



SherlockDroid, an Inspector for Android Marketplaces

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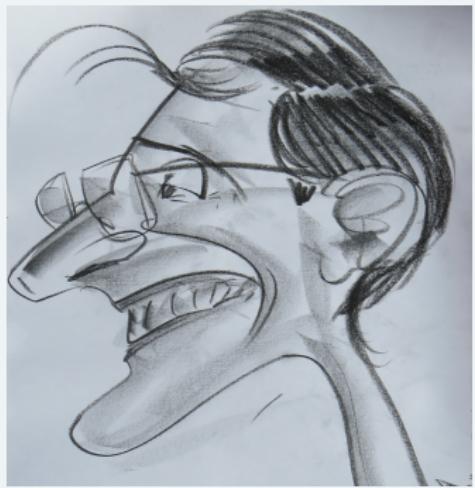


Who are we?

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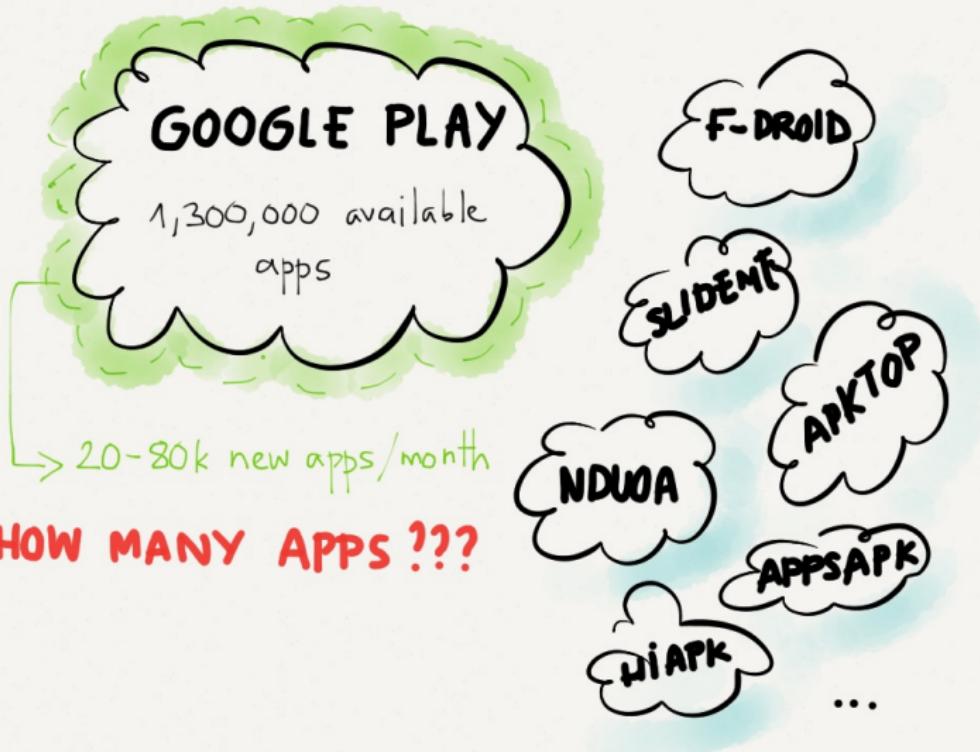
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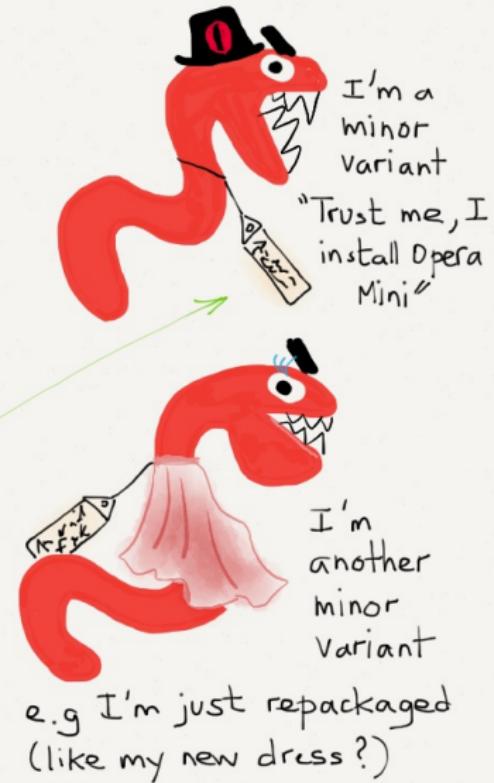
- ▶ Oct 2014. **840k** malicious Android **samples**
- ▶ **1,000+** new malicious Android sample every day

Known Malware

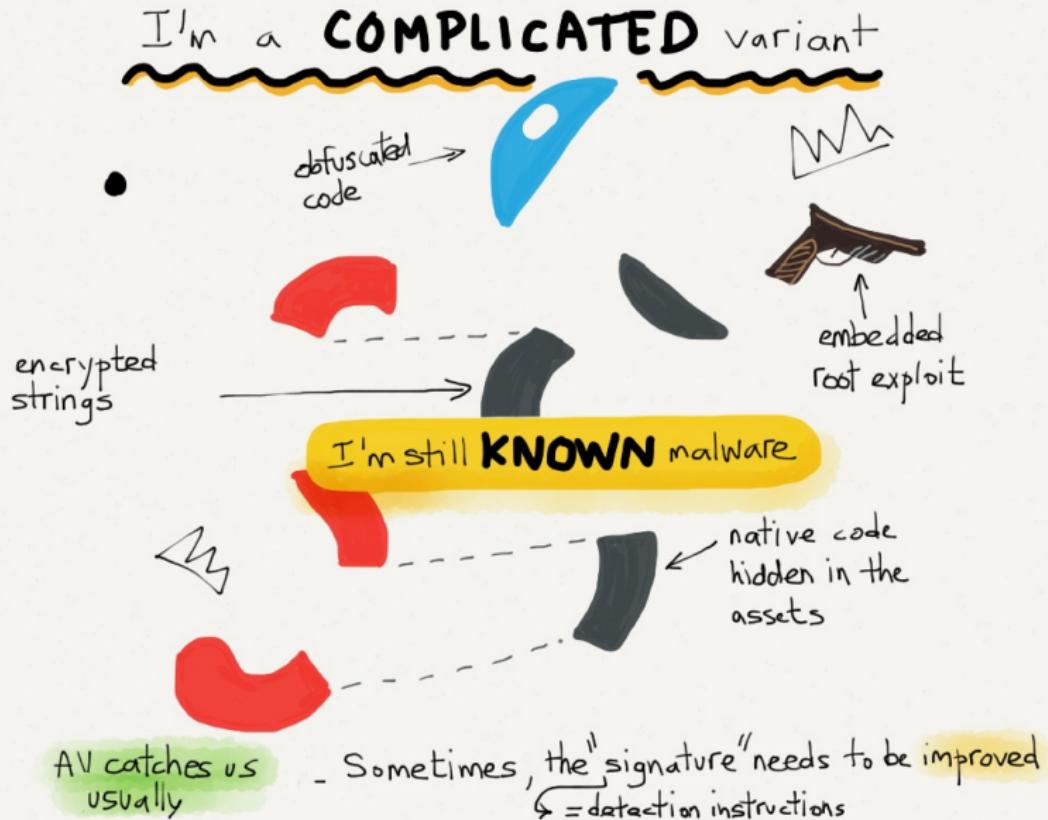
I'M A MALWARE
e.g I pose as a Skype installer

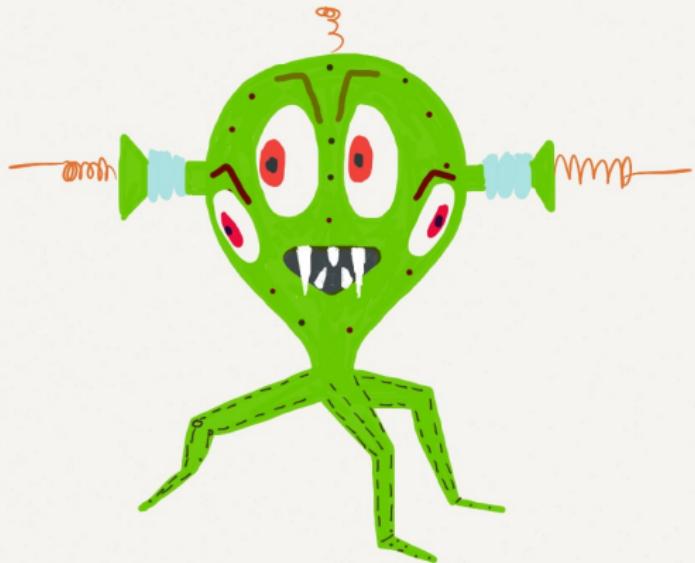


We are **KNOWN MALWARE**
and it's usually easy to
detect us



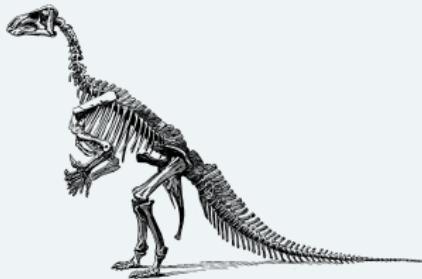
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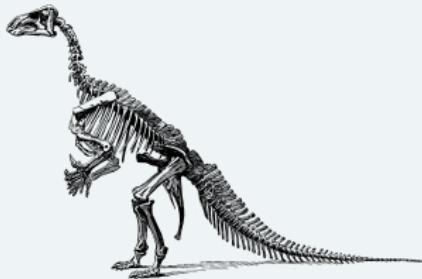
Do they exist? YES

Proof: Android Carbon 14 Dating ;)



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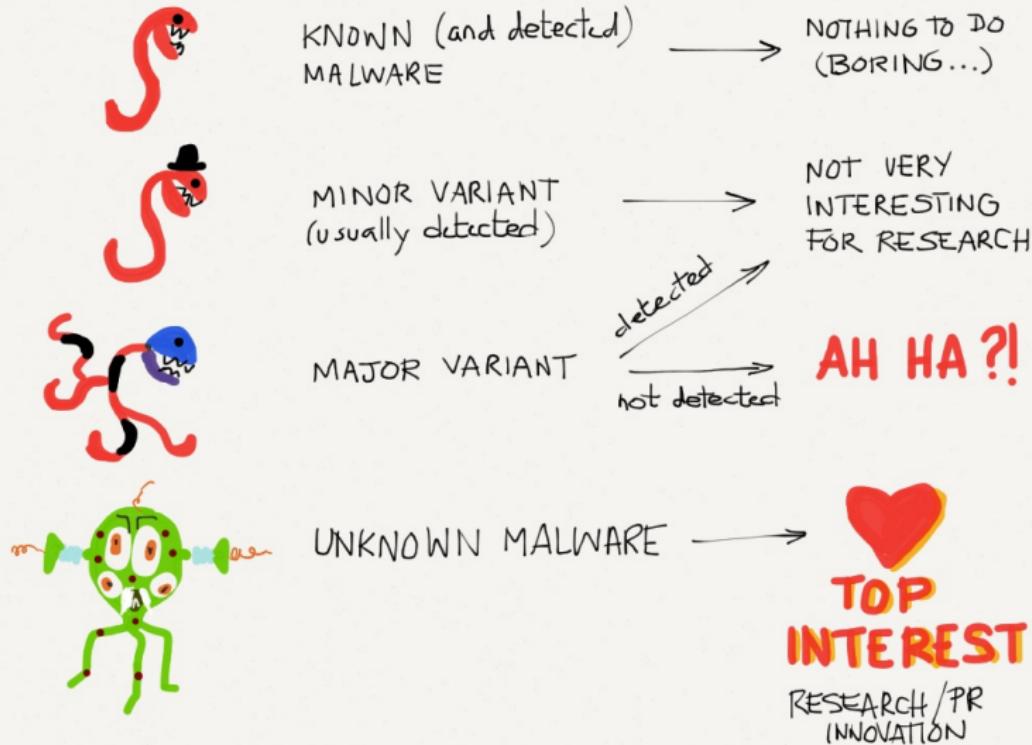
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Android/Ganlet	Nov 1 2013	May 15 2014 +6 months!!!

So, What Are We Interested In?



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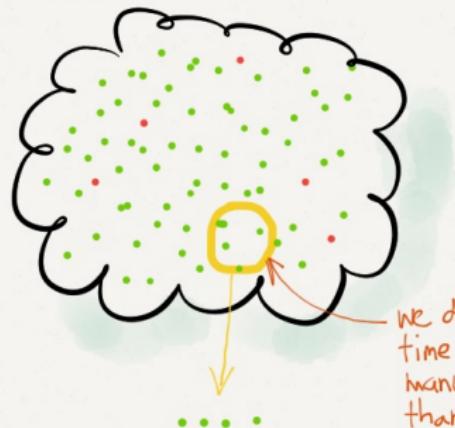
**Crawl Android
marketplaces**

Spot suspicious apps

**Focus on major
variants and
unknown malware**

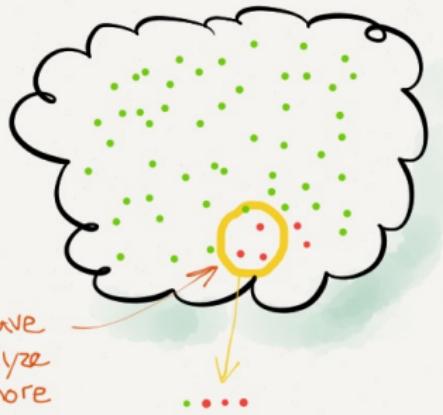
SherlockDroid (Unbiased) Benefits

WITHOUT SHERLOCKDROID



WE WASTE OUR PRECIOUS TIME ON CLEAN SAMPLES
(and usually don't have time to find nasty samples)

WITH SHERLOCKDROID



HIGHER CHANCES TO SPOT INTERESTING MALWARE
(it can't be perfect, though)



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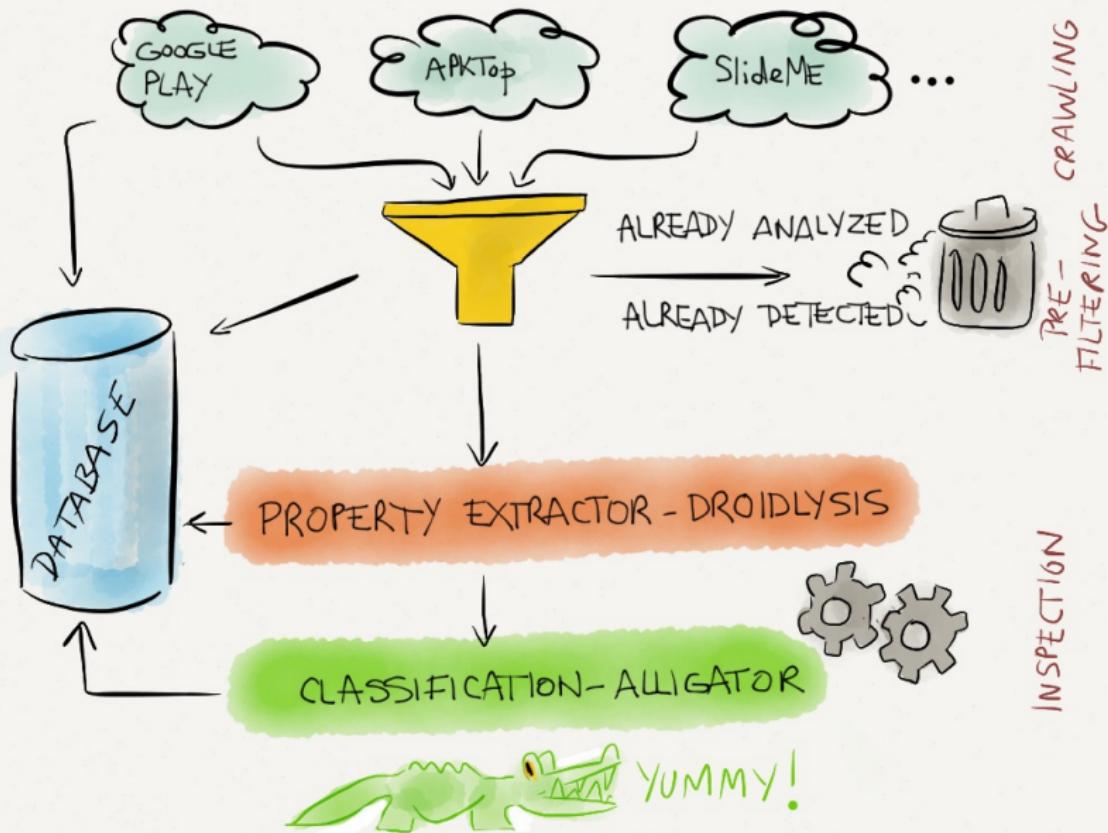
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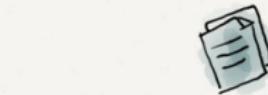
SherlockDroid Architecture



7 CRAWLERS



ADAPT TO YOUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE



We can share doc
+ this paper!

+ a few examples

No release though
because will follow/adapt
→ more work for us!



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alligator

→ <http://perso.telecom-paristech.fr/~apvrille/alligator.html>

OPEN-SOURCE / FREE SOFTWARE



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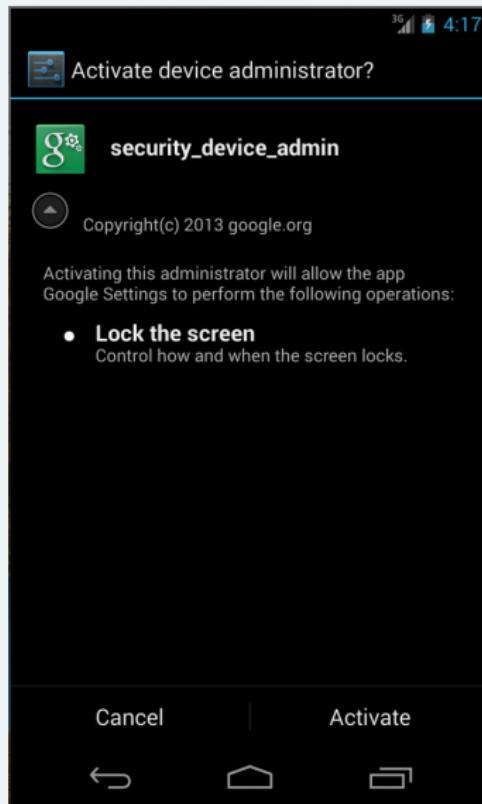
AAS, Andromaly, CopperDroid, Crowdroid, Drebin, MADAM,
MAST, pBMDS, PUMA...
tested on *artificial or known malware*



- ▶ Android/MisoSMS.A!tr.spy
- ▶ Android/Odpa.A!tr.spy
- ▶ Adware/Geyser!Android
- ▶ Riskware/Flexion!Android
- ▶ Riskware/SmsControlSpy!Android
- ▶ Riskware/Zdchial!Android
- ▶ Riskware/SmsCred!Android
- ▶ Riskware/Blued!Android

Descriptions: <http://www.fortiguard.com/encyclopedia/>

Into Android/MisoSms Trojan Spyware



Android/MisoSms.A!tr.spy

- ▶ Poses as Google Settings app
- ▶ Sends 1 initial email with phone number of victim
- ▶ Listens to incoming SMS
- ▶ Forwards them by email to attackers

Into Geyser Adware

```
▽ Hypertext Transfer Protocol
  ▷ HEAD /?widgetid=[REDACTED]&guid=[REDACTED] &av=0.84.13498.7218 &hid=null&tlat=0.0&tlon=0.0&tst=1 HT
    User-Agent: Dalvik/1.2.0 (Linux; U; Android 2.2; sdk Build/FRF91)\r\n
    Host: ads.[REDACTED].ser.com\r\n
    Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n
  \r\n
```

Adware/Geyser!Android

Posts GPS location in clear text

<http://blog.fortinet.com/post/alligator-detects-gps-leaking-adware>

LOL - In falsepositives.txt:

"Reputable companies including banks, US Government/ Military sector are using our tools"

Easy to implement but constantly needs to be maintained :(

- Your IP: [REDACTED]
- URL: www.appsapk.com/android/all-apps
- Your Browser: libwww-perl/6.03
- Block ID: **BNP002**
- Block reason: Scanning tool access attempt.
- Time: Fri, 20 Jun 2014 05:30:21 -0400
- Server ID: **cp76**

- ▶ Search Limit
- ▶ Download activity per IP address
- ▶ User Agent verification
- ▶ Android ID verification <https://github.com/Akdeniz/google-play-crawler>

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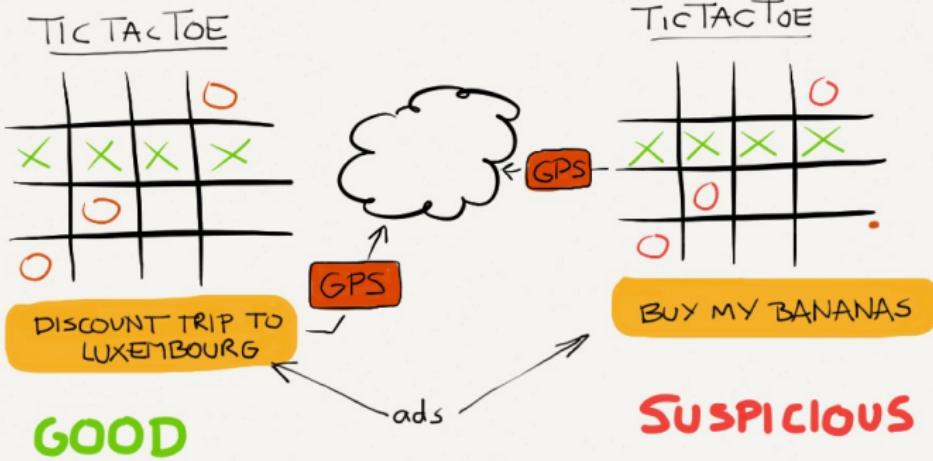


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We also search assets and resources

DIFFICULT TO SPOT THE DIFF



The adkit requests
INTERNET & GPS
that's frequent
(whether you like it or not)

The payload app
requests INTERNET & GPS
why ???



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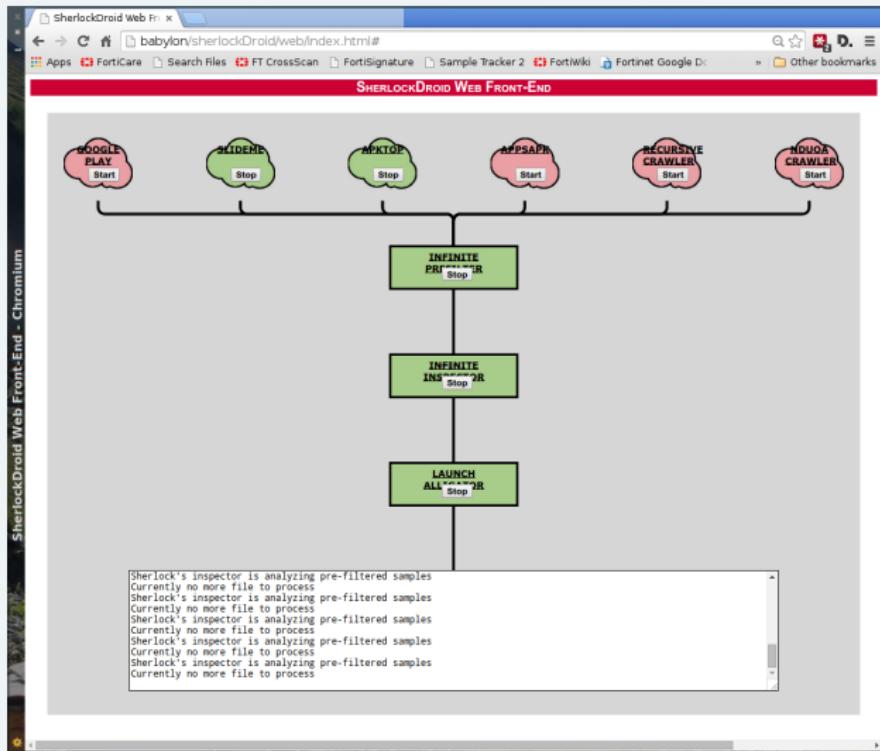
SVM? Far worse! 50 K: **FP: 5.48% FN: 0.65% !!!**

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Alligator unleashed!
Wake up!

DEMO - SherlockDroid GUI [Preview]



DEMO - SherlockDroid's Database

Sample recently crawled, to pre-filter

115118|f8ef5f5306fb7...|net.mnprogram.mnagenda.apk|
Google Play|0|0|toanalyze||2014/10/09-14:04|967041

Known malware

114902|ae084007fab965f829ba3fc...|
JJLord.30103.30000.visible.apk||0|0
|detected|Android/SMSreg.AK, SIGID: 49829716, VID: 5236396||0

Unknown sample, to be inspected

115117|4dd15425c67b744125d7386...|
com.apalusa.lavoz.AgendaVos.apk|Google Play|0|0
|toanalyze||2014/10/09-14:04|2342643

Unknown sample probably clean

115072|be849297862a50d7116d7a6be0...|
com.covertapps.joomlaadminmobileelite.apk|Google Play
|248.974979321754|145.030471289058|done||2014/10/09-13:48|583248



Example of suspicious samples

```
$ ./suspiciousApk.pl
suspiciousApk - show which samples are currently found suspicious by Al
Suspect: com.indvseng.indCENSORED.apk (f178c77d...
    origin: Google Play
    scoreRegular: 153.974979321754 scoreMalware: 161.923639714817
    difference: 7.94866039306393
-----
Suspect: floating-toucCENSORED.apk (3162b0c...
    origin: http://link.appsapk.com/downlo...
    scoreRegular: 153.974979321754 scoreMalware: 164.390159536531
    difference: 10.4151802147771
-----
Suspect: com.Ninjastrike456.ninjastrike.apk (65bb4...
    origin: Google Play
    scoreRegular: 153.621310611974 scoreMalware: 169.818181818182
    difference: 16.1968712062074
-----
Found 3 suspects
--- END
```

Size of clusters

```
$ wc -l learn-malware.csv learn-clean.csv  
guess-malware.csv guess-clean.csv  
486890 learn-malware.csv  
12368 learn-clean.csv  
3062 guess-malware.csv  
1514 guess-clean.csv  
503834 total
```



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```
105A663E.var,0.166667,0.000800,0,0.001930,0.000100,  
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0.201400,1,1,unknown,unknown,  
0.000020,0,0.015000,0,0.000020,0.000010,0,0,0,0,0,1,  
0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0,0,0,unknown,0,0,1,0,0,0,  
0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,1,  
1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,  
0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,  
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0.000010,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,  
...  
...
```

- ▶ Mostly boolean values (0, 1) + 'unknown'
- ▶ Integer values have been normalized to fit in [0,1]

DEMO: Example of Learning Script

The Alligator Language

```
setprintintermediatescore

printClusterSummary regular
printClusterSummary malware
printClusterSummary guess

setMultiplierWeight regular 0-100,1
setMultiplierWeight malware 0-100,1
compute inversedeviation

setPropertyWeightsFromColumn 63 6
...
setMultiplierWeight regular 0-100,1
setMultiplierWeight malware 0-100,1
compute inverseweightdeviation

setMultiplierWeight regular 0-100,1
setMultiplierWeight malware 0-100,1
compute degressiveproximity 5
...
```

Work! Work!

Alligator Daemon: AnaLyzing maLware wIth partitioninG and probAbility-bRithms Daemon

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- ,==> http://perso.telecom-paristech.fr/~apvrille/alligator.html
- ,==> Alligator is released under a CECILL License. See http://www. nfo/index.en.html
- ,==> Enjoy!!!

*** Your Alligator version is: 0.3-beta1 -- build: 1433 date: 2014/10/04 CET ***

- ,==> 1/7 0% unknown | 85MB/1820MB
- ,==> 2/7 0% unknown | 97MB/1820MB
...

Classifying samples

```
*** Overall report of guess ***
```

```
Classification time:468.121s
```

```
** Overall results **
```

```
regular - 11249 elements in cluster, nb of properties: 288
```

```
malware - 50000 elements in cluster, nb of properties: 288
```

```
guess - 3 elements in cluster, nb of properties: 288
```

Results summary:

2 regular(s) found, 1 malware(s) found in guess

Percentage of regular: 66.66666666666666

Percentage of malware: 33.33333333333333

regular: Light:2 (66.67%) Medium:0 (0.00%) Strong:0 (0.00%)

malware: Light:1 (33.33%) Medium:0 (0.00%) Strong:0 (0.00%)

105A663E.var: regular (regular:131.36352883261992, malware:121.909090)

...



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Downloads

Alligator Release

L. Apvrille, A. Apvrille, *Pre-filtering Mobile Malware with Heuristic Techniques*, GreHack 2013

A. Apvrille, T. Strazzere, *Reducing the Window of Opportunity for Android Malware*, EICAR 2012

Powerpoint slides? No way! This is L^AT_EX- Beamer !