TVS Connect Mobile App Security Assessment

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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

This document describes the vulnerabilities observed from the security research conducted on TVS Mobile App.

The purpose of this research was to identify any potential vulnerabilities in the TVS Connect Mobile Application and help them make their platform secure.

1.2. Research Team

The security research was conducted by:

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1.3. Methodology

Black Box testing approach was taken to make sure the App was assessed against vulnerabilities from all possible security perspectives.

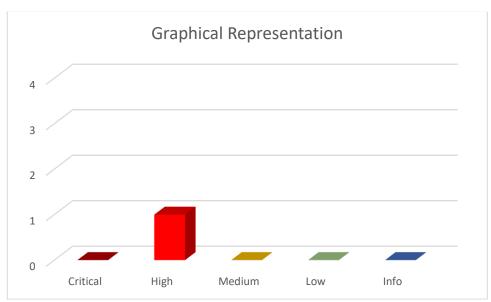
2. Summary

The following table is the summary of vulnerabilities and findings, which summaries the overall risks identified during the penetration testing.

Total of **01** risks were identified during the test.

Torgot	Total Vulnerabilities				
Target	Critical	High	Medium	Low	Info
Counts	1	0	0	0	0

The following graph summarizes the distribution of the risks identified by vulnerability rating.



Vulnerability Risk Summary Graph

Vulnerabilit y ID	Vulnerability	OWASP Top 10 Mapping	Severity
APP-VUL-01	Broken Cryptography: leaked secrets on android and iOS platforms	M3: Insufficient Cryptography	HIGH

3. Detailed Description of the Vulnerabilities and findings

3.1. Vulnerabilities:

3.1.1. Broken Cryptography: leaked secrets on android and iOS platforms (secret?platform=android).

Vulnerability Description:

During the examination of the TVS Connect application, it was noticed that when a request is made to the `userlogin/verifyloginotp` endpoint, it sends a public key. This key is then utilized by the backend to encrypt company secrets, which are subsequently transmitted to the application via the `/secret` endpoint for various purposes. Through further analysis of the source code, it was discovered how the application manages the RSA pair, potentially enabling an attacker to obtain the private key and decrypt the entire dataset.

```
1 POST /api/v3/userlogin/verifyloginotp
2 Host: tvsconnectapi.tvsmotor.com
3 X-Forwarded-For:
4 X-Remote-Addr : : 127.0.0.1
5 Version: 1
6 Iceuserid: 3760799
7 Evuserid: 1
8 | Content-Type : application/json; charset=UTF-8
9 Content-Length: 493
0 Accept-Encoding : gzip, deflate
1 User-Agent: okhttp/5.0.0-alpha.6
    "androidToken":
    "fdXnXVDpOrSq15N irkCfd:APA91bGb3TxTtWc1djStEboKPF5p4EWLz5h11n9SHz9DjAEDw2wh7qTfWhw5R04STMgB8bk
    rR3BIjwM5HqFS3_cUDNY_InzL3OL4lJS8iNv-azxmREpLFt5oMN9n7F7Ga6D0yqi4Q6iZ"
    "deviceType" : "Android",
    "iosToken":"",
    "Mobilenumber": "7083069089",
    "PublicKey":
    "MIGfMAOGCSqGSIb3DQEBAQUAA4GNADCBiQKBgQCXAGrxR+oVO7weBHPtTdMv81BSTrkCyQq8EOzSmzaSfcbUtagi7modPc
    J+vBo2FhrSG+Zf7nQ9C7+rCDNZ0jNzuoIeXX2fFSjFehKWvNy/+fRmjQMcU00KtT/f9jfNETm0M0B07rLw2+nxic2V/SPN8
    ajXoMtaBXmiAduJ+aWMywIDAQAB"
```

verifyloginotp sending public key.

Secret endpoint returning data encrypted with the public key.

Impact:

The leaked secrets via the `/secret` endpoint has a wider impact on the platform as it allows the attacker to have access to several secured endpoints leaking user personal information, access to premium map features, and different UUIDs for performing Bluetooth communications. Thereby, compromising the confidentiality, integrity, and availability on the TVS Connect platform.

Test Methodology:

- 1. Disassemble the application and look for the code responsible for the **verifyloginotp** endpoint.
- 2. Analyze the **generateRandomKeys()** function to understand the handling of the private key.

```
/* JADX INFO: Access modifiers changed from: protected */
public String generateRandomRsaKeys () {
    KeyPair generateRsaKeyPair = RsaCipher.Companion.generateRsaKeyPair ();
    String encodeToString = Base64.encodeToString (generateRsaKeyPair.getPrivate ().getEncoded (), 2);
    String encodeToString2 = Base64.encodeToString (generateRsaKeyPair.getPublic ().getEncoded (), 2);
    PreferenceUtils.getInstance ().setValue ("PRIVATE_SECRET_KEY", encodeToString);
    return encodeToString2;
}
```

Function generating the rsa pair.

3. Analysing the class "com.tvsm.connect.user.response.SecretKeysRequestManager" it was noticed that the application is loading the "PrivateKey" from the android keystore and passing the value under "str" in access\$100 function.

```
public void onApiResponse(Call call, Object obj, int i) throws Exception (

if (i = 70?) (
SecuredKeysResponse securedKeysResponse = (SecuredKeysResponse) obj;

ff (securedKeysResponse |= null && securedKeysResponse, agetStatusCode() == 200) {
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Private key loaded from the keystore and passed in function

4. Use any dynamic instrumentation toolkit like Frida to hook the function and parameters passed within the function.



Dumping parameters of the function containing the privaye key.

5. Analysing the class "com.tvsm.ev.secrets.cipher.RsaCipher" along with the captured "privateKey", craft the logic for the decryption

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Custom script to decrypt the sensitive data.

Remediation:

- Cryptography should be handled securely.
- Platform level secrets should be shared via secured channels on the server side.

CVSS Score:

CVSS-v3.1 score (NVD - CVSS v3 Calculator (nist.gov)) for this vulnerability is provided below.

CVSS Base Vector: AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:L Base Score: 8.3