Module I Assignment: Introduction to Android APKs Mobile Devices Security

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2. Development of an Android application

This Android app can be divided into four main parts, the Activities, the classes interfacing with the repository, the database where we define our DB convenience methods and the model where we define our custom data objects.

Activities

Each one of them manages one of the screens requested in the lab report:

MainActivity uses a Recycler View component to show the current credentials stored in the SQLite database created for this app, each one of those Cards allows a detailed view when clicked on them, also, it contains a Floating Action Button that allows the user to add a local credential and a Menu Button in the Toolbar that allows the beginning of the import process.

NewRecordActivity allows the user to add a new credential into the local database by selecting as identifier one of the installed apps listed on the Spinner component, again there is a Floating Action Button to save the data and a back Button on the Toolbar that mimics the behavior of pressing the back physical button.

ImportActivity starts the process of importing a credential from the repository, once again the Spinner is populated with the ids of the credentials stored on it, obtained by using an AsyncTask that we will explain later, once the user has confirmed the operation, the data is sent back to the MainActivity by using methods putExtra and getExtra.

EditRecordActivity is started when one of the items in the Recycler View is clicked, revealing the contents of the credentials and a button to show/hide the password based on a 3 seconds timer (implemented using Threads as the WelcomeActivity timer), here we also have a Toolbar Button to export the credential to the external repo, once again using an AsyncTask defined later.

WelcomeActivity is shown the first time the user starts the app; it has an image and starts the MainActivity once 3 seconds have passed.

Repository related classes

In order to interact with the web server, we had to implement three Async Tasks to be run in a different Threads based on the code provided as example by the instructor, each one of them allows us to get a list of credentials, import and export them.

Database

In order to create a local database where we could store the credentials, we had to define our database (in DatabaseContract.class) and a database helper to manage the creation, update

and deletion of our actual database file. Once set up, we followed the sqlite api documentation to insert and read entries from the database.

Model

Here we define our Credential custom object that manages the use of Credentials throughout the code

3. "CredHub" App Signing

We simply created a keystore and a key by following the process in AndroidStudio to later generate the signed .apk required for the delivery.

4. Signature verification of the application kontaktos.apk

To carry out this section we have made use of apktool and the application kontaktos that has been provided.

Apktool is a utility that can be used for reverse engineering Android applications resources. With it we can decode APK resources to almost original form, we can modify the source code on the fly and rebuild the decoded resources back to APK.

Once we have de-compiled the application kontaktos.apk, we can find all the application structure and the Manifest.xml, in which we can analyze the basic configurations of our application.

ombre	Fecha de modificación	Tipo	Tamaño
assets	24/02/2020 20:04	Carpeta de archivos	
original	24/02/2020 20:04	4/02/2020 20:04 Carpeta de archivos	
res	24/02/2020 20:04 Carpeta de archivos		
smali	24/02/2020 20:04 Carpeta de archivos		
unknown	24/02/2020 20:04	Carpeta de archivos	
AndroidManifest.xml	24/02/2020 20:04	Archivo XML	33 KE
apktool.yml 24/02/2020 20:04 Archivo Yl		Archivo YML	18 KE

At this point, we are going to describe some manifest permissions exposed by the app:

1- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.CALL_PHONE"/>

Allows an application to initiate a pone call without going through the Dialer user interface for the user to confirm the call.

2- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WAKE_LOCK"/>

Allows using PowerManager WakeLocks to keep processor from sleeping or screen from dimming.

3- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.MODIFY PHONE STATE"/>

Allows modification of the telephony state - power on, mmi (Man Machine Interface), etc. This permission does not include making calls. Not for use by third-party applications.

4- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.DISABLE_KEYGUARD"/>

Allows applications to disable the element that locks the phone (PIN, pattern, default lockscreen, etc)

- 5- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.READ_SYNC_SETTINGS"/> Allows the app to read the "master" syncronization of the phone with all the services (google mail, synchronization of contacts, calendar, etc)
- 6- <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.WRITE_SYNC_SETTINGS"/> Similarly to the above permission, this one allows the app to change the state of this syncronization services.

difference between permissions required at runtime and static permissions.

From Android 6.0 All applications must request access to the different elements of the mobile such as the microphone, location, contacts or access to the files of the mobile. What was once automatic, now is better controlled, separated and it is in our discretion to allow applications to have certain permissions.

Permissions required at runtime are those in which users will be asked for permissions while the app is running. This way, a user is able to choose which permissions they should grant without affecting the application flow.

On the other hand, before Android 6, the user granted all permissions while installing or updating the app, meaning less control over the specific tasks that required them and more tendency to exceed its intended usage.

5. Inspection of digital signatures and digital certificates of the application kontaktos.apk

- 1. Install the application kontaktos.apk.
- 2. Get the digital signature from the corresponding certificate of the app.

```
C:\Archivos de programa\Java\jdk1.7.0_79\bin>keytool -printcert -file CERT.RSA

Propietario: CN=Contapps, OU=Contapps, O=Contapps
Emisor: CN=Contapps, OU=Contapps, O=Contapps

N·mero de serie: 4c5af52d

Vßlido desde: Thu Aug 05 19:30:21 CEST 2010 hasta: Fri Jul 23 19:30:21 CEST 2060

Huellas digitales del Certificado:

MD5: FB:F5:EC:31:CC:D2:B9:27:AC:B5:72:EB:F5:02:B6:73

SHA1: 93:EB:AA:B7:AC:59:98:8A:A2:F0:DA:A7:EB:90:44:D9:56:03:4A:94

SHA256: 79:27:0A:D6:6A:93:71:4B:86:DA:3C:5E:98:C3:1F:44:00:67:D9:D2:4A:2A:B4:2B:F3:4C:6D:30:E2:AB:6B:9D

Nombre del Algoritmo de Firma: MD5withRSA

Versi%n: 1
```

3. Get the cryptographic hashes for the app's logo and for at least three different image files with different density of pixels. Describe the algorithm used for the respective hash encoding.

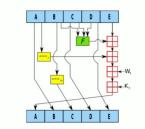
The cryptographic hash for the app's logo:

Name: res/drawable-ldpi/icon.png

SHA1-Digest: VJIo9Ic2vADjDMcdEZ+VU0jNhds=

As we can see, it is making use of Secure Hash Algorithm, more specifically SHA-1 to hash both the logo and all the image files of the application.

How do they work?



SHA-1 is a cryptographic hash function which takes an input and produces a 160-bit (20-byte) hash value known as a message digest, typically rendered as a hexadecimal number, 40 digits long. In this case, we can see that the SHA-1 hash Digest has been encoded with base 64 but we can convert easily from base 64 to hexadecimal and vice versa.

SHA1-Digest base 64 (28 digits):

VJIo9Ic2vADjDMcdEZ+VU0jNhds=

SHA1-Digest hexadecimal number (40 digits):

54 92 28 f4 87 36 bc 00 e3 0c c7 1d 11 9f 95 53 48 cd 85 db

Here we will add the cryptographic hashes of some images according to their different pixel density:

Idpi, resources for low-density (Idpi) screens (~120 dpi)

Name: res/drawable-ldpi/wizard free sms pic.png

SHA1-Digest: iBswcLZoZPY+mWsnh2DlS+d6J4k=

- <u>mdpi</u>, resources for medium-density (mdpi) screens (~160dpi). (This is the baseline density.)

Name: res/drawable-mdpi/dialer icon pressed.png

SHA1-Digest: 6eKvpszPbR4COakBIS4t0236xMU=

- hdpi, resources for high-density (hdpi) screens (~240dpi).

Name: res/drawable-xhdpi/icon_merger.png

SHA1-Digest: bITJ43zfdZujDk/ncxm/Cf+r9kl=

- xhdpi, Resources for extra high-density (xhdpi) screens (~320dpi).

Name: res/drawable-hdpi/icon_call_log.png

SHA1-Digest: 1UWkf9hVMzxaQoxT4Z0Odi45hQw=

4. Describe each part of the CERT.RSA file of this app.

```
C:\Archivos de programa\Java\jdk1.7.0_79\bin>keytool -printcert -file CERT.RSA

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N·mero de serie: 4c5af52d

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SHA256: 79:27:0A:D6:6A:93:71:4B:86:DA:3C:5E:98:C3:1F:44:00:67:D9:D2:4A:2A:B4:2B:F3:4C:6D:30:E2:AB:6B:9D

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```

The Fingerprints of the Certificate is composed of three parts:

- 1. MD5 (Message-Digest Algorithm 5), It is a widely used 128-bit cryptographic reduction algorithm.
- 2. SHA-1 (Secure Hash Algorithm),
- 3. SHA-256 is a variation of SHA-2, the successor of SHA-1

The main differences that exist between them two are:

	Output size	Internal	Block size	Max	
Algorithm	(bits)	state size	(bits)	message	Rounds

		(bits)		size (bits)	D.
SHA-1	160 (5x32)	160	512	$2^{64}-1$	80
SHA-256	256 (8x32)	256	512	$2^{64}-1$	64

- 5. Give a brief description and the values obtained from these app certificate elements:
- a. Serial Number
- b. Validity
- c. Coding algorithm used for public key
- d. Size of the public key
- e. Modulus
- f. Signature algorithm

6. Interacting with the Activity Manager via ADB

Get a screenshot of the partial list of applications installed on the emulator used for development, showing the package corresponding to kontaktos.apk application and the application created by you (CredHub).

```
package:com.android.cts.priv.ctsshim
package:com.google.android.youtube
ackage:com.google.android.ext.services
package:com.example.android.livecubes
package:com.android.providers.telephony
backage:com.google.android.googlequicksearchbox
package:com.android.providers.calendar
package:com.android.providers.media
package:com.google.android.onetimeinitializer
package:com.google.android.ext.shared
package:com.android.protips
package:com.android.documentsui
package:com.android.externalstorage
package:com.android.htmlviewer
package:com.android.mms.service
package:com.android.providers.downloads
package:com.google.android.apps.messaging
package:com.google.android.configupdater
package:com.android.defcontainer
package:com.android.providers.downloads.ui
package:com.android.vending
package:com.android.pacprocessor
backage:com.android.certinstaller
package:com.android.carrierconfig
package:android
package:com.android.contacts
package:com.android.camera2
oackage:com.android.egg
package:com.android.mtp
package:com.android.launcher3
backage:com.android.backupconfirm
package:com.android.statementservice
package:com.google.android.gm
package:com.google.android.apps.tachyon
package:com.google.android.setupwizard
package:com.android.providers.settings
oackage:com.android.sharedstoragebackup
package:com.google.android.music
package:com.android.printspooler
package:com.android.dreams.basic
package:com.android.inputdevices
package:com.android.sdksetup
package:com.google.android.apps.docs
package:com.google.android.apps.maps
package:com.android.cellbroadcastreceiver
package:com.google.android.webview
package:com.android.server.telecom
package:com.google.android.syncadapters.contacts
package:com.android.keychain
package:com.android.chrome
oackage:com.android.dialer
package:com.android.gallery3d
package:com.google.android.packageinstaller
package:com.android.emulator.smoketests
package:com.google.android.gms
oackage:com.google.android.gsf
package:com.google.android.tts
package:com.google.android.partnersetup
oackage:com.google.android.videos
package:com.example.android.apis
package:com.android.proxyhandler
ackage:com.android.fallback
package:com.android.inputmethod.latin
package:org.chromium.webview_shell
oackage:com.google.android.feedback
package:com.google.android.printservice.recommendation
generic_x86:/ $ am start -W com.contapps.android
Starting: Intent { act=android.intent.action.MAIN cat=[android.intent.category.LAUNCHER] pkg=com.contapps.android }
Status: ok
Activity: com.contapps.android/.WizardActivity
ThisTime: 653
TotalTime: 1064753
WaitTime: 1179
Complete
C:\adb>adb shell
generic_x86:/ $ am start -W com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub
Starting: Intent { act=android.intent.action.MAIN cat=[android.intent.category.LAUNCHER] pkg=com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub }
Error: Activity not started, unable to resolve Intent { act=android.intent.action.MAIN cat=[android.intent.category.LAUNCHER] flg=0x100000000 pkg=com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub }
generic x86:/$
```

Get a list of all installed activities on kontaktos.apk and on CredHub

kontaktos.apk:

```
com.contapps.android/.CallLog
com.contapps.android/.Messages
com.contapps.android/.BoardPicker
com.contapps.android/.Messages
com.contapps.android/.sms.ComposeNewMessageActivity
com.contapps.android/.BoardPicker
com.contapps.android/.ContappsBoard
com.contapps.android/.PhonePicker
com.contapps.android/.sms.ComposeNewMessageActivity
com.contapps.android/.CallLog
com.contapps.android/.PhonePicker
com.contapps.android/.BoardPicker
com.contapps.android/.Messages
com.contapps.android/.ContappsBoard
com.contapps.android/.sms.ComposeNewMessageActivity
com.contapps.android/.Messages
 com.contapps.android/.sms.ComposeNewMessageActivity
com.contapps.android/.CursorContact
com.contapps.android/.Preferences
com.contapps.android/.preferences.TappSettings
com.contapps.android/.viral.EmailInviter
com.contapps.android/.tapps.facebook.FacebookAuthenticator
com.contapps.android/.utils.WebViewActivity
com.contapps.android/.tapps.gplus.GPlusAuthenticator
com.contapps.android/.tapps.gplus.ParseDeepLinkActivity
com.contapps.android/.sms.NewMessageActivityLauncher
com.contapps.android/.SmartDialer
com.contapps.android/.sms.NewMessageActivityLauncher
com.contapps.android/.SmartDialer
com.contapps.android/.BoardPicker
com.contapps.android/.ContappsBoard
com.contapps.android/.CallLog
com.contapps.android/.SmartDialer
com.contapps.android/.ContappsBoard
com.contapps.android/.help.WhatsNewActivity
com.contapps.android/.Preferences
com.contapps.android/.sms.ComposeNewMessageActivity
com.contapps.android/.tapps.sms.SmsPopupActivity
com.contapps.android/.sync.LoginActivity
com.contapps.android/.viral.EmailInviter
com.contapps.android/.tapps.sms.SmsPopupActivity$TempAddContactActivity
com.contapps.android/.tapps.sms.SmsPopupActivity$TempAddContactActivity
com.contapps.android/.tmessaging.MessagingRegistrationPageActivity
com.contapps.android/.WizardActivity
com.contapps.android/.SmartDialer
 com.contapps.android/.CallLog
```

Credhub:

```
1|generic_x86:/ $ dumpsys package | grep -Eo "^[[:space:]]+[0-9a-f]+[[:space:]]+com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/[^[:space:]]+" | grep -oE "[^[:space:]]+$"
com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/.WainActivity
com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/.MainActivity
generic_x86:/ $
```

Depending on the activity we execute:

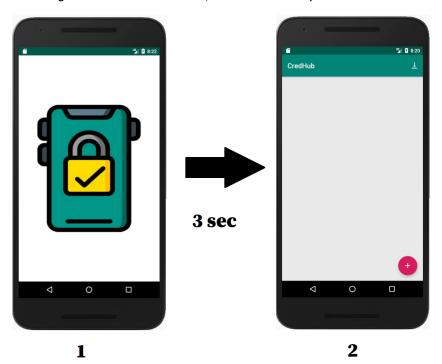
1-If we execute MainActivity we arrive directly at the following window:

am start -n com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/.MainActivity



2- On the contrary, if we execute the activity WelcomeActivity, we arrive at the welcome window and after 3 seconds we obtain the same window as before.

am start -n com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/.WelcomeActivity



<u>Pick a service from kontaktos.apk and run it via ADB: please describe briefly</u>

In order to get the services that are running we have used the command: dumpsys -I

Dumpsys is a tool built into the Android OS, generally used for development purposes to show the status of services running on the device. *Dumpsys* does not require root access, but like all ADB commands, it does require USB Debugging to be enabled on the device and Secure USB Debugging to be bypassed.

ServiceInfo: AuthenticatorDescription {type=com.contapps.android.sync.account}, ComponentInfo{com.contapps.android/com.contapps.android.sync.AccountAuthenticatorService}, uid 10082

com. contapps. and roid. sync. Account Authenticator Service

7. Extracting an app via ADB

Get a list of all permissions and creation dates for CredHub and kontaktos.apk

Get a list of all application resources for CredHub and kontaktos.apk, as well as their metadata.

```
./com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub:
total 40
drwx------ 4 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .
drwxrwx---x 104 system system 4096 2020-02-25 20:11 ..
drwxrwx---x 2 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 cache
drwxrwx---x 2 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 databases
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 46 2020-02-25 20:09 lib -> /data/app/com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub-1/lib/x86

./com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/cache:
total 16
drwxrwx---x 2 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .
drwx------ 4 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .

./com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/databases:
total 80
drwxrwx---x 2 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .
drwx------ 4 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .
drwx------ 4 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 .
-rw-rw---- 1 u0_a81 u0_a81 4096 2020-02-25 20:09 Credentials.db
-rw------ 1 u0_a81 u0_a81 8720 2020-02-25 20:09 Credentials.db
```

Get a list of all the databases for CredHub and kontaktos.apk.

```
com.contapps.android/databases/:
ContappsDB ContappsDB-journal

com.gonzalezolmedo.credhub/databases/:
Credentials.db Credentials.db-journal
```

Get a description of the tables and columns in the database of CredHub.

```
Last login: Tue Feb 25 22:00:19 on ttys003
raul@MBP-de-Raul platform-tools % ./sqlite3
SQLite version 3.28.0 2019-04-16 19:49:53
Enter ".help" for usage hints.
Connected to a transient in-memory database.
Use ".open FILENAME" to reopen on a persistent database.
sqlite> .open /Users/raul/projects/mobile-security/P01/Credentials.db
sqlite> .schema ...> .schema
Error: near ".": syntax error
sqlite> .schema
CREATE TABLE android_metadata (locale TEXT);
CREATE TABLE Credentials (CredentialId TEXT PRIMARY KEY, Username TEXT, Password TEXT);
sqlite> .tables
Credentials
                   android_metadata
sqlite> select * from Credentials;
com.android.smoketest|myUser|myPassword
sqlite>
```

<u>Extract all credentials stored inside the CredHub database file by using the "DB Browser for SQLite" tool.</u>

