"A day in the life of a script kiddie – pwning Android for the lulz"

Stuff we'll be looking at today

- Introduction
- A short game!
- Beginning the current state of things
- Middle what why and how?
- End what we learnt?

Introduction

- My name is Leum*
- I'm an IT Security Analyst**
- I work for [REDACTED]
- I look nothing like this;



*yes, it really is spelt like that, my dad was a mechanic, it's got something to do with Petro<u>leum!</u>
**I break [computer] stuff for a living

Game Time!

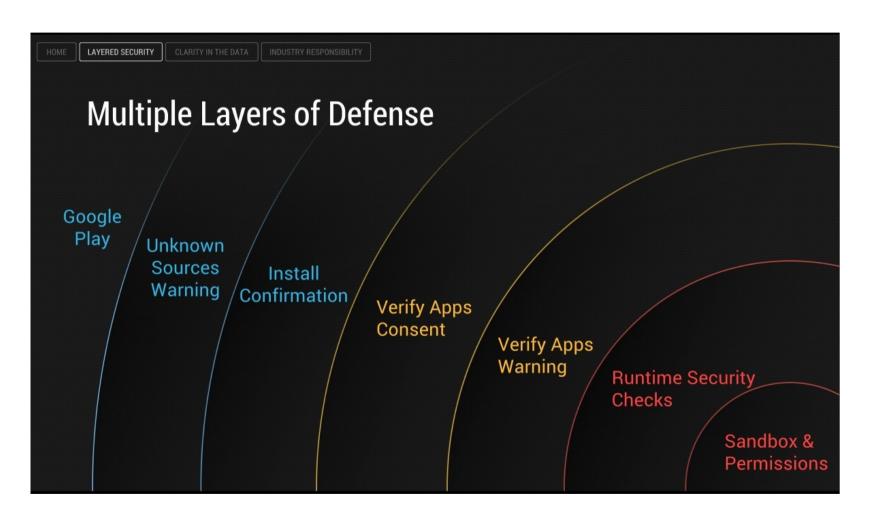
*have you noticed how awesome my wizzy slides are yet?

**turns out I'm rubbish at Powerpoint!

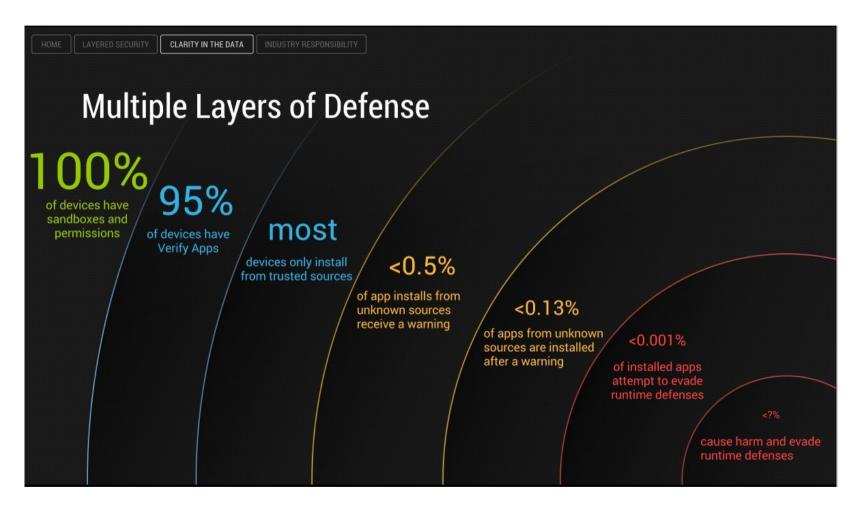
The beginning bit!

- Android is 'secure enough'
- Permissions must be granted to apps
- Google's Play store keeps you safe
- Users can (in the main) be trusted

A couple of cool graphics I pinched from lifehacker.com



And here's the other one*



^{*}both are a bit out of date, but I think they illustrate the point, even if the numbers aren't current

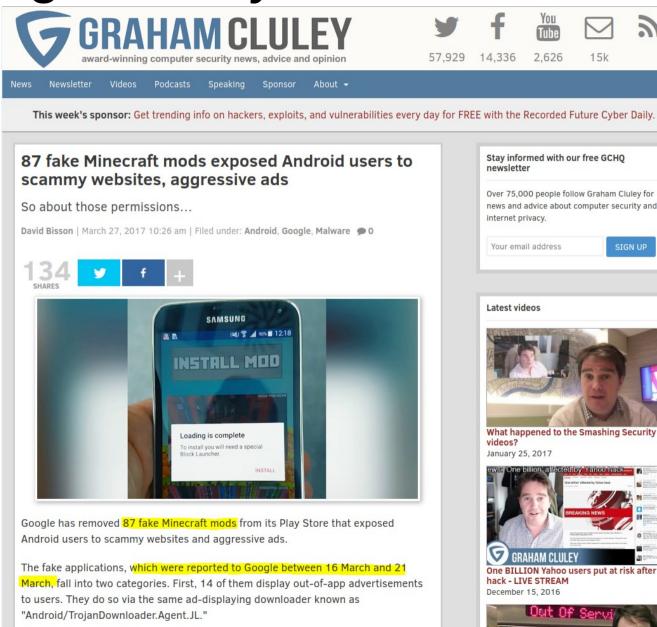
The End of the Beginning!

- That stuff from above just doesn't sit well with me!
- Who actually questions the permissions?*
- Google's Play store doesn't keep you safe**
- Users can't be trusted (but to be fair, most users simply don't have the technical understanding necessary to fairly evaluate device security)

*I believe Android permissions are just the EULA of the mobile world

**See next slide

Google's Play Store, not so safe!





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The Short Version: Android Is Secure...Users Aren't

 So given that we have a weak link, just how hard is it to 'pwn' an Android device?

The middle bit

Tonight Matthew, I'm going to be...



...a script kiddie!

Building the test environment*

- Find some spare mobile phones
- Patch them up to date
- Install Windows**
- Find a cool desktop wallpaper!
- Install a bunch of H@x0R sounding apps that I'll never use but look cool!

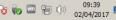
*In a VM of course, let's not trust Malware!

**eugh!

Windows virtual machine





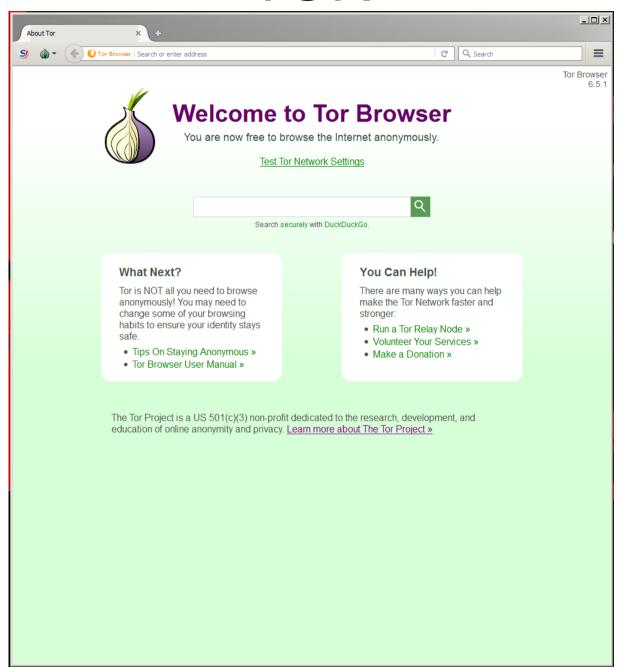


Researching Android RATs

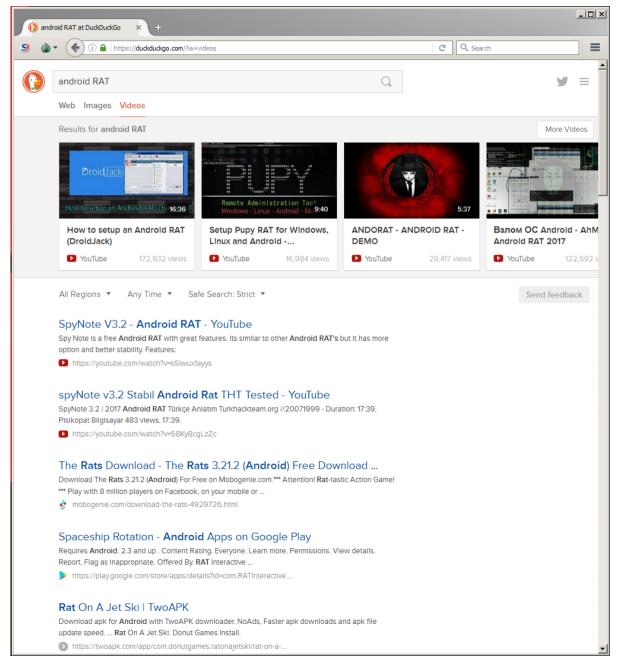
- RAT = 'Remote Access Trojan' or 'Remote Administration Tool'
- Where do you find such things?
- How much do they cost?
- Where to start?
- ...to the Dark Web!*

*because that's where all the cool stuff is!

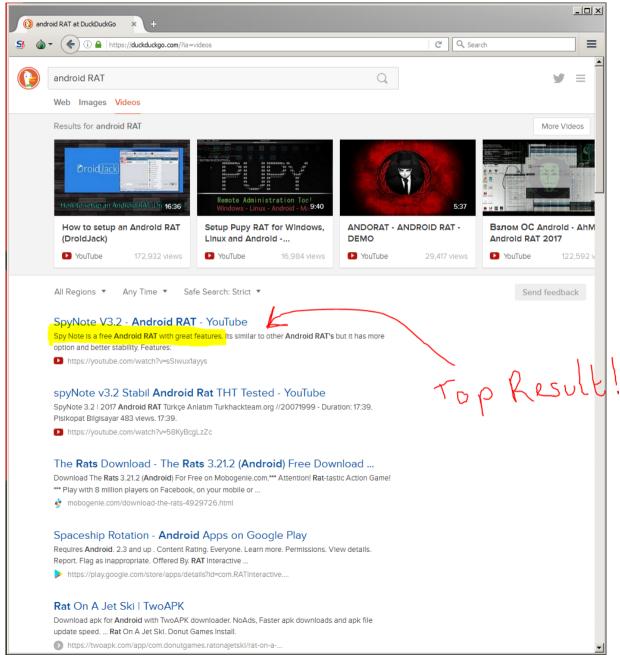
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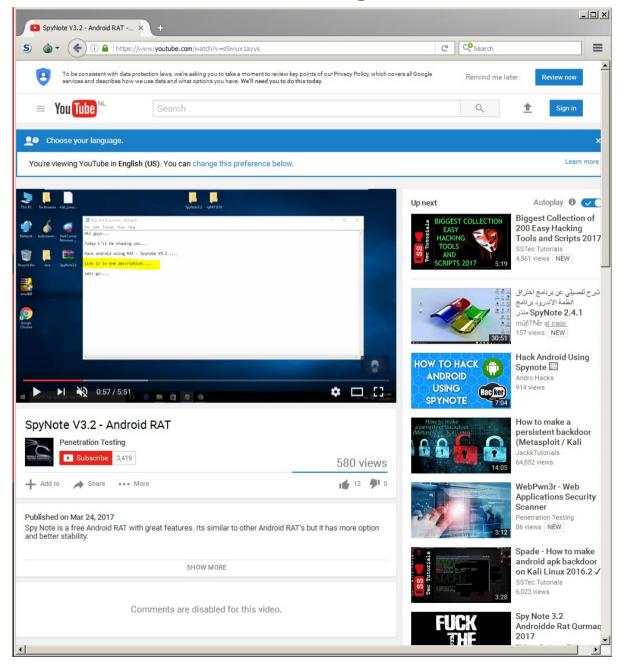
Built in search (DuckDuckGo)



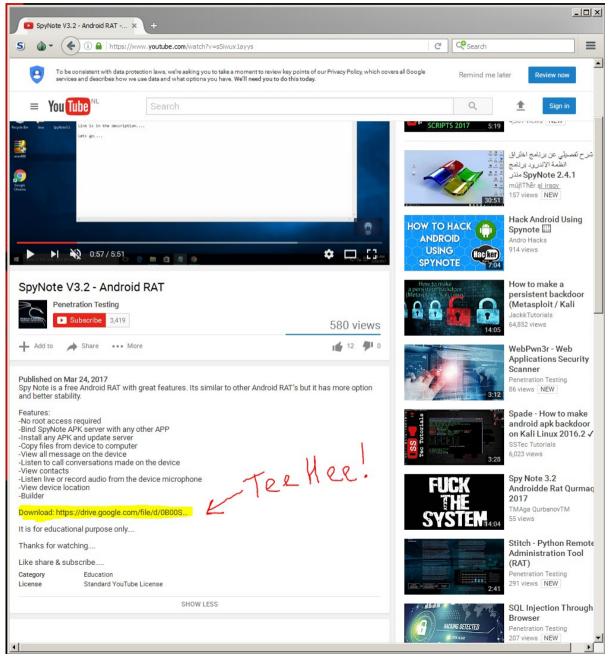
Surely it can't be that easy?



No way!?



It really can be that easy!



Imaginary Training Montage!

- Push-ups*
- Running**
- Karate***
- To the tune of Eye of the Tiger****

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*lots of

**some

**seriously Leum? Who do you think you're kidding?

****I couldn't afford the royalty payment so you'll have to use your imagination!
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Demo time!

- This will probably go horribly wrong!
- If I found time then there will be a video*

*I almost certainly didn't get time to do this!

The end bit

Caveats;

- This demo was slightly simplified to make it work in this environment. Port forwarding and Dynamic DNS configuration is required to make it work in real life
- Social Engineering is key to the success of this attack. Success rates can be improved through targeting and tailoring

What have we learnt?

- Attackers <u>really</u> don't need a lot of skill, just a motive
- The attack only needs to work occasionally, and may not even be attacking your company directly (collateral damage)
- Enterprise tools may encrypt data and scan for malware, but they don't stop calls being recorded or the phone being used as a remote mic (bug)
- If the user is trusted, then the Android security model breaks
- Defence is about educating users, not buying more 'toys'

Additional

- The global market for Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) and enterprise mobility is expected to quadruple in size over the next four years, hitting \$284 billion by 2019
- Do not blindly trust the things that vendors sell you, mobile device management, remote wipe, device encryption all mean very little if the user can't be trusted
- BYOD or COPE without mobile device management is just plain risky!

Any questions?

Thank you for your time! I hope you found something useful here

 I'll be around for a little while in the networking area if you want to chat later, but I have to run for a train around 20:00, feel free to find me on LinkedIn if it's easier*

*it's not hard to find me, there are only so many people called Leum in the UK :)