Static and Dynamic Software Security Analysis:

Analysing the KoopaApp



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Tools investigation

The chosen tools:



Java Soot Framework

A framework for analyzing and transforming Java and Android applications.



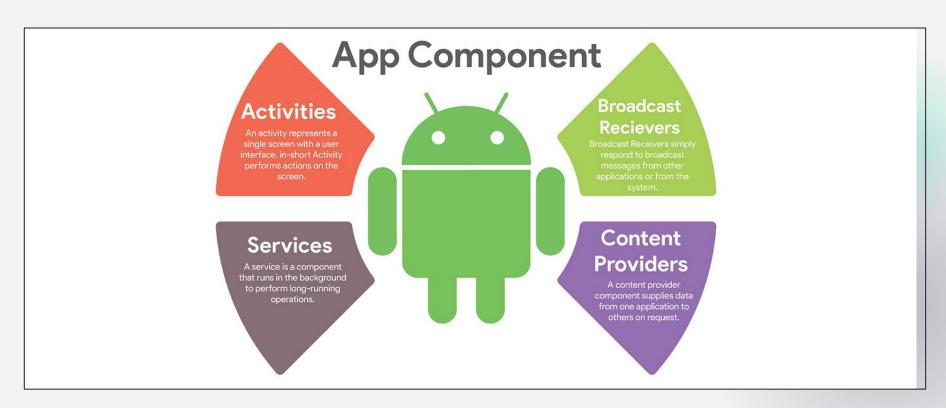
FlowDroid

a context-, flow-, field-, object-sensitive and lifecycle-aware static taint analysis tool for Android applications

Why?

- Cover all the features Needed.
- One of the best tools.
- Compatible with each other.
- Prior experience with Soot

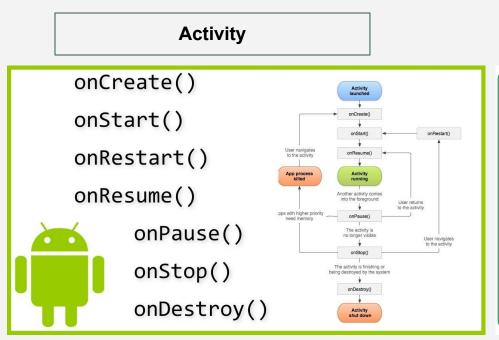
Android app components and their lifecycles.

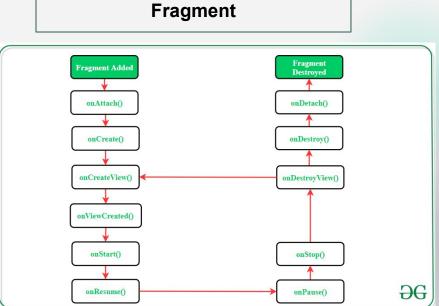


Additional Android app components

Fragments	Represents a portion of the user interface in an Activity.		
Views UI	Elements that are drawn on-screen including buttons, lists forms etc.		
Layouts View	Hierarchies that control screen format and appearance of the views.		
Intents	Messages wiring components together.		
Resources	External elements, such as strings, constants and drawable pictures.		
Manifest	Configuration file for the application.		

Activity\Fragment lifecycles

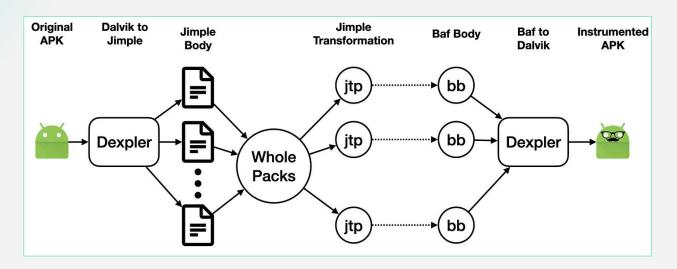






Instrument the app Using Soot

Instrumenting Using Soot



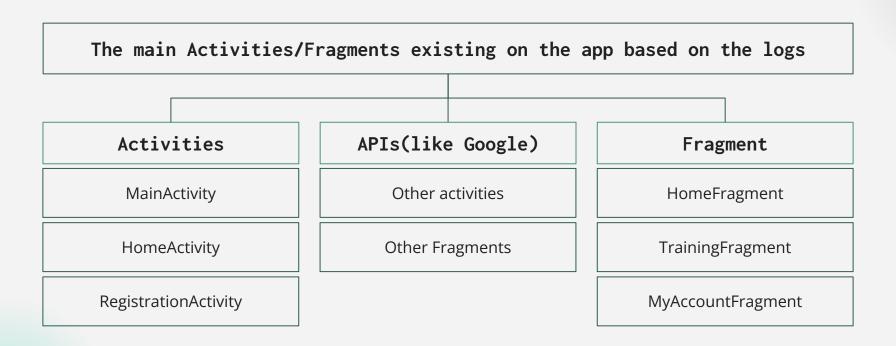
Signing the app



Instrumenting Using Soot: Output

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Exploring the app and analysing logs

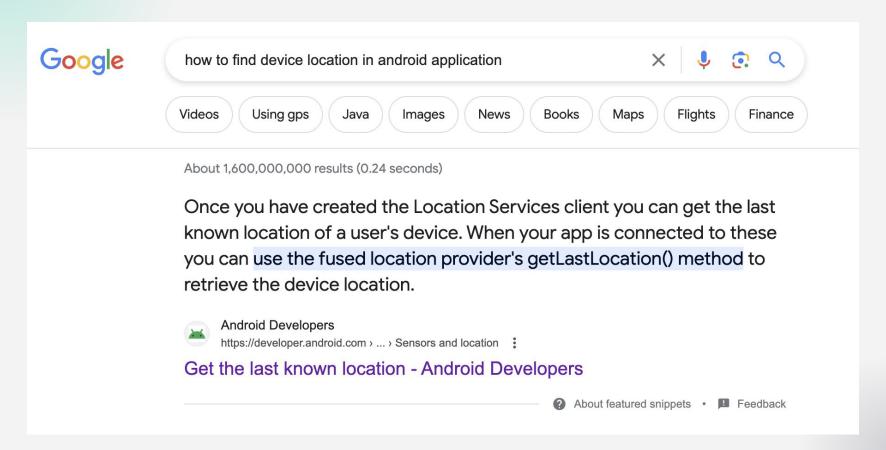




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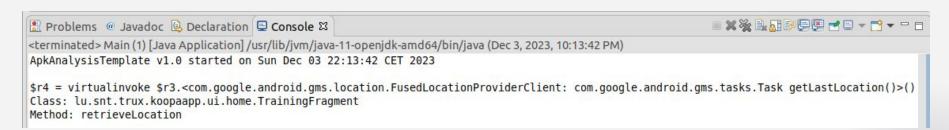
Location Source Identification and Finding the Shortest Path

Finding the device's location in Android

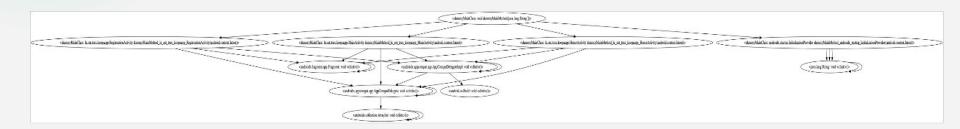


fineLocationMethod()

- Iterates over all classes in the Scene.
- Filters classes belonging to the "lu.snt.trux.koopaapp" package.
- For each method in these packages:
 - Checks if method names contain the substring "location."
 - If found, retrieves the method body.
 - Iterates over each statement in the method body.
 - Checks if the statement contains an invoke statement.
 - If invoking the "getLastLocation" method, prints method name, class (Activity/Fragment), and the identified statement.



Finding the Shortest Path: Constructing the CallGraph



- Android apps have complicated parts like Activities and Services with tricky lifecycles.
- Certain code parts get called automatically, making it hard to follow the flow.

Constructing the CallGraph using Flowdroid on top of Soot.

- InfoflowAndroidConfiguration
- SetupApplication
- Using CHA algorithm
- Contains 2299176 nodes.

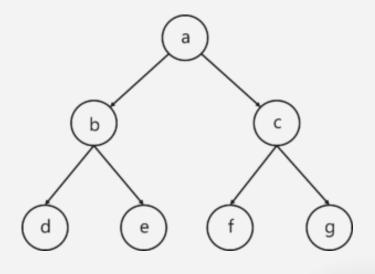
Finding the Shortest Path: Breadth First Search Algorithm

BFS Algorithm Overview:

- Traverses a graph level by level.
- Systematically explores nodes starting from the initial node.
- Ensures that all nodes at the current level are visited before moving to the next level.

Using BFS for Shortest Path Between 2 Methods:

- Represent methods as nodes in a graph.
- Create edges based on method calls.
- Start BFS from the source method.
- Explore neighbors (methods called) and enqueue unvisited methods.
- Record parent information during traversal.
- Stop when the destination method is reached.
- Reconstruct the shortest path using parent information.



Finding the Shortest Path: Output

We find the shortest path from the entry point, the onCreate() method of the MainActivity, to the retrieveLocation() of the TrainingFragment.

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Number of nodes in the call graph: 2299176
 Time taken: 137.399 seconds.
The shortest path from <lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.MainActivity: void onCreate(android.os.Bundle)> to <lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment: void retrieveLocation()> is:
<lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.MainActivity: void onCreate(android.os.Bundle)>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentActivity: void onCreate(android.os.Bundle)>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentController: void dispatchCreate()>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentManager: void dispatchCreate()>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentManager: void dispatchStateChange(int)>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentManager: void moveToState(int.boolean)>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentStore: void moveToExpectedState()>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentStateManager: void moveToExpectedState()>
<androidx.fragment.app.FragmentStateManager: void createView()>
<androidx.fragment.app.Fragment: void performCreateView(android.view.LavoutInflater.android.view.ViewGroup.android.os.Bundle)>
<lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment: android.view.View onCreateView(android.view.LayoutInflater,android.view.ViewGroup,android.os.Bundle)>
<lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment: void retrieveLocation()>
The length of the shortest path is: 12
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Detection

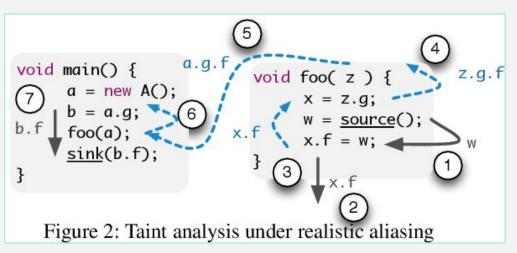
Data leaks

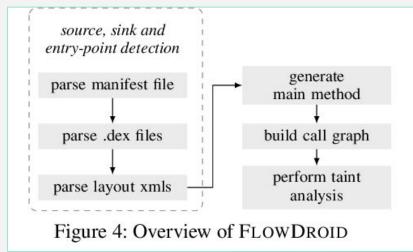
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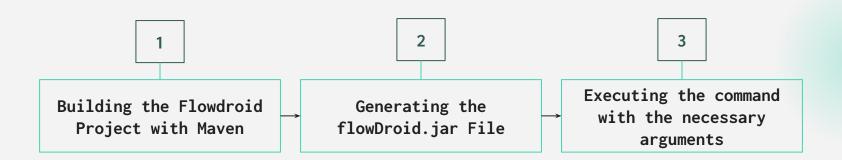
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FlowDroid Taint analysis





FlowDroid Taint analysis: Implementation

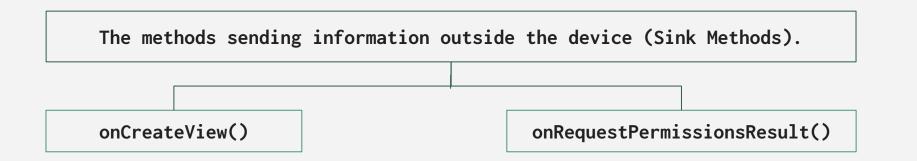


The command:

java -jar FlowDroid.jar -a koopaApp.apk -p
/home/micsispa/Desktop/Android-platforms/jars/stub -s SourcesAndSinks.txt
\ -d -cg CHA -t EasyTaintWrapperSource.txt -o analysis-results.xml

FlowDroid Taint analysis: Result

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[Low memory monitor] WARN soot.jimple.infoflow.memory.FlowDroidMemoryWatcher - Running out of memory, solvers terminated
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.android.SetupApplication$InPlaceInfoflow - Memory consumption after cleanup: 951 MB
main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.data.pathBuilders.BatchPathBuilder - Running path reconstruction batch 1 with 2 elements
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.data.pathBuilders.ContextSensitivePathBuilder - Obtainted 2 connections between sources and sinks
main| INFO soot.imple.infoflow.data.pathBuilders.ContextSensitivePathBuilder - Building path 1...
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.data.pathBuilders.ContextSensitivePathBuilder - Building path 2...
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.memory.MemoryWarningSystem - Shutting down the memory warning system...
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.android.SetupApplication$InPlaceInfoflow - Memory consumption after path building: 951 MB
[main] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.android.SetupApplication$InPlaceInfoflow - Path reconstruction took 2 seconds
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 nain] INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.android.SetupApplication$InPlaceInfoflow - Data flow solver took 113 seconds. Maximum memory consumption: 2567 MB
      INFO soot.jimple.infoflow.android.SetupApplication - Found 2 leaks
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FlowDroid Taint analysis: Result XML File

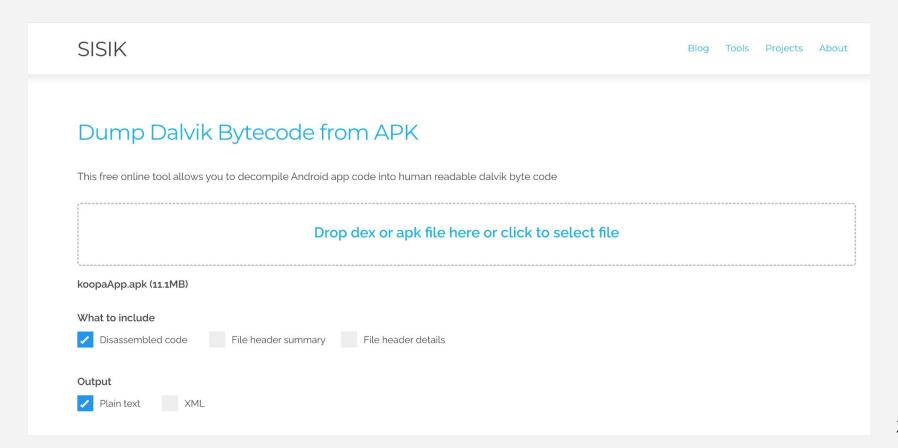
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<DataFlowResults FileFormatVersion="102" TerminationState="Success">
                   <Sink Statement="specialinvoke r0.&lt;lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment: void retrieveLocation()&gt;()" Method="&lt;lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment: void retrieveLocation()&gt;()" Method="&lt;lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui
                          <AccessPath Value="r0" Type="lu.snt.trux.koopaapp.ui.home.TrainingFragment" TaintSubFields="true" />
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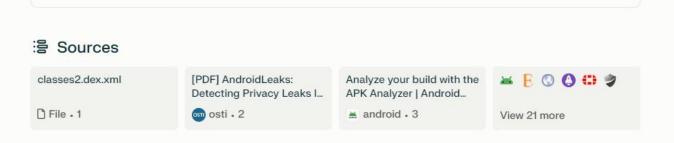
LLM Experiment



Dumping Bytecode from the koopaAPP APK file



LLM 1: Perplexity AI

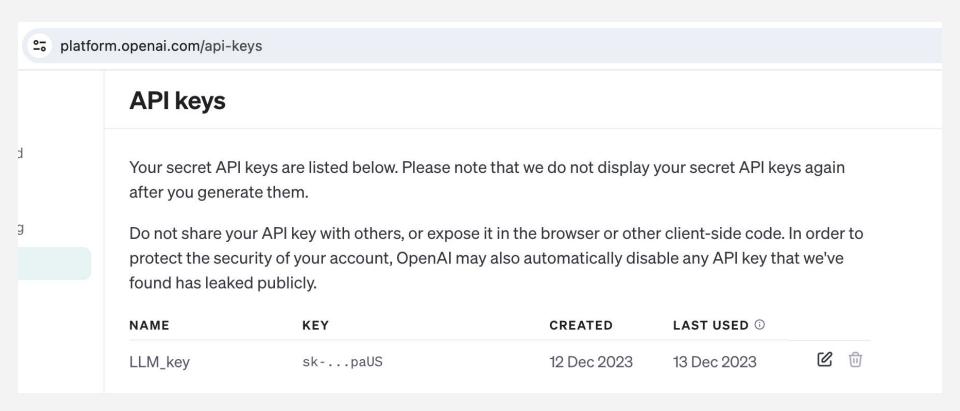


= Answer

Based on the provided files, it's not possible to definitively determine if there are any data leaks. The files are XML representations of the structure of Android application code, specifically detailing the methods, parameters, and return types used in the application. They do not contain the actual implementation of the methods, which is where vulnerabilities leading to data leaks would typically be found.

The files do show that the application uses the Google Protocol Buffers (protobuf) library, which is a language-neutral, platform-neutral, extensible mechanism for serializing structured data 1. This library is commonly used for communication and data storage, but its usage alone does not indicate a data leak.

LLM 2: ChatGPT



LLM 2: ChatGPT

```
+ Code + Text
 import requests
     # Define the API key and the model name
     api_key = "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"
     model = "text-davinci-003"
     def chat_with_chatgpt(prompt):
         # Send a POST request to the ChatGPT API with the prompt, the API key, and the model name
         response = requests.post(
             "https://api.openai.com/v1/chat/completions",
             headers={
                 "Content-Type": "application/json",
                 "Authorization": f"Bearer {api kev}"
             },
             ison={
                 "messages": [{"role": "user", "content": prompt}],
                 "model": "gpt-3.5-turbo",
                 "temperature": 0.7,
                 "max_tokens": 1000
         ). json()
         return response['choices'][0]['message']['content']
     question = input("Enter a question about the bytecode: ")
     with open("/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/classes.dex.txt", "rb") as file:
         # Read the entire content of the .dex file
         dex_content = file.read()
     # Generate a prompt for ChatGPT using the question
     prompt = f"Q: {question}\nA{dex_content}:"
     response = chat_with_chatgpt(prompt)
     print(response)
    Enter a question about the data: Can you find any data leaks in this bytecode?
     {'error': {'message': 'You exceeded your current quota, please check your plan and billing details. F
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Thank you!