



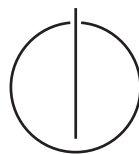
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# Abstract

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# Glossary

**.class** Java Byte Code produced by the Java compiler from a .java file.

**.dex** Dalvik Byte Code file, translated from the Java bytecode. Dalvik Executables are designed to run on system with memory or processor constraints. For example, the .dex file of the Phone application is inside the system/app/Phone.apk.

**.odex** Optimized Dalvik Byte Code file are Dalvik Executables optimized for the current device the application is running on. For example, the .odex file of the Phone application is system/app/Phone.odex.

**ADB** The Android Debug Bridge is a command-line application providing different debugging tools.

**APK** An Android Application Package is the file format used for distributing and installing applications on the Android operating system. It contains the applications assets, code (.dex file), manifest and resources.

**assembler** Ein Assembler (auch Assemblierer[1]) ist ein Computerprogramm, das Assemblersprache in Maschinensprache übersetzt, beispielsweise den Assemblersprachentext „CLI“ in den Maschinensprachentext „11111010“..

**disassembler** Ein Disassembler ist ein Computerprogramm, das die binär kodierte Maschinensprache eines ausführbaren Programmes in eine für Menschen lesbarere Assemblersprache umwandelt. Seine Funktionalität ist der eines Assemblers entgegengesetzt..

# Acronyms

**.dex** Dalvik EXecutable file.

**.odex** Optimized Dalvik EXecutable file.

**ADB** Android Debug Bridge.

**APK** Android Application Package.

**SDK** Software Development Kit.

**TUM** Technische Universität München.

# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 Licensing

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Was ist licensing?

Ziele von Licensing

was für möglichkeiten gibt es (lvl, amazon, samsung)

## 1.2 Motivation

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Piracy

lose money from sale/IAP

lose ad revenues

others earn the money - ad ID replacement

no control at all when cracked and in other markets -> no fixes/updates (<https://youtu.be/TNnccRimhsI?t=1>)

for user: when downloading pirated apk, no idea what they changed (malware, stealing data, privacy, permissions)

wont notice any difference since in background

unpredicted traffic for your server, be prepared to block pirated traffic

cracking can lead to bad user experience, e.g. copied apps, mostly for paid apps

awesome algorithms can be stolen

similar problems with inapp billing

best way to counter: license verification libraries

encryption can be dumped from memory

generell piracy!!!

enthält als Abschluss SCOPE

### **1.3 Related Work**

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related work

## 2 Foundation

Before discussing the counter measurements, necessary basics have to be explained. This includes piracy in general as well as its relationship with Android.

### 2.1 Software Piracy

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<http://www.xda-developers.com/piracy-testimonies-causes-and-prevention/>

#### 2.1.1 Overview

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##### Definition of Software Piracy?

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##### History of Software Piracy

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ewiges hin und her wer besser ist, siehe computer spiele, streaming drm, generell alles wo DRM ist

##### Forms of Software Piracy

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Release Groups, blackmarket, app beispiele, foren etc

#### 2.1.2 Threat to Developers

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scahden für entwickler (ad id klau,)

### 2.1.3 Risks to Users

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malware, bad user experience

It is not unlikely for a malware developer to abuse existing applications by injection of malicious functionalities and consequent redistribution of the trojanized versions C.A. Castillo and Mobile Security Working Group McAfee, \T1\textquotedblleft Android malware past, present, and future, \T1\textquotedblright 2011.

### 2.1.4 Piracy on Android

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Poor model, since self-signed certificates are allowed, 27 <http://newandroidbook.com/files/Andevcon-Sec.pdf>

<http://www.fiercedeveloper.com/story/preventing-android-applications-piracy-possible-requirements> 2012-08-14 piracy umfrage on android

übergehen zu wie android funktioniert und warum es dort piracy gibt

## 2.2 Android

flow wie funktioniert android und warum ist es so einfach zu piraten

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[https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code\\_Protection\\_in\\_Android.pdf](https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code_Protection_in_Android.pdf)

### 2.2.1 Introduction

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Android is an open source Linux-based operating system running on a large set of touchscreen devices

Launched in 2007 by Google, it is designed to meet the limited computational capacity of a mobile device's hardware. The principal processor of Android devices is the ARM platform for which the operating system is optimized

[alexandrinaMaster]

What is Android? Where is it used? When was it founded? Who does it belong to?

platform developed by the "Android Open Source Project" -> official website?  
currently one of the main operating systems for mobile devices -> quelle  
focussed on simplicity for users, install of apps etc -> quelle  
riesiger markt

### 2.2.2 Evolution of the Android Compiler

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#### Java Virtual Machine

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.class file

#### Dalvik Virtual Machine

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stack abstraction is the Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM)

DVM is highly tailored to work according to the specifications of the Android platform optimized for a slower CPU in comparison with a stationary machine and works with relatively little RAM memory (• limited processor speed • limited RAM • no swap space • battery powered • diverse set of devices • sandboxed application runtime)[2]  
DVM is register-based, differing from the standard Java Virtual Machine (JVM) which is stack-based, register-based architectures require fewer executed instructions than stack-based architectures, register-based code is approximately 25 percent larger than the stack-based, the increase in the instructions fetching time is negligible: 1.07 percent extra real machine loads[2]

the Android OS has no swap space imposing that the virtual machine works without swap. Finally, mobile devices are powered by a battery thus the DVM is optimized to be as energy preserving as possible, Except being highly efficient, the DVM is also designed to be replicated quickly because each application runs within a "sandbox": a context containing its own instance of the virtual machine assigned a unique Unix user ID

At the same abstraction level as the virtual machine are the native libraries of the system. Written in C/C++, they permit low level interaction between the applications and the kernel through Java Native Interface (JNI)

[4]



Table 2.1: Dex File Format

Magic		checksum	
signature			
File size	Header size	Endian Tag	Link size
Link offset	Map offset	String IDs Size	String IDs offset
Type IDs Size	Type IDs offset	Proto IDs Size	Proto IDs offset
Field IDs Size	Field IDs offset	Method IDs Size	Method IDs offset
Classdef IDs Size	Classdef IDs offset	Data Size	Data offset
...			

[http://davidhringer.com/software/android/The\\_Dalvik\\_Virtual\\_Machine.pdf](http://davidhringer.com/software/android/The_Dalvik_Virtual_Machine.pdf)  
[2]

#### AUFBAU/HERKUNFT DALVIK MACHINEN

difference to JVM -> JVM is a stack based machine whereas DVM is register based -> warum, vorteile/nachteile, historie  
developed for Android to be more efficient and smaller due to the limited resources on mobile devices -> quelle

#### AUFBAU DALVIK BYTECODE

The program code of an Android application is delivered in form of Dalvik bytecode. It will be executed by the Dalvik Virtual Machine and is comparable to Java bytecode. So there is a separate optimizing step while installing an application, where the bytecode gets optimized for the underlying architecture. The optimized form is also called "odex". The optimization is done by a program called "dexopt" which is part of the Android platform. The DVM can execute optimized as well as not optimized Dalvik bytecode.

unterschied <http://newandroidbook.com/files/Andevcon-DEX.pdf>

.dex file The Dalvik bytecode consists of opcodes and is thus hard to read for humans. The Cracking Tool has to modify the opcodes in order to alter the behaviour of the application. Since it is directly read by the Dalvik virtual machine, it is the single point of truth.

.odex file Dalvik bytecode of an application is normally not optimized, because it is executed by a DVM which can run under different architectures

dex format <http://source.android.com/devices/tech/dalvik/dalvik-bytecode>.

html

ablauf starten von app

When an Android application is executed, the process consists of the following four parts: • Dalvik bytecode, which is located in the dex file • Dalvik Virtual Machine [13], which executes the Dalvik bytecode • Native Code, like shared objects, which is executed by the processor • Android Application Framework, which provides services for the application

### Android Runtime

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im Moment abwärtskompatibilität dex in oat (tools zum extrahieren nennen)

art file aufbau

### 2.2.3 Build Process of Android Applications

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für 4.1 erklären, bild <http://developer.android.com/tools/building/index.html>

Aufbau APK erklären

many steps and tools until the APK is build and ready to be deployed  
applications are written in the Java programming language by the developer, code is available in .class files

step 1: Java files which will be compiled into .class files by a Java Compiler, similar to a Java program build process, class files contain Java bytecode representing the compiled application, optional step apply a Java Obfuscator

step 2: transformation from Java bytecode into Dalvik bytecode, see oben, dx programm from android sdk (due to it is necessity for building an application for the Android platform), output saved in singel .dex file, included in an APK in next step, possible to apply a further obfuscator operating on Dalvik bytecode(ERKLÄRUNG)

step 3: packing and signing the APK, ApkBuilder constructs an apk file out of the "classes.dex" file and adds further resources like images and ".so" files, ".so" files are shared objects which contains native functions that can be called from within the DVM, jarsigner adds developers signature to APK(ERKLÄREN WARUM SIGNATURE NÖTIG UND WO GEPRÜFT), now the app can be installed

Android applications are written in the Java [11] programming language and deployed as files with an ".apk" suffix, later called APK. It is basically a ZIP-compressed file and contains resources of the application like pictures and layouts as well as a dex file

This dex file, saved as "classes.dex", contains the program code in form of Dalvik byte-code. Further explanations on this bytecode format are given in section 3.2. The content of the APK is also cryptographically signed, which yields no security improvement but helps to distinguish and confirm authenticity of different developers of Android applications.

Die apk kann dann per adb, market oder direkt installiert werden

Within the installation process, every installed application gets its own unique user ID (UID) by default. This means that every application will be executed as a separate system user. -> QUELLE/SINN?

### 2.2.4 Original Copy Protection

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It replaces the old system copy protection system, wherein your APKs would be put in a folder that you can't access. Unless you root. Oh, and anyone who can copy that APK off can then give it to someone else to put on their device, too. It was so weak, it was almost non-existent.

kann mit root umgangen werden

Im original vom Markt direkt heruntergeladen und dann wird sie an den ort geschoben und kann nicht mehr zugegriffen werden -> rechte etc, QUELLE

### 2.2.5 Root on Android

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what is it? how is it achieved? what can i do with it? (good/bad sides)

Android insecure, can be rooted and get apk file <http://androidvulnerabilities.org/all> search for root

## 2.3 License Verification Libraries

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spreading causes giant market (zahlen) -> google play with big financial value (zahlen)

je größer der markt desto attraktiver für cracker da auch mehr leute die app ggfs gecracked runterladen würden (genauere argumente)

deswegen auch gesteigertes interesse bei developern ihre app und IP zu schützen da wie oben gesehen die original copyprotection ausgehebelt ist, muss etwas neues her auch für den markt leiter sit es interessant

This chapter contains the LVL which will be looked at

What is a lvl? why are they used? connection to store

<http://www.digipom.com/how-the-android-license-verification-library-is-lulling-you-into-a-dependent-on-store>

major players have own stores and thus own lvl

Since the original approach of subsection 2.2.4 was voided, another method had to be introduced. First looks great, puts the copy protection inside the app, a from of DRM communicate with server, authorize use of application

does not prevent user from copying/transferring app, but copy useless since the app does run without the correct account

google die ersten, andere folgen, anfangs problem, dass dadurch nur durch google store geschützt war, grund dafür dass evtl ein programmierer in meinen store kommt

### 2.3.1 Amazon

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amazon drm kiwi

#### Implementation

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done by amazon packaging tool

release <http://www.androidheadlines.com/2010/10/amazon-send-developers-a-welcome-package.html>

<https://developer.amazon.com/public/support/submitting-your-app/tech-docs/submitting-your-app>

#### Functional Principle

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sis is text was sind voraussetzungen? amazon app, account active der die app hat

### Example

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anhand eigener app

### 2.3.2 Google

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License Verification Library

<http://www.digipom.com/how-the-android-license-verification-library-is-lulling-you-into-a>

related <https://developers.google.com/games/services/android/antipiracy>

<http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/09/securing-android-lvl-applications.html>

<http://developer.android.com/google/play/licensing/overview.html>

problem <http://daniel-codes.blogspot.de/2010/10/true-problem-with-googles-license.html>

The LVL library only works on apps sold through Google's Android Market Release

<http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/07/licensing-service-for-android.html>

### Implementation

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sis is text

### Functional Principle

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how does google license check work <http://android.stackexchange.com/questions/22545/how-does-google-plays-market-license-check-work>

sis is text

was sind voraussetzungen? googel acc auf dem smartphone welcher die app gekauft hat

bild <http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/07/licensing-service-for-android.html>

### Example

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anhand eigener app

### 2.3.3 Samsung

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Zirconia <http://developer.samsung.com/technical-doc/view.do?v=T000000062L>

### Implementation

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sis is text <http://developer.samsung.com/technical-doc/view.do?v=T000000062L>

### Functional Principle

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sis is text  
was sind voraussetzungen?

### Example

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anhand eigener app  
<http://developer.samsung.com/technical-doc/view.do?v=T000000062L>

## 2.4 Code Analysis

The Cracking Tool has to alter an application's behaviour by applying patches only to the Android Application Package (APK) file, since it is the only source of code on the phone. This is the reason for the investigations to start with analysing the APK. This is done using static analysis tools. The aim is to get an accurate overview of how the circumventing of the license verification mechanism is achieved. This knowledge is later used to find counter measurements to prevent the specific Cracking Tool from succeeding.

The reengineering has to be done by using different layers of abstraction. The first reason is because it is very difficult to conclude from the altered bytecode, which is not

human-readable, to the new behaviour of the application. The second reason is because the changes in the Java code are interpreted by the decompiler, which might not reflect the exact behaviour of the code or even worse, cannot be translated at all.

These problems are encountered by analysing the different abstraction levels of code as well as different decompilers.

Gaining information about a program and its implementation details, process aims at enabling an analyst to understand the concrete relation between implementation and functionality, optimal output of such a process would be the original source code of the application, not possible in general

Therefore, it is necessary for such a process to provide on the one hand abstract information about structure and inter-dependencies and on the other hand result in very detailed information like bytecode and mnemonics that allow interpretation of implementation

hoffentlich starting points für investigations

java, e.g. read the program code faster

was ist reengineering? wie funktioniert es? was ist das ziel?

reverse engineering process makes use of a whole range of different analysis methodologies and tools.

only consider static analysis tools

IN ORDER TO GET FULL OVERVIEW DEX/SMALI/JAVA -> WARUM?

WAS MACHEN DIE TOOLS IM ALLGEMEINEN? WOZU BENUTZEN WIR SIE?

<https://mobilesecuritywiki.com/>

[https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code\\_Protection\\_in\\_Android.pdf](https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code_Protection_in_Android.pdf)

main tools

### Getting an APK

In the following there will be an example application to generalise the procedure. The application is called `LicenseTest` and has for our purpose a license verification library included (Amazon, Google or Samsung).

In order to analyse an APK, it has to be pulled from the Android device onto the computer. First the package name of the app has to be found out. This can be done by using the Android Debug Bridge (ADB). Entering example 1 returned example 2

```
adb shell pm list packages -f1 example 2 enthält return von 1
adb pull /data/app/me.neutze.licensetest-1/ /Downloads
```

### Dex

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jedes tool:  
woher kommt es?  
wozu wurde es erfunden?  
wer hat es erfunden? quelle  
blabla von der seite  
wozu benutze ich es?  
welches abstrahierungslevel  
beispiel  
additional features?  
WARUM SCHAUEN WIR ES UNS AN?  
wo findet man es?  
welches level?  
vorteil  
blabla aus dem internet  
für menschen unintuitiv

hexadecimal value, represent exactly one instruction  
unintuitiv, instruction set well defined  
ggf bezug zu DALVIK/buildprocess The Dalvik Virtual Machine (DVM) provides also the ability to call native functions within shared objects out of the Dalvik bytecode. When speaking of reverse engineering an Android application we mostly mean to reverse engineer the bytecode located in the dex file of this application.

a6 8e 15 00 bd 8e 15 00 d5 8e 15 00 f0 8e 15 00   .....
---

### Code Snippet 2.1: Quelle

mein custom script erklären

bytecode format <http://source.android.com/devices/tech/dalvik/dalvik-bytecode.html>

### Smali Code

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stichwort mnemonics, eine seite dex und auf der anderen seite smali, dex bytecode vs smali, Only a few pieces of information are usually not included like the addresses of instructions

unintuitive representation, deswegen smali mit corresponding mnemonics

mnemonics and vice versa is available due to the bijective mapping

correct startaddress and offset can be challenging. There are two major approaches: linear sweep disassembling and recursive traversal disassembling, The linear sweep algorithm is prone to producing wrong mnemonics e.g. when a assembler inlines data so that instructions and data are interleaved. The recursive traversal algorithm is not prone to this but can be attacked by obfuscation techniques like junkbyte insertion as discussed in section 4.4. So for obfuscation, a valuable attack vector on disassembling is to attack the address finding step of these algorithms

<https://github.com/JesusFreke/smali>

Smali code is the generated by disassembling Dalvik bytecode using baksmali. The result is a human-readable, assambler-like code

The smali [7] program is an assemblerhas own disassembler called "baksmali"

can be used to unpack, modify, and repack Android applications

interesting part for obfuscation and reverse engineering is baksmali. baksmali is similar to dexdump but uses a recursive traversal approach to find instructions

vorteil? -> So in this approach the next instruction will be expected at the address where the current instruction can jump to, e.g. for the "goto" instruction. This minimizes some problems connected to the linear sweep approach. baksmali is also used by other reverse engineering tools as a basic disassembler

selbe wie dex, jedoch human readable, no big difference

wo findet man es?

wie ist es erstellt?

informationsverlust?

vorteil

blabla aus dem internet

jedes tool:

woher kommt es?

wozu wurde es erfunden?

wer hat es erfunden? quelle

blabla von der seite

wozu benutze ich es?

welches abstrahierungslevel

beispiel  
additional features?  
ggf bezug zu DALVIK/buildprocess

wo findet man es?  
welches level?  
vorteil  
blabla aus dem internet

### Java

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probleme des disassemblers erklären  
interpretations sache  
deswegen zwei compiler  
unterschiedliche interpretation resultiert in flow und auch ob sies können ist unterschiedlich

ectl unterschiede/vor-nachteile  
ggf bezug zu DALVIK/buildprocess (Java wird disassembled und dann assembler)

### Androguard

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<https://github.com/androguard/androguard>  
powerful analysis tool is Androguard  
includes a disassembler and other analysis methods to gather information about a program  
Androguard helps an analyst to get a good overview by providing call graphs and an interactive interface -> habe nur CLI benutzt  
The integrated disassembler also uses the recursive traversal approach for finding instructions like baksmali, see section 2.2  
one most popular analysis toolkits for Android applications due to its big code base and offered analysis methods -> quelle, warum

jedes tool:  
woher kommt es?  
wozu wurde es erfunden?

wer hat es erfunden? quelle  
blabla von der seite  
wozu benutze ich es?  
welches abstrahierungslevel  
beispiel  
additional features?

### jadx

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<https://github.com/skylot/jadx>

jedes tool:

woher kommt es?  
wozu wurde es erfunden?  
wer hat es erfunden? quelle  
blabla von der seite  
wozu benutze ich es?  
welches abstrahierungslevel  
beispiel  
additional features?

### Comparison of Code

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vergleich gibts guten einblick was geändert wurde und wie es auf dem gegebenenem lvl funktioniert

vergleich von original und modifizierten code einer apk auf einer code ebene  
needed to see differences before and after cracking tool

diff is used

<https://wiki.ubuntuusers.de/diff>

- N: Treat absent files as empty; Allows the patch create and remove files.
- a: Treat all files as text; Allows the patch update non-text (aka: binary) files.
- u: Set the default 3 lines of unified context; This generates useful time stamps and context.
- r: Recursively compare any subdirectories found; Allows the patch to update subdirec-

tories.

script erklären

wo findet man es?

welches level?

vorteil

blabla aus dem internet

## 3 Cracking Android Applications with LuckyPatcher

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There are plenty of applications which can be used to modify Android apps. This thesis focuses on the on on device cracking application LuckyPatcher, especially on its license verification bypassing mechanism.

### 3.1 What is LuckyPatcher and what is it used for?

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wer hat ihn geschrieben?  
auf welcher version basiere ich  
su nicht vergessen  
was kann er alles  
was schauen wir uns an?

LuckyPatcher is described as following on the official webpage: "Lucky Patcher is a great Android tool to remove ads, modify apps permissions, backup and restore apps, bypass premium applications license verification, and more. To use all features, you need a rooted device." [1]

install apk from palystore -> have root -> open lucky -> chose mode

LuckyPatcher is an Android Cracking Tool which can be downloaded at <http://lucky-patcher.netbew.com/>.

similar cracking tools:  
or manual: decompile and edit what ever you want

### 3.2 Modus Operandi

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wo arbeitet er?  
warum dex und nicht odex anschauen?  
patterns und patching modes grob erklären (modi von luckypatcher die verschiedene operationen (pattern) auf app anwenden) => vorgehensweise zur

Since the code is modified directly a static analysis is sufficient.

UM ES EINFACHER ZU MACHEN, KEINE ODEX (WARUM), APK CREATEN UND AUF EINEM NORMALEN HANDY INSTALLIEREN(dann sieht man dass man die app wem anders gecracked geben kann - ringschluss blackmarket)

### **3.3 What are Patching Modi are there and what do they do?**

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kombination von patterns.

welche modes gibt es? welche patterns benutzen sie?

welche apps getestet und welche results?

### **3.4 What patterns are there and what do they do?**

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was greift jedes pattern an? wie wird der mechanismus ausgeklingt? was ist das result?

### **3.5 Learnings from LuckyPatcher**

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was fällt damit weg?

erklären warum (2) 5.1.2 Opaque predicates zb nicht geht, da auf dex ebene einfach austauschbar

simple obfuscation for strings? x -> string (damit name egal)

## 4 Counter Measurements for Developers

Now that the functionality of LuckyPatcher is analyzed, it is time to investigate in possible solutions for developers. Counter measurements preventing the cracking app from circumventing the license check mechanism are addressed in four different ways. The first chapter covers functions to discover preconditions in the environment cracking apps use to discover weaknesses or need to be functional. The second chapter uses the acquired knowledge about LuckyPatcher to modify the code resulting in the patching being unsuccessful. In the third chapter presents methods to prevent the reengineering of the developer's application and thus the creation of custom cracks. Further hardware and external measurements are explained in the fourth chapter.

general suggestions by google <http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/09/securing-android-lvl-applications.html>

### 4.1 Tampering Protection

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Environment and Integrity Checks, wenn die umgebung falsch ist, kann die app verändert werden. deswegen von vornherein ausschließen, dass die bedingungen dafür gegeben sind.

siehe masterarbeit 2

mechanisms should work for amazon/lvl/samsung -> beweis! (amazon die signature den die seite vorgibt?)

force close im falle von falschem outcome, entspricht nicht android qualität <http://developer.android.com/distribute/essentials/quality/core.html> aber so wird es dem user klarer dass seine application gecracked ist. harmlosere variante dialog anzeigen oder element nicht laden.

es gibt verschieden punkte um die integrity der application sicherzustellen. dies beinhaltet die umgebung debugg oder rootzugriff, die suche nach feindliche installierte

applicationen oder checks nach der rechtmäßigen installation und rechtmäßigen code.

#### 4.1.1 Prevent Debuggability

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der debug modus kann dem angreifer informationen/logs über die application geben während diese läuft, aus diesen informationen können erkenntnisse über die funktionweise geben die für einen angriff/modifikation gewonnen werden können. aus diesen informationen können dann patches für software wie lucky patcher entwickelt werden, da man die anzugreifenden stellen bereits kennt. kann erzwungen werden indem man das debug flag setzt (wo ist es, wie kann es gesetzt werden) um dies zu verhindern kann gecheckt werden ob dieses flag forciert wird und gegebenenfalls das laufen der application unterbinden

```
14  public static boolean isDebuggable(Context context) {  
15      boolean debuggable = (0 != (context.getApplicationInfo().flags & ApplicationInfo.  
16          FLAG_DEBUGGABLE));  
17  
18      if (debuggable) {  
19          android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());  
20      }  
21      return debuggable;  
22  }
```

Code Snippet 4.1: asd[1]

Code SNippet /refCode Snippet: luckycode zeigt eine funktion die auf den debug modus prüft. Dazu werden zuerst in zeile 15 die appinfo auf das debug flag überprüft. ist dieses vorhanden, ist die variable debuggable true. in diesem fall wird dann die geschlossen

#### 4.1.2 Root Detection

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<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10585961/way-to-protect-from-lucky-patcher-play-licen>

```
16 public static boolean findBinary(Context context, final String binaryName) {
17     boolean result = false;
18     String[] places = {
19         "/sbin/",
20         "/system/bin/",
21         "/system/sbin/",
22         "/data/local/sbin/",
23         "/data/local/bin/",
24         "/system/sd/sbin/",
25         "/system/bin/failsafe/",
26         "/data/local/"
27     };
28
29     for (final String where : places) {
30         if (new File(where + binaryName).exists()) {
31             result = true;
32             android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
33         }
34     }
35
36     return result;
37 }
```

Code Snippet 4.2: Partial Listing

SafetyNet provides services for analyzing the configuration of a particular device, to make sure that apps function properly on a particular device and that users have a great experience. <https://developer.android.com/training/safetynet/index.html>

Checking device compatibility with safetynet

Unlocked bootloader doesn't matter. Can't have root installed initially. Has to be a stock / signed ROM. [https://www.reddit.com/r/Android/comments/3kly2z/checking\\_device\\_compatibility\\_with\\_safetynet/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Android/comments/3kly2z/checking_device_compatibility_with_safetynet/)

### 4.1.3 LuckyPatcher Detection

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As the example shows, this check is not only a solution to prevent the application from running when LuckyPatcher is present on the device. The screening can be expanded to check for the installation of any other application, like black market apps or other cracking tools as the code example Code Example 4.5 shows.

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/13445598/lucky-patcher-how-can-i-protect-from-it>  
<http://android-onex.blogspot.de/2015/07/anti-piracy-software-activated-solved.html>

```
9  public static boolean checkInstall(final Context context) {
10      boolean result = false;
11      String[] luckypatcher = new String[]{
12          // Lucky patcher
13          "com.dimonvideo.luckypatcher",
14          // Another lucky patcher
15          "com.chelpus.lackypatch",
16          // Black Mart alpha
17          "com.blackmartalpha",
18          // Black Mart
19          "org.blackmart.market",
20          // Lucky patcher 5.6.8
21          "com.android.vending.billing.InAppBillingService.LUCK",
22          // Freedom
23          "cc.madkite.freedom",
24          // All-in-one Downloader
25          "com.allinone.free",
26          // Get Apk Market
27          "com.repodroid.app",
28          // CreeHack
29          "org.creepays.hack",
30          // Game Hacker
31          "com.baseappfull.fwd"
32      };
33
34      for (String string : luckypatcher) {
35          if(checkInstallerName(context, string)){
36              result = true;
37          }
38
39          if (result) {
40              android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
41          }
42      }
43
44      return result;
45  }
46
```

```
47 private static boolean checkInstallerName(Context context, String string) {
48     PackageInfo info;
49     boolean result = false;
50
51     try {
52         info = context.getPackageManager().getPackageInfo(string, 0);
53
54         if (info != null) {
55             android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
56             result = true;
57         }
58
59     } catch (final PackageManager.NameNotFoundException ignored) {
60     }
61
62     if (result) {
63         android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
64     }
65     return result;
66 }
67 }
```

Code Snippet 4.3: Partial Listing

#### 4.1.4 Sideload Detection

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<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10809438/how-to-know-an-application-is-installed-from>

```
15 public class Sideload {
16     private static final String PLAYSTORE_ID = "com.android.vending";
17     private static final String AMAZON_ID = "com.amazon.venezia";
18     private static final String SAMSUNG_ID = "com.sec.android.app.samsungapps";
19
20     public static boolean verifyInstaller(final Context context) {
21         boolean result = false;
22         final String installer = context.getPackageManager().getInstallerPackageName(context.
23             getPackageName());
24
25         if (installer != null) {
26             if (installer.startsWith(PLAYSTORE_ID)) {
27                 result = true;
28             }
29         }
30     }
31 }
```

```
28         if (installer.startsWith(AMAZON_ID)) {
29             result = true;
30         }
31         if (installer.startsWith(SAMSUNG_ID)) {
32             result = true;
33         }
34     }
35     if(!result){
36         android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
37     }
38
39     return result;
40 }
```

Code Snippet 4.4: Partial Listing

### 4.1.5 Signature

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<http://developer.android.com/tools/publishing/app-signing.html>

<http://forum.xda-developers.com/showthread.php?t=2279813&page=5>

CONTRA

### Local Signature Check

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local check whether signature is allowed

once in code

save to use signature in code?

```
51     public static boolean checkAppSignature(final Context context) {
52         //Signature used to sign the application
53         static final String mySignature = "...";
54         boolean result = false;
55
56         try {
57             final PackageInfo packageInfo = context.getPackageManager().getPackageInfo(context.
                    getPackageName(), PackageManager.GET_SIGNATURES);
```

```
58
59     for (final Signature signature : packageInfo.signatures) {
60         final String currentSignature = signature.toCharsString();
61         if (mySignature.equals(currentSignature)) {
62             result = true;
63         }
64     }
65     } catch (final Exception e) {
66         android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
67     }
68
69     if (!result) {
70         android.os.Process.killProcess(android.os.Process.myPid());
71     }
72
73     return result;
74 }
```

Code Snippet 4.5: Partial Listing

### Remote Signature Verification and Remote Code Loading

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certificate an server, get signature and send to server  
content direkt von server laden (e.g. all descriptions, not sure if dex possible)  
maps checks for signature?  
e.g. account auf seite erstellen, encrypted dex ziehen der von loader stub geladen wird  
(like packer) kann wiedermal dann gezogen werden und dann als custom patch verteilt werden

## 4.2 LVL Modifications

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siehe masterarbeit 2 [http://www.digipom.com/how-the-android-license-verification-library-is-](http://www.digipom.com/how-the-android-license-verification-library-is-modified)  
What can I do?

Google's License Verification Library is modified in a way

#### 4.2.1 Modify the Library

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google

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#### 4.2.2 Checken ob ganzer code abläuft und dann nacheinander elemente aktivieren

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master1 - testen

damit die ganzen blöcke durchlaufen werden müssen

#### 4.2.3 Native Implementierung

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Library native

native ist nicht in dex -> besser?

so nur schnittstelle? dann einfach sozusagen die schnittstelle faken

luckypatcher tauscht so ganz aus bzw modifiziert dex  
ggf einfach .so library austauschen, aber großer aufwand zu kompilieren davor

### 4.3 Preventing Reengineering

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Application developers are interested in protecting their applications. Protection in this case means that it should be hard to understand what an application is doing and how its functionalities are implemented.

Reverse engineering of Android applications is much easier than on other architectures -> high level but simple bytecode language

Obfuscation techniques protect intellectual property of software/license verification

possible code obfuscation methods on the Android platform focus on obfuscating Dalvik bytecode -> limitations of current reverse engineering tools

<https://blog.fortinet.com/post/how-android-malware-hides>  
<http://www.hotforsecurity.com/blog/mobile-app-development-company-fights-off-android-malware.html>

### 4.3.1 Basic Breaks for Common Tools

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pros and cons sagen?  
<https://github.com/strazzere/APKfuscator>  
<http://www.strazzere.com/papers/DexEducation-PracticingSafeDex.pdf>  
<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYnOI?t=811>

### Filesystem

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make classname to long  
<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYnOI?t=985> works except for the class  
breaks only baksmali

### Inject bad OPCODE or Junkbytes

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viele schlagen vor: junkbyte injection well known technique in x86, confuse disassemblers in a way that they produce disassembly errors and disallow correct interpretations, inserting junkbytes in selected locations within the bytecode where a disassembler expects an instruction, junkbyte must take the disassembling strategy into account in order to reach a maximum of obfuscated code, break the two disassembly strategies from

2.4.0, condition for the location is that the junkbyte must not be executed, because an execution would result in an undesired behavior of the application, junkbyte must be located in a basic block which will never be executed [5]

funktioniert nicht mehr This is not expected to work. The bytecode verifier explicitly checks all branches for validity. The question of whether or not an address is an instruction or data is determined by a linear walk through the method. Data chunks are essentially very large instructions, so they get stepped over.

You can make this work if you modify the .odex output, and set the "pre-verified" flag on the class so the verifier doesn't examine it again – but you can't distribute an APK that way.

This "obfuscation" technique worked due to an issue in dalvik. This issue was fixed somewhere around the 4.3 timeframe, although I'm not sure the first released version that contained the fix. And lollipop uses ART, which never had this issue.

Here is the change that fixed this issue: <https://android-review.googlesource.com/#/c/57985/> <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/33110538/junk-byte-injection-in-android>  
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#### JUNKBYTES

use bad opcode in deadcode

code runs but breaks tools

put it into a class you do not use -> care proguard, it will not use it since it is not included

-> fixed...

<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYnOI?t=1163>

reference not init'd strings

<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYnOI?t=1459>

#### Throw exceptions which are different in dalvik than in java

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recursive try/catch? -> valid dalvik code

<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYnOI?t=1650>

#### Increase headersize

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you have to edit every other offset as well  
<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYn0I?t=1890>  
dexception, dex within a dex by shifting  
this is a packer/encrypter  
slowdown automatic tools  
<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYn0I?t=1950>

### Endian Tag

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reverse endian  
breaks tools works on device (odex)  
lot work for little gain  
<https://youtu.be/Rv8DfXNYn0I?t=2149>

### 4.3.2 Optimizers and Obfuscators

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Obfuscators/Optimizers definition  
Obfuscation techniques are used to protect software and the implemented algorithms designed to make reverse engineering harder and more time consuming, hin und her zwischen obfuscation und reverse engineering techniken  
obfuscation techniques must not alter the behavior of programs, often only target specific reverse engineering steps, few general protection schemes, possible slower execution, not topic here, just examples for obfuscation applications  
remove dead/debug code  
potentially encrypt/obfuscate/hide via reflection  
<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=243>

definition obfuscation, was macht es, wie funktioniert es, wer hat es erfunden, wie wendet man es an

"hard to reverse engineer" but without changing the behavior of this application, was heißt hardto reverse

parallele zu disassembler ziehen

Obfuscation cannot prevent reverse engineering but can make it harder and more time consuming. We will discuss which obfuscation and code protection methods are applicable under Android and show limitations of current reverse engineering tools

The following optimizers/obfuscators are common tools. (dadrin dann verbreitung preis etc erklären)

### **Proguard**

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<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=419>

WER HAT ES HERGESTELLT? WAS IST ES? WAS SIND DIE FEATURES? WIE FUNKTIONIERT ES? WIE WIRD ES IMPLEMENTIERT? WIE SIEHT DAS RESULT AUS (EXAMPLE BILD)

identifier mangling, ProGuard uses a similar approach. It uses minimal lexical-sorted strings like a, b, c, ..., aa, ab, original identifiers give information about interesting parts of a program, Reverse engineering methods can use these information to reduce the amount of program code that has to be manually analyzed -> neutralizing these information in order to prevent this reduction, remove any meta information about the behavior, meaningless string representation holdin respect to consistence means identifiers for the same object must be replaced by the same string, advantage of minimizing the memory usage, e development process in step "a" or step "b" string obfuscation, string must be available at runtime because a user cannot understand an obfuscated or encrypted message dialog, information is context, other is information itself, e.g. key, url, injective function and deobfuscation stub which constructs original at runtime so no behaviour is changed, does not make understanding harder since only stub is added but reduces usable meta information

[5]

EVALUATION: dynamic analysis beats this and read directly from memory

ProGuard is an open source tool which is also integrated in the Android SDK <http://proguard.sourceforge.net/> <http://developer.android.com/sdk/index.html>

was ist proguard? was macht er? -> ProGuard is basically a Java obfuscator but can also be used for Android applications because they are usually written in Java // feature set includes identifier obfuscation for packages, classes, methods, and fields  
was kann er noch? -> Besides these protection mechanisms it can also identify and highlight dead code so it can be removed in a second, manual step. Unused classes can be removed automatically by ProGuard.  
easy integration -> how

<http://developer.android.com/tools/help/proguard.html>  
optimizes, shrinks, (barely) obfuscates -> free, reduces size, faster  
gutes bild <https://youtu.be/TNnccRimhsI?t=1360>

removes unnecessary/unused code

merges identical code blocks

performs optimizations

removes debug information

renames objects

restructures code

removes linenumbers -> stacktrace annoying

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=470>

->hacker factor 0

does not really help

googles commentar <http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/09/proguard-android-and-licens.html>

eine art result bzw zusammenfassung -> Without proper naming of classes and methods it is much harder to reverse engineer an application, because in most cases the identifier enables an analyst to directly guess the purpose of the particular part. The program code itself will not be changed heavily, so the obfuscation by this tool is very limited.

### **Dexguard**

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WER HAT ES HERGESTELLT? WAS IST ES? WAS SIND DIE FEATURES? WIE FUNKTIONIERT ES? WIE WIRD ES IMPLEMENTIERT? WIE SIEHT DAS RESULT AUS (EXAMPLE BILD)

master2  
OVERVIEW  
son of proguard  
the standard protection  
optimizer  
shrinekr  
obfuscator/encrypter, does not stop reverse engineering  
<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=643>  
WHAT DOES IT DO  
everything that proguard does  
automatic reflection  
string encryption  
asset/library encryption  
class encryption(packign)  
application tamper protection  
file->automatic reflection->string encryption->file  
<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=745>  
class encryption= packer, unpackers do it most of the time in few seconds, aber aufwand  
auf handy, nicht so einfach wie pattern in luckypatcher  
CONS  
may increase dex size, memory size; decrease speed  
removes debug information  
string, etc encryption  
best feature: automatic reflection with string encryption  
reversible with moderate effort  
hacker protection factor 1

RESULT -> UNTERSCHIED ZU DEN VORHERIGEN -> The obfuscation methods used in Allatori(dexguard) are a superset of ProGuards so it is more powerful but does not prevent an analyst from disassembling an Android application.

### **Allatori**

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<http://www.allatori.com/clients/index.php>

Allatori is a commercial product from Smardec.

Besides the same obfuscation techniques like ProGuard, shown in section 2.1, Allatori also provides methods to modify the program code. Loop constructions are dissected in a way that reverse engineering tools cannot recognize them. This is an approach to make algorithms less readable and add length to otherwise compact code fragments. Additionally, strings are obfuscated and decoded at runtime. This includes messages and names that are normally human readable and would give good suggestions to analysts.

cannot recognize them. WHAT DOES IT

name obfuscation

control flow flattening/obfuscation

debug info obfuscation

string encryption

RESULT

decreases dex size, memory, increases speed

removes debug code

not much obfuscation

Proguard+string encryption

easily reversed

hacker protection factor 0.5

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w>

[https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code\\_Protection\\_in\\_Android.pdf](https://net.cs.uni-bonn.de/fileadmin/user_upload/plohmann/2012-Schulz-Code_Protection_in_Android.pdf)

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Allatori. Allatori obfuscator. Visited: May, 2012. [Online]. Available: <http://www.allatori.com/doc.html>

RESULT -> UNTERSCHIED ZU DEN VORHERIGEN -> The obfuscation methods

used in Allatori are a superset of ProGuards so it is more powerful but does not prevent an analyst from disassembling an Android application.

### 4.3.3 Protectors and Packers

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from malware

#### APKprotect

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stub fixes broken code which is normally not translated by tools, breaks static analysis

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=347>

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w>

chinese protector

also known as dexcrypt, appears active but site down, clones might be available

anti-debug, anti-decompile, almost like a packer

string encryption

cost ???

tool mangles code original code

-modifies entrypoint to loader stub

-prevents static analysis

during runtime loader stub is executed

-performs anti-emulation

-performs anti-debugging

-fixes broken code in memory

FUNCTION

dalvik optimizes the dex file into memory ignoring bad parts

upon execution dalvik code initiates, calls the native code

native code fixes odex code in memory

execution continues as normal

RESULT

slight file size increase

prevents easily static analysis

hard once, easy afterwards

easily automated to unprotect  
still has string encryption (like DexGuard, Allatori) afterwards  
not much iteration in the last time, do not know if still alive  
hacker protection factor 3, no public documentation, but every app is the same

### Packers

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dynamic code loading best would be an application is transformed by obfuscator that it does not contain any meta information or directly interpretable bytecode, not possible because DVM would not be able to read -> packing, often used in malware [3] packer transforms code that a reverse engineer cannot directly extract information, e.g. by encrypting program data no information can be extracted without decrypting, would be bad for program as well that is why packer uses loader stub to decrypt in runtime, solution decrypt by hand or dynamic analysis

in general two components are created, loader stub and encrypted app, on android the encrypted dex file, easier to create as the loader stub

BILD WIE ER FUNKTIONIERT step 1 load encrypted app into memory (download from server, extract from data structure, plain file available) step 2 app file is decrypted -> original dex, can be any encryption from simple to hard, speed may slow down step 3 load decrypted dex into DVM from a bytearray, see [5] step 4 execute

[5] stellt hier basic version vor, bessere versionen ist das im folgenden

result: protection makes it hard to analyze the target application, because its bytecode is only available encrypted, decrypted version the unpacking stub has to be analyzed, great slow down, other obfuscations can be applied on stub

EVALUATION

solution decrypt by hand or dynamic analysis

generell: angriff nur nach 2 wenn decrypted, einfach aus memory lesen da es ja iwo hingelegt werden muss um es wiederum zu laden, man muss herausfinden wo stub es herläd

ggf auch nur die eine library so laden, aber dazu muss man sie so schreiben, aber auch der cracker muss aufwand betreiben

break static analysis tools, you have to do runtime analysis

like UPX, stub application unpacks, decrypts, loads into memory which is normally hidden from static analysis

<http://www.fortiguard.com/uploads/general/Area41Public.pdf>

<https://books.google.de/books?id=ACjUCgAAQBAJ&pg=PA372&lpg=PA372&dq=ijiami+integrity&source=bl&ots=NTf7YaqJiZ&sig=M5GKDCcQB5dcwXR3hjtIv8pM1AA&hl=de&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjH3umt1b3JAhXGLA8KHYhwDGsQ6AEIMDAC#v=onepage&q=ijiami%20integrity&f=false>

<https://www.blackhat.com/docs/asia-15/materials/asia-15-Park-We-Can-Still-Crack-You-Gener.pdf>

<https://www.virusbtn.com/conference/vb2014/abstracts/Yu.xml>

[https://www.virusbtn.com/pdf/conference\\_slides/2014/Yu-VB2014.pdf](https://www.virusbtn.com/pdf/conference_slides/2014/Yu-VB2014.pdf)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vFcEJ2jg0w>

<https://books.google.de/books?id=ACjUCgAAQBAJ&pg=PA372&lpg=PA372&dq=ijiami+integrity&source=bl&ots=NTf7YaqJiZ&sig=M5GKDCcQB5dcwXR3hjtIv8pM1AA&hl=de&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjH3umt1b3JAhXGLA8KHYhwDGsQ6AEIMDAC#v=onepage&q=ijiami%20integrity&f=false>

concept erklären und dann die Beispiele nennen, nicht mehr aktiv/gecracked aber Prinzip ist gut

examples for packers are

**hosedex2jar**

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<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=1776>

PoC packer

<https://github.com/strazzere/dehoser/>

not available for real use

appears defunct

near zero ITW samples

mimics dexception attack from dex education 101

FUNCTION

encrypts and injects dexfile into dex header (deception)

very easy to spot

very easy to decrypt, just use dex2jar



static analysis does not work since it sees the encrypted file  
on execution loader stub decrypts in memory and dumps to file system  
loader stub acts as proxy and passes events to the dex file on system using a dexClass-Loader

RESULT

simple PoC

slight file size increase

attempts to prevent static analysis - kind of works

lots of crashing

easily automated to unpack

easy to reverse, good for learning

hacker protection factor 0.5

### Pangxie

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FUNKTIONIERT ES? WIE WIRD ES IMPLEMENTIERT? WIE SIEHT DAS RESULT  
AUS (EXAMPLE BILD)

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=1982>

anti-debug

anti-tamper

appears to be defunct product

little usage/samples ITW

FUNCTION

<https://youtu.be/6vFcEJ2jg0w?t=2040>

encrypts dex file and bundles as asset in APK

very easy to find, logcat has too much information

dalvik calls JNI layer to verify and decrypt

easy to reverse, both dalvik and native, excellent for beginners to Android and packers

aes used only for digest verification

easily automated, 0x54 always the key

or dynamically grab app\_dex folder

slightly increase file size

prevents static analysis - though easy to identify

uses static 1 byte key for encryption

easily automated to unpack

very easy to reverse, good for learning

good example of an unobfuscated packer stub for cloning

hacker protection faktor 1.5

only working till <4.4

simple packer, increase encryption with key, do not just dump on filesystem

#### BANGCLE

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anti-debugging

anti-tamper

anti-decompilation

anti-runtime injection

online only service, apk checked for malware

detected by some anti virus due to malware

cost 10k

no one has done it before...

stopped working on 4.4

#### FUNCTION

dalvik execution talks launched JNI

JNI launches secondary process

chatter over PTRACE between the two processes

newest process decrypts dex into memory

original dalvik code proxies everything to the decrypted dex

#### RESULT

well written, lots of anti-\* tricks

seems to be well supported and active on development

does a decent job on online screening - no tool released for download (though things clearly to slip through)

not impossible to reverse and re-bundle packages

current weakness (for easy runtime unpacking) is having a predictable unpacked memory location

hacker protect faktor 5

probably best tool out there but lag when updating since online approval

## 4.4 External Improvements

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### 4.4.1 Service-managed Accounts

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<https://youtu.be/TNnccRimhsI?t=1636>

check on server what content should be returned or logic on server

kann man einen lagorithus haben um rauszufinden was man auslagern kann?

if not possible remote code loading

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSH6dnUTDZo> was ist dann geschützt? content, servers, time constrained urls, obfuscation by using reflection combined with SE -> makes slow but no static analysis

very very slow, e.g 10kHz so no big calculations possible  
250bytes, 200ms

[http://amies-2014.international-symposium.org/proceedings\\_2014/Kannengiesser\\_Baumgarten\\_Song\\_AmiEs\\_2014\\_Paper.pdf](http://amies-2014.international-symposium.org/proceedings_2014/Kannengiesser_Baumgarten_Song_AmiEs_2014_Paper.pdf)

### 4.4.2 ART endlich durchsetzen

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art hat masschinen coed  
wenn reengineerbar dann nicht gut

warum jetzt noch keine art apps? [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android\\_Runtime\\_dex2oat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Android_Runtime_dex2oat)

#### 4.4.3 Secure Elements

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new section trusted execution environment trusttronic letzte conference samsung  
knox -> gelten eher sicher

## 5 Evaluation of Counter Measurements

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Evaluation der vorgeschlagenen punkte mit pro cons und umsetzbarkeit

<http://forum.xda-developers.com/showthread.php?t=2279813>

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### 5.1 Tampering Protection

just as easy to crack as LVL when you know the code  
evtl create native versions because harder to crack

#### 5.1.1 Prevent Debuggability

#### 5.1.2 Root Detection

#### 5.1.3 LuckyPatcher Detection

already in some roms

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Piracy/comments/3gmxxun/new\\_way\\_to\\_disable\\_the\\_antipiracy\\_setting\\_on/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Piracy/comments/3gmxxun/new_way_to_disable_the_antipiracy_setting_on/)

<https://github.com/AlmightyMegadeth00/AntiPiracySupport>

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Piracy/comments/3eo8sj/antipiracy\\_measures\\_on\\_android\\_custom\\_roms/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Piracy/comments/3eo8sj/antipiracy_measures_on_android_custom_roms/)

example roms <http://www.htcmania.com/archive/index.php/t-1049040.html>

<https://forums.oneplus.net/threads/patch-disable-the-antipiracy-feature-on-all-roms-sur-334772/>

#### 5.1.4 Sideload Detection

#### 5.1.5 Signature Check

maps checks for signature?

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/13582869/does-lucky-patcher-resign-the-app-it-patches->

<https://developers.google.com/android/guides/http-auth> <http://forum.xda-developers.com/showthread.php?t=2279813&page=5>

generell

self signing, kann genauso geskippt werden dann remote

wenn einmal geladen -> skippen und geladene datei als custom patch nachschieben

#### 5.1.6 Remote Verification and Code nachladen

trotzdem doof wenn einmal geladen kann man das file extrahieren etc

### 5.2 LVL Modifications

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reengineering kann aushebeln

### 5.3 Prevent Reengineering

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#### 5.3.1 Packers

already cracked [https://www.google.de/search?q=hosedex2jar&oq=hosedex2jar&aqs=chrome..69i57j69i60j69i59j69i60l3.1680j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es\\_sm=91&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.de/search?q=hosedex2jar&oq=hosedex2jar&aqs=chrome..69i57j69i60j69i59j69i60l3.1680j0j7&sourceid=chrome&es_sm=91&ie=UTF-8)

<http://www.hotforsecurity.com/blog/mobile-app-development-company-fights-off-android-malware.html>

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### 5.4 External Improvements

sis is text

#### **5.4.1 Service-managed Accounts**

#### **5.4.2 ART**

art hat oat files aber die haben dex files

#### **5.4.3 Secure Elements**

new section trusted execution environment trusttronic letzte conference samsung knox  
->gelten eher sicher

## 6 Conclusion

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research and also a valuable market for companies

Because source code can be easier recovered from an application in comparison to x86, there is a strong need for code protection and adoption of existing reverse engineering methods. Main parts of Android application functionalities are realized in Dalvik bytecode. So Dalvik bytecode is of main interest for this topic

Also, the Android system does not prevent modification of this bytecode during runtime, This ability of modifying the code can be used to construct powerful code protection schemata and so make it hard to analyze a given application.

[5]

auch wichtig weil wenn crackable dann upload zu stores und dann malware

<http://www.hotforsecurity.com/blog/mobile-app-development-company-fights-off-android-malware-with-obfuscation-tool-3717.html>

### 6.1 Summary

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sis is text alles hilft gegen lucky patcher auf den ersten blick, jedoch custom patches können es einfach umgehen -> deswegen hilft nur reengineering schwerer zu machen every new layer is another complexity

### 6.2 Discussion

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sis is text <http://www.digipom.com/how-the-android-license-verification-library-is-lulling->

What Google should have really done

<http://programmers.stackexchange.com/questions/267981/should-i-spend-time-preventing-piracy>

You are asking the wrong question. Technical safeguards such as proguard are a must but are trying to solve the problem the hard way.



content driven <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/10585961/way-to-protect-from-lucky-patcher>  
google sagt <http://android-developers.blogspot.de/2010/09/securing-android-lvl-applications.html>

### 6.3 Future Work

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art?

smart cards

google vault

all papers with malware and copyright protection is interesting since they also want to hide their code

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