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### Dynamic Analysis: The Need for Malware Triggering

- Malware evade dynamic analysis
- Wait for: a specific time, an event, C&C command
- If suspicious code is triggered → Capture dynamic behavior

### GroddDroid: a Gorilla for Triggering Malicious Behaviors

- Locates the suspicious code
- Builds an interprocedural control flow graph
- Finds a path that reaches the suspicious code
- Instruments & Executes APK

### Problem: Execution paths May Use Implicit Calls

- Alarm Controller (com.al.alarm.controller)
- SHA256: 03c32aca9f894b8a7263e65fdd8845a5361f8f1131877ccb818d018e2d07e2f596
  - Decrypts and loads code dynamically
  - Installs malicious apps
  - Displays unwanted ads
- Malicious code execution path contains an implicit call:
  ```java
  AsyncTask.execute() → AsyncTask.doInBackground()
  ```
- GroddDroid cannot find such a path because of implicit calls

### Challenge

Discover execution paths with implicit calls to reach suspicious code

### Including Implicit Calls into CFGs

**Without implicit calls**

- Suspicious code execution rate for this sample: 37.5%

**Use pairs of registration-callback**

- Suspicious code execution rate for this sample: 87.5%

### Executing Malware

- Program designed and implemented
- Experiments on large sets of malware
- Measure malicious code coverage with and without implicit calls
- Online malware analysis platform

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