



ENIGMA

Usable Security

- The Source Awakens -

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“Users Are Not the Enemy”

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“Developers Are Not the Enemy Either”



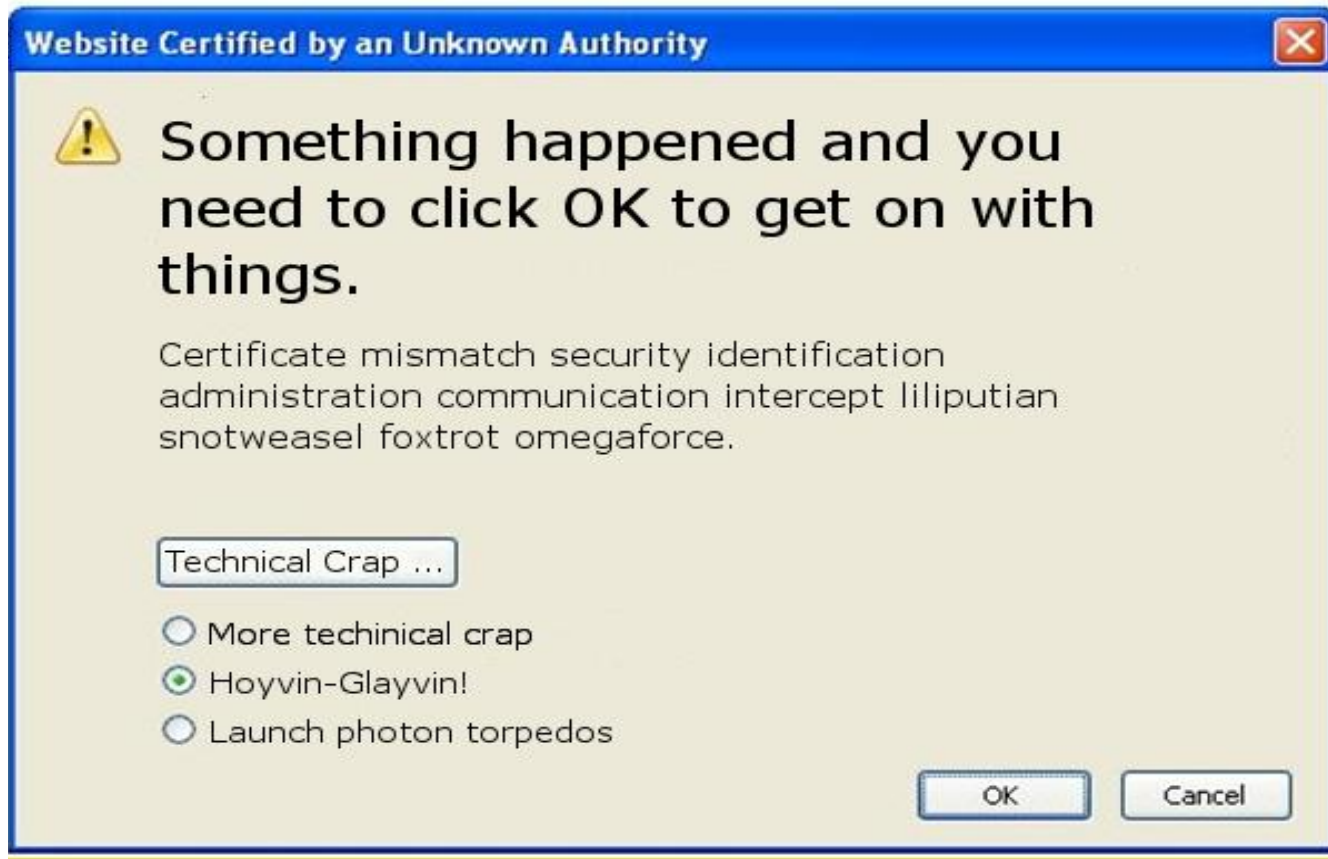
There is a problem with this website's security certificate.

The security certificate presented by this website was not issued by a trusted certificate authority. The security certificate presented by this website has expired or is not yet valid.

Security certificate problems may indicate an attempt to fool you or intercept any data you send to the server.

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Adapted from Jonathan Nightingale

4.5M unique certificates in 2013

610k “bad” certificates

123456

**correct horse
battery staple**

MUST READ IF A SMARTPHONE VENDOR ACQUIESCES TO ANTI-ENCRYPTION LAWS, DON'T USE THEM

6.46 million LinkedIn passwords leaked online

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Top 20 Stocks

NEWS

OCT 28, 2015 @ 10:10 AM 37,737 VIEWS

RockYou hack accounts

13 Million Passwords Appear To Have Leaked From This Free Web Host - UPDATED

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RISK ASSESSMENT / SECURITY & HACKTIVISM



13 million plaintext passwords belonging to webhost users leaked online

Personal data is exposed as a result of a five-month-old hack on 000Webhost.

security engineering

Joseph Bonneau

```
// these sizes are relatively arbitrary
int seedBytes = 20;
int hashBytes = 20;

// increase iterations as high as your performance can tolerate
// since this increases computational cost of password guessing
// which should help security
int iterations = 1000;

// to save a new password:

SecureRandom rng = new SecureRandom();
byte[] salt = rng.generateSeed(seedBytes);

Pkcs5S2ParametersGenerator kdf = new Pkcs5S2ParametersGenerator();
kdf.init(passwordToSave.getBytes("UTF-8"), salt, iterations);

byte[] hash =
    ((KeyParameter) kdf.generateDerivedMacParameters(8*hashBytes)).getKey();

// now save salt and hash

// to check a password, given the known previous salt and hash:

kdf = new Pkcs5S2ParametersGenerator();
kdf.init(passwordToCheck.getBytes("UTF-8"), salt, iterations);

byte[] hashToCheck =
    ((KeyParameter) kdf.generateDerivedMacParameters(8*hashBytes)).getKey();
```

```
static OSStatus
SSLVerifySignedServerKeyExchange(SSLContext *ctx, bool isRsa, SSLBuffer signedParams,
    uint8_t *signature, UInt16 signatureLen)
{
    OSStatus      err;
    ...

    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &serverRandom)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.update(&hashCtx, &signedParams)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    if ((err = SSLHashSHA1.final(&hashCtx, &hashOut)) != 0)
        goto fail;
    ...

fail:
    SSLFreeBuffer(&signedHashes);
    SSLFreeBuffer(&hashCtx);
    return err;
}
```

An iceberg floating in a blue ocean under a blue sky with white clouds. The visible tip of the iceberg is on the left, and a red dot is placed on its top surface. The much larger, submerged part of the iceberg extends deep into the water below the surface line. The text 'End Users' is positioned above the tip, and 'Administrators and Developers' is positioned within the submerged portion.

End Users

**Administrators
and Developers**

Trust me! I'm an engineer!



Story 1

HTTPS

The default Android **HTTPS** API
implements correct certificate validation.



Q: I am getting an error of „javax.net.ssl.SSLException: Not trusted server certificate“.

[...]

I have spent 40 hours researching and trying to figure out a workaround for this issue.



A: Look at this tutorial

<http://blog.antoine.li/.../android-trusting-ssl-certificates>

// Create a trust manager that does not validate certificate chains

```
TrustManager[] trustAllCerts = new TrustManager[] { new X509TrustManager() {
```

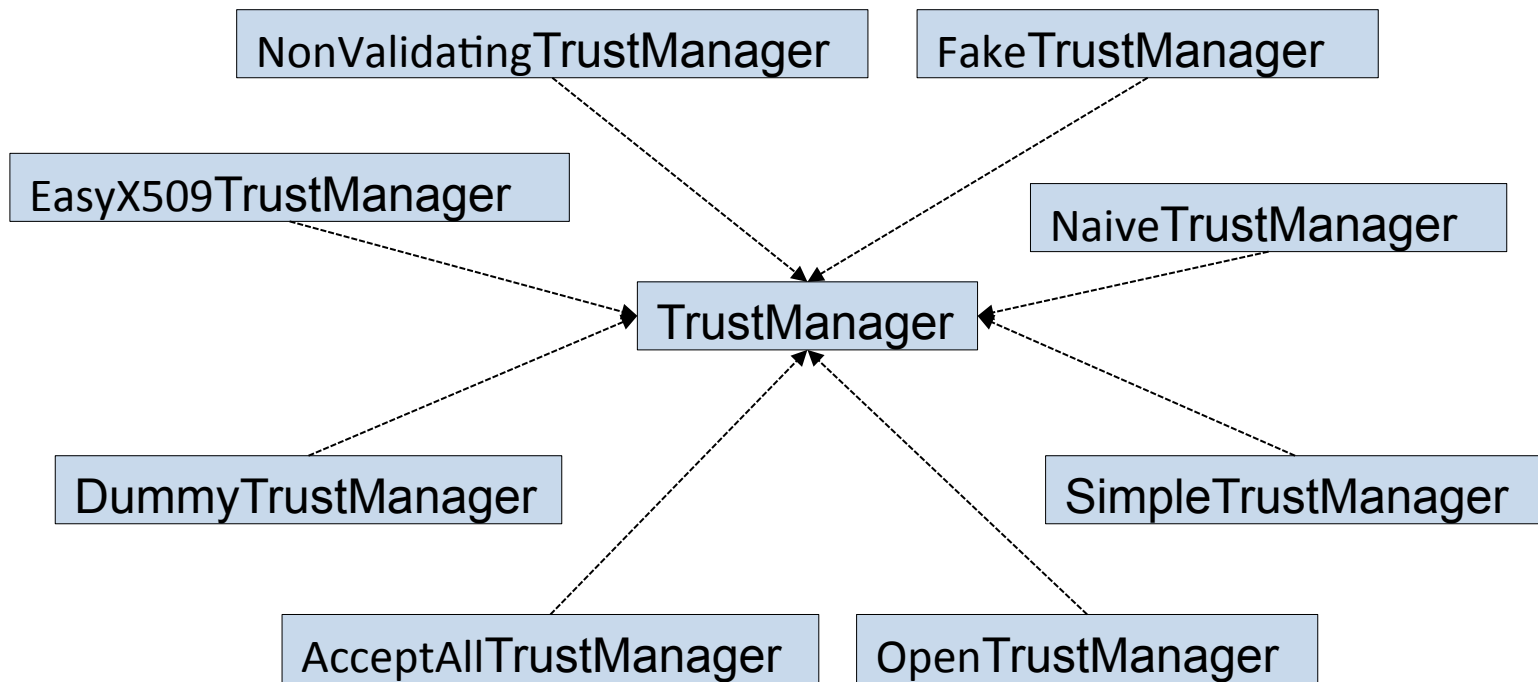
```
    public java.security.cert.X509Certificate[] getAcceptedIssuers() {  
        return null;  
    }  
}
```

```
    public void checkClientTrusted(X509Certificate[] chain, String authType) throws CertificateException {  
        // do nothing  
    }  
}
```

```
    public void checkServerTrusted(X509Certificate[] chain, String authType) throws CertificateException {  
        // do nothing  
    }  
}
```

```
} };
```

Static analysis of 13.500 popular Android Apps found thousands of vulnerable Apps



- Cherry-picked 100 apps
 - 21 apps trust all certificates
 - 20 apps accept all hostnames

These 41 Apps had an install base between 39 – 185 million devices!

- Captured credentials for:
 - American Express, Diners Club, Paypal, bank accounts, Facebook, Twitter, Google, Yahoo, Microsoft Live ID, Box, WordPress, remote control servers, arbitrary email accounts, and IBM Sametime, among others.





Problem → Solution

USEC Methods

```
graph TD; A[USEC Methods] --> B[Evaluating Without Users]; A --> C[Evaluating With Users]; B --> B1[Cognitive Walkthrough]; B --> B2[Heuristic Evaluation]; B --> B3[Model-Based Evaluation]; C --> D[Qualitative]; C --> E[Quantitative]; D --> D1[Silent Observation]; D --> D2[Think Aloud]; D --> D3[Constructive Interaction]; D --> D4[Retrospective Testing]; D --> D5[Interviews]; E --> E1[Controlled Experiments]; E --> E2[Questionnaires];
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Evaluating Without Users

- Cognitive Walkthrough
- Heuristic Evaluation
- Model-Based Evaluation

Evaluating With Users

Qualitative

- Silent Observation
- Think Aloud
- Constructive Interaction
- Retrospective Testing
- Interviews

Quantitative

- Controlled Experiments
- Questionnaires

“This app was one of our first mobile apps and when we noticed that there were problems with the SSL certificate, we just implemented the first working solution we found on the Internet.”



“We use self-signed certificates for testing purposes and the easiest way to make them working is to remove certificate validation. Somehow we must have forgotten to remove that code again when we released our app.”



“[...] When I used Wireshark to look at the traffic, Wireshark said that this is a proper SSL protected data stream and I could not see any cleartext information when I manually inspected the packets. So I really cannot see what the problem is here.”

55	16.352652	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	42836 > 10443 [ACK] Seq
56	16.534849	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	SSLv3	Application Data
57	16.534869	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	10443 > 42836 [ACK] Seq
58	16.537346	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	SSLv3	Application Data, Appl
59	16.537674	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	42836 > 10443 [ACK] Seq
81	31.540448	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	SSLv3	Encrypted Alert
82	31.540486	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	42836 > 10443 [ACK] Seq
83	31.541069	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	10443 > 42836 [FIN, AC
84	31.572562	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	42836 > 10443 [ACK] Seq
91	36.540157	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	42836 > 10443 [FIN, AC
92	36.540206	127.0.0.1	127.0.0.1	TCP	10443 > 42836 [ACK] Seq

▶ Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 42836 (42836), Dst Port: 10443 (10443), Seq: 806, A

▼ Secure Socket Layer

▼ SSLv3 Record Layer: Application Data Protocol: http

Content Type: Application Data (23)

Version: SSL 3.0 (0x0300)

Length: 400

Encrypted Application Data: e5e4820b5bac7a02e0950d68ae61e430f7051bab74457210...

0040	1f dc 17 03 00 01 90 e5	e4 82 0b 5b ac 7a 02 e0[.z..
0050	95 0d 68 ae 61 e4 30 f7	05 1b ab 74 45 72 10 11	..h.a.o.	...tEr..
0060	10 be f4 00 6a 56 43 dc	50 5f a8 75 5c 83 48 9a	...jVC.	P...u\H.
0070	ef 7a 91 66 ba f7 88 bb	f8 87 7c 5b b4 f4 a4 dc	.z.f....	... [...
0080	35 8c 90 f7 98 c9 b1 56	44 92 b8 3b d7 3d 75 d0	5.....V	D...;=u.
0090	78 c7 1e fd 61 16 2b 68	d6 b7 ae 1e 0f 13 af 0b	x...a+...	

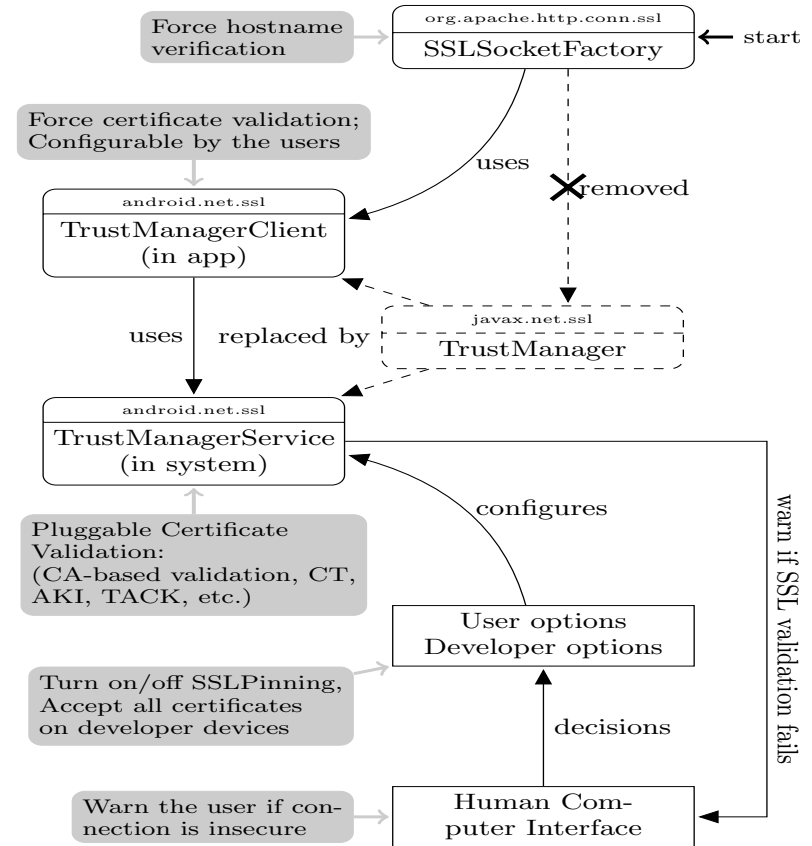
“The app accepts all SSL certificates because some users wanted to connect to their blogs with self-signed certs and [...] because Android does not provide an easy-to-use SSL certificate warning message, it was a lot easier to simply accept all self-signed certificates.”



VS.



- ✓ HTTPS can be secure on Android
- ✓ Backwards compatible for 13.500 apps except
 - ✗ 19 apps that implemented pinning
 - ✓ updating those to the new pinning system would be very easy



Story 2

Malware Analysis

Source code

```
int f(int a){  
    int i = 0;  
    for(; i < a ; i++)  
        ...  
}
```

Decompiled code

```
int f(int arg){  
    int var = 0;  
    while(var < arg)  
        ...  
        var = var + 1;  
}
```

Compilation

High-level
abstractions
are lost

Decompilation

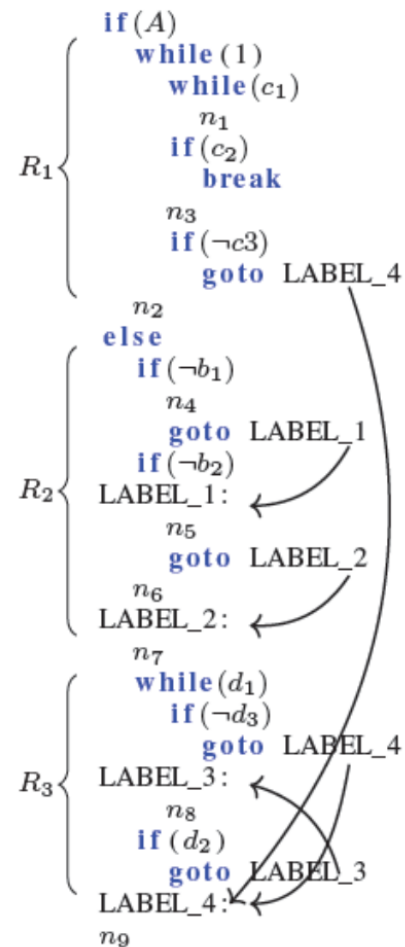
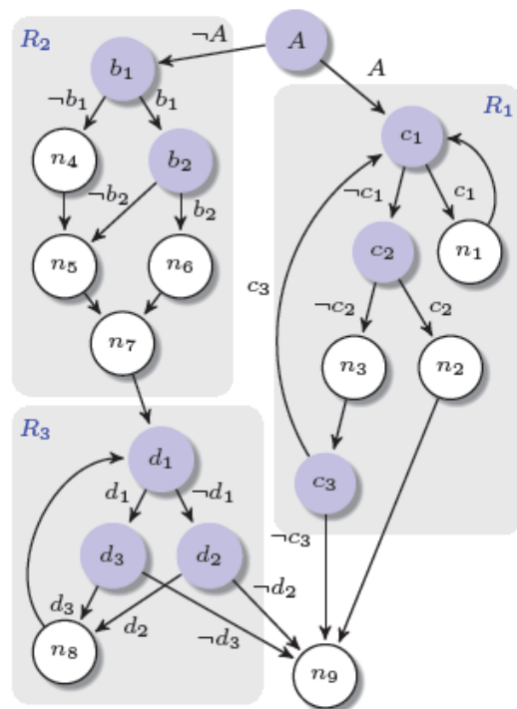
Recovered
abstractions

```
010101010101010100  
010101010101010100  
010101010101010100  
010101010101010100  
010101010101010100
```

Binary code

P2P Zeus Sample

1,571 goto statements in 50k LoC



```

1 void *__cdecl sub_10006390(){
2     __int32 v13; // eax@14
3     int v14; // esi@15
4     unsigned int v15; // ecx@15
5     int v16; // edx@16
6     char *v17; // edi@18
7     bool v18; // zf@18
8     unsigned int v19; // edx@18
9     char v20; // dl@21
10    char v23; // [sp+0h] [bp-338h]@1
11    int v30; // [sp+30Ch] [bp-2Ch]@1
12    __int32 v36; // [sp+324h] [bp-14h]@14
13    int v37; // [sp+328h] [bp-10h]@1
14    int i; // [sp+330h] [bp-8h]@1
15    // [...]
16    v30 = "qwrtpsdfghjklzxcvbnm";
17    v32 = "ghjklzxcvbnm";
18    v33 = "lzxcvbnm";
19    v31 = "psdfghjklzxcvbnm";
20    v35 = aQwrtpsdfghjklz[20];
21    v37 = "eyuioa";
22    v34 = "vbnm";
23    v38 = "oa";
24    v39 = aEyuioa[6];
25    // [...]

```

```

26     v14 = 0;
27     v15 = 3;
28     if ( v13 > 0 )
29     {
30         v16 = 1 - &v23;
31         for ( i = 1 - &v23; ; v16 = i )
32         {
33             v17 = &v23 + v14;
34             v19 = (&v23 + v14 + v16) & 0x80000001;
35             v18 = v19 == 0;
36             if ( (v19 & 0x80000000) != 0 )
37                 v18 = ((v19 - 1) | 0xFFFFFFFF) == -1;
38             v20 = v18 ? *(&v37 + dwSeed / v15 % 6)
39                       : *(&v30 + dwSeed / v15 % 0x14);
40             ++v14;
41             v15 += 2;
42             *v17 = v20;
43             if ( v14 >= v36 )
44                 break; }
45     }

```

Hex-Rays: Simda malware - Domain generation algorithm


```
1  ▼ LPVOID sub_10006390(){
2      char * v1 = "qwrtpsdfghjklzxcvbnm";
3      char * v2 = "eyuioa";
4      // [...]
5      int v13 = 3;
6      ▼ for(int i = 0; i < num; i++){
7          char v14 = i % 2 == 0 ? v1[(dwSeed / v13) % 20]
8                               : v2[(dwSeed / v13) % 6];
9      v13 += 2;
10     v3[i] = v14;
11     }
```

DREAM++ Simda malware - Domain generation algorithm

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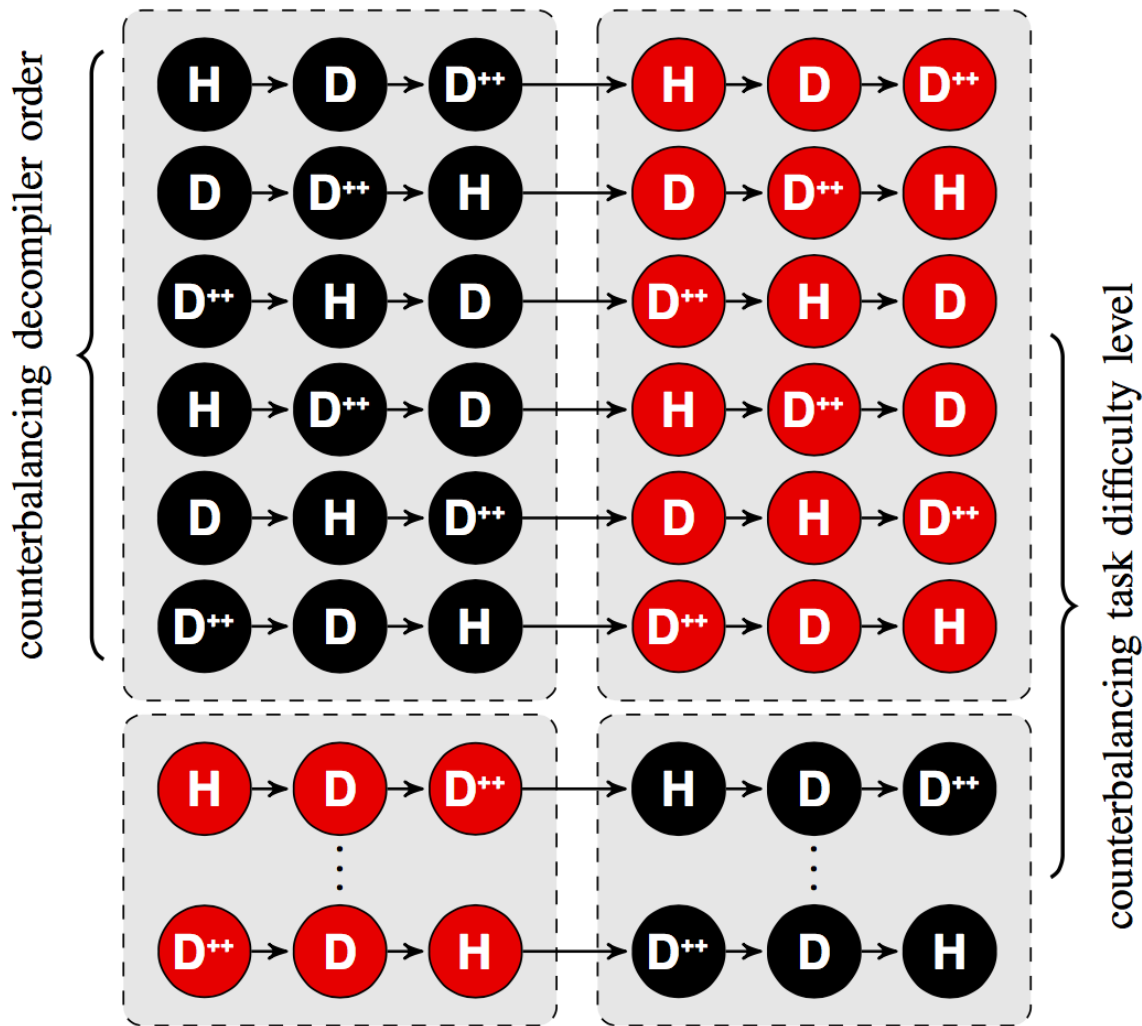
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Malware Analysis Study

- 3 Decompilers
 - HexRays
 - DREAM
 - DREAM++
- 6 Analysis Tasks
- 21 Students
- 9 Analysts



“The code mostly looks like a straightforward C translation of machine code; besides a general sense about what is going on, I think I'd rather just see the assembly.” - DREAM

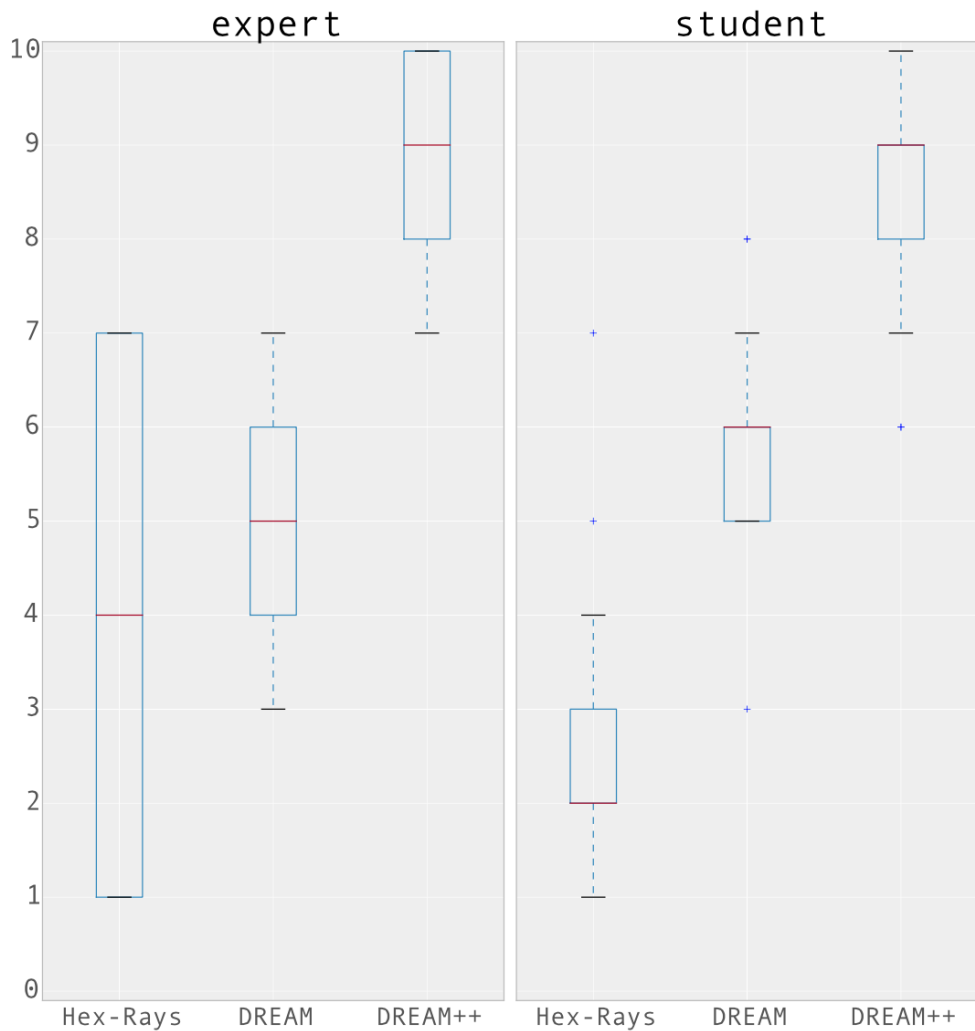
“This code looks like it was written by a human, even if many of the variable names are quite generic. But just the named index variable makes the code much easier to read! ” – DREAM++

Students

- Solved 3 times as many tasks with DREAM++ than with Hex-Rays

Experts

- Solved 1.5 times as many task with DREAM++ than with Hex-Rays



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