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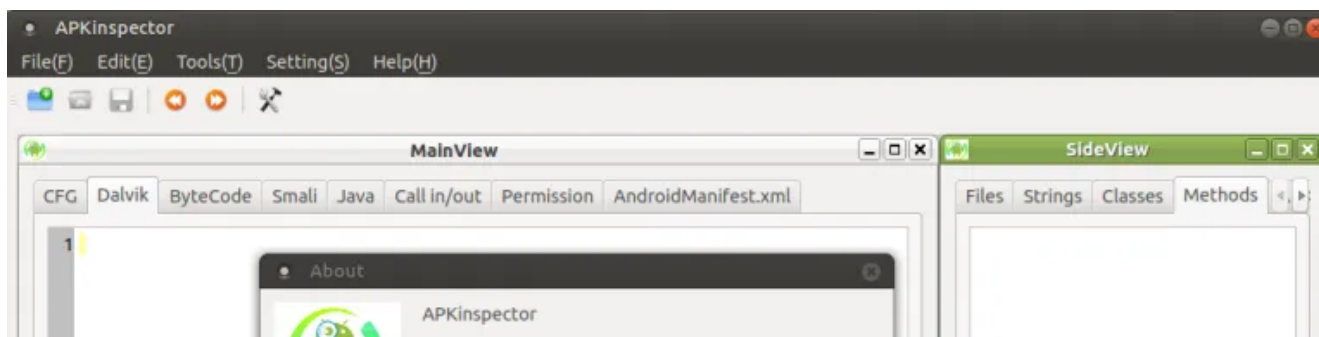
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This list of tools is really useful both in penetration testing on an Android application and in reverse engineering of a suspicious application.

All tools are OSS and freely available: so, enjoy!

Reverse Engineering

APKInspector



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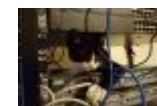
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GUI tool for analysis of Android applications.

The goal of this project is to aide analysts and reverse engineers to visualize compiled Android packages and their corresponding DEX code.

APKTool

```
$ apktool d test.apk
I: Using Apktool 2.4.0 on test.apk
I: Loading resource table...
I: Decoding AndroidManifest.xml with resources...
I: Loading resource table from file: 1.apk
I: Regular manifest package...
I: Decoding file-resources...
I: Decoding values */* XMLs...
I: Baksmaling classes.dex...
```

A tool for reverse engineering 3rd party, closed, binary Android apps.

It can decode resources to nearly original form and rebuild them after making some modifications.

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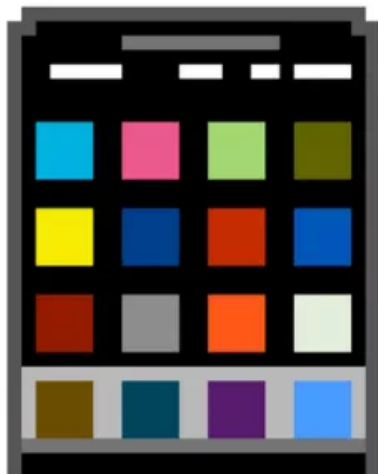
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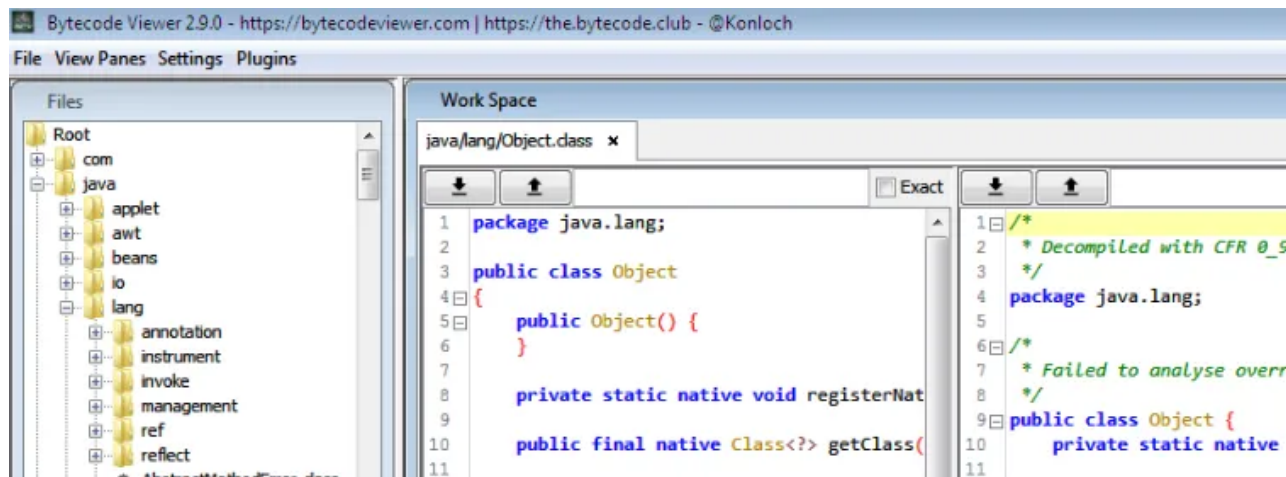
A runtime mobile exploration toolkit, powered by [Frida](#).

It was built with the aim of helping assess mobile applications and their security posture without the need for a jailbroken or rooted mobile device.

Sign.jar

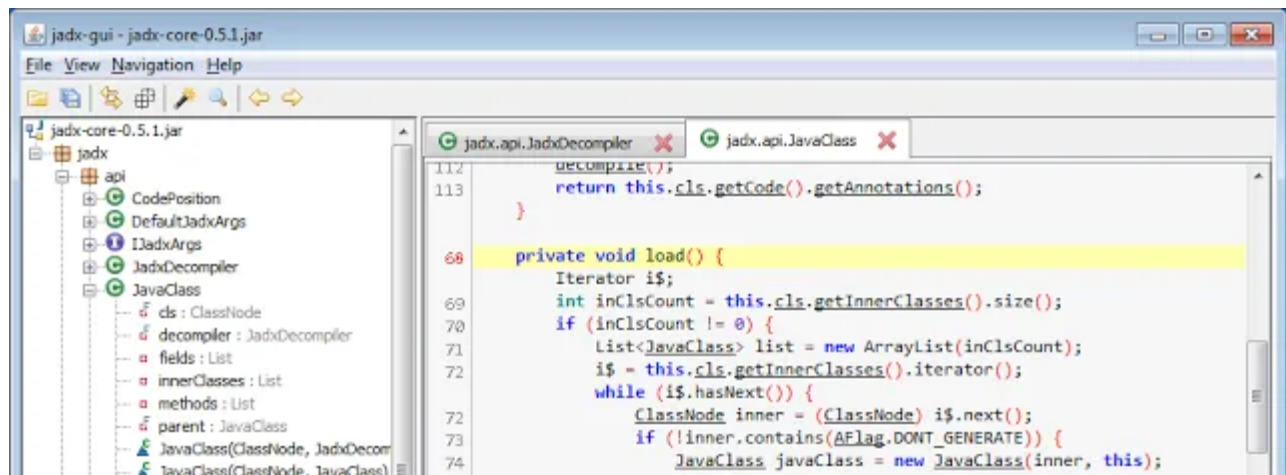
Automatically signs an apk with the Android test certificate.

Bytecode Viewer



Bytecode Viewer is an Advanced Lightweight Java Bytecode Viewer, It's written completely in Java, and it's open sourced.

Jadx

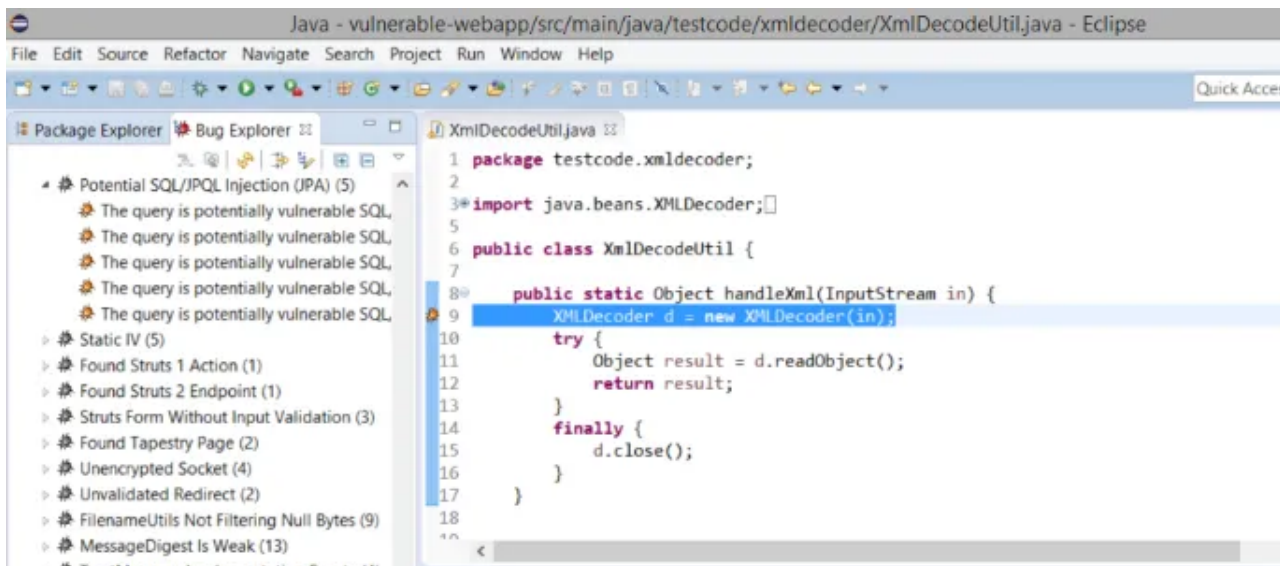


Dex to Java decompiler: Command line and GUI tools for produce Java source code from Android Dex and Apk files.

Oat2dex

A tool for converting .oat file to .dex files.

FindSecurityBugs



FindSecurityBugs is an extension for **FindBugs** which includes security rules for Java applications.

Quick Android Review Kit (Qark)

A tool designed to look for several security related Android application vulnerabilities, either in source code or packaged APKs.

Secure, Unified, Powerful and Extensible Rust Android Analyzer

SUPER is a command-line application, developed in **Rust**, that can be used in Windows, MacOS X and Linux, that analyzes .apk files in search for vulnerabilities.



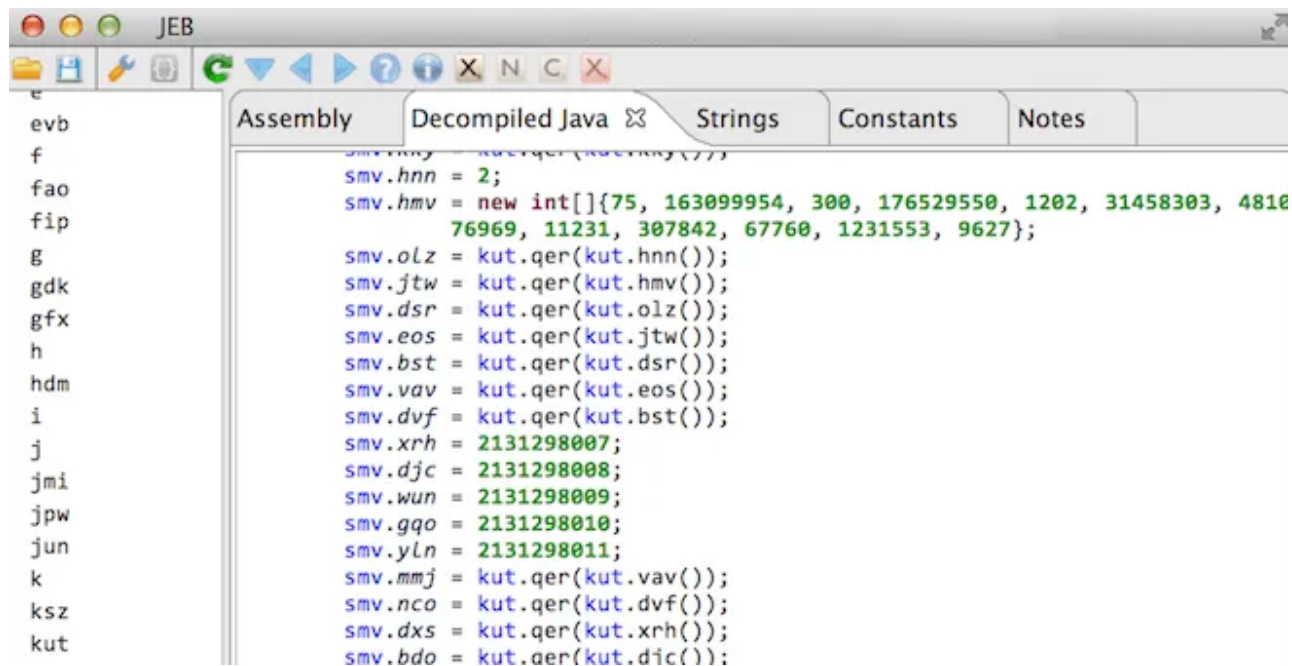
AndroBugs Framework

```
## AndroBugs Framework: Android APK Vulnerability Summary Reporter ##
```

Vector Name	Critical	Warning	Notice	Info	Total	% c
ALLOW_BACKUP :	0	0	9570	553	10123	
COMMAND :	1674	0	0	8449	10123	
COMMAND_MAYBE_SYSTEM :	0	0	1825	8298	10123	
COMMAND_SU :	337	0	0	0	10123	
DB_DEPRECATED_USE1 :	18	0	0	10105	10123	
DB_SEE :	0	0	0	10123	10123	
DB_SQLCIPHER :	0	0	27	10096	10123	
DB_SQLITE_JOURNAL :	0	0	6327	3796	10123	
DEBUGGABLE :	240	0	0	9883	10123	
DYNAMIC_CODE_LOADING :	0	3029	0	7094	10123	
EXTERNAL_STORAGE :	0	7229	0	2894	10123	
FILE_DELETE :	0	0	8187	1936	10123	
FRAGMENT_INJECTION :	1545	0	0	8578	10123	

Android vulnerability scanner that helps pentesters to find potential security vulnerabilities in Android applications.

Simplify



Tool for de-obfuscating android package into Classes.dex which can be use Dex2jar and JD-GUI to extract contents of dex file.

ClassNameDeobfuscator


```
return 'ERROR_WHILE_DEOBFUSCATING_CLASS_NAME'
```

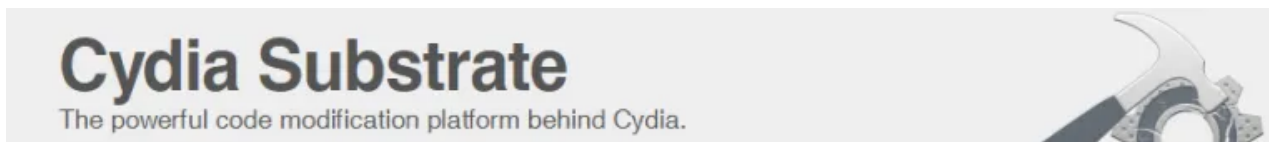
Python script to parse through the .smali files produced by **apktool** and extract the .source annotation lines.

Android backup extractor

Utility to extract and repack Android backups created with **adb backup** (ICS+). More info about adb backup [here](#).

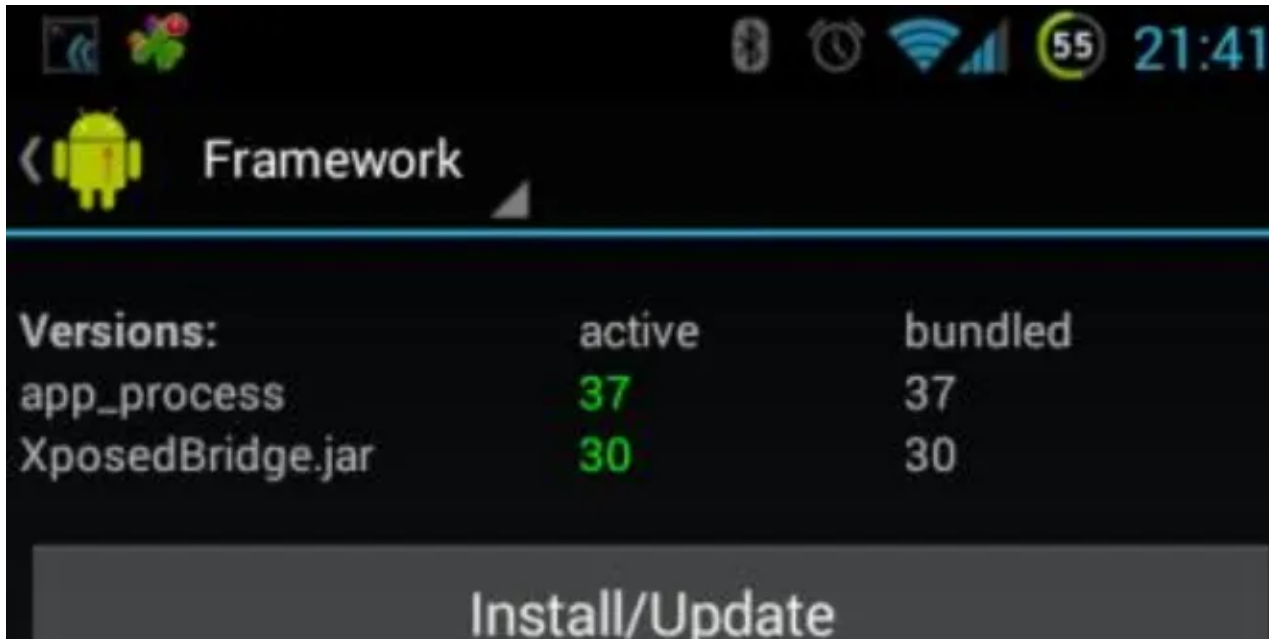
Dynamic Analysis

Cydia Substrate



Android version of well-known **iOS's Cydia Substrate**: it enables developers to make changes to existing software with extensions that are injected in to the target process's memory.

Xposed Framework

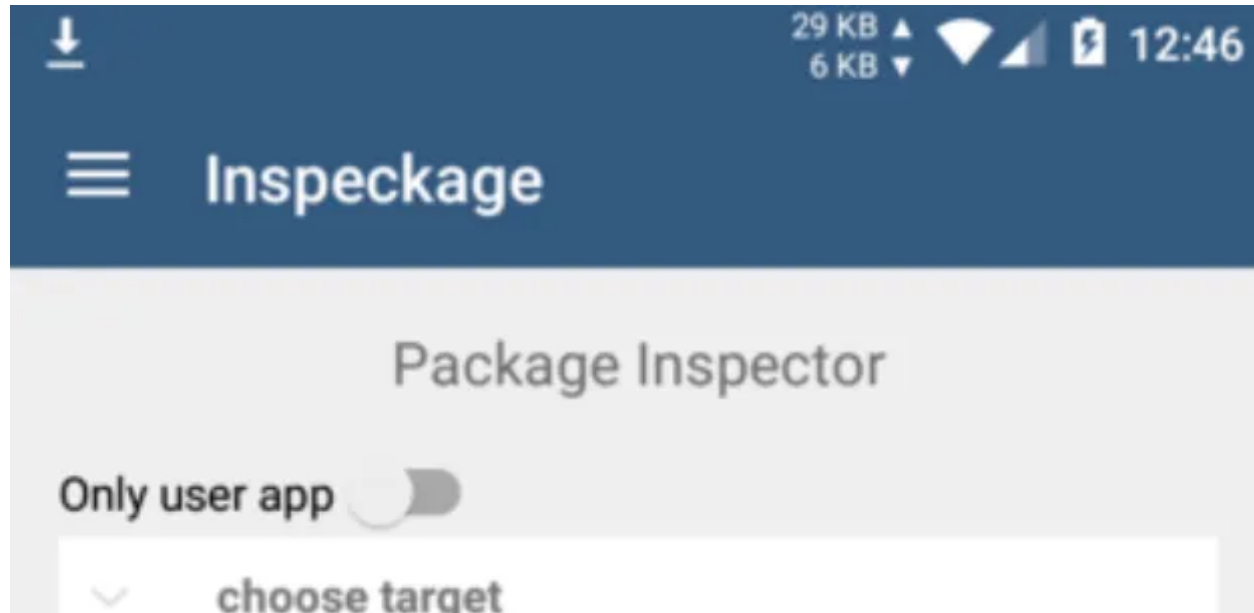


Xposed framework enables analysts to modify the system or application behaviour at runtime, without modifying any package or re-flashing.

logcat-color

A colorful and highly configurable alternative to the **adb logcat** command from the Android SDK.

Inspeckage



Tool developed for dynamic analysis of Android applications.

By applying hooks to functions of the Android API, **Inspeckage** will help analysts to track what an Android application is doing at runtime.

Frida

Quick-start Instructions

```
~ $ pip install frida-tools
~ $ frida-trace -i "recv*" Twitter
recvfrom: Auto-generated handler: ../recvfrom.js
Started tracing 21 functions.
1442 ms   recvfrom()
```

The toolkit works using a client-server model and lets you inject in to running processes not just on Android, but also on iOS, Windows and Mac.

Diff-GUI



Enter the Package Name of the App to Instrument!

To do this , you can either try : frida-ps -U

Or `/aapt dump badging path_to_apk | awk -v FS="'"' /package: name={print $2}'`

aapt binary will be present in the build tools dir of your android sdk , please install android sdk if you dont have it !

A Web framework to start instrumenting with the available modules, hooking on native, inject JavaScript using Frida.

House



A runtime mobile application analysis toolkit with a Web GUI, powered by Frida, is designed for helping assess mobile applications by implementing dynamic function hooking and intercepting and intended to make Frida script writing as simple as possible.

AndBug

```
root@SVB:/home/santoku/AndBug-master# andbug shell -p 2787
## AndBug (C) 2011 Scott W. Dunlop <swdunlop@gmail.com>
>> classes com.android.insecurebank
## Loaded Classes
-- com.android.insecurebank.DataHelper
-- com.android.insecurebank.PostLogin
-- com.android.insecurebank.LoginScreen$1
-- com.android.insecurebank.LoginScreen$2
-- com.android.insecurebank.LoginScreen$3
-- com.android.insecurebank.PostLogin$1
-- com.android.insecurebank.PostLogin$2
```

AndBug is a debugger targeting the Android platform's Dalvik virtual machine intended for reverse engineers and developers.

Introspy-Android



Blackbox tool to help understand what an Android application is doing at runtime and assist in the identification of potential security issues.

Drozer



Drozer allows you to search for security vulnerabilities in apps and devices by assuming the role of an app and interacting with the Dalvik VM, other apps' IPC endpoints and the underlying OS.

Bypassing Root Detection and SSL Pinning

Xposed: Just Trust Me

Xposed Module to bypass SSL certificate pinning.

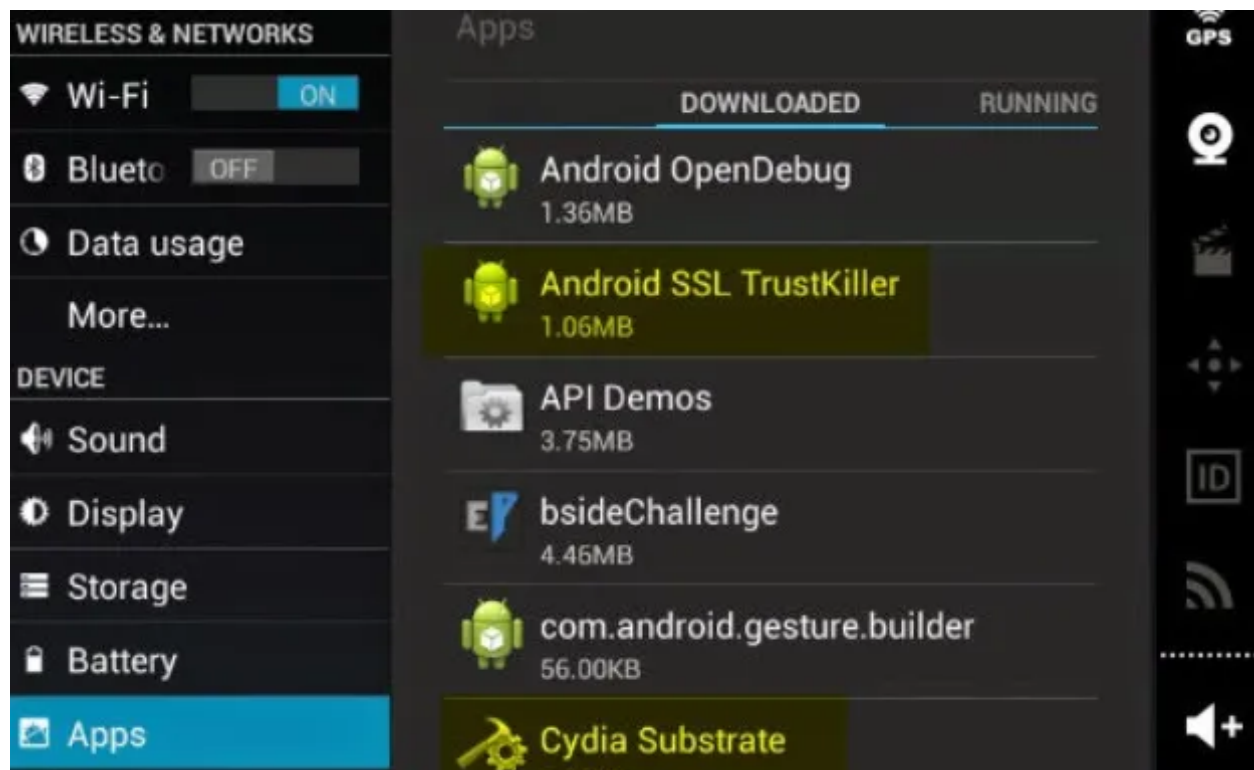
Xposed: SSLUnpinning



SSLUnpinning - Xposed Module

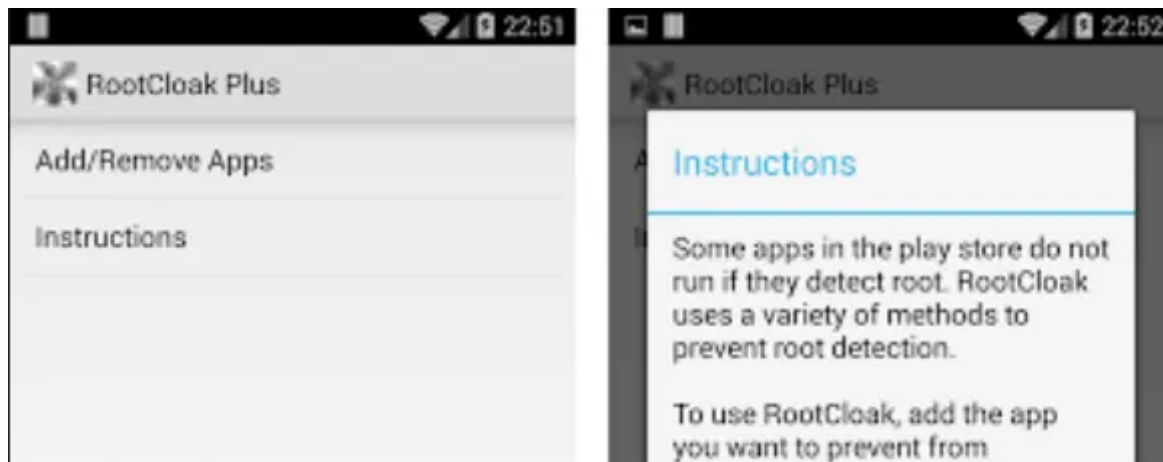
Android Xposed Module to bypass SSL certificate validation (Certificate Pinning).

Cydia Substrate: Android SSL Trust Killer



Blackbox tool to bypass SSL certificate pinning for most applications running on a device.

Cydia Substrate: RootCoak Plus



Patch root checking for commonly known indications of root.

Android Pinning

```
// Define an array of pins. One of these must be present
// in the certificate chain you receive. A pin is a hex-encoded
// hash of a X.509 certificate's SubjectPublicKeyInfo. A pin can
// be generated using the provided pin.py script:
// python ./tools/pin.py certificate_file.pem
String[] pins          = new String[] {"f30012bbc18c231ac1a44b788e410ce754182513"};
URL url                = new URL("https://www.google.com");
HttpsURLConnection connection = PinningHelper.getPinnedHttpsURLConnection(context, pins, url);

return connection.getInputStream();
```

A standalone library project for certificate pinning on Android.

Android-ssl-bypass

Android debugging tool that can be used for bypassing SSL, even when certificate pinning is implemented, as well as other debugging tasks.

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