Malware Analysis

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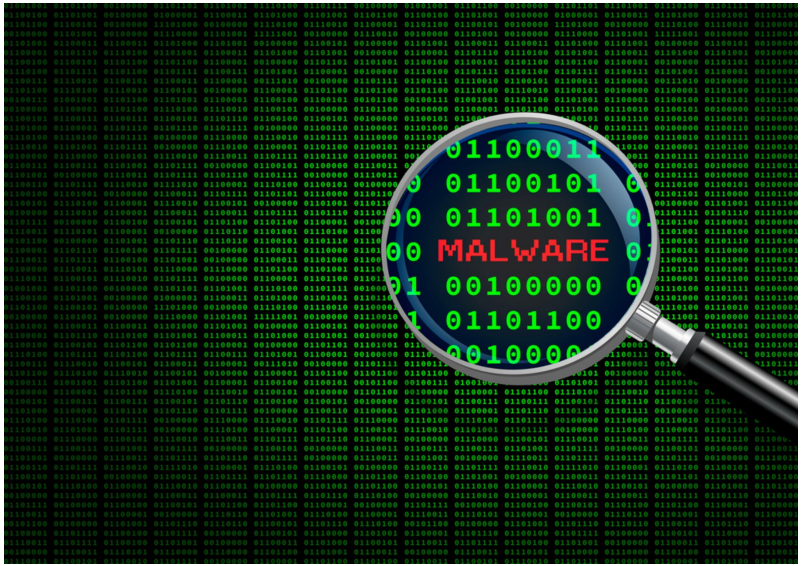
Introduction

- Malware
  - software intentionally designed to cause damage
- Malware Detection techniques
  - Static analysis
  - Dynamic analysis

Introduction

- Static analysis
  - testing and evaluation of an application by examining the code without executing the application
  - Pros:
    - Good code coverage
    - Time efficiency
  - Cons:
    - False positives
    - Code obfuscation
    - Encryption



Introduction

- Dynamic analysis
  - testing and evaluation of an application during runtime
  - Pros:
    - Capture behaviors accurately
  - Cons:
    - Poor code coverage
    - High runtime overhead

DroidScope: Seamlessly Reconstructing the OS and Dalvik Semantic Views for Dynamic Android Malware Analysis

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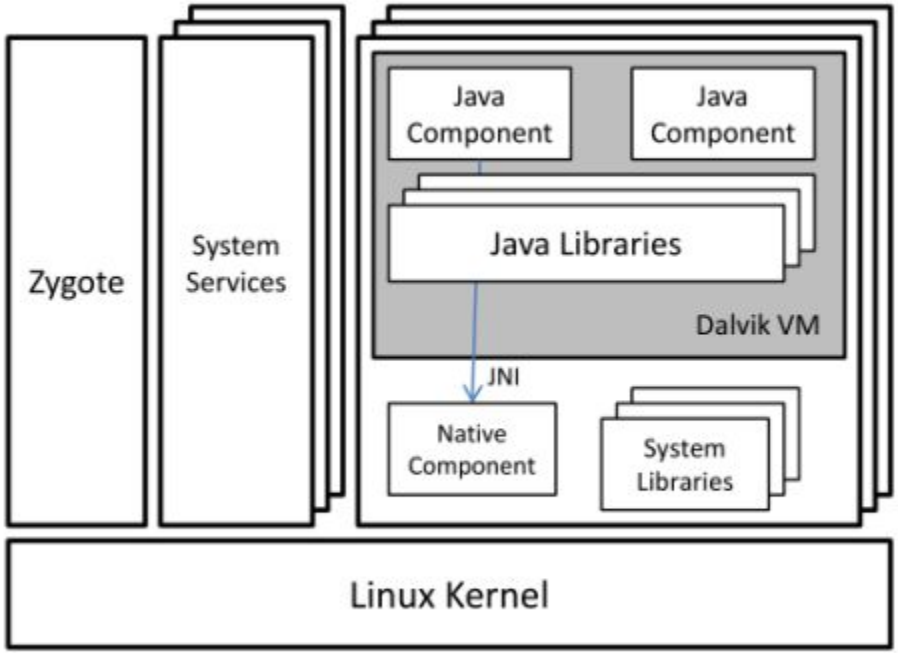

Java Components

Native Components

System Services

Apps

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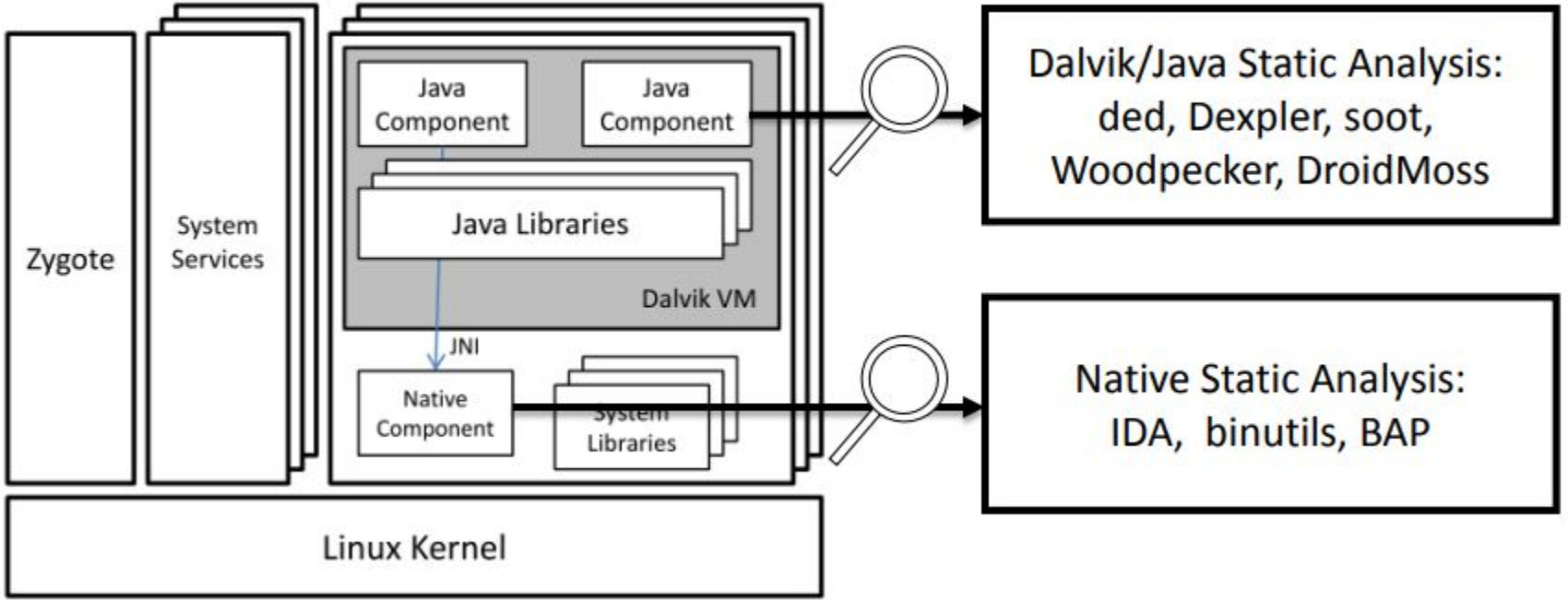
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Native Static Analysis:
IDA, binutils, BAP

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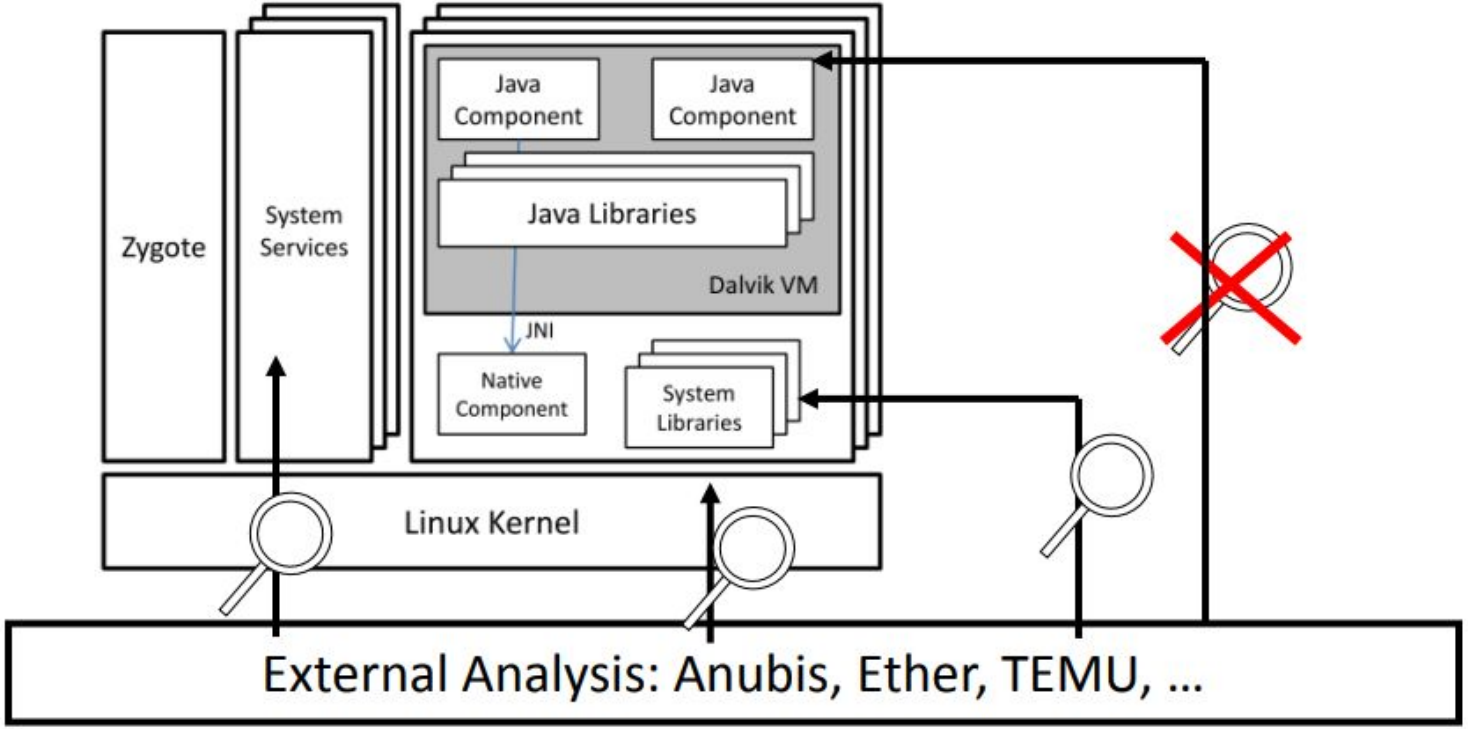
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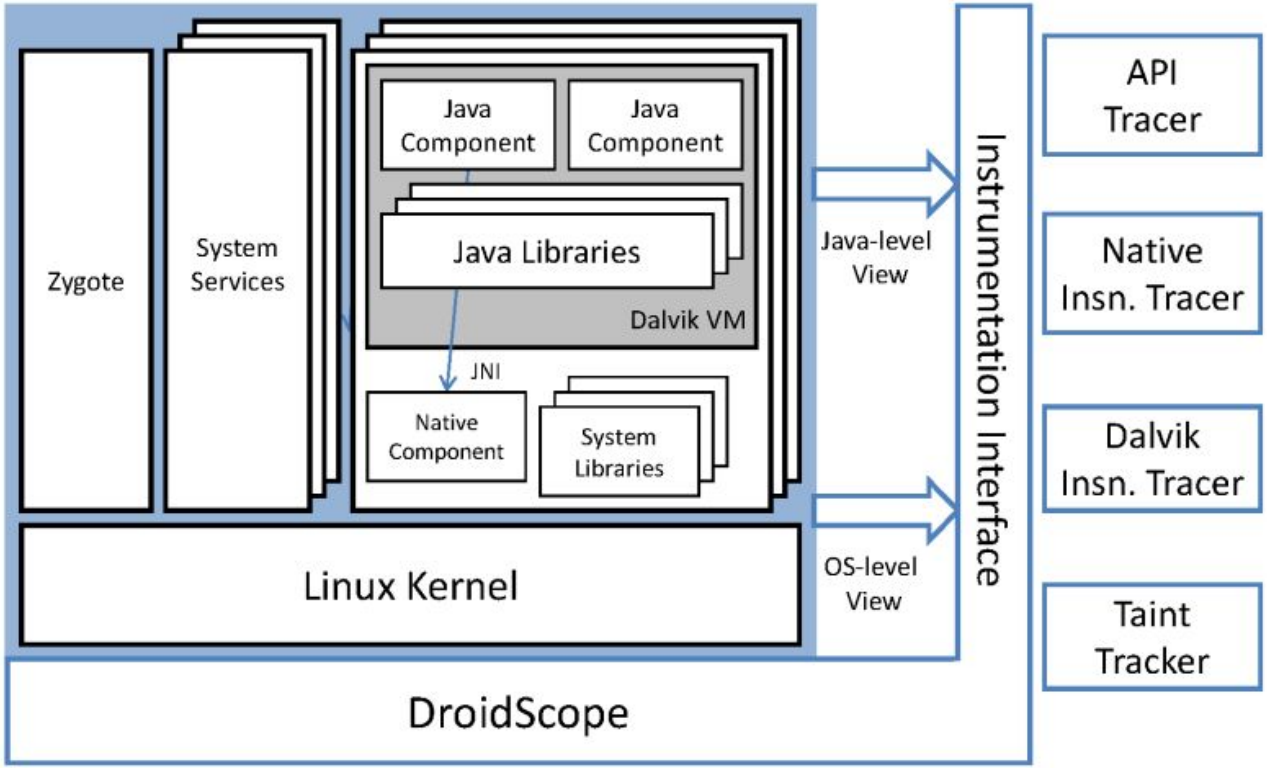
External Analysis: Anubis, Ether, TEMU, …

DroidScope Overview



DroidScope Overview

- Dynamic binary instrumentation for Android
  - Leverage Android Emulator in SDK
  - No changes to Android Virtual Devices
  - External instrumentation
    - Linux context
    - Dalvik context
  - Extensible: plugin-support / event-based interface
  - Performance
    - Partial JIT support
    - Instrumentation optimization

Linux Context: Identify Apps

- Shadow task list
  - pid, tid, uid, gid, euid, egid, parent pid, pgd, comm
  - argv[0] : app name
- Shadow memory map
  - Address Space Layout Randomization (Ice Cream Sandwich)
  - Update on
    - fork, execve, clone, prctl and mmap2

Java/Dalvik View

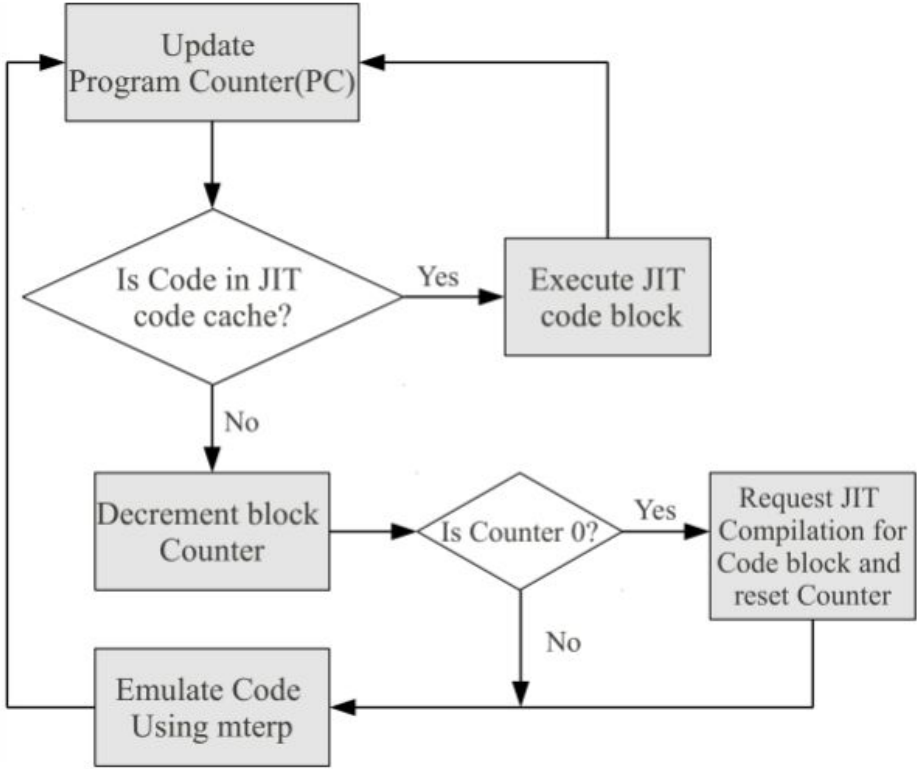
- Dalvik virtual machine
  - register machine (all on stack)
  - 256 opcodes
  - saved state, glue, pointed to by ARM R6, on stack in x86
- mterp
  - offset-addressing: fetch opcode then jump to

    (dvmAsmInstructionStart + opcode * 64)
- Which Dalvik opcode?
  - Locate dvmAsmInstructionStart in shadow memory map
  - Calculate opcode = (R15 - dvmAsmInstructionStart) / 64.

Just In Time (JIT) Compiler

- Designed to boost performance
- Triggered by counter
  - mterp is always the default
- Trace based
  - Multiple basic blocks
  - Multiple exits or chaining cells
  - Complicates external introspection
  - Complicates instrumentation

Disable JIT


Update
Program Counter(PC)
Is Code in JIT
code cache?
Yes
Execute JIT
code block
No
Decrement block
Counter
Is Counter 0?
Yes
Request JIT
Compilation for
Code block and
reset Counter
No
Emulate Code
Using mterp

Dynamic Instrumentation

- Event based interface
  - Execution: e.g. native and Dalvik instructions
  - Status: updated shadow task list
- Query and Set, e.g. interpret and change cpu state
- Performance
  - Example: Native instructions vs. Dalvik instructions
  - Instrumentation Optimization

Dynamic Instrumentation

	NativeAPI	LinuxAPI	DalvikAPI
Events	instruction begin/end	context switch	Dalvik instruction begin
	register read/write	system call	method begin
	memory read/write	task begin/end	
	block begin/end	task updated	
		memory map updated	
Query & Set	memory read/write	query symbol database	query symbol database
	memory r/w with pgd	get current context	interpret Java object
	register read/write	get task list	get/set DVM state
	taint set/check		taint set/check objects
			disable JIT

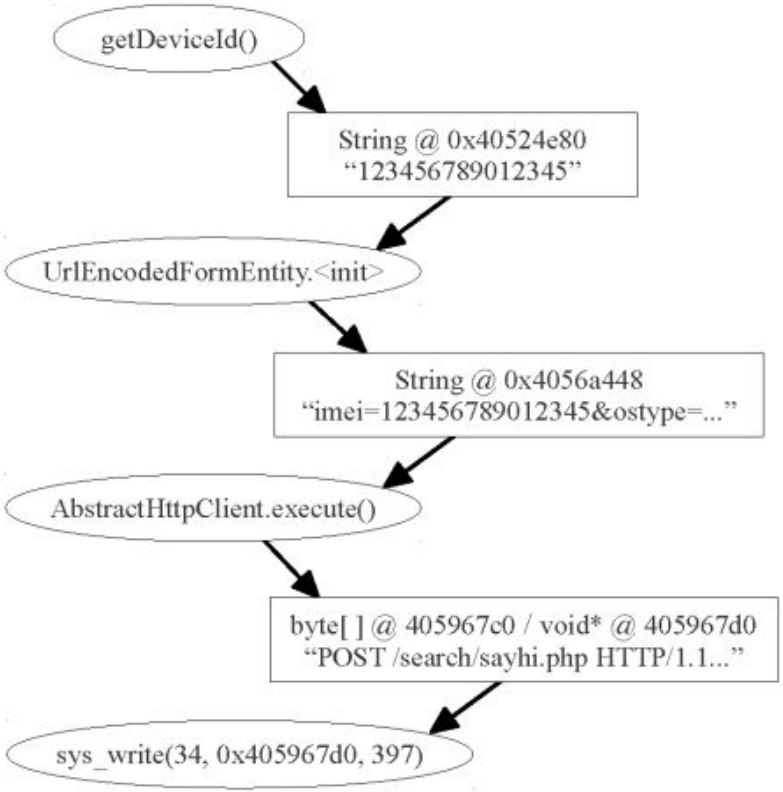
Example: Dalvik Instruction Tracer

```
1. void opcode_callback(uint32_t opcode) {
2.   printf("[%x] %s\n", GET_RPC, opcodeToStr(opcode));
3. }
4.
5. void module_callback(int pid) {
6.   if (bInitialized || (getIBase(pid) == 0))
7.     return;
8.
9.
10.  getModAddr("dfk@classes.dex", &startAddr, &endAddr);
11.  addDisableJITRange(pid, startAddr, endAddr);
12.  disableJITInit(getGetCodeAddrAddress(pid));
13.  addMterpOpcodesRange(pid, startAddr, endAddr);
14.  dalvikMterpInit(getIBase(pid));
15.  registerDalvikInsnBeginCb(&opcode_callback);
16.  bInitialized = 1;
17. }
18.
19. void _init() {
20.  setTargetByName("com.andhuhu.fengyinchuanshuo");
21.  registerTargetModulesUpdatedCb(&module_callback);
22. }
```

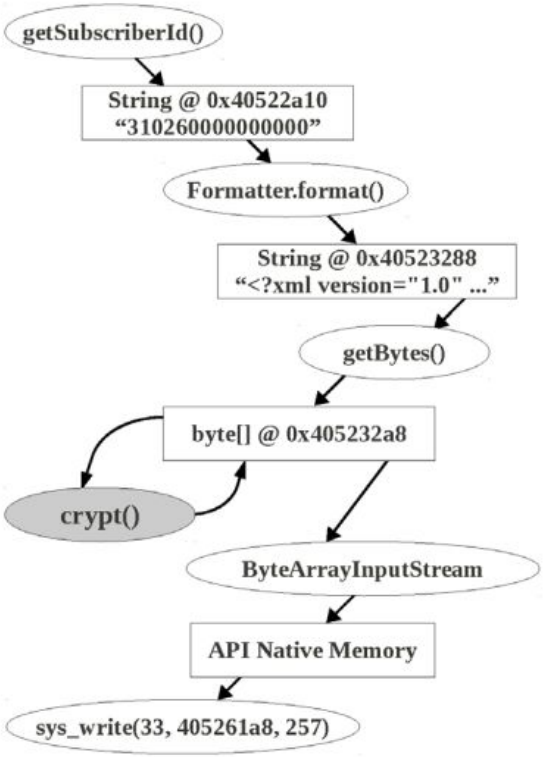
Usage Evaluation

- Use DroidScope to analyze real world malware
  - API Tracer
  - Dalvik Instruction Tracer
  - Taint Tracker – taint IMEI/IMSI @ move_result_object after getIMEI/getIMSI
- Analyze included exploits
  - Removed patches in Gingerbread
  - Intercept system calls
  - Native instruction tracer

Droid Kung Fu: TaintTracker



DroidDream: TaintTracker



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