

# Vaccinating Android

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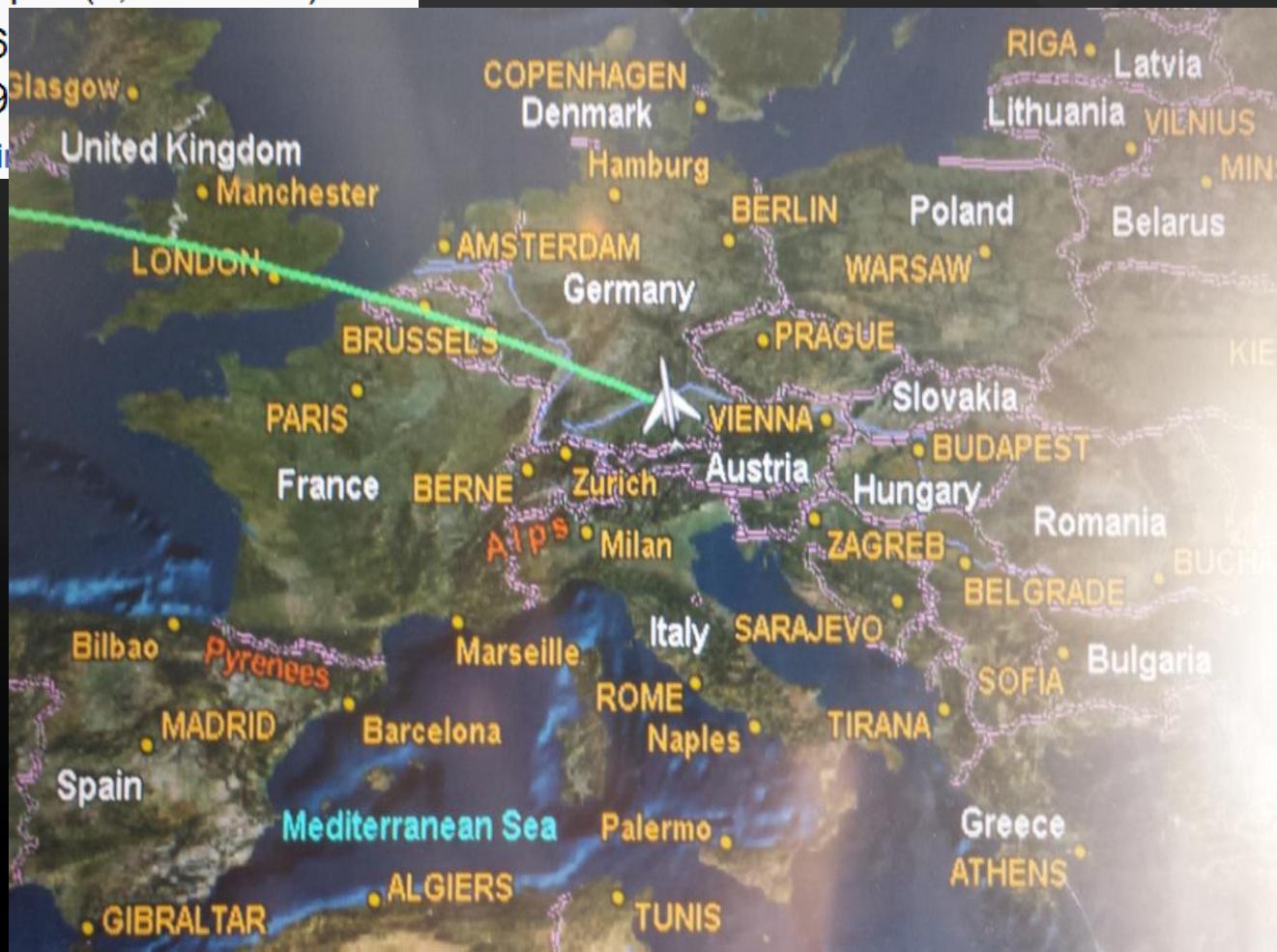
# /WhoAreWe

- > Just two guys from Slovenia
- > Having fun breaking stuff
- > Love to play with apps
- > Specialized in app security

# Something about sLOVEnia

## Population (2010)<sup>[4]</sup>

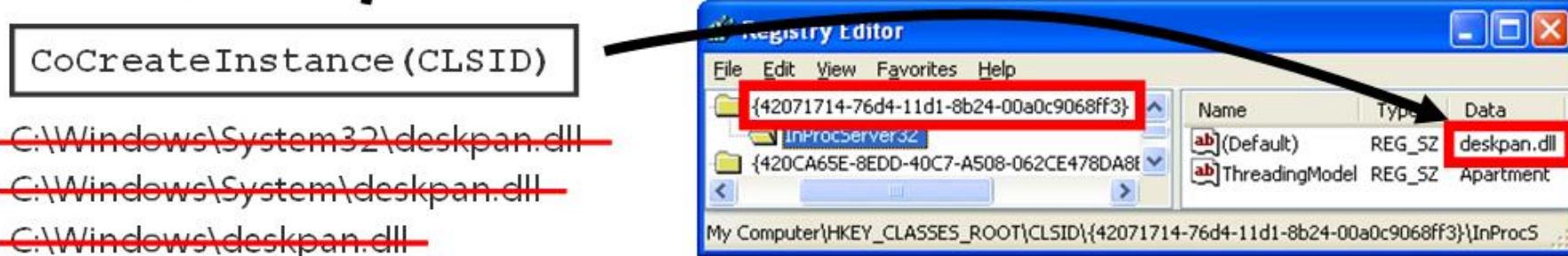
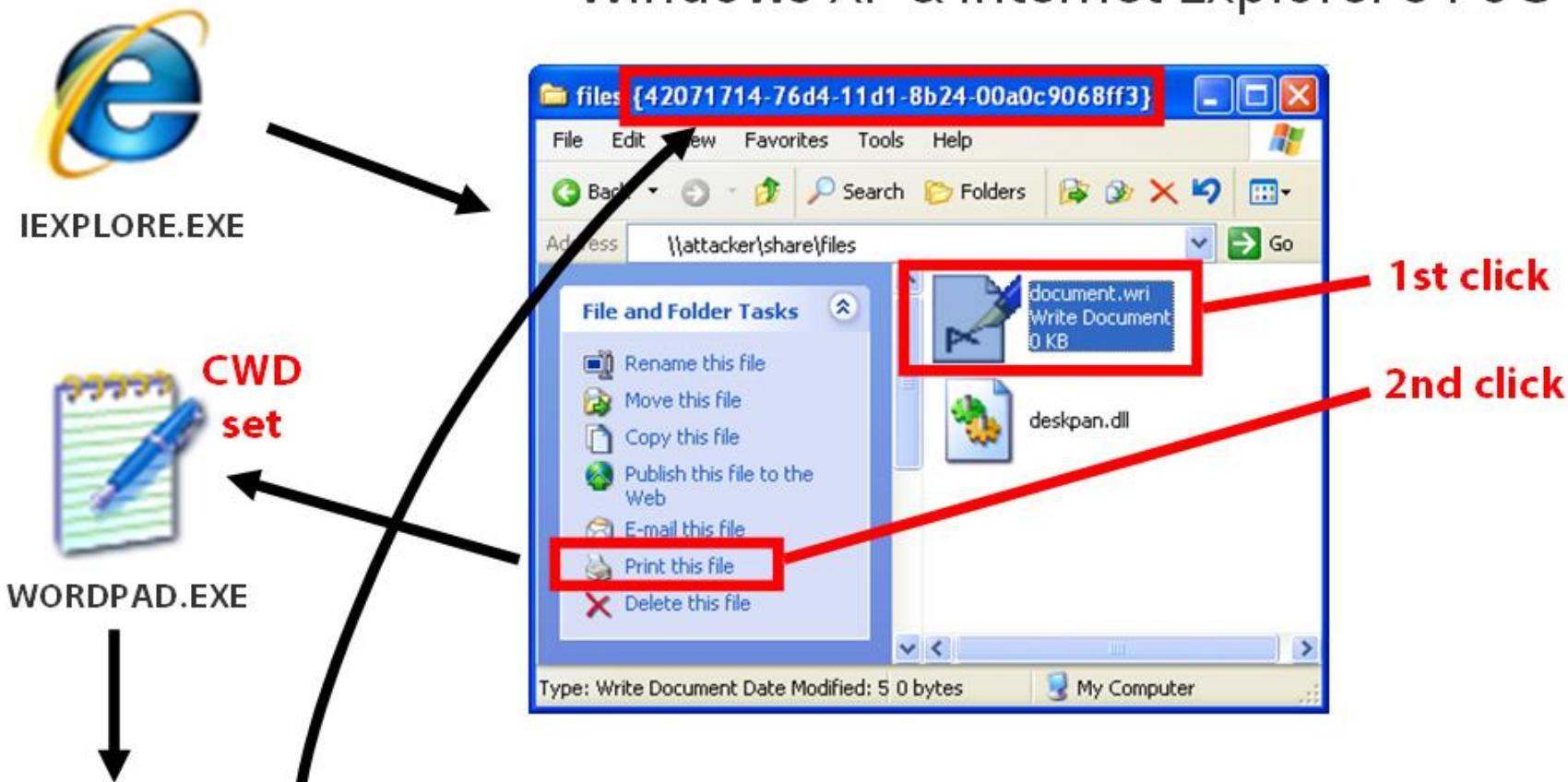
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• Density	4,298.1/sq mi (1,659.5/km <sup>2</sup> )
• Urban	1,314,356
• Metro	1,951,269
(30th most populous country)	





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# Windows XP & Internet Explorer 8 PoC





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**Washington, D.C.**  
July 28, 2010

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The FBI, in partnership with the Slovenian Criminal Police and the Spanish Guardia Civil, announced today significant developments in a two-year investigation of the creator and operators of the Mariposa Botnet. A botnet is a network of remote-controlled compromised computers.

The Mariposa Botnet was built with a computer virus known as "Butterfly Bot" and was used to steal passwords for websites and financial institutions. It stole computer users' credit card and bank account information, launched denial of service attacks, and spread viruses. Industry experts estimated the Mariposa Botnet may have infected as many as 8 million to 12 million computers.

"In the last two years, the software used to create the Mariposa botnet was sold to hundreds of other criminals, making it one of the most notorious in the world," said FBI Director Robert S. Mueller, III. "These cyber intrusions, thefts, and frauds undermine the integrity of the Internet and the businesses that rely on it; they also threaten the privacy and pocketbooks of all who use the Internet."

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# Agenda

- > Where are we today
- > Short 101 APK
- > Analysis (static, dynamic)
- > Vaccinating APK, Android
- > DEMO(s)
- > The end



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## APPLICATIONS

Home	Dialer	SMS/MMS	IM	Browser	Camera	Alarm	Calculator
Contacts	Voice Dial	Email	Calendar	Media Player	Photo Album	Clock	...

## APPLICATION FRAMEWORK

Activity Manager	Window Manager	Content Providers	View System	Notification Manager
Package Manager	Telephony Manager	Resource Manager	Location Manager	...

## LIBRARIES

Surface Manager	Media Framework	SQLite	WebKit	Libc	Core Libraries
OpenGL ES	Audio Manager	FreeType	SSL	...	Dalvik Virtual Machine

## HARDWARE ABSTRACTION LAYER

Graphics	Audio	Camera	Bluetooth	GPS	Radio (RIL)	WiFi	...
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## LINUX KERNEL

Display Driver	Camera Driver	Bluetooth Driver	Shared Memory Driver	Binder (IPC) Driver
USB Driver	Keypad Driver	WiFi Driver	Audio Drivers	Power Management

# Status 2013/2014

## HP research finds vulnerabilities in 9 of 10 mobile apps

**Summary:** Obvious security vulnerabilities are disturbingly common in corporate mobile apps. If HP can find them, so can malicious actors.

By Larry Seltzer for Zero Day | November 19, 2013 -- 13:15 GMT (05:15 PST)

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Tests run by HP Fortify, the company's enterprise security arm, indicate that 90% of mobile apps have at least one security vulnerability.

The company used their Fortify On Demand for Mobile product to test the security posture of 2,107 applications published by 601 companies on the Forbes Global 2000. Only iOS apps were tested, but HP says that there is good reason to believe the same problems exist in any Android counterparts.

Overall, the problems fell into one of four categories. The analysis showed that 86% of apps that accessed potentially private data sources, such as address books or Bluetooth connections, lacked sufficient security measures to protect the data from access.

86% of apps tested lacked binary hardening protection. This refers to a group of techniques, many implemented simply with checkboxes at compile time, which protect against certain attacks, like buffer overflows, path disclosure and jailbreak detection.

# Enough motivation?

The security specialists grouped the security vulnerabilities in four categories:

- ✖ 86% of mobile apps lacked of sufficient security measures to protect private data (e.g. Address books, User data).
- ✖ 86% of mobile apps tested lacked binary hardening protection, these apps have resulted vulnerable to certain attacks, including buffer overflows, jailbreak detection and path disclosure.
- ✖ 75% of mobile apps did implement data encryption for storage operations, the application stored in clear text also personal data like passwords, personal documents and chat logs.
- ✖ 18% of mobile apps transmitted data over the network without using SSL encryption, but what is also concerning is that another 18% of apps used SSL incorrectly. In both cases resulted that private data was transmitted in the clear or anyway accessible by an attacker that share same network connection, the typical scenario of open WiFi present in public places.

# Kaspersky says ...

**98% of modern mobile threats  
target Android. For iOS and WP8,  
you can stay adequately  
protected with | REDACTED**

# Things

- > There is a (big) need for testing mobile apps
- > Mobile app development feels like late 90's development
- > Our experience

# Why?

- > Managers focused on due dates
- > Developers focused on features  
not security
- > Users don't care about security

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To see and feel invisible!

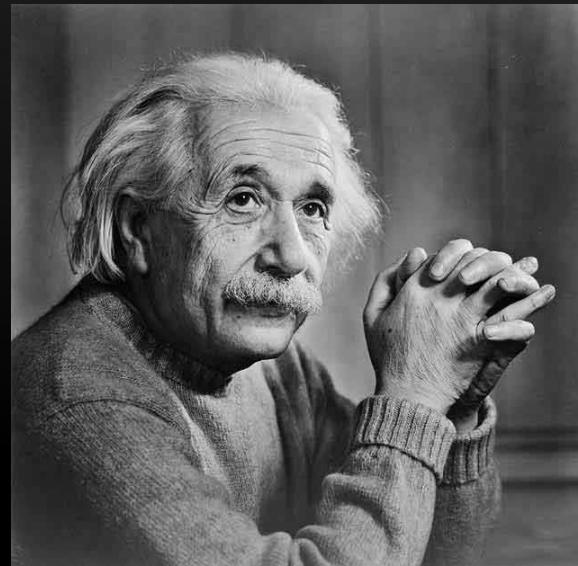


# True vision?

I have been doing same things as other people.

I just looked them in different way.

Albert Einstein



# What to check?

- > Transport security
  - » Plaintext Traffic
  - » Improper session handling
  - » Validate SSL certificates
- > Compiler protection
- > UIWebviews
  - » Data validation
  - » Analyze UIWebView implementations
- > Insecure data storage
  - » SQLite DB
  - » File caching
  - » Checking log files

# What to check? (cont)

- > Logging
  - » Custom logs
  - » Crash reports logs and files
- > Binary analysis
  - » Disassemble/decompile the application
  - » Detect obfuscations
  - » Detect anti-debugging protections
- > Client side injections
- > Third party libraries



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# 101 APK, Android

- > APK? WTF?
- > Get APK
- > Decompile and analyze code
- > Test

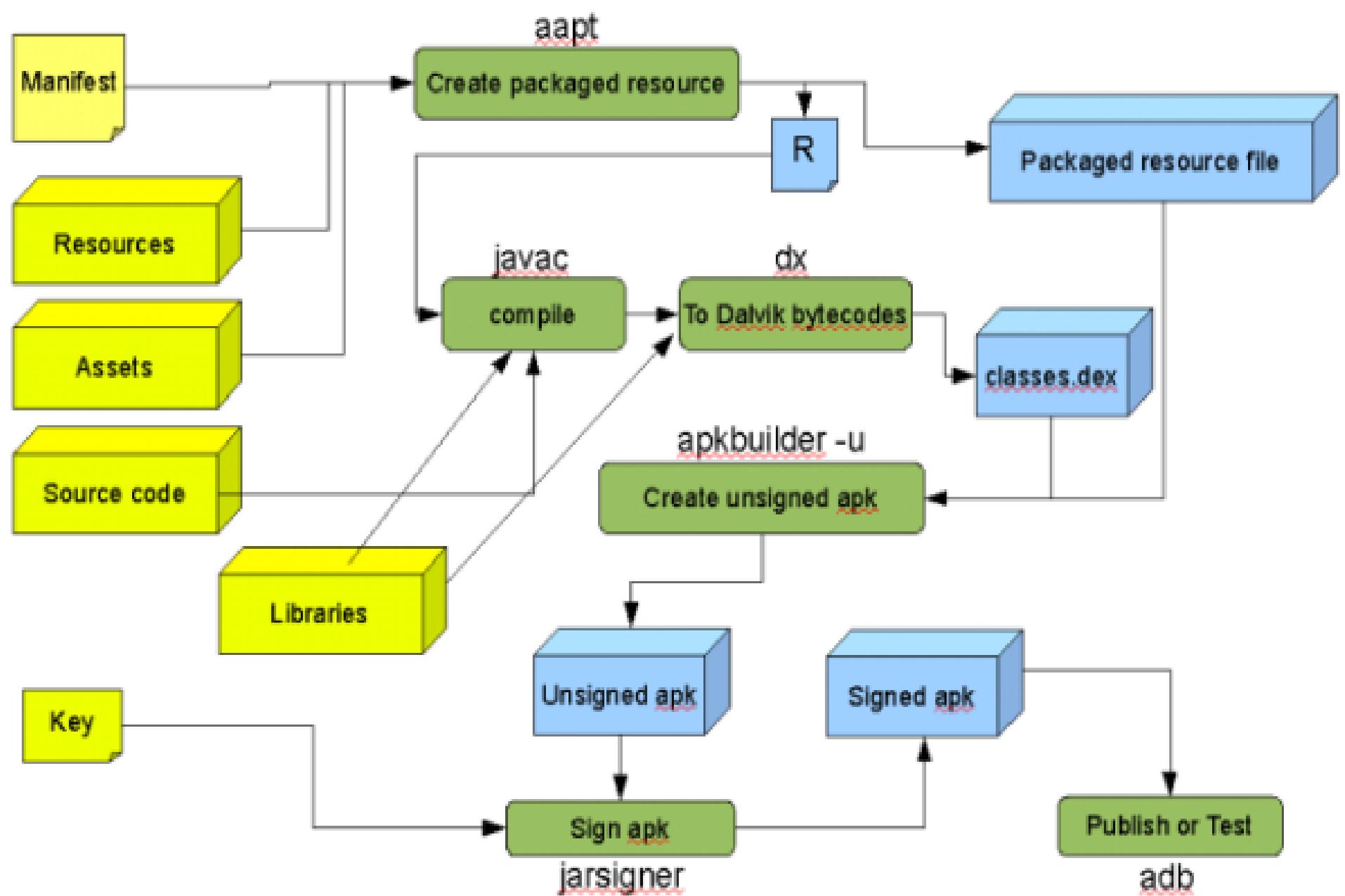
# APK?

- > Android application package file (**APK**) is the package file format used to distribute and install application software and middleware onto Google's Android operating system, and certain other operating systems, such as Blackberry 10 Devices with the OS version 10.2.1.

[Wikipedia](#)

# Android Applications

- > .apk (Android Package) format
- > Nothing more than a zip
- > Written exclusively in Java, with native libraries in C/C++.
- > Composed of components like Activities, Services, Broadcast Receivers, etc.



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# Getting APK

- > Copy from the phone
- > Copy from the backup
- > Adb pull
- > <http://apps.evozi.com/apk-downloader/>
- > Download from untrusted source ;)

# Decompile

> Pull from phone.

```
adb pull /data/app(or app-private)/app1.apk  
unzip app1.apk  
dex2jar classes.dex  
jdgui classes2jar.jar
```

or convert to smali and then analyse the code

```
adb pull /data/app/app1.apk  
unzip app1.apk  
java -jar baksmali.jar -o C:\pentest\app classes.dex
```

# Tools used for reversing APK

- > Dex2Jar
- > JD-GUI
- > (Back)smali
- > APKTool
  
- > <http://www.decompileandroid.com/>

# Short demo

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# Testing app

- > Start simulator with proxy
- > Install app in emulator or device
- > Use Wireshark, Fiddler &/|| Zap  
&/|| Burp to monitor network
- > Run app
- > See logs, dump, crashes, files

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# Request

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Options Alerts

Intercept History Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Modifi...	Status	Length	MIME type	Extens
71	http://adserver.fugo.mobi	GET	/ads/geomap.php?platform=and...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	255	text	php
72	http://adserver.fugo.mobi	GET	/ads/geomap.php?platform=and...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	255	text	php
73	http://mob.adwhirl.com	GET	/getInfo.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	588	JSON	php
74	http://i.w.inmobi.com	POST	/showad.asm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	1541	XML	asm
77	http://met.adwhirl.com	GET	/exmet.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	119	HTML	php
78	http://kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi	GET	/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nuid=...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	905	text	php

Request Response

Raw Params Headers Hex

GET  
/servicesV2\_SL/info.php?nuid=354406042390139b4:07:f9:8d:6b:83&udid=354406042390139&agent=android\_3&ver=3.1.3  
&hash=499eebfd23d007af336cd04f44c50ffc HTTP/1.1  
User-Agent: Dalvik/1.6.0 (Linux; U; Android 4.2.2; GT-I9000 Build/JDQ39E)  
Host: kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi  
Connection: Keep-Alive  
Accept-Encoding: gzip

# Reply

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Options Alerts

Intercept History Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Modifi...	Status	Length	MIME type	Extensi
71	http://www.adwhirl.com	GET	/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nuid=...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	624	text	php
72	http://adserver.fugo.mobi	GET	/ads/geomap.php?platform=and...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	255	text	php
73	http://mob.adwhirl.com	GET	/getInfo.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	588	JSON	php
74	http://i.w.inmobi.com	POST	/showad.asm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	1541	XML	asm
77	http://met.adwhirl.com	GET	/exmet.php?appid=f3743c9b9c1...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	119	HTML	php
78	http://kelimeavisl.fugo.mobi	GET	/servicesV2_SL/info.php?nuid=...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	905	text	php

Request Response

Raw Headers Hex

Content-Length: 448  
Date: Sat, 30 Nov 2013 11:14:15 GMT  
X-Varnish: 1695575935 1695575798  
Age: 1  
Via: 1.1 varnish  
Connection: keep-alive

MBBXwfrbrAa13O7KDIgf7MZYEZbOhng5RgoO7Yhdw3Hs8izrSikFh27erHjf1svP3FreJctH1qnfnIPAgj8lNXd5Zzjo2KIPnAvhhPzRAArT83K/jIVBO4G6+FKstjDOF/0e9SWYhA9CzwIy3kNGUBmfNGaivh1OhXAiUHNBDMYSpXAQrAdh+RxI5+3LMnELTP5g8uFTwilUBiu1j/Ulve2Ns+CGX/erwJEARQb2105ZhaWzQVb7TPpvMVZFuCthCJMvTMHdQXjbJiazphbIIPqUENGT9ifW8BPbe9jycBUGX58NGpgEyj13dVLiDuEXsDyD7x+4n7th+anuDv3NFv4R991T2LitUmdB7fr8KZshJ/TEk7/P1xrghaT7f1oV

# Other tools

> <http://dexter.dexlabs.org/>

DEXTER

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General

Go to: [Notes](#) | [Used permissions](#) | [Defined permissions](#) | [Activities](#) | [Services](#) | [Broadcast receivers](#) | [Content providers](#)

**General Analysis Information**

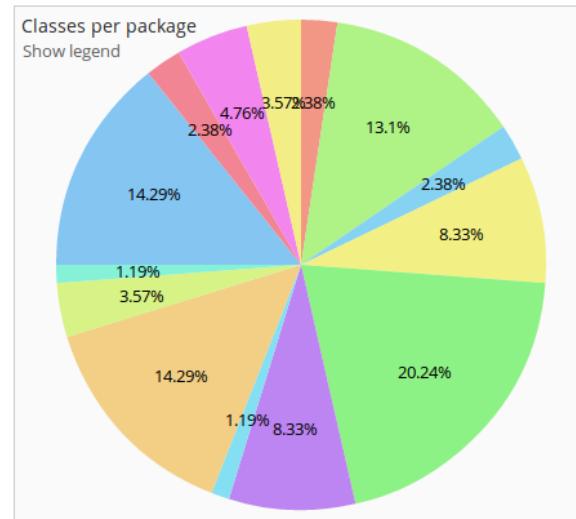
PROPERTY	VALUE
Filename	08CFFA8F55BE4BBED2704395876B618F_2.zip
App package name	com.android.services
Version	351
Minimum SDK Version	7
Target SDK Version	
Checksum	08cffa8f55be4bbed2704395876b618f
Developer	['Bad Signature']
Shared UID	

**Program statistics**

[Classes per package](#) | [Basic blocks per package](#) | [Obfuscated vs. unobfuscated packages](#) | [Internal vs. external packages](#)

Classes per package

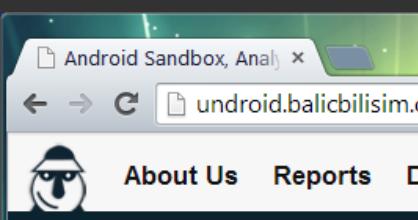
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Category	Percentage
20.24%	Green
14.29%	Orange
14.29%	Blue
13.1%	Light Green
8.33%	Yellow
2.38%	Light Blue
2.38%	Pink
3.57%	Purple
1.19%	Red

# Other tools

> <http://android.balicbilisim.com/>



## Security Researcher Accidentally Crashes Google Play When Testing POC App

### Code Analyzer: C,C++,Java

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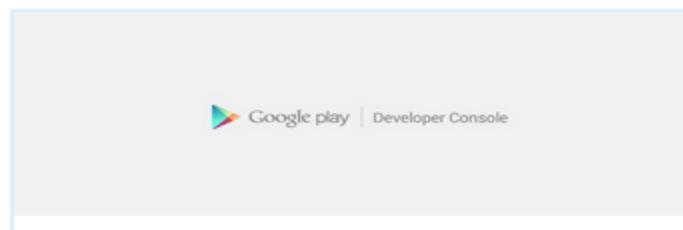
Turkish security researcher Ibrahim Balic claims to have found an Android vulnerability that could lead to memory corruption. While testing his findings, he may have crashed Google Play a couple of times.

According to the expert, [Android 2.3](#), 4.2.2 and 4.3 are certainly affected, but he believes that all versions of the [operating system](#) are vulnerable.

He has found that executing a malformed APK [file](#) leads to a denial-of-service (DOS) condition and the [device](#) freezes. Balic wanted to test his theory against Bouncer, the Android anti-malware [system](#) developed by Google, so he uploaded a malformed APK file to Google Play.

Shortly after, he started getting errors on Google Play. In addition, during the time he performed his tests, many people reported being unable to upload applications to Google's [app](#) market.

"I think it was probably because of testing my PoC exploit on Google Play," Balic noted in a [blog post](#).



# Static analysis

- > You need to know how read Java code
- > Cannot see all runtime replies
- > Obfuscated, renamed?
- > Identify important segments in code

# Static analysis

- > Apkyzer
    - » Unzip, dex2jar, jad, bash, html
  - > More apk's at once
  - > WebView addJavascriptInterface Remote Code Execution (September 24, 2013,  
<https://labs.mwrinfosecurity.com/blog/2013/09/24/webview-addjavascriptinterface-remote-code-execution/>)
    - » grep -r -n -i --include=\*.java addJavascriptInterface \*
  - > Result.html
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# Side tool - apkwyzer

Results for regex expression: http|https|file|ftp|pop3:

.....  
Application: com.jgames.shapegame-1  
.....

```
/root/android/apkwyzer/source/com.jgames.shapegame-1/java/com/google/ads/m.java
16: public final com.google.ads.util.i.c e = new com.google.ads.util.i.c(this, "mraidBannerPath",
"http://media.admob.com/mraid/v1/mraid_app_banner.js");
17: public final com.google.ads.util.i.c f = new com.google.ads.util.i.c(this,
"mraidExpandedBannerPath", "http://media.admob.com/mraid
/v1/mraid_app_expanded_banner.js");
18: public final com.google.ads.util.i.c g = new com.google.ads.util.i.c(this,
"mraidInterstitialPath", "http://media.admob.com/mraid/v1/mraid_app_interstitial.js");
19: public final com.google.ads.util.i.c h = new com.google.ads.util.i.c(this, "badAdReportPath",
"https://badad.googleplex.com/s/reportAd");
```

```
/root/android/apkwyzer/source/com.jgames.shapegame-1/java/com/jgames/shapegame
/HighScores.java
37: startActivity(new Intent("android.intent.action.VIEW", Uri.parse("http://imgwerx.com/games
/copycat/highscores.php")));
230: httppost = new HttpPost("http://www.imgwerx.com/games/copycat/submit_score.php");
```

```
/root/android/apkwyzer/source/com.jgames.shapegame-1/java/com/jgames/shapegame/Info.java
48: startActivity(new Intent("android.intent.action.VIEW", Uri.parse("http://imgwerx.com/")));
84: private final String webUri = "http://imgwerx.com/";
```

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```
amString1, String paramString2)

ML("http://my-own-game.com/api/save.php?t=" + paramString1 + "&u=" + paramString2);
}

lueOf(false);

true);
```

```
public class HttpCall
{
    private static String SECURITY_TOKEN = "AE94DFKMADF4U94MNSDF324SF3ADASCAR4GASdff94";
    private CookieStore cookieStore = new BasicCookieStore();
    private HttpClient httpClient = new DefaultHttpClient();
    private HttpContext localContext = new BasicHttpContext();

    public HttpCall()
    {
        this.localContext.setAttribute("http.cookie-store", this.cookieStore);
    }

    // ERROR //
    public String call(String paramString)
    {
        // Byte code:
        //  0: new 52  org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost
        //  3: dup
        //  4: aload_1
        //  5: invokespecial 55  org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost:<init>  (Ljava/lang/String;)V
        //  8: astore_2
        //  9: aload_2
        // 10: ldc 57
        // 12: getstatic 18  com/ttech/turkcellsdk/util/HttpCall:SECURITY_TOKEN  Ljava/lang/String;
        // 15: invokevirtual 61  org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost:setHeader  (Ljava/lang/String;Ljava/lang/String)
        // 18: aload_0
        // 19: invokespecial 64  org/apache/http/client/methods/HttpPost:execute  ()V
    }
}
```

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# Dynamical analysis

- > Monitoring/changing traffic with proxy
- > Debugging
- > Reflection

# Reflection

> "Reflection" is a language's ability to inspect and dynamically call classes, methods, attributes, etc. at runtime.

# BeanShell

- > Java Interpreter
- > Scripting Language
- > Small
- > Embeddable / Extensible
- > A natural scripting language for Java

# Debugging vs Reflection

- > Higher level view
- > Better idea how application works
- > Java like access to objects, methods, variables
- > Interaction with application

# Features

- > Access all variables
- > Change values of variables
- > Call methods
- > Use variables and scripts
- > Use full BeanShell
- > Write Java code

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# What do we see..

- > Authentication PINs system logs in debug builds
- > Session identifiers and credentials cached in WebView
- > Inappropriate data stored in local SQLite databases
- > Internal IP's
- > Hardcoded usernames, passwords, leftovers

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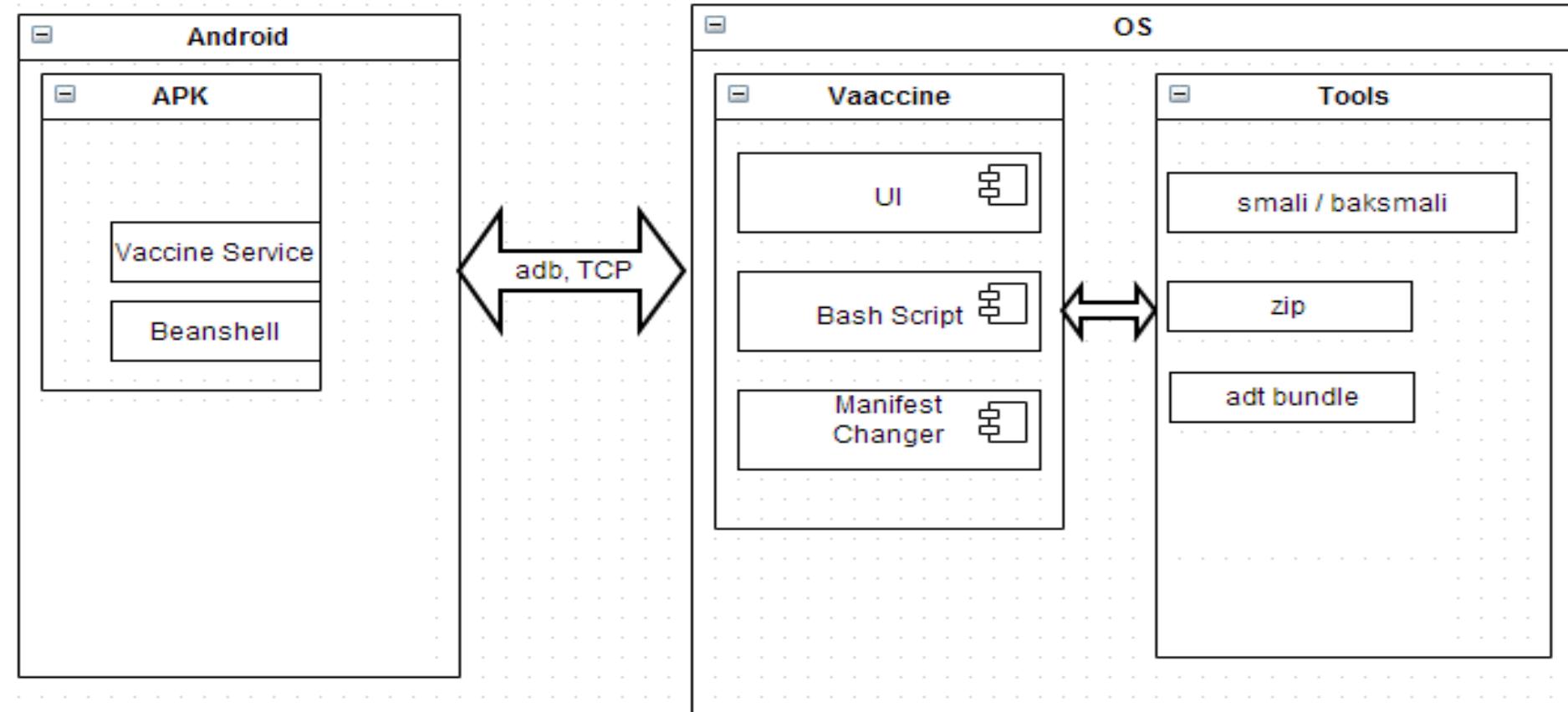
A close-up photograph of a hand holding a light-colored wooden spoon. A small pile of dark brown, granular soil sits on the spoon's bowl. The background is a textured surface of more soil.

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# Vaccine

- > Repackaging if injecting in APK
- > Service injection
- > Injecting Beanshell
- > Connection and Dynamical analysis



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# Vaccine (bash)script

## > Preparing the APK

- » Copy APK
- » Unzip
- » Baksmali classes.dex – smali source code
- » Adding smali source of service
- » Smaling source – classes.dex
- » Changing AndroidManifest.xml
- » Replacement of classes.dex and AndroidManifest.xml
- » Removing signature
- » Signing
- » Installing the mobile application
- » Starting the service
- » Connecting and showing UI

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# Vaccine

- > Accessing objects and fields
- > Executing methods
- > Using objects, variables in java source and beanshell scripts
- > ...

Application

- class Application Application { }
- ArrayList mActivityLifecycleCallbacks { }
- ArrayList mAssistCallbacks
- ArrayList mComponentCallbacks { }
- class LoadedApk mLoadedApk { }
  - String TAG { LoadedApk }
- ActivityThread mActivityThread { }
- String mAppDir { /data/app/com.jgames.shapegame-1.apk }
- Application mApplication { }
- ApplicationInfo mApplicationInfo { }
- ClassLoader mBaseClassLoader

Info Watch

TAG: LoadedApk

Remove Set

```
1 object = object();
2 object.flag=true;
3
4 foo() {
5     run() {
6
7         while(object.flag){
8             print("Running...");
9             Thread.sleep(2000);
10        }
11    }
12 }
13 return this;
14
15
16 foo = foo();
17 new Thread( foo ).start();
```

Execute

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# Demo(s)

```
./vaccine.sh -i android.apk -p 8888
```

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WHAT  
HAPPENS IN  
VEGAS STAYS  
IN VEGAS

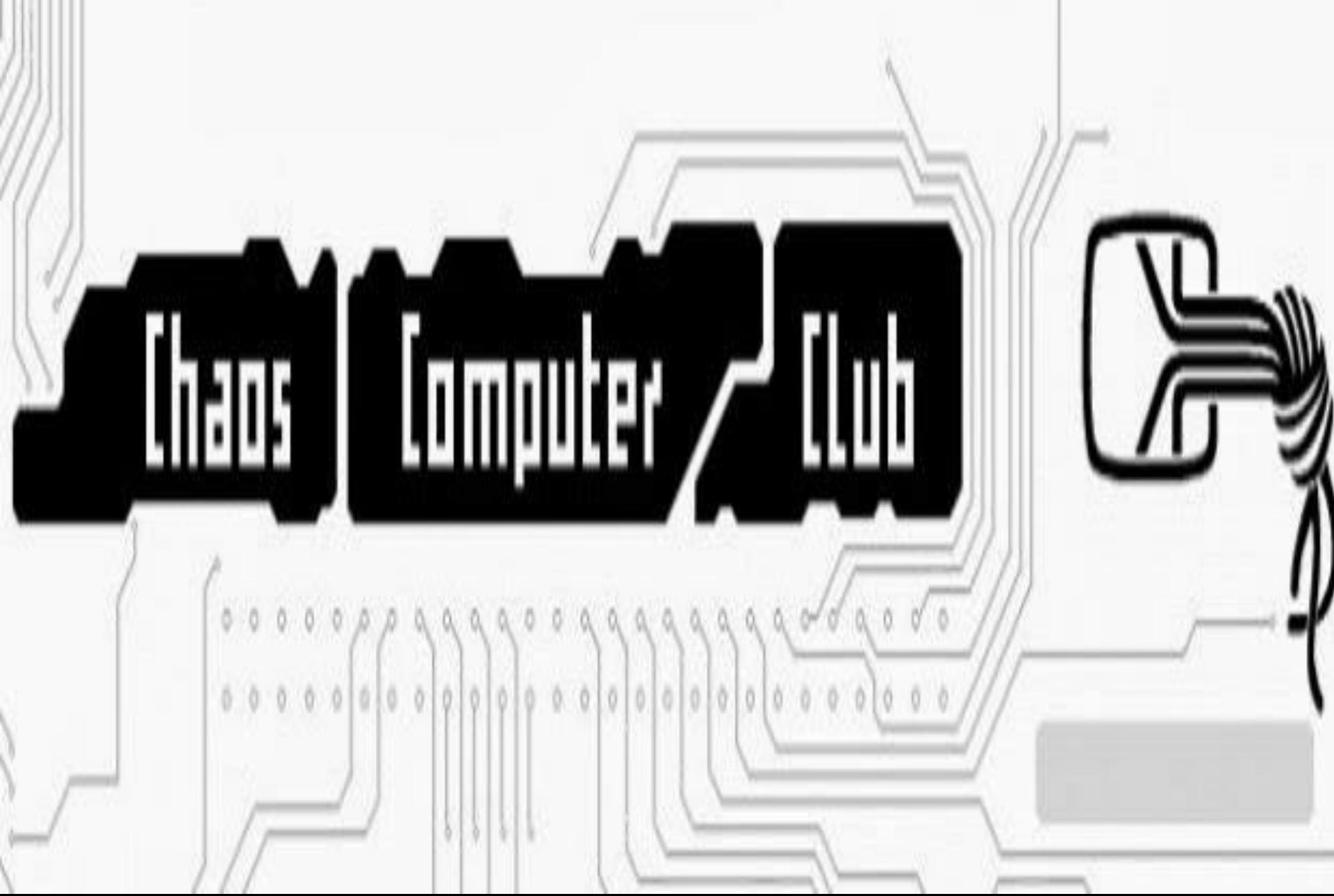
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## Android DDI: Dynamic Dalvik Instrumentation

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# Injecting vaccine at runtime

- > Little hacking provided Collin's examples
- > Instead of changing APK, we "hijack" running process (in our case zygote)
- > Inject shared library into process
- > Hook android.app.Activity onStart method
- > Injects Vaccine service and additional BeanShell classes when app is started
- > Use vaccine as before

# Demo

- > Is it possible to inject Vaccine into Google apps at runtime?

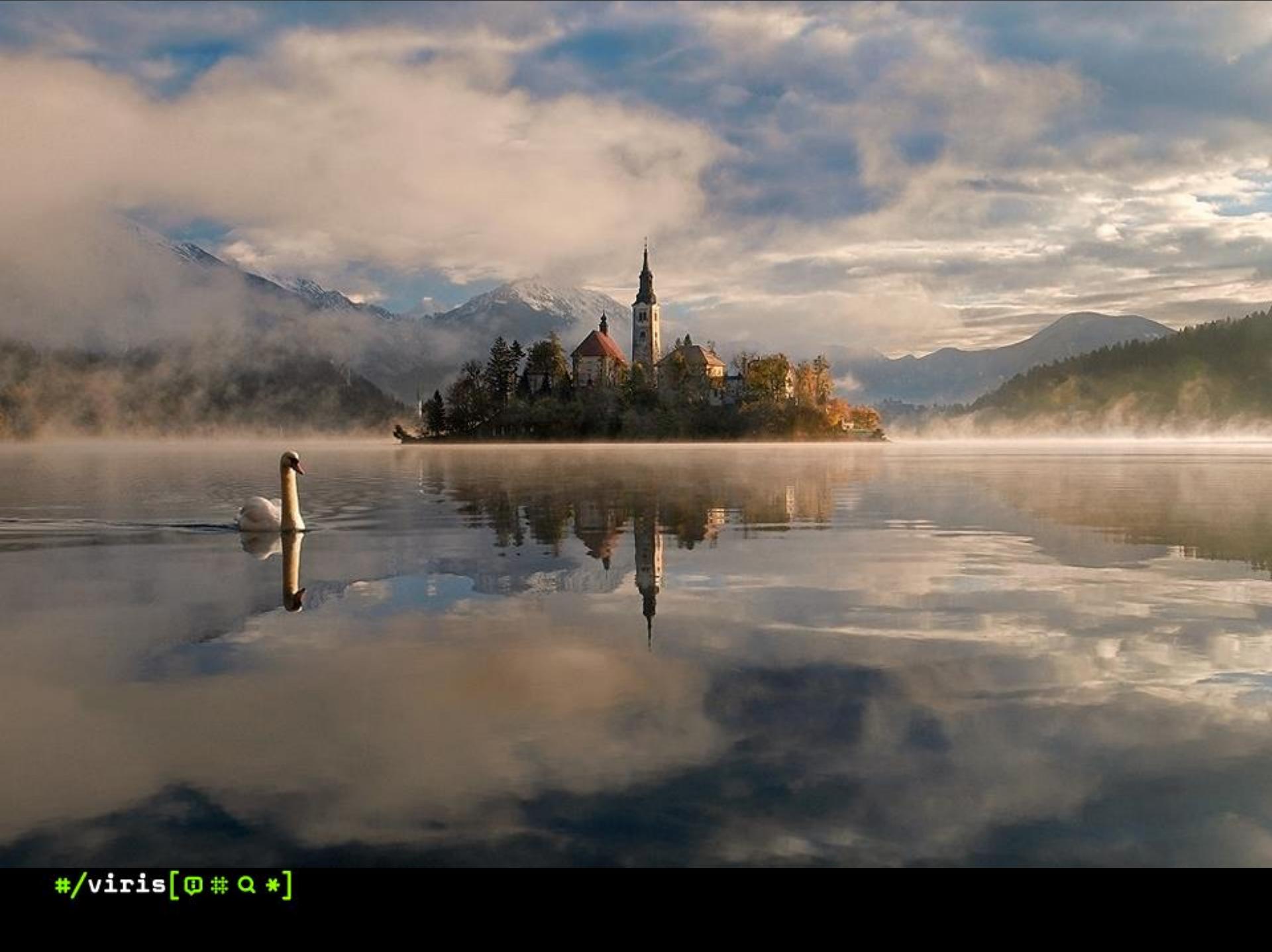
# Pros/cons APK Android

## > APK

- » No need for rooted phone
- » Untrusted sources
- » Download, modify, upload

## > Android

- » No need for APK modification
- » Rooted phone
- » Injecting shared libs (more skills needed)



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# Possible usage

- > Not only for Android
- > Reflection is still NOT dead
- > Tested with Oracle Forms
- > Have idea to use it with other Java apps/applets (Minecraft maybe)

# Other possibilities

- > Many apks:
  - » gmail, dropbox, playstore, games...
  - » Messaging, settings, browser...
- > Getting Phone instance
- > Using phone as framework(Quick SMS)
- > Sending class O SMS
- > Extending by writing BeanShell scripts
- > Testing, fuzzing
- > **Ultimate cheating platform**

# Final thoughts

- > One script, small GUI tool (never be finished)
- > Help testers, researchers (hackers, cheaters)
- > Open for suggestions, improvements, comments

# Some tips

- > Know your platform (this means read at least 1 more book different than iOS/Android in 10 minutes)
- > Know how things are made off
- > Know where things are stored (save, conf, cache, logs)
- > Experience/mileage helps a lot

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