

# HITB 2023 AMS

## Poisoned Apples: Current State of iOS Malware detection

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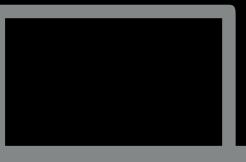
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# iOS Exploits?

Started with iOS 14.4

Older versions often patched

More Information is not available

3rd party reports are sometimes available

## iOS 16.4.1 and iPadOS 16.4.1

Released April 7, 2023

### IOSurfaceAccelerator

Available for: iPhone 8 and later, iPad Pro (all models), iPad Air 3rd generation and later, iPad 5th generation and later, and iPad mini 5th generation and later

Impact: An app may be able to execute arbitrary code with kernel privileges. Apple is aware of a report that this issue may have been actively exploited.

Description: An out-of-bounds write issue was addressed with improved input validation.

CVE-2023-28206: Clément Lecigne of Google's Threat Analysis Group and Donncha Ó Cearbháill of Amnesty International's Security Lab

### WebKit

Available for: iPhone 8 and later, iPad Pro (all models), iPad Air 3rd generation and later, iPad 5th generation and later, and iPad mini 5th generation and later

Impact: Processing maliciously crafted web content may lead to arbitrary code execution. Apple is aware of a report that this issue may have been actively exploited.

Description: A use after free issue was addressed with improved memory management.

WebKit Bugzilla: 254797

CVE-2023-28205: Clément Lecigne of Google's Threat Analysis Group and Donncha Ó Cearbháill of Amnesty International's Security Lab

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT213720>



# iOS Threat Notifications 2021

iMessage + Email to associated  
AppleID

Visible on [https://  
appleid.apple.com](https://appleid.apple.com)

Help available at:  
[https://  
securityplanner.consumerreports.org/tool/emergency-resources](https://securityplanner.consumerreports.org/tool/emergency-resources)

The screenshot shows the Apple ID account management page at [appleid.apple.com](https://appleid.apple.com). At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Store, Mac, iPad, iPhone, Watch, TV, Music, and Support, along with a Sign Out button. Below the navigation, the page title is "Apple ID". A prominent red banner at the top displays the message "Threat Notification" and the text "Apple sent you a threat notification via email and iMessage on November 23, 2021. [View Details](#)". To the left, there's a circular profile picture placeholder for "First Last" with the email "first.last@example.com". On the right, under the heading "Sign-In and Security", there are four cards: "Apple ID" (email first.last@example.com), "Password" (last updated April 23, 2021), "Account Security" (two-factor authentication, 1 trusted phone number), and "Notification Email" (last.first@example.com). On the far left, there's a sidebar with links for "Sign-In and Security", "Personal Information", "Payment Methods", "Family Sharing", "Devices", and "Privacy".

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT212960>



# iOS CVEs - „actively exploited“

CVE-2016-4657    CVE-2016-4655    CVE-2016-4656    CVE-2018-4442

CVE-2017-13861    CVE-2017-2505    CVE-2018-4438    CVE-2017-7064

CVE-2019-6217    CVE-2018-4122    CVE-2019-7287    CVE-2019-7286

CVE-2020-27932    CVE-2019-6225    CVE-2020-27930    CVE-2020-27950

CVE-2021-31010    CVE-2021-30983    CVE-2021-30663    CVE-2021-30883

CVE-2021-30858    CVE-2021-30860    CVE-2021-30661    CVE-2021-1870    CVE-2022-42827

CVE-2021-30807    CVE-2021-30665    CVE-2021-1879    CVE-2021-1782    CVE-2022-42856

CVE-2021-30666    CVE-2021-1871    CVE-2021-30761    CVE-2021-30762    CVE-2023-23529

CVE-2022-22674    CVE-2021-30869    CVE-2022-32917    CVE-2022-32893    CVE-2023-28205

CVE-2022-22675    CVE-2022-22587    CVE-2022-32894    CVE-2022-22620    CVE-2023-28206



# Today

1. Study of Recent Examples of 0/1 - Click Malware
2. Detection Capabilities - App
3. Detection Capabilities - Companion / MDM
4. Detection Capabilities - Forensic
5. Synthesis
6. Improving & Further Research



# 1. Study of recent examples of Malware

# 2016 Pegasus v1

iOS 9      iOS 10      iOS 11      iOS 12      iOS 13      iOS 14      iOS 15      iOS 16

## Infection Vector

WebKit

## Targets

Humans Rights Activists  
Journalists

## Detection & Technical Analysis

CitizenLab and Lookout

## CVEs

CVE - 2016 - 4657 WebKit  
CVE - 2016 - 4655 Infoleak  
CVE - 2016 - 4656 Kernel

## Detection

Access to one Infection URL

## IOCs

URLs  
Files  
Processes

## Attribution

NSO

# 2019 - A campaign against Uyghures

iOS 9      iOS 10      iOS 11      iOS 12      iOS 13      iOS 14      iOS 15      iOS 16

## Infection Vector

WebKit

## Targets

Uyghures in Nepal

## Detection & Technical Analysis

Google TAG & Google Project 0

## CVEs

CVE - 2017 - 2505	WebKit
CVE - 2017 - 7064	WebKit
CVE - 2018 - 4122	WebKit
CVE - 2018 - Unk.	WebKit
CVE - 2018 - 4438	WebKit
CVE - 2018 - 4442	WebKit
CVE - 2019 - 6217	WebKit
CVE - 2019 - 7287	Kernel
CVE - 2019 - 7286	Sand. Esc.
CVE - 2017 - 13861	Kernel
CVE - 2019 - 6225	Kernel

## Detection

Detection of Infiltration Network  
Implant + Exploit Download

## IOCs

File URLs  
Process

## Attribution

Unknown  
(Maybe China)

<https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2019/08/implant-teardown.html>

<https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2019/08/jsc-exploits.html>

<https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2019/08/a-very-deep-dive-into-ios-exploit.html>

# 2021 Pegasus v2

iOS 9    iOS 10    iOS 11    iOS 12    iOS 13    iOS 14    iOS 15    iOS 16

## Infection Vector

iMessage

## Targets

Humans Rights Activists  
Journalists, Politicians

## Detection & Technical Analysis

CitizenLab, Amnesty International & Google Project 0

## CVEs

CVE - 2021 - 30860	iMessage
iOS 10	iMessage
iOS 11	VoWiFi
iOS 12	iMessage
iOS 13	PhotoStream
iOS 13	IMTransco.

## Detection

Forensic Analysis of infected  
iPhones  
Infiltration / CnC Infrastructure

## IOCs

Files  
URLs  
Processes  
Email Adresses  
iCloud Adresses

## Attribution

NSO



# 2021 - Predator

iOS 9

iOS 10

iOS 11

iOS 12

iOS 13

iOS 14

iOS 15

iOS 16

## Infection Vector

WebKit

## Targets

Meta Manager, Politician,  
Journalist

## Detection & Technical Analysis

CitizenLab

## CVEs

iOS 13  
iOS 14Unknown  
Unknown

## Detection

Forensic Analysis

## IOCs

Files  
Processes  
URLs  
Shortcut

## Attribution

Cytrox



# 2022 - Hermit

iOS 9      iOS 10      iOS 11      iOS 12      iOS 13      iOS 14      iOS 15      iOS 16

## Infection Vector

Sideloaded App

## Targets

Kazakhstan, Italy

## Detection & Technical Analysis

Google Project 0, Google Tag, Lookout (Android)

## CVEs

CVE - 2018 - 4344	Lightspeed
CVE - 2019 - 8605	SockPort2
CVE - 2020 - 3837	TimeWaste
CVE - 2020 - 9907	AveCesare
CVE - 2021 - 30883	Clicked2
CVE - 2021 - 30983	Clicked3

## Detection

Access to the App and infection URL

## IOCs

App URLs  
Provisioning Profile

## Attribution

RCS Labs



# 2023 - Reign

iOS 9

iOS 10

iOS 11

iOS 12

iOS 13

iOS 14

iOS 15

iOS 16

## Infection Vector

Calendar Events

## Targets

Civil Society

## Detection & Technical Analysis

CitizenLab &amp; Microsoft Threat Intelligence

## CVEs

iOS 14

ENDOF DAYS

## Detection

Access to Loader &amp; Forensic

## IOCs

Files  
Processes  
URLs

## Attribution

QuaDream



# 2023 - Jamf Threat Labs Report

iOS 9    iOS 10    iOS 11    iOS 12    iOS 13    **iOS 14**    **iOS 15**    iOS 16

## Infection Vector

Unknown

## Targets

Journalists

## Detection & Technical Analysis

Jamf Threat Labs

## CVEs

iOS 14    Unknown  
iOS 15    Unknown

## Detection

Forensic Analysis

## IOCs

Files  
Processes

## Attribution

NSO, Unknown



# 2023 - Pegasus v3

iOS 9    iOS 10    iOS 11    iOS 12    iOS 13    iOS 14    **iOS 15**    **iOS 16**

## Infection Vector

Homekit, iMessage,  
FindMy

## Targets

Mexico Civil Society

## Detection & Technical Analysis

CitizenLab

## CVEs

iOS 15    FINDMYPWN  
iOS 15    LATENTIMAGE  
iOS 16    PWNYOURHOME

## Detection

Forensic Analysis

## IOCs

Files  
Processes  
Crashlog

## Attribution

NSO



# iOS CVEs - map „exploited“ to reports

CVE-2016-4657 CVE-2016-4655 CVE-2016-4656 CVE-2018-4442

Report available

CVE-2017-13861 CVE-2017-2505 CVE-2018-4438 CVE-2017-7064

CVE in Report unknown

CVE-2019-6217 CVE-2018-4122 CVE-2019-7287 CVE-2019-7286

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# Target Data

	Sample	App List	Crash Logs	Files	Network	Processes
2019			✓	✓	✓	✓
Hermit		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jamf Report				✓		✓
Reign			✓	✓	✓	✓
Pegasus			✓	✓	✓	✓
Predator			✓	✓	✓	✓



# Target Malware Categories

Malicious

App\*

MDM

Companion

Forensic

Apps

Profiles

Known  
Implants

Unknown  
Implants



## 2. Detection Capabilities - App



# Jailbreaks

## App Jailbreaks

- Need an Application to start the jailbreak
- Semi (Untethered)
- unc0ver, Fugu15, Cheyote (not released)

## Boot Jailbreaks

- Jailbreak during device boot
- Tethered
- Checkra1n, Palera1n

## The process of jailbreaking

1. Exploit

2. Elevation of Privileges

3. Shell Environment

4. App Store + Tweaks  
(Cydia)

# Malware Jailbreaks

## Malware vs Jailbreaks

Attacker oriented

0-Days

Stealth

Extract Data + Control

(Un)detectable

Only few known examples

Targeted

User - oriented

Known Exploits

Open

Liberate Device + Apps

Detectable

Many known examples

Mass Market



# Jailbreak Detection in 2023

## Detection Mechanisms

Files / Folders on disk

Changes on the device (remounted root partition)

Process / SharedCache Injection

Disabled Security Mechanisms

Protocol Handlers

## Reporting ...

- „Jailbreak“ detected
- One event triggers detection



# Malware detection with Apps

We can use everything that Apple allows us to do ;)

- Check for the existence of a file
  - > We cant read it (so we don't know if its really an issue)
  - > „com.apple.CrashReporter.plist“ a bad example (also in Beta)
- Install a VPN Profile / Proxy to inspect network traffic
  - > We cant decrypt traffic
  - > If the infrastructure is known we can use it to detect infections
- Similar to jailbreaks we can detect the absence of security mechanisms or manipulation of the app



## 2. Detection Capabilities - App - Data

Method

App List

Crash Logs

Files

Network

Processes

App\*

✓ \*\*

✓

## 2. Detection Capabilities - App - Malware

Malicious

App\*

MDM

Companion

Forensic

Apps

Profiles

Known  
Implants

Unknown  
Implants

✓\*\*



### 3. Detection Capabilities - Companion / MDM



# Mobile Device Management - MDM

Allows companies to control certain behavior of iOS devices

Features depend on:

- Apples MDM Protokoll

<https://developer.apple.com/documentation/devicemanagement>

<https://github.com/apple/device-management>

- Supervised vs. Non-Supervised Devices

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/deployment/dep0f7dd3d8/web>



# Mobile Device Management - MDM

## Detection:

- DeviceInformation (iOS Version...)
- ConfigurationProfileList
- CertificateList
- ProvisioningProfileList
- InstalledApplicationList



# Mobile Device Management - MDM

## Prevention:

- Trust new proprietary in-house apps developers
- Users accept untrusted TLS certificates
- Allow a configuration profile to be installed (Supervised Only)



# Companion App - lockdownnd

Uses Apple's Lockdown Daemon (`lockdownd`) on a desktop

- Used by Xcode, Apple Configurator, iTunes, ...
- Starts services that are accessible via USB connections

Can be accessed via commercial tools like iMazing or  
FOSS like libimobiledevice

- <https://libimobiledevice.org>
- > Currently developed by [@nikias](#)
- > Available for Linux, Mac & Windows

# libimobiledevice - Supported (iOS 13.5)

Lockdown Service	Status	iOS Version	Comment
com.apple.afc	Done	13.5.1	Fully implemented except a few details.
com.apple.companion_proxy	Partly	11	
com.apple.iosdiagnostics.relay	Done	11	Fully implemented except a few details.
com.apple.mobile.diagnostics_relay	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.heartbeat	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.house_arrest	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.insecure_notification_proxy	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.installation_proxy	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.mobile_image_mounter	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobile.notification_proxy	Done	11	Fully implemented.

# libimobiledevice - Supported (iOS 13.5)

Lockdown Service	Status	iOS Version	Comment
com.apple.mobileactivationd	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobilebackup	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobilebackup2	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.mobliesync	Partly	11	Partly implemented.
com.apple.preboardservice	Partly	11	Partly implemented.
com.apple.preboardservice_v2	Partly	11	Partly implemented.
com.apple.springboardservices	Partly	11	Partly implemented.
com.apple.syslog_relay	Done	11	Fully implemented.
com.apple.webinspector	Done	11	Fully implemented.

# libimobildevice - unsupported (iOS 13.5)

Lockdown Service	Status	iOS Version	Description
com.apple.atc	None	11	
com.apple.atc2	None	11	
com.apple.bluetooth.BTPacketLogger	None	11	
com.apple.crashreportcopymobile	Done	11	*Is implemented - but unsure if fully supported
com.apple.crashreportmover	Done	11	*Is implemented - but unsure if fully supported
com.apple.idamd	None	11	
com.apple.misagent	None	11	
com.apple.mobile.assertion_agent	None	11	
com.apple.mobile.file_relay	None	11	
com.apple.mobile.MCInstall	None	11	
com.apple.os_trace_relay	None	11	
com.apple.pcapd	None	11	
com.apple.PurpleReverseProxy.Conn	None	11	
com.apple.PurpleReverseProxy.Ctrl	None	11	
com.apple.streaming_zip_conduit	None	11	

# libimobiledevice - Tools

Utility	Description	Detection Features
idevice_id	List attached devices or print device name of given device	
idevicebackup2	Create or restore backup for devices (idevicebackup for iOS < 4)	
idevicecrashreport	Retrieve crash reports from a device	Retrieve Crashlogs & Sysdiagnose Information
idevicedate	Display the current date or set it on a device	
idevicedebug	Interact with the debugserver service of a device	
idevicedebugserverproxy	Proxy a debugserver connection from a device for remote debugging	
idevicediagnostics	Interact with the diagnostics interface of a device	
ideviceenterrecovery	Make a device enter recovery mode	
ideviceimagemounter	Mount disk images on the device	
ideviceinfo	Show information about a connected device	
*ideviceinstaller	*Manage Apps on the device	*List Apps
idevicename	Display or set the device name	
ideviceremoteconnectionproxy	Post or observe notifications on a device	
idevicepair	Manage host pairings with devices and usbmuxd	
ideviceprovision	Manage provisioning profiles on a device	Retrieve Provisioning Profiles -> 3rd Party Apps
idevicescreenshot	Gets a screenshot from the connected device	
idevicesetlocation	Simulate location on device	
idevicesyslog	Relay syslog of a connected device	Live Syslog Information

### 3. Detection Capabilities - Companion / MDM - Data

Method	App List	Crash Logs	Files	Network	Processes
App*			✓ **		✓
MDM	✓				
Companion	✓	✓		✓	
Backup					
Sysdiagnose					

### 3. Detection Capabilities - Companion / MDM - Malware

Malicious	App*	MDM	Companion	Forensic
Apps		✓	✓	
Profiles		✓	✓	
Known Implants	✓**			
Unknown Implants				



## 4. Detection Capabilities - Forensics



## 4. Detection Capabilities - Forensics

### **File System:**

- iTunes Backup (via lockdownnd)
- Full FileSystem extraction (Jailbreak required)

### **Diagnostic Information:**

- CrashLogs (via lockdownnd)
- Sysdiagnose (via lockdownnd)



# Forensic Data - iTunes Backup

Can be created on multiple ways

- Commercial Forensic Tool (Cellebrite, Elcomsoft, Magnet...)
- iMazing (there is a free version available)
- iTunes / Finder
- libimobiledevice

Encrypted & Unencrypted Backups

- Encrypted Backups contain a lot more sensitive information



# Forensic Data - Analyzing Backups

Commercial Tools (Cellebrite, Magnet, ...)

- Will help to decode data and display contents
- Not focused on malware detection

Multiple opensource tools available like:

- <https://github.com/avibrazil/iOSbackup> (Python)
- Allow easy access to data. Parsing iOS files (plist, sqlite databases, NSKeyedArchiver... might be cumbersome)

Trainings available to navigate iOS Backups / FS data  
e.g. SANS FOR 518 (Created by Sarah Edwards)



# Forensic Data - Analyzing Backups - MVT

Developed by Amnesty International Tech Lab

Created to make iOS forensic artifact analysis a lot easier

Focus on Spyware Analysis

- <https://mvt.re/>
- <https://github.com/mvt-project/mvt>

Works on iTunes Backups & FileSystem dumps, supports STIX2 for IOCs



# Forensic Data - Analyzing Backups - MVT

**On backup analysis records are extracted**

- Some sample records\* are:

Record	Specific Files	Detection Features
applications.json	Info.plist, iTunesMetadata.plist	List of Apps, Non AppStore Apps
configuration_profiles.json	Configuration Profiles	Configuration Profiles
shortcuts.json	/private/var/mobile/Library/Shortcuts/Shortcuts.sqlite	Might be used for persistence
interaction_c.json	/private/var/mobile/Library/CoreDuet/People/interactionC.db	Interaction with installed Apps
manifest.json	Manifest.db	Some FilePaths
os_analytics_ad_daily.json	/private/var/mobile/Library/Preferences/com.apple.osanalytics.addaily.plist	Data Usage by Processes
datausage.json	/private/var/wireless/Library/Databases/DataUsage.sqlite	Network Data Usage by Processes, Bundle Identifier
profile_events.json	Configuration Profiles	Changes on Configuration Profiles
shutdown_log.json		
tcc.json	/private/var/mobile/Library/TCC/TCC.db,	Access to Microphone, Camera, Location

- Additionally records for Domains/URLs & FileSystem dumps

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\* <https://docs.mvt.re/en/latest/ios/records/>



# Forensic Data - Crashes & Sysdiagnose

iOS keeps logs app and kernel crashes; can be seen in the settings app:

- *Settings -> Data Privacy & Security*
- > *Analysis & Improvements -> Analysis Data*

Sysdiagnose has to be triggered manually & will be available in the same place

-> iPhone X key combination: Volume Up + Down + Power for 0.7 Seconds)

<https://developer.apple.com/bug-reporting/profiles-and-logs/?name=sysdiagnose>



# Forensic Data - Crashes & Sysdiagnose

1) Key combination 2) Wait ~ 5 min 3) Check folder

sysdiagnose file is roughly 100 - 500 MB of data

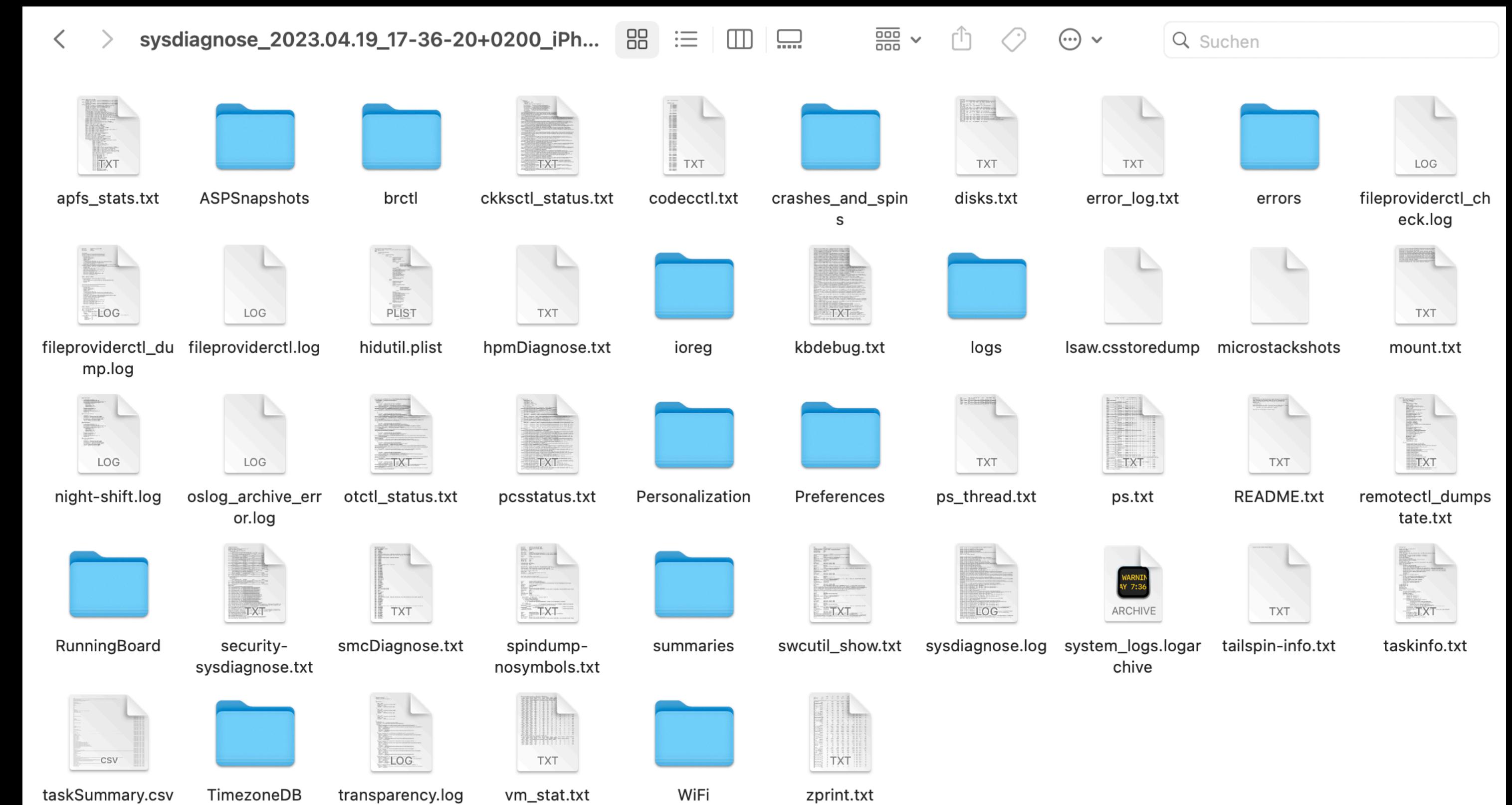
You can send the file via share dialog or

- sync with iTunes  
(~/Library/Logs/CrashReporter/MobileDevice/)
- copy crashlogs with libimobiledevice

Daten	
<a href="#">spotlightknowledged.cpu_resource-202...</a>	>
<a href="#">spotlightknowledged.cpu_resource-202...</a>	>
<a href="#">stacks-2023-04-19-173619.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">stacks-2023-04-19-173620.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">stacks-2023-04-19-173621.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">stacks-2023-04-19-173645.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">suggestd.cpu_resource-2023-04-19-00...</a>	>
<a href="#">sysdiagnose_2023.04.19_17-36-20+020...</a>	>
<a href="#">SystemMemoryReset-2023-04-19-0107...</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-200203.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-202722.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-205059.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-211135.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-213346.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">TodayExtension-2023-04-18-220048.ips</a>	>
<a href="#">Twitter.wakeups_resource-2023-04-18...</a>	>
<a href="#">Twitter.wakeups_resource-2023-04-19...</a>	>

# Forensic Data - Sysdiagnose

Lets have a look:





# Forensic Data - Sysdiagnose

Contains basically everything interesting you want to look at ;)

- Process Names
- Mount / Partition Information
- App Names, Updates & Uninstalls
- Information on Backups

Excellent Paper available at: <http://www.for585.com/sysdiagnose>

Tools to parse sysdiagnose data:

[https://github.com/cheeky4n6monkey/iOS\\_sysdiagnose\\_forensic\\_scripts](https://github.com/cheeky4n6monkey/iOS_sysdiagnose_forensic_scripts)

<https://github.com/abrignoni/iLEAPP>



## 4. Detection Capabilities - Forensics - Data

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Companion	✓	✓		✓	
Backup	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sysdiagnose	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## 4. Detection Capabilities - Forensics - Malware

Malicious	App*	MDM	Companion	Forensic
Apps		✓	✓	✓
Profiles		✓	✓	✓
Known Implants	✓**			✓
Unknown Implants				✓



# 5. Synthesis - Bringing it all together

# Manual vs. (Semi) - Automatic Detections

	Automatic	Semi - Automatic	Manual
Malicious	App*	Companion	Forensic
Apps	✓	✓	✓
Profiles	✓	✓	✓
Known Implants	✓ **		✓
Unknown Implants			✓

\* Under the assumption of a sandboxed app    \*\* Only for known file path



# Manual vs. (Semi) - Automatic Detections

All the tools are available to detect our known malware samples

- some: can be detected automatically
- all: can be detected semi-automatically with a companion app / forensic analysis

There are manual tools available to detect unknown malware samples if

- a device is infected
- a proper forensic & sysdiagnose analysis is executed



# Status Quo - Implementation

Most companies will only do the automatic detections (MDM + App) as this is available and known

To improve we need:

- companion apps and tools to support analysis
- skilled people that can do an analysis
- people to train other people in malware detection
- to make data extraction and analysis easier



# What to do if your phone be.a.es w.i.d.y

Contact an expert:

Apple recommends in their threat notifications:

<https://securityplanner.consumerreports.org/tool/emergency-resources>

Amnesty International & CitizenLab are known to be experts in the field.

Feel free to contact us at Trail of Bits / iVerify

<https://www.iverify.io/contact> /



## 6. Improving the detection



# Improving Jailbreak Detection - 2023

Reporting ...

Better Reporting

„Jailbreak“ detected

Don't detect Jailbreaks, detect mal. behavior!

One event triggers  
detection

Every event is reported for analysis

Differentiate active & inactive Jailbreaks

App Jailbreak vs. Boot Jailbreak

Validate findings (iOS Version, Device Type...)



# Improving Malware Detection

Apple

(Code Quality and  
Exploitation)

Endpoint security  
capabilities

FileSystem and  
Process Access

Companies

Crash log &  
Forensic Analysis

Companion App

Monitoring network  
traffic

iOS Experts +  
Defensive Companies

Crash log &  
Forensic Analysis

Training on Malware  
detection

Set Focus on Malware  
Detection



## Further Research

Combining EMM / MTD with Crash Log & Forensic Analysis

Combining iOS and macOS Agents

iOS Backups / FileSystem / Syslog Data



# Conclusion

Apple's walled garden raises the bar for exploitation every year

We need more focus on malware detection

Improvements have to be made on several levels

It is not possible to detect \_new\_ malware with an app on the device

We need more companion apps for forensic analysis

We need more training & skilled people



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*,,... The capability to target and monitor the private activities of entire populations in real time.“*

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