

# Task Hijacking auf Android-Phones

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# Motivation

**75%**  
aller mobilen Geräte weltweit



**84%**  
aller Malware-Attacks auf Android

**414**  
"Schwerwiegende" Schwachstellen in 2019

**500**  
der 500 meist verbreiteten Apps sind  
durch StrandHogg angreifbar

**2015**  
USENIX Veröffentlichung über  
Android-Task Hijacking

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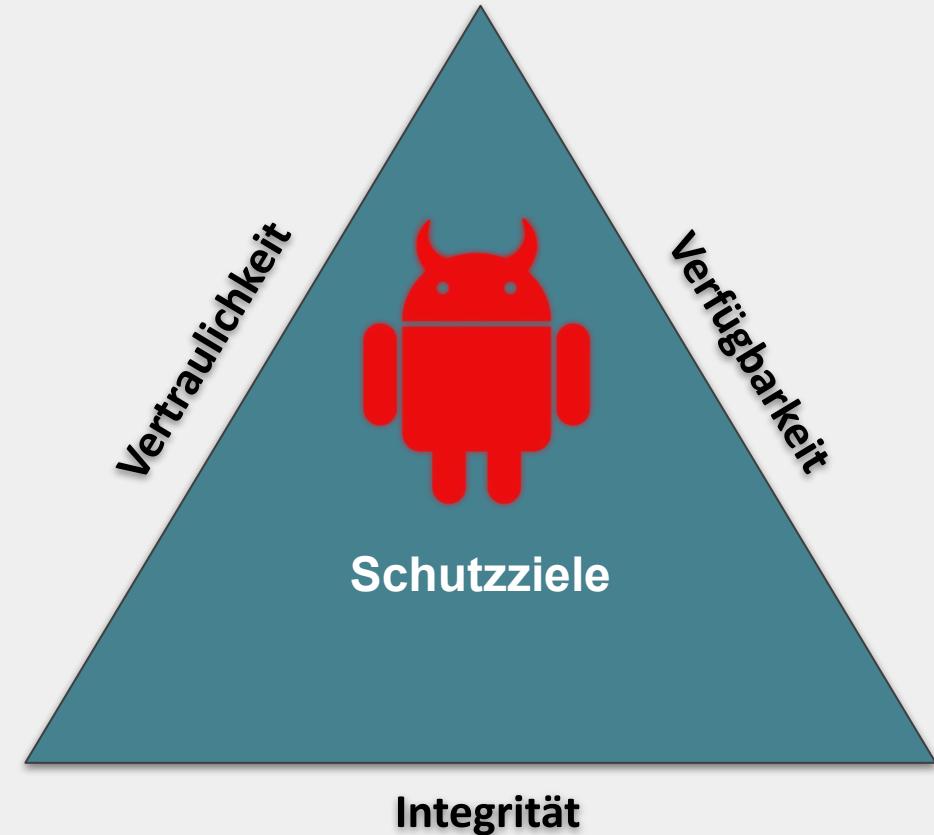
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Schwachstelle  
(Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures)

Bösartige Anwendung  
(Malware)

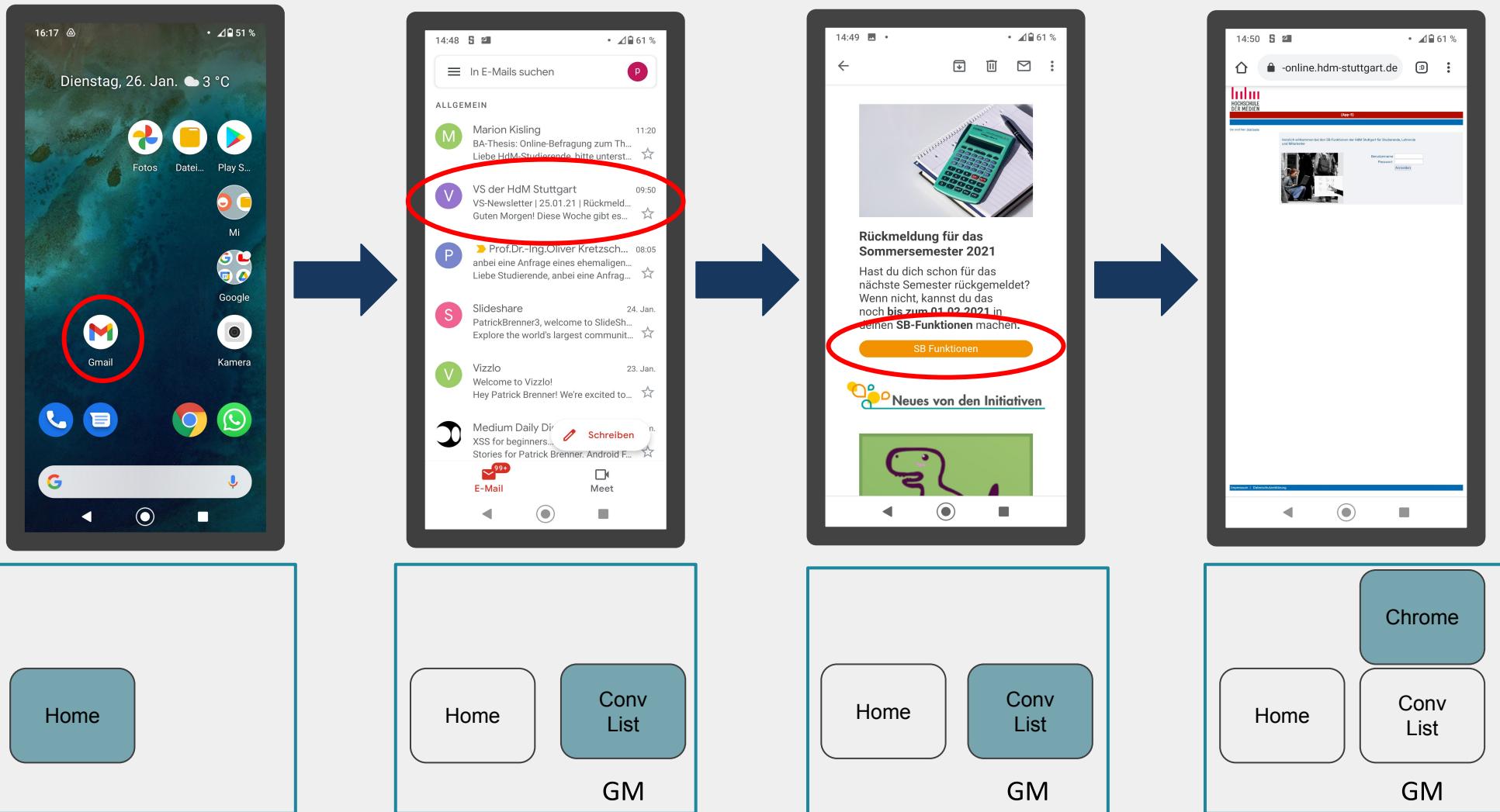
Bedrohung  
(Phishing, Denial of Service,  
Permissions-Escalation)



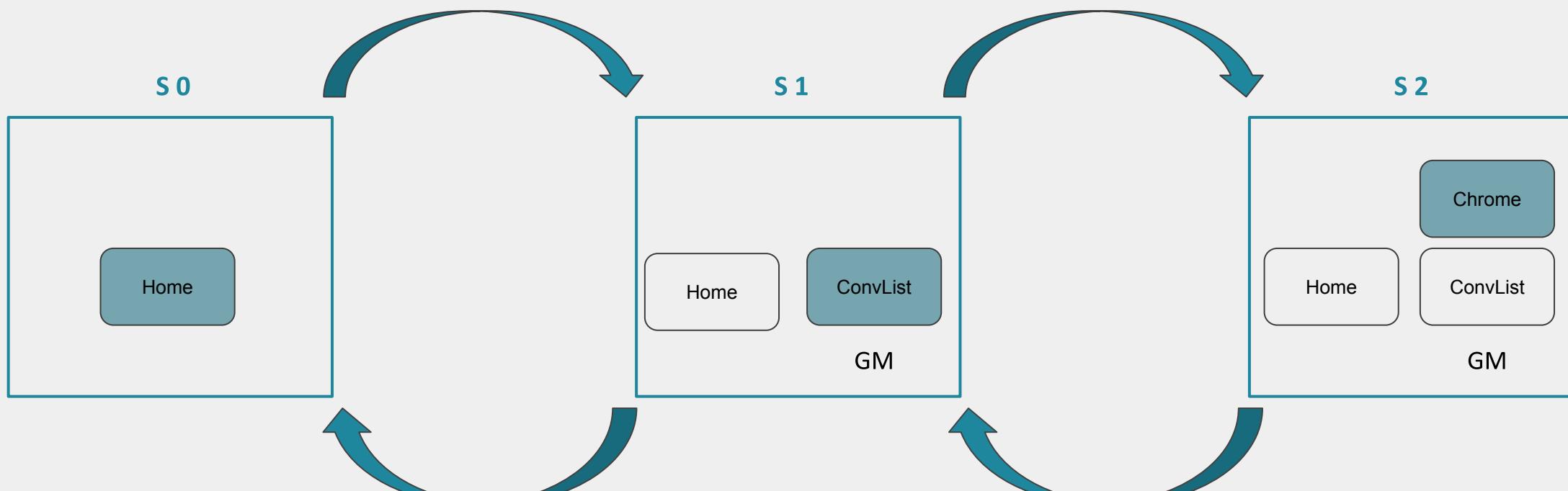
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## Task Hijacking bei Android

# Android Multitasking



# Tasks State Transition Model

$$T1 : (S_0, S_1, e^{Home:startActivity(ConvList)}, \gamma^{default})$$

$$T4 : (S_1, S_0, e^{back}, \gamma^{default})$$
$$T2 : (S_1, S_2, e^{ConvList:startActivity(CustomTab)}, \gamma^{default})$$
$$T3 : (S_2, S_1, e^{back}, \gamma^{default})$$

# Manifest.xml

```
<activity
    android:name="CustomTabActivity"
    android:taskAffinity="com.android.chrome"
    android:launchMode="standard">
</activity>
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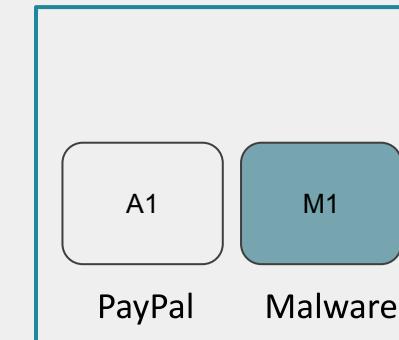
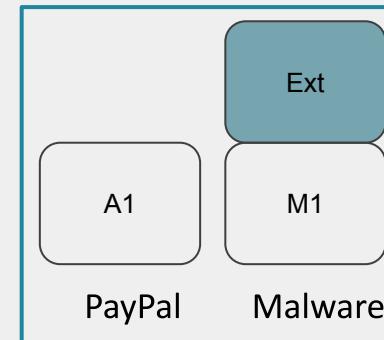
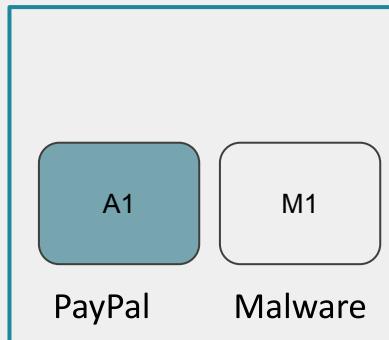
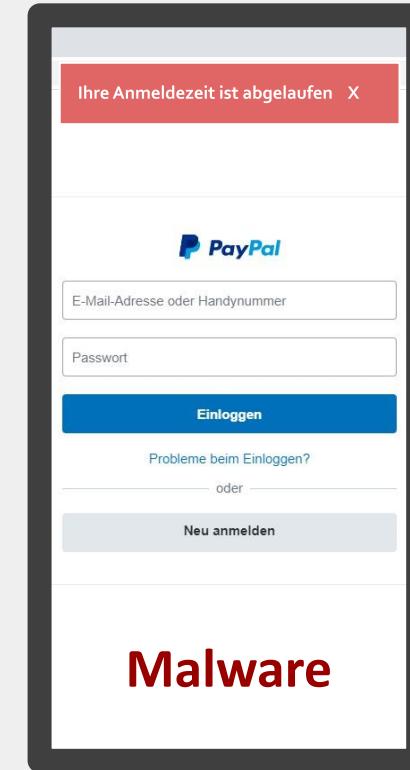
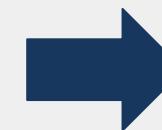
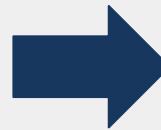
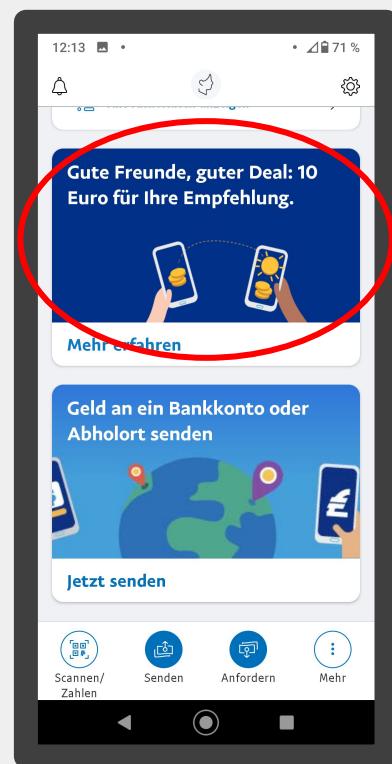
```
Running activities (most recent first):
TaskRecord{4ef09cf #39793 A=com.google.gm U=0 StackId=20 sz=2}
Run #1: ActivityRecord{5485e8b u0 com.android.chrome/org.chromium.chrome.browser.customtabs.CustomTabActivity t39793}
Run #0: ActivityRecord{8dd3fe4 u0 com.google.android.gm/.ConversationListActivityGmail t39793}
```

```
<activity
    android:name="ChromeTabbedActivity"
    android:taskAffinity="com.android.chrome"
    android:launchMode="singleTask">
</activity>
```

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Running activities (most recent first):
TaskRecord{baf0549 #39801 A=com.android.chrome U=0 StackId=28 sz=1}
Run #0: ActivityRecord{a4467c1 u0 com.android.chrome/org.chromium.chrome.browser.ChromeTabbedActivity t39801}
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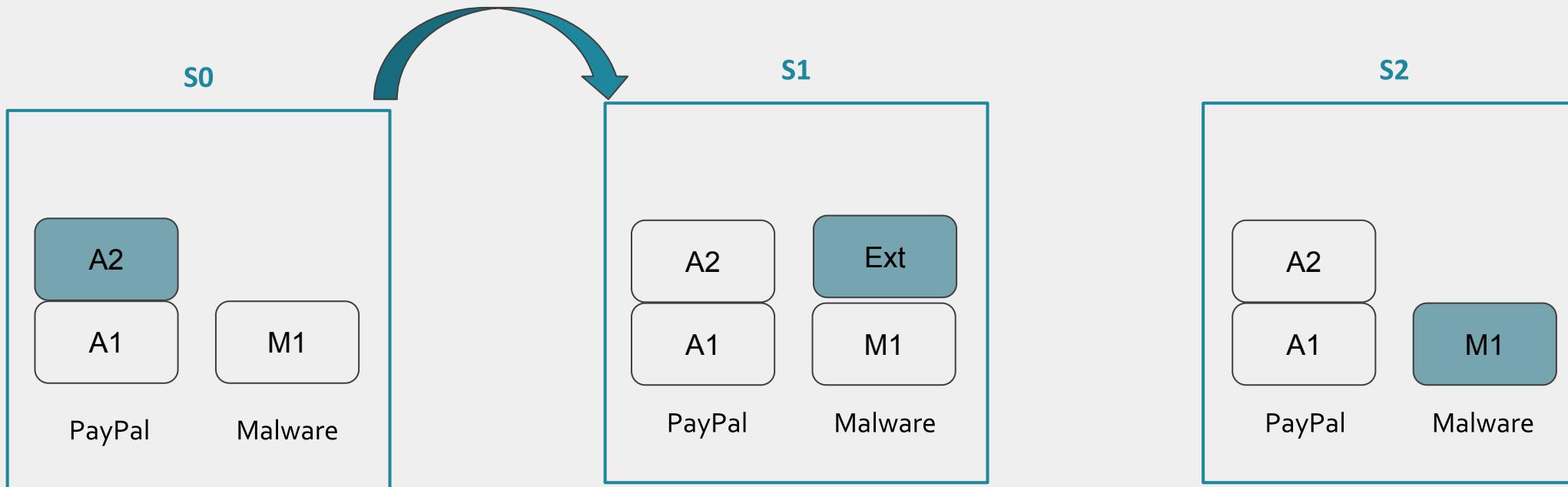
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Running activities (most recent first):
TaskRecord{cae0f62 #39795 A=compaypal.android.p2pmobile U=0 StackId=22 sz=1}
Run #0: ActivityRecord{2db2a26 u0 compaypal.android.p2pmobile/o.mfz t39795}
```

# Task Hijacking Beispiel PayPal



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$T1 : (S_0, S_1, e^{A2:startActivity(Ext)}, \gamma^{singleTask})$



MalwareManifest.xml:

```
<activity
    android:name="M1"
    android:taskAffinity="com.android.chrome">
</activity>
```

$T2 : (S_1, S_2, e^{Ext:back}, \gamma^{default})$

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## StrandHogg & StrandHogg 2.0



StrandHogg

Dezember 2019



StrandHogg<sup>2.0</sup>

Mai 2020

# StrandHogg

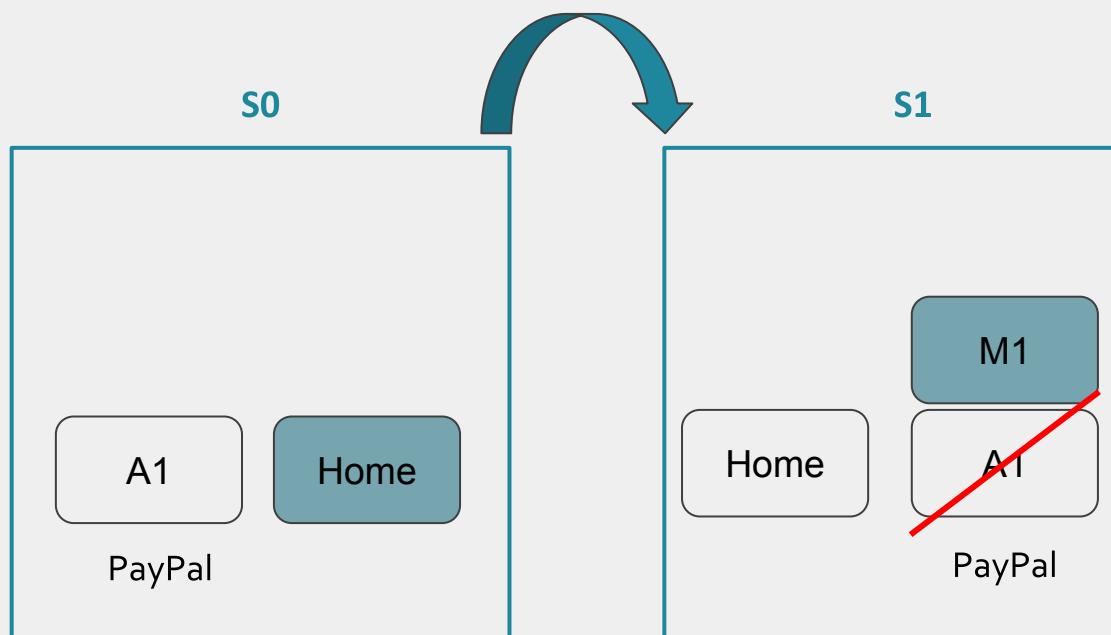


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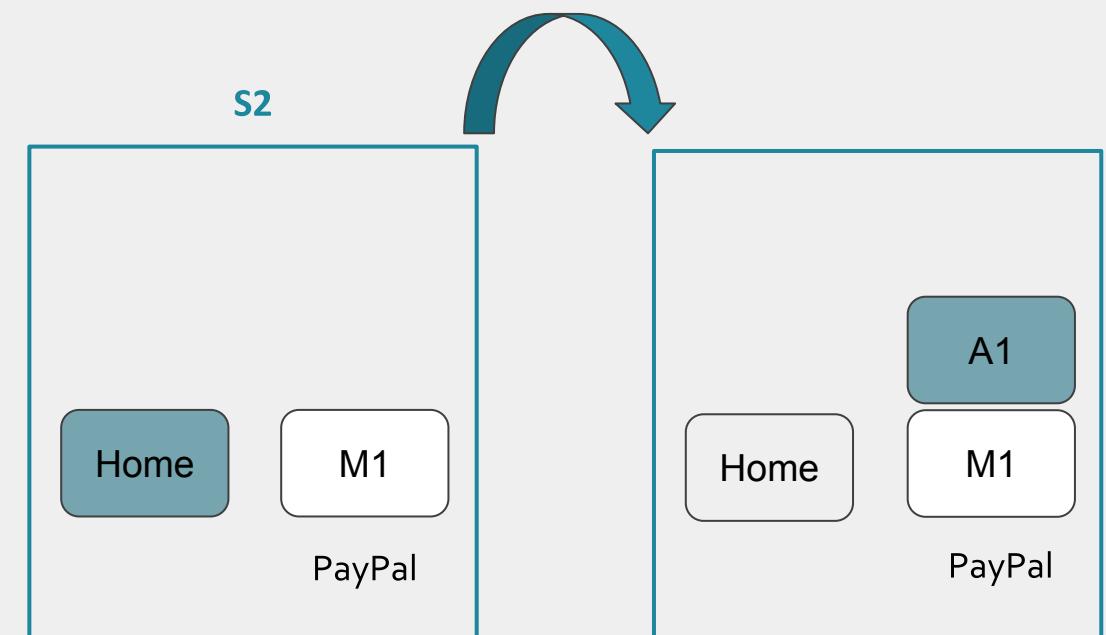
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<!-- Attacks -->
<activity
    android:name="com.example.malware.attacks.SmsActivity"
    android:allowTaskReparenting="true"
    android:icon="@drawable/icon_"
    android:label="Messages"
    android:roundIcon="@drawable/icon_"
    android:taskAffinity="com.google.android.apps.messaging"
    android:theme="@style/SmsTheme" />
<activity
    android:name="com.example.malware.attacks. Activity"
    android:allowTaskReparenting="true"
    android:icon="@drawable/icon_"
    android:label=""
    android:roundIcon="@drawable/icon_"
    android:taskAffinity="com. .android.p2pmobile"
    android:theme="@style/ Theme"
    android:windowSoftInputMode="adjustResize" />
```

# StrandHogg

$T1 : (S_0, S_1, e^{Home:startActivity(M1)}, \gamma^{NewTask+ClearTask})$



$T3 : (S_2, S_3, e^{Home:startActivity(A1)}, \gamma^{default})$

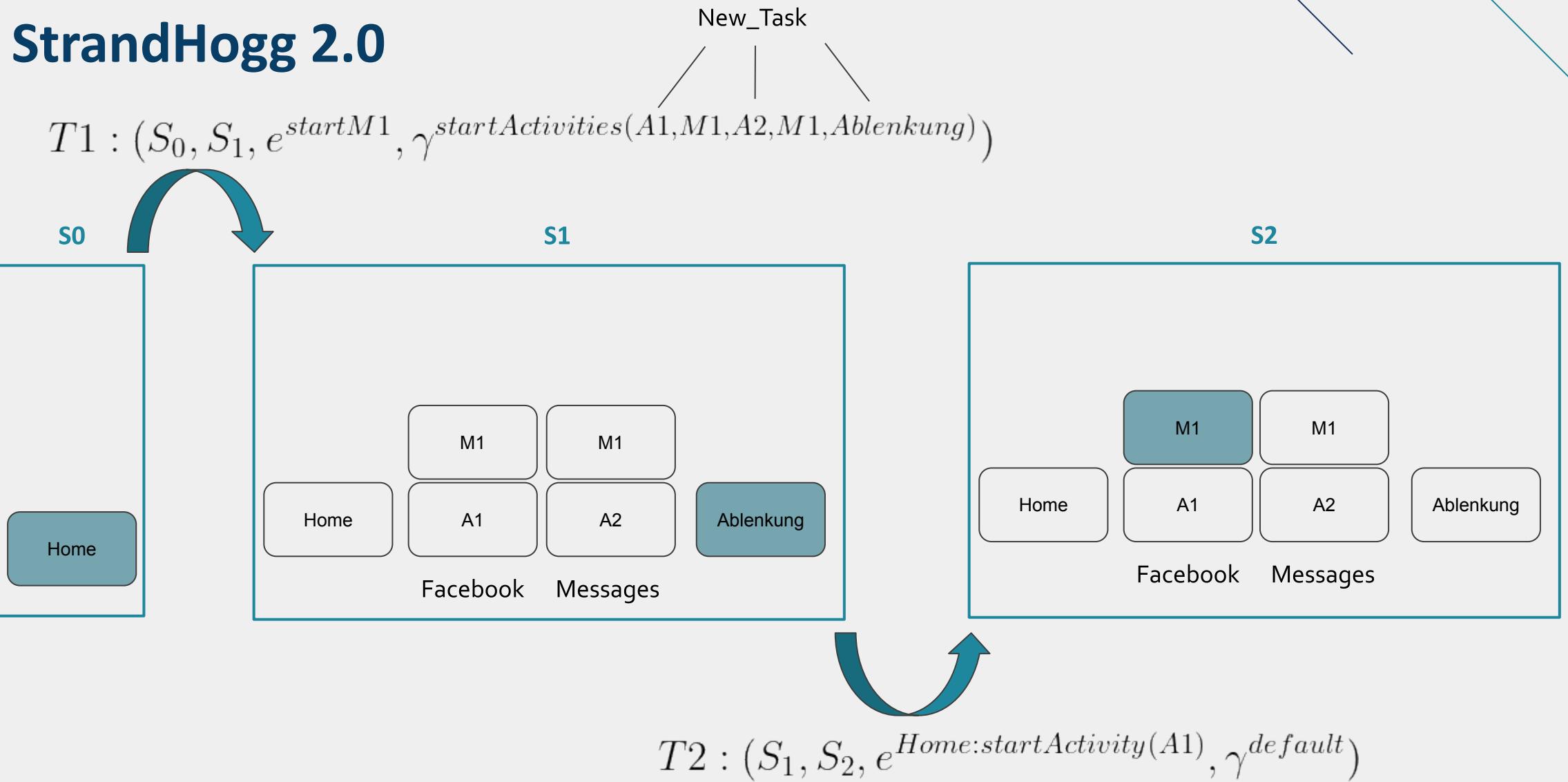


$T2 : (S_1, S_2, e^{M1:back}, \gamma^{default})$

# StrandHogg 2.0

- 04.12.2019 Report-Issue an Google
- Veröffentlichung nach Google-Patch im Mai 2020
- Keine Konfigurationen mehr in AndroidManifest.xml notwendig
- Simultaner Angriff auf mehrere Apps mit einer Malware
- Betraf alle Android Versionen < Android 10
  - April 2020: 91,8% der Benutzer weltweit mit Android 9 oder darunter
- Proof-of-Concept Beispiel: <https://youtu.be/DPsNiQDB7Uw?t=55>

# StrandHogg 2.0



# StrandHogg 2.0 - Android Patch

[android](#) / [platform](#) / [frameworks](#) / [base](#) / [a952197bd161ac0e03abc6acb5f48e4ec2a56e9d](#)

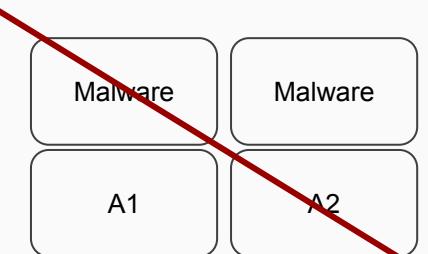
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committer Anis Assi <anisassi@google.com>          Mon Mar 30 13:56:09 2020 -0700  
tree 38634ffb0ab1938bc94bea4df55e06001b66d961  
parent d37eb96212c6fe4819c66bd0a1e0a2f9f7501602 [diff]
```

RESTRICT AUTOMERGE Create separated tasks for different apps from startActivities

Assume there are 2 applications A, B with different uids.  
There are 4 activities A1, A2, B1, B2 with default task affinity and launch mode.

After A1 called startActivities(B1, A2, B2):  
Original : Task(A1, B1, A2, B2)  
This Change: Task(A1, B1), Task(A2, B2)  
In other words, the source caller cannot launch its activity above the activity of other application in the same task, and it can still launch activity of other application in its task.

Bug: 145669109  
Test: run cts --test android.server.cts.StartActivityTests \  
-m CtsServicesHostTestCases  
Change-Id: [197bd875146a52f62b8fe82235487ccefb2955e8e](#)  
(cherry picked from commit 973ecc619c0bb87a03481774ea9e86d2924601e4)



[services/core/java/com/android/server/am/ActivityStarter.java](#) [[diff](#)]

1 file changed

# StrandHogg + StrandHogg 2.0 Analyse

	StrandHogg	StrandHogg 2.0
Betroffene Android-Versionen	Alle Android Versionen (kein Patch veröffentlicht)	Android Version 9 oder geringer (Patch für Version 8, 8.1, 9 im Mai 2020 veröffentlicht)
Betroffene Anwendungen	Alle der 500 meist verbreiteten Apps	Alle der 500 meist verbreiteten Apps
Bedingungen	<b>Manifest.xml:</b> TaskAffinity; AllowTaskReparenting  <b>Intents:</b> NEW_TASK, CLEAR_TASK	<b>Manifest.xml:</b> -  <b>Intents:</b> NEW_TASK in startActivities()
Bedrohungen	Phishing, Denial of Service, Permissions-Escalation	Phishing, Denial of Service, Permissions-Escalation
Gefährdete Schutzziele	Vertraulichkeit, Verfügbarkeit, Integrität	Vertraulichkeit, Verfügbarkeit, Integrität
Malware im Umlauf	36 Malware Apps entdeckt	-

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# Gegenmaßnahmen

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	Entwickler	Benutzer
StrandHogg	<p>Intent-Kombination: “FLAG_ACTIVITY_NEW_TASK” + “FLAG_ACTIVITY_CLEAR_TASK”</p> <p>taskAffinity mit leerem String füllen</p>	<p>Mobile-Security Software (inkl Malware-Detection)</p> <p>Permission Pop-Ups prüfen</p> <p>adb verwenden und Tasks überwachen</p>
StrandHogg 2.0	<p>launchMode=”singleInstance” oder “singleTask”</p>	<p>Android Update</p> <p>Mobile-Security Software (inkl Malware-Detection)</p>

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## Fazit und Ausblick

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## Task Hijacking

Schwachstellen als Möglichkeit mit einzelner Malware alle Schutzziele unterschiedlicher Applikationen zu bedrohen.



## StrandHogg

als gefährliche Task-Hijacking Schwachstelle mit (noch) wenig Auswirkungen auf den Benutzer.

## Schutzmaßnahmen?

- Zertifizierung zwischen Tasks möglich?
- TaskAffinity einschränkbar?
- Mit Sandboxing Möglichkeiten Tasks zu steuern?

## StrandHogg3.0?

- Welche Auswirkungen auf den Benutzer?
- Auf welchen Android-Geräten?

# Quellen:

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# Noch Fragen?

