

# Characterize and Detect Malicious Behaviors in Apps

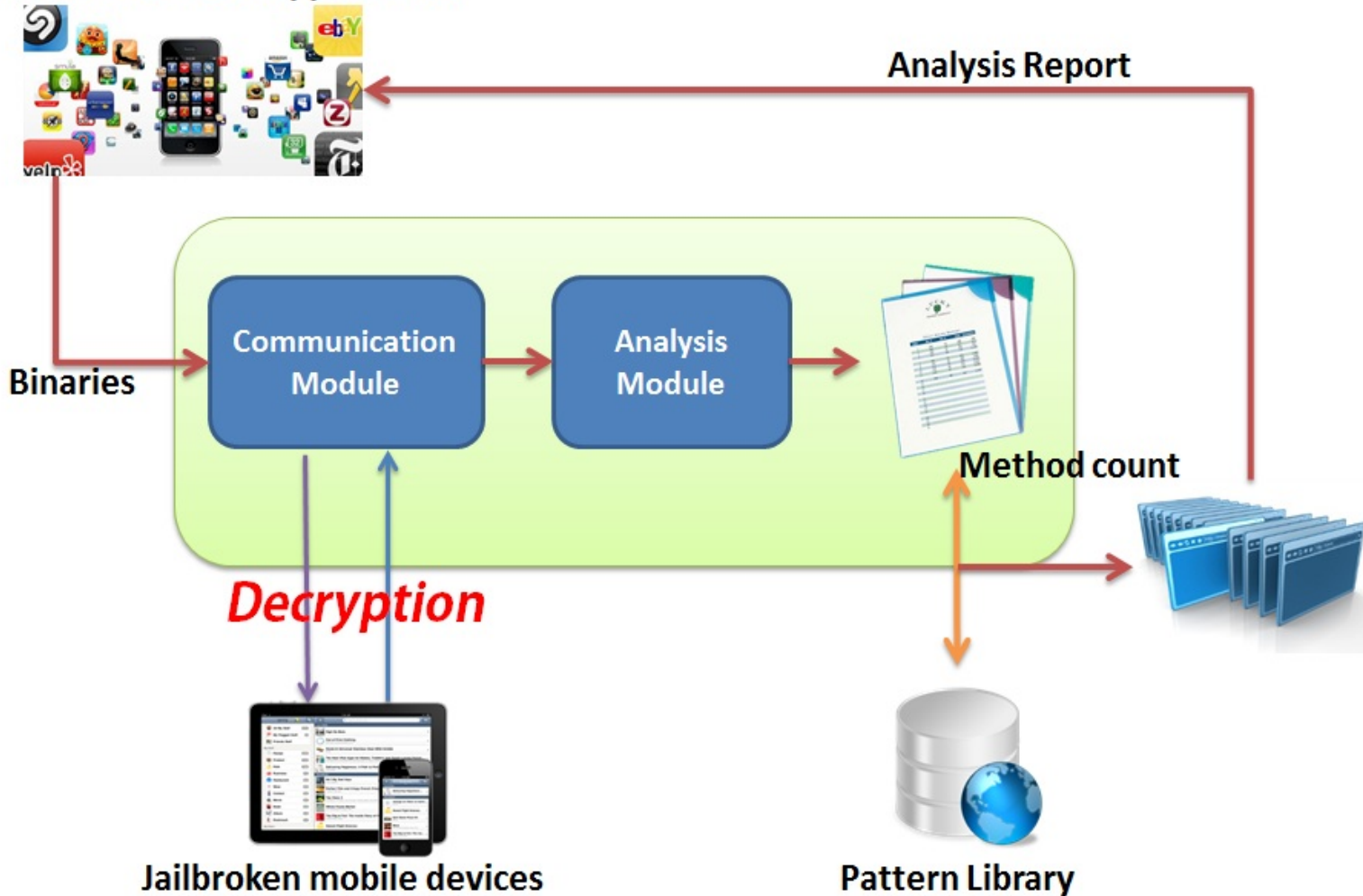
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# Analyzing iOS executable

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# References of system method calls (IDA Pro)

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-[EditRecord chooseMood]
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-[EditRecord chooseAngry]
-[EditRecord chooseCry]
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-[EditRecord parser:didStartElement:
-[EditRecord connection:didFinish]

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```

Output window

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Compiling file 'C:\Program Files (x86)\IDA Demo 6.3\idc\onload.idc'...
Executing function 'OnLoad'...
IDA is analysing the input file...
You may start to explore the input file right now.
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Python 2.7.2 (default, Jun 12 2011, 15:08:59) [MSC v.1500 32 bit (Intel)]
```

# Resolving the class name of system calls (IDA Pro)

The screenshot displays the IDA Pro interface with three main panes:

- Left Pane (Symbol Table):** Lists various Objective-C delegate methods such as `applicationWillResignFirstResponder`, `applicationDidEnterBackground`, `applicationWillTerminate`, `viewController`, `window`, `application:didFinishLaunchingWithOptions`, `dealloc`, `setWindow`, `setViewController`, `shouldAutorotateToInterfaceOrientation`, `exitButtonPressed`, `resignKeyboard`, `viewWillAppear`, `keyboardDidShow`, `keyboardDidHide`, `textFieldShouldChange`, `textFieldShouldReturn`, `chooseMood`, `chooseHappy`, `chooseLove`, `chooseSmile`, `chooseAngry`, `chooseCry`, `chooseSad`, `chooseSob`, `connection:didReceiveData`, `initWithRegion:andLocation`, and `parser:didStartElement:withAttributes:didFinishParsingElement`.
- Middle Pane (Disassembly):** Shows assembly instructions with their addresses and mnemonics. The instructions include `BLX`, `LDR`, `MOV`, `ADD`, `LDR.W`, and `MOVS`. The addresses range from `000064B6` to `00006502`.
- Right Pane (Hex View):** Displays the corresponding assembly instructions in hexadecimal and mnemonic format. Key instructions include `BLX _objc_msgSend`, `R1, =(selRef_liftForDraggingAnimation - 0x64C6)`, `R2, =(classRef_DDAnnotationView - 0x64C8)`, `R0, R0`, `R3, =(selRef_addAnimationForKey - 0x64CA)`, `R1, PC ; selRef_liftForDraggingAnimation`, `R2, PC ; classRef_DDAnnotationView`, `R3, PC ; selRef_addAnimationForKey`, `R1, [R1] ; "liftForDraggingAnimation"`, `R0, [R2] ; _OBJC_CLASS_$_DDAnnotationView`, `R10, [R3] ; "addAnimation:forKey:"`, `BLX _objc_msgSend`, `R3, =(cfstr_Ddpinanimation - 0x64E8)`, `R2, R0`, `MOV R0, R8`, `MOV R1, R10`, `ADD R3, PC ; "DDPinAnimation"`, `BLX _objc_msgSend`, `R0, =(classRef_UIView - 0x64F0)`, `R0, =(selRef_beginAnimations_context - 0x64F2)`, `R3, #0`, `LDR R2, =(cfstr_Ddshadowliftan - 0x64F8)`, `ADD R0, PC ; classRef_UIView`, `ADD R0, PC ; selRef_beginAnimations_context`, `LDR.W R10, =(selRef_pinShadow - 0x64FC)`, `R2, PC ; "DDShadowLiftAnimation"`, `R1, [R0] ; "beginAnimations:context:"`, `R10, PC ; selRef_pinShadow`, `LDR.W R0, [R8] ; _OBJC_CLASS_$_UIView`, `BLX _objc_msgSend`, and `R0, =(selRef_setAnimationDelegate - 0x650A)`.

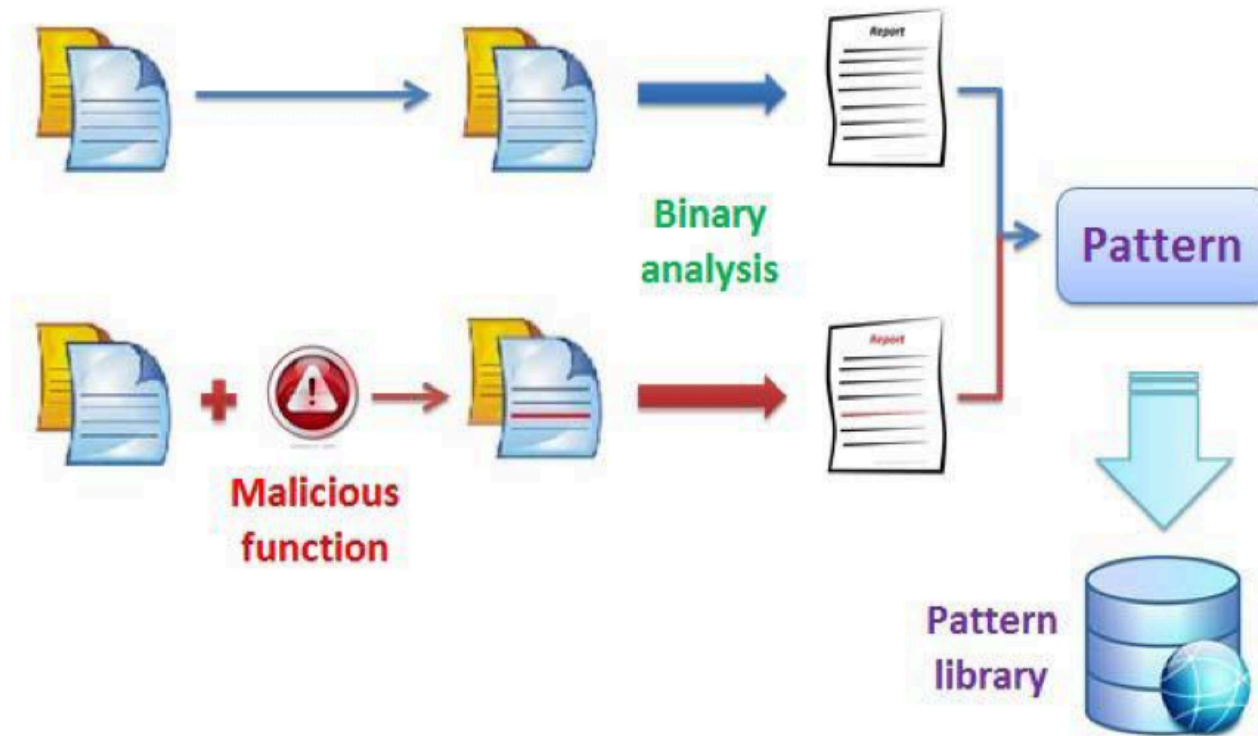
At the bottom, the **Output window** shows the following text:

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# An example of the analysis result

```
...  
[ classRef_GAD_GTMStringEncoding sel_rfc4648Base64WebsafeStringEncoding]: 1  
[ classRef_NSURL sel_setObject:forKey:]: 3  
[ classRef_NSString sel_stringWithUTF8String:]: 16  
[ classRef_GADBrowerController_0 sel_init]: 1  
[ classRef_NSCharacterSet sel_linebreaksCharacterSet]: 4  
[ classRef_GADMNSURLConnectionFactory sel_sharedFactory]: 3  
[ classRef_NSString sel_isKindOfClass:]: 2  
[ classRef_NSDate sel_dateWithYear:month:day:]: 13  
[ classRef_NSDictionary sel_serializeArray:]: 2  
[ classRef_GADLocation sel_class]: 1  
[ classRef_NSDateFormatter sel_alloc]: 4  
[ classRef_GADImpressionTicketGestureRecognizer_0 sel_touchesCancelled:withEvent:]: 1  
[ classRef_GADBrowerWebViewDelegate_0 sel_init]: 1  
[ classRef_NSNull sel_appendString:]: 2  
[ classRef_NSURLResponse sel_alloc]: 2  
[ classRef_NSDictionary sel_class]: 19  
[ classRef_NSDictionary sel_addObject:]: 2  
...
```

# Characterizing Malicious Behaviors



# Malicious Patterns

| Behavior           | Class                  | Method  | Count |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|-------|
| Event              | EKEEventStore          | alloc   | 1     |
|                    |                        | init  | 1     |
|                    |                        | eventsMatchingPredicate                         | 1     |
|                    |                        | eventstore                                      | 3     |
|                    |                        | predicateForEventsWithStartDateendDatecalendars | 1     |
|                    |                        | defaultCalendarForNewEvents                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | setEventstore                                   | 1     |
| FTP                | WRRequestUpload        | alloc   | 1     |
|                    |                        | setUsername                                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | start   | 1     |
|                    |                        | setHostname                                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | setSentData                                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | init  | 1     |
|                    |                        | setDelegate                                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | setPassword                                     | 1     |
|                    |                        | release   | 1     |
|                    |                        | setPath   | 1     |
| NSData<br>NSString | dataWithContentsOfFile | 1   |       |
|                    | stringWithFormat       | 1   |       |
| Location           | CLLocationManager      | init  | 1     |
|                    |                        | alloc   | 1     |
|                    |                        | setManager                                      | 1     |
| Screenshot         | UIScreen               | window  | 1     |
|                    |                        | renderInContext                                 | 1     |
|                    |                        | layer   | 1     |
|                    |                        | view  | 1     |
| URL                | NSURLRequest           | requestWithURL                                  | 1     |
|                    | NSURL                  | URLWithString                                   | 1     |
|                    | NSURLConnection        | connectionWithRequestdelegate                   | 1     |
| ASIHTTP            | NSURL                  | URLWithString                                   | 1     |
|                    | ASIHTTPRequest         | requestWithURL                                  | 1     |
|                    |                        | startAsynchronous                               | 1     |
|                    |                        | setDelegate                                     | 1     |
|                    | NSInputStream          | close   | 1     |

# Identifying Malicious Behaviors

- Pattern

```
[ classRef_NSArray sel_eventsMatchingPredicate:]: 2
```

Class name & method name of sensitive function

Times of such function been called

- Class & method count of Apps

```
[ classRef_FBPageFansSet sel_stringWithFormat:]: 10  
[ classRef_FWLoadingOverlayView_0 sel_initWithFrame:]: 1  
[ classRef_TTMessageController_0 sel_initWithNibName:bundle:]: 1  
[ classRef_FWBaseWebViewController_0 sel_willAnimateRotationToInterfaceOrientation]: 1  
[ classRef_FBComposerTextView sel_initWithFrame:]: 1  
[ classRef_FBNotificationBar sel_initWithFrame:]: 1  
[ classRef_TTURLCache sel_cachePathWithName:create:]: 1  
[ classRef_FBAalytics sel_sharedInstance]: 41  
[ classRef_UIWindow sel_class]: 1  
[ classRef_NSMutableArray sel_allKeys]: 2  
[ classRef_FBTableLauncherNavigationBar sel_alloc]: 2  
[ classRef_TTStyledInline sel_alloc]: 2  
[ classRef_FBPhoto sel_photoWithPID:]: 7
```

Go through the file looking for the same name with larger count

