Malicious APK File Creation

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Stage 1:

Take any Android app, add your own malicious part (you may use metasploit), include a secret code somewhere in the app, sign it and submit it as your Stage 1's submission. You may use the following tutorials for that purpose:

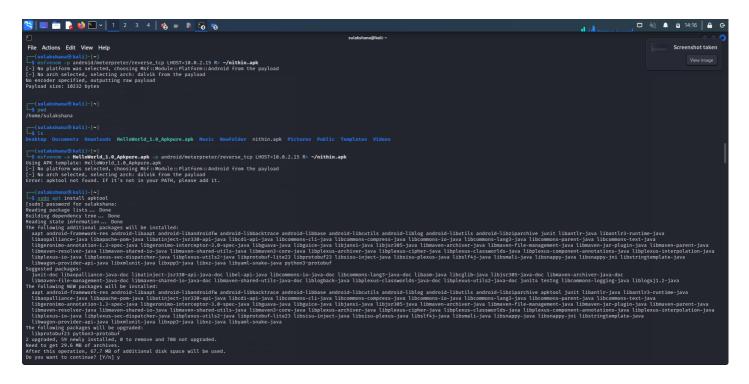
https://github.com/asiamina/A-Course-on-Digital-Forensics/tree/master/Video-Tutorials

The secret code can be as simple as a string such as "secret code is: 123ABC".

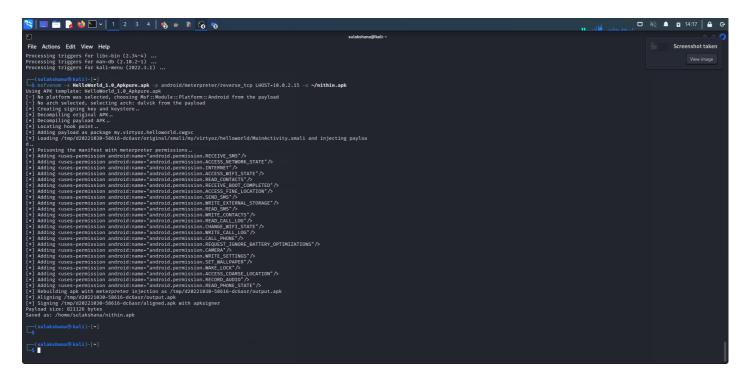
Deliverable: A malicious Android app and a separate documentation file explaining how you created the malicious app file along with some snapshots and also the secret code you have embedded into the app.

STAGE-1:

We have used the msfvenom framework to generate the malicious apk and the below command is used to embed the malicious apk to the helloworld.apk which is the legitimate apk which will generate a malicious final apk file named nithin.apk



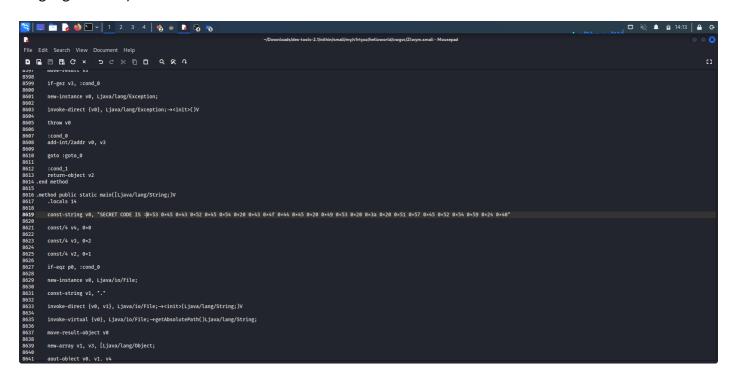
Here we can see that we have generated nithin.apk with payload size 82116 bytes.



Here we have used the apktool to decompile the generated apk.



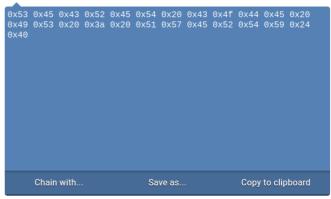
Once the file is decompiled, we added the secret code to the files of the .small in their format (assembly language format).



The secret code is,



hexadecimal

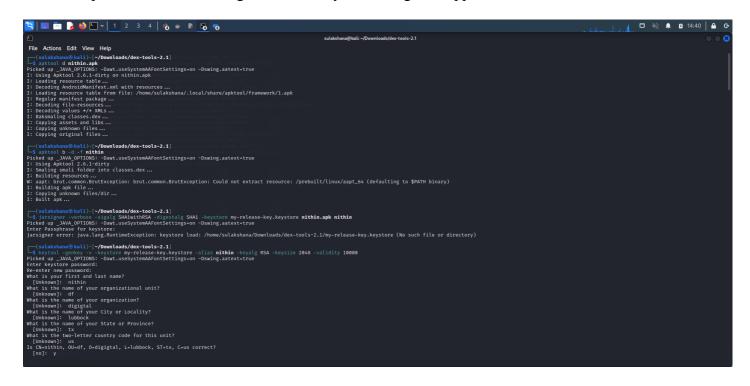


Once the secret code is embedded to the apk then we need to build the apk using the below command.

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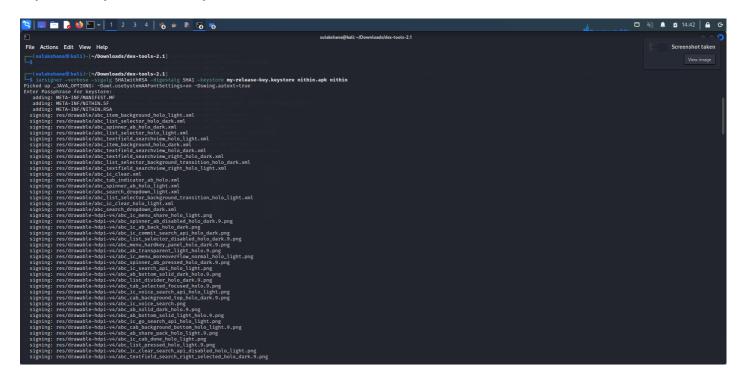
Once the apk is build we need to generate the keystore to sign the application.



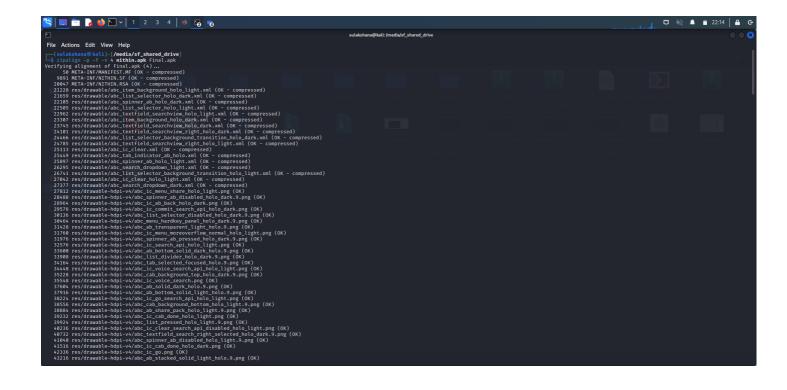
Here we used key tool which is a command for key and certificate management utility.

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-(sulakshana@kali)-[-/Downloads/dex-tools-2.1]
$ keytool -genkey -v -keystore my-release-key.keystore -alias nithin -keyalg RSA -keysize 2048 -validity 10000
Picked up _JAVA_OPTIONS: -Dawt.useSystemAAFontSettings=on -Dswing.aatext=true
Enter keystore password:
Re=enter new password:
What is your first and last name?
[Unknown]: nithin
What is the name of your organizational unit?
[Unknown]: digital
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We used for signing the process of applying a digital signature to a jar file so that receiver ,using your public key can verify its authenticity.



Here we used zipalign to verify the app and change the name of the application to the Final.exe Zipalign is a zip archive alignment tool that helps ensure that all uncompressed files in the archive are aligned relative to the start of the file.



Here we can see that the verification of the application got successful.