

WINDOWS PHONE 8 APPLICATION SECURITY

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Agenda

- Intro
- Security model
- First steps in Windows Phone 8
- Applications
- Application security
- Conclusion

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely New York City, with a prominent tower (the Empire State Building) in the center. The image is rendered in a dark, monochromatic green color scheme with a halftone or dithered texture. The city lights are visible as bright spots against the dark background.

INTRO

Intro

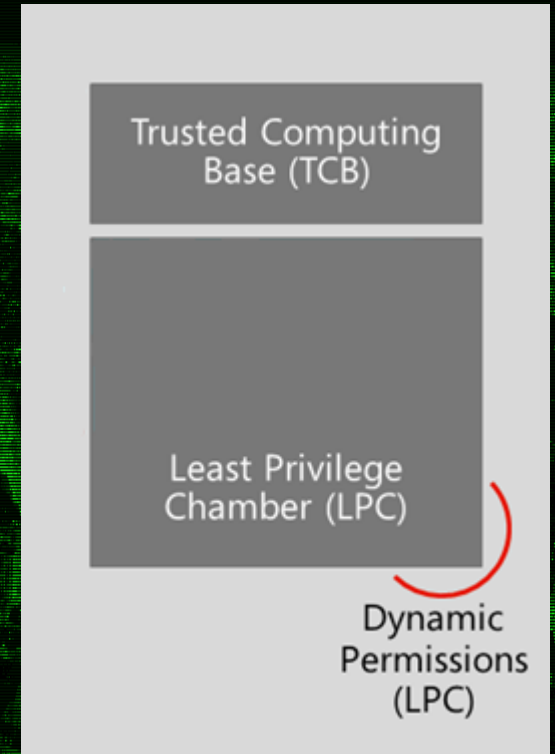
- 29 Oct 2012 – Windows Phone 8 released
- Based on Windows 8 core
 - ARM architecture
- Market share: 3,2% (Q1 2013, IDC)
- 145 000+ applications in Windows Phone Store

An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, with a prominent grid pattern overlaid on the image. The scene is rendered in a monochromatic green color scheme. The text "SECURITY MODEL" is centered in the lower half of the image.

SECURITY MODEL

Chambers

- Trusted Computing Base (TCB)
Kernel, kernel-mode drivers
- Least Privileged Chamber (LPC)
All other software: services,
pre-installed apps,
application from WP store



Capabilities

WMAAppManifest.xml

Developers

- Network
- Camera
- NFC
- SD card access
- Wallet
- Speech recognition
- Front camera
- Etc.

Total 27

OEM Developers

- Cell API
- Device management
- Etc.

Total 39

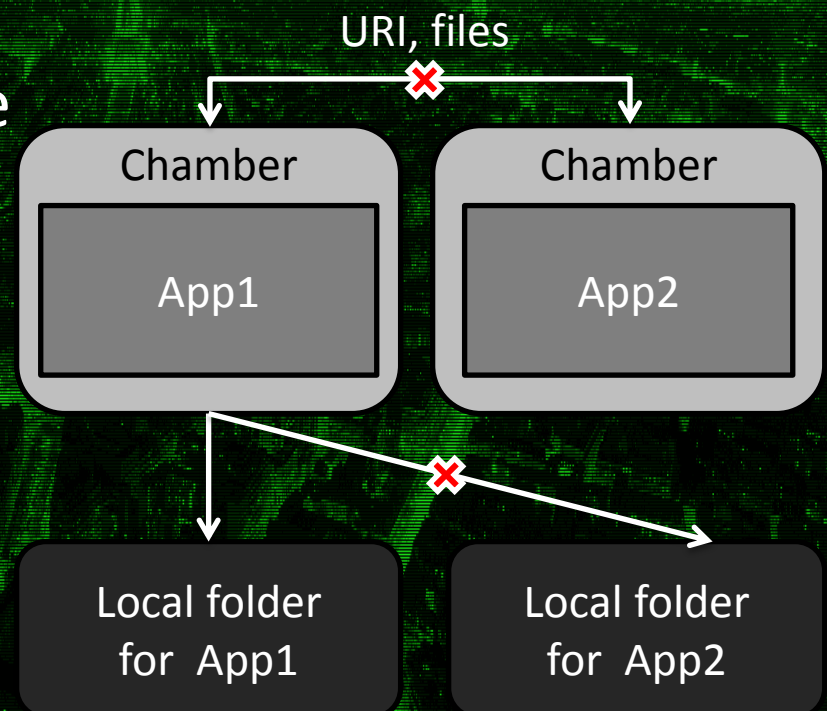
System

- Debug
- SMS API
- Live ID
- SIM API
- Etc.

Total 350+

Sandboxing

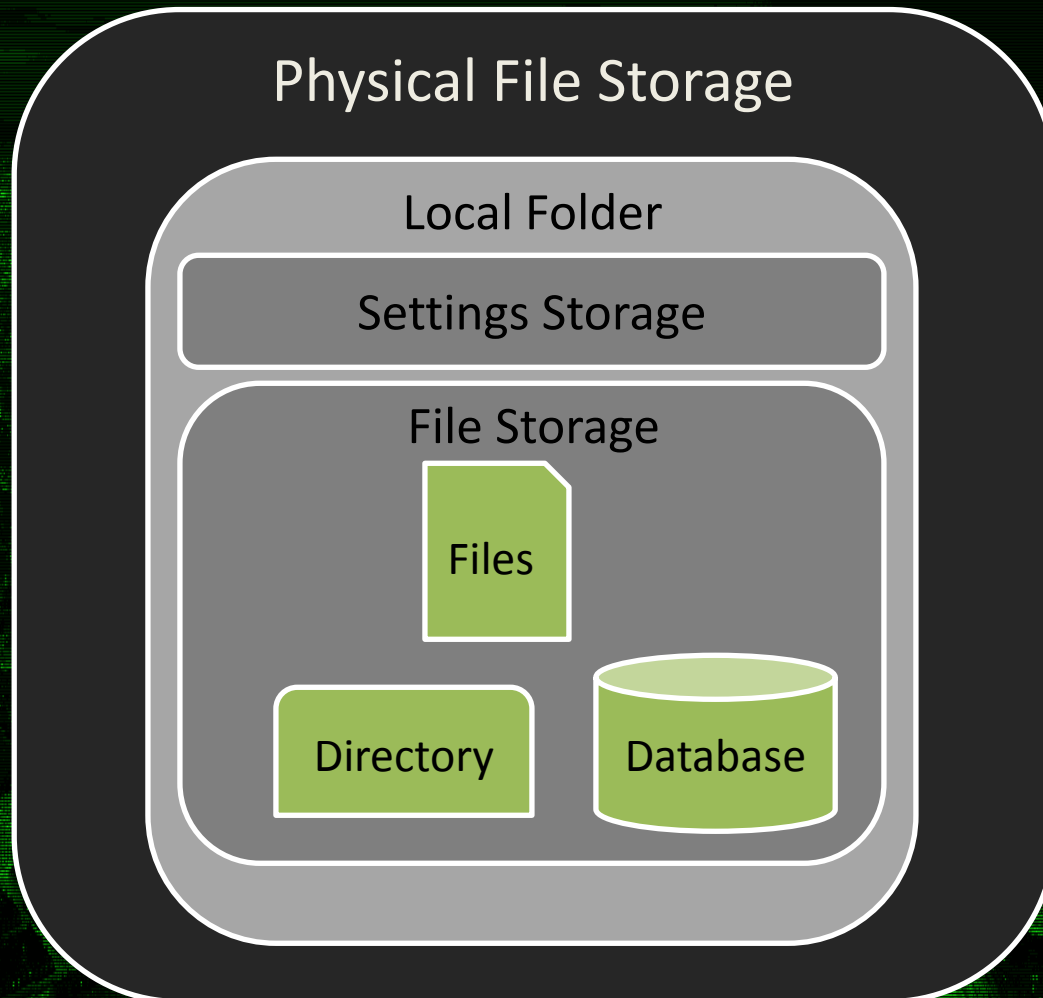
- File system structure is hidden
- Local folder
 - Former isolated storage
- Limited app-to-app communication



App-to-app communication

- File types associations
 - `LaunchFileAsync()`
 - Reserved: xap, msi, bat, cmd, py, jar etc.
- URI associations
 - `LaunchUriAsync()`
 - Reserved: http, tel, wallet, LDAP, rlogin, telnet etc.
 - Proximity communication using NFC

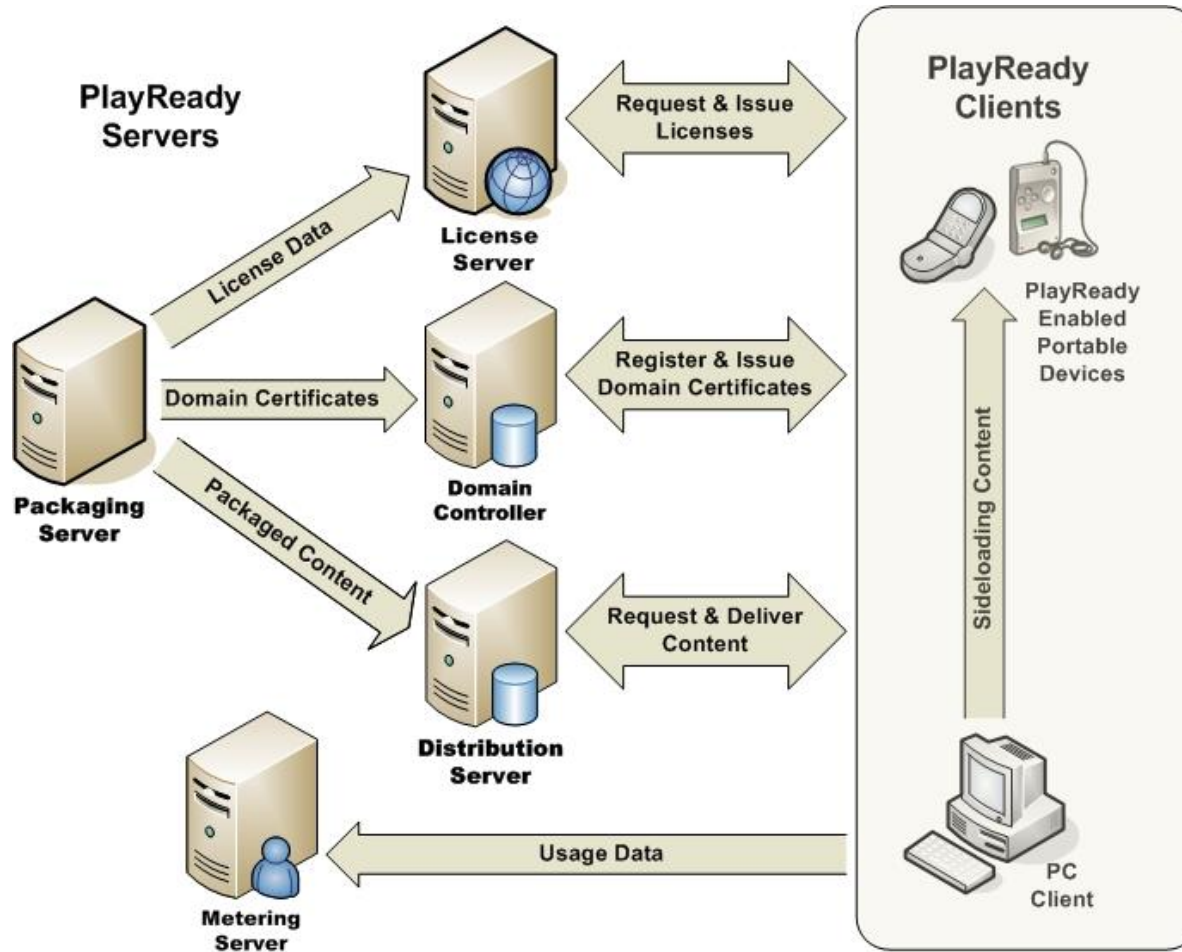
Local folder



Application protection

- All binaries are signed
- Application file is signed
 - Kind of checksum file is put into applications
- Certificate pinning for Store
- XAP file has DRM key

The Microsoft PlayReady Ecosystem



XAP file protection

- Before august 2012
 - ZIP archive
 - Sign
- After august 2012
 - New file format
 - PlayReady Header
 - AESCTR algorithm

```
typedef struct {
    DWORD HDR;           // 0x07455250 : PRE & 0x7
    DWORD a1;           // always 0x1
    DWORD HDRLength;    // PRE Header Length
    DWORD XMLOffset;    // PlayReady Header XML offset
    DWORD XMLLength;    // PlayReady Header XML length
    DWORD EXapOffset;   // encrypt xap offset
    DWORD EXapLength;   // encrypt xap length
    DWORD DXapLength;   // decrypt xap length
} PREHeader;
```

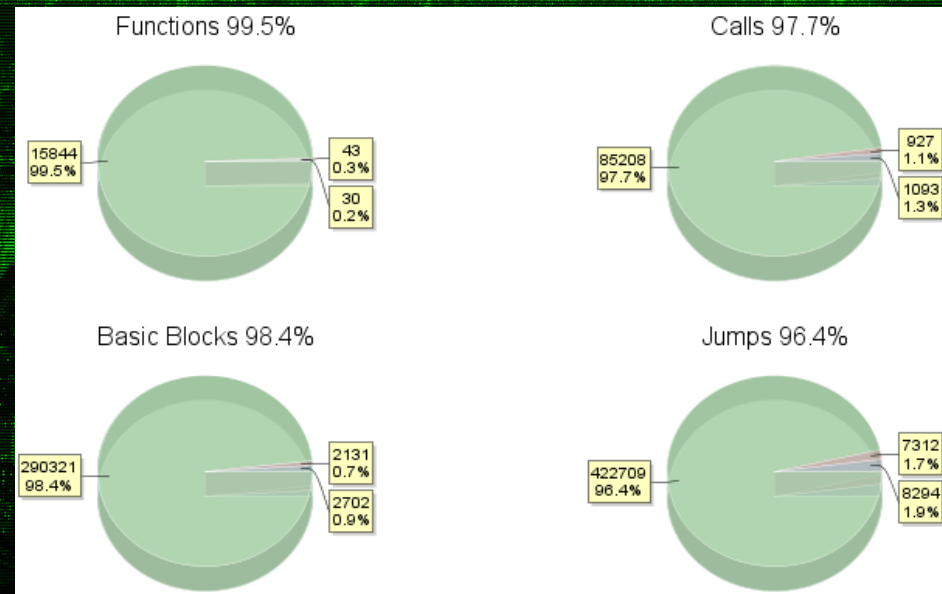
```
<WRMHEADER xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/DRM/2007/03/PlayReadyHeader" version="4.0.0.0">
  <DATA>
    <PROTECTINFO>
      <KEYLEN>16</KEYLEN>
      <ALGID>AESCTR</ALGID>
    </PROTECTINFO>
    <KID>SaM3fe6XZ0SS/agWTQl81g==</KID>
    <LA_URL>http://microsoft.com/</LA_URL>
    <CUSTOMATTRIBUTES xmlns="">
      <S>7414TTIhXuF0vaXUkgkwYQ==</S>
      <KGV>0</KGV>
    </CUSTOMATTRIBUTES>
    <CHECKSUM>Tsq+B6tBNFY=</CHECKSUM>
  </DATA>
</WRMHEADER>
```


An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, with a prominent grid overlay. The image is tinted green and has a halftone or dithered texture. The text "FIRST STEPS IN WINDOWS PHONE 8" is centered in the lower half of the image.

FIRST STEPS IN WINDOWS PHONE 8

Windows 8 vs Windows Phone 8

- WP8 is migrating from the WinCE core to the WinNT core
- Win8/emulator (x86)
- WinRT/device (ARM)



<http://intrepidusgroup.com/insight/2012/12/windows-phone-8-and-windows-8-similarity/>

WP8 emulator

- **Hyper-V images**
 - %ProgramFiles(x86)%\Microsoft SDKs\Windows Phone\v8.0\Emulation\Images\
- **Emulator vs. Device**
 - x86
 - Fake binaries
 - FakeLed.sys, Fakevibra.sys, FakeModem.dll etc.
 - Different user-agent
 - Prohibited to install apps from the Store

WP8 device

- Windows Phone 8 has standardized bootloader
 - Full flash images are available
- ImgMount tool
 - FFU Image file as a virtual hard drive

```
C:\DATA\work\WindowsPhone8>ImgMount.exe RM825_1232.2110.1244.3002_RETAIL_eu_euro1_375_02_104614_prd_signed.ffu
```

```
WP8 ROM Image Tools v.1.0.204  
htc ROM Image Editor (4) 2007-2012 AnDim & XDA-Developers  
ImgMount Tool v.1.0.15
```

```
<htcRIE> Mounting the image file : 'RM825_1232.2110.1244.3002_RETAIL_eu_euro1_375_02_104614_prd_signed.ffu'  
Loading .FFU image ... ok  
<htcRIE> !WARNING! Successfully detached vhd file : 'C:\Users\d.evdokimov\AppData\Local\Temp\kmd1501.vhd'  
Creating virtual disk ... ok  
Mounting MainOS partition as : '\\RM825_1232.2110.1244.3002_RETAIL_eu_euro1_375_02_104614_prd_signed.mnt\' ... ok  
<htcRIE> Successfully mounted an image file.
```


Reversing WP8 internals

- No debug symbols
- Tip: restore information from Event Tracing for Windows (ETW)
- Use IDAPython

```
ADD      R3, SP, #0x8C+var_74
STR      R3, [SP,#0x8C+var_80]
MOVS     R3, #0
LDR      R4, =dword_1056F98
STR      R3, [SP,#0x8C+var_84]
MOVS     R3, #0x3F
LDR      R2, =dword_1001918
LDR      R1, [R4,#(dword_1056F9C - 0x1056F98)]
LDR      R0, [R4]
STR      R3, [SP,#0x8C+var_8C]
LDR      R3, =aInstallapplica ; "InstallApplication"
STR      R5, [SP,#0x8C+var_88]
BL       ETW_writer
```

```
ADD      R1, SP, #0x94+var_54
MOVS     R3, #0xA5
LDR.W    R2, =dword_1001918
LDR.W    R0, [R8]
STR      R3, [SP,#0x94+var_94]
LDR.W    R3, =aDecryptxap ; "DecryptXap"
STR      R1, [SP,#0x94+var_88]
LDR.W    R1, [R8,#4]
STR      R7, [SP,#0x94+var_8C]
STR      R5, [SP,#0x94+var_90]
BL       ETW_writer
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*InstallerWorker.exe

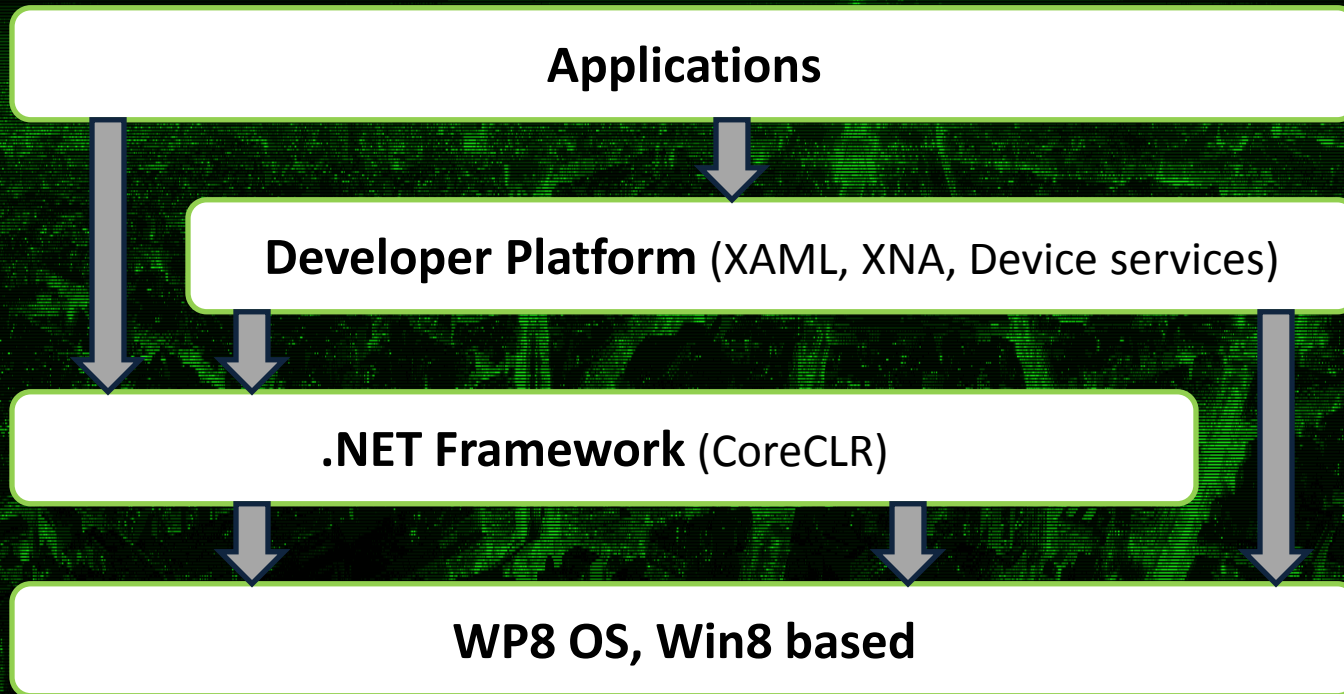
Windows API calls

- Full Windows API is not available by default
- Originally posted on XDA for WindowsRT apps
 - Find kernerbase.dll address (“MZ”) -> Get “LoadLibraryA” and “GetProcAddress” functions -> call any function you want
 - <http://bit.ly/Uw2Gk6>
- Works for Windows Phone 8

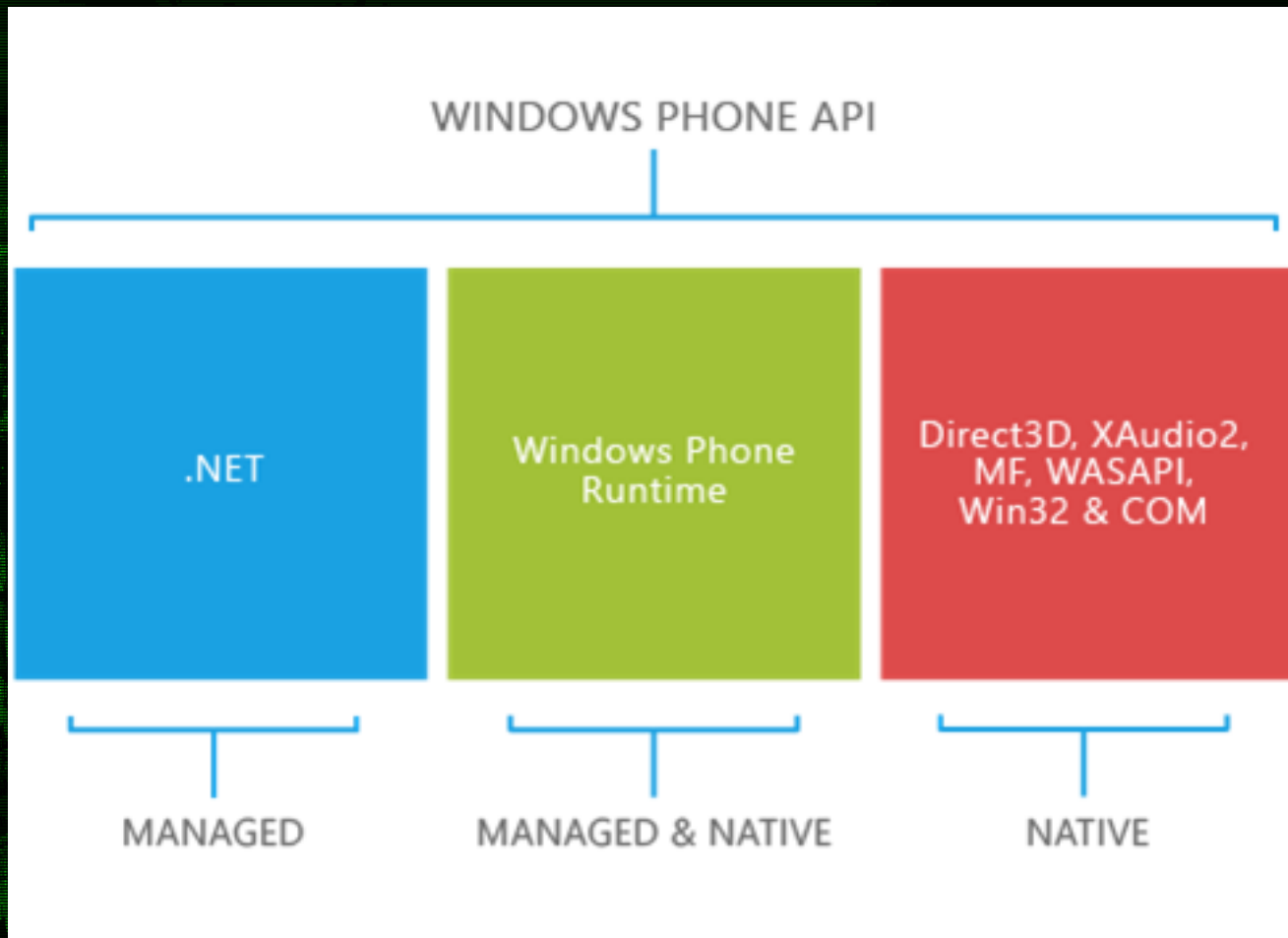
An aerial night view of a city, likely New York City, with a prominent tower (Empire State Building) in the center. The image is overlaid with a green grid pattern, suggesting a digital or data visualization theme. The word "APPLICATIONS" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the lower-left portion of the image.

APPLICATIONS

.NET and CLR



Frameworks

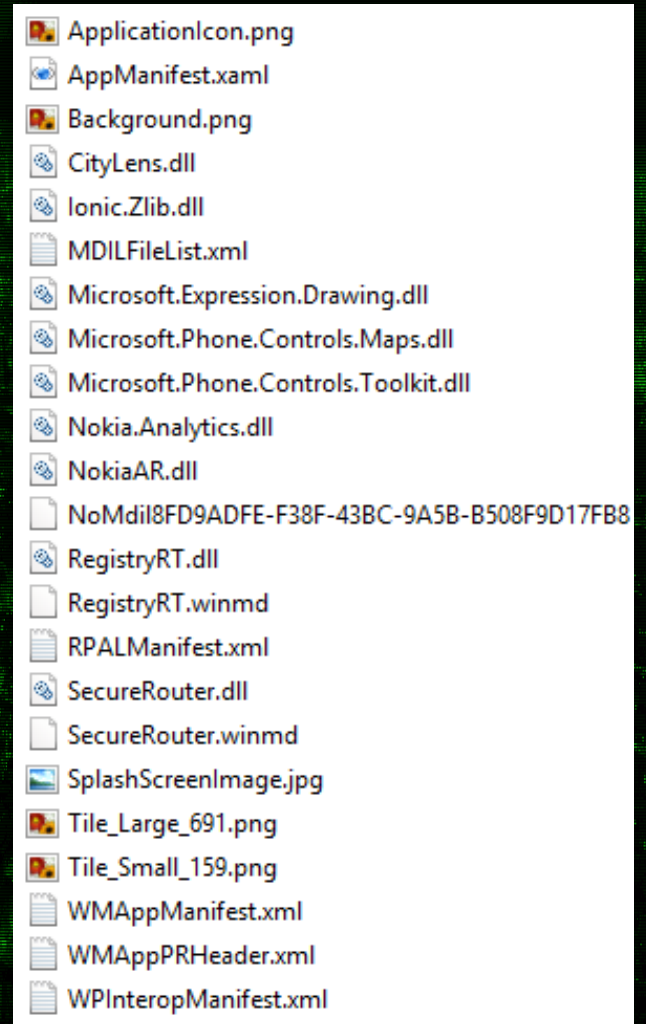


Application kinds

- Microsoft
- OEM
 - XAP files are not encrypted (~ZIP)
 - C:\PROGRAMS\CommonFiles\Xaps\
- Windows Phone Store apps
 - C:\Data\Programs\{ProductID}\Install\
- Company applications
 - XAP files are not encrypted (~ZIP)
 - Company hubs
- Developer applications
 - Need developer unlock

Application file structure

- Application assemblies (in various formats)
- Resources
- AppManifest.xaml
- WMAppManifest.xml



An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely New York City, with a prominent green digital overlay. The overlay consists of a grid of lines and a central vertical beam of light, suggesting a digital or cyber theme. The text 'APPLICATION SECURITY' is centered in the lower half of the image.

APPLICATION SECURITY

Security?!

“One of the goals of the Windows Phone app platform is to foster the creation of apps that are *secure by design and secure by default*.”

Security for Windows Phone

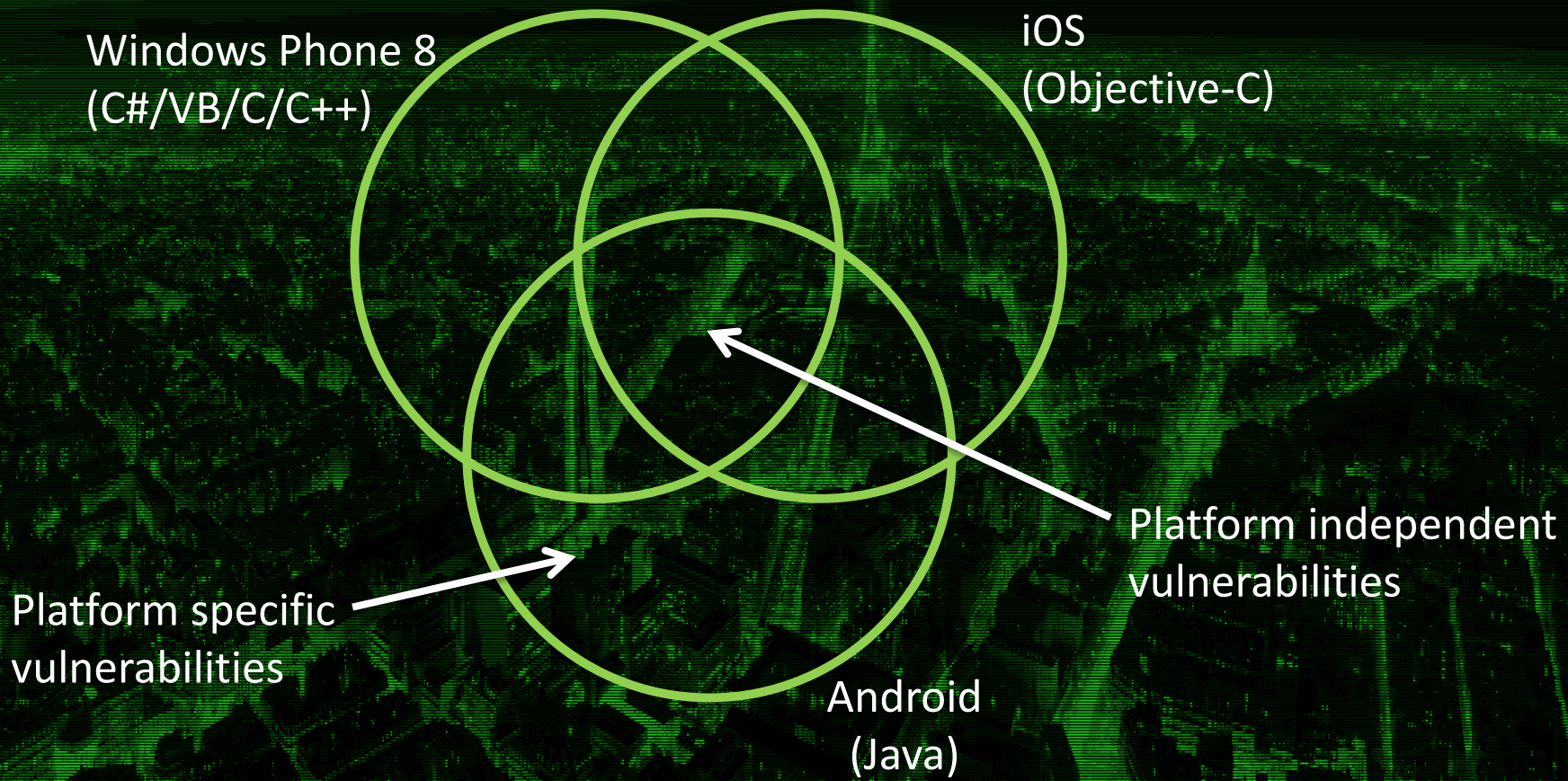
Application entry points

- User input
- SD card
- Sockets
- URI
- Web
- Bluetooth
- NFC
- Speech2Text

Green – Windows Phone 7

White – Windows Phone 8

Vulnerabilities



Note: Main programming languages in brackets

Work with SD card

- WP8 allows only read operations
- Only registered file types
- Files on SD cards are not encrypted

OS	Details
iOS	Work with SD card is absent
Android	READ/WRITE

Privacy

- Device Unique ID
 - Requires `ID_CAP_IDENTITY_DEVICE`
 - `DeviceExtendedProperties.GetValue("DeviceUniqueId")`
- Windows Live Anonymous ID
 - Requires `ID_CAP_IDENTITY_USER`
 - `UserExtendedProperties.GetValue("ANID2")`
- Both identifiers are per-publisher

OS	Details
iOS	UDID (apps that use UDIDs are no longer accepted, from May 1, 2013)
Android	<code>telephonyManager.getDeviceId()</code>

Privacy, part 2

- Device name, manufacturer, firmware versions
 - Requires `ID_CAP_IDENTITY_DEVICE`
 - `DeviceStatus` class
- Location tracking
 - `ID_CAP_LOCATION`
 - `GeoCoordinateWatcher` class

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Android	<code>telephonyManager.getDeviceId()</code>

Secure storage

- Device can be encrypted (not for all countries)
 - BitLocker 2.0/TPM
 - Available only in business settings
- Data Protection API (DPAPI)
- System.Security.Cryptography
- Algorithms: AES, HMACSHA1, HMACSHA256, Rfc2898DeriveBytes, RSA, SHA1, SHA256

OS	Details
iOS	Keychain, /System/Library/Frameworks/Security.framework
Android	android.security.KeyChain (from 4.0)

Data leak

- Keyboard cache is isolated per-application
- Cache for applications that access internet
 - Controlled by OS

OS	Details
iOS	plist, Custom created documents, Preferences, Logs, Cache data, Keyboard cache, Pasteboard cache, Cookies
Android	shared_preference, logs, external storage, MODE_WORLD_READABLE or MODE_WORLD_WRITABLE

Work with URI

- Handling function: MapUri()
- Filter user input
- Exclude critical arguments from URI
 - Ex.: `prgrm://command?request=data&role=admin`

OS	Details
iOS	<code>openURL()</code> , <code>handleOpenURL()</code>
Android	<code>android.net.Uri</code> class

Cross-site scripting (XSS)

- WebBrowser control (based on IE10)
- JavaScript is disabled by default
- To see if enabled:
 - `WebBrowser.IsScriptEnabled = true`
 - `<WebBrowser IsScriptEnabled = "True" />`

OS	Details
iOS	<code>UIWebView Class + stringByEvaluatingJavaScriptFromString() shouldStartLoadWithRequest()</code>
Android	<code>WebView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(); WebView.getSettings().setPluginsEnabled();</code>

Directory traversal

- Local folder API accepts paths with traversal
 - IsolatedStorageFile class (WP7)
 - StorageFolder class
- Win32 storage API

OS	Details
iOS	contentsAtPath, fileHandleForReadingAtPath, _fopen etc.
Android	ContentProvider + incorrect or missing rights, files functions

XML External Entity (XXE)

- System.Xml namespace
 - Entity resolving is prohibited by default
- Entities can be resolved by using custom XmlResolver for XmlDocument

OS	Details
iOS	libXML2 + _xmlParseMemory, NSXMLParser + setShouldResolveExternalEntities:YES
Android	setFeature(external-general-entities, True)

SQL injection

- Bad:

```
string name = ...;
SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SELECT * FROM People WHERE Name = '" + name + "'");
```

- Good:

```
string name = ...;
SqlParameter paramName = new SqlParameter("@Name", name);
SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SELECT * FROM People WHERE Name = @Name");
cmd.Parameters.Add(paramName);
```

OS	Details
iOS	sqlite3_exec()
Android	query(),.rawQuery()

Memory corruption bugs

- Developers can use native code
- Format string, BoF, use-after-free etc.
 - C/C++ functions
- Compilation flags: /sdl, /GS, /DYNAMICBASE, /NXCOMPAT

OS	Details
iOS	-fPIE, -fstack-protector-all, -fobjc-arc
Android	Only in native libs, -fstack-protector, -Wformat-security, NX, ASLR, PIE



CONCLUSION

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- Windows Phone 8 is pretty secure
- Greater attack surface
- Security-related API
 - More flexible than in iOS
 - More simple than in Android

Q&A

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