

Student Seminar: Exploiting Two Factor Authentication of Android and IOS

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1. Introduction: The 2 Factors Authentication Model

1. Presentation of 2FA model

The concept

- Combination of 2 access control in order to authenticate
 - Something you know + Something you have

Log In to Access LastPass

Email

Password 

[Forgot Password?](#)

Remember Me

Log In



- Main goal: prevent authentication by third party in case of compromised password or main communication channel

1. Presentation of 2FA model

The choice of smartphones

- Majority of online modern 2FA use (smart)phone as “something you have”
 - Convenient: Don’t require the user to carry yet another card or devices
 - Available: Large majority of user have one
 - Reachable & Out of band: services can send message to it without using the main communication channel
- Implement by Google, Microsoft, Amazon, Twitch, Twiter, Visa, ...

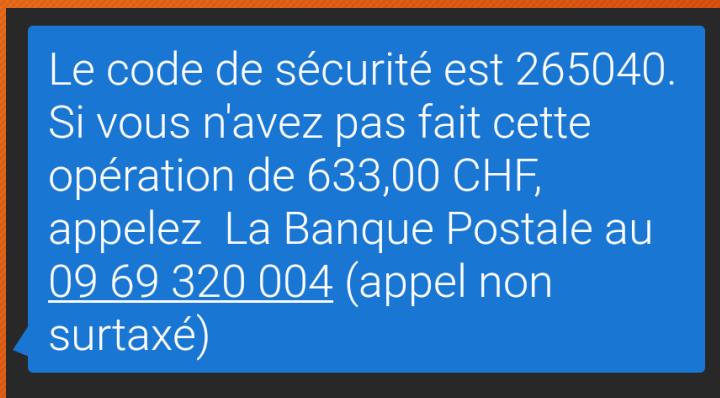
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2FA one smartphone

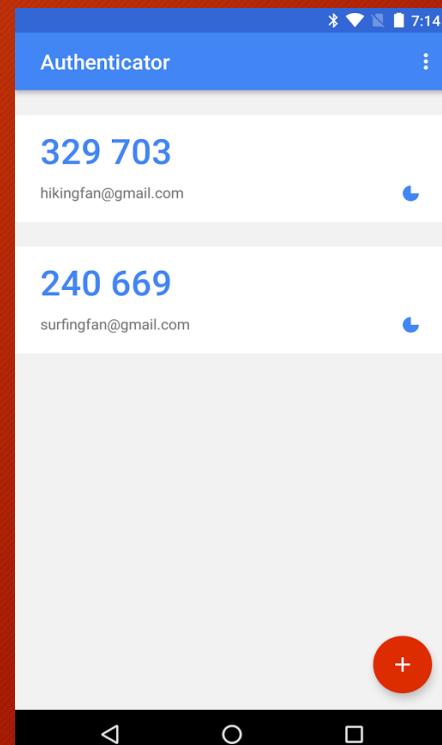
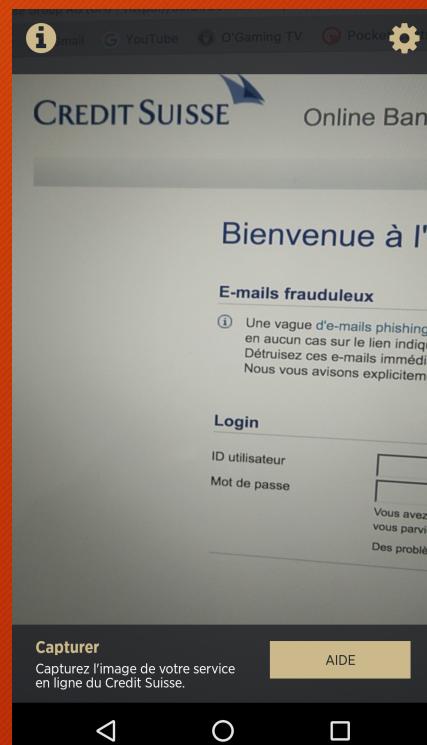
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Smartphone 2FA implementation

- SMS One Time Password (OTP)



- Dedicated application
 - Can rely on OTP or not



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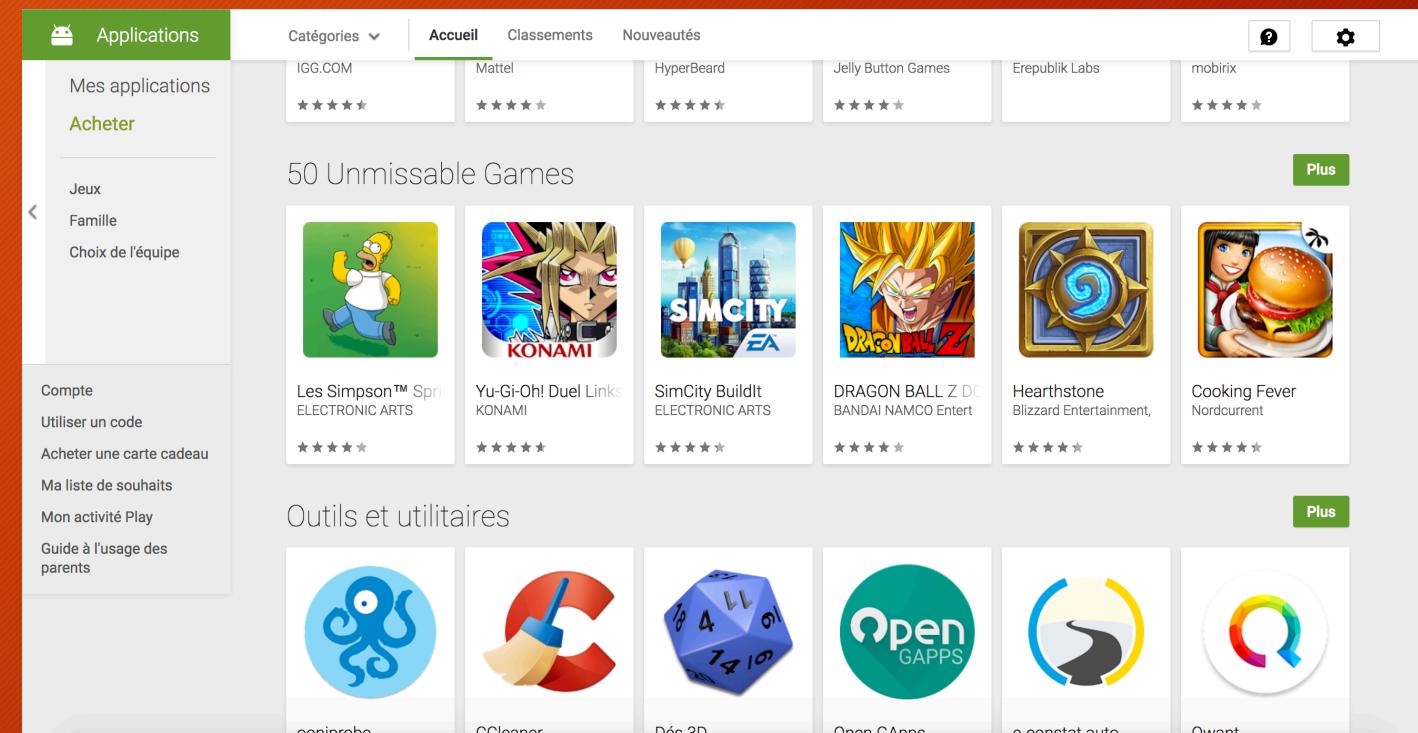
Synchronization

- Actions performed one devices will have impact on the other
 - Make use of the 2 smoother
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- Purposely implements by developers
 - Blur the line (Air-gap) between the two

2. Key concepts

Synchronization: Google play store website

- Possibility to install, from the browser, applications on the phone
- Need to be logged under the same Google account
- Authorization confirmed from the browser too



2. Key concepts

Synchronization: Apple Continuity

- If user posses an iPhone and a Mac, ability to send and read SMS and iMessages from the mac.
- Message stored in clear on the mac
- Off by default
- Need to be on the same LAN



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Synchronization: Browser Sync

- Synchronization of Bookmarks, history and open tabs between devices
- Available on majority of popular browser
- Sync if logged under the same user account



2. Key concepts

MitB: Man in the browser attack

- Stronger Variant of Man in Middle attack. the attacker can do everything a browser can.
- Like man in the middle:
 - Read and modify all data exchanged
 - Send arbitrary data in the name of the user
- Unlike man in the middle:
 - Read and modify encrypted data before encryption & after decryption
 - Read and modify browser related information: settings, cookies, bookmarks, history.

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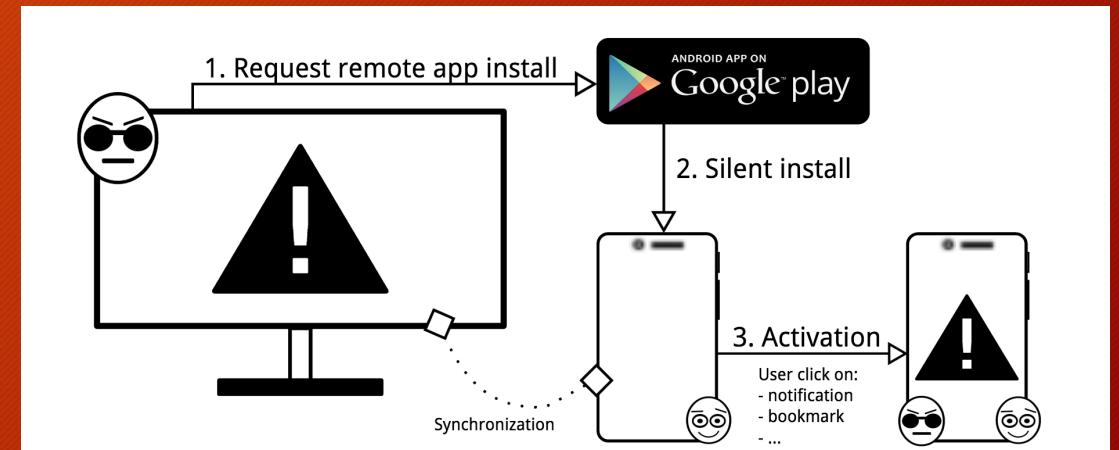
The model

- The PC is compromised (physically stolen, Malware, malicious plugin, ...)
- MitB attack is performed
- Connection to the service is hijacked (via password or cookie)
- To complete authentication (or transaction) OTP\TAN is send via SMS to victim phone
- Phone is sane and run either on Android or iOS

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Android

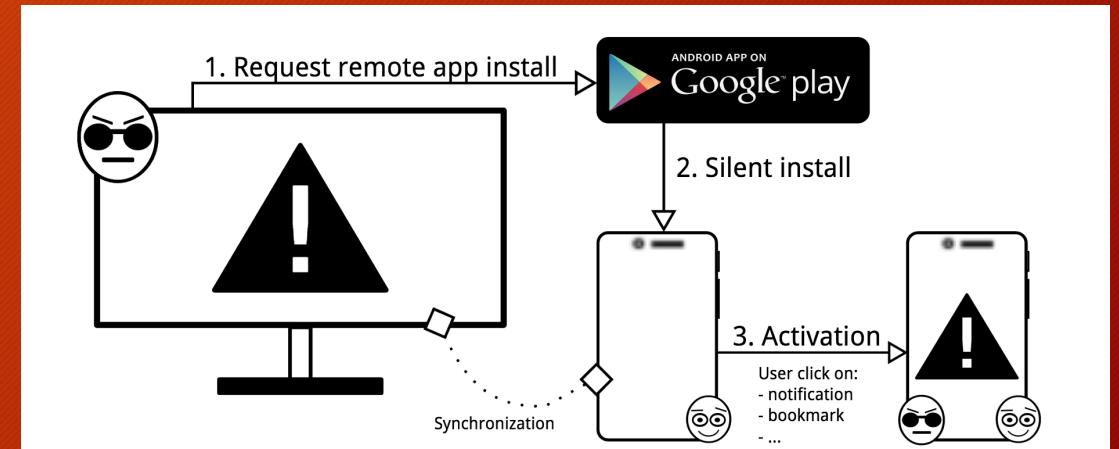
- Form MitB (here Chrome) hijack Google session
 - Remotely Install SMS stealing app from playstore
 - App will forward OTP and TAN to attacker
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- 2 difficulties:
 - Bypass Google Bouncer
 - Activate the app



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Android | Google Bouncer

- Automated malware analysis tool deployed on Playstore
 - Analyses all uploaded apps
 - Static and dynamic analysis
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- Recent work show its easy to bypass.
 - Exemple: execute malicious code remotely via web-view

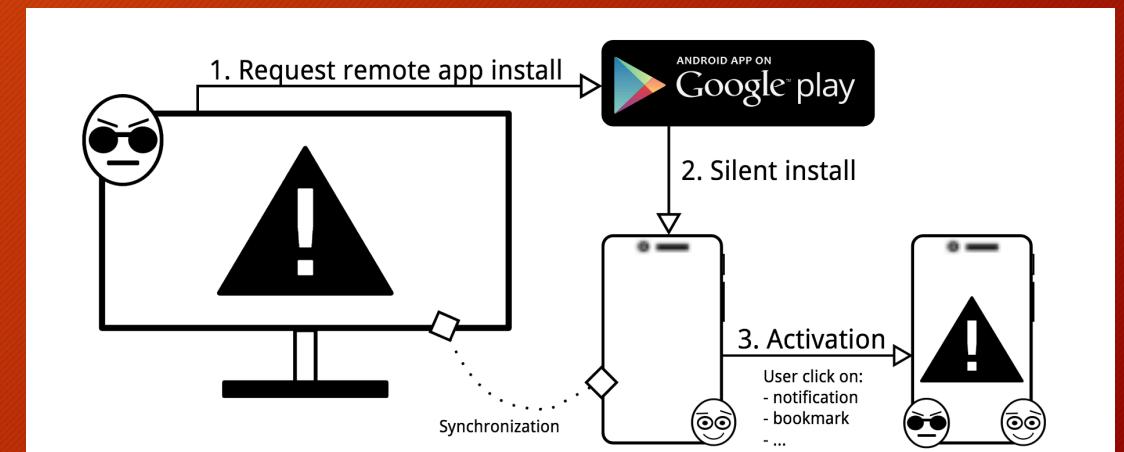


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4. Discussion

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