



# PCI Security Standards Council

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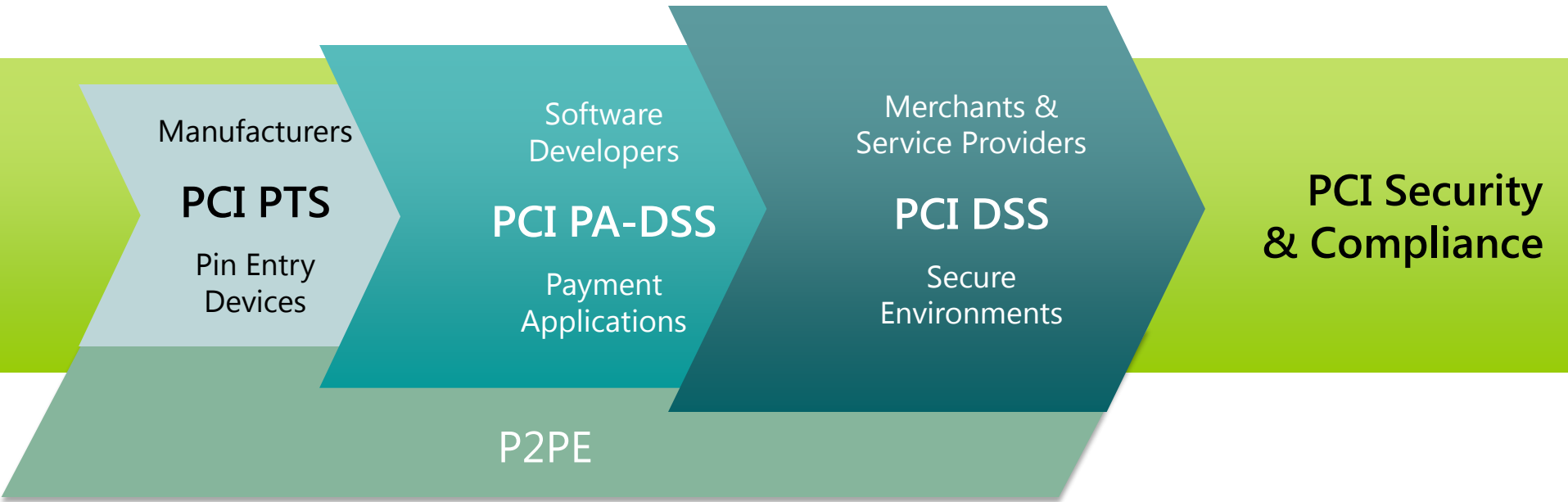
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# PCI Security Standards Suite

Protection of Cardholder Payment Data

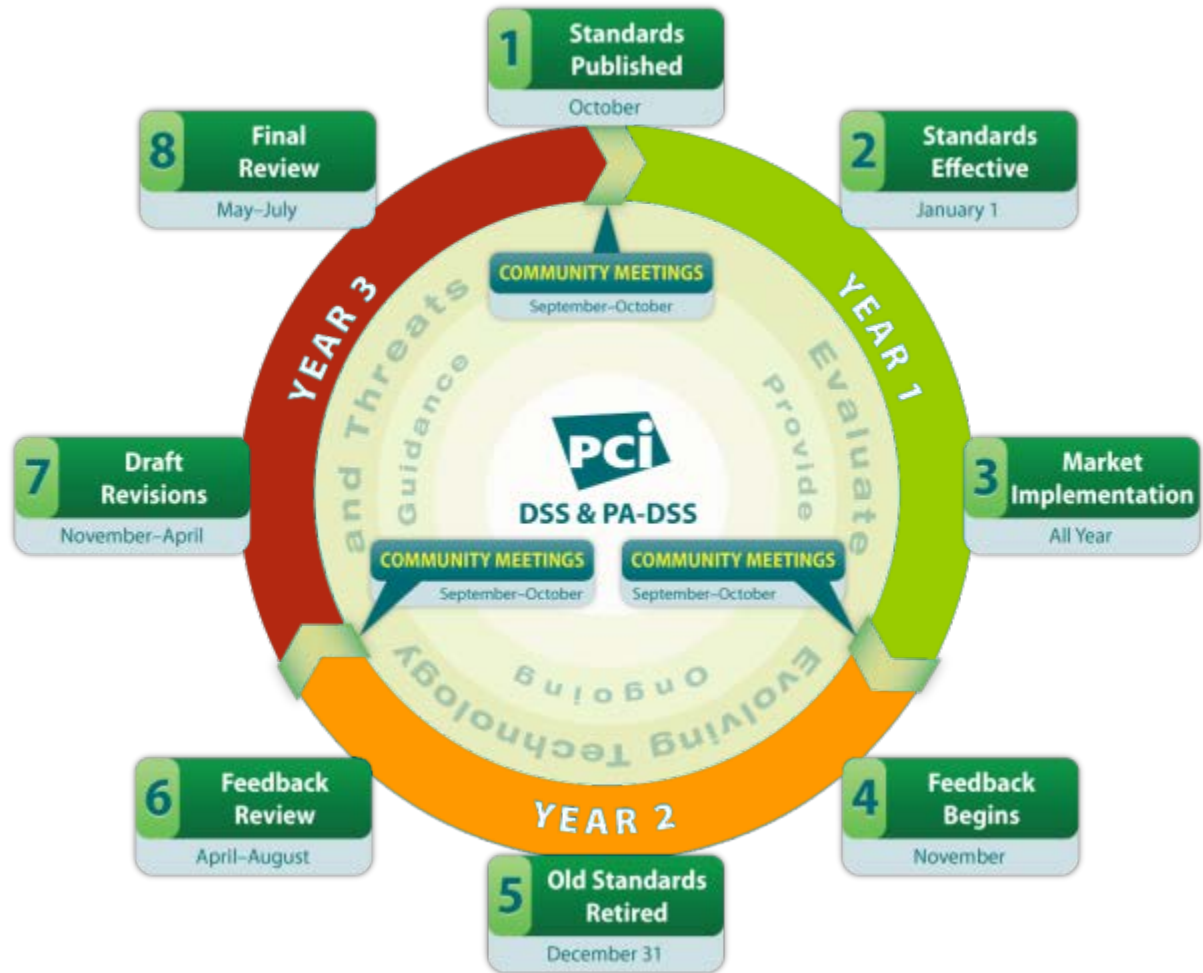


*Ecosystem of payment devices, applications, infrastructure and users*

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# Getting Ready for PCI 3.0

2013 Focus:  
Updating PCI  
Standards and  
supporting  
documents based  
on Community  
feedback



A close-up, low-angle shot of a cyclist in a blue long-sleeved jersey and black shorts, riding a teal road bike. The cyclist is in a dynamic, forward-leaning posture, gripping the handlebars. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting, likely a race track or a paved road. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.

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*Emerging Technologies*

# *Emerging Technologies*

- **Mobile**

- Guidelines
- MWG/MTF
- Standards?

- **Tokenization**

- Guidelines
- Standards
- TkTF

# Understanding Mobile Payments



Making Payments



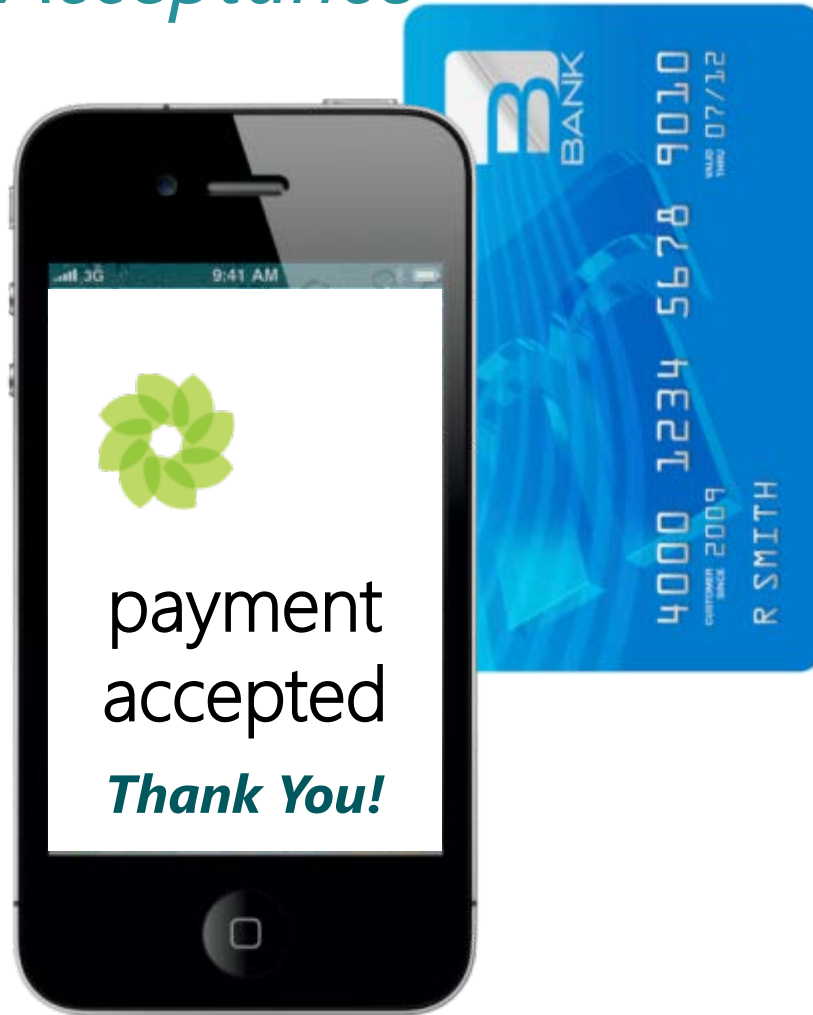
Accepting Payments



Applications



# Mobile Payment Acceptance



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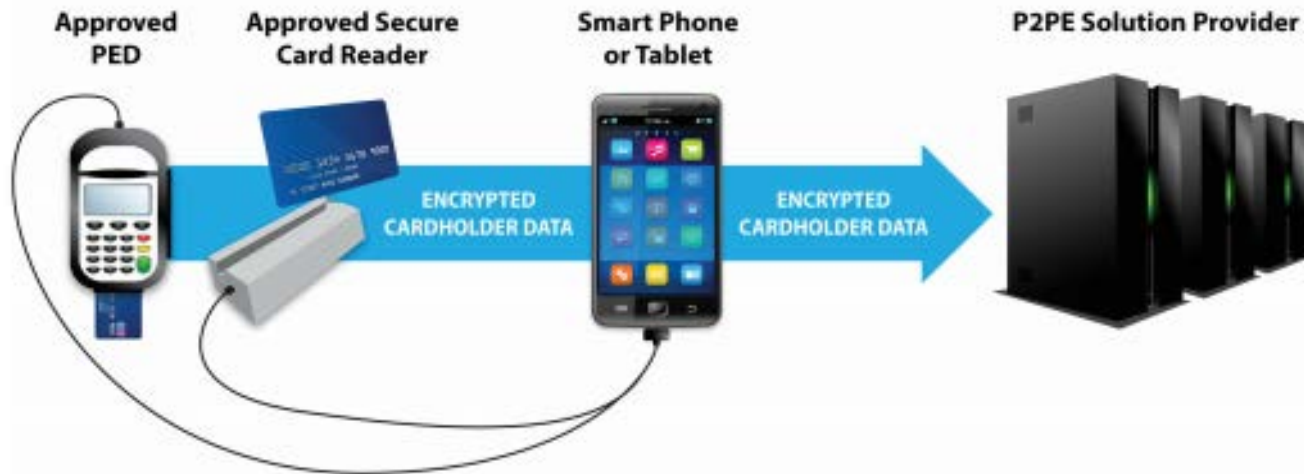
# PCI on Mobile Payment Acceptance Security

Identified mobile applications that can be validated to PA-DSS

Published merchant guidance for 'mobile' solutions leveraging P2PE

Developed best practices for developers

New merchant guidelines



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# Areas of Focus for Mobile

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## **Devices**

Tamper-responsive,  
PTS Devices (e.g.  
SCR) using P2PE

## **Applications**

Requirements and/or  
Best Practices for  
authorization and  
settlement

## **Service Providers**

Service provider  
protection of  
cardholder data and  
validation

# Guidance on Mobile Payment Acceptance Security

**PCI** Security Standards Council AT A GLANCE  
MOBILE PAYMENT ACCEPTANCE SECURITY

## Accepting Mobile Payments with a Smartphone or Tablet

Many merchants seek innovative ways to engage customers and improve the shopping experience. The ever-expanding capabilities of mobile devices such as smart phones or tablets now includes payment acceptance. Along with the increased convenience at the Point of Sale, mobile payment acceptance can also bring new risks to the security of cardholder data. Securing account data at the point of capture is one way that you can actively help in controlling these risks. In 2012, validated Point-to-Point Encryption (P2PE) solutions will be listed on the PCI Council (PCI SSC) website. If you choose to accept mobile payments, these solutions may help you in your responsibilities under PCI DSS.

This At a Glance provides an example of a P2PE solution that leverages a mobile device's display and communication functions to secure mobile payments. Central to the example is the use of an approved hardware accessory in conjunction with a validated P2PE solution. Combining a validated P2PE solution with mobile devices such as phones or tablets helps to maintain data security throughout the payment lifecycle.

The diagram illustrates the data flow for mobile payment acceptance. It starts with an 'Approved PED' (Peripheral Device) and an 'Approved Secure Card Reader' connected to a 'Smart Phone or Tablet'. A blue arrow labeled 'Encrypted Cardholder Data' points from the mobile device to a server rack labeled 'P2PE Solution Provider'.

**PROTECT CARDHOLDER DATA**  
The PCI Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) requires merchants to protect cardholder data. You must protect any payment card information, whether it is printed, processed, transmitted or stored.

**For merchants interested in utilizing an off-the-shelf mobile payment acceptance solution:**

**Partner with a Provider of a Validated Solution**  
Validated P2PE solutions ensure that cardholder data is encrypted before it enters a mobile device. Using a validated and properly implemented P2PE solution greatly reduces the risk that a malicious person could intercept and use cardholder data. Solution providers will often provide you with a card reader that works with your mobile device. Validated solution providers will have a list of approved card readers (also called Point of Interaction or POI) that have been tested to work securely with their solution. The solution provider is responsible for ensuring that any POI used with their solution has been validated as compliant with the appropriate PCI SSC security requirements, including the Secure Reading and Exchange of Data (SREX).  
Your solution provider will also tell you how to safeguard your mobile payment acceptance system. This guidance is contained in a P2PE Instruction Manual (PIM). Your acquirer or payment brand may ask you to complete a P2PE Self-assessment Questionnaire as part of your annual PCI DSS validation – including confirming that you are following the solution provider's PIM. You should coordinate with your acquirer or payment brand.

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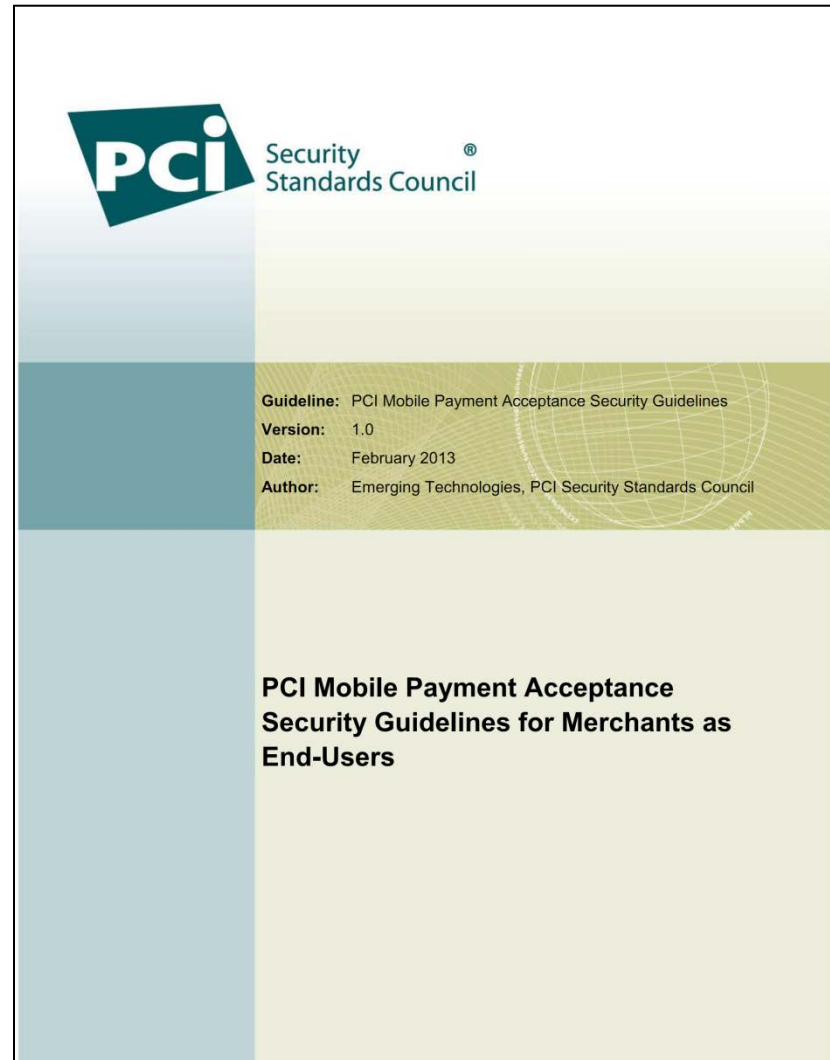
**Guideline:** PCI Mobile Payment Acceptance Security Guidelines  
**Version:** 1.0  
**Date:** September 2012  
**Author:** Emerging Technologies, PCI Security Standards Council

## PCI Mobile Payment Acceptance Security Guidelines for Developers

# New Merchant Guidelines

## For Merchants as End-Users

- Objectives and guidance for the security of a payment transaction
- Guidelines for securing the mobile device
- Guidelines for securing the payment acceptance solution



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# Purpose of Best Practices

Controls are broken into two categories:



Payment Transaction



Supporting Environment

# Transactional Controls



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## CHD entering device

Prevent account data from being intercepted when entered into device

## CHD inside of device

Prevent account data from compromise while processed or stored within the mobile device

## CHD leaving device

Prevent account data from interception upon transmission out of the mobile device

# Why It Is Important to Get It Right: **People**

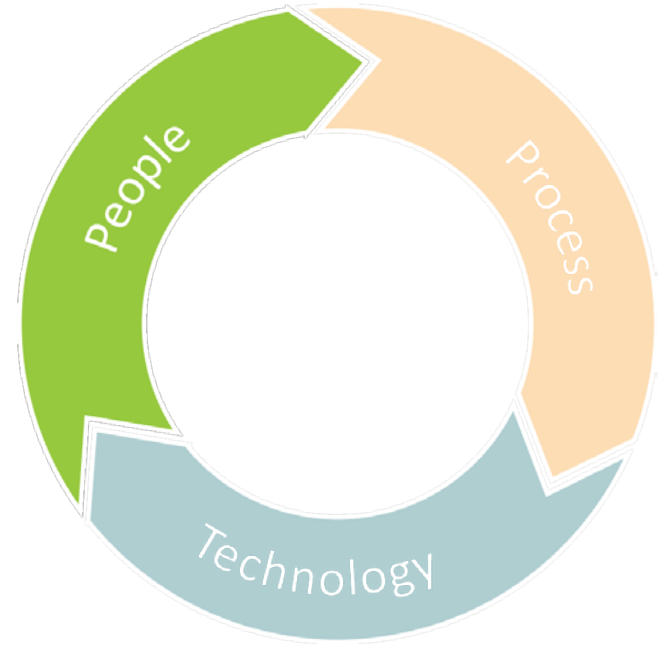
- New group of merchants

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- New group of application developers

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- New payment channel for administrators





# Why Is Mobile Different: **Process**

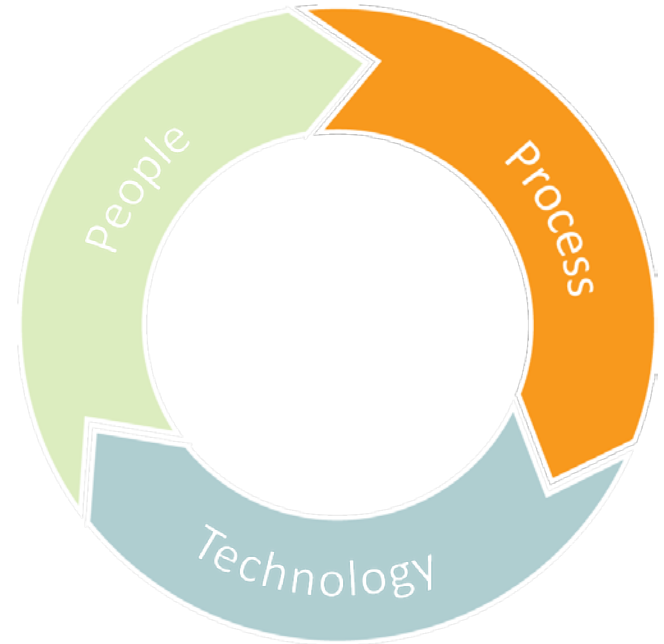
- May not use enterprise equipment

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- Process changes as “terminal” travels

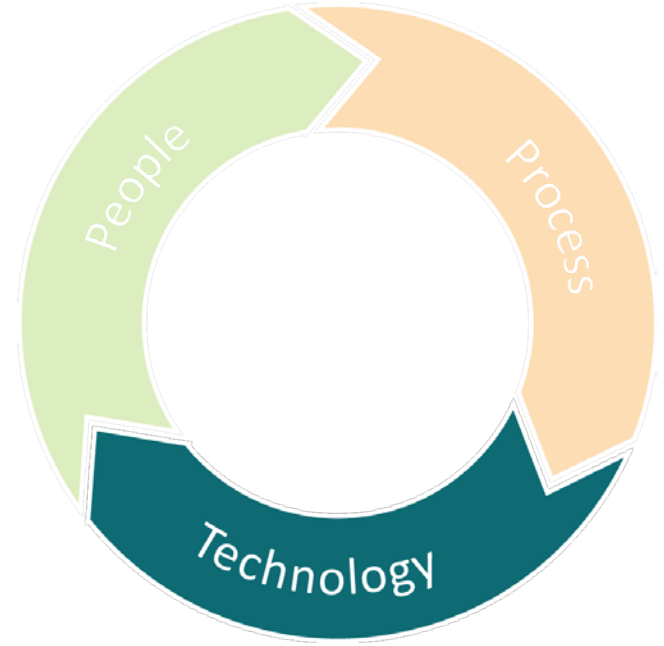
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- Process to detect tampering and revoke card acceptance



# Why Is Mobile Different: **Technology**

- POS:
  - Lack of traditional controls
  - Lack of experience of securing this type of device



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- Other entities
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- Tampering
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- Challenges with Encrypting PIN Pad



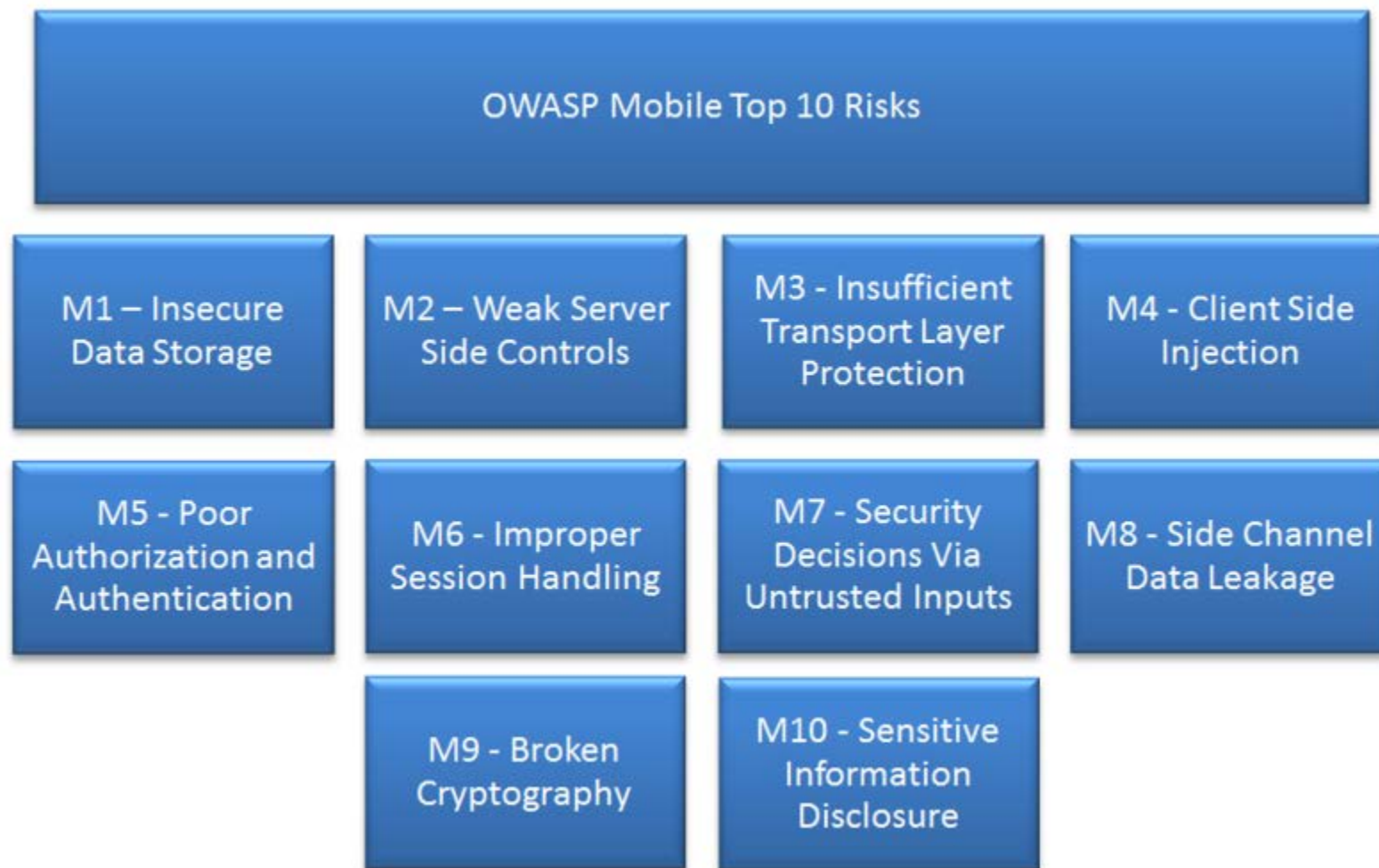
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# OWASP Top 10 Mobile Risks\*



\*[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Mobile#tab=Top\\_Ten\\_Mobile\\_Risks](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Mobile#tab=Top_Ten_Mobile_Risks)

# 1. Insecure Data Storage

- **Objective 2:** Prevent account data from compromise while processed or stored within the mobile device
  - If account data is stored on the mobile device post-authorization, that data should be rendered unreadable per PCI DSS Requirement 3.4. If encrypted account data is stored, any related cryptographic keys need to be managed in accordance with PCI DSS Requirement 3.5 so keys are not accessible to unauthorized people, applications, and/or processes.

## 2. Weak Server Side Controls

- **§ 4.2 Create server-side controls and report unauthorized access.**
  - Ensure Develop the overall payment-acceptance solution to include capabilities for preventing and reporting unauthorized access attempts, identifying and reporting abnormal activity, and discontinuing access (i.e., the payment-acceptance solution would prevent further access by the mobile payment-acceptance app on that device until an administrator restores access). Controls include, but are not limited to:
    - Support for authorized access (e.g., access control list)
    - Ability to monitor events and to distinguish normal from abnormal events
    - Ability to report events (e.g., via a log, message, or signal) including cryptographic key changes, escalation of privileges, invalid login attempts exceeding a threshold, updates to application software or firmware, and similar actions

### *3. Insufficient Transport Layer Security*

- **Objective 3:** Prevent account data from interception upon transmission out of the mobile device.
  - Ensure that account data is encrypted (i.e., using strong symmetric or asymmetric cryptography) per PCI DSS Requirement 4, prior to transmission out of the trusted execution environment of the mobile device.

## 4. Client Side Injection

- **Objective 1:** Prevent account data from being intercepted when entered into a mobile device.
  - Regardless of the process used, assure the account data entry channel is secured against client-side injections. Client-side injections include but are not limited to buffer overflows, data-type mismatches, embedded code or other unexpected data, and malicious or unauthorized apps and services on the mobile device.



## 5. *Poor Authorization and Authentication*

- **§ 4.5 Detect theft or loss.**
  - ... the use of GPS or other location technology with the ability to set geographic boundaries, periodic re-authentication of the user, and periodic re-authentication of the device
- **§ 4.10 Protect the mobile device from unauthorized applications.**
  - All authorized mobile apps, drivers and other software that form part of the payment solution should have a mechanism that permits authentication of the source and integrity of the executable file. The system should prevent the loading and subsequent execution of applications that cannot be authenticated.

## 6. *Improper Session Handling*

- **§ 4.15 Provide an indication of secure state.**
  - A trusted execution environment (or equivalent) should include a mechanism for indicating to the mobile device user that the payment-acceptance mobile app is executing in a secure state. This would be similar to the indication that an SSL session is active in a browser.

## 7. Security Decisions via Untrusted Inputs

- **§ 4.3 Prevent escalation of privileges.**
  - Controls should exist to prevent the escalation of privileges on the device (e.g., root or group privileges). Bypassing permissions can allow untrusted security decisions to be made, thus increasing the number of possible attack vectors. Controls should include but are not limited to:
    - Providing the capability for the device to produce an alarm or warning if there is an attempt to “root” or “jail-break” the device;
    - Providing the capability within the payment-acceptance solution for identifying authorized objects and designing controls to limit access to only those objects.

## 8. Side Channel Data Leakage

- **Objective 2:** Prevent account data from compromise while processed or stored within the mobile device.
  - Ensure that account data is only processed inside a trusted execution environment. In order to prevent data leakage, account data should not be accessible outside a trusted execution environment. A data leakage prevention methodology should be adopted based on industry best practices and guidelines. The methodology should include, but is not limited to:
    - ...
    - Prevention of unintentional or side-channel data leakage

## 9. Broken Cryptography

- Ensure that account data is encrypted (i.e., using strong symmetric or asymmetric cryptography) per PCI DSS Requirement 4, prior to transmission out of the trusted execution environment of the mobile device.
- If account data is stored on the mobile device post-authorization, that data should be rendered unreadable per PCI DSS Requirement 3.4. If encrypted account data is stored, any related cryptographic keys need to be managed in accordance with PCI DSS Requirement 3.5 so keys are not accessible to unauthorized people, applications, and/or processes.
- If the external device is wireless (e.g., Wi-Fi or Bluetooth), the wireless communication channel should be secured via strong cryptography.

# 10. Sensitive Information Disclosure

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    - Secure distribution of account data
    - Secure access to and storage of account data
    - Controls over account data while in use (e.g., preventing copy/paste, screen shots, file sharing, and printing)
    - Prevention of unintentional or side-channel data leakage

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# 2013 COMMUNITY MEETINGS



## NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEETING

24–26 September 2013

Mandalay Bay Convention Center  
Las Vegas, Nevada



## EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEETING

29–31 October 2013

Nice Acropolis  
Nice, France



## ASIA-PACIFIC COMMUNITY MEETING

20 November 2013

Shangri-La Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia