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Attacking Browser Sandbox: Live Persistently and Prosperously

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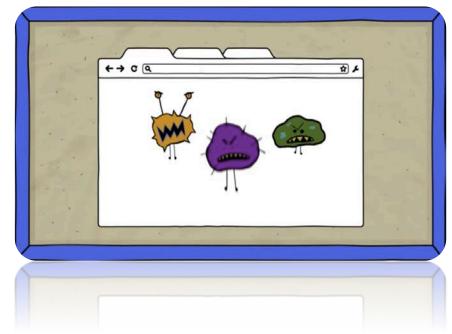
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- 1. Sandbox Introduction
- 2. Previous Work and Motivation
- 3. Survive the Tab Closing -- Renderer Process Persistence
- 4. Survive the Device Rebooting -- Cache Persistence
- 5. Survive the Re-Install -- Clone Attack
- 6. Conclusion



Sandbox Introduction

- Mandatory access controlled environment
- Isolated Process when HTML rendering and JavaScript execution
- Limited resource access
- Limited IPC/kernel interaction access
- Site Isolation (new feature)
 - Enable by default in Chrome 67 on Win, Mac, Linux, and Chrome OS. May 2018





Sandbox Introduction

- Sandbox Escape is difficult
 - More and more new features and limitations
 - More/New features-> More bugs? Not for sandbox!
 - More gains -> More Pains
 - ZERODIUM pay \$500,000 for Windows' Chrome RCE with sandbox escape (previously: \$250,000)
 - Google pay \$7,500 for Chrome RCE (No Sandbox Escape)



Change our mind: Attacking Sandbox Without Breaking it

• 1. What we can do inside the sandbox?

• 2. How about not breaking sandbox but living in it persistently and prosperously?



Related Work

- Previous attack within sandbox
 - Renderer RCE
 - Credentials Stealing (cookie, token)
 - Lateral Movement (ports scanning)
 - Side Channel Attack (Meltdown, Spectre)
- When users close the tabs...All those attacks will gone.



Related Work

- Persistent Attack When tabs are open
 - 1. Retaining Communication
 - CORS/DNS Tunnel/WebSocket
 - 2. Retaining Control
 - XSS+Iframe/Click hijacking/Browser Event
- Persistence outside the sandbox
 - Escape the sandbox using vulnerabilities
- Not universal ,outdated or too hard...

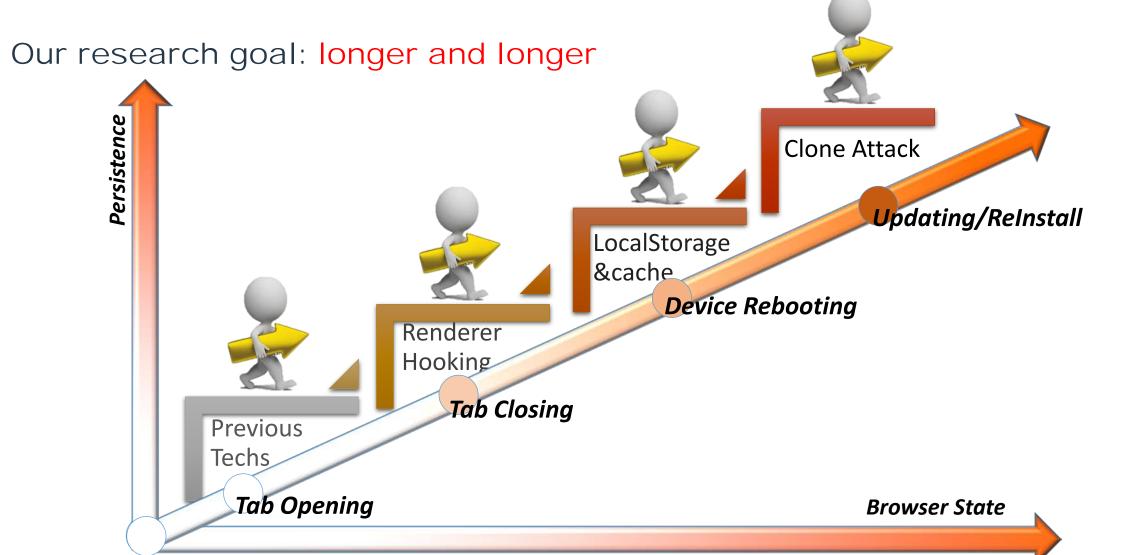




How To Live in Sandbox After Closing the Tabs?









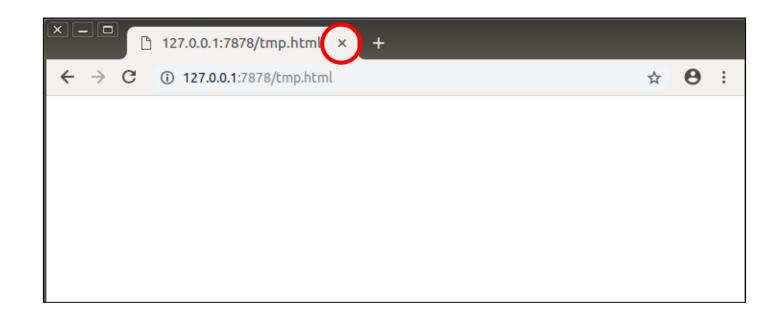
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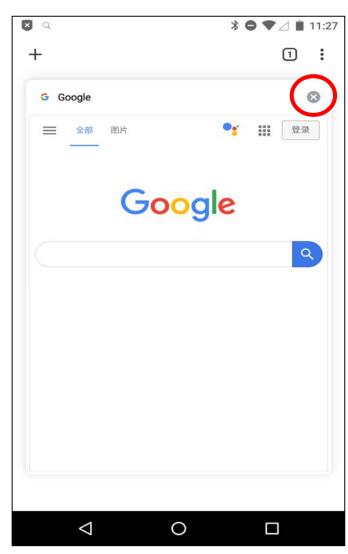
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Renderer Process Persistence

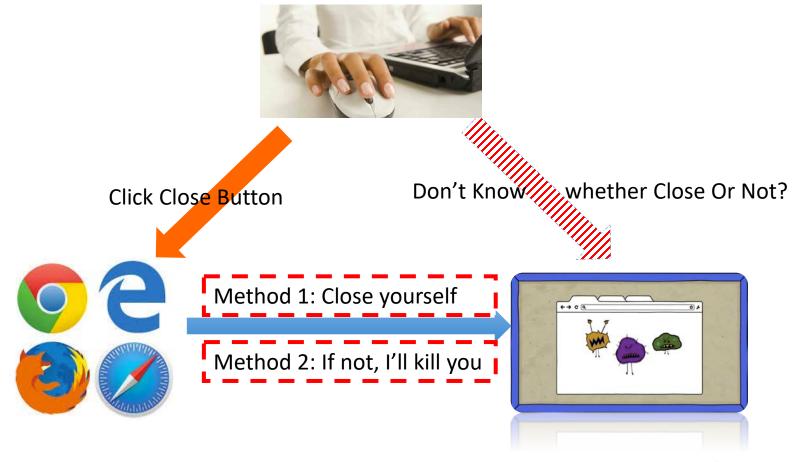
- Goal Survive the Tab Closing
- Method Hook Exit function in renderer process







Renderer Process Persistence - Our Attack Strategy





Renderer Process Persistence

• Test result

Browser	Platform	Result
Edge	Windows	V
IE	Windows	V
Firefox	Windows	V
Chrome	Windows	X
	Linux	X
	Mac	X
	Android	V



Edge IE and Firefox on Windows

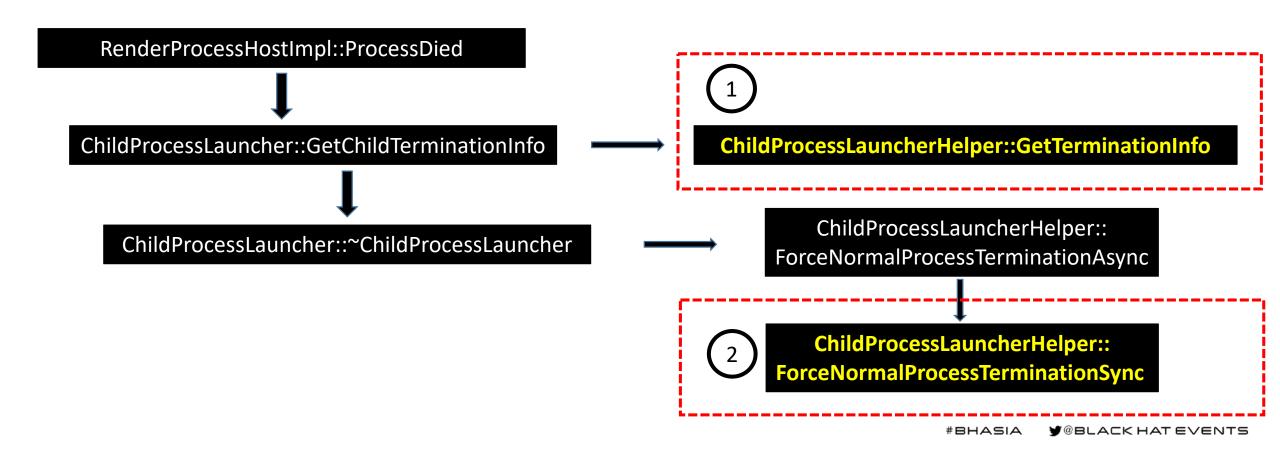
- Succeed to survive tab closing
 - Hooking *TerminateProcess* API in renderer process
 - Only use Method 1 to close the tab





How Chrome closes the tab?

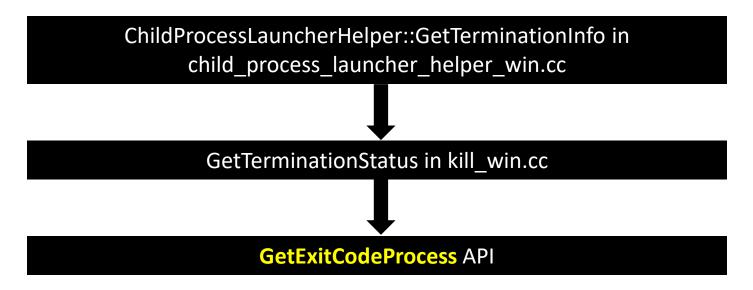
Main Call Graph





Chrome on Windows

Details of Function 1

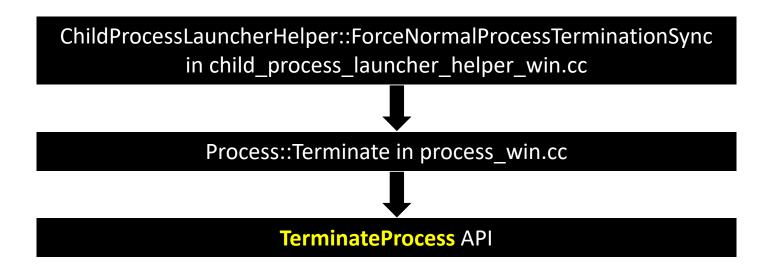


• Usually, return "TERMINATION_STATUS_STILL_RUNNING" status



Chrome on Windows

Details of Function 2

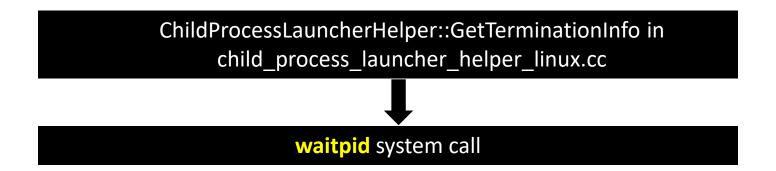


Ref: https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/desktop/api/processthreadsapi/nf-processthreadsapi-terminateprocess



Chrome on Linux/Mac

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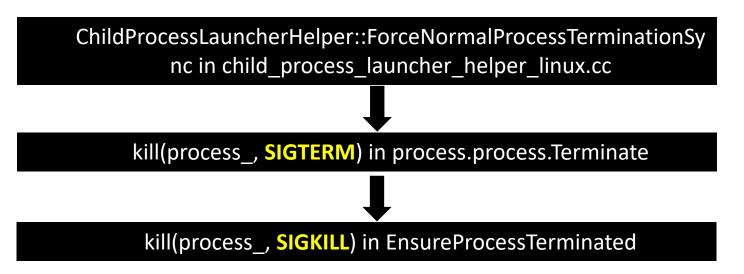


• Usually, return "TERMINATION_STATUS_STILL_RUNNING" status



Chrome on Linux/Mac

Details of Function 2



So, the renderer process must die!!!

Ref: https://www.gnu.org/software/libc/manual/html_node/Termination-Signals.html



Renderer Process Persistence





Renderer Process Persistence





Chrome on Android - Overall Introduction

- The parent process of renderer is webview_zygote, not browser process
- Browser process cannot call "waitpid" to get renderer process status like Linux/Mac

```
bash-3.2$ adb shell ps -A | grep webview_zygote
webview_zygote 6628
                                                  webview_zygote32
                            1455016 39704
bash-3.2$
bash-3.2$ adb shell ps -A
                           grep com.android.chrome
              10780 3730
                                                  com.android.chrome
u0 a56
                            1844440
                                    115592
u0 i0
              11380
                     6628
                           1691024
                                    73760
                                                  com.android.chrome:sandboxed
                                                  com.android.chrome:privileged_process0
u0 a56
              11456 3730
                            1815700
                                     72236
```



Chrome on Android - Different from Windows/Linux/Mac

• The difference:

Browser process didn't terminate renderer forcibly!

Still under fixing, we will not provide more details.

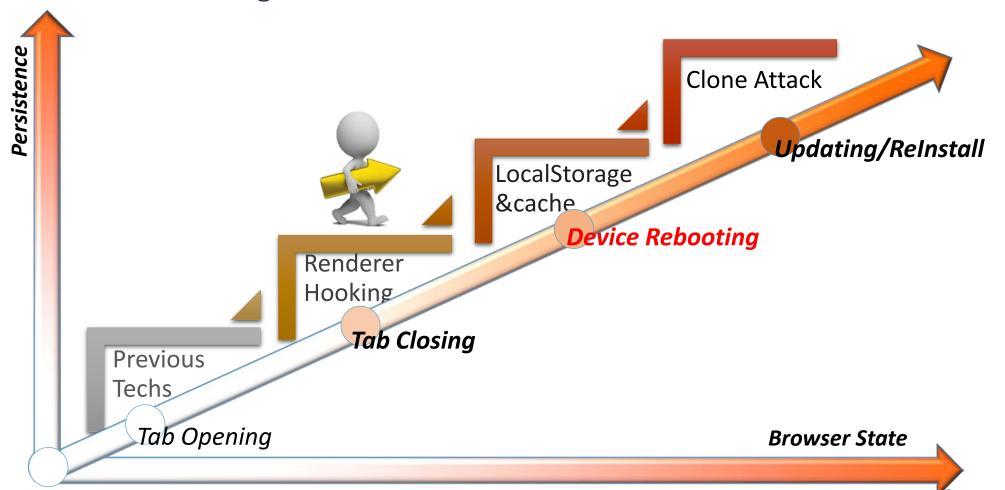
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Labels: reward-topanel

Note to panel: this is a little more severe than on desktop because there are a finite number of processes declared in manifest, meaning that it'd be pretty easy for an attacker to get into every renderer process.

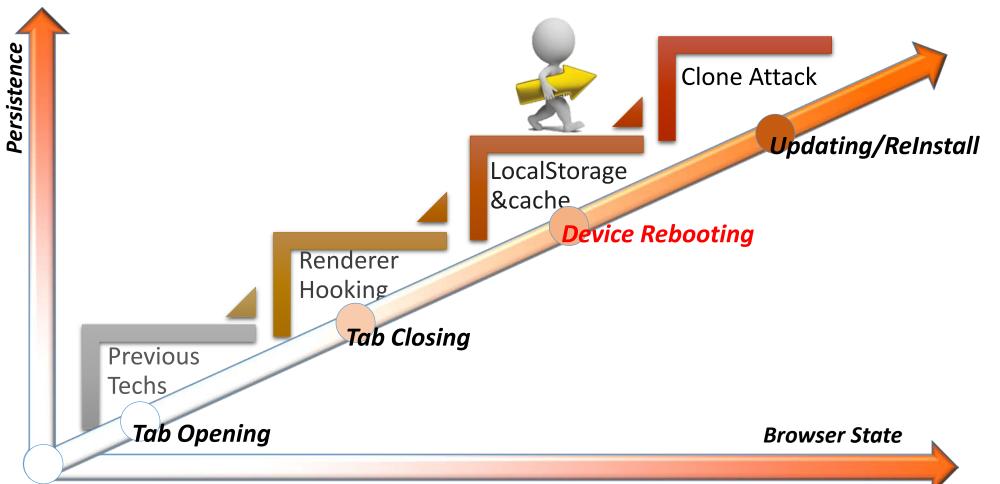


We survive tab closing!





Survive the Browser Closing?





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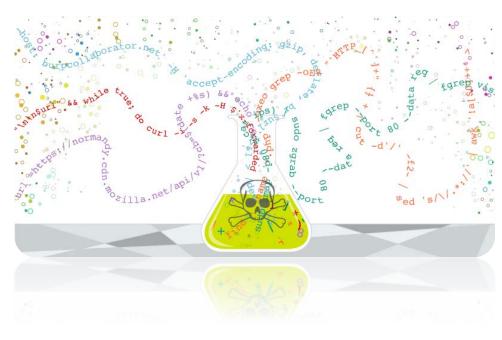
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Cache Persistence

- Why Cache?
 - Performance
 - Quick frequently-used resources accessing
 - Quick frequently-used code execution

- Why we focus on Cache?
 - Widely used by all browsers
 - Cache can exist for a long time
 - Cache can be poisoned





Cache Persistence

• After research, we aim at:

HTTP Cache



CSS



HTML



JavaScript

Method: Try to poison HTTP Cache to gain persistence



Cache Persistence - Test Result

- Works well on Chrome on Windows/Linux/Mac
- Works on all most browsers which support Cache Web API

Browser	Platform	Persistence Result		
Chrome	Windows	V		
	Linux	V		
	Mac	V		
	Android	?		
Others		?		



Cache Persistence

Attack strategy

Victims open attackers' site

Anytime victims open the poisonous site



2

3

4

Deploy cache poison code & Navigate to target site to inject payload

Injected payload triggered



Step1: Gain remote code execution within sandbox

• Exploitable RCE bugs on Chrome in recent years

CVE	Description	Severity	Fixed Version	
CVE-2018-6065	V8:Derived Class Integer Overflow	High	65.0.3325.146	
CVE-2018-6122	V8:Wasm Type Confusion High		66.0.3359.170	
CVE-2018-16065	V8:ToBlgInt SideEffect UAF High		69.0.3497.81	
CVE-2018-17463	V8:JIT Type Confusion	High	70.0.3538.67	
CVE-2018-17480	V8:Value Serialization OOB	High	71.0.3578.80	
bug-880207	V8: JIT OOB RW	High	71.0.3578.80	
CVE-2019-5755	V8: JIT OOB RW	High	72.0.3626.81	
CVE-2019-5782	V8: JIT OOB RW	High	72.0.3626.81	
CVE-2019-5786	Blink: FileReader UAF	High	72.0.3626.121	



Step 2: Deploy cache poison code

• Hook ScriptController::ExecuteScriptAndReturnValue to deploy our poison code

```
async function attack(key) {
  let cache = await caches.open(key);
  let req = new Request("https://www.our-carefully-chosen-site.com");
  let res1 = new Response('<html><script>alert("hacked!!!")</script></html>',
                          {headers:{'Content-Type':'text/html',}});
  await cache.put(req,res1);
caches.keys().then(
  function(key) {
    attack(key);
```



Step 2: Then navigate to target site to inject payload

- A Good Target Site Case:
 - "www.google.com" cached "https://www.google.com/_/chrome/newtab?ie=UTF-8"
 - Chrome will try to load this cache every time when opening a new tab

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Path	Response-Type	Content-Type	Content-Length	Time Cached	
/_/chrome/newtab	basic	text/html; charset=UTF-8	0	2019/2/15 下午2:48:22	
/images/branding/googlelogo/2x/googlelogo_color_272x92dp.png	basic	image/png	13,504	2018/10/25 下午1:50:01	
/xjs/_/js/k=xjs.ntp.en.xWtGeH0eFFQ.O/am=AAAxADgyVQ/rt=j/d=1/exm=sx,jsa,ntp,d,csi/ed=1/rs=ACT90oHbccV	basic	text/javascript; charset=	6,822	2019/2/15 下午2:31:49	
/xjs/_/js/k=xjs.ntp.en.xWtGeH0eFFQ.O/m=sx,jsa,ntp,d,csi/am=AAAxADgyVQ/rt=j/d=1/rs=ACT90oHbccV1ykSzM1	basic	text/javascript; charset=	134,229	2019/2/15 下午2:31:01	
Headers Preview					
Request URL: https://www.google.com.hk/_/chrome/newtab?ie=UTF-8 Request Method: GET Status Code: 200 Response Headers					
alt-svc: quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="44,43,39" cache-control: private					
content-encoding: br					
content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8					
date: Fri, 15 Feb 2019 06:48:22 GMT					
expires: Fri, 15 Feb 2019 06:48:22 GMT					
server: gws					
status: 200				9	
x-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN					



Step 3 & 4: Victims open target site, Payload triggered

- Persistent code execution under www.google.com
- Surviving even you restart browser or device





Evaluation - How long can we survive?

- Key field
 - <Cache-Control>
 - E.g. Cache-Control:public, max-age=31536000
 - <Expires>
 - Valid if No <Cache-Control>
 - e.g. Expires: Wed, 24 Oct 2020 07:28:00 GMT
- Valid time of persistence is limited
 - > 2 days in our test case



How to gain longer persistence?

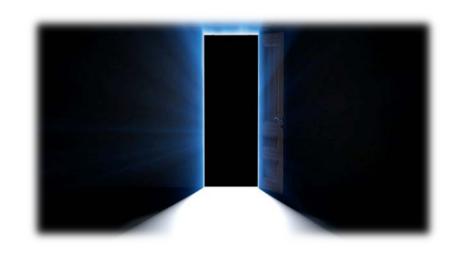
- Some websites store javascript code in localStorage
 - To improve Speed / Efficiency
- Data stored in localStorage has no expiration time

Poison localStorage to achieve long time survival



Evaluation

- We analysed the top **10213** domains/subdomains
 - 4234 domains store javascript functions in their localStorage
 - Including airbnb, wikipedia, mail.ru and many other popular sites
- It's not a vulnerability but it opens a door to achieve long time control for attackers.





A new obstacle appear: Site Isolation

Our attack methods not work under this condition

HTTP Cache & Local Storage





Chrome site isolation Introduction

- Enabled by default in Chrome 67 on Win/Mac/Linux/Chrome OS
- For mitigating attacks like "Spectre"
- Pages from different websites -> different sandboxed processes





How can we defeat site isolation?

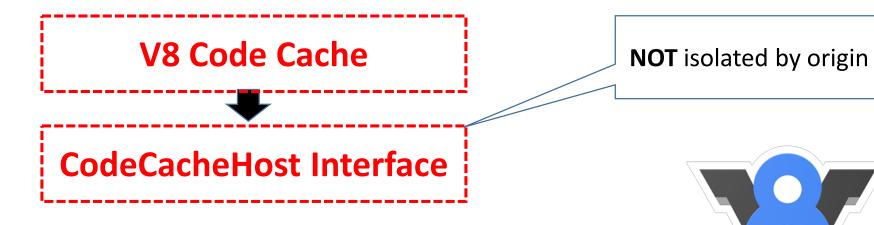
• All roads lead to Rome





Cache Persistence

After research, we aim at:





CodeCacheHost interface

Core Function: DidGenerateCacheableMetadata

```
Renderer

Browser
```

```
interface CodeCacheHost {

// Requests that the browser cache | data | associated with | url | and

// | expected_response_time |.

DidGenerateCacheableMetadata(CodeCacheType cache_type,

url.mojom.Url url,

mojo_base.mojom.Time expected_response_time,

array<uint8> data);

Key of Code Cache
```



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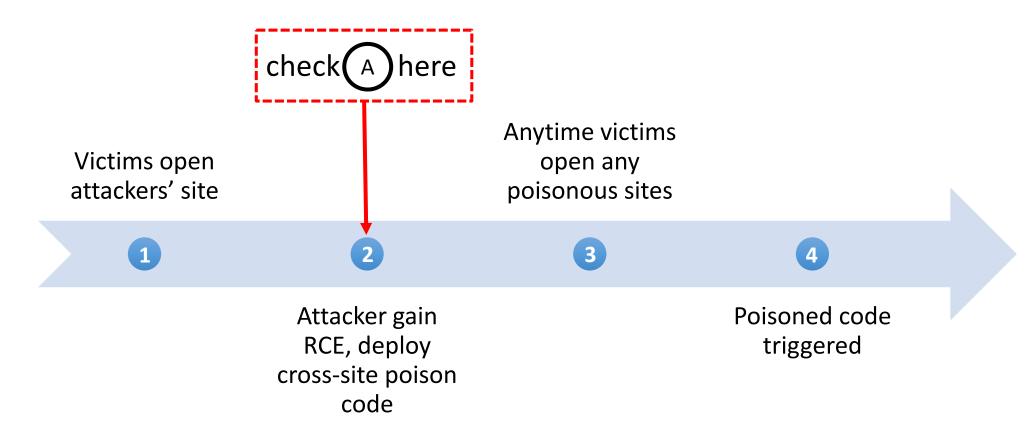
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Attacker gain RCE, deploy cross-site poison code Poisoned code triggered



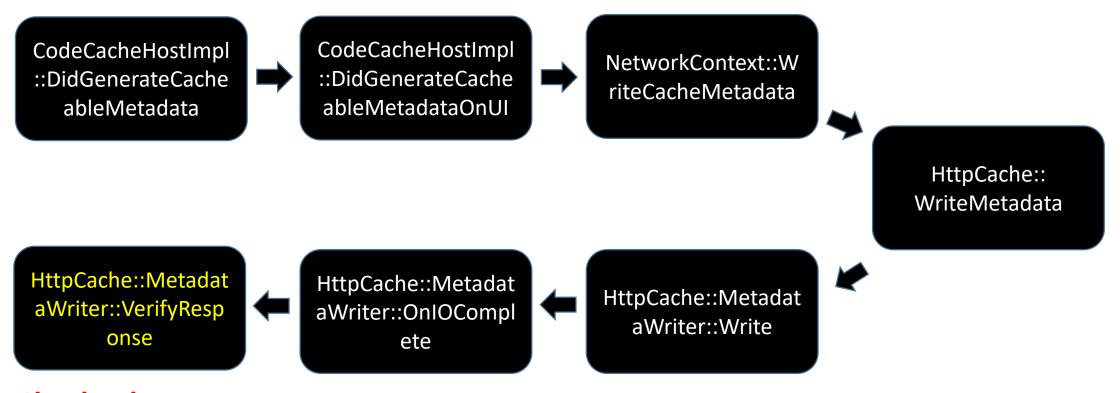
When implement, we need to bypass check A





Details of Check A

The step 2 triggers call graph of DidGenerateCacheableMetadata in browser process



Check A happens



Details of Check A

- "expected_response_time_" is parameter of the above core function
- response_time:
 - in the HTTP response header
 - may be cached in HTTP Cache



How to Bypass Check A?

Get the HTTP Cache response header

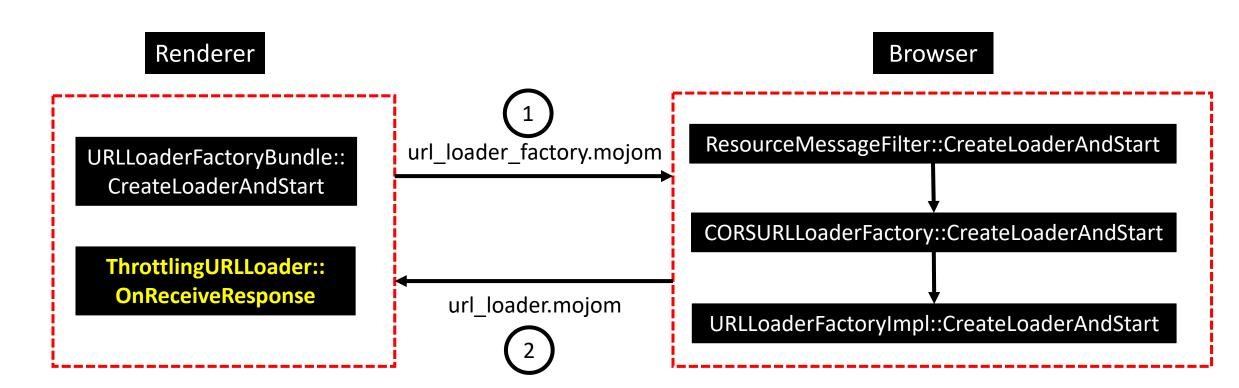
- Renderers fetch web resources by themselves!
 - Browser process requests resources from HTTP Cache first
 - If got nothing, then requests from web network
 - For external scripts, renderers fetch from browser by ScriptLoader::FetchClassicScript





How to Bypass Check A?

• Flow Graph of Renderer fetch web resources from browser process





How to Bypass Check A?

Succeed Getting Response Header

```
ThrottlingURLLoader::OnReceiveResponse(const network::ResourceResponseHead& response_head)

struct ResourceResponseHead : ResourceResponseInfo {
    base::TimeTicks request_start;
    base::TimeTicks response_start;
}

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}

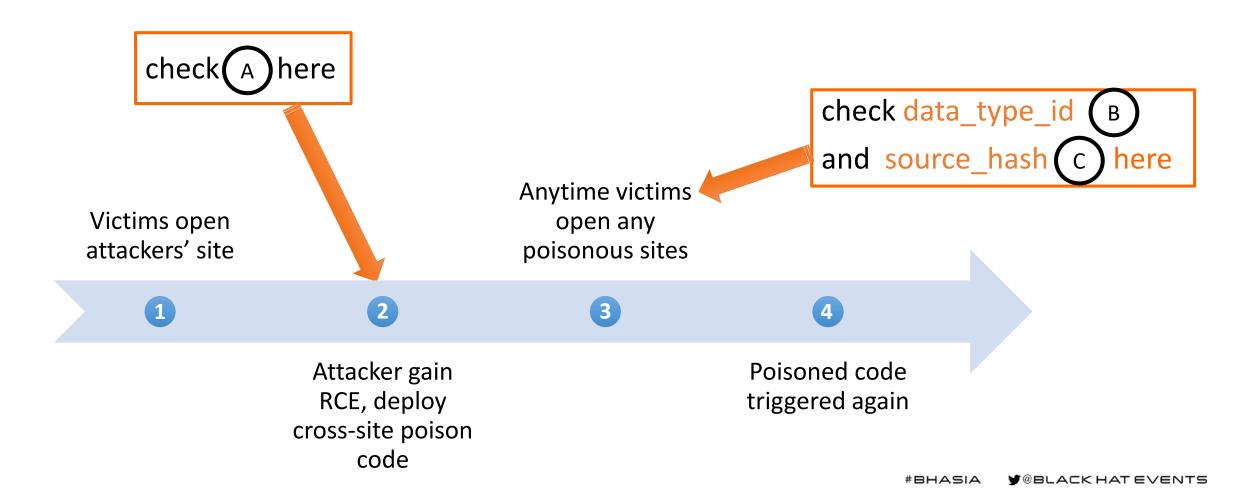
struct ResourceResponseInfo {
    base::Time request_time;
}

base::Time response_time;
//...
};
```

Succeed bypassing check A



Done? No! More Checks when visiting the target website





Details of Check B

• CHECK B in ScriptCachedMetadataHandler::GetCachedMetadata

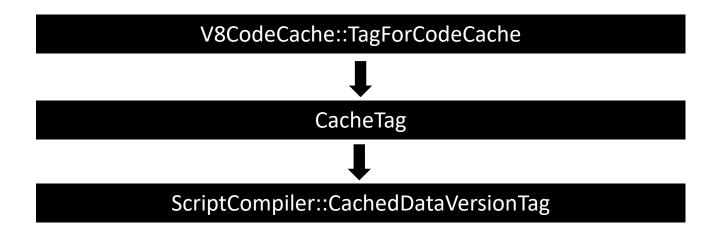
```
scoped_refptr<CachedMetadata>
ScriptCachedMetadataHandler::GetCachedMetadata(uint32_t data_type_id) const {
    if (!cached_metadata_ || cached_metadata_->DataTypeID() != data_type_id
        return nullptr;
    return cached_metadata_;
    //...
}
```

- The left-side date_type_id is read from V8 code cache
- The right-side "data_type_id" is computed in V8CodeCache::TagForCodeCache



Details of Check B

- What is data_type_id?
 - data_type_id is computed in V8CodeCache::TagForCodeCache





Bypass of Check B

The calculating formula of data_type_id

- Characteristics
 - Public
 - Unchanged (for the specific chromium/chrome version)

Succeed bypassing check B



Details of Check C

• CHECK C in SerializedCodeData::SanityCheck

- "source_hash" is read from V8 code cache
- "expected_source_hash" is computed in SerializedCodeData::SourceHash



Bypass of Check C

What is source_hash?

source_hash = IsModule() ? (source_length | 0x80000000) : source_length;

- For no-module script, the source_hash is script source length
- source length is public and basically unchanged

Succeed bypassing check C



Implementation of Cache Persistence - With Site Isolation

- Version: On Chromium 72.0.3582.0
- Target Example

```
https://apis.google.com/_/scs/abc-static/_/js/k=gapi.gapi.en.1YQiBIu1zGM.O/m=gapi_iframes,googleapis_client,plusone/rt=j/sv=1/d=1/ed=1/rs=AHpOoo8jmooDqnwUNQ5CPVlex635ObQRZg/cb=gapi.loaded_0
```

- Survive browser restarting
- Survive device restarting



Step 1 - Get Response Time

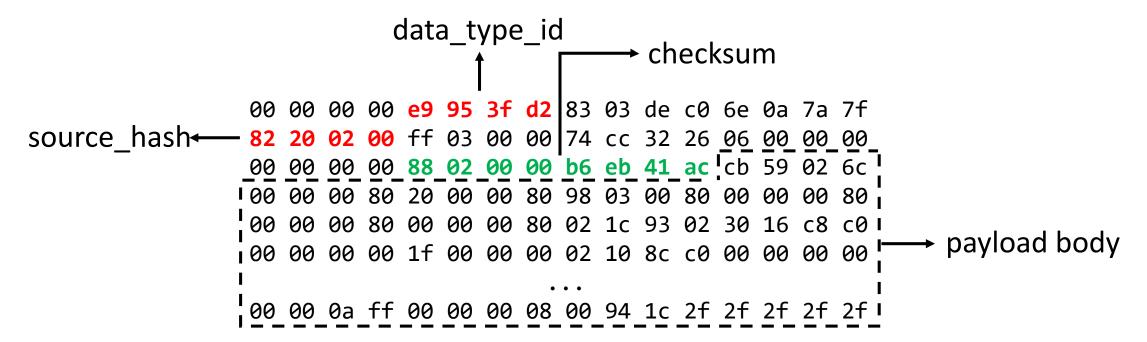
- Hook ThrottlingURLLoader::Start
 - modify the "url" field of "url_request" to target URL

```
void ThrottlingURLLoader::Start(
                   scoped_refptr<network::SharedURLLoaderFactory> factory,
                   int32_t routing_id,
                   int32 t request id,
                   uint32 t options,
                   network::ResourceRequest* url request,
                   scoped_refptr<base::SingleThreadTaskRunner> task_runner) {
    //...
    GURL original_url = url_request->url;
    //...
    start_info_ = std::make_unique<StartInfo>(factory, routing_id, request_id, options,
                                                url_request, std::move(task_runner));
```



Step 2 - Construct Our Payload

Format of Payload





Step 2 - Construct Our Payload

- Modify chromium
 - Modify the "produce_cache_options" to "kProduceCodeCache" to produce cache



Step 2 - Contruct Our Payload

- Generate Payload
 - Load the "payload.html", get the payload of "payload.js" in RendererBlinkPlatformImpl::CacheMetadata



Step 3 - Cross-Site Poison of V8 Code Cache

- Hook RendererBlinkPlatformImpl::CacheMetadata
 - modify the "url" to target URL
 - modify the "data" to our constructed Payload



Mitigation of Cache Persistence - With Site Isolation

- Code cache Key = URL + Origin
 - Origin must be provided by browser process, not renderer

Compromised renderer can not modify code cache under other origins



Mitigation of Cache Persistence - With Site Isolation

• Chromium fixes on 72.0.3613.0 using "GeneratedCodeCache" plan



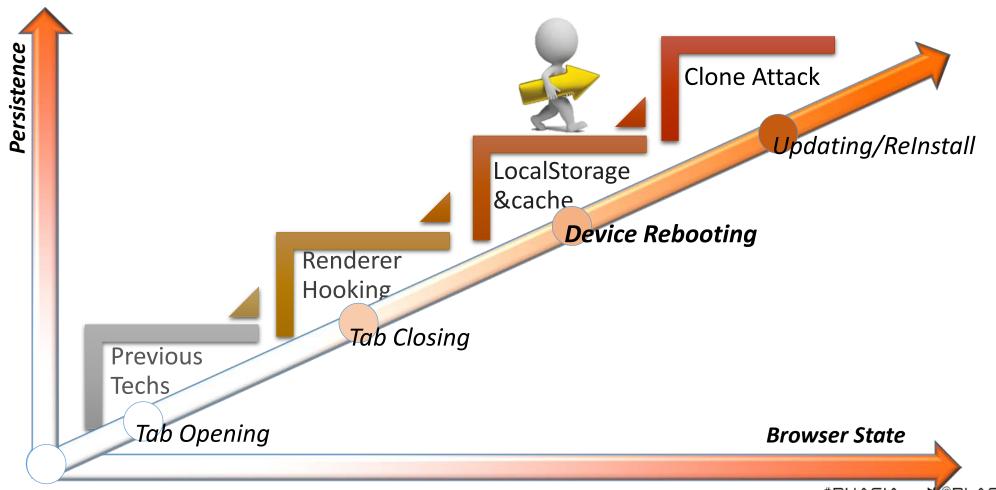
Evaluation - Persistence by V8 Code Cache

- Persistence will be invalid when:
 - Update chrome to a new version
 - Re-install chrome with caches cleared
 - Target URL updated with new version info

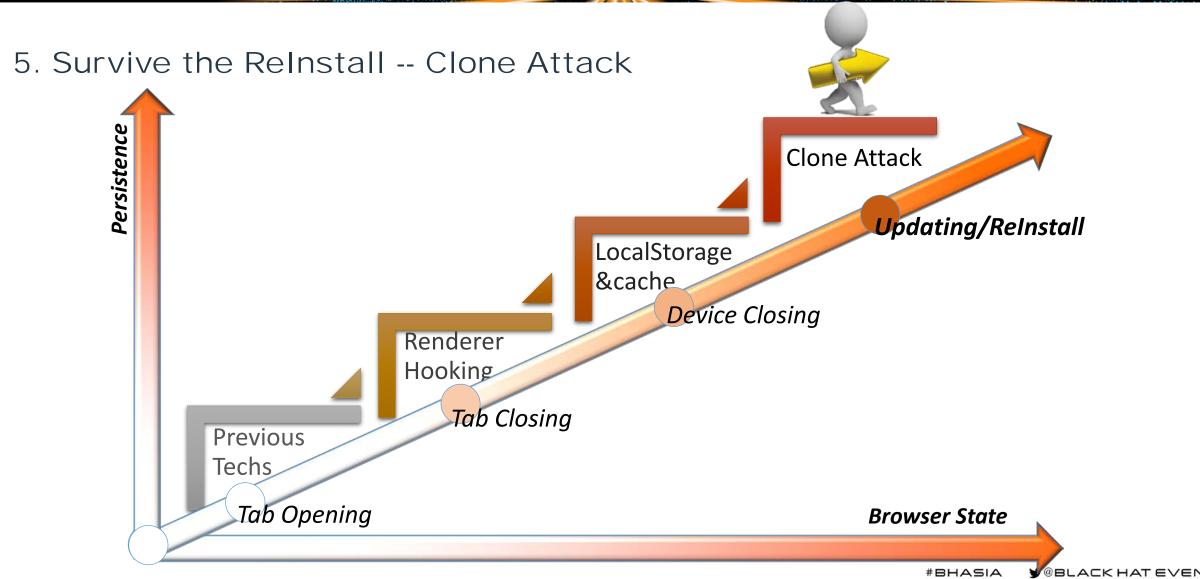
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```



Reinstall? Still not solved









Android WebView

- Browser of mobile
- Based on Chromium
 - But can be configured by host App
- Security policy of renderer process
 - Share process with host App before Android N
 - Separated renderer process after Android O





Survive the ReInstall -- Clone Attack

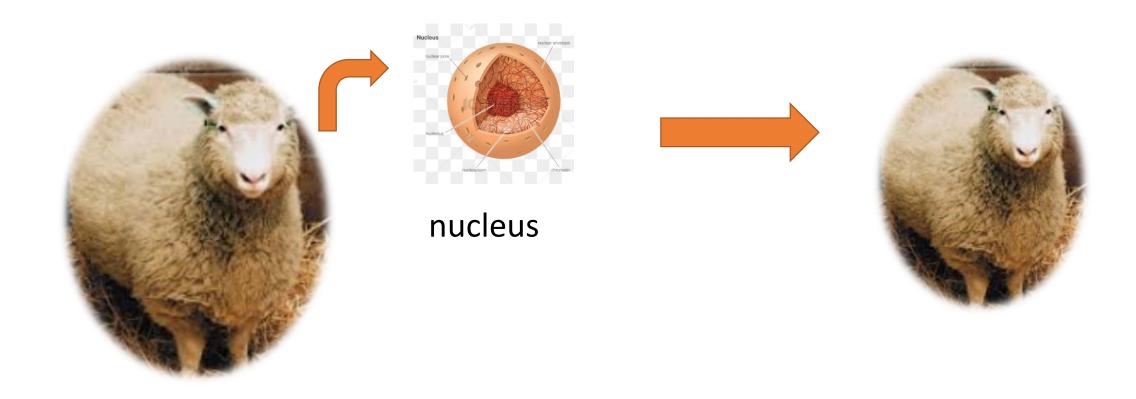
- How to conduct a persistent attack on mobile?
 - From WebView to App
 - Retaining control
 - Remote and hidden



Clone Attack



What is Clone Attack





What is Clone Attack

Who is the nucleus of mobile App?

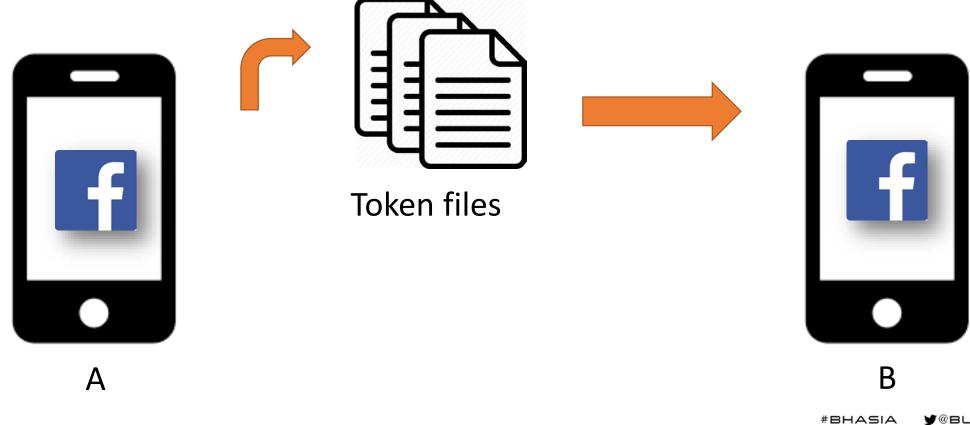
- Cloud-based
- Stay logged in state
- IP and position change frequently

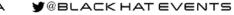
Long-lived token files are necessary





What is Clone Attack







Account Persistence - Clone Attack

DEMO

The same account logged in different device at the same time



Clone Attack by RCE

How to steal token files?

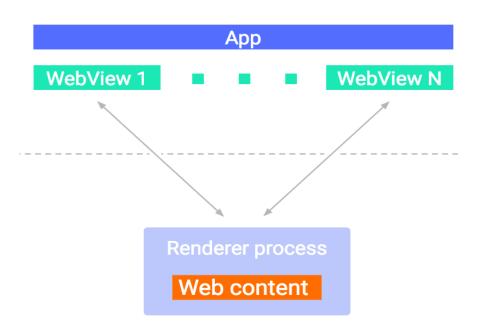
- WebView share process with host App before Android N
- 1-day or N-day to gain the RCE of WebView
 - Fragmentation of Android System

Note: It is not the vulnerability of Facebook



How to steal token files after Android O?

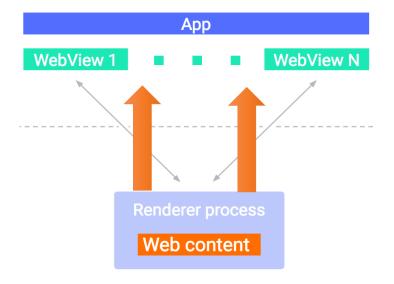
- Isolated webview process
 - Limited to read or write disk
 - Can't talk to network on its own
- Android App sandbox



Misconfigured WebView



- Misconfigured WebView a door to App
 - setAllowFileAccessFromFileURLs
 - setAllowUniversalAccessFromFileURLs



If either of them is set to TRUE, WebView will allow a file scheme URL to access the content of the App



```
<script>
                                                                                    file://sdcard/a.html
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
xhr.open("GET","/data/data/com.myapp/secret.txt",true);
xhr.send();
</script>
                                                                                         secret.txt
                     /sdcard/a.html
                                                                                        WebView
```



- How to make an App webview to load a file URL?
 - http:// to file:// ? NO
 - UXSS?

• ...



Custom URL Scheme



Custom URL Scheme

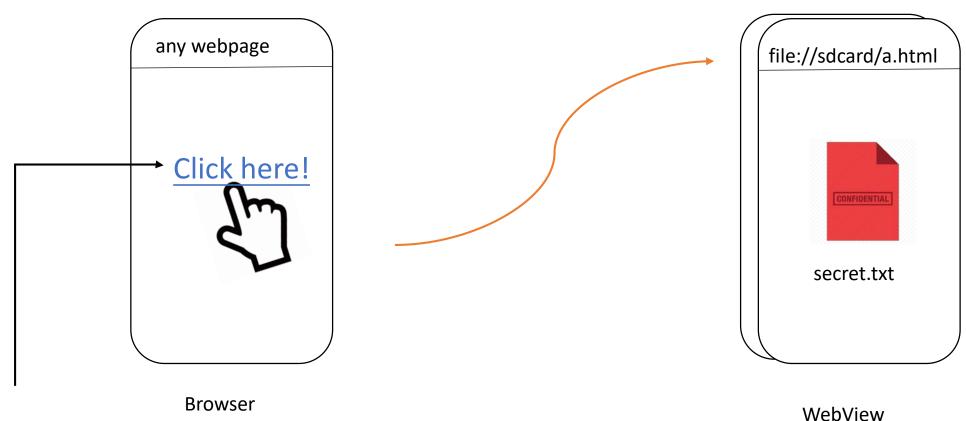
AndroidManifest.xml



Custom URL Scheme

onCreate Function of Activity





myapp://myhost.com/?url=file://sdcard/exp.html

VVCDVICVV



Victims Click Phishing URL Evil code triggered, Token sent to attackers

Evil html downloaded and loaded Clone tokens to Clone Attack



Bypass The Defense

file URL check bypass

```
if url.startsWith("file://"){
        //forbidden
};
if url.contains("file://"){
        //forbidden
};
...
```

Bypass: case changing, white space, "../" etc



Bypass The Defense

file URL check bypass

```
file:///data/data/com.app/../../sdcard/xxx

file:///android_assets/../sdcard file:///android_res/../sdcard

file:///data/data/com.app/..\\..\\sdcard/xxx

file:///data/data/com.app/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/sdcard/xxx

file:/data/data/com.app/
...
```



Bypass The Defense

token binding bypass



IMEI, MAC etc are stored in local file



Mitigation

- Keep setAllowFileAccessFromFileURLs and setAllowUniversalAccessFromFileURLs as false if you don't need
- Do not accept all external URL in your own App
- Save your token files safely (eg. KeyStore)





Evaluation

- 27 of top 200 apps are affected (A Chinese app store)
- category including finance, shopping, social networking etc
- scanned 1000+ apps, and 10% are affected

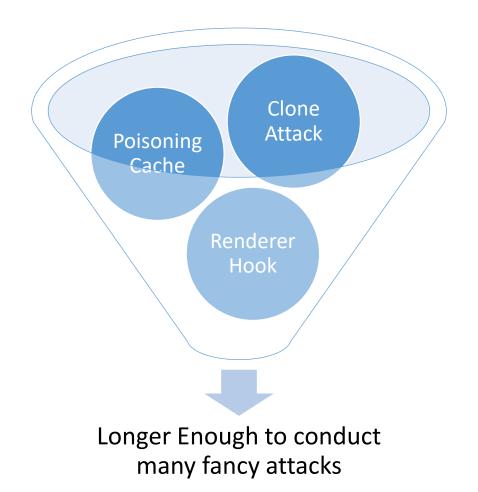


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What can we do inside the sandbox? Even with site-isolation!





Fancy Attacks Based on Our Research

- Stealing any related websites' cookies any time
- Phishing and Information collection any time
- Consistently port scanning and attacking in LANs on some conditions
- Clone victims identities and stay logged in



Conclusion

- Many fancy attack can be conducted without breaking the sandbox
- Attackers can steal victims' credentials, clone their accounts to achieve long-time control
- Sandbox is the best choice but not the silver bullet



Conclusion

- Innovation
 - Attack Strategies? New idea!
 - Living in limited environment persistently and prosperously

- Future Work
 - Browser sandboxes -> All sandboxes
 - Longer and longer time even permanent?



Sound Bytes

- Attack renderer process persistently even permanently
- Cache Persistence even with site isolation enabled
- A mind blowing persistent attack Clone Attack



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