Exploring Widevine for Fun and Profit

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Over-the-Top Platforms



























































Attacker Model

Capabilities

- Legitimate User Access
- Full Device Control

Goal

Redistribution of media





Some DRM Solutions







Figure – Example of DRM Systems



Generic DRM Usage

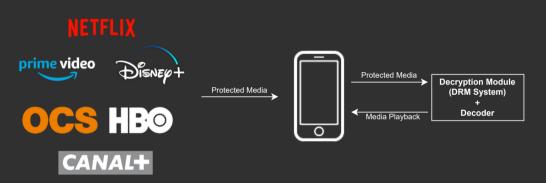


Figure – OTTs and DRMs.



Old DRM

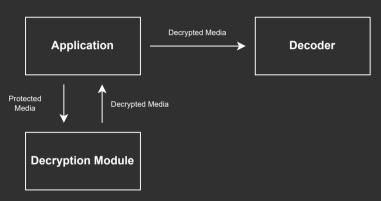
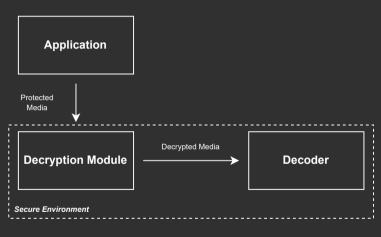
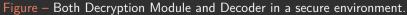


Figure – Decryption Module outside the OTT App.



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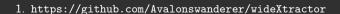
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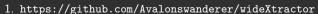


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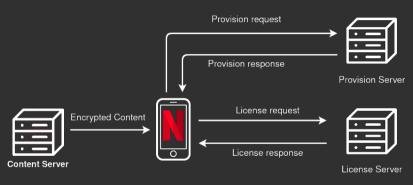


Figure - DRM under Android



Widevine in Android (2)

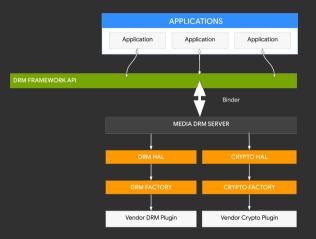




Figure – DRM Framework before Android 11 (src : source.android.com)

Widevine in Android (3)

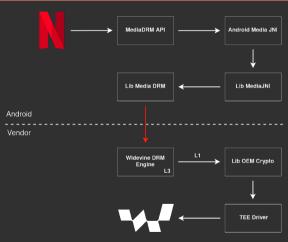


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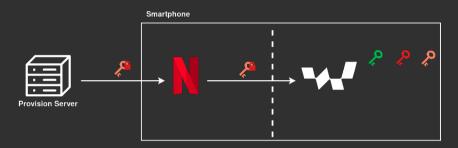








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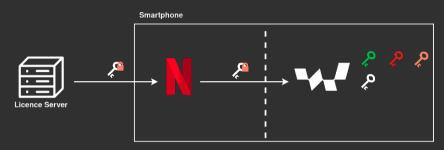


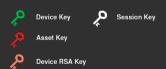


RSA Key reception.



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Session Key reception.



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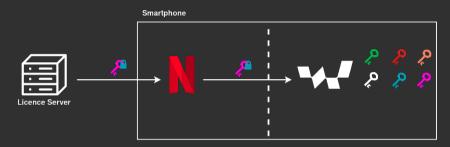






New Asset Key Derivation.

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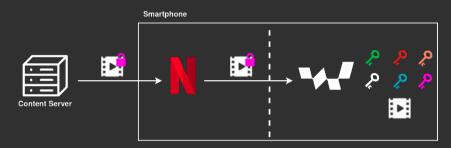






Content Key reception.

Step 3: Media Decryption

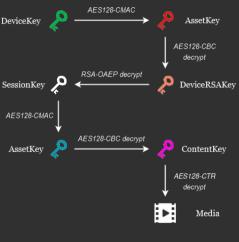




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Crypto Key Ladder

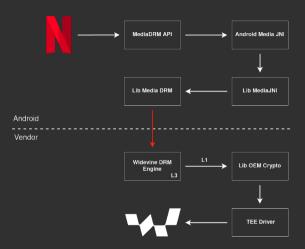




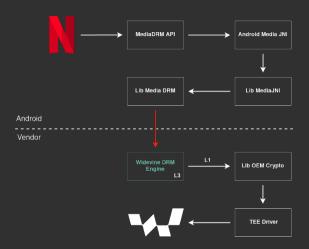


Android L3 RoT Recovery











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Widevine KeyBox : RoT structure

Field	Description	Size (bits)
Device ID	Internal Device ID	256
Device Key	128-bit RoT AES key	128
Provisioning Token	Used by provision requests	576
Magic Number	'kbox' (0x6b626f78)	32
CRC32	CRC32 validating the keybox integrity	32
Total		1024

Table - Widevine Keybox



Our Keybox

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00000000000000000000000000000000000000	ef	6b	74	54	ea	89	99	9a	98	1f	2e	55	c1	60	ac	98	xktTxxxx	x°.Ux`xx



Key Ladder Mimicking

Responsible Disclosure

- Disclosure to Google in June 2021.
 - CVE-2021-0639.⁴
 - Android Security Bulletin August 2021.



^{5.} https://source.android.com/security/bulletin/2021-08-01#widevine



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