



Commercial Spyware-Detecting the Undetectable

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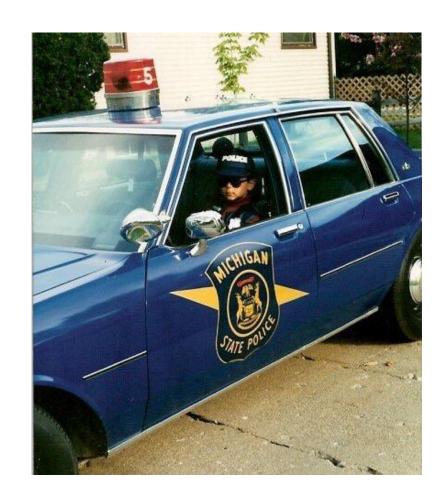
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Overview

- Mobile Spyware Introduction
- Research Methods
- SpyToMobile Results
- mSpy Results
- Conclusion

Spyware Introduction

Mobile spyware is:

- Easily available
- Easy to install
- Lots of features
- Stores data on remote server
- Already in your enterprise network?

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About 1,470,000 results (0.52 seconds)

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What We Know

Lacoon Mobile Security / Check Point Study:

- Sampled nearly 1 million devices (50% Android, 40% iOS, 10% Other) communicating through corporate Wi-Fi.
- Detected over 20 variants and 18 different families of spyware products.
- Two spyware programs (SpyToMobile and Mspy) accounted for more than half of all infections.
- Organizations with 2,000 devices on their enterprise have 50% chance of infection.

What could possibly go wrong?

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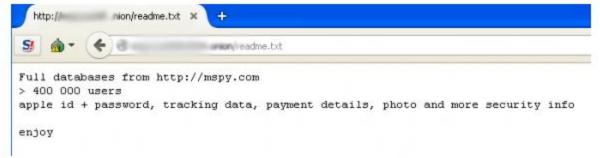
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14 Mobile Spyware Maker mSpy Hacked, Customer Data Leaked



mSpy, the makers of a dubious software-as-a-service product that claims to help more than two million people spy on the mobile devices of their kids and partners, appears to have been massively hacked. Last week, a huge trove of data apparently stolen from the company's servers was posted on the Deep Web, exposing countless emails, text messages, payment and location data on an undetermined number of mSpy "users."

mSpy has not responded to multiple requests for comment left for the company over the past five days. KrebsOnSecurity learned of the apparent breach from an anonymous source who shared a link to a Web page that is only reachable via Tor, a technology that helps users hide their true Internet address and allows users to host Web sites that are extremely difficult to get taken down.









Spyware Features

Most spyware programs collect at minimum the following types of information:

- Text Messages
- Call History
- Contact List
- Web History
- Wi-Fi Networks
- Emails
- Calendar, Notes, Tasks
- GPS Location

Are These Legal?

- Previously marketed towards cheating spouses.
- Tools now marketed towards employee and child monitoring.
- Legal disclaimer during installation.
- Many spyware companies still running.

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Man Pleads Guilty for Selling StealthGenie Spyware App and Ordered to Pay \$500,000 Fine

U.S. Attorney's Office

Eastern District of Virginia

(703) 299-3700

November 25, 2014

WASHINGTON—A Danish citizen today pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of Virginia and was ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000 for advertising and selling StealthGenie, a spyware application (app) that could remotely monitor calls, texts, videos and other communications on mobile phones without detection. This marks the first-ever criminal conviction concerning the advertisement and sale of a mobile device spyware app.

Assistant Attorney General Leslie R. Caldwell of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Dana J. Boente of the Eastern District of Virginia and Assistant Director in Charge Andrew G. McCabe of the FBI's Washington Field Office made the announcement after a hearing before U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema in the Eastern District of Virginia.

"Spyware is an electronic eavesdropping tool that secretly and illegally invades individual privacy," said Assistant Attorney General Caldwell, "Make no mistake: selling spyware is a federal crime, and the Criminal Division will make a federal case out if it. Today's guilty plea by a creator of the StealthGenie spyware is another demonstration of our commitment to prosecuting those who would invade personal privacy."

"The defendant advertised and sold a spyware app that could be secretly installed on smart phones withou the knowledge of the phones owner," said U.S. Attorney Boente. "This spyware app allowed individuals to intercept phone calls, electronic mail, text messages, voice-mails and photographs of others. The product allowed for the wholesale invasion of privacy by other individuals, and this office in coordination with our law enforcement partners will prosecute not just users of apps like this, but the makers and marketers of such tools as well."

"Mr. Akbar is the first-ever person to admit criminal activity in advertising and selling spyware that invades an unwitting victim's confidential communications," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge McCabe, "This illegal enguage provides individuals with an option to track a person's every move with

Research Conducted

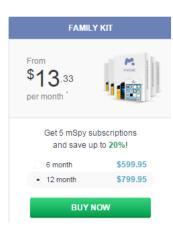
- Device Used: Samsung Galaxy S3
 - Model: GT-I9800I
 - Android Version: 4.4.4 (KitKat)
- Application Memory Exploitation
 - Android Debug Bridge (ADB)
 - Mem and Netcat
 - Strings
- Physical device acquisition and analysis
 - Cellebrite UFED4PC 4.2.1.3
 - Cellebrite Physical Analyzer 4.2.1.7

About mSpy

- Most common mobile spyware application, accounting for nearly one third of infections
- Sold on a subscription basis
- Claims to have over one million customers







Installation and Monitoring

- Requires physical access to the phone
- Modify security settings to allow untrusted apps.
- Browse to http://kypler.com/android
- Download and install bt.apk
- Enter unique passcode that is generated and emailed after purchase.
- And if you have trouble installing the spyware...



mAssistance

With mAssistance we'll gladly perform initial installation of mSpy on your target mobile device or computer.

Within 24 hours upon the purchase of the service, you'll be e-mailed to the e-mail you provide here by our field service representative to fix the best time for the procedure.

Platforms: Android, MacOS, Windows 2000, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows Vista,

Windows XP

Unit price: 37.99 USD

Total price: 37.99 USD

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Experiencing difficulties with an installation? Having hard times with setting up the features? Or simply tired of reading technical manuals? Relax! We'll do everything for you.

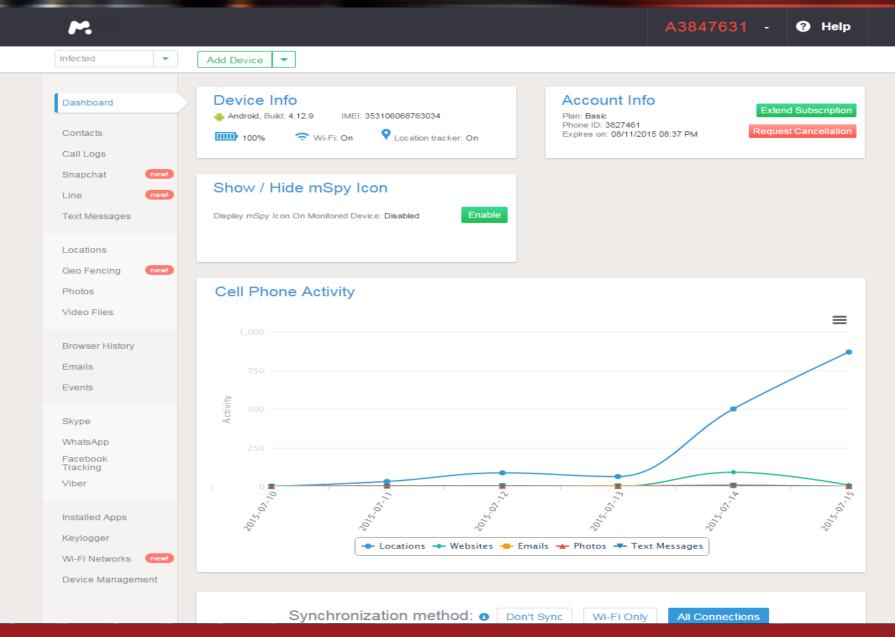
With **mAssistance** we'll gladly perform initial installation of **mSpy** on your target mobile device or computer. We'll complete Keylogger setup, Locations, disable SMS apps, activate USB-debugging and more.

You'll still need to have a physical access to the target device with an Internet connection.

Available for:

· Android mobile OS

Command and Control



Customizable Settings

Wi-Fi Networks:

All Connections

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Phone Settings Auto Update 6 All changes made on the web panel will be applied in N minutes. N minutes equal one update interval. Location Update Update Interval: 6 minutes minutes Units: foot Ŧ Interval: All Connections Locations: Call logs: All Connections SMS All Connections All Connections Address Book: All Connections E-mails: All Connections Events: Ŧ Browser History: All Connections All Connections Installed Apps: Wi-Fi Only Ŧ Photos: Ŧ Wi-Fi Only All Connections All Connections Videos: Ŧ Skype: WhatsApp: All Connections All Connections Facebook: Viber: Ŧ Ŧ Keylogger: All Connections All Connections Snapchat: Ŧ Ŧ

Wi-Fi is usually used when there's no data plan on the target device or it's too expensive. If you have Wi-Fi enabled all checked logs will be uploaded once the phone appears in Wi-Fi area. Please note that no data will be lost. mSpy will collect the logs and upload them once there's a connection.

Line:

All Connections

'All Connections' means Cellular Internet and Wi-Fi. If there is a signal from both connections the first priority is always set to Wi-Fi connection.

Forensic Analysis Results: mSPY



Application Memory Exploitation Results

mSPY settings found:

sh":"87b3ed68bae3bc270445984a76e00d79","config":{"gps":{"enable":true,"interval":"1","force_gps":true},"sms":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"memos":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"note":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"apps":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"apps":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"apps":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"audio":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"photo":{"enable":true,"wifionly":true},"video":{"enable":true,"wifionly":true},"browser":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"callrecording":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"skype":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"line":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"whatsapp":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"facebook":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"viber":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"keylogger":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"photospying":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"build_version":{"is_trial":false},"photospying":{"enable":true,"wifionly":false},"status":200}

Application Memory Exploitation Results

mSpy also captured the location of the device:

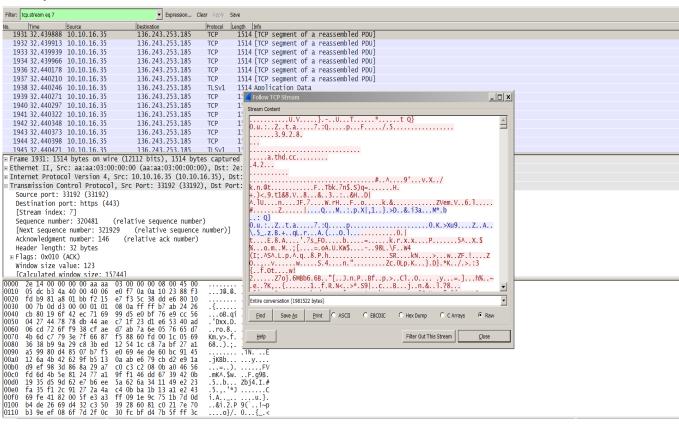
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mSpy Domains:

url LIKE '%mspy%' OR url LIKE '%thd.cc%' OR url LIKE '%mspyonline.com%'

Packet Capture Results

Analysis of network traffic indicates that mSpy communicated with IP Address 136.243.253.185 using TCP over port 443.



IP Address Information

IP Information for 136.243.253.185

- Quick Stats

IP Location	Germany Berlin Bitex Group Ltd
ASN	AS24940 HETZNER-AS Hetzner Online AG (registered Jun 03, 2002)
Resolve Host	a.thd.cc
Whois Server	whois.ripe.net
IP Address	136.243.253.185

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243.253.191
inetnum:
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netname:
                BITEX-GROUP-LTD
descr:
               Bitex Group LTD
country:
admin-c:
               PD7003-RIPE
tech-c:
                PD7003-RIPE
status:
               LEGACY
                ripe-mntner@hetzner.de
notify:
mnt-by:
                HOS-GUN
changed:
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            Pavel Daletski
person:
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phone:
                info@bitexgroupItd.com
e-mail:
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                HOS-GUN
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created:
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last-modified: 2013-01-08T03:10:37Z
source:
                RIPE
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Physical Acquisition Analysis Summary

- Google Chrome history contained evidence that the user visited http://kypler.com/android and downloaded bt.apk.
- The mSPY application installed to /Root/data/android.sys.process.
- The applications folder contained a sqlite database (internal.db) that stored all data collected by mSPY and a .xml file (settings.xml) which stores the spyware's settings.

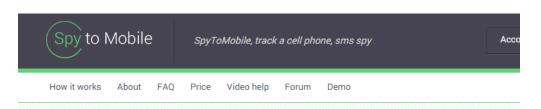
Internal.db

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viber_messages	(0)	
viber_participants	(0)	
videos	(0)	

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V	1436900777	-76.8512079	39.1704875	13.4160003662109	-1	248	
	1436900860	-76.8511734	39.1705113	14.4569997787476	-1	249	
	1436900946	-76.8511963	39.1704857	13.4160003662109	-1	250	
V	1436901022	-76.8512036	39.1704891	13.4160003662109	-1	251	
V	1436901108	-76.8512031	39.1704902	13.4160003662109	-1	252	
V	1436901194	-76.851197	39.1704931	13.4160003662109	-1	253	
V	1436901254	-76.8512117	39.1704896	13.4160003662109	-1	254	
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About SpyToMobile

- Second most common mobile spyware
- Sold on a subscription basis
- Cost \$0.99 per day



About the project

Sometimes it's necessary to watch a cell phone's activity. SpyToMobile application allows you to intercept incoming and outgoing SMS messages remotely, get contacts list, access call history, and follow the location of the device. Be sure that it is legal in your country or state.

These are some of our customer comments:

Celia

I have a 14-year-old daughter. It's easy to fall into a bad company at her age. But now I know where she is. Thank you for the great app!

Michael.

Once I got really nervous and thought that my fiancee had started to contact her ex-boyfriend. I was quite happy to find that it was all in my imagination. SpyToMobile helped me to figure it out. I don't worry about it now, but I know that I can always check on her.

Pedro

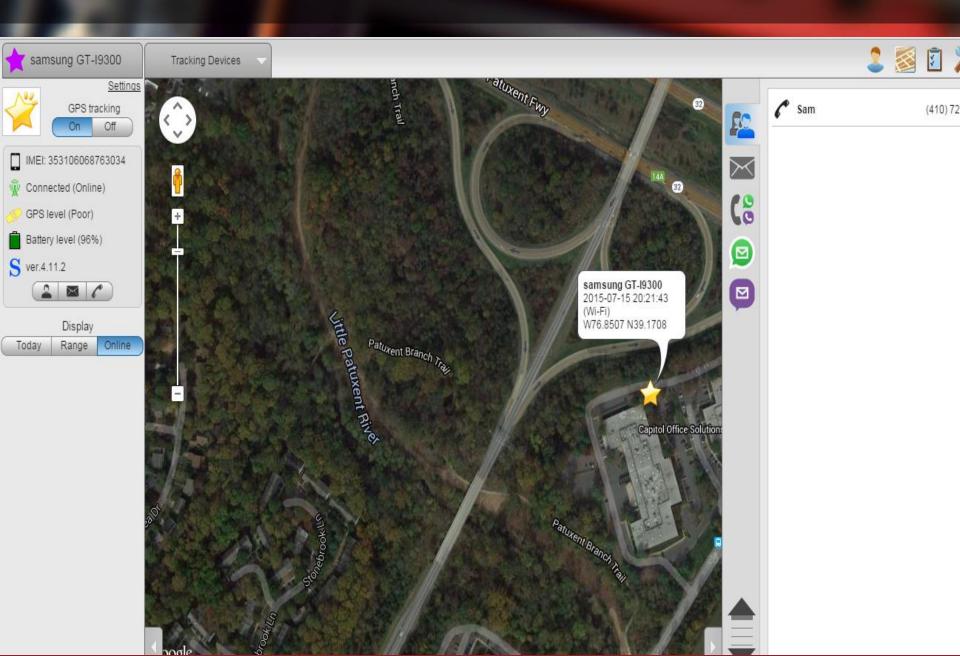
It's a really great app. I have installed it on my cell. So I can keep all the data from my cell in my account. That's great!!

Installing and Monitoring

- Requires physical access to the phone
- Modify security settings to allow untrusted apps.
- Browse to SpyToMobile.com/d
- Download and install Data_backup.apk
- Put 'Data Backup' widget on the screen.
- Enter email address.



Command and Control



Forensic Analysis Results: SpyToMobile



Application Memory Exploitation

SpyToMobile recorded text message:

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{"viber_time":0,"sms_time":1436293687,"call_time":1436290801,"viber_call_time":0,"wapp_call_time":0,"sms":[{"u":1436293687,"t":2,"m":"I love Black Hat 2015!\n","a":"5552368"}],"wapp_time":0}
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duration

/data/data/com.spy2mobile.light/databases/msgstore.d b

Application Memory Exploitation

Evidence of SpyToMobile recording wireless network locations:

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Guest Network-columbia/xx:xx:xx:xx:xx
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RSSI:-44

W:87.0

C:-1

L:39.170727 -76.85074

Pentest_Lab2/xx:xx:xx:xx:7d

RSSI:-49

W:85.0

C:-1

L:39.170727 -76.85074

/data/data/com.spy2mobile.light/database

/data/data/com.spy2mobile.light/databases/system.db

WiFi stored:

Guest Network-columbia/xx:xx:xx:xx:xx

RSSI:-44

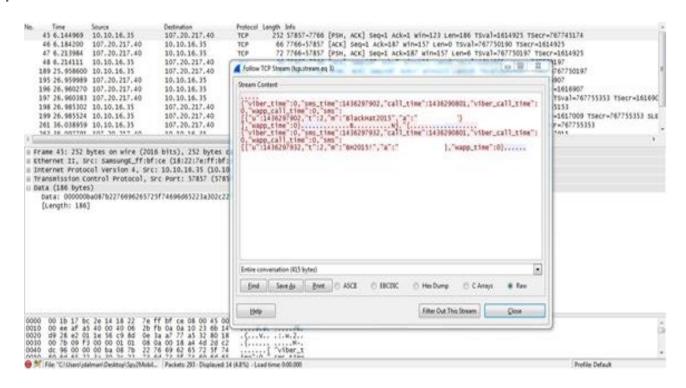
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Packet Capture Results

Analysis of network traffic indicated that SpyToMobile communicates with IP Address 107.20.217.40 using TCP over port 7766.



IP Address Information

Registrant Org	Domains By Proxy, LLC was found in ~11,111,910 other domains
Registrar	WILD WEST DOMAINS, LLC
Registrar Status	<pre>clientDeleteProhibited, clientRenewProhibited, clientTransferProhibited, clientUpdateProhibited</pre>
Dates	Created on 2012-02-15 - Expires on 2016-02-15 - Updated on 2015-01-19
Name Server(s)	NS29.DOMAINCONTROL.COM (has 38,773,043 domains) NS30.DOMAINCONTROL.COM (has 38,773,043 domains)
IP Address	107.20.217.40 - 2 other sites hosted on this server
IP Location	- Virginia - Ashburn - Amazon.com Inc.
ASN	AS14618 AMAZON-AES - Amazon.com, Inc. (registered Nov 04, 2005)
Domain Status	Registered And Active Website
Whois History	24 records have been archived since 2012-02-16
IP History	3 changes on 4 unique IP addresses over 3 years
Registrar History	1 registrar
Hosting History	1 change on 2 unique name servers over 3 years
Whois Server	whois.wildwestdomains.com

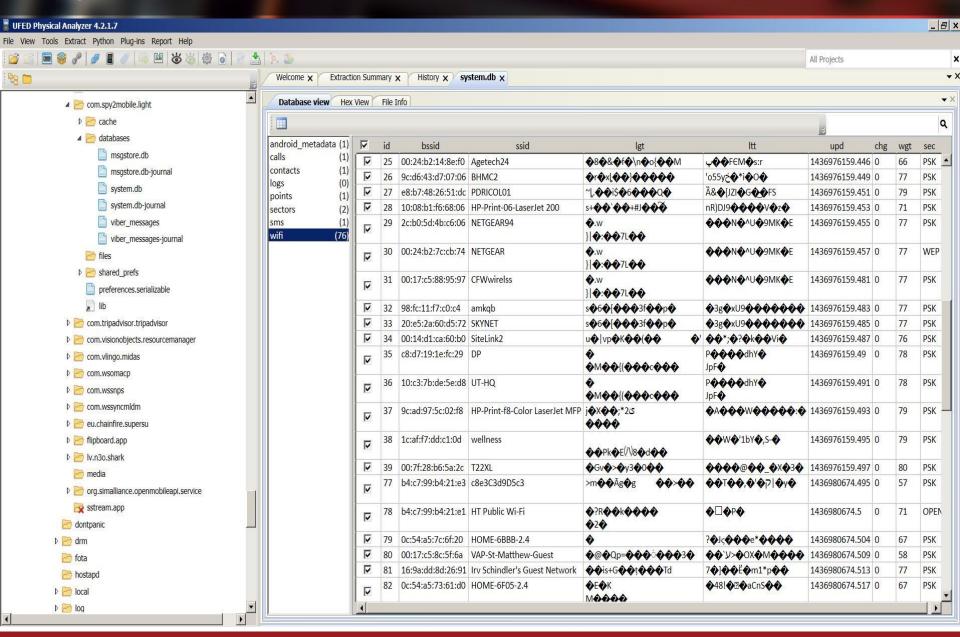
Physical Acquisition Analysis Summary

- Google Chrome History contained evidence that the user visited http://spy2mobile.com/d and downloaded a file named:
 Data_backup.apk
- The SpyToMobile application is installed to /data/data/com.spy2mobile.light
- The applications folder contained a sqlite database (system.db) that stored all data collected by mSPY.

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- com.sec.spp.push
- com.sec.tcpdumpservice
- com.sec.usbsettings
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- Com.wssyncmldm
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System.db



How do I know if I have been infected?

- Use a strong passcode and limit physical access to the phone.
- Check visited URLs and Download history.
- Examine security settings and determine if Unknown Sources is enabled.
- Look for new and unfamiliar Widgets or Apps.
- If still uncertain, take a pcap!

Similar Work

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