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Why IOS is Safer Than Android? – Final Part

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Google and Android

Like Apple, Google provides a centralized market for mobile applications called Google Play. However, that is offset by the Android's ability to install apps from third-party sources. Some are well-known and reputable such as Amazon. Others are not, and originate from malware hotspots in Russia and China. The criminal developers deconstruct and decompile popular apps like Angry Birds, and publish malicious versions and make them available for free.



One alternative market for these “cracked” or “cloned” applications is Blackmart, and the apps cracked for that market are known as PJApps. Tools used to crack legitimate applications allow the mobile malware writers to repackage popular applications and add their own functionality. Repackaged apps will typically include some potentially unwanted pieces, such as advertising frameworks or malicious capabilities



Mobile Malwares by the Numbers

The number of threats—especially on the Android platform—continues to increase. In 2011 SophosLabs observed 81 times more Android malware in 2010—an 8,000% leap. In 2012 SophosLabs has already resulted in 41 times more malware than in all of 2011—a growth rate of nearly 4,100%.



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