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# **Quark Script**

## **Dig Vulnerabilities in the Black Box**

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## Quark Script

```
graph TD; QS((Quark Script)) --- CCI[Creative & Innovative]; QS --- DSA[Dynamic & Static Analysis]; QS --- RUS[Re-Usable & Shareable]; QS --- L[Lightbulb Icon];
```

### Creative & Innovative

- We dig vulnerabilities in the **black box**.
- We solve some **automation** problem.
- We provide useful APIs and expect **users** to use them in a creative and innovative way.

### Dynamic & Static Analysis

- Quark script integrates both **static analysis** tools (e.g. Quark) and **dynamic analysis** tools (e.g. frida).

### Re-Usable & Shareable

- Once the user creates a Quark script, it can be **used in different targets**.
- Once the user creates a Quark script, it can be **shared with other users**.



# Quark Script Analysis Modules

## String Module

Retrieve and analyze  
[strings](#)  
in an APK file.

**Used in :**  
Quark Script CWE 22, 73, 798

## Method Module

Detect, monitor and obtain  
info about [the specified methods](#)  
in an APK file.

**Used in :**  
Quark Script CWE 22, 23, 73, 78, 79, 88,  
295, 312, 328, 532, 601

## Behavior Module

Define, detect and obtain  
info about [the defined behaviors](#)  
in an APK file.

**Used in :**  
Quark Script CWE 20, 22, 23, 73, 78, 79,  
88, 89, 94, 117, 319, 327, 338, 502, 749,  
780, 798, 921, 940

## Receiver Module

Retrieve and analyze  
info about [receivers](#) (Android component)  
in an APK file.

**Used in :**  
Quark Script CWE 925

## Activity Module

Retrieve and analyze  
info about [activities](#) (Android component)  
in an APK file.

**Used in :**  
Quark Script CWE 926





# **Quark Script CWE-798**

## **Use of Hard-coded Credentials**

# Definition of CWE-798

## Title:

Use of Hard-coded Credentials

## Description:

The product contains hard-coded credentials, such as a password or cryptographic key, which it uses for its own inbound authentication, outbound communication to external components, or encryption of internal data.

## Extend Description:

Hard-coded credentials typically create a significant hole that allows an attacker to bypass the authentication that has been configured by the product administrator. This hole might be difficult for the system administrator to detect. Even if detected, it can be difficult to fix, so the administrator may be forced into disabling the product entirely.. (detailed discussion omitted)...

hard-coded credentials

hard-coded

credentials

*"Data or parameters in a program in such a way that they cannot be altered without modifying the program."*

Source: Oxford Languages

Source: cwe.mitre.org



## ovaa.apk sample vulnerability code

```
package oversecured.ovaa.utils;

import android.util.Base64;

import javax.crypto.Cipher;
import javax.crypto.spec.SecretKeySpec;

public class WeakCrypto {
    private static final String KEY = "49u5gh249gh24985ghf429gh4ch8f23f";

    private WeakCrypto() {}

    public static String encrypt(String data) {
        try {
            SecretKeySpec secretKeySpec = new SecretKeySpec(KEY.getBytes(), "AES");
            Cipher instance = Cipher.getInstance("AES");
            instance.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, secretKeySpec);
            return Base64.encodeToString(instance.doFinal(data.getBytes()), 0);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            return "";
        }
    }
}
```

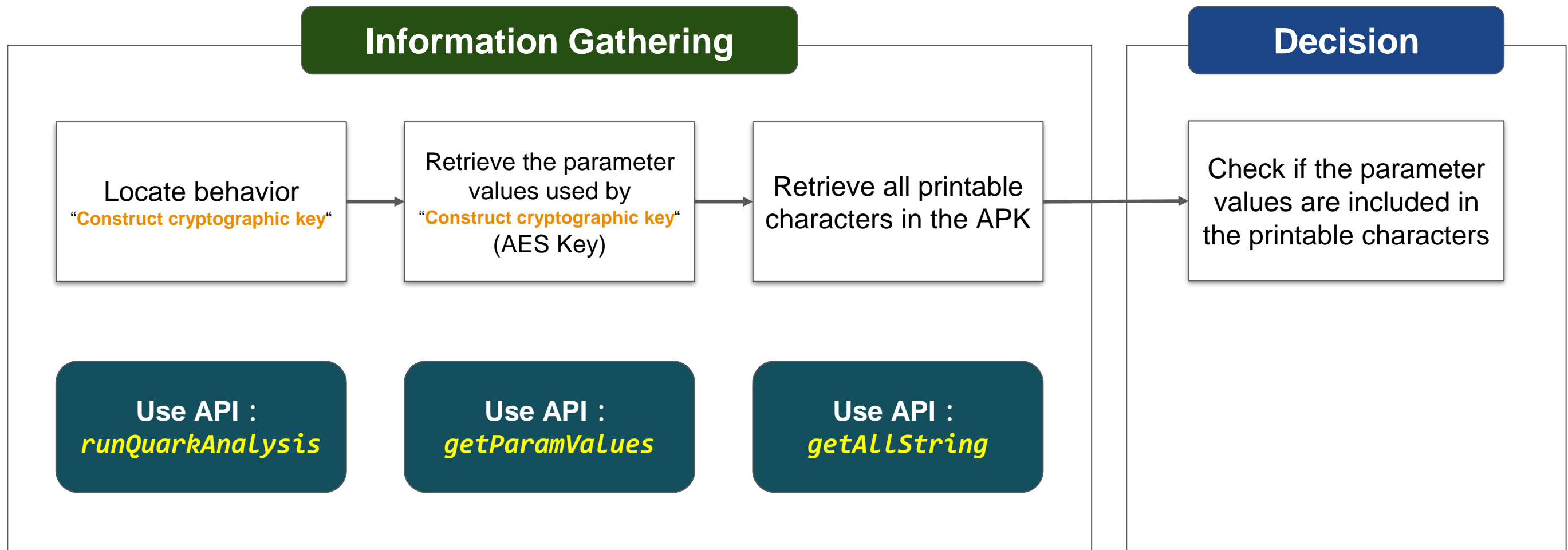
hard-coded

credentials

APK Called *SecretKeySpec*

Input hard-coded AES key

# CWE-798 Detection Process using Quark Script API



## Behavior Define : Construct cryptographic key

```
{  
  "behavior": "Construct cryptographic key",  
  "permission": [],  
  "api": [  
    {  
      "descriptor": "() [B",  
      "class": "Ljava/lang/String;",  
      "method": "getBytes"  
    },  
    {  
      "descriptor": "([BLjava/lang/String;)V",  
      "class": "Ljavax/crypto/spec/SecretKeySpec;",  
      "method": "<init>"  
    }  
  ],  
  "score": 1,  
  "label": []  
}
```

new **SecretKeySpec**(KEY.getBytes(), "AES")

First Called:  
**getBytes()**

**getBytes()**  
Output

Input to:  
**SecretKeySpec**



# Quark Script for CWE-798 Detection



```
import re
from quark.script import runQuarkAnalysis, Rule

SAMPLE_PATH = "ovaa.apk"
RULE_PATH = "constructCryptographicKey.json"

ruleInstance = Rule(RULE_PATH)
quarkResult = runQuarkAnalysis(SAMPLE_PATH, ruleInstance)

for secretKeySpec in quarkResult.behaviorOccurList:

    allStrings = quarkResult.getAllStrings()

    firstParam = secretKeySpec.getParamValues()[1]
    secondParam = secretKeySpec.getParamValues()[2]

    if secondParam == "AES":
        AESKey = re.findall(r'\(((.*?)\))', firstParam)[1]

    if AESKey in allStrings:
        print(f"Found hard-coded {secondParam} key {AESKey}")
```

## Information Gathering

Locate Behavior  
“Construct cryptographic key”

Retrieve all printable characters  
in the APK

Retrieve the  
parameter values used by  
“Construct cryptographic key”  
(AES Key)

## Decision

Check if the parameter values are  
included in the printable characters



# **Quark Script CWE-312**

**Cleartext Storage of Sensitive Information**



# Definition of CWE-312

## Title:

Cleartext Storage of Sensitive Information

## Description:

The application stores sensitive information in cleartext within a resource that might be accessible to another control sphere.

## Extend Description:

Because the information is stored in **cleartext** (i.e., unencrypted), attackers could potentially read it. Even if the information is encoded in a way that is not human-readable, certain techniques could determine which encoding is being used, then decode the information.

Cleartext Storage of Sensitive Information

Cleartext

Storage

Sensitive  
Information

*“Sensitive information such as controlled unclassified information and **personally identifiable information**”*

Source: NIST SP 800-150

Source: cwe.mitre.org

# ovaa.apk sample vulnerability code



```
public class LoginUtils {  
    private static final String EMAIL_KEY = "email";  
    private static final String PASSWORD_KEY = "password";  
    private static final String LOGIN_URL_KEY = "login_url";  
  
    ...  
  
    public void saveCredentials(LoginData loginData) {  
        editor.putString(EMAIL_KEY, loginData.email)  
            .putString(PASSWORD_KEY, loginData.password)  
            .commit();  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```

Cleartext

Storage

Sensitive  
Information

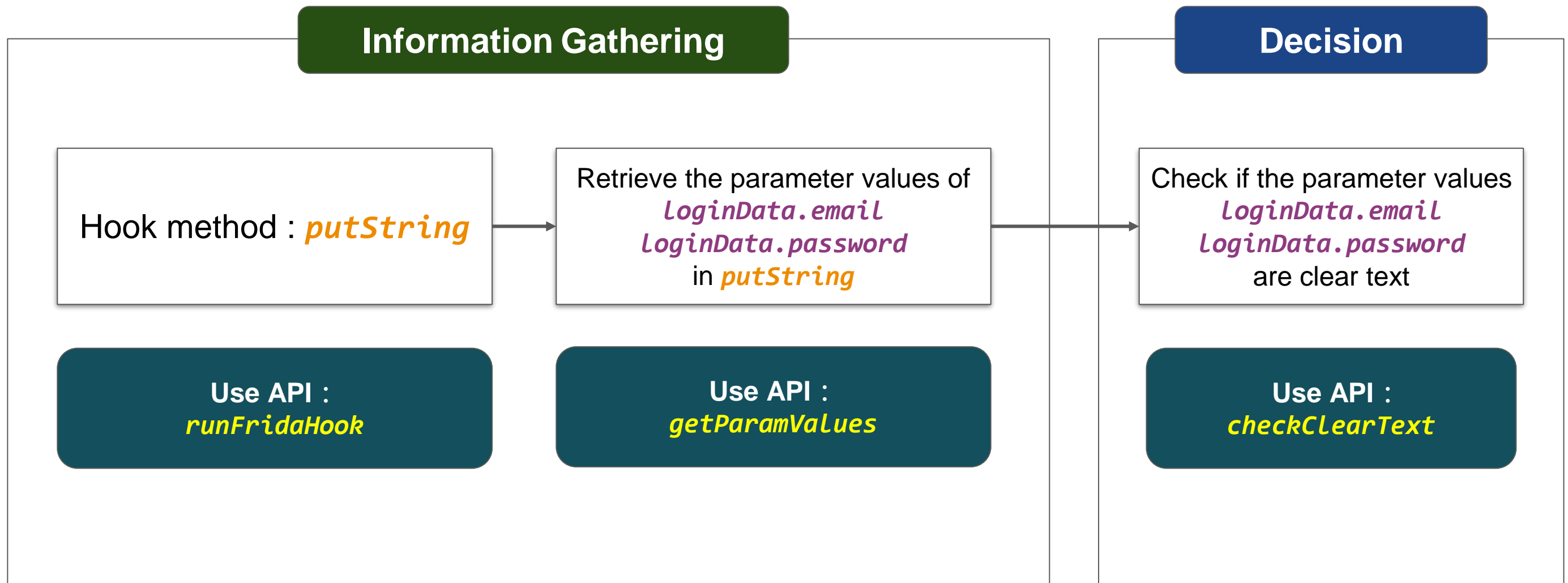
*SharedPreferences.Editor.putString*

SharedPreferences is best suited to **storing data** about how the user prefers to experience the app (detailed discussion omitted)...

(Source: Android Developers)



# CWE-312 Detection Process using Quark Script API



# Quark Script for CWE-312 Detection



```
from quark.script.frida import runFridaHook
from quark.script.ciphey import checkClearText
```

```
APP_PACKAGE_NAME = "oversecured.ovaa"
```

```
TARGET_METHOD = "android.app." \
                 "SharedPreferencesImpl$EditorImpl." \
                 "putString"
```

```
METHOD_PARAM_TYPE = "java.lang.String," \
                      "java.lang.String"
```

```
fridaResult = runFridaHook(APP_PACKAGE_NAME,
                           TARGET_METHOD,
                           METHOD_PARAM_TYPE,
                           secondToWait = 10)
```

```
for putString in fridaResult.behaviorOccurList:
```

```
    firstParam, secondParam = putString.getParamValues()
```

```
    if firstParam in ["email", "password"] and \
        secondParam == checkClearText(secondParam):
```

```
        print(f'The CWE-312 vulnerability is found. The cleartext is "{secondParam}"')
```

## Information Gathering

Hook method : *putString*

Retrieve the parameters values of  
*LoginData.email*  
*LoginData.password*  
in *putString*

## Decision

Check if the parameters values  
*LoginData.email*  
*LoginData.password*  
are clear text

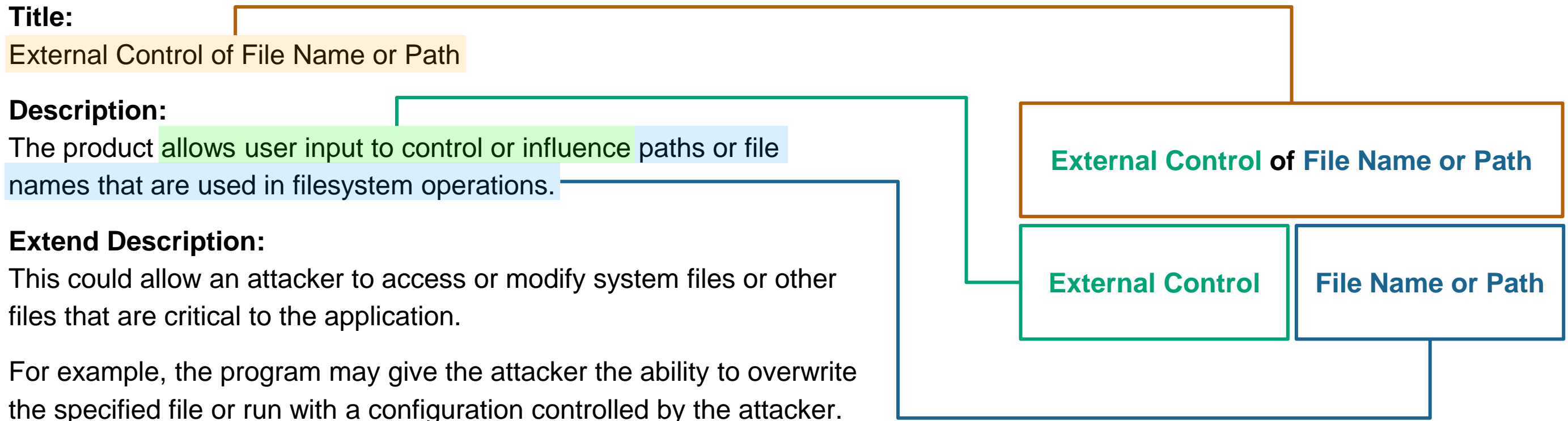




# **Quark Script CWE-73**

**External Control of File Name or Path**

# Definition of CWE-73





# ovaa.apk sample vulnerability code

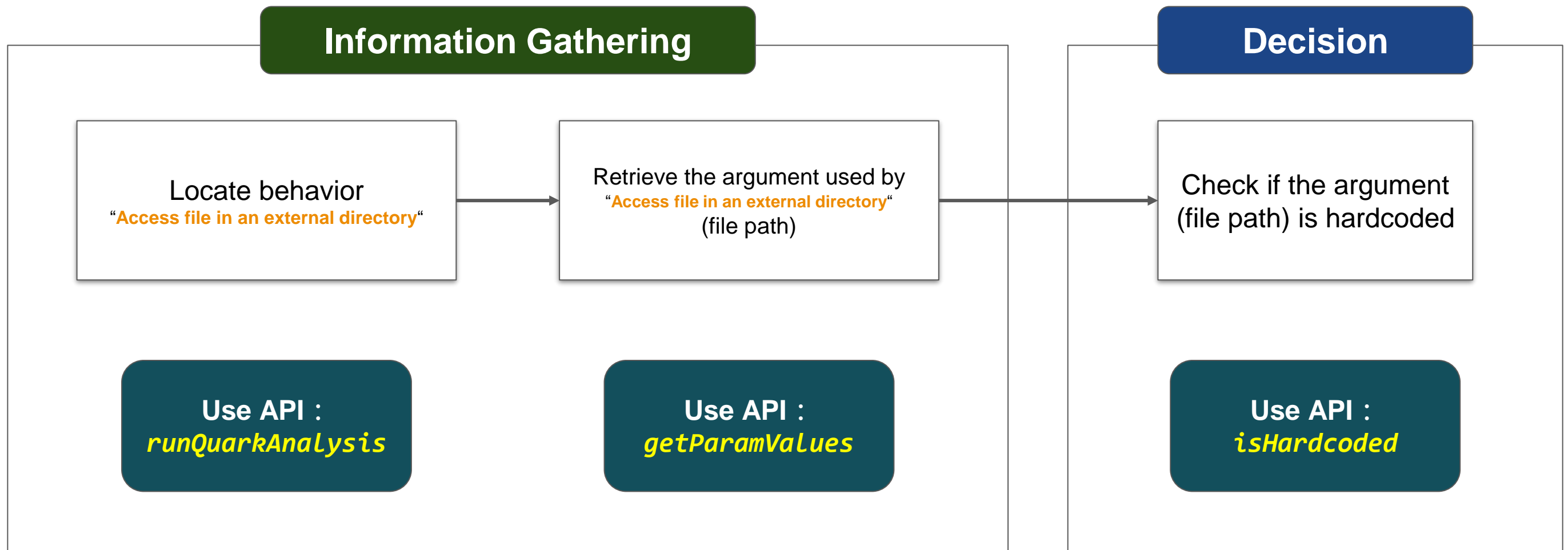


```
public class TheftOverwriteProvider extends ContentProvider {  
  
    ...  
  
    @Override  
    public ParcelFileDescriptor openFile(  
        @NonNull Uri uri,  
        @NonNull String mode  
    ) throws FileNotFoundException {  
  
        File file = new File(Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory(), uri.getLastPathSegment());  
        return ParcelFileDescriptor.open(file, ParcelFileDescriptor.MODE_READ_WRITE);  
  
    }  
}
```

External Control

File Name or Path

# CWE-73 Detection Process using Quark Script API



## Behavior Define : Access file in an external directory



```
{  
  "crime": "Access file in an external directory",  
  "permission": [],  
  "api": [  
    {  
      "class": "Landroid/os/Environment;",  
      "method": "getExternalStorageDirectory",  
      "descriptor": "()Ljava/io/File;"  
    },  
    {  
      "class": "Ljava/io/File;",  
      "method": "<init>",  
      "descriptor": "(Ljava/io/File;Ljava/lang/String;)V"  
    }  
  ],  
  "score": 1,  
  "label": []  
}
```

```
new File(  
    Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory(),  
    uri.getLastPathSegment()  
)
```

First Called:  
`getExternalStorageDirectory()`

Input to:  
`File()`

`getExternalStorageDirectory()`  
Output



# Quark Script for CWE-73 Detection

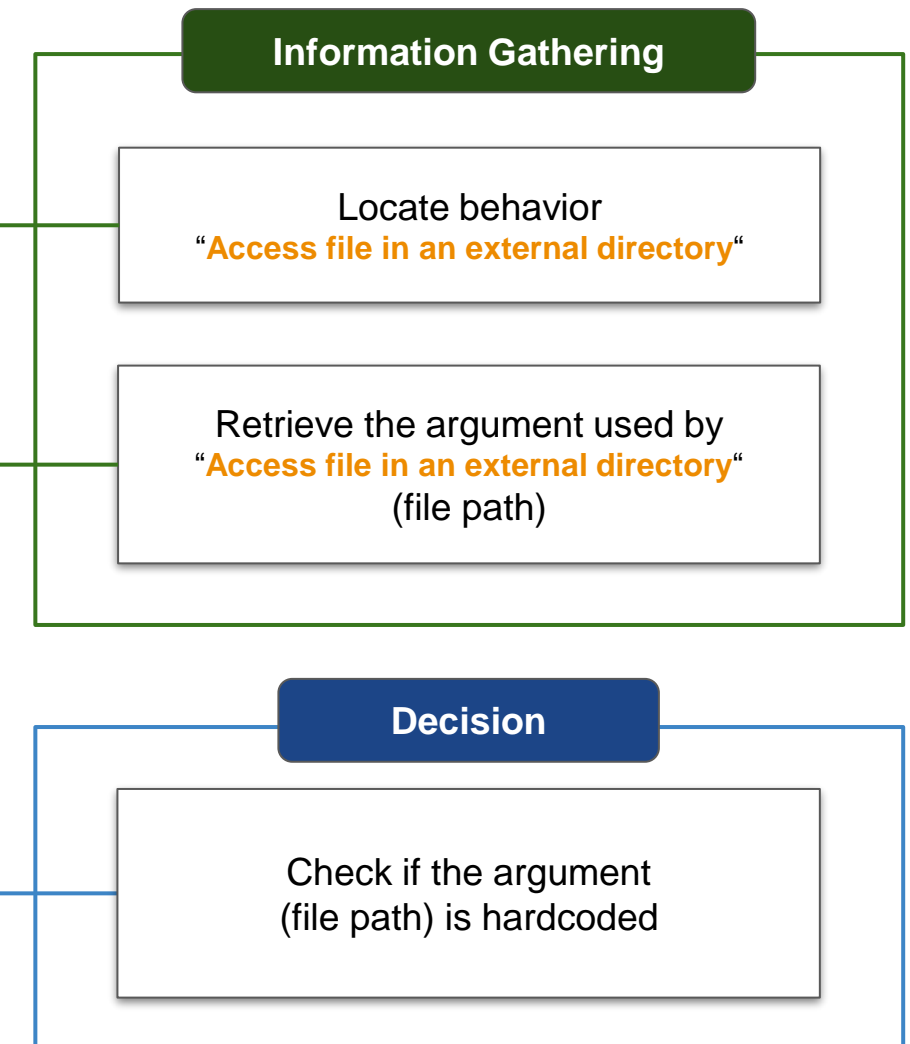
```
from quark.script import runQuarkAnalysis, Rule

SAMPLE_PATH = "ovaa.apk"
RULE_PATH = "accessFileInExternalDir.json"

ruleInstance = Rule(RULE_PATH)
quarkResult = runQuarkAnalysis(SAMPLE_PATH, ruleInstance)

for accessExternalDir in quarkResult.behaviorOccurList:
    filePath = accessExternalDir.secondAPI.getArguments()[2]

    if not quarkResult.isHardcoded(filePath):
        caller = accessExternalDir.methodCaller
        print("CWE-73 is detected in method, ", caller.fullName)
```



# **Quark Script CWE-89**

**Improper Neutralization of Special Elements  
used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection')**

# Definition of CWE-89

**Title:**

Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command

**Description:**

The product constructs all or part of an SQL command using externally-influenced input from an upstream component, but it does not neutralize or incorrectly neutralizes special elements that could modify the intended SQL command when it is sent to a downstream component.

**Extend Description:**

Without sufficient removal or quoting of SQL syntax in user-controllable inputs, the generated SQL query can cause those inputs to be interpreted as SQL instead of ordinary user data. This can be used to alter query logic to bypass security checks, or to insert additional statements that modify the back-end database, possibly including execution of system commands.

Source: cwe.mitre.org

Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command

Improper Neutralization

Special Elements

SQL Command

;	Query delimiter.	Source: learn.microsoft.com
'	Character data string delimiter.	
--	Single-line comment delimiter. Text following -- until the end of that line isn't evaluated by the server.	
/* ... */	Comment delimiters. Text between /* and */ isn't evaluated by the server.	
xp_	Used at the start of the name of catalog-extended stored procedures, such as xp_cmdshell.	

“The Database Language SQL (SQL) is a standard interface for accessing and manipulating relational databases.”

Source: NIST SP 800-8



# AndroGoat.apk sample vulnerability code

```
override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
    ...  
    SQLibutton.setOnClickListener{  
        var qry:String="SELECT * FROM users WHERE username='"+username.text.toString()+"';  
        try {  
            this.mDB = openOrCreateDatabase("aGoat", 0, null)  
            val QryResult = this.mDB!!.rawQuery(qry, null)  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Improper Neutralization

Special Elements

SQL command

Source: learn.microsoft.com

;	Query delimiter.
'	Character data string delimiter.
--	Single-line comment delimiter. Text following -- until the end of that line isn't evaluated by the server.
/** ... ***/	Comment delimiters. Text between /* and */ isn't evaluated by the server.
xp_	Used at the start of the name of catalog-extended stored procedures, such as xp_cmdshell.

# AndroGoat.apk sample vulnerability code

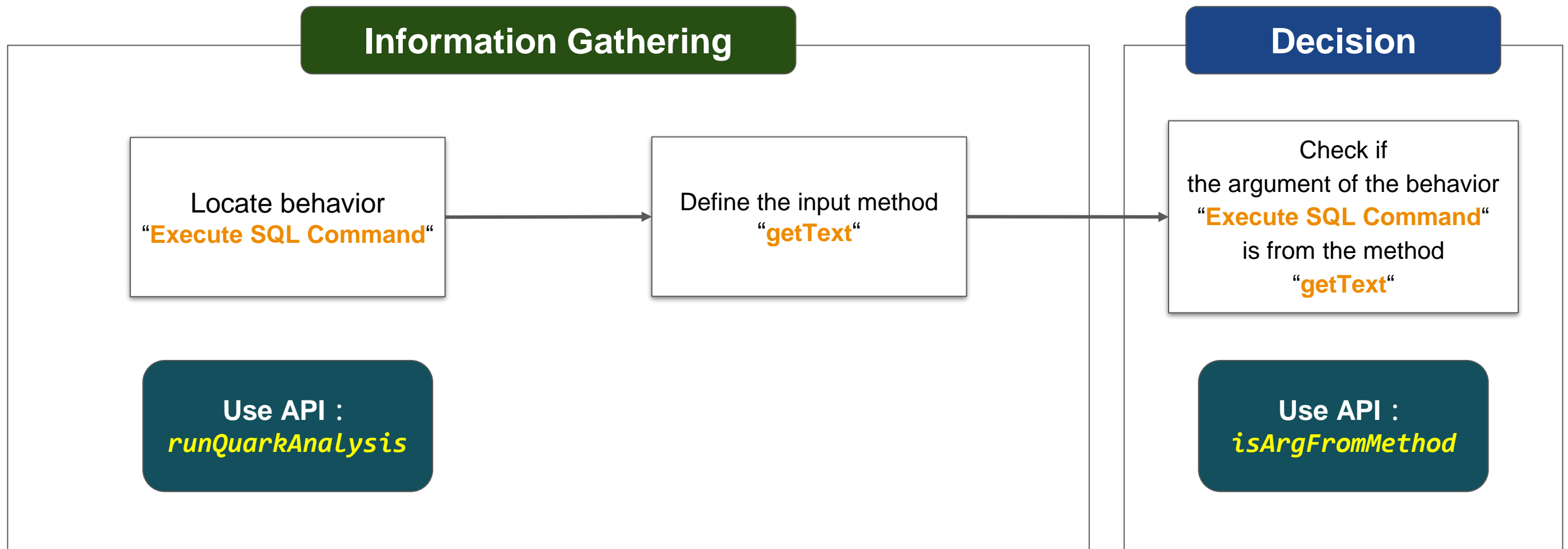
```
override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
    ...  
    SQLibutton.setOnClickListener{  
        var qry:String="SELECT * FROM users WHERE username='"+username.text.toString()+"';  
        try {  
            this.mDB = openOrCreateDatabase("aGoat", 0, null)  
            val QryResult = this.mDB!!.rawQuery(qry, null)  
            ...  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Smali Code

```
const-string v0, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username=\"'  
invoke-virtual {p2, v0}, Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;-->append(Ljava/lang/String;)Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;  
invoke-virtual {p0}, Landroid/widget/EditText;-->getText()Landroid/text/Editable;
```



# CWE-89 Detection Process using Quark Script API



## Behavior Define : Execute SQL Command

```
{
  "crime": "Execute SQL Command",
  "permission": [],
  "api": [
    {
      "class": "Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;",
      "method": "append",
      "descriptor": "(Ljava/lang/String;)Ljava/lang/StringBuilder;"
    },
    {
      "class": "Landroid/database/sqlite/SQLiteDatabase;",
      "method": "rawQuery",
      "descriptor": "(Ljava/lang/String;[Ljava/lang/String;)Landroid/database/Cursor;"
    }
  ],
  "score": 1,
  "label": []
}
```

```
"SELECT * FROM users WHERE username='"+
  username.text.toString() + "'";
...
val QryResult = this.mDB!!.rawQuery(qry, null)
```

First Called:  
**append**

Input to:  
**rawQuery**

**append**  
Output



# Quark Script for CWE-89 Detection



```
from quark.script import runQuarkAnalysis, Rule
```

```
SAMPLE_PATH = "AndroGoat.apk"  
RULE_PATH = "executeSQLCommand.json"
```

```
ruleInstance = Rule(RULE_PATH)  
quarkResult = runQuarkAnalysis(SAMPLE_PATH, ruleInstance)
```

```
targetMethod = [  
    "Landroid/widget/EditText;", # class name  
    "getText",                  # method name  
    "()Landroid/text/Editable;", # descriptor  
]
```

```
for sqlCommandExecution in quarkResult.behaviorOccurList:  
    if sqlCommandExecution.isArgFromMethod(  
        targetMethod  
    ):  
        print(f"CWE-89 is detected in {SAMPLE_PATH}")
```

## Information Gathering

Locate behavior  
"Execute SQL Command"

Define the input method  
"getText"

## Decision

Check if the argument is  
from the method  
"getText"



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# QUARK

## 40th Quark Release

### 2022 Anniversary Recap

Mar 23	New quark rules which detect camera control.	Jul 20	Release Quark Script project.
Mar 30	Quark-Engine V22.3.1.	Jul 22	CWE-798 Quark Script.
Apr 06	New version of Detection Rules Viewer.	Jul 26	CWE-94 Quark Script.
Apr 13	New quark rules which detect getting SMS messages via URIs.	Jul 28	CWE-921 Quark Script.
Apr 20	New feature Radiocontrast.	Jul 29	Quark-Engine v22.7.1.
Apr 27	Quark-Engine v22.4.1.	Jul 31	CWE-312 Quark Script.
May 04	New quark rules which detect audio recording.	Sep 07	CWE-89 Quark Script.
May 11	New quark rules which detect contact info accessing.	Sep 14	CWE-926 Quark Script.
May 18	New Quark web report.	Sep 22	CWE-749 Quark Script.
May 25	Quark-Engine v22.5.1.	Sep 29	Quark-Engine v22.9.1.
Jun 01	Rule Generation Editor.	Oct 05	Release Quark MIT program.
Jun 08	New quark rules which detect SMS sending.	Oct 12	CWE-532 Quark Script.
Jun 15	New Rule Generation Feature.	Oct 19	CWE-780 Quark Script.
Jun 22	New quark rules which detect screen capture.	Oct 26	Quark-Engine v22.10.1.
Jun 29	Quark-Engine v22.6.1.	Nov 02	CWE-319 Quark Script.
Jul 06	The Docs Enhancement Project.	Nov 09	Show Quick Start with CWE-798 Quark Script.
Jul 13	BladeHawk Web Report.	Nov 16	Spotlight dig of vulnerabilities in the blackbox.
		Nov 24	CWE-327 Quark Script.
		Nov 30	Quark-Engine v22.11.1.
		Dec 07	Release Quark Script repo.
		Dec 14	CWE-20 Quark Script.
		Dec 22	CWE-79 Quark Script.

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# QUARK

## 93th Quark Release

### 2023 Anniversary Recap

<b>January</b> Jan 06 CWE 328 Quark Script Jan 12 CWE 489 Quark Script	<b>February</b> Feb 01 CWE 22 Quark Script Feb 10 Document find_previously_method Feb 15 Document find_intersection Feb 22 Quark Engine v23.2.1	<b>March</b> Mar 01 CWE 23 Quark Script Mar 08 CWE 338 Quark Script Mar 16 Document method_recursive_search Mar 23 Document find_api_usage Mar 29 Quark Engine v23.3.1
<b>April</b> Apr 12 Document evaluate_method Apr 19 Document check_parameter_on_single_method Apr 27 Quark Engine v23.4.1	<b>May</b> May 03 CWE 88 Quark Script May 12 CWE 925 Quark Script May 18 Document check_parameter May 27 Document check_parameter_values May 31 CWE 73 Quark Script May 31 Quark Engine v23.5.1	<b>June</b> Jun 11 Document check_sequence Jun 17 CWE 78 Quark Script Jun 21 Document run Jun 28 Quark Engine v23.6.1
<b>July</b> Jul 05 Document get_json_report Jul 12 Document generate_json_report Jul 19 Document add_table_row Jul 26 Quark Engine v23.7.1	<b>August</b> Aug 02 Document show_summary_report Aug 10 CWE 117 Quark Script Aug 19 Release Visual Quark Script Program Aug 25 CWE 940 Quark Script Aug 31 Quark Engine v23.8.1	<b>September</b> Sep 08 Document show_label_report Sep 14 Document show_detail_report Sep 23 Update Quark Script Visualization Sep 28 Quark Engine v23.9.1
<b>October</b> Oct 07 Document show_call_graph Oct 14 Document show_rule_classification Oct 20 Method overview quark.core.quark Oct 27 Quark Engine v23.10.1	<b>November</b> Nov 03 Document wrapper_lookup Nov 09 Document show_comparison_graph Nov 15 CWE 502 Quark Script Nov 23 Document call_graph Nov 29 Quark Engine v23.11.1	<b>December</b> Dec 06 First Draft of Quark Script Visualization web layout Dec 13 Document select_label_menu Dec 23 CWE 601 Quark Script Dec 27 Quark Engine v23.12.1

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