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OWASP MOBILE SECURITY TESTING GUIDE 101

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Agenda

- Introduction into the MASVS
- Introduction into the MSTG
- Some examples

Mobile security

1. Can you do a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) attack in a native app?
 1. What if there is no webview?
2. Can you do a Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attack in a native app without a webview?

Mobile security?

- So CSRF and XSS do not easily apply.

Natalie Silvanovich (@natashenka) posted a tweet on December 15, 2017, at 15:32. The tweet reads: "It's Android directory traversal day on the Project Zero Tracker bugs.chromium.org/p/project-zero/ ... bugs.chromium.org/p/project-zero/ ...". The tweet includes a "Folgen" (Follow) button and a "Tweet übersetzen" (Translate tweet) link.

- But path-traversals do...

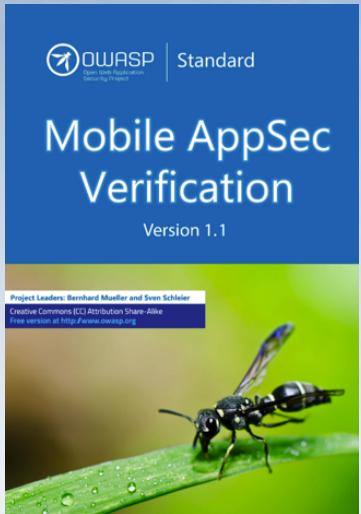


Mobile security?

- So CSRF and XSS do not easily apply.
- But path-traversals do...
- And then there is... Data leakage
 - through logging,
 - through insecure storage,
 - Through IPC.
- What about weak authentication mechanisms?
- What about reverse engineering?



How do we fix this?



Mobile Application
Security
Verification Standard
<https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-masvs>



Mobile Security
Testing Guide
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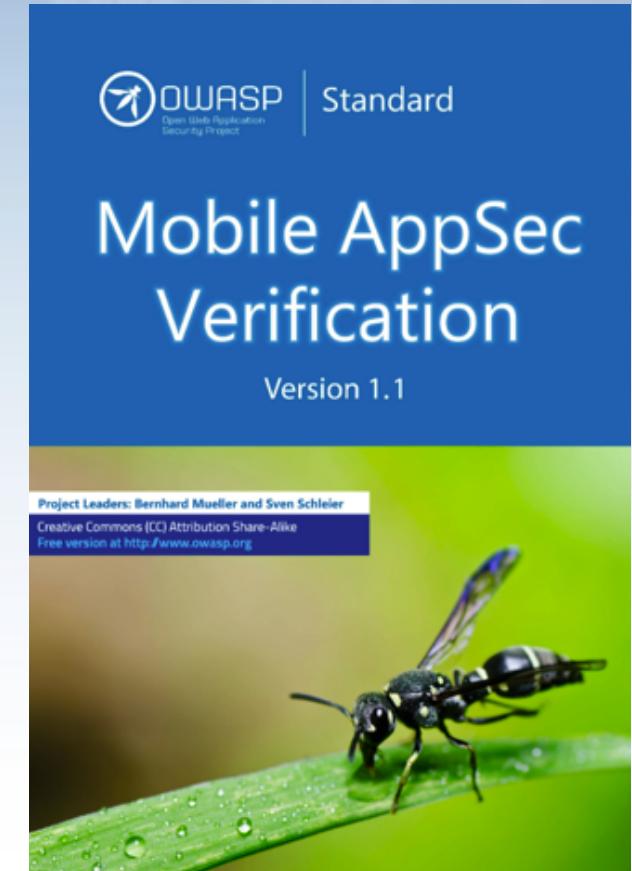


Mobile Appsec
Checklist

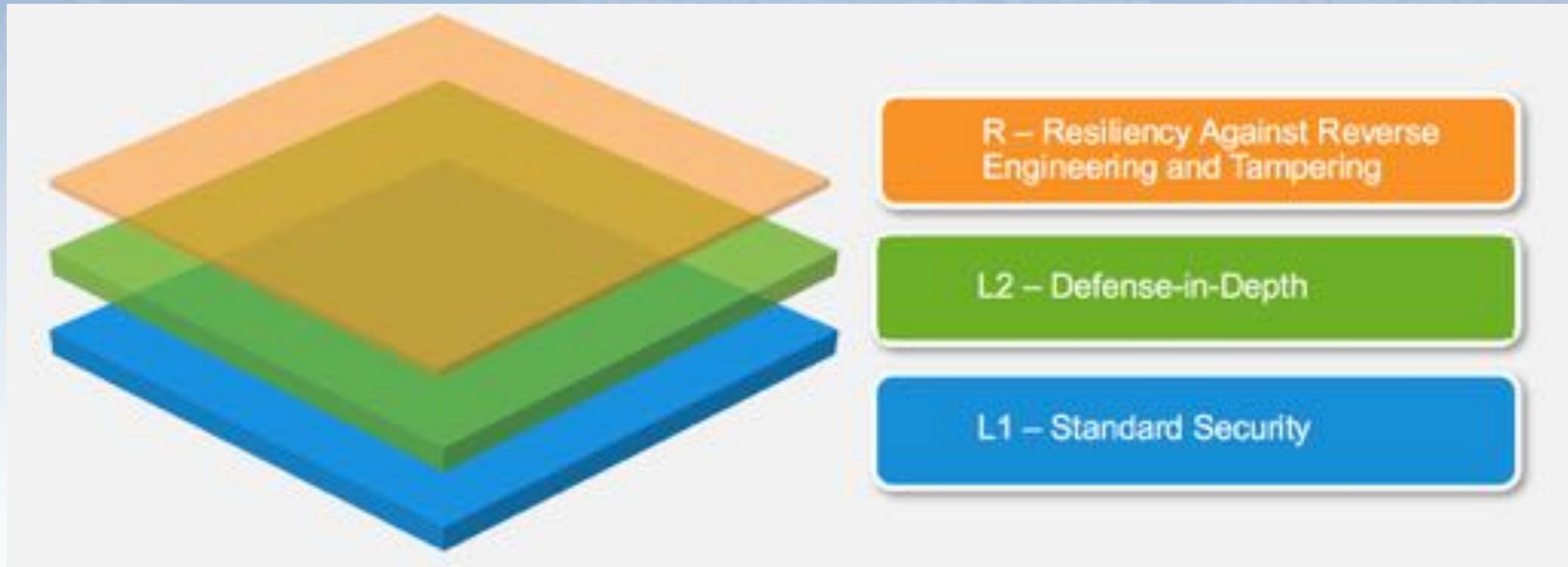


OWASP Mobile AppSec Verification Standard

- Started as a fork of the OWASP ASVS
- Formalizes best practices and other security requirements
- Mobile-specific, high-level, OS-agnostic
- Why?
 - Shift left: give security requirements a-priori.
 - Give a clear goal during implementation
 - Give a clear goal during penetration testing



OWASP Mobile AppSec Verification Standard



- Architecture & design
- Data storage & privacy
- Cryptography
- Authentication & Session management
- Network Communication
- Platform Interaction
- Code quality & build settings
- Resilience requirements

OWASP Mobile AppSec Verification Standard

V2: Data Storage and Privacy Requirements

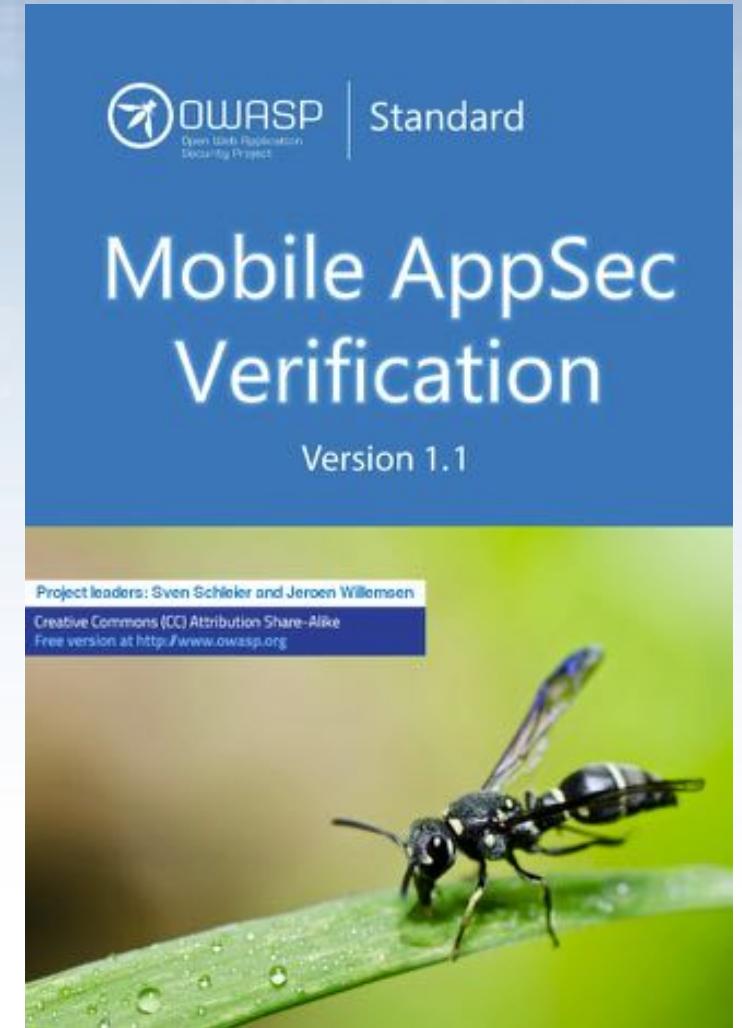
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2.2	No sensitive data is written to application logs.	✓	✓
2.3	No sensitive data is shared with third parties unless it is a necessary part of the architecture.	✓	✓
2.4	The keyboard cache is disabled on text inputs that process sensitive data.	✓	✓
2.5	The clipboard is deactivated on text fields that may contain sensitive data.	✓	✓
2.6	No sensitive data is exposed via IPC mechanisms.	✓	✓
2.7	No sensitive data, such as passwords or pins, is exposed through the user interface.	✓	✓
2.8	No sensitive data is included in backups generated by the mobile operating system.		✓

Current status MASVS

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Your turn!

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- <https://mobile-security.gitbook.io/masvs/>



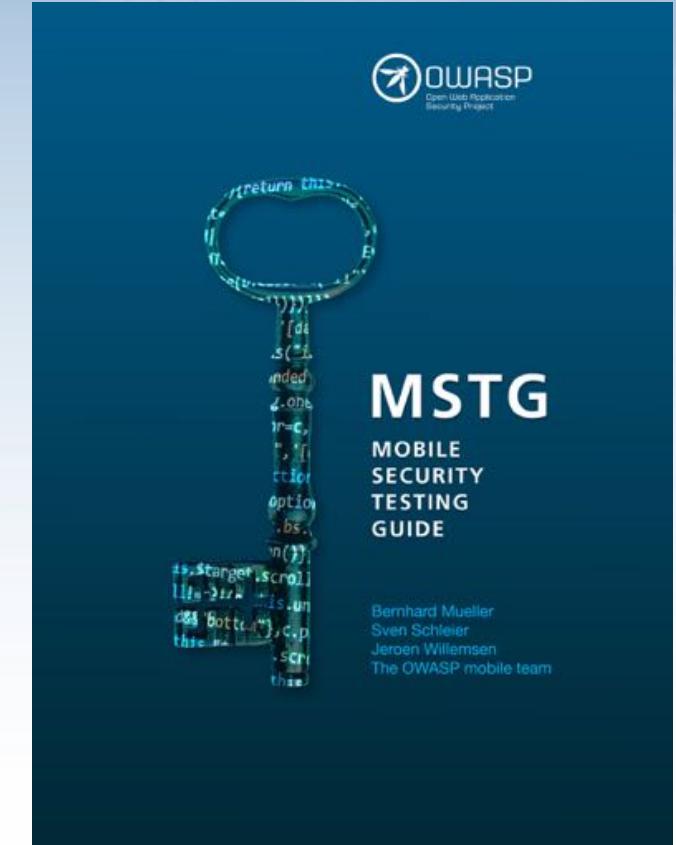
- ✓ Download it
- ✓ Read it
- ✓ Use it
- ✓ Give Feedback! Create an issue or a PR
- ✓ Tweet about it (@OWASP_MSTG)

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- **Introduction into the MSTG**
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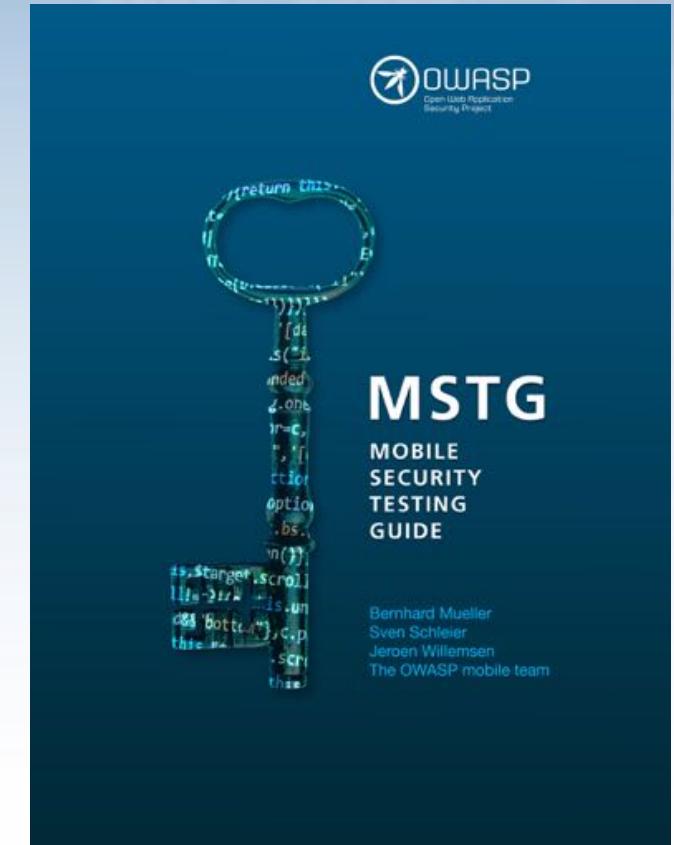
OWASP Mobile Security Testing Guide (MSTG)

- Manual for testing security maturity of iOS and Android (mostly) native apps.
- Maps on MASVS requirements.
- Why?
 - Educate developers and penetration testers.
 - Provide a baseline for automated checks



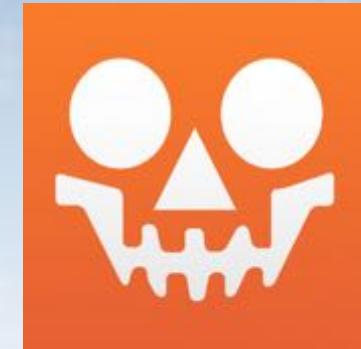
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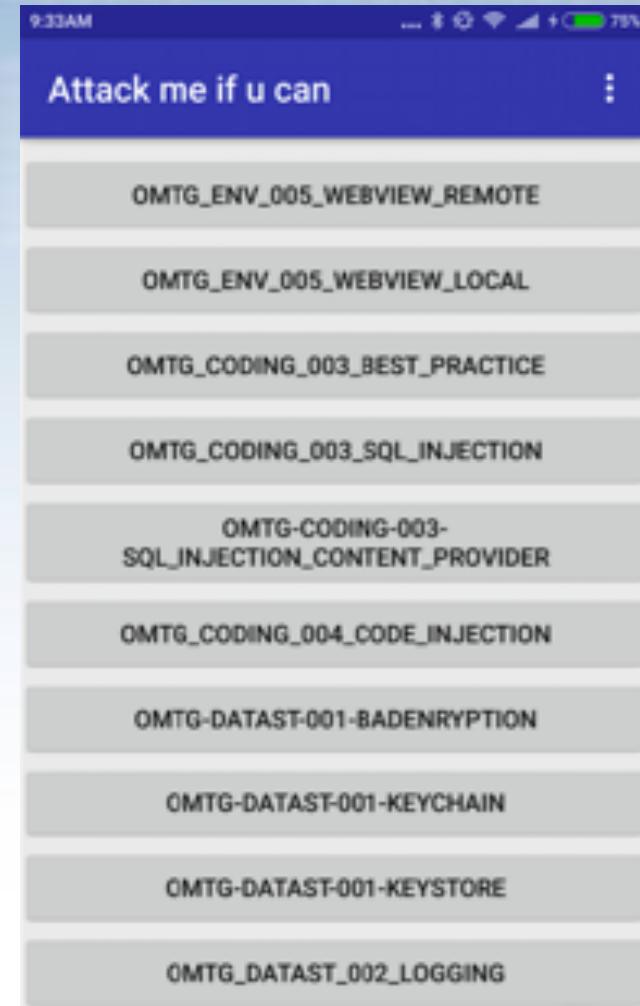
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Kudos to Bernhard Mueller @bernhardm for his hard work!

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- MSTG playground (External)



Current status MSTG

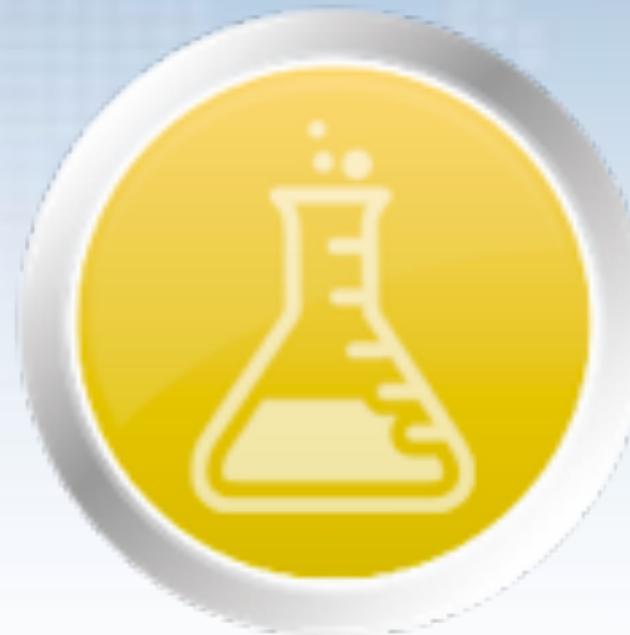
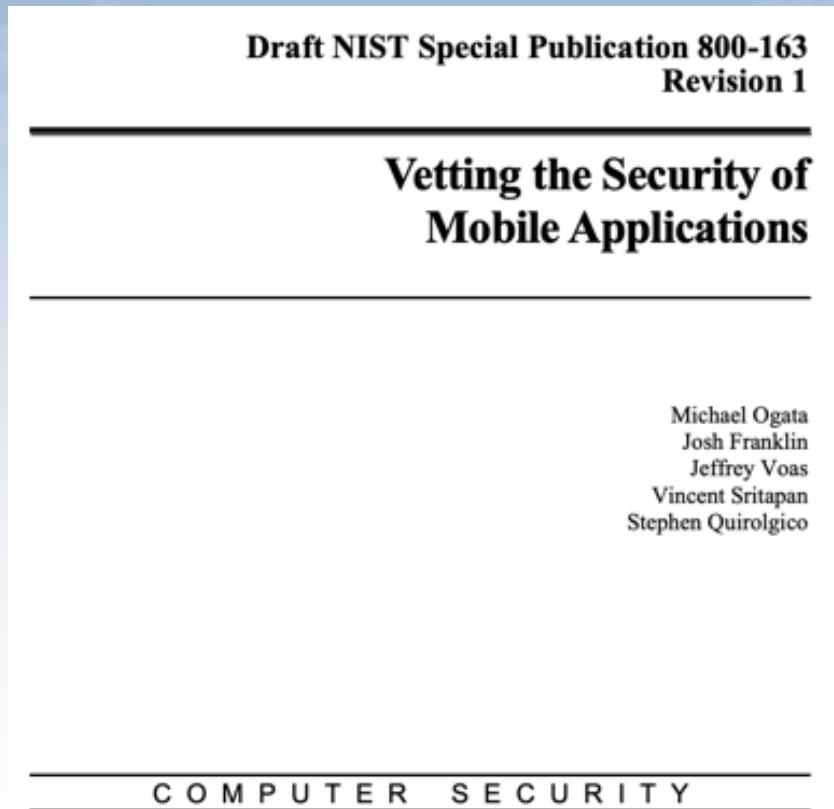
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MSTG Project status



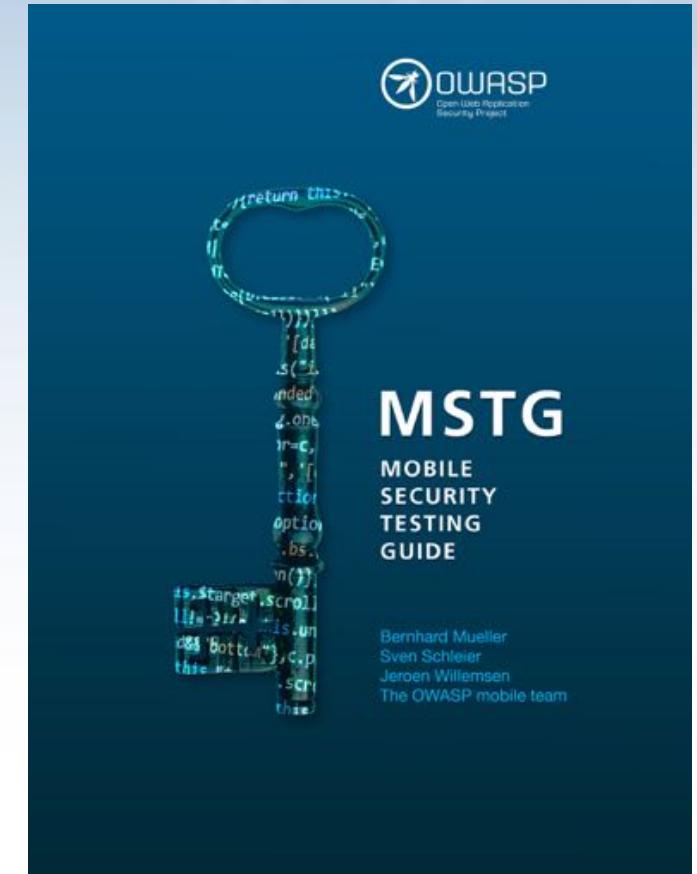
MSTG Project status – allways more work

- Update to iOS 12/13 & Android Pie/Q
- Restructure MSTG
- Add missing testcases
- Automate MSTG playground & merge with crackmes

Your turn!

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Network Communication Requirements

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5.1	Data is encrypted on the network using TLS. The secure channel is used consistently throughout the app.	✓	✓
5.2	The TLS settings are in line with current best practices, or as close as possible if the mobile operating system does not support the recommended standards.	✓	✓
5.3	The app verifies the X.509 certificate of the remote endpoint when the secure channel is established. Only certificates signed by a trusted CA are accepted.	✓	✓
5.4	The app either uses its own certificate store, or pins the endpoint certificate or public key, and subsequently does not establish connections with endpoints that offer a different certificate or key, even if signed by a trusted CA.		✓
5.5	The app doesn't rely on a single insecure communication channel (email or SMS) for critical operations, such as enrollments and account recovery.		✓
5.6	The app only depends on up-to-date connectivity and security libraries.		✓

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- The MSTG will guide you on how to review the code & do dynamic analysis of
 - The usage of TLS in general
 - The settings of the TLS connection in general
 - Certificate validation (general, iOS and Android specific)

Network Communication Requirements

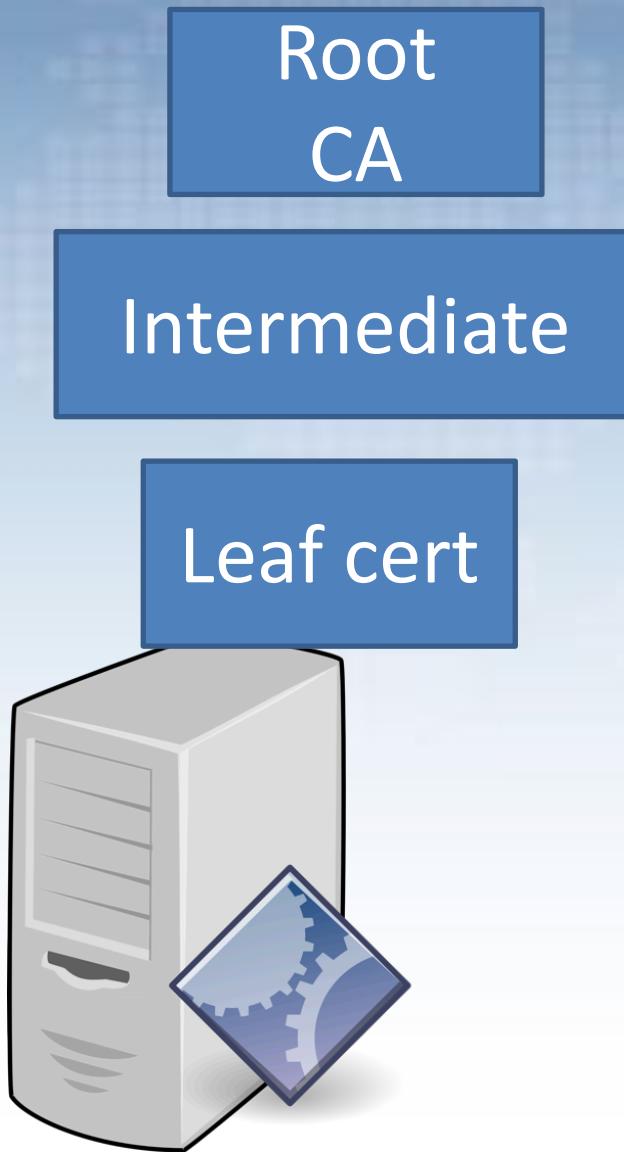
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SSL pinning



TLS



Version
Certificate Serial Number
Certificate Algorithm
Identifier for Certificate Issuer's Signature
Issuer
Validity Period
Subject
Subject Public-Key Information
Algorithm Identifier
Public-key Value
Issuer Unique Identifier
Subject Unique Identifier
Extensions
Certification Authority's Digital Signature

Network Communication Requirements

- The MSTG helps in finding ways to do pinning
 - In Android (OKHttp, WebView, networkSecurityConfig, using TrustManagers,
 - In iOS (NSURLConnection, TrustKit, AFNetworking, Alamofire)
 - Hybrid/multiplatform: Apache Cordova, Xamarin, Phonegap.
- But what about verifying it? Or bypassing it?

SSL Pinning – verify whether it is on

- Android:
 - Below Android 7: install your Burp/mitmproxy/Zap CA on the device,
 - Android 7 and above: rework networksecurityconfig.xml
 - Try to MiTM the application.
- iOS:
 - Install install your Burp/mitmproxy/Zap CA on the device
 - Try to MiTM the application.

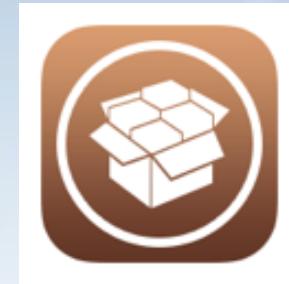
SSL Pinning – bypassing it

- iOS: SSL Killswitch V2
- iOS: Frida & Objection
- Android: Xposed
- Android: Frida & Objection

SSL Pinning – SSL killswitch V2

Two easy ways to break most pinners:

1. Jailbreak → use Cydia & SSL Killswitch V2



2. Do dynamic instrumentation on a non-jailbroken device

FRIIDA

See <https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-mstg/blob/master/Document/0x04f-Testing-Network-Communication.md>

and <https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-mstg/blob/master/Document/0x06g-Testing-Network-Communication.md>

Filter: Showing all items

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited
2608	https://securemetrics.apple.co...	GET	/b/ss/applecn/global,applecn/home.a...	✓	2 ▾
2607	https://www.apple.com	POST	/search-services/suggestions/j...	✓	2 ▾
2606	https://www.apple.com	GET	/cn/shop/bag/status?apikey=SFX9Y...	✓	2 ▾

Request Response

Raw Params Headers Hex

```

POST /search-services/suggestions/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.apple.com
Content-Type: application/json
Origin: https://www.apple.com
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Cookie: s_fid=2E61E7A6F5662FBE-24EC5EEB49EA7008; s_pathLength=homepage%3D1%2C;
s_vli=[CS]v1|2DC14444052E5869-40000C3460000AAE|CE]
Connection: close
Accept: Application/json
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (iPhone; CPU iPhone OS 10_3_3 like Mac OS X) AppleWebKit/603.3.8 (KHTML, like Gecko) Version/10.0 Mobile/14C60 Safari/602.1
Referer: https://www.apple.com/cn/
Content-Length: 91
Accept-Language: en-sg

{"query":"","src":"globalnav","id":"dcf5f96-2936-a552-01b4-eb73956a3929","locale":"zh_CN"}

```

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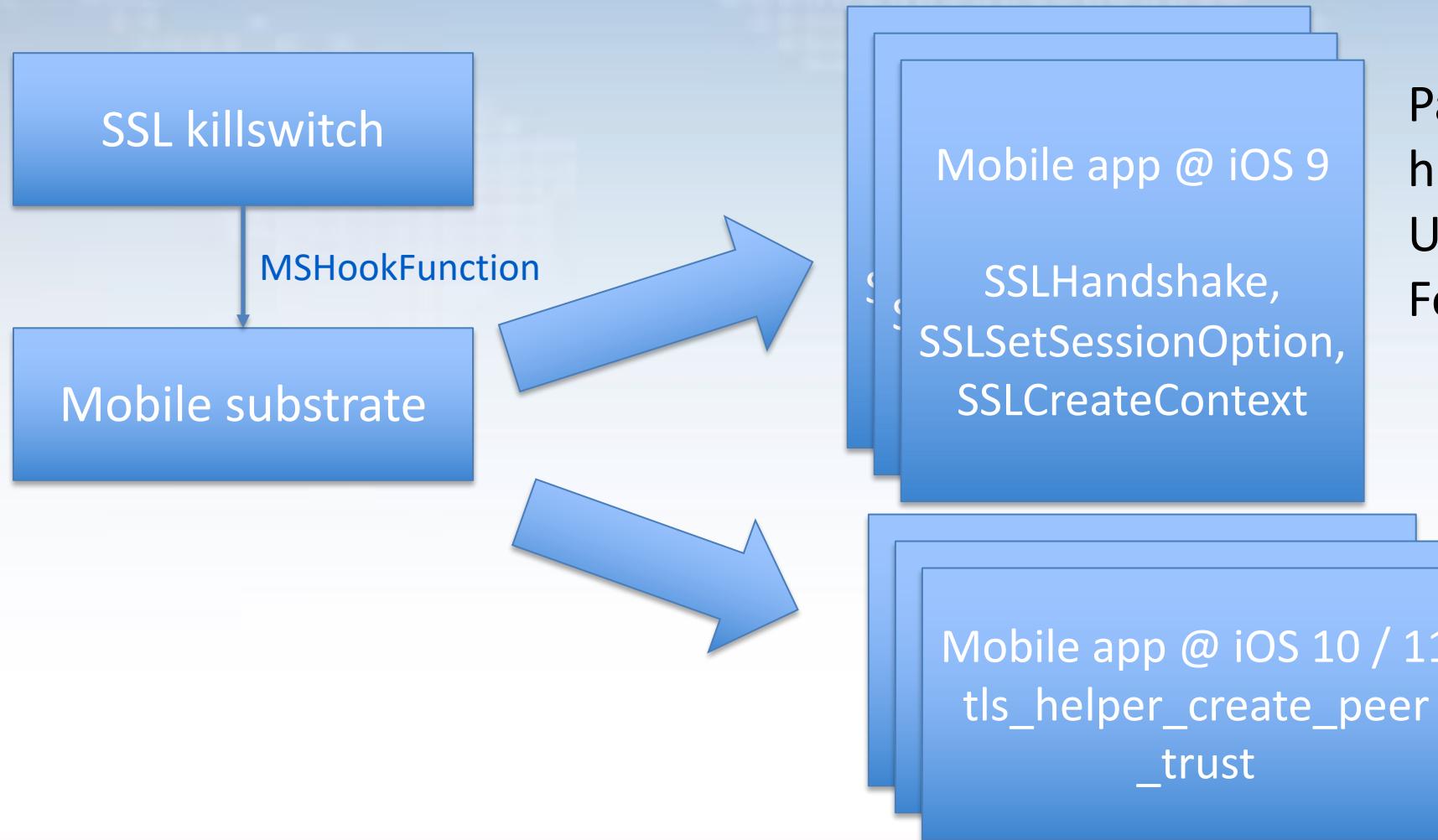
0 matches



Snapchat



SSL Pinning – SSL killswitch V2



Patch underlying SSL
handshake implementation
Used by NSURLConnection
For all apps...

What if you don't want to jailbreak?

- Jailbroken devices require maintenance
- Jailbreaks are getting harder to find
- What about jailbreak protection of the app?
- Let's patch the app itself!

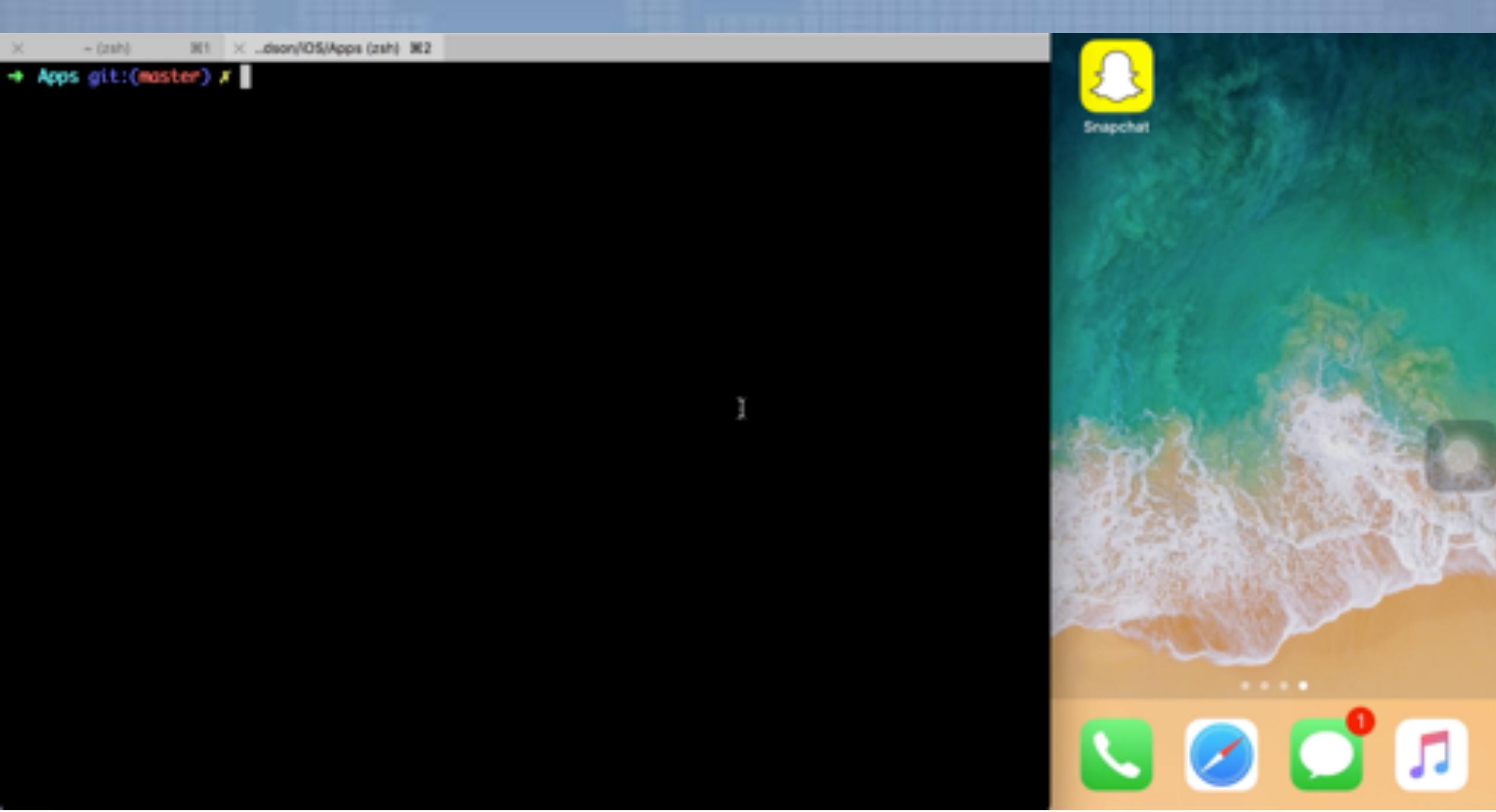


OBJECTION
RUNTIME
MOBILE
EXPLORATION
GIT.IO/OBJECTION

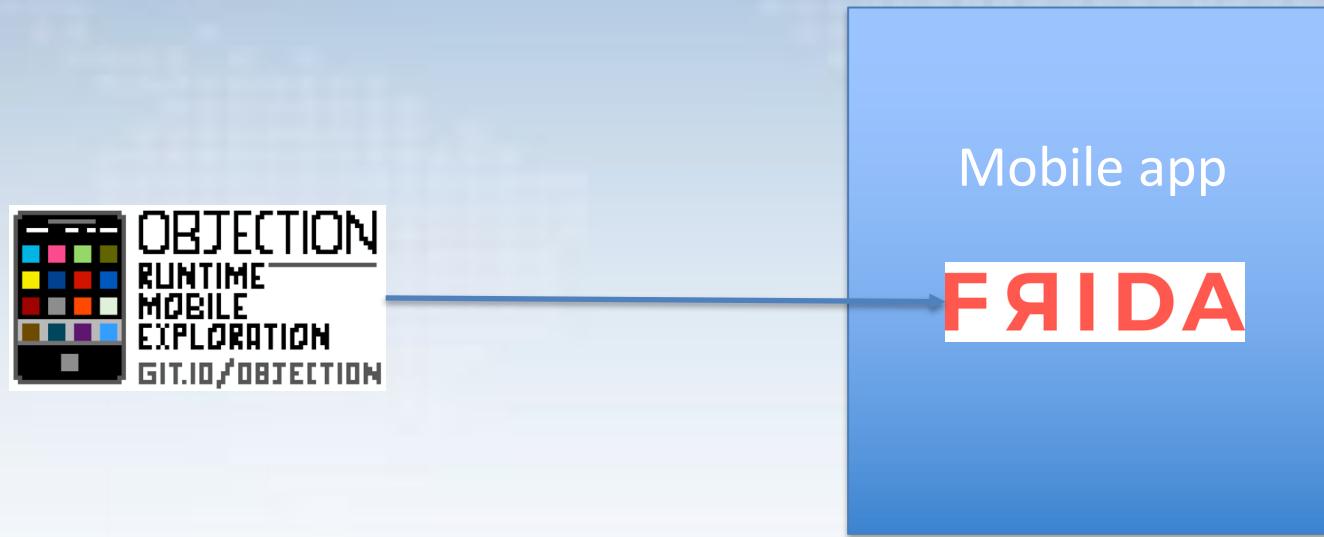
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SSL Pinning – Objection



Patch underlying SSL
handshake implementation
Used by NSURLConnection
For one app.

1. Frida server in Gadget waits
2. Objection connects to server with explore REPL
3. Objection calls script that patches underlying SSL handshake implementation

SSL Pinning in Android - Objection

Let's do similar runtime patching in Android...

Burp Suite Community Edition v1.7.38 - Temporary Project

File Edit View Burp Intruder Repeater Window Help

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options User options Alerts

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

Forward Drop Intercept is off Action Comment this item

Raw Headers Hex

Type a search term 0 matches

The mobile application screen shows a list of test items:

- DATA STORAGE - ENCRYPTED SQL DB
- DATA STORAGE - LOG OUTPUT
- DATA STORAGE - MEMORY
- INTERVIEW - JAVASCRIPTINTERFACE
- HTTP REQUEST WITH SSL PADDING
- CREATE SENSITIVE DATA

On the right side of the mobile screen, there is a vertical toolbar with various icons for navigation and settings.

SSL Pinning in Android - Xposed

Let's pick it up from the rooted device again...

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots. On the left is a mobile phone screen showing a list of sensitive data items under the heading "MSTG Hands-on". The items listed are:

- DATA STORAGE - ENCRYPTED SQL DB
- DATA STORAGE - LOG OUTPUT
- DATA STORAGE - MEMORY
- VIEWER - JAVA APPLET SOURCE
- HTTPS REQUEST WITH SSL PWDHASH
- CREATE SENSITIVE DATA**

The item "CREATE SENSITIVE DATA" is highlighted with a gray background. On the right is a screenshot of the Burp Suite Community Edition v1.7.30 - Temporary Project interface. The top menu bar includes Target, Proxy, Spider, Scanner, Intruder, Repeater, Sequencer, Decoder, Comparator, Extender, Project options, User options, and Alerts. The "Proxy" tab is selected. Below the menu is a toolbar with buttons for Forward, Drop, Intercept is on (which is currently active), and Action. A "Comment this item" button is also present. The main pane shows a list of items, with the first item being "DATA STORAGE - ENCRYPTED SQL DB". At the bottom of the main pane is a search bar with the placeholder "Type a search term" and a note indicating "0 matches".

Authentication requirements

#	Description	L1	L2
4.1	If the app provides users access to a remote service, some form of authentication, such as username/password authentication, is performed at the remote endpoint.	✓	✓
4.2	If stateful session management is used, the remote endpoint uses randomly generated session identifiers to authenticate client requests without sending the user's credentials.	✓	✓
4.3	If stateless token-based authentication is used, the server provides a token that has been signed using a secure algorithm.	✓	✓
4.4	The remote endpoint terminates the existing session when the user logs out.	✓	✓
4.5	A password policy exists and is enforced at the remote endpoint.	✓	✓
4.6	The remote endpoint implements a mechanism to protect against the submission of credentials an excessive number of times.	✓	✓
4.7	Biometric authentication, if any, is not event-bound (i.e. using an API that simply returns "true" or "false"). Instead, it is based on unlocking the keychain/keystore.	✓	✓
4.8	Sessions are invalidated at the remote endpoint after a predefined period of inactivity and access tokens expire.	✓	✓
4.9	A second factor of authentication exists at the remote endpoint and the 2FA requirement is consistently enforced.	✓	✓
4.10	Sensitive transactions require step-up authentication.	✓	✓
4.11	The app informs the user of all login activities with their account. Users are able view a list of devices used to access the account, and to block specific devices.	✓	✓

TouchID the wrong way: using LAContext

There are 2 ways to use TouchID:

1. Protect an entry in the keychain and unlock it via TouchID

2. Use the LocalAuthenticationContext :

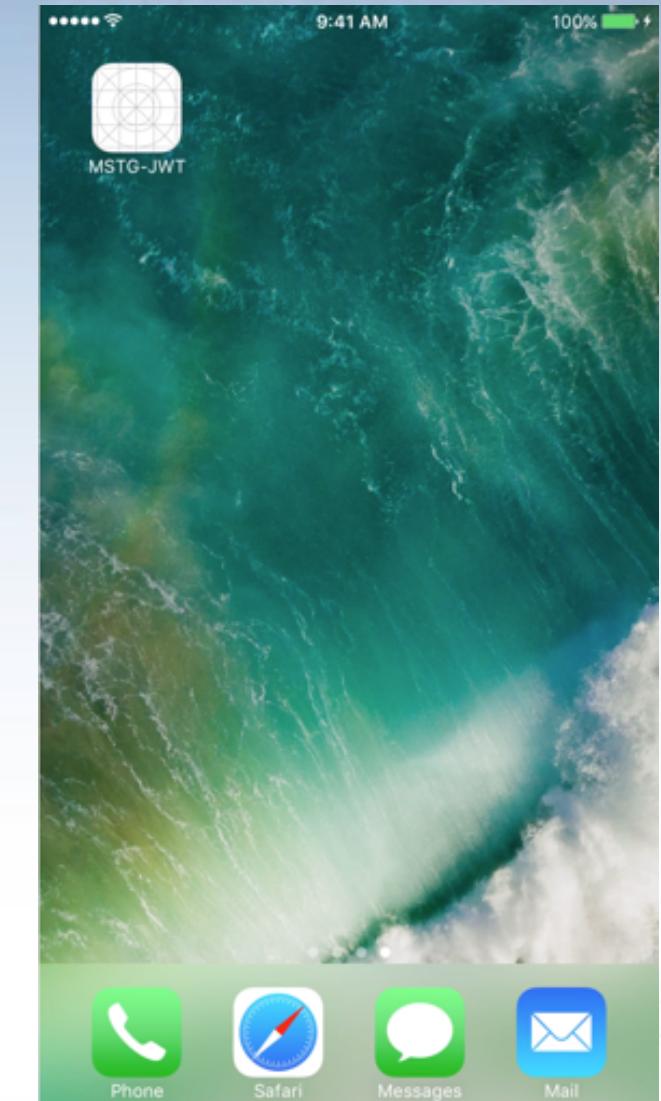
```
LocalAuthenticationContext.evaluatePolicy(.deviceOwnerAuthenticationWithBiometrics, localizedReason: reasonString) {  
    success, evaluateError in  
}
```

```
If success {
```

```
    successmethods()  
} else {
```

```
....  
}
```

What if we call the
successmethods() directly?



Bypassing Touch-ID

- With **needle**



- With

- Both cases: use Frida to hook onto
`evaluatePolicy:localizedReason:reply`
 - Ensures that when *evaluatePolicy* is called that the reply its success is set to true (E.g.: call success methods)

See <https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-mstg/blob/master/Document/0x06f-Testing-Local-Authentication.md>

X ... 361 X ... 362 X ... 363 X ... 364 X ... 365 X ... 366 X ... 367 X ... 368

needle git:(master) ✘ |

Listen



Port 4444



needle v.1.0.5

(IP: 192.168.0.118)

```
> Listening
> Stopped Listening
> Client Disconnected
> [127.0.0.1] OPCODE: list_apps
> [127.0.0.1] OPCODE: os_version
> [127.0.0.1] OPCODE: os_version
> New connection from: 127.0.0.1
> Listening
> Stopped Listening
> Listening
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> Listening
> Stopped Listening
> Client Disconnected
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> A client is already connected, rejecting new
connection request from: 127.0.0.1
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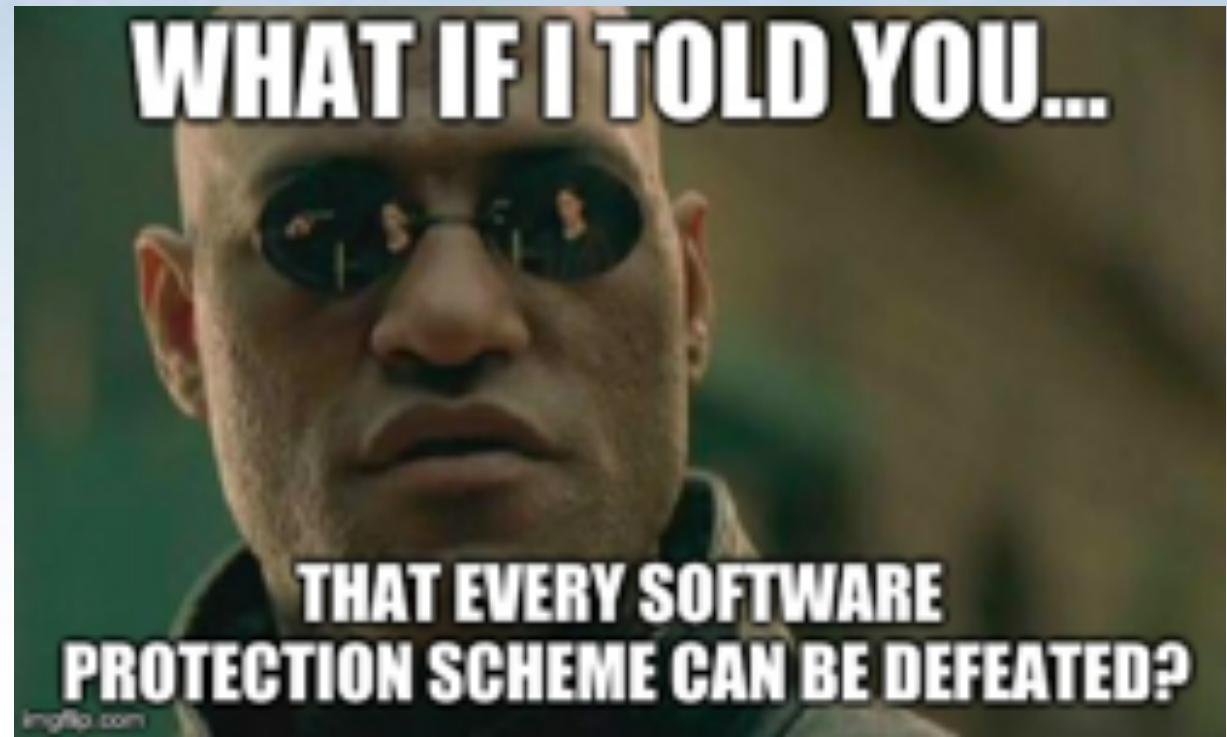
Data storage & privacy requirements

#	
2.1	System credential storage is limited to what is required to support the system's functionality. No sensitive data, such as PII, user credentials, or payment card information, is stored.
2.2	No sensitive data should be stored in a system's credential storage facility.
2.3	No sensitive data is written to disk.
2.4	No sensitive data is shared between components in the architecture.
2.5	The keyboard cache is disabled.
2.6	No sensitive data is exposed via the network.
2.7	No sensitive data, such as payment card information, is displayed on the user interface.
2.8	No sensitive data is included in the system's logs or system.
2.9	The app removes sensitive data from memory when it is no longer needed.
2.10	The app does not hold sensitive data in memory for longer than necessary. When sensitive data is held in memory, it is cleared explicitly by the app.
2.11	The app enforces a minimum password complexity requirement and requires the user to set a device lock screen password.
2.12	The app educates the user about the types of sensitive information processed, and how to protect their privacy when they follow in using the app.



There is much more!

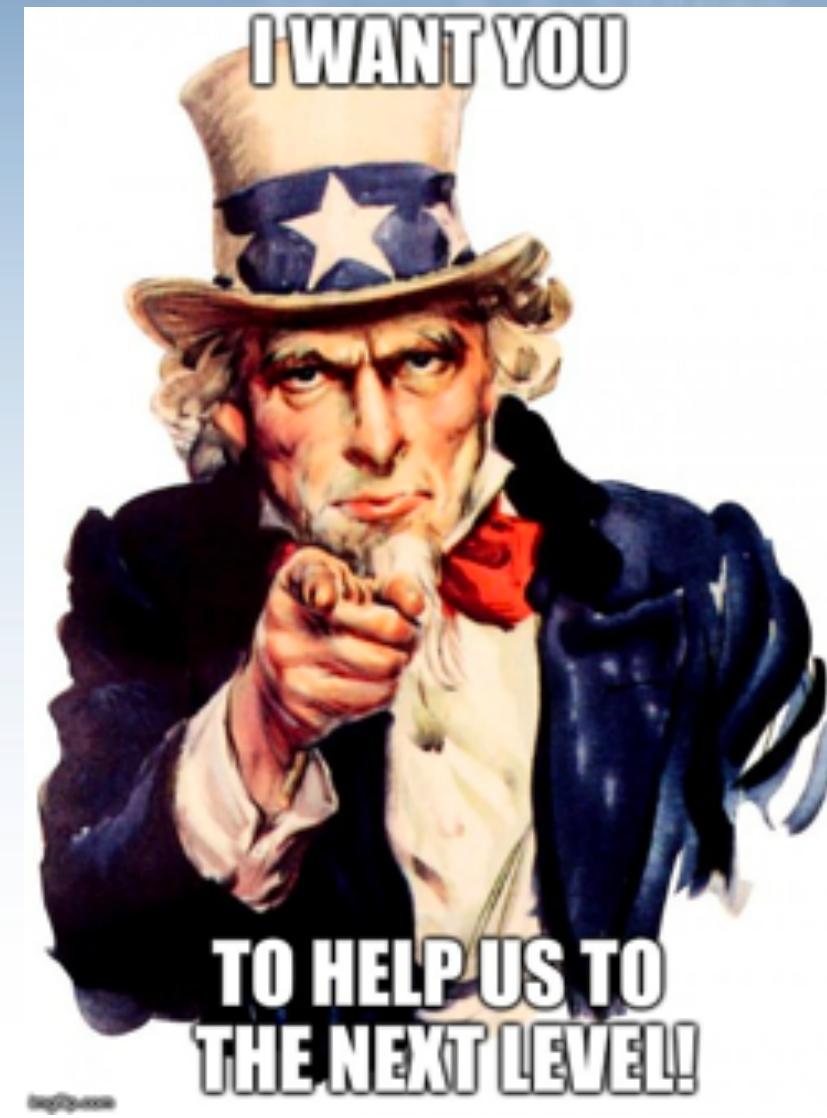
- Reverse Engineering
 - ✓ Root / Jailbreak Detection
 - ✓ Anti-Debugging
 - ✓ Detecting Reverse Engineering Tools
 - ✓ Emulator Detection / Anti-Emulation
 - ✓ File and Memory Integrity Checks
 - ✓ Device Binding
 - ✓ Obfuscation



There is much more!

- Reverse Engineering
- Analysis & best practices for
 - Storage
 - Cryptography
 - Local Authentication
 - Network Communication
 - Platform interaction
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QUESTIONS?

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- Introduction into the current state of the MSTG.
 - [Issues](#)
 - [Milestones](#)
 - [Project Page](#)
- Release process.
- Contribution guidelines.
- Outline of the activities planned for this week.
- How to get started
- Notes for contributors & reviewers

How to get started

1. Fork the repo you want to work on:
 - <https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-mstg>
 - <https://github.com/OWASP/owasp-masvs>
2. Setup local git at your system (preferably with ssh keys)
3. Clone the repo to your system
4. Add the upstream repo (MASVS/MSTG) to your repo configuration
5. Create a branch, start your work, commit and push when ready
6. Pull request and ask our attention to speed it up ☺ .
7. Review feedback? Parse it as soon as you can, so you can move forward and add your stuff.

Notes for contributors

- For any tool: focus on the installation, basics and guide towards it's own (online) help
- For every feature of a platform: focus on its working, best practices, pitfalls and insecurities

Notes for reviewers

- Really bad PR? Ask to get in touch and work together
- Ok-ish PR with big errors: comments
- Small issues: try to comment
- In parallel: PR for your own fixes, but keep it to a ### level per PR to cause less conflicts

FINAL NOTES:

- ALL EVENING sessions are in villa 708!