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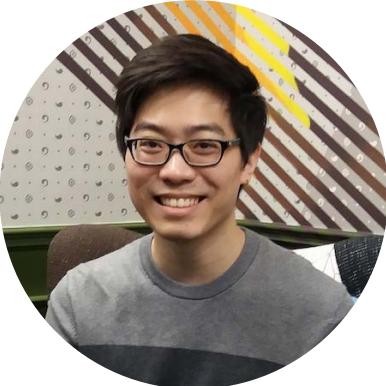
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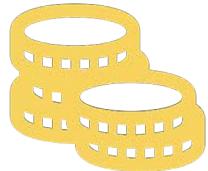
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# Background

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Global  
Start-up / Corporate



Cryptocurrency  
Exchange



Financial  
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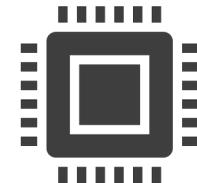
Game  
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Blockchain as a  
Service (BaaS)



Operating System  
and Browsers



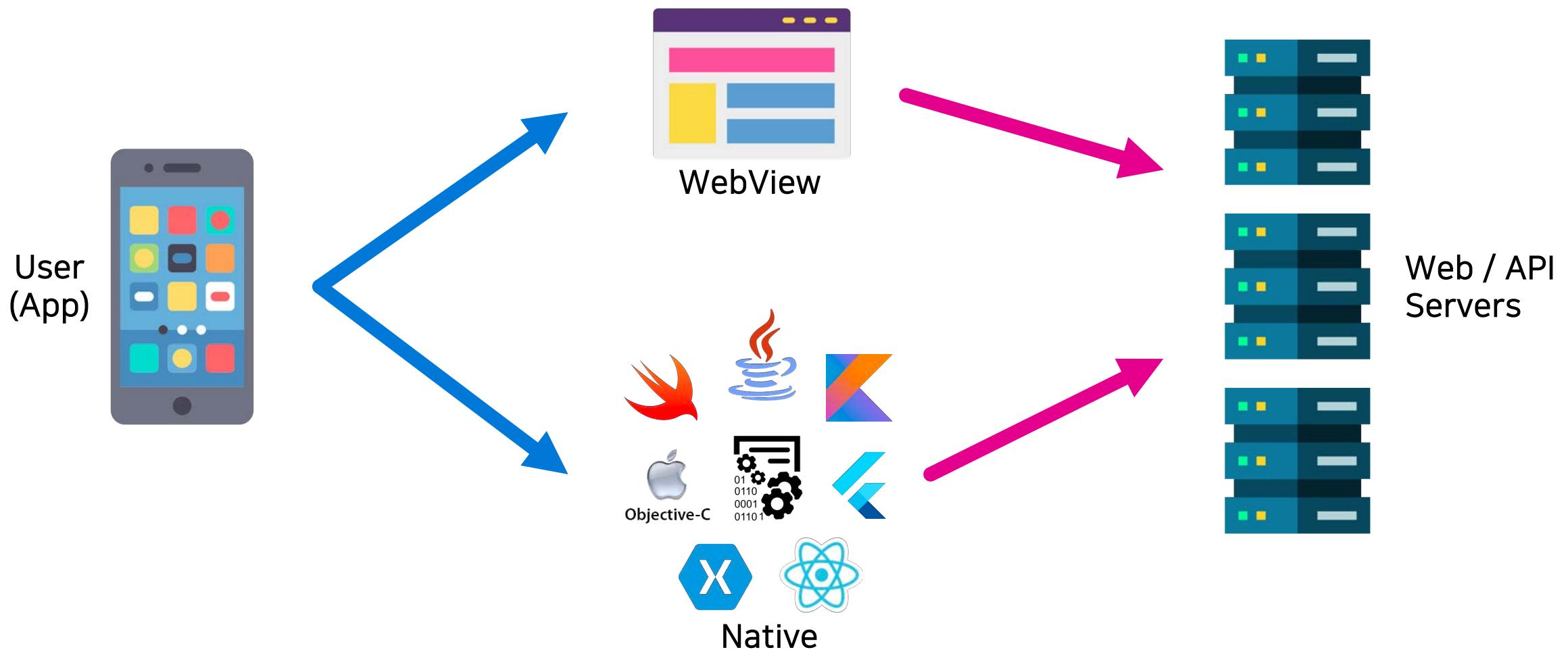
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- Many of our customers have their mobile apps
- They care about security
- They care about intellectual property
- They ask us:
  - What mobile security solution should they use?
  - Do they actually protect as they advertise?



# Mobile Application



# Today's Focus: Android

- Obviously, there are 2 major mobile operating systems
  - iOS and Android
- We will focus on Android today
  - More mature security solutions
  - Non-native code (Dalvik bytecode)
  - Easier debugging
- Android apps share most of the features with iOS version

# Why are obfuscators used?



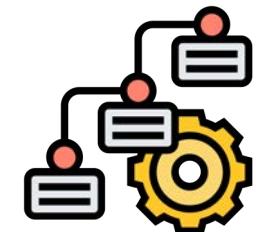
Protect Intellectual Property (IP)



Hide sensitive information

- Keys, tokens
- API URLs and parameters
- Intents

Hide core business logic



Stop and detect malicious users

- Repackaged games with cheats
- Backdoored banking apps



# What are the features?

## Hiding and removing information

- Obfuscated variable name, class name, method name
- Encrypted strings

## Detection

- Rooted device / VM detection
- Debug detection

## Code manipulation

- DEX, JNI encryption
- Java source, Dalvik bytecode, JNI code obfuscation

## Integrity verification

- Memory checksum
- Resource checksum

# Are obfuscators useful?

- Definitely increases the cost for the attackers or researchers
  - Useful for service providers (i.e. app developers)
- May help users to run the apps in safer environment
  - Probably not in reality
  - Running unnecessary code => More battery usage!
- Let's try to reverse engineer some apps, and we shall find out!

A photograph of a person performing a handstand on a paved road. The person is wearing a dark tank top and light-colored shorts. Their shadow is cast onto the road surface. The road is surrounded by dry, yellowish-brown grass and green trees on hills. In the distance, there are small buildings and a mountain range under a clear sky.

Let's Try 'em!

# Example #1

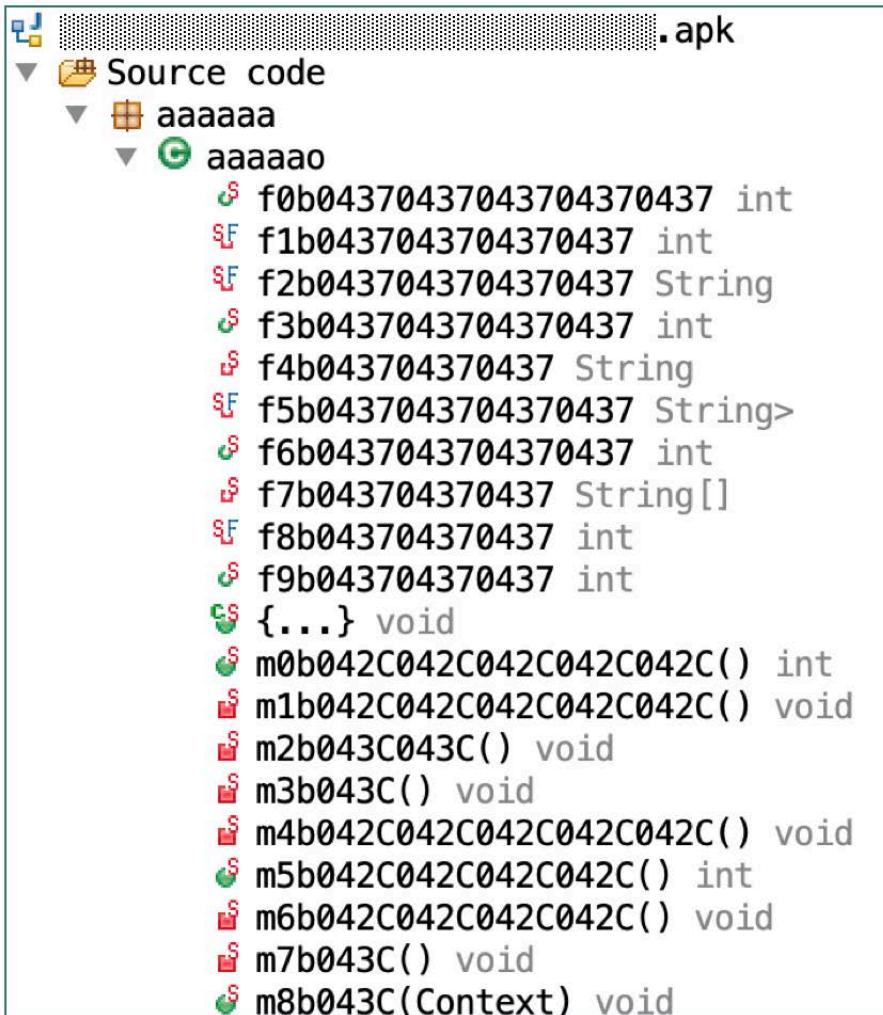
```
/* JADX ERROR: Method load error
   jadx.core.utils.exceptions.DecodeException: Load method exception: bogus element_width: 0000 in method
       at jadx.core.dex.nodes.MethodNode.load(MethodNode.java:139)
       at jadx.core.dex.nodes.ClassNode.load(ClassNode.java:249)
       at jadx.core.ProcessClass.process(ProcessClass.java:27)
       at jadx.api.JadxDecompiler.processClass(JadxDecompiler.java:311)
       at jadx.api.JavaClass.decompile(JavaClass.java:62)
Caused by: jadx.core.utils.exceptions.DecodeException: bogus element_width: 0000 in method: asr.fpq(ja...
       at jadx.core.dex.instructions.InsnDecoder.decodeInsns(InsnDecoder.java:55)
       at jadx.core.dex.nodes.MethodNode.load(MethodNode.java:124)
       ... 4 more
Caused by: com.android.dex.DexException: bogus element_width: 0000
       at com.android.dx.io.instructions.InstructionCodec$36.decode(InstructionCodec.java:871)
       at jadx.core.dex.instructions.InsnDecoder.decodeRawInsn(InsnDecoder.java:70)
       at jadx.core.dex.instructions.InsnDecoder.decodeInsns(InsnDecoder.java:52)
       ... 5 more
*/

```

jadx output

- Method decompilation failure
  - baksmali, dx libraries aren't resilient to edge cases

# Example #2



- Proguard-like
  - Class / method name obfuscation
  - Unicode
  - Same names in different namespace

```
public void run() {
    if (da.IIIiiiiiii > 0) {
        da.IIIiiiiiii.removeCallbacks(da.iiiiiiIII);
        if (da.Iiiiiiiii == 0) {
            if (da.IIIiiiiiii >= 60) {
                da.Iiiiiiiiii.removeUpdates(this.IIIiiiiiii.IiiiiiiIII);
                this.IIIiiiiiii.m();
            } else {
                da.IIIiiiiiii.postDelayed(da.iiiiiiIII, 1818);
            }
            int unused = da.IIIiiiiiii = da.IIIiiiiiii + 2;
        }
    } else {
        da.M();
        if (da.IIIiiiiiii == -6 || (da.IIIiiiiiii >= -8 && this.IIIiiiiiii.B() > 0)) {
            try {
                if (da.Iiiiiiiiii == null) {
                    LocationManager unused2 = da.Iiiiiiiiii = (LocationManager) this.IIIiiiiiii.getSystemService(t.b("location"));
                }
                da.Iiiiiiiiii.requestLocationUpdates(t.b("\n\u001e"), 0, 0.0f, this.IIIiiiiiii.IiiiiiiIII);
                int unused3 = da.IIIiiiiiii = 1;
            } catch (Throwable th) {
            }
        }
        da.IIIiiiiiii.postDelayed(da.iiiiiiIII, 2828);
    }
}
```

# Example #3

```
/* renamed from: b043CMMMM reason: contains not printable characters */
private static void m3b043C() {
    f7b043704370437 = new String[]{aa0aaa.m38b041904190419("mqhp-0,`ik", 'z', '~', 1)};
}
```

jadx output

- String obfuscation / encryption
- Several depths of function
  - Mostly doing arithmetic computation on input
- Sometimes interleaves between native module (JNI) and Dalvik code

# Example #4

```
v4 = a2;
v5 = a1;
v6 = a4;
v7 = a3;
v8 = calloc(1u, 0x20u);
v9 = v8;
if ( v8 )
{
    *v8 = sub_5F04;
    v8[1] = sub_5F44;
    v8[2] = sub_5F98;
    v8[3] = v5;
    sub_73D0(v7);
    sub_74E0(v7);
    v10 = ((int (__fastcall *)(JNIEnv *, int))(*v5)->NewStringUTF)(v5, v4);
    v14 = v6;
    v11 = ((int (__fastcall *)(JNIEnv *, int))(*v5)->NewStringUTF)(v5, v7);
    v12 = call_method(v5, (int)"java/lang/ClassLoader", (int)"getSystemClassLoader", (int)"()Ljava/lang/ClassLoader;");
    v9[4] = call_method(
        v5,
        (int)"dalvik/system/DexClassLoader",
        (int)"<init>",
        (int)"(Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/ClassLoader;)V",
        v10,
        v11,
        0,
        v12);
    ((void (__fastcall *)(JNIEnv *, int))(*v5)->DeleteLocalRef)(v5, v10);
    ((void (__fastcall *)(JNIEnv *, int))(*v5)->DeleteLocalRef)(v5, v11);
    ((void (__fastcall *)(JNIEnv *, int))(*v5)->DeleteLocalRef)(v5, v12);
    v9[5] = sub_7394(v4);
    v9[6] = sub_7394(v7);
    v9[7] = sub_7394(v14);
}
return v9;
```

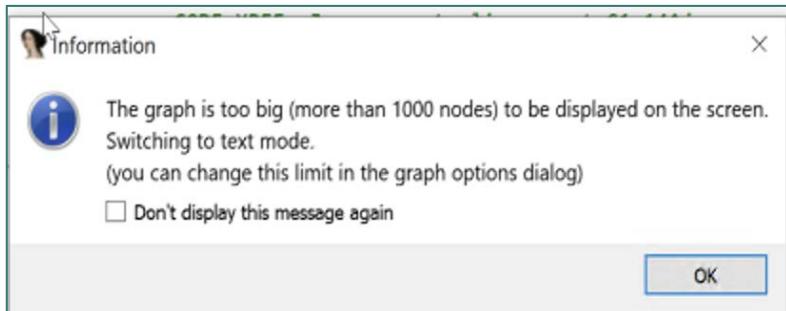
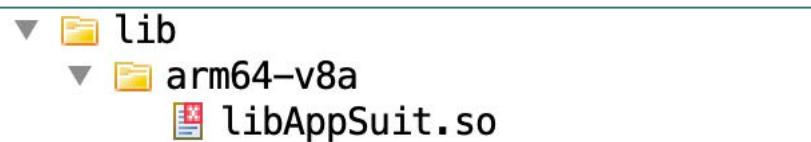
- DEX encryption
- DEX dynamic loading
  - Extract and load DEX files on the fly
- It can be done in both Dalvik and JNI

# Example #5

```
public static Intent vwSe(Context context, D9bf d9bf, String str) {
    boolean z;
    Intent intent;
    char c;
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent2 = new Intent(context, WithdrawConfirmActivity.class);
    Intent intent3 = intent2;
    char[] cArr = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 'I', 'I', 0, 8, 5, 3};
    int i2 = QQ6f;
    int i3 = i2 & 101;
    int i4 = -((i2 ^ 101) | (i2 & 101));
    int i5 = ((-i4) ^ i3) + ((i3 & (-i4)) << 1);
    i64H = i5 % 128;
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    intent2.putExtra(FJMD(cArr, 12, (byte) 11).intern(), d9bf.p233);
    int i6 = QQ6f;
    int i7 = (((i6 ^ 91) | (i6 & 91)) << 1) - (i6 ^ 91);
    i64H = i7 % 128;
    if (i7 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    String intern = FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 5, 7, 9}, 12, (byte) 51).intern();
    int i8 = QQ6f;
    int i9 = ((i8 & 68) << 1) + (i8 ^ 68);
    int i10 = ((i9 | -1) << 1) - (i9 ^ -1);
    i64H = i10 % 128;
    if (i10 % 2 != 0) {
        z = false;
    } else {
        z = true;
    }
    if (z) {
        intent3.putExtra(intern, str);
        intent = intent3;
    } else {
        intent3.putExtra(intern, str);
        intent = intent3;
        Object obj = null;
        super.hashCode();
    }
}
```

- Control flow obfuscation
- Often arithmetic based control flow divergence
- Very complex at first glance, but most of them are dead code!

# Example #6



- JNI integration
  - Native ARM code
- Anything that can be done in Dalvik can be done in JNI using reflection APIs
- Some have obfuscated binary code as well

# Example #7

```
v683 = sub_5100C(v616);
v684 = v683("/dev/qemu_pipe", 0LL);
if ( v684 )
{
    v685 = sub_5100C(v684);
    v686 = v685("/system/bin/nox-prop", 0LL);
    if ( v686 )
    {
        v704 = sub_5100C(v686);
        if ( v704("/system/bin/nospeedup", 0LL) )
        {
            if ( MEMORY[0x34F0](&bad_string_arr, &unk_69418)
                && MEMORY[0x34F0]("ro.product.manufacturer", "motorola")
                && MEMORY[0x34F0]("ro.product.brand", "Android")
                && MEMORY[0x34F0]("ro.product.board", "shamu")
                && MEMORY[0x34F0]("ro.product.device", "shamu") )
            {
                v582 = 262152;
            }
            else if ( sub_368C("/proc/cpuinfo", "Intel(R) Core(TM) i" ) )
            {
                v582 = 262153;
            }
            else
            {
                v582 = sub_368C("/proc/misc", "vboxguest");
                if ( v582 )

```

- Rooting detection
- Many different, creative ways of detecting rooted devices, VM, debugging, etc.
  - File existence check (artifact)
  - Android property check
  - /proc/self/\* check
  - /proc/net/unix check

# Example #8

```
v1 = readApkDex((__int64)ptr, (int *)&v4);
if ( ptr )
{
    v3 = v1;
    free(ptr);
    v1 = v3;
    ptr = 0LL;
}
getSha1Hash((__int64)&v6, (__int64)v1, v4);
if ( !memcmp((const void *)IIIiIiiIii, &v6, 20u) )
    result = v0;
else
    result = 1LL;
```

```
<activity android:EMUtC="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:Th67G="██████████"
<activity android:SLP7d="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:WFjGq="portrait"
<activity android:897ks="██████████".ui.login.DormantNotiAct
<activity android:6033D="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:dB2pQ="██████████"
<activity android:35wsE="██████████".ui.trade.MarketAgreeAct
<activity android:0qvwN="portrait" android:5rWpU="@style/AppBarTheme2"
<activity android:LIK8i="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:VY91i="portrait"
<activity android:38SpH="@style/AppBarTheme" android:5wemt="██████████".
```

- Re-packaging protection
- Integrity verification
  - Hash files
  - Cryptographic signatures
- Break re-packaging tools
  - Invalid attribute names in Manifest.xml



# Alright, that was tough

How can we make it little bit more "clean"?

# Fix bugs in open source tools (1/3)

- dexlib2 not handling array with element width of 0 with large element count correctly

fill-array-data-payload format

Name	Format	Description
ident	ushort = 0x0300	identifying pseudo-opcode
element_width	ushort	number of bytes in each element
size	uint	number of elements in the table
data	ubyte[]	data values

```
CODE:002A79A6 .short 0x300
CODE:002A79A8 .short 0
CODE:002A79AA .int 0xAFBDFA33
```

```
-     elementWidth = dexFile.getDataBuffer().readUshort(instructionStart + ELEMENT_WIDTH_OFFSET);
-     elementCount = dexFile.getDataBuffer().readSmallUInt(instructionStart + ELEMENT_COUNT_OFFSET);
-     if (((long)elementWidth) * elementCount > Integer.MAX_VALUE) {
-         throw new ExceptionWithContext("Invalid array-payload instruction: element width*count overflows");
+     int localElementWidth = dexFile.getDataBuffer().readUshort(instructionStart + ELEMENT_WIDTH_OFFSET);
+
+     if (localElementWidth == 0) {
+         elementWidth = 1;
+         elementCount = 0;
+     } else {
+         elementWidth = localElementWidth;
+
+         elementCount = dexFile.getDataBuffer().readSmallUInt(instructionStart + ELEMENT_COUNT_OFFSET);
+         if (((long) elementWidth) * elementCount > Integer.MAX_VALUE) {
+             throw new ExceptionWithContext("Invalid array-payload instruction: element width*count overflows");
+         }
+     }
}
```

- Fixed in smali version 2.3.1
- However, jadx uses v2.3 => Update build.gradle to use latest

# Fix bugs in open source tools (2/3)

- Apktool not handling obfuscated attribute names in Android Manifest XML correctly

```
<activity android:8lUhe="[[REDACTED]].ui.main.asset.detail.As  
<activity android:1rAlQ="portrait" android:IP1wi="@style/AppBarTheme2"  
<activity android:BAVGV="portrait" android:HIsqq="[[REDACTED]]  
<activity android:5zPGX="portrait" android:dtp1v="[[REDACTED]]  
<activity android:GQiXw="[[REDACTED]].ui.main.crypto.NoticeLi  
<activity android:EMUTC="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:Th67G="[[REDACTED]]  
<activity android:SLP7d="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:WFjGq="portrait"  
<activity android:897kS="[[REDACTED]].ui.login.DormantNotiAct  
<activity android:6033D="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:dB2pQ="[[REDACTED]]  
<activity android:35wsE="[[REDACTED]].ui.trade.MarketAgreeAct  
<activity android:0qvWn="portrait" android:5rWpU="@style/AppBarTheme2"  
<activity android:LIK8i="@style/AppBarTheme2" android:VY91i="portrait"  
<activity android:38SpH="@style/AppBarTheme" android:5wemt="[[REDACTED]]".
```

```
...  
field public static final int useLevel = 16843167; // 0x101019f  
field public static final int userVisible = 16843409; // 0x1010291  
field public static final int usesCleartextTraffic = 16844012; // 0x10104ec  
field public static final int value = 16842788; // 0x1010024  
field public static final int valueFrom = 16843486; // 0x10102de  
field public static final int valueTo = 16843487; // 0x10102df  
field public static final int valueType = 16843488; // 0x10102e0  
field public static final int variablePadding = 16843157; // 0x1010195  
field public static final int vendor = 16843751; // 0x10103e7  
field public static final int version = 16844057; // 0x1010519  
field public static final int versionCode = 16843291; // 0x101021b  
field public static final int versionCodeMajor = 16844150; // 0x1010576  
field public static final int versionMajor = 16844151; // 0x1010577  
...
```

- If Android namespace, use the binary value to resolve

<https://android.googlesource.com/platform/frameworks/base/+/refs/heads/master/api/current.txt>

# Fix bugs in open source tools (3/3)

- dexlib2 not gracefully handling a method with instruction that extends past the end of the method (truncated method)

```
CODE:001A7CB4 # Method 2 (0x2)
CODE:001A7CB4 word_1A7CB4:    .short 0          # DATA XREF: CODE:003BAE69↓i
CODE:001A7CB4
CODE:001A7CB6            .short 0          # Number of registers : 0x0
CODE:001A7CB8            .short 0          # Size of input args (in words) : 0x0
CODE:001A7CBA            .short 0          # Size of output args (in words) : 0x0
CODE:001A7CBC            .short 0          # Number of try_items : 0x0
CODE:001A7CBC            .int 0           # Debug info
CODE:001A7CC0            .int 2           # Size of bytecode (in 16-bit units): 0x2
CODE:001A7CC4 public static void a lock.b()
CODE:001A7CC4             invoke-super      {v4, v0, v0, v0, v15}, <void a lock.<clinit>() a lock clinit @V>
CODE:001A7CC4
# DATA XREF: CODE:003BAE91↓i
```

- Ignore truncated methods => Replace with NOP instruction
- Never gets called (otherwise Dalvik VM will do wrong things)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

- Implement custom decompiler passes
  - Eliminate dead code
  - Optimize control flow
  - Constant evaluation and propagation
  - Heuristics
- Extended the existing tool: jadx
  - Fix decompiler bugs on the way ;)



# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i | 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        try {
            XtAL = i2 % 128;
        } catch (ClassCastException e) {
            throw e;
        }
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        switch (i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') {
            case 'Y':
                int i7 = 2 % 2;
                break;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - (((-((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49)))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        try {
            XtAL = i9 % 128;
        } catch (IllegalStateException e2) {
            throw e2;
        }
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(obfuscated)

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - (((-((i2 & 57) << 1))) ^ -1)) - 1;
    try {
        eloq = i3 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    try {
        eloq = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ArrayStoreException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
    switch (i5 % 2 != 0) {
        case false:
            int i6 = 96 / 0;
            return;
        default:
            return;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(obfuscated)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = tqfj;
    int i3 = (i2 & 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    try {
        tqTj = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = tqTj;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    try {
        eloq = i7 % 128;
        if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        return intent2;
    } catch (ClassCastException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
}
```

koLf method  
(obfuscated)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

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            throw e;
        }
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
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        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        switch (i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') {
            case 'Y':
                int i7 = 2 % 2;
                break;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - ((--((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        try {
            XtAL = i9 % 128;
        } catch (IllegalStateException e2) {
            throw e2;
        }
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(obfuscated)

- **Switch-case statements** are turned into **if-else** statements
- **default** case is used for **else** block
- **if** statement may not have **else** block
  - switch statement without default case

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        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i | 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        try {
            XtAL = i2 % 128;
        } catch (ClassCastException e) {
            throw e;
        }
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        if ((i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i7 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - ((--((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        try {
            XtAL = i9 % 128;
        } catch (IllegalStateException e2) {
            throw e2;
        }
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-1)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - (((((i2 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    try {
        eloq = i3 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    try {
        eloq = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ArrayStoreException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
    switch (i5 % 2 != 0) {
        case false:
            int i6 = 96 / 0;
            return;
        default:
            return;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(obfuscated)

- **Switch-case statements** are turned into **if-else** statements
- **default** case is used for **else** block
- **if** statement may not have **else** block
  - switch statement without default case

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - (((((i2 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    try {
        eloq = i3 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    try {
        eloq = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ArrayStoreException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
    if (!(i5 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i6 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-1)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = (i2 & 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    try {
        tqTj = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = tqTj;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    try {
        eloq = i7 % 128;
        if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        return intent2;
    } catch (ClassCastException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
}
```

koLf method  
(unchanged)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i | 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        try {
            XtAL = i2 % 128;
        } catch (ClassCastException e) {
            throw e;
        }
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        if ((i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i7 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - (((-((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49)))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        try {
            XtAL = i9 % 128;
        } catch (IllegalStateException e2) {
            throw e2;
        }
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-1)

- Unnecessary **try-catch** statements are **removed**
- The exception wouldn't likely occur
- But even if it does, the code just re-throws the exception, thus it makes no semantic difference to remove the **catch** block

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i | 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        XtAL = i2 % 128;
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        if ((i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i7 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - (((-((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49)))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        XtAL = i9 % 128;
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-2)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - ((--((i2 & 57) << 1))) ^ -1) - 1;
    try {
        eloq = i3 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    try {
        eloq = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ArrayStoreException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
    if (!(i5 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i6 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-1)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = (i2 & 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    try {
        tqTj = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = tqTj;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    try {
        eloq = i7 % 128;
        if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        return intent2;
    } catch (ClassCastException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
}
```

- Unnecessary **try-catch** statements are **removed**
- The exception wouldn't likely occur
- But even if it does, the code just re-throws the exception, thus it makes no semantic difference to remove the **catch** block

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - ((--((i2 & 57) << 1))) ^ -1) - 1;
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    eloq = i5 % 128;
    if (!(i5 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i6 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-2)

koLf method  
(optimized-2)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = (i2 & 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    tqTj = i5 % 128;
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = tqTj;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    eloq = i7 % 128;
    if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    return intent2;
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-1)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i | 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        XtAL = 12 % 128;
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i3) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = 16 % 128;
        if ((i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i7 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - ((--((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49)))) ^ -1) - 1;
        XtAL = i9 % 128;
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-2)

- Replace **private static fields** with fixed **constant value**
- This is a specific heuristic for this obfuscator, but it helps the later stages – constant evaluation and propagation
  - The static field values are initialized to either 0 or 1, and stay the same throughout the code

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = ((0 | 29) << 1) - ((0 & -30) | ((0 ^ -1) & 29));
        XtAL = 1 % 128;
        if (i % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i2 = ((1 ^ 65) | (1 & 65)) << 1;
        int i3 = ((1 ^ -1) & 65) | (1 & -66);
        int i4 = ((-i3) & i2) + (i2 | (-i3));
        UKLD = 14 % 128;
        if ((i4 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i5 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i6 = ((0 & 49) - (((-((0 ^ 49) | (0 & 49)))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        XtAL = 16 % 128;
        if (i6 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-3)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - (((((i2 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eila();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    eloq = i5 % 128;
    if (!(i5 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i6 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-2)

- Replace **private static fields** with fixed **constant value**

- This is a specific heuristic for this obfuscator, but it helps the later stages – constant evaluation and propagation

- The static field values are initialized to either 0 or 1, and stay the same throughout the code

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = ((0 ^ 57) - (((((0 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    eloq = i2 % 128;
    if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eila();
    int i3 = (0 ^ 85) + ((0 & 85) << 1);
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (!(i3 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i4 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-3)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = taTi;
    int i3 = (i2 & 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    tqTj = i5 % 128;
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = taTi;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    eloq = i7 % 128;
    if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    return intent2;
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-2)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = (0 & 19) + ((0 ^ 19) | (0 & 19));
    eloq = i2 % 128;
    if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i3 = (((1 ^ 5) | (1 & 5)) << 1) - (((1 & 5) ^ -1) & (1 | 5));
    tqTj = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i4 = (0 & 39) + (0 | 39);
    eloq = i4 % 128;
    if (i4 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    return intent2;
}
```

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = ((0 | 29) << 1) - ((0 & -30) | ((0 ^ -1) & 29));
        XtAL = i % 128;
        if (i % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i2 = ((1 ^ 65) | (1 & 65)) << 1;
        int i3 = ((1 ^ -1) & 65) | (1 & -66);
        int i4 = ((-i3) & i2) + (i2 | (-i3));
        UKLD = i4 % 128;
        if ((i4 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
            int i5 = 2 % 2;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i6 = ((0 & 49) - (((-((0 ^ 49) | (0 & 49)))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        XtAL = i6 % 128;
        if (i6 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-3)

- Evaluate constant arithmetic operations
- Propagate and replace with the final constant literal value

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        XtAL = 29;
        if (1 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        UKLD = 66;
        if ((0 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        XtAL = 49;
        if (1 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-4)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = ((0 ^ 57) - (((((0 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    eloq = i2 % 128;
    if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilo();
    int i3 = (0 ^ 85) + ((0 & 85) << 1);
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (!(i3 % 2 != 0)) {
        int i4 = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-3)

- Evaluate constant arithmetic operations
- Propagate and replace with the final constant literal value

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    eloq = 57;
    if (1 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilo();
    eloq = 85;
    if (!(1 != 0)) {
        int i = 96 / 0;
    }
}
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-4)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = (0 & 19) + ((0 ^ 19) | (0 & 19));
    eloq = i2 % 128;
    if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i3 = (((1 ^ 5) | (1 & 5)) << 1) - (((1 & 5) ^ -1) & (1 | 5));
    tqTj = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i4 = (0 & 39) + (0 | 39);
    eloq = i4 % 128;
    if (i4 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    return intent2;
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-3)

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    eloq = 19;
    if (1 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    tqTj = 6;
    if (0 != 0) {
    }
    eloq = 39;
    if (1 == 0) {
    }
    return intent2;
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-4)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {    Class constructor  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;    (optimized-4)  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        int[] iArr;  
        UKLD = 0;  
        XtAL = 1;  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            iArr = FJMD;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
        }  
        XtAL = 29;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        UKLD = 66;  
        if ((0 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {  
        }  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
            return;  
        }  
        XtAL = 49;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
    }  
  
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        eloq = 57;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
        eloq = 85;  
        if ((1 != 0)) {  
            int i = 96 / 0;  
        }  
    }  
  
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        eloq = 19;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        tqTj = 6;  
        if (0 != 0) {  
        }  
        eloq = 39;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        return intent2;  
    }
```

XtAL method (optimized-4)

koLf method (optimized-4)

- Remove assignments to the private static fields that are not used any more
  - Dead code elimination
  - Constant values are already evaluated and propagated
- Specific heuristics for this obfuscator
  - It can be generically extended for other cases

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {    Class constructor  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;    (optimized-5)  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        int[] iArr;  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            iArr = FJMD;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
        }  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        if ((0 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') == 'Y') {  
        }  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
            return;  
        }  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
    }  
  
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
        if (!(1 != 0)) {  
            int i = 96 / 0;  
        }  
    }  
  
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        if (0 != 0) {  
        }  
        if (1 == 0) {  
        }  
        return intent2;  
    }
```

XtAL method (optimized-5)

koLf method (optimized-5)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-5)

```
    static {  
        int[] iArr;  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            iArr = FJMD;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {}  
        if (1 == 0) {}  
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        if ((0 != 0 ? ' ' : 'Y') == 'Y') {}  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
            return;  
        }  
        if (1 == 0) {}  
    }  
}
```

```
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        if (1 == 0) {}  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
        if (! (1 != 0)) {  
            int i = 96 / 0;  
        }  
    }
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-5)

```
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        if (1 == 0) {}  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        if (0 != 0) {}  
        if (1 == 0) {}  
        return intent2;  
    }
```

koLf method  
(optimized-5)

- Perform **constant evaluation** on if statements
- Remove unreachable code path after evaluating constants
  - Example: if(false){}

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-6)

```
    static {  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {}  
        FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        char c = 'Y';  
        if (c == 'Y') {}  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {}  
    }  
}
```

```
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
        boolean z = true;  
        if (!z) {  
            int i = 96 / 0;  
        }  
    }
```

XtAL method  
(optimized-6)

```
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        return intent2;  
    }
```

koLf method  
(optimized-6)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
            }  
        FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        char c = 'Y';  
        if (c == 'Y') {  
        }  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
        }  
    }  
  
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
        boolean z = true;  
        if (!z) {  
            int i = 96 / 0;  
        }  
    }  
  
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        return intent2;  
    }  
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-6)

XtAL method  
(optimized-6)

koLf method  
(optimized-6)

- Remove unused variables
- Inline expressions
  - If PHI node only has one value, the value gets inlined

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
            }  
        FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
        }  
    }  
  
    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
    }  
  
    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
        Intent intent2 = intent;  
        intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
        return intent2;  
    }  
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-7)

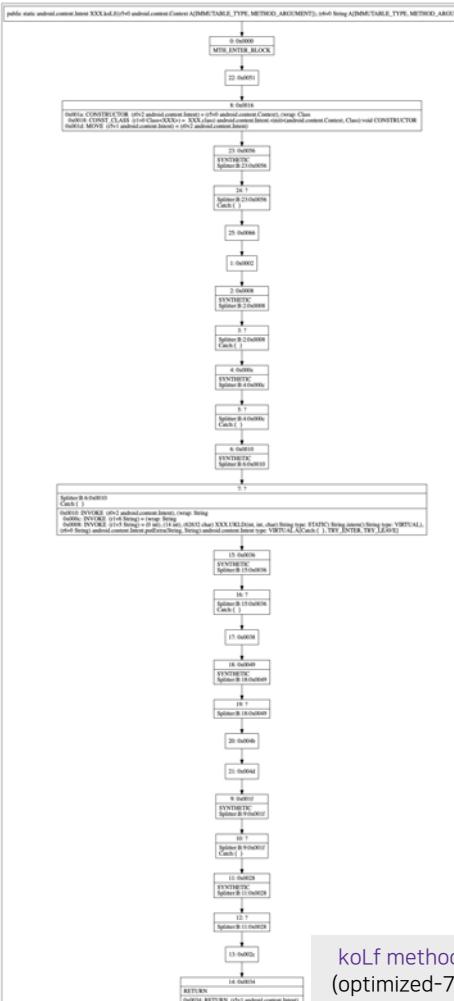
XtAL method  
(optimized-7)

koLf method  
(optimized-7)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
    Intent intent2 = intent;  
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
    return intent2;  
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-7)

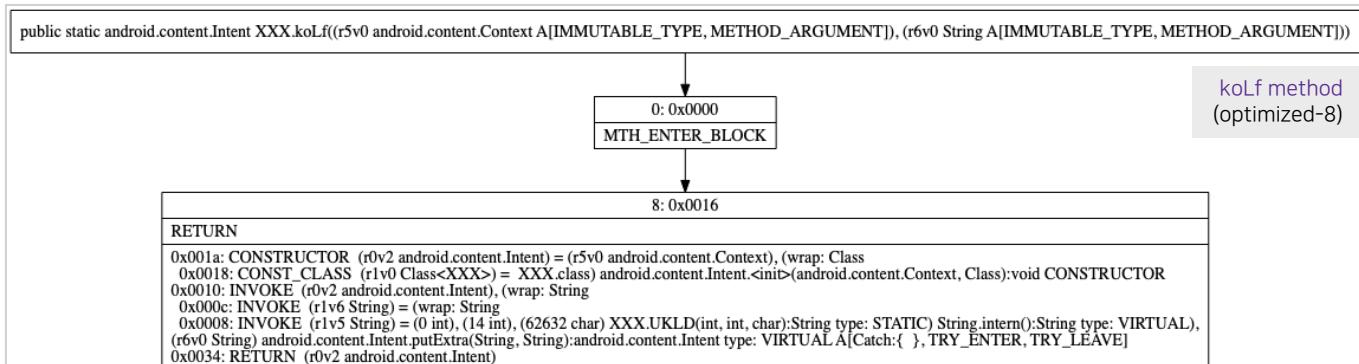


koLf method  
(optimized-7)

- Clean up block nodes
- Remove empty blocks
  - aka, basic blocks that do not contain any instructions
- This helps jadx recognize more patterns in later decompilation passes

```
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
    return intent;  
}
```

koLf method  
(optimized-8)



koLf method  
(optimized-8)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
            }  
        FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
    return;  
}  
  
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
    intent.putExtra(UKLD(0, 14, 62632).intern(), str);  
    return intent;  
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-8)

XtAL method  
(optimized-8)

koLf method  
(optimized-8)

- Emulate the string decryption method invocations
  - Replace with String literal
- Uses smalivm by Caleb Fenton

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {  
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;  
    private static int UKLD;  
    private static int XtAL;  
  
    static {  
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {  
        }  
        try {  
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;  
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {  
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();  
    return;  
}  
  
public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {  
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);  
    intent.putExtra("PARAM_CURRENCY".intern(), str);  
    return intent;  
}
```

Class constructor  
(optimized-9)

XtAL method  
(optimized-9)

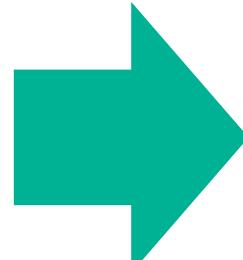
koLf method  
(optimized-9)

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;
    static {
        int[] iArr;
        UKLD = 0;
        XtAL = 1;
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            iArr = FJMD;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        int i = UKLD;
        int i2 = ((i ^ 29) << 1) - ((i & -30) | ((i ^ -1) & 29));
        try {
            XtAL = i2 % 128;
        } catch (ClassCastException e) {
            throw e;
        }
        if (i2 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        iArr[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        int i3 = XtAL;
        int i4 = ((i3 ^ 65) | (i3 & 65)) << 1;
        int i5 = ((i3 ^ -1) & 65) | (i3 & -66);
        int i6 = ((-i5) & i4) + (i4 | (-i5));
        UKLD = i6 % 128;
        switch (i6 % 2 != 0 ? ')' : 'Y') {
            case 'Y':
                int i7 = 2 % 2;
                break;
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
            return;
        }
        int i8 = UKLD;
        int i9 = ((i8 & 49) - ((--((i8 ^ 49) | (i8 & 49))) ^ -1)) - 1;
        try {
            XtAL = i9 % 128;
        } catch (IllegalStateException e2) {
            throw e2;
        }
        if (i9 % 2 == 0) {
        }
    }
}
```

```
static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = ((i2 ^ 57) - ((--((i2 & 57) << 1)) ^ -1)) - 1;
    try {
        eloq = i3 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    withdrawActivity.Eilq();
    int i4 = tqTj;
    int i5 = (i4 ^ 85) + ((i4 & 85) << 1);
    try {
        eloq = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ArrayStoreException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
    switch (i5 % 2 != 0) {
        case false:
            int i6 = 96 / 0;
            return;
        default:
            return;
    }
}

public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
    int i = 2 % 2;
    Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
    Intent intent2 = intent;
    int i2 = tqTj;
    int i3 = (i2 ^ 19) + ((i2 ^ 19) | (i2 & 19));
    eloq = i3 % 128;
    if (i3 % 2 == 0) {
    }
    intent.putExtra(UKLD, 14, 62632).intern(), str);
    int i4 = eloq;
    int i5 = (((i4 ^ 5) | (i4 & 5)) << 1) - (((i4 & 5) ^ -1) & (i4 | 5));
    try {
        tqTj = i5 % 128;
    } catch (ClassCastException e) {
        throw e;
    }
    if (i5 % 2 != 0) {
    }
    int i6 = tqTj;
    int i7 = (i6 & 39) + (i6 | 39);
    try {
        eloq = i7 % 128;
        if (i7 % 2 == 0) {
        }
        return intent2;
    } catch (ClassCastException e2) {
        throw e2;
    }
}
```



```
static /* synthetic */ class AnonymousClass4 {
    static final /* synthetic */ int[] FJMD;
    private static int UKLD;
    private static int XtAL;

    static {
        FJMD = new int[zfbe.XtAL.values().length];
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.koLf.ordinal()] = 1;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused) {
        }
        try {
            FJMD[zfbe.XtAL.vWSe.ordinal()] = 2;
        } catch (NoSuchFieldError unused2) {
        }
    }

    static /* synthetic */ void XtAL(WithdrawActivity withdrawActivity) {
        withdrawActivity.Eilq();
        return;
    }

    public static Intent koLf(Context context, String str) {
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, WithdrawActivity.class);
        intent.putExtra("PARAM_CURRENCY".intern(), str);
        return intent;
    }
}
```

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
public final void vWSe(yTB9 ytb9) {
    if (ytb9 instanceof haqS) {
        int codePointAt = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459413).substring(4, 5).codePointAt(0) - 74 - 1;
        int i = (codePointAt & -1) + (codePointAt | -1);
        int codePointAt2 = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459899).substring(1, 3).codePointAt(0);
        int i2 = -((codePointAt2 & 0) | ((codePointAt2 ^ -1) & -1));
        int i3 = (i2 | -112) + (i2 & -112);
        int i4 = ((i3 | -1) << 1) - (i3 ^ -1);
        int i5 = -getPackageName().length();
        String intern = UKLD(i, 14, (char) (((-i5) & -26) + ((-i5) | -26))).intern();
        int i6 = -getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459495).substring(0, 1).codePointAt(0);
        int i7 = (((-i6) | -36) << 1) - (-36 ^ (-i6));
        ApplicationInfo applicationInfo = getApplicationInfo();
        int length = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459577).substring(0, 3).length();
        if (!intern.equalsIgnoreCase(UKLD(i7, 6, (char) (((length ^ -1) & 10229) | (-10230 & length)) - (((10229 & length) << 1) ^ -1)) - 1).intern()) {
            String str = this.M508.FJMD;
            int i8 = -(-getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133460143).substring(0, 17).codePointAt(6));
            int i9 = (i8 & 0) | ((i8 ^ -1) & -1);
            int i10 = (((-i9) ^ -20) + (((-i9) & -20) << 1)) - 1;
            int length2 = (((getPackageName().length() + 18) - 1) + 0) - 1;
            int i11 = -getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459749).substring(0, 6).length();
            String intern2 = UKLD(i10, length2, (char) (((-i11) & -6) + ((-i11) | -6))).intern();
            ApplicationInfo applicationInfo2 = getApplicationInfo();
            int codePointAt3 = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459931).substring(5, 7).codePointAt(0);
            int i12 = (codePointAt3 ^ -21) + ((codePointAt3 & -21) << 1);
            int codePointAt4 = getPackageName().codePointAt(6);
            int i13 = (codePointAt4 & 0) | ((codePointAt4 ^ -1) & -1);
            o3W8.FJMD(str, intern2, UKLD(121, i12, (char) ((((-i13) & -110) + ((-i13) | -110)) + 0) - 1)).intern(), null, this.yxFR);
        } else {
            String str2 = this.M508.FJMD;
            int length3 = "+100M".substring(0, 5).length();
            int i14 = ((length3 ^ 45) | (length3 & 45)) << 1;
            int i15 = -(((length3 & 45) ^ -1) & (length3 | 45));
            int i16 = (i14 ^ i15) + ((i14 & i15) << 1);
            int i17 = -getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459749).substring(0, 6).codePointAt(1);
            int i18 = -i17;
            int i19 = ((i18 ^ -1) & -96) | (i18 & 95);
            int i20 = -((-i17) & -96) << 1;
            int i21 = ((-i20) ^ i19) + ((i19 & (-i20)) << 1);
            int codePointAt5 = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133458945).substring(0, 3).codePointAt(1);
            String intern3 = UKLD(i16, i21, (char) (((codePointAt5 | -115) << 1) - (codePointAt5 ^ -115))).intern();
            int length4 = getPackageName().length();
            int i22 = (length4 ^ 39) + ((length4 & 39) << 1);
            int codePointAt6 = getPackageName().codePointAt(23);
            int i23 = (codePointAt6 & 83) | ((codePointAt6 ^ -1) & -84);
            int i24 = -((codePointAt6 & -84) << 1);
            int i25 = ((-i24) ^ i23) + ((i23 & (-i24)) << 1);
            int codePointAt7 = getResources().getString(R.string2.RES_2133459480).substring(2, 4).codePointAt(1);
            o3W8.FJMD(str2, intern3, UKLD(i22, i25, (char) (((62849 ^ codePointAt7) | (62849 & codePointAt7)) << 1) - (((62849 & codePointAt7) ^ -1) & (codePointAt7 | 62849))).intern(), null, this.yxFR);
        }
    }
}
```

getResources().getString() gets a constant string, and codePointAt() returns a constant integer

getPackageName().length() gets a constant integer

Length of the String literal is a constant integer

# Code Deobfuscator + Optimizer

```
public final void vWSe(yTB9 ytb9) {
    if (ytb9 instanceof haqS) {
        if (!UKLD(39, 5, (char) 0).intern().equalsIgnoreCase(UKLD(44, 6, (char) 10232).intern())) {
            o3W8.FJMD(this.M508.FJMD, UKLD(79, 42, (char) 0).intern(), UKLD(121, 11, (char) 0).intern(), null, this.yxFR);
        } else {
            o3W8.FJMD(this.M508.FJMD, UKLD(50, 15, (char) 0).intern(), UKLD(65, 14, (char) 62950).intern(), null, this.yxFR);
        }
    }
}
```

# Code Emulation

```
intent.getStringExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, '\'', '\''}, 0, 8, 5, 3}, 12, (byte) 11).intern());
intent.getStringExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 5, 7, 9}, 12, (byte) 51).intern());
intent.getStringExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 13, 13, 5, 6, 15, 200}, 11, (byte) 123).intern());
= intent.getBooleanExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 0, 17, 1, 7, 13, 13, 5, 0, 15, 195}, 15, (byte)
intent.getStringExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 23, 9, 2, 17, 2, 15, '\\'}, 11, (byte) 13).intern());
intent.getStringExtra(FJMD(new char[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 8, 8, 0, 16, 11, 2, 11, 20, 13, 3, 4, 15, 2, 17, 1
```

- Many depths of methods are called to “decrypt” the string
- Emulate the code execution in VM to compute the concrete value

```
public final class BFQR {
    public static int vWSe(int i, int i2) {
        return i / i2;
    }

    public static int UKLD(int i, int i2) {
        return i % i2;
    }

    public static int vWSe(int i, int i2, int i3) {
        return (i * i3) + i2;
    }

    public static int FJMD(int i, int i2) {
        return ((i + i2) - 1) % i2;
    }
}
```

```
private static String FJMD(char[] cArr, int i, byte r18) {
    int vWSe;
    int UKLD;
    int vWSe2;
    int UKLD2;
    char[] cArr2 = yxFR;
    int i2 = i;
    char c = CX1;
    char c2 = r18;
    char[] cArr3 = cArr;
    char[] cArr4 = new char[i2];
    if (i2 % 2 != 0) {
        i2--;
        cArr4[i2] = (char) (cArr3[i2] - c2);
    }
    if (i2 > 1) {
        int i3 = 0;
        for (i3 += 2; i3 < i2; i3 += 2) {
            char c3 = cArr3[i3];
            char c4 = cArr3[i3 + 1];
            if (c3 == c4) {
                cArr4[i3] = (char) (c3 - c2);
                cArr4[i3 + 1] = (char) (c4 - c2);
            } else if (UKLD == UKLD2) {
                int FJMD = BFQR.FJMD(vWSe, c);
                int FJMD2 = BFQR.FJMD(vWSe2, c);
                int vWSe3 = BFQR.vWSe(FJMD, UKLD, c);
                int vWSe4 = BFQR.vWSe(FJMD2, UKLD2, c);
                cArr4[i3] = cArr2[vWSe3];
                cArr4[i3 + 1] = cArr2[vWSe4];
            } else if (vWSe == vWSe2) {
                int FJMD3 = BFQR.FJMD(UKLD, c);
                int FJMD4 = BFQR.FJMD(UKLD2, c);
                int vWSe5 = BFQR.vWSe(vWSe, FJMD3, c);
                int vWSe6 = BFQR.vWSe(vWSe2, FJMD4, c);
                cArr4[i3] = cArr2[vWSe5];
                cArr4[i3 + 1] = cArr2[vWSe6];
            } else {
                int vWSe7 = BFQR.vWSe(vWSe, UKLD2, c);
                int vWSe8 = BFQR.vWSe(vWSe2, UKLD, c);
                cArr4[i3] = cArr2[vWSe7];
                cArr4[i3 + 1] = cArr2[vWSe8];
            }
        }
    }
    return new String(cArr4);
}
```

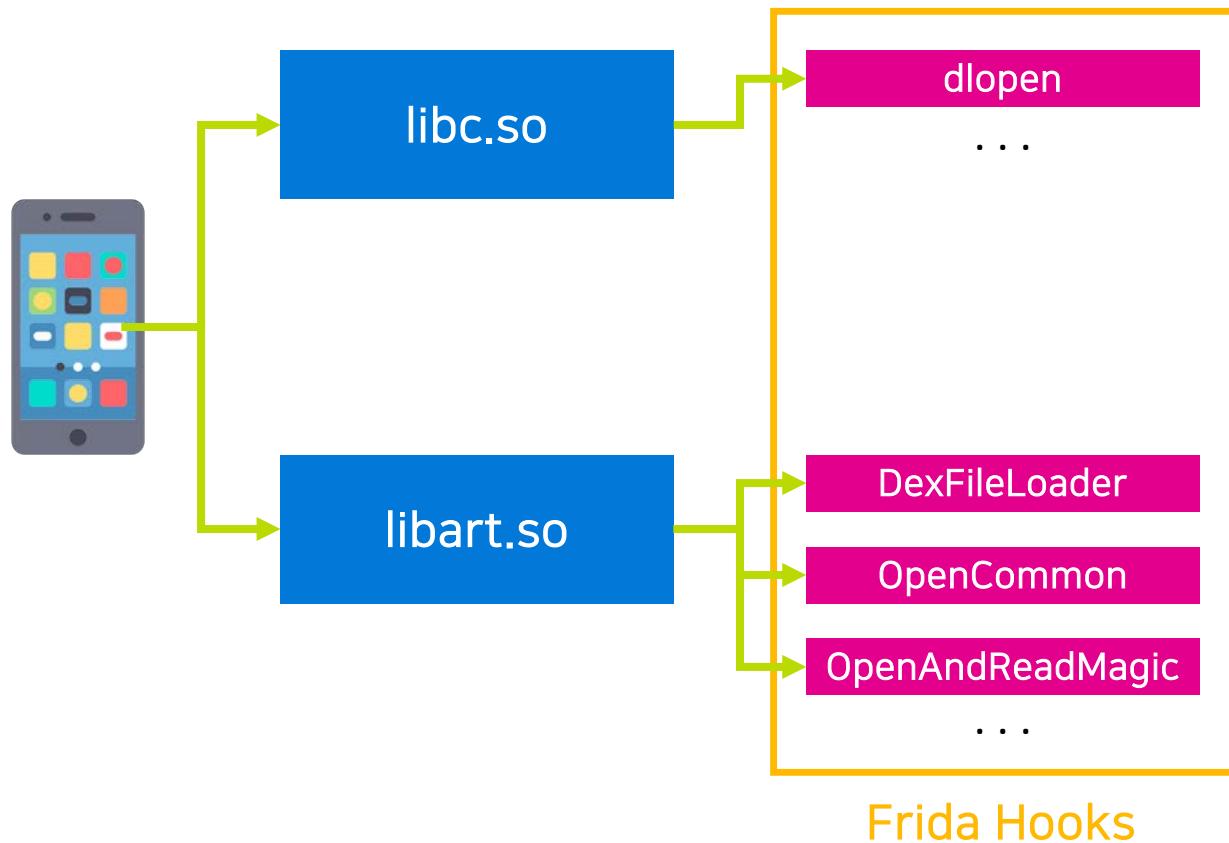
What about native (JNI) methods?

# Frida - Dynamic code loading (1/2)

- Some DEX and/or .so executable files are stored encrypted
- When the app runs, they are loaded dynamically using the following APIs
  - DexClassLoader (Dalvik)
  - PathClassLoader (ART)
  - dlopen (Native shared object)

```
String absolutePath = next.getAbsolutePath();
sb.append(CoreConstants.COLON_CHAR);
sb.appendAbsolutePath();
int previousIndex = listIterator.previousIndex();
strArr[previousIndex] = absolutePath;
fileArr[previousIndex] = next;
zipFileArr[previousIndex] = new ZipFile(next);
StringBuilder insert = new StringBuilder().insert(0, absolutePath);
insert.append(t.b("4\t\u0015"));
dexFileArr[previousIndex] = DexFile.loadDexAbsolutePath, insert.toString(), 0);
```

# Frida - Dynamic code loading (2/2)



- Hook low-level APIs to intercept the DEX/.so files
  - `DexFileLoader`
  - `OpenCommon`
  - `OpenAndReadMagic`
  - `dlopen`
- Usually the obfuscator stub loads the “real” app code
  - Sometimes the app code itself is not obfuscated!

# Frida - File deletion

- After certain files are decrypted and used, the obfuscator often unlink the files
  - May still be mapped in memory
- Hook `unlink` call and prevent the file deletion!
  - Some code checks for the return value => return 0 for success

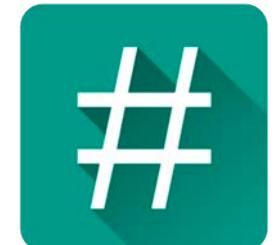
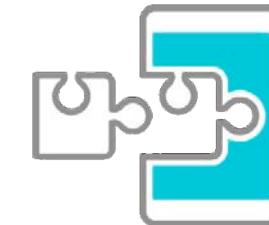
```
int __usercall unlink2@<eax>(int a1@<eax>, int ebp0@<ebp>, char *a3@<edi>, int a2)
{
    int v4; // esi
    int v5; // edx
    int result; // eax
    int __cdecl *v7)(int); // eax
    char *v8; // eax
    int v9; // edx
    int v10; // ecx
    int v11; // [esp+1Ch] [ebp-70h]
    int v12; // [esp+48h] [ebp-44h]
    unsigned int v13; // [esp+7Ch] [ebp-10h]

    v4 = a1;
    v13 = __readgsdword(0x14u);
    v5 = sub_1810(a1, &v11);
    result = -1;
    if ( v5 >= 0 )
    {
        if ( v12 >= 0 && ((v7 = unlink) != 0 || (v7 = dword_304AC) != 0 || (v7 = sub_7DD0(143112), (dword_304AC = v7) != 0)) )
            result = v7(v4);
        else
            result = -1;
    }
    if ( __readgsdword(0x14u) != v13 )
    {
        v8 = sub_4550();
        result = sub_BA00(v8, v9, v10, ebp0, a3, a2);
    }
    return result;
}
```

```
while ( *v33 );
if ( v32 )
{
    if ( dword_35368 > 25 )
    {
        if ( "base.odex" != -5 && v32 != -1 )
            sub_5E80(v32 + 1, "odex");
        else if ( "dex" && v32 != -1 )
        {
            sub_5E80(v32 + 1, "dex");
        }
        unlink2(v49, v3, v49, v37);
        *v32 = 0;
        unlink2(v49, v3, v49, v34);
    }
}
```

# Frida - Root detection (1/4)

- Detection of rooted devices is one of the key features that most solutions offer
- Since it's done in code by looking at the system artifacts, we can hook the right things to bypass the detection
- People have found clever, creative, and sometimes weird ways of detecting rooted devices



# Frida - Root detection (2/4)

- File access
  - /system/app/Superuser.apk
  - /system/xbin/su
  - /system/bin/noxspeedup
  - magisk
  - ...
- System info
  - /proc/cpuinfo
  - /dev/qemu\_pip
  - pm list

```
Interceptor.attach(Module.findExportByName("libc.so", "stat"), {  
    onEnter: function(args) {  
        var name = Memory.readUtf8String(args[0]);  
        if (name.includes("magisk")) {  
            Memory.writeByteArray(args[0], utf8AbFromStr("/blah"));  
            this.is_rootchk = true;  
        }  
    },  
    onLeave: function(retval) {  
        if (this.is_rootchk) {  
            retval.replace(-1);  
        }  
    }  
});
```

# Frida – Root detection (3/4)

- Sometimes the solutions look for Frida hooks and processes
  - Ironically, this can be circumvented using Frida :p
- Unix socket check for Frida / remote debugging detection

```
Interceptor.attach(Module.findExportByName("libc.so", "connect"), {
    onEnter: function(args) {
        var memory = Memory.readByteArray(args[1], 64);
        var b = new Uint8Array(memory);
        if (b[2] == 0x69 && b[3] == 0xa2 &&
            b[4] == 0x7f && b[5] == 0x00 && b[6] == 0x00 && b[7] == 0x01) { // Frida server port: 27042 (0x69a2)
            // Frida server IP: 127.0.0.1 (0x7f000001)
            this.frida_detection = true;
        }
    },
    onLeave: function(retval) {
        if (this.frida_detection) {
            retval.replace(-1);
        }
    }
});
```

# Frida - Root detection (4/4)

- Custom ROMs considered to be "rooted" as well
- Basic utilities are executed to check any anomaly in system
  - Android properties
  - mount table
  - Binary existence
- Fake/virtual filesystem access emulation can be done as well

```
Interceptor.attach(Module.findExportByName("libc.so", "execve"),
{
    onEnter: function(args) {
        var name = Memory.readUtf8String(args[0]);
        var arg = args[1];
        while (true) {
            var tmp = arg.readPointer();
            if (tmp.toInt32() == 0) break;
            log.push(tmp.readUtf8String());
            arg = arg.add(Process.pointerSize);
        }
        var black_list = ['getprop', 'which']
        for (var key in black_list) {
            if (name.includes(key)) {
                Memory.writeUtf8String(args[0], 'false');
            }
        }
    }
});
```

# Frida - SSL bypass

- Most apps now protect their API calls with SSL
- Two ways to bypass SSL
  1. Man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack with a custom certificate and CA
    - Upside: It's easy, quick, and can log all streams at once
    - Downside: Many apps ship with SSL pinning built-in to the app
    - Bypassing SSL pinning can be done with Frida
  2. Log the master key for SSL communication
    - Upside: It's more generic since we can just hook openssl functions
    - Downside: Each handshake creates a new key; Multiple requests, multiple keys
    - Wireshark supports importing the SSL key

# Conclusion



# Conclusion

- Some questions remain to be answered
  - Is it effective?
  - How do customers quantify the value-add?
  - What about non-Korean apps?

Obscurity does not provide real security

Offensive Security Research is essential

Proper threat modeling and penetration testing are required

Secure code and design are way more effective than obfuscation :)

# Future Work

## Performance Comparison

How do obfuscators impact CPU and battery usage?

## Build Better Obfuscator / Protector

We know what will make people's lives a lot harder :p

## Analysis of More Obfuscator Samples

We recently found more interesting, challenging samples!

## Publish Whitepaper

More details, in-depth analysis and results will be shared

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# Open Source

- We plan to open source all **code patches** to improve existing tools (upstream)
  - More resilient to intentionally “broken” code and data
  - Optimizes obfuscated code for better readability of decompiled code
- We also plan to open source a few **scripts**
  - Bypass root / debug detection
  - Extract DEX and .so files
  - Bypass SSL pinning / Log SSL keys

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Thank You