

Finding Wonderland Through the Rabbit Hole: Lookout's Mobile CTI



Where Our Data Comes From

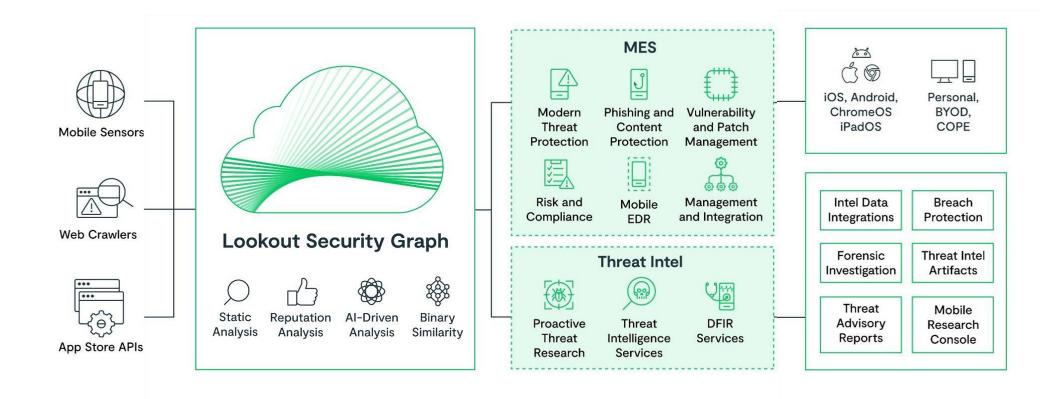
220+ Million Endpoint Devices

355+ Million
Apps Analyzed

464+ Million
Phishing and
Malicious Sites



How Lookout Works





Lookout Security Graph

Acquisition

Mobile Network

- More than 220 million devices worldwide provide a comprehensive, real-time view into global threats.
- Binary acquisition process shares the load among multiple devices to limit battery and data impact, later reassembling the app in the cloud.

Crawling

 Lookout monitors the major and minor app stores of the world, including popular app stores in countries such as China, Russia, and India.

APIs

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Enrichment

Metadata

 Lookout appends data such as app name, digital signature, app store description, and developer name.

Reputation

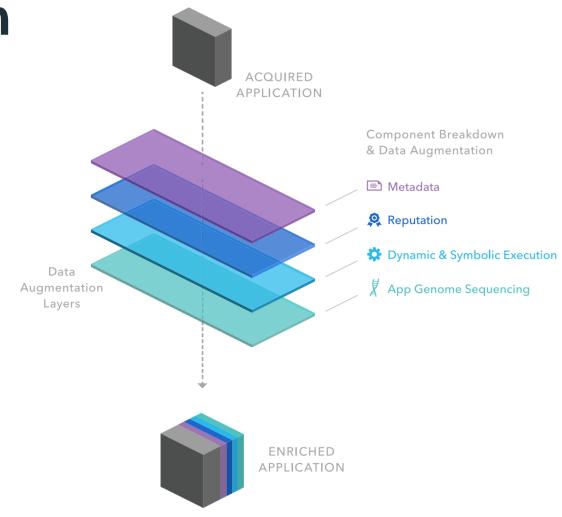
 Lookout incorporates data related to the authorship, origin, and geohistorical distribution of an app, such as the duration and location.

Behavior

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App Genome Sequencing

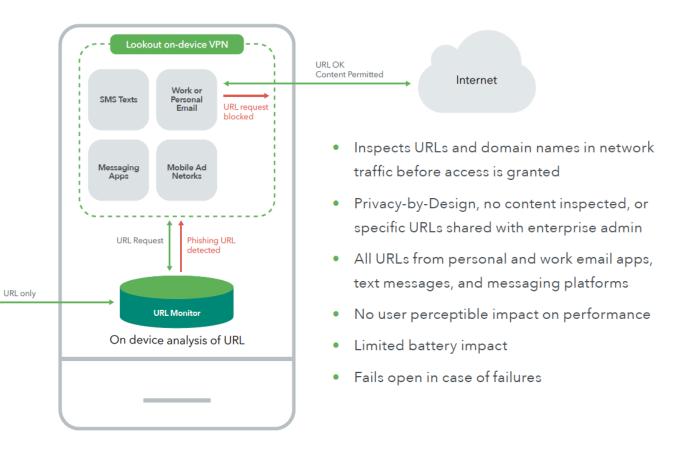
 The fuzzy code similarity the app shares with all code in the Lookout Security Graph reveals where that app's code (or its relatives) appear in the world.



Lookout Phishing and Content Protection

Lookout Security Cloud

- Lookout PCP protects the whole device — including from applications and phishing via text message.
- Phishing attacks can be targeted specifically at mobile devices;
 Lookout coverage prioritizes phishing protection on mobile.



The Cheshire Cat

Major Public Discoveries

2016-17 2020 2022 2023 2018-19 2021 2024 **DNC Phishing Hornbill & Sunbird** Hermit **CryptoChameleon Pegasus UN & NGO Phishing** DragonEgg/WyrmSpy Remote surveillance Zero hour phishing attack Targeted campaign Surveillanceware and Sophisticated Spyware Chinese FCC & Crypto Surveillanceware RAT phishing **ViperRAT Dark Caracal Corona Live 1.1 AbstractEmu Moonshine BouldSpy** GuardZoo Mobile RAT PC and Mobile APT Iranian Surveillanceware App trojanized w/ Rooting malware Chinese surveillanceware Houthi-developed Spymax surveillanceware BeiTaAd SilkBean BitScam & CloudScam **Predatory Loan Apps BadBazaar** Chrysaor Remote root Malicious Adware Android Crypto Scam iOS and Android malware Chinese Chinese surveillance Surveillanceware surveillanceware **Anubis Distribution Infamous Chisel** SonicSpy Monokle Goontact Russian surveillanceware Mobile extortion Banking malware Russian Targeted spyware Surveillanceware campaign



Three Key Discoveries



Deblind

Attribution: Sandworm (RUS)

- Android spyware likely used to target the Ukranian military.
- One component of the Infamous Chisel Android surveillance tooling
- Sandworm APT is known to have connection to Russian intelligence organizations.



WyrmSpy & DragonEgg

Attribution: APT41 (CHN)

- Android surveillanceware developed by APT41.
- Tracked by Lookout and protected against since August 2017
- Sophisticated data collection and exfiltration capabilities. Can also download additional modules



BadBazaar

Attribution: APT15 (CHN)

- iOS & Android surveillanceware targeting Tibetans and Uyghurs
- iOS variant was available on the App Store at one time.
- Extensive tracking and data collection capabilities that appear to be under continuous development.



All in the golden afternoon...

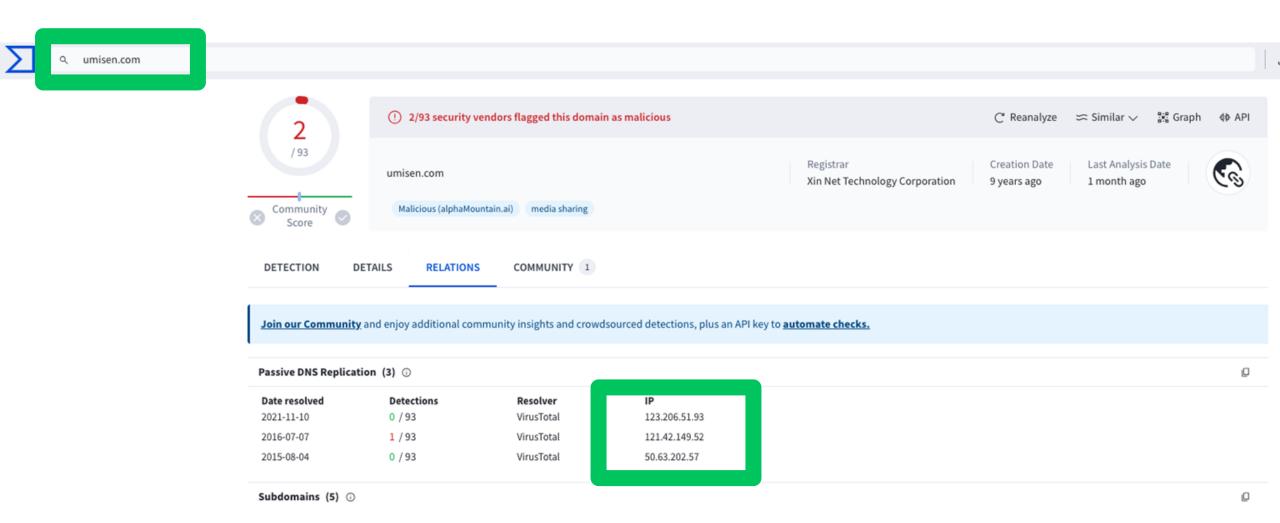
CHENGDU404 Indictment

for the District of Columbia, JIANG LIZHI, QIAN CHUAN, and FU QIANG, together with other conspirators known and unknown to the Grand Jury, performed or caused to be performed the acts described in Paragraphs 20 to 81, which are re-alleged here. In addition,

- a. Between about May 2014 and about August 2020, in order to promote the carrying on of computer hacking activity, the conspirators used and shared computer infrastructure in the PRC, including a corporate VPN service. For example, on November 6, 2017, in connection with an ongoing hacking operation, JIANG advised HACKER FOUR, "you'll have to dial the VPN to the company," and then specific "vpn2.umisen[.]com," as rell as a username and the password "wahaha@201,...,
- b. Between about 2014 and about 2017, in order to promote the carrying on of computer hacking activity, and through payments which originated outside of the United States, and which were paid to a provider in California, the conspirators leased HOP POINT ONE;
- c. Beginning in 2014, in order to promote the carrying on of computer hacking

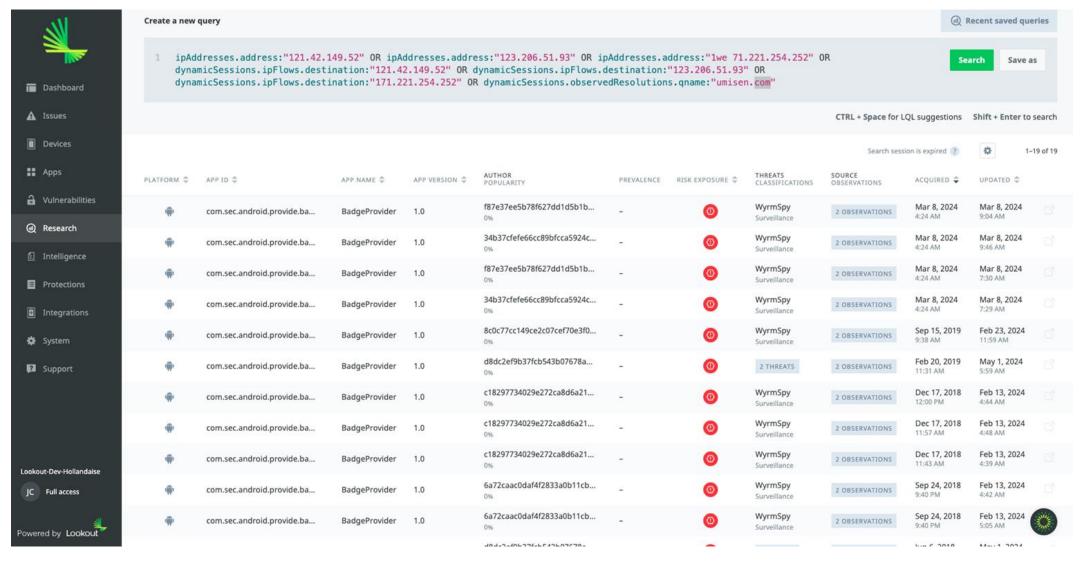


Investigating Domain Information



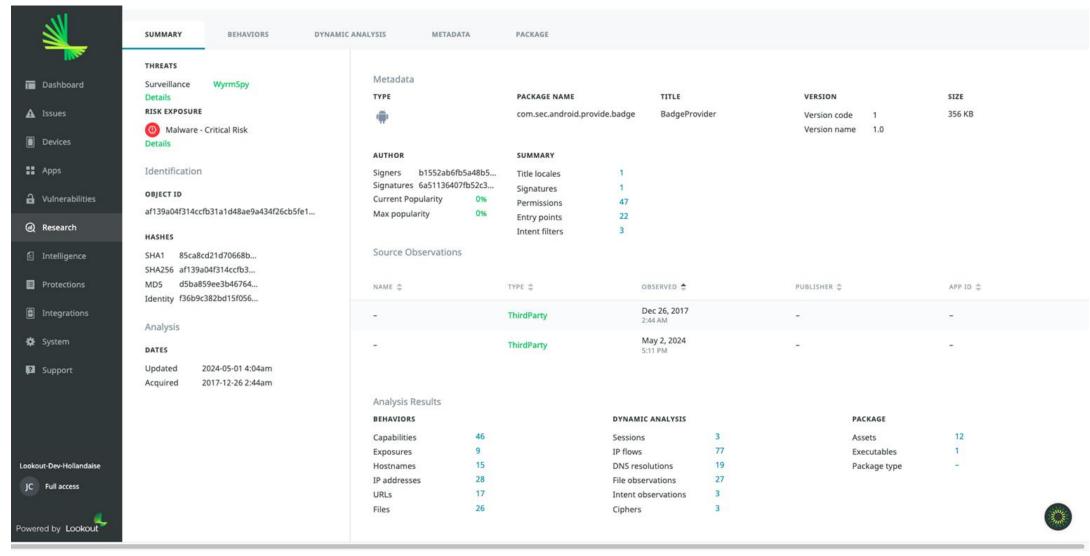


Searching IP's With Dynamic Analysis



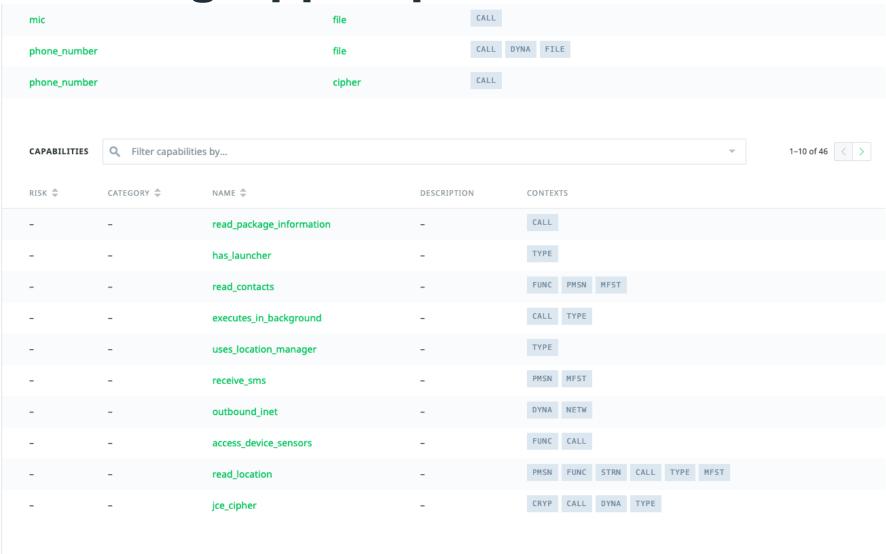


Investigating Malicious App



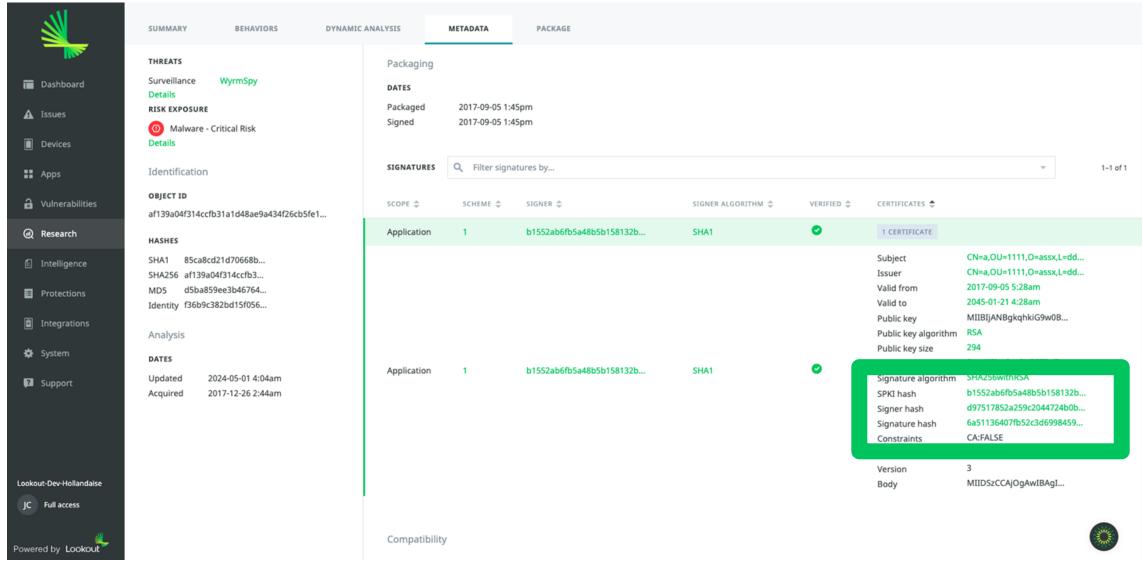


Understanding App Capabilities



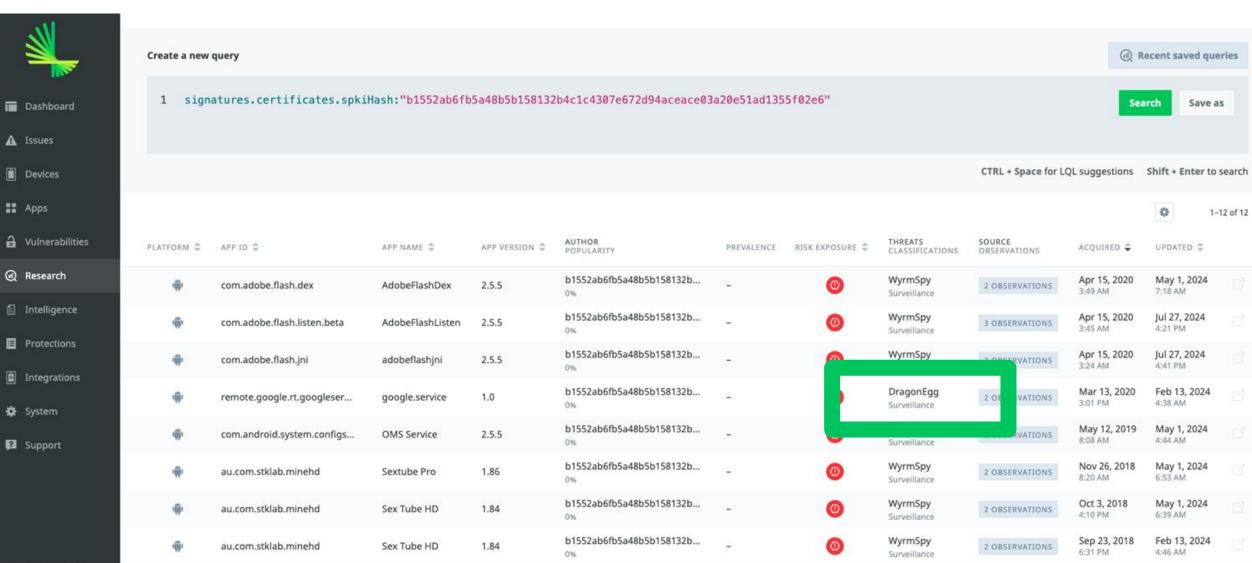


Pivoting Using Spooky Hash





Reuse of Certs





Threat Actor Targeting Trends

- Exploits are the #1 initial access vector by leading incident response vendor reports.
 52.8% of mobile devices ran on vulnerable OSs in 2023.
- Traditional EDR solutions are highly limited and less mature on mobile devices. Threat
 actors target mobile devices for this exact reason.
- 2023 saw the highest number of mobile attacks ever of 33.8 million. This marked a 50% increase from the previous year's figures.



Thank You



