



Module 18

Hacking Mobile Platform

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Mobile Attack Vectors



1. Mobile Threat Report



Mobile Attack Vectors

- The mobile app **Fortnite** with its **200 million players** and **60 million downloads** is a fertile ground for **fake apps disguised** as **versions** of the game.
- In 2018, **TimpDoor**, while not new, became the **leading mobile backdoor** family by more than double and a solid example of how tried and true **phishing over SMS** is still popular among cyber criminals to deceive users into installing malware.
- **Banking trojans** on mobile devices has continued to **rise**, particularly homed in on account holders of both large and regional banks.
- Cyber criminals are looking to find ways to **add value** to their **digital wallets without** the **cost** of doing their **own mining**.
- **Spyware attacks** spike on mobile are an attractive target for nation-state threat actors to **gain intelligence** and **track victims**.



2. Terminology



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- **Stock ROM:** It is the **default ROM** (operating system) of an android device supplied by the manufacturer©
- **CyanogenMod:** It is a **modified device ROM without** the **restrictions** imposed by device's original ROM©
- **Bricking the Mobile Device:** Altering the device OSes using **rooting** or **jailbreaking** in a way that causes the mobile device to become unusable or inoperable©
- **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD):** Bring your own device (BYOD) is a **business policy** that allows employees to bring their personal mobile devices to their workplace.



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- **Metasploit** is one of the **most powerful tools** used for penetration testing. Most of its resources can be found at – **www.metasploit.com**.
- It comes in **two** versions: **commercial** and **free edition**.
- The **hardware requirements** to install Metasploit are –
 - ▶ 2 GHz + processor
 - ▶ 1 GB RAM available
 - ▶ 1 GB + available disk space

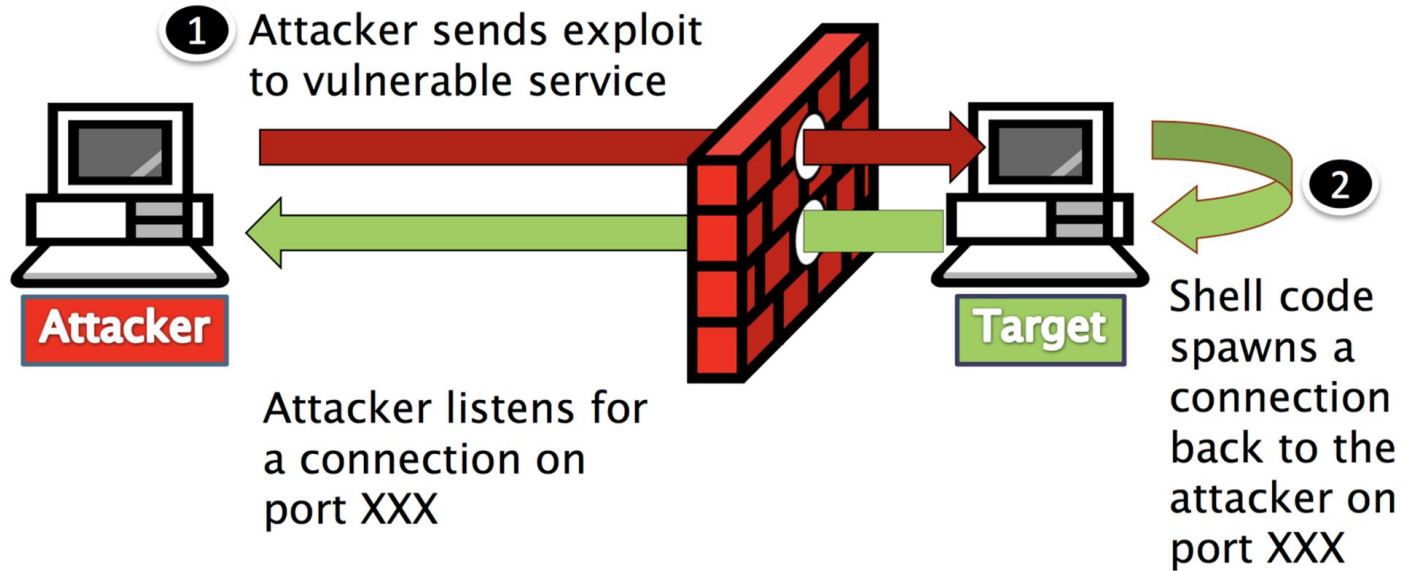


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- The **recommended Software** OS versions for Metasploit are –
 - ▷ Kali Linux 2.0 or Upper Versions
 - ▷ Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server 7.1+
 - ▷ Ubuntu Linux 14.04 LTS
 - ▷ Windows Server 2012 R2
 - ▷ Windows 10



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- **Armitage** is a **complement tool** for Metasploit. It **visualizes targets**, **recommends exploits**, and **exposes the advanced post-exploitation** features. Armitage is **incorporated** with **Kali** distribution.
- Armitage is very **user friendly**. Its GUI has **three** distinct areas:
 - ▶ The area **Targets** lists all the **machines** that you have **discovered** and those you are **working with**. The **hacked** targets have **red color** with a **thunderstorm** on it.
 - ▶ The area **Console** provides a **view for the folders**. Just by clicking on it, you can **directly navigate** to the **folders without** using any Metasploit **commands**.
 - ▶ The area **Modules** is the section that **lists the module** of **vulnerabilities**.



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- **Exploit:** After vulnerability scanning and vulnerability validation, we have to **run** and **test** some **scripts**, in order to **gain access** to a machine and do what we are planning to do.
 - ▶ **Active Exploits:** They will **exploit** a **specific host**, **run until completion**, and then **exit**.
 - ▶ **Brute-force** modules will **exit when** a **shell opens** from the **victim**.
 - ▶ Module **execution stops** if an **error** is encountered.
 - ▶ You can **force** an active module to the **background** by **passing ‘-j’** to the exploit command.



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- ▶ **Passive Exploits:** Passive exploits wait for incoming hosts and exploit them as they connect.
 - ▶ Passive exploits almost always focus on clients such as web browsers, FTP clients, etc.
 - ▶ They can also be used in conjunction with email exploits, waiting for connections.
 - ▶ Passive exploits report shells as they happen can be enumerated by passing '-l' to the sessions command. Passing '-i' will interact with a shell.



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- Payload, in simple terms, are **simple scripts** that the hackers utilize to **interact** with a **hacked system**. Using payloads, they can **transfer data** to a victim system. Metasploit payloads can be of three types –
 - ▶ **Singles** – Singles are very **small** and **designed to create** some kind of **communication**, then **move** to the **next stage**. For example, just **creating a user**.
 - ▶ **Staged** – It is a payload that an attacker can use to **upload a bigger file** onto a victim system.
 - ▶ **Stages** – Stages are **payload components** that are **downloaded** by **Stagers** modules. The various payload stages provide advanced features with **no size limits** such as **Meterpreter** and **VNC Injection**.



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- Metasploit currently has **over 547 payloads**. Some of them are:
 - ▶ **Command shell** enables users to **run collection scripts** or run **arbitrary commands** against the host.
 - ▶ **Meterpreter** enables users to **control the screen** of a device **using VNC** and to **browse, upload** and **download** files.
 - ▶ **Dynamic payloads** enables users to **evade anti-virus** defense by **generating unique payloads**.
 - ▶ **Static payloads** enables **static IP address/port forwarding** for communication between the host and the client system.

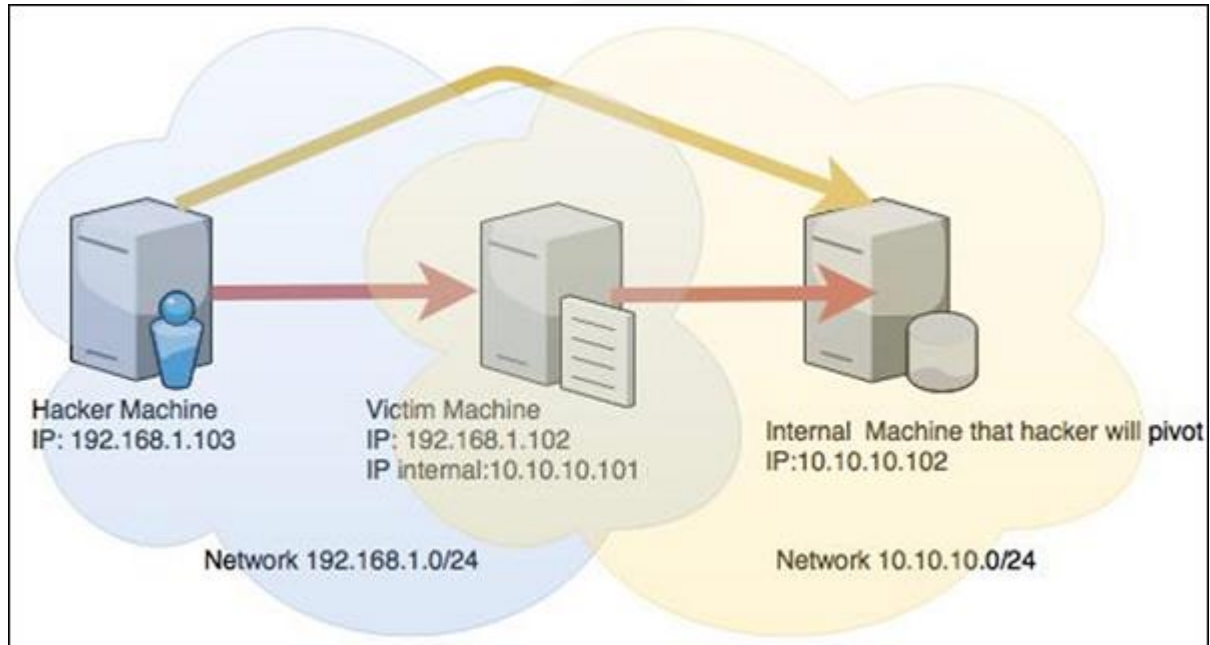


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- **Pivoting** is a technique that Metasploit uses to route the traffic from a hacked computer toward other networks that are not accessible by a hacker machine.
- A network with the range 192.168.1.0/24 where the hacker machine has access, and
- Another network with the range 10.10.10.0/24. It is an internal network and the hacker doesn't have access to it.
- The hacker will try to hack the second network this machine that has access in both networks to exploit and hack other internal machines.
- Hacker will first break into the first network and then use it as a staging point to exploit and hack the internal machines of the second network. This process is known as **pivoting**.



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- **Backdoor:** After going through all the hard work of exploiting a system, it's often a good idea to **leave yourself** an **easier way back** into it for **later** use. This way, if the service you **initially exploited** is **down** or **patched**, you can **still gain access** to the system.



3. Mobile Platform Vulnerabilities and Risks



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- Weak Server Side Controls
- Lack of Binary Protections
- Insecure Data Storage
- Insufficient Transport Layer Protection
- Unintended Data Leakage
- Poor Authorization and Authentication
- Broken Cryptography
- Client Side Injection
- Security Decisions via Untrusted Inputs
- Improper Session Handling



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Introduction



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- Android is an **open source** and **Linux-based Operating System** for **mobile devices** such as smartphones and tablet computers. Android was developed by the **Open Handset Alliance**, led by **Google**, and other companies.
- The **first beta** version of the Android **Software Development Kit** (SDK) was released by Google in **2007** where as the **first commercial** version, Android 1.0, was released in **September 2008**.
- The **source code** for Android is **available** under **free** and **open source** software licenses. Google publishes most of the code under the **Apache License** version 2.0 and the rest, **Linux kernel** changes, under the **GNU General Public License** version 2.
- Android **applications** are usually **developed** in the **Java** language using the Android **Software Development Kit**.



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Android
1.6

Donut



Android
2.0

Eclair



Android
2.2

Froyo



Android
2.3

Gingerbread



Android
3.0

Honeycomb



Android
4.0

Ice Cream
Sandwich



Android
4.1

Jelly Bean



Android
4.4

KitKat



Android
5.0

Lollipop



Android
6.0

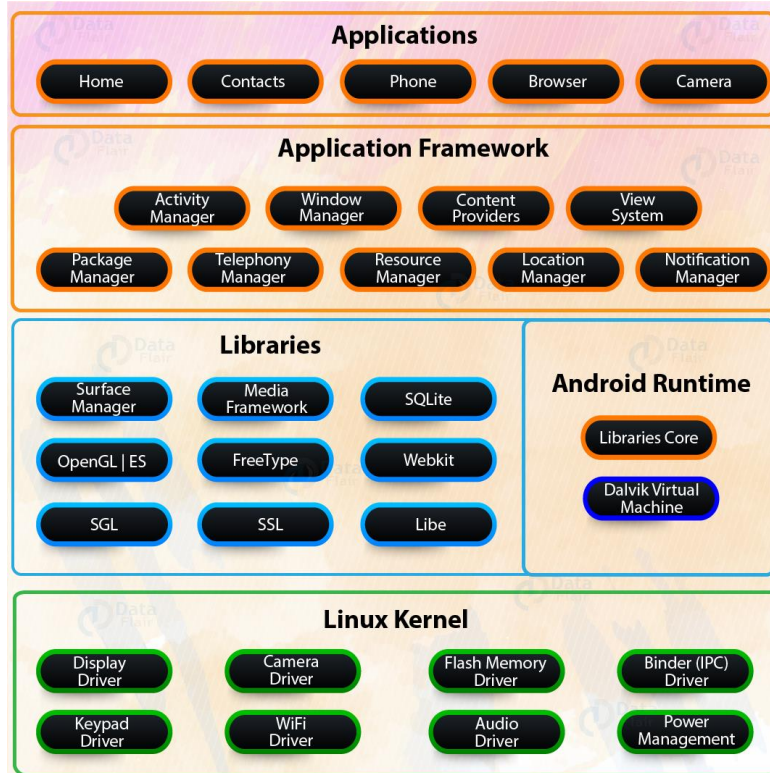
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1. Android OS Architecture

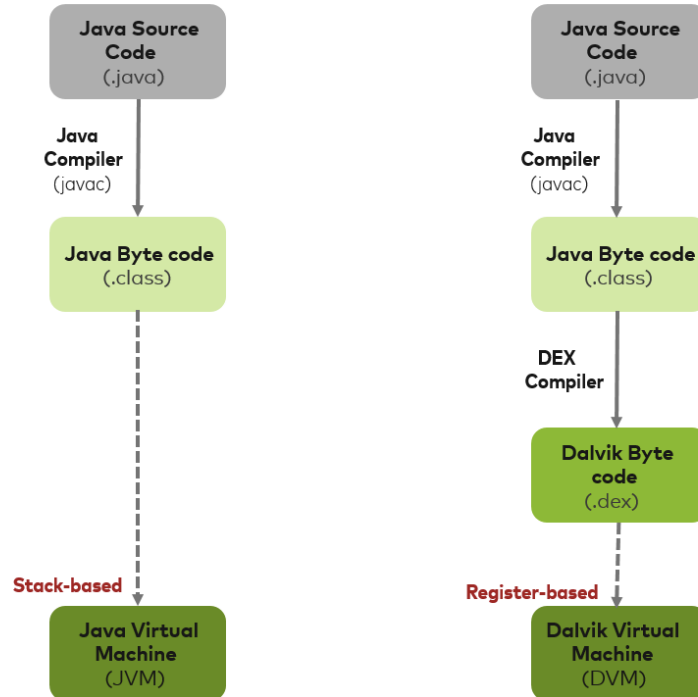


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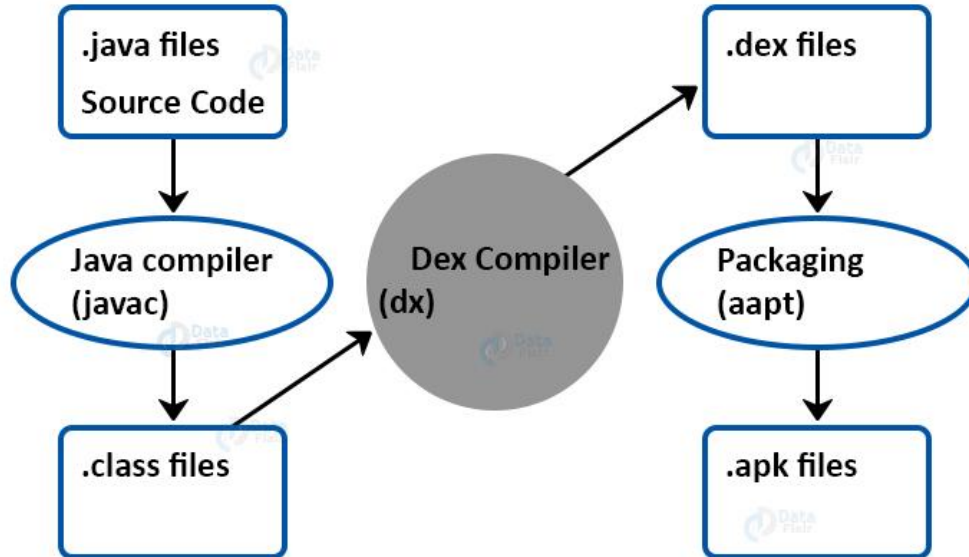


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Working of Dex Compiler





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Linux kernel

- ▶ At the **bottom** of the layers is Linux - **Linux 3.6** with approximately **115 patches**. This provides a level of **abstraction** between the device **hardware** and it contains all the essential hardware **drivers** like **camera**, **keypad**, **display** etc.
- ▶ Also, the kernel handles all the things that Linux is really good at such as **networking** and a vast array of device drivers, which take the pain out of **interfacing** to **peripheral** hardware.



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Libraries

- ▶ On top of Linux kernel there is a set of libraries including open-source Web browser engine WebKit, well known library libc, SQLite database which is a useful repository for storage and sharing of application data, libraries to play and record audio and video, SSL libraries responsible for Internet security etc.



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Android Libraries

- ▶ This category encompasses those **Java-based** libraries that are specific to Android **development**. Examples of libraries in this category include:
 - ▶ **android.app**
 - ▶ **android.content**
 - ▶ **android.opengl**
 - ▶ **android.os**
 - ▶ **android.widget**
 - ▶ **android.webkit**



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Android Runtime

- ▶ This is the **third** section of the architecture and available on the second layer from the bottom. This section provides a key component called **Dalvik Virtual Machine** which is a kind of **Java Virtual Machine** specially designed and **optimized** for Android.
- ▶ The Dalvik VM makes use of Linux **core** features like **memory management** and **multi-threading**, which is intrinsic in the Java language. The Dalvik VM **enables** every **Android** application to **run in its own process**, with its **own instance** of the Dalvik virtual machine.



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Application Framework

- ▶ The Application Framework layer provides many **higher-level services** to applications in the form of **Java classes**. Application developers are allowed to make use of these services in their applications. The Android framework includes the following key services –
 - ▶ **Activity Manager**
 - ▶ **Content Providers**
 - ▶ **Resource Manager**
 - ▶ **Notifications Manager**
 - ▶ **View System**



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■ Applications

- ▶ You will find all the Android application at the **top** layer. You will **write your application** to be **installed** on **this layer only**. Examples of such applications are **Contacts** Books, **Browser**, **Games** etc.



2. Android Rooting



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- **Rooting** is about **obtaining root access** to the **underlying Linux** system beneath Android and thus gaining **absolute control** over the **software** that is **running** on the device.
- Things that **require root** access on a typical Linux system —
 - ▶ **mounting** and **unmounting** file systems,
 - ▶ starting your favorite **SSH** or **HTTP** or **DHCP** or **DNS** or **proxy** servers,
 - ▶ **killing system processes**, chroot-ing,
 - ▶ Being able to run **arbitrary commands as** the **root** allows you to do absolutely **anything** on a Linux / Android system



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- **Stock OEM** Android builds typically **do not allow** users to **execute arbitrary code** as **root**.
- The **bootloader**, the **first piece of code executed** when your **device is powered on**, is responsible for **loading the Android OS** and the **recovery system** and **flashing a new ROM**.
- Many Android devices have **locked bootloaders** that you would have to hack around in order to make them do **anything other than boot the stock ROM**.
- **System recovery** is the **second piece of low-level code** on board any Android device. It is **separate** from the **Android userland** and is typically **located on its own partition**; it is usually **booted** by the **bootloader** when you press a certain **combination of hardware keys**.



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- However, since **recovery** is stored in a **partition** just like **/system**, **/data** and **/cache**, you can **replace** it with a **custom recovery** if you have **root access** in Linux / Android.
- **ADB** allows a **PC or a Mac** to **connect** to an **Android** device and perform certain operations. One such operation is to **launch a simple shell** on the **device**, using the command **adb shell**.
- If **ro.secure=0**, an ADB shell will **run commands** as the **root** user on the device. But if **ro.secure=1**, an ADB shell will **run commands** as an **unprivileged user** on the device.
- The **value** of this property is **set at boot time** from the **default.prop** file in the **root directory**.



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- The **contents** of the **root directory** are essentially *copied* from a partition in the **internal storage** on **boot**, but you **cannot write** to the **partition** if you are **not already root**. So the only way you could change it is by gaining root access in the first place.
- On an Android system, all Android applications that you can see or interact with directly are running as **_un_privileged** users in **sandboxes**.
- On Linux, **privilege escalation** is usually accomplished via the **su** and **sudo** programs; they are often the **only programs** in the system that are **able to execute** the **system call `setuid(0)`** that **changes the current program** from running as an **unprivileged user** to running as **root**.



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- Unsurprisingly, **stock OEM ROMs never come with these su**. You **cannot** just **download** it or **copy** it over either; it **needs to have its SUID bit set**, which indicates to the system that the programs this allowed to escalate its runtime privileges to root.
- To summarize, what this means is that **any program** that you can interact with on Android (and hence running in unprivileged mode) is **unable** to either 1) **gain privileged** access and **execute** in **privileged** mode, or 2) **start another** program that executes in **privileged** mode.

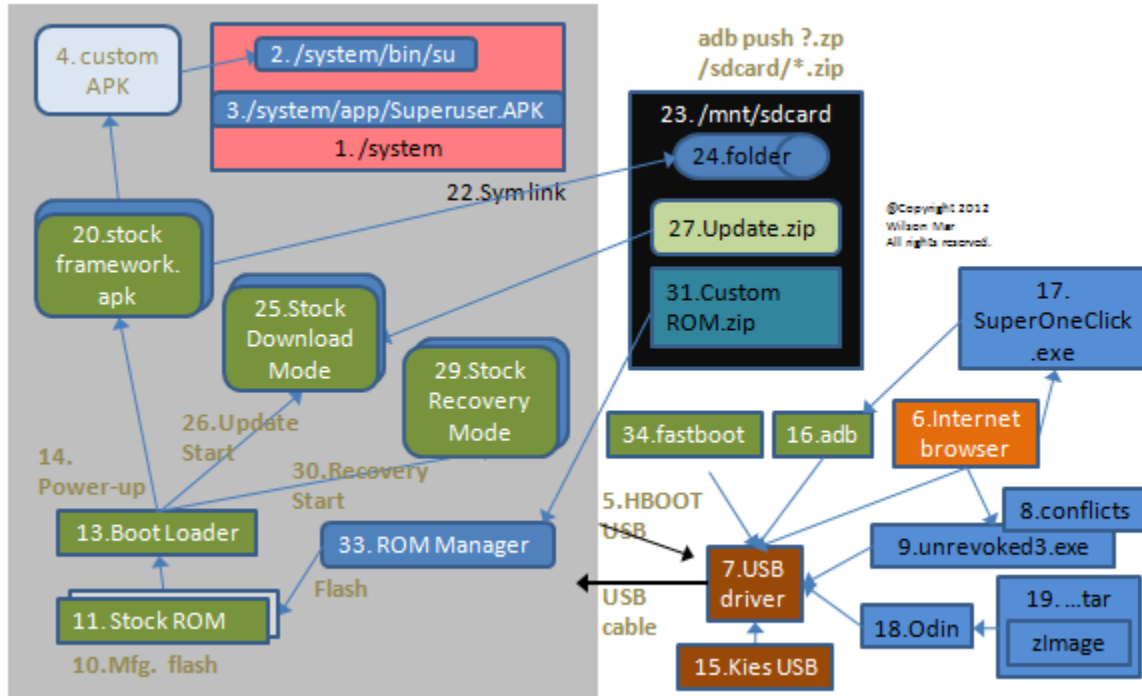


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- Typing `ps` on an Android **shell** (either via ADB or a terminal emulator on the device) will **give you programs started** by the **init process**, the **first process started** by the **kernel** (the **kernel spawns init** in a particular fashion, and **init** then goes on and **spawns all other** processes) which **has to run as root** because it needs to start other privileged system processes.
- If you can **hack / trick one** of **these system processes** running in privileged mode to execute your arbitrary code, you have just gained privileged access to the system.
- This how all **one-click-root** methods work, including **z4root**, **gingerbread**, and so on.
- “**Arbitrary code**” is most certainly a piece of code that **mounts /system** in **read-write** mode and **installs a copy** of **su permanently** on the system

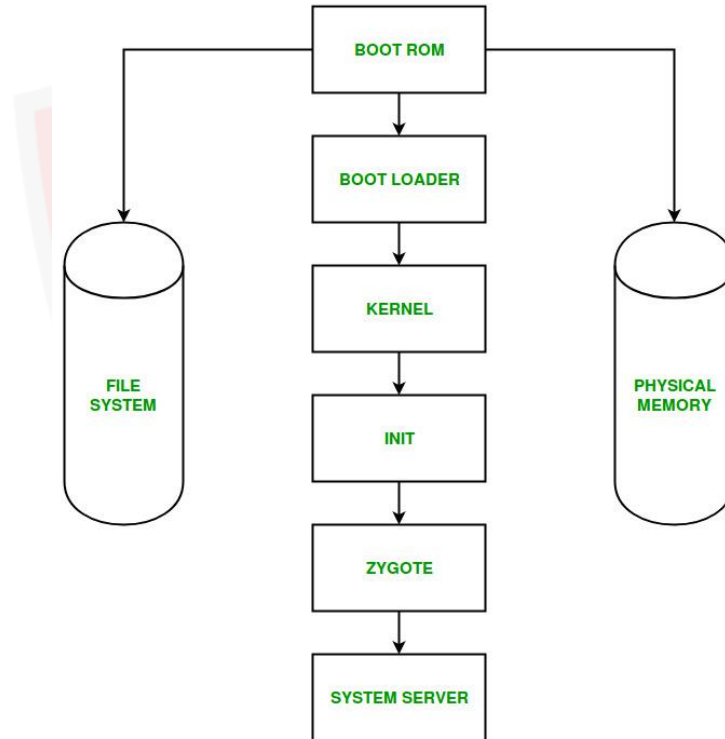


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Advantages:

- ▶ Support for **themes**, allowing everything to be **visually changed even** while the device is **booting**,
- ▶ Full **control** of the **kernel**, which, for example, allows **overclocking** and **underclocking** the CPU and GPU.
- ▶ Full **application** control, including the ability to **backup**, **restore**, or **batch edit applications**, or to **remove bloatware**
- ▶ **Custom** automated **system-level processes**
- ▶ Ability to **install a custom firmware** or ROM or software (such as **Xposed**, **BusyBox**, etc.)



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Disadvantages:

- ▷ Voids the phone warranty
- ▷ Risk of "bricking" a phone.
- ▷ Breaks the phone contract.
- ▷ Poor performance.
- ▷ Viruses.



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Android Security Architecture

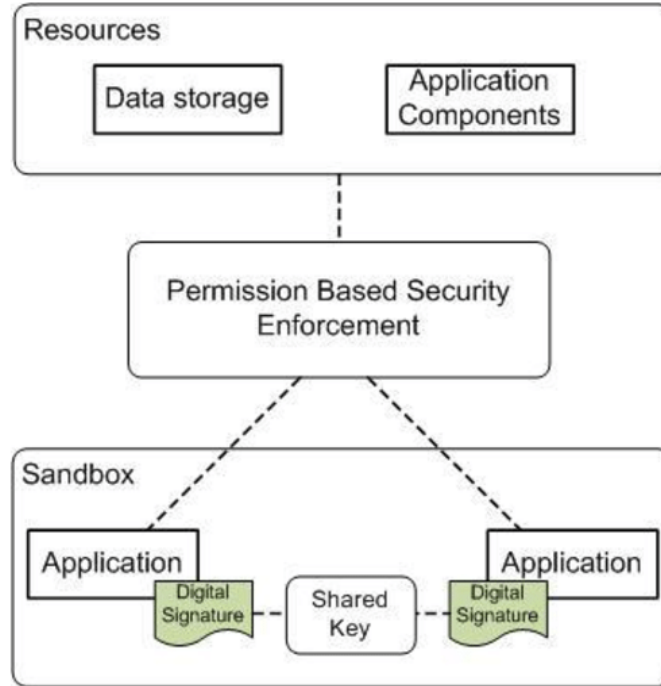


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- Android provides these **key security features**:
 - ▶ **Robust** security at the **OS level** through the Linux **kernel**
 - ▶ **Mandatory app sandbox** for all apps
 - ▶ **Secure interprocess** communication
 - ▶ App **signing**
 - ▶ **App-defined** and **user-granted** **permissions**



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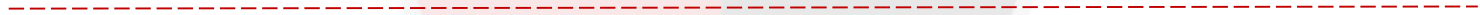
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Permission control



Privilege control
Process control



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- Every application is given a separate user ID and process ID
- User of that application is the owner of that PID

```
C:\Windows\system32>adb shell ps
USER      PID     PPID  VSIZE  RSS      WCHAN    PC         NAME
root      1        0      760    392     ffffffff 00000000 S  /init
root      2        0        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  kthreadd
root      3        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  ksoftirqd/0
root      5        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  kworker/0:0H
root      7        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  migration/0
root      8        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  rcu_preempt
root      9        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  rcu_bh
root     10        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  rcu_sched
root     11        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 R  migration/1
root     12        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 R  ksoftirqd/1
root     14        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  kworker/1:0H
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root     16        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 R  ksoftirqd/2
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root     22        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  kworker/3:0H
root     23        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  khelper
root     24        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  suspend_sys_syn
root     25        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  suspend
root     26        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  writeback
root     27        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  bioset
root     28        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  kblockd
root     29        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  khubd
root     48        2        0      0       ffffffff 00000000 S  irq/322-charger
```



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- A very **important and compulsory** file present in every Android App is “**AndroidManifest.xml**”.
 - ▶ It primarily describes the application’s **activities, services** and **broadcast receivers**.
 - ▶ Some declarations in it let the Android OS know **what components** the **app has** and **when** there is a need to **launch** them.
 - ▶ It **declares** which **permissions** the application needs for accessing the **protected** parts.
 - ▶ It also declares the **permissions** that **other apps require** to have in order to **interact** with the application’s components.



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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    package="payspace.ssidit.pp.ua.payspacemagazine">

    <uses-permission android:title="android.permission.INTERNET" />
    <uses-permission android:title="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE" />

    <application
        android:allowBackup="true"
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:theme="@android:style/Theme.Holo.Light">
        <activity
            android:label="@string/app_name"
            android:title=".MainActivity">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:title="android.intent.action.MAIN" />

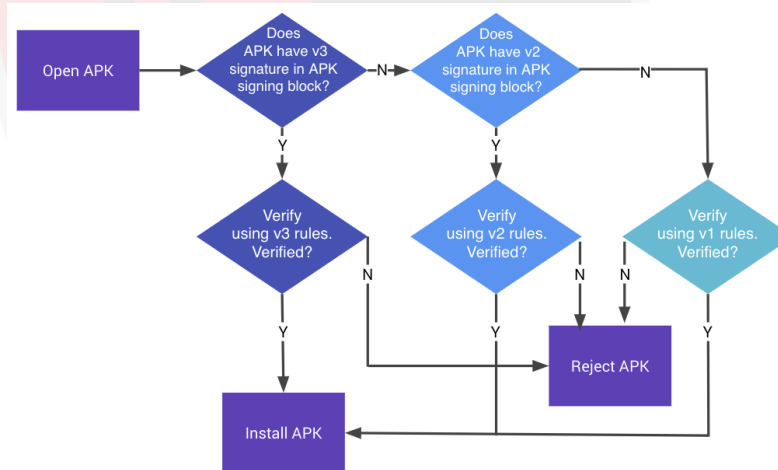
                <category android:title="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
        <activity
            android:label="@string/title_activity_settings"
            android:title=".SettingsActivity"></activity>
    </application>
</manifest>
```



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App Signing: The developer is identified by this **signature** and the **private key** is also **held by him** only. The purpose of this certificate is to **distinguish the authors** and allow the system to **grant or deny signature-level permissions**.





Android Application Components



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Basic Components

- ▶ Activity
- ▶ Intent
- ▶ Service
- ▶ Content Provider

Additional Components

- ▶ Fragments
- ▶ Views
- ▶ Layouts
- ▶ Resources



Setting up your Lab



1. Attacking Machine



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Santoku OS

- ▶ Santoku is dedicated to **mobile forensics**, **analysis**, and **security**, and packaged in an easy to use, **Open Source** platform.



2. Client Machine (Android Device)

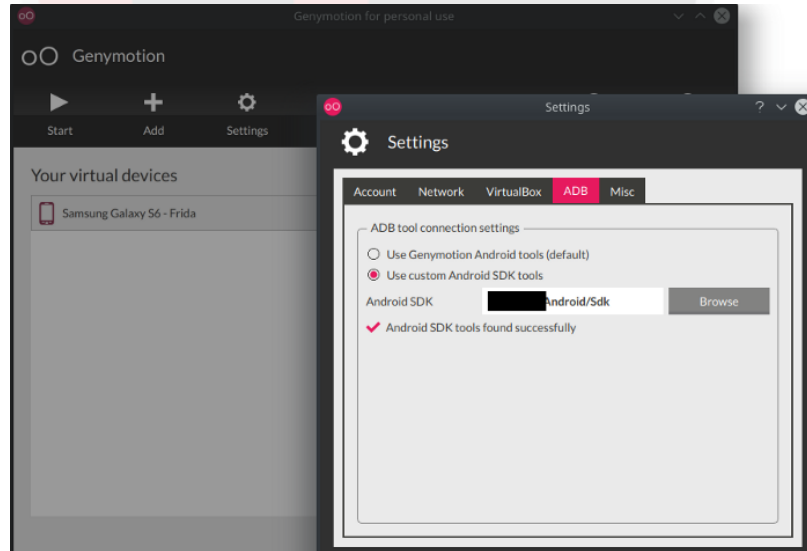


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Genymotion Android Emulator

- ▶ If you don't have an Android **device**, probably you need an emulator. I prefer using Genymotion For Fun but you can use other applications as well.





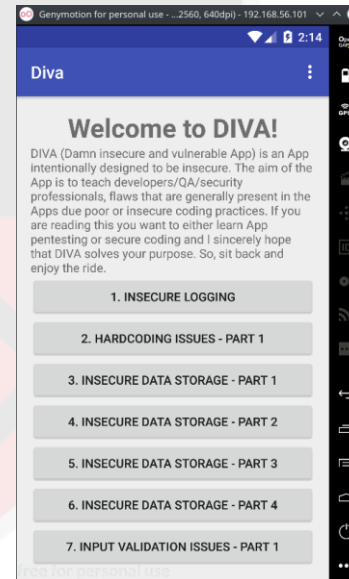
3. Testing Application



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DIVA

- ▶ There are lots of APK files for penetration testing in Android OS but mostly we will use DIVA application.





4. Communication Toolkit



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ADB

- ▶ Android Debug Bridge (adb) is a **versatile command-line tool** that lets you **communicate** with a device.
- ▶ The adb command facilitates a variety of **device actions**, such as **installing** and **debugging** apps, and it provides **access** to a **Unix shell** that you can use to run a variety of commands on a device.
- ▶ It is a **client-server program** that includes **three components**:



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- **A client**, which **sends** commands. The client **runs** on your **development machine**. You can invoke a client from a command-line terminal by issuing an ***adb*** command.
- **A daemon (adb)**, which **runs commands** on a device. The daemon runs as a **background process** on each device.
- **A server**, which **manages communication** between the client and the daemon. The server runs as a **background process** on your **development** machine.



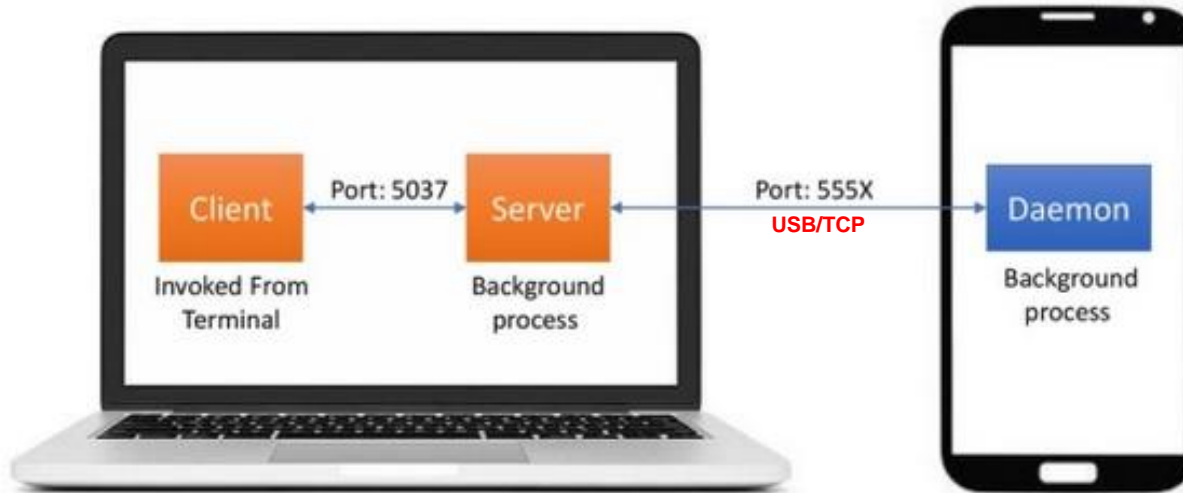
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How adb works

- ▶ When you start an adb client, the client **first checks** whether there is an **adb server** process **already running**. If there isn't, it starts the server process. When the server starts, it **binds** to **local TCP port 5037** and **listens** for commands sent from adb clients—all adb **clients** use port 5037 to communicate with the adb server.
- ▶ The server then sets up connections to all running devices. It **locates emulators** by **scanning odd-numbered ports** in the range **5555 to 5585**, the range used by the **first 16 emulators**. Where the server **finds** an **adb daemon** (adb), it **sets up** a connection to that port.



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5. Reverse Engineering tools



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■ Apktool

- ▶ A tool for reverse engineering **3rd party, closed, binary** Android apps. It can **decode resources** to **nearly original** form and **rebuild them** after making some **modifications**.
- ▶ It also makes working with an app easier because of the project like file structure and **automation** of some **repetitive tasks** like building apk, etc.
- ▶ **Decompiles** to **Smali**, **can't** get **Java** source code from apk.



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■ JaDX

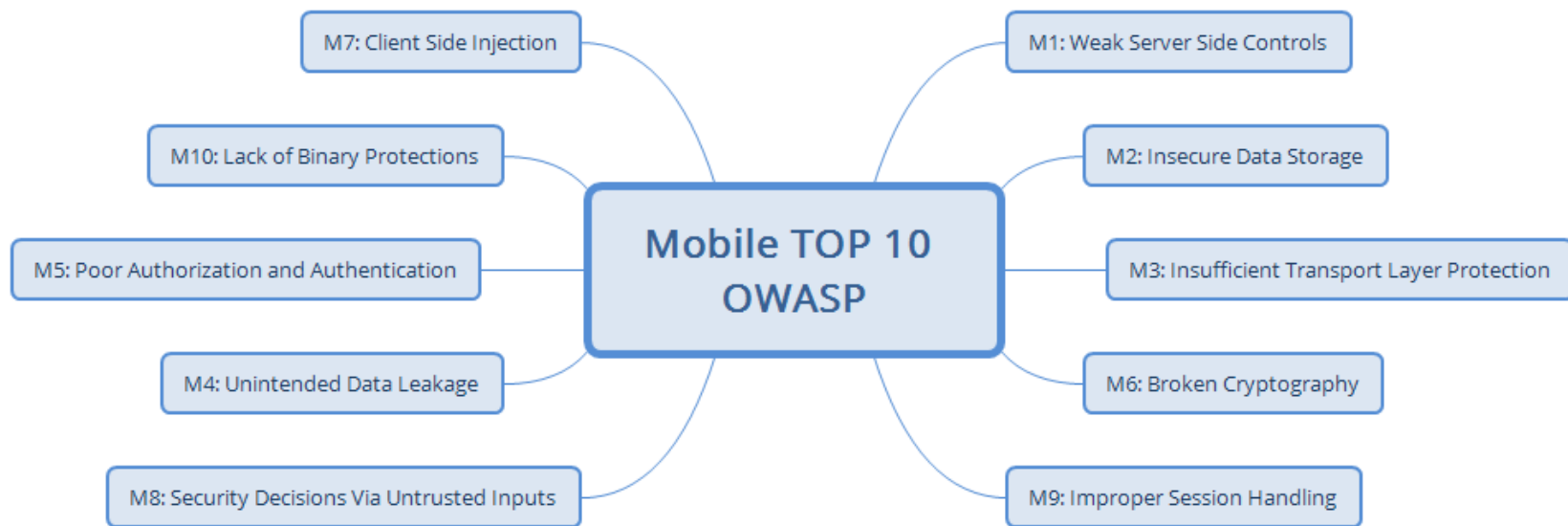
- ▶ It is a tool that produces **Java source code** from Android **DEX** and **APK** files.
- ▶ Allows you to **see** the **app structure** after decompiling.
- ▶ It's **licensed** under *Apache 2.0*.
- ▶ If the app uses some **non-ASCII** characters the **decompilation** will **fail**.



6. Mobile OWASP Top 10



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Insecure Logging

- ▶ Logging is a **method** that developers use for **tracing** the **code** and watching **warnings or errors**.
- ▶ These logs are **stored** in a **central repository** for **all the apps** to have **access** to.
- ▶ Logging any **sensitive data** can cause this **issue**.



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■ Hardcoding issues

- ▶ Developers may **leave plaintext strings** in the app **source code** containing raw data such as **API keys**, **access tokens**, **passwords**, etc.
- ▶ We can **recover** this sensitive data by simple **reverse engineering** the source code.



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Insecure Data Storage

- ▶ Developers **store sensitive** info in plaintext on **local storage without encryption**.
- ▶ Ways to store data locally:
 - ▶ *Shared preferences*
 - ▶ *Databases*
 - ▶ *Temp files*
 - ▶ *External Storage*



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■ Input Validation Issues (SQL Injection)

- ▶ It occurs when there is **improper** or **no input sanitization** by the application against SQL queries.
- ▶ Attacker can **run SQLi** commands to **manipulate SQLite** databases.



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■ Abusing WebView

- ▶ Android WebView is used to **display web page** in android
- ▶ In the android, **every message between applications** is as a **URL**.
- ▶ Attacker can supply URLs with **file://** protocol to **access any file** on the android device.



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Access Control Issues

- ▶ Developers often fail to check access control in every activity.
- ▶ Android *ActivityManager* allows us to open any activity with an *Intent Filter*.
- ▶ We can bypass authorization by directly opening the privileged activity.



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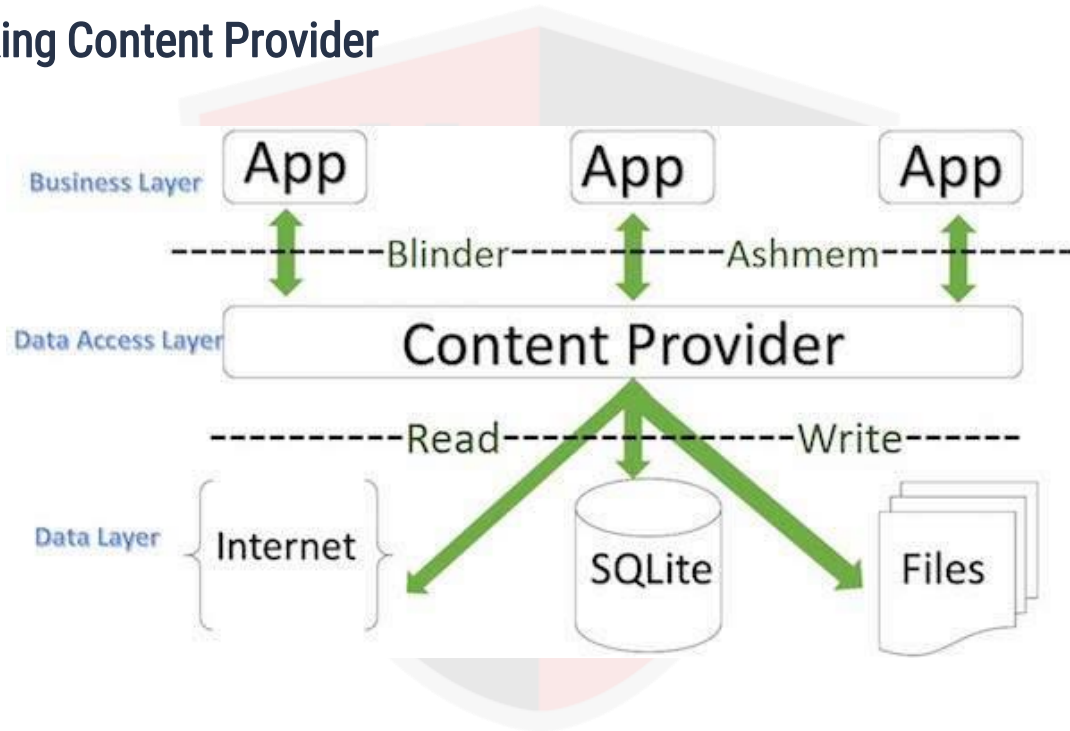
Leaking Content Provider

- ▶ A content provider is required if you need to **share data** between **multiple applications**.
- ▶ A **special** form of URI which starts with “**content://**” is assigned to each content provider
- ▶ Any app which **knows** this **URI** can **insert**, **update**, **delete**, and **query** data from the **database** of the provider app.
- ▶ If proper **security controls** are **not** enforced in the app, that leads to **leakage** of information.



Android Penetration Testing

Leaking Content Provider





Hacking iOS



1. Jailbreaking iOS



Hacking iOS

- **Jailbreak** actually means to **allow third-party applications** to be **installed** into your **iDevice**. Contrary to popular beliefs, it's actually **fully legal** to **run third-party applications** on your device since James H. Billington's **DMCA** revision. Having this in mind the only thing that **prevents** us from having an easy jailbreak is **Apple**.
- Jailbreak itself is **getting control over the root** and **media partition** of your iDevice; where **all** the **iOS's files** are **stored** at. To do so **/private/etc/fstab** must be **patched**.
- **fstab** is the **switch room** of your iDevice, **controlling** the **permission** of the **root** and **media** partition. The **default** is '**read-only**', allowing eyes and no hands. To be able to **modify** the root and media partition we must **set** the **fstab** to '**read-write**', allowing eyes and hands



Hacking iOS

- The **main** problem is **not getting** the files in, but **getting them through** various **checkpoints**. These checkpoints were **put by Apple** to **verify** if the **file** is indeed **legit**, or a **third-party**. Every **file** is **signed by a key**, and **without** it, the file will be put **aside** and be unusable.



Hacking iOS

- When an **iDevice boots up** it goes through a "**chain of trust**". This chain is a series of **signature checks** that makes sure everything being ran is **Apple approved**. It goes on the following (specific) order:
- ▶ **Runs Bootrom**: Also called "**SecureROM**" by Apple, it is the **first** significant **code** that runs on an iDevice.
 - ▶ **Runs Bootloader**: Generally, it is responsible for **loading** the **main firmware**.
 - ▶ **Loads Kernel**: **Bridge** between the **iOS** and the actual **data processing** done at the **hardware** level.
 - ▶ **Loads iOS**: The **final** step to the chain, **iOS starts** and we get our nice "**Slide to Unlock**" view.



Hacking iOS

- What is the **roadblock** in a jailbreak?
 - ▶ What prevents an easy jailbreak is the **signature checks**. While the kernel is loading there are **thousands of checks** being done to make sure everything being loaded is Apple approved.
 - ▶ To be more specific, there are many checks through out the boot which look for one thing, a **signature**, a **key**. If the key is **correct** we get a **green light**, if it is **wrong**, depending where the check was at or what file it was, it will either **crash the iDevice** causing a **loop**, or **simply ignore** it and does **not execute** that specific file at all.



Hacking iOS

- Jailbreaking **objective** is to either **patch the checks** or **bypass** them. This brings us to two broad categories of exploits:
 - ▶ **bootrom exploit:** Exploit done **during** the **bootrom**. It **must** be patched by **new hardware**. Since it's before almost any checkpoint, the **malicious code** is **injected before everything**, thus **allowing** a **passageway** to be created to **bypass all checks** or simply **disable** them.
 - ▶ **userland exploit:** Exploit done **during** or **after** the **kernel has loaded** and can **easily be patched** by **Apple** with a **software update**. Since it's after all the checks, it **injects** the malicious **code directly into the openings** back into the kernel. These openings are **not** so **easy to find**, and once found can be patched.



Hacking iOS

- How did some of the released jailbreak actually worked?
 - ▶ **Limera1n** (**exploit**, not tool): Bootrom exploit first used by **Geohot**. Due to it being a **bootrom** it **can't be patched** by Apple **with a software update**, which means it is **still usable** today in all **A4 devices**. Yes... including **iOS 6**.
 - ▶ **JailbreakMe**: Userland exploit that used a **malformed CFF** vulnerability. CFF stands for **Compact Font Format** and it's used to **store fonts**. Starting with **PDF version 1.2** it could be **embedded directly** into the **.pdf** file, but it had its **malfunctions**.



2. Jailbreaking vs. Android Rooting



Hacking iOS

- They **differ in scope**. Some **Android** devices allow users to **modify or replace** the **operating system** after **unlocking** the **bootloader**. Moreover, nearly all Android phones have an option to **allow the user** to **install unknown, 3rd-party** apps, so **no exploit** is **needed** for normal **sideloading**.
- **iOS** is engineered with security measures including a "**locked bootloader**" to **prevent** users from **modifying** the operating system, and to **prevent** apps from **gaining root** privileges. It **violates** Apple's **end-user license agreement** for iOS. Apps installed this way have the **restrictions** of all other apps. In addition, alternative app stores utilising enterprise certificates have sprung up, offering modified or pirated releases of popular iOS applications and video games, some of which were either previously released through Cydia or are unavailable on the App Store due to them not complying with Apple developer guidelines.



3. Types of Jailbreaking



Hacking iOS

- When a device is **booting**, it starts with **loading** the Apple **kernel initially**. The device **must then be exploited** and have the **kernel patched each time** it is **turned on**.
- An **"untethered" jailbreak** is a process where a jailbreak is achieved **without** the need to use a **computer**. As the user **turns** the **device off** and **back on**, the device **starts up completely**, and the **kernel is patched**.
- With a **"tethered" jailbreak**, a **computer** is needed to turn the device on **each time** it is **rebooted**. If the device **starts** back up **on its own**, it will **not have** a **patched** kernel. The purpose of the computer is to **"re-jailbreak"** the phone each time it is turned on.
- There is also a third kind called a **"semi-tethered"** solution. What this essentially means is that when the device **boots**, it will **no longer have** a **patched** kernel, but it **can be used** for **normal functions**.



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools



1. Securing Android devices



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- Delete **invasive** Android **apps** that **abuse** your **privacy**.
- Setup a **VPN** on your Android device to **encrypt** internet traffic.
- **Block ads** on your Android.
- **Secure** your **SMS** messages through **encryption**.
- **Adjust** your Android **settings** for more **privacy** and **security**.
- Turn on Google's **malware scanner** called **Play Protect** for Play Store apps.
- Turn on **2-step verification**



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- Download a **password manager**
- Turn **off connections when you don't need** them. (BlueBorne)
- Use **Lockdown mode**
- **Stop disclosing your location.**
- Install **Find My Device**
- Prevent **unknown downloads**
- Check **app permissions**
- Always have **full backups**



2. Securing iOS Devices



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- Create an iPhone Passcode (strong one)
- Use Touch ID or Face ID on iPhone
- Enable 'Find My iPhone'
- Control Your iPhone Privacy Settings
- Don't Jailbreak Your iPhone
- Make Encrypted iPhone Backups
- Use Security Apps on Your iPhone (VPN, Password Manager, etc.)
- Turn on two-step verification for Apple ID and iCloud
- Disable Siri on a lock screen
- Turn off automatic sync to iCloud



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- Discard automatic WiFi connections to **known networks**
- Turn off **cookies** in your browsers
- Turn off the **AutoFill** option in your browsers
- Don't let apps access your **contacts, photos, messages** and other private data
- Make sure **automatic iOS updates** are turned **on**
- Change your **reused passwords**
- Turn on **USB Restricted Mode** to make hacking more difficult
- Don't share **location** data in **images**

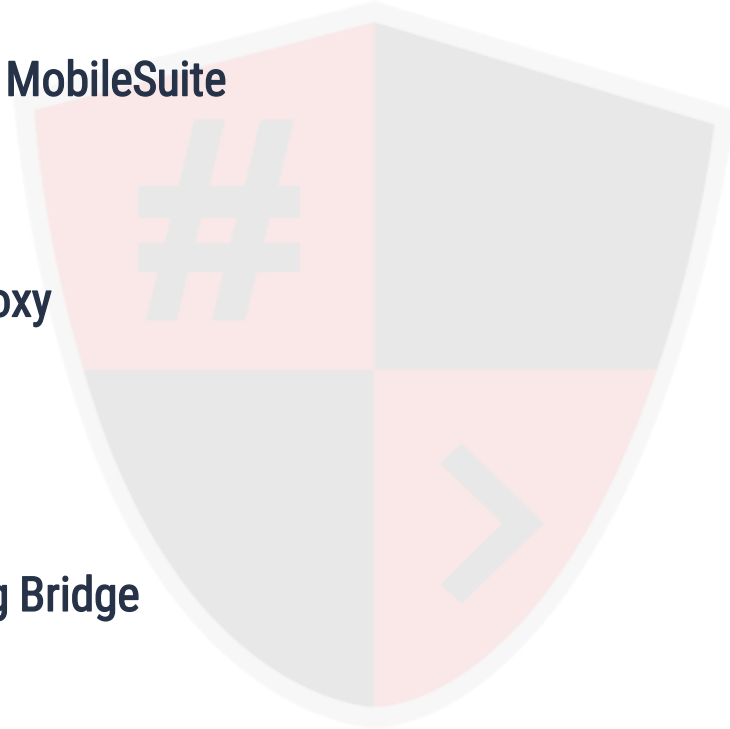


3. Mobile Security Tools



Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- ImmuniWeb® MobileSuite
- Appvigil
- Ostorlab
- Zed Attack Proxy
- Kiuwan
- QARK
- Micro Focus
- Android Debug Bridge





Mobile Security Guidelines and tools

- AndroTotal
- CodifiedSecurity
- Drozer
- WhiteHat Security
- Synopsys
- Veracode
- SandDroid
- Mobile Security Framework (MobSF)





HACKING

Is an art, practised through a creative mind.

