

The Age of Mobile Application Insecurities

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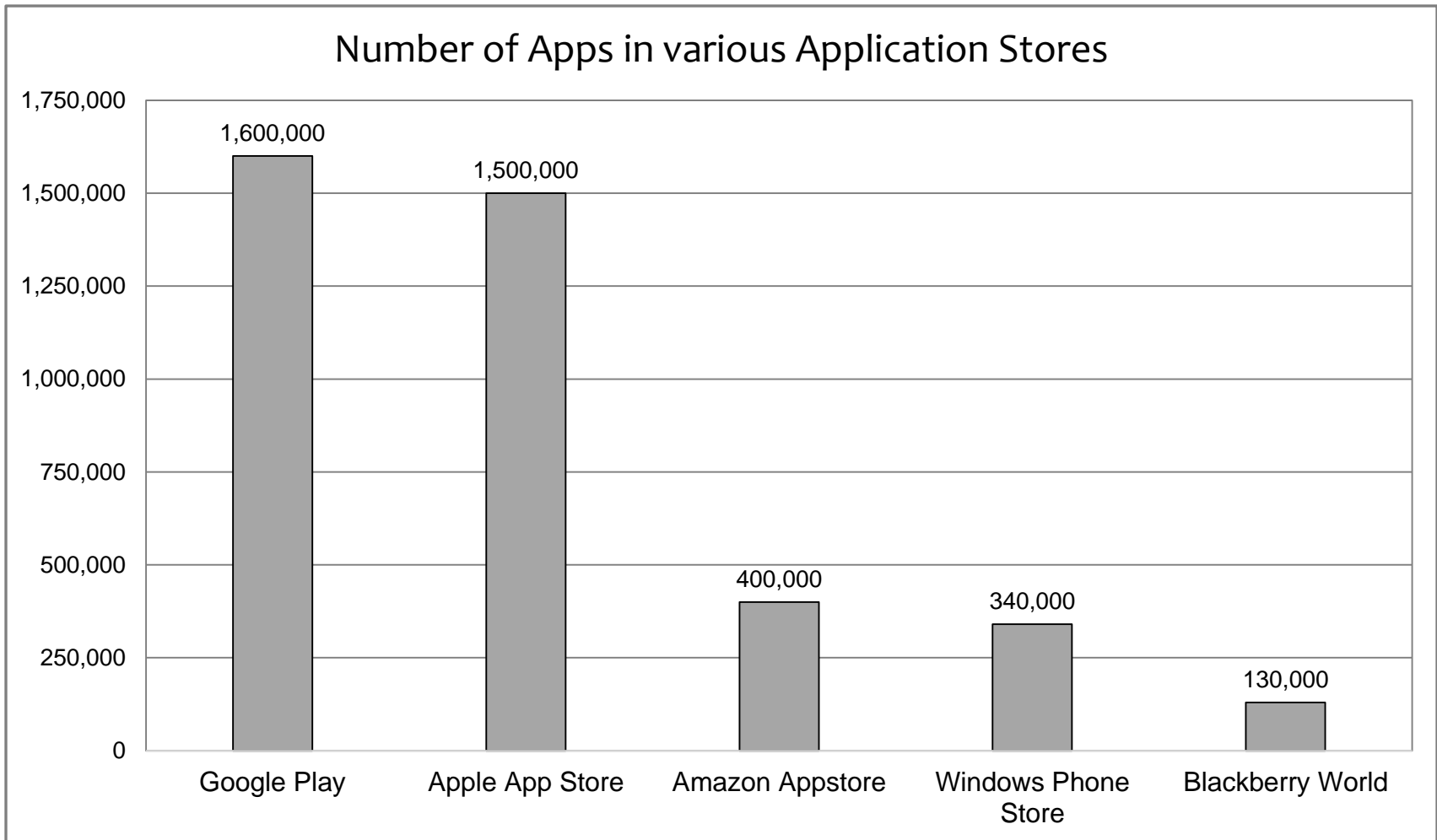
What is this talk all about

Vulnerabilities in Mobile Applications

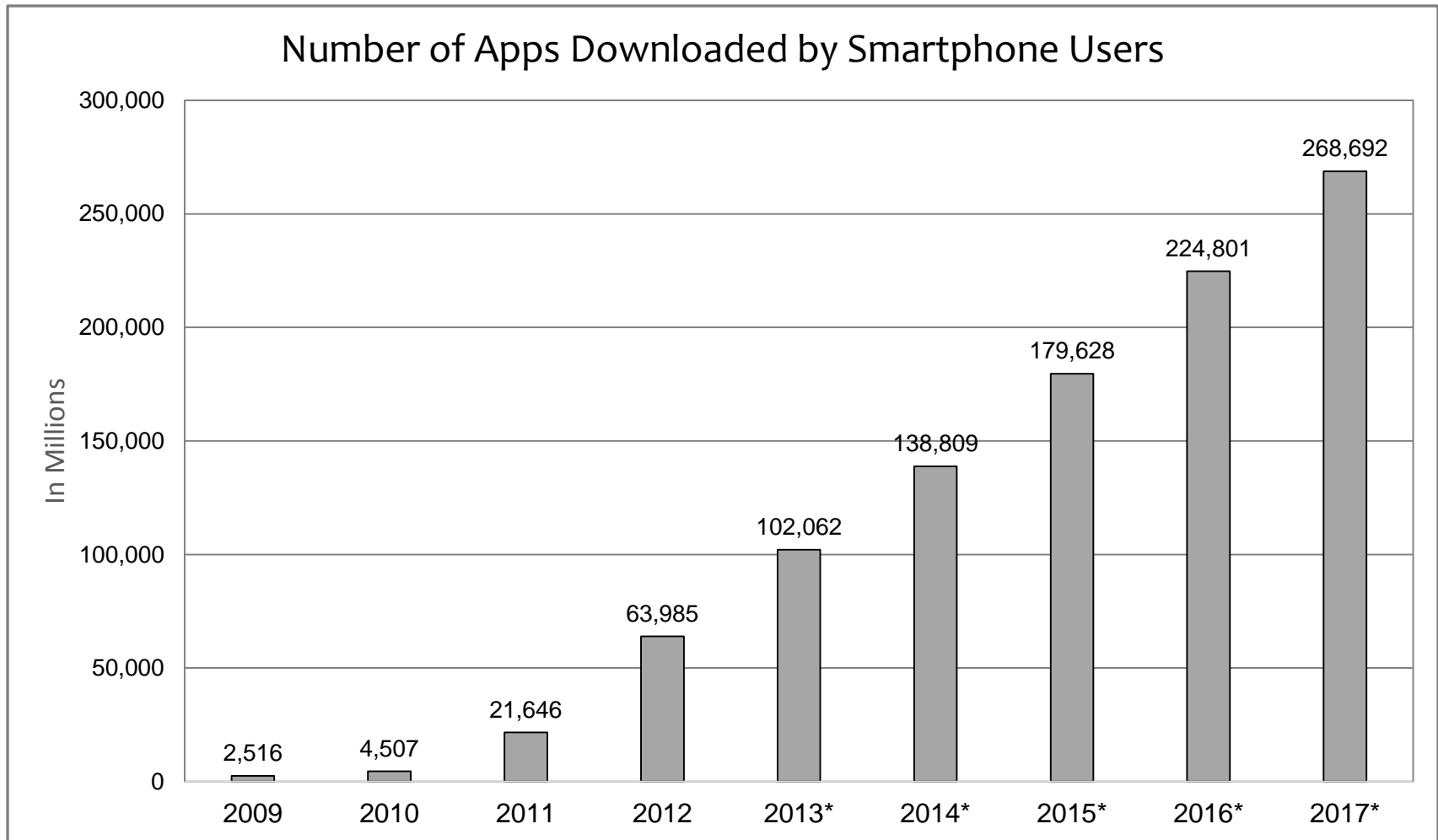
Failed or Inadequate Patches

Some Numbers

Why this talk



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- The number of Android vulnerabilities has increased 188% compared to 2011.
- The number of iOS vulnerabilities has increased 262% compared to 2011.
- 31% of the Google Play apps that have more than 50,000 downloads contain remote exploitable vulnerabilities.
- Gartner says more than 75% of Mobile Applications will fail basic security tests through 2015.



Common Vulnerabilities

OWASP TOP 10 Mobile Risks

M1 – Weak Server Side Controls



M2 – Insecure Data Storage



M3 – Insufficient Transport Layer Protection



M4 – Unintended Data Leakage



M5 – Poor Authorization and Authentication



M6 – Broken Cryptography



M7 – Client Side Injection



M8 – Security Decisions Via Untrusted Input



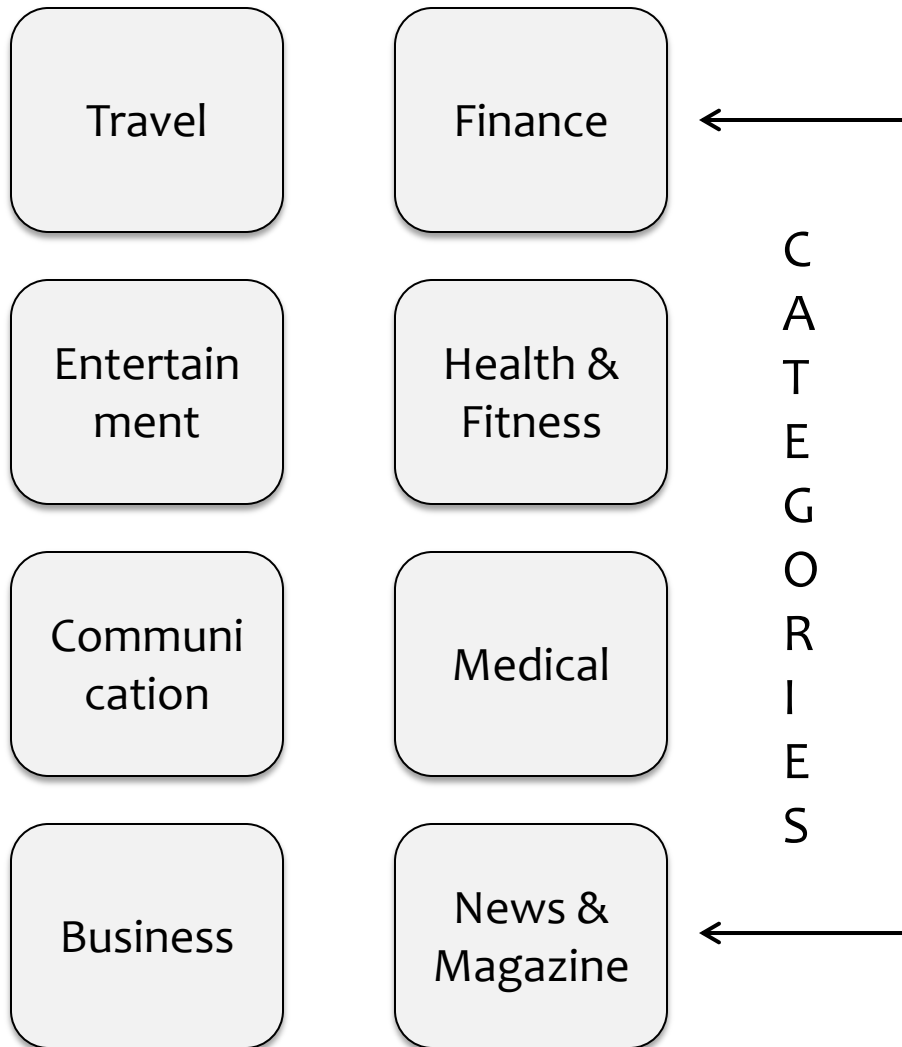
M9 – Improper Session Handling



M10 – Lack of Binary Protections



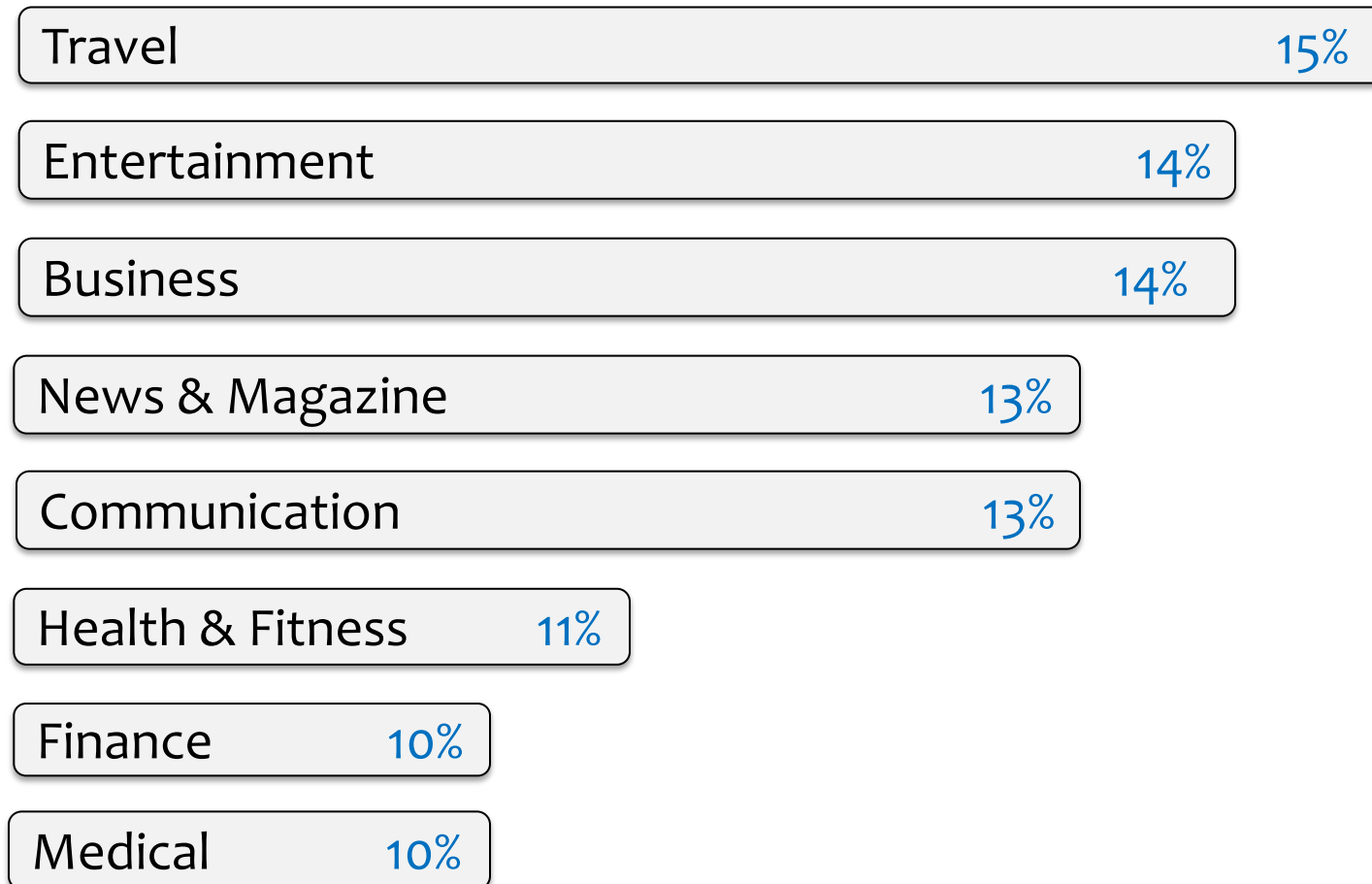
Total Reviewed Applications



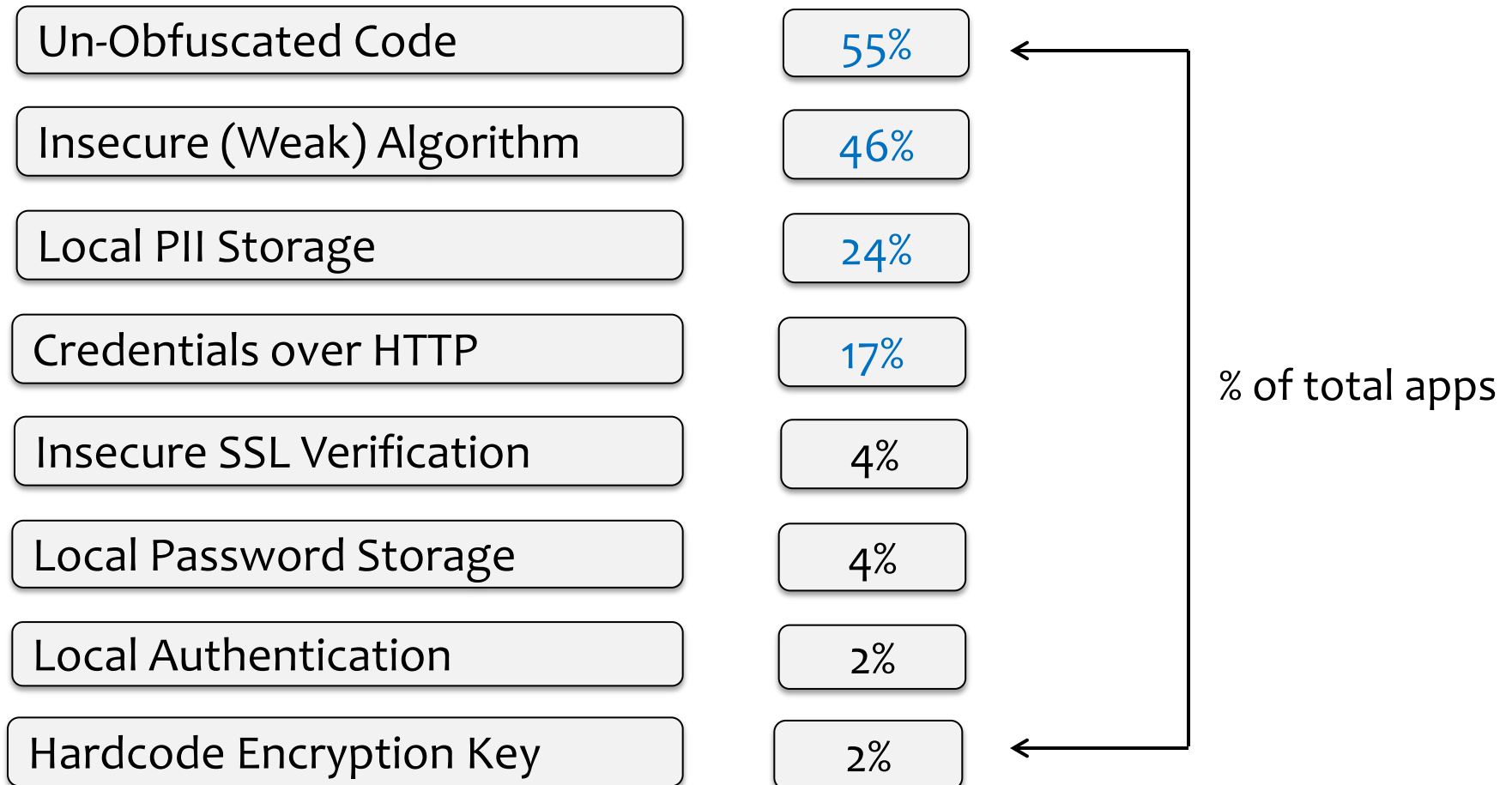
- 25 Apps in each category
- Apps of the Android and iOS platform
- Total 8 categories

$$25 \times 8 \times 2 = 400 \text{ Apps}$$

Apps Category v/s Vulnerability %



Top Vulnerabilities



Exhibits

Cleartext credential transmission

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Free Edition v1.6 interface. The 'Proxy' tab is active, and the 'Intercept' sub-tab is selected. A request to `http://[redacted]:80` is being intercepted. The 'Intercept is on' button is highlighted. The request details are shown in the 'Raw' view, displaying a GET request for `http://[redacted].html?&username=aditya.m@lucideustech.com&password=supersecretpasswords&ca`. The request headers include `Host: [redacted]`, `Proxy-Connection: keep-alive`, `Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate`, `Accept: */*`, `Cookie: JSESSIONID=8838112CA61F4BF0E989957FFA6C15F5 [redacted]`, `Connection: keep-alive`, `Accept-Language: en;q=1, ar;q=0.9, fr;q=0.8, de;q=0.7, ja;q=0.6, nl;q=0.5`, and `User-Agent: [redacted] (iPhone; iOS 7.1.2; Scale/2.00)`. The search bar at the bottom right shows '0 matches'.

Burp Suite Free Edition v1.6

Burp Intruder Repeater Window Help

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Options Alerts

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

Request to `http://[redacted]:80`

Forward Drop Intercept is on Action Comment this item

Raw Params Headers Hex

```
GET
/[redacted].html?&username=aditya.m@lucideustech.com&password=supersecretpasswords&ca
HTTP/1.1
Host: [redacted]
Proxy-Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: */*
Cookie: JSESSIONID=8838112CA61F4BF0E989957FFA6C15F5 [redacted]
Connection: keep-alive
Accept-Language: en;q=1, ar;q=0.9, fr;q=0.8, de;q=0.7, ja;q=0.6, nl;q=0.5
User-Agent: [redacted] (iPhone; iOS 7.1.2; Scale/2.00)
```

0 matches

```
public void verifyOTP(String paramString)
{
    try
    {
        this.alertDialog = ErrorsScreen.showCustomProgressDialog(this.mActivity, "Verifying OTP...");
        Type localType = new TypeToken()
        {
        }
        .getType();
        VolleyNetworkRequest localVolleyNetworkRequest = new VolleyNetworkRequest(this.mActivity, this,
        HashMap localHashMap = new HashMap();
        localHashMap.put("candidate_id", SharedPreferences.getCandidateId(this.mActivity));
        localHashMap.put("auth_code", paramString);
        localVolleyNetworkRequest.setUsePostMethod(localHashMap);
        localVolleyNetworkRequest.execute("verifyOTP");
        return;
    }
    catch (Exception localException)
    {
        localException.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

OTP code in HTTP response

The screenshot shows a web browser's developer tools window. The title bar indicates a "POST request to http://...". The "Response" tab is selected, and the "Raw" sub-tab is active. The response content is as follows:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 18 Feb 2016 00:49:34 GMT
Server: Apache
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.5.9
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Content-Length: 209
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: text/html

{"RESPONSE":{"STATUS":"SUCCESS","GLUSRID":"","OTP":"717197", "MES
SAGE":"OTP SENT","autoLogin":0},"CODE":"200","ERROR":"","Execution":"0.1275
seconds","unique_id":"56c5151e814fa"}
```

A blue arrow points from the text "Defeats 2-Factor Authentication" to the "OTP" field in the JSON response, which contains the value "717197".

Defeats 2-Factor Authentication

0 matches

Cached request/response data

```
cert — -bash — 67x16
12|0|????
13|0|????
14|0|{"RESPONSE":{"STATUS":"SUCCESS","GLUSRID":"","OTP":"717197","M
I ██████████","MESSAGE":"OTP SENT","autoLogin":0},"
CODE":"200","ERROR":"","Execution":"0.1275 seconds","unique_id":"56
c5151e814fa"}
15|0|{"RESPONSE":{"STATUS":"SUCCESS","GLUSRID":"","MESSAGE":"USER N
OT VERIFIED"},"CODE":"200","ERROR":"","unique_id":"56c51564ddd24"}
16|0|{"RESPONSE":{"LoginCookie":{"admsales":"0","":null,"au":"98b48
c8e226720b62e45e8af0795a23b","admln":"0","name":"Aditya","id":"2690
7482","mail":"aditya.m@lucideustech.com","██████████986","utyp":"
F"},"DataCookie":{"ph1":"","int":"na","cn":"██████████es","
imurl":"","ct":"","ln":"","ad":"","phcc":"971","iso":"AE","admln":"
0","url":"","co":"","fn":"Aditya","ph2":"","cd":"18\FEB\2016","ph
ac":"","i██████████986","mb2":"","glid":"26907482","st":"","utyp":
"F","zp":"","em":"aditya.m@lucideustech.com","ctid":"","nm":"Aditya
```

Local password store in plaintext

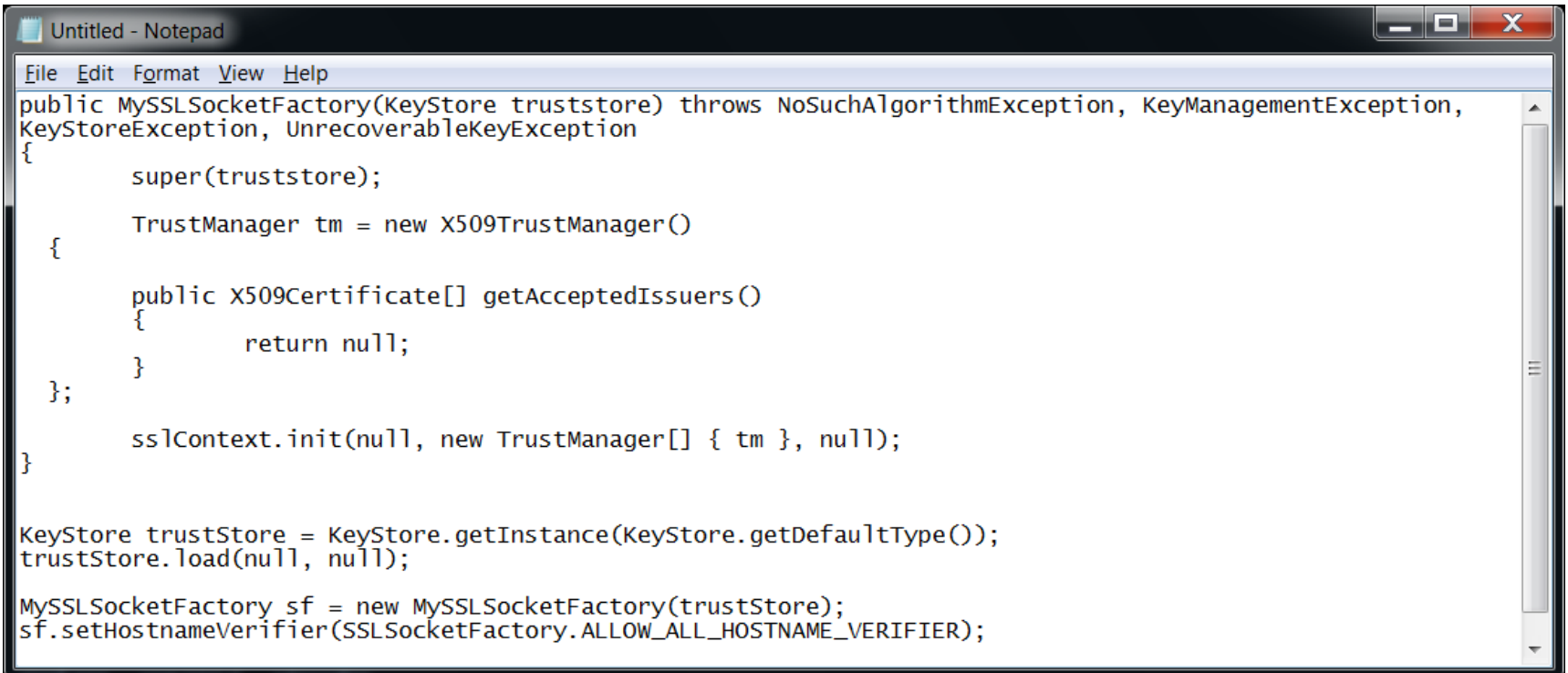
```
oldmanlab:Downloads oldmanlab$ adb shell
[root@android:/ # cd /data/data/com.██████████t/shared_prefs
[root@android:/data/data/com.██████████t/shared_prefs # ls -la
-rw-rw---- u0_a52 u0_a52 749 2016-02-18 00:29 MapViewInitializerPreferences.xml
-rw-rw---- u0_a52 u0_a52 2341 2016-02-18 00:29 MyPref.xml
-rwxrwxrwx u0_a52 u0_a52 221 2016-02-18 00:24 com.██████████.xml
m.██████████.xml
<string name="username">aditya.m@lucideustech.com</string>
<string name="password">mysupersecret</string>
<boolean name="isAccountVerified" value="true">
<string name="Token">7e0fed77-0223-5e60-9201-c8673898606a</string>
root@android:/data/data/com.██████████t/shared_prefs #
```


In-app purchase bypass through receipt spoofing

```
"original-purchase-date-pst" = "2012-07-12 05:54:35 America/Los_Angeles";  
"purchase-date-ms" = "1342097675882";  
"original-transaction-id" = "170000029449420";  
"bvrs" = "1.4";  
"app-item-id" = "450542233";  
"transaction-id" = "170000029449420";  
"quantity" = "1";  
"original-purchase-date-ms" = "1342097675882";  
"item-id" = "534185042";  
"version-external-identifier" = "9051236";  
"product-id" = "com.zeptolab.ctrbonus.superpower1";  
"purchase-date" = "2012-07-12 12:54:35 Etc/GMT";  
"original-purchase-date" = "2012-07-12 12:54:35 Etc/GMT";  
"bid" = "com.zeptolab.ctrexperiments";  
"purchase-date-pst" = "2012-07-12 05:54:35 America/Los_Angeles";
```

```
cert — -bash — 67x7
DER": "Start [REDACTED] ", "lastVersionTime": "Wed Feb 17 2016 16
:03:28 GMT-0800 (PST)", "iso": "AE", "country": "[REDACTED]",
"mobi [REDACTED] 986", "email": "aditya.m@lucideustech.com", "name": "Ad
itya ", "gluserid": "26907482", "islogin": "yes", "mcatData": {"updated":
false, "mcatId": []}, "UserLocPref": "CITY"}
sqlite> packet_write_wait: Connection to 10.10.2.161: Broken pipe
oldmanlab:cert oldmanlab$
```

Insecure SSL verification

A screenshot of a Notepad window titled "Untitled - Notepad". The window contains Java code for a class named "MySSLSocketFactory". The code defines a constructor that takes a "KeyStore truststore" and throws "NoSuchAlgorithmException", "KeyManagementException", "KeyStoreException", and "UnrecoverableKeyException". Inside the constructor, it initializes a "TrustManager tm" as a new "X509TrustManager()", sets the "getAcceptedIssuers()" method to return null, and calls "sslContext.init(null, new TrustManager[] { tm }, null)". Below the class definition, the code creates a "KeyStore trustStore" using "KeyStore.getInstance(KeyStore.getDefaultType())", loads it with "trustStore.load(null, null)", and then creates a "MySSLSocketFactory sf" with the trustStore, setting the hostname verifier to "ALLOW_ALL_HOSTNAME_VERIFIER".

```
File Edit Format View Help
public MySSLSocketFactory(KeyStore truststore) throws NoSuchAlgorithmException, KeyManagementException,
KeyStoreException, UnrecoverableKeyException
{
    super(truststore);

    TrustManager tm = new X509TrustManager()
    {
        public X509Certificate[] getAcceptedIssuers()
        {
            return null;
        }
    };

    sslContext.init(null, new TrustManager[] { tm }, null);
}

KeyStore trustStore = KeyStore.getInstance(KeyStore.getDefaultType());
trustStore.load(null, null);

MySSLSocketFactory sf = new MySSLSocketFactory(trustStore);
sf.setHostnameVerifier(SSLSocketFactory.ALLOW_ALL_HOSTNAME_VERIFIER);
```

Demo

Common Best Practices Followed

18%

SSL Pinning

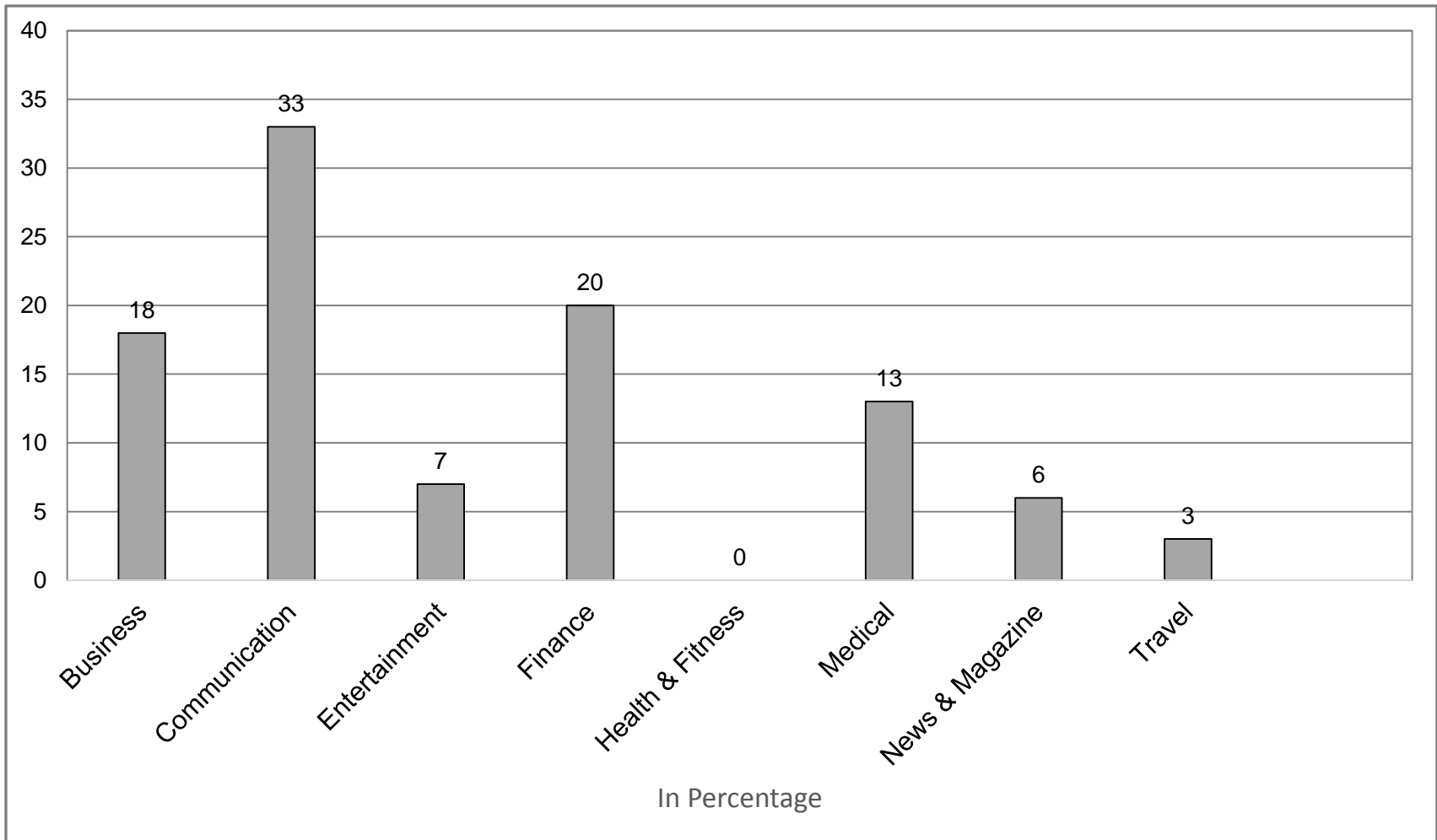
15%

Encrypted
Parameters

2%

Binary Protection

Security Best Practitioner



Inadequate or Failed Patches

```
GET /?CustomerId=9210133 HTTP/1.1
authenticationToken: ef6639 f5e97
Authorization: 71681fe9-9d09-4e01-9e2c-7591821e0bd8
zD3IzZiJzPbmG
User-Agent: Dalvik/1.6.0 (Linux; U; Android 4.4.2; HTC Desire
526GPLUS dual sim Build/KOT49H)
Host:
Connection: Keep-Alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip
```

Developers prevent access control issues by encrypting the value of key identifier parameter

```
GET /?customerid=vSW1075rdDJN%2BBik HTTP/1.1
Authorization: 00191690-b0e4-4ff6-aedb-1a32b96080ab
MvARltIFP5HvdDjTJ%
User-Agent: Dalvik/1.6.0 (Linux; U; Android 4.2.2;
google_sdk Build/JB_MR1.1)
Host:
Connection: Keep-Alive
Accept-Encoding: gzip
```

Inadequate or Failed Patches

And then they store the encryption key, hardcoded, in the application code

```
try
{
    c = new SecretKeySpec(paramArrayOfByte1, "AES");
    e = new IvParameterSpec(paramArrayOfByte2);
    d = Cipher.getInstance("AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding");
    return;
}
catch (NoSuchAlgorithmException localNoSuchAlgorithmException)
{
    throw new CipherException();
}
catch (NoSuchPaddingException localNoSuchPaddingException)
{
    label34: break label34;
}
```

```
import java.io.UnsupportedEncodingException;

public class a
{
    private static String a = b.a("PSVJQRk9QTEpNVU1DWUZCRVFGV1VVT0ZOV1RRU1NaWQ=");
    private static String b = b.a("wVdsRkxWRVpaVUZ0YVdsaA==");
    private static SecretKeySpec c;
    private static Cipher d;
    private static IvParameterSpec e;

    public static String a(String paramString)
    {
        try
        {
            a(a.getBytes("UTF-8"), b.getBytes("UTF-8"));
            String str = b.a(a(1).doFinal(paramString.getBytes("UTF-8")));
        }
    }
}
```


Questions?

Thank You