



DARE 'DEVIL'

beyond your senses with Dex Visualizer

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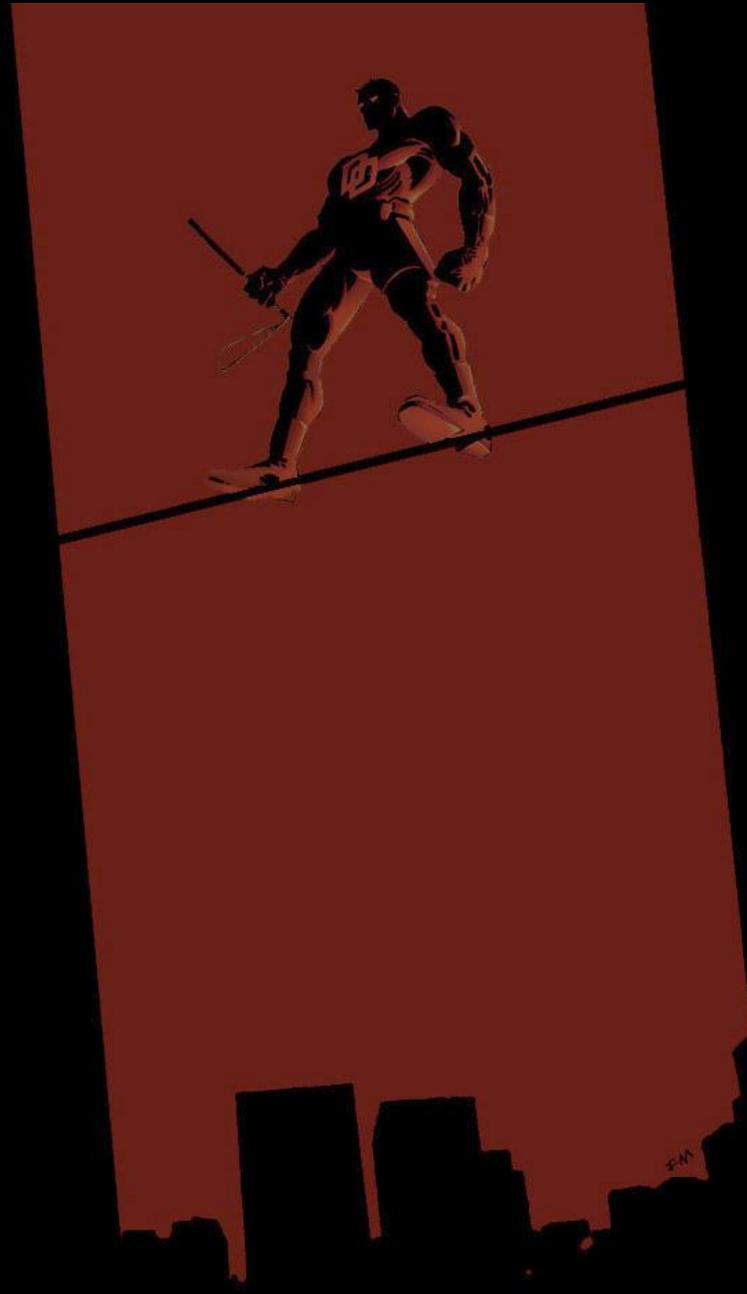


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Agenda

- ❖ Motivations
- ❖ App lifecycle [graph]
- ❖ DEVIL
- ❖ How-to
- ❖ App lifecycling
- ❖ Case studies
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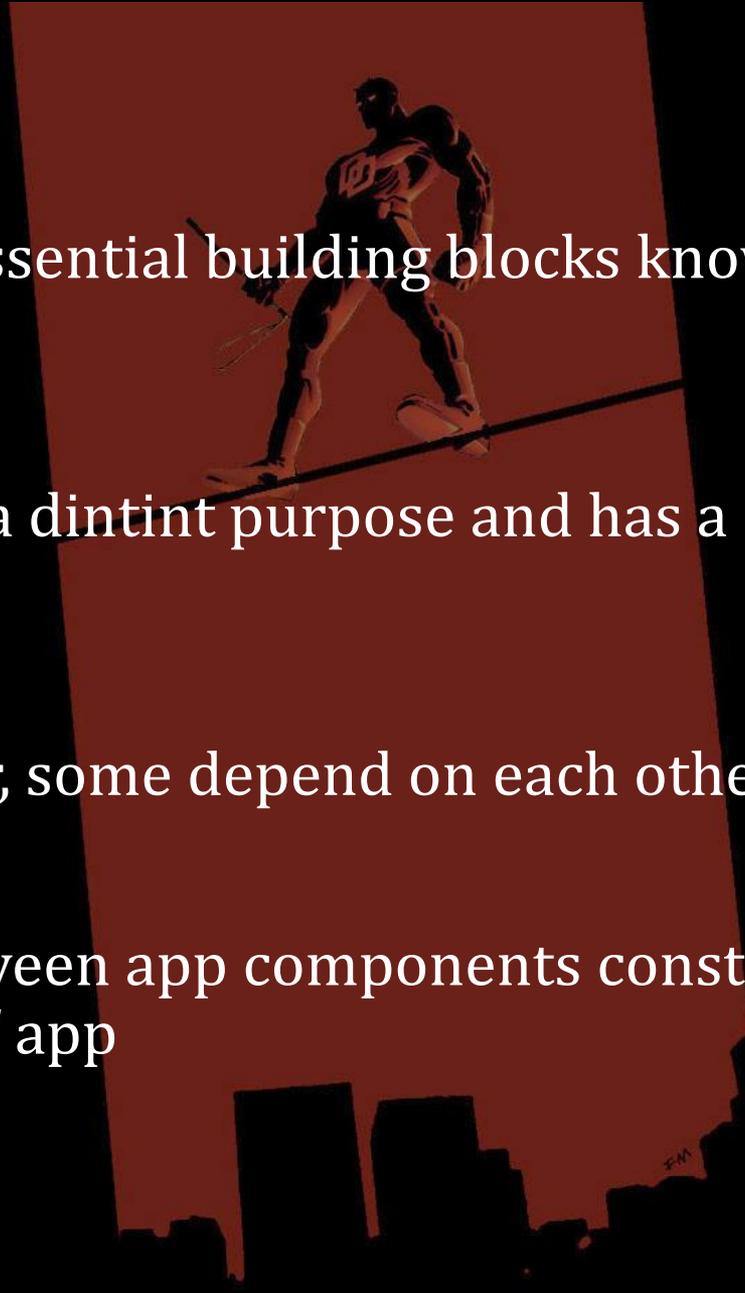


See the wood for the trees



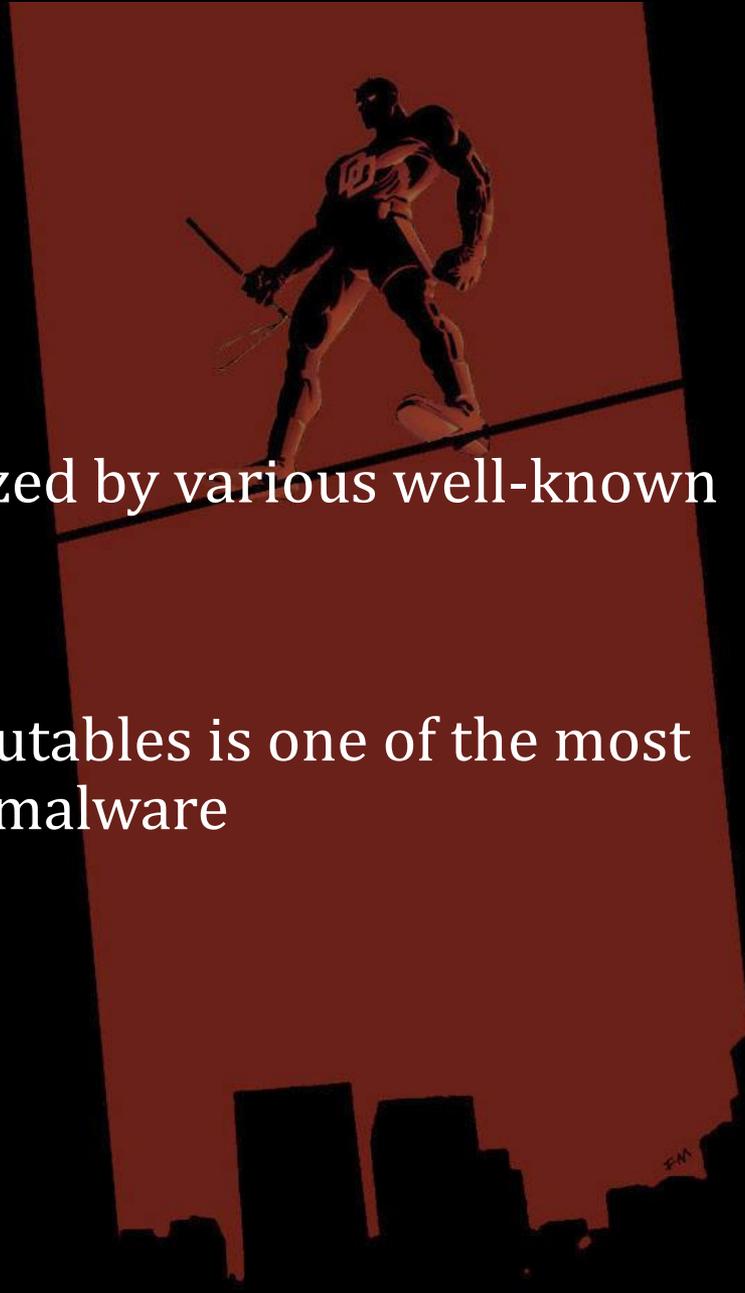
App Lifecycle

- ❖ Every *Android* app has essential building blocks known as app components
- ❖ Each component serves a distinct purpose and has a distinct lifecycle
- ❖ Some interact each other, some depend on each other
- ❖ These relationships between app components construct the lifecycle of an *Android* app



App Lifecycle Graph

- ❖ A lifecycle can be visualized by various well-known graph algorithm
- ❖ The visualization of executables is one of the most effective ways to identify malware

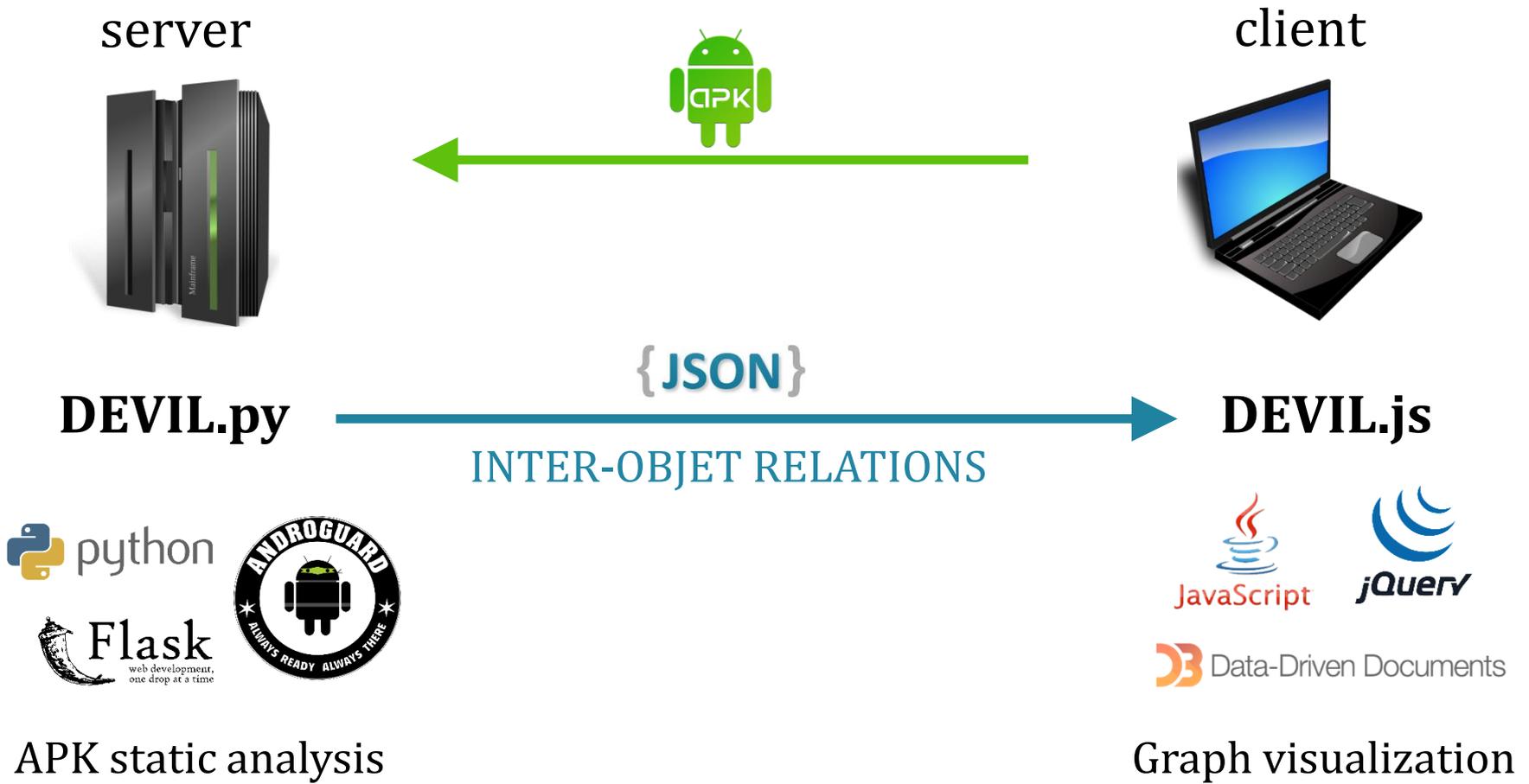


A stylized illustration of Daredevil walking a tightrope. He is wearing his signature red and yellow suit with a white 'D' on the chest. He is holding his cane in his right hand and balancing on the wire with his left foot. The background is a solid red color, and the scene is framed by a black silhouette of a city skyline at the bottom.

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Dex Visualizer

DEVIL



HOW-TO

A silhouette of a person in a superhero-like costume, possibly Iron Man, walking a tightrope. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, balancing on a thin black line that stretches across the width of the image. The background is a solid red color, and the overall scene is set against a black background with a city skyline silhouette at the bottom.

EP

Intent

Permission

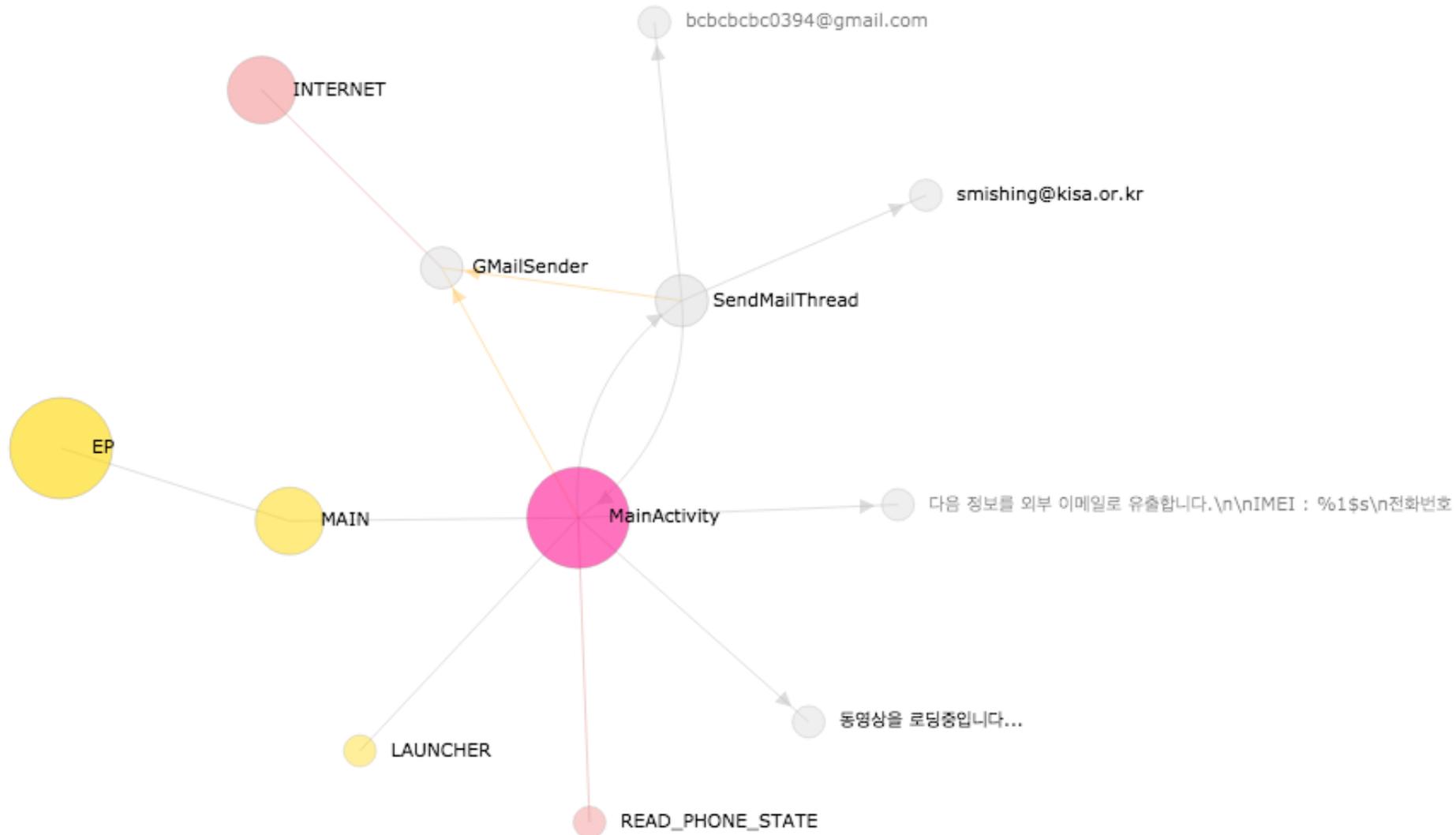
App Component

Runnable Component

Import

String

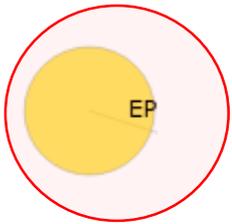
Test/PNStealer



Entry Point (1/7)

Android-Test/PNStealer

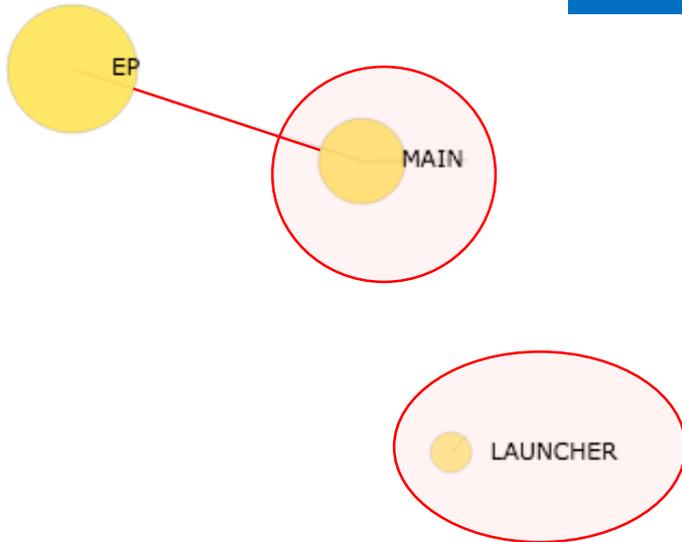
❖ First, only one abstract node, EP



Intent (2/7)

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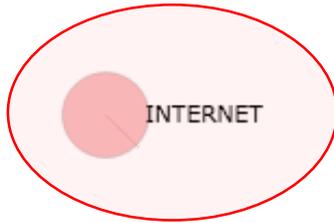
- ❖ reading AndroidManifest.xml
- ❖ emulating bytecodes
- ❖ tracing the life of objects



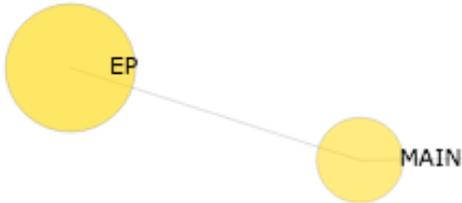
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Permission (3/7)

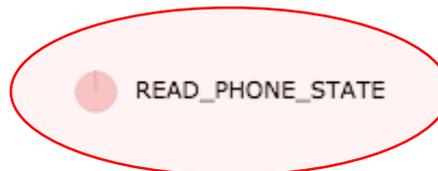
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- ❖ reading AndroidManifest.xml
- ❖ tracking down permission usages
- ❖ propagation algorithm



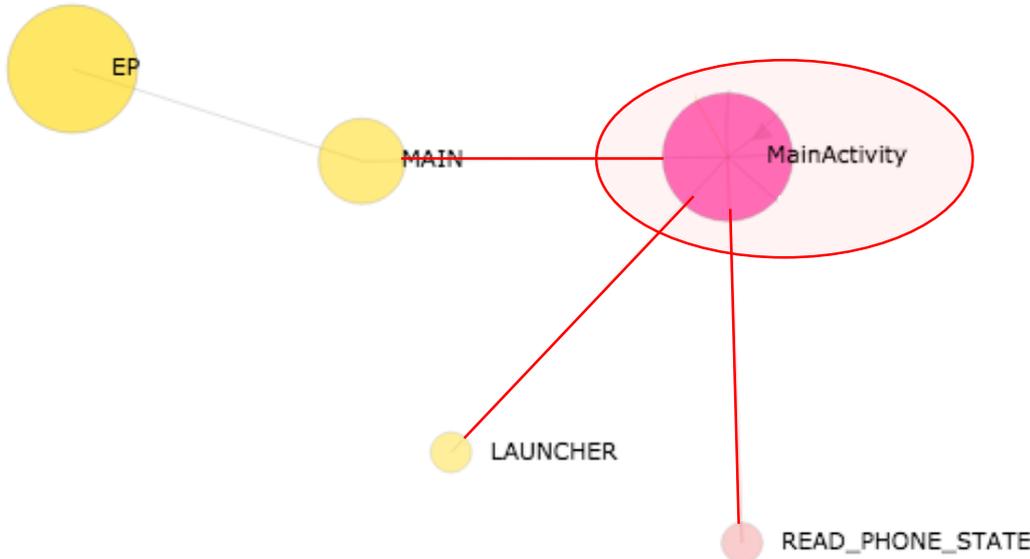
● LAUNCHER



App Component (4/7)

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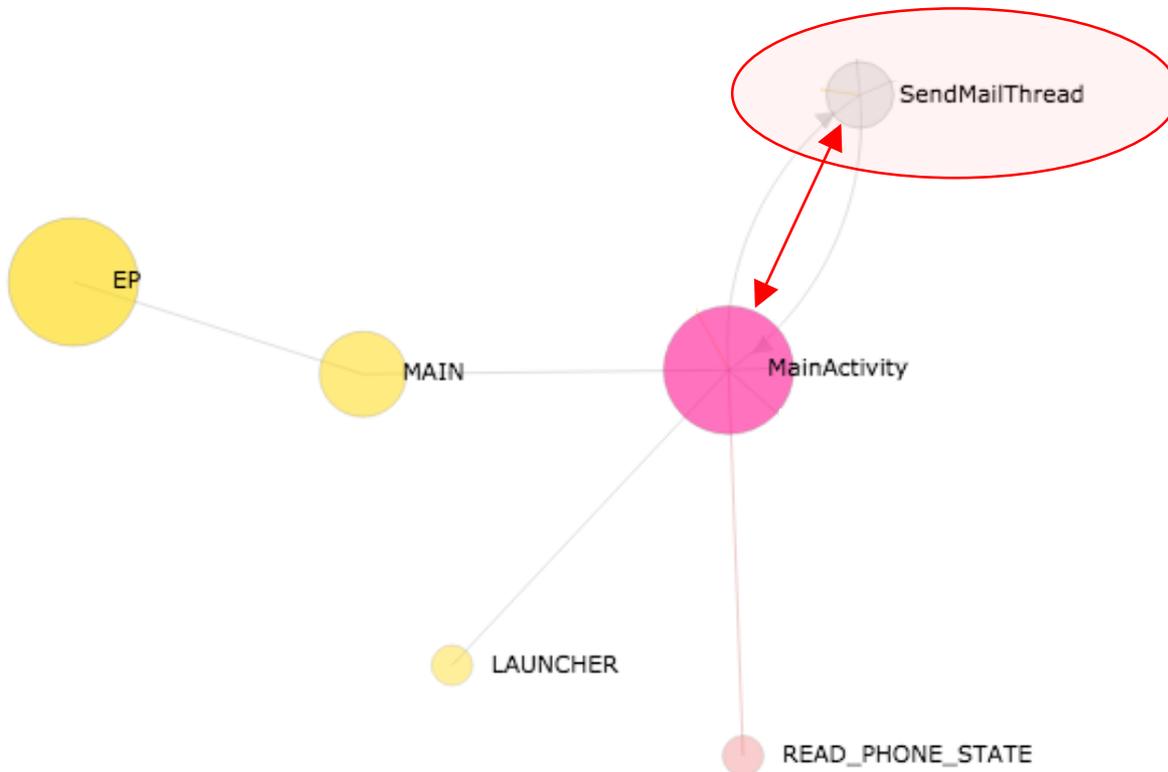
- ❖ reading AndroidManifest.xml
- ❖ classes inheriting Activity, Service, ContentProviders and BroadcastReceiver



Runnable Component (5/7)

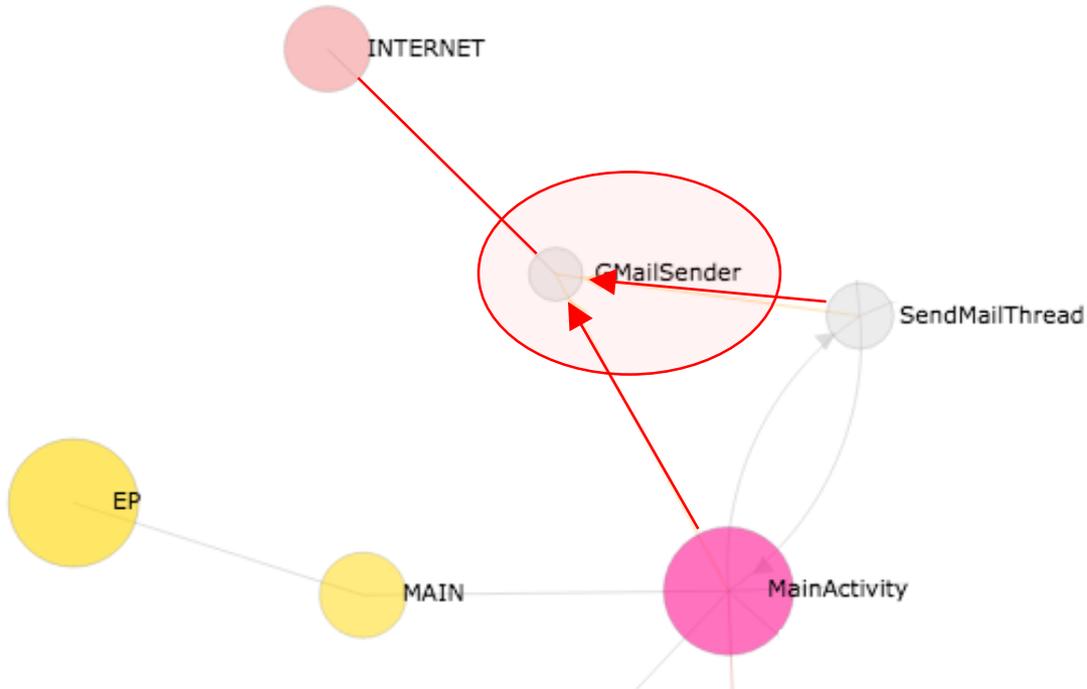
Android-Test/PNStealer

❖ classes inheriting Thread, Runnable and AsyncTask



Import (6/7)

Android-Test/PNStealer

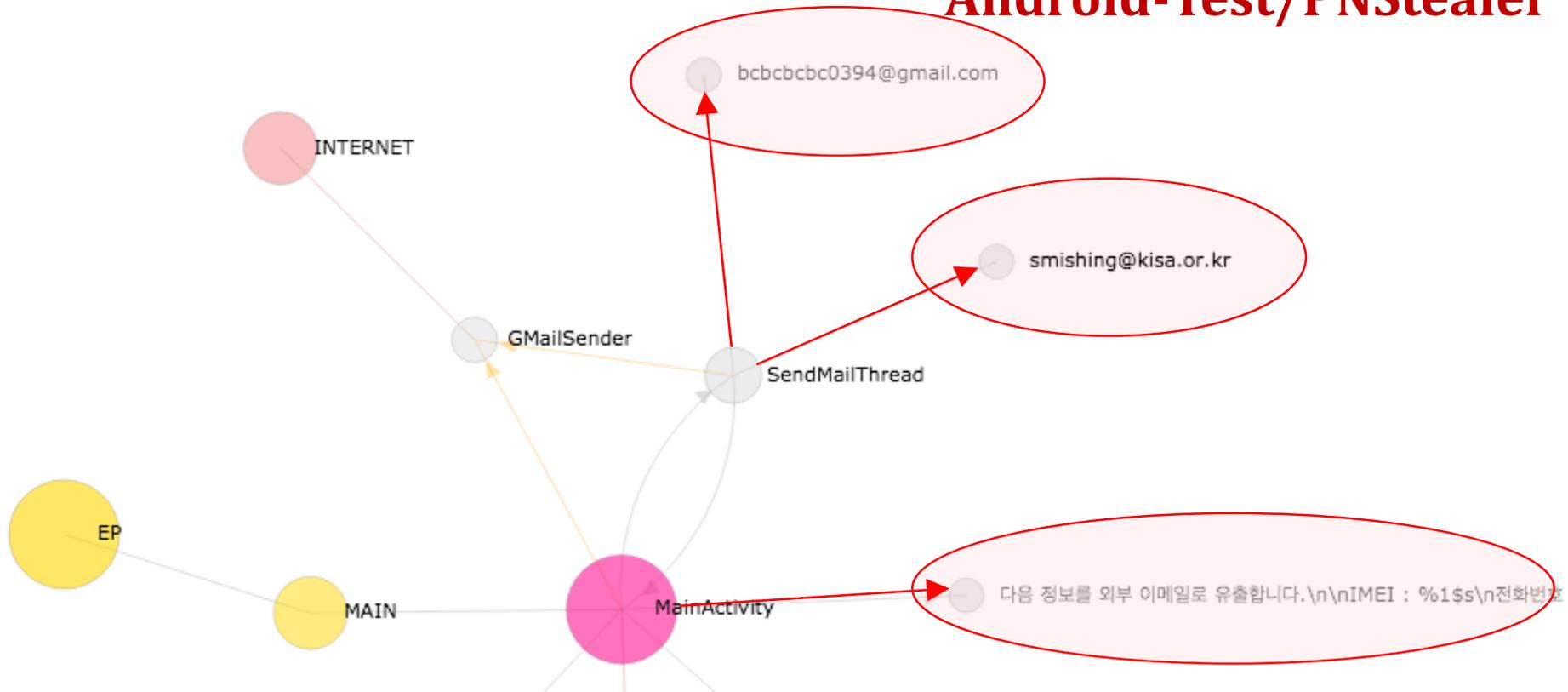


❖ classes referenced by app components or imports

READ_PHONE_STATE

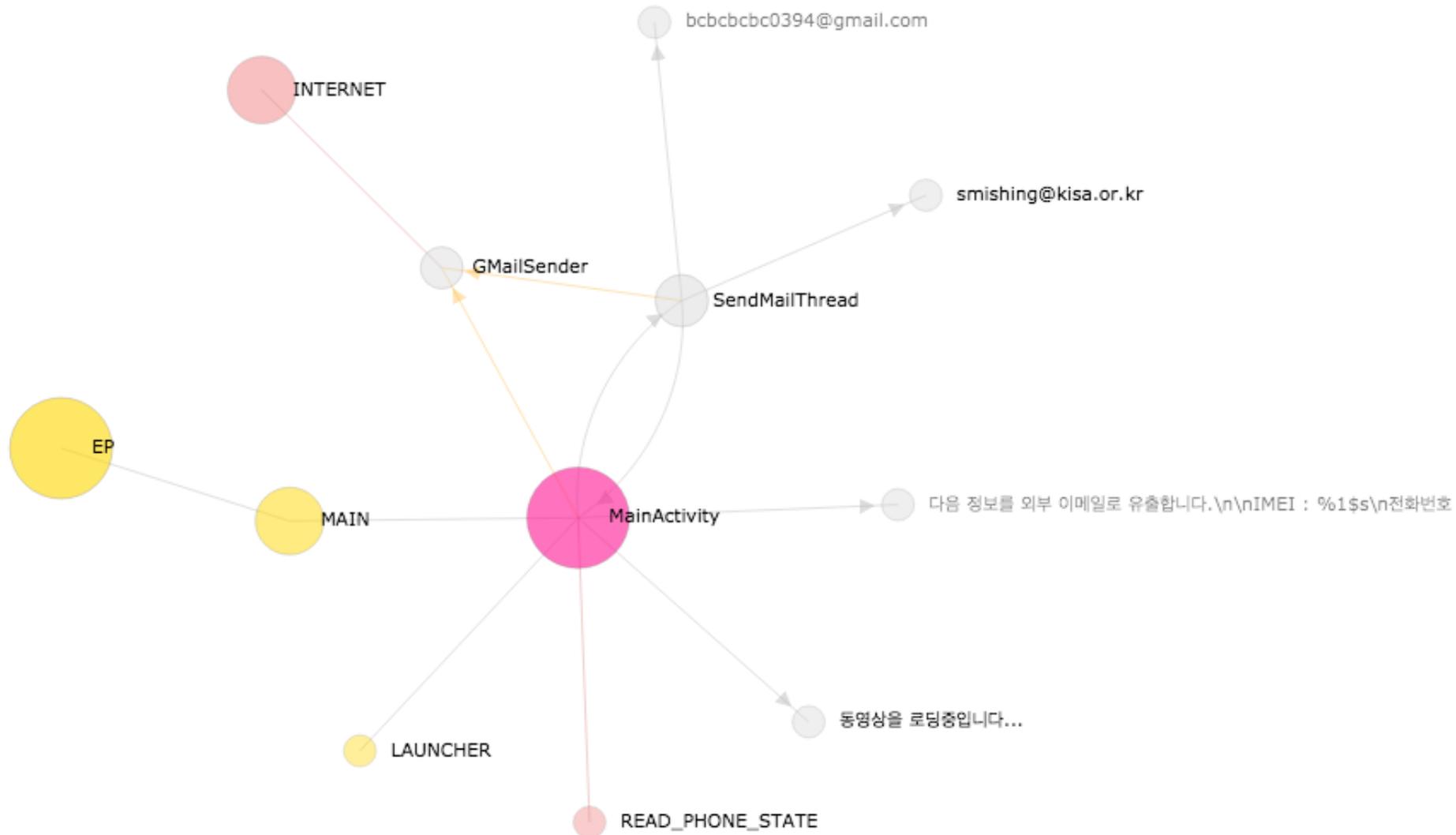
String (7/7)

Android-Test/PNStealer



❖ such as URL, email or text containing keywords

A Complete Graph

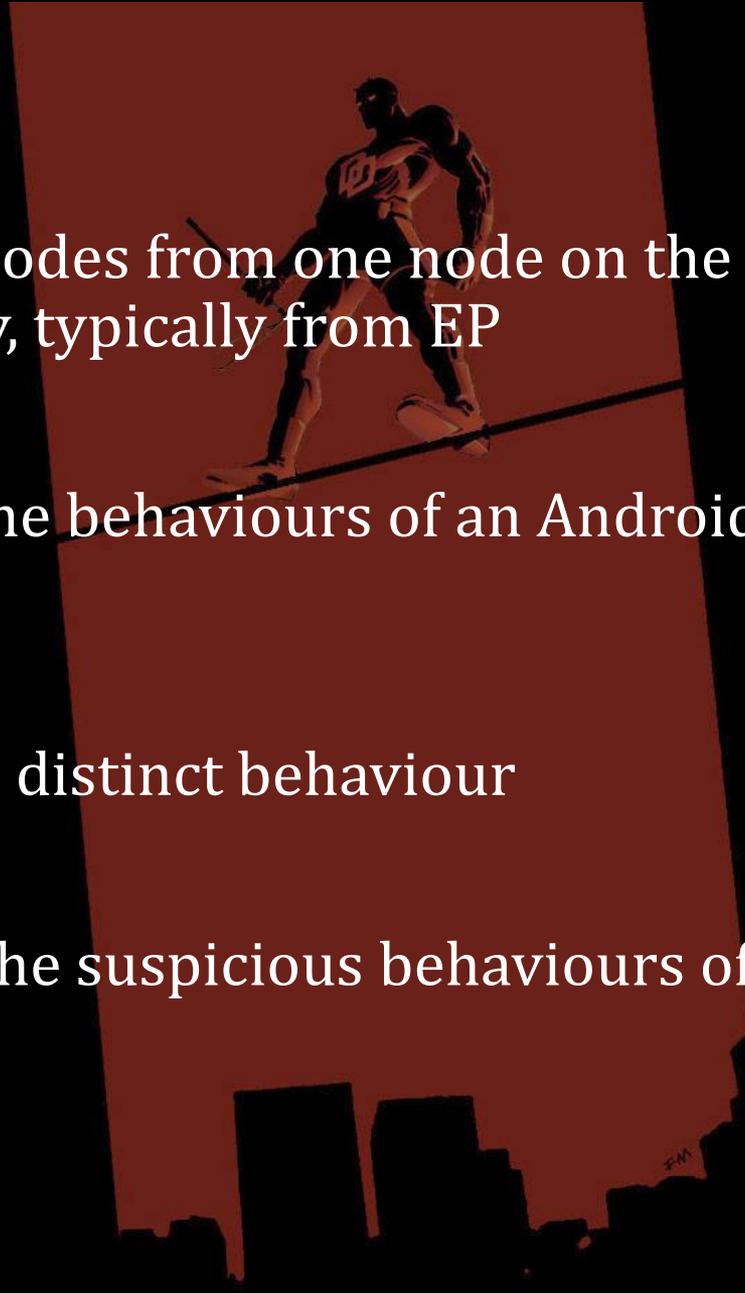


APP LIFECYCLING



App Lifecycling

- ❖ Traversing all outgoing nodes from one node on the app lifecycle graph recursively, typically from EP
- ❖ useful for investigating the behaviours of an Android app
- ❖ effective for identifying a distinct behaviour
- ❖ well suited to detecting the suspicious behaviours of Android malware

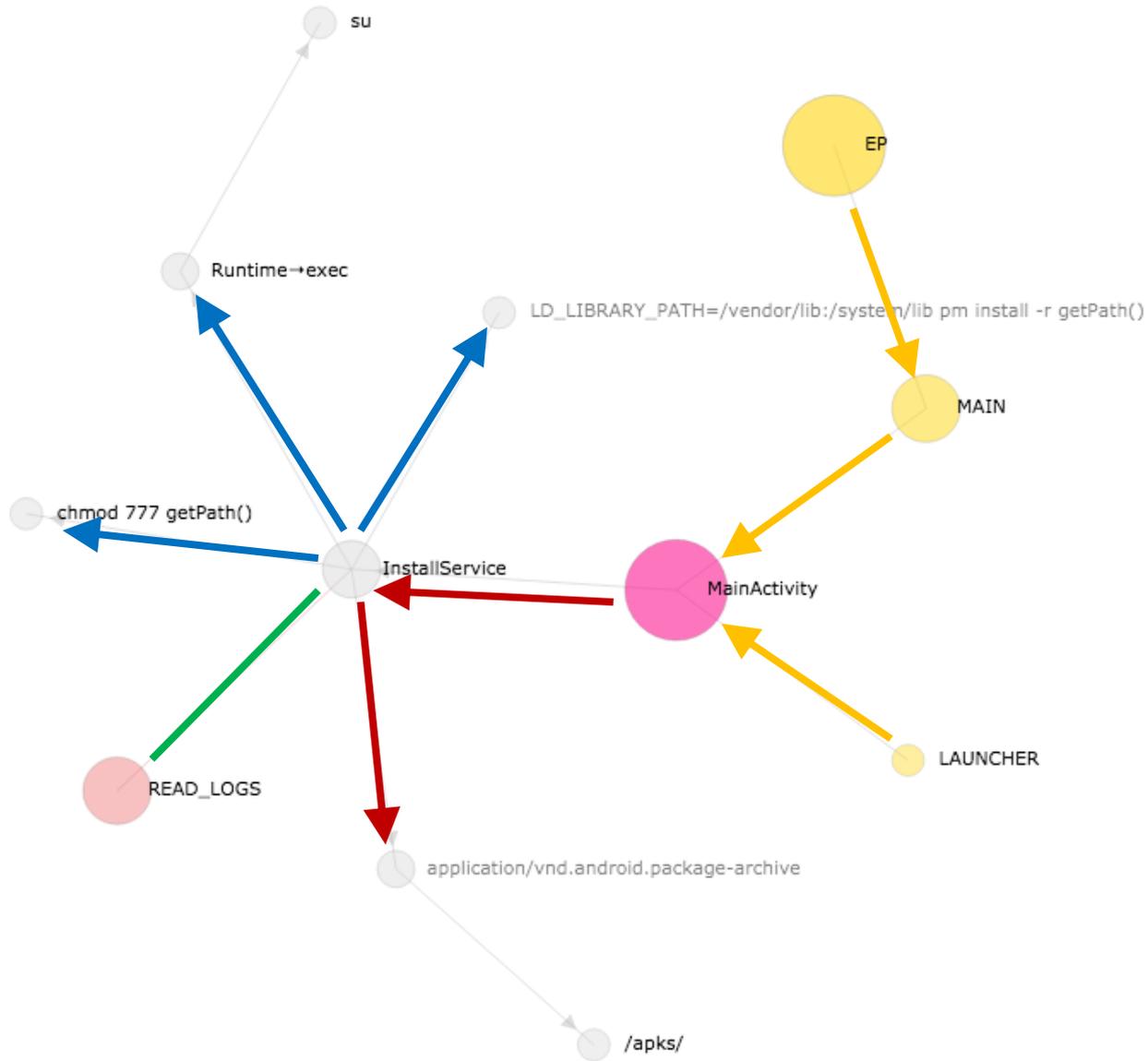




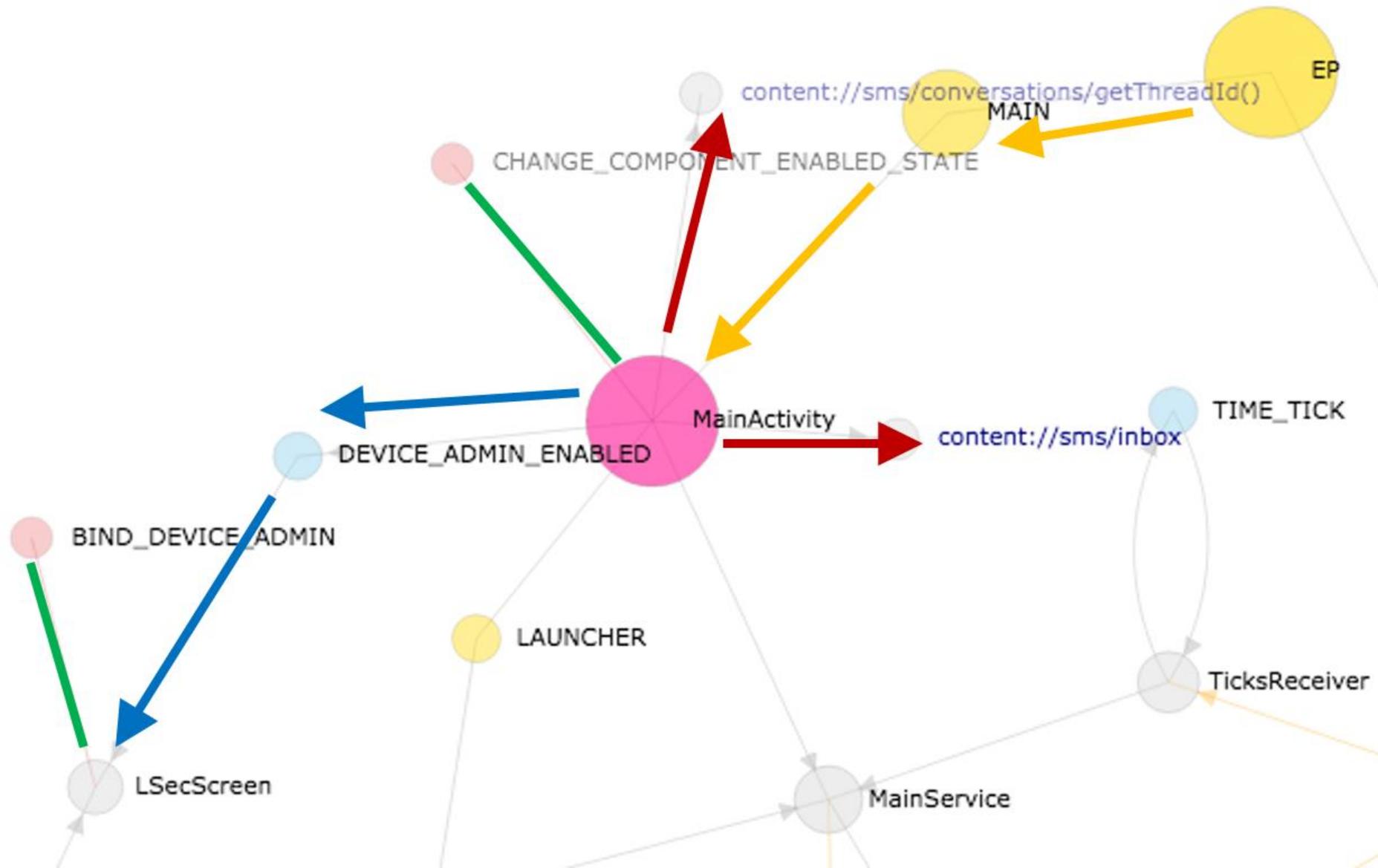
CASE STUDIES

Narut / KorTalk / Bankun / Dendroid / SMSMonitor

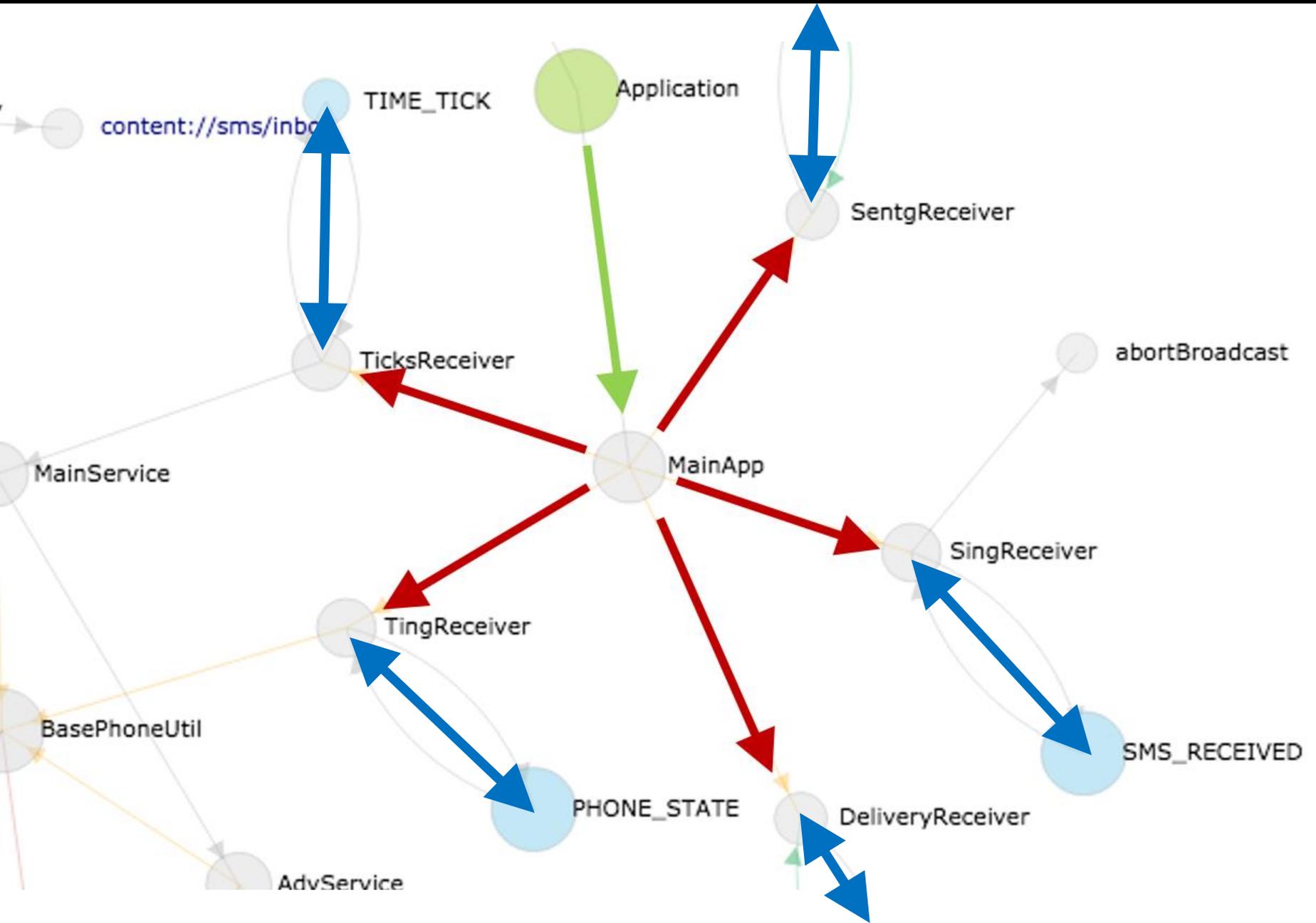
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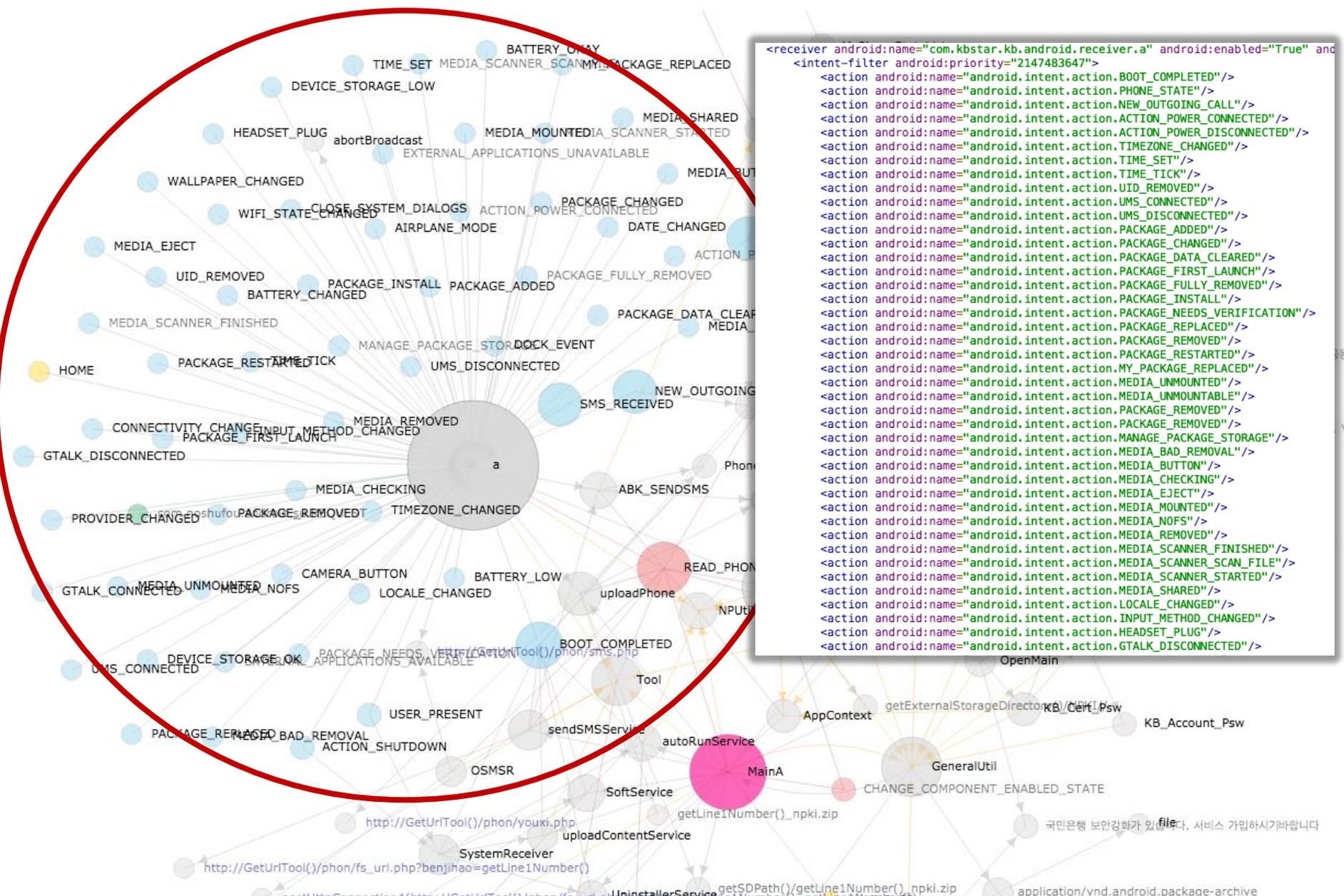
Trojan/KorTalk



Trojan/KorTalk

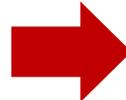
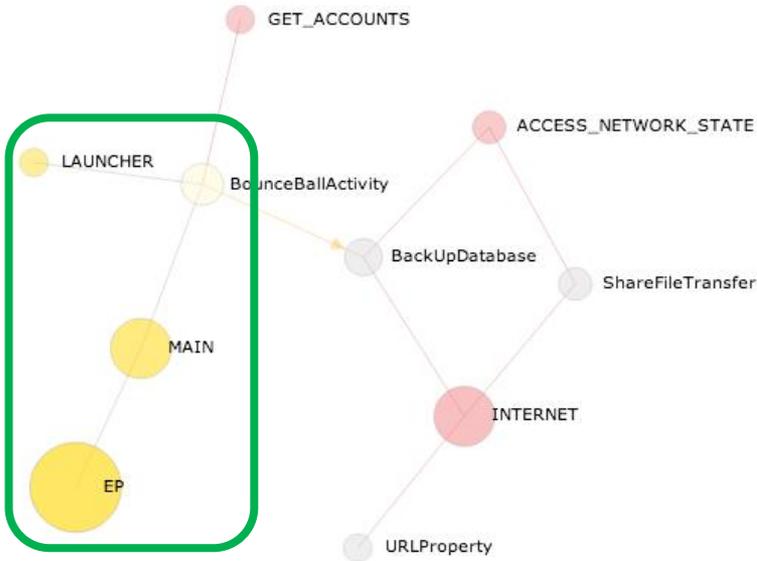


Trojan/Bankun

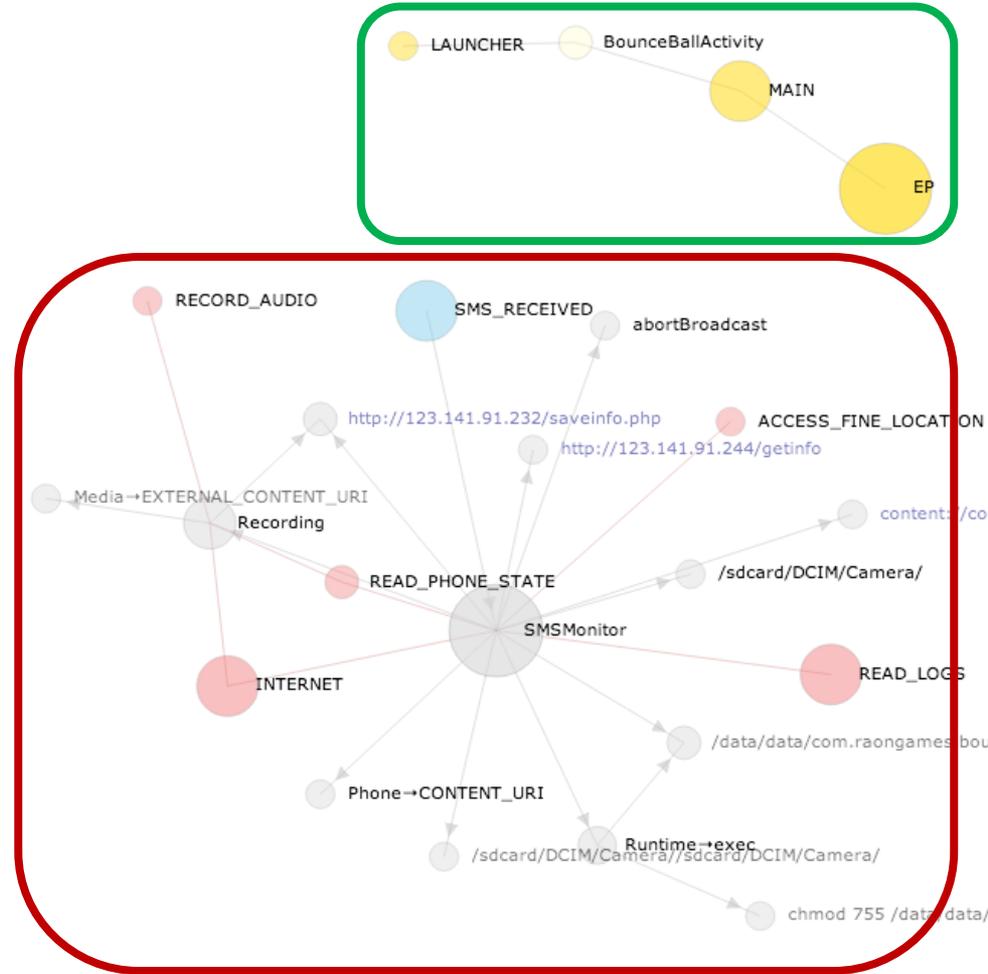


Repackaging

BounceBall



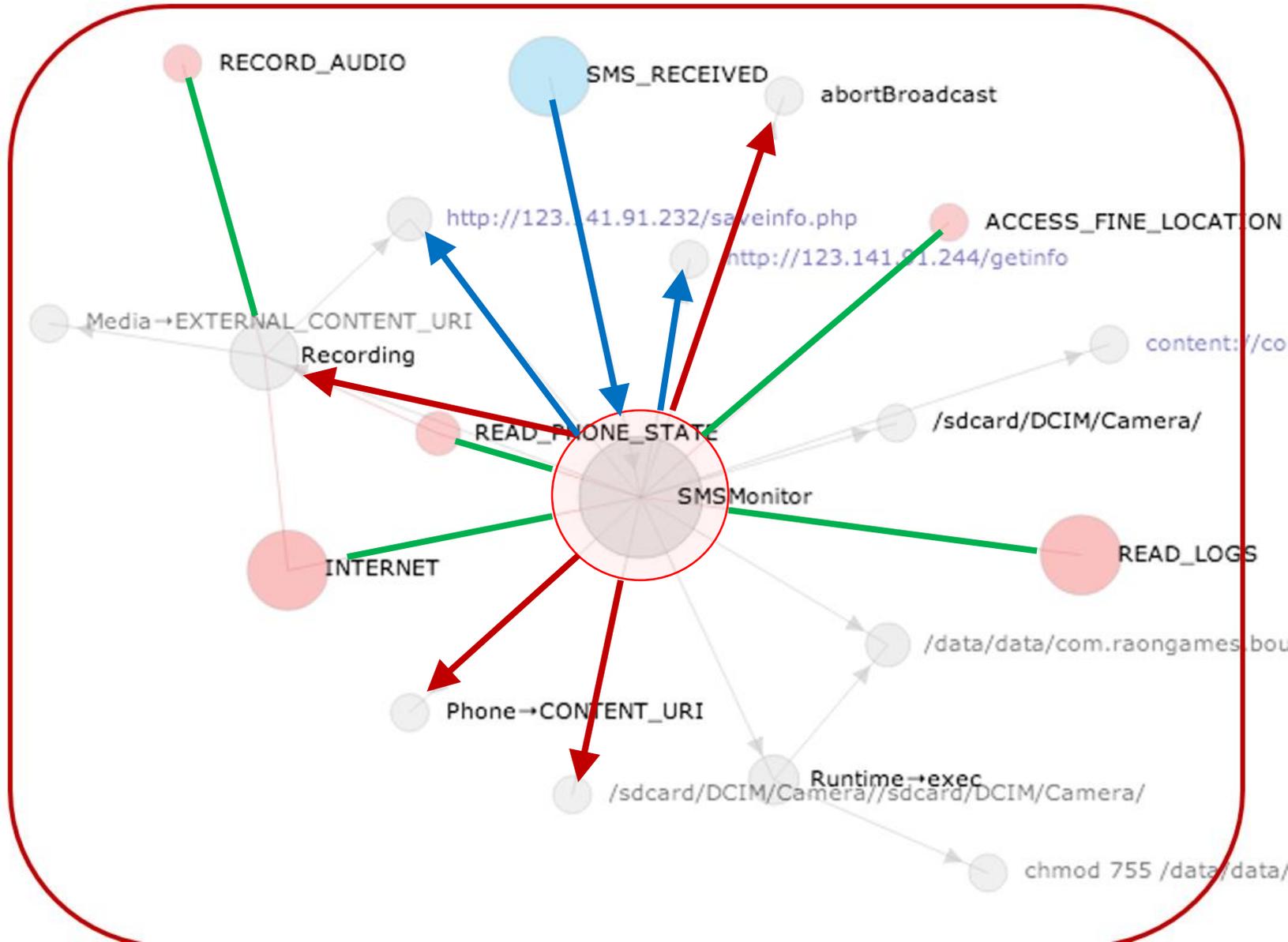
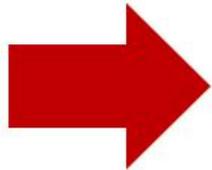
Android-Backdoor/SMSMonitor



Repackaging

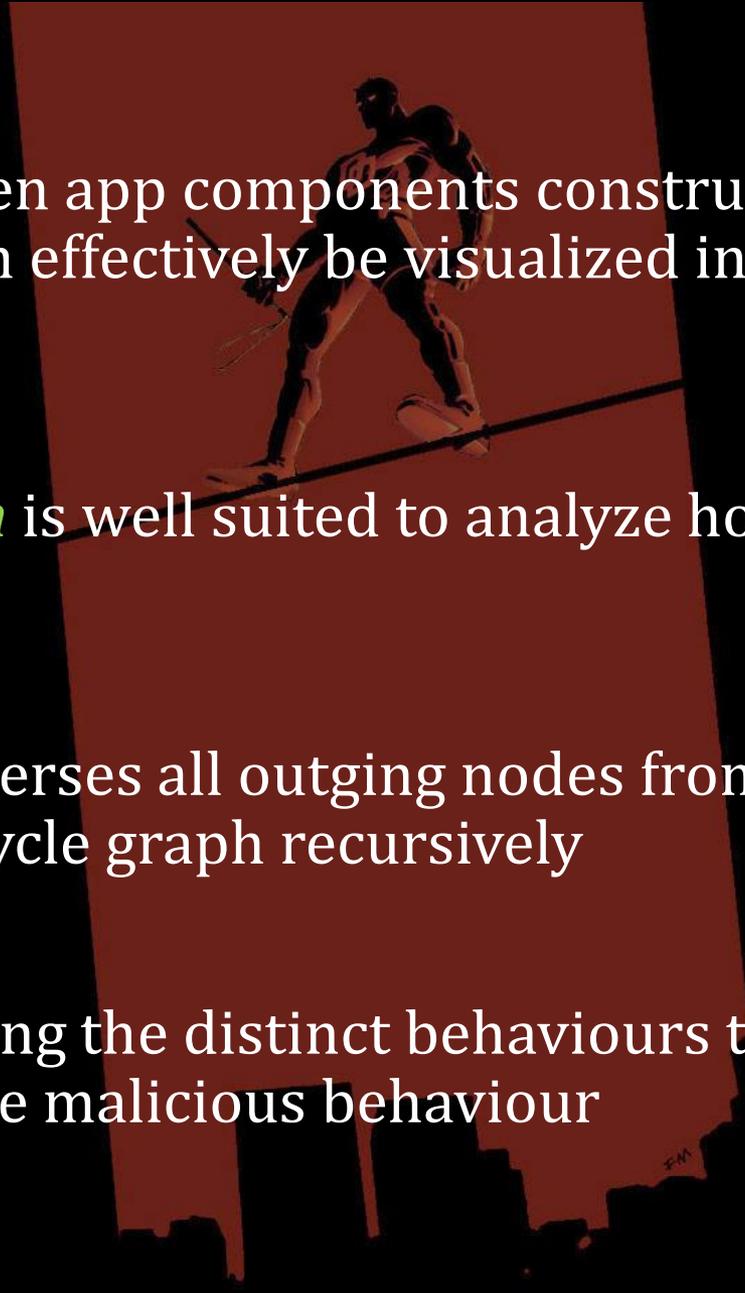
STATE

transfer



Conclusions

- ❖ The relationships between app components construct the *App Lifecycle*, and can effectively be visualized in a graph
- ❖ The *App Lifecycle Graph* is well suited to analyze how an Android app operates
- ❖ The *App Lifecycling* traverses all outgoing nodes from one node on the app lifecycle graph recursively
- ❖ is so effective in identifying the distinct behaviours that it can be used to detect the malicious behaviour



Thank you

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