

Presentation Synopsis



This presentation will self-destruct in 45 minutes: A forensic deep dive into self-destructing message apps

Prior to 2013, the phrase 'Self Destructing Message' was most commonly associated with Inspector Gadget, Maxwell Smart, and the occasional Tom Cruise movie. With the advent of smartphone apps like Snapchat, Wickr, and Facebook Poke, the self-destructing message has left the world of 'International Men of Mystery' and arrived to the civilian world by way of smart phone applications. These apps, and others, claim to provide ephemeral or private messaging to assure senders that their messages are burnt after reading.

A message can be encrypted, but that does not make it clandestine or deniable. Through the use of forensic images, packet captures, and API review - we have recovered a wide range of artifacts from messages before, after, and during transmission. We are neutral, fact finding, forensic examiners on a mission. A mission to seek truth and provide you with the results of our deep dive forensic review of self-destructing messaging smartphone apps.

Overview

What is Self Destructing Messaging?

Smartphone Forensics

iOS Forensic Artifacts

Android Forensic Artifacts

Network Traffic Analysis

Self-Destructing Messaging Apps



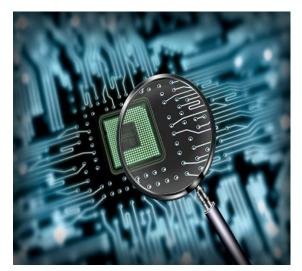
SNAPCHAT





WICKR

Testing Protocol



Device Analysis



Analysis



Application Program Interface Review

Testing Protocol

- Devices
 - iPhone 4 running iOS 5 & 6
 - Samsung Galaxy S3 running 4.1.2 (Jelly Bean)
 - Samsung Galaxy S3 mini (rooted) running 4.1.2 (Jelly Bean)
- Software
 - Cellebrite Physical Analyzer v3.7
 - AccessData MPE+

Device Review and Analysis of Apps



The Forensic Process - Then and Now





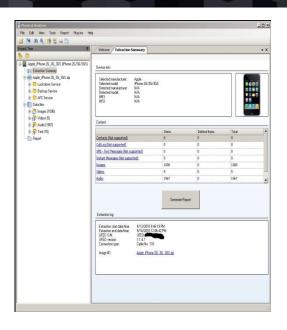


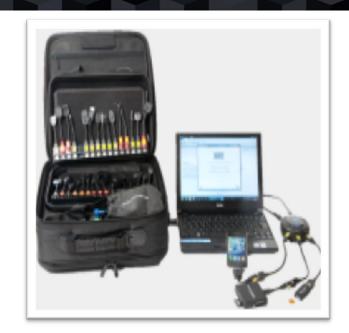
Analyzing phone contents directly from the screen and photographing important content

Able to recover phone memory with minimal disruption and analyze it separately.

iOS Forensics

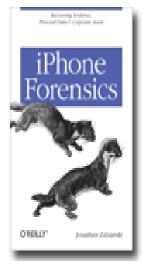














iOS Forensics - Preservation Types

Physical Preservation

Full copy of flash memory

Requires custom images / jailbreaking for acquisition

Possibly getting an encrypted file system

iPhone, iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4



iOS Forensics - Preservation Types

File System Preservation

Full copy of file system

Requires custom images / jailbreaking for acquisition

Unencrypted copy of the file system.

iPhone, iPhone 3G, iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4



IOS Forensics - Preservation Types

iTunes/API Preservation

Whatever iTunes / API Can Access

- Photos
- Contacts
- SMS Database
- Application Data

All iOS Devices



Android Forensics - Preservation Types

Android Preservation

Physical

- Temporarily roots phone
- Bootloader for some Samsung and Nokia phones

Logical Extraction

- File system / Application Data
- SMS Database / Email Database
- Multimedia



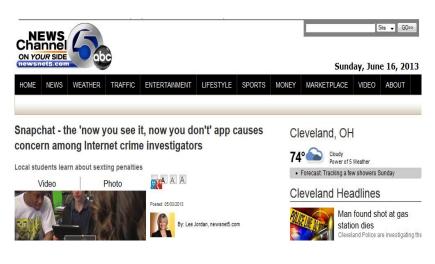




Half of Snapchat users have received inappropriate pictures

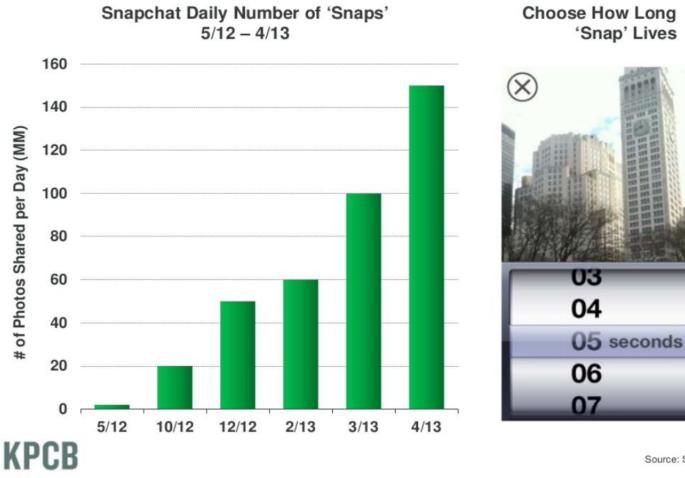
Thursday 6 Jun 2013 11:29 am







Short-Term Sharing Exploding – Snapchat Growth From Content That Disappears, Up >2x in 2 Months



Choose How Long Your 'Snap' Lives

Source: Snapchat. 15

SnapChat + Law Enforcement



CONTACTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ASSISITING IN INVESTIGATIONS

If you believe that you or your child have been the victim of a crime that involved the use of Snapchat, please contact your local law enforcement for assistance.

With the right legal process from law enforcement, Snapchat is often able to preserve evidence, provide identifying information and cooperate with investigations.

It is important to note that once a message has been viewed, it is usually impossible for Snapchat to retrieve a copy of its contents, even for law enforcement. If you wish to preserve evidence of the on-going receipt of illicit messages, leave the messages unopened and contact law enforcement. Unopened messages will expire after 30 days, but prior to that, they can typically be retrieved by law enforcement.

Please let the investigating officer know that they can contact Snapchat via email at lawenforcement@snapchat.com. We also offer a Law Enforcement Guide with further information, including a sample preservation letter and a release form for users wishing to authorize the release of their data to law enforcement without the need for a subpoena or search warrant.

SnapChat + Law Enforcement

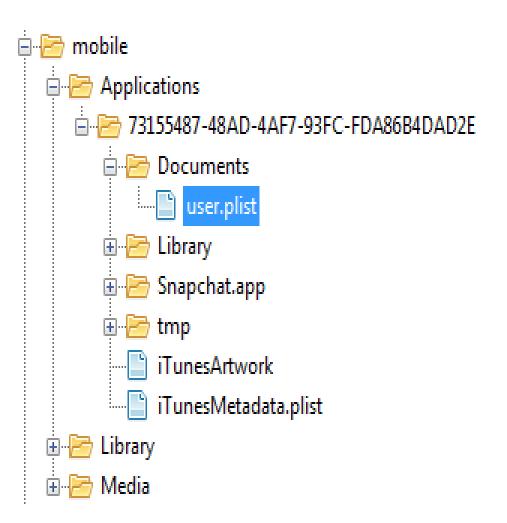
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iOS Artifacts



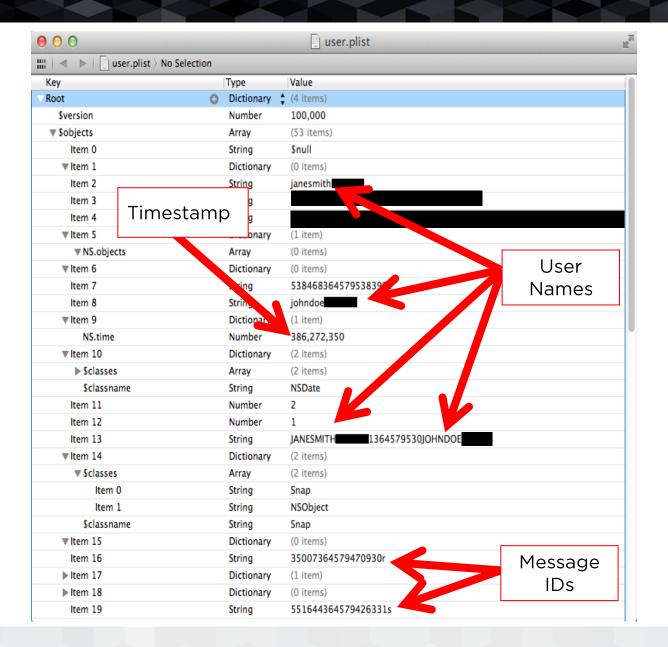
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iOS Artifacts



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IOS Artifacts



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User.Plist Decoded

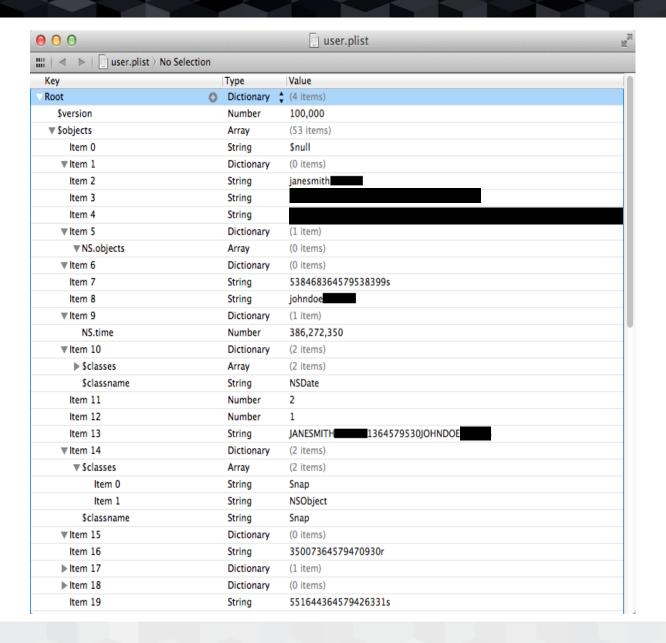
Object Name	Description		
username	The user's Snapchat user name		
snaps	A list of snap objects, with each snap object containing one message's metadata		
friends	A list of Snapchat users on the user's friend list		
time	The default timer value		
email	The user's email address		

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User.Plist Decoded - Snaps

Snap Element	Description of Contents				
client_id	Null for messages received by the user; Populated with an id comprised of the sender's user name, Unix time stamp, and recipient's user name for messages sent by the user				
id	ID of Message				
recipient	Null for messages received by the user; Populated with the recipient's user name for messages sent by the user				
sender	Populated with the sender's user name for messages received by the user; Null for messages sent by the user				
status	Message Read Status 1 indicates unread and 2 indicates read				
time	Value of the self-destruct timer – empty for read messages				
timestamp	Time when the message was sent to Snapchat's servers				
type	Numeric value indicating type of message: O indicates picture message; 1 indicates video message; 3 indicates friend add request				

User.Plist Decoded - Snaps Decoded



User.Plist Decoded - Snaps Decoded

Id	Recipient	Sender	Time	Status	Type	Timestamp
538468364579538399s	johndoe	janesmith		2	1	3/29/2013 12:52
35007364579470930r	janesmith	johndoe		2	1	3/29/2013 12:51
551644364579426331s	johndoe	janesmith		2	0	3/29/2013 12:50
348326364579398983r	janesmith	johndoe		2	0	3/29/2013 12:49
545573364579338614r	janesmith	johndoe		1	3	3/29/2013 12:48
166456364579290377r	janesmith	teamsnapchat	10	1	0	3/29/2013 12:48

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Snap Recoverability

Photos

- Snaps downloaded to the phone when Snapchat is opened.
- Snaps can still be accessed if phone loses Internet connectivity while Snapchat is open.
- Snaps are not accessible if phone loses Internet connectivity and Snapchat is closed.
- Stored in memory?

Videos

- Unopened videos can be recovered from the device.
- File names match IDs on user.plist
- Last sent video stored on device?

Metadata

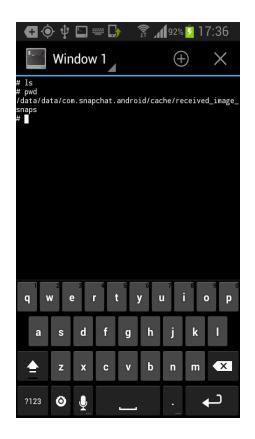
- Data stored as XML files in data/data/com.snapchat.android
- com.snapchat.android_preference s.xml Closest Equivalent to iOS user.plist file
- Contains type, mSender, mWasViewed, mCaptionPosition, mCaptionOrientation, mIsLoading, mIsTimerRunning, mIsBeingViewed, MWasOpened, mWasScreenshotted, mDisplayTime, mId, mTimestamp, mStatus, mIcon, and mMediaType

Snaps

- Stored as unencrypted files in data/data/com.snapchat.androi d/cache/received_image_snaps
- Snapchat deletes all snaps after last unviewed snap is viewed.
- This is not a secret Snapgrab Android app has leveraged this knowledge since April 2013
- If the user does save the snap that was sent it will be located in /media/Snapchat

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Snapchat on Root Android Device



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Directory showing two images

Empty directory before receiving Snapchats

Snapchat on Root Android Device



Viewed one Snapchat



Directory still shows two images present



All Snapchats have been viewed

Snapchat on Root Android Device



Directory is now empty

Network Traffic Analysis

```
2013-06-08 17:26:29 POST https://feelinsonice-hrd.appspot.com/bg/login
                  ← 200 text/html 1.44kB
Request
                                   Response
Date:
            Sat, 08 Jun 2013 22:26:31 GMT
Content-Type:
            text/html
Server:
            Google Frontend
Content-Length: 1475
Couldn't parse: falling back to Raw
{"added_friends_timestamp":0,"bests":[],"snapchat_phone_number":"+1310 ","image_caption":f
                                  70","received":0,"logged":true,"added_frien
alse, "auth_token": "0
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"ts":1368920283590, "sts":1368920283590, "m":0, "st":1}], "friends":[{"name":"jason ", "display"
":"","type":0},{"name":"teamsnapchat","display":"Team Snapchat","type":0}],"device_token":"24AA3
51387
                                     9128EA447","email":"jason
                                                                  .com"."
[2/27]
                                                             ?:help q:back
```

Decrypting Snaps

Snaps appear to be encrypted / obfuscated

Multiple people reverse engineered the Snapchat Android APK

- Arlen Cuss's Snapchat: not for state secrets
- Thomas Lackner's Snaphax PHP Library
- Neil Hanlon

Findings:

- Data is encrypted using AES in ECB mode
- Media is decrypted when it is downloaded (e.g. not immediately before access)
- Encryption key is: "M02cnQ51Ji97vwT4"
 - http://adamcaudill.com/2012/12/31/revisiting-snapchat-api-and-security/

Snaphax / PHP

```
function decrypt($data) {
          return mcrypt_decrypt('rijndael-128', $this->options['blob_enc_key'], $data, 'ecb');
}
```

Arlen Cuss / Ruby

```
> data = File.open('x', 'r:ASCII-8BIT').read; nil
=> nil
> c = OpenSSL::Cipher.new('AES-128-ECB')
-> #<OpenSSL::Cipher:0x007f8182658618>
> c.decrypt
⇒ #<OpenSSL::Cipher:0x007f8182658618>
> c.key = 'M02cnQ51Ji97vwT4'
=> "M02cnQ51Ji97vwT4"
> o = ''.force encoding('ASCII-8BIT')
> data.bytes.each slice(16) {|s| o += c.update(s.map(&:chr).join)}
=> nil
> o += c.final; nil
=> nil
> 0[0...60]
=> "\xFF\xD8\xFF\xE0\0\x10JFIF\0\x01\x01\0\0\x01\0\\x01\0\0\xFF\xDB\0C\0\x14\x0E\
x0F\x12\x0F\r\x14\x12\x10\x12\x17\x15\x14\x18\x1E2!\x1E\x1C\x1C\x1E=,.$21@LKG@FE
PZ"
```

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Facebook Poke

- The Poke App
 - Branded as a 'simple and fun way to say hello to your friends' app
 - Runs on iOS devices running iOS5.1 or later.
 - iPhone3GS and above, iPod Touch (4th and 5th Gen), and iPad
 - Can send messages, photos, and videos
 - Sender chooses how long, up to 10 seconds, their friends can view the message
 - 'After that, they disappear from the app.'
- Our analysis
 - iPhone 4 running iOS 6.1
 - Physical acquisition, file system analysis, network capture analysis
 - Used Cellebrite Phyiscal Analyzer to do the physical and file system
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iOS Artifacts

Directories of interest

- 3021DF18-B5A6-41CF-BACD-8BEA55B4ACCC/Library/Caches/com.facebook.Poke
 - Cache.sqlite contains information related to profile pictures associate with app users Facebook friends
- 3021DF18-B5A6-41CF-BACD-8BEA55B4ACCC/Library/Caches/FBStore/315_14_/FBDiskCache
 - Contains thumbnail pictures size profile pictures of Poke app user and Friends they communicated with through the app
- 3021DF18-B5A6-41CF-BACD-8BEA55B4ACCC/Library/Caches/FBStore/315_14_/
 - Store.sqlite
 - This is the **gold mine** of artifacts
 - 7POKEMESSAGES table
 - Recipients appears to be a counter
 - Sender 2 represents device
 - Time Limit time message was sent
 - Creation Time in absolute Mac time
 - Media Type null or Media Type
 - Message Text the specific text that was sent

iOS Artifacts

Part of the ZPOKEMESSAGES Table

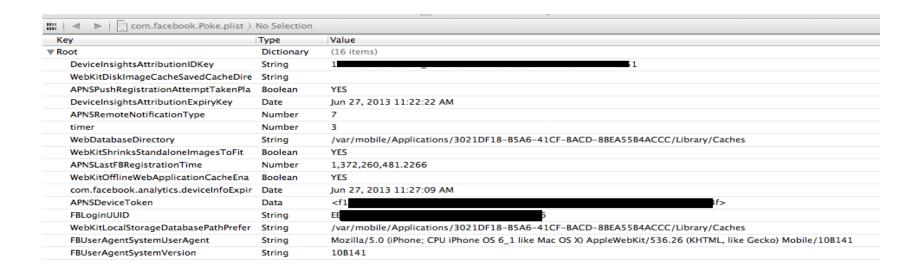
ZLOCATION	ZRECIPIENTS	ZSENDER	ZTIMELIMIT ZCREATIONTIME	ZTEXTYPOSITION	ZGRAPHQLID	ZMEDIATYPE	ZMESSAGETEXT
	104	2	3 389711562	0.99	608835746809	image/jpeg	
	95	2	3 389711592	0.99	608835776749	image/jpeg	
	98	2	3 389711631	0.492	608835796709	image/jpeg	
	100	2	3 389711688		608835986329		
	101	2	3 389712024	0.492	608836495309	image/jpeg	
	97	2	3 389712086	0.492	608836649999	image/jpeg	
	102	2	3 389712104	0.99	608836689919	image/jpeg	
	99	2	3 389712144		608836749799		
	110	2	5 390246930	0.492	609388893299	image/jpeg	This is a Mac mini.
	109	2	5 390246391	0.492	609388109869	image/jpeg	
	196	1	3 393862642		137067846497520		
	199	1	3 393862736		137068226497482		
	201	1	3 393863052		137069539830684		
	200	1	3 393864008		137073716496933		
	198	2	5 393864049		614325704889		
	197	1	3 393886482		137196519817986		
	171	1	3 393888017.53038	0.00			
	195	1	3 393889715		137206849816953		
Սլ	370	1	3 393953328	NUL	137409913129980	NUL	Defcon rio Las Vegas
	372	1	3 393953374		137410019796636		Stroz Friedberg digital forension
	381	1	3 393953401	0.99	137410496463255	image/jpeg	
	380	1	3 393953426	0.99	137410539796584	image/jpeg	
	377	1	3 393953480	0.5853	137410646463240	image/jpeg	Two forensic books
	371	1	3 393953507	0.5721	137410746463230	image/jpeg	Basketball hoop

- ZPOKEMESSAGEFFEDEDGE
 - Time Updated in absolute Mac format
 - Viewer State can see if the message was viewed and screen captured
- Other tables in Store.sqlite that related to the associated Facebook account not necessarily specific to the Poke app
 - ZAVATAR rows of interest: Alias, FBID, Name

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iOS Analysis

- 3021DF18-B5A6-41CF-BACD-8BEA55B4ACCC/Library/Caches/Snapshots/com.facebook.com/
 - contained a photo that was taken of the main page inside the app. If the user doesn't clear their recipients, it may be possible to see recent communications
- 3021DF18-B5A6-41CF-BACD-8BEA55B4ACCC/Library/Preferences/
 - 6******9.plist related to FB user of Poke ap
 - 1**********4.plist related to FB user of Poke app
 - com.facebook.Poke.plist plist that contains general information (see picture)
 - user agent
 - Login UUID
 - Last Facebook register time (Unix format)
 - Database locations we already looked at these locations



Network Analysis Poke App

- Used mitmproxy setup to capture traffic between iPhone devices
- Messages
 - Sending messages
 - POST to _https://graph.facebook.com/me/pokemessages when sending messages
 - Receiving messages
 - GET
 _https://attachment.fbsbx.com/poke_media.php?id=******&access_tok
 en=****** when receiving messages
 - POST https://graph.facebook.com/graphql/
 - Under SSL payload is just gzip encoded no further encryption
 - Can easily save payload decode and extract any picture
 - If text was just sent, 'media_type' field in the payload is 'null'
 - If only picture was sent, the 'media_type' field in the payload is image/jpeg
 - If a picture message with text was sent the payload will include a 'message' field that also contains the text sent with the picture
 - Can verify Facebook IDs and there associated accounts that are seen in communications using http://developers.facebook.com/tools/explorer/

Network Analysis Poke App

MITMPROXY payload of picture message

```
2013-06-26 11:33:25 GET https://attachment.fbsbx.com/poke_media.php?id=0
                    - 200 image/ipeg 28.1kB
Request
Content-Transfer-Encoding:
Content-Type:
                        image/jpeg
Content-Encoding:
X-FB-Debug:
                        J1xF5Ygk+VIrWWN/ljBHrWYGNgjMKw9VqUobeU1nkl0=
Date:
                        Wed, 26 Jun 2013 15:33:24 GMT
Connection:
                        keep-alive
Content-Length:
                        28770
[decoded gzip] JPEG image
            JPEG (ISO 10918)
Format
Size
            360 x 480 px
Mode
            RGB
icc_profile
            ....).9acspAPPL....
            desc.....^cprt..\...wtpt..h...bkpt..|...rXYZ......qXYZ......bXYZ......rTRC.....@qTRC......@bTRC......
            .....$.....curv......c..k...?.Q.4!.).2.;.F.Qw].kpz....|.i.}...0..
ifif
jfif_density (1, 1)
jfif_unit
jfif_version (1, 2)
progression 1
progressive
```

MITMPROXY payload of picture message with text

locale: text_y_position: access_token:	en_US 0.5721154				
sdk version:	3				
time_limit:	3				
sdk:	ios				
message:	Basketball hoop				
recipients:	["68800659"]				
pretty:	0				
app_version:	93694				
format:	json				
media:	JFIFXExifMM.*i&hhC.				
	?				
	%&'()*456789:CDEFGHIJSTUVWXYZcdefghijstuvwxyz				
	?				
	w!1AQ.aq."2B?#3Rbr.				



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Wickr App

- Wickrapp
 - Free app that allows for encrypted messages to be sent from user to user
 - 'Leave No Trace'
 - Compliant with FIPS 140-2, HIPAA, NSA Suite B Compliancy
 - Used AES 256 to encrypt data
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iOS Artifacts

Directories of interest

- 624E929C-1990-4A46-9ADA 4D6D682DD0FB/Library/Caches/com.mywickr.wickr
 - Cache.db
 - Contained no data
- 624E929C-1990-4A46-9ADA-4D6D682DD0FB/Library/Caches/Snapshots/com.mywickr.wickr
 - Snapshot picture but the photo is black i.e. nothing duplicated
- 624E929C-1990-4A46-9ADA-4D6D682DD0FB/Library/Cookies
 - Cookie.binarycookies no content of interest
- 624E929C-1990-4A46-9ADA-4D6D682DD0FB/Library/Preferences
 - com.apple.mobileslideshow.plist
 - com.mywickr.wickr.plist
 - Included database locations
- 624E929C-1990-4A46-9ADA-4D6D682DD0FB/tmp/aforensics
 - 3 files random.af0, random.af1, random.af2 contents of each file is all zeros

Network Traffic Analysis

- Used mitmproxy setup to capture traffic between iPhone devices
 - Sent messages
 - _https://secex.info/service/103/src/postMessage.php
 - Received messages
 - _https://secex.info/service/103/src/downloadMessage.ph
 - Payload size provides possible indictator of what type of message maybe have been sent.
 - Text or picture or video
 - In test case each payload was significantly longer
 - Payloads appear to be encrpyted under SSL
 - First 5 bytes are similar in each payload -
 - 0x313336342B or 1365+ (ASCII)
 - Messages in memory that may be captured on the phone could be capture and kept 'forever'....BUT cryptographically protected

Network Traffic Analysis

Sent message sample payload

```
--Boundary+0xAbCdEfGb0uNdArY
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="json_id"
7505b440d12f8822e8d3e314b6ff92977eb1c45b91162d50b7457b14ee3d9535
--Boundary+0xAbCdEfGb0uNdArY
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="json_secure"
uthic6gner8oZ4vXW1JJCYJQFS5aKP2SVkKanaNl/qsPWkLH08KfU6kAR3p3vpFW0kGprN2BksTiAd9mjpt4lndymR00WnYr1Y/2iSbMLNQ1vg2Fqf1YowuL1xAaHe1a0vBBu
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v80yD4TpCFZupqLDt1TmC76KrwDE4wnh9S0pLGhZA5LTGmcjAd6RXnuq2/V6yibftGm/VLsXiiU3b/M2iWeyQAeCYlqZpimqleQKtChEHIzIhQnJVjVlzqB0F6DpcxSvmJNkM
B4qL40xLTU0H0i8dzc/xxaI+nYTACBayWBdrl+lKP9ISqEy0KmYne0dBN6mK+q==
--Boundary+0xAbCdEfGb0uNdArY
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="blob"; filename="blob.msg"
Content-Type: sec/blob
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                                              `-><EC>ib<E5>(^U#9<C0><8B><F4><F4>H<A1><ui1
                                                         <D9>\;^C<DA>5KυCΛ<A8><CF>c&"<97><AF><C3>8
```

Network Traffic Analysis

Received message sample payload

```
<8B><8C>^_<U+0382><C9><D5><u>5</u><C8>{<C0><8B><F0><B3><mark>/</mark><F3>N<9A>7
```

Summary

Our findings

- iOS Devices
 - User.plist
 - Wickr nothing significant
- Android Devices
 - com.snapchat.android_preferences.xml
 - Cached images

Future Research

- Unallocated string searching
- Memory extraction of Android devices using LiME

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Sources & Tools Used

- Binary plist Parser / NSKeyedArchiver
- http://digitalinvestigation.wordpress.com/tag/nskeyedarchiver/
- http://code.google.com/p/ccl-bplist/
- Snapchat on Android
- http://www.decipherforensics.com/publications
- http://tryingtoreason.wordpress.com/2013/05/13/actually-snapchatdoes-delete-your-photos-just-not-straight-away/
- http://ryanburke.co.uk/portfolio-item/snapgrab/
- Snapchat Encryption
- https://github.com/tlack/snaphax
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