

Extremely Vulnerable Android Labs(EVABS) APPS FULL WALKTHROUGH (WITH FLAG).

First of all, these walkthroughs were intentionally done fully in the Mobexler VM with the aim that this VM can cater to all of the tools needed in a single mobile tailored VM as part of assessing vulnerabilities and hacking into the mobile applications. EVABS was chosen as a target since there is no reliable writeup about this vulnerable app to be used as a reference and guide in order to complete all of the tasks.

As part of testing, here is the list of software used to complete this walkthrough:

- Mobexler VM
- Genymotion vers 3.1.1
- EVABS app vers 1.1 release 4
- Google Pixel 3 XL (as emulator)

Before begin, shoutout to the creator of this awesome EVABS, [abhi-r3v0](#) that made us capable of testing and improve our competency by using his apps. Not to forget also the Enciphers team that hardworkingly made this magnificent mobile pentest tailored VM platform to be used in our daily pentesting.

In writing this walkthrough, I'll be laymen as I can and easy to follow accordingly thus can be referred by the beginner or someone that just encounters to do mobile penetration testing. In every part of the challenge level also I'll put some best practice, support links, alternative steps, and other related stuff on solving those challenges. Disclaim that every step I used may differ from the actual or best security practice as the goals of this EVABS app is getting the flag hidden inside the app. Hence, even the steps kinda messy and very much loophole, as long as the idea is there and easily understandable then it'll be very much helpful towards mastering the basics of mobile pentesting.

Initial steps.

Begin with opening the Genymotion that already setup the Google Pixel 3 XL android emulator, then Install EVABS in it. Follow the EVABS first time user registration accordingly then later you may use the app. While doing so, Mobexler should be opened at the very moment so then can proceed with doing the challenges.

In Mobexler, open the terminal and type *adb devices*, to see any connected devices. Since this is the first time setup so there is no device attached.

As my Genymotion IP is shown in the picture below, type *adb connect your.IP.address* to connect your mobile to the Mobexler adb. Next, type *adb devices* back to ensure your mobile is attached.

Using *frida-ps -Ua* to enumerate all of the running applications on your mobile. If an error like mine popup, simply use this command to fire up back the Frida server on your mobile.

Adb shell

Su

Cd /data/local/tmp

./frida-server &

Or

Adb shell /data/loca/tmp/frida-server &

Note that this Frida server already pushed into the mobile in the first place. To doing so, kindly refer this link for Frida setup and installation. [Here](#).



```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb devices
List of devices attached

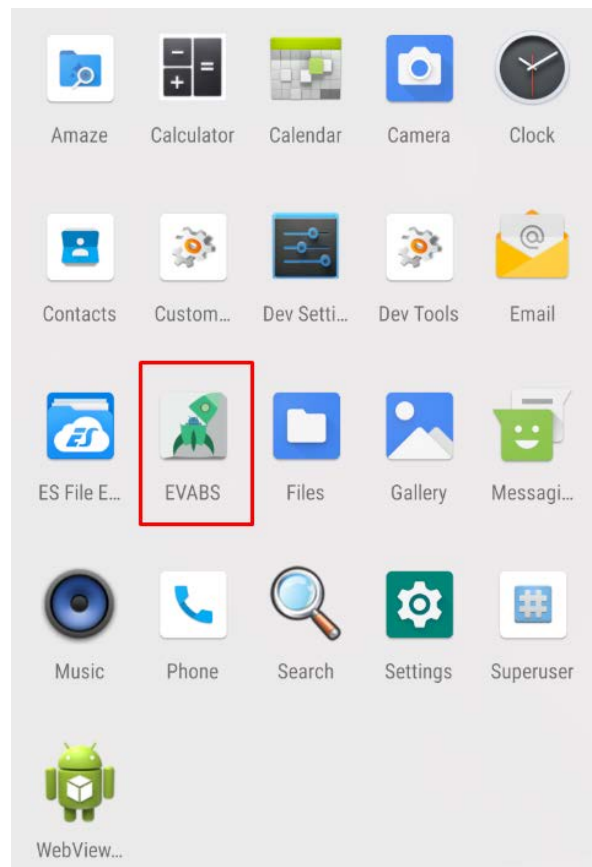
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb connect 192.168.28.101
connected to 192.168.28.101:5555

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb devices
List of devices attached
192.168.28.101:5555    device

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ frida-ps -Ua
Failed to enumerate applications: unable to connect to remote frida-server: closed

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb shell
vbox86p:/ # su
:/ # cd /data/local/tmp
:/data/local/tmp # ls
frida-server re.frida.server
:/data/local/tmp # ./frida-server &
[1] 2085
:/data/local/tmp # exit
```

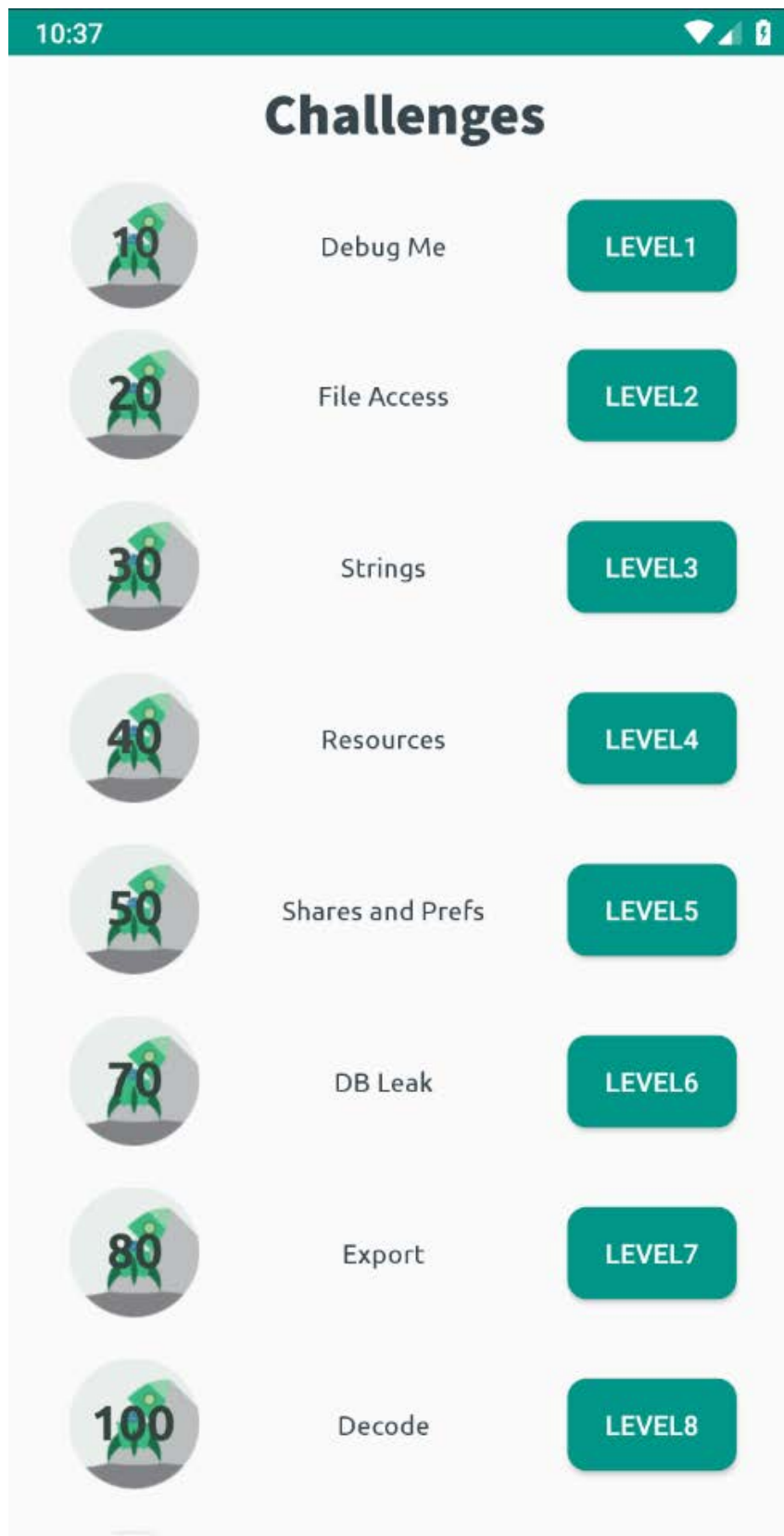
In your mobile, open the EVABS app back (if close after the first setup session) and let it run as it is.



Go back to the Mobexler terminal, type back *frida-ps -Ua* command to enumerate back all running applications in your mobile, and as you can see In the picture below, the EVABS app is listed with PID 2134. Your app PID may be different and for sure different with mine so take note on that.

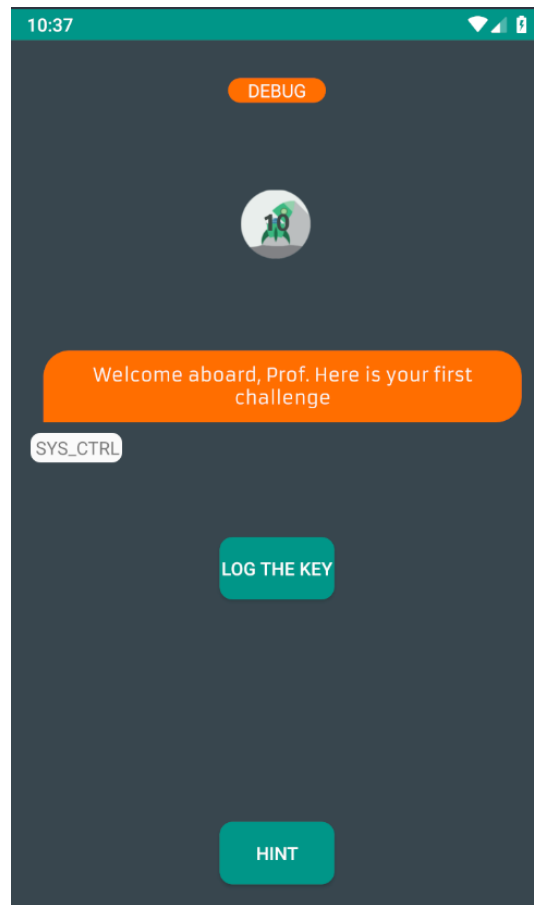
```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ frida-ps -Ua
PID  Name                               Identifier
-----
706  Android Keyboard (AOSP)             com.android.inputmethod.latin
920  Android Services Library            android.ext.services
581  Android System                     android
1415 Blocked Numbers Storage             com.android.providers.blockednumber
1558 Calendar Storage                  com.android.providers.calendar
581  Call Management                     com.android.server.telecom
1544 Cell Broadcasts                  com.android.cellbroadcastreceiver
1415 Contacts Storage                  com.android.providers.contacts
2134 EVABS                             com.revo.evabs
1633 Email                             com.android.email
581  Fused Location                      com.android.location.fused
1854 Key Chain                          com.android.keychain
1680 Messaging                         com.android.messaging
792  MmsService                          com.android.mms.service
1360 Phone                           com.android.dialer
792  Phone Services                      com.android.phone
792  Phone and Messaging St...           com.android.providers.telephony
1211 Print Spooler                     com.android.printspooler
1169 Quickstep                         com.android.launcher3
1116 SecureElementApplicati...         com.android.se
802  Settings                           com.android.settings
581  Settings Storage                    com.android.providers.settings
725 System UI                         com.android.systemui
1415 User Dictionary                    com.android.providers.userdictionary
1185 com.android.smpush                  com.android.smpush
1151 com.genymotion.genyd...             com.genymotion.genyd
1093 com.genymotion.system...            com.genymotion.systempatcher
1132 com.genymotion.taskloc...           com.genymotion.tasklocker
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$
```

In EVABS, there are 12 challenges that need to be solved and each of the challenges marked with points indicates the difficulty of the level. However all those points are not cumulatively added as overall point and not show in any part of the app, maybe this the part dev need to fix or improve.



CHALLENGE LEVEL 1

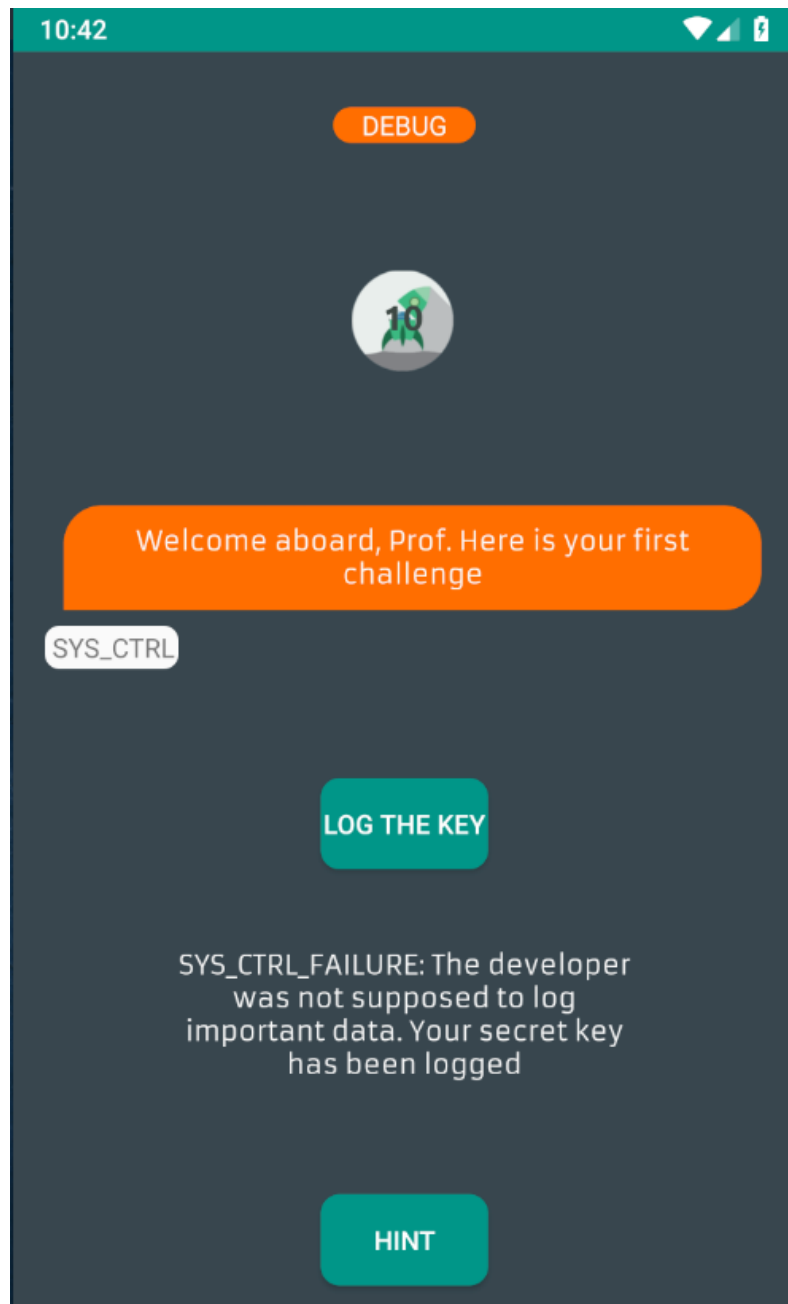
Start with the first challenge of the app, it starts with the most common vulnerability within a mobile app which is debugged log listing. You may press the Hint button for more challenge level details.



In the Mobexler terminal, using this command; `adb logcat --pid=pidnumber` to fire up debug log monitor specific to the EVABS app using its PID number queried using the previous command in the initial steps.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb logcat --pid=2134
----- beginning of main
09-21 22:35:45.926 2134 2134 I Zygote : seccomp disabled by setenforce 0
09-21 22:35:45.932 2134 2134 I com.revo.evabs: Late-enabling -Xcheck:jni
09-21 22:35:45.967 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Unexpected CPU variant for X86 using defaults: x86
09-21 22:35:46.060 2134 2134 I com.revo.evabs: The ClassLoaderContext is a special shared library.
09-21 22:35:46.133 2134 2134 D FirebaseApp: com.google.firebase.iid.FirebaseInstanceId is not linked. Skipping initialization.
09-21 22:35:46.135 2134 2134 D FirebaseApp: com.google.firebase.crash.FirebaseCrash is not linked. Skipping initialization.
09-21 22:35:46.141 2134 2134 D FirebaseApp: com.google.android.gms.measurement.AppMeasurement is not linked. Skipping initialization.
09-21 22:35:46.141 2134 2134 I FirebaseInitProvider: FirebaseApp initialization successful
09-21 22:35:46.236 2134 2163 D libEGL : Emulator has host GPU support, qemu.gles is set to 1.
09-21 22:35:46.254 2134 2163 D vndksupport: Loading /vendor/lib/egl/libGLES_emulation.so from current namespace instead of sphal namespace
09-21 22:35:46.316 2134 2163 E libEGL : load_driver(/vendor/lib/egl/libGLES_emulation.so): dlopen failed: library "/vendor/lib/egl/libGLES_emulation.so" not found
09-21 22:35:46.316 2134 2163 D vndksupport: Loading /vendor/lib/egl/libEGL_emulation.so from current namespace instead of sphal namespace.
09-21 22:35:46.351 2134 2163 D libEGL : loaded /vendor/lib/egl/libEGL_emulation.so
09-21 22:35:46.354 2134 2163 D vndksupport: Loading /vendor/lib/egl/libGLESv1_CM_emulation.so from current namespace instead of sphal namespace.
09-21 22:35:46.403 2134 2163 D libEGL : loaded /vendor/lib/egl/libGLESv1_CM_emulation.so
09-21 22:35:46.432 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/view/View;.>computeFitSystemWindows(Landroid/graphics/Rect;Landroid/graphics/Rect;)Z (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.432 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/view/ViewGroup;.>makeOptionalFitsSystemWindows()V (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.450 2134 2163 D vndksupport: Loading /vendor/lib/egl/libGLESv2_emulation.so from current namespace instead of sphal namespace.
09-21 22:35:46.451 2134 2163 D libEGL : loaded /vendor/lib/egl/libGLESv2_emulation.so
09-21 22:35:46.483 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/graphics/FontFamily;.>init()V (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.483 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/graphics/FontFamily;.>addFontFromAssetManager(Landroid/content/res/AssetManager;Ljava/lang/String;IZIII(Landroid/graphics/fonts/FontVariationAxis;)Z (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.483 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/graphics/FontFamily;.>addFontFromBuffer(Ljava/nio/ByteBuffer;I(Landroid/graphics/fonts/FontVariationAxis;II)Z (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.483 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/graphics/FontFamily;.>freeze()Z (light greylist, reflection)
09-21 22:35:46.483 2134 2134 W com.revo.evabs: Accessing hidden method Landroid/graphics/FontFamily;.>abortCreation()V (light greylist, reflection)
```

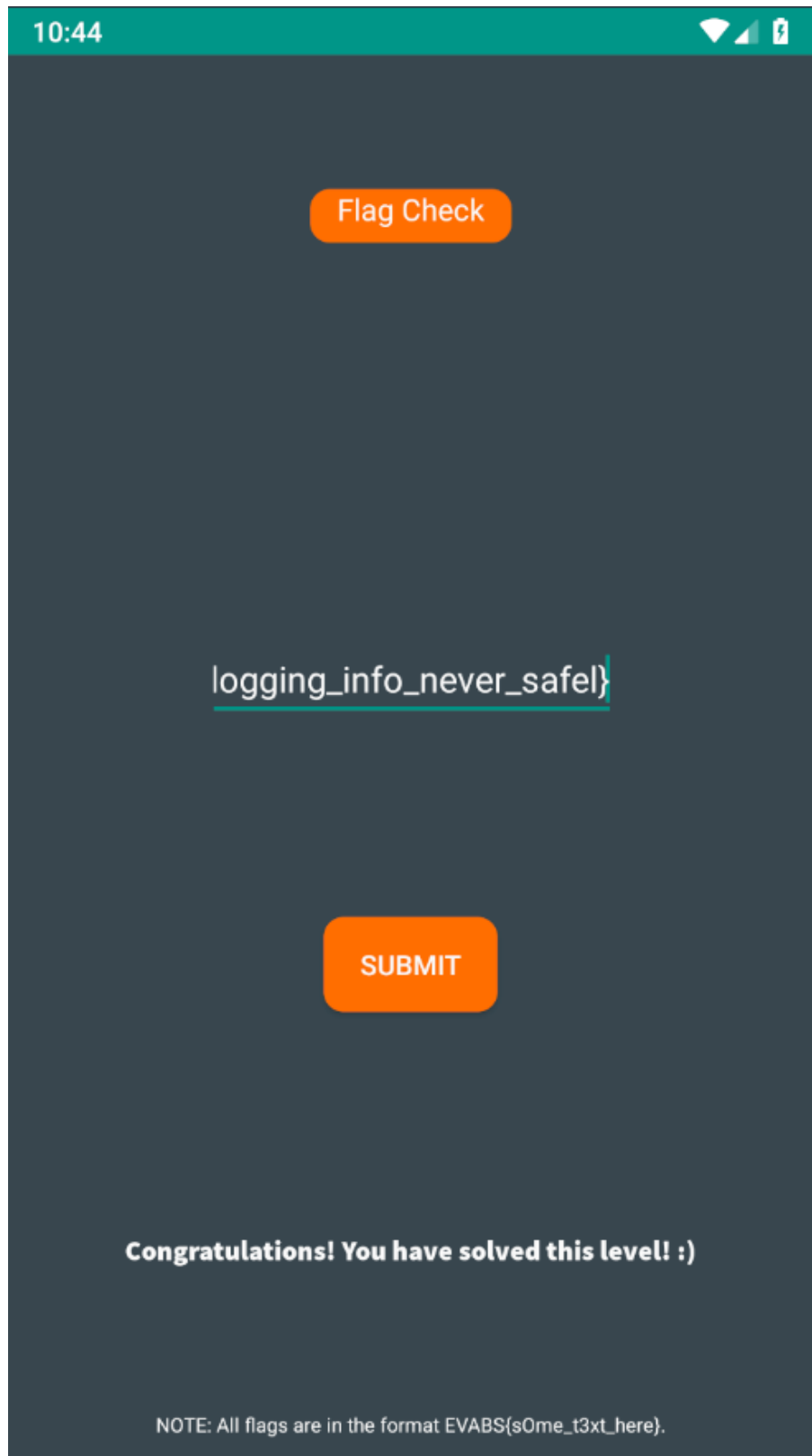
On the EVABS app, press the LOG THE KEY button as it mimicked the log input function in a real situation. By pressing that button, it will log the flag.



On the Mobexler terminal, as you pressed the button, it'll log the flag as debug log so that's our first flag!

```
09-21 22:35:48.521 2134 2134 W ActivityThread: handleWindowVisibility: no activity for token android.os.BinderProxy@ff141b3
09-21 22:35:51.494 2134 2165 E eglCodecCommon: goldfish_dma_create_region: could not obtain fd to device! fd -1 errno=2
09-21 22:37:17.668 2134 2134 W ActivityThread: handleWindowVisibility: no activity for token android.os.BinderProxy@f6f4078
09-21 22:37:45.280 2134 2134 W ActivityThread: handleWindowVisibility: no activity for token android.os.BinderProxy@bb7162c
09-21 22:42:33.958 2134 2134 D ** SYS_CTRL **: EVABS{logging_info_never_safel}
```

Copy the flag, open the EVABS FLAG CHECK section and paste it there like shown below. Then press the SUBMIT button to confirm your flag. This step applied on all challenges level as part of confirming the flag process so on further walkthrough part, I'll skip this.

A screenshot of a mobile application interface for flag checking. At the top, a teal status bar shows the time 10:44 and icons for Wi-Fi, cellular signal, and battery. The main area has a dark blue background. An orange button labeled 'Flag Check' is at the top. Below it, the flag 'logging_info_never_safe}' is displayed with a teal underline. An orange 'SUBMIT' button is below the flag. At the bottom, a congratulatory message and a note about flag format are shown.

10:44

Flag Check

logging_info_never_safe}

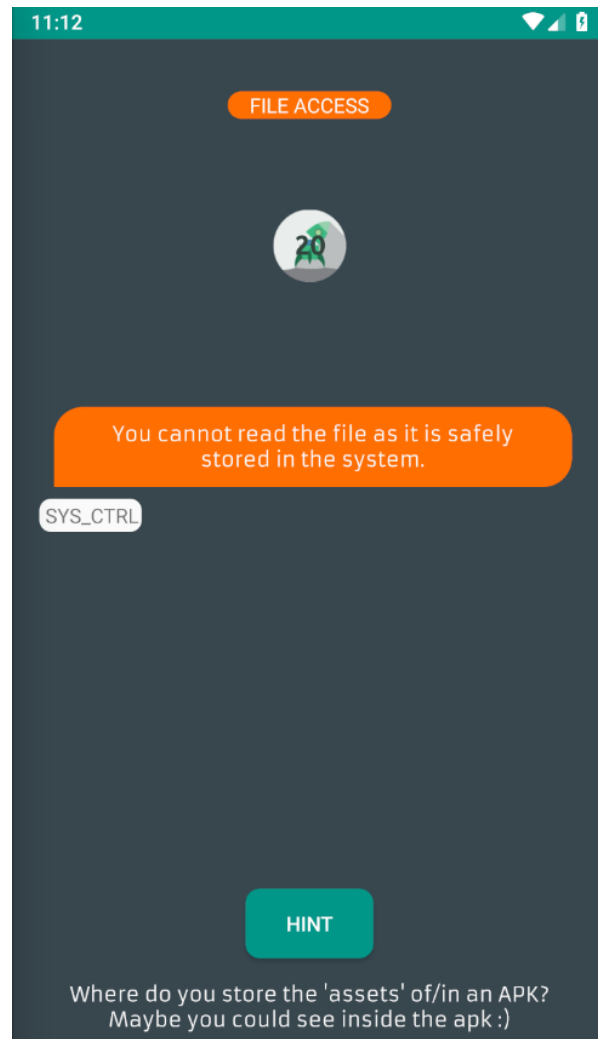
SUBMIT

Congratulations! You have solved this level! :)

NOTE: All flags are in the format EVABS{sOme_t3xt_here}.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 2

Next one, is File Access challenge as per stated on top of the pages. So, in common practice of developing an app, as a user can't read the app file as it's safely stored in the system.



On understanding this challenge, the hint stated that the assets of an app may be stored within the app file or APK.

```
version: 1.9.6
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ objection -g "com.revo.evabs" explore
Using USB device `Google Pixel 3 XL`
Agent injected and responds ok!

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  | . | . | - |   |   |   |   |
  | | | | | | | | | |
    | (object)inject(ion) v1.9.6

Runtime Mobile Exploration
by: @leonjza from @sensepost

[tab] for command suggestions
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] #
```


Entering directory within the APK can be achieved by using Objection. One of the mobile exploration's tools made using Frida. Use *objection -g "app.package.name" explore*

```
[tab] for command suggestions
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # ls
Type      Last Modified      Read      Write      Hidden      Size      Name
-----
Readable: True Writable: True
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # cd ..
/data/user/0/com.revo.evabs
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # ls
Type      Last Modified      Read      Write      Hidden      Size      Name
-----
Directory 2020-08-24 01:37:04 GMT True      True      False      4.0 KiB  shared_prefs
Directory 2020-09-21 07:03:16 GMT True      True      False      4.0 KiB  files
Directory 2020-08-24 01:36:34 GMT True      False     False      4.0 KiB  lib
Directory 2020-08-24 01:36:34 GMT True      True      False      4.0 KiB  code_cache
Directory 2020-08-24 01:36:34 GMT True      True      False      4.0 KiB  cache

Readable: True Writable: True
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # env
Name      Path
-----
cacheDirectory      /data/user/0/com.revo.evabs/cache
codeCacheDirectory  /data/user/0/com.revo.evabs/code_cache
externalCacheDirectory /storage/emulated/0/Android/data/com.revo.evabs/cache
filesDirectory      /data/user/0/com.revo.evabs/files
obbDir              /storage/emulated/0/Android/obb/com.revo.evabs
packageCodePath      /data/app/com.revo.evabs-QLKhXiqiffZ9ZVLfPab54g==/base.apk
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # cd /data/app/com.revo.evabs-QLKhXiqiffZ9ZVLfPab54g==/
/data/app/com.revo.evabs-QLKhXiqiffZ9ZVLfPab54g==/
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # ls
Type      Last Modified      Read      Write      Hidden      Size      Name
-----
Directory 2020-09-08 06:25:54 GMT False     False     False      4.0 KiB  oat
Directory 2020-08-24 01:36:34 GMT True      False     False      4.0 KiB  lib
File      2020-08-24 01:36:34 GMT True      False     False      7.9 MiB  base.apk

Readable: True Writable: False
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # file download base.apk base.apk
Downloading /data/app/com.revo.evabs-QLKhXiqiffZ9ZVLfPab54g==/base.apk to base.apk
Streaming file from device...
Writing bytes to destination...
Successfully downloaded /data/app/com.revo.evabs-QLKhXiqiffZ9ZVLfPab54g==/base.apk to base.apk
com.revo.evabs on (Android: 9) [usb] # |
```

Once gained access within the app file, list any directory and files in it to locate the APK file. Use command *env* to list out environment of the app package. As you can see, I managed to find the APK file and download it using this command;

file download filename.apk filename.apk

Second name of the app used as the location where to save in the Mobexler path by using its current name.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ apktool d base.apk
I: Using Apktool 2.4.1 on base.apk
I: Loading resource table...
I: Decoding AndroidManifest.xml with resources...
I: Loading resource table from file: /home/mobexler/.local/share/apktool/framework/1.apk
I: Regular manifest package...
I: Decoding file-resources...
I: Decoding values */* XMLs...
I: Baksmaling classes.dex...
I: Copying assets and libs...
I: Copying unknown files...
I: Copying original files...
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ls
Android base base.apk Desktop Documents GNUstep Music Pictures results Templates tool update
AndroidZone base16-xfce4-terminal BurpSuiteCommunity dist Downloads iOSZone node_modules Public SecZone tools Videos
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ |
```

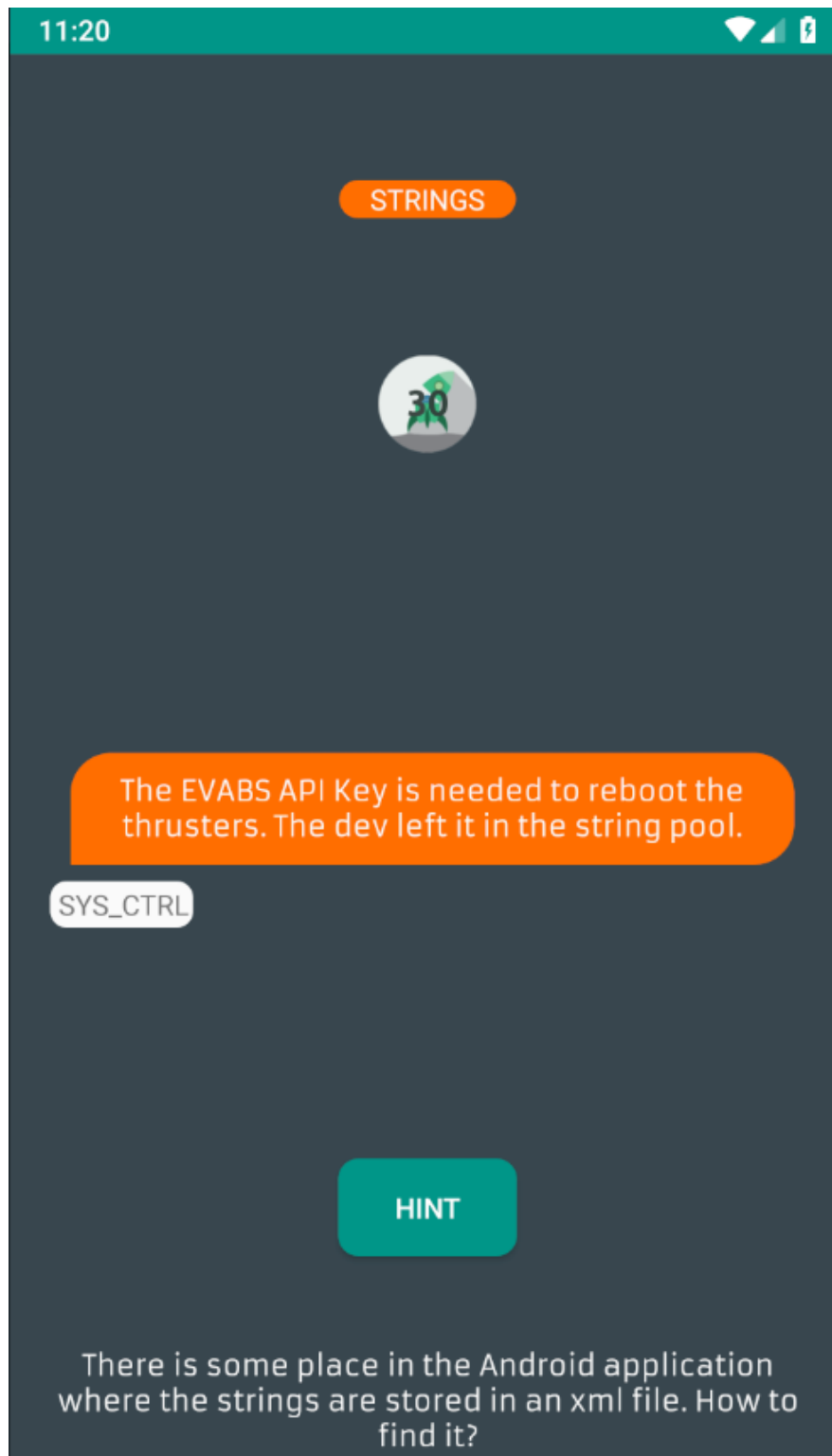
After downloaded, it obviously will save the file as APK format (.apk) because it is an app file. Using this command, `apktool -d filename.apk` to disassemble the app file into readable and accessible folder.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base ➤ ls
AndroidManifest.xml apktool.yml assets lib original res smali unknown
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base ➤ cd assets
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/assets ➤ ls
fonts secrets
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/assets ➤ cat secrets
EVABS{fil3s !n ass3ts ar3 eas!ly hackabl3}
```

Remember what hint stated before? Try to look for an 'assets'. In the app file folder just now, list all the contents until found the **assets** folder. In that folder, there is one text file named **secrets**. Within that file contained the flag that have been looking for.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 3

Challenge level 3 is about Strings whereby it can be any strings located in the app file. For this challenge, it needs us to find the API Key.



Based on the hint, typically this type of strings which is the one that critical and sensitive will be stored in the XML file.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ apktool d base.apk
I: Using Apktool 2.4.1 on base.apk
I: Loading resource table...
I: Decoding AndroidManifest.xml with resources...
I: Loading resource table from file: /home/mobexler/.local/share/apktool/framework/1.apk
I: Regular manifest package...
I: Decoding file-resources...
I: Decoding values */* XMLs...
I: Baksmaling classes.dex...
I: Copying assets and libs...
I: Copying unknown files...
I: Copying original files...
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ls
Android base base.apk Desktop Documents GNUstep Music Pictures results Templates tool update
AndroidZone base16-xfce4-terminal BurpSuiteCommunity dist Downloads iOSZone node_modules Public SecZone tools Videos
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ |

```

Initially I already downloaded the app file from the app package then disassemble it into app folder, so may skip this step. If not, you may disassemble the app file by using this command, *apktool -d filename.apk*

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ cd base
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base ➤ ls
androidManifest.xml apktool.yml assets lib original res smali unknown
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base ➤ cd res
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/res ➤ ls
anim drawable-watch-v20 mipmap-xxhdpi values-en-rGB values-in values-mn values-sk values-v21
animator-v21 drawable-xhdpi raw values-en-rIN values-is values-mn values-sl values-v22
anim-v21 drawable-xxhdpi values values-es values-it values-mn values-sl values-v23
color drawable-xxhdpi values-af values-es-rUS values-lw values-ms values-sr values-v24
color-v23 font values-am values-et values-ja values-my values-sv values-v25
drawable layout values-ar values-fa values-kk values-ne values-sw values-v26
drawable-anydpi-v21 layout-sw600dp values-az values-fa values-kk values-ne values-sw600dp values-v1
drawable-hdpi layout-v16 values-be values-fl values-km values-night values-ta values-w820dp
drawable-ldpi layout-v17 values-bg values-fr values-kn values-nl values-te values-watch-v20
drawable-ldrtl-hdpi-v17 layout-v21 values-bn values-fr-rCA values-ko values-pa values-th values-xlarge
drawable-ldrtl-mdpi-v17 layout-v22 values-bs values-gl values-ky values-pl values-tl values-zh-rCN
drawable-ldrtl-xhdpi-v17 layout-v26 values-b+sr+Latn values-gu values-land values-port values-tr values-zh-rHK
drawable-ldrtl-xxhdpi-v17 menu values-ca values-h720dp values-large values-pt values-uk values-zh-rTW
drawable-ldrtl-xxhdpi-v17 mipmap-anydpi-v26 values-cs values-hdpi values-ldltr-v21 values-ur values-zu
drawable-mdpi mipmap-hdpi values-da values-hl values-lo values-pt-rBR values-uz
drawable-v21 mipmap-mdpi values-de values-hr values-lt values-pt-rPT values-v16
drawable-v23 mipmap-xhdpi values-el values-hu values-lv values-ro values-ru values-v17
drawable-v24 mipmap-xxhdpi values-en-rAU values-hy values-mk values-si values-v18
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/res ➤ cd values
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/res/values ➤ ls
arrays.xml attrs.xml bools.xml colors.xml dimens.xml drawables.xml ids.xml integers.xml public.xml strings.xml styles.xml
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/res/values ➤ cat strings.xml

```

Well, there are lot of folders and files within a single app folder so to know fast where usually XML file stored, you may Google-Fu to know where to the exact directory. I did the same and for this case, it located in values folder from res directory.

```

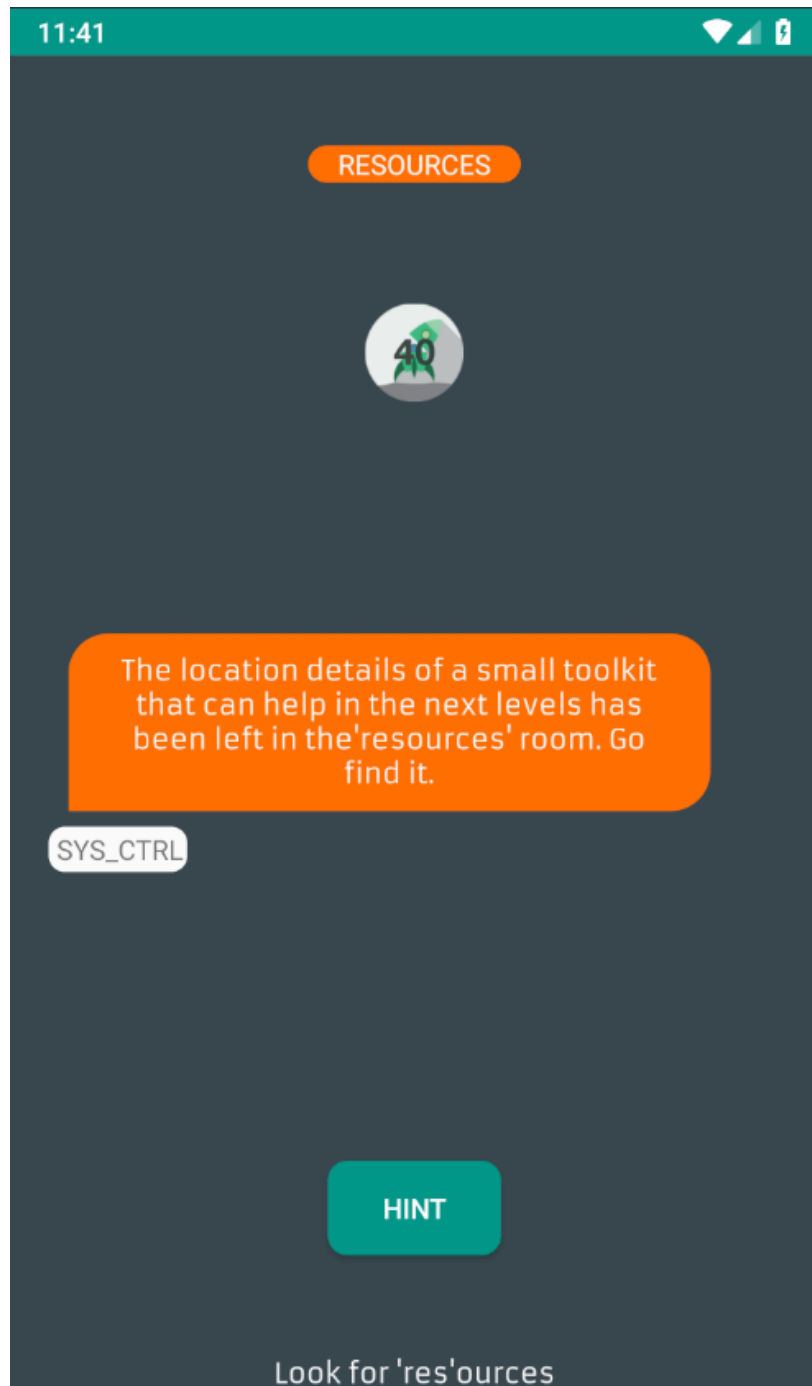
<string name="section_format">Hello World from section: %1$d</string>
<string name="status_bar_notification_info_overflow">999+</string>
<string name="the_evabs_api_key">EVABS{saf3ly st0red in Strings?}</string>
<string name="title_activity_home">Home</string>
<string name="title_activity_launch">Launch</string>
<string name="title_activity_login">Sign in</string>
<string name="title_activity_splash">Splash</string>
<string name="title_activity_test">Test</string>
</resources>
Mobexler@Mobexler ➤ ~/base/res/values ➤ |

```

As per hint stated, the API Key stored in the XML file type plus with this challenge all about strings. So, I found the file name **strings.xml** which contain API Key that will lead to the flag for this challenge.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 4

This challenge is about Resources, whereby it is a location for any resources used will be put together in a cumulated folder.



Since this challenge is about locating resources, then our hint that may lead to the flag can be found in the 'resources' room. Even the hint stated, look for 'res'ources. Why is it 'res'ources? In common mobile app development, there is always a folder named **res** as the location of all resources used.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ cd base/res
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res$ ls
anim drawable-watch-v20 mipmap-xxhdpi values-en-rGB values-in values-ml values-sk values-v21
animator-v21 drawable-xhdpi raw values-en-rIN values-is values-mn values-sl values-v22
anim-v21 drawable-xxhdpi values values-es values-it values-mr values-sq values-v23
color drawable-xxhdpi values-af values-es-rUS values-iw values-ms values-v24
color-v23 font values-am values-et values-ja values-my values-sv values-v25
drawable layout values-ar values-eu values-ka values-nb values-sw values-v26
drawable-anydpi-v21 layout-sw600dp values-az values-fa values-kk values-ne values-sw600dp values-v1
drawable-hdpi layout-v16 values-be values-fi values-km values-night values-ta values-w820dp
drawable-ldpi layout-v17 values-bg values-fr values-kn values-nl values-te values-watch-v20
drawable-ldrtl-hdpi-v17 layout-v21 values-bn values-fr-rCA values-ko values-pa values-th values-xlarge
drawable-ldrtl-mdpi-v17 layout-v22 values-bs values-gl values-ky values-pl values-tr values-zh-rCN
drawable-ldrtl-xhdpi-v17 layout-v26 values-b+sr+Latn values-gu values-land values-port values-tr values-zh-rHK
drawable-ldrtl-xxhdpi-v17 menu values-ca values-h720dp values-large values-pt values-uk values-zh-rTW
drawable-ldrtl-xxhdpi-v17 mipmap-anydpi-v26 values-cs values-hdpi values-ldltr-v21 values-pt-rBR values-uz values-zu
drawable-mdpi mipmap-hdpi values-da values-hi values-lo values-pt-rPT values-v16
drawable-v21 mipmap-mdpi values-de values-hr values-lt values-ro values-v17
drawable-v23 mipmap-xhdpi values-el values-hu values-lv values-ru values-v18
drawable-v24 mipmap-xxhdpi values-en-rAU values-hy values-mk values-si values-v18

Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res$ grep -Rw ~/base/res/ -e 'Toolkit' -e 'toolkit'

/home/mobexler/base/res/layout-v16/activity_res_raw.xml: <TextView android:textColor="@color/colorWhite" android:id="@id/textViewstrings" and
roid:background="@drawable/chatbox" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_marginLeft="10.0dip" android
:layout_marginRight="10.0dip" android:text="The location details of a small toolkit that can help in the next levels has been left in the 'resources' roo
m. Go find it." android:fontFamily="@font/armata" />
/home/mobexler/base/res/raw/link.txt:# This toolkit will help you fix EVABS
/home/mobexler/base/res/layout-v17/activity_res_raw.xml: <TextView android:textColor="@color/colorWhite" android:id="@id/textViewstrings" and
roid:background="@drawable/chatbox" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_marginLeft="10.0dip" android
:layout_marginRight="10.0dip" android:text="The location details of a small toolkit that can help in the next levels has been left in the 'resources' roo
m. Go find it." android:fontFamily="@font/armata" android:textAlignment="center" />
/home/mobexler/base/res/layout/activity_res_raw.xml: <TextView android:textColor="@color/colorWhite" android:id="@id/textViewstrings" and
roid:background="@drawable/chatbox" android:layout_width="wrap_content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:layout_marginLeft="10.0dip" android:lay
out_marginRight="10.0dip" android:text="The location details of a small toolkit that can help in the next levels has been left in the 'resources' room. G
o find it." />
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res$

```

By using the same app folder that has been disassembled before, list all the directory inside of the **res** folder. As portrayed, there are bunch of folders only within the **res** folder, so I decided to use the command follows to get some extra hunches;

Grep -Rw /folder/location/ -e 'Word' -e 'Search'

Because based on this challenge description, it mentioned something related to the toolkit. Then, it clued me this text file named link.txt contained text shown in above picture.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res$ cd raw/
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res/raw$ ls
banner.png law.mp3 link.txt
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res/raw$ cat link.txt
www.github.com/abhi-r3v0/Adhrit

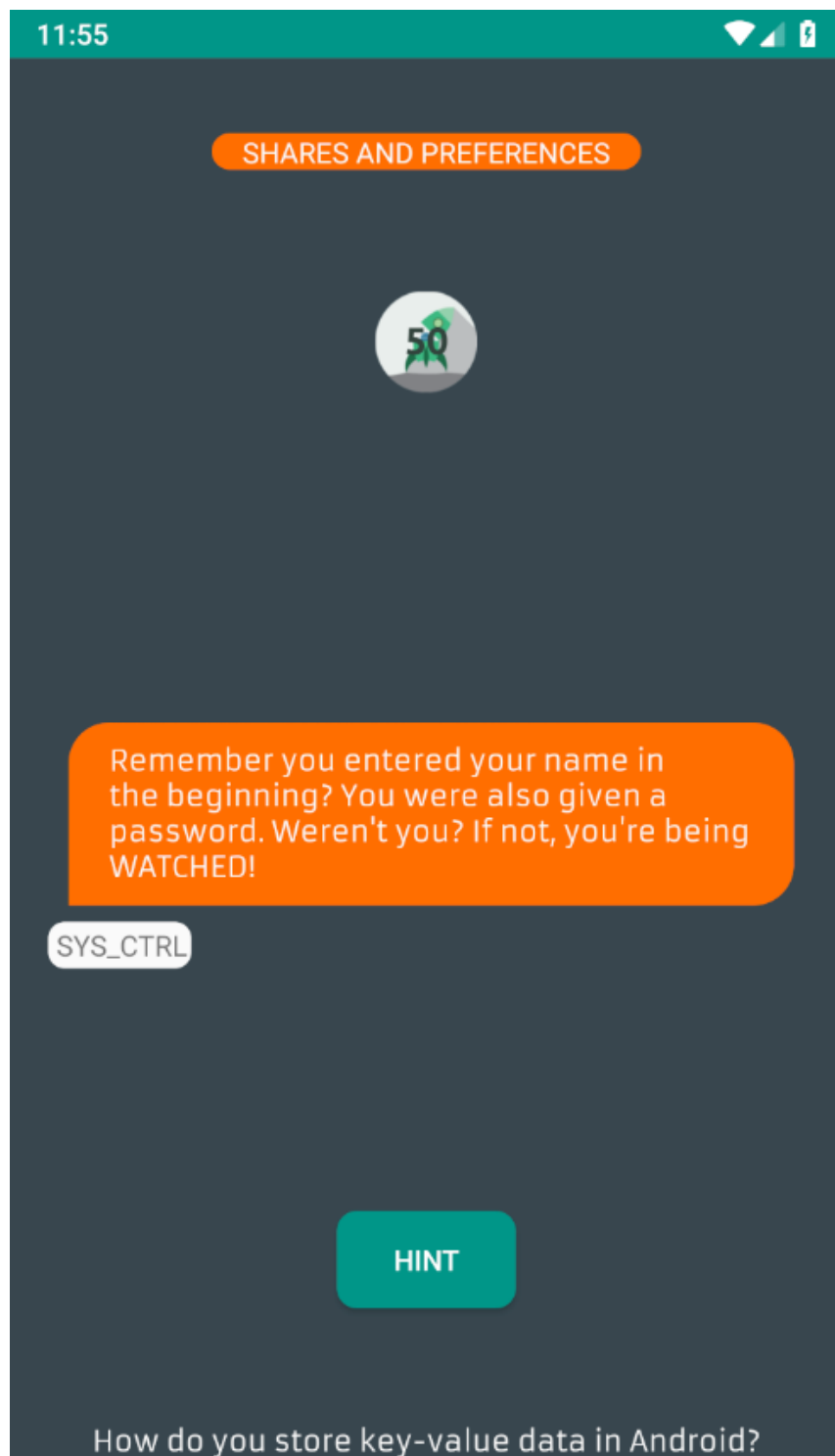
# This Toolkit will help you fix EVABS
EVABS{th!s_plac3_is n0t_as s3cur3 as_it_l00ks}%
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/res/raw$

```

Without hesitation, I then went to the directory of that text file and cat the content. It lead me to the right location as that text file contain the flag as well.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 5

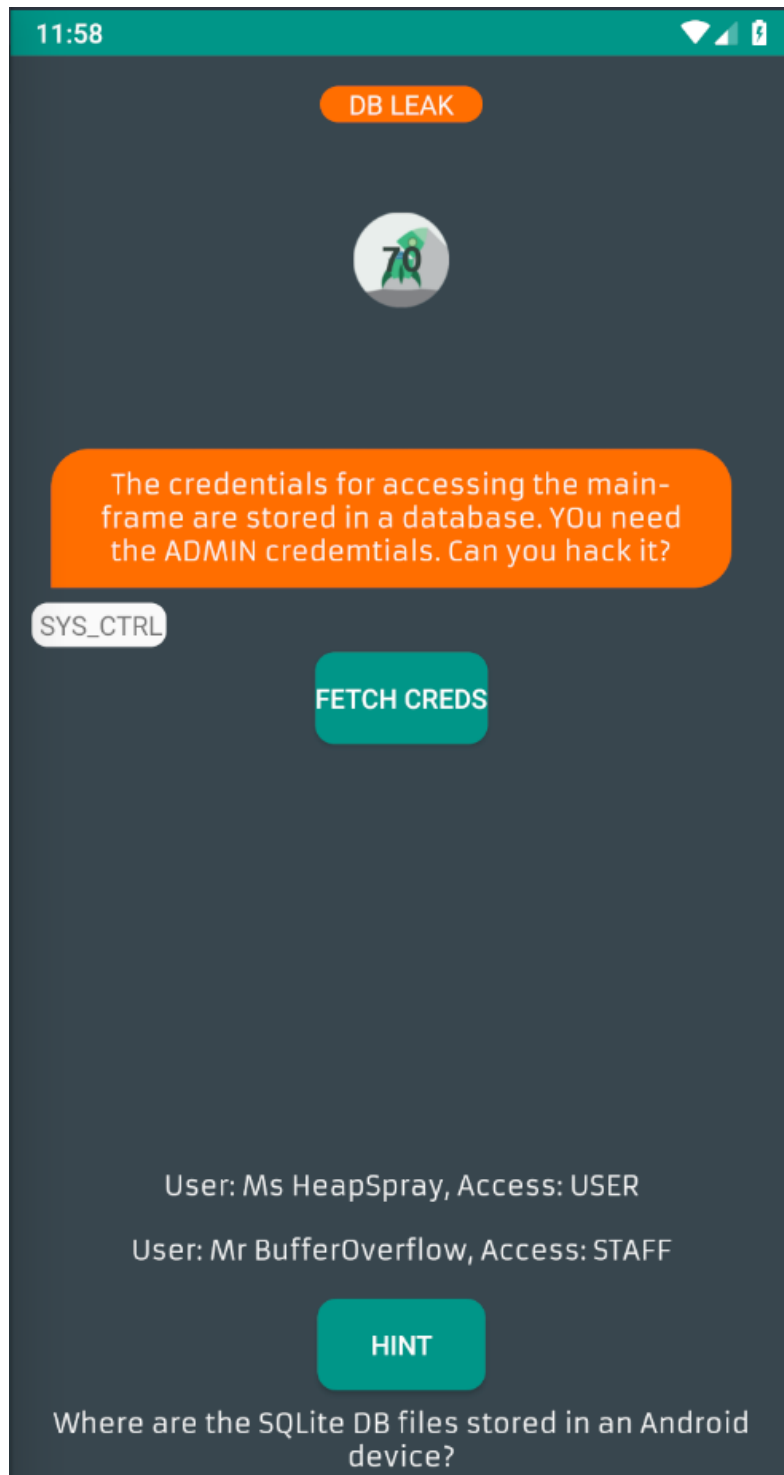
Challenge level 5 focused on Shares and Preferences of particular mobile app packages. Description of this challenge stated that this challenge kinda related to password storage whereby it is really you key in the password or not.



While hint trigger you how certain critical and sensitive data stored in in typical android app development. In this case, how password stored.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 6

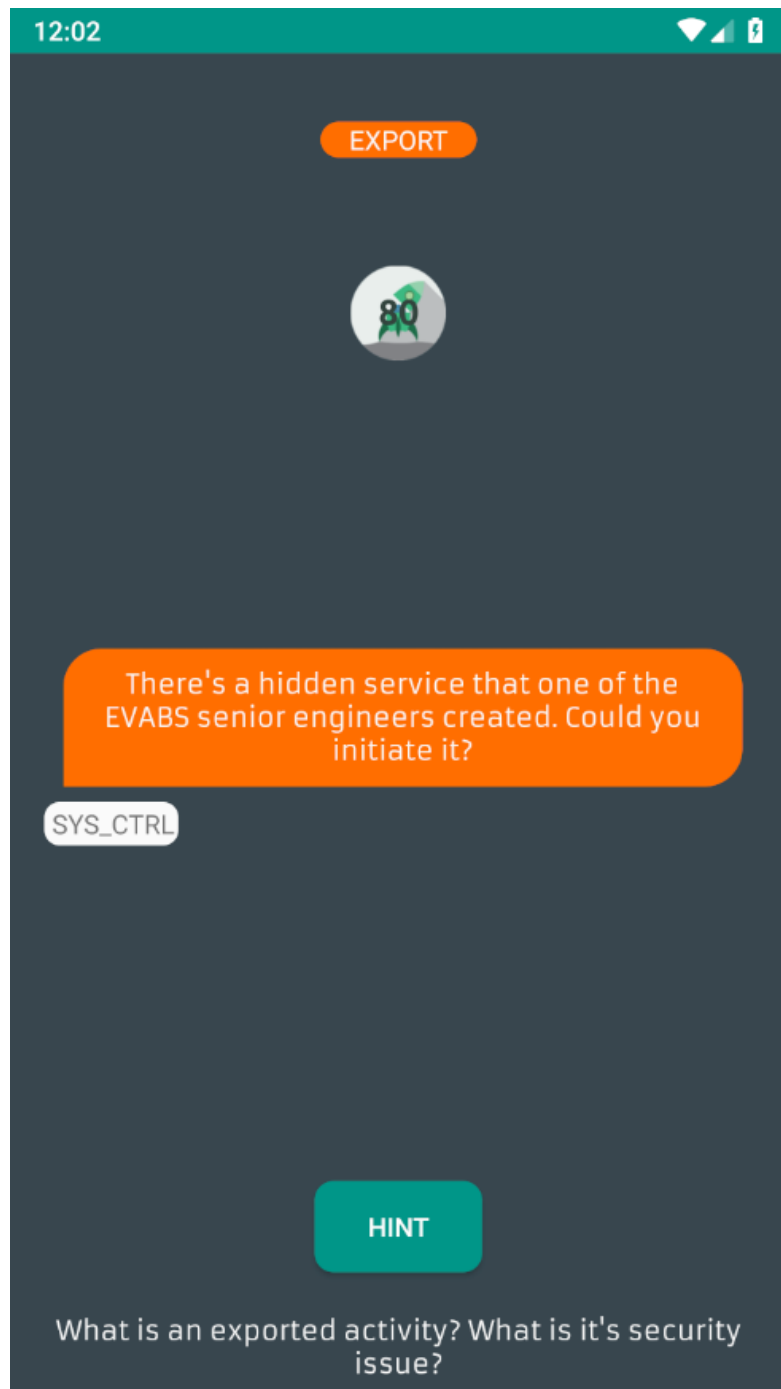
Ok here now is a database related challenge. For this challenge it wants us to hack the ADMIN credentials that stored in the database within the app file.



To begin with, press the FETCH CREDTS button to load in the admin credentials which is in this case is the STAFF access privilege. In order to know what's next since there's no entry point for SQLi, the hint stated that to find where the SQLite DB files stored. That's enough clue for me to further on this challenge.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 7

Comes to mediocre part for this lab here and afterward, not so hard but tricky and lengthy. This challenge is about export function intentionally made for debugging during development or purposely created. Furthermore, it wants us to initiate that function thru app. Let's do it!



Based on the hint given, its mentioned about common vulnerability regarding exported activity in a mobile app. Frankly speaking this was my first time counter this issue so then I take some time to understand it before proceed¹.

¹ <https://appsec-labs.com/portal/hacking-android-apps-through-exposed-components/>

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ ls
Android base16-xfce4-terminal Desktop Downloads Music Public Templates Videos
AndroidZone base.apk dist GNUstep node_modules results tools
base BurpSuiteCommunity Documents iOSZone Pictures SecZone tool_update
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ cd base
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base$ ls
AndroidManifest.xml apktool.yml assets lib original res smali unknown
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base$ cat AndroidManifest.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" standalone="no"?><manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/
.evabs">
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"/>
  <application android:allowBackup="false" android:debuggable="true" android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher" android:
ndroid:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round" android:supportRtl="true" android:theme="@style/AppTheme">
    <activity android:exported="true" android:name="com.revo.evabs.ExportedActivity"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Frida1"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.FileRead"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.DebugMe"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Welcome"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.ChallengeList" android:parentActivityName="com.revo.evabs.Launch">
      <meta-data android:name="android.support.PARENT_ACTIVITY" android:value=".Launch"/>
    </activity>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.ExportedInfo"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.SmaliInject"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.StringsSecrets"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.SharedBreach"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Decode"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.BadComm"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.DBLeak"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.CustomAccess">
      <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="com.revo.evabs.action.SENSOR_KEY"/>
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.DEFAULT"/>
        <data android:mimeType="text/plain"/>
      </intent-filter>
    </activity>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Res_raw"/>
    <meta-data android:name="preloaded_fonts" android:resource="@array/preloaded_fonts"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Welcome0"/>
    <activity android:name="com.revo.evabs.Splash">

```

This exported activity issues commonly found in the **AndroidManifest.xml** file and I started locating it using the app folder extracted previously. After some time understand this vulnerability, the exported function must be set to *true* in order to initiate the activity declared within.

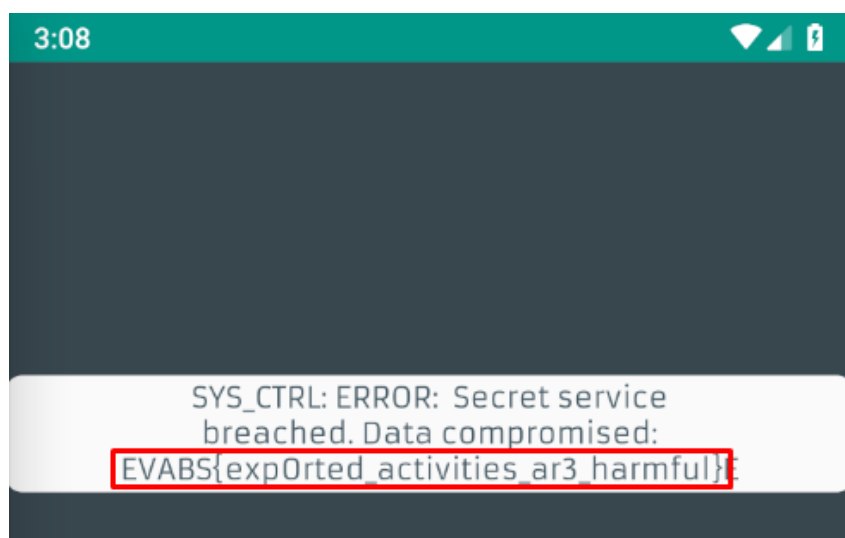
```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb shell am start -n com.revo.evabs/com.revo.evabs.ExportedActivity
Starting: Intent { cmp=com.revo.evabs/.ExportedActivity }
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ |

```

Since it found to be already set to *true* (because yeah this lab is a vulnerable lab isn't) then I used command as follows to execute the exported activity outside of the app environment;

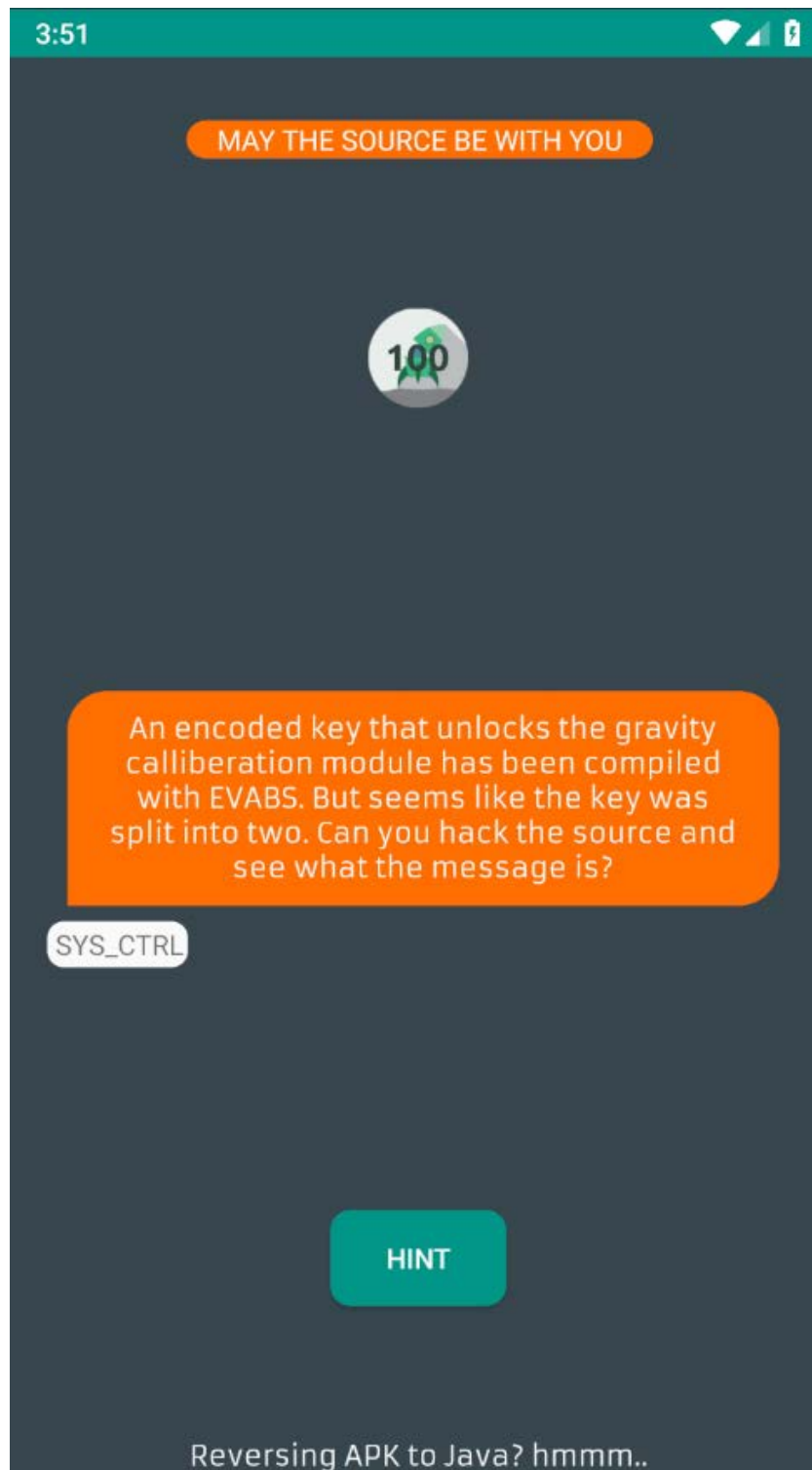
adb shell am start -n app.package.name/app.package.name.ActivityName



Once the command executed, the error message above popup in the app together with the flag.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 8

Next, the reversing part. I read the word source on the title, I already know this gonna be hella draggy since I'm not quite master on doing static especially reversing. Ok, this challenge requires us to hack and find a key that have been split into two part in the source code of this app.



As it built based on Java and the key mentioned stored in the source code then what else to do rather than reverse the APK file.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~ ➤ d2j-dex2jar.sh base.apk
./base-dex2jar.jar exists, use --force to overwrite
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ ➤ d2j-dex2jar.sh base.apk --force
dex2jar base.apk -> ./base-dex2jar.jar
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ ➤ ls
Android          base.apk          dist              hs_err_pid10933.log  Pictures          Templates
AndroidZone      base-dex2jar.jar  Documents         iOSZone             Public           tools
base             BurpSuiteCommunity Downloads         Music              results          tool_update
base16-xfce4-terminal Desktop          GNUstep          node_modules        SecZone         Videos

```

By using extracted APK file used on previous challenge, I fired this command to dissemble the APK file into Java file;

d2-dex2jar.sh file.apk

Noted: `--force` tag used because I already did before, and this tag will overwrite the previous one.

Furthermore, what made me eager on using Mobexler is because all tools related like this one was already installed so no worries. Kudos to the Mobexler team.

```

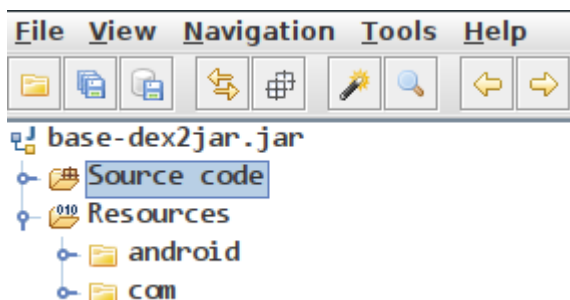
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ ➤ jadx-gui
INFO - output directory: base-dex2jar
INFO - loading ...
INFO - converting to dex: base-dex2jar.jar ...
WARN - Code restructure failed: missing block: B:10:0x0026, code lost:
      r0 = getWindow();
      in method: android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity.performMenuItemShortcut(int, android.view.KeyEvent):boolean, dex: b
base-dex2jar.jar
INFO - JADX INFO: finally extract failed in android.support.v4.app.FragmentActivity.requestPermissionsFromFragment(android.support.v4.app.Fragment, java.lang.String[], int):void
WARN - Code restructure failed: missing block: B:2:0x0006, code lost:
      r0 = r1.mMenuView;
      in method: android.support.v7.widget.Toolbar.canShowOverflowMenu():boolean, dex: base-dex2jar.jar
INFO - JADX INFO: finally extract failed in com.revo.evabs.flagcheck.checktheflag.doInBackground(java.lang.String[]):java.lang.String

```

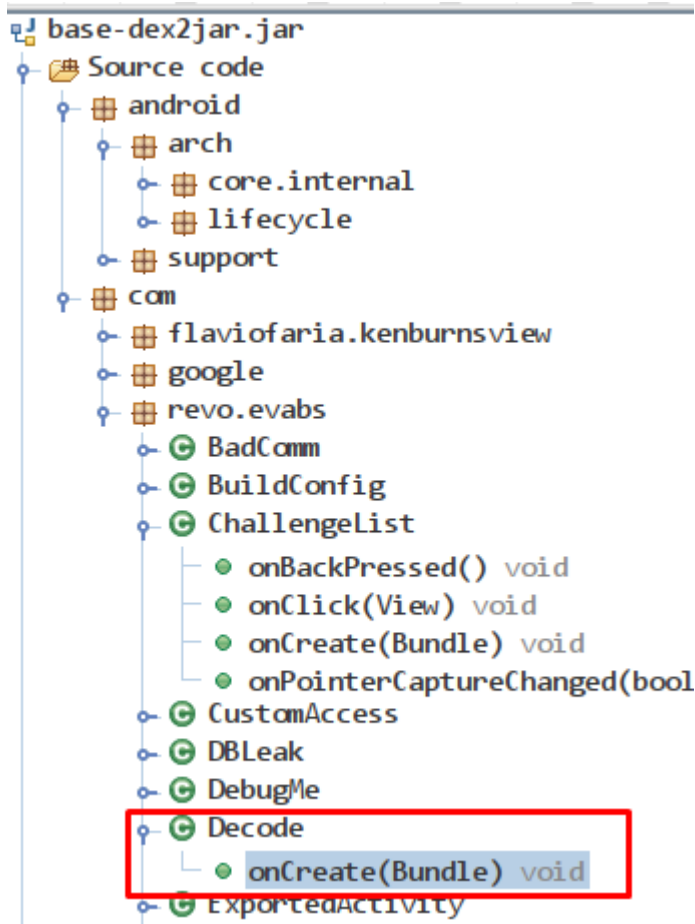
Then, to read the Java/Jar file I used this Java to Dex gui tool which is Jadx;

Jadx-gui

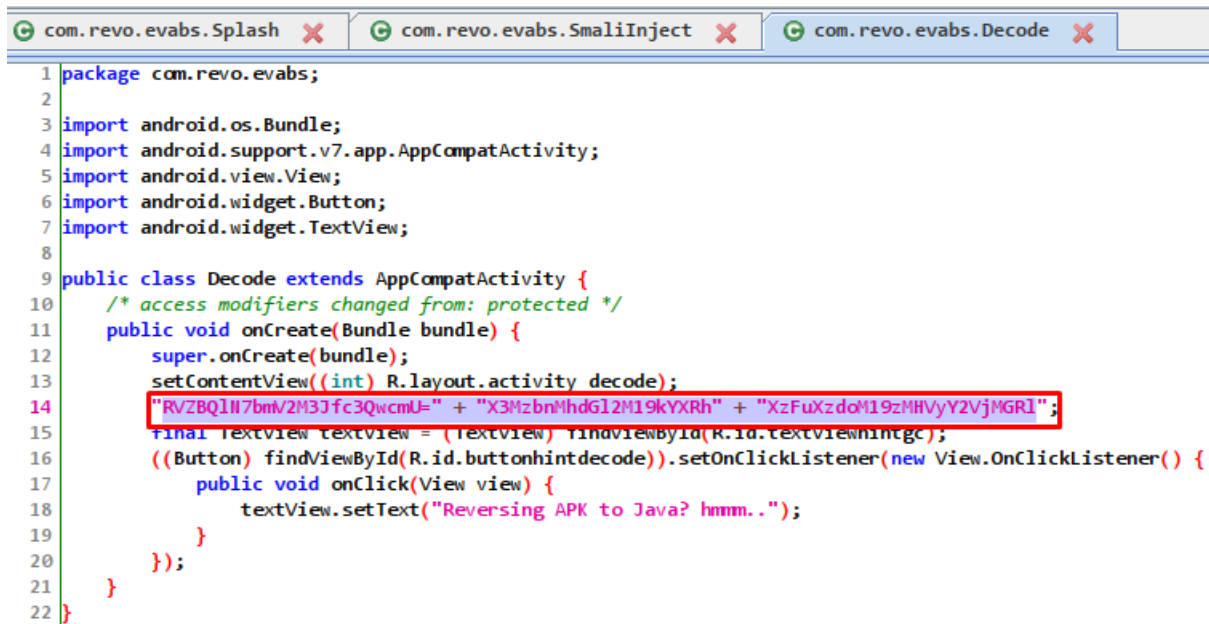
GUI popup



Within that Jadx gui, navigate to the Java file decompiled before then clicked on **Source code** tab as task for this challenge are about reversing its source code.



After some time reading all those classes and functions declared, then I stumbled on this code named **Decode** where it contained some weird string.



In that code, there's a line that split into two just like what mentioned at the challenge page. Well its basically split into three part but whatever, gonna finish this challenge anyway lol.

Last build: 3 months ago - v9 supports multiple inputs and a Node API allowing you to program with Cybe... Options

Recipe

From Base64

Alphabet
A-Za-z0-9+/=

☒ Remove non-alphabet chars

Input

RVZBQ1N7bmV2M3Jfc3QwcmU=X3MzbnMhdG12M19kYXRhXzFuXzdoM19zMHVyY2VjMGRl

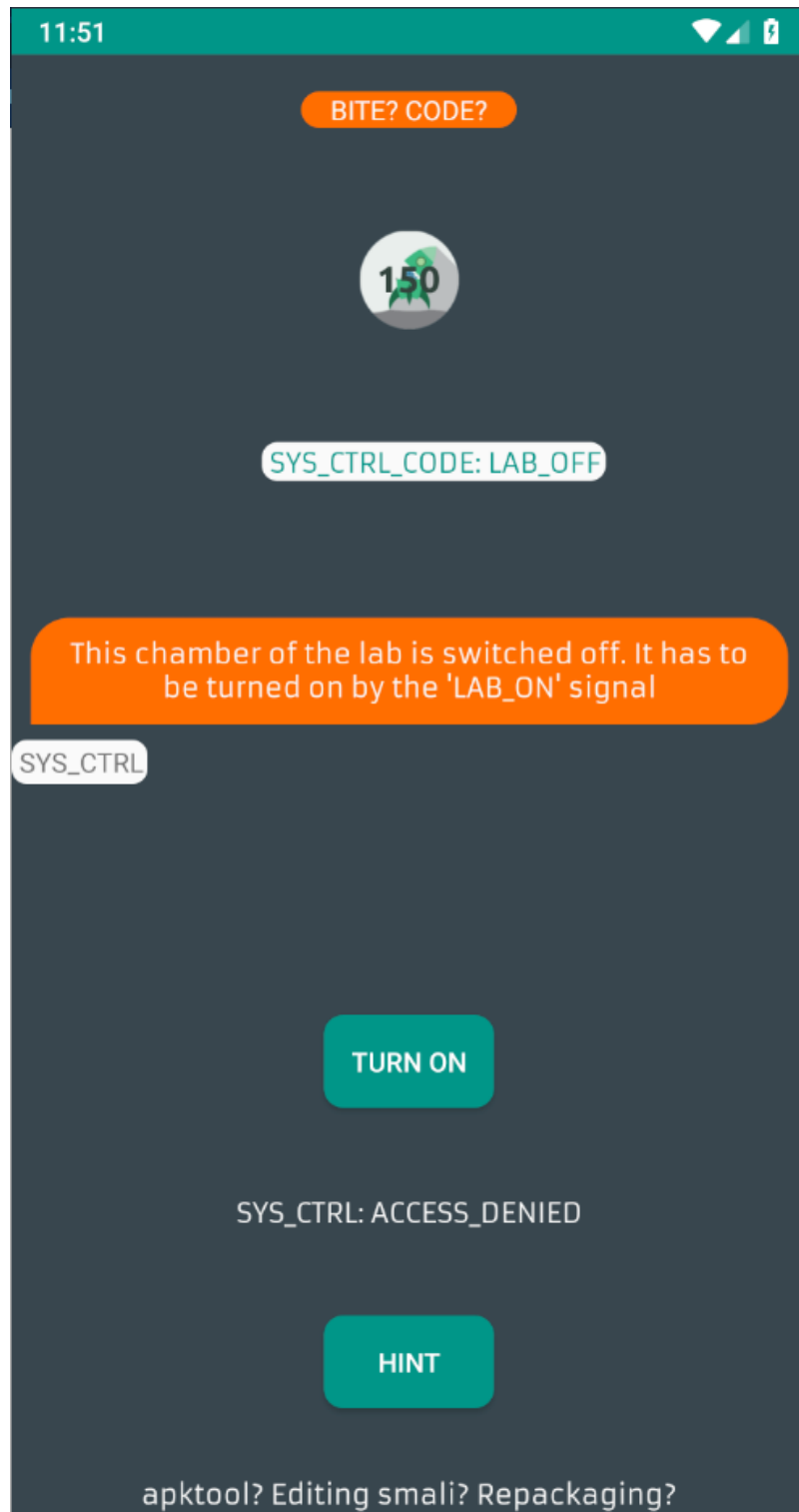
Output

EVABS{nev3r_st0re_s3ns!tiv3_data_1n_7h3_s0urcec0de}

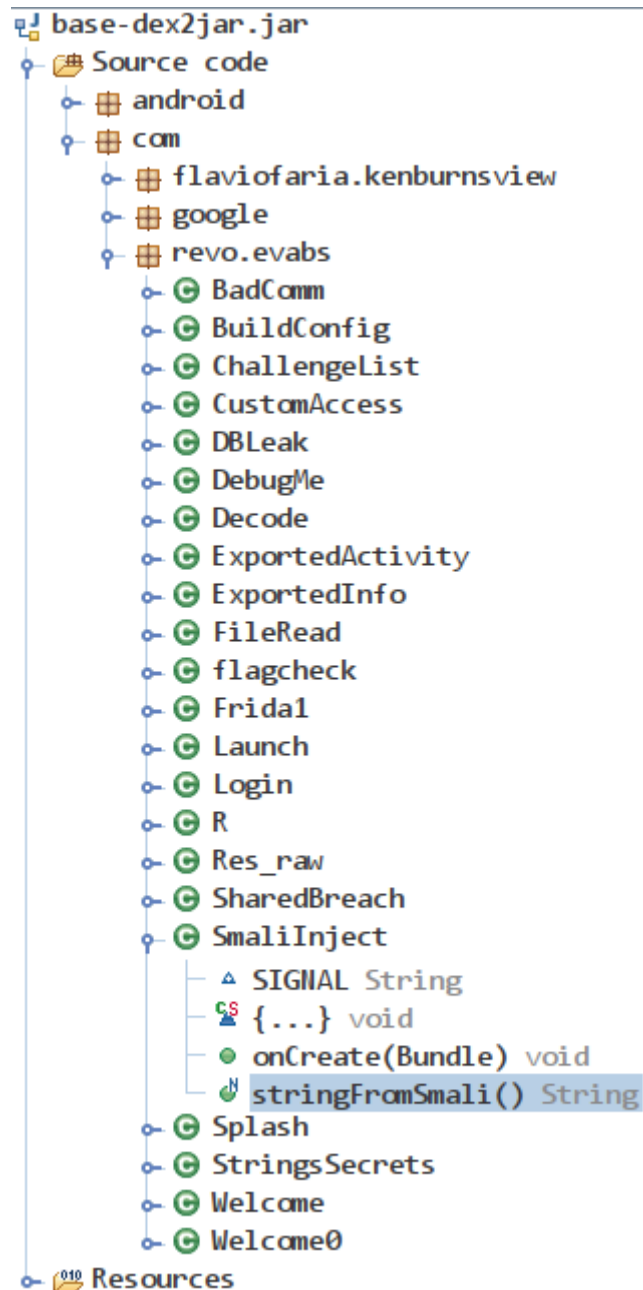
Then I copied that string to translate it. I used CyberChef to translate it to readable form and it turned out the flag for this challenge. One good thing about this website, is you can use Magic recipe to predict what encode string entered before you use the right recipe like my case using Base64 recipe.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 9

Another source code related challenge. Why? It stated code there! This challenge has some sort of control feature there and it need us to switch back on so then can enter the lab chamber.



This challenge worked by pressing the button TURN ON and theoretically it will grant me an access to the lab chamber, but it turned out ACCESS_DENIED for me. Any idea? Yeah need to edit this app smali file.



So, remember previously I used this Jadx gui? Yea gonna use back the same tool and same folder(to make thing much easier and faster). After that, since this challenge about altering smali file then I go straight to the smali classes named **SmaliInject** and look deeper into **stringFromSmali()** function.

```
com.revo.evabs.SmaliInject X
1 package com.revo.evabs;
2
3 import android.os.Bundle;
4 import android.support.v7.app.AppCompatActivity;
5 import android.view.View;
6 import android.widget.Button;
7 import android.widget.TextView;
8
9 public class SmaliInject extends AppCompatActivity {
10     String SIGNAL = "LAB_OFF";
11
12     static {
13         System.loadLibrary("native-lib");
14     }
15
16     /* access modifiers changed from: protected */
17     public void onCreate(Bundle bundle) {
18         super.onCreate(bundle);
19         setContentView((int) R.layout.activity_smali_inject);
20         final TextView textView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textViewlabstatus);
21         final TextView textView2 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textViewsmalihint);
22         final TextView textView3 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textViewlaboff);
23         final TextView textView4 = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textViewflag);
24         ((Button) findViewById(R.id.buttonhintsmali)).setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
25             public void onClick(View view) {
26                 textView2.setText("apktool? Editing smali? Repackaging?");
27             }
28         });
29         ((Button) findViewById(R.id.buttonlabon)).setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
30             public void onClick(View view) {
31                 String stringFromSmali = SmaliInject.this.stringFromSmali();
32                 if (SmaliInject.this.SIGNAL.equals("LAB_ON")) {
33                     textView3.setText("SYS_CTRL_CODE: LAB_ON");
34                     textView.setText("SYS_CTRL: ACCESS_GRANTED. LAB UNLOCKED");
35                     TextView textView = textView4;
36                     textView.setText("EVABS{" + stringFromSmali + "}");
37                     return;
38                 }
39                 textView3.setText("SYS_CTRL_CODE: LAB_OFF");
40                 textView.setText("SYS_CTRL: ACCESS_DENIED");
41             }
42         });
43     }
44
45     public native String stringFromSmali();
46 }
```

In that classes code, confirmed it is a smali part that needed to edit because refer to 2nd red box there's a if condition which will trigger the LAB_ON signal as per declared at the 1st redbox class. Here's the logic for this challenge, once the **String SIGNAL** class changed to **LAB_ON**, then the statement will trigger **textView.setText** statement at the 3rd red box highlighted. Thus, I assumed will get me the flag for this challenge.

```
19
20 .method public constructor <init>()V
21   .registers 2
22
23   invoke-direct {p0}, Landroid/support/v7/app/CompatActivity;-><init>()V
24
25   const-string v0, "LAB_OFF"
26
27   iput-object v0, p0, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;->SIGMAL:Ljava/lang/String;
28
29   return-void
30 .end method
31
32
33 # virtual methods
34 .method protected onCreate(Landroid/os/Bundle;)V
35   .registers 9
36
37   invoke-super {p0, p1}, Landroid/support/v7/app/CompatActivity;->onCreate(Landroid/os/Bundle;)V
38
39   const v0, 0x7f0c002a
40
41   invoke-virtual {p0, v0}, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;->setContentView(I)V
42
43   const v0, 0x7f0a0036
44
45   invoke-virtual {p0, v0}, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;->findViewById(I)Landroid/view/View;
46
47   move-result-object v0
48
49   check-cast v0, Landroid/widget/Button;
50
51   const v1, 0x7f0a0035
52
53   invoke-virtual {p0, v1}, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;->findViewById(I)Landroid/view/View;
54
55   move-result-object v1
56
57   check-cast v1, Landroid/widget/Button;
58
59   const v2, 0x7f0a0130
60
61   invoke-virtual {p0, v2}, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;->findViewById(I)Landroid/view/View;
62
63   move-result-object v2
64
65   check-cast v2, Landroid/widget/TextView;
66
```

Code

Smali

Since I understand how's the code work then what I did is, at the below of the windows frame, simply click the SMALI tab beside CODE tab to read its smali code then find the string that need to be changed in order to make the codes work the way it should be. In this case, the string needed to edit is one that I highlighted.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/smali/com/revo/evabs$ ls
'BadComm$1.smali'      'ExportedInfo$1.smali'  'R$anim.smali'        R.smali
'BadComm$2.smali'      'ExportedInfo.smali'    'R$array.smali'       'R$string.smali'
'BadComm$AsyncLogin.smali' 'FileRead$1.smali'     'R$attr.smali'        'R$styleable.smali'
'BadComm.smali'        'FileRead.smali'       'R$bool.smali'        'R$style.smali'
'BuildConfig.smali'    'flagcheck$1.smali'    'R$color.smali'       'SharedBreach$1.smali'
'ChallengeList.smali'  'flagcheck$checktheflag.smali' 'R$dimen.smali'       'SharedBreach.smali'
'CustomAccess$1.smali' 'flagcheck.smali'      'R$drawable.smali'    'SmaliInject$1.smali'
'CustomAccess$2.smali' 'Frida$1.smali'        'R$raw.smali'         'SmaliInject$2.smali'
'CustomAccess.smali'   'Frida.smali'          'Res_raw.smali'       'SmaliInject.smali'
'DBLeak$1.smali'       'Launch$1.smali'       'R$font.smali'        'Splash$1.smali'
'DBLeak$2.smali'       'Launch$2.smali'       'R$id.smali'          'Splash.smali'
'DBLeak.smali'         'Launch.smali'         'R$integer.smali'     'StringsSecrets$1.smali'
'DebugMe.smali'        'Login$1.smali'        'R$layout.smali'      'StringsSecrets.smali'
'Decode$1.smali'       'Login$2.smali'        'R$menu.smali'        'Welcome0$1.smali'
'Decode.smali'         'Login.smali'          'R$mipmap.smali'      'Welcome0.smali'
'ExportedActivity.smali' 'R$animator.smali'     'R$raw.smali'         'Welcome.smali'
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/smali/com/revo/evabs$ nano SmaliInject.smali
Mobexler@Mobexler ~/base/smali/com/revo/evabs$

```

In the app folder, go to `/base/smali/com/revo/evabs/` to locate the smali file which is file named **SmaliInject.smali**. Using this command to open and edit the file, *nano filename.file*

```

GNU nano 2.9.3 SmaliInject.smali

.class public Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;
.super Landroid/support/v7/app/CompatActivity;
.source "SmaliInject.java"

# instance fields
.field SIGNAL:Ljava/lang/String;

# direct methods
.method static constructor <clinit>()V
    .locals 1

    .line 56
    const-string v0, "native-lib"

    invoke-static {v0}, Ljava/lang/System;.->loadLibrary(Ljava/lang/String;)V

    .line 57
    return-void
.end method

.method public constructor <init>()V
    .locals 1

    .line 11
    invoke-direct {p0}, Landroid/support/v7/app/CompatActivity;.-><init>()V

    .line 13
    const-string v0, "LAB_ON"

    iput-object v0, p0, Lcom/revo/evabs/SmaliInject;.->SIGNAL:Ljava/lang/String;

```

Edit the string from LAB_OFF to LAB_ON as highlighted above.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ apktool b base -o baseV1.apk
I: Using Apktool 2.4.1
I: Checking whether sources has changed...
I: Smaling smali folder into classes.dex...
I: Checking whether resources has changed...
I: Building apk file...

```

Once done editing, It need to recompiled back in order to make it able to run normally as standard android app. Run this command, *Apktool b appfolder -o editedapp.apk* to compile back into APK file.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ keytool -genkey -v -keystore evabs.keystore -keyalg RSA -keysize 2048 -validity 10000
Enter keystore password:
Re-enter new password:
What is your first and last name?
[Unknown]:
What is the name of your organizational unit?
[Unknown]:
What is the name of your organization?
[Unknown]:
What is the name of your City or Locality?
[Unknown]:
What is the name of your State or Province?
[Unknown]:
What is the two-letter country code for this unit?
[Unknown]:
Is CN=Unknown, OU=Unknown, O=Unknown, L=Unknown, ST=Unknown, C=Unknown correct?
[no]: yes

Generating 2,048 bit RSA key pair and self-signed certificate (SHA256withRSA) with a validity of 10,000 days
for: CN=Unknown, OU=Unknown, O=Unknown, L=Unknown, ST=Unknown, C=Unknown
[Storing evabs.keystore]
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ ls
Android      basel6-xfce4-terminal  BurpSuiteCommunity  Documents  GNUstep  node_modules  results  tools
AndroidZone  base.apk               Desktop              Downloads  iOSZone  Pictures      SecZone  tool_update
base         base-dex2jar.jar       dist                 evabs.keystore  Music    Public        Templates Videos
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$

```

Done compiling, proceed to sign the APK file. This signing process are essential to make it able to install and run normal on device(or emulator). In order to sign, I need a key first then be able to sign. So, creating an APK file key can use command as follows;

Keytool -genkey -v -keystore keyname.keystore -keyalg RSA -keysize 2048 -validity 1000

And proceed the process as requested whereby fill in all that information. You can skip by pressing Enter for each question ya know. Later, it will save as per declared on the command like the picture above.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ jarsigner -verbose -sigalg SHA1withRSA -digestalg SHA1 -keystore evabs.keystore baseV1.apk mykey
y
Enter Passphrase for keystore:
updating: META-INF/MYKEY.SF
updating: META-INF/MYKEY.RSA
signing: classes.dex
signing: AndroidManifest.xml

```

The key already made then proceed with signing. The signing command using Jarsigner as follows;

Jarsigner -verbose -sigalg SHA1withRSA -digestalg SHA1 -keystore keyname.keystore apkfile.apk mykey

```

>>> Signer
X.509, CN=Unknown, OU=Unknown, O=Unknown, L=Unknown, ST=Unknown, C=Unknown
[trusted certificate]

jar signed.

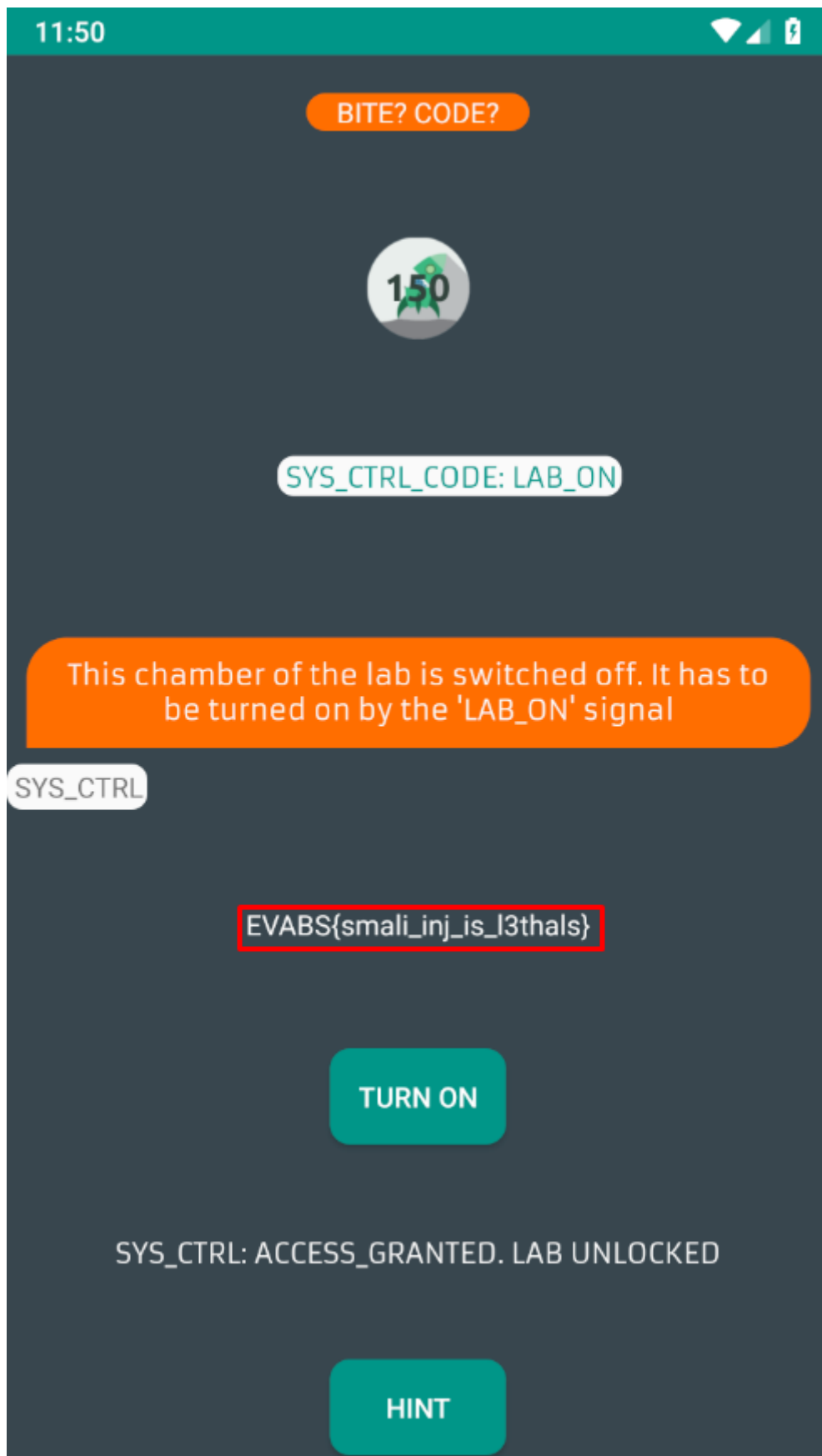
Warning:
The signer's certificate is self-signed.
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ adb -s 192.168.28.101:5555 install '/home/mobexler/baseV1.apk'|

```

Smali code edited, APK signed, then proceed to installation! You can manually install the APK file but for me, I just used adb command as follows;

Adb -s your.device.IP install 'apk/file/path/file.apk'

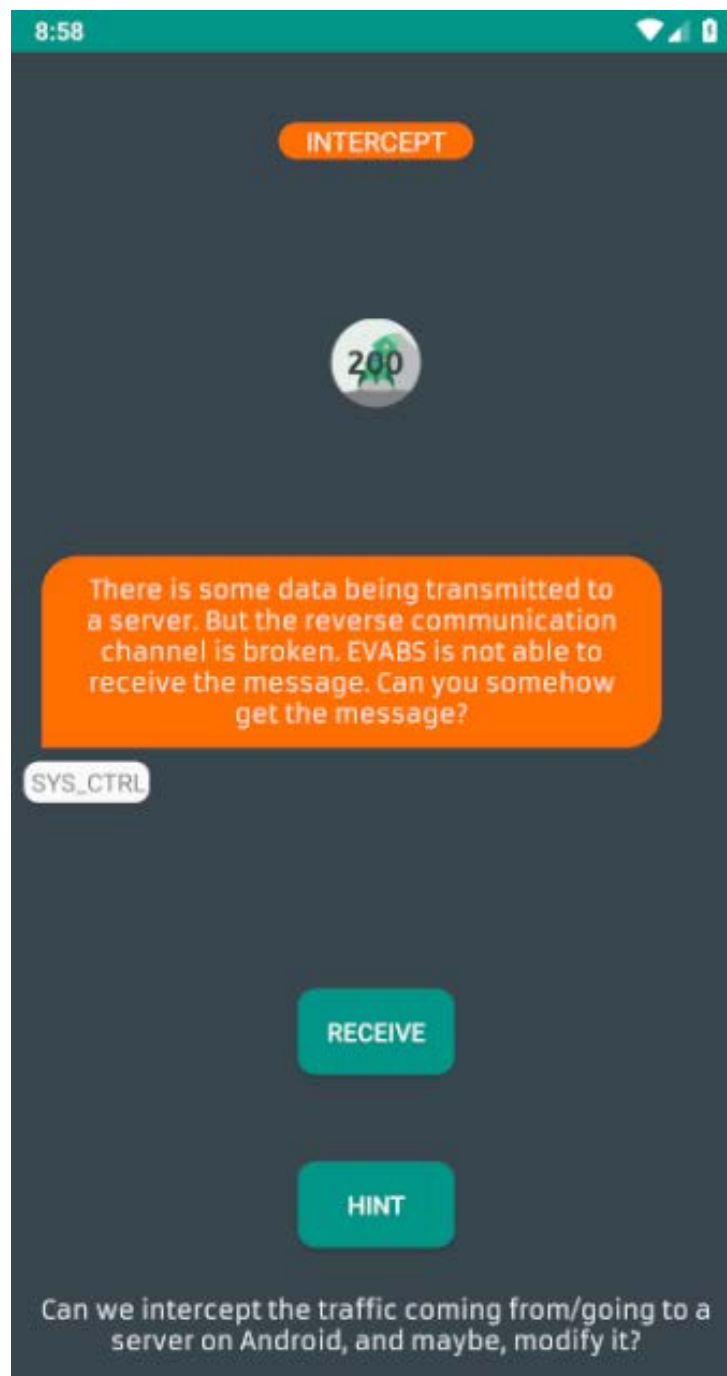
It will directly push the APK into mobile device and install afterward.



APK file successfully installed and open back the app as usual then press TURN ON button back and voila! ACCESS_GRANTED. LAB UNLOCKED. Lab chamber unlocked and got the flag.

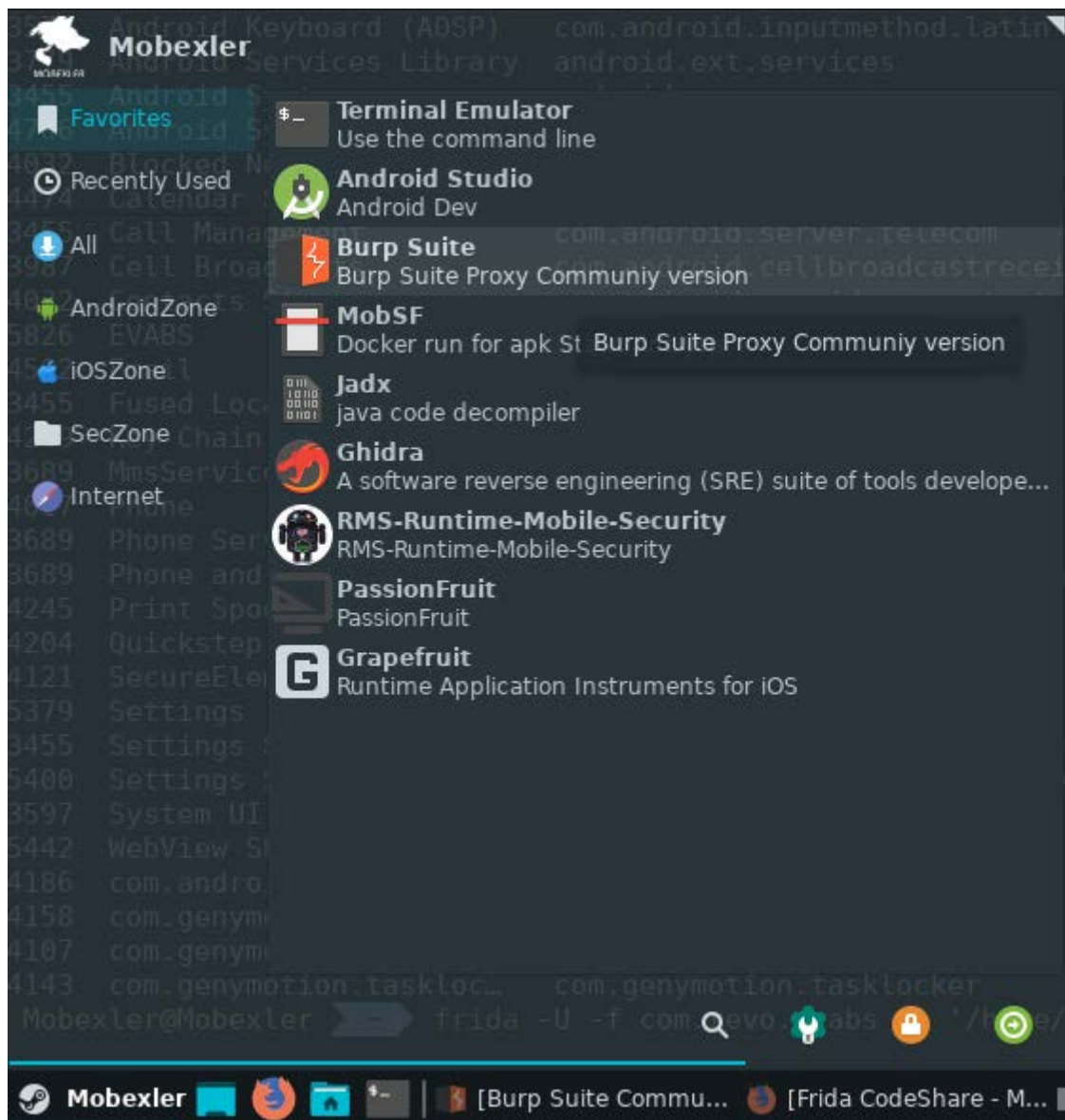
CHALLENGE LEVEL 10

10th challenge of this lab is about intercepting a network linked between the app and its backend. As explained within this challenge, a data being transmitted, and it need to be intercepted because of the communication channel used was broken. So let's do some interception!



What is this challenge all about was already well explained, yet the hint more directly focuses on what to do specifically for this challenge. Intercept traffic and modify. Simple.

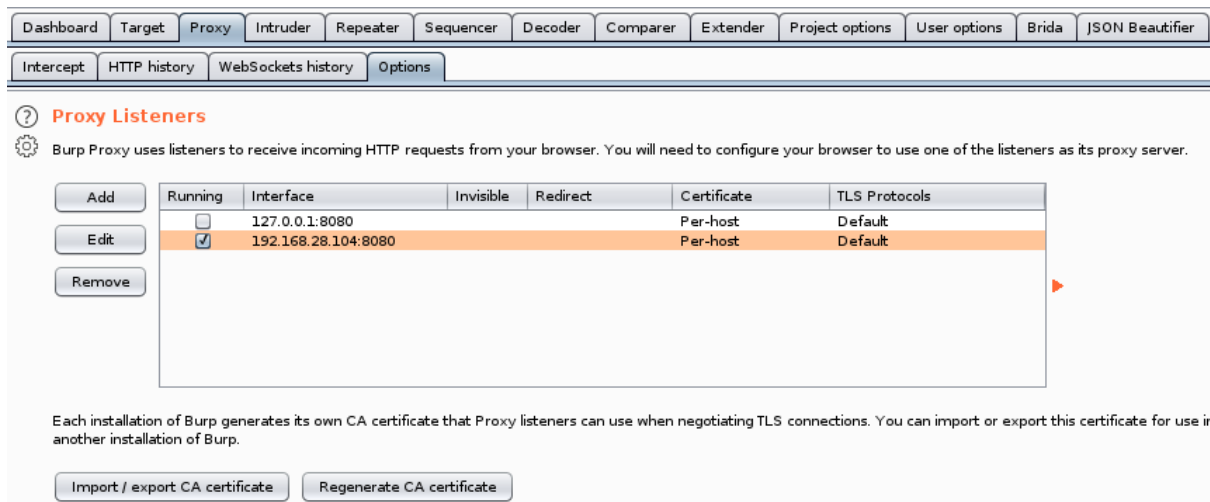
How this challenge work basically like normal client server interaction which is any node must send or receive a transmitted data thus by clicking the RECEIVE button, a data will be sent from the server and receive here. I must intercept it!



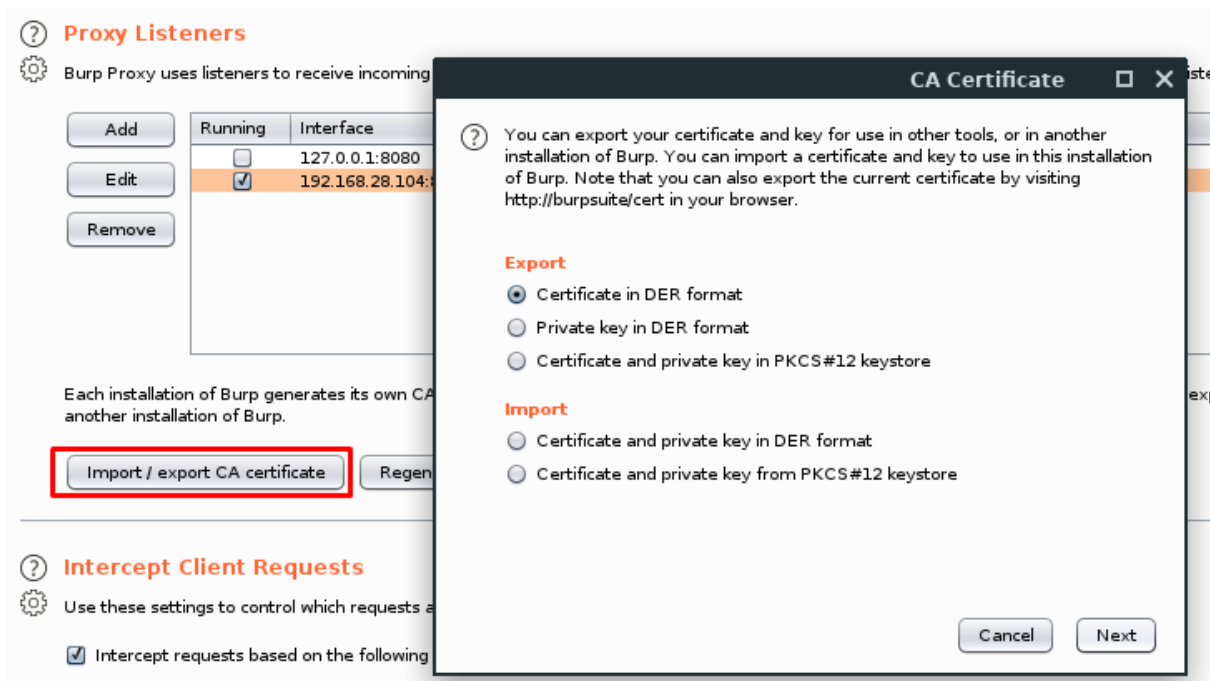
Intercepting a network must use a proxy platform and the best proxy platform for sure is no other, the Burp Suite! As it open, follow and read next to proceed using it.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ ifconfig
enp0s8: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.28.104 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.28.255
    inet6 fe80::839a:bcf9:f262:b5f8 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 08:00:27:7b:ef:68 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 28959 bytes 2340170 (2.3 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 36989 bytes 49843963 (49.8 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

Once burp opened, in your terminal command *ifconfig* to get your machine IP and in my case, Mobexler machine IP.



Then, head up to the **Proxy** tab and click **Options** tab. In the **Proxy Listeners** section, **Add** and key in your machine IP with port. Usually for interception will be using 8080.

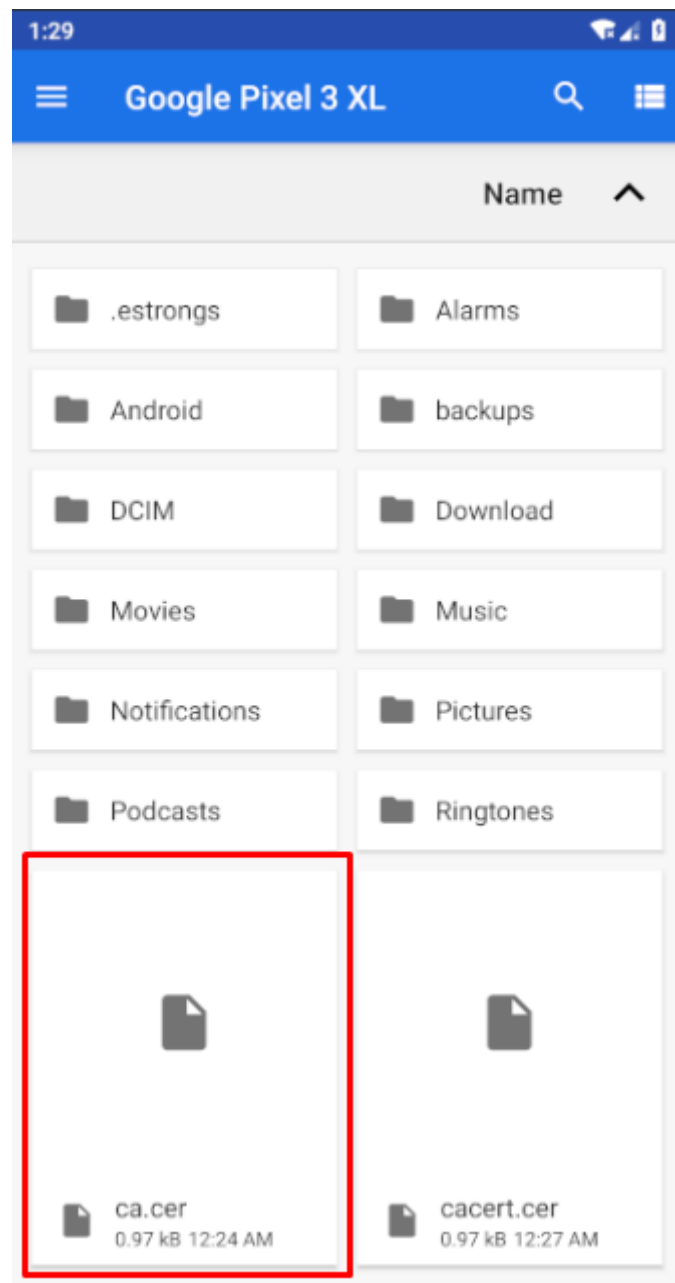


Done setup, click button marked red as picture above then tick on **Certificate in DER format**. Click **Next**.

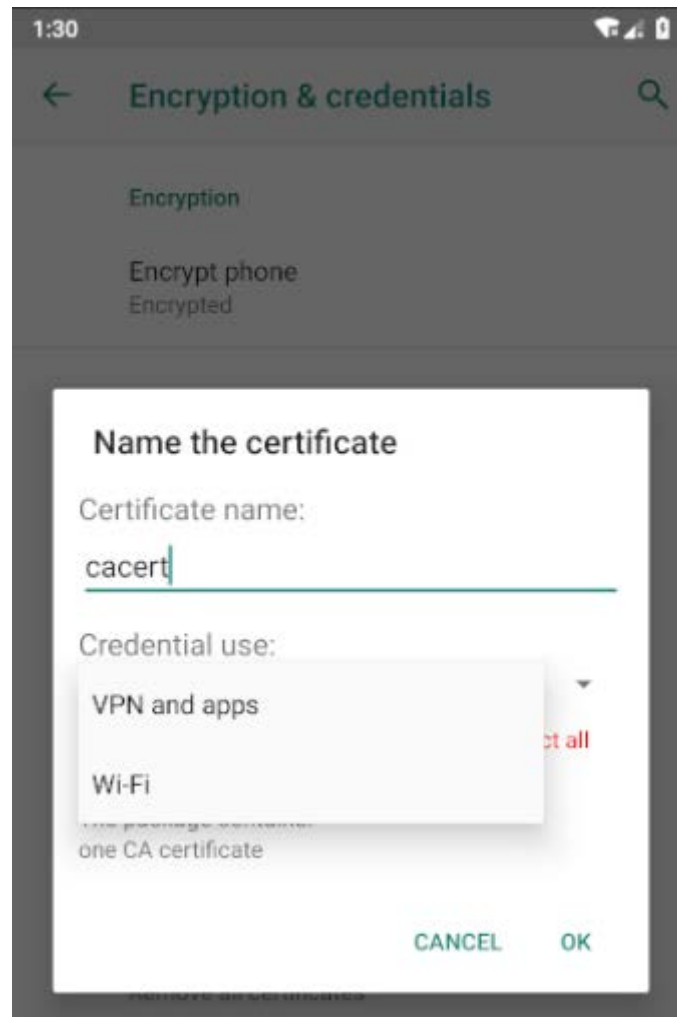
```
Mobexler@Mobexler ➜ adb push '/home/mobexler/Desktop/ca.cer' 'sdcard/'
```

Once the cert exported, transfer it to the mobile device by using the command follows;

Adb push "/dir/of/the/ca.cert" "sdcard/"



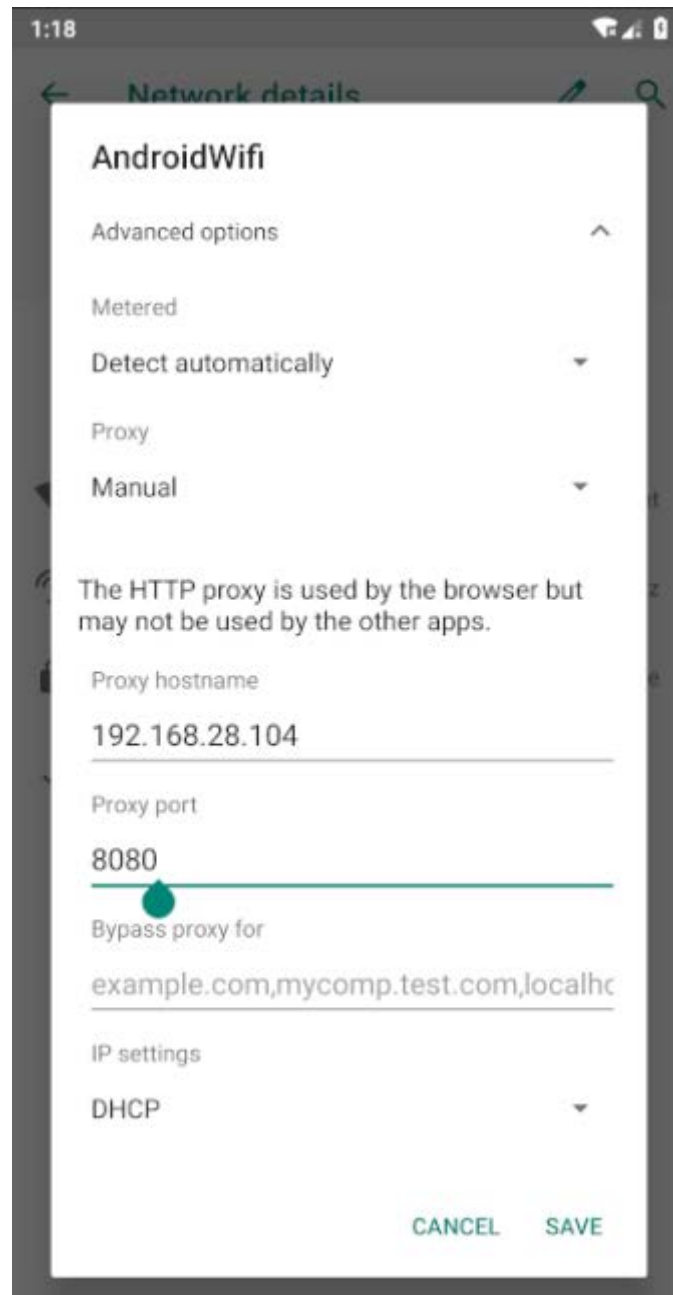
In your mobile device, you'll find it in the sdcard directory as declared in the previous command.



Ok for this step, I did the long way(coz you know it's a first time discovering a solution) thus I'll just share the shortcut way in completing this. You may click the pushed ca.cert then it'll be popup as the picture above.

You can name any name but for me to not confused, I just named it cacert and need to do it twice. Yes twice, one for **VPN and apps** and **Wi-Fi**.

You may confirm its installation by navigating to Settings > Security & Location > Encryption & Credential > User Credentials. This path for Google Pixel 3 XL device.



Now, open your connected wifi setting and click **Advanced Setting** to set to burp proxy settings. Starts with change **Proxy** to Manual, **proxy hostname** to your machine IP and port declared as per set in the burp. Click **SAVE**.

13:04:56 11 Oct 2020	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to www.google.com:443: Received fatal alert: certificate_unknown
13:04:10 11 Oct 2020	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to evabsflag.000webhostapp.com:443: Received fatal alert: certificate_unknown
13:00:33 11 Oct 2020	Proxy	Proxy service started on *:8082
13:00:09 11 Oct 2020	Suite	You appear to be using a 32-bit JVM. Please note that some Burp features are not fully supported on 32-bit systems.
13:00:08 11 Oct 2020	Proxy	Proxy service started on 127.0.0.1:8080

As it saved and connected to the proxy, above alert will triggered indicating that proxy is connected but can't be intercepted yet. At this part, can read there that the issue is about the client failed to negotiate an SSL connection and to overcome this, need to modify the SSL a bit.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ➔ frida -U -f com.revo.evabs -l '/home/mobexler/Desktop/frida-ssl.js' --no-paus

Frida 12.10.4 - A world-class dynamic instrumentation toolkit

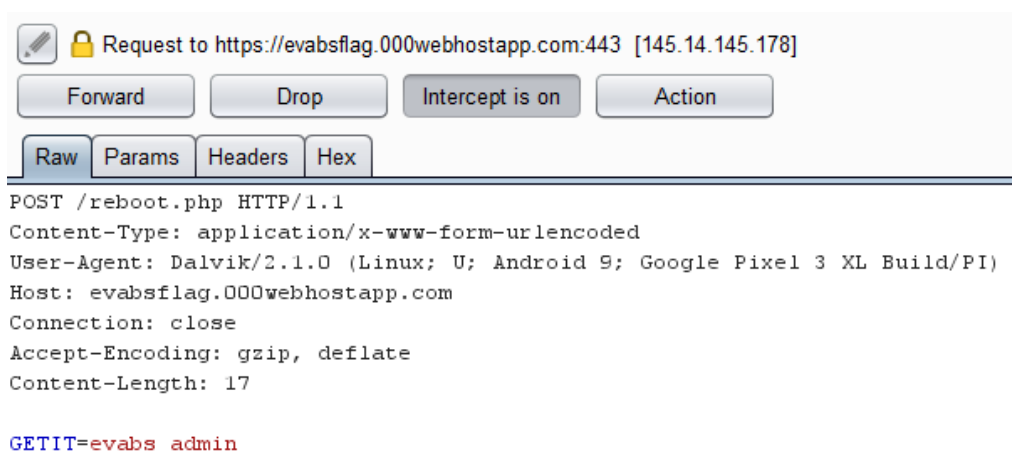
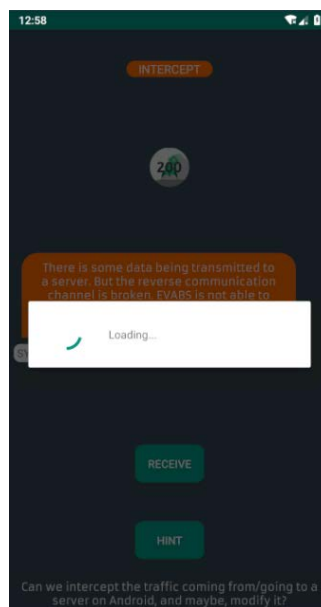
Commands:
  help      -> Displays the help system
  object?   -> Display information about 'object'
  exit/quit -> Exit

More info at https://www.frida.re/docs/home/
Spawned `com.revo.evabs`. Resuming main thread!
[Google Pixel 3 XL::com.revo.evabs]-> |
```

As modifying an SSL quite bit time consumed, you may download the modified one² then can easily used it to bypass the SSL certificate. Fire up below command to bypass!

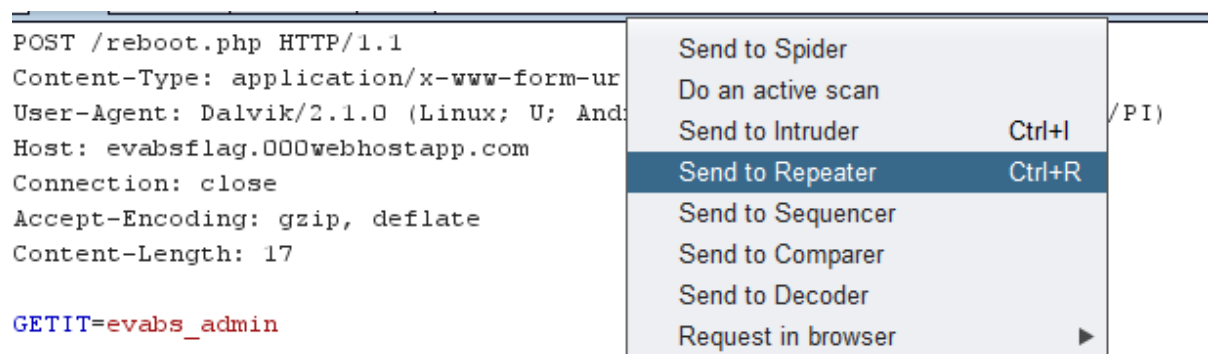
frida -U -f app.package.name -l '/downloaded/path/of/modified/ssl.js' --no-paus

No error then you good to go.

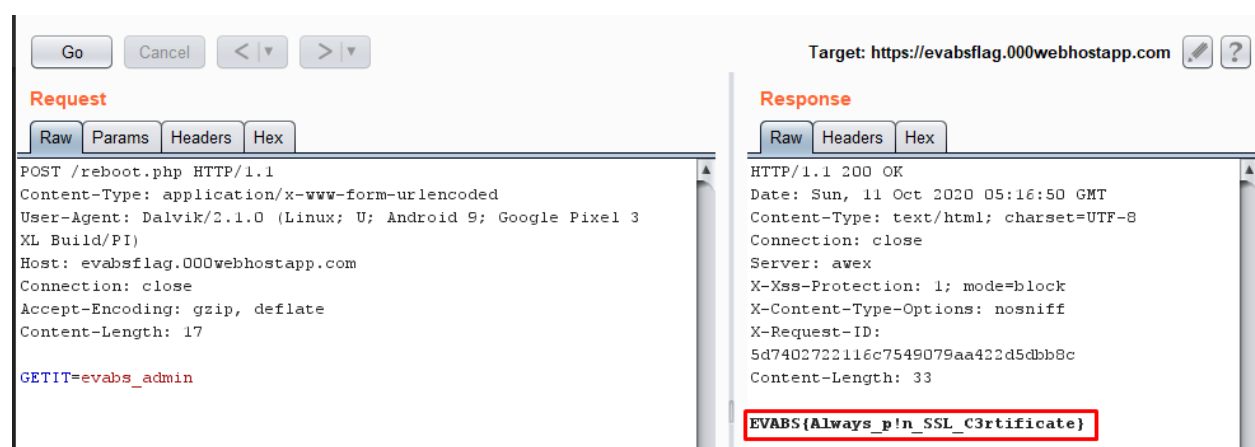


Back to the Burp, at the **Proxy** tab click the **intercept is on** to initiate the interception. While, at the app on the device, click that **RECEIVE** button then the apps start loading and it'll load to the Burp.

² <https://codeshare.frida.re/@sowdust/universal-android-ssl-pinning-bypass-2/>



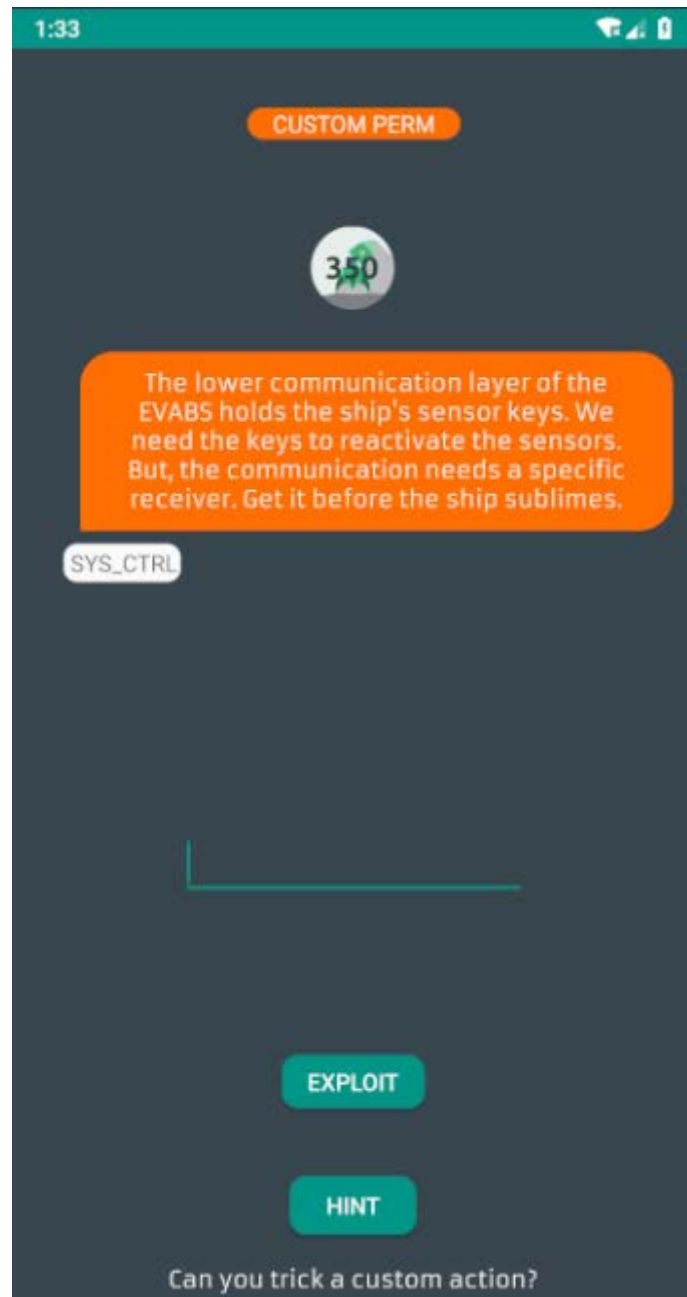
As it loads in the Burp, Right Click the request and click **Send to Repeater** to repeat the interception while receive the response from the server.



When it sent to the repeater, go to **Repeater** tab and you'll see the response from the app. Click **Go** button there then you can see the response back from the server. The response comes together with the flag. Interception done!

CHALLENGE LEVEL 11

This challenge regarding bypass the application permission. The description for this challenge aint much helping in term of understanding this challenge but hint button always there ya know. Based on hint stated, we need to do custom action to trick its permission. You may refer this link³ to understand more about it.



Ok as we can see, it asking to insert some string or so called sensor key to exploit the system while not specified what type of strings or key needed.

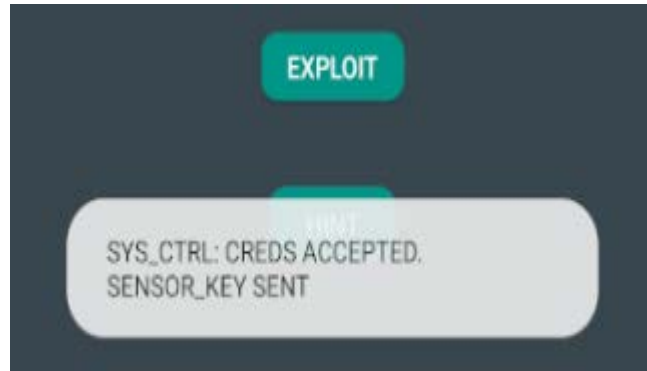
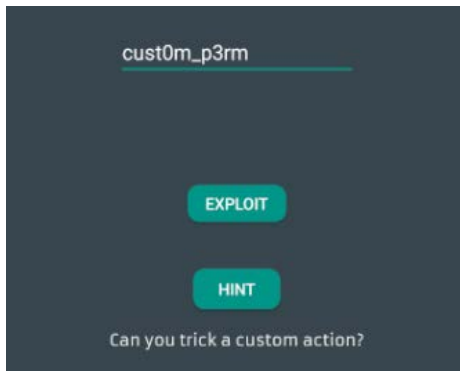
³ <https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/permissions/defining>



Thus, I tried insert a single character and press EXPLOIT button to test then it popup error message saying that wrong cred sensors key locked. Meaning its required specific string in order to unlock the sensor key.

```
com.revo.evabs.CustomAccess  com.revo.evabs.DebugMe  com.revo.evabs.Expo
10 import android.widget.Toast;
11
12 public class CustomAccess extends AppCompatActivity {
13     public final String EVABS_SENSOR_KEY = "com.revo.evabs.action.SENSOR_KEY";
14
15     static {
16         System.loadLibrary("native-lib");
17     }
18
19     /* access modifiers changed from: private */
20     public void GetSensorKey() {
21         if ("cust0m_p3rm".equals(((EditText) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.editTextcustomacc
22             Toast.makeText(this, "SYS_CTRL: CREDs ACCEPTED. SENSOR_KEY SENT", 1).show();
23             Intent intent = new Intent("com.revo.evabs.action.SENSOR_KEY");
24             intent.putExtra("android.intent.extra.TEXT", "EVABS{" + stringFromJHI() + "}");
25             intent.setType("text/plain");
26             startActivity(intent);
27             return;
28         }
29         Toast.makeText(this, "SYS_CTRL: WRONG_CREDS. SENSOR_KEY LOCKED", 1).show();
30     }
31
32     /* access modifiers changed from: protected */
33     public void onCreate(Bundle bundle) {
34         super.onCreate(bundle);
35         setContentView((int) C0474R.layout.activity_custom_access);
36         ((Button) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.buttoncustomaccess)).setOnClickListener(new
37             public void onClick(View view) {
38                 CustomAccess.this.GetSensorKey();
39             }
40     }
41 }
```

First thing in my mind where to find the key is within the code itself. Fire up *jadx-gui* and open the application source code. Under class named **com.revo.evabs.CustomAccess** at **GetSensorKey** parameter can see there its specific string defined. The correct string stated is **Cust0m_p3rm**. Easy.



So, based on my understanding what the code does is after entering the correct input the flag will be passed to intent **com.revo.evabs.action.SENSOR_KEY** using the **putExtra()** function. After I input founded string, it only popup message the creds accepted sensor key sent but nothing happened. The input was correct, but the code doesn't do like what it should be.

```
/* access modifiers changed from: private */
public void GetSensorKey() {
    if ("cust0m_p3rm".equals(((EditText) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.editTextcustomaccess)).getText().toString())) {
        Toast.makeText(this, "SYS_CTRL: CRED5 ACCEPTED. SENSOR_KEY SENT", 1).show();
        Intent intent = new Intent("com.revo.evabs.action.SENSOR_KEY");
        intent.putExtra("android.intent.extra.TEXT", "EVABS{" + stringFromJII() + "}");
        intent.setType("text/plain");
        startActivity(intent);
        return;
    }
    Toast.makeText(this, "SYS_CTRL: WRONG_CRED5. SENSOR_KEY LOCKED", 1).show();
}
```

I read the code back and see nothing wrong with it hence I decided to hook the function using frida. The idea of hooking comes to my mind since that's the only easy way for me to try. The idea is to hook and capture the **putExtra()** function in the main code for it to print the flag.

When hooking using Frida, I have to specify the object (function) that I want to change and the process (application) will execute this function. Frida will replace the content of the function it wants to become a new one. That way, when the application runs this function, it will work the way we want it to.

For this script, **putExtra()** function was used because it has many copies depending on the parameter type defined, so I have to use **overload()** to indicate the correct **putExtra()** function that takes the argument of 2 strings. Initial try was quite unsuccessful as there are many parse errors when using solely javascript code.

```

import frida
import sys

def onMessage(message, data):
    print(message)

package = "com.revo.evabs"

jscode = """
Java.perform(function () {
    send("[-] Starting hooks android.content.Intent.putExtra");
    var intent = Java.use("android.content.Intent");
    intent.putExtra.overload("java.lang.String", "java.lang.String").implementation =
    function(var_1, var_2) {
        send("[+] Flag: " + var_2);
    };
});
""";

#device = frida.get_device_manager().add_remote_device('192.168.28.101:5555')
process = frida.get_usb_device().attach(package)
#process = frida.get_device_manager().add_remote_device('192.168.28.101:5555').attach(package)
script = process.create_script(jscode)
script.on("message", onMessage)
print("[*] Hooking", package)

```

Frankly speaking, I did several codes including java and javascript to hook the function as usual. Credit to my [friend](#) haha. End up using python code wrap the hooking javascript script inside as shown on the picture above.

```

Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ frida-ls-devices
Id      Type      Name
-----
local   local     Local System
192.168.28.101:5555  usb       Google Pixel 3 XL
socket  remote    Local Socket
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ cat s.py
import frida
import sys

def onMessage(message, data):
    print(message)

package = "com.revo.evabs"

jscode = """
Java.perform(function () {
    send("[-] Starting hooks android.content.Intent.putExtra");
    var intent = Java.use("android.content.Intent");
    intent.putExtra.overload("java.lang.String", "java.lang.String").implementation = function(var_1, var_2) {
        send("[+] Flag: " + var_2);
    };
});
""";

#device = frida.get_device_manager().add_remote_device('192.168.28.101:5555')
process = frida.get_usb_device().attach(package)
#process = frida.get_device_manager().add_remote_device('192.168.28.101:5555').attach(package)
script = process.create_script(jscode)
script.on("message", onMessage)
print("[*] Hooking", package)
script.load()
sys.stdin.read()

```

Moving forward, the code must be made with correct device function process as the device attached using usb even actually only virtual Google Pixel 3 XL device.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ python3 s.py
[*] Hooking com.revo.evabs
{'type': 'send', 'payload': '[-] Starting hooks android.content.Intent.putExtra'}
```

Since the code done, run the code by keying *python filename.py* and it will start hooking the application.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~$ python3 s.py
[*] Hooking com.revo.evabs
{'type': 'send', 'payload': '[-] Starting hooks android.content.Intent.putExtra'}
{'type': 'send', 'payload': '[+] Flag: EVABS{always_verify_packag3sa}'}
{'type': 'error', 'description': 'Error: Implementation for putExtra expected return value compatible with android.content.Intent', 'stack': 'Error: Implementation for putExtra expected return value compatible with android.content.Intent\n  at je (frida/node_modules/frida-java-bridge/lib/class-factory.js:634)\n  at frida/node_modules/frida-java-bridge/lib/class-factory.js:616', 'fileName': 'frida/node_modules/frida-java-bridge/lib/class-factory.js', 'lineNumber': 634, 'columnNumber': 1}
```

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EXPLOIT

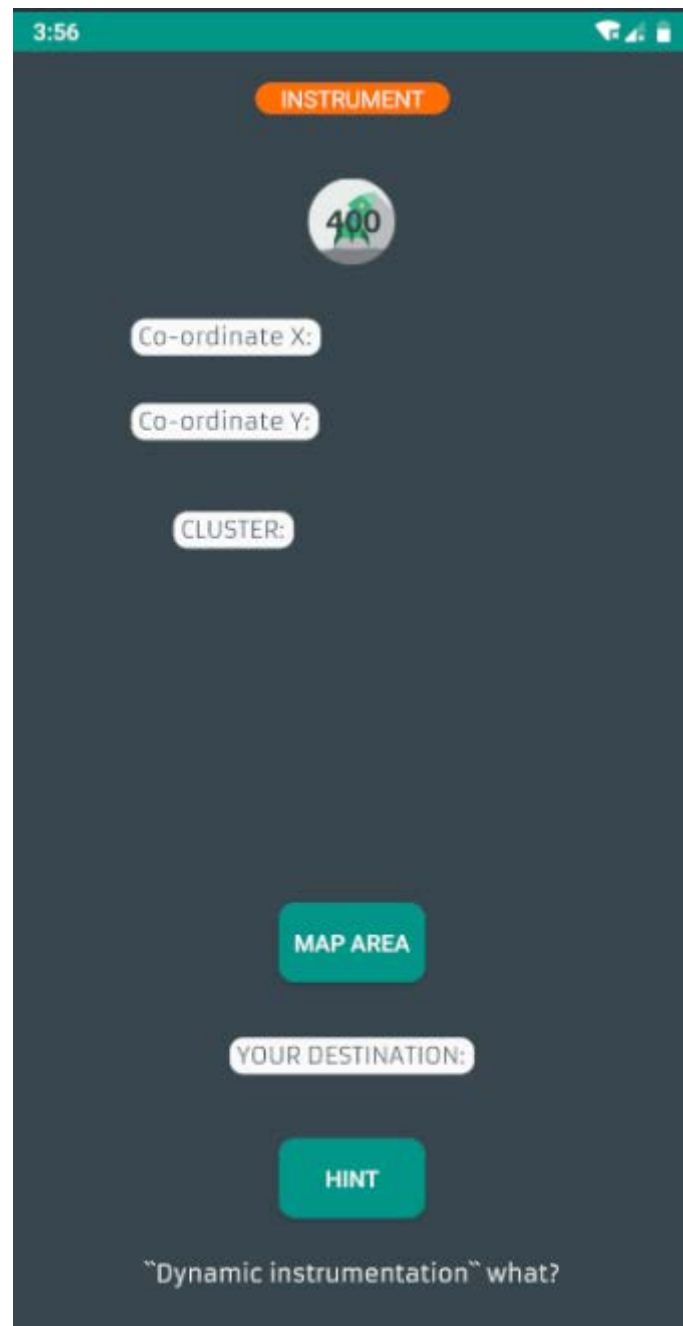
SYS_CTRL: CRED5 ACCEPTED.
SENSOR_KEY SENT

As the code already hooked the app, input back the correct string found earlier which is **cust0m_p3rm** in the devices and the flag popped up!

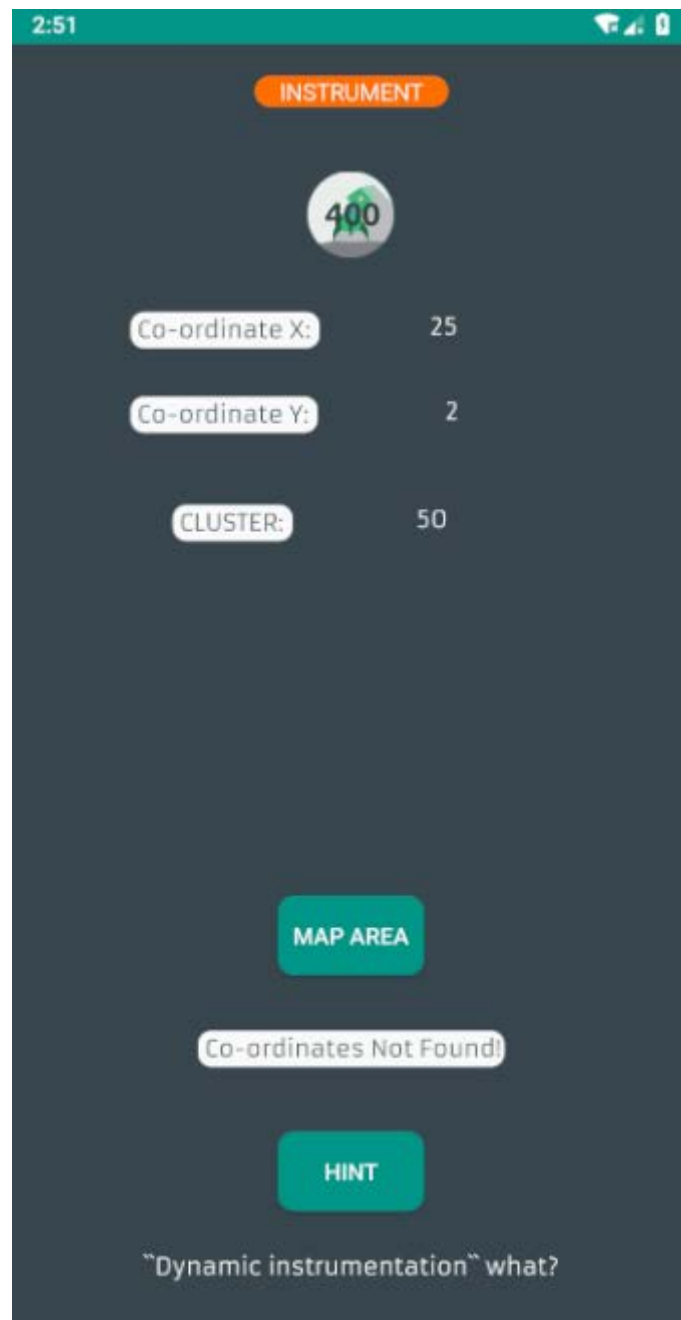
Disclaimer, the flag shown in the picture above has slight error. After several alteration on the flag upon submitting it, the approved flag is **EVABS{always_verify_packag3s}**.

CHALLENGE LEVEL 12

Last challenge!! Ah finally the final challenge for this application. This last challenge named with Instrument and first question come out to my mind is it a dynamic instrumentation or what. In Android, from my understanding there are Instrumentation which is some implementation style of base class while the other one is dynamic instrumentation whereby it's a testing process regarding analyzing and modifying of android binary application at the runtime.



Then, when I hit Hint button, it come out with stated sentence above. Which is pretty much I'm sure that this challenge gonna be some injection and bypassing apps runtime. As we understood what this challenge all about then we'll proceed with implementing the hint given.



Let's play around a bit the challenge. Whenever I press the **MAP AREA** button, those co-ordinates will automatically inserted and **Co-ordinates Not Found** message appeared too. Meaning that those co-ordinates need to be modified in order to get the correct co-ordinates.

Those co-ordinates seem to be constant as I did try hit the map button several times and turned out it still entered the same value together with the messages. Since this challenge about dynamic instrumentation, I also tried to look up on the debug log to deeply understand how this co-ordinates work however pretty much nothing helpful there. So move out to do some source code review as usual.

```
com.revo.evabs.Frida1 X
13  /* renamed from: a */
14  int f45a = 25;
15
16  /* renamed from: b */
17  int f46b = 2;
18
19  /* renamed from: x */
20  int f47x;
21
22  static {
23      System.loadLibrary("native-lib");
24  }
25
26  public void onClick(View view) {
27      TextView textView = (TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.result);
28      ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.valuea)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f45a));
29      ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.valueb)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f46b));
30      this.f47x = this.f45a * this.f46b;
31      int nextInt = new Random().nextInt(70);
32      ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.xres)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f47x));
33      if (this.f47x > nextInt + 150) {
34          textView.setText("VIBRAM IS RESDY TO FLY! YOU ARE GOING HOME!");
35          Log.d("CONGRATZ!", stringFromJNI());
36          return;
37      }
38      textView.setText("Co-ordinates Not Found!");
39  }
40
41  /* access modifiers changed from: protected */
```

Above is the code snippet for the challenge. Fortunately, it aint that hard to understand since just defined fix value and simple arithmetic.

```
/* renamed from: a */
int f45a = 25;

/* renamed from: b */
int f46b = 2;

/* renamed from: x */
int f47x;

static {
    System.loadLibrary("native-lib");
}

public void onClick(View view) {
    TextView textView = (TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.result);
    ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.valuea)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f45a));
    ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.valueb)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f46b));
    this.f47x = this.f45a * this.f46b;
    int nextInt = new Random().nextInt(70);
    ((TextView) findViewById(C0474R.C0476id.xres)).setText(String.valueOf(this.f47x));
    if (this.f47x > nextInt + 150) {
        textView.setText("VIBRAM IS RESDY TO FLY! YOU ARE GOING HOME!");
        Log.d("CONGRATZ!", stringFromJNI());
        return;
    }
    textView.setText("Co-ordinates Not Found!");
}

/* access modifiers changed from: protected */
```

From the image above, we can see that all those integers defined with specific value. Then, it'll multiplied each other to come out with a new integer. Afterward, new integer defined randomly within ranged of 70. With the new random integer, it'll used to trigger the flag.

Third highlighted code where I hooked in order to modify the logic of the arithmetic used. As you can see below, I return the value of new random integer with negative value so then the logic will true then popup the flag stored.

```
GNU nano 2.9.3 s1.py

import frida
import sys

def onMessage(message, data):
    print(message)

package = "com.revo.evabs"

jrcode = """
Java.perform(function () {
    send("[-] Starting hooks java.util.Random.nextInt");
    var random = Java.use("java.util.Random");
    random.nextInt.overload("int").implementation = function(var_1) {
        return -150;
    };
});
"""

process = frida.get_usb_device().attach(package)
script = process.create_script(jrcode)
script.on("message", onMessage)
print("[*] Hooking", package)
script.load()
sys.stdin.read()

[ Read 25 lines ]
^G Get Help      ^O Write Out    ^W Where Is     ^K Cut Text     ^J Justify
^X Exit          ^R Read File    ^\ Replace      ^U Uncut Text   ^T To Linter
```

Well, since previous challenge I used python for hooking then I'll proceed for this one too. Kinda new for me too yet glad to know that. Can refer this post⁴ for better understanding. Typically, hooking using Frida will code using Javascript directly.

```
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ nano s1.py
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ python3 s1.py
[*] Hooking com.revo.evabs
{'type': 'send', 'payload': '[-] Starting hooks java.util.Random.nextInt'}
```

Done with the script needed for hooking, moving forward with running it. Since it's a python code then it'll need to run using python command similar to previous challenge.

Whenever the code executed, it will wait the function declared trigger by the application. So ,in order to see the result, it need to analyze thru debug log as the script only modify the value.

⁴ <https://erev0s.com/blog/frida-code-snippets-for-android/>


```

1588 Download Manager com.android.providers.downloads
2223 EVABS com.revo.evabs
1903 Email com.android.email
640 Fused Location com.android.location.fused
1588 Media Storage com.android.providers.media
1946 Messaging com.android.messaging
993 MmsService com.android.mms.service
1971 One Time Init com.android.onetimeinitializer
1995 Package installer com.android.packageinstaller
1383 Phone com.android.dialer
993 Phone Services com.android.phone
993 Phone and Messaging St... com.android.providers.telephony
1622 Quickstep com.android.launcher3
2071 Search com.android.quicksearchbox
1545 SecureElementApplicati... com.android.se
1001 Settings com.android.settings
640 Settings Storage com.android.providers.settings
2035 Superuser com.genymotion.superuser
2016 System Tracing com.android.traceur
1195 System UI com.android.systemui
1930 Work profile setup com.android.managedprovisioning
1643 com.android.smpush com.android.smpush
1578 com.genymotion.genyd... com.genymotion.genyd
1530 com.genymotion.system... com.genymotion.systempatcher
1562 com.genymotion.taskloc... com.genymotion.tasklocker
Mobexler@Mobexler ~ ➔ adb logcat --pid=2223

```

To do so, find the EVABS application ID and run the command;

Adb logcat - -pid=XXXX

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the command `adb logcat --pid=2223` running. The output shows various system logs, including OpenGLRenderer messages and ActivityThread warnings. A red box highlights the line: `EVABS{a_dynamic_h00k}E`. To the right of the terminal is a game interface with a score of 400, a 'MAP AREA' button, and a 'HINT' button. The game interface also displays 'VIBRAN IS READY TO FLY! YOU ARE GOING HOME'.

As the script and debug log executed, press the **MAP AREA** button back to trigger the process together with the hooking. Once the function hooked triggered, the flag will appear in the debug log. Done the last challenge and it's a wrap!

In conclusion, as all challenge done and all flag catches, it proved that Mobexler VM capable on solely used it to do penetration testing and assessments. Even though EVABS itself does not cater all of mobile common vulnerability and OWASP listed risk, it still gets the job done. For Mobexler itself, it loaded with many other tools that may not fully utilized on conducting testing for these purposes. It's a powerful and reliable VM on using it as a platform to do pentest also other assessments. It even has its own checklist for Android and iOS application testing. Feel free to explore this great experience.

Additional references may refer here:

1. Mobexler Checklist⁵
2. Hooking with Frida⁶
3. OWASP mobile guide⁷

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⁵ <https://mobexler.com/checklist.htm#android>

⁶ <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/mobile-apps-pentesting/android-app-pentesting/frida-tutorial/frida-tutorial-2>

⁷ <https://mobile-security.gitbook.io/mobile-security-testing-guide/android-testing-guide/0x05h-testing-platform-interaction>