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# **ANDROTOTAL**

## **A SCALABLE FRAMEWORK FOR ANDROID ANTIMALWARE TESTING**

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# ROADMAP

1. Android threats and protections
2. Limitations
3. Testing antimalware
4. AndroTotal
5. Status

# **1. ANDROID THREATS AND PROTECTIONS**

**2. LIMITATIONS**

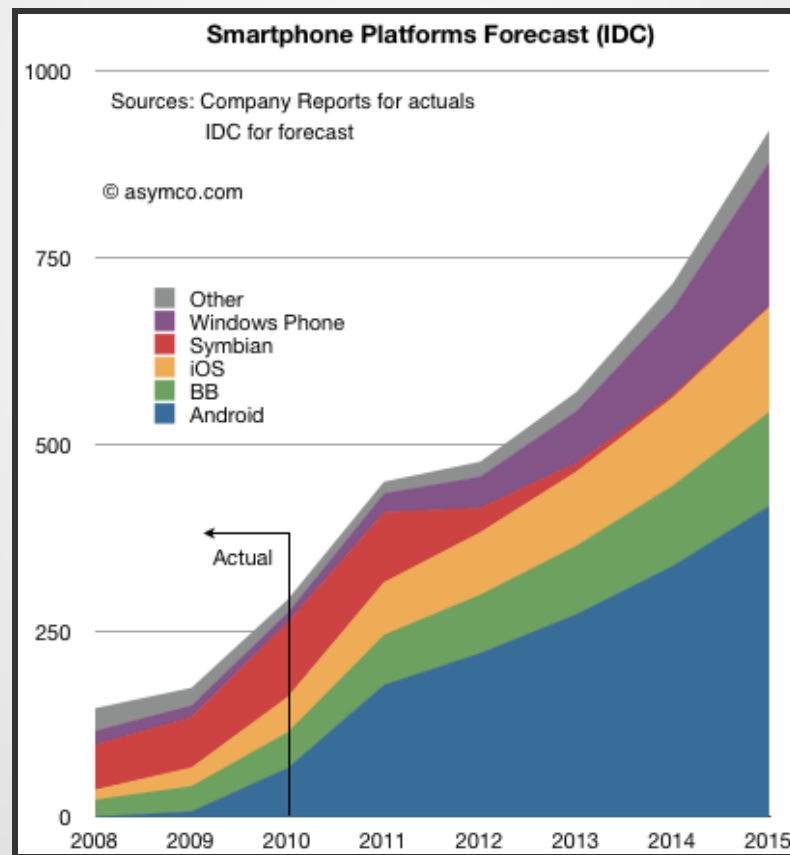
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# ANDROID FACTS

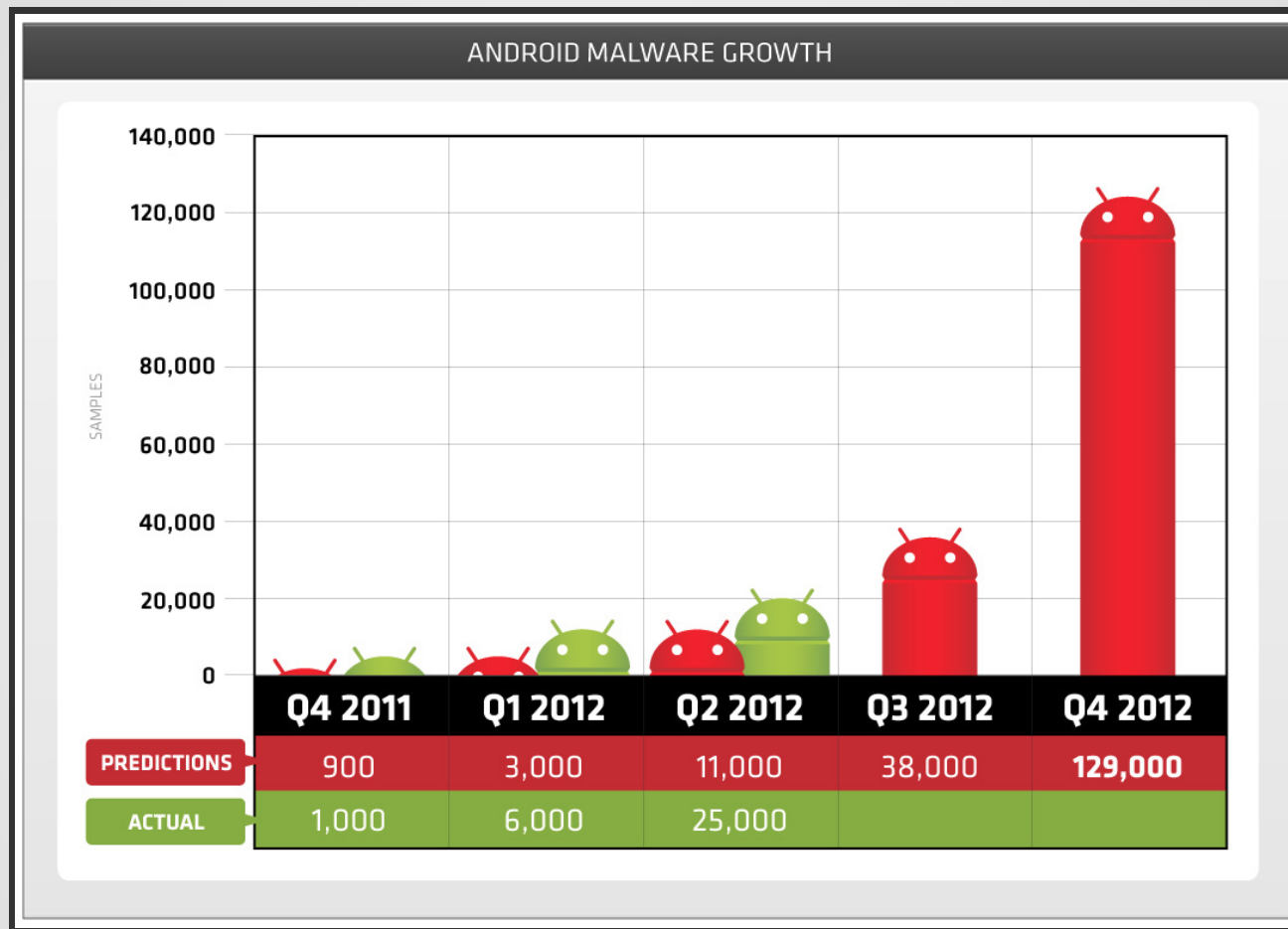
- **Android is the most popular mobile platform (79%)**
- Rich marketplaces stocked with apps
- Very attractive target for attackers



# ATTACKERS GOALS

- Steal sensitive data (intercept texts or calls)
- Turn devices into bots (perform malicious actions)
- Financial gain (call or text premium numbers)

# GROWTH OF MALICIOUS APPS (2011–2012)



<http://blog.trendmicro.com/trendlabs-security-intelligence/byod-a-leap-of-faith-for-enterprise-users/>

# NUMBER OF MOBILE 'THREATS' (Q1 2013)

- Symantec: ~3,900
- McAfee: ~60,000
- TrendMicro: ~509,000

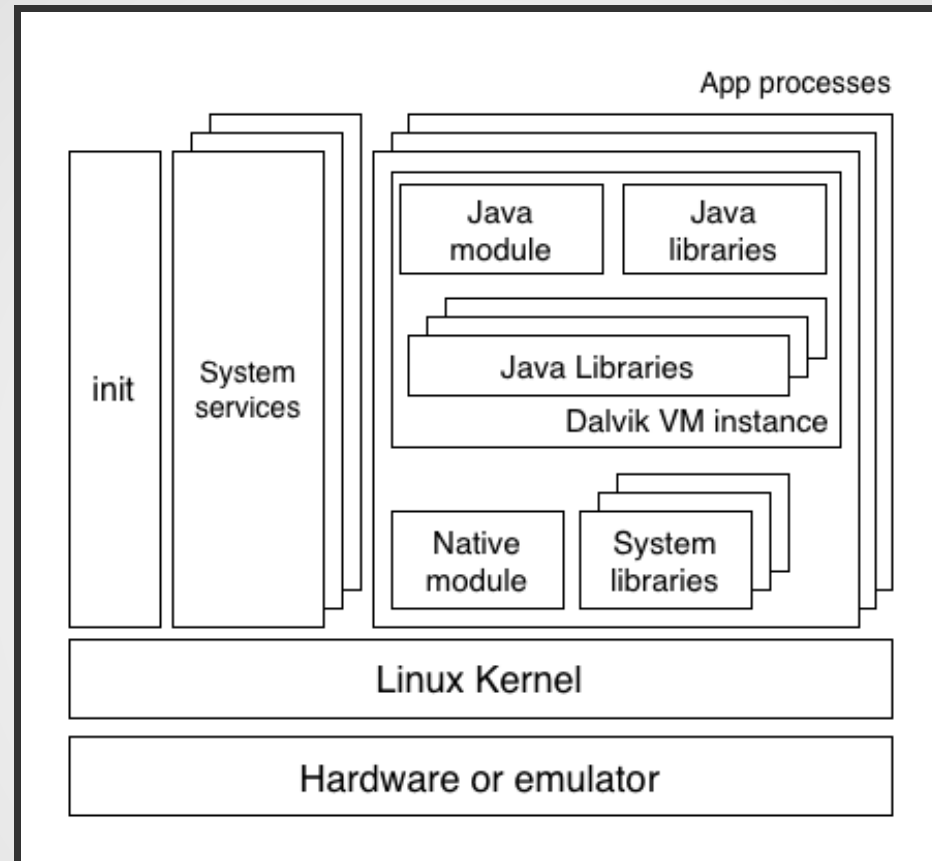
Google @ VB2013: Situation is vastly exaggerated

# GOOGLE'S LAYERED SECURITY APPROACH

- Google Play vetting
- Install and permission confirmation
- SMS/call blacklisting and quota
- Runtime checks (?)
- App sandboxing



# APP SANDBOXING



"Sensitive" operations require static permissions

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# ANTIMALWARE LIMITATIONS

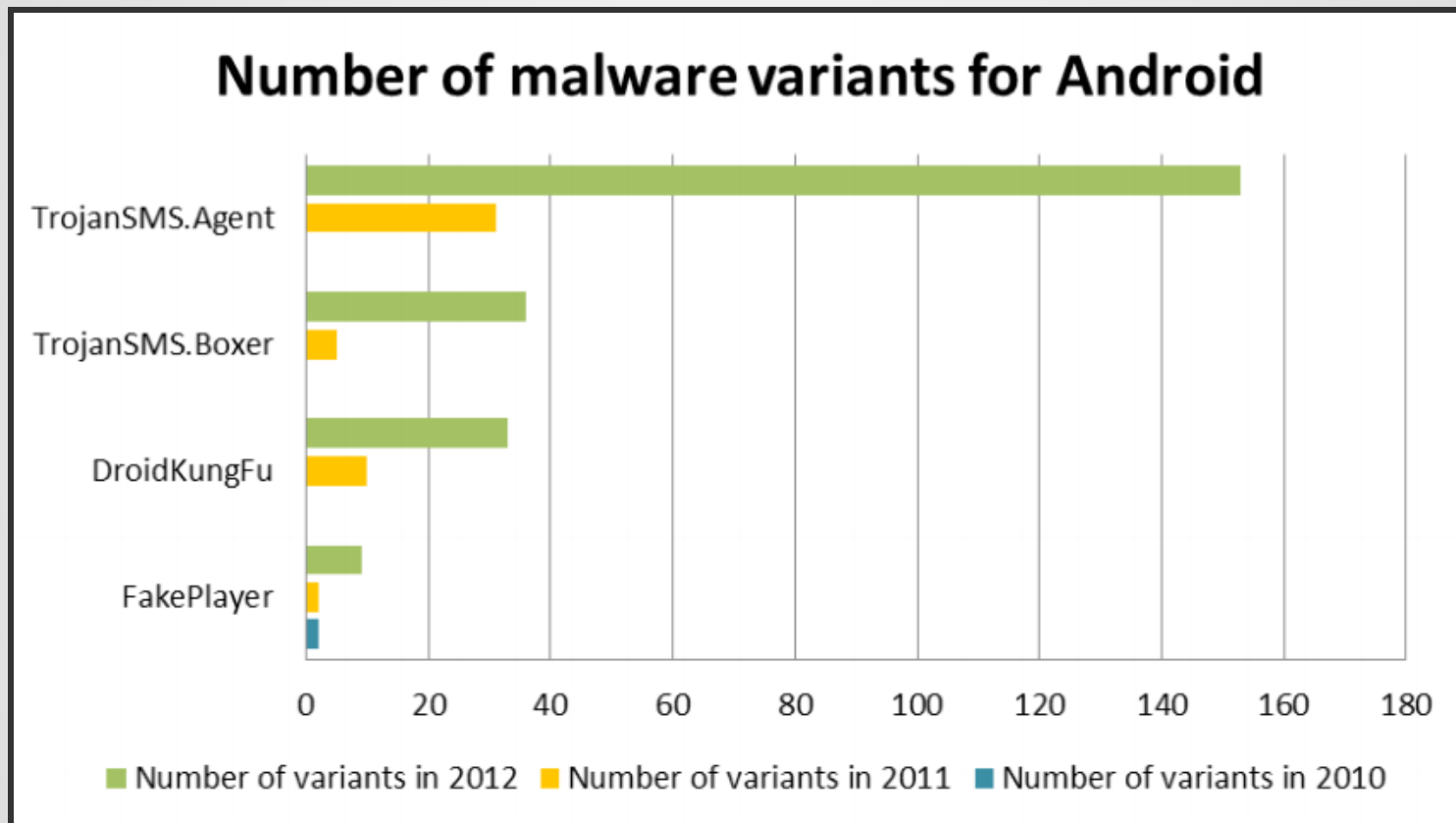
- No primitives for auditing running processes
- Workarounds:
  - Signature-based matching
  - Custom kernel (e.g., intercept syscalls)
  - Root the device and increase the antimalware's privileges

# MALWARE LIMITATIONS

- Less freedom: a malware is an isolated app itself
- Workarounds:
  - Social engineering
  - **Signature evasion**

# SIGNATURE EVASION

MORE VARIANTS THAN DISTINCT FAMILIES



[http://go.eset.com/us/resources/white-papers/Trends\\_for\\_2013\\_preview](http://go.eset.com/us/resources/white-papers/Trends_for_2013_preview)

# SIGNATURE EVASION

OBFUSCATION, ENCRYPTION, REPACKAGING

**ADAM: An Automatic and Extensible Platform to Stress Test  
Android Anti-Virus Systems, DIVMA2013**

**DroidChameleon: Evaluating Android Anti-malware against  
Transformation Attacks, AsiaCCS2013**

Based on this research we implemented 11 mutation scripts.

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# ANTIMALWARE PRODUCTS

- About 100 (free) antimalware apps
- Extra features on rooted devices



# HOW TO TEST THEM?

1. Obtain **M** samples of known malware
2. Apply **T** transformations to each sample
3. Analyze **M**  $\times$  **T** variants with **P** antimalware apps
4. Repeat for each of the **A** Android versions

# NUMBERS

- $M = 1,000$  (very conservative)
- $T = 11$
- $P = 100$
- $A = 3$  (2.3, 4.1, 4.2)

$$1,000 \times 11 \times 100 \times 3 = 3,300,000 \text{ TESTS}$$

# LACK OF AUTOMATION TOOLS

## VIRUSTOTAL.COM?

- Command-line, desktop-based AVs with signatures for Android
- Unclear whether the same signatures will work on the respective mobile products
- No versioning support

# STATE OF THE ART

- H. Pilz, *"Building a test environment for Android anti-malware tests,"* Virus Bulletin Conference '12
  - Human oracle is needed
- M. Zheng, P. P. C. Lee, and J. C. S. Lui, *"ADAM: An Automatic and Extensible Platform to Stress Test Android Anti-Virus Systems,"* DIMVA'12
  - Focus on transformation
- V. Rastogi, Y. Chen, and X. Jiang, *"DroidChameleon: Evaluating Android Anti-malware against Transformation Attacks,"* AsiaCCS'13
  - Focus on transformation

# TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Scalable architecture
- Android antimalware products are UI driven

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- SDK for writing UI tests/scrapers
- Pluggable adapters for each antimalware
- Parametric tests (e.g., version, platform)
- Task queues with distributed workers

# CHARACTERISTICS

- Web frontend for humans
- JSON/REST API for machines
- Pluggable code-transformation modules
- Works on both emulators and physical devices



# Scan application (advanced)

Sample File

Is this sample a  
malware?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☐ I do not know

Force sample reanalysis

☐

Are you human?




Antivirus name

Antivirus version

Android platform

Detection method ⓘ


Trend Micro, Mobile Security & Antivir	2.6.2	Android 4.1.2	On install	+
AVAST Software, avast! Mobile Security	2.0.3380	Android 4.1.2	On install	×
AVAST Software, avast! Mobile Security	2.0.3380	Android 4.1.2	On demand	×
AVAST Software, avast! Mobile Security	2.0.3917	Android 4.1.2	On install	×

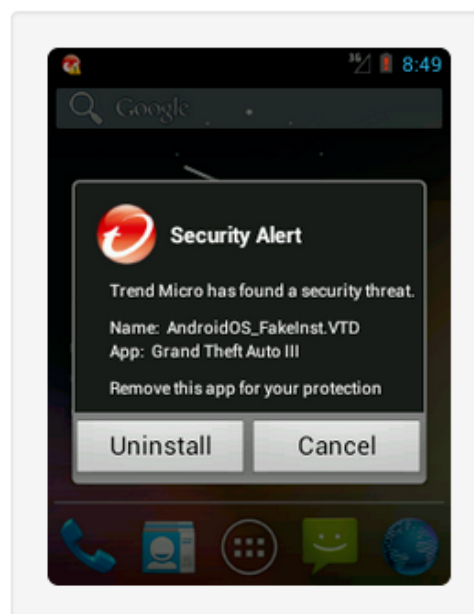
Sample MD5	cbdf63b2e5666799c4b74a8cd15565dd 
Sample SHA-1	d9c2bc199769f8e1c817ccd23f1860f5125bdaf6
Sample SHA-256	d11de9bb4d7451ffe7e4b6bd6bab529e7411e3dbe90d468243ef87a5ed98941e
File size	959488 Bytes
First seen on	08 May 2013
Malicious labels	<b>(Android:FakeInst-EO [PUP]).</b> <b>AndroidOS_FakeInst.VTD</b> <b>not a virus Adware.Startapp.origin.5</b>
Package name	com.issghai.thattere
File names	<b>com.issghai.thattere.apk</b>
External analysis	[ <a href="#">VirusTotal</a> ] [ <a href="#">SandDroid</a> ]

## Last 10 scans performed on this sample [View all »](#)

Platform	Antivirus Name	Detected name	Date	Results
Android 4.1.2	<a href="#">Doctor Web, Ltd, Dr.Web Anti-virus Light (free) 7.00.3</a>	not a virus Adware.Startapp.origin.5	08/05/13	<a href="#">Full report »</a>
Android 4.1.2	<a href="#">Trend Micro, Mobile Security &amp; Antivirus 2.6.2</a>	AndroidOS_FakeInst.VTD	08/05/13	<a href="#">Full report »</a>
Android 4.1.2	<a href="#">AVAST Software, avast! Mobile Security 2.0.3917</a>	(Android:FakeInst-EO [PUP]).	08/05/13	<a href="#">Full report »</a>
Android 4.1.2	<a href="#">Kaspersky Lab, Kaspersky Mobile Security Lite 9.36.28</a>	No threat detected	08/05/13	<a href="#">Full report »</a>
Android 4.1.2	<a href="#">NortonMobile, Norton Security &amp; Antivirus 3.3.4.970</a>	No threat detected	08/05/13	<a href="#">Full report »</a>

## Mobile Security & Antivirus 2.6.2 scan for cddf63b2e5666799c4b74a8cd15565dd

Task id	131bd4fe-3bcd-4a72-a207-683ed8eb79f1
Vendor name	Trend Micro
Antivirus name	Mobile Security & Antivirus
Engine version	2.6.2
Analysis started on	08/05/2013 at 17:05
Analysis completed on	08/05/2013 at 17:07 (took 91 seconds)
Detection method	On install
Analysis result	AndroidOS_FakeInst.VTD
Sample md5	cddf63b2e5666799c4b74a8cd15565dd 



## Logcat dump [\(download\)](#)

```
99. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): VSReadVirusPattern OK. Action successful.
100. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): OK. VSSetProcessAllFileInArcFlag. oldValue = ret = 0.
101. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): OK. VSSetExpandLiteFlag. oldValue = ret = 1.
102. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): OK. VSSetProcessAllFileFlag. oldValue = ret = 0.
103. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): OK. VSSetCleanZipFlag. oldValue = ret = 0.
104. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): OK. VSSetCleanBackupFlag. oldValue = ret = 0.
105. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): VSGetDetectableVirusNumber virus in patter num = 3283
106. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): filename = /data/data/com.trendmicro.tmmspersonal/Library/pattern/msvpnaos.457
107. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): InternalVer = 145700, PtnVer = 457.
108. D/PrepareVSAPI4RTScan( 674): before tmmsAntiMalwareJni4RTScan.init()!
109. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): VSInit OK!
110. D/PrepareVSAPI4RTScan( 674): after tmmsAntiMalwareJni4RTScan.init()!
111. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): in vsSetPatternPath, vc = 711579352
112. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): Current pattern path is : /etc/iscan
113. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): Pattern path is set to : /data/data/com.trendmicro.tmmspersonal/Library/pattern
114. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): Pattern file(s) successfully deleted.
115. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): in vsLoadPattern, vc = 711579352, sharedVC = 708085592, scanType =
116. I/tmms-vsapi-jni( 674): vsLoadPattern patternPath = /data/data/com.trendmicro.tmmspersonal/Library/pattern.
```

Sample File

 BrowseIs this sample a  
malware?

- ☐ Yes  
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☐ I do not know

Force sample reanalysis ☐Obfuscate sample ☒

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AVAST Software, avast! Mobile Secur ▾

2.0.3917 ▾

Android 4.1.2 ▾

On install ▾



- ✓ Alignment
- ArithmeticBranch
- Debug
- Defunct
- Goto
- Indirections
- Nop
- Rebuild
- Reflection
- Renaming
- Reordering
- Repacking
- Resigned
- StringEncrypt

Start scan!

By clicking "Start scan!", you agree to our [Terms of Service](#) and our [Privacy Policy](#).

# WRITING TESTS ~~IS~~ WAS TEDIOUS

We have abstracted away the low level details, so that we can focus on the important things: *extracting the results*.

# ANDROPILOT

## TEST RECIPE (ON-INSTALL DETECTION)

```
#andrototal-adapters/ComZonerAndroidAntivirus.py
class TestSuite(base.BaseTestSuite):
    def on_install_detection(self, sample_path):
        self.pilot.install_package(sample_path)

        if self.pilot.wait_for_activity(
            "com.zoner.android.antivirus_common.ActScanResults", 10):

            result = self.pilot.get_view_by_id("scaninfected_row_virus")
        else:
            result = False
```

# TEST RECIPE (ON-DEMAND DETECTION)

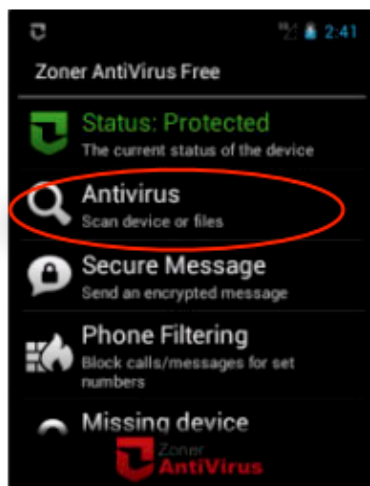
```
#...
def on_demand_detection(self, sample_path):
    self.pilot.install_package(sample_path)
    self.pilot.start_activity("com.zoner.android.antivirus", ".ActMain")
    self.pilot.wait_for_activity("com.zoner.android.antivirus.ActMain")

    self.pilot.tap_on_coordinates(120, 130)
    self.pilot.wait_for_activity("com.zoner.android.antivirus.ActMalware")

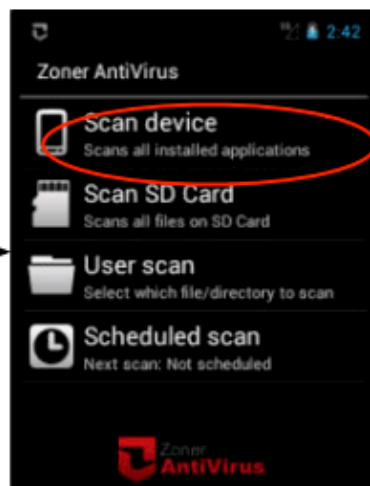
    # start scan
    self.pilot.tap_on_coordinates(120, 80)
    self.pilot.wait_for_activity(
        "com.zoner.android.antivirus_common.ActScanResults")

    self.pilot.refre_dsh()
# ...
```

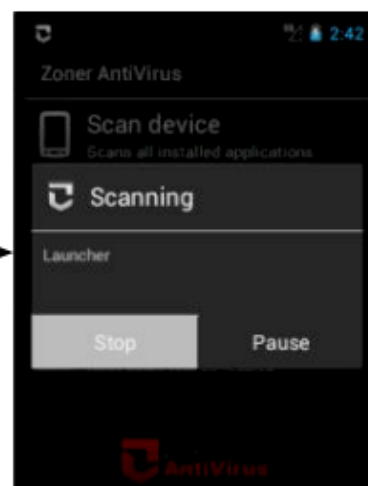




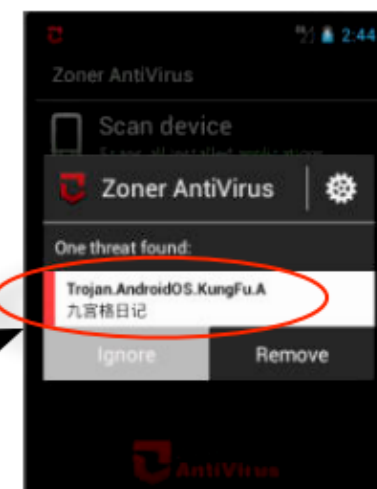
Tap



Tap



Event waiting



Screen scraping



# WORKFLOW

1. Retrieve a suspicious APK
2. Choose parameters
  - Android version(s)
  - List of antimalware product and versions
  - Apply chain of mutations
3. Pull clean image(s) from repository
4. Instantiate one test per combination of
  - Android version
  - Product version
5. Enqueue test instances

# ARCHITECTURE

- Web frontend
- Repository of clean Android images
- Asynchronous task dispatcher
- Distributed workers

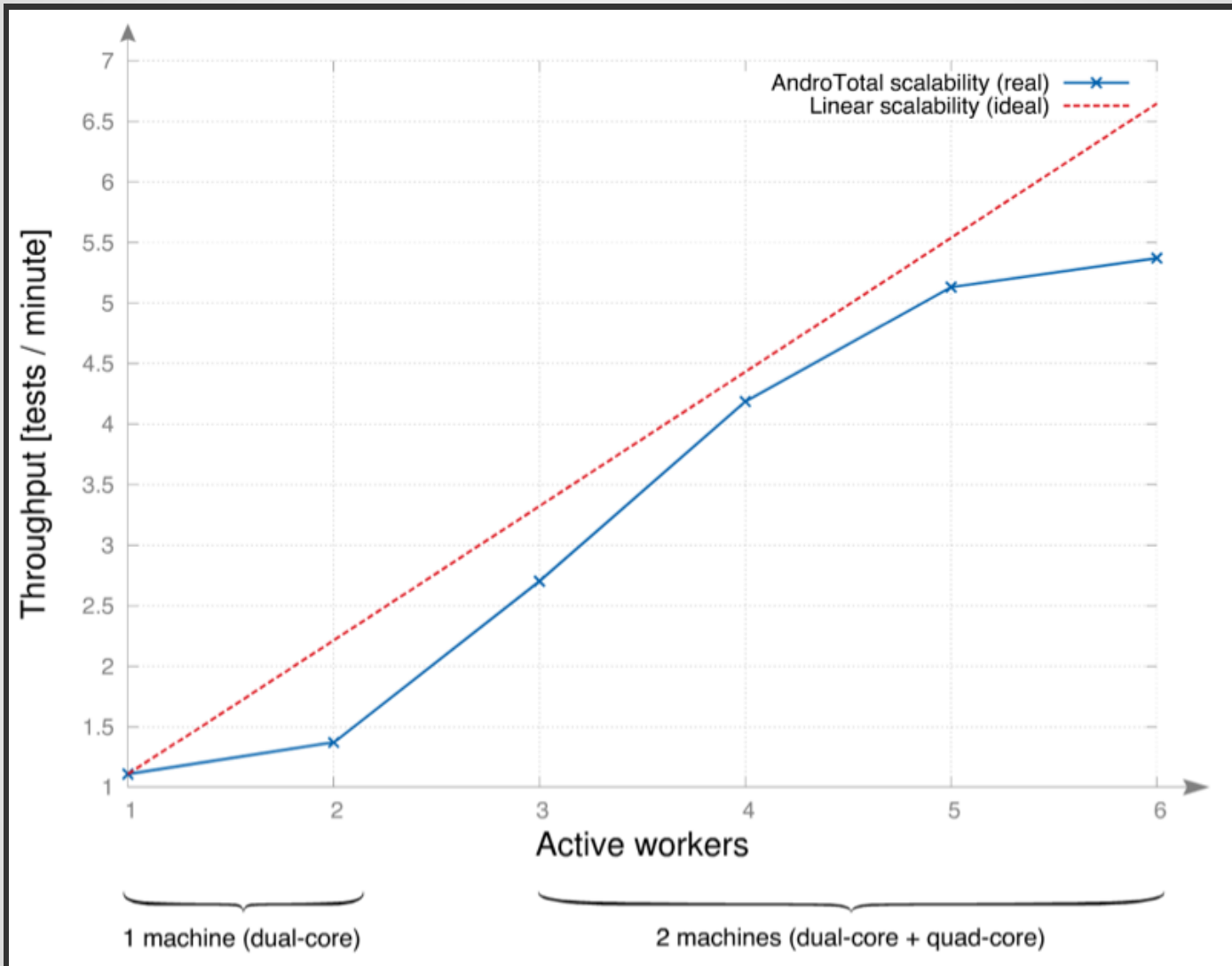
# REST/JSON API AND CLIENT

- Push (public) and pull (invite only) samples
- Python client: <https://bitbucket.org/andrototal/tools>

```
$ python andrototal_cli.py -l DEBUG scan -at-key <...> -ms-key <...> path/to

Running command: scan
Uploading file sample.apk
Scan response: {"resource": "10a6f3efc8bc40c1922facde7d055208"}
Uploading file sample2.apk
Scan response: {"resource": "e870c6748ca3409f84c9c9e1a91daf3f"}
Uploading file 40156a176bb4554853f767bb6647fd0ac1925eac.apk
Scan response: {"resource": "21d6c7234a184db6b8e52f2bab523787"}
Uploading file samples-3.apk
Scan response: {"resource": "ec5b3c94ed624d6993b52a50d63153fa"}
```

# SCALABILITY



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# NUMBERS

- 1,275 users subscribed
- 13 antimalware vendors supported (not all public)
- 16 products overall (not all public)
- 23,215 distinct APKs submitted and analyzed

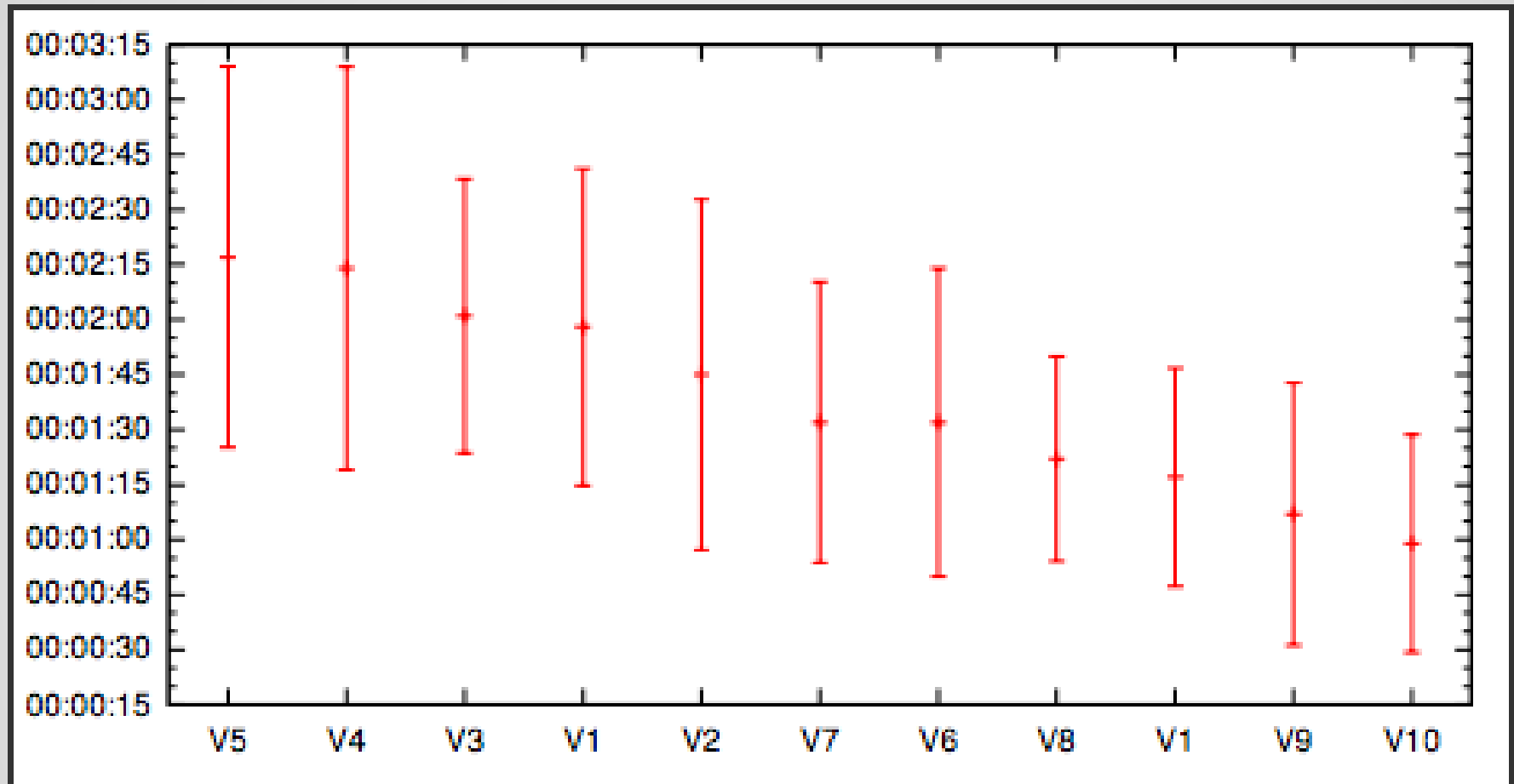
## **SUPPORTED APPS (PUBLIC)**

- ZONER, Inc. - Zoner AntiVirus Free 1.8.0
- ZONER, Inc. - Zoner AntiVirus Free 1.7.6
- AVAST Software - avast! Mobile Security 2.0.3917
- Doctor Web, Ltd - Dr.Web Anti-virus Light (free) 7.00.3
- Kaspersky Lab - Kaspersky Mobile Security Lite 9.36.28
- Kaspersky Lab - Kaspersky Mobile Security 10.4.41
- Trend Micro - Mobile Security & Antivirus 2.6.2
- Trend Micro - Mobile Security & Antivirus 3.1
- NortonMobile - Norton Security & Antivirus 3.2.0.769
- NortonMobile - Norton Security & Antivirus 3.3.4.970



Label	#
UDS:DangerousObject.Multi.Generic	3963
HEUR:Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.Opfake.bo	1252
not a virus Adware.Airpush.origin.7	701
AndroidOS Opfake.CTD	700
HEUR:Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.Opfake.a	628
Android.SmsSend.origin.281	620
Android:FakeNotify-A [Trj]	620
HEUR:Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.FakeInst.a	512
Android.SmsSend.origin.315	485
HEUR:Backdoor.AndroidOS.KungFu.a	466
Android.SmsSend.origin.585	462
Android.SmsSend.origin.629	461
Adware.AndroidOS.Airpush-Gen	432
HEUR:Backdoor.AndroidOS.BaseBrid.a	390
AndroidOS Opfake.CTC	386

# AVERAGE SPEED: NO MAJOR WINNER



# FUTURE WORK

- Add more cores and scale
- Compare labels and detection results with VirusTotal.com
- Deploy on ARM boards and monitor power consumption
- Open malware repository and API: **anyone interested?**



# GRAB A STICKER! QUESTIONS?

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