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DEX file obfuscation and encryption

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Some apps now consider loading some modules in the form of hot loads for security (such as encryption algorithms) or user experience (hot patch fixing bugs). Therefore, it is necessary to encrypt this part of dex. If dex is a repaired encryption algorithm, you don't want to be decompiled by someone. Of course, you can also use a cryptographic algorithm to encrypt dex directly, and you can decrypt it before loading. However, the best encryption is to make it difficult for you to tell whether you encrypted it or not. In the reverse process, we get a dex that can be directly decompiled into Java source code. We probably think that this dex file can be analyzed without encryption.

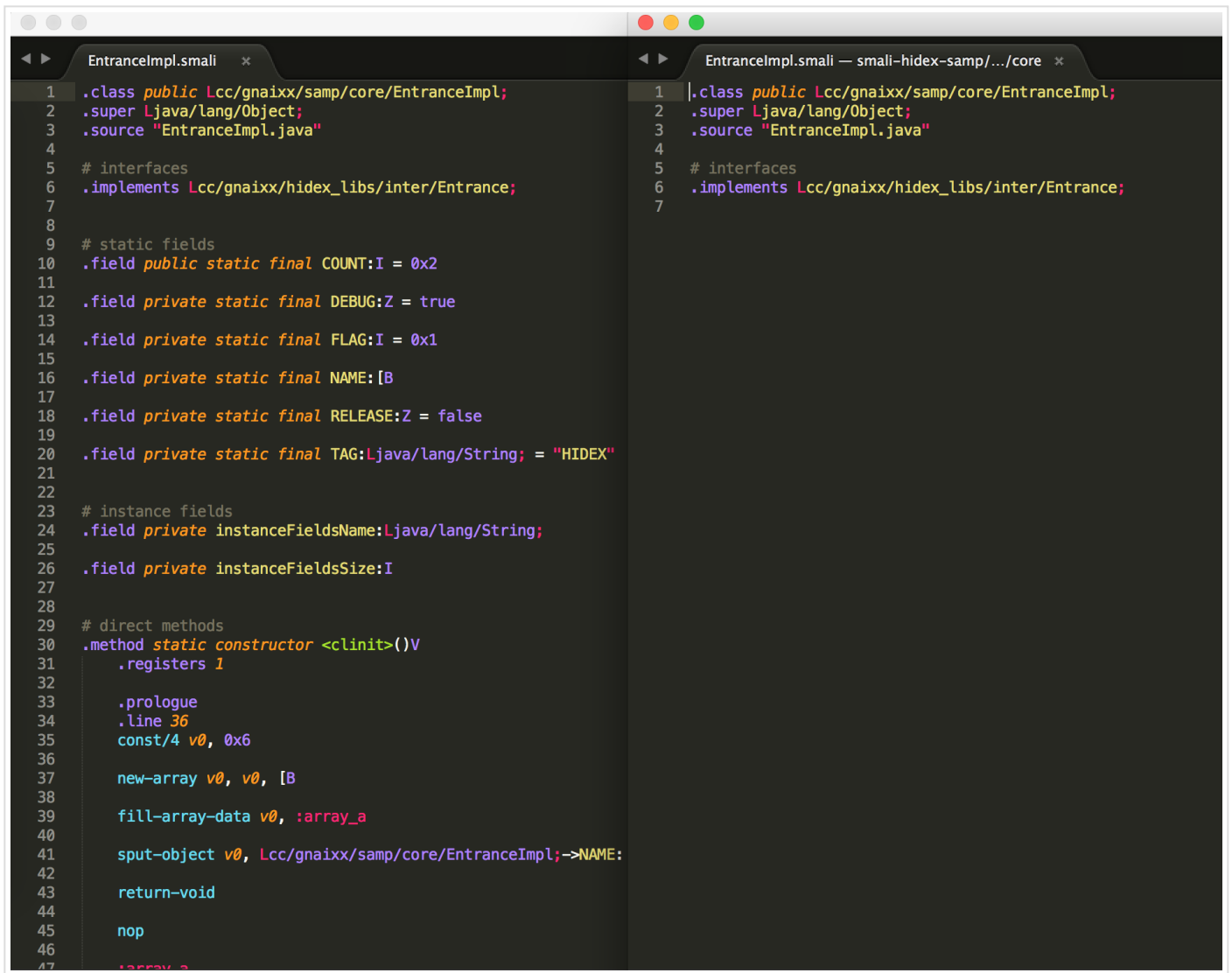
0x00 Foreword

Obfuscated encryption is mainly used to hide the key code in dex files, ranging from light to heavy: the hiding of static variables, the repeated definition of functions, the hiding of functions, and the hiding of entire classes. The obfuscated dex file can still be decompiled into Java source code by tools such as dex2jar jade, but the key code inside is not visible.

Java renderings:



Smali renderings:



Source address and instructions for use on [hidex-hack](#) on github

0x01 dex format analysis

The dex file format is described in more detail in the previous article. The specifics can be seen in the [dex file format analysis](#) . Here is a brief introduction to the layout of the entire dex file.

1.header (dex header)

header dex overview of the entire document distribution, including: **Magic** , **Checksum** , **Signature** , **FILE_SIZE** , **header_size** , **endian_tag** , **Link** , **Map** , **string_ids** , **type_ids** , **proto_ids** , **field_ids** , **method_ids** , **class_defs** , **Data** .

- **Checksum** and **signature** are checksums that need to be modified after modification

- **String_ids** , **type_ids** , **proto_ids** , **field_ids** , **method_ids** stores different types of values as type array sections (which I **pick up**)
- **Class_defs** stored class definition is also the focus of our changes
- **Data** is a data store, including all data

2. Type Array Section

Type Array section contains **string_ids** , **type_ids** , **proto_ids** , **field_ids** , **method_ids** . Respectively: string, type, function signature, attributes, functions. Each section stores an array of data of the corresponding type. You can use 010Editor to analyze binary data.

Property example:

| ▼ struct field_id_list dex_field_ids | 14 fields |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[0] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.APPLICATION_ID |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[1] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.BUILD_TYPE |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[2] | boolean cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.DEBUG |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[3] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.FLAVOR |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[4] | int cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.VERSION_CODE |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[5] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig.VERSION_NAME |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[6] | int cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.COUNT |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[7] | boolean cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.DEBUG |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[8] | int cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.FLAG |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[9] | byte[] cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.NAME |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[10] | boolean cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.RELEASE |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[11] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.TAG |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[12] | java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.instanceFieldsName |
| ▶ struct field_id_item field_id[13] | int cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.instanceFieldsSize |

3. The definition

of the **class definition** class is the focus of the modification, which saves the structure of all classes and is the most complex part of the structure of the entire dex file. Including: static attribute variables, member number variables, virtual functions, direct functions, static functions and other data.

0x02 implementation function

By analyzing the dex file format, there are four types of obfuscated encryption that can now be implemented:

1. Static variables hidden
2. Duplicate function definition
3. Function hiding
4. Class definition hide

The four obfuscated implementations are implemented by modifying the fields in the **class_def** structure.

The structure of **class_def** can be seen in the json format (only fields are listed here):

```

1  {
2    "class_def" : {
3      "class_idx" : 01
4      "static_values_off" : 000 ,
5      "class_data_off" : 001 ,
6      "class_data" : {
7        "direct_methods_size" : 001 ,
8        "virtual_methods_size" : 002 ,
9        "virtual_methods" : [
10         {
11           "code_off" : 003
12         },
13         {
14           "code_off" : 004
15         }
16       ]
17     }
18   }
19 }

```

Field meaning:

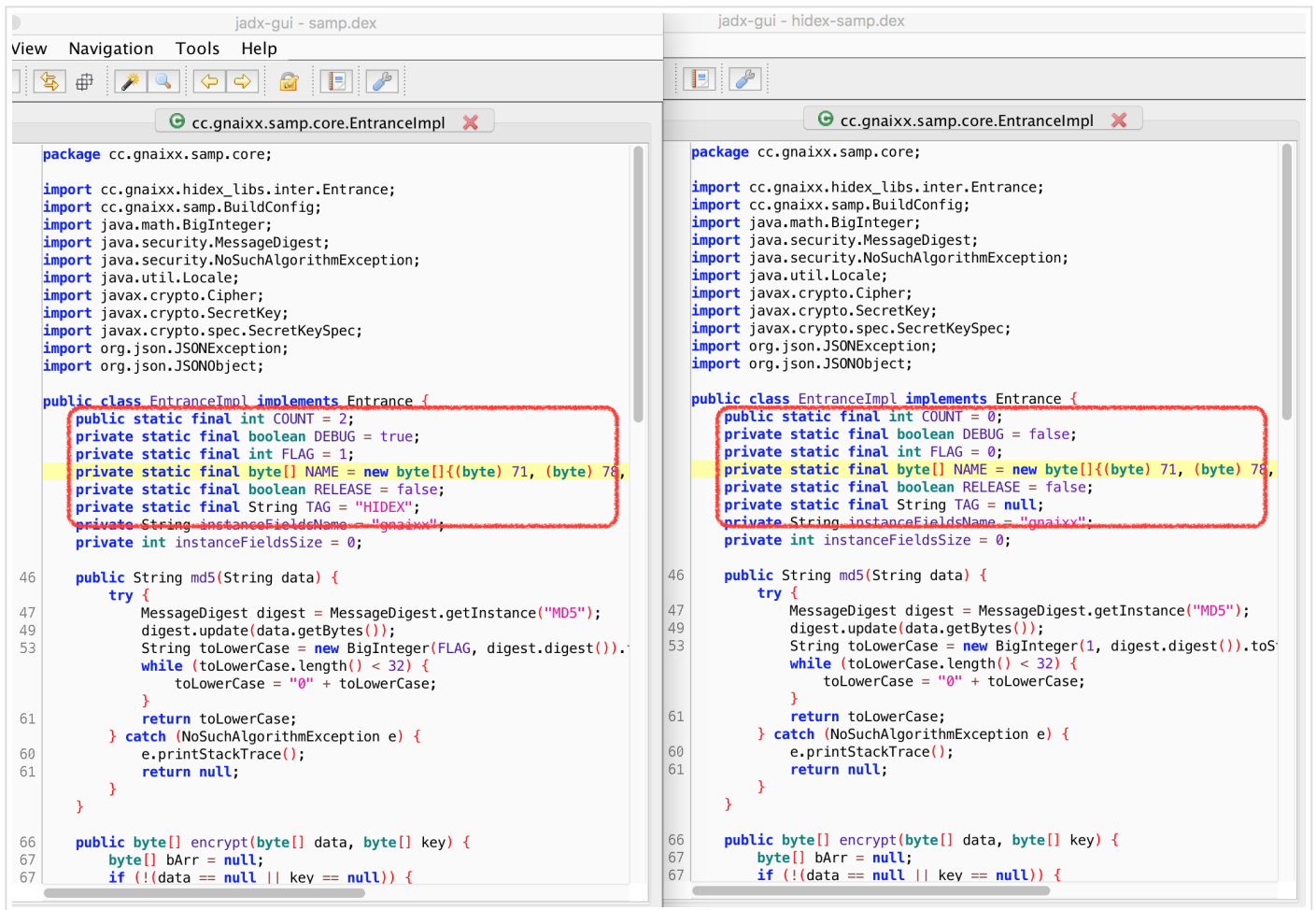
- Class_idx: the name of the class name, an index of type_ids
- Class_def: class definition structure
- Static_values_off: static variable value offset
- Class_data_off: class definition offset
- Class_data: class definition structure
- Direct_methods_size: number of direct functions
- Virtual_methods_size: number of virtual functions
- Virtual_methods: virtual function structures
- Code_off: function code offset

It is easy to get the implementation of the four functions through the above field descriptions, the following one.

1 static variables hidden

Static_vauls_off holds the offset of the value of the static variable in each class, pointing to a list in the data area, in the format of **?encode_array_item** , or 0 if there is no such **entry** . So to achieve the static variable assignment hidden only need to modify the **static_values_off** value to 0.

To achieve results:



The static array data here is not hidden because I don't know how to do it. ☹

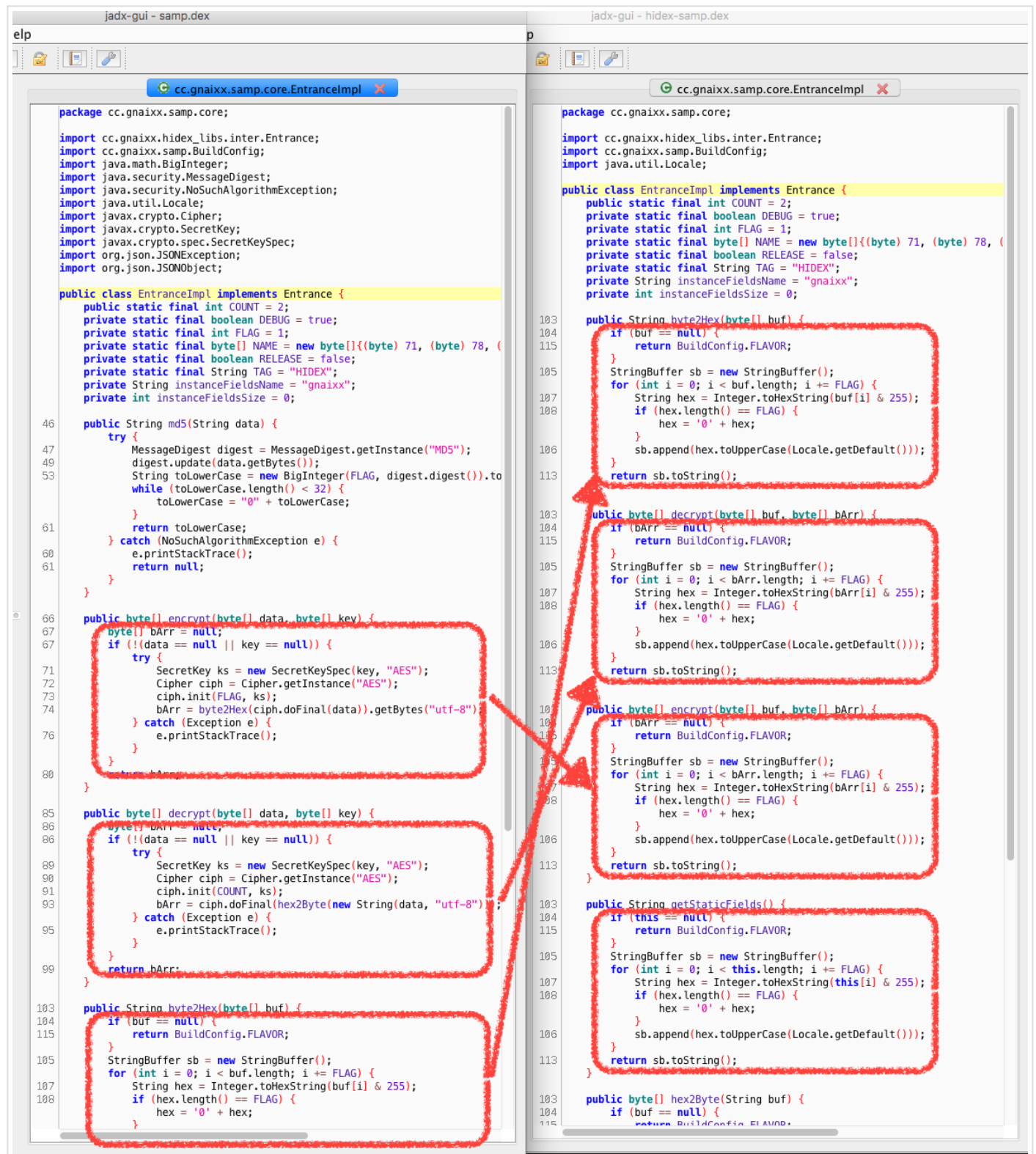
2 function definition

Class_def -> **class_data** -> **virtual_methods** -> **code_ff** represents the code offset address of a function in a class. It should be mentioned a concept: all functions are achieved virtual functions in Java, C ++, and it is not the same, all the changes here are **virtual_methods** in **code_off**.

| | |
|--|--|
| ▼ struct encoded_method_list virtual_methods | 6 methods |
| ▼ struct encoded_method method[0] | public java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.byte2Hex(byte[]) |
| ▶ struct uleb128 method_idx_diff | 0x3 |
| ▶ struct uleb128 access_flags | (0x1) ACC_PUBLIC |
| ▶ struct uleb128 code_off | 0x638 |
| ▶ struct code_item code | 7 registers, 2 in arguments, 2 out arguments, 0 tries, 67 instructions |
| ▶ struct encoded_method method[1] | public byte[] cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.decrypt(byte[], byte[]) |
| ▶ struct encoded_method method[2] | public byte[] cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.encrypt(byte[], byte[]) |
| ▶ struct encoded_method method[3] | public java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.getStaticFields() |
| ▶ struct encoded_method method[4] | public byte[] cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.hex2Byte(java.lang.String) |
| ▶ struct encoded_method method[5] | public java.lang.String cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl.md5(java.lang.String) |

Implementation: Read the code offset of the first function and change the next function offset to the first value.

To achieve results:

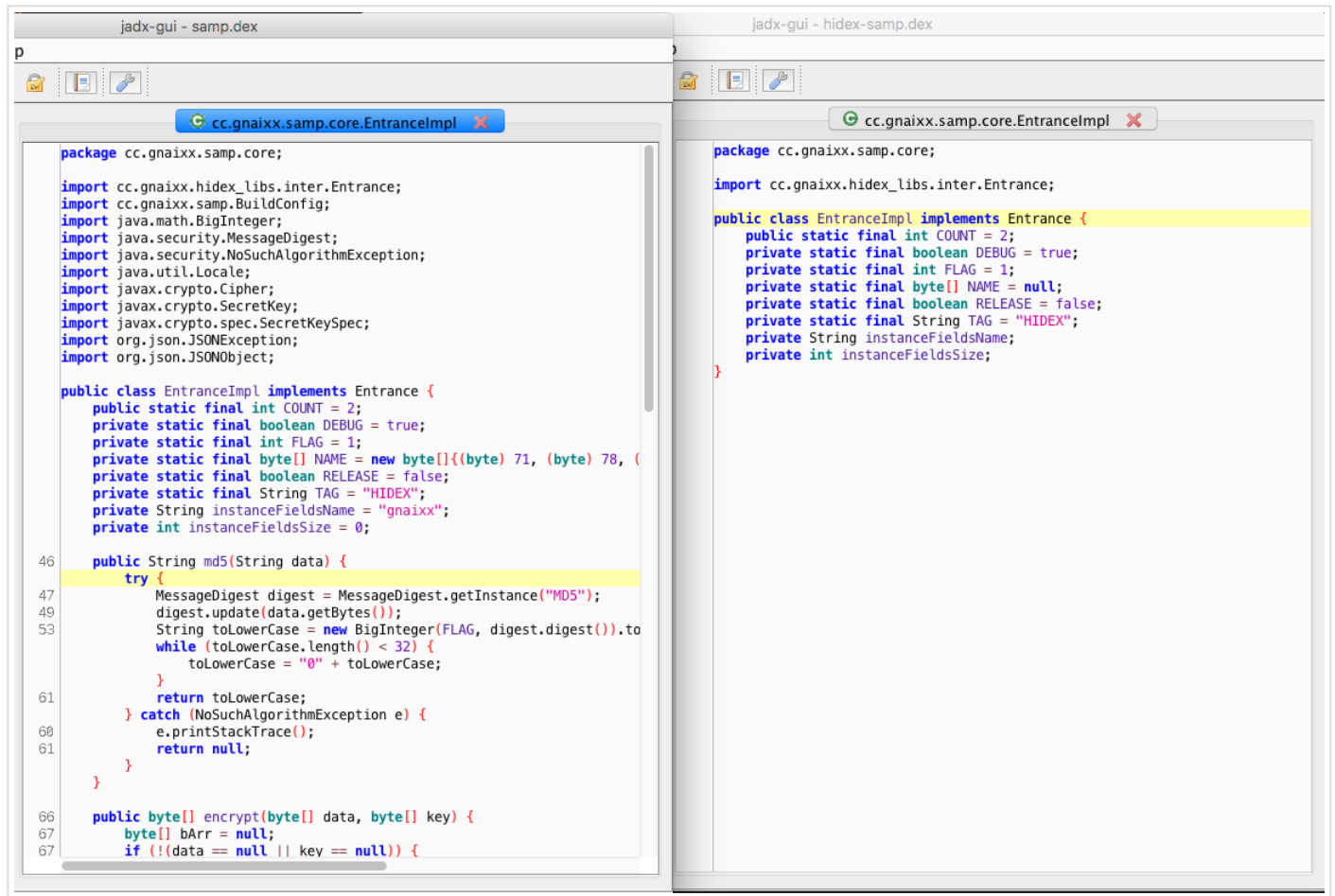


3 function hiding

Class_def -> class_data -> virtual_methods_size and class_def -> class_data -> direct_methods_size

records the number of functions in the class definition, or 0 if no function is defined. So as long as the value is changed to 0, the function definition will be hidden.

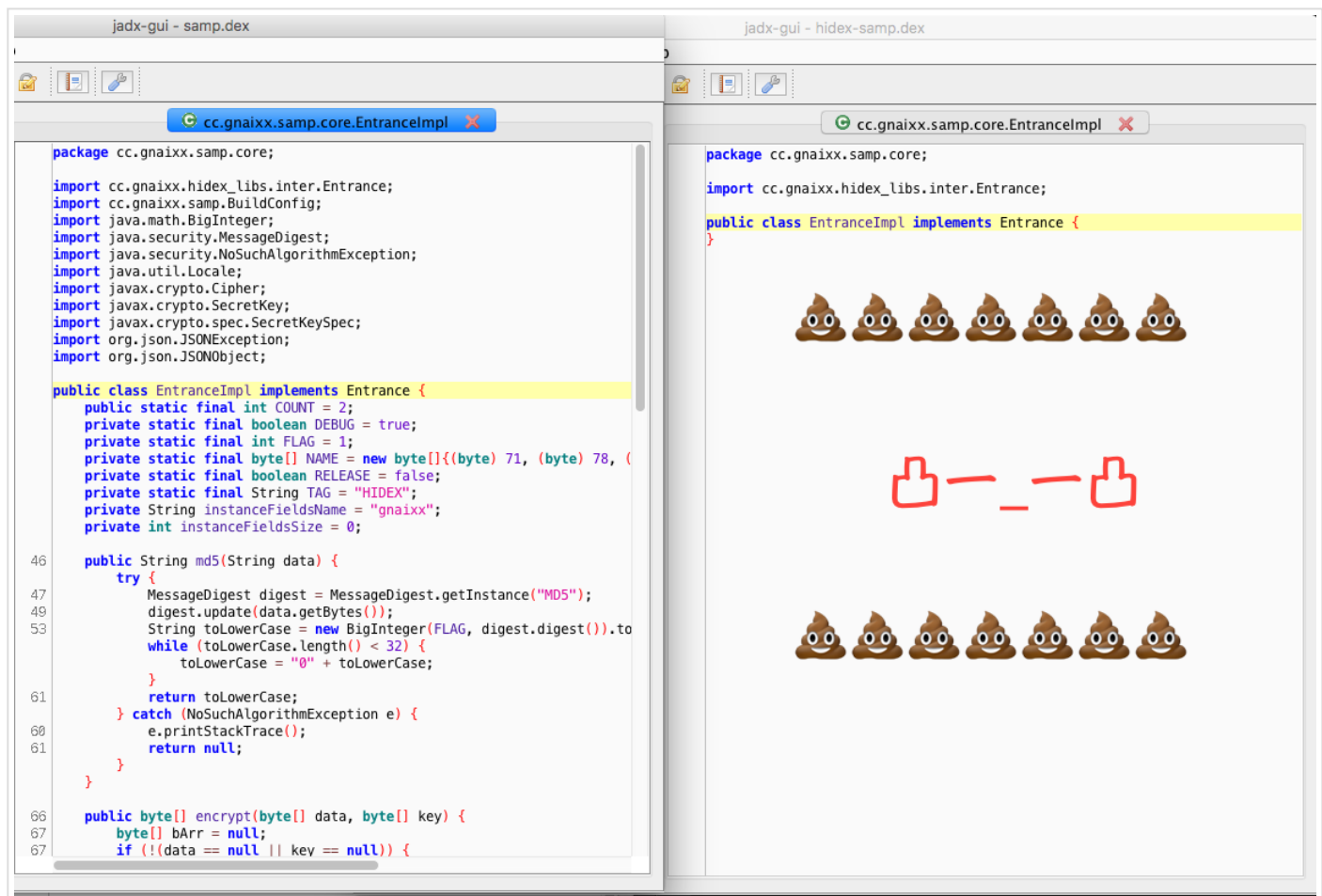
To achieve results:



4 class definition hide

Class_def → **class_data_off** holds the class-defined offset address, which is the **class_def** → **class_data** address. If this value is 0 then all implementations will be hidden. After hiding, everything hidden in the class definition is hidden including member variables, member functions, static variables, and static functions.

To achieve results:



0x03 data read

The above chapter mainly introduces the principle of function realization. Next, we will introduce the specific implementation. To achieve modify **class_def** in the field, we must first resolve the entire file structure dex, but of course you can only field we need. The dex structure I defined in the tool is as follows, because the **class_def** structure is more complex and therefore has a package definition:

```

1  → tree -L 2
2  .
3  ├── DexFile.java
4  ├── FieldIds.java
5  ├── Header.java
6  ├── MapList.java
7  ├── MethodIds.java
8  ├── ProtoIds.java
9  ├── StringIds.java
10 ├── TypeIds.java
11 └── clade
12     ├── ClassData.java
13     ├── ClassDefs.java
14     └── Code.java

```

```

15  |— EncodedField.java
16  |— EncodedMethod.java
17  |— EncodedValue.java
18  |— StaticValues.java

```

Perhaps you might doubt, we need only modify the function achieved when **class_def** why do you need to read **string_ids** these segments. This is because, as mentioned above **class_def** -> **class_idx** save actually **type_ids** the serial number, and **type_ids** saved is **string_ids** serial number.

For flexible configuration, we only need to configure the class name to be hidden when running the tool.

For example, we need to hide the implementation of a certain class. `hack_me_size:`

`cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl` The specific implementation of the configuration file is described in the next section.

DexFile.java defines the entire dex file structure. The implementation is relatively simple. Only one **read (byte[] dexBuff)** function reads the entire dex file format.

DexFile.java:

```

1  Public class DexFile {
2      Public static final int HEADER_LEN = 0x70 ;
3
4      Public Header header;
5      Public StringIds stringIds;
6      Public TypeIds typeIds;
7      Public ProtoIds protoIds;
8      Public FieldIds fieldIds;
9      Public MethodIds methodIds;
10     Public ClassDefs classDefs;
11     Public MapList mapList;
12
13     //reader dex
14     Public void read ( byte [] dexBuff) {
15         //read header
16         Byte [] headerbs = subdex(dexBuff, 0 , HEADER_LEN);
17         Header = new Header(headerbs);
18
19         //read string_ids
20         stringIds = new StringIds(dexBuff, header.stringIdsOff, header.stringIdsSize);
twenty one
twenty two         //read type_ids
twenty three         typeIds = new TypeIds(dexBuff, header.typeIdsOff, header.typeIdsSize);
twenty four

```

twenty four

```

25      //read proto_ids
26      protoIds = new ProtoIds(dexBuff, header.protoIdsOff, header.protoIdsSize);
27
28      //read field_ids
29      fieldIds = new FieldIds(dexBuff, header.fieldIdsOff, header.fieldIdsSize);
30
31      //read method_ids
32      methodIds = new MethodIds(dexBuff, header.methodIdsOff, header.methodIdsSize);
33
34      //read class_defs
35      classDefs = new ClassDefs(dexBuff, header.classDefsOff, header.classDefsSize);
36
37      //read map_list
38      mapList = new MapList(dexBuff, header.mapOff);
39  }
40  }

```

The first step is to read the **header** because it stores the offset addresses and number of other sections.

Header.java:

```

1  Public class Header {
2
3      Public byte [] magic = new byte [MAGIC_LEN];
4      Public int   checksum;
5      Public byte [] signature = new byte [SIGNATURE_LEN];
6      Public int   fileSize;
7      Public int   headerSize;
8      Public int   endianTag;
9      Public int   linkSize;
10     Public int   linkOff;
11     Public int   mapOff;
12     Public int   stringIdsSize;
13     Public int   stringIdsOff;
14     Public int   typeIdsSize;
15     Public int   typeIdsOff;
16     Public int   protoIdsSize;
17     Public int   protoIdsOff;
18     Public int   fieldIdsSize;
19     Public int   fieldIdsOff;
20     Public int   methodIdsSize;
twenty one     Public int   methodIdsOff;
twenty two     Public int   classDefsSize;
twenty three    Public int   classDefsOff;
twenty four     Public int   dataSize;

```

```

25     Public Int    dataUtf;
26
27     Public Header ( byte [] headerBuff) {
28         Reader reader = new Reader(headerBuff, 0 );
29         This .magic = reader.subdex(MAGIC_LEN);
30         This .checksum = reader.readUint();
31         This .signature = reader.subdex(SIGNATURE_LEN);
32         //.....
33     }
34
35     Public void write ( byte [] dexBuff) {
36         Writer writer = new Writer(dexBuff, 0 );
37         Writer.replace(magic, MAGIC_LEN);
38         writer.writeUint(checksum);
39         Writer.replace(signature, SIGNATURE_LEN);
40         //.....
41     }
42 }

```

It is relatively simple to know the offset address and the number of each section to read, such as the read of the **string_ids** section.

StringIds.java:

```

1  Public class StringIds {
2
3      Class StringId {
4          Int dataOff;        // string offset location
5          Uleb128 utf16Size;   //string length
6          Byte data[];        // string data
7
8          Public StringId ( int dataOff, Uleb128 uleb128, byte [] data) {
9              This .dataOff = dataOff;
10             This .utf16Size = uleb128;
11             This .data = data;
12         }
13     }
14
15     StringId stringIds[];
16
17     Public StringIds ( byte [] dexBuff, int off, int size) {
18         This .stringIds = new StringId[size];
19
20         Reader reader = new Reader(dexBuff, off);
twenty one         For ( int i = 0 ; i < size; i++) {
twenty two             Int dataOff = reader.readUint();

```

```

twenty three      Uleb128 utf16Size = getUleb128(dexBuff, dataOff);
twenty four      Byte [] data = subdex(dexBuff, dataOff + 1, utf16Size.getVal());
25              StringId stringId = new StringId(dataOff, utf16Size, data);
26              stringIds[i] = stringId;
27          }
28      }
29
30      Public String getData ( int id) {
31          //return "[" + id + "]" + new String(stringIds[id].data);
32          Return new String(stringIds[id].data);
33      }
34  }

```

Reading area and other sections of **string_ids** similar, but **class_def** section zone structure is more complex, it may be reading too much trouble. But in fact, we do not have many values to use, just pay attention to those fields just fine.

ClassDefs.java:

```

1  Public class ClassDefs {
2
3      Public class ClassDef {
4          Public int      classIdx;    //class type, corresponding to type_ids
5          Public int      accessFlags; //access type, enum
6          Public int      superclassIdx; //supperclass type, corresponding to type_ids
7          Public int      interfacesOff; //Interface offset, corresponding to type_list
8          Public int      sourceFileIdx; // source file name, corresponding string_ids
9          Public int      annotationsOff; //class annotations, location in data area, corresponding an
10         Public HackPoint classDataOff; // / class specific data used in the data area, the format is c
11         Public HackPoint staticValueOff; // Located in the data area, the format is encoded_array_i
12
13         Public StaticValues staticValues; // if classDataOff is not 0
14         Public ClassData classData; // staticValueOff is not 0 exists
15
16         Public ClassDef ( int classIdx, int accessFlags,
17             Int superclassIdx, int interfacesOff,
18             Int sourceFileIdx, int annotationsOff,
19             HackPoint classDataOff, HackPoint staticValueOff) {
20             This .classIdx = classIdx;
twenty one         This .accessFlags = accessFlags;
twenty two         This .superclassIdx = superclassIdx;
twenty three         This .interfacesOff = interfacesOff;
twenty four         This .sourceFileIdx = sourceFileIdx;
25         This .annotationsOff = annotationsOff;
26         This .classDataOff = classDataOff;

```

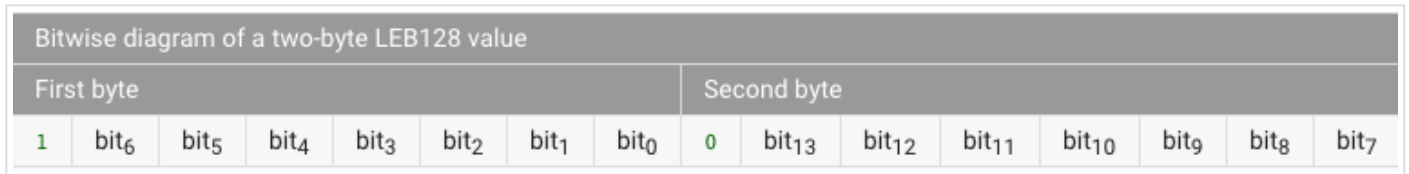
```
27     This .staticValueOff = staticValueOff;
28 }
29
30 Public void setClassData (ClassData classData) {
31     This .classData = classData;
32 }
33
34 Public void setStaticValue (StaticValues staticValues) {
35     This .staticValues = staticValues;
36 }
37 }
38
39 Int     offset; //offset position
40 Int     size;  //size
41
42 Public ClassDef classDefs[];
43
44 Public ClassDefs ( byte [] dexBuff, int off, int size) {
45     This .offset = off;
46     This .size = size;
47
48     Reader reader = new Reader(dexBuff, off);
49     classDefs = new ClassDef[size];
50     For ( int i = 0 ; i < size; i++) {
51         Int classIdx = reader.readUint();
52         Int accessFlags = reader.readUint();
53         Int superclassIdx = reader.readUint();
54         Int interfacesOff = reader.readUint();
55         Int sourcFileIdx = reader.readUint();
56         Int annotationOff = reader.readUint();
57
58         HackPoint classDataOff = new HackPoint(HackPoint.UINT, reader.getOff(), reader.readU
59         HackPoint staticValueOff = new HackPoint(HackPoint.UINT, reader.getOff(), reader.read
60
61         ClassDef classDef = new ClassDef(
62             classIdx, accessFlags,
63             superclassIdx, interfacesOff,
64             sourcFileIdx, annotationOff,
65             classDataOff, staticValueOff);
66
67         If (staticValueOff.value != 0 ){
68             Reader reader1 = new Reader(dexBuff, staticValueOff.value);
69             Uleb128 staticSize = reader1.readUleb128();
70             StaticValues staticValues = new StaticValues(staticSize);
71             classDef.setStaticValue(staticValues);
72         }
73
74         If (classDataOff.value != 0 ){
75             classDef.setClassData( new ClassData(dexBuff, classDataOff.value));
```

```
76     }
77     classDefs[i] = classDef;
78 }
79 }
80
81 Public void write ( byte [] dexBuff) {
82     Writer writer = new Writer(dexBuff, offset);
83     For ( int i= 0 ; i<size; i++){
84         ClassDef classDef = classDefs[i];
85         writer.writeUint(classDef.classIdx);
86         writer.writeUint(classDef.accessFlags);
87         writer.writeUint(classDef.superclassIdx);
88         writer.writeUint(classDef.interfacesOff);
89         writer.writeUint(classDef.sourceFileIdx);
90         writer.writeUint(classDef.annotationsOff);
91
92         writer.writeUint(classDef.classDataOff.value);
93         If (classDef.classDataOff.value != 0 ){
94             classDef.classData.write(dexBuff, classDef.classDataOff.value);
95         }
96
97         writer.writeUint(classDef.staticValueOff.value);
98         If (classDef.staticValueOff.value != 0 ){
99             // Do not do it temporarily
100         }
101     }
102 }
103 }
```

Here we need to introduce one of the dex-specific data types **LEB128** officially introduced as follows:

LEB128 ("Little-Endian Base 128") is a variable-length encoding for signed or unsigned integer quantities. The format was borrowed from the DWARF3 specification. In a .dex file, LEB128 is only ever used to encode 32-bit quantity. .

Each remaining bit of encoded sequence consists of one to five bytes, which together represents a single 32-bit value. Each remaining has its most significant bit set except for the final byte in the sequence, which has its most significant bit clear. Of each byte are payload, with the least significant seven bits of the quantity in the first byte, the next seven in the second byte and so on. In the case of a signed LEB128 (sleb128), the most significant payload bit of the final Byte in the sequence is sign-extended to produce the final value. In the unsigned case (uleb128), any bits not represents represented are interpret as 0.



That is, LEB128 is an indefinite-length encoding based on 1 Byte. If the highest bit of the first Byte is 1, it means that the next Byte is needed to describe until the highest bit of the last Byte is 0. The remaining Bits of each Byte are used to represent the data.

The code uses ULeb128.java (unsigned) to indicate this structure. By analyzing the Android source code [Leb128.h](#), we can see that LEB128 represents an indefinite long format, but only 4 bytes are used in Android, so only need to use int That's it.

ULeb128.java:

```

1  Public class Uleb128 {
2      Byte [] realVal; // stored byte data
3      Int val; // Integer data represented
4
5      Public Uleb128 ( byte [] realVal, int val) {
6          This .realVal = realVal;
7          This .val = val;
8      }
9
10     Public int getSize () {
11         Return this .realVal.length;
12     }
13
14     Public int getVal () {
15         Return this .val;
16     }
17
18     Public byte [] getRealVal(){
19         Return this .realVal;
20     }
21 }

```

Bytes to ULEB128:

```

1  //Reader.java
2  Public Uleb128 readUleb128 () {
3      Int value = 0 ;
4      Int count = 0 ;

```

```

5      Byte realVal[] = new byte [ 4 ];
6      Boolean flag = false ;
7      Do {
8          Flag = false ;
9          Byte seg = buffer[offset];
10         If [(seg & 0x80) == 0x80] { // high 8 bits are 1
11             Flag = true ;
12         }
13         Seg = ( byte ) (seg & 0x7F );
14         Value += seg << ( 7 * count);
15         realVal[count] = buffer[offset];
16         Count++;
17         Offset++;
18     } while (flag);
19     Return new Uleb128(BufferUtil.subdex(realVal, 0 , count), value);
20 }

```

Integer to ULEB128:

```

1  //Trans.java
2  Public static Uleb128 intToUleb128 ( int val) {
3      Byte [] realVal = new byte [] { 0x00 , 0x00 , 0x00 , 0x00 }; //int has a maximum length of 4
4      Int bk = val;
5      Int len = 0 ;
6      For ( int i = 0 ; i < realVal.length; i++) {
7          Len = i + 1 ; // The minimum length is 1
8          realVal[i] = ( byte ) (val & 0x7F ); //Get the low 7-bit value
9          If (val > ( 0x7F )) {
10             realVal[i] |= 0x80 ; //the high bit is 1 plus
11         }
12         Val = val >> 7 ;
13         If (val <= 0 ) break ;
14     }
15     Uleb128 uleb128 = new Uleb128(BufferUtil.subdex(realVal, 0 , len), bk);
16     Return uleb128;
17 }

```

0x04 HackPoint format

HackPoint represents the modified data structure. All the fields to be modified are represented by the **HackPoint** type in the **code** . The **HackPoint** type has three fields: type, offset, and value, all of which are of type int: type, offset address, and original value. There are three types of **uint (unsigned int)**, **ushort (unsigned short 2byte)**, and **uleb128** . All three data are sufficient with int storage.

HackPoint.java:

```

1  Public class HackPoint implements Cloneable {
2
3      Public static final int UINT = 0x01 ;
4      Public static final int USHORT = 0x02 ;
5      Public static final int ULEB128 = 0x03 ;
6
7      Public int type;    //data type
8      Public int offset;  // offset address
9      Public int value;   //original value
10
11     Public HackPoint ( int type, int offset, int val) {
12         This.type = type;
13         This.offset = offset;
14         This.value = val;
15     }
16
17     @Override
18     Public HackPoint clone () {
19         HackPoint hp = null ;
20         Try {
twenty one         Hp = (HackPoint) super .clone();
twenty two     } catch (CloneNotSupportedException e) {
twenty three         e.printStackTrace();
twenty four     }
25     Return hp;
26     }
27 }

```

After the modification, all **HackPoint** data will be written at the end of the dex file. The end of the dex file is the **map_list** section. The data format is:

```

1  Struct map_list{
2      Ushort type;
3      Ushort unused;
4      Uint size;
5      Uint offset;
6  };

```

It is exactly 12 byte, so the format of the **HackPoint** write dex file is:

| type(int) | | | | offset(int) | | | | value(int) | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| byte1 | byte2 | byte3 | byte4 | byte1 | byte2 | byte3 | byte4 | byte1 | byte2 | byte3 | byte4 |

0x05 configuration file

The definition of the configuration file is relatively simple to look at the example to know:

```

1  ##### ##
2  # hack_class: Hide class definition
3  # hack_sf_val: Hide static variables
4  # hack_me_size: Hide methods
5  # hack_me_def: repeat function definition (whichever comes first)
6  ##### ###
7
8
9  # Hide static variable values
10 Hack_sf_val: cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl
11
12 # Repeat function definition (whichever comes first)
13 Hack_me_def: cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl
14
15 #Hide function implementation
16 Hack_me_size: cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl
17
18 # Hide the entire class implementation
19 Hack_class: cc.gnaixx.samp.core.EntranceImpl cc.gnaixx.samp.BuildConfig

```

When multiple classes need to implement the same function, they only need to be separated by spaces.

Profile reading code:

```

1  Public static Map<String, List<String>> readConfig(String path) {
2      Try {
3          Map<String, List<String>> config = new HashMap<>();
4          FileReader fr = new FileReader(path);
5          BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(fr);
6          String line;
7          While ((line = br.readLine()) != null ) {

8              If (!line.startsWith( "#" ) && !line.equals( "" )) {
9                  String conf[] = line.split( ":" );
10                 If (conf.length != 2 ) {
11                     Log( "warning" , "error config at :" + line);
12                     System.exit( 0 );
13                 }
14
15                 String key = conf[ 0 ];
16                 String values[] = conf[ 1 ].split( " " );

```

```

17         List<String> valueList = new ArrayList<>();
18         For ( int i = 0 ; i < values.length; i++) {
19             If (values[i] != null && !values[i].equals( "" )) {
20                 valueList.add(values[i]);
twenty one             }
twenty two         }
twenty three         Config.put(key, valueList);
twenty four     }
25     }
26     Fr.close();
27     Br.close();
28     Return config;
29 } Catch (Exception e) {
30     e.printStackTrace();
31 }
32 Return null ;
33 }
```

0x06 dex confusion hidden

The dex file obfuscation and hiding mainly includes three steps:

1. Modify the **HackPoint** and save it to the end of the dex file
2. Fix Header

1. Modify HackPoint

Traverse the **class_def_item** by the configuration class in the obtained configuration file :

```

1 //Find the class location of the configuration file
2 Private void seekHP (ClassDefs.ClassDef[] classDefItem, List<String> conf, String type, SeekC
3     If (conf == null ) {
4         Return ;
5     }
6     For ( int i = 0 ; i < conf.size(); i++) {
7         String classname = conf.get(i);
8         Boolean isDef = false ;
9         For ( int j = 0 ; j < classDefItem.length; j++) {
10             String className = dexFile.typeIds.getString(dexFile, classDefItem[j].classIdx); //Find c
11             className = pathToPackages(className); //Get the class name
12             If (className.equals(classname)) {
13                 callBack.doHack(classDefItem[j], this .hackPoints); //specific operation
14                 Log(type, conf.get(i));
15                 isDef = true ;
16             }
```

```

17     }
18     If (isDef == false ) {
19         Log( "warning" , "con't find class:" + classname);
20     }
twenty one     }
twenty two     }
twenty three
twenty four    // Specific callback handling
25     Interface SeekCallBack {
26         Void doHack (ClassDefs.ClassDef classDefItem, List<HackPoint> hackPoints) ;
27     }

```

Hide the static variable value:

```

1  // Hide static variable initialization
2  Private void hackSfVal (ClassDefs.ClassDef[] classDefItem, List<String> conf) {
3      seekHP(classDefItem, conf, Constants.HACK_SF_VAL, new SeekCallBack() {
4          @Override
5          Public void doHack (ClassDefs.ClassDef classDefItem, List<HackPoint> hackPoints) {
6              HackPoint point = classDefItem.staticValueOff.clone(); //Get static variable data offset
7              hackPoints.add(point); //Add modify point
8              classDefItem.staticValueOff.value = 0 ; // change the offset of the static variable to 0 (hide as
9          }
10     });
11 }

```

The function is repeatedly defined:

```

1  // repeat function definition
2  Private void hackMeDef (ClassDefs.ClassDef[] classDefItem, List<String> conf) {
3      seekHP(classDefItem, conf, Constants.HACK_ME_DEF, new SeekCallBack() {
4          @Override
5          Public void doHack (ClassDefs.ClassDef classDefItem, List<HackPoint> hackPoints) {
6              // The first one is the default

7              Int virtualMeSize = classDefItem.classData.virtualMethodsSize.value;
8              Int virtualMeCodeOff = 0 ;
9              For ( int i = 0 ; i < virtualMeSize; i++) {
10                 If (i == 0 ) {
11                     virtualMeCodeOff = classDefItem.classData.virtualMethods[i].codeOff.value;
12                 } Else {
13                     HackPoint point = classDefItem.classData.virtualMethods[i].codeOff.clone();
14                     hackPoints.add(point);
15                     classDefItem.classData.virtualMethods[i].codeOff.value = virtualMeCodeOff;

```

```

16     }
17     }
18     }
19     });
20 }

```

Function hiding:

```

1 // Hide function definition
2 Private void hackMeSize (ClassDefs.ClassDef[] classDefItem, List<String> conf) {
3     seekHP(classDefItem, conf, Constants.HACK_ME_SIZE, new SeekCallBack() {
4         @Override
5         Public void doHack (ClassDefs.ClassDef classDefItem, List<HackPoint> hackPoints) {
6             HackPoint directPoint = classDefItem.classData.directMethodsSize.clone(); //Also need to change
7             HackPoint virtualPoint = classDefItem.classData.virtualMethodsSize.clone();
8             hackPoints.add(directPoint);
9             hackPoints.add(virtualPoint);
10            classDefItem.classData.directMethodsSize.value = 0 ;
11            classDefItem.classData.virtualMethodsSize.value = 0 ;
12        }
13    });
14 }

```

Hidden class:

```

1 // Hide static variable initialization
2 Private void hackSfVal (ClassDefs.ClassDef[] classDefItem, List<String> conf) {
3     seekHP(classDefItem, conf, Constants.HACK_SF_VAL, new SeekCallBack() {
4         @Override
5         Public void doHack (ClassDefs.ClassDef classDefItem, List<HackPoint> hackPoints) {
6             HackPoint point = classDefItem.staticValueOff.clone(); //Get static variable data offset
7             hackPoints.add(point); //Add modify point
8             classDefItem.staticValueOff.value = 0 ; // change the offset of the static variable to 0 (hide as
9         }
10    });
11 }

```

Add HackPoint data to dex file:

```

1 //Keep modified information
2 Private void appendHP () {
3     Byte [] pointsBuff = new byte [1];
4     For ( int i = 0 ; i < hackPoints.size(); i++) {

```



```

5      Byte [] pointBuff = hackpToBin(hackPoints.get(i));
6      pointsBuff = BufferUtil.append(pointsBuff, pointBuff, pointBuff.length);
7  }
8      dexBuff = BufferUtil.append(dexBuff, pointsBuff, pointsBuff.length);
9  }
10
11  //hackPoint to binary
12  Public static byte [] hackpToBin(HackPoint point) {
13      ByteBuffer bb = ByteBuffer.allocate( 4 * 3 );
14      Bb.put(intToBin_Lit(point.type));
15      Bb.put(intToBin_Lit(point.offset));
16      Bb.put(intToBin_Lit(point.value));
17      Return bb.array();
18  }
19
20  // little endian binary
twenty one  Public static byte [] intToBin_Lit( int integer){
twenty two      Byte [] bin = new byte []{
twenty three          ( byte ) ((integer >> 0 ) & 0xFF ),
twenty four          ( byte ) ((integer >> 8 ) & 0xFF ),
25              ( byte ) ((integer >> 16 ) & 0xFF ),
26              ( byte ) ((integer >> 24 ) & 0xFF )
27      };
28      Return bin;
29  }

```

Dex files are saved as little-endian data

2. Repair Header

There are three data repaired in **Header** :

1. File length
2. Checksum
3. Signature

Modify the code:

```

1  //Modify the header
2  Private void hackHeader () {
3      //Modify the file length
4      Header header = dexFile.header;
5      header.fileSize = this .dexBuff.length;
6      Header.write(dexBuff); //Need to modify the file length before calculating signature checksur

```

```

7    // Repair signature check
8    Log( "old_signature" , binToHex(dexFile.header.signature));
9    Byte [] signature = signature (dexBuff, SIGNATURE_LEN + SIGNATURE_OFF);
10   Header.signature = signature;
11   Log( " new_signature " , binToHex(signature));
12   Header.write(dexBuff); // need to write sinature before calculating the checksum, convex
13   // Fix the checksum check
14   Log( "old_checksum" , intToHex(dexFile.header.checksum));
15   Int checksum = checksum_Lit(dexBuff, CHECKSUM_LEN + CHECKSUM_OFF);
16   Header.checksum = checksum;
17   Log( "new_checksum" , intToHex(checksum));
18   Header.write(dexBuff);
19 }
20
twenty one //Calculate signature
twenty two Public static byte [] signature( byte [] data, int off) {
twenty three     Int len = data.length - off;
twenty four     Byte [] signature = SHA1(data, off, len);
25     Return signature;
26 }
27 //sha1 algorithm
28 Public static byte [] SHA1( byte [] decript, int off, int len) {
29     Try {
30         MessageDigest digest = MessageDigest.getInstance( "SHA-1" );
31         Digest.update(decript, off, len);
32         Byte messageDigest[] = digest.digest();
33         Return messageDigest;
34     } Catch (NoSuchAlgorithmException e) {
35         e.printStackTrace();
36     }
37     Return null ;
38 }
39
40 //Calculate the checksum value
41 Public static int checksum_Lit ( byte [] data, int off) {
42     Byte [] bin = checksum_bin(data, off);
43     Int value = 0 ;
44     For ( int i = 0 ; i < UINT_LEN; i++) {
45         Int seg = bin[i];
46         If (seg < 0 ) {
47             Seg = 256 + seg;
48         }
49         Value += seg << ( 8 * i);
50     }
51     Return value;
52 }
53 //Calculate checksum
54 Public static byte [] checksum_bin( byte [] data, int off) {
55     Int len = data.length - off;

```

```

56     Adler32 adler32 = new Adler32();
57     Adler32.reset();
58     Adler32.update(data, off, len);
59     Long checksum = adler32.getValue();
60     Byte [] checksums = new byte []{
61         ( byte ) checksum,
62         ( byte ) (checksum >> 8 ),
63         ( byte ) (checksum >> 16 ),
64         ( byte ) (checksum >> 24 )};
65     Return checksums;
66 }

```

This part of code address: [HidexHandle.java](#)

0x07 dex restore

Relative to the encryption and decryption process is much simpler, as long as one by one according to **HackPoint** data repair just fine. Here is a brief explanation of the repair procedure:

1. Reading Header **map_list** offset and the number, as **HackPoint** data stored in **map_list** after
2. Read **HackPoint** data and repair dex file
3. Fix **file_size**, **checksum**, **signature** in Header

Java implementation

Repair key source code:

```

1  // Fix dex file
2  Public byte [] redex() {
3      Int mapOff = getUint(dexBuff, MAP_OFF_OFF); //Get map_off
4      Int mapSize = getUint(dexBuff, mapOff); //Get map_size
5      Int hackInfoStart = mapOff + UINT_LEN + (mapSize * MAP_ITEM_LEN); //Get the hackinfo st
6      Int hackInfoLen = dexBuff.length - hackInfoStart; // Get hackinfo length
7      hackInfoBuff = subdex(dexBuff, hackInfoStart, hackInfoLen); //Get hack data
8      Int dexLen = dexBuff.length - hackInfoLen;
9      dexBuff = subdex(dexBuff, 0 , dexLen); // Truncate the original dex length
10     HackPoint[] hackPoints = Trans.binToHackP(hackInfoBuff); //fix hack
11     For ( int i = 0 ; i < hackPoints.length; i++) {
12         Log( "hackPoint" , JSON.toJSONString(hackPoints[i]));
13         Recovery(hackPoints[i]);
14     }
15     Byte [] fileSize = intToBin_Lit (dexLen); // fix file length
16     Replace(dexBuff, fileSize, FILE_SIZE_OFF, UINT_LEN);

```

```

17     Byte [] signature = signature (dexBuff, SIGNATURE_LEN + SIGNATURE_OFF); // repair signat
18     Replace(dexBuff, signature, SIGNATURE_OFF, SIGNATURE_LEN);
19     Byte [] checksum = checksum_bin(dexBuff, CHECKSUM_LEN + CHECKSUM_OFF); //fix checks
20     Replace(dexBuff, checksum, CHECKSUM_OFF, CHECKSUM_LEN);
twenty one    Log( "fileSize" , dexLen);
twenty two    Log( "signature" , binToHex(signature));
twenty three    log("checksum", binToHex_Lit(checksum));
twenty four    return this.dexBuff;
25 }
26 //原始
27 private void recovery(HackPoint hackPoint) {
28     Writer writer = new Writer(this.dexBuff, hackPoint.offset);
29     if (hackPoint.type == HackPoint.USHORT) {
30         writer.writeUshort(hackPoint.value);
31     }
32     else if (hackPoint.type == HackPoint.UINT) {
33         writer.writeUint(hackPoint.value);
34     }
35     else if (hackPoint.type == HackPoint.ULEB128) {
36         Uleb128 uleb128 = Trans.intToUleb128(hackPoint.value);
37         writer.writeUleb128(uleb128);
38     }
39 }

```

C++

工具本身就是为了安全加固，用 java 意义就小了很多，所以工具包里面的我是用 NDK 写的。

修复源码

```

1 //解密dex
2 void recode(char* source, uint sourceLen, char* target, uint* targetLen){
3     uint mapOff = readUint(source, MAP_OFF_OFF); //取map_off
4     uint mapSize = readUint(source, mapOff); //取map_size
5     LOGD("mapInfo: {map_off:%d, map_size:%d}", mapOff, mapSize);
6
7     uint hackInfoOff = mapOff + UINT_LEN + (mapSize * MAP_ITEM_LEN); //定位hackInfo位置
8     uint hackInfoLen = sourceLen - hackInfoOff; //hackInfo长度
9     char* hackInfo = (char *) calloc(hackInfoLen, sizeof(char));
10    memcpy(hackInfo, source + hackInfoOff, hackInfoLen); //复制hackInfo
11    LOGD("hackInfo: {hackInfo_off:%d, hackInfo_len}", hackInfoOff, hackInfoLen);
12
13    uint hackPointSize = hackInfoLen / sizeof(HackPoint); //取hackPoint个数
14    HackPoint* hackPoints = (HackPoint *) calloc(hackPointSize, sizeof(HackPoint));
15    initHP(hackPoints, hackInfo, hackPointSize); //将hackInfo 初始化
16

```

```
17     *targetLen = hackInfoOff;
18     memcpy(target, source, *targetLen); //修复原始长度
19
20     //修复数据
21     for(int i=0; i<hackPointSize; i++){
22         recoverHP(target, hackPoints[i]);
23     }
24     LOGD("Recover HackPoint success");
25
26     //修复header
27     recoverHeader(target, *targetLen);
28
29     Free(hackInfo);
30     Free(hackPoints);
31 }
```

Full source address: [hidex.cpp](#)

0x09 summary

The overall functionality is still relatively simple, and the code implemented is not very complicated, but these need to be based on the understanding of the dex file format.

Another disadvantage of this tool is the loading problem of dex. DexClassLoader loading dex in Android only supports file path loading, unlike ClassLoad in Java which can support binary stream loading, so there is an encrypted dex cache when loading dex, which is very dangerous. So the point of the next study is that the custom DexClassLoader implementation does not load. (Many security consolidation vendors have long since realized that).

Although the function is not powerful, there are many shortcomings, but it also spent a lot of time on their own research, a little understanding of the dex file format, it is worth it.

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