

# Secrets in Soft Token A security study of HID Global Soft Token

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• "HID Global's ActivID ® soft tokens provide proven, strong authentication for remote employees accessing corporate IT systems and consumers logging on to online services without the need to distribute hardware tokens."



## HID Soft Token application - Objectives of the study

- The study focused on the Android version of the application
  - Assess the risk that might encounter an enterprise in case a mobile device, with an enrolled HID Soft Token application, is stolen by an attacker.
  - Identify how the application protects itself against Reverse engineering, debugging and rooting/jailbreaking
  - Identify how the application stores its secrets
  - Identify how the application manages its cryptographic operations















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- Advanced reverse engineering and device spoofing attack
  - Sophisticated levels of code obfuscation and symbol stripping to increase the complexity of and computational effort of reverse engineering by attacker.
- Advanced Mobile malware (MITMo), and software cloning
  - The mobile software token does not operate on a jailbroken or rooted device thereby circumventing the vulnerable environment which might allow attackers to obtain the application data or launch a cloned mobile software token app.
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- Key-Logger
- Publishing pirated mobile software token app
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### Code analysis

### • The idea : read the code , debug it and refactor it

- Tools :
  - IDA pro: for decompiling dex code and debugging
  - Dex2jar : converting Dex to jar , remapping the classes and methods
  - Jadx, JD-GUI, Procyon and CFR for decompiling dex code
  - Jeb : free version decompiling and debugging (paid version)
  - Intellj : for code refactoring (very useful!).
  - IDA pro debugger connected to an Android Emulator for debugging tasks
    - Use of watch variables to inspect the content of Dalvik variables
    - Be aware: IDA crashes if it can not evaluate the watch variable (tricky!)



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### **Behavioral analysis**

### • The idea : run the application, generate logs and analyze them

- Tools :
  - Android SDK tools : emulator, adb , monitor , ddms, etc
  - DroidBox : used to capture file read and write operations, cryptographic operations used by Android API
  - Others : DDI/ADBI , Introspy, Cydia Substrate, etc

#### - Main results of the behavioral analysis:

- creation of two files : "otp\_token\_device" and "otp\_token\_status"
- Use of AES operations

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Name Obfuscation	Code refactoring
String Obfuscation	IDA pro debugger + IDC script
Java Reflection	IDA pro debugger + IDC script Code refactoring
Java Classes encryption	IDA pro debugger + Fridump



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# Protection mechanisms

- Name obfuscation
- Replacing meaningful and business related identifiers with meaningless sequence of characters (and why not Unicode ones!)

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- String obfuscation
- Looking for interesting strings lead to identifying the use of string obfuscation
  - These strings for example are not present
    - Configuration files : "otp\_token\_device", "otp\_token\_device"
    - Configuration attributes : "device\_hash", "pin\_attempts",etc.
- Not all strings are encrypted, quite the contrary: there some interesting strings in different locations:
  - Dex file : "3DES encryption failed", "Null key passed", "AES", "SHA-256", etc.
  - Resources : User interface strings are present in "res/values/strings.xml"
  - Use of Crypto library "Bouncy Castle"
- Mitigations:
  - Reading decompiled code
    - Top to bottom approach
    - Main Entry application : "ActivID" Activity "OnCreate" function
    - Massive use of a method (using reflection) that takes integers as input and return a string
    - Using IDA pro idc scripting for automating the extraction of obfuscated strings



## Protection mechanisms - String obfuscation

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- Java Reflection
- Java reflection
  - The property of a class to inspect itself to get information on its methods and fields (Java.reflect API)
- Reflection can be used to invoke a method
  - forName = searches for a class
  - **getMethod** = returns the target method object related to the class name previously obtained
  - invoke = performs the actual invocation on the method object
- Used exclusively in Activity components code
  - Main classes that contain the application logic do not implement "reflection"
  - Bouncy Castle classes are also normally constructed
- Useful to invoke methods that are decrypted on the fly

Mitigations:

- Use of IDA pro debugger
- Code refactoring
- Execution trace



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- Class encryption
- Encrypting and compressing (using gzip algorithms) the Byte code of a class contained in a array
- Decryption at runtime
  - The obfuscated class needs to be decrypted, decompressed and loaded in memory
  - Use of getClassLoader(), getDeclaredConstructor() and newInstance() will create an new instance of the class
  - Use of reflection API technique to invoke a method or access a field
  - Use of AES encryption algorithm
  - The key and IV are hardcoded into the Dex file

That confirms the observation pointed out during the behavioral analysis phase (DroidBox)

CODE:0001FEA8 AES_KEY:	# DATA XREF:\$clinit_@V+6FAîr
CODE:0001FEA8	.short 0x300 # Array definition; 16 elements, each 1 bytes
CODE:0001FEAA	.short 1
CODE:0001FEAC	.int 0x10
CODE:0001FEB0	.byte 0xA6, 0x94, 0x48, 0x98, 0x67, 0xA0, 0xCA, 0x6B, 0x7D <b># Array Contents</b>
CODE:0001FEB0	.byte 0xD, 4, 0x7B, 0xFB, 0xE1, 0x21, 0xD3
CODE:0001FEC0 IV_PARAMETER	<pre># DATA XREF:\$clinit_@V+78Cîr</pre>
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CODE:0001FEC2	.short 1
CODE:0001FEC4	.int 0x10
CODE:0001FEC8	.byte 0xEF, 0x87, 0x99, 0x75, 0x1B, 0x32, 0x15, 0xD1, 0xBE # Array Contents
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## Protection mechanisms - Class encryption

This feature was spotted during the string deobfuscation phase

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Class decryption and decompression

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#### • Mitigations:

- <sup>•</sup> Breakpoint and dump content using IDA idc script
  - IDA struggles to return the content of a Byte array
  - Fridump instead
    - Frida script to dump memory
    - Guess the memory region where the decrypted class is located (/proc/pid/maps)
    - IDA pro does not display memory addresses related to the debugged application



**Class Loading** 

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## H(Hmac-Based)OTP – T(Time-based)OTP algorithms



from 160 bit HMAC-SHA23 result (RFC 4226)

- Understanding the logic
- After dumping classes from memory
  - Naming obfuscation technique is used
  - -We discover a part of the application logic
    - Serial number generation
    - Reading and writing into configuration files
    - Encryption master key generation
    - Etc.

### Bottom to top approach

- Once all application parts were discovered, we need a key thread to follow
  - Configuration files
    - Otp\_token\_device
    - Otp\_token\_status
- First step : reproduce the function that reads the content of those files
  - Otp\_token\_status : use of a Java "TreeMap" structure
  - Otp\_token\_device : stores content as raw bytes

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# Main results - Content of configuration files

#### Parsing otp\_token\_device

+ version : 2.0.1.5

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#### Parsing otp\_token\_status

device\_hash : VUVrEXK8HqFKiEFAxqXz45vwBwitBPTi3zjiysKKBMQ= device\_serial\_number : 0404026469873612 device\_suite : ALGO-TOTP:PIN-1:SHA-1:OTPLEN-8:MODE-1:ENC-3DES:PBKD-1:TIMESTEP-30:RC-OFF device\_unlock\_challenge : 73791428 enter\_pin\_attempts : 5

- Tracing back each attribute of the configuration files, we were able to figure out the following essential processes:
  - Generating the serial Number
  - Generating the encryption master key
  - Generating the OTP key
  - Encrypting and storing the OTP key
- How to :
  - Read the code , debug it and refactor it (IDA + intellj)



## - Refactoring magic

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final u05d9 = new u05d9 (s.getBytes(), s2.getBytes(), if.u02ca);
if.\u02ca = 5000;
final byte[] \u02ca = \u05d9.\u02ca(24);
final byte[] array = new byte[24];
System.arraycopy(\u02ca, 0, array, 0, 24);
System.arraycopy(array, 0, new byte[8], 0, 8);
final \u0640 \u0640 = new \u0640 (array);
final byte[] \u02bb = this.\u02bb;
final byte[] array2 = new byte[4];
new \ufe76().\u02ca(array2);
final byte[] array3 = new byte[24];
System.arraycopy(\u02bb, 0, array3, 0, \u02bb.length);
System.arraycopy(array2, 0, array3, \u02bb.length, 4);
final con con = new con();
con.\u02ca(true, \u0640);
final byte[] array4 = new byte[24];
final byte[] array5 = new byte[8];
for (int i = 0; i < 3; ++i) {
    con.\u02ca(array3, i * 8, array5, 0);
    System.arraycopy(array5, 0, array4, i * 8, 8);
```



## Main results - Refactoring magic

final CipherParameters cipherParameters = new KeyParameter(copyDerivedKey1);

```
final byte[] field254 = this.key_otp;
final byte[] array2 = new byte[4];
```



## Main results - Following the OTP key











- Encryption key generation





# Main results - Where is stored the PIN ?





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}

```
if (this.flagSHAPinAndroidid == 0) {
```

```
Writing to otp token device
           final SHA1Digest sha1Digest = new SHA1Digest();
           final byte[] bytes = base64sha256PinAndroidid.getBytes();
           shalDigest.update(bytes, 0, bytes.length);
           final byte[] field255 = new byte[20];
           shalDigest.doFinal(field255);
           this.Field249 = field255;
           field251 = null;
       else {
         this.Field249 = null;
           . . .
if (this.flagSHAPinAndroidid == 0) {
       dataOutputStream.writeUTF(new String(Base64.Base64Encode(this.Field249)));
                                                                                             Reading from
                                                                                           otp token device
      if (this.flagSHAPinAndroidid == 0) {
                 this.Field249 = Base64.Base64Decode(dataInputStream.readUTF());
```

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## - Back to the configuration file

#### Parsing otp\_token\_device

+ version : 2.0.1.5 0-1466173791428 **Timestamp values** 1-1466173792678 2-1 3-1 4-8 5-30 6-646987361 7-646987362 - Serial Number 0404026469873612 9-60 10-0 12 - 0xe4 0x7e 0xbe 0xf4 0x24 0xf3 0xc3 0xc5 0x36 0xb6 0xc4 0x6b 0x34 0xbc 0xa8 0xef 0x3d 0x8d 0x46 0x37 0xcd 0x19 0x36 0xd0 13-1 16-0

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## - Discovering the PIN

- An attacker can clone an enrolled HID Soft Token application, for that, he needs to
  - Copy HID configuration files from a compromised device (jailbreaked for root access)
  - Gather the Android\_Id secure attribute
- The attacker still needs the PIN to unlock the application and generates valid OTP – the application will always generate an OTP whatever the entered PIN
- The OTP key is 24 bytes
  - -20 bytes generated by **PBKDF2**(activation code,salt)
  - 4 bytes (Pad) generated by SHA1 algorithm seeded by "System.getCurrentTimeMillis" java function
- That is a **stop condition** for brute force attack
  - But we need to get the timestamp used to generate the pad
  - The application stores two timestamps in "otp\_token\_device" configuration files that corresponds respectively to the beginning and the end of enrollment process.
  - Other idea: use the timestamp that match the creation of "*otp\_token\_device*" file



## Main results - Discovering the PIN

#### \$ time ./brute\_hid otp\_token\_device\_696669 c1bd4f73d5b7a195 b6

HID SoftToken PIN bruteforcer-- Mouad Abouhali & Raphaël Rigo, Airbus Group Innovations 2016

Serial : 0404024883801600 key: /CaunSKUDjTtMCiyssEmJ/IBVPGig2Nz max : 1467380213298 min : 1467380130333 Delta : 82965 (82s) otp\_key 0000 fc 26 ae 9d 22 94 0e 34 ed 30 28 b2 b2 c1 26 27 .&.."..4.0(...&' 0010 f2 01 54 f1 a2 83 63 73 ...T...cs Salt : 024883801608

Candidate PIN : 670442, seed : 1467380201940 ( $\Delta 11358$ ) Candidate PIN : 548879, seed : 1467380203719 ( $\Delta 9579$ ) Candidate PIN : 342775, seed : 1467380185989 ( $\Delta 27309$ ) Candidate PIN : 967661, seed : 1467380162435 ( $\Delta 50863$ ) Candidate PIN : 885809, seed : 1467380207808 ( $\Delta 5490$ ) Candidate PIN : 762935, seed : 1467380179725 ( $\Delta 33573$ ) Candidate PIN : 890357, seed : 1467380199296 ( $\Delta 14002$ ) Candidate PIN : 141851, seed : 1467380139679 ( $\Delta 73619$ ) Candidate PIN : 475173, seed : 1467380199296 ( $\Delta 14002$ ) Candidate PIN : 141851, seed : 1467380139679 ( $\Delta 73619$ ) Candidate PIN : 475173, seed : 1467380191965 ( $\Delta 21333$ ) Candidate PIN : 809039, seed : 1467380192199 ( $\Delta 21099$ ) Candidate PIN : 143428, seed : 1467380180732 ( $\Delta 32566$ ) Candidate PIN : 601294, seed : 1467380206236 ( $\Delta 7062$ ) Candidate PIN : 479371, seed : 1467380181593 ( $\Delta 31705$ ) Candidate PIN : 481038, seed : 1467380191215 ( $\Delta 22083$ ) Candidate PIN : 647709, seed : 1467380176277 ( $\Delta 37021$ ) Candidate PIN : 982174, seed : 1467380152064 ( $\Delta 61234$ ) Candidate PIN : 194288, seed : 1467380185384 ( $\Delta 27914$ ) Candidate PIN : 195022, seed : 1467380140985 ( $\Delta 72313$ ) Candidate PIN : 403839, seed : 1467380152672 ( $\Delta 60626$ )

#### Candidate PIN : 696669, seed : 1467380213053 (Δ 245)

Candidate PIN : 531252, seed : 1467380143976 (Δ 69322) Candidate PIN : 783219, seed : 1467380148224 (Δ 65074) Candidate PIN : 659005, seed : 1467380149524 (Δ 63774) Candidate PIN : 955376, seed : 1467380163687 (Δ 49611)

real 0m52.923s

user 20m51.500s

sys 0m0.148s



## Questions ?

