

Mobile Security Threats

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- Over 15 years of security experience
- Built and managed Watchfire's research group
- Built and led IBM's worldwide Rational security initiative, was responsible for IBM software products, developed by thousands of developers worldwide
- Author of more than 20 patents
- Fellow at Yuval Ne'eman's workshop
- High school teacher

About Skycure



- Provides seamless security for mobile devices
- Sell to large organizations
- Backed by Pitango Venture Capital
- Team consists of elite security experts coming from IBM, Google, CheckPoint and more

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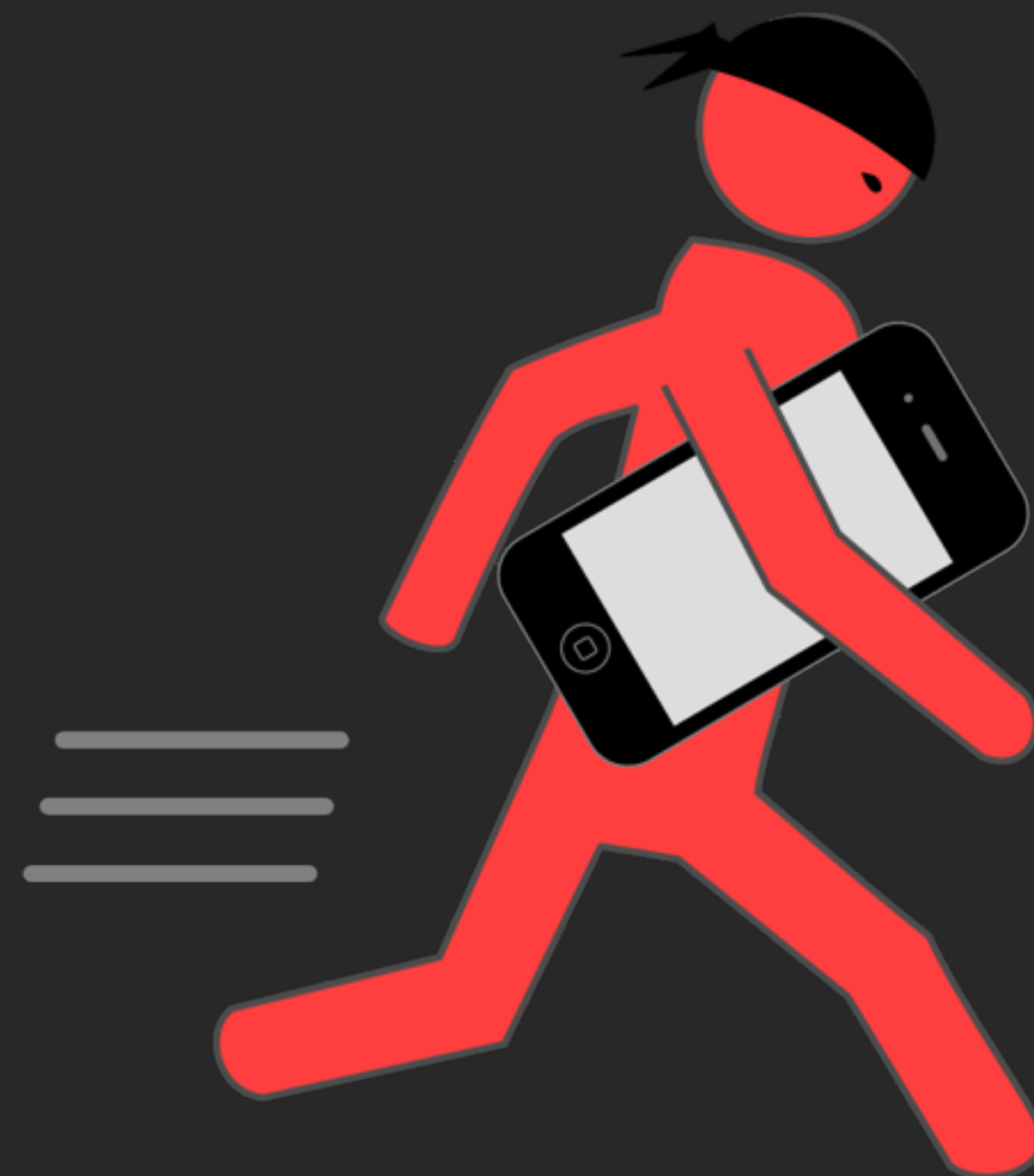
5 Biggest Mobile Threats



The Simple Threat

Physical Access

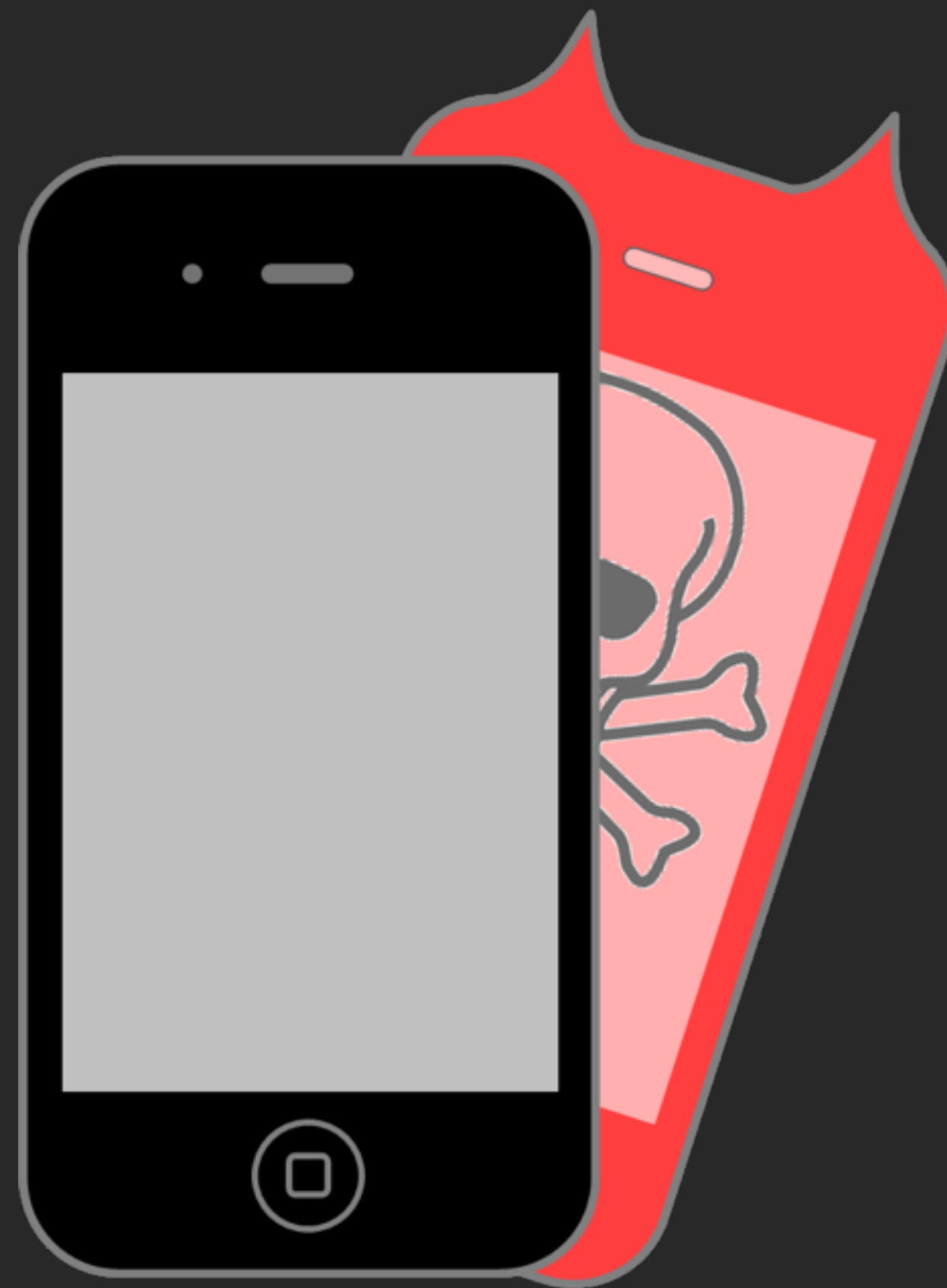
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The Known Threat

Malware

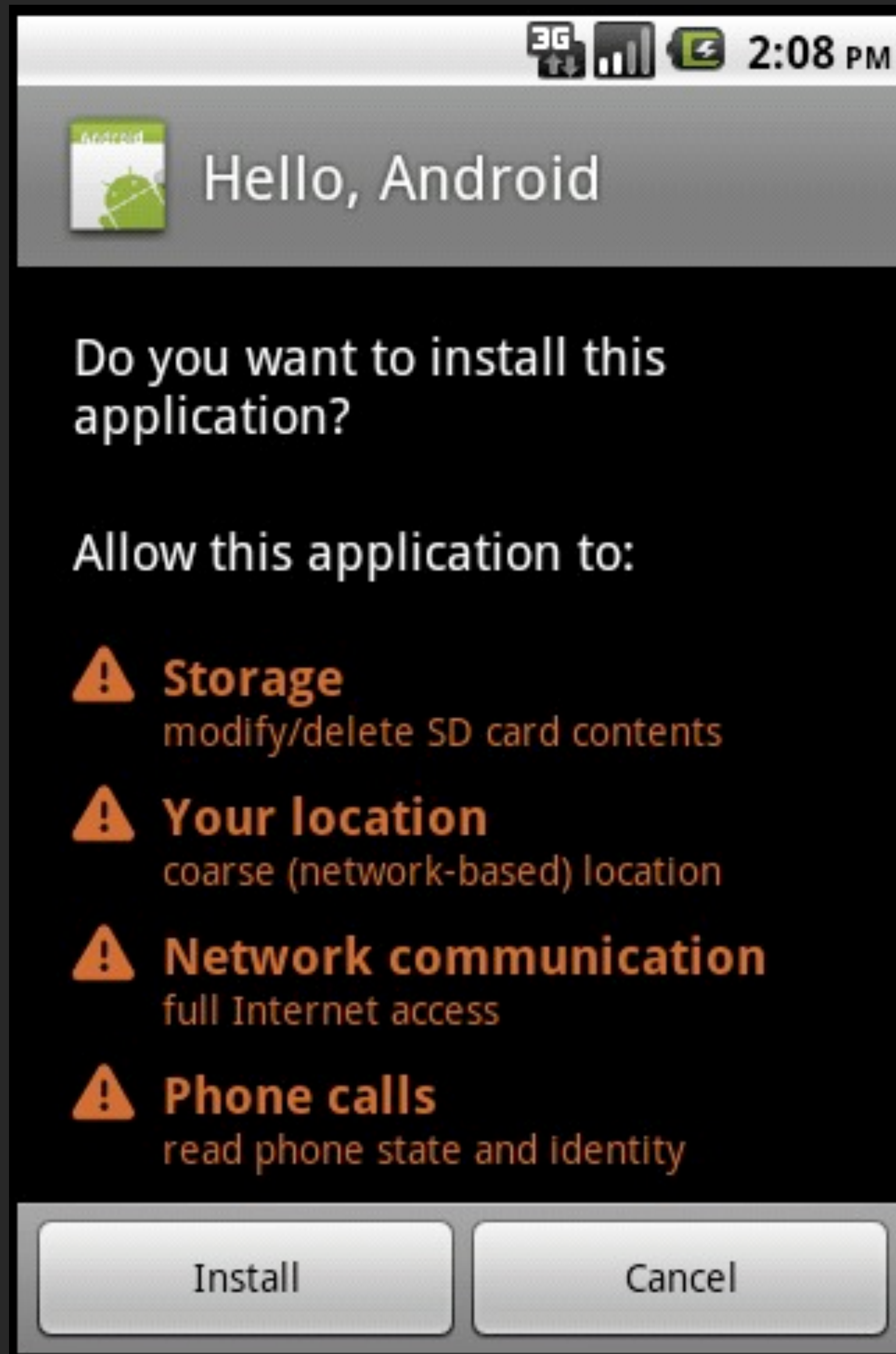
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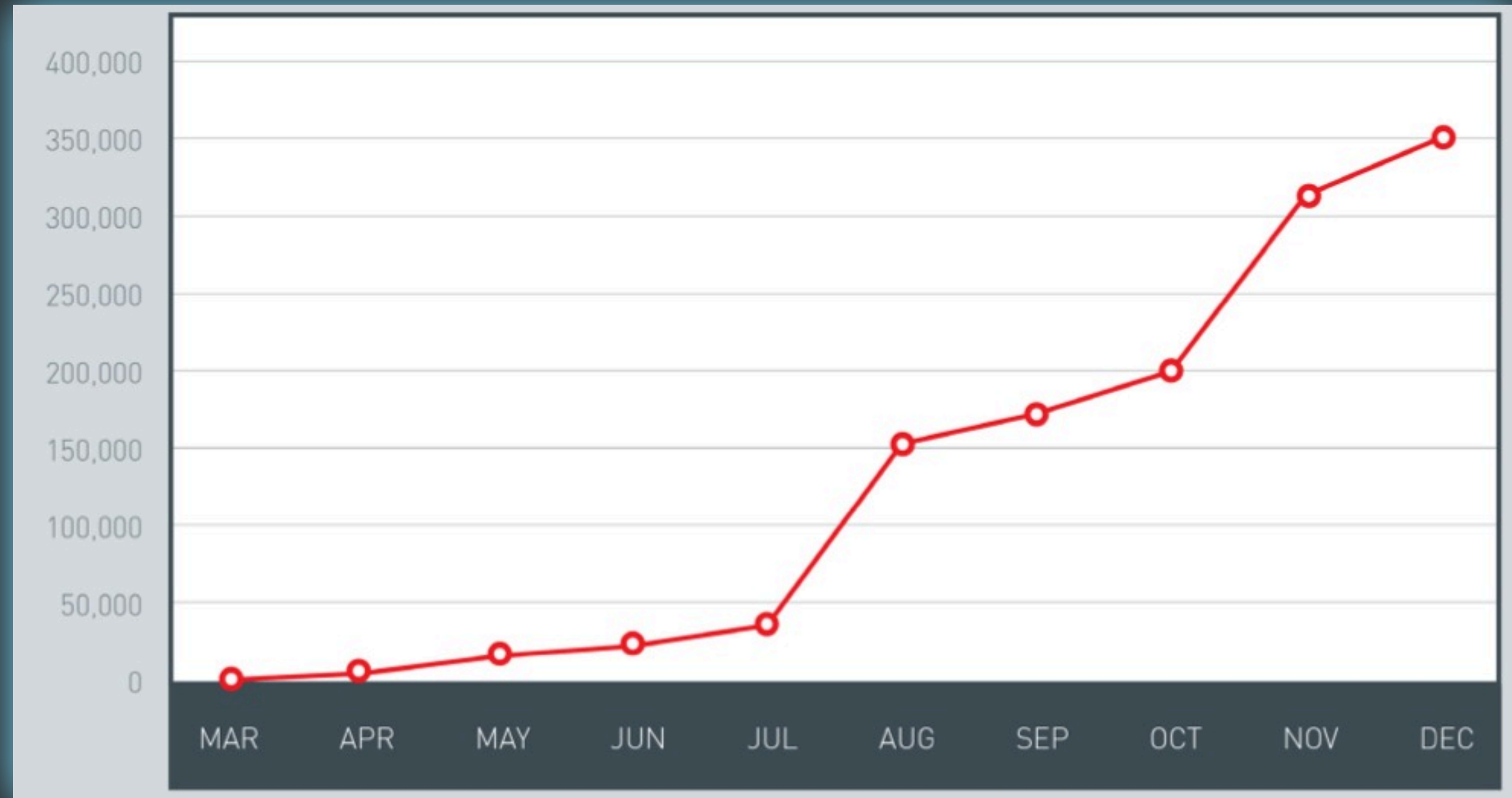
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2012: The year of Android malware

Android Threat Growth

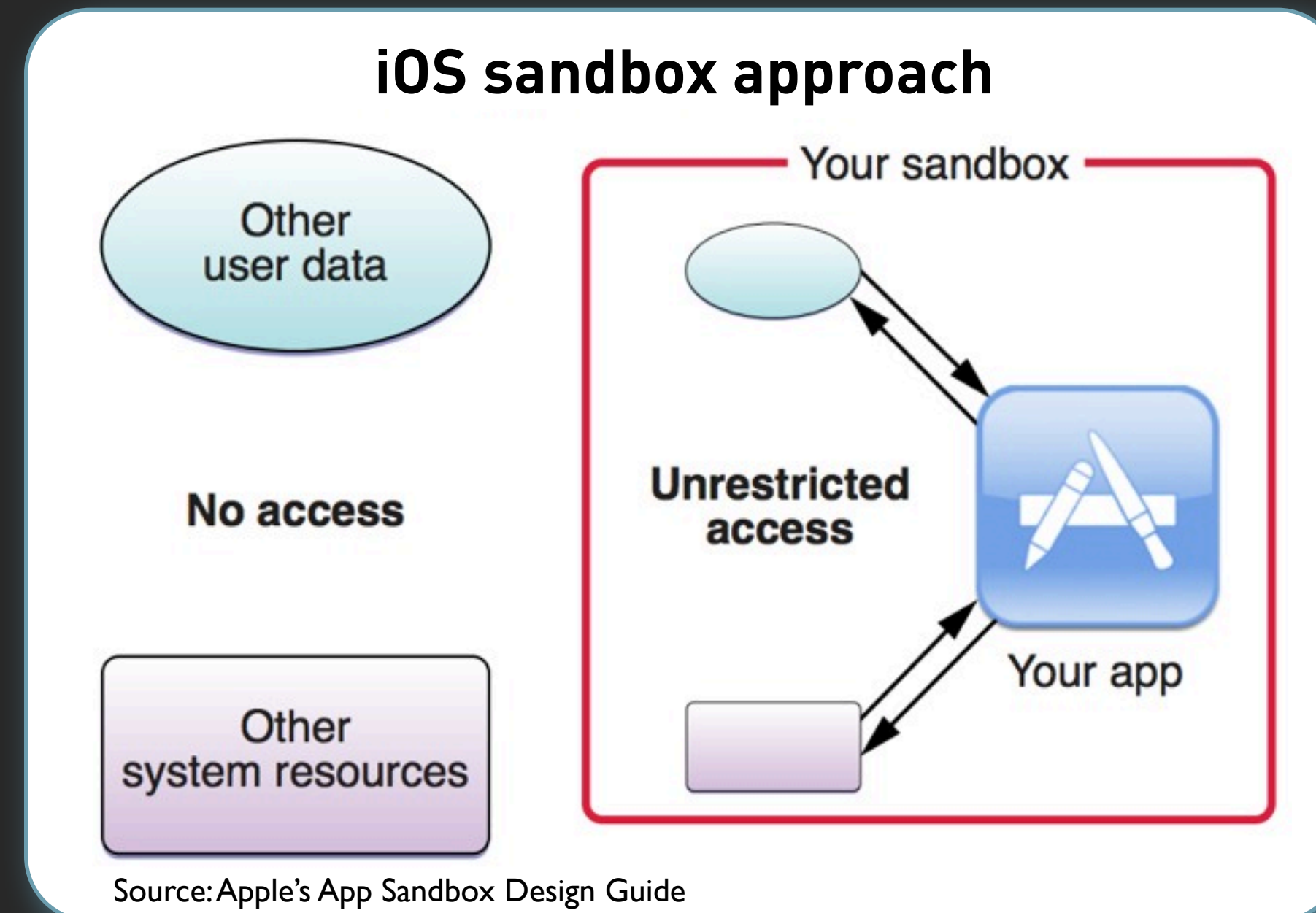


Source: Trend Micro 2012 Mobile Threat and Security Roundup

iOS Security Model

App Characteristics

- One Store
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Profile Characteristics

- No Store
- No Screening
- No Sandboxing

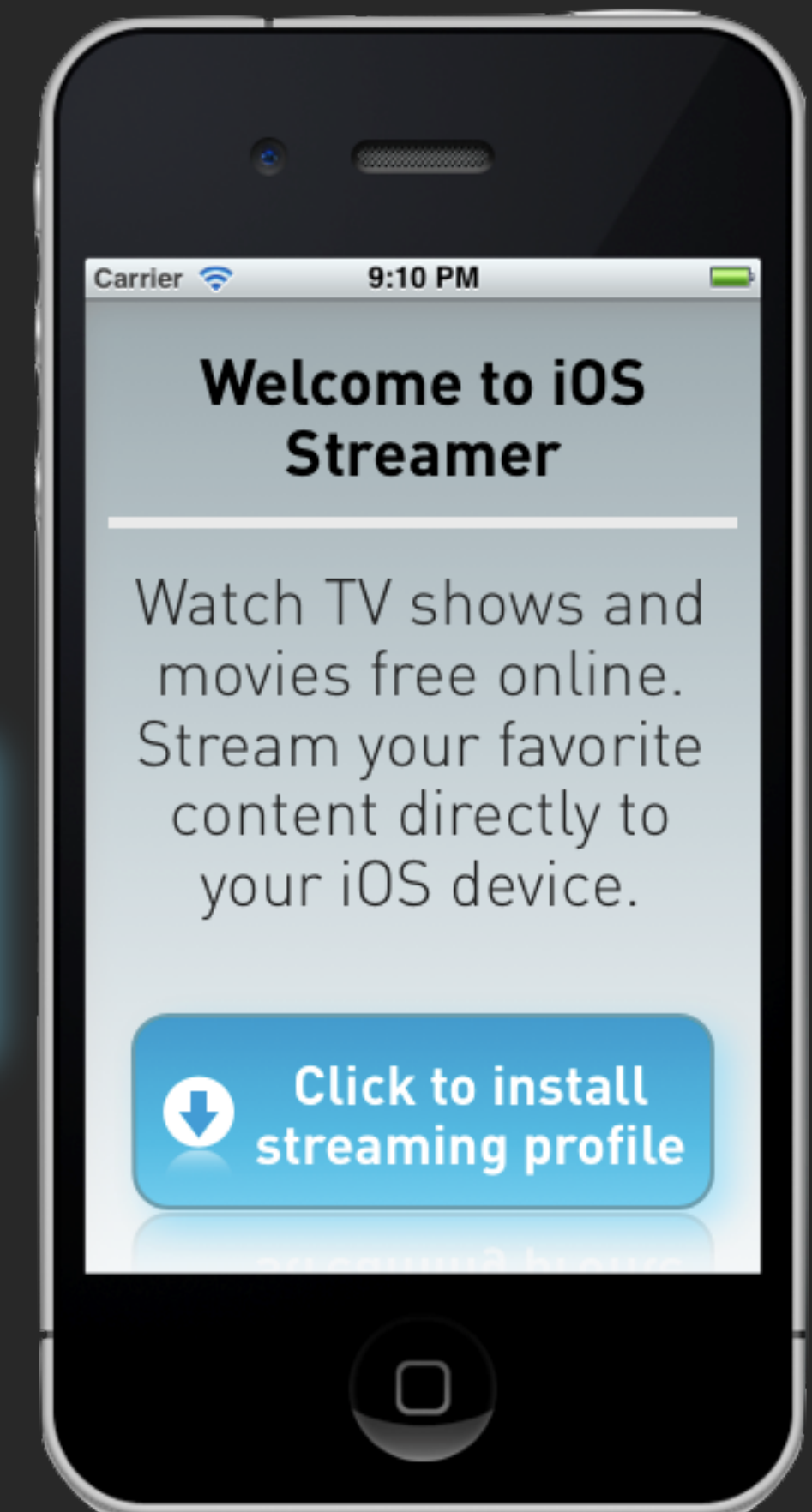
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Malicious Profiles

For iOS, the incarnation of malware is malicious configuration profiles.

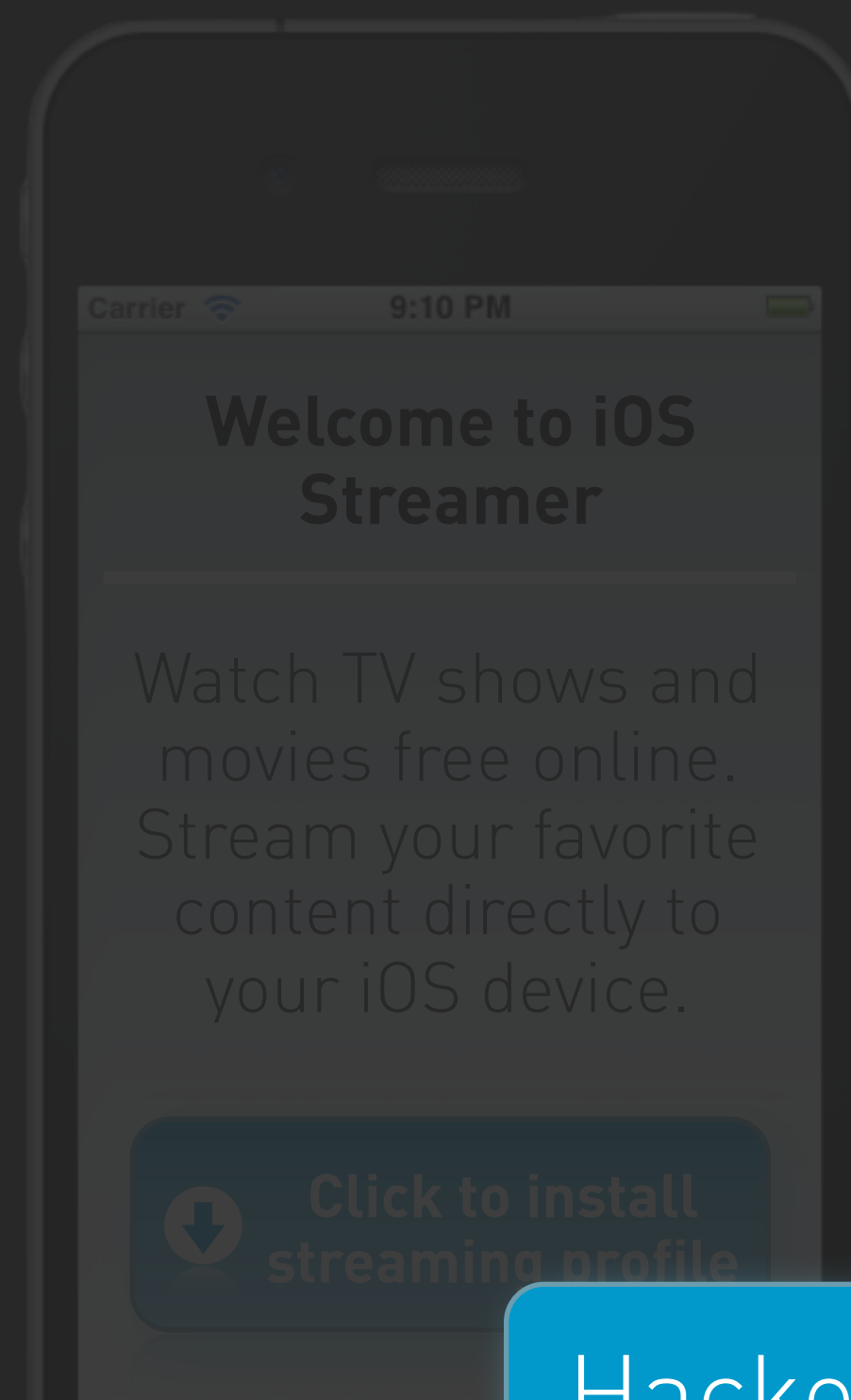
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Recent relevant Skycure discovery

<http://blog.skycure.com/2013/03/malicious-profiles-sleeping-giant-of.html>

2013: The year of iOS malware



Hacker gains access to your mail, business apps, cloud services, bank accounts and more, **even if traffic is encrypted**

The Biggest Threat

Wi-Fi
Networks

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Wi-Fi Attacks

Are you comfortable connecting to Wi-Fi networks?

Did you know that connecting to a public Wi-Fi could lead to **persistent** control over your device?



History of MiTM

Wi-Fi attacks becomes more prevalent with mobile use
These attacks have two main requirements:

Attacker has to be in a nearby location

Mar 2013: Malicious iOS profiles
MiTM has become fully remote

User has to actively connect to the Wi-Fi

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Connecting to Wi-fi networks

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Wi-Fi Guessing

Auto Connect

WiFiGate

“I have never connected to Wi-Fi networks, so I’m protected. Right?”

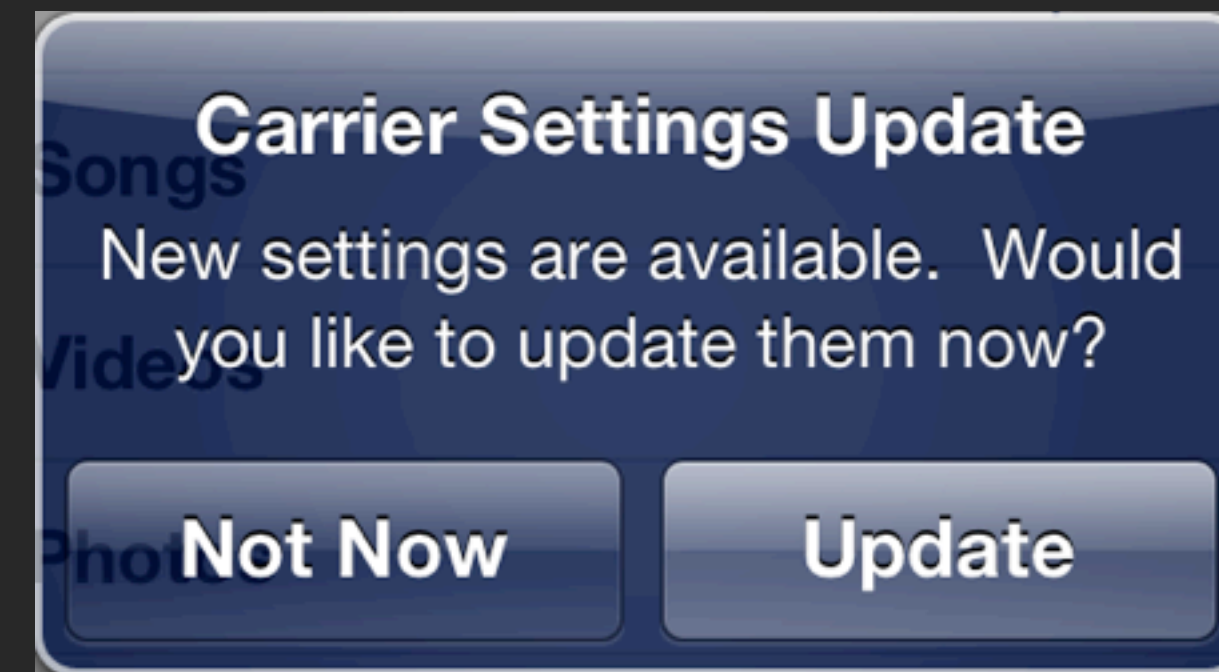
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adish — ssh — 72x14
Sakin:/System/Library/Carrier Bundles/iPhone root# ls -d [A-
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Aircel_in.bundle       Celcom_my.bundle      Claro_ni.bundle
Bell_ca.bundle         CellC_za.bundle       Claro_pa.bundle
BhartiAirtel_in.bundle Cellcom_il.bundle      Claro_pe.bundle
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CW_pa.bundle           Claro_do.bundle       Comviq_se.bundle
Sakin:/System/Library/Carrier Bundles/iPhone root#
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adish — less — 56x21
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Setting-up such a network would automatically initiate an attack on all nearby carrier customers

Putting the attack to test

Attack - During the cyber security conference

- Location: Smolarz Auditorium, TAU



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- **448** devices connected to our in **2.5** hours



Remediation

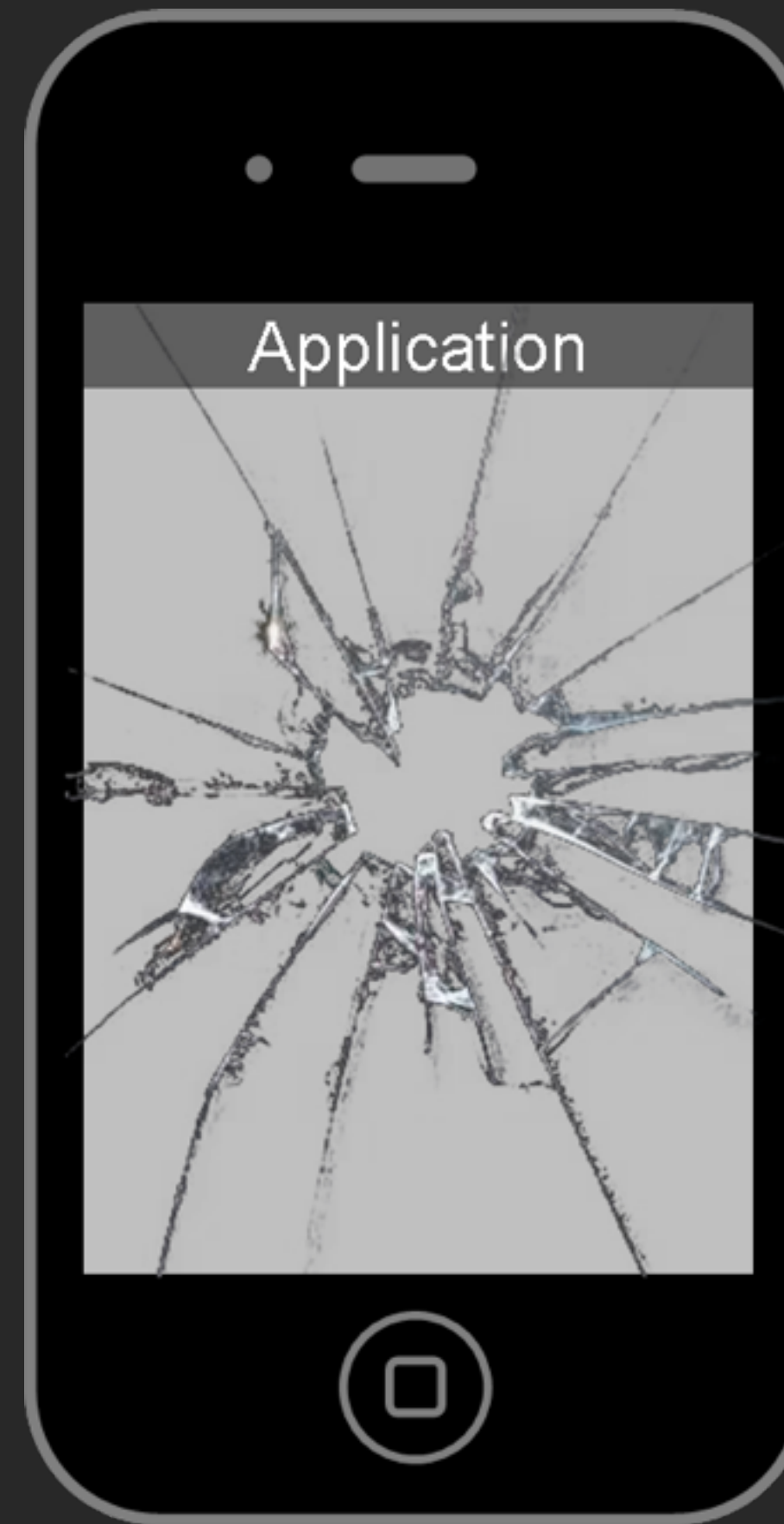
So what should you do about this?

- **Users and Organizations:**
Close the Wi-Fi connection when not in use
Use a mobile firewall protection
- **Carriers and Wi-Fi network providers:**
If you need to provide Wi-Fi access, enable client-side firewall capabilities on it

The Growing Threat

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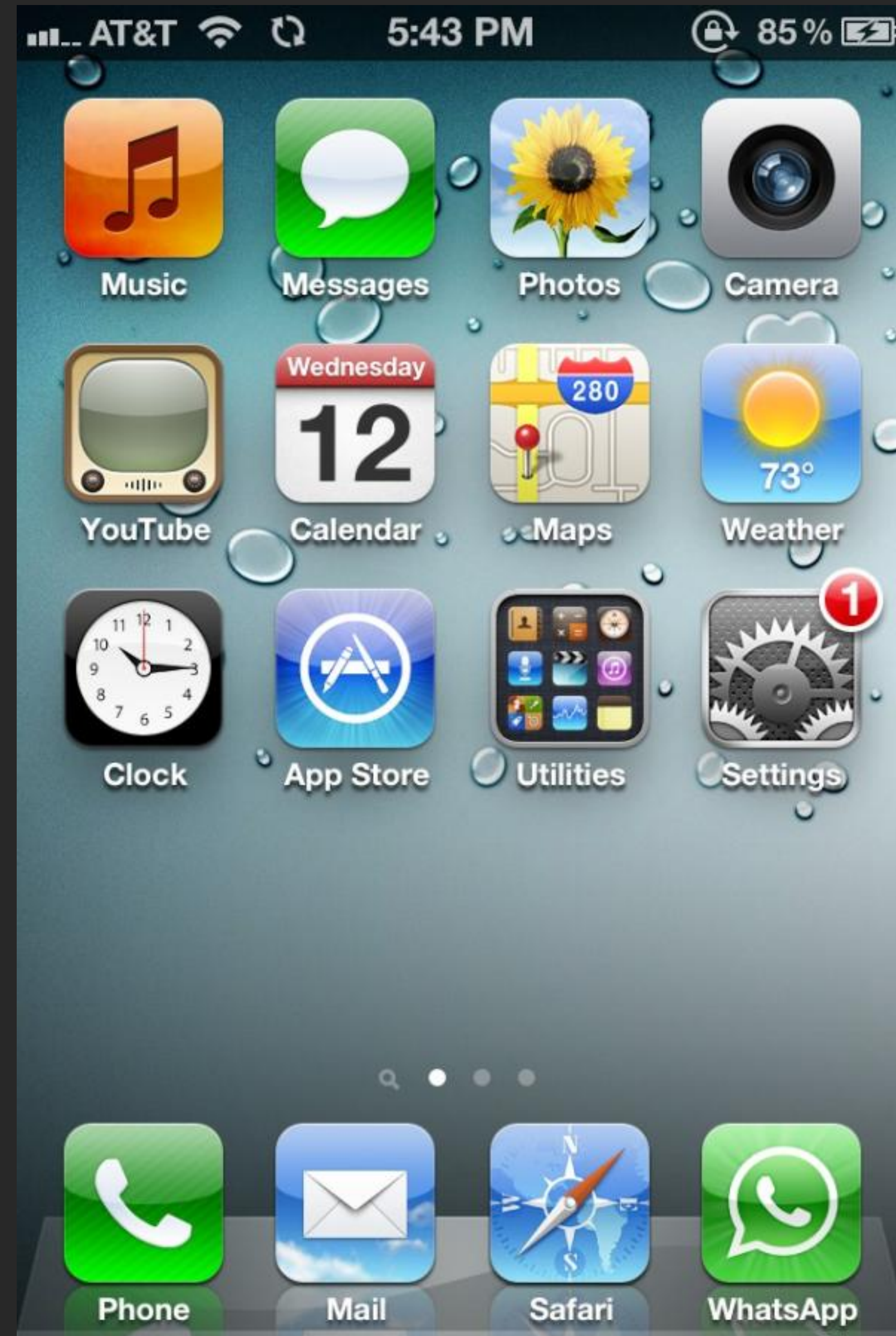
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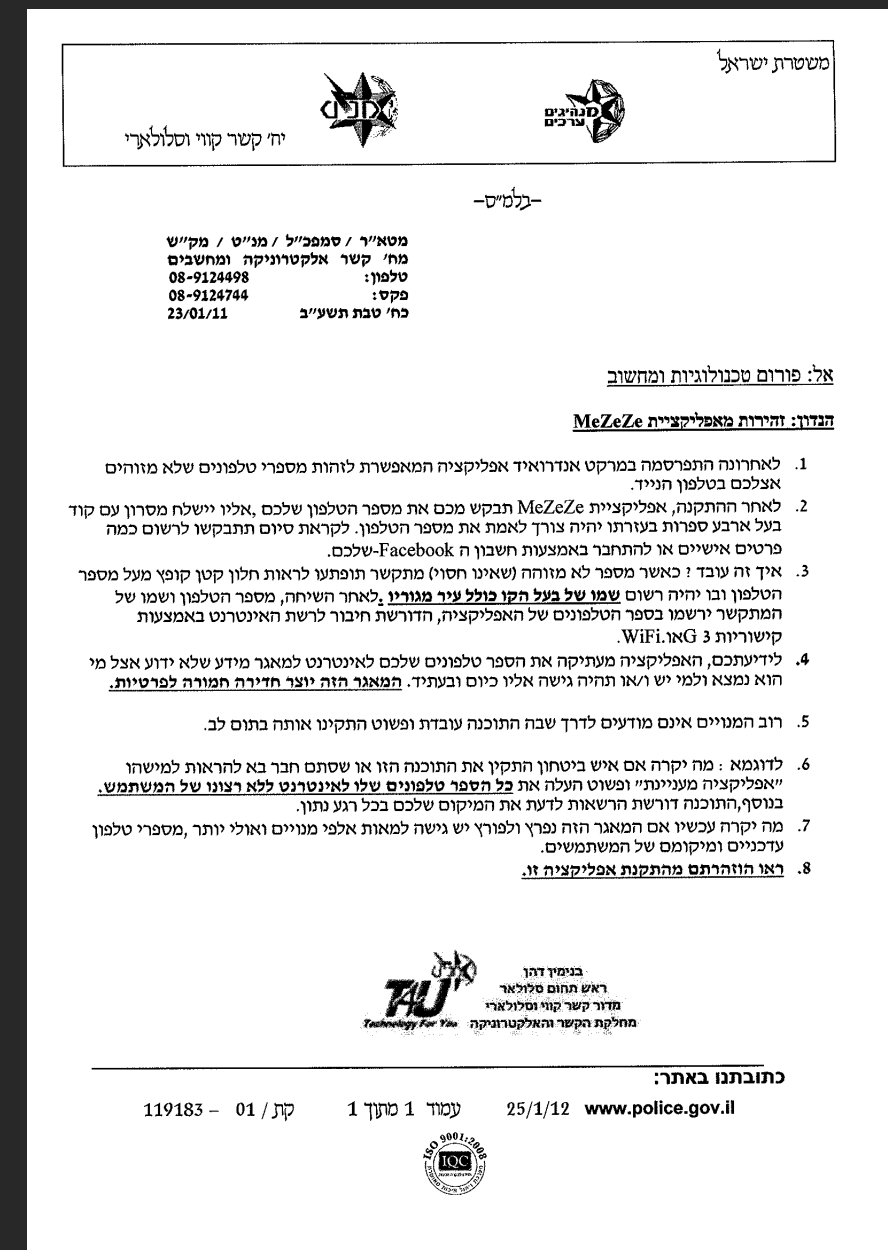


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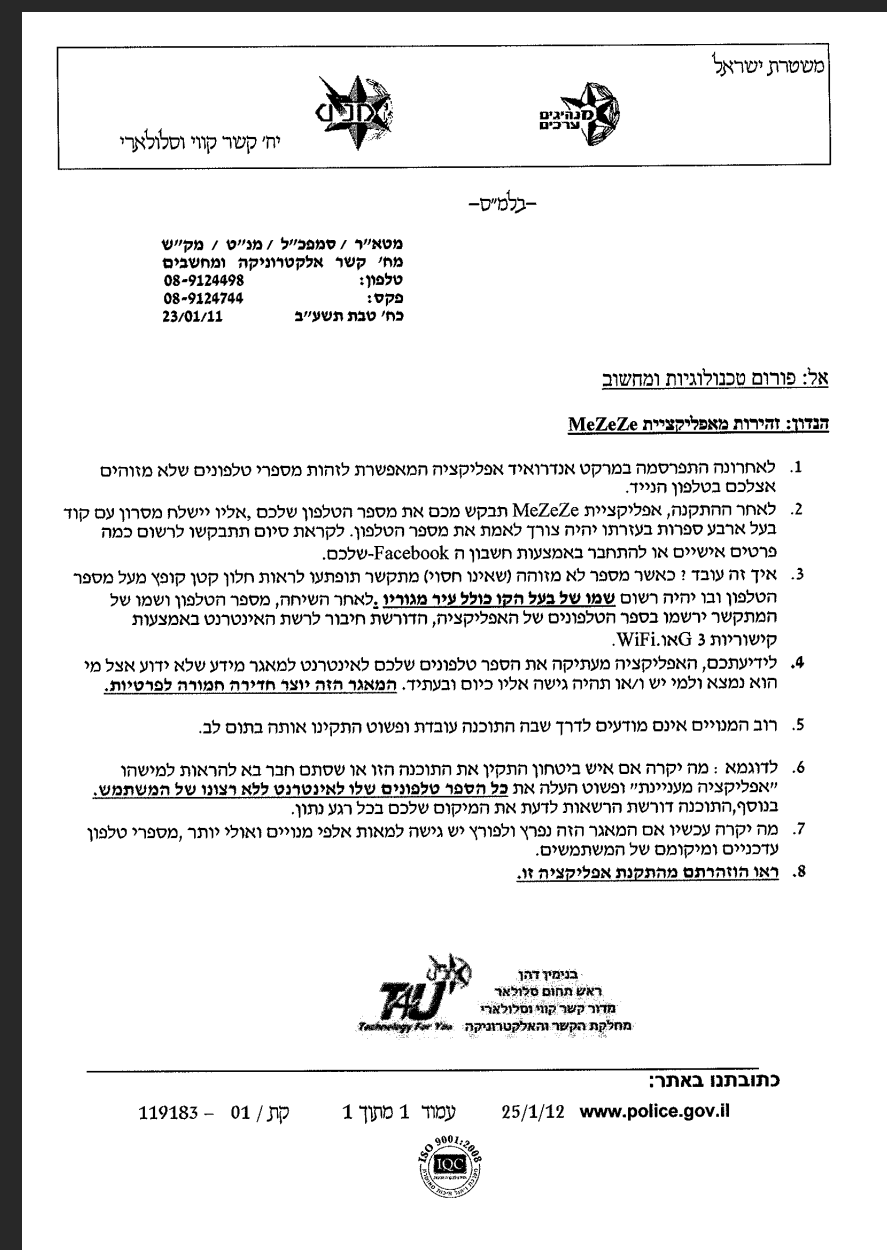


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A Few Tips

1. Enable “Find Phone” features
2. Do not automatically click “Continue”
3. Be cautious when using public Wi-Fi networks
4. Always update your software
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