# Marvin User's Guide

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## 1 Who, Why, What, When (Introduction)

Marvin is a platform for analysis and tracking of Android applications. It can pick up apps from either .apk files or the Google Play Store, performs static and dynamic analysis on them, and keeps track of different versions on a GitLab instance. The main components of Marvin are:

- marvin-frontend: Takes care of the user interface, decompilation of apps, and interaction with databases, repositories and marvin-static-analyzer.
- marvin-static-analyzer: Looks for specific vulnerability types in an application.
- marvin-dynamic-analyzer: Takes care of running dynamic tests, some of them based on hints from marvin-static-analyzer, to see if it can trigger vulnerabilities.

In principle, marvin-static-analyzer and marvin-dynamic-analyzer run unassisted, so this is basically a use guide for marvin-frontend.

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## 2 Home Screen

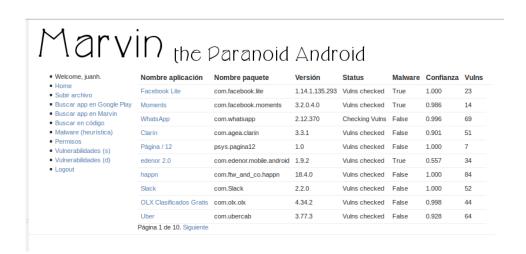


Figure 1: Marvin Home Screen

Marvin's Home Screen is split in two: to the left is the actions menu (which is always there) and to the right is a list of the last 10 uploaded apps. From left to right the list shows:

- The app's "fantasy" name.
- The app's package name, which functions as its identifier in the Google Play Store.
- The app's version number.
- App's process status (usually 'queued', 'checking vulns' or 'vulns checked').
- Whether the permissions heuristics determined that the app could be malware and with how much confidence.
- The number of potential vulnerabilities found for the app.

Clicking on the fantasy name brings us to the app's Information page. See Section 3.1.

## 3 Actions menu



- Welcome, new user.
   Please log in.
- Home
- Subir archivo
- Buscar app en Google Play
- Buscar app en Marvin
- Buscar en código
- Malware (heuristica)
- Permisos
- Vulnerabilidades (s)
- Vulnerabilidades (d)
- Logout

Figure 2: Actions menu

Actions menu is where all of Marvin's activities are started. From top to bottom, these are:

- Login (some actions require being logged in)
- Go to Home page.
- Upload a file: It allows uploading of .apk files.
- Search the Play Store: It allows searching and downloading of apps from the Google Play Store.
- Search Marvin: You can search for apps alredy uploaded, by app name or by package name.
- Search in the code: You can search the code for specific strings, such as library, class, or method names.

- Malware (heuristics): It gives an ordered list of apps for which the permissions list gave the impression that it could be malware, ordered by how strong the impression was.
- Permissions: Gives a list of the permissions Marvin found, together with the number of apps requesting each one.
- Vulnerabilities(s): Gives a list of the vulnerabilities that Marvin seeks via static analysis, ordered by the number of found instances.
- Vulnerabilities(d): Gives a list of the vulnerabilities that Marvin seeks via dynamic analysis, ordered by the number of found instances.
- Logout

## 3.1 App information

In any application list, clicking the name of the app brings us to the app information page. This page has three sections:

- Metadata and repository access
- Heuristics, permissions and components
- Vulnerabilities

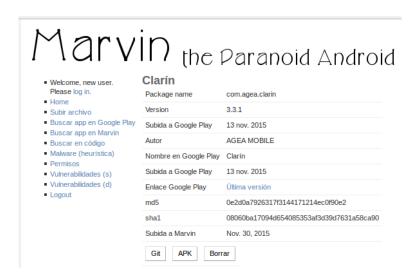


Figure 3: Metadata and repository access

In the metadata and repository access section we can see data such as the date an app was uploaded to Google Play, its version number, or the app file checksums, as well as access the Git repository for the app, the APK file itself, or the Google Play page for it (although in this case we are brought to the page for the last uploaded version). We can also delete an app from Marvin here.

Malware:	False			
Confianza en el resultado:	0.901			
Permisos				
Nombre		Nivel de peligro	Cantidad de paquetes	Descripcion
android.permission.VIBRAT	E	normal	42	control vibrator
android.permission.RECEI	/E_BOOT_COMPLETED	normal	32	automatically start at boot
com.google.android.c2dm.j	permission.RECEIVE	normal	41	Unknown permission from android reference
android.permission.ACCES	S_NETWORK_STATE	normal	88	view network status
android.permission.WAKE_	LOCK	normal	55	prevent phone from sleeping
android.permission.INTERI	NET	dangerous	94	full Internet access
android.permission.WRITE	_EXTERNAL_STORAGE	dangerous	73	modify/delete SD card contents
android.permission.GET_A	CCOUNTS	normal	44	discover known accounts
android.permission.ACCES	S_FINE_LOCATION	dangerous	45	fine (GPS) location
android.permission.READ_	PHONE_STATE	dangerous	45	read phone state and identity
android.permission.ACCES	S_COARSE_LOCATION	dangerous	41	coarse (network-based) location
android.permission.ACCES	S_WIFI_STATE	normal	47	view Wi-Fi status
android.permission.ACCES	S_LOCATION_EXTRA_COMMANDS	normal	7	access extra location provider commands
android.permission.READ_	EXTERNAL_STORAGE	normal	21	read from external storage
android.permission.USE_C	REDENTIALS	dangerous	15	use the authentication credentials of an account
com.agea.clarin.permissior	n.C2D_MESSAGE	signature	1	C2DM permission.

Figure 4: Heuristics and permissions

The heuristics and permissions section shows the result of the Bayesian analysis of the permissions requested by the app, as well as the list of said permissions. The permissions list gives for each permission its name, its danger level, the number of packages that request it, and a succint description of what granting it implies. Clicking on a permission name brings us to a page with stats for the permission (see Section 3.5).

#### **Actividades**

com.facebook.lite.MainActivity com.facebook.lite.photo.AlbumGalleryActivity com.facebook.lite.photo.PreviewActivity

### **Proveedores**

com.facebook.lite.photo.MediaContentProvider com.facebook.lite.diode.UserValuesProvider

### Servicios

com.facebook.lite.FbnsIntentService com.facebook.rti.push.service.FbnsService com.facebook.lite.GCMIntentService

#### Receptores

com.google.android.gcm.GCMBroadcastReceiver
com.facebook.lite.campaign.CampaignReceiver
com.facebook.lite.deviceid.UniqueDeviceldBroadcastSender\$LocalBroadcastReceiver
com.facebook.lite.deviceid.UniqueldSupplier
com.facebook.lite.net.ConnectivityReceiver
com.facebook.lite.FbnsIntentService\$CallbackReceiver
com.facebook.rti.push.service.MqttSystemBroadcastReceiver
com.facebook.lite.notification.PushRegistrationBroadcastReceiver

Figure 5: Components section

The components section shows us the activities, providers, services and event receivers of an application. If the decompilation process has finished, clicking on any of these will bring up a new browser tab with the GitLab page for its source code.

Vulnerabilidades				
Nombre	Severidad	Clase	Método	Pruebas dinámicas
SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	1	com/facebook/internal/WebDialog\$DialogWebViewClient.java		True
SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	1	com/inmobi/b/a/e/a/b/i.java		True
SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	1	com/inmobi/c/a/d/k.java		True
SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	1	com/inmobi/re/b/e.java		True
SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	1	com/smartadserver/android/library/controller/SASWebViewClient.java		True
SSL_CUSTOM_TRUSTMANAGER	1	org/apache/http/conn/ssl/SSLContextBuilder\$TrustManagerDelegate.java		True
INTENT_HIJACKING	3	com/agea/clarin/t/am.java	С	False
INTENT_HIJACKING	3	com/agea/clarin/f/n.java	onClick	False

Figure 6: Vulnerabilities

The Vulnerabilities section shows us a list of the vulnerabilities found by marvin-static-analyzer; for each vulnerability found, we can see its type, its severity, the class where it was found, the method if applicable, and whether it can be verified by dynamic analysis. Clicking on the vulnerability type gives us information about the type, while clicking on the class name

brings up a new tab with the GitLab page for its source code.

## 3.2 Search the Google Play Store

Marvin can search and download apps from Google Play Store. For this, select "Search Google Play" in the Actions menu, enter the search terms, and press Enter.



Figure 7: Google Play Search - Search terms

1arv	App name	Package name	Version	Author	Upload date	Download
Home Subir archivo	Pinball Pro	com.PinballGame	11	TerranDroid	3 dic. 2015	10,000,000
Buscar app en Google Play	Pinball	com.nix.game.pinball.free	32	Magma Mobile	24 dic. 2013	10,000,000
Buscar app en Marvin Buscar en código	Pinball Deluxe	com.greencod.pinball.android	161507	GreenCod Apps	10 mar. 2015	5,000,000+
alware (heurística)	Pinball Arcade Free	com.farsight.AndroidPinball.javaProject	172	Farsight Studios	2 dic. 2015	5,000,000
ermisos ulnerabilidades (s)	Pinball Classic	com.junerking.pinball	4	TerranDroid	13 ago. 2012	5,000,000
Vulnerabilidades (d) Logout	Destruccion de Ladrillos	com.daf.archanoide	36	DAF	21 nov. 2015	5,000,000
	Zen Pinball	com.zenstudios.ZenPinball	64	Zen Studios	16 dic. 2015	1,000,000
	Pinball Fantasy HD	com.funfactory.pinball	3075	Creative Mobile Publishing	5 ene. 2015	1,000,000
	Ghostbusters™ Pinball	com. far sight. Ghost Busters Pinball. java Project	24	Farsight Studios	10 mar. 2015	100,000+
	PinBaLL	com.mebzey.bouncyy	1	MebZey	8 mar. 2015	100,000+
	Pinball 3D FREE	aldimeart.com	10	aLDime Games	8 dic. 2012	100,000+
	Pinball Star	com.mobistar.pinballdeluxe	15065	mobistar	17 dic. 2015	100,000+
	Zaccaria Pinball	hu.magicpixel.Zaccaria	20	Magic Pixel KFT.	4 sep. 2015	50,000+
	The Walking Dead Pinball	com.zenstudios.TWDPinball	10	Zen Studios	24 jun. 2015	10,000+
	South Park™: Pinball	com.zenstudios.SPPinball	10	Zen Studios	24 jun. 2015	10,000+
	Pinball 3D	com.mtsgames.pinball3d	3	Multi Touch Games	2 dic. 2015	10,000+
	Pinball Juego Gratis	chat.sebastian.pinballpro	5	SebastianChat	2 nov. 2014	10,000+
	Kickboard - Soccer Pinball	at.citrusmedia.kickboardgame	2	Citrus Media	20 sep. 2014	10,000+
		com.zenstudios.FamilyGuyPinball	5	Zen Studios	24 nov. 2015	1.000+

Figure 8: Google Play Search - Results

The results page is as seen in Figure 8: it has some basic data for each app, plus the upload date to Google Play and the number of downloads. If we click on any of the apps, we are brought to a page like the one in Figure 9, where some more information is shown such as the description and the permissions it requests, and finally there's a button for downloading the app to Marvin and starting analysis.

The analysis: First the app is decompiled, then static analysis is performed on it. Nevertheless, uploading of sources to the repositories takes a long time, so it's common for the results of static analysis (and with them links to the sources in the App info page) to be there before the Gitlab page for them is ready.



Figure 9: Google Play Search- Description

### 3.3 Code Search

The "Search Code" option allows us to search for specific strings in the code, for example to search for use of specific libraries or Android services. After writing the search terms and pressing Enter, the results will show as in Figure 11: for each match, there's the class name, the app it belongs to, and the length of the source file. Clicking on the file name brings us to the GitLab page for its source code.



Figure 10: Code search

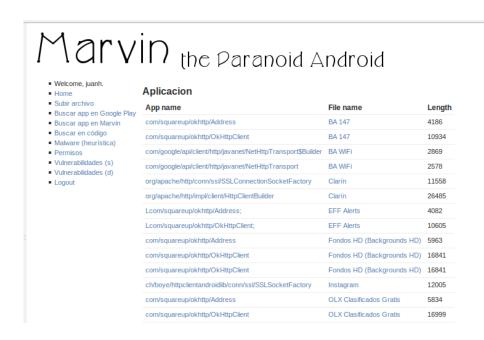


Figure 11: Code search - Results

## 3.4 Malware (heuristics)

This option shows an ordered list of the apps that according to the heuristics are most likely to be malware. Together with version information, we can see a score that marks the confidence in the result, and the amount of vulnerabilities Marvin found in the app.

<ul> <li>Welcome, juanh.</li> </ul>	Nombre aplicación	Nombre paquete	Versión	Status	Malware	Confianza	Vu
<ul><li>Home</li><li>Subir archivo</li></ul>	com.estrongs.android.pop	com.estrongs.android.pop	3.2.2	Checking Vulns	True	1.000	5
Buscar app en Google Play	Brightest Flashlight Free	goldenshore stechnologies. brightest flashlight. free	2.4.2	Vulns checked	True	1.000	5
<ul> <li>Buscar app en Marvin</li> <li>Buscar en código</li> </ul>	com.cleanmaster.security	com.cleanmaster.security	2.6.9	Vulns checked	True	1.000	5 46 31
Malware (heurística)	com.antivirus	com.antivirus	4.4.1.1	Vulns checked	True	1.000	31
<ul><li>Permisos</li><li>Vulnerabilidades (s)</li></ul>	Clean Master (Optimizador)	com.cleanmaster.mguard	5.10.9	Vulns checked	True	1.000	26
<ul> <li>Vulnerabilidades (d)</li> </ul>	ICBC Mobile Banking(Argentina)	com.icbc.mobile.abroadARG	1.0.12	Vulns checked	True	1.000	56
■ Logout	CM Security AppLock Antivirus	com.cleanmaster.security	2.7.9	Vulns checked	True	1.000	5 5 46 31 268 56 46 25 23 13 0 23 47 14 29 24
	Signal Private Messenger	org.thoughtcrime.securesms	3.3.2	Checking Vulns	True	1.000	
	Facebook Lite	com.facebook.lite	1.14.1.135.293	Vulns checked	True	1.000	2
	com.sophos.smsec	com.sophos.smsec	4.0.1433	Vulns checked	True	0.999	1
	Clean Master Pro	com.fastversion.master.motorola	1.1	Checking Vulns	True	0.999	0
	Messenger	com.facebook.orca	47.0.0.28.16	Vulns checked	True	0.998	2
	Facebook	com.facebook.katana	53.0.0.29.18	Vulns checked	True	0.992	4
	Moments	com.facebook.moments	3.2.0.4.0	Vulns checked	True	0.986	14
	com.lookout	com.lookout	9.24-6a6396e	Vulns checked	True	0.982	2
	Antivirus GRATIS + Seguridad	com.lookout	9.31-f2bac3e	Vulns checked	True	0.982	2
	WISePhone	com.wisekey.wisephonefree	1.2.1	Vulns checked	True	0.934	26
	Viber	com.viber.voip	5.6.0.2413	Vulns checked	True	0.888	19
	Linterna de Alta Potencia	com.ihandvsoft.ledflashlight.mini	1.1.3	Vulns checked	True	0.823	74

Figure 12: Malware according to the permissions heuristics

## 3.5 Permissions

This option shows us the permissions seen by Marvin among all the applications, together with their respective descriptions, danger levels and the number of applications that request them (see Figure 13). Clicking on a permission's name brings us to a page with the list of applications that request it (see Figure 14).

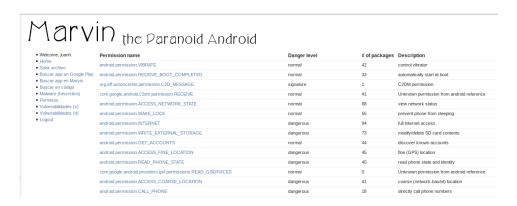


Figure 13: Permissions seen by Marvin

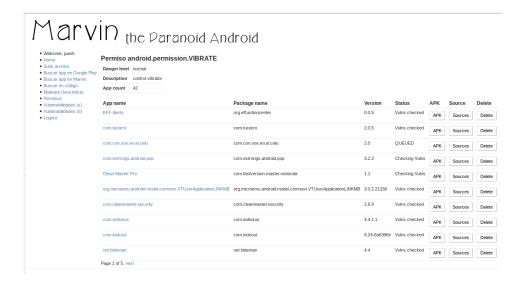


Figure 14: Apps requesting a given permission

## 3.6 Vulnerabilities

In this section we can see the vulnerability types that Marvin knows about and can find, statically as well as dynamically. Some of the vulnerabilities it finds via static analysis can be verified by dynamic analysis, and some are directly searched for via dynamic analysis. For each vulnerability type, Marvin shows a list ordered by the number of applications where it is found

(see Figure 15). If we click on the vulnerability type name, Marvin shows us the list of apps where it was found (see Figure 16).

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■ Welcome, juanh.	Vulnerability name	# of instances	# of packag
Home     Subir archivo	CRYPTOGRAPHY	778	54
■ Buscar app en Google Play	UNPROTECTED_DYNAMICALLY_REGISTERED_RECEIVER	654	35
<ul> <li>Buscar app en Marvin</li> <li>Buscar en código</li> </ul>	SSL_CUSTOM_TRUSTMANAGER	37	29
Malware (heuristica)	JAVASCRIPTINTERFACE	80	23
<ul><li>Permisos</li><li>Vulnerabilidades (s)</li></ul>	SSL_CUSTOM_HOSTNAMEVERIFIER	26	21
<ul> <li>Vulnerabilidades (d)</li> </ul>	INSECURE_STORAGE_WORLD_READABLE/WRITEABLE	30	15
■ Logout	SSL_ALLOWALL_HOSTNAMEVERIFIER	17	14
	SSL_WEBVIEW_ERROR	18	8
	PHONEGAP_JS_INJECTION	5	5
	ACTIVITY_HIJACKING	70	3
	PHONEGAP_NO_WHITELIST	3	3
	WEBVIEW_SAVED_PASSWORD	8	3
	REDIS	2	2
	UNPROTECTED_EXPORTED_ACTIVITY	2	2
	STICKY_BROADCAST_INTENT	2	2
	UNPROTECTED_EXPORTED_RECEIVER	12	2
	PHONEGAP_DEBUG_LOGGING	1	1
	AUTOCOMPLETE_PASSWORD_INPUT	1	1
	SERVICE_HIJACKING	2	1
	PHONEGAP_WHITELIST_BYPASS_REGEX	1	1

Figure 15: List of vulnerability types known to Marvin



Figure 16: List of apps with a given vulnerability

## 4 Administration

In the Administration section we can manage user accounts for Marvin and the access data for the Play Store. This section can be accessed at http://url\_marvin/admin.



Figure 17: Administration

### 4.1 User accounts

Clicking 'Users' we enter the Marvin user administration proper:

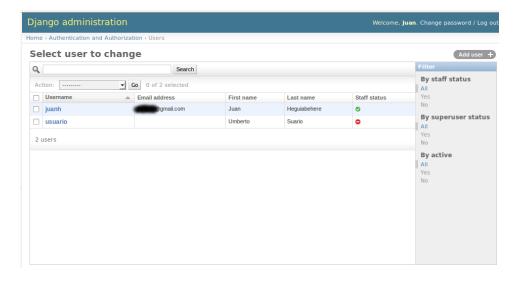


Figure 18: Administration - Users

In this section we can create, update and delete Marvin user accounts (so far all users have the same access to all data, but still we want to make sure only logged in users can do some things). User management is straightforward:

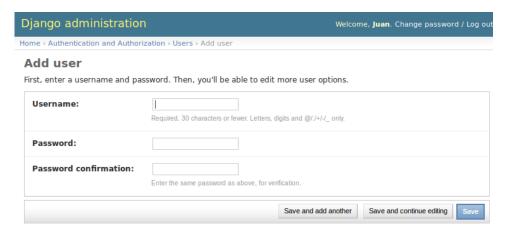


Figure 19: Administration - New User

# 4.2 Google Play account

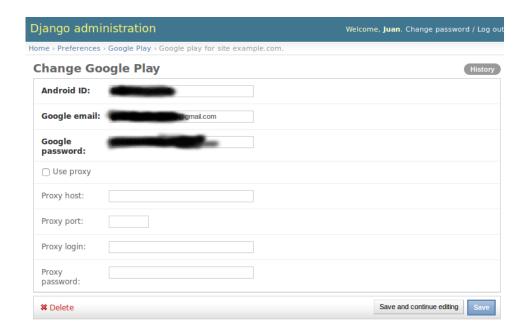


Figure 20: Administration - Google Play account

The Google Play section lets us input the credentials of a Gmail account to access the Play Store. Of course, such account should be 'checked in' the Play Store. This can be an account used on a phone, or (better) one checked in via the android-checkin program, written by Nicolas Viennot: https://github.com/nviennot/android-checkin