

# android Bootcamp 2016

## SafetyNet

How we actively detect and prevent security problems

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# Agenda

Do devices need security apps?

What is SafetyNet?

Verify Apps: Detecting and removing harmful apps

SafetyNet APIs: Attestation and anti-phishing

SafetyNet Sensor Network: Vulnerability logging

Android Device Manager: Find/wipe lost or stolen devices

# Do devices need security apps?

# No

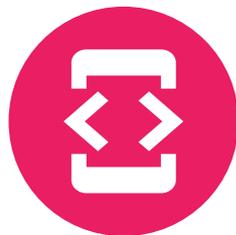
It's already in the platform and Google apps.

# SafetyNet

# Scope



Verify Apps



APIs



Sensor Network



Android Device  
Manager

Protect 1.4B Android users through  
data-driven security apps and services.

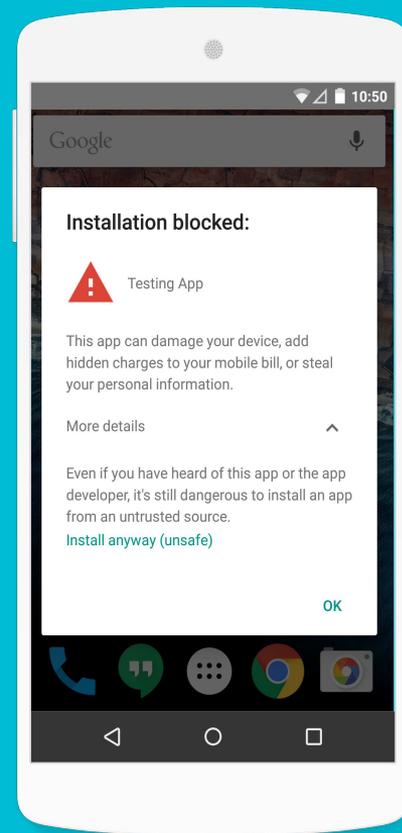
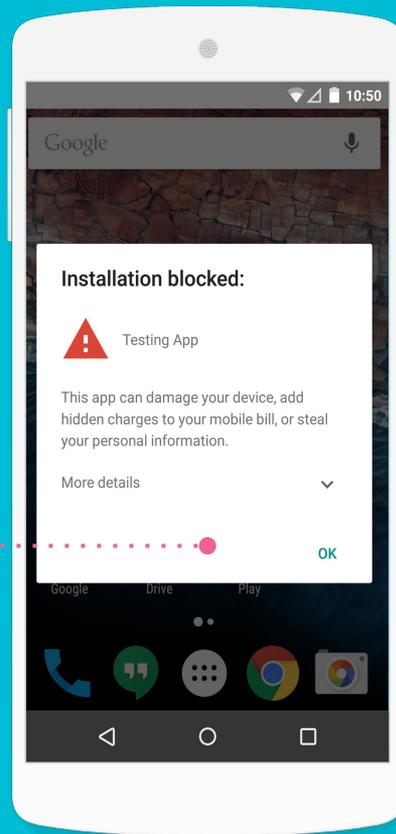
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Continually scans all installed and sideloaded apps.

Warns, blocks, or automatically removes harmful apps.

Opinionated design increases cognitive load to install or keep the harmful app.



# UX makes a difference

Two ways to install harmful apps:

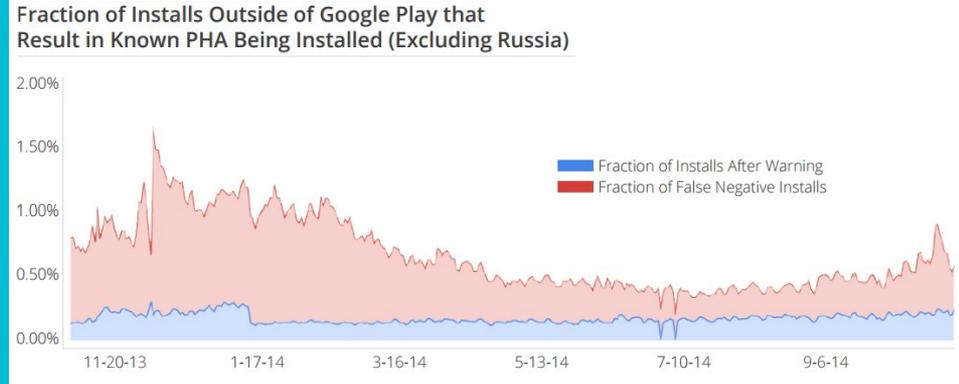
- User clicks through warning dialog
- We incorrectly assume the app is safe (false negative)

User clickthroughs account for a large fraction of harmful app installs.

Clickthroughs before UX change 20.7%

Clickthroughs after UX change 10.4%

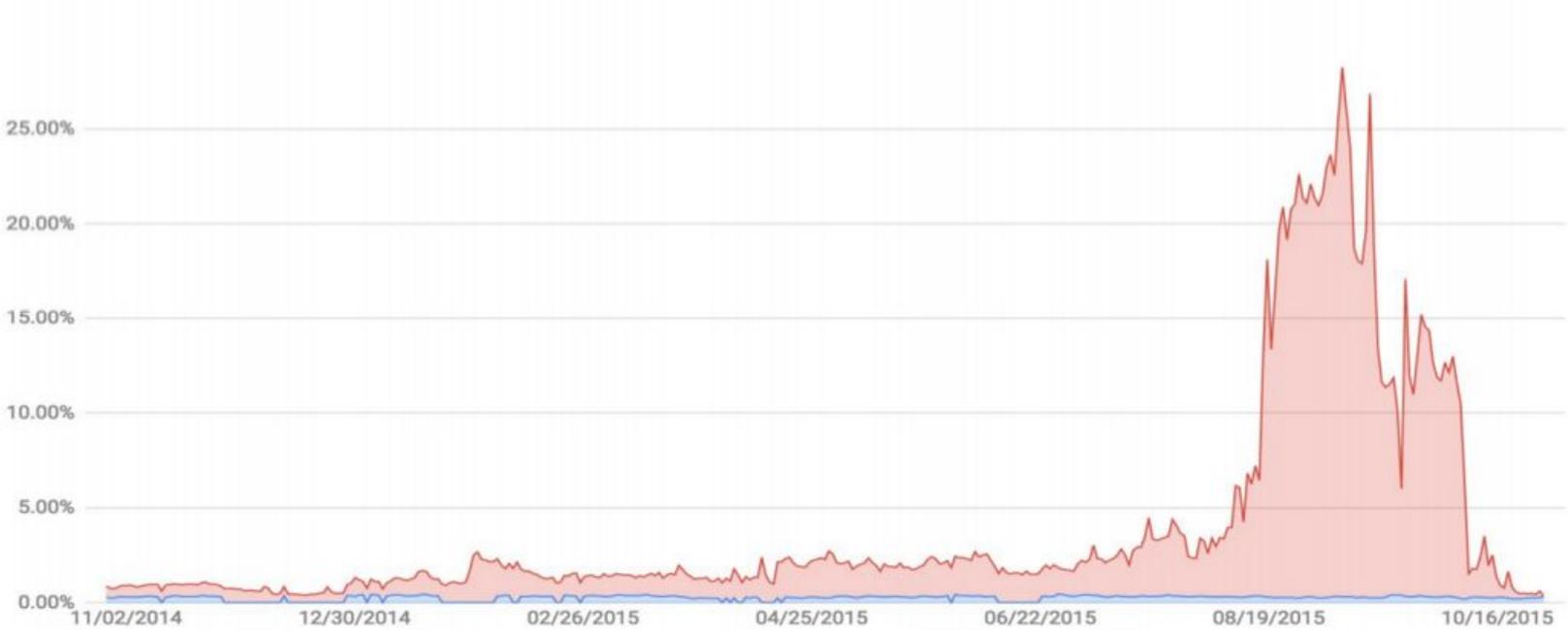
**50%** fewer installs of known harmful apps



Pre-installed apps are the next  
major security risk.

# Pre-installed apps installing malware

Scan at Install PHA Fractions by Date



# Ability to remove all apps

## **DevicePolicyManager**

Ability to remove apps that evade removal through DevicePolicyManager. First used to protect against a large fraud campaign against a Russian bank.

## **System apps**

Ability to disable system apps. We've seen massive growth in compromise of devices via pre-installed apps in the last 4 months.

# Key metrics

1.4B

Users

100%

Play apps are reviewed

99.5%

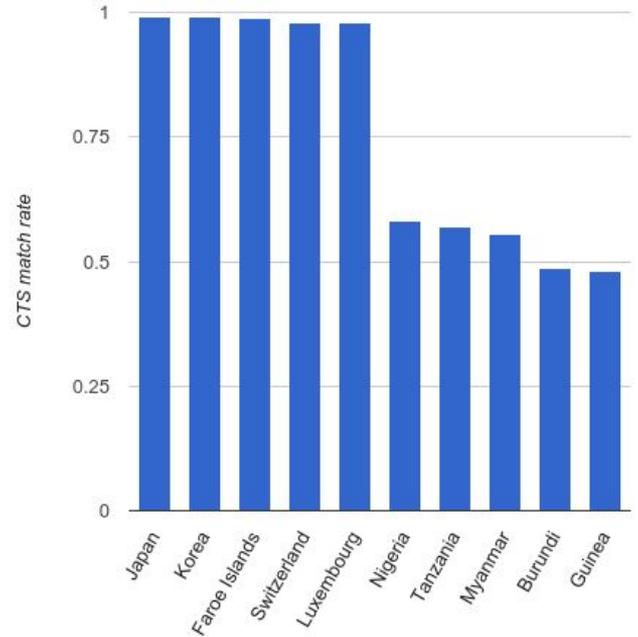
Devices have no known malware installed

# SafetyNet APIs

# Is this device CTS compatible?

## Checking Device Compatibility with SafetyNet Attest

- Detects CTS state despite advanced tampering
- Can be used for app servers to identify apps communicating with them
- 10 major applications (including Android Pay, Snapchat, and Shopkick)

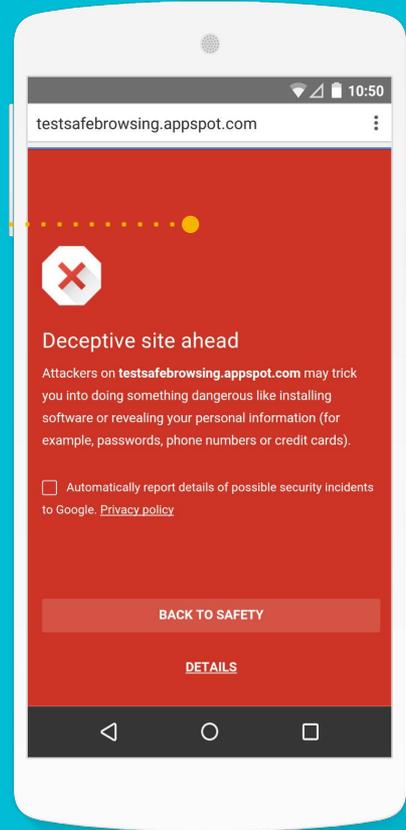


# Is this website harmful?

Safe browsing launched in Chrome

Alerts on phishing, malware, and social engineering attacks

3P API and WebView integration coming in 2016



# Sensor network

# Tracking attempted exploits

## Vulnerability Logging

- Instrument security patches to log when an exploit is attempted on a patched device
- Used to identify rooting attempts and SSL exploits
- All new security fixes to the platform require vulnerability logging

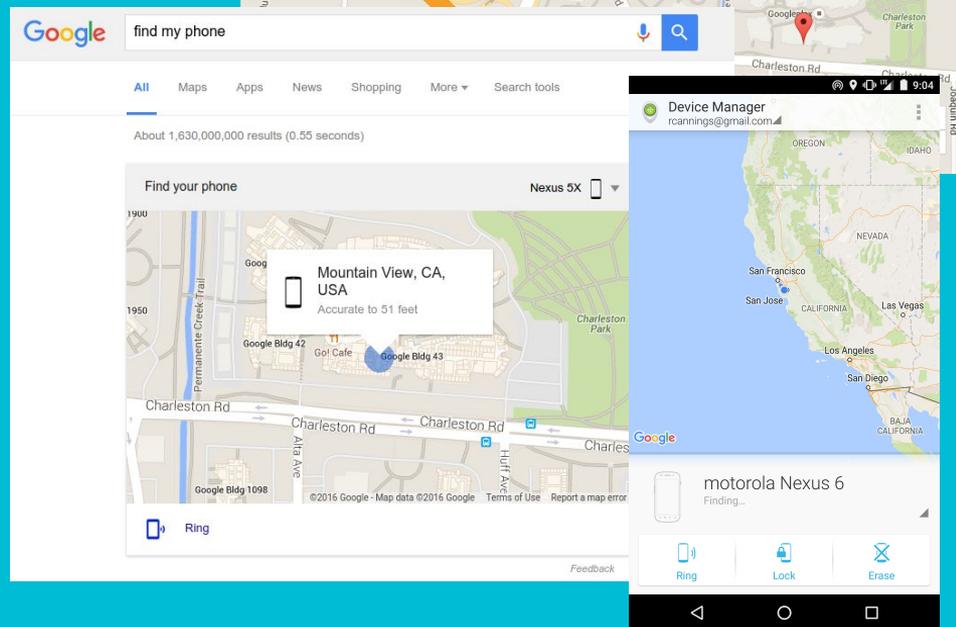
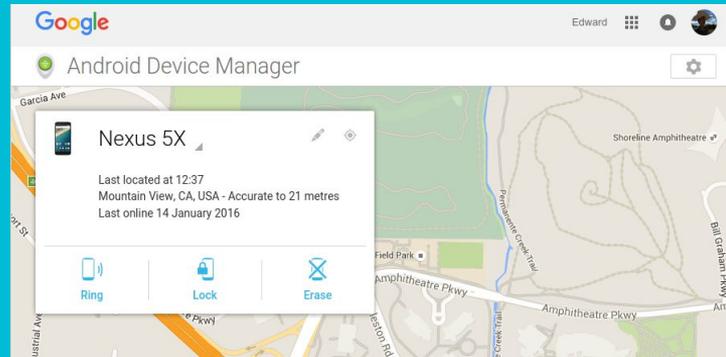
# Android Device Manager

# Where is my phone?

1M devices located per day

## Features

- Part of Google Play Services
- Web app
- Android app
- Search integration: “find my phone”



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Enjoy. It's safe out there.

THANK YOU