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Who are we?

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axelle = {
    ''realname'' : ''Axelle Apvrille'',
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```

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Ange
ange = {
    ''realname'': ''Ange Albertini'',
    ''hobby'': ''Corkami''}
```

What is this?



Nice? Thanks that's GIMP art from me ;)

It's an image!

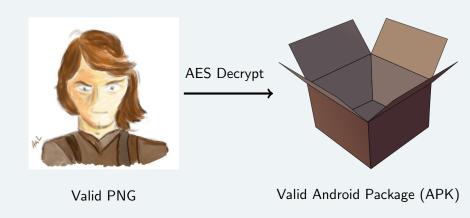
file says...

anakin.png: PNG image data, 636298042 x 1384184774, 19-bit

PNG file format

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89 50 4e 47 0d 0a 1a 0a 00 01 b4 40 61 61 61 61 | .PNG....
25 ed 23 3a 52 80 fb c6 13 cc 54 4d 74 f5 78 87 | %.#:R...
ba 7d b5 f6 93 63 43 f0 e0 b9 99 9b 37 06 cc 8f | .}...cC.
32 59 5b 55 da 14 e2 87 68 f7 89 e5 88 14 fe 76 | 2Y[U....]
3e 0b cd 65 ec c4 7a 71 4d 95 c0 4e de 48 30 91 | >..e..zql...
```

It is more than that!



Embed this "PNG" in an Android app?

Imagine...

...if that PNG/APK is malicious!

- (Nearly) invisible to reverse engineering!
- ► The Android app is **encrypted**

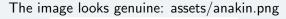
Arg! What will I see?

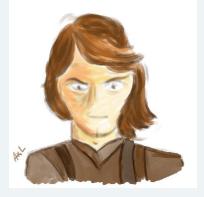
- A fat image
- ► The wrapping application
 - Code that decrypts an asset
 - Code that loads/installs an application
 - But that depends how well the wrapping app is written It can be *obfuscated*...

Party time! Demo! Wake up!

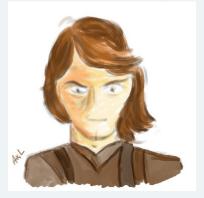
The APK looks genuine

Archive:	PocActivity-debug.apk		
Length	Date	Time	Name
508720	2014-09-11	13:41	assets/anakin.png
1272	2014-09-11	14:03	res/layout/main.xml
1988	2014-09-11	14:03	AndroidManifest.xml
1444	2014-09-11	14:03	resources.arsc
7515	2014-09-11	14:03	res/drawable-hdpi/logo.png
2455	2014-09-11	14:03	res/drawable-ldpi/logo.png
4471	2014-09-11	14:03	res/drawable-mdpi/logo.png
8856	2014-09-11	14:03	classes.dex
634	2014-09-11	14:03	META-INF/MANIFEST.MF
687	2014-09-11	14:03	META-INF/CERT.SF
776	2014-09-11	14:03	META-INF/CERT.RSA
538818			11 files





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Perhaps a bit 'fat'

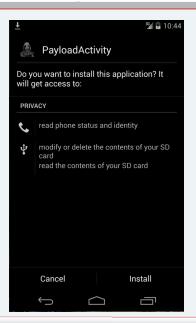
508720 bytes (\approx 500K) for 382x385 pixels



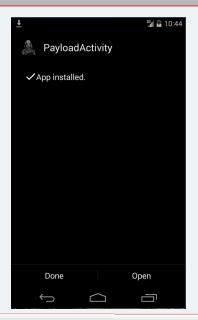
adb install WrappingApk.apk







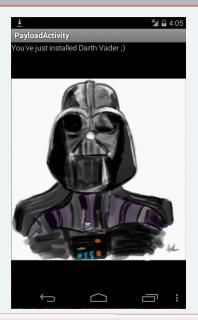
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Payload gets executed

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- 4. We implement another APK containing the PNG



More?

Status

Works on Android 4.4.2

June 2014: Android Security Team notified - partial fix

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References

AngeCryption:

http://corkami.googlecode.com/svn/trunk/src/angecryption/

Code: https://github.com/cryptax/angeapk - soon after conf'

Corkami: https://code.google.com/p/corkami/

Fortinet's blog: http://blog.fortinet.com

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