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Mobile Security and Privacy

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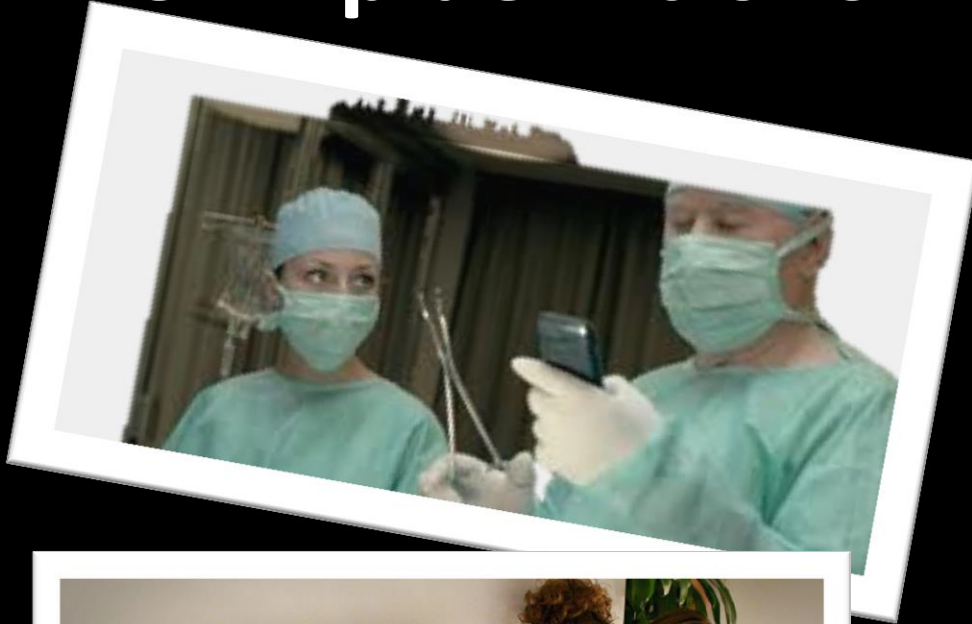
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Smartphone is Your Best Friend !



Nomophobia: New Epidemic of Smartphone Addiction



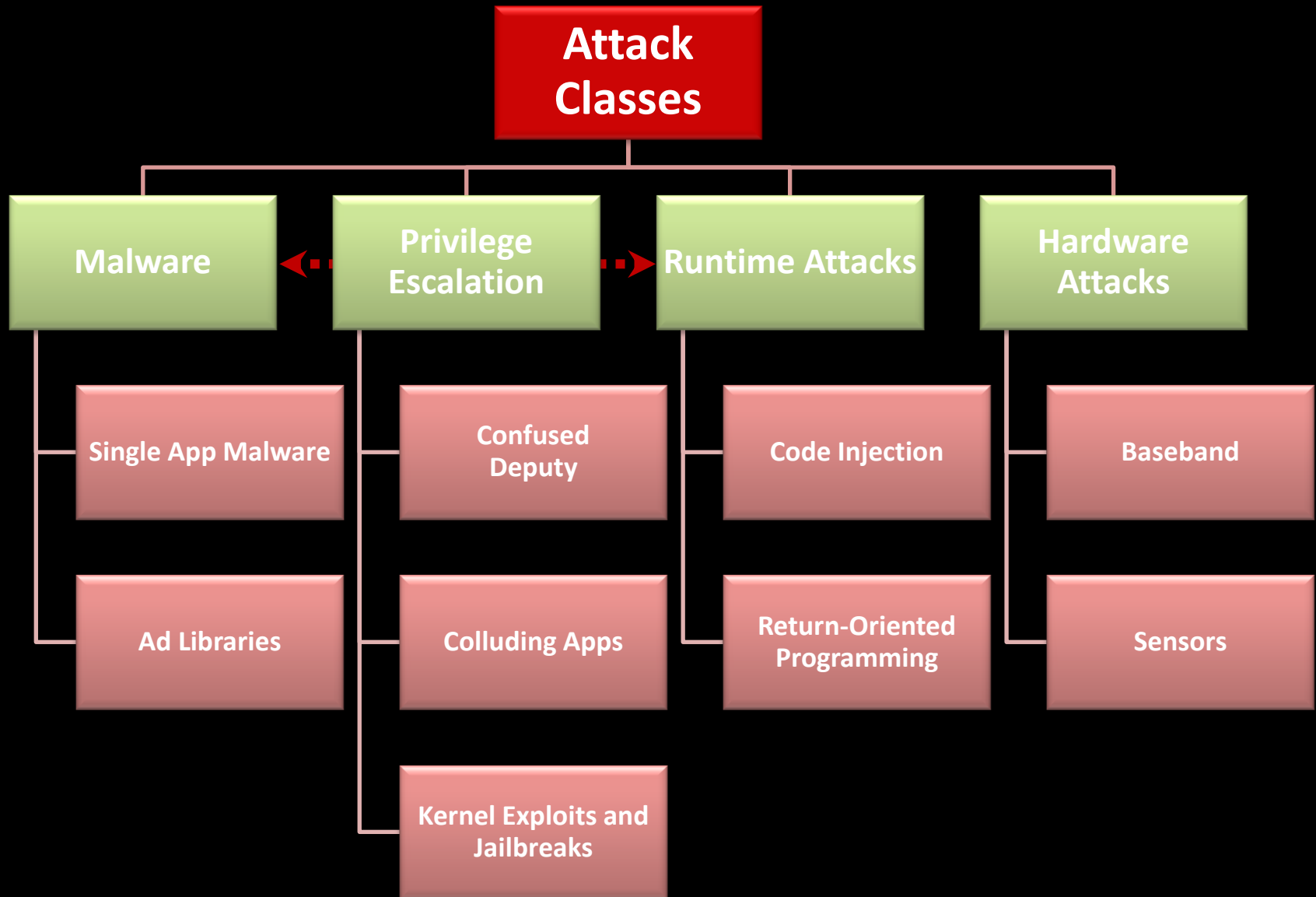
An App for Every Wish...



- ◆ Millions of Apps available today
- ◆ Developed by thousands of different developers

Large Attack Surface

Attack and Threat Classification



Let's Start with Some Attacks



Apple iPhone Jailbreak

Disable signature verification and escalate privileges to root



Request

http://www.jailbreakme.com/_/iPhone3,1_4.0.pdf



- 1) Exploit PDF Viewer Vulnerability by means of **Return-Oriented Programming**
- 2) Start Jailbreak
- 3) Download required system files
- 4) Jailbreak Done

Google Android:

Install arbitrary applications without the users knowledge



- 1) Exploit Bug in web Browser
- 2) Enforce the installation of various apps

Confused Deputy Attack:

Internet access without INTERNET Permission

0 Permissions

Malicious App



Android Web
Browser



INTERNET Permission

- 1) Ask Browser for data transfer from a remote server
- 2) Browser forwards request
- 3) Files are transmitted to SD card



Collusion Attack: Soundcomber

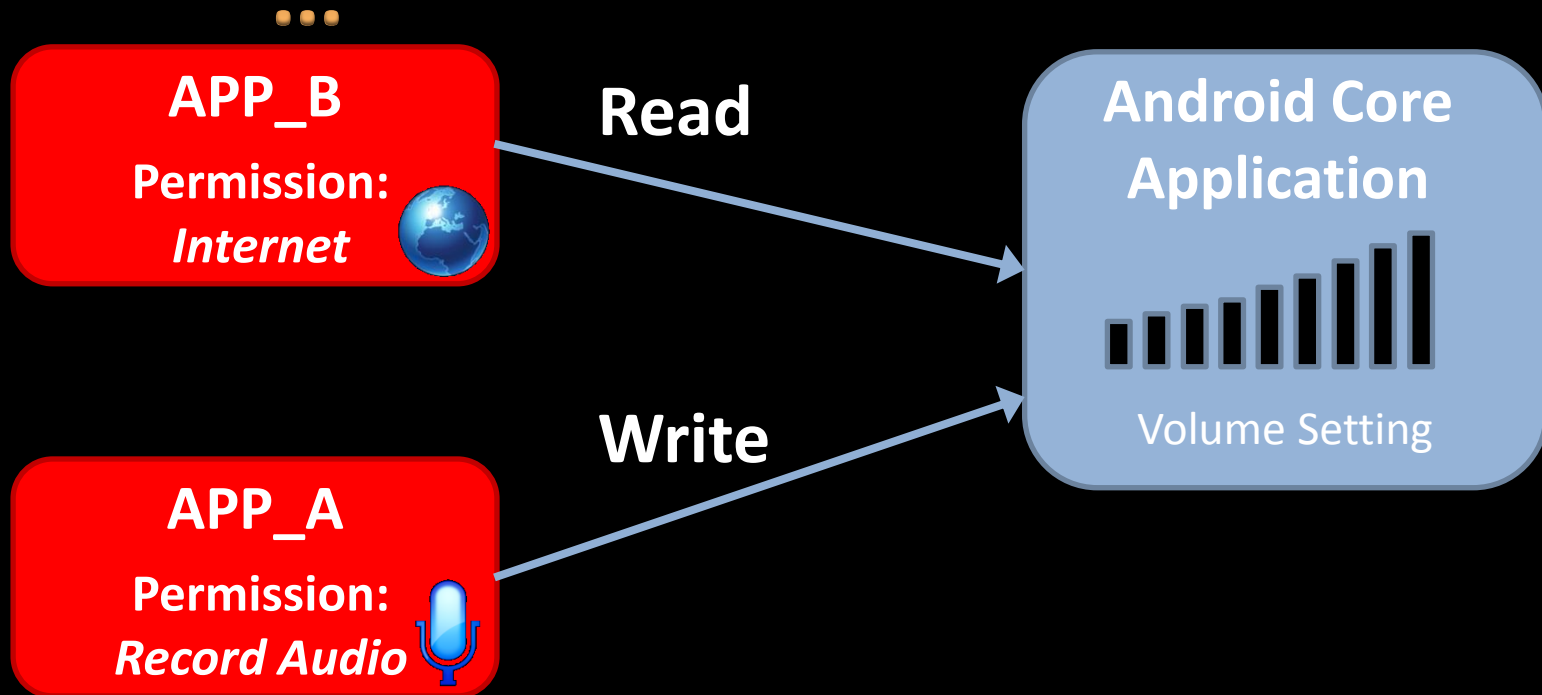
[Schleger et al., NDSS 2011]



- 1) Call Credit Institute
- 2) Credit Card Number is extracted from the speech

Soundcomber Internals

Exploiting Covert Channels in Android



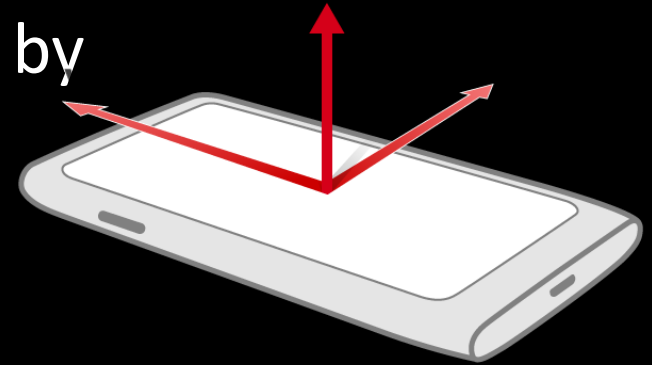
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Additional covert channels are vibration, screen lightening, or file locks, see also [Marforio et al., TechReport 2011, ACSAC 2012]

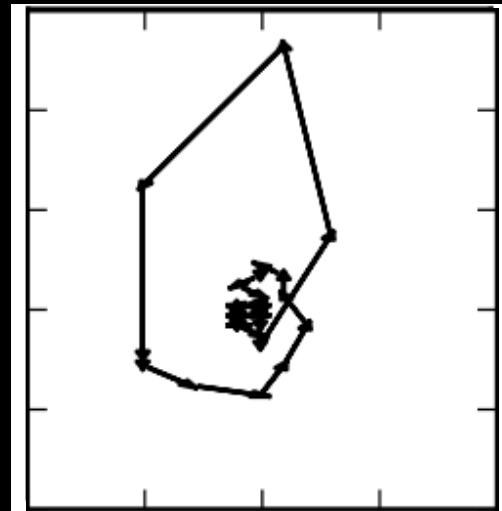
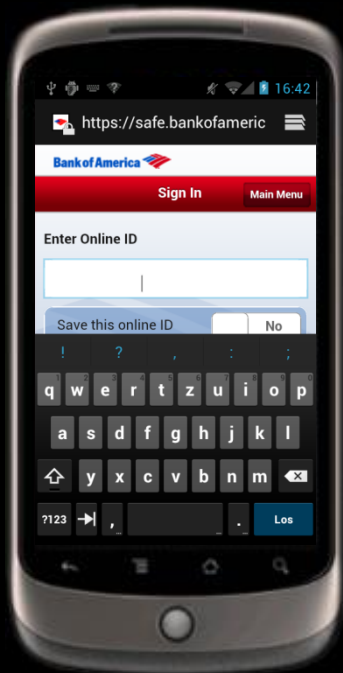
Sensoric Malware: TapLogger / TouchLogger

Infer user's input to virtual keyboard by measuring the accelerometer and gyroscope during typing

[Xu et al., WiSec 2012; Cai et al., HotSec 2011]

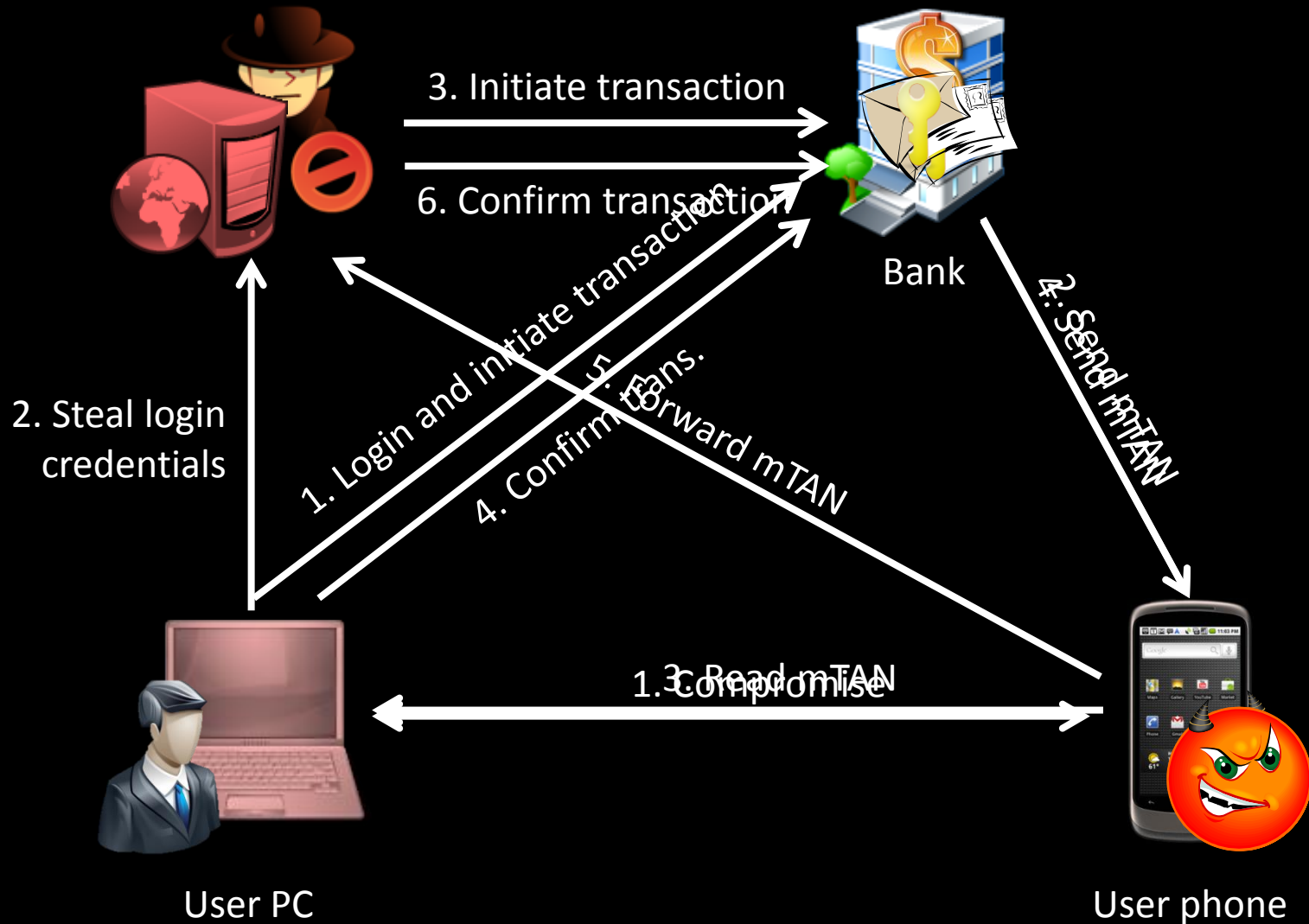


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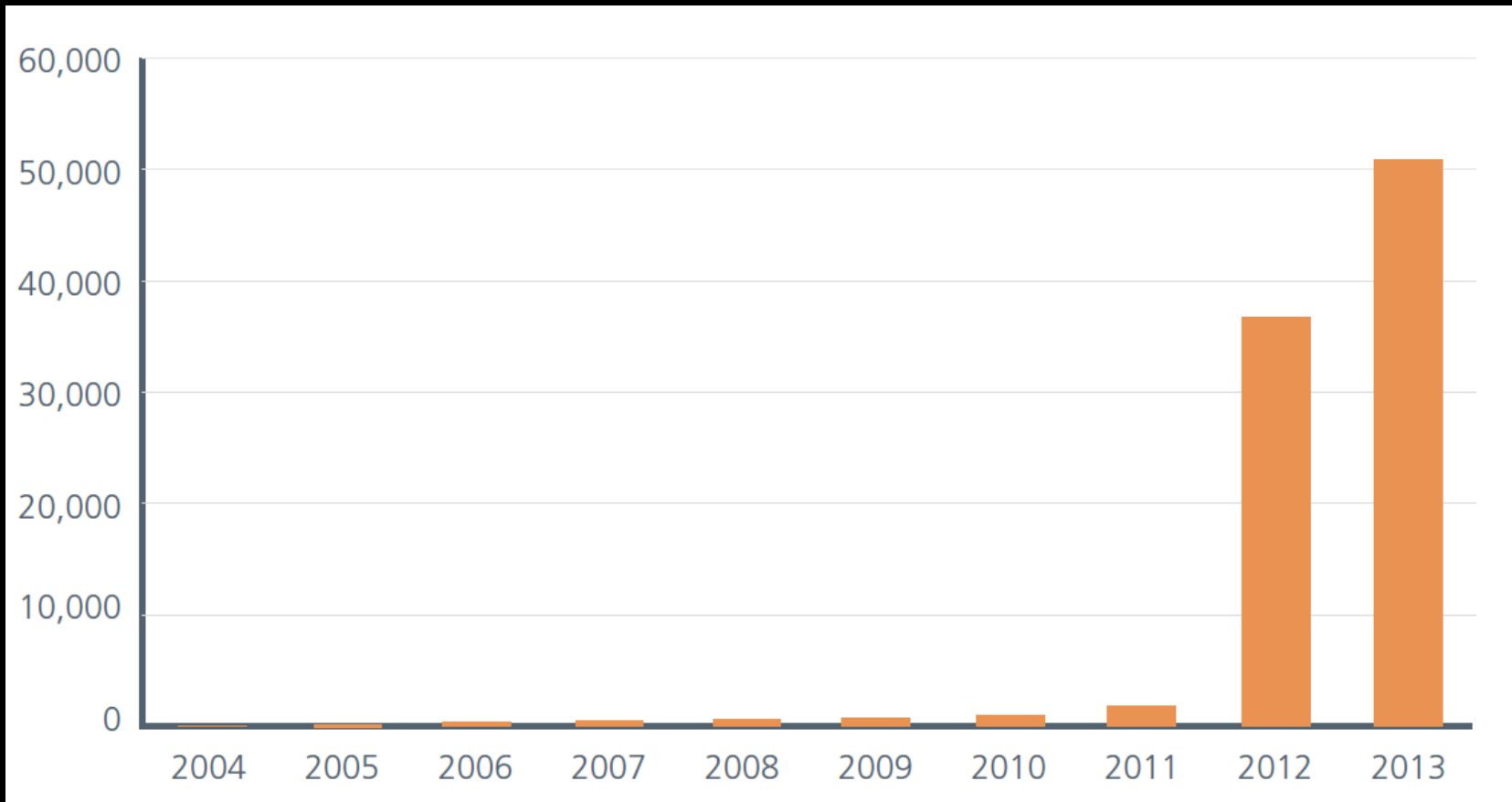


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Breaking Two-Factor Authentication: Mobile TAN (mTAN)

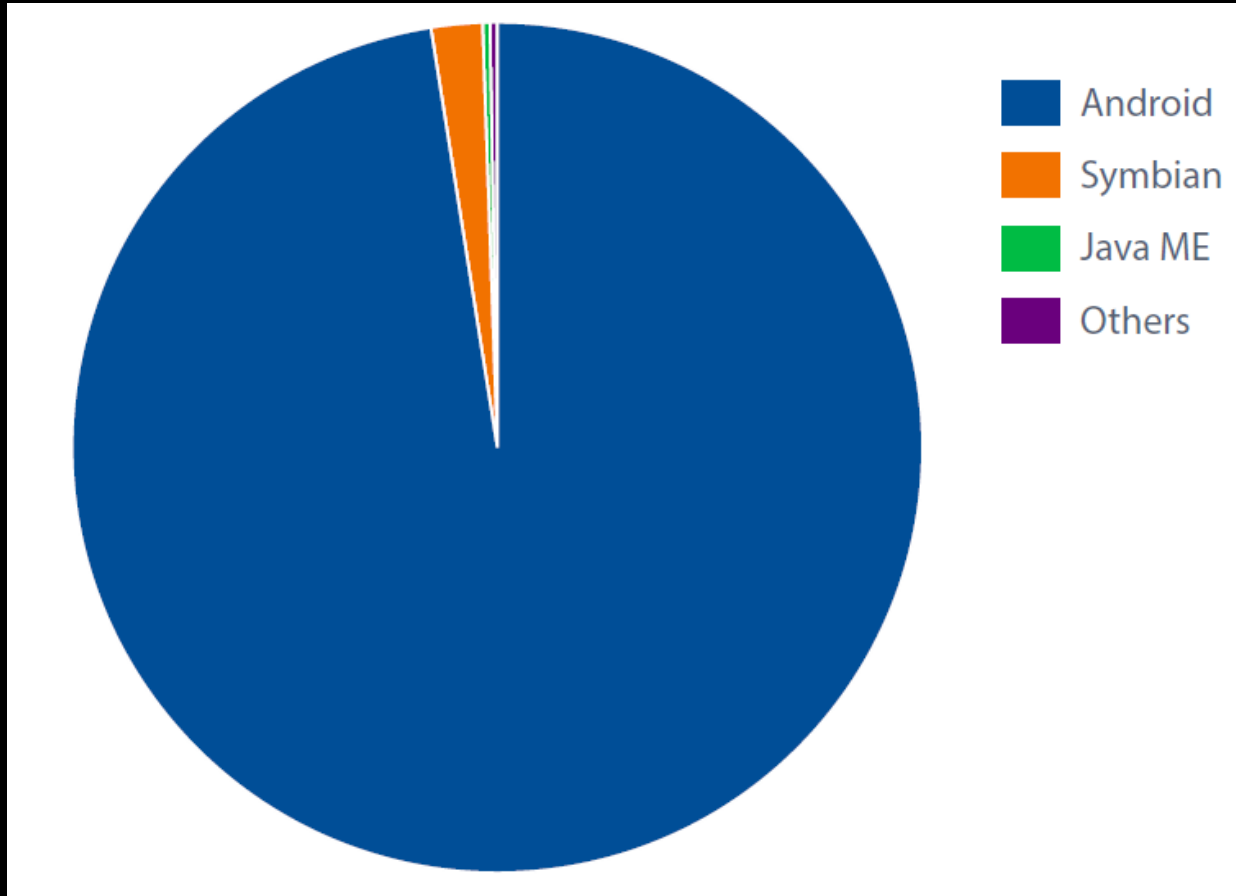


Malware Statistics: Total Mobile Malware Samples



McAfee Labs, "McAfee threats report: First quarter 2013"

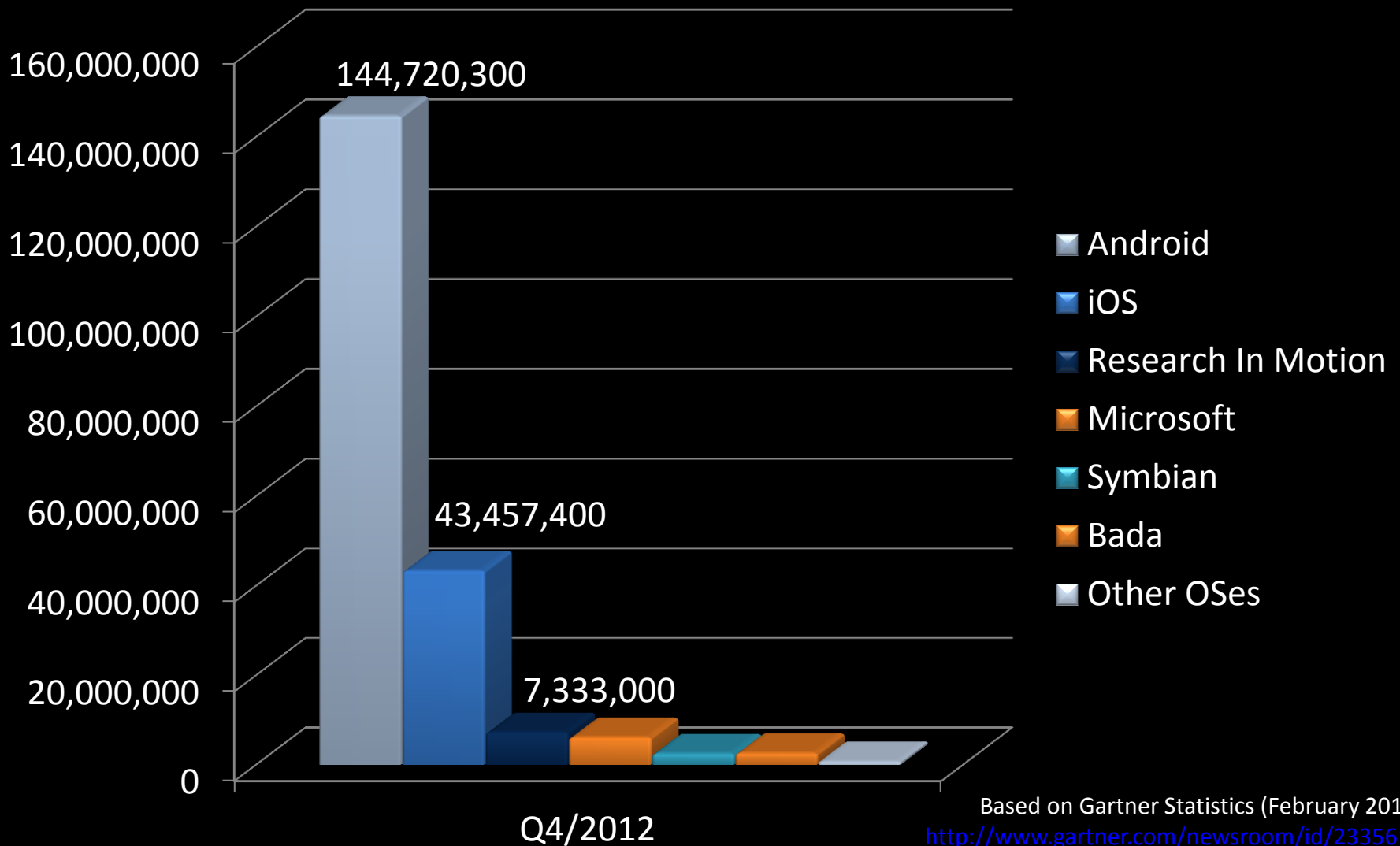
Malware Statistics: Total Mobile Malware per Platform



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Worldwide Smartphone Sales to End Users by Operating System

Sold Units Q4/2012



Academic research: Android is a main target



Why Most Research is Done on Android?



1. Market Dominator



2. Almost Open Source

Security Extensions and Tools

Detecting and Preventing Private Data Leakage

TaintDroid

[Enck et al., USENIX OSDI 2010]

TISSA

[Zhou et al., TRUST 2011]

AppFence

[Hornyack et al., ACM CCS 2011]

Application Hardening and Context-Based Policies

SAINT

[Ongtang et al., ACSAC 2009]

CRePE

[Conti et al., ISC 2010]

AppGuard

[Backes et al., TR 2012]

Mr Hide/Dr Android

[Jeon et al., ACM SPSM 2012]

Aurasium

[Xu et al., USENIX Sec. 2012]

In-App Ad Library Malware

AdRisk

[Grace et al., WISec 2012]

AdDroid

[Pearce et al., AsiaCCS 2012]

AdSplit

[Dietz et al., USENIX Sec. 2012]

Security Aspects of App Stores

DroidRanger

[Zhou et al., NDSS 2012]

DroidMOSS

[Zhou et al., CODASPY 2012]

Meteor

[Barrera et al., IEEE MoST 2012]

More Security Extensions and Tools

Malware Detection

Kirin

[Enck et al., ACM CCS 2009]

Apex

[Naumann et al., AsiaCCS 2010]

Paranoid

[Portokalidis et al., ACSAC 2010]

Airmid

[Nadji et al., ACSAC 2011]

DroidScope

[Yan et al., USENIX Sec. 2012]

DRM Policies and Domain Isolation

Porscha

[Ongtang et al., ACSAC 2010]

TrustDroid

[Bugiel et al., ACM SPSM 2011]

Privilege Escalation (Application-Level)

Confused Deputy

- **IPC Inspection**

[Felt et al., USENIX Sec. 2012]

- **QUIRE**

[Dietz et al., USENIX Sec. 2012]

- **XManDroid**

[Bugiel et al., NDSS 2012]

- **SORBET**

[Fragkaki et al., TR 2012]

Colluding Apps

- **XManDroid**

[Bugiel et al., NDSS 2012]

- **FlaskDroid**

[Bugiel et al., USENIX 2013]

Privilege Escalation (Kernel-Level)

Android SELinux

[Shabtai et al., IEEE S&P Magazine 2010]

SEAndroid

[Smalley et al., NDSS 2012]

L4Android

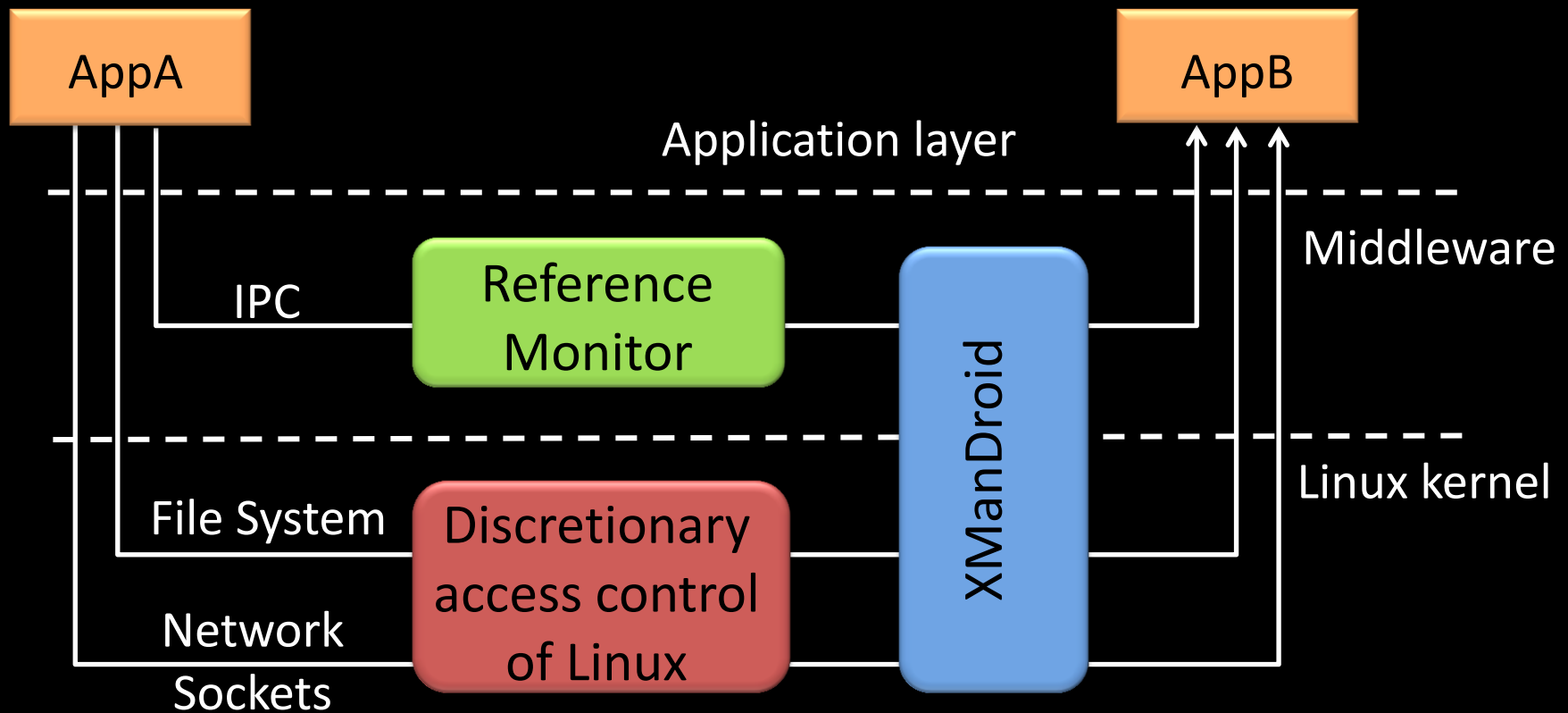
[Lange et al., ACM SPSM 2011]

XManDroid: Mitigation of Confused Deputy Attacks and Colluding Apps

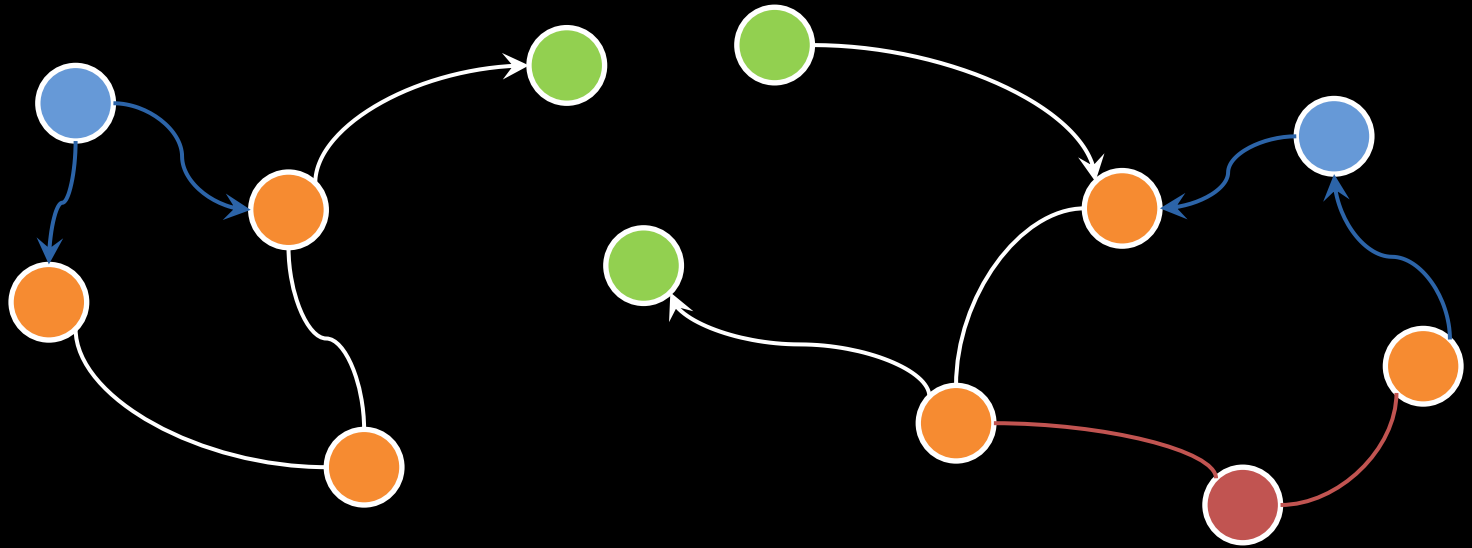


XManDroid: High-level Idea

- ♦ Monitors all communication channels between apps
- ♦ Validates if the requested communication link complies to a system-centric security policy



XManDroid: Graph-based System Representation



- System Components
- Application sandboxes
- Files
- Internet sockets

- IPC calls
- Access to files
- Socket connections

TrustDroid (BizzTrust): Dual Persona Phone



Trends: One Phone for Business and Private Tasks



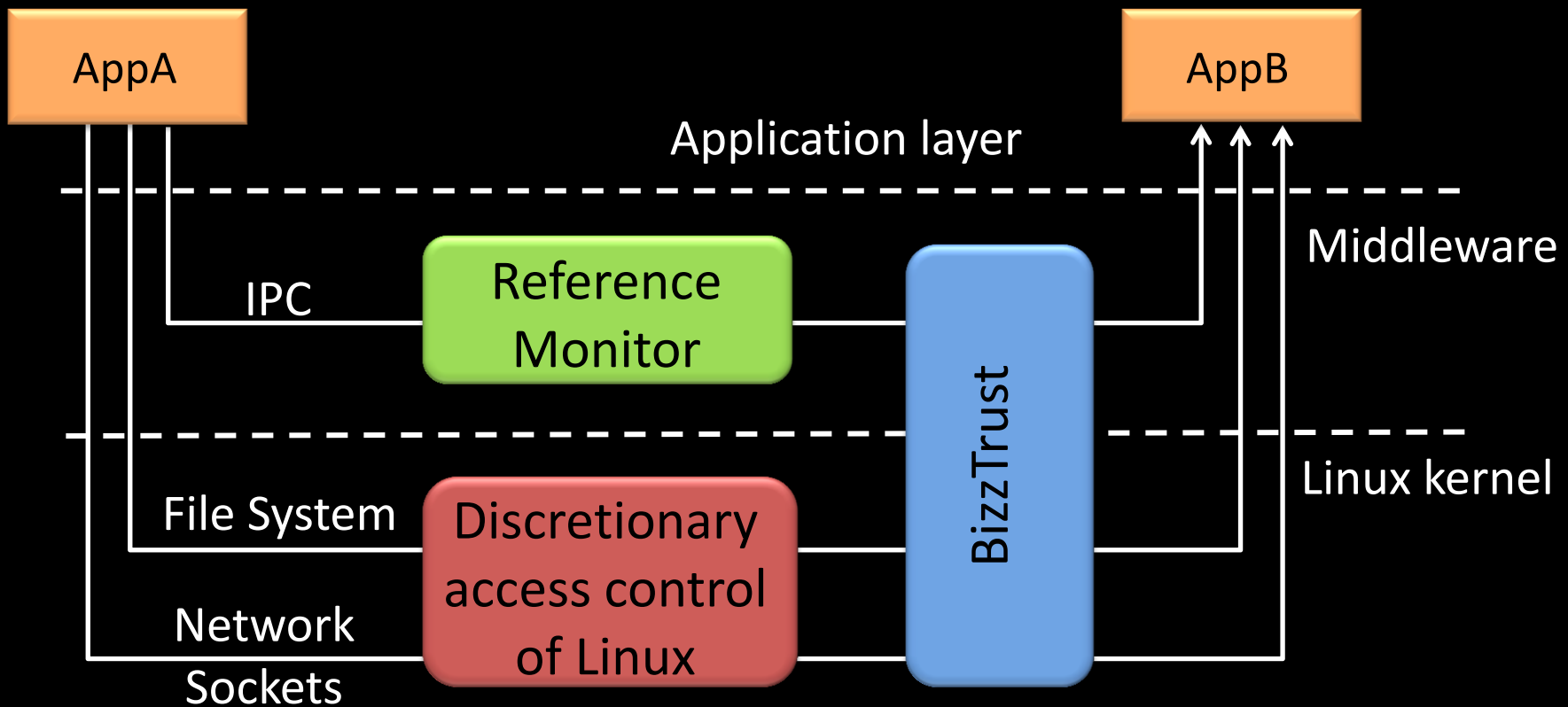
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Business / Work

How Does It Work?

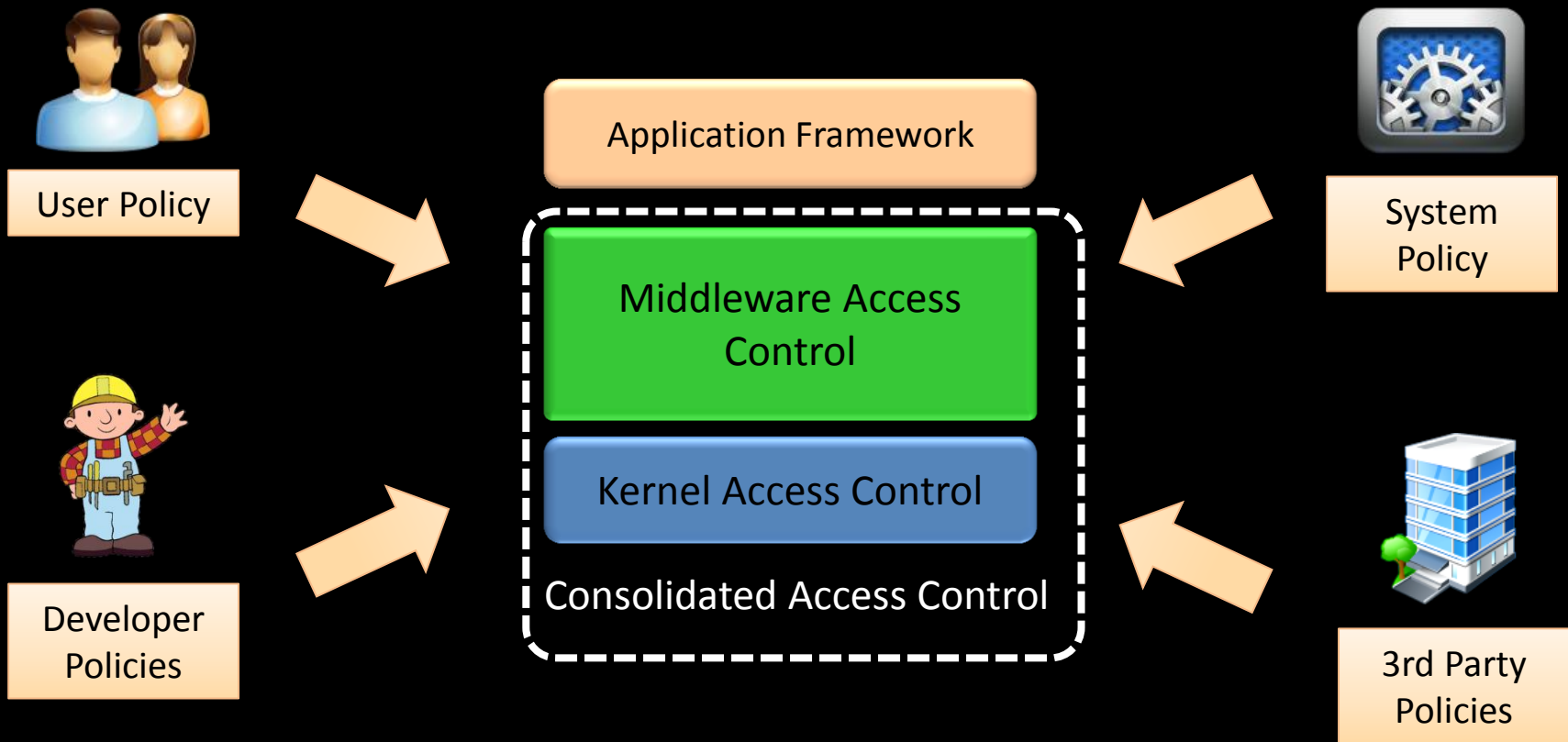
- ◆ Colors private and corporate apps into different colors
- ◆ Controls all communication channels between the apps
- ◆ Enforces isolation between apps with different colors



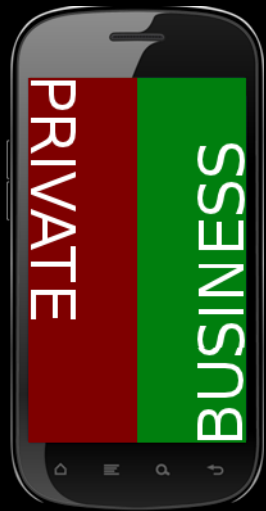
FlaskDroid: A Generic Fine-Grained MAC



FlaskDroid: Supports Multi Stackholder Policies



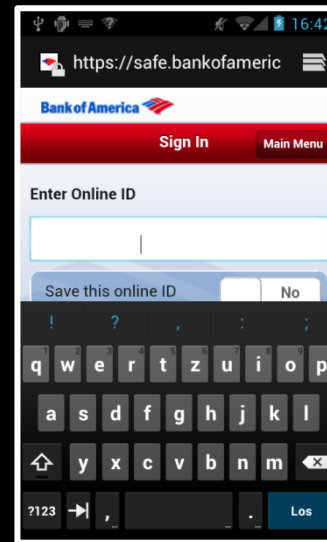
Many Use-Cases



Dual Persona



XManDroid



Prevent side-channels



Phone Booth Mode
(lending phone)

Challenge: The Gap Between Solutions in Theory and Practice



Need More Integration of Research in to Industrial Solutions

Summary

- ◆ Smartphones process a lot of privacy-sensitive data
- ◆ Large attack surface and rapid grow of malware
- ◆ Active academic research particularly on Android to harden overall system
 - ◆ Kernel, middleware, applications
- ◆ The gap between academic research and industrial solutions

Thank you!



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