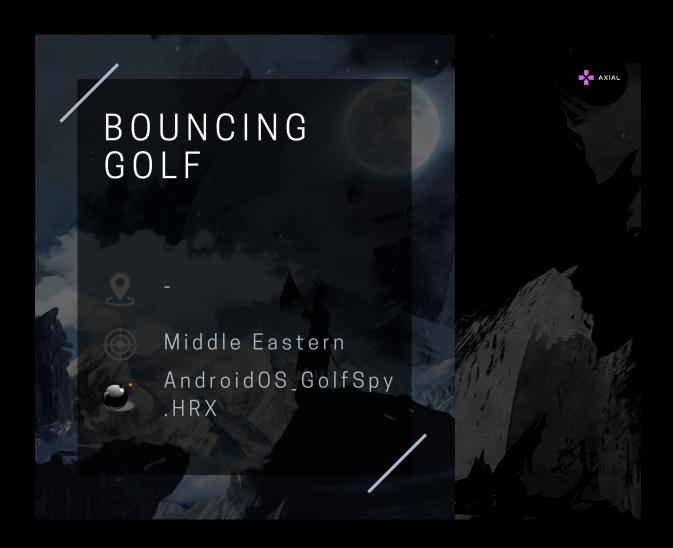
# BOUNCING GOLF







# A SURVEY ON BOUNCING GOLF :ABOUT, WEAPON OF CHOICE, TECHNIQUES & ENGAGEMENTS

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#### IV. CAMPAIGNS

# I. INTRODUCTION

Trend micro uncovered a cyberespionage campaign targeting Middle Eastern countries. They named this campaign "Bouncing Golf" based on the malware's code in the package named "golf." The malware involved, which Trend Micro detects as AndroidOS\_GolfSpy.HRX, is notable for its wide range of cyberespionage capabilities.

• June 2019: The malware involved, which Trend Micro detects as AndroidOS\_GolfSpy.HRX, is notable for its wide range of cyberespionage capabilities. Malicious codes are embedded in apps that the operators repackaged from legitimate applications. Monitoring the command and control (C&C) servers used by Bouncing Golf, Trend micro so far observed more than 660 Android devices infected with GolfSpy. Much of the information being stolen appear to be military-related.

### II. TARGETS

Security researchers at Trend Micro have spotted a cyberespionage campaign, dubbed 'Bouncing Golf, that is targeting Android users in Middle Eastern countries.

#### III. METHODS USED

Attackers distributed the malware in tainted legitimate applications that are hosted on websites advertised on social media. The tainted applications pose as communication, news, lifestyle, book, and reference apps that are commonly used in the Middle East.

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