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This is the README for TrackHAR:

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 },
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 adapter: 'yandex/appmetrica',
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 context: 'query',
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 reasoning: 'obvious property name',
 value: '13'
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]
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 osName: [ 'android' ],
 osVersion: [ '13' ]
}
```

TrackHAR was recently updated with support for indicator matching:

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```ts
/**
 * Parse a single request in our internal request representation and extract tracking data as an annotated result from
 * it.
 *
 * @remarks
 * This is not needed for the main purposes of this library, but can be useful for more advanced use cases.
 *
 * @param request The request to process in our internal request format.
 * @param options An optional object that can configure the following options.
 */
export const processRequest = (
 request: Request,
 options?: { indicatorValues?: IndicatorValues }
): AnnotatedResult | undefined => {
 const adapter = adapterForRequest(request);
 if (!adapter) {
 if (!options?.indicatorValues) return undefined;

 // If no adapter could match the request but the user provided indicator values, we fall back to indicator
 // matching.
 const indicators = Object.entries(options.indicatorValues)
 .map(([property, valueOrValues]) =>
 (Array.isArray(valueOrValues) ? valueOrValues : [valueOrValues])
 .filter((value): value is string => value !== undefined)
 .map((value) => ({
 property: property as keyof IndicatorValues,
 indicatorValue: value,
 }))
 )
 .flat();

 return indicators
 .map(({ property, indicatorValue }) =>
 (['header', 'path', 'body'] as const).map((context) =>
 (['plain text', 'base64', 'URL encoded'] as const).map((encoding) => {
 const haystack =
 context === 'body'
 ? request.content || ''
 : context === 'path'
 ? request.path
 : (request.headers || []).map(({ name, value }) => `${name}: ${value}`).join('\n');
 const encodedIndicatorValue =
 encoding === 'plain text'
 ? indicatorValue
 : encoding === 'base64'
 ? base64Regex(indicatorValue)
 : encodeURIComponent(indicatorValue);
 // We don't want to match multiple times if the encoding is equivalent to plain text.
 if (encoding !== 'plain text' && encodedIndicatorValue === indicatorValue) return undefined;

 const caseInsensitive = ['plain text', 'URL encoded'].includes(encoding) ? 'i' : '';
 const matches = haystack.matchAll(new RegExp(encodedIndicatorValue, `g${caseInsensitive}`));

 return [...matches].map((m) => ({
 adapter: 'indicators',
 property,
 context,
 path: `$[${m.index}]`,
 reasoning: `indicator matching (${encoding})` as const,
 value: m[0],
 }));
 })
 )
 )
 .flat(3)
 .filter((r): r is Exclude<typeof r, undefined> => r !== undefined);
 }

 // If an adapter matched, we only return its results.
 const decodedRequest = decodeRequest(request, adapter.decodingSteps);

 const flattenedPaths = Object.entries(adapter.containedDataPaths)
 .map(([property, paths]) => (Array.isArray(paths) ? paths : [paths]).map((p) => [property, p] as const))
 .flat();
 return flattenedPaths
 .map(([property, path]) =>
 (JSONPath<TrackingDataValue[]>({ path: path.path, json: decodedRequest[path.context], wrap: true }) ?? [])
 .map((v) => ({
 adapter: `${adapter.tracker.slug}/${adapter.slug}`,
 property: property as Property,
 ...path,
 value: v,
 }))
 .filter((v) => v.value !== undefined && v.value !== null && v.value.trim?.() !== '')
 )
 .flat();
};

/**
 * Extended version of the {@link Result} type that includes additional metadata about the detected tracking. Each entry
 * in the array is one instance of a tracking data value that was found in a request, with the following properties:
 *
 * - `adapter`: The adapter that detected the tracking data (`<tracker slug>/<adapter slug>`) or `indicators` if the entry
 * was detected through indicator matching.
 * - `property`: The type of tracking data that was detected.
 * - `value`: The actual value of the tracking data that was transmitted.
 * - `context`: The part of the request in which the tracking data was found (e.g. `body`, `path`).
 * - `path`: A JSONPath expression indicating where this match was found. Note that while we try to keep this path as
 * close as possible to the format used by the tracker, it refers to the decoded request, after our processing steps.
 * This is unavoidable as the trackers don't transmit in a standardized format.
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```
 *
 * If indicator matching was used to detect this entry, the path will point to the first character of the match in the
 * respective part of the request.
 * - `reasoning`: An explanation of how we concluded that this is information is actually the type of data we labelled it
 * as. This can either be a standardized description, or a URL to a more in-depth research report.
 *
 * If indicator matching was used to detect this entry, the reasoning will be `indicator matching` followed by the
 * encoding that was used to match the indicator value in parentheses.
 */
export type AnnotatedResult = ({
 adapter: string;
 property: LiteralUnion<Property, string>;
 value: TrackingDataValue;
 reasoning:
 | DataPath['reasoning']
 | 'indicator matching (plain text)'
 | 'indicator matching (base64)'
 | 'indicator matching (URL encoded)';
} & Omit<DataPath, 'reasoning'>)[];
/**
 * A mapping from properties (standardized names for certain types of tracking data) to the actual instances of values
 * of that property found in a request.
 *
 * If indicator matching is enabled, it is not possible to distinguish between instances detected through adapter and
 * indicator matching.
 */
export type Result = Partial<Record<LiteralUnion<Property, string>, TrackingDataValue[]>>;

/**
 * A mapping from properties (standardized names for certain types of tracking data) to indicator values (known honey
 * data strings that appear in the request if the property is present). Indicator values can be provided as arrays or
 * single strings. They are automatically matched against their encoded versions (e.g. base64 and URL encoded). Where
 * possible, they are matched case-insensitively.
 *
 * @example
 *
 * ```ts
 * {
 * "localIp": ["10.0.0.2", "fd31:4159::a2a1"],
 * "idfa": "6a1c1487-a0af-4223-b142-a0f4621d0311"
 * }
 * ```
 *
 * This example means that if the string `10.0.0.2` or `fd31:4159::a2a1` is found in the request, it indicates that the
 * local IP is being transmitted. Similarly, if the string `6a1c1487-a0af-4223-b142-a0f4621d0311` is found in the
 * request, it indicates that the advertising ID is being transmitted.
 */
export type IndicatorValues = Partial<Record<LiteralUnion<Property, string>, ArrayOrSingle<string>>>;

/**
 * Parse the requests in a HAR traffic dump and extract tracking data.
 *
 * This always tries to parse requests with the tracker-specific adapters first. If none of them can handle a request,
 * and `options.indicatorValues` is provided, it will fall back to indicator matching.
 *
 * @param har A traffic dump in HAR format.
 * @param options An optional object that can configure the following options:
 *
 * - `valuesOnly`: By default, the result contains not just the values but also various metadata (like the adapter that
 * processed the request). If you only need the values, you can set this option to `true` to get a simpler
 * result.
 * - `indicatorValues`: An object that specifies known honey data values for certain properties. If no adapter could match
 * the request but indicator values are provided, this function will fall back to indicator matching and try to
 * find the indicator values in the request headers, path or body. See {@link IndicatorValues}.
 *
 * @returns An array of results, corresponding to each request in the HAR file. If a request could not be processed
 * (i.e. if no adapter was found that could handle it and indicator matching is disabled), the corresponding entry in
 * the array will be `undefined`.
 */
export const process = async <ValuesOnly extends boolean = false>(
 har: Har,
 options?: { valuesOnly?: ValuesOnly; indicatorValues?: IndicatorValues }
): Promise<ValuesOnly extends true ? (Result | undefined)[] : (AnnotatedResult | undefined)[]> => {
 const res = await Promise.all(unhar(har).map((r) => processRequest(r, options)));

 const ret = options?.valuesOnly
 ? res.map((req) =>
 req?.reduce<Result>(
 (acc, cur) => ({
 ...acc,
 [cur.property]: acc[cur.property]?.concat(cur.value) || [cur.value],
 }),
 {}
 )
 )
 : res;
 // eslint-disable-next-line @typescript-eslint/no-explicit-any
 return ret as any;
};
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## Adapter-based decoding

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An adapter consists of two parts: a set of decoding steps and a set of data paths. The decoding steps specify how to transform the request from its
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## Indicator matching

The second approach of TrackHAR is to use indicator matching as a fallback for requests not covered by any adapter. Indicator matching is based on

Indicator matching has some advantages over adapter-based decoding: it does not require any knowledge of the tracker's format or protocol, it can h

However, indicator matching also has some limitations: it can only detect static or high-entropy values that are unlikely to appear by chance in th

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 context: 'query',
 path: 'app_platform',
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 value: 'android'
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If you want to enable indicator matching for requests not handled by any adapter, you need to provide an object with indicator values for certain properties:

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```

For our HAR file with an additional request containing an indicator value for IDFA in base64 encoding (`NmExYzE0ODctYTBhZi00MjIzLWIxNDItYTBmNDYyMWQwMzEx`), this will produce the following output:

```
[
 {
 adapter: "indicators",
 property: "idfa",
 context: "body",
 path: "$[0]",
 reasoning: "indicator matching (base64)",
 value: "NmExYzE0ODctYTBhZi00MjIzLWIxNDItYTBmNDYyMWQwMzEx"
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``
```