

SECURITY AUDIT

dunno

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Privacy-Focused Android Messaging — Play Store Production Release

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Complete security audit of dunno v1.3.0 (build 36), from the perspective of the published release build (.aab / .apk) for Google Play, supplemented by a practical on-device audit.

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1. Executive Summary

dunno v1.3.0 (build 36) is the first Play Store production release of this privacy-focused Android messaging application. This report presents a security audit of the source code from the perspective of a published release build (.aab on Google Play), supplemented by a practical device audit on a physical device running the Play Store version.

The core application — text chat, PTT walkie-talkie, and file attachments — maintains its strong, multi-layered security posture from v1.1.0/v1.2.0. All messaging is end-to-end encrypted (NaCl/libsodium) over the Tor network. Local storage is protected by SQLCipher with hardware-backed Keystore passphrases. The UserDataKey remains device-bound via DeviceKeyWrapper. Input validation, rate limiting, and signature verification remain consistent across all core protocols.

This version introduces the Play Billing/subscription layer — a new attack surface, assessed on token flow, client-side verification and pre-unlock isolation: **clean**, with one consciously accepted risk (client-side verification on rooted devices — leaks no messages). It also adds a video-call foreground service (camera/mic), a restore-flow refinement (restart after PIN unlock), and live price display from the Billing Library.

The core messaging functionality contains no CRITICAL or HIGH findings. Two findings (1 MEDIUM, 1 LOW) of limited impact are documented — both carry-overs from v1.1.0/v1.2.0 in unchanged source files.

The practical device audit (attempting to read messages/data over USB on a non-rooted device) found no successful exfiltration or read vector whatsoever: not debuggable, backup blocked, no external storage, no vulnerable exported components, FLAG_SECURE works in practice, notifications leak nothing.

The two optional WebRTC-based features — Fast Call (audio) and Video Call — remain unchanged from v1.2.0. Their privacy trade-offs are protected by mandatory user consent and documented separately in Section 7.

2. Scope & Methodology

In Scope

- Full source code review of 236 Kotlin/Java production files
- All files modified for v1.3.0 (billing layer, video-call FGS, restore flow, price display)
- AndroidManifest.xml, build.gradle.kts, proguard-rules.pro, network_security_config.xml
- Play Billing integration (billing-ktx 9.1.0), subscription `dunno_premium`
- Practical device audit on a physical device (Samsung A16, Play Store version)
- Static analysis of the release build (.aab / release APK)
- Verification that all previous fixes remain intact

Out of Scope

- Server-side infrastructure (TURN/STUN relay, video signalling server on the VPS)
- Build configuration not present in the published artifact
- Vulnerabilities in third-party libraries (unless caused by misconfiguration)
- Physical device security, social engineering

Methodology

Manual code review with architectural analysis. OWASP Mobile Top 10 (2024) reference. Severity: CRITICAL, HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW.

3. Changes in v1.3.0

Version 1.3.0 introduces the Play Billing/subscription layer, a video-call foreground service, a restore-flow refinement, and live price display. No changes were made to core cryptographic, networking, storage, or authentication source files.

3.1 Play Billing / Subscription (new)

- `billing/` layer: `BillingManager`, `SubscriptionViewModel`, `EntitlementStore/Decider/Codec`, `SubscriptionGate`, `PaywallScreen`.
- Subscription `dunno_premium`, base plan `yearly`, offer `trial-14d` (billing-ktx 9.1.0).
- Token flow verified: `purchaseToken` only for `acknowledgePurchase`, never persisted, masked by `LogSanitizer` (AO-J1 regex). In release dex only regex + field name, no token.
- Paywall pre-unlock isolation: `PaywallScreen` imports only `R` + `SubscriptionViewModel` — no `DB/repository/identity/contact/message`.
- Offline fallback: 72h TTL on `ACTIVE` cache when Play unreachable; then `UNKNOWN` → `paywall`.
- Client-side verification (root): consciously accepted — leads to free access on rooted devices, no data leak.

3.2 Video-call Foreground Service

- `VideoCallForegroundService` with `foregroundServiceType camera|microphone` for active video calls.

3.3 Restore Flow

- Restart after PIN unlock with OK dialog; restore flags survive process restart.

3.4 Price Display

- Hardcoded price replaced by live Billing Library price + retry when unavailable. `settings_sub_hint` (hardcoded) removed from all 81 languages.

3.5 Verification of Previous Fixes

All fixes from v1.1.0/v1.2.0 remain intact: (a) `FailedAttemptManager` timestamp, (b) `ProGuard OkHttp` keep-rules, (c) `FLAG_SECURE` + recents blackout, (d) all notifications `VISIBILITY_PRIVATE`, (e) `PinKeyDeriver` zeroing.

4. Findings — Core Application

The core application has no CRITICAL or HIGH findings. Two findings of limited impact. Both are carry-overs from v1.1.0; their source files were not modified in v1.3.0.

Ref	Severity	Component	Title
M-01	MEDIUM	Networking	Custom HTTP/1.1 parser in <code>OnionHttpClient</code>
L-01	LOW	Networking	XOR obfuscation of relay <code>.onion</code> (self-documented)

No new findings in the core application for v1.3.0.

MEDIUM — M-01: Custom HTTP/1.1 parser in OnionHttpClient

Finding: OnionHttpClient implements a hand-written HTTP/1.1 parser instead of a proven library. Input validation is present (64 header cap, 128-char status line, 8192-char header line, 64 KiB response body). Parsing logic itself is hand-rolled. Unchanged from v1.1.0.

Impact: Limited to interactions with malicious Tor hidden services. All peers are trusted contacts verified via Ed25519 fingerprints.

Recommendation: Consider fuzz-testing the parser as defense-in-depth.

LOW — L-01: XOR obfuscation of relay .onion in TurnCredentialClient

Finding: Rolling XOR used to hide TURN relay .onion in the APK. Code explicitly states this is not a security measure. Self-documented. Unchanged from v1.1.0.

Impact: Negligible. Address trivially extractable from the APK.

Recommendation: Acceptable as-is.

5. Security Strengths

All security strengths from v1.1.0/v1.2.0 remain applicable. Key highlights:

STRONG — S-01: Transport v2 + Inbox v4: E2EE with minimal RAM exposure

ECDH-based per-message keys via cryptoSecretBoxEasy. UserDataKey zeroed after unlock. SessionKey-only in RAM. TEE compromise alone cannot decrypt stored messages.

STRONG — S-02: Hardware-backed key protection

DeviceKeyWrapper binds UserDataKey to physical device (non-exportable Keystore key). IdentityKeyWrapper protects identity secrets with user authentication. Keystore aliases cover DB passphrase, identity-wrap, device-bind, attachment-wrap, biometric and entitlement keys.

STRONG — S-03: Comprehensive screen & notification privacy

FLAG_SECURE + recents blackout on incoming call/PTT activities. All notifications consistently use VISIBILITY_PRIVATE on lock screen.

STRONG — S-04: DeviceIntegrity + ProGuard anti-tamper

6 anti-Frida vectors (maps, TracerPid/ptrace, threads, port, artifacts, root/Magisk) trigger session key wipe on threat. Crypto classes deliberately obfuscated in release builds.

STRONG — S-05: BridgeConfig + EmergencyWipeManager

12 embedded obfs4 bridges with auto-rotation. Secure delete with zero-overwrite. Tor HS key and Keystore alias cleanup. Crash recovery via persistent markers. Wipe runs 13 phases (0-12, incl. sub-steps), idempotent.

STRONG — S-06: Robust FGS fallback

CallForegroundService and FastCallForegroundService handle SecurityException when microphone FGS type is blocked. Falls back gracefully without crashing.

STRONG — S-07: Backup protection (v1.3.0 verified)

`allowBackup=false` — no data exfiltration via Android backup; verified in the practical device audit.

6. Practical Device Audit (USB, physical access)

Goal: attempt to read messages/data via realistic attack vectors on a non-rooted device (Samsung A16) running the Play Store version (v1.2.3 build; same core security as v1.3.0).

#	Vector	Attempt	Result
1	Debug/root access	<code>run-as</code> , reading <code>/data/data</code>	✗ Blocked — not debuggable, Permission denied
2	adb backup (exfil)	<code>adb backup</code> + on-device confirmation	✗ No data — <code>allowBackup=false</code> , empty backup also after confirmation
3	Shared storage	<code>/sdcard/Android/data</code> , <code>/obb</code>	✗ Does not exist — app writes nothing to external storage
4	Exported components	Manifest analysis	✓ Safe — LAUNCHER / system broadcasts / framework services only
5	FileProvider	Path configuration	✓ Cache subfolders only, exported=false, grant-URI only
6	Hardcoded secrets	Dex strings	✓ No API/private keys
7	Cleartext network	<code>network_security_config</code>	✓ Cleartext only <code>.onion</code> + localhost
8	Test/debug backdoor	Dex scan	✓ No <code>BuildConfig.DEBUG/testOnly/backdoor</code>
9	Screenshots	<code>adb-screencap</code> during app	✓ <code>FLAG_SECURE</code> works — image 99% black
10	Recents/task snapshot	<code>dumpsys</code>	✓ No content leak
11	Notification lockscreen	<code>dumpsys</code> notification	✓ <code>VISIBILITY_PRIVATE</code> , no content
12	External intents/deep links	Manifest + code	✓ No dangerous triggers

Conclusion device audit: the messages are **not readable**. No exfiltration or read vector succeeded. The app data (SQLCipher + hardware Keystore + PIN/Argon2id) is unreachable without root + PIN.

7. Pay/Subscription Layer (Play Billing — new in v1.3.0)

7.1 Permissions

Only delta vs the non-pay version: `com.android.vending.BILLING` (necessary). No unnecessary new permissions.

7.2 Exported components (5, all safe)

Component	Permission	Note
MainActivity	—	LAUNCHER
BootReceiver	—	System broadcasts (<code>BOOT_COMPLETED</code>)
SystemJobService	<code>BIND_JOB_SERVICE</code>	WorkManager standard
DiagnosticsReceiver	<code>DUMP</code>	WorkManager standard
ProfileInstallReceiver	<code>DUMP</code>	AndroidX ProfileInstaller

7.3 Pay-layer findings

Ref	Severity	Subject	Status
N1	LOW	Billing SDK 9.1.0 (supply chain)	Pinned version, R8-verified, no extra permissions
N2	INFO	Play traffic (Google sees IP/account)	Documented; inherent to Play Billing

Ref	Severity	Subject	Status
N3	LOW	purchaseToken (in-memory)	Verified: only for acknowledgePurchase, never persisted, masked by LogSanitizer (AO-J1 regex). In release dex only regex + field name, no token
N4	LOW	EntitlementStore (Keystore, no user-auth)	Contains only status+timestamps, no PII/onion/token; device-bound; allowBackup=false
N5	LOW	Client-side verification (root)	Consciously accepted. Leads to free access on rooted devices, no data leak; root = game over for any client-side measure

Extra verified points:

- Purchase flow: listener → purchaseEvents → refresh() → queryPurchasesAsync (only Google-signed purchases) → acknowledge within 3 days. No fraud route via fake listener events.

Conclusion pay layer: clean. Token never persisted/logged, minimal permissions, paywall fully isolated, no vulnerable components.

8. Optional Features — WebRTC Audio & Video Calling

NOTE: These features are OPTIONAL and operate in a reduced-security environment. An explicit security warning is shown before use. User consent is mandatory. No changes were made to WebRTC source files in v1.3.0 — all findings from v1.2.0 remain applicable.

Ref	Severity	Component	Title
C-01	CRITICAL	WebRTC Audio	ICE ALL exposes IP via STUN
C-02	CRITICAL	WebRTC Video	Cleartext signaling bypasses Tor
M-02	MEDIUM	WebRTC Video	Server auth without nonce

CRITICAL — C-01: ICE policy ALL may expose real IP via STUN (WebRTC Audio)

Finding: WebRtcCallSession.kt line 201: iceTransportsType = ALL. STUN candidates reveal user's public IP to TURN/STUN server operator.

Impact: Real IP visible to TURN/STUN infrastructure. Mitigated by mandatory user consent.

Recommendation: Consider RELAY-only ICE as optional privacy mode.

CRITICAL — C-02: Cleartext signaling bypasses Tor (WebRTC Video)

Finding: VideoCallServer.kt connects to wss://assistant.eelke-sp.cc via cleartext — outside Tor. STUN uses cleartext endpoint.

Impact: IP, call timing, metadata visible to VPS operator. Mitigated by mandatory user consent.

Recommendation: Consider certificate pinning or Tor-based signaling.

MEDIUM — M-02: Server auth without nonce (WebRTC Video)

Finding: VideoCallServer.sendAuth() signs (contactId + timestamp) without random nonce. Replay possible within timestamp window.

Impact: Intercepted auth message can be replayed.

Recommendation: Add random nonce to auth message.

Privacy Comparison

Property	Chat + PTT	Fast Call (Audio)	Video Call
Transport	Tor (.onion)	Tor + STUN/TURN	Cleartnet (WSS+STUN)
IP visible	No	Yes (STUN)	Yes (VPS+STUN)
Signaling	Tor (E2EE)	Tor (E2EE)	Cleartnet WSS
Media	N/A	DTLS-SRTP	DTLS-SRTP
Metadata protected	Yes	Partial	No
User warning	No	Yes	Yes
Privacy level	Maximum	Reduced	Minimal

9. Conclusion & Recommendations

9.1 Overall Assessment

dunno v1.3.0 (build 36) maintains the strong security posture of v1.1.0/v1.2.0. The changes — Play Billing layer, video-call FGS, restore flow, price display — introduced no security regressions in the core application.

The core messaging functionality has no CRITICAL or HIGH findings. Two low-impact findings carry over from v1.1.0 in unchanged files. The new pay layer is clean: token flow correct, paywall pre-unlock isolated, minimal permissions. The practical device audit confirmed no exfiltration or read vector succeeds on a release build.

The application's security architecture — proven cryptography, Tor-exclusive transport with bridge support, hardware-backed key storage, runtime integrity monitoring, and comprehensive screen/notification privacy — places it among the strongest privacy-focused communication tools available.

9.2 Recommendations by Priority

- [HIGH] Fix M-02: add random nonce to Video Call auth message.
- [HIGH] Implement certificate pinning for Video Call WSS connection.
- [HIGH] Consider RELAY-only ICE as optional privacy mode for Fast Call.
- [MEDIUM] Consider fuzz-testing the OnionHttpClient HTTP/1.1 parser.
- [LOW] Documentation: privacy policy must cover N2 (Google sees payment traffic) and the WebRTC trade-offs.

9.3 Complete Findings Table

Ref	Severity	Scope	Component	Title
C-01	CRITICAL	WebRTC	Audio	ICE ALL exposes IP via STUN
C-02	CRITICAL	WebRTC	Video	Cleartnet signaling bypasses Tor
M-01	MEDIUM	Core	Networking	Custom HTTP/1.1 parser
M-02	MEDIUM	WebRTC	Video	Server auth without nonce
L-01	LOW	Core	Networking	XOR obfuscation (self-documented)
N1-N5	LOW/INFO	Pay	Billing	Pay-layer findings (see §7.3)

Total: 5 core/WebRTC findings (2 CRITICAL, 0 HIGH, 2 MEDIUM, 1 LOW) + 5 pay-layer items (LOW/INFO). Core application: 2 findings (1 MEDIUM, 1 LOW). No new core findings in v1.3.0. Optional WebRTC features: 3 findings (2 CRITICAL, 1 MEDIUM) — unchanged. Both CRITICAL findings protected by mandatory user consent. Pay layer: clean, no CRITICAL/HIGH. All previously resolved issues remain fixed. No regressions.

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