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How to Analyze an Android Bot



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Agenda

- Introduction
- Tools
- The Lab
- Demo









Why Analyze Android Malware

We monitor mobile traffic for malware infections



MOBILE NETWORK SECURITY ANALYTICS

Developing Malware Detection Rules



Android Malware Analysis

- So, we built our own Android malware analysis lab
- You will learn
 - What tools are required
 - How to set up the network environment
 - How they are used
- Analysis allows you to:
 - Know what the malware does
 - Understand its threat level
 - Detect and remediate the infection





Android App

- Contained in APK file (zip format)
- Main components include:
 - Manifest
 - Dalvik byte code (classes.dex file)
 - Resources
 - Assets
 - Libraries







Basic Analysis Process

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- Explore what's in APK file
- Decompile DEX and review source
- Run app on phone or AVD & capture network activity



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Tools – Android Studio

- If you are going to analyze apps you have to know a bit about how they are made...
- Also provides many of the tools needed for analysis...
 - ADB (debugging)
 - AVD (simulated phones)





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Tools – Apktool

- Tool for reverse engineering Android packages (apk files)
- Extract components
 - Manifest, Resources, Libraries, Assets, Byte-code (Smali)
- Can edit and modify components
- Rebuild modified app







Tools – ADB

- Android Debug Bridge
- Comes with Android Studio
- Provides:
 - Shell access
 - Access to file system
 - Scripted remote control
 - Application Install/Uninstall







Tools – dex2jar

- Converts Dalvik byte code to Java byte code
- First step in de-compiling an Android app.







Tools – Java Decompiler

- Converts Java byte code to source code.
- Doesn't always work 😣
- Options include:
 - JD-GUI
 - Luyten (Procyon)







Tools – WireShark

- Capture and network traffic
- Analyze network traffic
- Help develop detection rules



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The Lab



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Using a Real Mobile Network

Some malware may only function on a real mobile network

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You can build your own mobile network.



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Automation

We have automated the analysis process using:

- Web based user interface
- Real phones and AVDs
- Malware database
- APKtool/Dex2Jar/GD-GUI
- ADB scripting
- Monkey Script
- WireShark
- Interface to Virus Total





APK

SoakTest

Data provided by VirusTotal ® on 2013-11-28.

Update

Comodo	UnclassifiedMalware	Sophos	Andr/Notcom-A
Symantec	Android.Notcompatible	Avast	Android:NotCom-A [Trj]
DrWeb	Android.Proxy.1.origin	VIPRE	Trojan.AndroidOS.Generic.A
TrendMicro- HouseCall	TROJ_GEN.F47V0319	AntiVir	Android/Proxy.A
Kingsoft	Android.Troj.at_Nisev.a.(kcloud)	NANO-Antivirus	Trojan.Nisev.bkqvoh
F-Prot	AndroidOS/NotCom.A	GData	Android.Trojan.NioServ.A
ESET-NOD32	a variant of Android/NoComA.B	BitDefender	Android.Trojan.NioServ.A
Ikarus	Trojan.AndroidOS.NotCom	Emsisoft	Android.Trojan.NioServ.A (B)
Kaspersky	HEUR:Backdoor.AndroidOS.Nisev.b	MicroWorld-eScan	Android.Trojan.NioServ.A
F-Secure	Trojan:Android/NioServ.A	CAT-QuickHeal	Android.Nisev.B2983
ClamAV	Andr.Trojan.NotCompatible	AVG	Android/Nise
Baidu- International	Backdoor.AndroidOS.Nisev.AO	McAfee- GW-Edition	Artemis!0E8525862F9C
TrendMicro	ANDROIDOS_NISEV.VTD	Fortinet	Android/Compatible.A!tr.bdr
McAfee	Artemis!0E8525862F9C	Commtouch	AndroidOS/GenBl.0E852586!Olympus
Ad-Aware	Android.Trojan.NioServ.A	Bkav	MW.Clod0e8.Trojan.5258
K7AntiVirus	Trojan (0040f2631)	K7GW	Trojan (0040f2631)

The detailed VirusTotal report can be viewed Here



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Android APK Analysis

Application: com.android.fixed.update

Version: 1.0

Requested Permissions:

- android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE
- android.permission.INTERNET
- android.permission.RECEIVE_BOOT_COMPLETED

Intent Filters (receiver):

- android.intent.action.BOOT_COMPLETED
- android.intent.action.USER_PRESENT

Visual UI Activities:

Application Services:

FixedUpdate

Broadcast Receivers:

OnBootReceiver

Information from Manifest

Content Providere

SoakTest

Sandbox

A malware soak test involves passively running a malware sample on a virtual machine and capturing any resulting network traffic.

Initiate Malware	Soak test:		
Duration:	5 minutes	0	
VM Host:	Android-1: Android 4.0 (Jelly	/ Bean) 🗘	
Malware Launch:	● Automatic ○ Manual		
DNS:	Actual Failover to FakeDNS FakeDNS Only		
Listener Ports:		(comma seperated list of TCP po	orts >1024 or IPaddress:Port)
Retain PCAP:	\checkmark		
	Start		
			Run Sample in AVD

APK

Existing Packet Capture Files:

Date	Source	Details	Grade	Packets	Delete
2013-04-01 06:49:18		By Arvind from Anubis		40	8
2013-10-28 13:18:34	AndroidSandbox	Automated Android Sandbox execution (,DNS)		3449	8
2013-10-28 16:19:25	Soak	Automated 10 minute soak test ()		553	8
2013-10-28 16:30:06	Soak	Automated 15 minute soak test ()		919	8
2013-11-28 11:19:08	Soak	Automated 5 minute soak test ()		201	8
2013-11-28 15:19:42	AndroidSandbox	Automated Android Sandbox execution (,DNS)		229	8
2013-12-16 16:56:19	AndroidSandbox	Automated Android Sandbox execution (,DNS)		699	8
2015-12-04 11:26:48	AndroidSandbox	Interactive Android Sandbox 042b8abd13b6f9f9 execution (,DNS)	А	105	8

Upload PCAP File:

Select File:		Browse
Source:	upload	
Details:		
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Upload PCAP

Analyze Network Traffic

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Manual Demo – NotCompatible Proxy Bot



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C:\Users\kevinkm\Desktop\Test>_



X

16 items



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X
CMD
C:\Users\kevinkm\Desktop\Test>unzip VID11219849.apk
Archive: VID11219849.apk
 extracting: res/raw/data
 inflating: AndroidManifest.xml
 extracting: resources.arsc
  inflating: classes.dex
  inflating: META-INF/MANIFEST.MF
                                                         Unzip APK file
  inflating: META-INF/CERT.SF
  inflating: META-INF/CERT.RSA
C:\Users\kevinkm\Desktop\Test>dir
 Volume in drive C is System
 Volume Serial Number is C66F-E166
                                                          Convert to JAR
 Directory of C:\Users\kevinkm\Desktop\Test
01/05/2016 03:10 PM
                       <DIR>
01/05/2016 03:10 PM
                       <DIR>
03/11/2013 07:45 PM
                               2,160 AndroidManifest.
03/11/2013 07:45 PM
                               23,748 classes.dex
01/05/2016 03:10 PM
                     <DIR>
                                      META-INF
01/05/2016 03:10 PM
                       <DIR>
                                      res
03/11/2013 07:45 PM
                                  572 resources.a
12/08/2015 08:40 AM 1
4 File(s)
                               14,030 VID1121984 .apk
                                40,510 bytes
              4 Dir(s) 7,635,394,560 bytes ree
C:\Users\kevinkm\Desktop\Test>dex2jar classes.dex
```

[main] INFO com.googlecode.dex2jar.v3.Main - version:0.0.7.10-SNAPSHOT

🧈 Luyten - classes.dex.dex2jar.jar

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Code Structure classes.dex.dex2jar.jar Config.class 🔀 🗄 🖷 🖶 android.annotation package com.android.fixed.update; æ. - com.android.fixed.update 2 = BuildConfig.class 3 □ import android.content.*; Config.dass import javax.crypto.spec.*; 4 CustomSocket.class import java.security.*; FixedUpdate.class import javax.crypto.*; 6 MixerSocket.class View the Java source import java.io.*; 7 MuxPacket.dass 8 MyBuffer.class class Config 9 MyList.class 10 - { NIOServer.dass private String CIPHER; 11 OnBootReceiver.class private String KEY_ALG; 12 D R.dass public Context Owner; 13 ThreadServer.class 14 public int Port1; Config file is encrypted 15 public int Port2; · 🗊 item.dass public String Server1; 16 proxyConnect.class using AES 17 public String Server2; 18 byte[] key; int lastShow; 19 public String passkey; 20 21 public Config() { 22 🖂 this.passkey = "ZTY4MGE5YQo" 23 24 this.KEY_ALG = "AES"; this.CIPHER = "AES/ECB/NoPadding"; 25 26 this.Server1 = ""; 27 this.Server2 = ""; this.Port1 = 0: 28 this.Port2 = 0; 29 30 this.lastShow = 0; 111 ₫.

Complete



Complete

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x
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                                                                                    rebuilt using
      invoke-virtual {p0, v3}, Lcom/android/fixed/update/MixerSocket;->shutd
                                                                                       apktool
      qoto :qoto 6
      .line 491
      :sswitch 2
      invoke-virtual {p0}, Lcom/android/fixed/update/MixerSocket;->sendPonq()V
      goto :goto_6
      .line 495
      :sswitch 3
      iget-object v3, v1,
  Lcom/android/fixed/update/MuxPacket;->Data:Lcom/android/ived/update/MyBuffer;
      invoke-virtual {v3}, Lcom/android/fixed/update/MyBuffer;->ar
                                                                      move-result-object v3
      invoke-virtual {p0, v3}, Lcom/android/fixed/update/MixerSocket;->setTimeOut().
                                                                                      C&C Decoder
      qoto :qoto 6
      .line 498
Ln1:1,194 Col1 Sel0
                                29.32 KB
                                            ANS<sub>b1</sub>
                                                     CR+LF INS
                                                              Default Text
```

Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 5)	
Stream Content 00000000 04 00 01 05 00 00 01 00 00 01 00 00 01 00 00 01 00 00 01 00 00 04 00 00 01 01 00 00 04 00 00 01 01 00 00 05	C&C packet capture
00000019 04 01 00 00 45 01 00 00 47 45 54 20 2f 64 61 74 C GET /dat 00000029 61 2e 68 74 6d 6c 20 48 54 54 50 2f 31 2e 31 0d a.html H TTP/1.1. 00000039 0a 48 6f 73 74 3a 20 34 36 2e 31 36 35 2e 32 32 .Host: 4 165.22 00000049 32 2e 38 31 0d 0a 55 73 65 72 2d 41 67 65 6e 74 2.81Us en tent 00000059 3a 20 4d 6f 7a 69 6c 6c 61 2f 35 2e 30 20 28 57 : Mozill a/5.0 00000069 69 6e 64 6f 77 73 20 4e 54 20 35 2e 31 3b 20 72 indows N T 5.1; 000000079 76 3a 31 30 2e 30 2e 32 92 04 765 63 6b 6f 2f vill 0.2) Cecko/	Ping/Pong
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NotCompatible - Overview

- Web Proxy Bot ported from Windows to Android environment.
- Allows remote miscreants to anonymously browse the web through the victim's phone.

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Consumes lots of bandwidth, for example 165MB in two hours over 300K TCP sessions

MAP: ANDROID.BOT.NOTCOMPATIBLE





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NotCompatible – Infection

- Phishing spam is used to lure the victim to an infected web site.
- Web site tells you the browser is "not compatible" and provides an update.
- The user downloads and installs update.apk
- Malware has no icon or user interface. It is automatically started on BOOT.
- You can get rid of the infection by uninstalling the application.

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com.android.fixed.update				
Do you want to insta	Do you want to install this application?			
Allow this application	Allow this application to:			
Network communication full Internet access				
Hide				
Network comm view network state	Network communication view network state			
System tools automatically start at boot				
Install	Install Cancel			

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NotCompatible – Operation

- Opens an encrypted configuration file containing the address and port number of the server.
- The bot connects to the server via TCP.
- Sophisticated command and control protocol is then used to multiplex Web proxy services over that connection.
- This provides an anonymous web browsing services to clients.



```
class Config
{
  private String CIPHER = "AES/ECB/NoPadding";
  private String KEY_ALG = "AES";
  public Context Owner;
  public int Port1 = 0;
  public int Port2 = 0;
  public String Server1 = "";
  public String Server2 = "";
  byte[] key;
  int lastShow = 0;
  public String passkey = "ZTY4MGE5YQO";
```



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NotCompatible – Command & Control

- Simple command/response packet format contains both commands and data.
- Channel number can multiplex many connection at once.
- The ping and pong are used as a heartbeat when there is no proxy work to be done.
- Once a proxy request is issued the "raw data" commands are used to transfer the data in either direction.

Packet format:

0x04	<u>chan</u>	type	length	data
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0x04	- Protocol Version (1 byte)
chan	- Multiplexor Channel number (2 bytes)
type	- 0x00: Proxy Data, 0x01: Command (1 byte)
len	- Length of the data field (4 bytes)
data	- Is either proxy packet data or a command

Commands:

nitial handshake:	00 0 7 000 v 00
Proxy to IP:	01 00 IP & port
Proxy to domain name:	01 01 len domain name
Response to proxy:	02 <u>nnnn</u>
End of proxy session:	03
Ping:	04
Pong:	05
Unknown (from victim):	FC 01
Set Timeout:	FD timeout
Set Reserve Server:	FE server IP and port
Set Primary Server:	FF server IP and port

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NotCompatible – Uses & Impact

Uses

- Anonymous Web Browsing Service
- Providing Access to Restricted Foreign Content
- Ad-Click Fraud
- Web Site Optimization Fraud
- APT Probing and Exfiltration

Impact

- One user from Finland, roaming in the US, used over 165MBytes in less than two hours of airtime.
- In the lab it averages 100MBytes per hour.
- Causes huge data bills
- Caused the battery to run down quickly
- Who knows what sites your phone in visiting!!!





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Summary



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- Android malware analysis enables you to:
 - Know what the malware does
 - Understand the threat level
 - Detect and remediate the infection
- You should now know:
 - What tools are required
 - How to set up the network environment
 - How to use the tools



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Questions?

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