com	GET	/exmet.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	119	HTML	php
78	http://kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi	GET	/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nudid=...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	905	text	php

Request Response

Raw Params Headers Hex

GET
/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nudid=354406042390139b4:07:f9:8d:6b:83&udid=354406042390139&agent=android_3&ver=3.1.3
&hash=499eebfd23d007af336cd04f44c50ffc HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: Dalvik/1.6.0 (Linux; U; Android 4.2.2; GT-I9000 Build/JDQ39E)
Host: kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi
Connection: Keep-Alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip

Reply

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Options Alerts

Intercept History Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

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73	http://mob.adwhirl.com	GET	/getInfo.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	588	JSON	php
74	http://i.w.inmobi.com	POST	/showad.asm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	1541	XML	asm
77	http://met.adwhirl.com	GET	/exmet.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	119	HTML	php
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Request Response

Raw Headers Hex

Content-Length: 448

Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2013 11:14:15 GMT

X-Varnish: 1695575935 1695575798

Age: 1

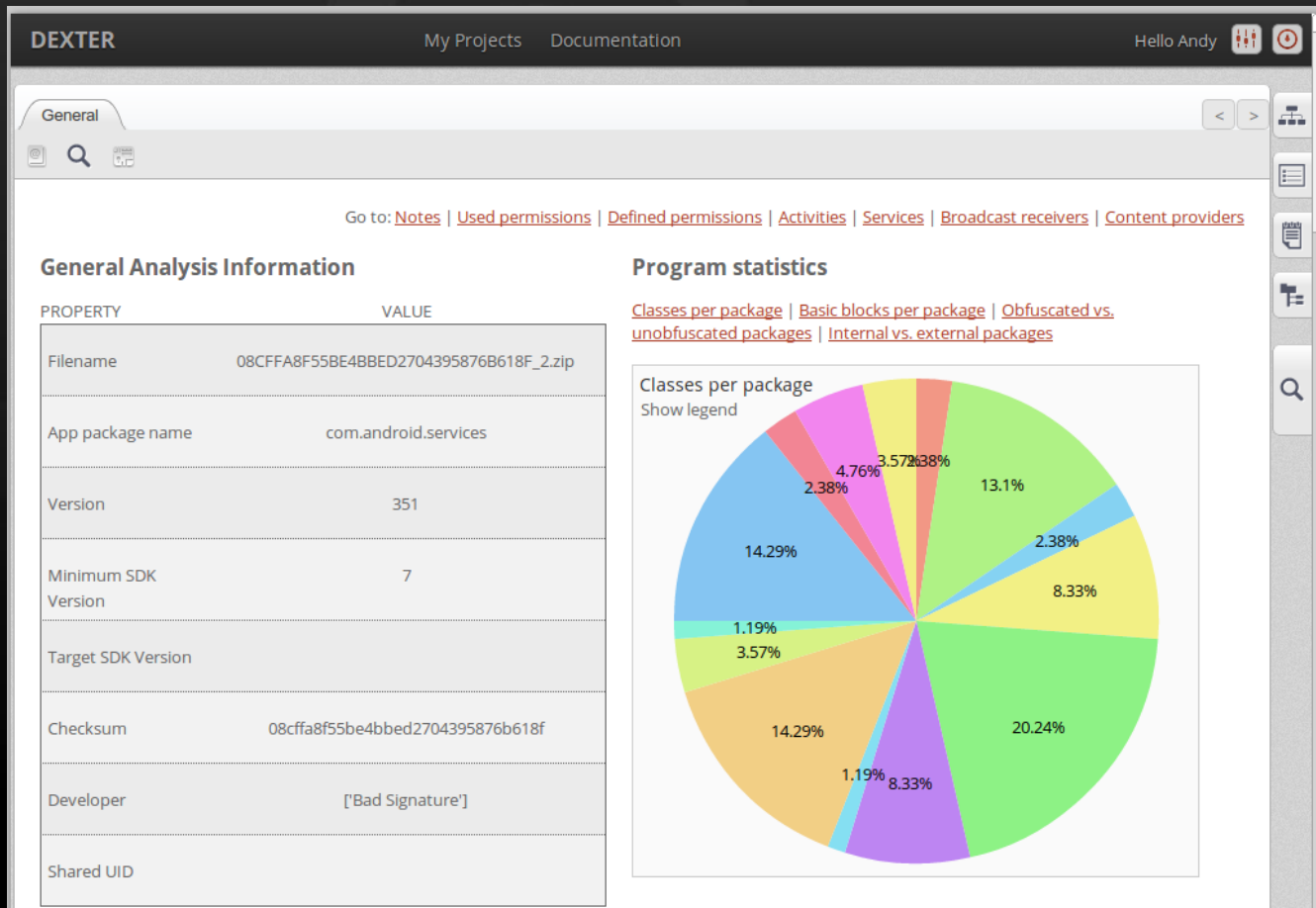
Via: 1.1 varnish

Connection: keep-alive

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Other tools

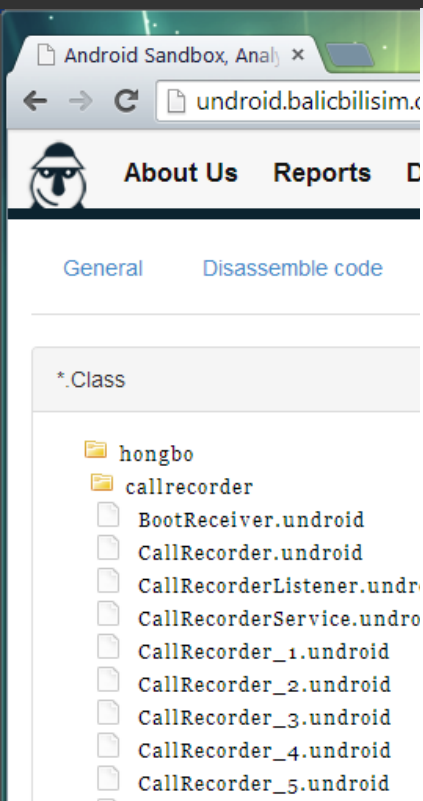
> <http://dexter.dexlabs.org/>



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Other tools

> <http://undroid.balicbilisim.com/>



Security Researcher Accidentally Crashes Google Play When Testing POC App

Code Analyzer: C,C++,Java

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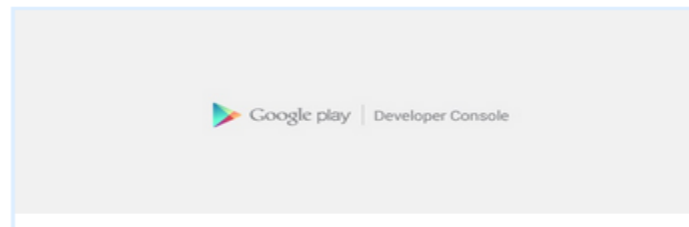
Turkish security researcher Ibrahim Balic claims to have found an Android vulnerability that could lead to memory corruption. While testing his findings, he may have crashed Google Play a couple of times.

According to the expert, [Android 2.3](#), 4.2.2 and 4.3 are certainly affected, but he believes that all versions of the [operating system](#) are vulnerable.

He has found that executing a malformed APK [file](#) leads to a [denial-of-service \(DOS\) condition](#) and the [device](#) freezes. Balic wanted to test his theory against Bouncer, the Android anti-malware [system](#) developed by Google, so he uploaded a malformed APK file to Google Play.

Shortly after, he started getting errors on Google Play. In addition, during the time he performed his tests, many people [reported being unable to upload applications](#) to Google's [app](#) market.

"I think it was probably because of testing my PoC exploit on Google Play," Balic noted in a [blog post](#).



Q - Google Play Developer Console crashes during te...



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Static analysis

- > You need to know how read Java code
- > Cannot see all runtime replies
- > Obfuscated, renamed?
- > Identify important segments in code

```
amString1, String paramString2)
```

```
ML("http://my-own-gamme.com/api/save.php?t=" + paramString1 + "&u=" + paramString2);
```

```
);
```

```
ueOf(false);
```

```
true);
```

```
public class HttpCall
```

```
{
```

```
    private static String SECURITY_TOKEN = "AE94DFKMADF4U94MNSDF324SF3ADASCAR4GASDFF94";
```

```
    private CookieStore cookieStore = new BasicCookieStore();
```

```
    private HttpClient httpClient = new DefaultHttpClient();
```

```
    private HttpContext localContext = new BasicHttpContext();
```

```
    public HttpCall()
```

```
    {
```

```
        this.localContext.setAttribute("http.cookie-store", this.cookieStore);
```

```
    }
```

```
    // ERROR //
```

```
    public String call(String paramString)
```

```
    {
```

```
        // Byte code:
```

```
        // 0: new 52    org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost
```

```
        // 3: dup
```

```
        // 4: aload_1
```

```
        // 5: invokespecial 55    org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost:<init>    (Ljava/lang/String;)V
```

```
        // 8: astore_2
```

```
        // 9: aload_2
```

```
        // 10: ldc 57
```

```
        // 12: getstatic 18    com/ttech/turkcellsdk/util/HttpCall:SECURITY_TOKEN    Ljava/lang/String;
```

```
        // 15: invokevirtual 61    org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost:setHeader    (Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/String
```

```
        // 18: aload_0
```

```
        // 19: getField 26    com/ttech/turkcellsdk/util/HttpCall:httpClient    Lorg/apache/http/client/HttpClient;
```

```
        // 22: aload_2
```

```
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```

Dynamical analysis

- > Monitoring/changing traffic with proxy
- > Debugging
- > Reflection

Reflection

- > "Reflection" is a language's ability to inspect and dynamically call classes, methods, attributes, etc. at runtime.
- > Java looking Java

Debugging vs Reflection

- > Higher level view
- > Better idea how application works
- > Java like access to objects, methods, variables
- > Interaction with application

Features

- > Access all variables
- > Change values of variables
- > Call methods
- > Use variables and scripts
- > Use full BeanShell
- > Write Java code

```
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```

BeanShell

- > Java Interpreter
- > Scripting Language
- > Small
- > Embeddable / Extensible
- > A natural scripting language for Java

```
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```

What do we see..

- > Authentication PINs in system logs
- > Session identifiers and credentials cached in WebView
- > Inappropriate data stored in local SQLite databases
- > Internal IP's
- > Hardcoded usernames, passwords
- > Testing cases left inside code



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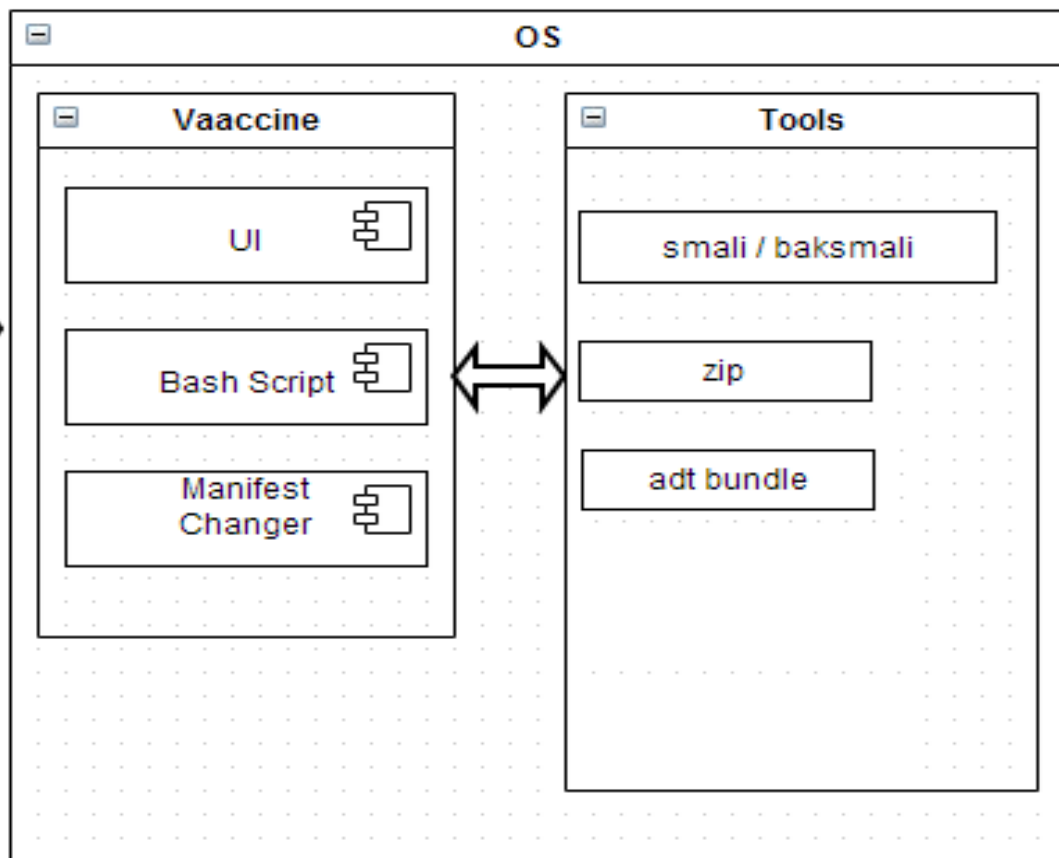
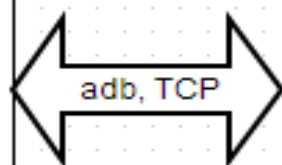
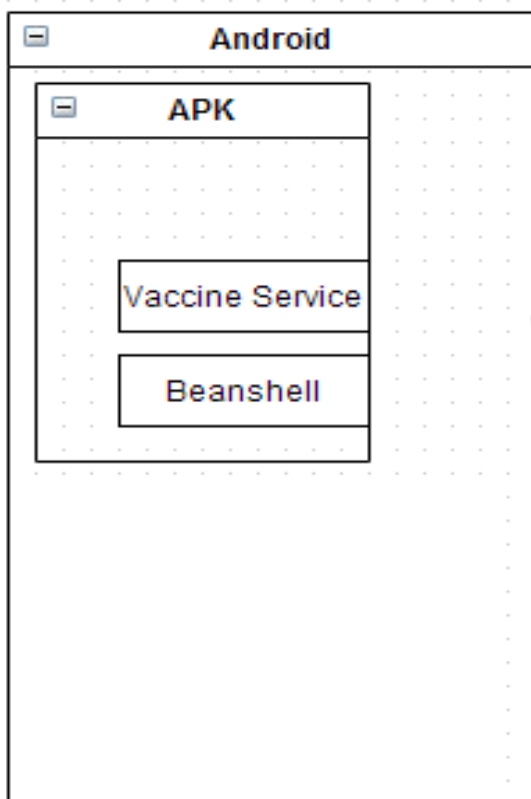
A close-up photograph of a shovel with a wooden handle and a metal blade, partially buried in dark, moist, and crumbly soil. The shovel is angled towards the bottom left, and a mound of soil sits on its blade. The background is a vast expanse of the same dark soil, with some small roots visible. The overall lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the earth.

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Vaccine

- > Repackaging if injecting in APK
- > Service injection
- > Injecting Beanshell
- > Connection and Dynamical analysis



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Vaccine (bash)script

> Preparing the APK

- » Copy APK
- » Unzip
- » Baksmali classes.dex – smali source code
- » Adding smali source of service
- » Smaling source – classes.dex
- » Changing AndroidManifest.xml
- » Replacement of classes.dex and AndroidManifest.xml
- » Removing signature
- » Signing
- » Installing the mobile application
- » Starting the service
- » Connecting and showing UI

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Vaccine

- > Accessing objects and fields
- > Executing methods
- > Using objects, variables in java source and beanshell scripts
- > ...

Application

- class Application Application { }
- class ArrayList mActivityLifecycleCallbacks { }
- class ArrayList mAssistCallbacks
- class ArrayList mComponentCallbacks { }
- class LoadedApk mLoadedApk { }
- class String TAG { LoadedApk }
- class ActivityThread mActivityThread { }
- class String mAppDir { /data/app/com.jgames.shapegame-1.apk }
- class Application mApplication { }
- class ApplicationInfo mApplicationInfo { }
- class ClassLoader mBaseClassLoader

Info Watch


TAG: LoadedApk

Remove

Set

```
1 object = object();
2 object.flag=true;
3
4 foo() {
5     run() {
6
7         while(object.flag){
8             print("Running...");
9             Thread.sleep(2000);
10        }
11
12    }
13    return this;
14 }
15
16 foo = foo();
17 new Thread( foo ).start();
```

Execute

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Demo(s)

```
./vaccine.sh -i android.apk -p 8888
```

```
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```

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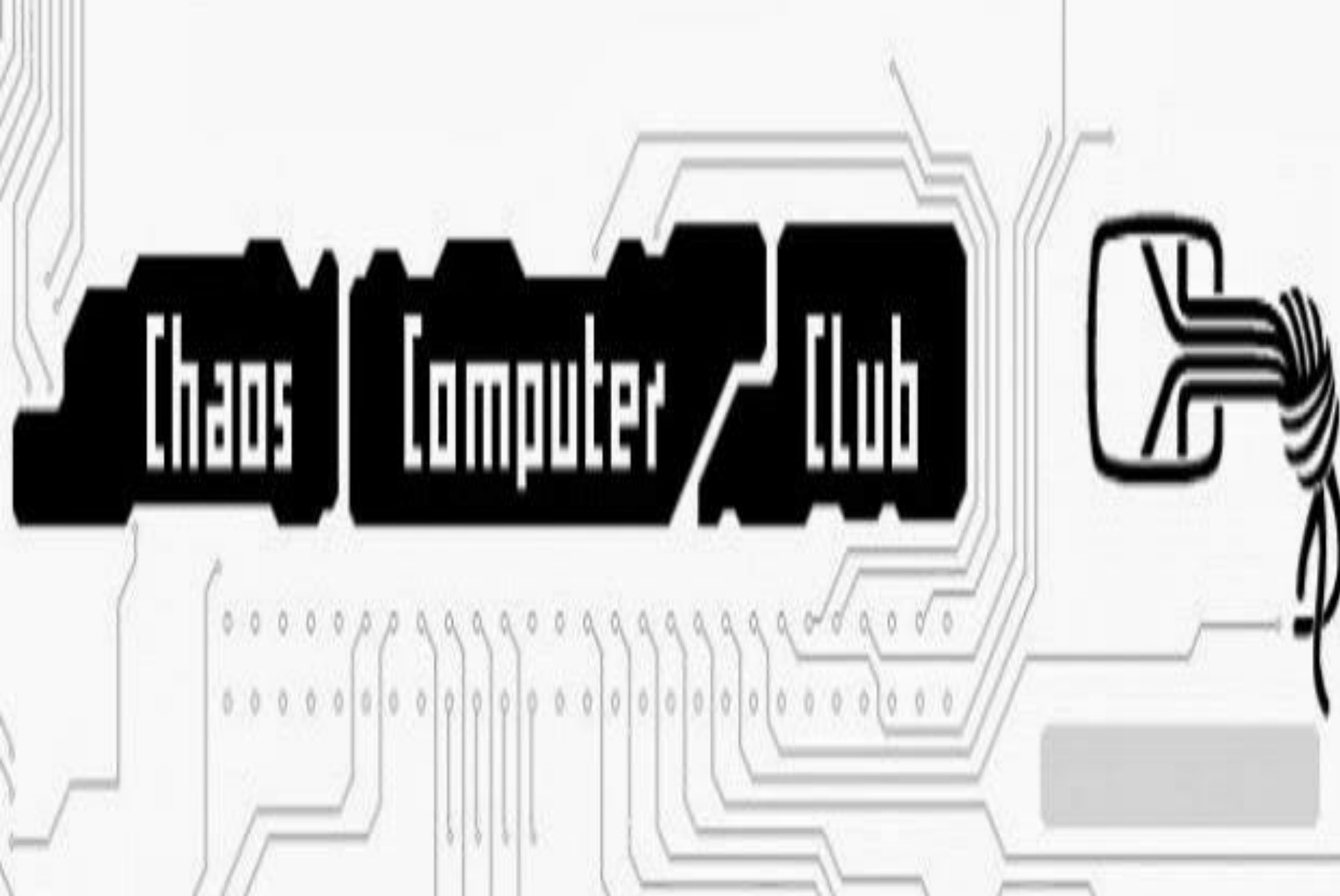
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Injecting vaccine at runtime

- > Little hacking provided Collin's examples
- > Instead of changing APK, we “hijack” running process (in our case zygote)
- > Inject shared library into process
- > Hook `android.app.Activity.onStart` method
- > Injects Vaccine service and additional BeanShell classes when app is started
- > Use vaccine as before

Demo

> Is it possible to inject Vaccine into Google apps at runtime?

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Pros/cons APK Android

> APK

- » No need for rooted phone
- » Untrusted sources
- » Download, modify, upload

> Android

- » No need for APK modification
- » Rooted phone
- » Injecting shared libs (more skills needed)



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Possible usage

- > Not only for Android
- > Reflection is still NOT dead
- > Tested with Oracle Foms
- > Have idea to use it with other Java apps/applets (Minecraft maybe)
- > **Ultimate cheating platform**

Final thoughts

- > One script, small GUI tool (never be finished)
- > Help testers, researchers (hackers, cheaters)
- > Open for suggestions, improvements, comments



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