

Embedded devices, an AntiVirus-free safe hideout for Malware

MALWARE MIGRATING TO GAMING CONSOLES

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About

Introduction

- Embedded systems (gaming consoles, smartphones, etc.) have enough hardware for malware to survive and perform its job
- There are not so many publicly disclosed issues of malware on these devices which make people think that they are safe
- The possibilities of malware on embedded systems and the resulting effects will be shown in this presentation with some real world examples, along with some possible defenses

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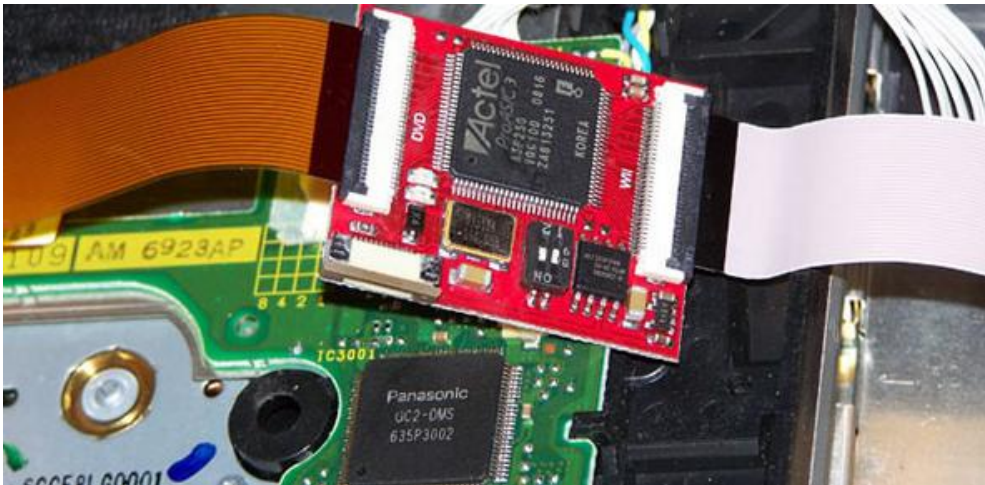
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The pirate scene of Gamine consoles and Smartphones

Payed software being illegally downloaded

- Most embedded devices implement anti pirate Measures by some means, but these protections are eventually bypassed



The distribution of illegal software

- Just like PC software, illegal software is being distributed without any restrictions via P2P, torrents, web storage
- Easily accessible by the general public

The screenshot shows the Torrentz search interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Search, Verified, Profile, and Help. A search bar contains the text 'wii'. Below the search bar, there are sponsored links for 'wii' with download statistics. The main results section shows a list of 14,131 results for 'wii', sorted by relevance. The table lists various game titles, their release dates, sizes, and download statistics.

Item	Quality	Verified	Search	Filenames	Titles
Super Mario Galaxy 2 PAL Wii » games wii	✓	22 days ago	4480 Mb	747	1,130
WII Monster Hunter Tri PAL rar » games wii	✓	2 months ago	2935 Mb	556	303
WII 2010 Fifa World Cup South Africa PAL rar » games wii	✓	2 months ago	3112 Mb	491	326
Wii Lego Harry Potter Years 1 4 PAL WiiSOS com » games wii	✓	10 days ago	3324 Mb	241	573
WII Prince of Persia The Forgotten Sands NTSC rar » games wii	✓	1 month ago	3791 Mb	321	478
Wii Super Mario Galaxy PAL MULTIS ESPAL Wii com rar » games wii	✓	2 years ago	2047 Mb	449	349
Wii New Super Mario Bros Wii PAL FullISO WiiSOS com » games wii	✓	7 months ago	4432 Mb	464	315
Toy Story 3 NTSC Wii Multi5 Spanish www consolasatope com » games wii	✓	16 days ago	4482 Mb	145	482
Wii 4 PC Å» FIFA WORLD CUP SOUTH AFRICA 2010 perfect emulator is » games pc	✓	19 days ago	2331 Mb	274	274
WII Super Mario Galaxy 2 NTSC rar » games wii	✓	1 month ago	1326 Mb	501	42
WII Red Steel 2 PAL rar » games wii	✓	3 months ago	3095 Mb	310	223
Wii Mario Kart PAL rar » games wii	✓	2 years ago	2970 Mb	330	175
WII Alice in Wonderland PAL rar » games wii	✓	3 months ago	4433 Mb	232	265
WII Iron Man 2 The Videogame PAL rar » games wii	✓	2 months ago	3718 Mb	295	186
WII No More Heroes 2 Desperate Struggle PAL rar » games wii	✓	1 month ago	3847 Mb	186	293
Wii Call Of Duty Modern Warfare Reflex NTSC WiiSOS com » games wii	✓	7 months ago	4046 Mb	264	198

The screenshot shows the Aptoide Android file browser interface. At the top, there are navigation icons and the time 16:37. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Uninstalled' and 'Installed'. The main content area displays a list of applications, including 'Lunar Lander', 'OI Countdown', 'OI Flashlight', 'Snake', and 'Sudoku'. Each application entry shows its icon, name, and status (e.g., 'Not Installed').

The current state of malware on embedded devices

Malware on Gaming Consoles

- Disguises itself as a useful homebrew application, and lures users to install it
- Disguises itself as an essential bypassing tool or crack, and upon installation, eventually causing havoc or wrecking the device

Malware on Smartphones

- Worm that targets jailbroken iphones using a default password
- Traditional malware techniques incorporated in Windows Mobile and Blackberry
- Social Engineering worm that collects phone information on Symbian Smartphones
- Trojaned Windows Mobile Games
- Toaster Rootkit
- Android Rootkit

The mindset of the general public

User's thoughts of malware on embedded devices

- Users not being suspicious just by the fact that that they're using 'normal' apps that don't look 'fishy'
- Most people do not even give a second thought before installing downloaded software, and merely just check that the application works

However...

- These devices are capable of bringing similar negative effects of PC malware, and the boundary of these devices and the PC is getting very thin due to the evolution of hardware
- Most recent Gaming Consoles contain hardware to connect to the network, so an almost ideal environment if provided for malware to survive and perform it's task.

The mindset of an attacker

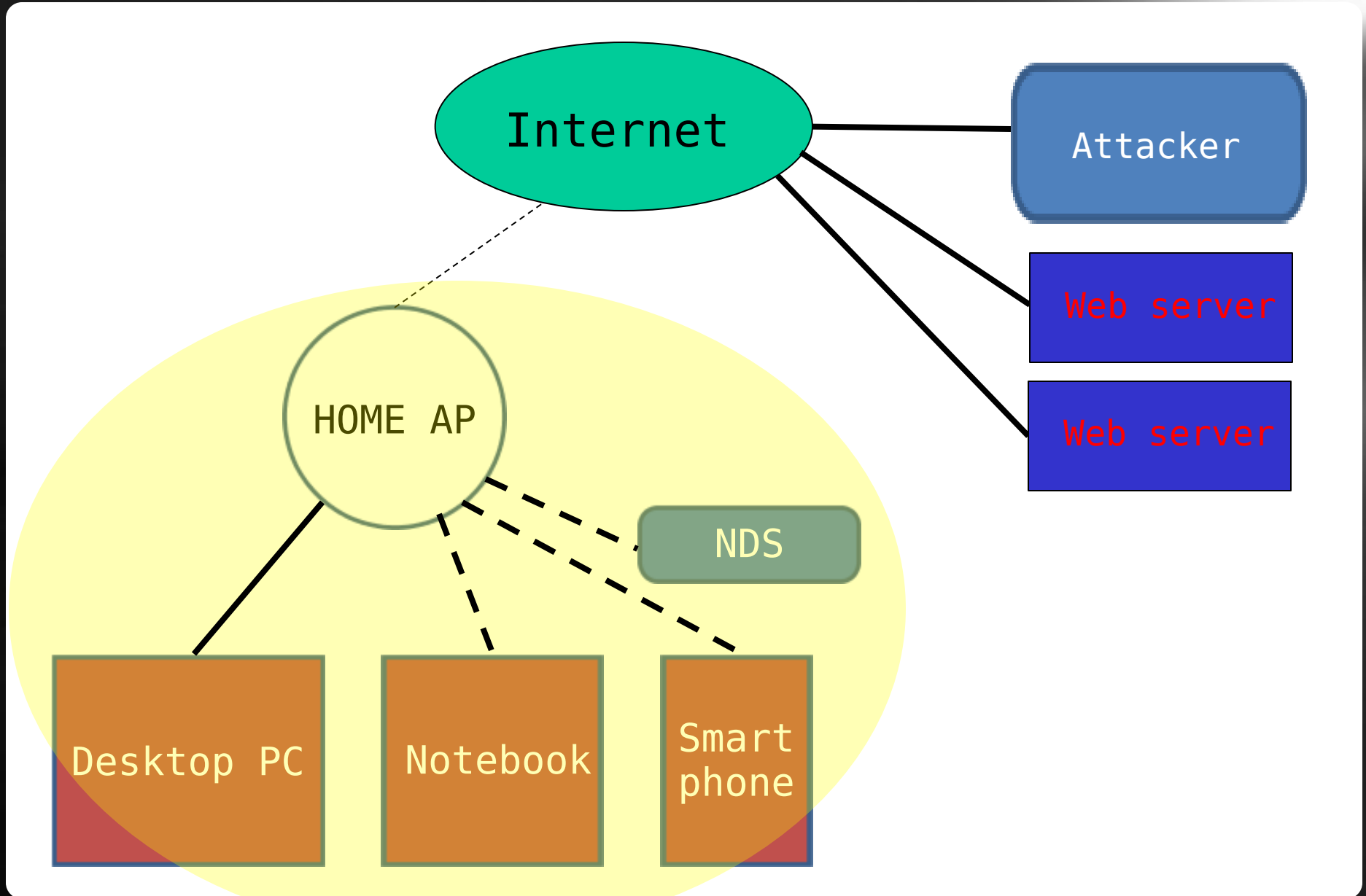
Gaming Consoles as an attacking Tool

The hardware and software development environment

- Most embedded devices contain a high quality CPU, I/O devices, and network devices
- SDKs not officially provided by the manufacturer, but users can create legit software that runs on the device(via homebrew) with a custom development environment



Hacking with NDS



The attacker's point of view - Gaming console acting like a computer

Hacking with NDS

- Attacking and taking control of a PC
- Demo : Using NDS to attack a PC on the network with a public remote exploit

Hacking with NDS

- Attacking the network
- Demo : Using NDS to bring down a network

Hacking with NDS

- Injecting malicious code in network packets
- Demo : Using NDS to inject malicious code by modifying packets

Malware on Console Gaming systems

Piracy in the gaming industry

Subcategory Name	Torrents
Dreamcast	846
Game fixes/patches	856
GameCube	353
GNU/Linux	160
Mac	337
Mobile phones	306
Nintendo DS	8399
Other platforms	1309
Palm, PocketPC & IPAQ	151
PS 2	7900
PS X	1706
PSP	10332
ROMS / Retro	1379
Sega Saturn	71
Video Demonstrations	343
Wii	9154
Windows	49047
Windows - Kids Games	838
windows/mac	6
XBox	339
XBox 360	646

2nd place among
the current gaming
console systems,
closely following
PSP

The inner workings of games running on Wii

- executables files are files with .dol extension
- they are essentially a stripped down version of an elf file
- system menu -> apploader -> .dol
- .dol files(and sometimes .rel files) contain all code needed for the game to run

How custom code can be injected

- Merge 2 dol files
- Update header information
- Inject code that transfers execution to the game .dol after the execution of the injected .dol
- Fix a few problematic parts in the binary

Start	End	Length	Description
0x0	0x3	4	File offset to start of Text0
0x04	0x1b	24	File offsets for Text1..6
0x1c	0x47	44	File offsets for Data0..10
0x48	0x4B	4	Loading address for Text0
0x4C	0x8F	68	Loading addresses for Text1..6, Data0..10
0x90	0xD7	72	Section sizes for Text0..6, Data0..10
0xD8	0xDB	4	BSS address
0xDC	0xDF	4	BSS size
0xE0	0xE3	4	Entry point
0xE4	0xFF		padding

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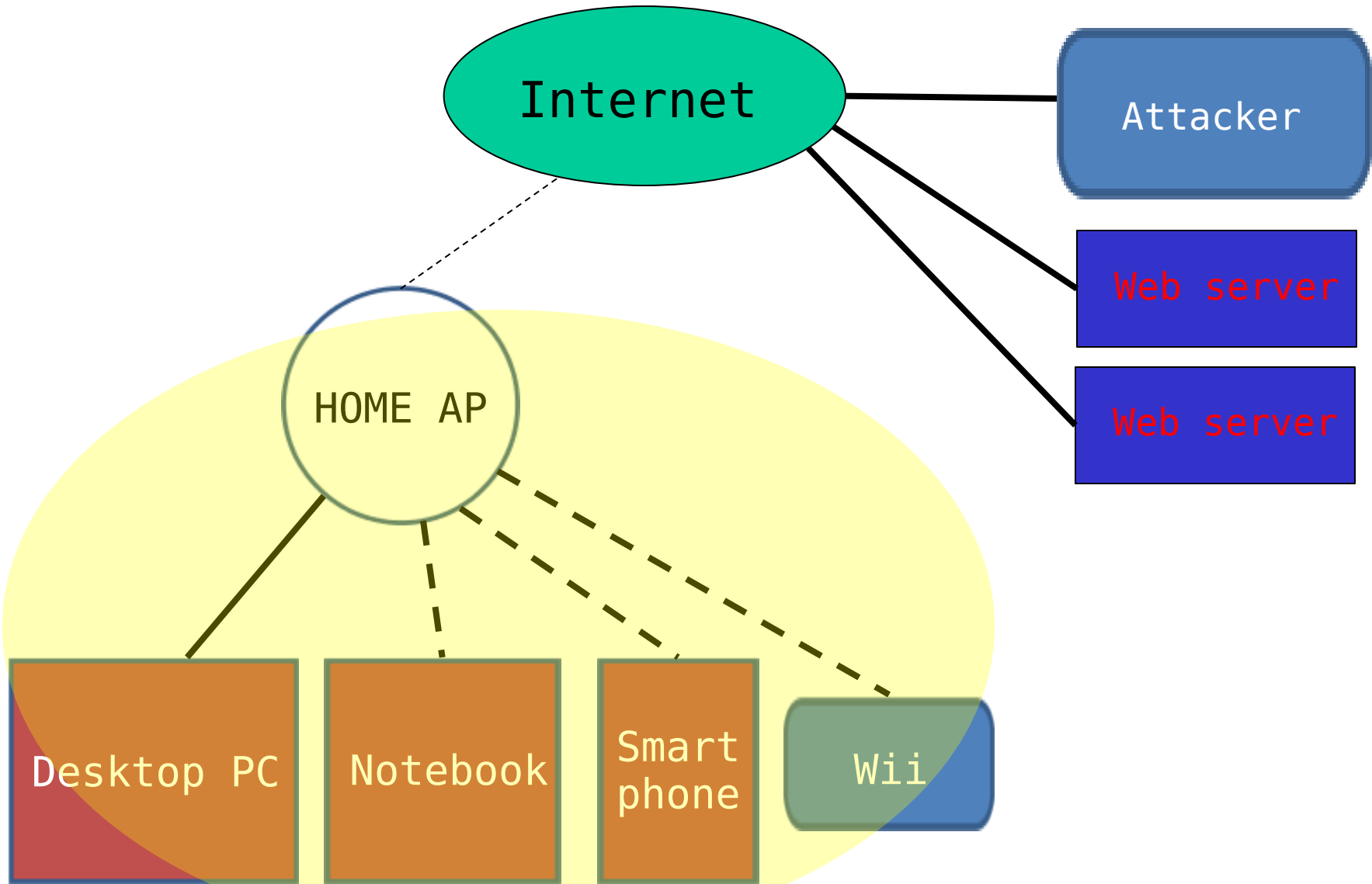
- Demo : POC of malware injection on Nintendo Wii games

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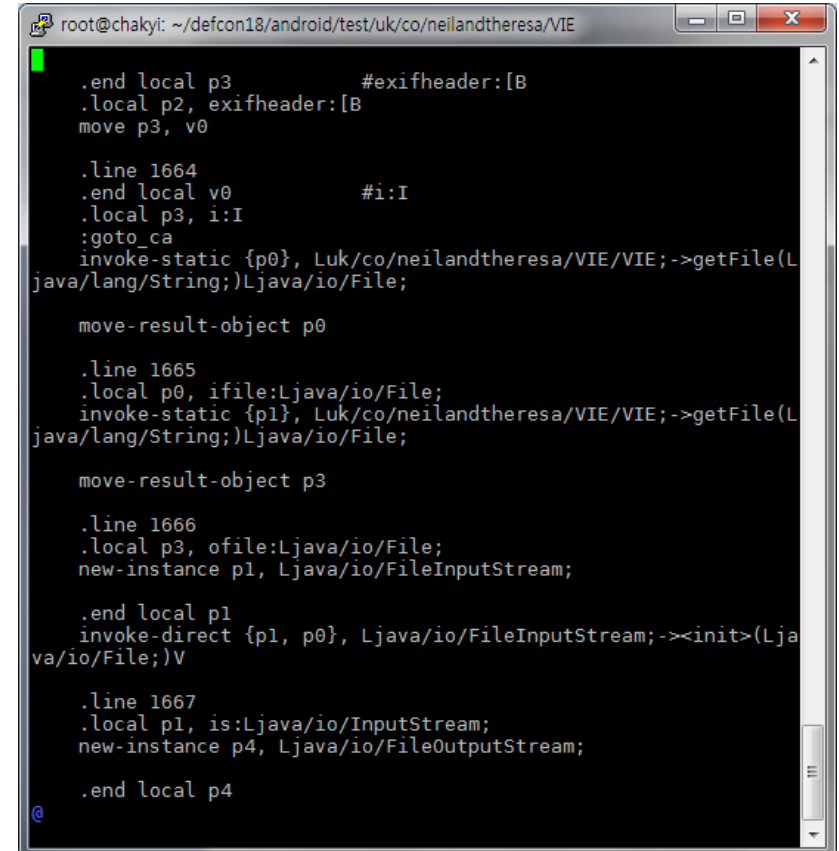
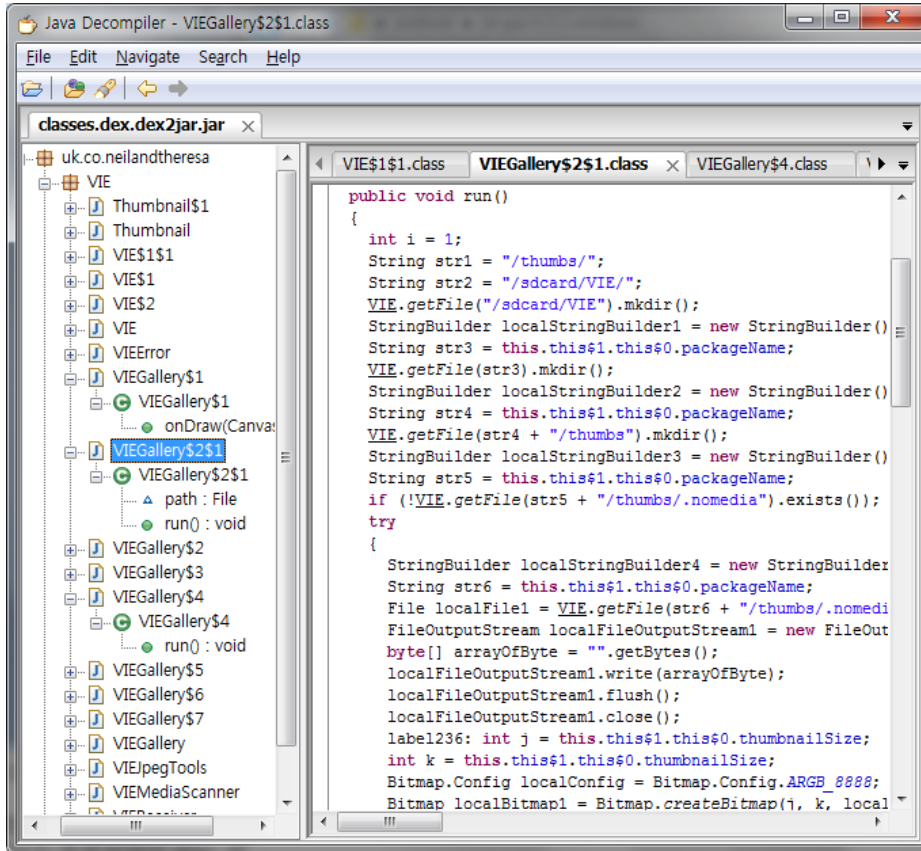
- Demo : Malware(attack ap & dns pharming) in live action while the game is playing

Malware injection on Smartphone applications

Malware on iPhone

- Executables are Mach-O binaries
- Lots of malware papers on MAC viruses are public

Malware on Android



How to Defend

Defenses

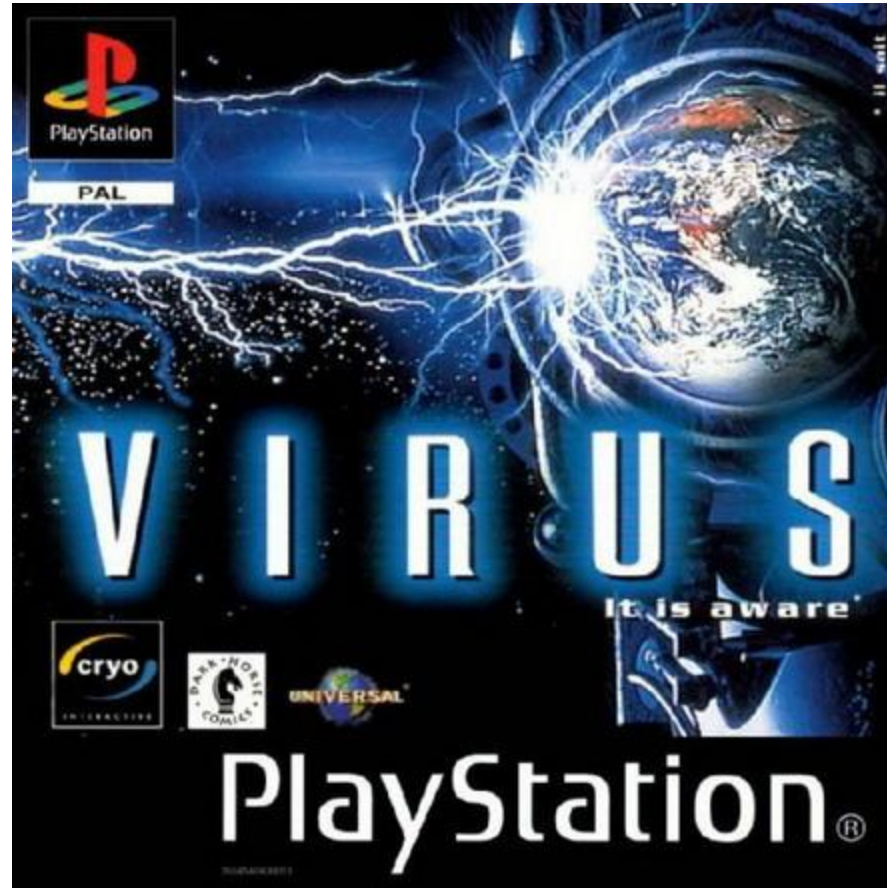
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- There are no doubts that malware can run on embedded devices, and there may already be some running in the wild
- These malware can be equally strong as those on PC, so one must be fully aware of their potential
- Not only Gaming Consoles or Smartphones, but any other future embedded device may become a target, so users should be careful and be prepared

Download Games at your own risk!



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