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# 1 Executive Summary

## 1.1 Introduction

Between August 17, 2020 and September 21, 2020, Radically Open Security B.V. carried out a penetration test for Extraordinary Commissioner for the COVID-19 Emergency.

This report contains our findings as well as detailed explanations of exactly how ROS performed the penetration test.

## 1.2 Scope of work

The scope of the penetration test was limited to the following target:

- ProteGO Safe Android and iOS apps (version 4.2.4)

## 1.3 Project objectives

ROS performed a penetration test with the developers of the ProteGO Safe application(s). The test was intended to gain insight into the security of the apps. To do so, ROS accessed ProteGO Safe together with the developers, attempting to find vulnerabilities and gain further access and elevated privileges by exploiting any vulnerabilities found.

## 1.4 Timeline

The Security Audit took place between August 17, 2020 and September 21, 2020. The report was completed on September 30th.

## 1.5 Results In A Nutshell

During this crystal-box penetration test we found 1 Elevated issue and 5 Low-severity issue.

The elevated-severity issue is related to the JWT which is generated in response to supplying a valid OTP. This JWT can be used to send multiple requests with random/malicious TEK data, which might be abused to flood the service with malicious/fake data.

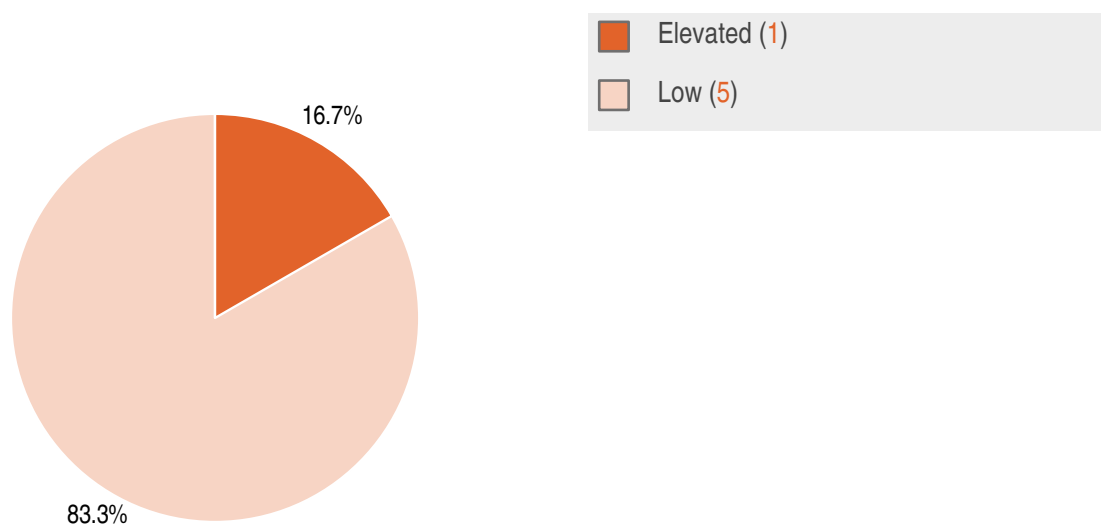
The low-severity findings are the lack of checks for jailbroken/rooted devices (which allow the app run without modification in a potentially hostile or compromised environment), insecure local storage, insecure webview implementation and NSURL caching.

By exploiting these issues an attacker might be able to tamper with TEK uploads, and might modify the general behaviour of the application, undermining its trustworthiness.

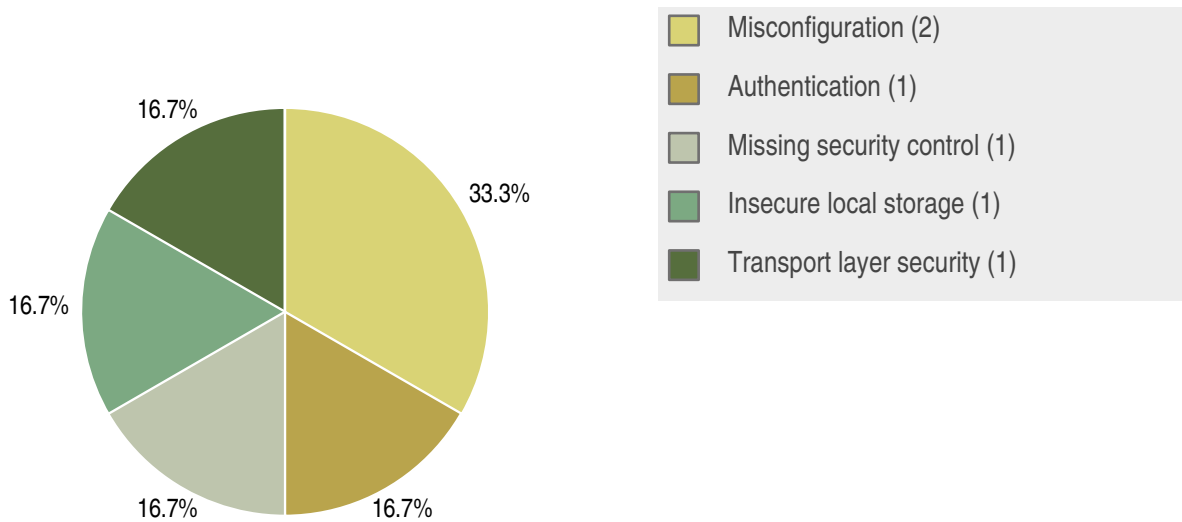
## 1.6 Summary of Findings

ID	Type	Description	Threat level
PRO-001	Authentication	The JWT which is generated by the OTP is considered valid for multiple upload requests until it expires.	Elevated
PRO-004	Missing security control	The Android apps can be installed and run on a rooted device.	Low
PRO-005	Insecure local storage	The Android app stores authentication tokens in the app's storage area in an unencrypted format.	Low
PRO-006	Misconfiguration	The Android application implements a web view with Javascript enabled.	Low
PRO-007	Misconfiguration	In the iOS app, the NSURLRequests are cached in the Cache.db file.	Low
PRO-008	Transport layer security	Some back-end endpoints allow clients to choose weak cipher suites.	Low

### 1.6.1 Findings by Threat Level



## 1.6.2 Findings by Type



## 1.7 Summary of Recommendations

ID	Type	Recommendation
PRO-001	Authentication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invalidate the JWT immediately a valid upload has been submitted; reject any re-use of the token.</li> </ul>
PRO-004	Missing security control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement a root detection mechanism on Android app, and warn the user appropriately.</li> </ul>
PRO-005	Insecure local storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider encrypting the sensitive tokens/files or store them in the Android keystore.</li> </ul>
PRO-006	Misconfiguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enable Javascript in web views only if strictly necessary.</li> </ul>
PRO-007	Misconfiguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disable HTTP caching.</li> </ul>
PRO-008	Transport layer security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Require a minimum of TLSv1.2</li> <li>Disable suites using RSA key exchange</li> <li>Disable CBC-mode cipher suites</li> <li>Test these changes on minimum supported iOS and Android OS versions</li> </ul>

## 2 Methodology

### 2.1 Planning

Our general approach during penetration tests is as follows:

#### 1. **Reconnaissance**

We attempt to gather as much information as possible about the target. Reconnaissance can take two forms: active and passive. A passive attack is always the best starting point as this would normally defeat intrusion detection systems and other forms of protection, etc., afforded to the network. This usually involves trying to discover publicly available information by utilizing a web browser, visiting newsgroups, etc. An active form would be more intrusive and may show up in audit logs and may take the form of a social engineering type of attack.

#### 2. **Enumeration**

We use various fingerprinting tools to determine what hosts are visible on the target network and, more importantly, try to ascertain what services and operating systems they are running. Visible services are researched further to tailor subsequent tests to match.

#### 3. **Scanning**

Vulnerability scanners are used to scan all discovered hosts for known vulnerabilities or weaknesses. The results are analyzed to determine if there are any vulnerabilities that could be exploited to gain access or enhance privileges to target hosts.

#### 4. **Obtaining Access**

We use the results of the scans to assist in attempting to obtain access to target systems and services, or to escalate privileges where access has been obtained (either legitimately through provided credentials, or via vulnerabilities). This may be done surreptitiously (for example to try to evade intrusion detection systems or rate limits) or by more aggressive brute-force methods. This step also consist of manually testing the application against the latest (2017) list of OWASP Top 10 risks. The discovered vulnerabilities from scanning and manual testing are moreover used to further elevate access on the application.

### 2.2 Risk Classification

Throughout the report, vulnerabilities or risks are labeled and categorized according to the Penetration Testing Execution Standard (PTES). For more information, see: <http://www.pentest-standard.org/index.php/Reporting>

These categories are:

- **Extreme**

Extreme risk of security controls being compromised with the possibility of catastrophic financial/reputational losses occurring as a result.



- **High**  
High risk of security controls being compromised with the potential for significant financial/reputational losses occurring as a result.
- **Elevated**  
Elevated risk of security controls being compromised with the potential for material financial/reputational losses occurring as a result.
- **Moderate**  
Moderate risk of security controls being compromised with the potential for limited financial/reputational losses occurring as a result.
- **Low**  
Low risk of security controls being compromised with measurable negative impacts as a result.

## 3 Reconnaissance and Fingerprinting

Through automated scans we were able to gain the following information about the software and infrastructure. Detailed scan output can be found in the sections below.

### 3.1 Automated Scans

As part of our active reconnaissance we used the following automated scans:

- nmap – <http://nmap.org>
- Burp Suite Pro – <https://portswigger.net/burp/pro>
- MobSF – <https://github.com/MobSF/Mobile-Security-Framework-MobSF>
- Testssl – <https://testssl.sh/>

## 4 Findings

We have identified the following issues:

### 4.1 PRO-001 — JWT Generated by the OTP Is Valid for Multiple Uploads

**Vulnerability ID:** PRO-001

**Vulnerability type:** Authentication

**Threat level:** Elevated

#### Description:

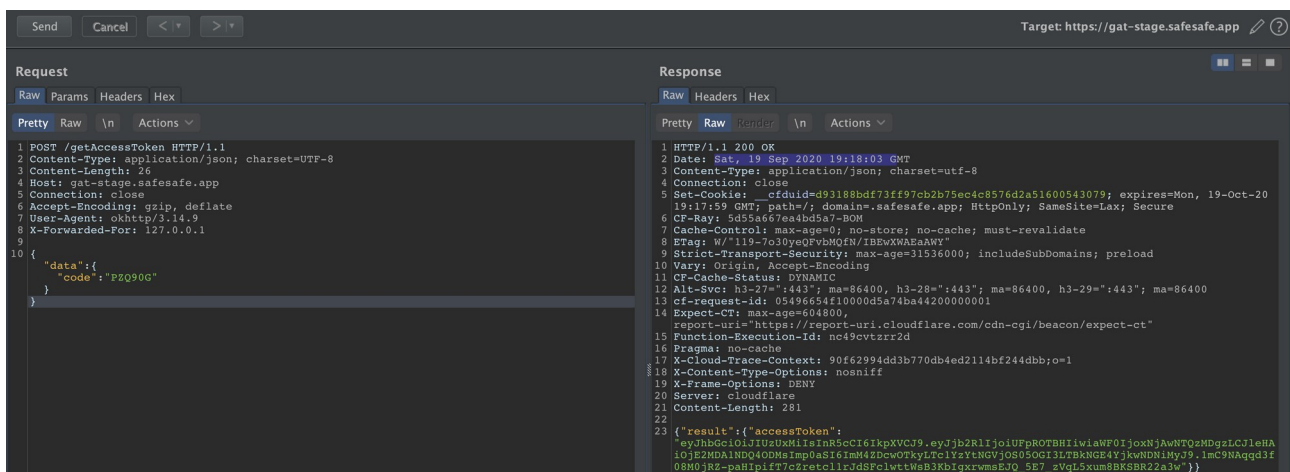
The JWT which is generated by the OTP is considered valid for multiple upload requests until it expires.

#### Technical description:

When the user supplies a valid OTP to the endpoint `https://gat-stage.safesafe.app/getAccessToken`, the response contains a JWT. This JWT is then used in the next request to authenticate the TEK upload.

#### JWT Generation

JWT Generation time: 19:18; Expiration time: 19:48



```
Request
Raw Params Headers Hex
Pretty Raw \n Actions
1 POST /getAccessToken HTTP/1.1
2 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
3 Content-Length: 26
4 Host: gat-stage.safesafe.app
5 Connection: close
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 User-Agent: okhttp/3.14.9
8 X-Forwarded-For: 127.0.0.1
9
10 {
  "data": {
    "code": "P2090G"
  }
}

Response
Raw Headers Hex
Pretty Raw Headers \n Actions
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Sat, 19 Sep 2020 19:18:03 GMT
3 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
4 Connection: close
5 Set-Cookie: __cfduid=d93188bdf73ff97cb2b75ec4c8576d2a51600543079; expires=Mon, 19-Oct-20
  19:17:59 GMT; path=/; domain=.safesafe.app; HttpOnly; SameSite=Lax; Secure
6 CF-Ray: sds5a67ea4bd5b7-EOM
7 Cache-Control: max-age=0; no-store; no-cache; must-revalidate
8 ETag: W/"119-7o30yeQFvbMQfN/IBewXWABaAWY"
9 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload
10 Vary: Origin, Accept-Encoding
11 CF-Cache-Status: DYNAMIC
12 Alt-Svc: h3-27=":443"; ma=86400, h3-28=":443"; ma=86400, h3-29=":443"; ma=86400
13 cf-request-id: 05496654f1000d5a74ba4420000001
14 Expect-CT: max-age=604800,
  report-uri="https://report-uri.cloudflare.com/cdn-cgi/beacon/expect-ct"
15 Function-Execution-id: nc49cvtzrr2d
16 Pragma: no-cache
17 X-Cloud-Trace-Context: 90f62994dd3b770db4ed2114bf244dbb;o=1
18 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
19 X-Frame-Options: DENY
20 Server: cloudflare
21 Content-Length: 281
22
23 {"result":{"accessToken":
  "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJjb2RlIjoiaUFRPTBHIiwiaWF0IjoxNjA5MzE1NDQ0NDMsImppaSI6ImM4ZDcwOTkyLzYyYmNGVjOS05OGI3LzRkNGE4YjkwNDNiMyJ9.1mC9NAqgd3f
  08M0jR2-pa8IpiFT7c2retcllrJdFclwtWb3KbIgrwmsEJQ_5E7_zVqL5xum8BRSBR22a3w"}}
```

The expiration time of this JWT can be discovered by decoding the key as a Base64 string, and then converting the epoch expiration time; it was found to be 30 minutes.

During this period of 30 minutes, the same JWT can be used multiple times to upload the data. After the 30 min time, the server will respond with unauthenticated message.

### Uploading TEK as intended (Request time: 19:25)

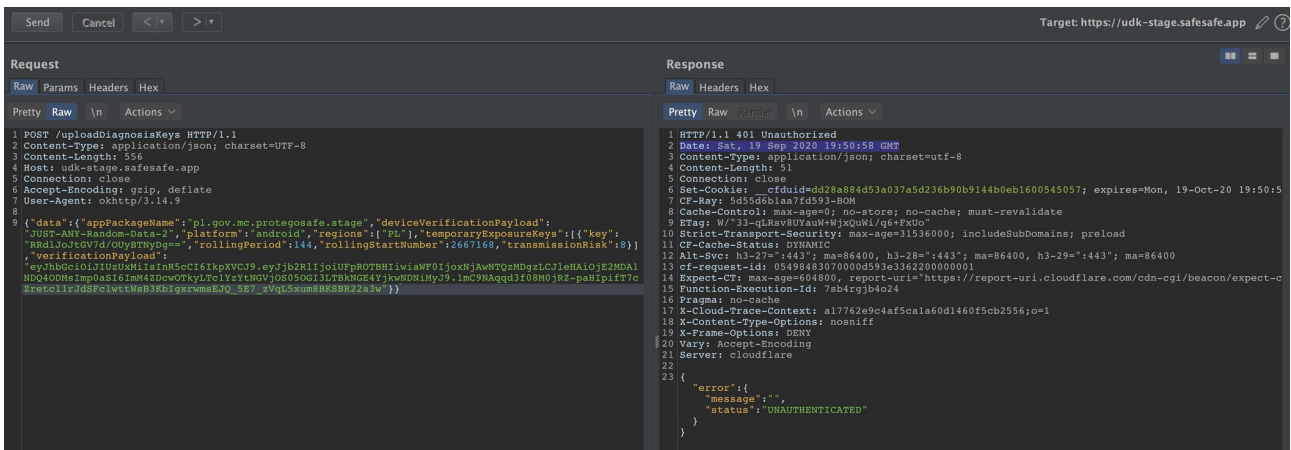
The screenshot shows a network request to 'https://udk-stage.safesafe.app'. The request is a POST with a content-type of 'application/json'. The response is a 200 OK with headers including 'Date: Sat, 19 Sep 2020 19:25:09 GMT', 'Content-Type: application/json', and 'Set-Cookie: cfduid=ddd7c8de80e9cd87a58990522cbb3e3c91600543507; expires=Mon, 19-Oct-20 19:25:09 GMT'. The response body is a JSON object with a 'result' field.

### Using the same JWT to upload different data within 30 min is accepted (Request time: 19:27)

The screenshot shows a network request to 'https://udk-stage.safesafe.app'. The request is a POST with a content-type of 'application/json'. The response is a 200 OK with headers including 'Date: Sat, 19 Sep 2020 19:27:48 GMT', 'Content-Type: application/json', and 'Set-Cookie: cfduid=ddd7c8de80e9cd87a58990522cbb3e3c91600543507; expires=Mon, 19-Oct-20 19:27:48 GMT'. The response body is a JSON object with a 'result' field.

### Sending an upload request with an expired JWT is rejected correctly (Request time: 19:50)

The screenshot shows a network request to 'https://udk-stage.safesafe.app'. The request is a POST with a content-type of 'application/json'. The response is a 401 Unauthorized status with headers including 'Date: Sat, 19 Sep 2020 19:50:00 GMT', 'Content-Type: application/json', and 'Set-Cookie: cfduid=ddd7c8de80e9cd87a58990522cbb3e3c91600543507; expires=Mon, 19-Oct-20 19:50:00 GMT'. The response body is a JSON object with a 'result' field.



### 50 upload requests using same JWT:

Request	Payload	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
40	e	200			994	
39	f	200			994	
24	w	200			994	
42	s	200			994	
41	e	200			994	
43	s	200			994	
45	y	200			994	
44	t	200			994	
46	j	200			994	
48	d	200			994	
47	g	200			994	

The screenshot shows a web proxy tool interface with a 'Request' pane on the left and a 'Response' pane on the right. The request is a GET to '/uploadDiagnosisKeys HTTP/1.1'. The response is a 200 OK status with headers including 'Date: Mon, 21 Sep 2020 07:26:57 GMT' and a JSON body: {'result': ''}

### Impact:

As the upload feature of the app needs to be authenticated with a valid OTP, it is important to ensure that one OTP allows only a single upload. If the JWT can be used multiple times, it is possible to upload malicious/tampered/fake data multiple times, even when the attacker has one valid OTP.

## Recommendation:

- Invalidate the JWT immediately a valid upload has been submitted; reject any re-use of the token.

## 4.2 PRO-004 — (Android) Missing Root Detection

**Vulnerability ID:** PRO-004

**Vulnerability type:** Missing security control

**Threat level:** Low

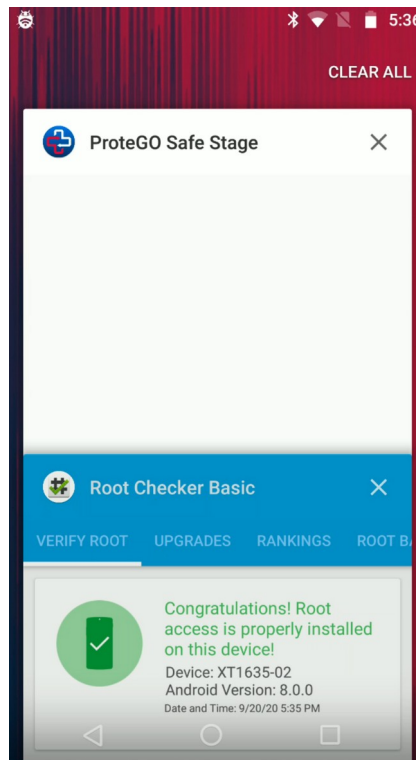
### Description:

The Android apps can be installed and run on a rooted device.

### Technical description:

There are no security controls to check whether the device has been rooted or not.

A rooting process compromises the security of the android device. The integrity of the operating system's controls over data that an application can access, is also lost. On a compromised device, a user/malicious app can disable key security features and may compromise the integrity of the data of all the applications. The Protego app (version 4.2.4, Stage) does not implement a check to verify whether the device on which it is running is rooted.



## Impact:

When an application runs on a compromised device, the operating system and application's security controls, such as sandboxes, keystore access etc, might fail to prevent user data from being accessed by other malicious apps on the device. An application running on a compromised device also has a higher risk of exposure to malware, memory dumps, tampering, and other types of malicious activity that could possibly expose a user's credentials or other sensitive data.

## Recommendation:

Implement a root detection mechanism on Android app.

**Note:** It is not necessary to prevent the application from running on a compromised device, but users should be informed of the higher risk under which they are operating.

When attempting to detect if the application is running on a rooted device, checks such as the following could be used:

- Check for the presence of certain paths, for example:
  - `/sbin/su`
  - `/etc/apt`
  - `/system/bin/su`
  - `/system/app/Superuser.apk`

- Test for write access in the `/private` directory.
- Check for root access on an Android device
- Check for the presence of an su binary inside Android

Root detection is a security control which helps applications defend against being run on compromised devices. Though, like most other security controls, this can be bypassed on the attacker's device using several techniques.

## 4.3 PRO-005 — (Android) Insecure Storage of Tokens

**Vulnerability ID:** PRO-005

**Vulnerability type:** Insecure local storage

**Threat level:** Low

### Description:

The Android app stores authentication tokens in the app's storage area in an unencrypted format.

### Technical description:

Android app stores the file `PersistedInstallation.W0RFR...` [redacted], which includes the `AuthToken`, in the app's storage in an unencrypted format.

The following files contain a sensitive `AuthToken` in clear text format inside the app's storage in `/data/data/pl.gov.mc.protegosafe.stage/files/`

`PersistedInstallation.W0RFR...` [redacted].json

```
addison:/data/data/pl.gov.mc.protegosafe.stage/files # ls
DiagnosisKeys
PersistedInstallation.W0RFRkFVTFRd+MTo4NTczNTEwMjU3MzY6YW5kcm9pZDozNmU1MmY5OWI2ZjQxYjg5Mjg5NDdk.json
default.realm
default.realm.lock
default.realm.management
default.realm.note
fr_1:857351025736:android:36e52f99b6f41b8928947d_firebase_activate.json
fr_1:857351025736:android:36e52f99b6f41b8928947d_firebase_defaults.json
generatefid.lock
llation.W0RFRkFVTFRd+MTo4NTczNTEwMjU3MzY6YW5kcm9pZDozNmU1MmY5OWI2ZjQxYjg5Mjg5NDdk.json <
{"Fid": "efSPHYsTS_6lFQUuy1rIjG", "Status": 3, "AuthToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJmaWQiOiJlZlZlNQSFzVFNFmXGUVVVeTFyS
WpHIiwicHJvamVjdE51bWJlciI6ODU3MzUxMDI1NzZlMjJlcjEhAI0jE2MDEyMDc0ODAsImFwcElKIjoimTo4NTczNTEwMjU3MzY6YW5kcm9pZDozNmU1MmY5OWI2ZjQxYjg
5Mjg5NDdkIn0.AB2LPV8wRAIgehX5EWVYHdSekMB9ZS7n9cCfrSdzQi_CwWpNax6oigCIAAtTR18IIEjjAapZ2CqBDkzu_2yxuIpoWbM8Yhq4zIN", "RefreshToken":
"2_bbVTqbElr_Leo-Gbsj7uoieU730045tJIEh4tDpXcWLOyHsUynfnHQ6go76Fzj2Z", "TokenCreationEpochInSecs": 1600602379, "ExpiresInSecs": 604800}
addison:/data/data/pl.gov.mc.protegosafe.stage/files # |
```



## Impact:

It might be possible to use the token to access some of the Firebase services. In case of physical access to the device, or malware on the device, these tokens can be stolen and used maliciously to gain access to data/services.

## Recommendation:

- Consider encrypting the sensitive tokens/files or store them in the Android keystore.

## 4.4 PRO-006 — (Android) Web View Has Javascript Enabled

**Vulnerability ID:** PRO-006

**Vulnerability type:** Misconfiguration

**Threat level:** Low

### Description:

The Android application implements a web view with Javascript enabled.

### Technical description:

The Android application implements a web view that has `javaScriptEnabled = true` set. This allows the `WebView` to interpret JavaScript. JavaScript is disabled by default for `WebViews` and must be explicitly enabled. It should only be enabled only when strictly necessary, so as to reduce the attack surface of the app.

The web view also suppresses warnings with `@SuppressWarnings("SetJavaScriptEnabled")`.

### Source code snippet:

File: `app/src/main/java/pl/gov/mc/protegosafe/ui/home/HomeFragment.kt`

```
@SuppressWarnings("SetJavaScriptEnabled")
private fun startPwaMigration(url: String) {
    binding.migrationLayout.isVisible = true
    binding.webView.apply {
        settings.javaScriptEnabled = true
        settings.domStorageEnabled = true
        webViewClient = object : WebViewClient() {
            override fun onPageFinished(view: WebView?, url: String?) {
                binding.webView.evaluateJavascript(DUMP_PWA_SCRIPT) { dump ->
                    pwaDump = dump
                    setUpWebView()
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

    }
    loadUrl(url)
}

@SuppressLint("SetJavaScriptEnabled")
private fun setUpWebView() {
    binding.webView.apply {
        settings.javaScriptEnabled = true
        settings.domStorageEnabled = true
        webViewClient = ProteGoWebViewClient()
        addJavascriptInterface(
            NativeBridgeInterface(
                vm::setBridgeData,
                vm::getBridgeData
            ), NativeBridgeInterface.NATIVE_BRIDGE_NAME
        )
        loadUrl(urlProvider.getWebUrl())
        if (BuildConfig.DEBUG) {
            webChromeClient = object : WebChromeClient() {
                override fun onConsoleMessage(consoleMessage: ConsoleMessage): Boolean {
                    webViewTimber().d("webView console ${consoleMessage.message()}")
                    return true
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
}

```

### Impact:

Allowing Javascript to be run in a web view opens possible avenues for attacks, such as XSS.

### Recommendation:

As per OWASP, if JavaScript is necessary, the app should make sure:

- The communication to the endpoints consistently relies on HTTPS (or other protocols that allow encryption) to protect HTML and JavaScript from tampering during transmission.
- JavaScript and HTML are loaded locally, from within the app data directory or from trusted web servers only.
- The user cannot define which sources to load by means of loading different resources based on a user provided input.
- To remove all JavaScript source code and locally stored data, clear the WebView's cache with clearCache when the app closes.

## 4.5 PRO-007 — (iOS) NSURLRequests Are Being Cached

Vulnerability ID: PRO-007

Vulnerability type: Misconfiguration

Threat level: Low

### Description:

In the iOS app, the NSURLRequests are cached in the `Cache.db` file.

### Technical description:

By default, iOS's NSURLRequest will cache responses in the `Cache.db` file, which is stored in `/Library/Caches/pl.gov.mc.protegosafe/Cache.db`.

```
Caching local copy of database file...
Downloading /var/mobile/Containers/Data/Application/8E3B9E4C-5D39-46A3-A7AD-A54DB905F5C6/Library/Caches/com.abstractors/Cache.db to /var/folders/3w/h0mzgpq96s3_x1r5cnfhxqbh00
00gn/T/tmp7en654ao.sqlite
Streaming file from device...
Writing bytes to destination...
Successfully downloaded /var/mobile/Containers/Data/Application/8E3B9E4C-5D39-46A3-A7AD-A54DB905F5C6/Library/Caches/com.abstractors/Cache.db to /var/folders/3w/h0mzgpq96s3_x1
r5cnfhxqbh0000gn/T/tmp7en654ao.sqlite
Validating SQLite database format
Connected to SQLite database at: Cache.db
SQLite @ Cache.db > select * from cfurl_cache_response
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| entry_ID | version | hash_value | storage_policy | request_key | time_stamp | partition |
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 0 | 1124704625563685770 | 0 | https://device-provisioning.googleapis.com/checkin | 2020-09-13 19:20:04 | <null> |
| 2 | 0 | 738738889 | 0 | https://itunes.apple.com/lookup?bundleId=com.abstractors | 2020-09-13 19:20:04 | <null> |
| 3 | 0 | -301828386 | 0 | https://firebaselogging-pa.googleapis.com/v1/firelog/legacy/batchlog | 2020-09-17 20:28:41 | <null> |
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3 rows in set
Time: 0.015s
SQLite @ Cache.db > select * from cfurl_cache_receiver_data
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| entry_ID | isDataOnFS | receiver_data |
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | 0 | {"device_data_version_info":"ABFEt1V0k68x1Mo252aUT5VUQ-qX8AK4v0astFFpdXQlW0nVWwsYvF16pwY-HGuv_D5YvFHIgX6PLkiZVuOUIWPAFFYo69KgbQoiJpxvRf1DOKDMbSE-E
z8xGEHtR7VZvba_3l3T39 -ITnabakJOUWklrVVZ_N1pbqkLHPOcS0hi3rdLJFukeJi_8E0nGti5L6ikx6-q-K0Y-FwIemW19M8JapsYCGyDTQryldjYcp1LJF8d9X2H_8QZ6ie97jvTbLT8M-6xdKQAwISeLTb_eHRxEetDdCpV1
MFHf_pXxsRlPydWRNxfG1Ticg5eu10B4KNTq-HwBTzuy5KfynBEAGzjhr2i0sgqx9EzependrtRiq44E","stats_ok":true,"security_token":6083513954687558535,"digest":"mFXWxMDw7Y5FUsnVznGoQ\u003
d... |
| 2 | 0 | \n\n\n{\n "resultCount":0,\n "results": []\n}\n\n\n |
| 3 | 0 | 0x08b0ea012a0408001002 |
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
3 rows in set
Time: 0.009s
```

### Impact:

Storing sensitive data in unencrypted format in an SQLite database is not a secure practice. Such data might be leaked to an attacker/malicious app if the app is running on a compromised device (see [PRO-004](#) (page 13)).

## Recommendation:

Set the cachePolicy property of the NSURLRequest to disable the caching of HTTP(S) requests and responses. For example:

```
(NSCachedURLResponse)connection:(NSURLConnection)connection willCacheResponse:
(NSCachedURLResponse *)cachedResponse { return nil;
```

For other methods of disabling the caching of HTTP(S) requests and responses, please refer to the Apple Developer article "Understanding Cache Access": <https://developer.apple.com/library/mac/documentation/Cocoa/Conceptual/URLLoadingSystem/Concepts/CachePolicies.html>

## 4.6 PRO-008 — Weak TLS Cipher Suites Allowed

**Vulnerability ID:** PRO-008

**Vulnerability type:** Transport layer security

**Threat level:** Low

### Description:

Some back-end endpoints allow clients to choose weak cipher suites.

### Technical description:

The following weak TLS cipher suites are allowed on `https://gat-stage.safesafe.app` and `https://udk-stage.safesafe.app` back-end services:

```
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0xc023)
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 (0xc024)
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc013)
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0xc027)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9c)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_GCM_SHA256 (0x9c)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA256 (0x3c)
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0xc014)
TLS_ECDHE_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA384 (0xc028)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_GCM_SHA384 (0x9d)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA (0x35)
TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_256_CBC_SHA256 (0x3d)
TLS_ECDHE_ECDSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA (0xc009)
```

## Impact:

The `TLS_RSA` suites are considered to be weak because of the ROBOT attack; TLS 1.2 contains specific mitigations to prevent such attacks. The CBC mode ciphers are vulnerable to plain-text attacks in TLS 1.0 and lower. A fix is implemented with TLS 1.2 with GCM mode which is not vulnerable to the BEAST attack.

## Recommendation:

- Require a minimum of TLSv1.2 to eliminate issues in older TLS versions.
- Disable all CBC-mode cipher suites; prefer GCM-mode suites instead.
- Disable suites using RSA key exchange to mitigate the ROBOT attack, and ensure your server's private key is unique (i.e. do not use the same private key across multiple back-end servers).

None of these recommendations should present any issues for iOS, since these TLS settings are compatible with Apple's ATS requirements introduced in iOS 9.0 in 2015. GAEN requires iOS 13.5 (Apple docs <https://developer.apple.com/documentation/exposurenotification>), which is much more recent and has better TLS support. Android's inherently slow uptake of operating system updates means that far more outdated devices are found in the wild, so whether you are able to make all these changes depends on exactly which version of Android you want to support as a minimum. GAEN suggests a low limit of Android 6.0 using API level 23 (see Google's docs: <https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/9888358?hl=en> and <https://developers.google.com/android/exposure-notifications/exposure-notifications-api>), with a possibility of supporting *some* 5.0 devices with API level 21. Android 6.0 still has usable cipher suites available when these weak ones are disabled, according to Qualys SSL Labs (<https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/viewClient.html?name=Android&version=6.0&key=129>), however, this will require testing with minimum OS versions to be certain of what will work.

## 5 Non-Findings

In this section we list some of the things that were tried but turned out to be dead ends.

### 5.1 NF-002 — Test Cases

The following test case have been performed on the Android & iOS apps:

- Tests to find sensitive information hardcoded in the application's source code
- Tests to find insecure webview implementation
- Tests against sensitive information leakage through device logs
- Tests against OTP brute force on the endpoint `https://gat-stage.safesafe.app/getAccessToken`
- Tests against the JSON Web Tokens, generated through the endpoint `https://gat-stage.safesafe.app/getAccessToken` 1. Sensitive data inside JWT payload 2. Brute forcing for JWT secret key (Wordlist brute force, Hashcat) 3. Signature validation check 4. Tests for alg:none implementation
- Tests against use of insecure libraries
- Tests for insecure local storage of data
- Tests for insecure transport layer security
- Tests for insecure application components eg; exported activities/broadcasts.
- Tests for unused/extraneous permissions
- Tests against unintentional data leakage
- Tests to check if keyboard cache is disabled on text inputs that process sensitive data
- Tests for sensitive data exposure via IPC mechanisms
- Tests to check insecure deeplink/URL schemes
- Tests to check if the app uses symmetric cryptography with hardcoded keys
- Tests to check if the app uses cryptographic protocols or algorithms that are widely considered deprecated for security purposes
- Test to check if the app's release build has appropriate settings for a release build (e.g. non-debuggable)
- Test to check if the app removes sensitive data from views when backgrounded
- Tests to check if the app does not hold sensitive data in memory longer than necessary, and memory is cleared explicitly after use
- Tests to check if any exceptions are listed in the ATS (iOS app)

## 6 Future Work

- **Implement Additional Security Controls**

Beyond addressing the findings detailed in this report, we also recommend implementing two more security controls: dummy TEK upload sequences, and dummy analytics uploads. The Italian Immuni app (<https://github.com/immuni-app>) implements these features which make it difficult for an attacker to guess or find out whether a person is COVID-19-positive. See how the Immuni app implements them: <https://github.com/immuni-app/immuni-documentation/blob/master/Traffic%20Analysis%20Mitigation.md>.

- **Retest of findings**

When mitigations for the vulnerabilities described in this report have been deployed, a repeat test should be performed to confirm that they are effective and have not introduced other security problems.

- **Regular security assessments**

Security is an ongoing process and not a product, so we advise undertaking regular security assessments and penetration tests, ideally prior to every major release or every quarter.

## 7 Conclusion

We discovered 1 Elevated-severity issue and 5 Low-severity issues during this penetration test.

The impact of the elevated-severity issue considered high as it could lead to flooding of the service with malicious data (TEK uploads).

The low-severity issues are related to insecure local storage, insecure webview settings, and missing security controls. Taken together, these low-severity issues can adversely affect the application's integrity and trustworthiness, which may undermine public trust. We strongly recommend implementing the suggested security controls and fixing all the security vulnerabilities we found.

We want to emphasize that security is a process – this penetration test is just a one-time snapshot. Security posture must be continuously evaluated and improved. Regular audits and ongoing improvements are essential in order to maintain control of your information security. We hope that this pentest report (and the detailed explanations of our findings) will contribute meaningfully towards that end.

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