Securing iOS and Android: Navigating Modern Mobile Threats

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Agenda



1 | Mobile security in the modern era

How the ever-evolving digital landscape is changing the face of mobile security

2 Understanding mobiles

How mobile devices are being used today and the security measures that come built-in to modern OSes

3 Attack vectors & exploits

Common techniques used by malicious actors to target and compromise mobile devices

4 Addressing mobile security

Prioritising and implementing the right security strategies to protect iOS and Android devices



Mobile security in the modern era





Work is increasing on mobile

Reduced Oversight

Ubiquitous Connectivity



Global public Wi-Fi hotspots 2016-2022, Statista

Rise of Remote Work



The State of Security 2022, Splunk



61%

of workers allowed friends or family to use work devices

2021 Mobile Security Index, Verizon

432.5m Public Wi-Fi hotspots



A brief timeline of iOS security challenges



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Understanding mobiles





iOS security features





How does Android deviate from this?

App Store Ecosystem

Open Source



Fragmentation

Permissions Model

Customisability

Attack vectors & exploits





Common attack vectors

Risky Apps (Malware, data leaks etc.)

Content Risk (Malicious downloads, C2, etc.)





(Outdated OS, passcode etc.)

OS vulnerabilities, Risky Configurations

APP RISK

Malicious, Leaky, and Vulnerable apps

INFRASTRUCTURE RISK

MitM, SSL strip, Protocol attacks

CONTENT RISK

Phishing, Data Exfiltration, C2



Device Threats

Jailbreak / Rooted Devices	High
Vulnerable OS	High
Risky iOS Profile	Med
Dangerous Certificates	Med
Out-of-date OS	Low

Configuration Vulnerabilities	
Android security patches	High
Device Encryption Disabled	Med
Lock Screen Disabled	Med
Device Admin Apps Installed	Med
Third-Party App Store Installed	Low
Developer Mode Enabled	Low
Unknown App Sources Enabled	Low
USB App Verification Disabled	Low
USB Debugging Enabled	Low



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Malware	
Malicious apps	High
Sideloaded apps	High
Vulnerable apps	Med
Potentially Unwanted apps	Med

Data Leaks	
App Data Leak: Credit Card	Liab
Web Data Leak: Credit Card	піgri
App Data Leak: Password	Mad
Web Data Leak: Password	Ivied
App Data Leak: Email	
Web Data Leak: Email	LOW
App Data Leak: Location	
Web Data Leak: Location	LOW



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Infrastructure Threats	
Adversary-in-the-Middle	High
Risky Hotspot	Med



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Web / Content Threats	
Mobile Phishing	High
Malware Network Traffic	High
Cryptojacking	Med
Spam Websites	Med
3rd Party App Downloads	Low

Zero-day vulnerabilities

"A security flaw or weakness in a software or hardware system that is unknown to the vendor or developer, allowing attackers to exploit it before a patch or fix is available"







Zero-day vulnerabilities

Jamf Blog

April 19, 2023 by Jamf Threat Labs

The web of connections with iOS 16.4.1

Jamf Threat Labs

In this blog, Jamf Threat Labs analyzes CVE-2023-28206, iOS 16.4.1 patches and CitizenLab's findings on QuaDream's exploits.

Jamf Blog

February 17, 2023 by Jamf Threat Labs

Jamf Threat Labs analyzes the exploited in-the-wild WebKit vulnerability CVE-2022-42856

Jamf Threat Labs

Jamf Threat Labs investigated a WebKit vulnerability that was exploited in the wild. Attackers can exploit CVE-2022-42856 to control code execution within WebKit, giving them the ability to read/write files. This blog explores what the vulnerability looked like in the code and the patches Apple applied.

Jamf Blog

April 17, 2023 by Jamf Threat Labs

Threat advisory: Mobile spyware continues to evolve

Jamf Threat Labs

Jamf Threat Labs examines two sophisticated spyware attacks and provides recommendations for organizations to defend users from increasingly complex threats.







Apple platform vulnerability disclosures and exploitation

In 2022 there were...



Apple vulnerabilities added to CVE database, **23%** less than 2021

*continuation of downward trend since 2015



zero-day vulnerabilities actively exploited



17

known vulnerabilities actively exploited

Exploiting a known vulnerability is almost always cheaper, more readily available and often just as effective as a zero-day vulnerability.

The clock begins ticking upon first disclosure, with rapid security patching being crucial.





A look into iOS spyware

From a seamless onboarding experience to empowering users to get the most up-to-date resources needed to be productive, apps are the crux of every step in a user's journey.





Addressing mobile security



Mobile endpoint security

Device Security

Secure mobile devices against malware as well as highlighting device based vulnerabilities

Network Security

Protect end users against malicious domains, phishing, data leaks and other network-based threats

Vulnerability management

Risk-based patching

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Advanced detection and response

- Collect comprehensive mobile endpoint telemetry
- Detect indicators of compromise (IOC)
- Remediate advanced persistent threats (APT) confidently
- Monitor to ensure device integrity

Identity & Access

only Authorized Users

on Enrolled Devices

that are Secure & Compliant

can Access Sensitive Data

