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# Hacking Android Apps

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Parte 0: Conceitos e Dificuldades  
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# Propósito

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Compartilhar um pouco sobre as primeiras etapas que envolvem um pentest mobile



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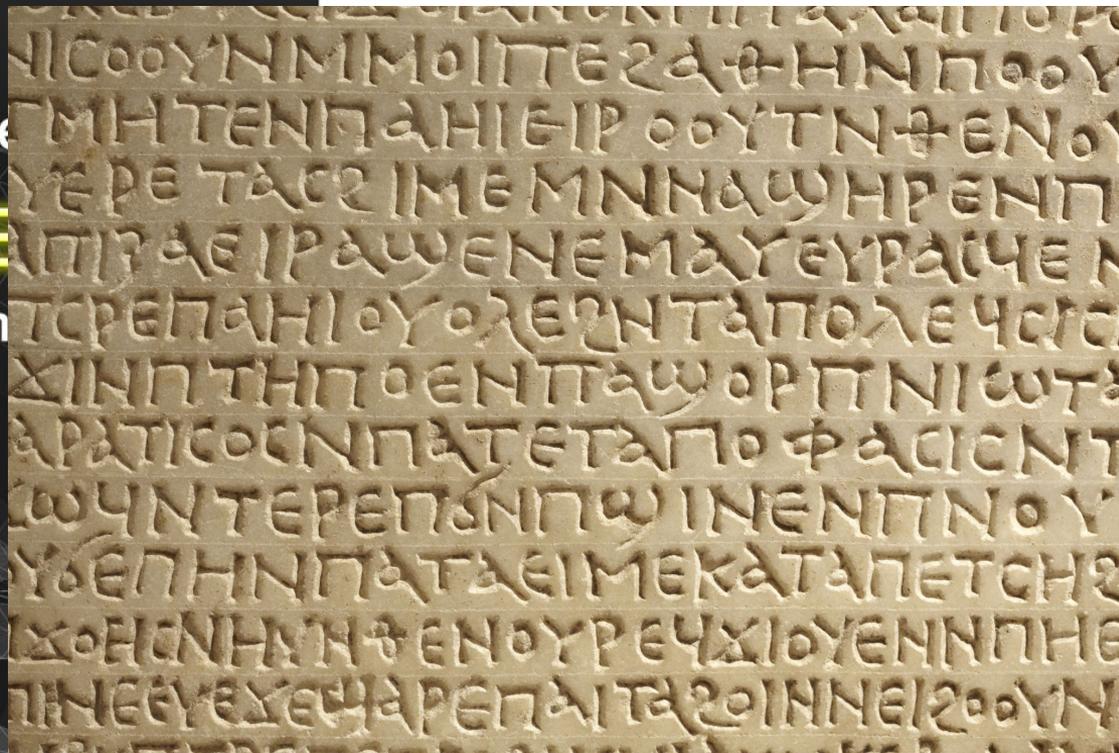
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## FAQ

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- Tenho dúvidas, quando pergunto?
- Tenho algo a complementar/corriger, o que faço?
- Me perdi em uma parte, vou parar de entender tudo?
- Nunca fiz pentest, consigo entender?
- Faço pentest mobile, posso ir embora? 

## Cheat Sheet



# Hacking Android Apps

Some tricks to deal with Android Apps

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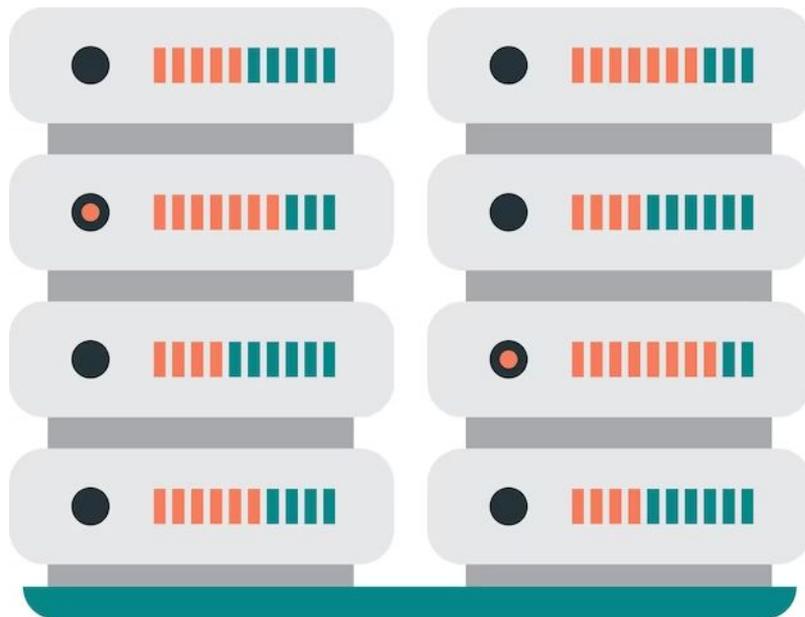
# Conceitos e Contexto

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- O que?
- Por que?

# O que pode ser hackeado em um aplicativo?

- Quais os elementos que envolvem o aplicativo?
  - Modelo Client-server



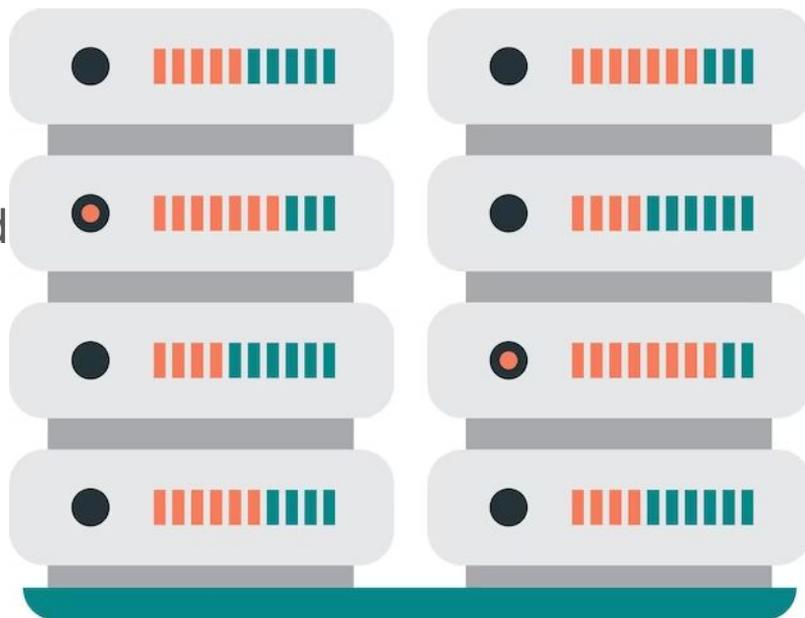
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Front-end



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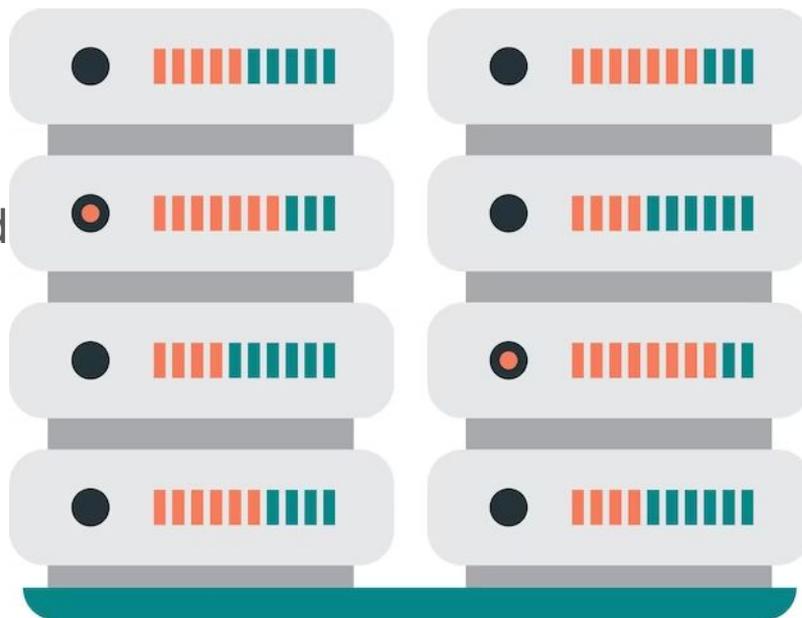
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- O que pode ser manipulado?

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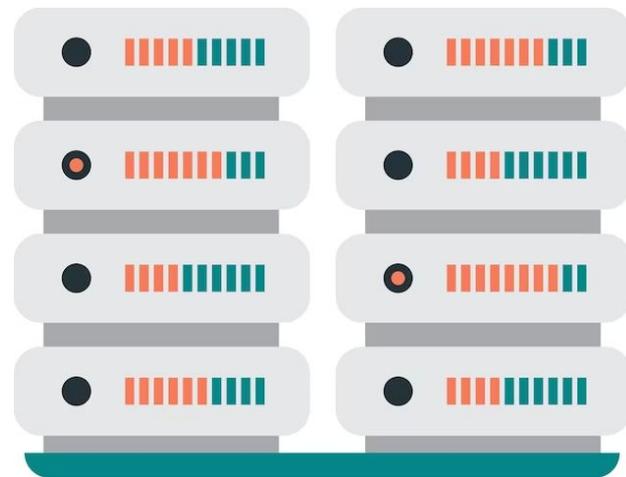
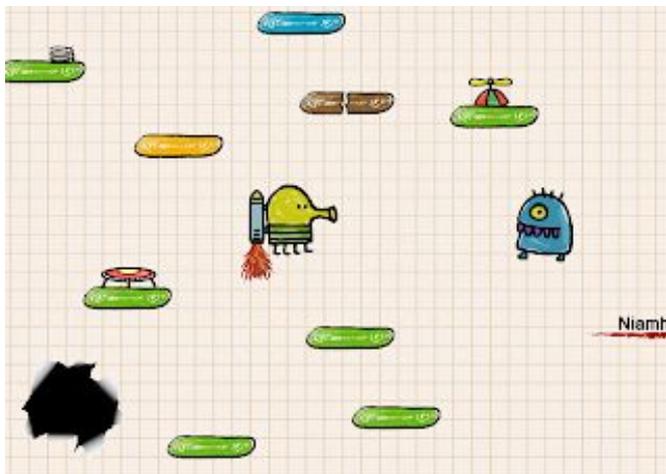


Servidor  
API  
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# O que pode ser hackeado em um aplicativo?

- Jogo
- Onde está a informação a ser manipulada?
  - pulos durante o jogo
  - score do placar global





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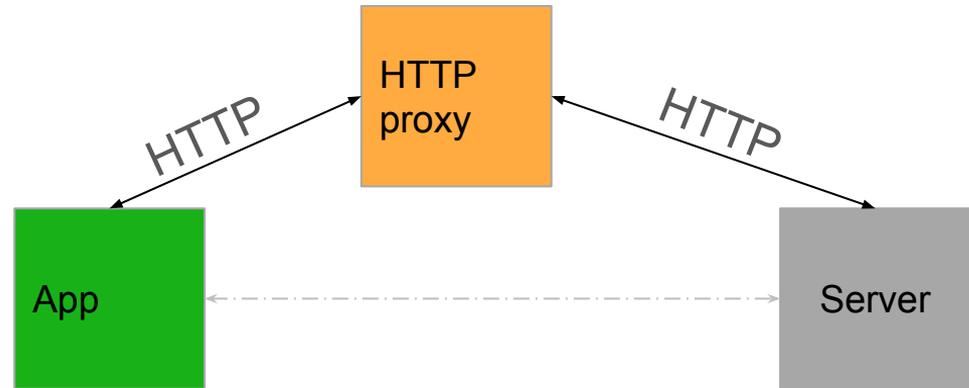
# Comunicação com o servidor

- Como os apps se comunicam?
- Qual o nível de controle desejado para os testes?

# Comunicação com o servidor



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# Configurando o Ambiente

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- Como?

# Como configurar a ferramenta de proxy?

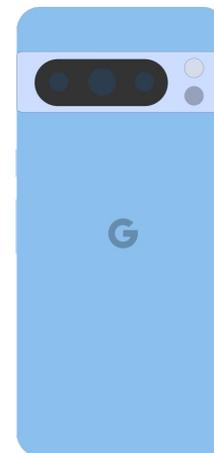
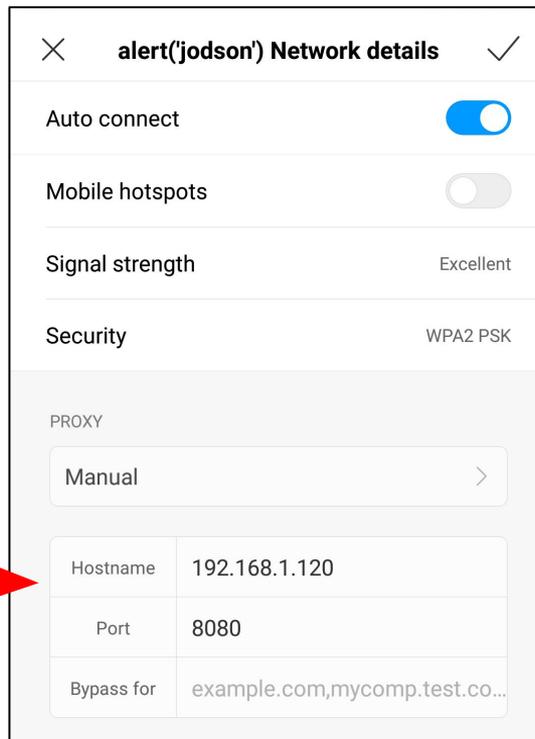
- Computador de teste > Ferramenta Proxy

The screenshot shows the 'Settings' window for Burp Suite, specifically the 'Proxy' configuration page. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'Tools > Proxy' selected. The main content area is titled 'Proxy listeners' and includes a description: 'Burp Proxy uses listeners to receive incoming HTTP requests from your browser. You will need to configure your proxy server.' Below this is a table with one listener configured.

Running	Interface	Invisible	Redirect	Certificate	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	*:8080			Per-host	Default

# Como configurar a ferramenta de proxy?

- Settings > Wifi > Proxy



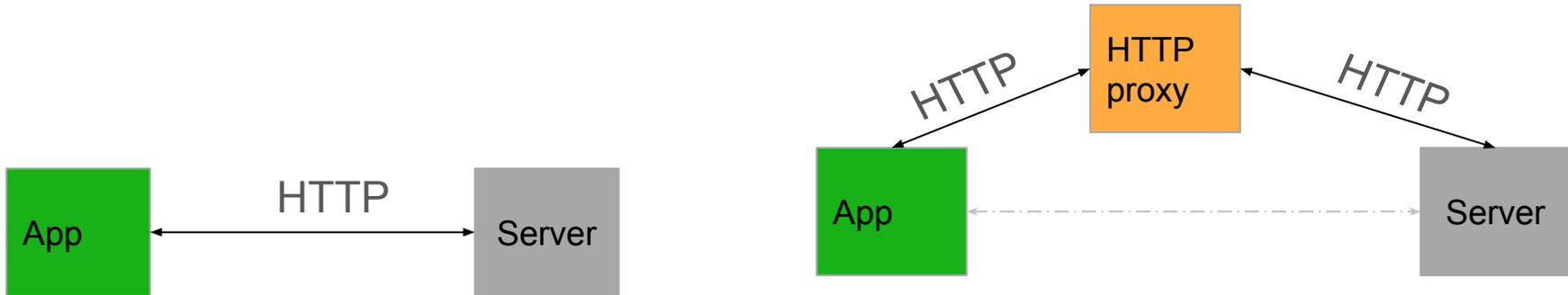
# Como configurar a ferramenta de proxy?

- Apps que ignoram o proxy
  - Framework Flutter
  - Detalhes no cheat sheet



# Configurando certificado de Autoridade Certificadora

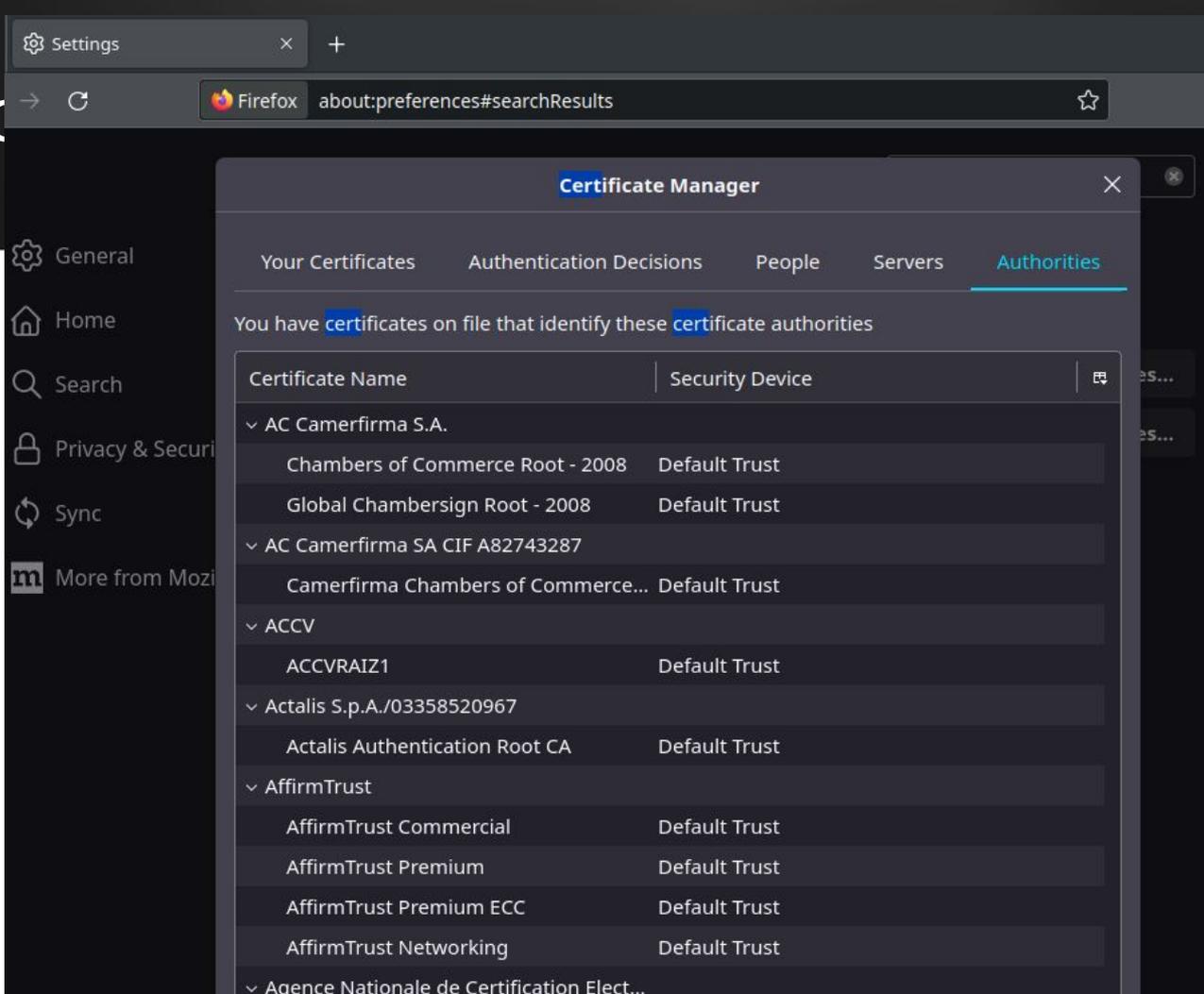
- Why?
  - Ferramenta proxy -> Ataque MITM



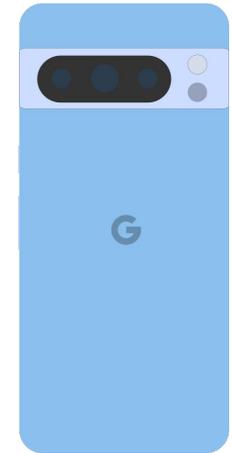
# Configurando certificado de Autoridade Certificadora

- Why?
  - O que impede um ataque MITM no TLS?
    - Durante início da comunicação (handshake TLS), servidor envia o certificado para o cliente
    - Clientes (browser, OS) vêm embutidos com certificados padrões





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### Certificate Manager

Your Certificates Authentication Decisions People Servers

You have certificates on file that identify these certificate authorities

Certificate Name	Security Device
AC Camerfirma S.A.	
Chambers of Commerce Root - 2008	Default Trust
Global Chambersign Root - 2008	Default Trust
AC Camerfirma SA CIF A82743287	
Camerfirma Chambers of Commerce...	Default Trust
ACCV	
ACCVRAIZ1	Default Trust
Actalis S.p.A./03358520967	
Actalis Authentication Root CA	Default Trust
AffirmTrust	
AffirmTrust Commercial	Default Trust
AffirmTrust Premium	Default Trust
AffirmTrust Premium ECC	Default Trust
AffirmTrust Networking	Default Trust
Agence Nationale de Certification Elect...	

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### Trusted credentials

SYSTEM	USER
Krajowa Izba Rozliczeniowa S.A. SZAFIR ROOT CA2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
Microsec Ltd. Microsec e-Szigno Root CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
Microsec Ltd. Microsec e-Szigno Root CA 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
NetLock Kft. NetLock Arany (Class Gold) Főtanúsítvány	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
Network Solutions L.L.C. Network Solutions Certificate Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
PM/SGDN IGC/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
PortSwigger PortSwigger CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
QuoVadis Limited QuoVadis Root CA 1 G3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON
QuoVadis Limited QuoVadis Root CA 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON



# Configurando certificado de Autoridade Certificadora

- Como configurar certificado da ferramenta no aparelho de teste?
  - 1) Obter certificado (<http://burp>, <http://mitm.it>, ...)
  - 2) Instalar certificado
    - (Simples, menos funcional em Android 7+) Configurações
    - (Menos simples) /system/etc/security/cacerts/
      - Requer ambiente que pode acionar checagens de root e/ou bootloader





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# Iniciando o aplicativo

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- Podemos começar os testes agora?

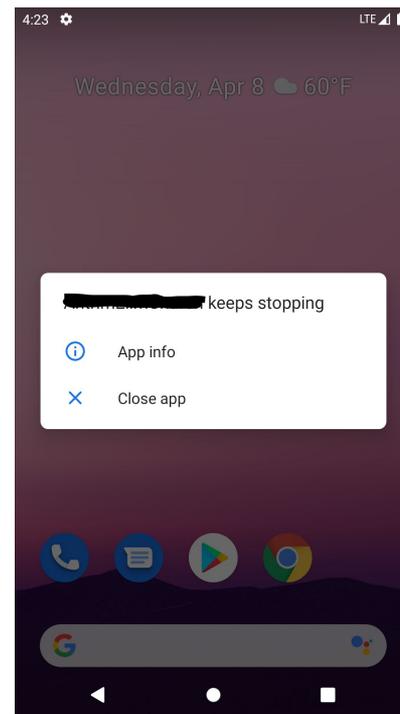
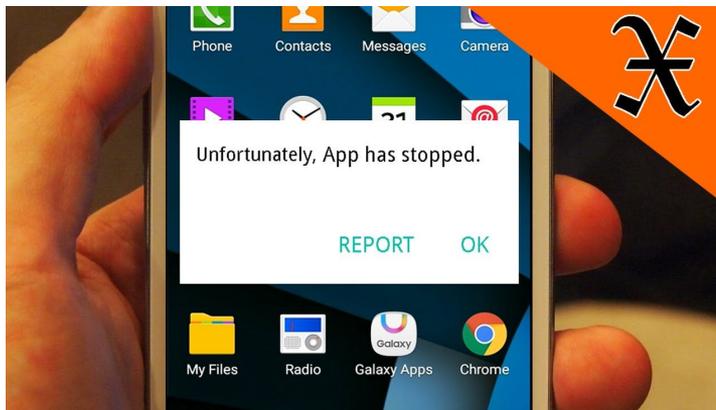
# Aplicativo Iniciado

- “Você abre o app e ele roda perfeitamente, toda informação trafegada entre ele e a API aparecem na sua ferramenta de proxy e você sente que vai poder realizar testes sem problemas.”



# O que pode acontecer?

- Forçar um crash
- Fechar sozinho (normalmente nos primeiros segundos)
- Apresentar uma mensagem de erro
- Falhar ao tentar fazer login
- Qual é o problema? ▶▶



# Qual é o problema?

- Pode ser alguma incompatibilidade com o aparelho (arquitetura, ...)
- Alguma checagem
  - detecção de root, bootloader unlocked, dev mode
  - certificate pinning
- Forma simples de identificar? Eliminar as possibilidades



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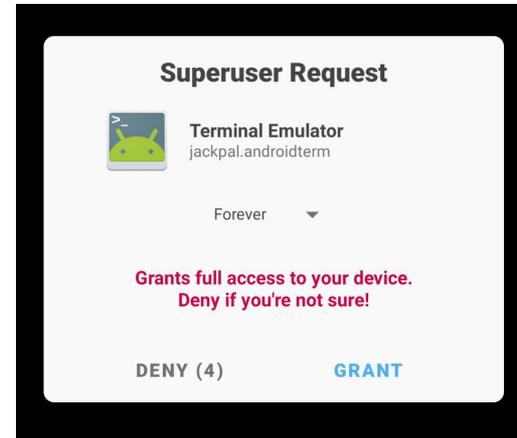
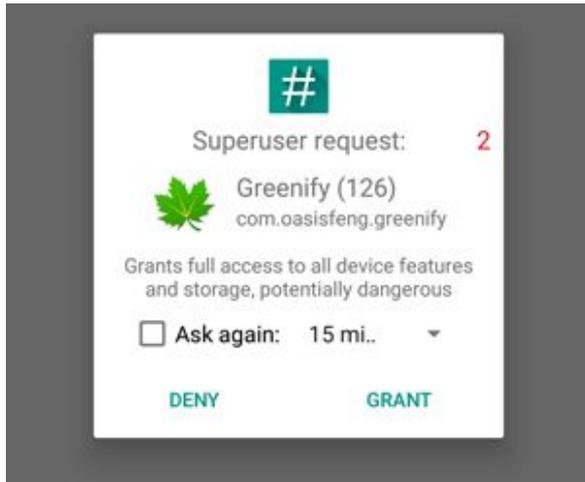
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# Evitando detecção de root

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- O que? 
- Como? 

# O que é root no contexto do Android?



# Soluções genéricas para esconder root

- Aparelho sem acesso root diretamente via Android
- MagiskHide (v23) / MagiskDenyList
- ON HANDS
- Frida (Dynamic instrumentation toolkit) scripts
  - <https://codeshare.frida.re/explore>
  - <https://github.com/sensepost/objection>

# Soluções manuais e específicas

- Estática
  - Decompiler/Disassembler (jadx, ida pro/ghidra/..., )
  - Beautifier (js-beautify)
- Dinâmica
  - Frida
  - Debugger (gdb)
- ON HANDS (simples)



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# Evitando outras checagens

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# Play Integrity API (~SafetyNet Attestation~)

- O que é?
- Universal SafetyNet Fix ([github.com/kdrag0n/safetynet-fix](https://github.com/kdrag0n/safetynet-fix))
- Play Integrity Fix ([github.com/chiteroman/PlayIntegrityFix](https://github.com/chiteroman/PlayIntegrityFix))
- Aparelho Íntegro

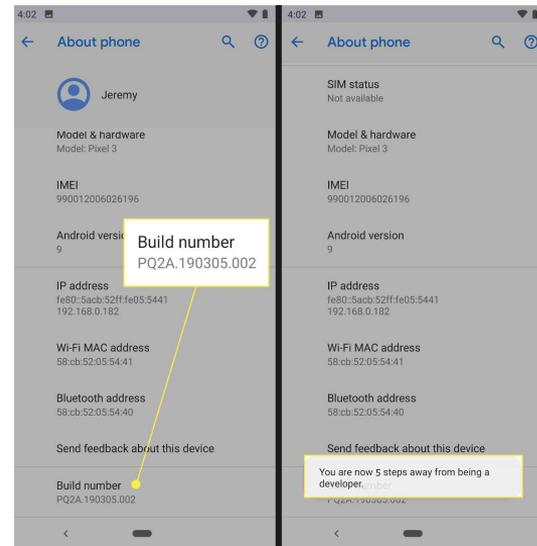


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Device Status	Value of ctsProfileMatch	Value of basicIntegrity
Certified, genuine device that passes CTS	true	true
Certified device with unlocked bootloader	false	true
Genuine but uncertified device, such as when the manufacturer doesn't apply for certification	false	true
Device with custom ROM (not rooted)	false	true
Emulator	false	false
No device (such as a protocol emulating script)	false	false
Signs of system integrity compromise, one of which may be rooting	false	false
Signs of other active attacks, such as API hooking	false	false

# Detecção de modo desenvolvedor

- Tentar frida script
- Não usar o modo desenvolvedor
  - Não precisa deixar ativado para usar o frida server
    - Daemon (-D) + conexão via rede
    - Aproveitar o privilégio de root (termux)
- Análise manual



# Certificate Pinning

- Aplicativo checa CA certificate da API
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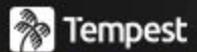
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# Concluindo

- Não tem solução perfeita, depende do target
- Resumo de pontos mais diferentes
  - Android proxy settings podem ser ignoradas
  - Instalar system certificate não requer privilégios de root diretos no Android
  - Frida não exige developer mode
  - Lembre do Termux (frida client, pip, ...)
- Faça backup dos APKs no início do teste

# (Algumas) Referências

- <https://portswigger.net/burp/documentation/desktop/tools/proxy/invisible>
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