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Introduction - WIP

All information needed for the labs is located in the VM in the directories listed below.

WIP

Lab - Fork and setup Repo

Time to finish lab	5 minutes
App used for this exercise	None

Training Objectives

In the following exercise we will fork a Github repository that we will use for some of the Android exercises.

Preparation

Github

• Fork the following repo: https://github.com/bai7-at/mobile-playbook-dev-android

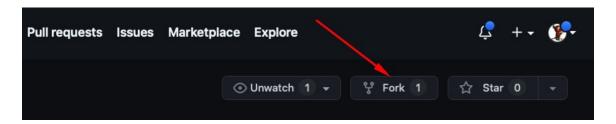


Figure 1: Fork repo

- In the next screen simply click "Create fork" and it will be forked to your Github account.
- Go to "Actions" in your newly forked repo and click on the green button to enable Github workflows.

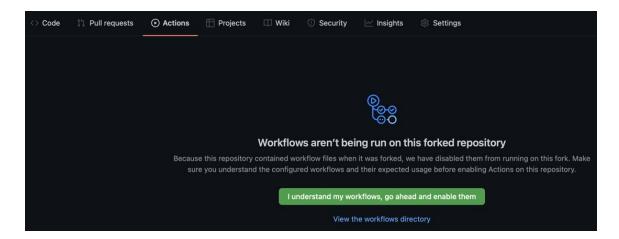


Figure 2: Enable Workflows

• Enable "Issues" in your forked repo. You can find it in the "Settings" tab under "Features".

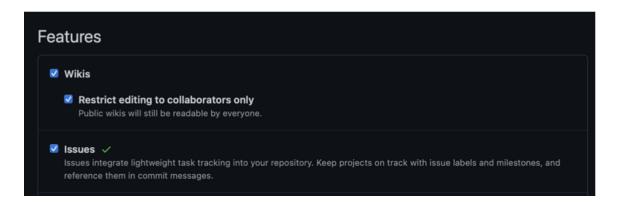


Figure 3: Enable Issues

Congratulations, you forked the repo! Later we will be activating some Github Actions to execute automated security checks.

Lab - Secret Scanning

Time to finish lab	15 minutes
App used for this exercise	NYT decompiled

Training Objectives

Learn what an attacker would do after decompiling an APK and use the decompiled code to scan it for secrets with the tool gitleaks. In our lab I already decompiled the New York Times Android App for you and we simplified it by executing gitleaks through a Github Action.

Tools used in this section

• gitleaks - https://github.com/gitleaks/gitleaks

Preparation

 Go to your forked repo and to the main directory in your browser. Select the .github /workflows folder and the file 01-gitleaks.yml and uncomment everything by selecting the whole text and pressing "CTRL" + "/" (Windows) or "Command" + "/" (macOS):

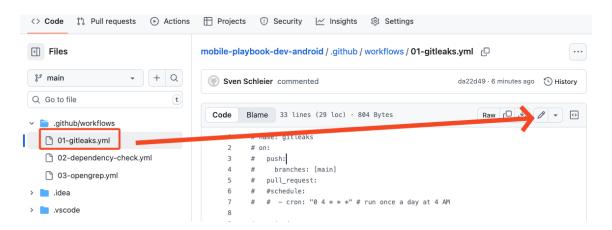


Figure 4: Edit Gitleaks Github Action

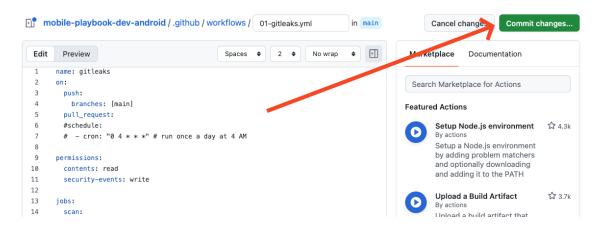


Figure 5: Commit changes

• Click on "Actions" and "gitleaks", you will see the workflows that were just triggered due to the commit. Click on the Gitleaks worflow run.

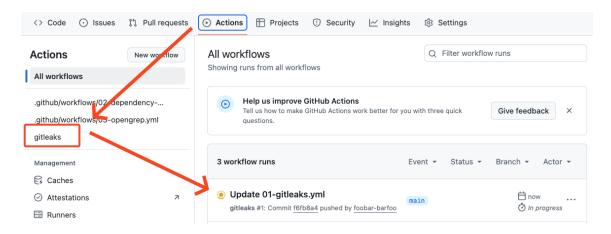


Figure 6: Actions running

• Click on the step "Run Gitleaks over nyt_decompiled directory".

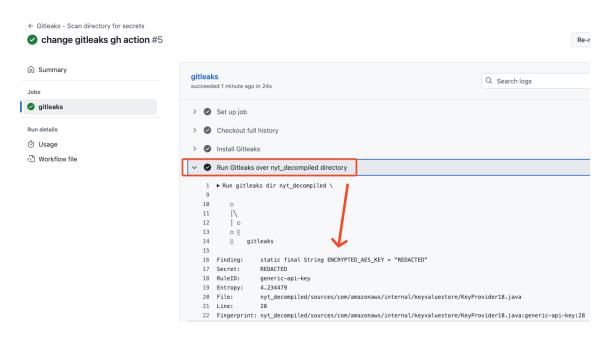


Figure 7: Gitleaks run completed

- You will get the detailed output of the whole gitleaks job including all steps.
- The gitleaks Github Action will now be executed every time we are doing a commit or pull request and will raise now an alert if sensitive information is being detected. But detecting is only half the job, as we need to manage the amount of detected secrets in an efficient way. Luckily this was already being taken care of automatically through our Github action and the SARIF file that was being created and imported into Github Code Scanning. This is the relevant snippet from the 01-gitleaks.yml file:

```
- name: Upload SARIF to GitHub Security
  uses: github/codeql-action/upload-sarif@v3
  with:
    sarif_file: gitleaks.sarif
```

 Go to the "Security" tab in your repo and click on "Code scanning" on the left side. All secrets that could be identified by gitleaks are all automatically imported into the code scanning alerts. Code scanning alerts / #11

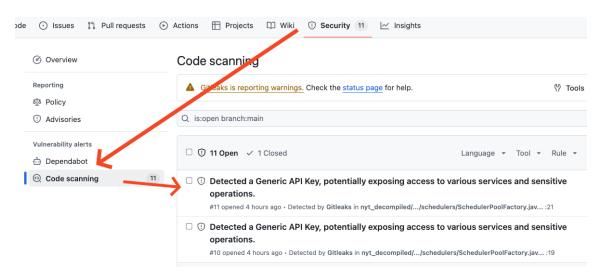


Figure 8: Gitleaks results

This allows us to manage the identified alerts. Github takes care of de-duplication
of findings automatically through fingerprinting, so Github will not flag out the same
finding again in consecutive scans. Click on the first finding and you can get all the
details around it.

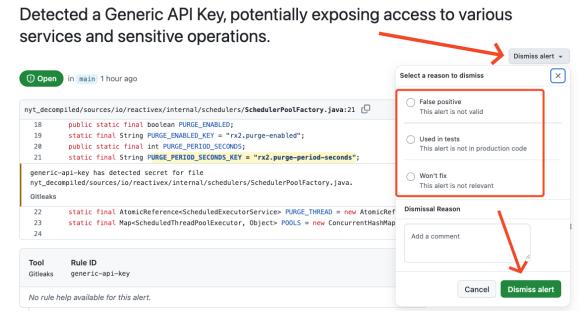


Figure 9: Gitleaks Triage

- Your job is to triage the identified findings and decide if they are a:
 - valid finding (then keep the finding),
 - False Positive or
 - if you won't fix it.

Once you are done with: Congratulations, you are now able to detect secrets!

Appendix

Rules

The rules in giteaks are defined as regular expressions, which can always trigger false positives. Here is an example for AWS keys.

You can add your own configuration and rules, or ignore secets.

Lab - Scan an APK for Secrets

Time to finish lab	15 minutes
App used for this exercise	com.nytimes.android.apk

Training Objectives

In this exercise you are scanning the New York Times app (the APK) for secrets. Your goal is to check if you would report them or if they are a false positive.

Tools used in this section

- apkleaks https://github.com/dwisiswant0/apkleaks
- jadx https://github.com/skylot/jadx

Exercise - Android Analyse Local Storage

The scan with apkleaks on the New York Times app has already been done for you and was stored in the file nyt-apkleaks.txt.

Your job is now to validate the secrets detected by apkleaks by opening the text file nytapkleaks.txt in your editor of choice.

Make a decision if they are a false positive or a finding that you would report and share with the developer of the app!

Open in another terminal the decompiled Java Code in your editor of choice (like VS Studio Code). It is available in the directory of the repo you cloned earlier:

```
$ cd ~/mobile-playbook-dev-android/nyt_decompiled
```

With the command jadx -d com.nytimes.android.rebuild.apk it was already decompiled for you to save you some time.

In the decompiled code that you opened in your editor you can verify where specific secrets are used and identify it's context of use.

Which secrets are false positives and which secrets would you flag out to a developer if this is a real penetration test and why?

In case you find a S3 or GCS Bucket, you can try the following to check if it's publicly accessible:

```
$ curl <bucket-URL>
```

Lab - Software Composition Analysis

Time to finish lab	15 minutes
App used for this exercise	Tasky

Training Objectives

Learn how to scan Android dependencies with the tool dependency-check by using Github Actions.

Tools used in this section

- dependency-check https://jeremylong.github.io/DependencyCheck/
- dependency-check Gradle Plugin https://jeremylong.github.io/DependencyCheck/dependency-check-gradle/index.html

Description

In this lab we will be scanning Android dependencies in each commit and Pull Request for known vulnerabilities with the dependency-check Gradle Plugin.

Preparation

 Go to your forked repo and to the main directory in your browser. Select the .github /workflows folder and the file 02-dependency-check.yml and edit it. and uncomment everything by selecting the whole text and pressing CTRL + "/" and commit your changes.



Figure 10: Edit Yaml file

• Uncomment everything by selecting the whole text and pressing "CTRL" + "/" (Windows) or "Command" + "/" (macOS):

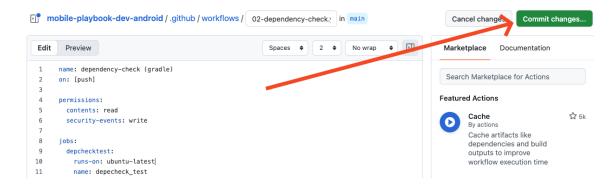


Figure 11: Commit changes

• In your forked repo click on "Actions" and you will see the workflows that were just triggered due to the commit. Click on the "dependency-check (gradle)" workflow run. The scan might still be running. Once the job is done you will see the "Depcheck report" at the bottom as new artifact.

The first scan can take over 10 minutes, as dependency check need to build up a vulnerability database and download data. This scan was executed already earlier when you did the first lab to speed up the process. In consecutive runs like now, this database is cached in your fork and the workflow will take around 2-3 minutes.

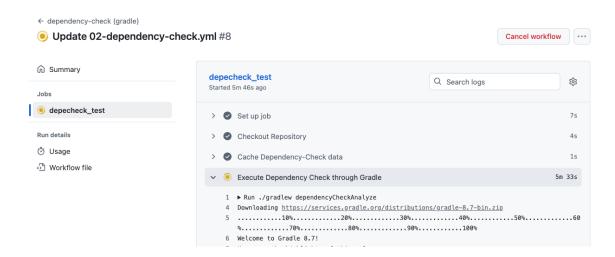


Figure 12: Worklow run

• Go to the "Security" tab in your repo and click on "Code scanning" on the left side. New vulnerabilities could be identified by dependency check and are all automatically imported into the code scanning alerts. Filter the new vulnerabilities by selecting the tool dependency-check:

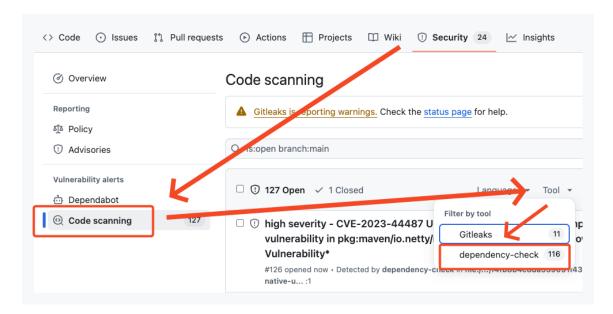


Figure 13: Findings

- We have now a lot of false positives through netty or grpc libraries, that are used to build the project and for testing but are not ending up in our Android app. Therefore we need to find a way to "suppress" them.
- Let's include the file suppresssion.xml for dependency-check to remove these false positives from our scan result. Open the file tasky/app/build.gradle.kts and edit it:

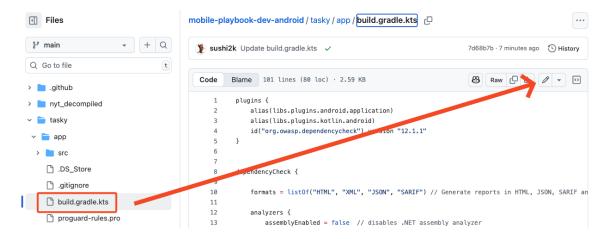


Figure 14: Edit build.gradle.kts

• Remove the comments in line 21 to include the suppressionFile.

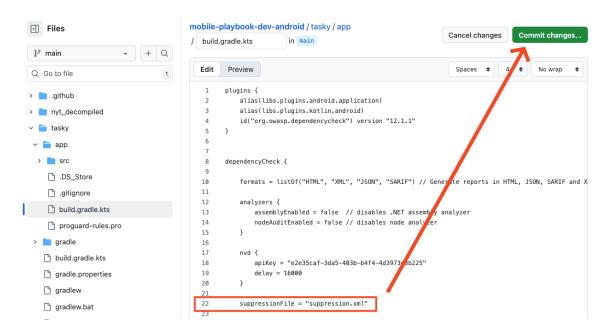


Figure 15: Include suppression.xml

• The Github Action is triggered again and the dependency check scan should be done in a few minutes. Now all the false positives are automatically removed. Select the tool dependency-check and you will have 13 open findings.

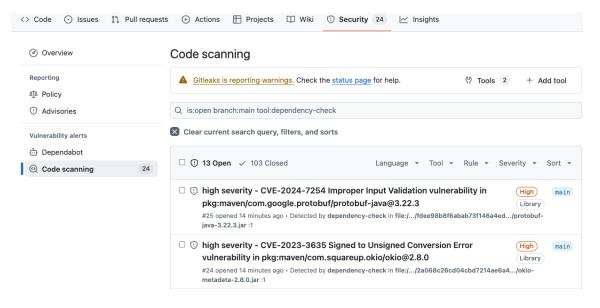


Figure 16: Include suppression.xml

- Your job is to triage the identified findings and decide if they are a:
 - valid finding,
 - false positive,
 - used in tests, or
 - if you won't fix it (and why).

Go through each finding and make a decision!

You can look into the HTML report that is being generated for each workflow run.

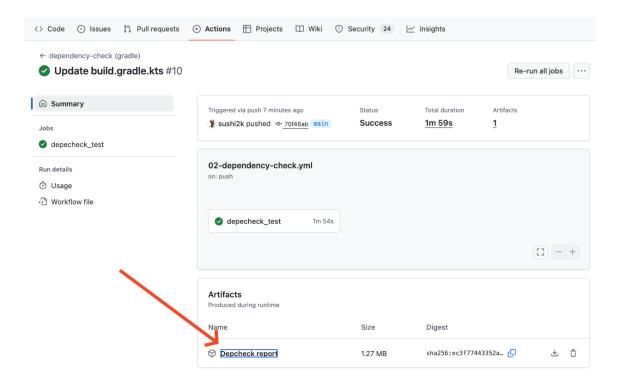


Figure 17: Include suppression.xml

Congratulations, you are now able to scan, detect and triage known vulnerabilities in your libraries and manage them with code scanning alerts!

Lab - Static Scanning with semgrep

Time to finish lab	20 minutes
App used for this exercise	Finstergram.apk and Kotlin-Shack.apk

Training Objectives

In this lab we will be scanning the decompiled code base of two Android apps for vulnerabilities and misconfiguration with semgrep by using a Github Action.

Tools used in this section

- jadx https://github.com/skylot/jadx
- semgrep https://github.com/semgrep/semgrep

Preparation

• Go to your forked repo and to the main directory in your browser. Select the .github /workflows folder and the file 03-semgrep.yml.

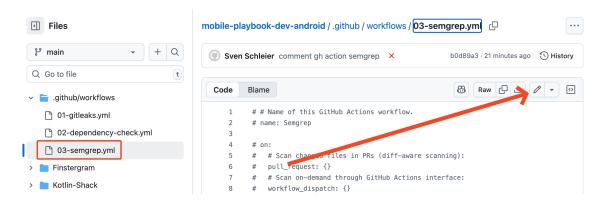


Figure 18: semgrep workflow

• In the next screen press either the key "e" on your keybord or press the edit button top right. In the editor mode uncomment everything by selecting the whole text and pressing "/" and commit the changes directly into the main branch.

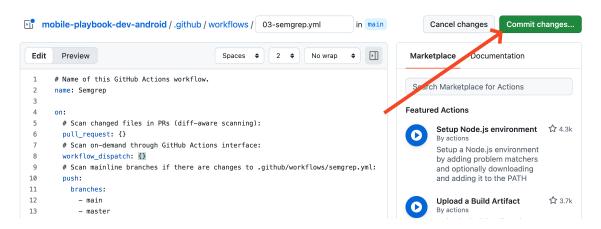


Figure 19: Edit semgrep workflow

Semgrep Github Action

- The app Finstergram and Kotlin-Shack was already decompiled for you with jadx and saved into the repo.
- Click on "Actions" and you will see the workflows that were just triggered due to the commit. Click on the semgrep worflow run. The scan might still be running.

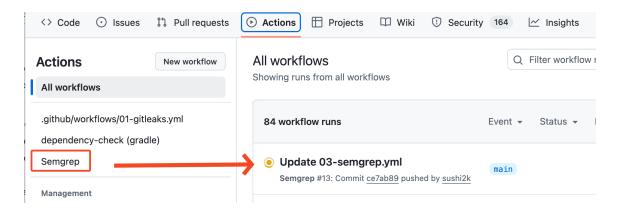


Figure 20: Running semgrep workflow

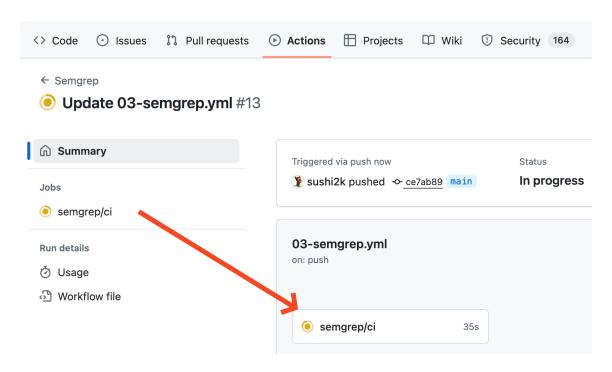


Figure 21: Running semgrep workflow

 Once the semgrep job is done you will have identified new vulnerabilities that were added to the "Security" tab, click on it.

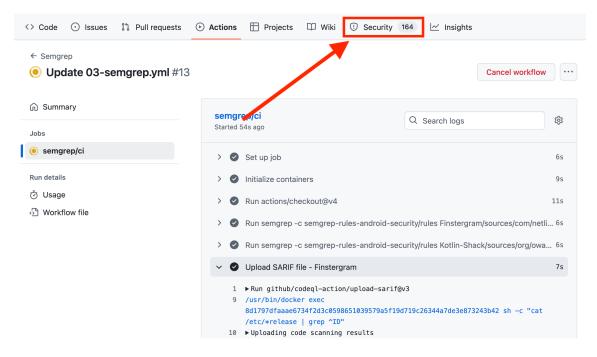


Figure 22: Security Tab

The semgrep Github Action will now be executed every time we are doing a commit
or pull request and will raise now an alert if sensitive information is being detected. But
detecting is only half the job, as we need to manage the amount of detected vulnerabilities in an efficient way. Luckily this was already being taken care of automatically

through our Github action and the SARIF file that was being created and imported into Github Code Scanning. This is the relevant snippet from the semgrep.yml file:

```
# Upload the SARIF file to Github, so the findings show up in "
    Security / Code Scanning alerts"
- name: Upload semgrep report
    uses: github/codeql-action/upload-sarif@v1
    with:
        sarif_file: results.sarif
```

- Go to "Code Scanning Alerts". This allows us to manage the identified vulnerabilities. Github takes care of de-duplication of findings automatically through fingerprinting, so Github will not flag out the same finding again in consecutive scans.
- Now the work starts! Your job is to triage the identified findings, go through them one by one and decide if they are either a:
 - valid finding (then create an issue),
 - false positive,
 - used in tests, or
 - if you won't fix it (and why).

WIP

Triage findings

Figure 23: Triage findings

Go through each finding and make a decision! Once done with the first rule, choose another one.

In case a finding is identified but no code is highlighted, this means the absence of code patterns might be a vulnerability.

Congratulations, you are now able to scan vulnerabilities with semgrep and detect and triage vulnerabilities and manage code scanning alerts with Github Code Scanning!

Resources

Mobile App Finstergram - https://github.com/netlight/finstergram

Lab - Frida 101 (Frida-Server)

Training Objectives

- 1. Learn how to use Frida
- 2. Use a Frida script that is bypassing root detection

Tools used in this section

Frida - https://www.frida.re/

App

Use the following app for this exercise:

Kotlin-Shack.apk

Description

Frida supports interaction with the Android runtime. You'll be able to hook and call both Kotlin/Java and native functions inside the process and its (native) libraries. Your JavaScript snippets have full access to memory, e.g. to read and/or write any structured data.

We will demonstrate you basic usage of Frida and how you can overload functions and bypass client side security controls.

Exercise - Frida Usage

Preparation

- Login into Corellium: https://bsides.enterprise.corellium.com/ and open your Android device instance.
- Click on "Apps" on the menu on the left side and then "Install App". Select the app "Kotlin-Shack.apk" from the preparation files you downloaded earlier.
- Start the app Kotlin-Shack on the Android device.
- Start the Frida Server by clicking on the Frida tab in Corellium.
- Click on "Select a Process" in Frida and search for "Kotlin" and you will find the running app (your process id, the PID, will be different in your case):

- Once selected, attach to the process and make sure that the app Kotlin-Shack is running in the foreground.
- You can see now the Frida console.

Frida CLI (console) is now connecting to the Frida-Server running on the Android instance and the Frida Core Framework is injecting the Frida-Agent into the specified identifier (Kotlin-Shack or the package name org.owasp.mstgkotlin).

Click on the multiple root detection button in the app. This will give you a Toast message on the bottom of the UI that the app has detected that the Android instance is rooted.

Our mission is to bypass this check during runtime with Frida and make the app think that this Android phone is NOT rooted.

So what can we do with the interactive Frida console? You can write commands to Frida using it's JavaScript API, just press the tab key on your keyboard in the CLI to see the available commands. For example you can query if Java is available or what Android OS version is used:

```
[Remote::PID::2194 ]-> Java.available
true
[Remote::PID::2194 ]-> Java.androidVersion
"14"
```

The Frida CLI allows you to do rapid prototyping to create Frida scripts and also debugging.

Frida CLI + Scripts

Besides using the CLI of frida, we can also load scripts. This will load pre-defined JavaScript calls as script that Frida will execute in the context of the targeted app. Click in Corellium on the top right on "Scripts" in the Frida window.

You can find the Frida-Scripts directory in the directory where you unzipped the preparation file. Upload the script test.js from this directory and execute the script:

Go back to the console and type in y and confirm.

In the Frida console, type in makeToast() and trigger the function. You can also only type make and wait for a second and you should see the dropdown menu with the available functions. You can just select it and then by pressing Enter, but need to add the round brackets.

```
Remote::PID::2194 ]-> makeToast()
```

Look what happened in your Android Instance! Type in makeToast() again and trigger the function again. You will see a so called "Toast" message in the bottom of the screen for a few seconds.

So what is happening here (you can see the code also when selecting the script and click on the three doted lines and then "edit")?

- Line 6 is defining a function called makeToast, which we just called in Frida.
- Line 8 is checking if the Java runtime is available, so this script will only work for Android.
- Line 10 contains the Java.perform wrapper, which is used to attach this function to the current thread, in our case of the Kotlin Shack App.
- Line 11 is getting the application context of the app we are hooking into.
- Line 13 is running the function specified on the main thread of the VM by using Java.
 scheduleOnMainThread
- Line 14 is specifying the class (android.widget.Toast) Frida should be using and is assigning it to the variable toast.
- Line 15 is calling the function makeText that will show the string "This works!" as Toast message in the app.

This proofs that we basically can do whatever we want with the Android app by using Frida, including changing the behavior during runtime by injecting code!

Bypass "Multiple Root Detection Check"

In order to bypass the multiple root detection check, we need to know now the class and function that we should hook into. Usually we would decompile the APK with <code>jadx-gui</code> to have a look at the decompiled classes. This was already done for you. In the files you downloaded today, go to <code>Apps/Kotlin-Shack/sources/org/owasp/mstgkotlin/and</code> open the class <code>MainActivity.java</code> in your favourite editor. This file contains a method that is combining several root detection checks.

Your task to find the multiple root detection method and it's name in this class!

Once you have the method name upload another Frida script called bypass-multi-root. js. Click on the 3 dots and edit the file.

In line 7 you will see "FUNCTION". Replace this with the function name you identified for the multiple root detection check.

Once done, save it and execute the script and confirm it again in the console.

```
[Remote::PID::2196 ]-> %load /data/corellium/frida/scripts/bypass-
   multi-root.js
Are you sure you want to load a new script and discard all current
   state? [y/N]
y
[*] Script loaded
```

Go back to the app, and click on the multiple root detection button. The Frida script will be triggered but with an error:

Add the **return** command with the right boolean value into the Frida Script after the console.log command, so that the App thinks the device is not rooted and that the error vanishes.

You can edit the script as follows. Once you edit it, click save and the script will be automatically reloaded.

Once you added the right return value, the output in the app should look like this:

How did we trick now the app into thinking that Android is not rooted? The script contains the following overload function:

```
MainActivity.isDeviceRooted.overload().implementation = function()
{
  console.log("Root detection script triggered")
  return false
}
```

This script is now telling Frida that once the identified function is called from the MainActivity class, to overwrite the function with the **return false** value. So every time the function is called, it will now only return the boolean value **false**.

Congratulations: You bypassed the multiple root detection check with Frida!

You know now 3 different way to bypass root detection:

- Small patching
- Magisk
- Dynamic Instrumentation with Frida

Question: What are the benefits and downsides of each technique?

References

- Install Frida on Android https://www.frida.re/docs/
- Frida Example Script https://www.frida.re/docs/examples/
- Frida Codeshare https://codeshare.frida.re/browse
- Frida JavaScript API (Java) https://www.frida.re/docs/javascript-api/#java

Lab - Bypassing SSL Pinning

Training Objectives

• Bypass different SSL Pinning implementations with Frida

Time for completing this lab: 15 min

Tools used in this section

Frida

App

Use the following app for this exercise:

MSTG-Hands-on.apk

Description

Certificate pinning is the process of associating the server with a particular X.509 certificate or public key instead of accepting any certificate signed by a trusted certificate authority. After storing ("pinning") the server certificate or public key, the mobile app will subsequently connect to the known server only.

The implementation can be done in various ways:

- By using the TrustManager class;
- By using network libraries such as OkHttp and their build in SSL pinning functions;

This exercise will demonstrate you how to bypass SSL Pinning when implemented with both methods.

Exercise 1 - Bypassing SSL Pinning with Frida

Preparation - Frida

- Install the app MSTG Hands-on.apk in the Android device and start it.
- Start the Frida Server by clicking on the Frida tab in Corellium.
- Click on "Select a Process" in Frida and search for "MSTG" and you will find the running app (your process id, the PID, will be different in your case):
- Once selected, attach to the process and make sure that the app MSTG Hands-on is running in the foreground.
- You can see now the Frida console.

Frida CLI (console) is now connecting to the Frida-Server running on the Android instance and the Frida Core Framework is injecting the Frida-Agent into the specified identifier (MSTG or the package name org.owasp.mstg.android).

MSTG Android App - TrustManager

- Open the Network Tab and start monitoring.
- Click on "HTTPS Request with SSL Pinning TM".
- Due to SSL Pinning we can not intercept and don't see the request in Network Monitor and it will remain empty, but we can try to bypass it with Frida now!
- Select the Frida script ssl_pinning.js and click on execute.
- Acknowledge the loading of the script in the "Console" Tab:

```
[Remote::PID::1960 ]-> %load /data/corellium/frida/scripts/
    ssl_pinning.js
Are you sure you want to load a new script and discard all current
    state? [y/N] y
[+] Hook SSL pinning...
```

- Click on the "Back" button and click again on "HTTPS Request with SSL Pinning TM".
- Switch to the networking tab. Which domain was the request sent to?

Exercise 2 - Bypassing SSL Pinning when using OkHttp3

MSTG Hands-on App - OkHttp3

- Go back and click on the button HTTPS Request with SSL Pinning OkHttp3
- Verify in Network Monitor if you can intercept the request.
- Your new skill you just learned in Example 1 to bypass SSL Pinning will not be working here, as this function is not using the TrustManager, but a common network library for Android called OkHttp3.
- Find another Frida script on https://codeshare.frida.re/browse that is able to bypass SSLPinning for OkHTTPv3 and that allows you to intercept the request. Once you found a script (there are quite a few) you can edit the file ssl_pinning.js, you can either replace the existing content with your new script that you found and save it, or comment the existing content and append your new script:
- The script will be automatically reloaded. Go back to the network monitor and click again on the button HTTPS Request with SSL Pinning OkHttp3, which domain was the request sent to? If you don't see a HTTP request, try another script.

Is it possible to make the SSL Pinning implementation more secure, so it cannot (easily) be bypassed?

References

- Various SSL Unpinning Frida Scripts https://codeshare.frida.re
- Bypass SSL Pinning on Android in the MSTG https://mas.owasp.org/MASTG/techniqu es/android/MASTG-TECH-0012/#bypass-custom-certificate-pinning-statically
- Bypass SSL Pinning in a Flutter App https://blog.nviso.be/2019/08/13/intercepting-traffic-from-android-flutter-applications/

Lab - Anti-Frida

Training Objectives

Use a Frida script that is bypassing client side controls

Time for completing this lab: 20 min

Tools used in this section

Frida - https://www.frida.re/

App

Use the following app for this exercise:

· Anti-Frida.apk

Description

There are different ways of detecting Frida that is becoming more common in Android Apps.

In this exercise we will be bypassing common Anti-Frida detection mechanism with.... FRIDA!

We will demonstrate you again basic usage of Frida and how you can overload functions and bypass basic client side security controls.

Preparation - Installation

Install the app Anti-Frida.apk in Corellium by going to the apps menu and clicking on "Install App". Afterwards start the app. You will see the following screen:

You can see this app has three different checks available two of them are green. The Frida server should still be running in the background on your Android instance, therefore the "Check Frida Server" will be red. We will explore the checks later in more detail.

Frida CLI (REPL)

• Make sure the app "Anti-Frida" is running in the foreground.

- Click on "Select a Process" in Frida and search for "Frida" and you will find the running app (your process id, the PID, will be different in your case).
- Attach to the process and you can see now the Frida console.

Frida CLI (console) is now connecting to the Frida-Server running on the Android instance and the Frida Core Framework is injecting the Frida-Agent into the specified identifier (AntiFrida).

If you go back to Corellium in the Anti-Frida app and click the button "Check Frida in memory" the app could now also detect that we were injecting the Frida-Agent into the app and it turns now also red. No worries, we will turn this around soon!

Your mission is now to hock into this function that is checking the memory for Frida and turn it green again, even though that Frida is injected into the memory.

Identify Classes and Functions

Before we can bypass any of the checks for Frida and inject code, we need to identify the classes and functions we want to manipulate!

In order to identify the classes and methods of the app, it is usually the easiest to decompile the APK to it's Java Source Code and browse through it.

The app Anti-Frida.apk was already decompiled by using the tool jadx-gui. Open the folder Apps/Anti-Frida/sources/org/owasp/mstg/antifirda which is the directory you downloaded earlier today. Open the file MainActivity.java in VS Code or your editor of choice.

Go through the source code of MainActivity.java and you should be able to see three different functions that are the implementation of the three different checks in the app.

Bypass "Check Frida in Memory"

In the folder Frida-Scripts of the preparation pack you downloaded earlier is a script called frida-bypass-AntiFrida.js.

Find the function name that is executing the memory check for Frida and replace FUNCTION –NAME in line 5 of the Frida-script frida-bypass–AntiFrida.js with it.

Safe the script and upload frida-bypass-AntiFrida.js to Corellium and execute it. Switch to the Console and accept the script execution.

Press the button "Check Frida in Memory". The script is not throwing an error, but the check is still red.

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[Remote::PID::11533 ]-> [*] Script loaded
[*] Script loaded
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You're mission is now to bypass the memory check! So it looks like this again:

For this, you need to modify the script frida-bypass-AntiFrida.js. Check the return value in the script and make the app and Frida work without any errors.

You can open a 2nd tab in your browser to have the console and scripts screen always open. The display of the Android device can ONLY be open in one tab!

The script is automatically reloaded in the Frida console. Then you can just click the "Check Frida in Memory" button again to see if the bypass is working, there is no need restart Frida or the app. This feature is very handy for creation of Frida scripts.

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