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Stanley - October 18, 2025, 6:20 pm

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<https://thehackernews.com/2025/10/new-clayrat-spyware-targets-android.html>

plops - October 18, 2025, 6:52 pm

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Hackers - October 18, 2025, 7:26 pm

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Yeah, I think that they're able to spread almost exponentially once they get into enough systems. A lot of people don't understand security either, and trust that links from Google or elsewhere are legitimate.

Social media spam to friends is also common, although it's more about specific SE rather than those silly spam groups "is this video of you?" or other low effort attempts

The Pact - October 18, 2025, 11:00 pm

ClayRat seems to turn infected phones into distribution hubs, leveraging social trust and app familiarity to spread rapidly. Shows how much mobile malware is evolving towards deep surveillance.

leste - October 19, 2025, 4:38 am

Fake apps never die, people still download them from random links. Android users really need to stick to the Play Store.

Oh_Well - October 21, 2025, 2:31 am

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Chorozon - October 24, 2025, 1:12 am

Android malware is getting more and more common these days , matter of time til its the same with IOS

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you'd be surprised...

They start up a lookalike site, get approved, run ads on google for high volume searches and then snipe victims before they get banned from google ads.

PacketPilot - October 24, 2025, 11:46 am

Yikes—another reminder to only download apps from official stores and double-check permissions before installing.

Palestine - October 24, 2025, 4:21 pm

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eyeofgod - June 19, 2026, 5:59 pm

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it was a good tool created by loodik

the method of distrb was to use hacked phones and send msg to all contacts in tg or whtsp etc

example:photo.apk is it u?

and send it to everyone

EZ