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Overview

The Samsung App Manager is a system designed to manage and monitor Android applications available on the Samsung Galaxy Store. This system addresses the challenges of maintaining up-to-date APK versions for various client applications, particularly focusing on tracking version updates and facilitating the APK extraction process.

Business Context

- Problem: Inability to consistently access the latest app versions from the Samsung store
- Impact:
 - Delayed implementation of new features (e.g., samsung_referrer for Singular)
 - Compatibility issues with client updates (e.g., Brigit)
 - User experience problems (e.g., Sezzle's outdated version blocking)
- Solution: In-house APK management system with monitoring capabilities

System Architecture

Core Features

- 1. App Management Interface
 - Add/Edit managed applications
 - View application details and version history

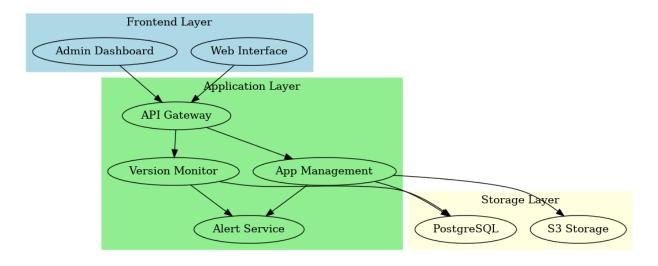


Figure 1: System Architecture

- Manual APK upload capability
- Download stored APKs

2. Version Monitoring System



Figure 2: Data Flow

3. APK Storage System

- Secure storage for APK files
- Version tracking and history
- File integrity verification
- Access control and audit logging

Technical Implementation

Component Architecture

API Endpoints

App Management

POST	/api/apps	# Create new app entry
GET	/api/apps	# List all managed apps
GET	/api/apps/:id	# Get specific app details
PUT	/api/apps/:id	# Update app information
DELETE	/api/apps/:id	# Remove app from management

Version Management

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POST /api/apps/:id/versions # Upload new APK version
GET /api/apps/:id/versions # List all versions
GET /api/versions/:id # Get specific version details
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DELETE /api/versions/:id # Remove version

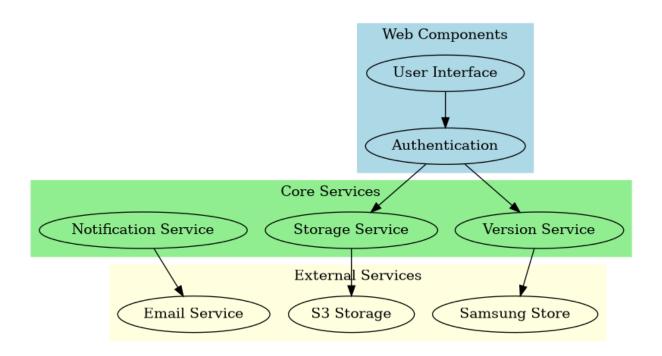


Figure 3: Component Diagram

Monitoring

GET /api/apps/:id/status # Check current status
POST /api/apps/:id/check # Force version check
GET /api/alerts # List all alerts
PUT /api/alerts/:id # Update alert status

Security Considerations

1. APK Verification

- Hash verification for file integrity
- Signature validation
- Malware scanning integration

2. Access Control

- Role-based access control
- Audit logging
- API authentication

3. Data Protection

- Encrypted storage
- Secure file transfer
- Regular backup procedures

Monitoring and Alerts

Alert Types

- 1. New version available
- 2. Version mismatch
- 3. Download failures
- 4. Storage warnings

Monitoring Metrics

- Version check frequency
- Alert response time
- Storage utilization
- API performance

Future Enhancements

1. Automation

- Automated APK extraction
- Batch processing capabilities
- Integration with CI/CD pipelines

2. Analytics

- Version adoption tracking
- Update pattern analysis
- Usage statistics

3. Integration

- MMP integration
- Automated deployment to test environments
- Extended store support (beyond Samsung)

Development Guidelines

Code Structure

- MVC architecture for web interface
- Microservices for core functionalities
- Event-driven architecture for monitoring

Best Practices

- Comprehensive error handling
- Extensive logging
- Regular security audits
- Performance optimization

Testing Strategy

- Unit tests for core functions
- Integration tests for API endpoints
- End-to-end testing for critical flows
- Security testing

Deployment

Requirements

- Linux-based server
- PostgreSQL database
- Redis for caching
- S3-compatible storage

Configuration

- Environment-based settings
- Feature flags

- Monitoring setup
- Backup configuration

Maintenance

Regular Tasks

- Log rotation
- Database optimization
- Storage cleanup
- Security updates

Backup Strategy

- Daily database backups
- APK archive backups
- Configuration backups
- Disaster recovery procedures