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## THE RISE OF SECURITY ASSISTANTS OVER SECURITY AUDIT SERVICES

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# MY RESEARCHES TO READ RELATED TO THE TOPIC

2014

Included ~200 apps results, for Cross OS apps provide - *protection concepts, OS specifics per concept, outlines & remediation, EMM specifics*

“We know Twitter & Dropbox are better secured than bank apps!”

<http://www.slideshare.net/EC-Council/hh-yury-chemerkin>

[http://defcamp.ro/dc14/Yury\\_Chemerkin.pdf](http://defcamp.ro/dc14/Yury_Chemerkin.pdf)

2015

Current Research ~700 apps (iOS, Android, BlackBerry, Windows, Mac OS apps)  
+ Bonus: Security & Privacy Project (demo)

[http://def.camp/wp-content/uploads/dc2015/Chemerkin\\_Yury\\_DefCamp\\_2015.pdf](http://def.camp/wp-content/uploads/dc2015/Chemerkin_Yury_DefCamp_2015.pdf)

2016

Refined by iOS and Android Only

+ Bonus: Report + Security Project (alfa)

[https://def.camp/wp-content/uploads/dc2016/Day%202/Yury\\_Chemerkin.pdf](https://def.camp/wp-content/uploads/dc2016/Day%202/Yury_Chemerkin.pdf)

2017 (Work in progress)

App security level is useful but ability to find the Worst data protection level is more valuable

[https://privacymeter.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/hackmiami\\_2017\\_chemerkin\\_yury-for-website.pdf](https://privacymeter.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/hackmiami_2017_chemerkin_yury-for-website.pdf)

+ Bonus: Report + Security Project (beta)

<https://www.privacymeter.online/our-apps> - beta apps

<https://privacymeter.online/reports/> - quarter reports

# MOBILE APPS BING BANG – Y2011 - Y2014 - Y2017

**Y2011** – viaForensics, which runs the appWatchdog web page, checked whether an app encrypted passwords, user names, or actual email content before storing it on the phone. A full pass meant that all three were stored in encrypted form. An app received a warning if the user name was left in plain text but password and content were encrypted. If either the password or content was stored in plain text, the app failed

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/want-to-protect-your-emails-dont-use-these-11-android-and-iphone-email-apps/>

**Y2014** – Researchers find data leaks in Instagram, Grindr, OoVoo and more. By sniffing out the details of network communications, University of New Haven researchers have uncovered a host of data-leakage problems in Instagram, Vine, Nimbuzz, OoVoo, Voxer and several other Android apps. The problems include storing images and videos in unencrypted form on Web sites, storing chat logs in plaintext on the device, sending passwords in plaintext, and in the case of TextPlus, storing screenshots of app usage that the user didn't take

All in all, the researchers estimate **968 million people total use the apps.**

<https://www.cnet.com/news/researchers-find-data-leaks-in-instagram-grindr-oovoo-and-more/>

**Y2017** – 76 Popular Apps Confirmed Vulnerable to Silent Interception of TLS-Protected Data. According to [Apptopia](#) estimates, there has been a combined total of **more than 18,000,000 (Eighteen Million) downloads of app versions** which are confirmed to be affected by this vulnerability

For **33 of the iOS applications**, this vulnerability was deemed to be low risk (All data confirmed vulnerable to **intercept is only partially sensitive analytics data about the device, partially sensitive personal data such as e-mail address, and/or login credentials which would only be entered on a non-hostile network**).

For **24 of the iOS applications**, this vulnerability was deemed to be medium risk (Confirmed ability to **intercept service login credentials and/or session authentication tokens** for logged in users).

For **19 of the iOS applications**, this vulnerability was deemed to be high risk (Confirmed ability to **intercept financial or medical service login credentials and/or session authentication tokens** for logged in users).

[https://medium.com/@chronic\\_9612/76-popular-apps-confirmed-vulnerable-to-silent-interception-of-tls-protected-data-2c9a2409dd1#.ea21dxqmw](https://medium.com/@chronic_9612/76-popular-apps-confirmed-vulnerable-to-silent-interception-of-tls-protected-data-2c9a2409dd1#.ea21dxqmw)

# CHECK BOOKLETS AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE



The world of the XXI century can no more operate without various gadgets, which would mean the life of every individual is now connected to so many means of transferring and sharing information, including both corporate and personal. However, the world of Internet also inflicts dangers such as security breaches of the user's privacy in their OS, applications and the data provided to those. There are two groups of risks associated with these – vulnerability and privacy groups.

The first one usually does not involve any user activity to break an application or OS of a given person and get an access to one's personal data. Out of the common examples of vulnerabilities in data protection one can name, first of all, sensitive data leakage [CWE-200], which is usually either inadvertent or through a side channel, or the protection is poorly realized and consequently expose the location, owner ID information, such as name, phone number, device ID; authentication credentials & tokens. In this case, however, the target app information such as, for instance, pictures in Instagram or location in maps, is out of scope of CWE-200 but is also sensitive to such breaches outlined above.

## MAIN VULNERABILITIES IN DATA PROTECTION



The unsafe sensitive data storage [CWE-312], in its turn, should always ensure the files are encrypted for attackers not to be able to retrieve the system data. In particular this is important for removable discs like micro SD cards, or public folders such as credit card numbers, banking and payment system PIN numbers or online service passwords - these, despite their obvious importance to the user, are not in the scope of CWE-312. Furthermore, there is no excuse for the developers to use sandboxing without any encryption in this case, as this would not provide enough protection for the data given.

Finally, within the unsafe sensitive data transmission [CWE-319] the information transferred by the user, for instance, through public Wi-Fi, shall be encrypted in order not to be accessed by fraudsters. So, if a given app accessed by the user implements SSL, it may become subject to an attack which would degrade HTTPS to HTTP. Furthermore, SSL could also face the problem of attacks if it has a direct link to any invalid certificates. In such cases, there is no excuse for any partial SSL validation.

Due to the exponential growth of the mobile market, the importance of mobile forensics has also increased. The mobile phone belongs to a single person so analysis of it could reveal lots of personal information. From the forensics perspective, such devices could present lots of useful artifacts during the investigation. Towards to mobile forensics there following data extractions divided into several categories and combinations:

- direct acquisition of system and user data and application-level acquisition of mobile application data
  - physical data acquisition
  - file system acquisition
  - logical acquisition of data, device backups and data in clouds

Some acquisition might come with additional techniques like

- bootloader and recovery partition acquisition (physical)
- bypassing user screens (physical, file system, logical, trusted pc/mac synchronization files to bypass unlocking)
- user-lock issues (brute-forcing device and backup password, disabled or not set password, so on)
- acquisition of rooted or jailbroken devices for avoiding possible limitations
- jailbreaking and rooting device for gaining access to the data for different acquisition types

more secure and capable to protection customers data. All our results are available on the blog and social networks to keep everyone secure and

## PRIVACYMETER MOBILE SECURITY & PRIVACY REPORT AUTUMN 2017

**250** applications | **115** Android apps | **135** iOS apps | **8124** data items | **105** unique items

Applications from following 17 categories were examined under iOS and Android

- Business
- Communication
- Entertainment
- Finance
- Food & Drink
- Lifestyle
- Media, Photo & Video
- Music
- Navigation
- News & Magazines
- Productivity
- Shopping
- Social Networking
- Tools & Utilities
- Transportation
- Travel & Local
- Weather

Data items from following 30+ categories (data groups) were found with different protection levels:

- Account Information
- Address Book 'n' Contact Information
- Analytics 'n' Ads Information
- Application BaaS Information
- Application Information
- Booking 'n' Purchases Information
- Bookmark Information
- Browser Information
- Call Information
- Credentials Information
- Device Information
- Documents Information
- Events Information
- Financial Information
- Location 'n' Maps Information
- Log Information
- Loyalty Information
- Media Information
- Message Information
- News Information
- Notification Information
- Payment 'n' Transaction Information
- Personal 'n' Private Information
- Social Information
- Storage Information
- Tasks Information
- Travel Information
- Visa 'n' Passport Information
- VPN Information
- Weather Information
- Workflow Information

We present this '2017 Autumn Edition' report based on our results as a part of our knowledge database to help IT & security professionals and non-technical customers be informed in managing mobile applications and its data. The main idea is device security from the forensics viewpoint.

**10K+** DEVICES

OVERALL DEVICE MODELS QUANTITY SUPPORTED BY FORENSICS TEAMS

**60 VERS.** **50+ MODELS**

iOS VERSIONS & DEVICE MODEL ARE COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE

**50+ VERS.** **180+ BRANDS**

ANDROID VERSIONS & DEVICE MODEL ARE COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE

PRIVACY METER

MAKE SURE YOUR APP IS SECURE

# ISSUE OF DATA PROTECTION OF MOBILE APPS – 10 QUESTIONS

How any particular app data items are protected?

Is there any other app (e.g. another taxi app) which is better protected for use?

Is a new app release (version) better than the old one?

Would you delete a particular mobile app if it has any protection issues?

Does a particular OS release have any security issues?

Is a new OS release (version) better than old one in terms of mobile app data protection?

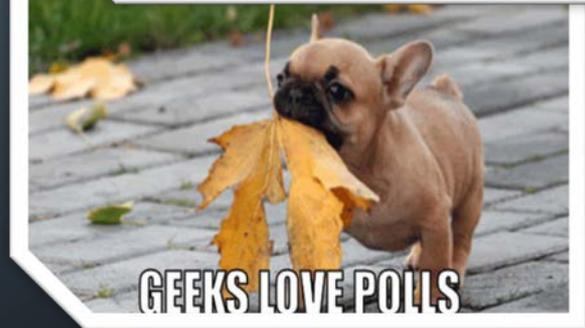
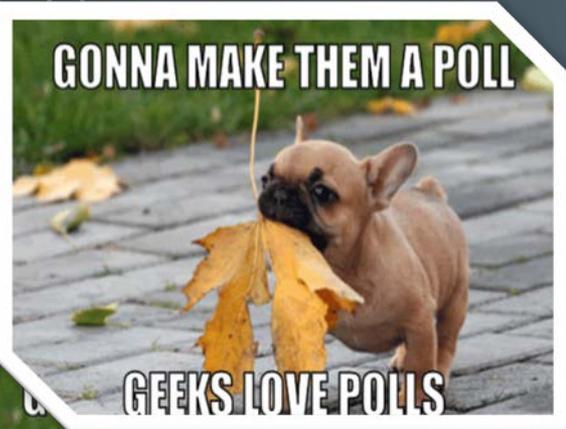
What OS settings are insecure and how does it affect the overall security level?

Does a particular device brand & model have any security issues?

Is any special software, a.k.a forensics or pentest tool, able to break a particular device?

Is there any other device (brand and/or model) which is better protected for use?

# THE RISE OF SECURITY ASSISTANTS OVER SECURITY AUDIT SERVICES



<https://goo.gl/oLWzBY>

**BRACE YOURSELVES**

**THE WEIRDNESS IS  
COMING**



# UNDERSTANDING APP DATA PROTECTION

The most simple case is to find bad or worst app that doesn't protected any data

A bit complex case is find that application have several data items duplicated in different places

And these duplicates have been protected in different way

# UNDERSTANDING DATA OVER APPS PROTECTION.

## THE BEST 'WORST' APPs. Everything in plaintext



### AlterGeo

| No updates since Spring Y2014. Everything in plaintext including Credentials



### Weather Street Style

| Sending Credentials & Geo to the server each 30 second



### WeChat

| Own protection over http, except Location data – plaintext

| Location 'n' Maps Information: Contact Media

| Message Information: GEO & Address Data, GEO Snapshots, Place Details



### Maxim Taxi (RU) (iOS & Android)



| No Credit card is supported (?)



### Meridian (RO) (iOS & Android)

| Geolocation, Credentials, Account Info, Social Info

### Cris Taxi Bucuresti (RO) (iOS & Android)

| Geolocation, Credentials, Account Info, Social Info, Travel Info, Orders Info



### Taxi 777 (RU) (iOS & Android)

| Geolocation, Credentials, Account Info, Orders Info, Financial Info



### Fix Taxi (RU) (Android)

| Geolocation, Credentials, Account Info, Orders Info, Financial Info

# UNDERSTANDING DATA OVER APPS PROTECTION. SAME DATA OVER DIFFERENT APPS. PASSPORT DETAILS



'Anywayanyday for iOS & Android' have all data MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'Delta for iOS & Android' have all data MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'British Airways for iOS & Android' have **all data SSL Pinned, except** booking data that MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'Aeroflot for iOS & Android' have all data MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'Emirates for iOS & Android' have all data MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'Sberbank for iOS' have all data MITMed with preinstalled/crafted CERT



'Sberbank for Android' have **all data SSL Pinned**

# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION

Tracking one-time security changes in app

Tracking many security changes in app over months or years

Tracking bad and good changes

Tracking duplicates in same app but with different protection mechanisms

# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. GOOGLE MAPS, TRELLO, SWARM, FOURSQUARE, PLAZIUS

Minor changes, something fixed, something broken



**Google Maps: SSL Pinned to Not Pinned (MITM is available by crafted certificate)**

~24-31 data items per each iOS & Android app

Address Data (what you're typing in search field) – was pinned

Other items are still MITMed with crafted certificate



**Trello: SSL Pinned to Not Pinned (MITM is available by crafted certificate)**

~25 data items per each application iOS & Android app – was pinned

'Credentials Info' Group: Credentials (IDs, Password)

'Account Info' Group: Account Data, Media Data (Profile Images)

'Tasks Info' Group: Tasks, Sync Docs, Doc List, URLs



**Foursquare & Swarm: Non-protected Media, iOS fixed – can MITMed via crafted cert**

~30-40 data items per each application

'Account Info' Group: Media Data (Profile Images) – iOS & Android not fixed

'Media Info' Group: Place Details (Place & Building photos) – iOS fixed

'Geo Info' Group: Place Details (textual), Media Data (City photos) - iOS fixed



**Plazius: Random fixes**

~20-25 data items per each application

Apps written for iOS < 10 DO NOT HAVE a SSL validation

Apps written for iOS 10+ only got fixes (MITM with crafted certificate still works)

Android Apps HAVE a SSL Pinning

plazius

# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. AEROEXPRES



No a SSL Validation over years until Apr 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Now a cert is needed to MITM

~20-25 data items per each application

## Data-in-Transit Data Items

'Credentials Info' Group: Credentials (IDs, Activation IDs, Password)

'Loyalty Info' Group: Account Details

'Payment Info' Group: **Card Full Information**, Shorted Passport Data

'Orders Info' Group: Orders Details & History, Media Data (QR Ticket, URL for Ticket, Address Data - Railways Station), Shorted Passport Data

'Account Info' Group: Tracked Data & Favourites

## Data-at-Rest Data Items (same data items)

According to PCI DSS docs, app is required:

- prevent MITM, does a validation SSL
- does not store payment details

[https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/documents/Penetration\\_Testing\\_Guidance\\_March\\_2015.pdf](https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/documents/Penetration_Testing_Guidance_March_2015.pdf)

## February Y2015

Aeroexpress has passed its PCI DSS certification. Now it is even safer for passengers to pay for online services provided by this express carrier.

In early February, Aeroexpress passed its PCI DSS certification, which is aimed at ensuring the secure processing, storage and transfer of data about Visa and MasterCard holders. Given the PCI DSS certified security level, Aeroexpress passengers can pay for tickets via the website or the company's **mobile app using bank cards and can be confident that their personal data and funds are safely secured.**

Press Release:

[https://aeroexpress.tickets.ru/en/content/safety\\_payments.html](https://aeroexpress.tickets.ru/en/content/safety_payments.html)

Press Release:

[https://aeroexpress.ru/en/press\\_releases/news20090589.html](https://aeroexpress.ru/en/press_releases/news20090589.html)



# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. eFax

SSL Pinned (both)

Not Pinned

Android only Pinned

Not Pinned (both)

Before  
Summer/Autumn  
2016

- Media faxes are PINNED, except
- Media URL of faxes, Credentials & rest data are MITMed (fake/crafted SSL Cert)

Autumn 2016 –  
March 2017

- MITM with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT
- Applies to all data items

March 2017 –  
September  
2017

- MITM with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT
- Applies to all data items

September  
2017 – by now

- MITM with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT
- Applies to all data items

# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION

May 2017 and older releases  
Not everything was SSL Pinned

Summer and newer releases  
Everything is SSL Pinned

~60 data items per each application

Application Information – MITMed, crafted cert is needed (fixed, now, SSL Pinned)

| Transaction History & Contact Short Profile

| Credentials (IDs), Credentials (Passwords) and Credentials (Tokens)

Browser Information

| Preview

Message Information

| GEO Data

| GEO Snapshots

The rest *Data-in-Transit* data is SSL Pinned & *Data-at-Rest* data is in backup

| Account Information, Address Book 'n' Contact Information, Analytics 'n' Ads Information,  
Application Information, Credentials Information, Device Information, Events Information,  
Location 'n' Maps Information, Media Information, Social Information

Media Data are in plaintext (Facebook Messenger)

| Cached profile images

Facebook Pages Manager for Android – MITMed, crafted cert is needed (not SSL Pinned)

| All data items are affected



# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. EVERNOTE



SSL Pinned (both)

Not Pinned

Android only Pinned

Not Pinned (both)

Before  
Summer/Autumn  
2016

- Everything is PINNED, except
- Social credentials of LinkedIn
- Locally stored data
  - Accessible via iTunes incl. all DBs (iOS Only)

Autumn 2016 –  
March 2017

- Everything is MITMed with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT
- Location data is not protected (in plaintext)
  - Documents & Location Info: GEO Data & Address Data

March 2017 –  
September 2017

- Android: Everything Pinned, incl. Location data (Docs & Location Info: GEO Data & Address Data)
- iOS: Everything is MITMed with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT

September 2017 –  
by now

- iOS & Android: Everything is MITMed with preinstalled/crafted/stolen CERT



# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. INSTAGRAM

NOT PROTECTED

PROTECTED

NOT PROTECTED

ANDROID PROTECTED

ANDROID PROTECTED

Y2014

Media data transferred as is without protection; hosted on AWS S3

Y2015

Media data transferred over HTTPS and hosted on Amazon Storage Service (AWS S3); Crafted cert to MITM needed

Y2016

Media data transferred as is without protection and hosted on own Instagram storages

Y2017

iOS: Media data transferred over HTTPS; Crafted cert to MITM needed

Y2017 till Summer'17

Android: Media data transferred as is without protection; the rest data is SSL PINNED

Y2017 since Summer

Android: All data is SSL PINNED

# TRACKING APP DATA PROTECTION. MOBOMARKET



**(ANDROID ALT STORE) BEST IN CHINA & INDIA      WENT TO HTTP / NO PROTECTION**

**App v2 - SSL worked but MITM was possible (preinstalled cert?)**

**Privacy Policy**

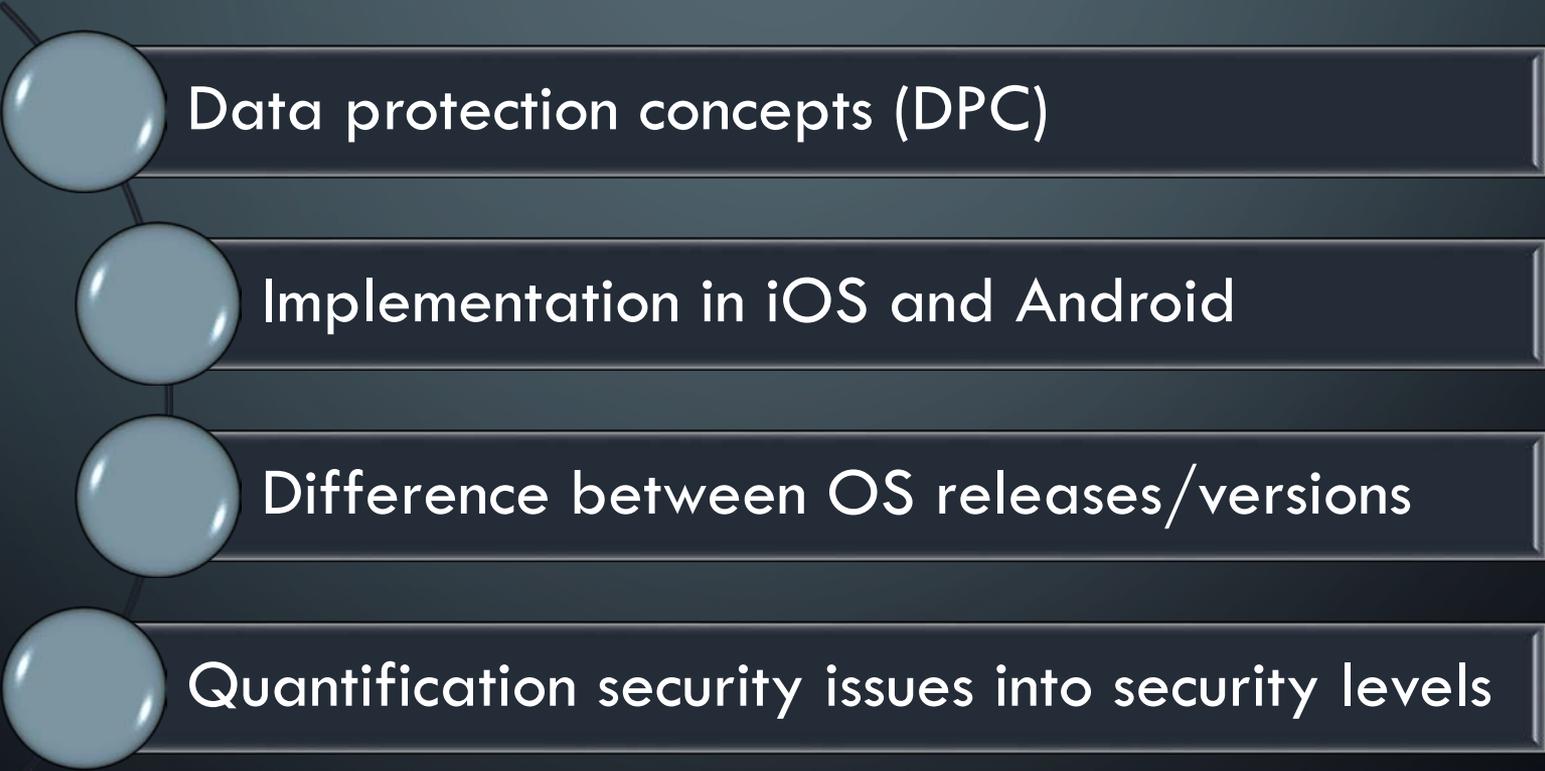
- “We encrypt our services and data transmission using SSL”
- “You’re responsible for privacy”. Just do it yourself
- On March, 2016
- Slide #48, <http://goo.gl/wPfmGm>

**App v3 - Everything is in plaintext by HTTP, even APK installing**

**Privacy Policy**

- We adopt appropriate data collection, storage and processing practices and security measures to protect against unauthorized access, alteration, disclosure or destruction of your personal information, username, password, transaction information & data stored on Site
- Official Website <http://goo.gl/FYOXjE>

# UNDERSTAND OS IMPACT ON DATA PROTECTION



Data protection concepts (DPC)

Implementation in iOS and Android

Difference between OS releases/versions

Quantification security issues into security levels

# DATA PROTECTION CONCEPTS (DPC)

## Data-at-Rest (DAR)

- Locally stored data on internet or external storage. Data might divide into several parts, full data, backup data, and containerized data

## Data-in-Transit (DIT)

- Data transmitted over Internet and local wireless network (as part of solid internet connection) and limited by it

## Data-in-Use (DIU)

Referred to data operated in internal memory (not storage) and application code, like hardcoded values

# COMMON WEAKNESS OR VULNERABILITIES IN DATA PROTECTION. EXCERPTS

## Sensitive data leakage [CWE-200]

- ✓ Sensitive data leakage can be either inadvertent or side channel
- ✓ Protection can be poorly implemented exposing it:

Location; Owner ID info: name, number, device ID; Authentication credentials & tokens

**Target App Information is also sensitive (out of scope of CWE-200)**

## Unsafe sensitive data storage [CWE-312]

- ✓ Sensitive data should always be stored encrypted so that attackers cannot simply retrieve this data off the file system, especially on removable disk like micro SD card **or public folders (out of scope of CWE-312)** such as
  - banking and payment system PIN numbers, credit card numbers, or online service passwords

✓ **There's no excuse for sandboxing without encryption here**

## Unsafe sensitive data transmission [CWE-319]

- ✓ Data be encrypted in transmission lest it be eavesdropped by attackers e.g. in public Wi-Fi
- ✓ If app implements SSL, it could fall victim to a downgrade attack degrading HTTPS to HTTP.
- ✓ Another way SSL could be compromised is if the app does not fail on invalid certificates.
- ✓ **There's no excuse for partial SSL validation here**

# IMPLEMENTATION OF DPC. DATA-AT-REST



vs



- No special tools for viewing various data types
  - No root to gain an access to internal storage to the application data folder (works only for iOS older than 8.3) CVE-2015-1087
  - No root to gain an access backup data
  - Root to gain an access to internal storage to the keychain folder
  - Root to gain an access to internal storage to the application data folder (iOS 8.3 and higher)
  - Backup supported by iOS 4+
  - Having jailbreak for particular iOS version might give an opportunity to break device & grab data
  - Bypassing user-locks via lockdown records
- No special tools for viewing various data types
  - Root to gain an access to internal storage.
  - No root to gain an access to external storage, public folders or backup data
  - Unlocking locked bootloader wipes all data on several devices, e.g. HTC
  - Backup supported by Android 4+ (manual by developer), Android 6+ (autobackup)
  - Non-locked or unlocked bootloader might give an opportunity to root a device, grab data or install malicious application and de-root it back, e.g. Samsung, LG (details, news, <http://www.oxygen-forensic.com/en/events/news>)
  - Bypassing user-locks via ADB, MTP enabled options

# QUANTIFICATION SECURITY LEVELS. DAR



VS



Protection N/A or Jailbroken iOS

Non-Protected

Protection N/A, rooted , public folders, SD cards

Encoded data (zlib, bas64, etc.)

Encode Protected

Encoded data (zlib, bas64, etc.)

App Data access w/o jailbreak iOS <8.3

Weak Protected

Not Defined

Not Defined

Obesity Protected

Not Defined

Data available via sharing, such as iTunes

Medium Protected

Not Defined

Access limited by time, e.g. cache folders

Interim Protected

Access limited by time, e.g. cache folders

Sandbox, jailbreak/unlocking not wipe data

Good Protected

Sandbox, root/unlocking not wipe data

Sandboxed data, jailbreak needs & wipe data

Strong Protected

Sandboxed data, root needs & wipe data

No public tools for a jailbreak is available

Extra Protected

No public tools for a jailbreak is available

Not Defined

Best Protected

Not Defined

# iOS & ANDROID BACKUP

## Supports by iOS 4+

AutoBackup into iCloud of 'Doc Folders'

Cached and temp directories are out of a backup scope

Manual excluding, including

Extractable by forensics tool



## Supports by Android 2.2 (developer decides), Android 6+ (autobackup)

2.2+ - Backup in to 'Android Backup Service'

6+ - Autobackup into Google Drive limited by 25MB and locations:

root - the directory on the filesystem where all private files belonging to this app are stored.

file - directories returned by `getFilesDir()`.

database - directories returned by `getDatabasePath()`. DBs created with `SQLiteOpenHelper` are stored here.

sharedpref - the directory where `SharedPreferences` are stored.

external - the directory returned by `getExternalFilesDir()`

Cached, temp, nobackupfolder directories are of a backup scope

Manual excluding, including

Extractable by forensics tool from Google Drive, possible from 'Android Backup Service' (?)



# iOS 8.3+. RESTRICTED ACCESS TO APP DATA WITHOUT JAILBREAK

Since iOS 8.3 Apple fixed local data access issues:

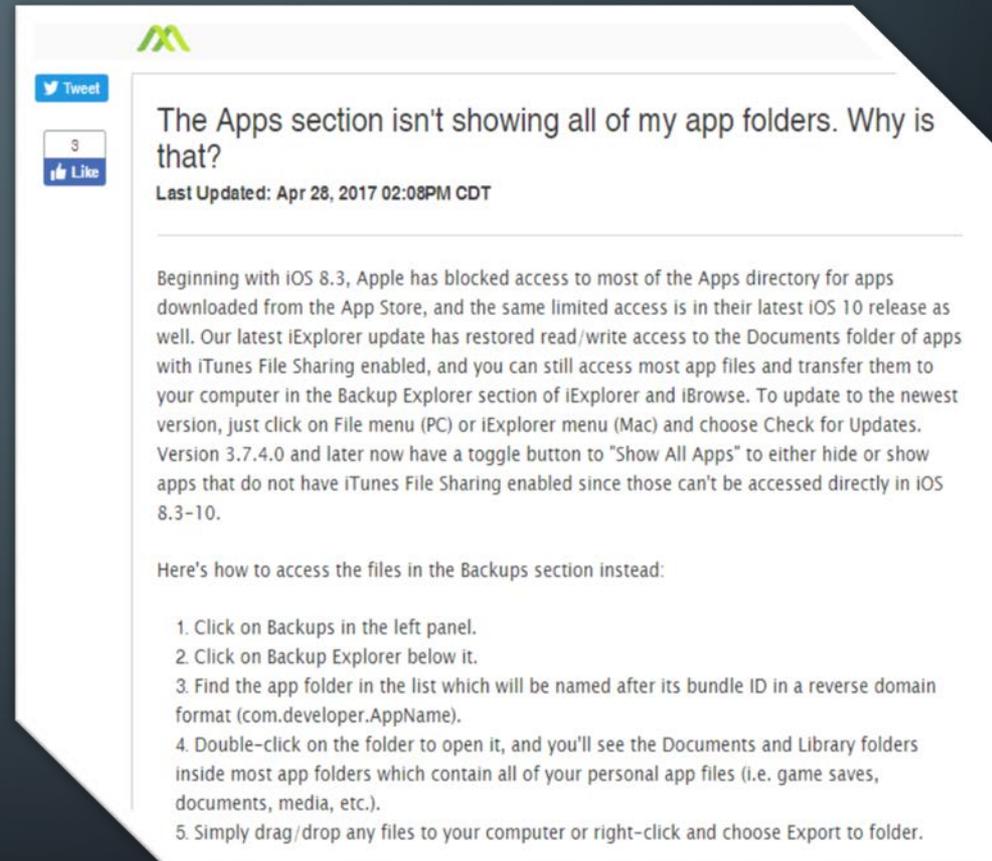
Access to the app folder without jailbreak

Access to the app sub-folder like caches are not part of backup files

Bypassing user-locks via lockdown records (synchronization with PC/Mac)

Issue details CVE-2015-1087

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204661>



The screenshot shows a support article from Macroplant.com. The article title is "The Apps section isn't showing all of my app folders. Why is that?". It includes a "Tweet" button, a "Like" button with a count of 3, and a "Last Updated" date of "Apr 28, 2017 02:08PM CDT". The main text explains that starting with iOS 8.3, Apple restricted access to app data, and that the latest iExplorer update has restored access to the Documents folder for apps with iTunes File Sharing enabled. It provides a 5-step guide on how to access app files through the Backups section in iExplorer.

**The Apps section isn't showing all of my app folders. Why is that?**  
Last Updated: Apr 28, 2017 02:08PM CDT

Beginning with iOS 8.3, Apple has blocked access to most of the Apps directory for apps downloaded from the App Store, and the same limited access is in their latest iOS 10 release as well. Our latest iExplorer update has restored read/write access to the Documents folder of apps with iTunes File Sharing enabled, and you can still access most app files and transfer them to your computer in the Backup Explorer section of iExplorer and iBrowse. To update to the newest version, just click on File menu (PC) or iExplorer menu (Mac) and choose Check for Updates. Version 3.7.4.0 and later now have a toggle button to "Show All Apps" to either hide or show apps that do not have iTunes File Sharing enabled since those can't be accessed directly in iOS 8.3-10.

Here's how to access the files in the Backups section instead:

1. Click on Backups in the left panel.
2. Click on Backup Explorer below it.
3. Find the app folder in the list which will be named after its bundle ID in a reverse domain format (com.developer.AppName).
4. Double-click on the folder to open it, and you'll see the Documents and Library folders inside most app folders which contain all of your personal app files (i.e. game saves, documents, media, etc.).
5. Simply drag/drop any files to your computer or right-click and choose Export to folder.

<http://iexplorer-support.macroplant.com/customer/portal/articles/1942869>

# IMPLEMENTATION OF DPC. DATA-IN-TRANSIT



VS



## OS-level proxy

- | no app-level proxy, only system one
- ## Certificate management
- | install/remove
  - | on/off, off (disabled) by default

## App-level proxy

- | app-level proxy overrides a system one
- ## Certificate management
- | install/remove
  - | ~~on/off is not available for Android~~

Do not require a root for cases, such as

- | non-protected traffic,
- | no SSL validation even centralized list of certificates in the device
- | MITM possible - fake/crafted/stolen SSL certificate installed as trusted

Require root for cases, such as

- | SSL Pinning to bypass it automatically or manually
- | Rest cases that directly impacts on app code and mixed with reversing

Preinstalled, crafted, stolen certificates to MITM – iOS < 10  
iOS 10+ incl. 10.3 - same

Preinstalled, crafted, stolen certificates to MITM – Android < 7  
Android 7+ - no active MITM (except HTTP and other non-protected protocols) is allowed  
| Repack App with a right manifest file and re-upload it (even in public markets)

# QUANTIFICATION SECURITY LEVELS. DIT



VS



Protection N/A, Jailbroken, crafted certificate

Non-Protected

Protection N/A, rooted, crafted certificate

Encoded data (zlib, bas64, etc.)

Encode Protected

Encoded data (zlib, bas64, etc.)

Stolen or expired certificates

Weak Protected

Stolen or expired certificates

Not Defined

Obesity Protected

Not defined

Basic feature of SSL validation of certificates

Medium Protected

Basic feature of SSL validation of certificates

Cert Management (turn on/off a certificate)

Interim Protected

App-level proxy/tunnel for internet

Not defined

Good Protected

Anti-MITM unless insecure protocol/repacked app  
Android 7+ only

Not defined

Strong Protected

Not defined

System and/or user VPN

Extra Protected

System and/or user VPN

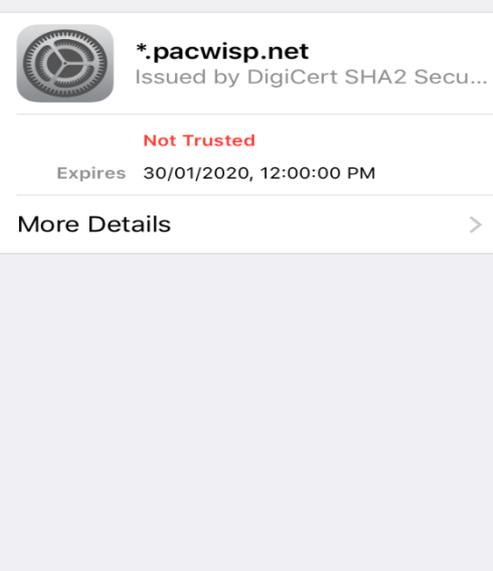
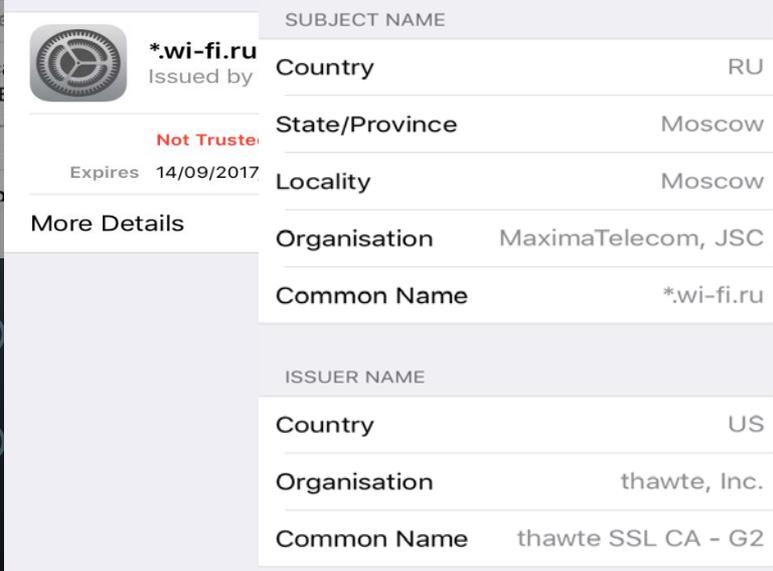
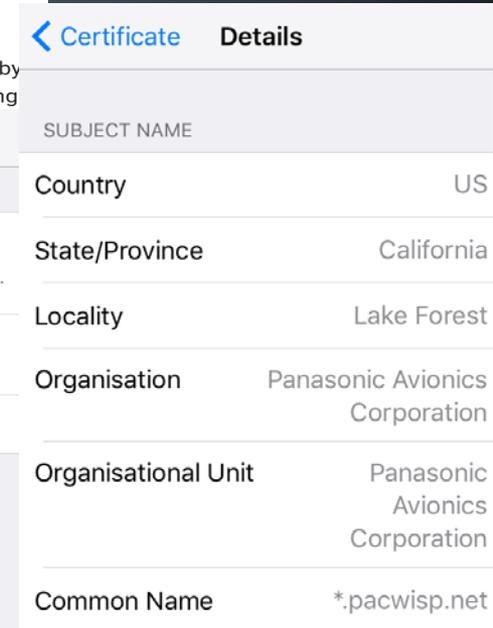
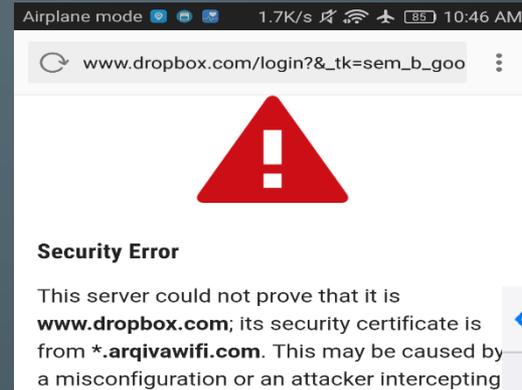
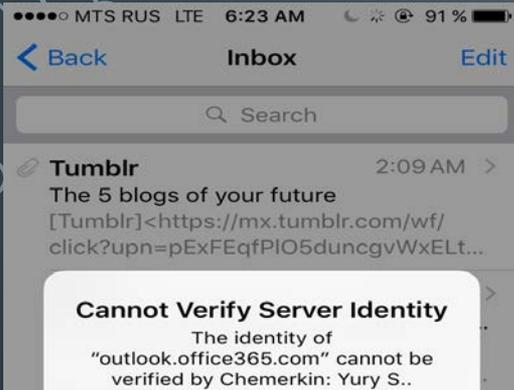
Not Defined

Best Protected

Not defined

# UNSECURED WI-FI.

FREE WI-FI IN A CITY (UNDERGROUND/SUBWAY, PARKS, BUS & BUS STOP, ... EVERYWHERE)

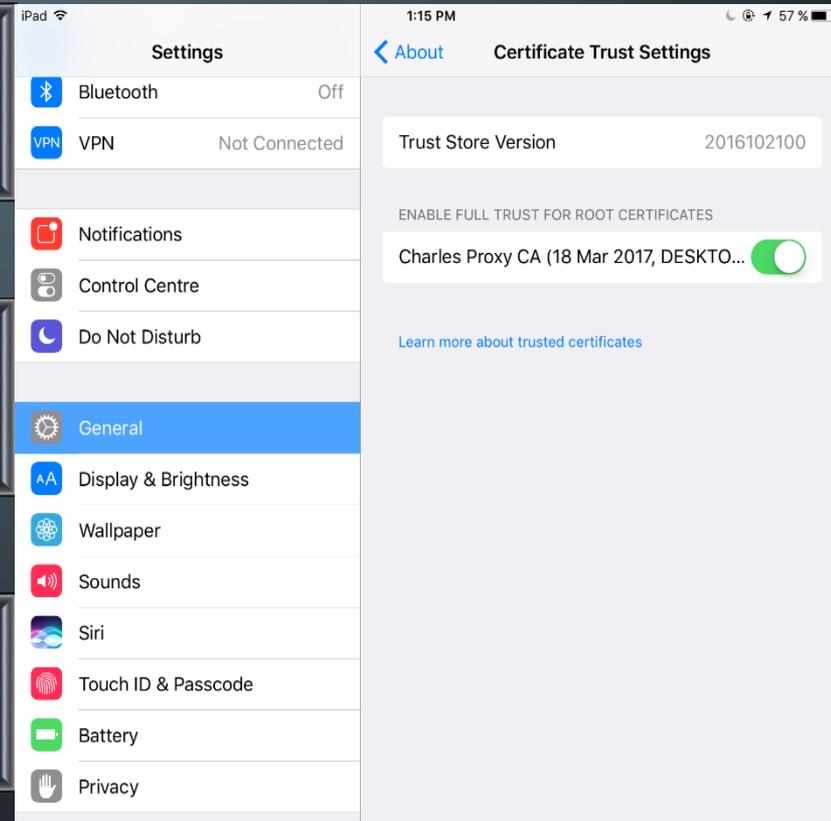


# iOS. ENABLE A USER ROOT CERT TO BYPASS A SYSTEM-WIDE ANTI-MITM TECHNOLOGY

Apple introduced on iOS 10+ new network security enhancement.

That new enhancement prevents 3<sup>rd</sup> party to listen to network requests coming out of the app by allowing enable and disable root user certificates

Default state is 'disabled' to prevent MITM



# ANDROID 7. REPACK APK TO BYPASS A SYSTEM-WIDE ANTI-MITM TECHNOLOGY

Google introduced on Android 7.0 new network security enhancements. Those new enhancements prevents 3rd party to listen to network requests coming out of the app. More info:

- 1) <https://developer.android.com/training/articles/security-config.html>
- 2) <http://android-developers.blogspot.com/2016/07/changes-to-trusted-certificate.html>

This script injects into the APK network security exceptions that allow 3rd party softwares, like Charles Proxy / Fiddler to listen to the network requests and responses of the app.

Download the script and the xml file and place them in the same directory.

You will need apktool and android sdk installed. I recommend using brew on Mac to install apktool (brew install apktool)

The script take 2 arguments:

- 1) Apk file path. 2) keystore file path (optional - Default is: `~/android/debug.keystore` )

## Examples

```
./addSecurityExceptions.sh myApp.apk or ./addSecurityExceptions.sh  
myApp.apk ~/android/debug.keystore
```

<https://github.com/levyitay/AddSecurityExceptionAndroid>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<network-security-config>  
  <base-config>  
    <trust-anchors>  
      <certificates src="..."/>  
      ...  
    </trust-anchors>  
  </base-config>  
  
  <domain-config>  
    <domain>android.com</domain>  
    ...  
    <trust-anchors>  
      <certificates src="..."/>  
      ...  
    </trust-anchors>  
    <pin-set>  
      <pin digest="...">...</pin>  
      ...  
    </pin-set>  
  </domain-config>  
  ...  
  <debug-overrides>  
    <trust-anchors>  
      <certificates src="..."/>  
      ...  
    </trust-anchors>  
  </debug-overrides>  
</network-security-config>
```

# PUBLIC RESEARCH

## “AN ANALYSIS OF THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY RISKS OF ANDROID VPN PERMISSION-ENABLED APPS”



The **BIND\_VPN\_SERVICE** permission is a powerful Android feature that allows the requesting app to intercept, manipulate and forward all user's traffic to a remote proxy or VPN server of their choice or to implement proxies in localhost [93].

Android generates two warnings to notify user's whenever an app creates a virtual interface using the VPN permission:

- (i) a system dialog seeking users approval to create a virtual interface, and
- (ii) a system-generated notification that informs users as long as the VPN interface remains active [60].

**Third-party user tracking and access to sensitive Android permissions:** 75% of them use third-party tracking libraries and 82% request permissions to access sensitive resources including user accounts and text messages.

**(Lack of) Encryption and traffic leaks:** 18% of the VPN apps implement tunneling protocols without. 84% and 66% of the analyzed VPN apps do not tunnel IPv6 and DNS traffic due to lack of IPv6 support, misconfigurations or developer-induced errors.

**TLS interception:** Four of the analyzed VPN apps compromise users' root-store and actively perform TLS interception in the flight. Three of these apps claim providing traffic acceleration services and selectively intercept traffic to specific online services like social networks, banking, e-commerce sites, email and IM services and analytics services

<https://research.csiro.au/ng/wp-content/uploads/sites/106/2016/08/paper-1.pdf>

# EXTENDING OS IMPACT ON DATA PROTECTION

Certificates –  
might burn down  
your security level  
of network data

- Revoking, faking, spoofing, trusting by default

Bootloaders –  
might burn down  
your security level  
of local data

- Non-locked devices, unlocking program

Forensics – might  
burn down your  
security level of  
local data

- Physical, filesystem and logical access
- Bypassing user-locks

# TRUSTING TO THE ROOT CERTIFICATE MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA



Applications handle SSL connection in different ways:

- Some don't validate SSL certificate during the connection or affected SSL Strip attacks
- Many trust to the root SSL certificates installed on the device due to SSL validating
- Some have pinned SSL certificate and trust it only

**Mozilla** reports about WoSign & StartCom roots are cross-signed by other trusted or previously-trusted roots (expired but still unrevoked) :

WoSign issued ~1,500 invalid certificates. **Apple removes these from iOS & Mac**

Despite revoked CA's, StartCom and WoSign continue to sell certificates. **So, Apple (Safari), Mozilla (Firefox) and Google (Chrome) are about to stop trusting them** <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204132>

Final removal of trust in WoSign and StartCom Certificates since Chrome 56 according to the Developer Calendar.

<https://security.googleblog.com/2017/07/final-removal-of-trust-in-wosign-and.html>

**Symantec** API Flaws reportedly let attackers steal Private SSL Keys & Certificates. Symantec knew of API Flaws Since 2015

The flaw, discovered by Chris Byrne, an information security could allow an unauthenticated attacker to retrieve other persons' SSL certificates, including pubrevoking and reissuing a certificate, attackers can conduct "man-in-the-middle" attack over the secure connections using stolen SSL certs, tricking users into believing they are on a legitimate site when in fact their SSL traffic is being secretly tampered with and intercepted.

<http://thehackernews.com/2017/03/symantec-ssl-certificates.html>

**Stop Trusting in existing Symantec-issued Certificates**

Since January 19, the Google Chrome team has been investigating a series of failures by Symantec Corporation to properly validate certificates. It has revealed a continually increasing scope of misissuance with each set of questions from members of the Google Chrome team; an initial set of reportedly 127 certificates has expanded to include at least 30,000 certificates, issued over a period spanning several years. This is also coupled with a series of failures following the [previous set of misissued certificates from Symantec](#), causing us to no longer have confidence in the certificate issuance policies and practices of Symantec over the past several years.

<https://groups.google.com/a/chromium.org/forum/m/#!msg/blink-dev/eUAKwjihhBs/rpxMXjZHCQAJ>



# GOVERNMENT AND NETWORK SECURITY

## Online surveillance. Microsoft may be accidentally helping Thailand's government spy on its citizens

A new report from Privacy International entitled "Who's That Knocking at My Door? Understanding Surveillance in Thailand" says a Microsoft policy involving root certificates enables the state to monitor encrypted communications sent via email or posted on social media sites. Microsoft says that the certificate meets the company's standards.

While Apple's macOS does not include the Thai root certificate by default, Microsoft Windows does, and Privacy International says this leaves users of that operating system open to attack or surveillance. Windows accounts for over 85 percent of the desktop computing market in Thailand, according to [StatCounter](#).

<https://news.vice.com/story/microsoft-may-be-accidentally-helping-thailands-government-spy-on-its-citizens>

## Kazakhstan is going to start intercepting HTTPS traffic via "man-in-the-middle attack" starting Jan 1, 2016

The law was accepted in December, but now one of the providers announced information for small and medium business how to install government-provided root SSL certificate: <https://goo.gl/yzGzPp>

### Update, Contribution with Mozilla:

[Mozilla bug report – Add Root Cert of Republic of Kazakhstan](#)

[Mozilla CA Program \(in pdf\)](#)

[Gov Cert of Kazakhstan](#)



[https://www.reddit.com/r/sysadmin/comments/3v5zpz/kazakhstan\\_is\\_going\\_to\\_start\\_intercepting\\_https/](https://www.reddit.com/r/sysadmin/comments/3v5zpz/kazakhstan_is_going_to_start_intercepting_https/)



# BYPASSING NETWORK SECURITY FOR \$0



How To: Use mitmproxy to read and modify HTTPS traffic

| <https://blog.heckel.xyz/2013/07/01/how-to-use-mitmproxy-to-read-and-modify-https-traffic-of-your-phone/>

**SSLsplit**

Use SSLsplit to transparently sniff TLS/SSL connections – including non-HTTP(S) protocols

| <https://blog.heckel.xyz/2013/08/04/use-sslsplit-to-transparently-sniff-tls-ssl-connections/>



How To: DNS spoofing with a simple DNS server using Dnsmasq

| <https://blog.heckel.xyz/2013/07/18/how-to-dns-spoofing-with-a-simple-dns-server-using-dnsmasq/>



Rogue AP Setup

| <https://null-byte.wonderhowto.com/how-to/hack-wi-fi-creating-invisible-rogue-access-point-siphon-off-data-undetected-0148031/>



Kali Linux Evil Wireless Access Point

| <https://www.offensive-security.com/kali-linux/kali-linux-evil-wireless-access-point/>



Bettercap – mixed features

| <https://www.bettercap.org/docs/proxying/http.html>

| <https://www.bettercap.org/docs/servers/dns.html>

| <https://www.bettercap.org/docs/proxying/custom.html>

... and so on 😊

# WHAT DEVICES ARE INCLUDED INTO THE BOOTLOADER UNLOCK PROGRAM?

## Unlocking program of series

Motorola Moto Z, G, X, E, Droid, Razr, Atrix, Electrify, Photon

[https://motorola-global-portal.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/87215](https://motorola-global-portal.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/87215)

LG G4-6, V20, V10

<http://developer.lge.com/resource/mobile/RetrieveBootloader.dev?categoryId=CTULRS0703>

Sony Xperia S, ion, U, P, sola, neo L, advance, acro S, miro, tipo, tipo dual, SL, Tablet S, J, TL

## Locked Bootloaders

<http://rescueroot.com/android/2012-phones-with-locked-bootloaders/>

HTC One X, One X+, One X+ LTE, One S, One V, EVO 4G LTE, DROID Incredible 4G LTE, Desire C, Desire V

## Android Police: Up-to-date news on unlocking program

<http://www.androidpolice.com/tags/bootloader-unlock/>

## Big list of supported 'unlocking' feature

Google , Oppo, OnePlus, Yu, Zuk, ZTE, Le Eco, Xiaomi

<http://www.lineageosroms.org/forums/topic/unlock-bootloader-android-phone-using-fastboot/>

Sony, Samsung, HTC, Huawei, Motorola, Xiaomi

## ODIN, Fastboot unlocking

<https://autoroot.chainfire.eu/>

Samsung, Google, LGE, Motorola, Huawei, Asus, HTC, NVIDIA

## iOS jailbreaks availability is a similar issue like unlocking

iOS 1-5 (no jailbreak), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; CPU x64, x32

<https://www.elcomsoft.com/eift.html>

# FORENSICS ACHIEVEMENTS MIGHT KILL YOUR SECURITY

There are many device vendors multiplied by many operating systems even for iOS and Android:

- More than 60 iOS versions are commercially available, and are spread among 20+ different iPhones, 30+ iPad models
- More than 50+ Android versions are commercially available, and are spread among 180+ brands with thousands different device models

Towards to mobile forensics there following data extractions divided into several categories and combinations

- direct acquisition of system and user data and application-level acquisition of mobile app data
- physical data acquisition
- file system acquisition
- logical acquisition of data, device backups and data in clouds and cloud backups

Some acquisition might come with additional techniques like

- bootloader and recovery partition acquisition (physical)
- bypassing user screens (physical, file system, logical, trusted pc/mac synchronization files to bypass unlocking)
- user-lock issues (brute-forcing device and backup password, disabled or not set password, so on)
- acquisition of rooted or jailbroken devices for avoiding possible limitations
- jailbreaking and rooting device for gaining access to the data for different acquisition types

## Logical

SMS

Contacts

Call logs

Media

App data

## File System

SMS

Contacts

Call logs

Media

App data

Files

Hidden Files

## Physical

SMS

Contacts

Call logs

Media

App data

Files

Hidden Files

Deleted data

# DATA ACQUISITION

**Physical** – It is a bit-to-bit copy of the device and allows recovering deleted data. It usually allows bypass user-locks and extract any data system files, user files, app data, any other files, plus hidden files and deleted data.

**File system** – This method would extract files which are visible at file system level. It might allow bypass user-locks and extract any data system files, user files, app data, any other files, plus hidden files except deleted data. If there are some limitations, pre-broken devices via jailbreak or root as a case removes all limitations

**Logical** – This method allows to extract particular files from the file system like backup taken using iTunes. This method without combining with offensive techniques does not allow to extract hidden or delete files and data, however, include rest data either system or user one, and app data.

1 Physical Bootloader Method

Is the device locked?

Yes

Disable User Lock

No

2 Physical ADB Method

3 File System ADB Method

4 File System Android Backup Method

5 Logical Including Apps Data

No physical method is available and physical extraction is needed

Physical Recovery Partition Method

# iOS DATA PARTITION

**Keychains** – Keychain.db, which contains user password from various applications

**Logs** – General.log: The OS version and Serial number, Lockdown.log – Lockdown Daemon log

**Mobile** – User Data

**Preferences** – system configurations

**Run** – system logs

**Tmp** -manifest.Plist: Plist Back up

**Root** – Caches, Lockdown, and Preferences

## Property List Files

`/private/var/mobile/Application` – `/User/Application` points to this actual path

`/User/Applications/ #####-####-####-####-#####` – # represents the UUID

`<Application_Home>/AppName.app` – This file contains application bundle. This file doesn't get backed up

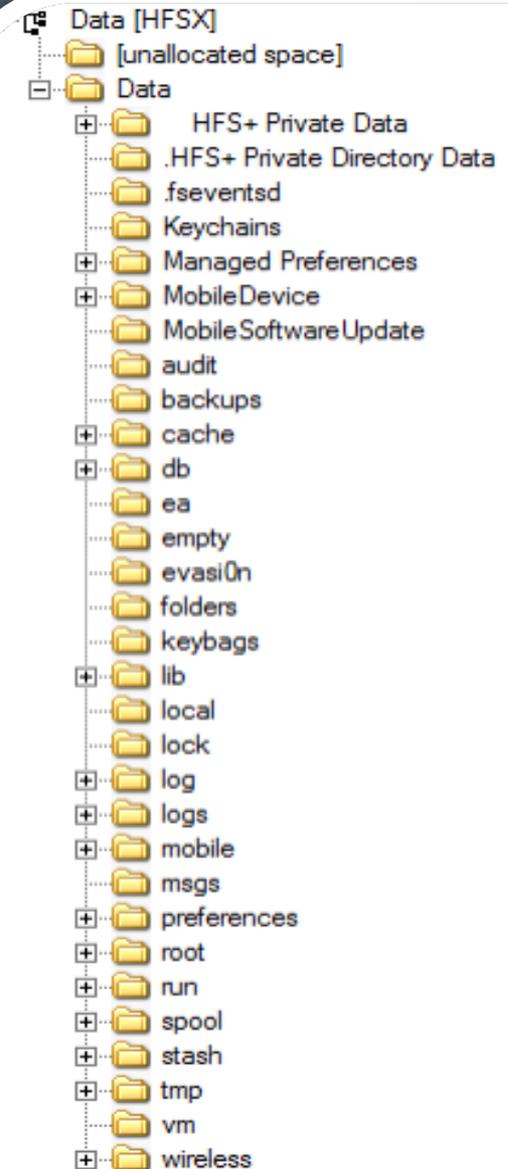
`<Application_Home>/Documents/` – This folder contains application related data files.

`<Application_Home>/Library/` – It also holds application specific files.

`<Application_Home>/Library/Preferences/` - This directory contains application preference files.

`<Application_Home>/Library/Caches/` – This folder holds Application specific support file and doesn't get backed up.

`<Application_Home>/tmp/` – This folder contains temporary files.



# ANDROID DATA PARTITION

**/boot** - It is the boot partition of the android device which includes the android kernel and ramdisk. The device cannot boot without this partition. If we wipe this partition we need to install new ROM which includes /boot partition to boot the system again.

**/system** - This partition contain the entire OS including Android GUI and pre-installed system applications. We can enter the recovery or boot loader mode even if we wipe this partition.

**/recovery** - This partition is specially designed for backup purpose. It is considered as an alternative boot partition that lets the device to boot in a recovery console.

**/data** - This partition is to store user data. It contain all the user data like sms, contacts, settings and all data related to installed applications. When you are doing a factory reset, it actually wipe out data partition.

**/cache** - Cache partition stores frequently accessed application and data components. Even if we wipe this partition, it gets automatically rebuilt as you continue using the device.

**/misc** - This partition contains miscellaneous system settings. It includes hard ware settings, USB configuration etc. If we wipe this partition, device's features will not function normally.

**/sdcard** - This partition is for the SD card, not for the internal memory. It is used to store any type of data such as media, documents, ROM etc. The SD card can be internal or external SD card depending on the device.

**/sd-ext** - This partition is commonly used by custom ROMs and not a standard Android partition. It is an additional partition on SD card that act as data partition in some custom ROMs that have the features like app2sd to get additional storage for installing their apps.

/data/data/<app package name>/

**lib** - Custom library files required by app

**files** - Developer saved files

**cache** - Files cached by the app

**databases** - SQLite databases and journal files

**shared\_prefs** - XML of shared preferences

```
infosec
File Edit Tabs Help
root@generic:/ # cat /proc/filesystems
nodev sysfs
nodev rootfs
nodev bdev
nodev proc
nodev cgroup
nodev tmpfs
nodev binfmt_misc
nodev debugfs
nodev sockfs
nodev pipefs
nodev anon_inodefs
nodev rpc_pipefs
nodev devpts
ext3
ext2
ext4
nodev ramfs
vfat
msdos
nodev nfsd
fuseblk
nodev fuse
nodev fusectl
yaffs
yaffs2
nodev selinuxfs
nodev mtd_inodefs
root@generic:/ #
```

# FORENSICS CLOUD FEATURES

## Cellebrite



UFED Cloud Analyzer provides access to **more than 25 private cloud data sources** to help you attain the critical case evidence that often hides in cloud application data. See the full list below: Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Gmail, Google Location History, Google My Activity, Google Photos, Google Chrome, Google Calendar, Google Contacts, Google Drive, Google Bookmarks, Google Tasks, Mail (IMAP), Dropbox, iCloud App, iCloud Calendar, iCloud Contacts, iCloud Drive, iCloud Photos, OneDrive, Instagram, KIK, VK, Telegram, iCloud Notes, iCloud Reminder, iCloud Location

<http://www.cellebrite.com/Pages/ufed-cloud-analyzer>

## Oxygen Forensic® Detective



Oxygen Forensic® Detective acquires data from **more than 30 cloud storages**: iCloud contacts and calendar, Google Drive, Google Location History, Live contacts and calendar, OneDrive, Dropbox and Box as well as from a wide range of social media including Twitter and Instagram

<https://www.oxygen-forensic.com/en/products/oxygen-forensic-detective/detective/cloud-data-extraction>

## Elcomsoft Cloud eXplorer



Acquire information from users' **Google Account** with a simple all-in-one tool! Elcomsoft Cloud Explorer makes it easier to download, view and analyze information collected by the search giant, providing convenient access to users' search and browsing history, page transitions, contacts, Google Keep notes, Hangouts messages, as well as images stored in the user's Google Photos account.

<https://www.elcomsoft.com/ecx.html>

## Elcomsoft Phone Breaker



Cloud acquisition is an alternative way of retrieving information stored in mobile backups produced by Apple iOS, and the only method to explore Windows Phone 8 and Windows 10 Mobile devices. Elcomsoft Phone Breaker can retrieve information from **Apple iCloud and Windows Live!** services provided that original user credentials for that account are known.

The Forensic edition of Elcomsoft Phone Breaker enables over-the-air acquisition of iCloud data without having the original Apple ID and password. Password-free access to iCloud data is made possible via the use of a binary authentication token extracted from the user's computer.

Elcomsoft Phone Breaker supports accounts with Apple's two-step verification as well as the new two-factor authentication. Access to the second authentication factor such as a trusted device or recovery key is required. You will only need to use it once as Elcomsoft Phone Breaker can save authentication credentials for future sessions.

<https://www.elcomsoft.com/eppb.html>

# ELCOMSOFT iOS FORENSIC TOOLKIT



## Support for 32-bit and 64-bit iOS Devices

**All devices:** Logical acquisition is available for all devices regardless of jailbreak status / iOS version. Supports lockdown files for accessing passcode-protected devices.

**Legacy:** Unconditional physical acquisition support for legacy devices (iPhone 4 and older) regardless of iOS version and lock status

**32-bit:** Full physical acquisition support of jailbroken 32-bit devices running all versions of iOS up to and including iOS 9.3.3 (iPhone 4S through 5C, iPad mini)

**64-bit:** Physical acquisition for jailbroken 64-bit devices running any version of iOS for which a jailbreak is available (iPhone 5S, 6, 6S and their Plus versions, iPad mini 2 through 4, iPad Air, Air 2)

**iOS 9.3.4, 9.3.5, iOS 10.x:** Logical acquisition only for iPhone 7, 7 Plus and all other devices running iOS 10 or versions of iOS 9 **without jailbreak**. Device must be **unlocked with passcode, Touch ID or lockdown record**

**Locked:** Limited acquisition support for jailbroken 32-bit and 64-bit iOS devices that are locked with an unknown passcode and cannot be unlocked

## Compatible Devices and Platforms

The Toolkit completely fully supports the following iOS devices, running **all iOS versions up to iOS 7; no jailbreaking required, passcode can be bypassed** or quickly recovered:

iPhone (original), iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4 (GSM and CDMA models), iPad (1st generation), iPod Touch (1st - 4th generations)

**Physical acquisition** is available for the following models (**requires jailbreak with OpenSSH installed**)

iPhone 4S, iPhone 5, iPhone 5C, iPod Touch (5th gen), iPad 2, iPad with Retina display (3rd and 4th generations), iPad Mini

The following (64-bit) models are supported via **physical acquisition for 64-bit devices, regardless of iOS version (up to 9.3.3):**

iPhone 5S, iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus, iPhone 6S, iPhone 6S Plus, iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad Mini 2/3/4, iPad Pro

All other devices including **iPhone 7/7 Plus as well as devices running iOS 10.x, 9.3.4 and 9.3.5** are supported via **logical acquisition** (must be **unlocked with passcode, Touch ID or lockdown record**).

## Supported operating systems:

iOS 1-5 (no jailbreak)

iOS 6.0-6.1.2 (with evasi0n jailbreak)

iOS 6.1.3-6.1.6 (with p0sixspwn jailbreak)

iOS 7.0 (with evasi0n jailbreak)

iOS 7.1 (with Pangu 1.2+ jailbreak)

iOS 8.0-8.1.2 (with TaiG, PanGu or PP jailbreak)

iOS 8.1.3-8.4 (with TaiG 2.0 jailbreak)

iOS 9.0-9.1 (with PanGu jailbreak)

iOS 9.2-9.3.3 (with PanGu jailbreak) x64 bit

iOS 9.1-9.3.4 (with Home Depot jailbreak) x32 bit

iOS 9.3.5 32bit (with Phoenix jailbreak)

iOS 10.0 – 10.2 (with Yalu jailbreak)

iOS 10.2.1-10.3.3 (via logical acquisition only)

## Decrypt keychain items, extract, device keys (32-bit devices only)

Keychain is extracted but cannot be decrypted with 64-bit device except the known / empty backup passcode; passcode must be removed in iOS settings

## Passcode is not required

**iOS 1.x-3.x:** passcode not required. All information will be accessible. The original passcode will be instantly recovered and displayed.

**iOS 4.0-7.x:** certain information is protected with passcode-dependent keys, including the following:

Email messages; Most keychain records (stored login/password information);

Certain third-party application data, if the application requested strong encryption.

**iOS 8.x through 10.x:** most information is protected. Without the passcode, only very limited amount of data

Call log that includes all incoming and outgoing calls (including FaceTime), Voicemail, All settings and options,

List of installed apps, Many log files including download and update histories, service launch logs and many other system and application logs, Various temporary files

Simple 4-digit passcodes recovered in 10-40 minutes

<https://www.elcomsoft.com/eift.html>

<https://blog.elcomsoft.com/2017/01/ios-10-physical-acquisition-with-yalu-jailbreak/>

<https://www.elcomsoft.com/news/653.html>

<https://www.elcomsoft.ru/news/674.html>

[https://www.elcomsoft.es/PR/eift\\_170713\\_en.pdf](https://www.elcomsoft.es/PR/eift_170713_en.pdf)



# ELCOMSOFT iOS FORENSIC. WHAT'S MATTER TO BREAK INTO DEVICE?

## Device details:

- CPU
- Device and Model
- OS type and Version

## Required parameters

- Jailbreak/Root
- Should Be Unlocked
- Passcode/TouchID
- Passcode Can Be Bypassed/Quickly Recovered
- LockdownRecord Supported/Required
- Device and/or Backup Password Bruteforced
- Jailbreak/Root Available



# ELCOMSOFT iOS FORENSIC. QUANTIFICATION OF AN ATTACK'S EASINESS



# CELLEBRITE'S CAIS NOW SUPPORTS LAWFUL UNLOCKING OF IPHONE 4S/5/5C/5S/6/6+ DEVICES

Cellebrite director of forensic research Shahar Tal recently tweeted out that the company's Advanced Investigative Service can now unlock and extract the full file system for the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus (via [CyberScoop](#)). To date, CAIS "supports lawful **unlocking** and evidence extraction" from the following iPhone generations: **4s, 5, 5c, 5s, 6, and 6 Plus**.

**No mention** has been made whether or not the developer has attempted to unlock newer-generation iPhones, including the **iPhone 6s, 6s Plus, 7, or 7 Plus**.



Shahar Tal @jifa · Feb 23

Cellebrite's CAIS now supports lawful unlocking and evidence extraction of iPhone 4S/5/5C/5S/6/6+ devices (via our in-house service only).

↳ 21

↻ 91

♥ 54

<https://www.macrumors.com/2017/02/24/cellebrite-lawful-unlocking-iphone-6/>

# CELLEBRITE UNLOCKING CAPABILITIES

Cellebrite Advanced Investigative Services (CAIS) experts provide law enforcement agencies with forensically sound, early access to sensitive mobile digital intelligence.

Advanced Technical Services provide:

Unlocking and extraction of Apple iPhone 4S, 5, 5C, 5S, 6, 6 Plus, iPad 2, 3, 4, iPad Air, iPad mini 1, 2, 3, 4, iPod touch 5G, 6G

Unlocking and decrypted physical extraction of Samsung Galaxy S6, S6 edge, S6 edge+, S6 active, A5, A7, A8, J1, J7, Note 5, S7, S7 edge, S7 edge, S7 active

Decrypted Physical extractions available for most models

Limitations may apply based on iOS/Android version and Security patch level

[http://go.cellebrite.com/cais\\_unlock](http://go.cellebrite.com/cais_unlock)

# CELLEBRITE for iOS

## Cellebrite capabilities:

Cellebrite's UFED Series enables forensically sound data extraction, decoding and analysis techniques to obtain existing and deleted data from these devices. Different ways to perform data extraction:

- Logical and file system (for unlocked devices) extraction is enabled on the UFED Touch

- Physical extraction and file system extraction (for locked devices) is enabled on the UFED Physical Analyzer

Using UFED Physical Analyzer analysis can be performed on locked iOS devices with a simple or complex passcode. **Simple passcodes will be recovered during the physical extraction process and enable access to emails and keychain passwords. If a complex password is set on the device, physical extraction can be performed without access to emails and keychain.** However, **if the complex password is known, emails and keychain passwords will be available.** UFED Physical Analyzer capabilities include:

- Keychain real-time decryption enables access to account usernames and passwords

- Real-time decryption to interpret encrypted data from iOS 4-6 on-the-fly, obtaining access to data, files and application content

- Support for decrypting emails saved as emlX files

- Extract and present GPS fixes, Wi-Fi networks and cell towers IDs to be viewed in Google Earth and Google Maps

## Apps Data Support:

Skype, Whatsapp, Viber, Fring, MotionX, AIM, TigerText, Facebook Messenger, Twitterrific, Textfree, Google+, Facebook, Foursquare, Garmin, TomTom, Waze, TextNow, Dropbox, Yahoo Messenger, Ping Chat, Twitter, Touch (new ping chat), Find My iPhone, LinkedIn, iCQ, Kik Messenger, Google Maps, Kakao talk, QIP, Evernote, V Kontakte, Mail.ru

## Device Support Includes:

iPhone 2G, iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPhone 5, iPhone 5S, iPhone 5C, iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus, iPod Touch 1G, iPod Touch 2G, iPod Touch 3G, iPod Touch 4G, iPod Touch 5G, iPad Mini, iPad 1, iPad 2, iPad3, iPad 4

<http://www.cellebrite.com/Pages/ios-forensics-physical-extraction-decoding-and-analysis-from-ios-devices>

# CELLEBRITE iOS EXPLANATION

The UFED Touch/UFED 4PC obtains the Apple iTunes backup interface using its API, the Apple File Connection (AFC)—the same interface used to back up the device to a computer.

File system extraction with UFED Physical Analyzer is almost identical to physical extraction in that it relies on a boot loader to access the device's memory; however, rather than obtain a bit-for-bit image including unallocated space, the software extracts only the device file system. This process is proprietary rather than dependent on Apple's API.

UFED Physical Analyzer makes three different types of iTunes backup (“Advanced Logical”) extractions possible.

Method 1 like the UFED Touch, relies on the iTunes backup using Apple's backup infrastructure

Method 2 extracts backup data if the device is encrypted and the UFED operator does not know the device passcode

Method 3 is recommended for both encrypted and unencrypted jailbroken devices

How does the examiner know which method to choose?

The UFED Physical Analyzer interface automatically selects the appropriate extraction method — based on the device's backup configuration, jailbreak status, model, and iOS version — but the operator has the option to use other methods as well, and to combine the data sets. The interface explains which data is available with each extraction method. Users should document which method(s) they used and why they used it, when possible.

<http://www.cellebrite.com/Media/Default/Files/Forensics/White-Papers/Explaining-Cellebrite-UFED-Data-Extraction-Processes.pdf>

# CELLEBRITE for ANDROID

## Cellebrite capabilities

Cellebrite's physical extraction method from more than 500 locked Android based devices bypassing any type of lock (Pattern/PIN/Password) and uses Cellebrite's proprietary boot loaders, enabling a forensically sound extraction process. Physical extraction from these devices can be done, regardless of their OS version, and does not require temporary rooting

UFED can disable pattern/PIN/password locks on selected Samsung Android devices

Physical extraction and advanced decoding, via USB debugging, for ALL Android OS versions including Android 4.X (Ice Cream Sandwich).

Physical extraction for any locked device is only available if the USB debugging has been switched on

## Apps Data Support:

Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google+, PingChat! (aka Touch), Skype, Twitter, Viber, Yahoo Messenger, Whatsapp, TigerText, Dropbox, QIP, Kik Messenger, Evernote, Kakao Talk, ICQ, V Kontakte and more

## Device Support Includes:

HTC – HTC Evo, HTC One, Incredible, Desire

Motorola – Milestone, Milestone 2, Droid, Droid 2, Droid X, Droid Razr Razr Maxx, Defy and more

Samsung – Galaxy S6, Galaxy S5, Galaxy S4, Galaxy SIII Family, Galaxy SII, Galaxy Note, Galaxy Note II, Galaxy Mega and more

ZTE – San Francisco, San Francisco II, V9 Optus, P729J and more

LG – G4, G3, Optimus, Optimus one, Optimus 3D, Optimus black and more

Tablets - Samsung Galaxy Tab, Huawei S7 Ideos, T-Touch Tab, Dell Streak, Mini 5, Motorola MZ601 XOOM, LG V900 Optimus Pad

# CELLEBRITE. SUPPORTED CLOUD-BASED DATA SOURCES

UFED Cloud Analyzer provides access to more than 25 private cloud data sources to help you attain the critical case evidence that often hides in cloud application data. See the full list below:

- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- Twitter
- Gmail
- Google Location History
- Google My Activity
- Google Photos
- Google Chrome
- Google Calendar
- Google Contacts
- Google Drive
- Google Bookmarks
- Google Tasks
- Mail (IMAP)
- Dropbox
- iCloud App
- iCloud Calendar
- iCloud Contacts
- iCloud Drive
- iCloud Photos
- OneDrive
- Instagram
- KIK
- VK
- Telegram
- iCloud Notes
- iCloud Reminder
- iCloud Location

<http://www.cellebrite.com/Pages/ufed-cloud-analyzer>



# CELLEBRITE Android FORENSIC. WHAT'S MATTER TO BREAK INTO DEVICE?

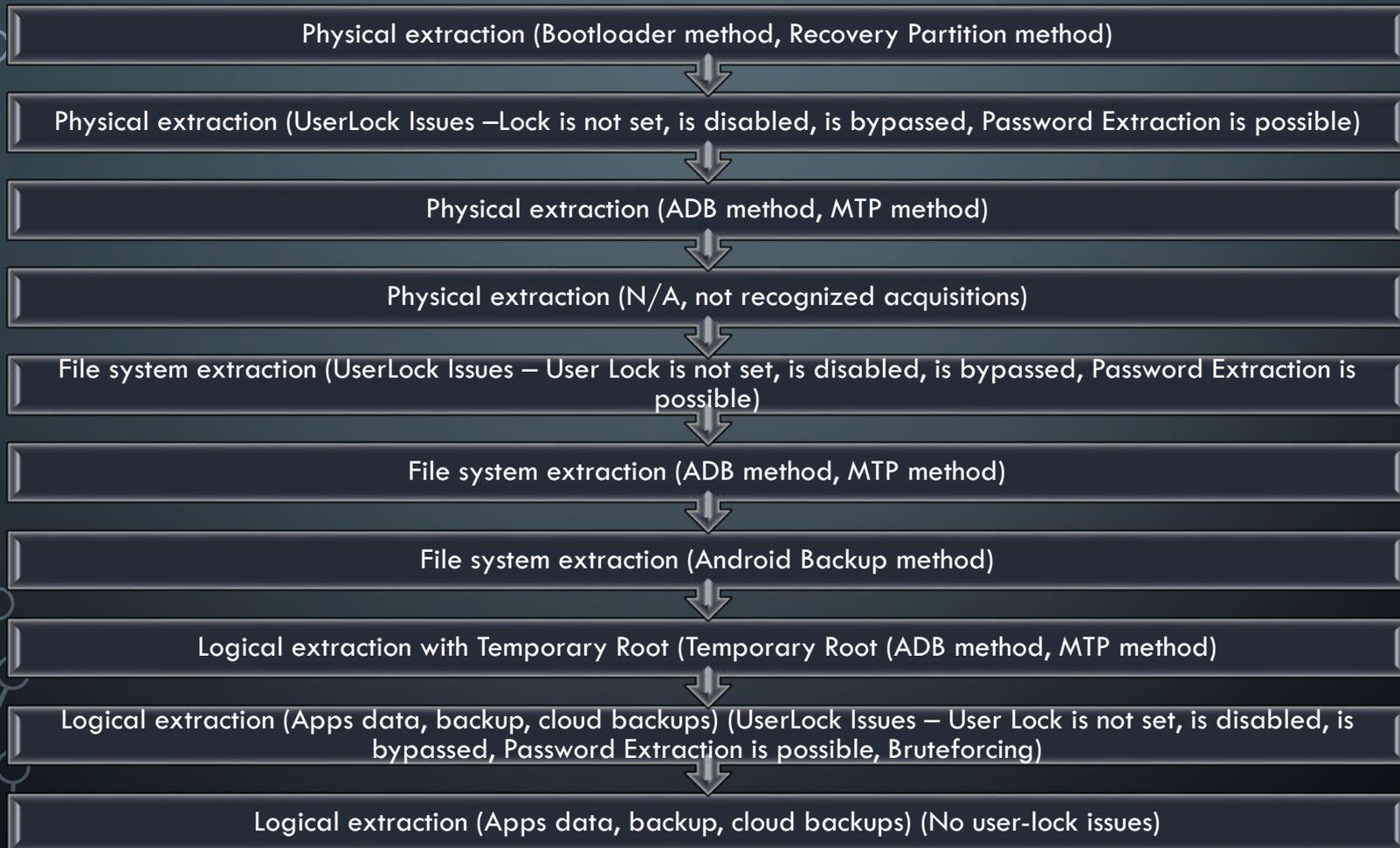
## Device details:

- CPU
- Brand, Device and Model
- OS type and Version
- SecurityPatchLevel
- Connection (USB/BT), GSM/CDMA Network, Chipsets (Mediatek, QUALCOMM, SPREADTRUM, HiSilicon ...) – optional details

## Required parameters

- Jailbreak/Root
- Should Be Unlocked, Should have ADB/MTK be Enabled
- ADB/MTK
- Bootloader, OEM unlock, Forensics Recovery images
- Unlocked, Non-locked, Possible to Unlock
- Bypassing/Disabling UserLock

# CELLEBRITE ANDROID FORENSIC. QUANTIFICATION OF AN ATTACK'S EASINESS





# FORENSICS EXAMPLES. iOS. iPad Air 2

Supported iOS version 8.1 – 10.3.3 + upcoming iOS 11

Current Version is 10.3.2 (safe for a while) 😊

Physical acquisition is possible for all version, except:

| 8.4.1, 9.3.4, 9.3.5, 10.2.1, 10.3, 10.3.1, 10.3.2, 10.3.3

For versions 9.2 – 9.3.3 we've got the list of 'requires':

| Jailbreak, passcode/touchID, should be unlocked

| Keychain extracted, but not decrypted

| PanGu jailbreak; 64-bit only

# FORENSICS EXAMPLES. Android. CHECK IT OUT

- Huawei P8 GRA-L09
- Huawei P9 EVA-L19
- Huawei P10 VKY-L29
- Samsung Galaxy A5 SM-A500FU
- Xiaomi Redmi Note 4 Redmi Note 4
- Lenovo Vibe S1 Lenovo S1a40
- Huawei Honor 5A LYO-L21
- Asus Asus Zenfone 3 Max ZC520TL  
Asus\_X008D
- Acer Iconia Tab A3-A11
- Asus ZenFone 2 Laser (ZE500KL)  
Asus\_X00ED
- Xiaomi Redmi 3 Redmi 3
- Huawei Honor 7 PLK-L01
- Xiaomi Redmi 3 Redmi 3
- Sony Xperia Z5 compact E5823
- Sony Xperia e5 F3311
- Xiaomi Redmi 3S Redmi 3S
- Huawei Honor 5c NEM-L51
- Nokia 1202



# FORENSICS EXAMPLES. Android. Honor 5A, 5C

Up-to-date Android OS is installed

Models are looking for

- Honor 5C NEM-L51
- Honor 5A LYO-L21

Model found: NEM-TL00 Honor 5C

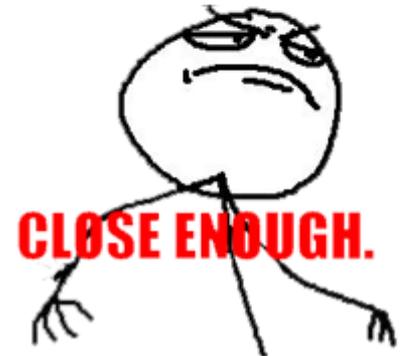
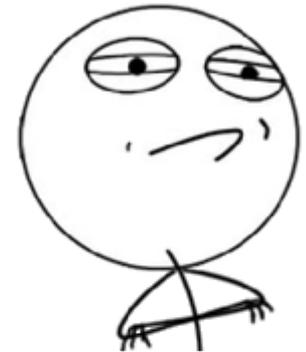
Supported since Cellebrite UFED 5.3 (last release 6.3)

Acquisitions:

- File system extraction
- Logical Extraction

N/A about additional requirements

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**



# FORENSICS EXAMPLES.

## Android. Huawei P8, P9, P10

### Models are looking for

- Huawei P8 GRA-L09
- Huawei P9 EVA-L19
- Huawei P10 VKY-L29

### Huawei P8 GRA-L09

- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction
- Supported since Cellebrite UFED 4.2.2 (last release 6.3)
- Acquisitions: Physical extraction while bypassing lock, Physical extraction
- Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.0 (last release 6.3)

### Huawei P9 EVA-L19 - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 5.1 (last release 6.3)

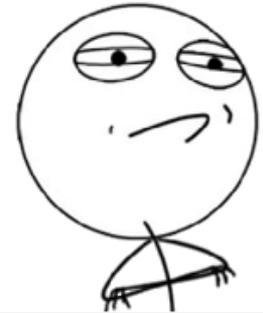
- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction

### Similar Model found:

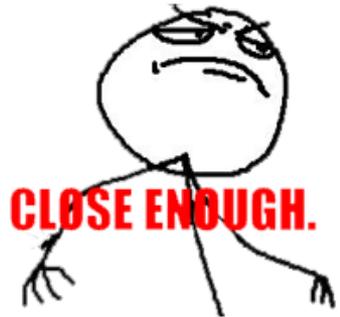
- WAS-LX1A Huawei P10 Lite - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.2 (last release 6.3)
- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction

N/A about additional requirements

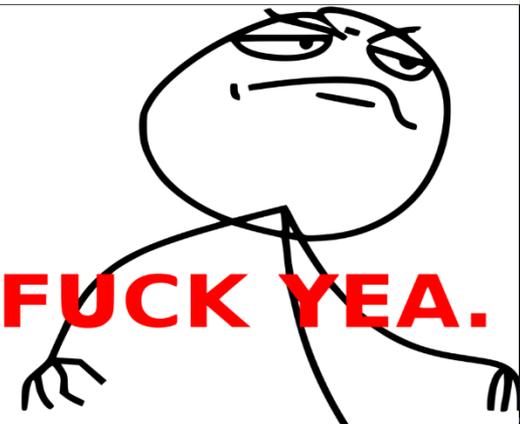
**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**



**CLOSE ENOUGH.**



**FUCK YEA.**



# FORENSICS EXAMPLES.

## Nokia 1202

Not a smartphone even

Model found: Nokia 1202

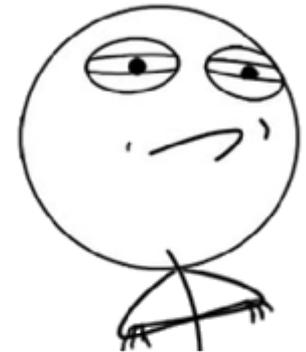
Supported since Cellebrite UFED 1.8.0.0 (last release 6.3)

Acquisitions:

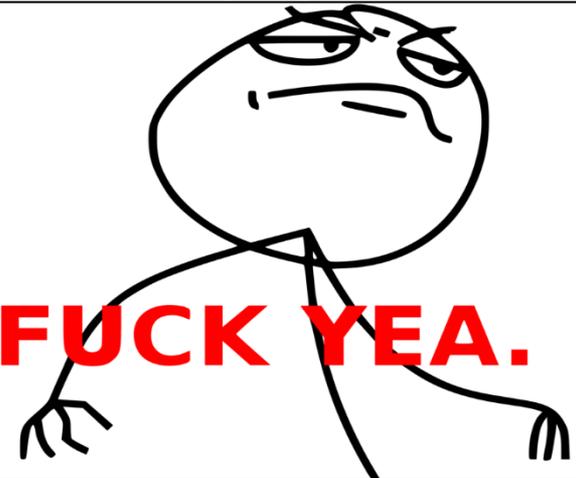
- Password extraction is possible

**NOKIA**

**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED**



**FUCK YEA.**



# FORENSICS EXAMPLES. Android.

## Samsung Galaxy, Sony Xperia, Asus Zenfone

### Samsung Galaxy A5 SM-A500FU

- Acquisitions: Physical extraction while bypassing lock, Physical extraction, File system extraction, Logical Extraction
- Supported since Cellebrite UFED 4.4 (last release 6.3)

### Sony Xperia Z5 compact E5823

- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction
- Supported since Cellebrite UFED 4.5 (last release 6.3)

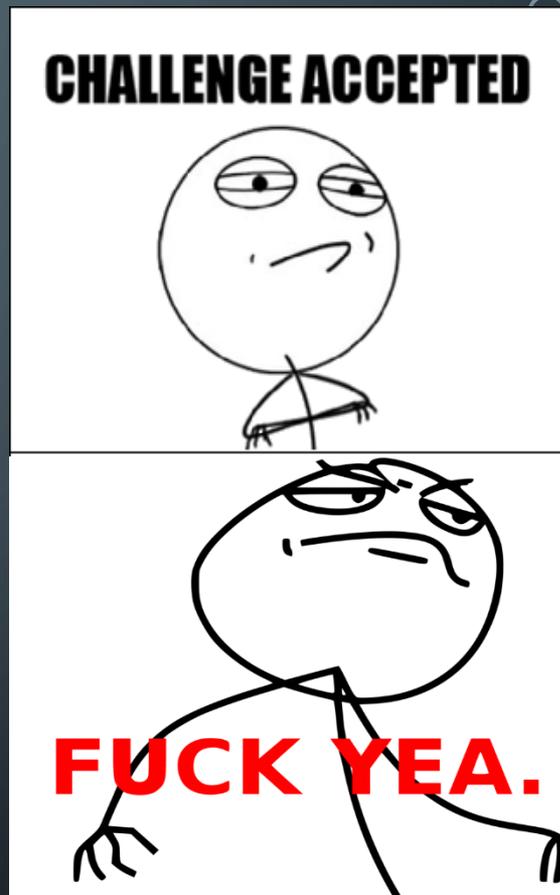
### Sony Xperia E5 F3311

- Acquisitions:
- File system extraction, Logical Extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.0 (last release 6.3)
- Physical extraction (ADB), Physical extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.1 (last release 6.3)

### Asus Zenfone 3 Max ZC520TL Asus\_X008D

- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.0 (last release 6.3)
- Acquisitions: Physical extraction while bypassing lock, Physical extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.1 (last release 6.3)

N/A about additional requirements, except ADB enabled for special cases



ASUS Zenfone™

SAMSUNG XPERIA  
Sony Smartphone

# FORENSICS EXAMPLES.

## Android. Acer, Asus Zenfone

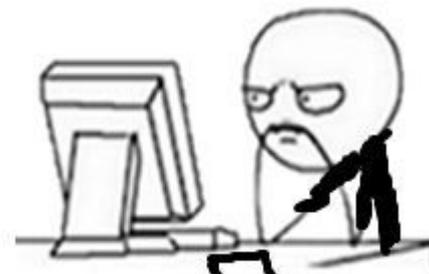
Acer Iconia Tab A3-A11 – not found, but similar B1-770 Iconia One 7

- Acquisitions: File system extraction, Logical Extraction
- Supported since Cellebrite UFED 4.5 (last release 6.3)

Asus ZenFone 2 Laser (ZE500KL) Asus\_X00ED – not found, but similar Z00TD Zenfone 2 Laser ZE551KL

- Acquisitions:
  - File system extraction, Logical Extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.0 (last release 6.3)
  - Physical extraction (ADB), Physical extraction - Supported since Cellebrite UFED 6.1 (last release 6.3)

N/A about additional requirements, except ADB enabled for special cases



# CONCLUSIONS

I believe my app has a good protection. Okay, don't forget to check it on the forensics web-site

Privacy Policy and other statement about security don't guarantee anything

It works only with root/jailbreak.

- There are backup copies that keep a plenty awesome data inside itself
- Tell that to forensics teams and check it on the forensics web-site again

Crafted SSL certificate to perform MITM is not a global issue. What about stolen, revoked and government root certificates then?

Android 7 prevents MITM attacks. Yes, but only in align to other requirements (No alternative AppMarket, No Repackaged Apps, No Root, No Any Apps from Unknown sources)

iOS 10 prevents MITM attacks via root user certificates. Users can enable or disable installed certificates

Next update is going to bring fixes? No, it is possible to get worse protected release even

# SOLUTIONS: FOR DEVELOPERS

Secure Mobile Development Guide by NowSecure

Coding Practices

Handling Sensitive Data

iOS & Android Tips

etc.

<https://books.nowsecure.com/secure-mobile-development/en/index.html>

# SOLUTIONS: DATA PROTECTION DBs

We [as security experts] know what data is protected and not protected despite of it's locally stored, transferred or hardcoded

Also, we know two simple things

- not only users publish their data
- developers can't protect data

At the same time we're customers, right?

- I'm as a customer prefer and have a right to know where devices shouldn't be connected to network or plugged PC/Mac.
- Developers aren't going to tell me if they fail. Instead they're telling 'everything is OK but they're not responsible for anything'

# SOLUTIONS: DATA PROTECTION DBs

Goal is providing a solution that helps to keep 'everyone' informed about app security fails.

Everyone means

- app users as well as app developers
- you don't need to be expert to understand that how it affects you; you just know if it has required level of protected or not
- but you have to get used that your application operates many data visible and not visible for you beyond the blueberry muffins over the weekend

# SOLUTIONS

- PrivacyMeter (will talk a bit later)
- Vulnerability databases
- Security scanners
- Forensics software
- Privacy Policy



# PrivacyMeter



Vulnerabilities matter but exist over 40 years

Vulnerability is a defect/ flaw in design in dev's code or third party libraries

Lack of data protection is usually an insecurity by design and implementation fails

Even OWASP considers data protection as more important thing than vulnerabilities by now

Lack of data protection is described by 3 vulnerabilities in data protection

- | sensitive data leakage, storage, transmission CWE-200, CWE-312, CWE-319

PrivacyMeter gives answer about (at the moment)

- | list of apps and average values (Raw value, Environment value depend on OS)

- | list of app data items grouped by 'protection levels/categories'

- | data item protection level and explanation

- | examination of privacy policy in regards to gained app results

Results are available on the web-site <http://www.privacymeter.online/> see booklets (!)

Download the Autumn Report <http://www.privacymeter.online/reports> see booklets (!)

# PRIVACYMETER. APP SECTION

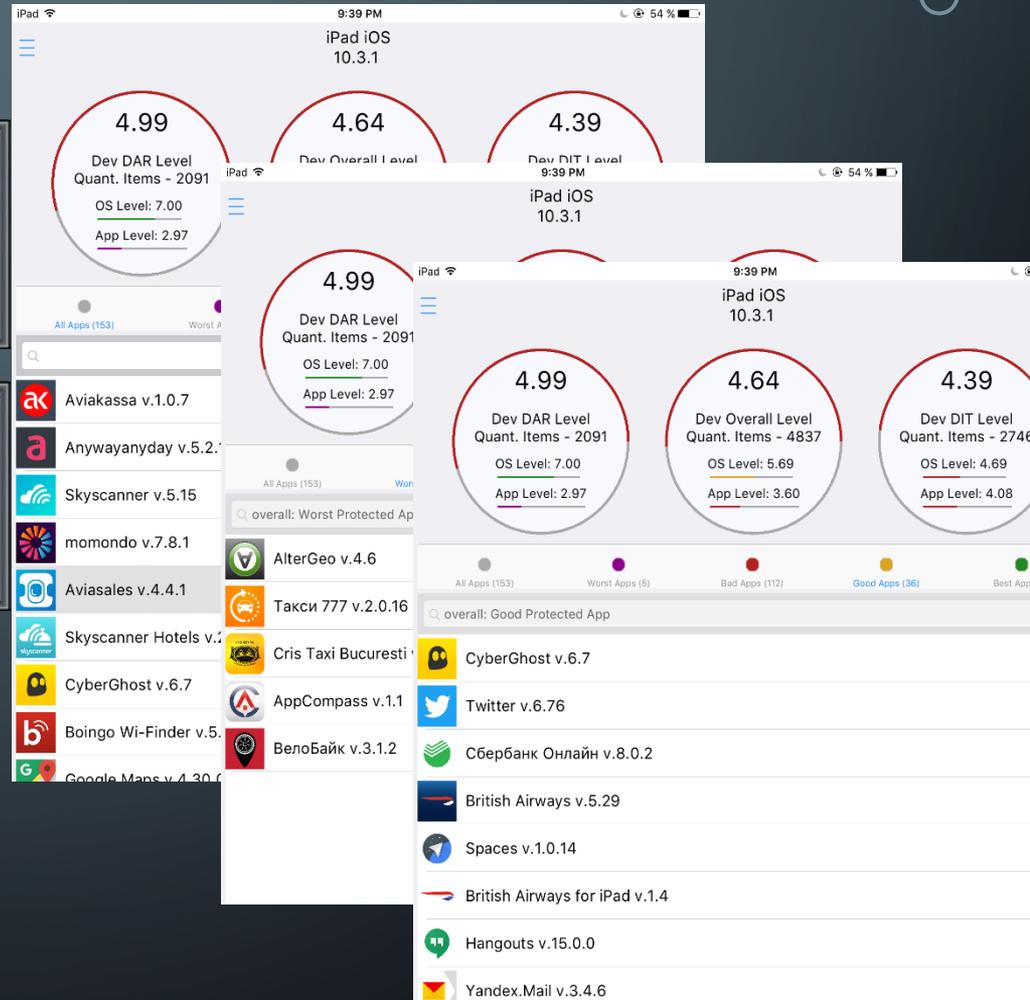
Goal: Find an averagely bad app

Overall results

List of apps

Filtering by app level

Local & Network Data



# PRIVACYMETER. APP DATA SECTION

Goal: Find a bad data item

Check if the new OS is better

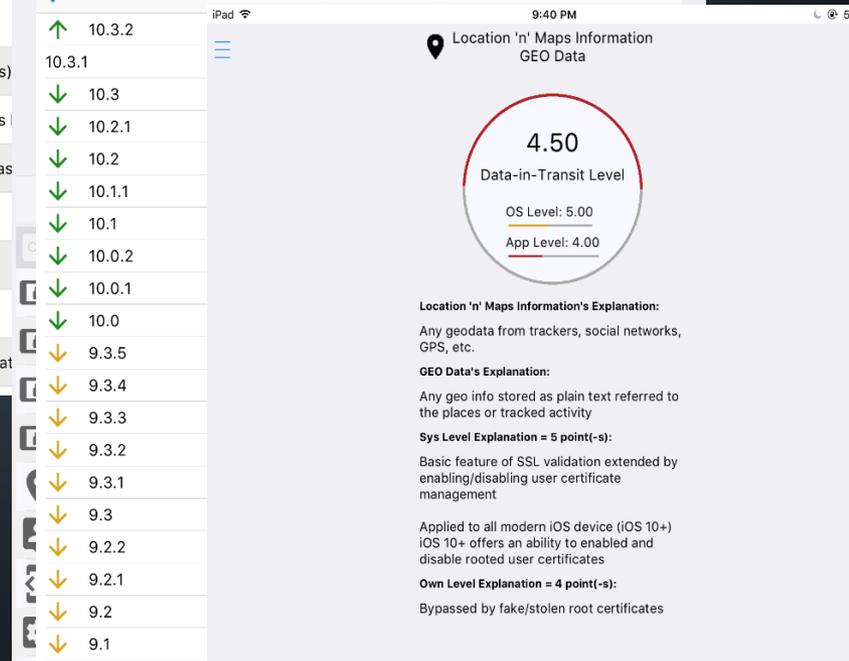
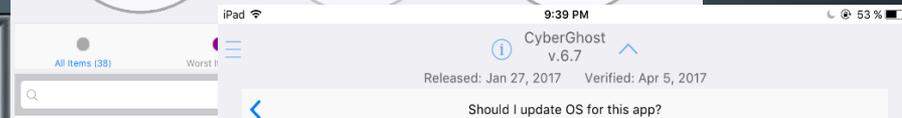
App's Level

List of Data Items

App Data's Level filters

All app levels by OS ver.

Data's Level Explanation



# PRIVACYMETER. DATA APP SECTION

Goal: Find a  
Betrayer App  
per Data

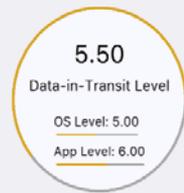
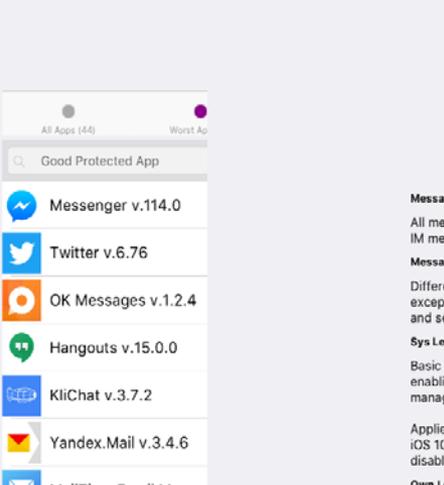
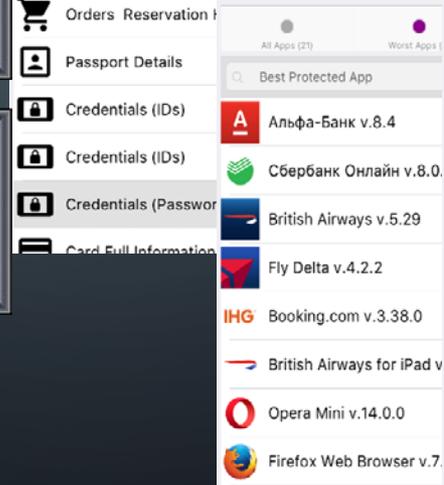
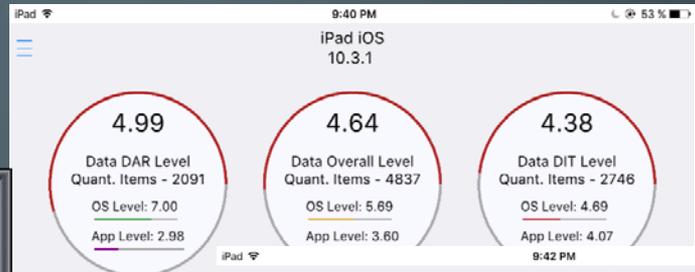
List of Data  
Items

Data's Level  
filters

App related to  
Data

Data App's  
Level filters

Data's Level  
Explanation



**Message Information's Explanation:**  
All message, including SMS, MMS, social IM messages with or without attachments

**Messages's Explanation:**  
Different types of messages, conversations except for SMS, MMS but including recipient and sender IDs and attachments

**Sys Level Explanation = 5 point(-s):**  
Basic feature of SSL validation extended enabling/disabling user certificate management

Applied to all modern iOS device (iOS 10+ iOS 10+ offers an ability to be enabled and disable rooted user certificates)

**Own Level Explanation = 6 point(-s):**  
SSL Pinning (can be patched)

# PRIVACYMETER. FORENSICS SECTION

Goal: Find a bad device

List of suspicions device parameters

Parameters need to get an access to a device

Hints (upcoming)

Device Modeling (upcoming)

Parameters Modeling (upcoming)

iPad 12:10 AM 68%

Apple iPad Air 2 iOS 10.3.1

Device Security News

- iPad Air 2  
Locked Bootloader (by default)
- iOS 10.3.1  
iOS 10.3.3
- Elcomsoft Forensics Tool supports this device  
Logical acquisition... Click for details
- Not Jailbroken  
Not Jailbroken
- N/A Ext.  
No External
- N/A VPN  
VPN is On
- Pass Protected  
Pass Protected

CPU - 64bit  
Device - iPad Air 2  
OS - 10.3.1  
Jailbreak or Root is required - N  
SSH is required - N  
Passcode is required - Y  
Touch ID is required - Y  
Passcode can be bypassed or quickly recovered - N  
Keychain extraction is possible - Y  
Keychain decryption is possible - Y  
LockdownRecord is supported - Y  
Lockdown Record is required - Y  
Forensics tool supports bruteforcing a device password - Y  
Device should be unlocked - Y  
Forensics tool supports bruteforcing a backup password - Y  
Jailbreak or Root availability - N/A  
Jailbreak explanation - N/A  
Type - Logical Acquisition (userlock issues - lockdown record, known, empty or bruteforced device password)  
Rating - 7  
Explanation - Logical acquisition of a standard iTunes-style backup of information stored in the device by producing this backup file (without Apple iTunes even). It is available for all devices running iOS 4 or newer regardless of hardware generation and jailbreak status. The device must be unlocked at least once after cold boot; otherwise, the device backup service cannot be started. The device must be unlocked with passcode or Touch ID, or use a non-expired lockdown file extracted from the user's computer.

# PRIVACYMETER. PROJECT. UPCOMING FEATURES



App's security  
level results

Data's security  
level results

Custom App List

Android Apps  
Synchronize

Modeling OS  
version's security  
level (all OS  
versions added)

Forensics affected devices  
(which is in a forensics list)

- 2 Tools added
- Forensics rating added
- Device modeling

Custom Data List  
(important data  
tracking)

Profiles & Alerting

Simple data naming,  
explanations and  
advices for users

Sorting by name,  
security level and so  
on

Wi-Fi Intercepting  
Detection (MITM)

More cool features...

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