



Android Application Security Assessments

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Overview

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 - Component Purpose
 - Activating Components
- **Lab Setup**
 - Physical Device
 - Android Virtual Device
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Platform Terminology

- **Components**
 - Activity
 - Content Provider
 - Service
 - Broadcast Receiver



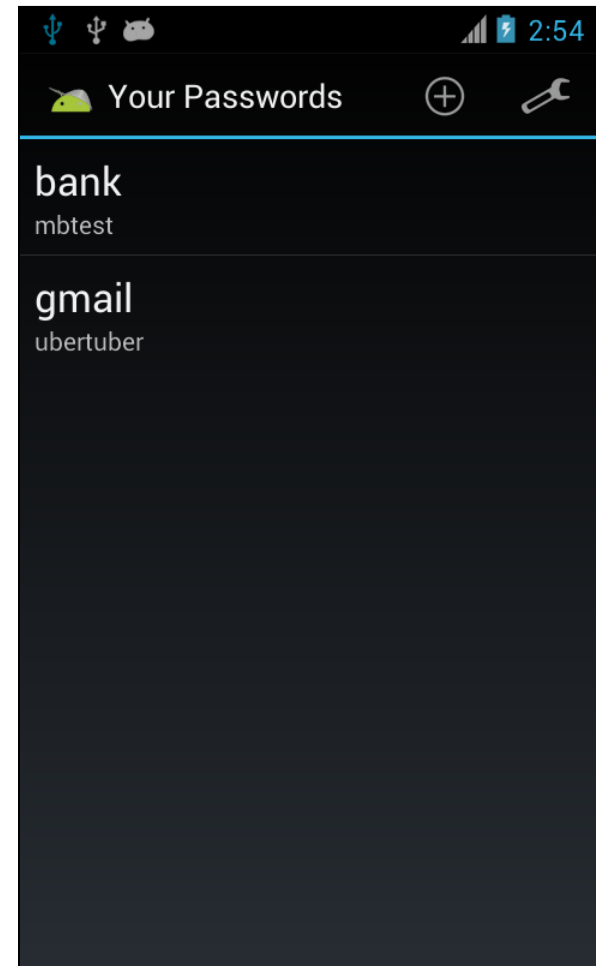
Platform Terminology

- **Activity**
 - Screen Task
- **Content Provider**
 - Structured Data Task
- **Service**
 - Background Task
- **Broadcast Receiver**
 - System Broadcast Responder Task



Platform Terminology

- **Activation**
 - Intent
 - Intent Filters
- **Intent**
 - Explicit
 - FQCN
 - Own App
 - Implicit
 - General Action
 - Another App

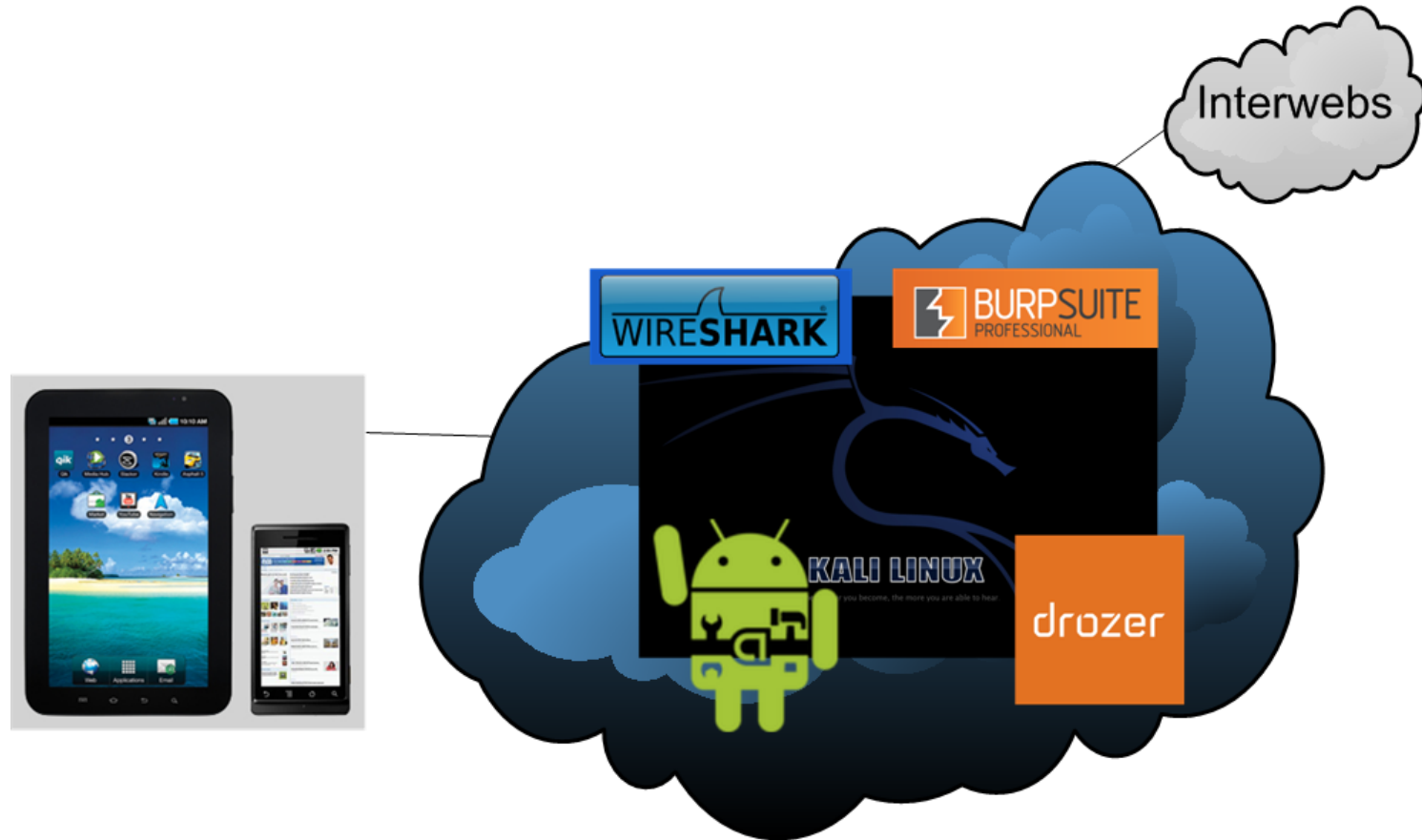


Platform Terminology

- **Intent Filters**
 - Implicit Only
 - Advertises Receivable Intents
 - Action
 - Data
 - Category
 - Per Component
 - Exception: Service

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<activity android:name="
  <intent-filter>
    <action android:
    <category andro
    <data android:r
  </intent-filter>
</activity>
```

Lab Setup – Physical Device



LAB – Physical Device

Lab – Android Virtual Device



LAB – Emulated Device

Assessment Process

- **File System Snapshot**
 - Pre-Installation
 - Post-Installation
 - Post-App Use
- **File System Review**
 - Cache
 - Logs
 - Configuration Files

Assessment Process

- **Application**
 - Authentication
 - Registration
 - Input Injection
 - Encryption
 - Information Storage
- **Web Services**
 - Server Configuration
 - Server Input Validation
 - Cipher Strength

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Assessment Process

- **Component Tests**

- Exported Activities

- Permissions
- Intent Filters

- Content Providers

- Permissions
- Injection
- Data Retrieval
- URI Discovery

- Exported Services

- Permissions



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - drozer.cmd
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drozer Console (v2.3.2)
dz> run app.package.list -f settings
com.android.settings (Settings)
com.android.development_settings (Development Settings)
com.android.providers.settings (Settings Storage)
dz>
```

Assessment Tools

- **Linux Commands**

- tree
- strings
- diff

- **Intercepting Proxy**

- Burp Suite Pro
- Web Scarab
- OWASP Zap

```
root@kali:/run# nmap 192.168.1.167
Starting Nmap 6.25 ( http://nmap.org ) at 1970-0
root@kali:/run# nmap --top-ports 10 192.168.1.1
Starting Nmap 6.25 ( http://nmap.org ) at 1970-0
Nmap scan report for ██████████ (192.16
Host is up (0.00076s latency).
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    closed ftp
22/tcp    closed ssh
23/tcp    closed telnet
25/tcp    closed smtp
80/tcp    closed http
110/tcp   closed pop3
139/tcp   closed netbios-ssn
443/tcp   closed https
445/tcp   closed microsoft-ds
3389/tcp  closed ms-wbt-server
MAC Address: ██████████ (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1
root@kali:/run# █
```

Assessment Tools

- **Kali Tools**
 - Dex2Jar
 - Nmap
 - Wireshark
 - Metasploit
 - JD Gui
- **Drozer**
- **Drozer Agent**
- **Android SDK**



What To Look For

- **OWASP Top 10**
- **Components**
 - Exported Permissions
 - Input Injection
 - Data Retrieval
 - Authentication Bypass
- **Encryption**
 - Present
 - Cipher Strength
 - SSL/TLS Version
- **Sensitive Data**
 - Cache
 - Logs
 - Manifest
- **Application**
 - Input
 - Authentication
 - Password Strength
 - Certificate Pinning

What To Look For

- **Web Services**
 - Server Misconfiguration
 - Server Side Validation
 - Enumeration
 - Payment Type
 - Payment Info
 - Usernames
 - Other Sensitive Information



Further Reading

- **Android Developer Guides**
 - <http://developer.android.com>
- **Drozer User Manual**
 - <https://www.mwrinfosecurity.com/products/drozer>
- **Vulnerable Android App Sieve**
 - <https://www.mwrinfosecurity.com/products/drozer>
- **OWASP Mobile Top 10**
 - https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Mobile_Security_Project

Android Demo

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Thank You!