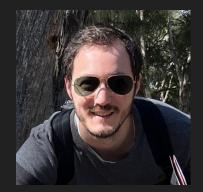
# **Practical Frida**

A practical introduction to the Frida toolkit CyberChess, LV

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#### What is binary instrumentation?

Binary instrumentation consists on injecting instrumentation code which is transparent to the target app, so that we can obtain behavioural information during its execution.

it is not only limited to observing the execution, but also modifying the execution flow if needed. Some examples are:

- Assembly instructions executed.
- Function arguments and return values
- Pointer data

#### What's Frida?

Frida is a binary instrumentation toolkit. It is some sort of *Greasemonkey* for native application. A toolkit that lets you inject snippets of Javascript or your own library into native apps on multiple systems.

For us, that means:

- High portability
- Javascript (fast development cycle)

### Instrumentation frameworks

- Intel PIN
- DynamoRIO
- Frida
- IDA's APPCALL (but this is somewhat different)

#### The advantages of Frida

- Ability to use Javascript or Typescript to write instrumentation code.
  - It possible to write instrumentation using C libraries
- Huge cross-platform support: Windows, Linux, MacOS, Android, iOS.
- CLI toolkit: Listing processes, tracing processes, interactive command line...
- Community: Examples, documentation and examples
- It is free & open-source.

### Learning Frida

Frida's documentation is good enough and has improved over the years. At the time I thought the website didn't present enough practical examples and noticed many people always asking the same questions;.

As a result, I wrote <u>learnfrida.info</u> - A free, web book to learn to use Frida from scratch.

#### What do we need to use Frida?

- 1. Install Frida
  - a. \$ pip install frida frida-tools
- 2. Auxiliary tools:
  - a. An APK decompiler:
    - i. JADX
    - ii. JEB (requires paid license)
  - b. A disassembler
    - i. Radare2
    - ii. IDA
    - iii. Ghidra
- 3. A target application

### Frida's core API

Out of all the functionality the Frida API gives us access to, the most important ones are:

- Interceptor: Hooking of functions and classes
- Stalker: A code-tracing engine.
- Java: Access to the Java Runtime.
- ObjC: Access to the Objective-C runtime.

#### frida.re/docs/javascript-api

## Crackme



## Let's play with real malware

#### About the sample

- Coper, an Android banking trojan
- Multi-stage installation:
  - Loads a hidden DEX file from the resources folder
  - Loaded DEX file loads a dynamic library that decrypts the real DEX file.
  - DEX file is temporarily stored in cache.
- Communicates with C2 using a rotating list of domains
- Data is sent as a JSON Object

Target file:

https://www.virustotal.com/gui/file/7461c3dccd52b577d3f6be9e9c0c1d61a159e7b 24554e6407f52a2f334469d5b

#### The objectives

- Instrument the complete workflow:
  - Dynamic Library load  $\rightarrow$  Dynamic DEX load  $\rightarrow$  Instrument functions of interest
- Understand where the decryption comes from
- Intercept communications with the C2
- Intercept interesting data (decrypted strings, settings)

#### APK is hiding something

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#### Looking at behavioural reports

From behavioural reports it looks like the files we have spotted do indeed get dropped into the filesystem.

Let's hook fopen to see the source of the call.

#### **Files Dropped**

- + 🕐 /data/user/0/com.eastcause0/app\_DynamicOptDex/cnmXCDd.json
- + 😁 /data/user/0/com.eastcause0/cache/svzpmg
- + 😁 /data/user/0/com.eastcause0/kl.txt
- + 🕐 /data/user/0/com.eastcause0/shared\_prefs/main.xml

#### Instrumenting fOpen

```
Interceptor.attach(Module.getExportByName(null, "fopen"), {
    onEnter(args) {
        console.log(args[0].readUtf8String());
        console.warn(Thread.backtrace(this.context, Backtracer.ACCURATE)
        .map(DebugSymbol.fromAddress).join('\n') + '\n');
}
```

});

#### svzpmg is written from libwllf.so!0xc2e9

/data/user/0/com.eastcause0/cache/svzpmg

0x77b15d9332e9 libwIlf.so!0xc2e9

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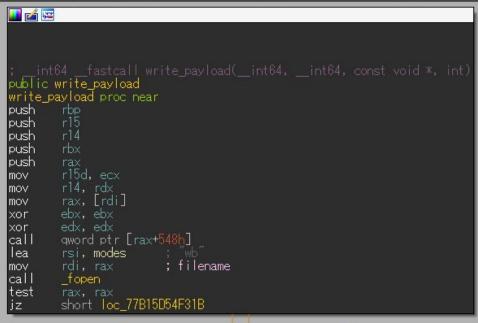
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/data/user/0/com.eastcause0/app\_webview/pref\_store 0x77b170761f5e libmonochrome\_64.so!0x1156f5e 0x7ffe5f13af80

#### Payload to disk

This function receives the path and the decrypted payload and writes it to disk.



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movsxd	r15, r15d	
mov	esi, l	; size
mov	rdi, r14	; ptr
mov	rdx, r15	; n
mov	rcx, rax	;s
call	_fwrite	
mov	r14, rax	
mov	rdi, rbp	; strea
call	_fclose	
xor	ebx, ebx	
cmp	r14d, r15d	
cmovz	ebx, r14d	

#### Decryption key

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### The decrypted DEX file

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🖌 🖿 com.eastcause0	5 import android.content.Intent;								
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▶ @ p014k	7 import android.os.Bundle;								
▶ @ p015w	8 import android.telephony.SmsMessage;								
▶ @ p019b	9 import fddo.Cbreak;								
▶ @ p021e	<sup>10</sup> import fddo.Cgoto; Strings obfuscated, but we can deal								
▶ @ p022i	12 import java.text.SimpleDateFormat; with that later								
▶ @ p026r	13 import org.json.JSONObject;								
▶ @ p027z	14								
▶ @ p028p	15 /* Loaded from. C:\Users\fdiaz\OneDrive\Escritorio\frida\coper cache.dex */								
▶ @ p033b	16 public class p027z extenus DroadcastReceiver {								
	17								
▶ @ p034k	18 /* renamed from: fddo reason: collision way yoot package name */								
▶ @ p037o	<pre>19 private static final String f88fddo = Cbreak.fddo("8312342282df601a");</pre>								
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ь 🧠 р053а	<pre>21 public JSONObject fddo(Context context, Intent intent) {</pre>								
▶ 😋 p053h	22 Object[] objArr;								
▶ 🧠 p057s	<pre>23 String displayMessageBody; 24 Bundle extras = intent.getExtras();</pre>								
▶ 🧟 p058a	<pre>24 Bundle extras = intent.getExtras(); 25 if (extras == null    (objArr = (Object[]) extras.get(Cbreak.fddo("cd48123c"))) == null) {</pre>								
▶ <b>@</b> p062x	26 return null;								
▶ <b>@</b> p063w	27 }								
▶ 😋 p064u	<pre>28 int length = objArr.length;</pre>								
▶ @ p071h	<pre>29 SmsMessage[] smsMessageArr = new SmsMessage[length];</pre>								
▶ @ p075n	<pre>30 for (int i = 0; i &lt; objArr.length; i++) {</pre>								
▶ @ p082s	<pre>31 smsMessageArr[i] = SmsMessage.createFromPdu((byte[]) objArr[i]);</pre>								
▶ @ p083g	32 }								
▶ @ p0831	<pre>33 if (length == 1    smsMessageArr[0].isReplace()) {</pre>								
	<pre>34 displayMessageBody = smsMessageArr[0].getDisplayMessageBody();</pre>								
▶ @ p083u	35 } else {								
▶ @ p084q	<pre>36 StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder():</pre>								

#### The problem

From this point it is now possible to instrument whatever we want. Having the unpacked file makes it simpler. However...

Because this DEX file is loaded in runtime, classes are not present on startup. And any attempt too instrument them directly will lead to an error, or a crash.

#### Our next goal

```
Interceptor.attach(Module.getExportByName(null, "android dlopen ext"), {
    onEnter(args) {
        this.libname = args[0].readUtf8String();
    },
    onLeave(retval) {
        if (this.libname.includes("libwIlf.so")) {
            const fOpenListener = Interceptor.attach(Module.getExportByName(null, "fopen"), {
                    onEnter(args) {
                        this.filename = args[0].readUtf8String();
                    },
                    onLeave(retval) {
                        if (this.filename.includes("cache")) {
                            console.log(this.filename);
                            fOpenListener.detach();
                            setTimeout(() => {
                                instrumentCoper();
                            }, 250);
                })
})
```

#### Intercepting network communications

Everytime information is sent to the C2, it is stored in a JSON object array and sent via HTTP(S). A function receives both the URL and the JSONObject. Let's

```
/* renamed from: goto reason: not valid java name */
inspect it :)
              public String pr55goto(String str, JSONObject jSONObject) {
                  Scheme scheme;
                  try
                      SchemeRegistry schemeRegistry = new SchemeRegistry();
                      URI uri = new URI(str);
                      int port = uri.getPort();
                      String scheme2 = uri.getScheme();
                      if (scheme2 == null) {
                          return "continue";
                      int i = port != -1 ? port : 80;
                      if (scheme2.equals("https")) {
                          if (port == -1) {
                              port = 443;
```

#### Instrumenting the C2 data comms method

let fddoThisClazz = Java.use("fddo.this"); fddoThisClazz.goto.overload("java.lang.String", "org.json.JSONObject").implementation = function(c2, payload) { console.warn(`Endpoint: \${c2}\npayload: \${payload}`) const retval = this.goto(c2, payload); return retval;

};

#### C2 communications intercepted!

Rotating endpoints on each request, sending all the device data

Endpoint: https://bobnoopo.org/MmEzNTkzZDFkOWQz/

payload: {"xc<sup>"</sup>:"gSWI","lB":"222","bI":"25ea5275e4cc1e3d175f96ffa380d6de","iA":"0","dA":"1","lK":"0","iAc":"0","iPa":"1","iPC":100,"iCP":"0","iSE":"1","iSp":0 ,"iFp":"","cTsk":"","up":0,"kL":"0","vnc":"","fgM":"0","iAg":false,"rIP":"126.220.198.19; Japan; Ōsaka; Toyonaka; Softbank BB Corp.","rTS":1695711849} Endpoint: <u>https://chroww.top/MmEzNTkzZDFk0WQz/</u>

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#### Reading stored data

This malware uses the **SharedPreferences** class to read and store data. Whenever it is ready to use any of this data, the **.getString()** method will be called.

Let's instrument the .getString() method to see what data is being accessed.

#### SharedPreferences.

const sharedPrefClazz = Java.use("android.app.SharedPreferencesImpl"); sharedPrefClazz.getString.overload('java.lang.String', 'java.lang.String').implementation = function(value, defaultValue) { const returnString = this.getString(value, defaultValue); console.warn(`Key=\${value}\n\tContents=\${returnString}`); return returnString;

#### };

#### Results of monitoring shared preferences

One of the keys contains the HTML used to device uses into giving the necessary permissions! It is posible to monitor other keys to extract the targeted applications.

#### Key=vnc

Contents={"type":"html","data":"<script>\r\nvar lang = '%LANG%' \// Device language (en, de, es)\r\nvar app\_title = '%APP\_TITLE%' \// bot template title ('Android Update')\r\nvar is\_xiaomi = ('%IS\_XIAOMI%' == 'true') \// Acsb Settings - Downloaded Services - 'Bot Name' service\r\nvar is\_samsung = ('%IS \_SAMSUNG%' == 'true') \// Acsb Settings - Installed Services - 'Bot Name' service\r\n\r\nswitch(lang)\r\n{\r\n\t\case \"de\": \// Portuguese\r\n\t\tenableAc sbService = \"Barrierefreiheitsdienst aktivieren\"\r\n\t\topenDownloadedServices = \"Öffnen Sie <b>'Heruntergeladene Dienste'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\topenInstalledServ ices = \"Öffnen Sie <b>'Installierte Dienste'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tfindApp = \"Finden <b>'\"+app\_title+\"'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tsetSwitchOn = \"Schalter auf ON stellen\" r\n\t\topenDownloadedServices = \"Ouvrir <b>'Services téléchargés'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\topenInstalledServices = \"Ouvrir <b>'Services installés'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tfindAp p = \"Rechercher <b>'\"+app\_title+\"'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tsetSwitchOn = \"Activer l'interrupteur\"\r\n\t\topenDownloadedServices = \"Ouvrir les paramètres\"\r\n\t\tbreak\r\ n\tcase \"es\": \// Spanish\r\n\t\tenableAcsbService = \"Habilite Servicio\"\r\n\t\topenDownloadedServices = \"Abrir <b>'Servicios Descargados'<\/b>\"\r\n\t \topenInstalledServices = \"Abrir <b>'Servicios Instalados'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tfindApp = \"Buscar <b>'\"+app\_title+\"'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tsetSwitchOn = \"Activer Service' '\"+app\_title+\"'<\/b>\"\r\n\t\tsetSwitchOn = \"Activer Servicios Services = \"Abrir <b>'Servicios Secargados'<\/b>\"\r\n\t

Contents=

Key=inj\_acsb

#### Strings decryption

```
let fddoBreakClazz = Java.use("fddo.break");
```

```
fddoBreakClazz.fddo.overload('java.lang.String').implementation =
```

```
function(encrypted_str) {
```

```
const retval = this.fddo(encrypted str);
```

```
console.log(`${encrypted_str}=${retval}`);
```

```
return retval
```

## Questions?

#### Conclusions

- Frida enables us to instrument applications very quickly.
- During this presentation, it was possible to instrument an application in minutes.
- Instrumentation mixes native code (dynamic library) as well as Java code.