Su-a-Cyder: Home-Brewing iOS Malware Like a BOSS!!

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This talk will cover the latest iOS malware creation & capabilities running on a non-jailbroken device with latest version of iOS.

This talk will not discuss targeting a jailbroken device.
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Overview

- iOS Sandbox and Ecosystem
- Historic iOS Malware Properties
- Malware Reincarnations
- Corporate Targeting Malware and Personal Targets
- Detection and Mitigation
About This Talk
This talk will cover the current state of iOS malware. It will disclose a new approach for iOS malware creation. It will address the impact on corporate & private sector. It will outline updated mitigation and best practices.
Questions to be addressed

ukkan iOS be targeted by malware?
  - What about Apple mitigation against malware?

Who may be affected by iOS malware?
  - I’m running iOS 9.2.1 non-jailbroken, am I affected?

What can iOS malware achieve?
  - What’s the worst case scenario?
The iOS Ecosystem
iOS Playground Rules

- All code must be signed
iOS Playground Rules – Code Sign

Every code running on an iOS device must be properly signed with an Apple provided certificate (Developer or Distributor).

Code replacing, application patching, and repackaging of an iOS application *should* not be possible.
iOS Playground Rules

- All code must be signed
- All apps are subjected to a review process
App Review

The app review process ensures that apps on the App Store and Mac App Store are reliable, perform as expected, and are free of explicit and offensive material. We review every app submitted based on a set of technical, content, and design criteria.

https://developer.apple.com/support/app-review/
iOS Playground Rules – App Review Process

Apple requests that developers submit their application for a peer review for stability and functionality. This process attempts to ban unwanted apps from the Apple App Store.
Top 10 reasons for app rejections during the 7-day period ending February 3, 2015.

14%  More information needed

9%  Guideline 2.2: Apps that exhibit bugs will be rejected

6%  Guideline 10.6: Apple and our customers place a high value on simple, refined, creative, well thought through interfaces. They take more work but are worth it. Apple sets a high bar. If your user interface is complex or less than very good, it may be rejected

5%  Guideline 22.2: Apps that contain false, fraudulent or misleading representations or use names or icons similar to other Apps will be rejected

4%  Guideline 3.3: Apps with names, descriptions, screenshots, or previews not relevant to the content and functionality of the App will be rejected

4%  Guideline 17.2: Apps that require users to share personal information, such as email address and date of birth, in order to function will be rejected

4%  Guideline 3.1: Apps or metadata that mentions the name of any other mobile platform will be rejected

3%  Guideline 3.8: Developers are responsible for assigning appropriate ratings to their Apps. Inappropriate ratings may be changed/deleted by Apple

3%  Guideline 3.4: App names in iTunes Connect and as displayed on a device should be similar, so as not to cause confusion

3%  Guideline 2.16: Multitasking Apps may only use background services for their intended purposes: VoIP, audio playback, location, task completion, local notifications, etc.
iOS Playground Rules

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- All apps are subjected to a review process
- Gaining certificates requires proper identification
iOS Playground Rules – Developer Certificates

Apple requires iOS Developers to supply proper identification during registration.

Apple can request further proof of identification at their will.
What You Need to Enroll

- Enrolling as an Individual
  If you are an individual or sole proprietor/single person business, sign in with your Apple ID to get started. You'll need to provide basic personal information, including your legal name and address.

- Enrolling as an Organization
  If you're enrolling your organization, you'll need an Apple ID as well as the following to get started:

  A D-U-N-S® Number
  Your organization must have a D-U-N-S Number so that we can verify your organization’s identity and legal entity status. These unique nine-digit numbers are assigned by Dun & Bradstreet and are widely used as standard business identifiers. You can check to see if your organization already has a D-U-N-S Number and request one if necessary. They are free in most jurisdictions. Learn more.

  Legal Entity Status
  Your organization must be a legal entity so that it can enter into contracts with Apple. We do not accept DBAs, Fictitious Businesses, Trade names, or branches.

  Legal Binding Authority
  As the person enrolling your organization in the Apple Developer Program, you must have the legal authority to bind your organization to legal agreements. You must be the organization’s owner/founder, executive team member, senior project lead, or have legal authority granted to you by a senior employee.

iOS Playground Rules

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- All certificates require identification
- All installations are validated on device
iOS Playground Rules – Installation Validation

Every installation on the device requires a signed package.

In addition, since version 9, iOS validates the application developer certificate against Apple to identify misused and abused Development certificates (such as Provision any Certs).
iOS Playground Rules

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- Any misbehaving developer will be accountable
iOS Playground Rules – Developer & App Bans

Apple has an identity to target with sanctions
It has been proven that misbehaving Developers were banned
Applications removed from store
Apple can pull an app from a device remotely
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Distribution Tracks
Malware in the Apple App Store
Malware from a Distributor / Developer
Distribution Tracks – App Store Malware

- ZergHelper (Claud Xiao, paloalto networks)
- xCodeGohst (Claud Xiao, paloalto networks)
Yispecter, WireLurker (Claud Xiao, paloalto networks)

masque-attack (Hui Xue, Tao Wei, Yulong Zhang, FireEye)
Historical Malware Capabilities

- Abuse private API to install and remove apps programmatically
- Abuse access to Address Book
- Abuse access to Calendar
- Abuse access to Photo EXIF metadata
- Abuse access to Microphone recording
- Abuse pin-point GPS Locationing
Historical Malware capabilities

- Deanonymization of user
- Hijacking of legitimate CFURL calls
- Phishing credentials
- Polymorphism by remote updates
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Corporate Security Response

Invest in Jailbreak detection
Vendor will install an agent on the device
Jailbroken Security: Why Your Enterprise Needs Jailbreak Detection

09.28.15 / Jay Barbour
2 Comments

Recently, a piece of iOS malware by the name of Keyraider stole the account information of over 225,000 Apple device users, along with thousands of certificates, private keys, device IDs and purchasing receipts. It's possibly one of the largest malware attacks suffered by the platform in history, and has already impacted users in over 18 countries. In addition to downloading massive amounts of data, the malware's distributors have also used it to hold devices for ransom.

Interestingly, but unsurprisingly, Keyraider targets only jailbroken devices.

Although jailbreaking and rooting gives a device's user more...
ELIMINATE THE UNKNOWN OF JAILBROKEN DEVICES

March 19, 2014
Posted by: Jackie Roewe

Systems Manager can now automatically detect enrolled jailbroken devices.

https://meraki.cisco.com/blog/2014/03/eliminate-the-unknown-of-jailbroken-devices/
Why Jailbroken Devices Are a Security Risk and How MDM Can Detect Them

Enterprises need to be on the lookout for jailbroken devices as they potentially put corporate data at risk.

by BizTech Staff
Security Vendor Assumption

Updated Device + Not Jailbroken = Clean!
Sign in with Apple ID
Xcode 7 allows anyone to download, build and ‘sideload’ iOS apps for free

Benjamin Mayo - 9 months ago @bzmayo
Support

Individuals

If you’re looking to develop apps for Apple platforms, download the Xcode developer tools, SDKs, and resources for free on the Xcode downloads page. Program membership is not required. If you don’t already have an Apple ID, you can create one here.

Apple Developer Program. If you’re an individual or sole proprietor/single person business interested in creating apps for distribution on the App Store for iPhone, iPad, Mac, and Apple Watch, enroll in the Apple Developer Program. Membership includes access to beta OS releases, advanced app capabilities, and tools to develop, test, and distribute apps and Safari extensions. Developers enrolled as individuals will sell apps on the App Store using their personal name.

99 USD per membership year
Sign in With Apple ID:

✿ Does not require Identification documents
✿ Any valid email address is sufficient
Create Your Apple ID

One Apple ID is all you need to access all Apple services.
Already have an Apple ID? Sign In

- name@example.com
- password
- confirm password
- first name
- last name
- birthday
- Security Question 1
Sign in With Apple ID

- Anonymous Developer
- No target for attribution
- Can always regenerate
- Resigning with new Certs
## Capabilities Available to Developers

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- **Apple Pay**
- **Associated Domains**
- **Game Center**
- **iCloud / CloudKit**
- **In-App Purchase**
- **Passbook / Wallet**
- **Personal VPN**
- **Push Notifications**

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WARNING: PSEUDO-MATH

EXPLOITABILITY: DOES THIS AFFECT ME / MY ORG?

\[
\frac{F(\text{PROFIT})}{G(\text{LOSS})} = \frac{F(\text{MOTIVE}, \text{OPPORTUNITY})}{G(\text{COST}, \text{ATTRIBUTION})}
\]

OPPORTUNITY JUST SCALED
ATTRIBUTION DECREASED

Xkcd font: https://github.com/ipython/xkcd-font
Most Common Malware

Either targeting an application or a user:

- Evil-Client: Replacing an original application (hiding in plain sight)
- Evil-Sample: Providing a new Sample (hiding the evil functionality)
Evil Client – Malicious / Repackaged

Using Original Application as a host

- Identical Icon
- Identical Bundle Name
- Using Original Binary as a Host
- Modified or additional functionality
ObjC Dylib injection

Dylib injection into memory

- Overwrite functionality
- No need for original source code
- Shares memory
- Shares iOS policy & entitlements
Cycrypt (@saurik)

Javascript & ObjC hybrid parser

- Scriptable
- SDK framework
- Console based
- Allows remote connection & manipulation of running app

www.cycrypt.org
Theos

An open source hooking platform

- Create dylib out of templates
- No need for original source code
- Attaches to process via Cydia substrate injection
Theos-Jailed

A side project from Bishop Fox

- Targeting non-Jailbroken devices
- Only needs Dev account
- Injects Dylib inside binary

https://github.com/BishopFox/theos-jailed
Theos-Jailed

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**LC_LOAD_DYLIB (CoreGraphics)**
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**LC_LOAD_DYLIB (CoreFoundation)**
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Fastlane.tools

Automation framework for iOS/Mac Developers

- Open-source
- Interacts with developers portal
- Ruby-based

https://fastlane.tools/
Su-a-Cyder: Home-Brewed iOS Malware PoC Generator
su-A-cyder v0.9.2.1
An Home-Brewed iOS Malware PoC Generator
Created by Chilik Tamir (@_coreBump) for BlackHatASIA 2016

It is heavily based on the great work done by the following (and many more):
# Cydia & Theos tweaking system (@aurik & Dustin Howett)
# libimobiledevice utilities (https://www.libimobiledevice.org)
# Bishop-fox, theos-jailed (https://github.com/BishopF0x/theos-jailed)
# Asger Hautop Drewsen,insert_dylib (https://github.com/Tyilo/insert_dylib)
# Spaceship, an Apple development automation platform (https://fastlane.tools/)

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DISCLAIMER:
This tool is an education tool for demonstration PoC of iOS Malware. Only!
Home-Brewed iOS Malware vs. the Corporate
Potential Corporate Targets

- Circumventing MDM/EMM/MRM Clients
- Circumventing internal stores (Emails, Docs, Apps)
- Profit $$$
Potential Corporate Targets

- Circumventing an MDM/EMM/MRM clients

Demo (Compromised Agent)
Potential Corporate Targets

- Circumventing MDM/EMM/MRM Clients
- VPN Clients, Corporate Messenger Applications
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(Demo)
Potential Corporate Targets

- Circumventing MDM/EMM/MRM Clients
- VPN Clients, Corporate Messenger Applications
- Healthcare
Potential Corporate Targets

- Circumventing MDM/EMM/MRM Clients
- VPN Clients, Corporate Messenger Applications
- Healthcare
- Finance Applications
Potential Corporate Targets

- In Flight Entertainment Systems (Aviation Network)

Is It Possible for Passengers to Hack Commercial Aircraft?

In-Flight Entertainment Systems

According to the FBI affidavit, Roberts got access to the thrust-management system through the in-flight entertainment system. The affidavit indicates that he found vulnerabilities in two models of IFE made by Panasonic and Thales, a French electronics firm that makes a variety of components and security products for the defense and aerospace industries and others.

On at least 15 different flights, Roberts evidently compromised IFE systems by obtaining physical access through the Seat Electronic Box, or SEB, installed beneath passenger seats. After removing the cover to the SEB by “wiggling and Squeezing the box,” the affidavit says Roberts took a Cat6

http://www.wired.com/2015/05/possible-passengers-hack-commercial-aircraft/
Potential Corporate Targets – The future...

Running Metasploit on a non-jailbroken corporate device?
Potential Corporate Targets – The future...

Running Metasploit on a non-jailbroken corporate device?
Home-Brewed iOS Malware Targeting the Individual
Personal Malware Capabilities

- Pinpoint GPS Locationing – Abusage

```c
-(void)locationManager:(CLLocationManager *)manager didUpdateToLocation:(CLLocation *)

CLLocation *location;
location = [manager location];
CLLocationCoordinate2D coordinate = [location coordinate];
_currentLocation = [[CLLocation alloc] init];
_currentLocation = newLocation;
_longitude = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"%f",coordinate.longitude];
_latitude = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"%f",coordinate.latitude];
```
Personal Malware Capabilities

- Address-Book Stealing

```objective-c
case CNAuthorizationStatus.Authorized :
    NSArray *keysToFetch = @[CNContactGivenNameKey, CNContactFamilyNameKey, CNContactPhoneNumbersKey];
    NSString *containerId = [self.CN_contacts defaultContainerIdentifier];
    NSPredicate *predicate = [CNContact predicateForContactsInContainerWithIdentifier:containerId];
    self.allContacts = [self.CN_contacts unifiedContactsMatchingPredicate:predicate keysToFetch:keysToFetch error:nil];
```
Personal Malware Capabilities

- EXIF data extraction (GPS...)

```objective-c
if (source == NULL) {
    NSLog(@"Source is NULL");
}

// get all the metadata in the image
NSDictionary *metadata = (__bridge NSDictionary *)CGImageSourceCopyProperties(source);

// make the metadata dictionary mutable so we can add properties to it
NSMutableDictionary *metadataAsMutable = [metadata mutableCopy];

NSMutableDictionary *EXIFDictionary = [metadataAsMutable objectForKey:@"kCGImagePropertyExifDictionary" mutableCopy];
NSMutableDictionary *GPSDictionary = [metadataAsMutable objectForKey:@"kCGImagePropertyGPSDictionary" mutableCopy];
NSMutableDictionary *RAWDictionary = [metadataAsMutable objectForKey:@"kCGImagePropertyRawDictionary" mutableCopy];
NSMutableDictionary *GIFDictionary = [metadataAsMutable objectForKey:@"kCGImagePropertyGIFDictionary" mutableCopy];
```
Personal Malware Capabilities

- Calendar Access

```c
// Get the appropriate calendar
NSCalendar *calendar = [NSCalendar currentCalendar];

// Create the start date components
NSDateComponents *oneDayAgoComponents = [[NSDateComponents alloc] init];
oneDayAgoComponents.day = -1;
NSDate *oneDayAgo = [calendar dateByAddingComponents:oneDayAgoComponents
toDate:[NSDate date]
options:0];

// Create the end date components
NSDateComponents *oneYearFromNowComponents = [[NSDateComponents alloc] init];
oneYearFromNowComponents.year = 1;
NSDate *oneYearFromNow = [calendar dateByAddingComponents:oneYearFromNowComponents
toDate:[NSDate date]
options:0];

// Create the predicate from the event store's instance method
NSPredicate *predicate = [store predicateForEventsWithStartDate:oneDayAgo
endDate:oneYearFromNow
calendars:nil];

// Fetch all events that match the predicate
NSArray *events = [store eventsMatchingPredicate:predicate];
```
Personal Malware Capabilities

Health Kit Access

In addition, your app must not access the HealthKit APIs unless the app is primarily designed to provide health or fitness services. Your app’s role as a health and fitness service must be clear in both your marketing text and your user interface. Specifically, the following guidelines apply to all HealthKit apps.

- Your app may not use information gained through the use of the HealthKit framework for advertising or similar services. Note that you may still serve advertising in an app that uses the HealthKit framework, but you cannot use data from the HealthKit store to serve ads.
- You must not disclose any information gained through HealthKit to a third party without express permission from the user. Even with permission, you can only share information to a third party if they are also providing a health or fitness service to the user.
- You cannot sell information gained through HealthKit to advertising platforms, data brokers or information resellers.
- If the user consents, you may share his or her HealthKit data with a third party for medical research.
- You must clearly disclose to the user how you and your app will use their HealthKit data.

You must also provide a privacy policy for any app that uses the HealthKit framework. You can find guidance on creating a privacy policy at the following sites:

- Personal Health Record model (for non-HIPAA apps): http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/personal-health-record-phr-model-privacy-notice
- HIPAA model (for HIPAA covered apps): http://www.hhs.gov/orcr/privacy/hipaa/modelnotices.html

These models developed by the ONC are designed to improve user experience and understanding by using plain language and approachable designs to explain how user data is collected and shared. These are not intended to replace a web based privacy policy, and developers should consult ONC guidance regarding which model is appropriate for a given app. These models are provided for your reference only, and Apple expressly disclaims all liability for your use of such models.

Personal Malware Capabilities

Evil Skype Demo
Hiding Personal Malware

- Invisible Icon + No Bundle
- Executable name + UI glitch
Hiding Personal Malware

- Invisible Icon + No Bundle
- Executable name + UI glitch
- No Taskbar lookup (no name)
Hiding Personal Malware

- Invisible Icon + No Bundle Executable name + UI glitch
- No Taskbar persistency
- Abusing CFURLs
Hiding Personal Malware

Abusing CFURLs

```swift
-(BOOL)application:(UIApplication *)application didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:(NSDictionary *)launchOptions {
    // Override point for customization after application launch.
    [self PostIt];
    [self recorder];
    [NSTimer scheduledTimerWithTimeInterval:1.1
     target:self
     selector:@selector(targetMethod)
     userInfo:nil
     repeats:NO];

    return YES;
}

-(void) targetMethod{
    // Call Here ...
    NSURL *actionURL = [NSURL URLWithString:@"skype://"];
    [[UIApplication sharedApplication] openURL:actionURL];

    // Invalidate the time
    [myTimer invalidate];
    myTimer = nil;
}
```
Hiding Personal Malware
Abusing CFURLs – Demo (Evil Skype Launching)
Detection & Mitigation

Personal Risk
- Passcode Lock
- Preferences – Management
- Battery Drain
- Weird Icons
- Unknown Bundles

Corporate Risk
- App Profiling
- Brand Protection
- Network Awareness
- Responsive MDM/EMM
Other Resources

Cycrypt & Cydia (www.cycript.org) @saurik
Theos tweaking system (Dustin Howett)
libimobiledevice utilities (https://www.libimobiledevice.org)
Bishop-fox, theos-jailed (https://github.com/BishopFox/theos-jailed)
Asger Hautop Drewsen, insert_dylib (https://github.com/Tyilo/insert_dylib)
Fastlane & Spaceship, an Apple development automation platform (https://fastlane.tools/)
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