

MOBILE WEB REPUTATION: TRACING BAD TERRITORIES ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

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Security in
knowledge



2.7B

Internet Users¹

1 Trillion+ URLs

indexed
by Google²

665M

Web Sites³



54%

of Facebook
Access is via
Mobile⁶

300M

Mobile Financial Users⁴

1B

Smart Phones in
use⁵

Sources – 1: ITU ; 2: Google, 2008; 3: NetCraft Site Data, July 2012;
4: Juniper, Oct 2012; 5: mobiThinking; 6: SocialBakers, May 2012;

Mobile Users



96%

246M

194%



Ave adoption rate

Everything's Coming Up Mobile

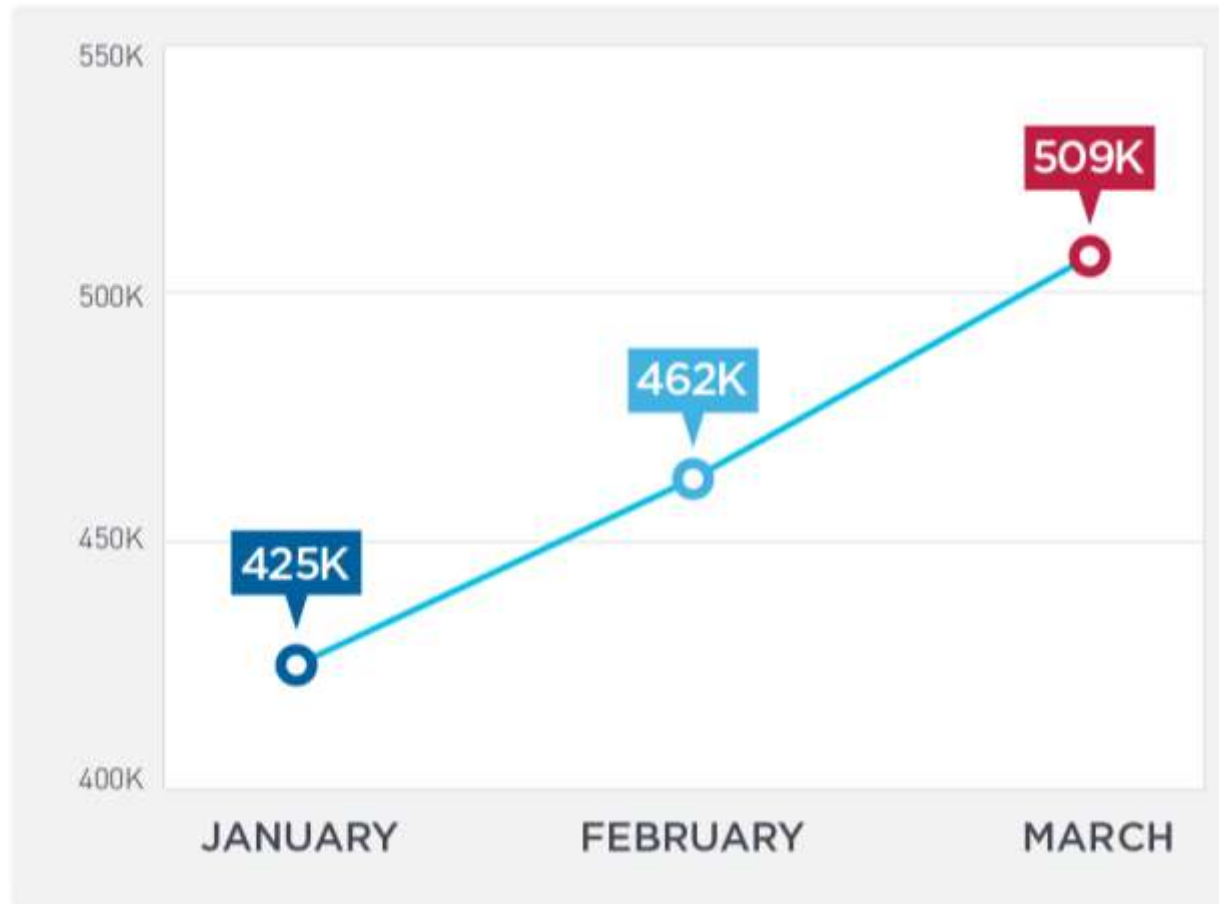


File emphasis is a fallacy

Mobile Threats on the Rise



Android Threat Volume Growth, Q1 2013

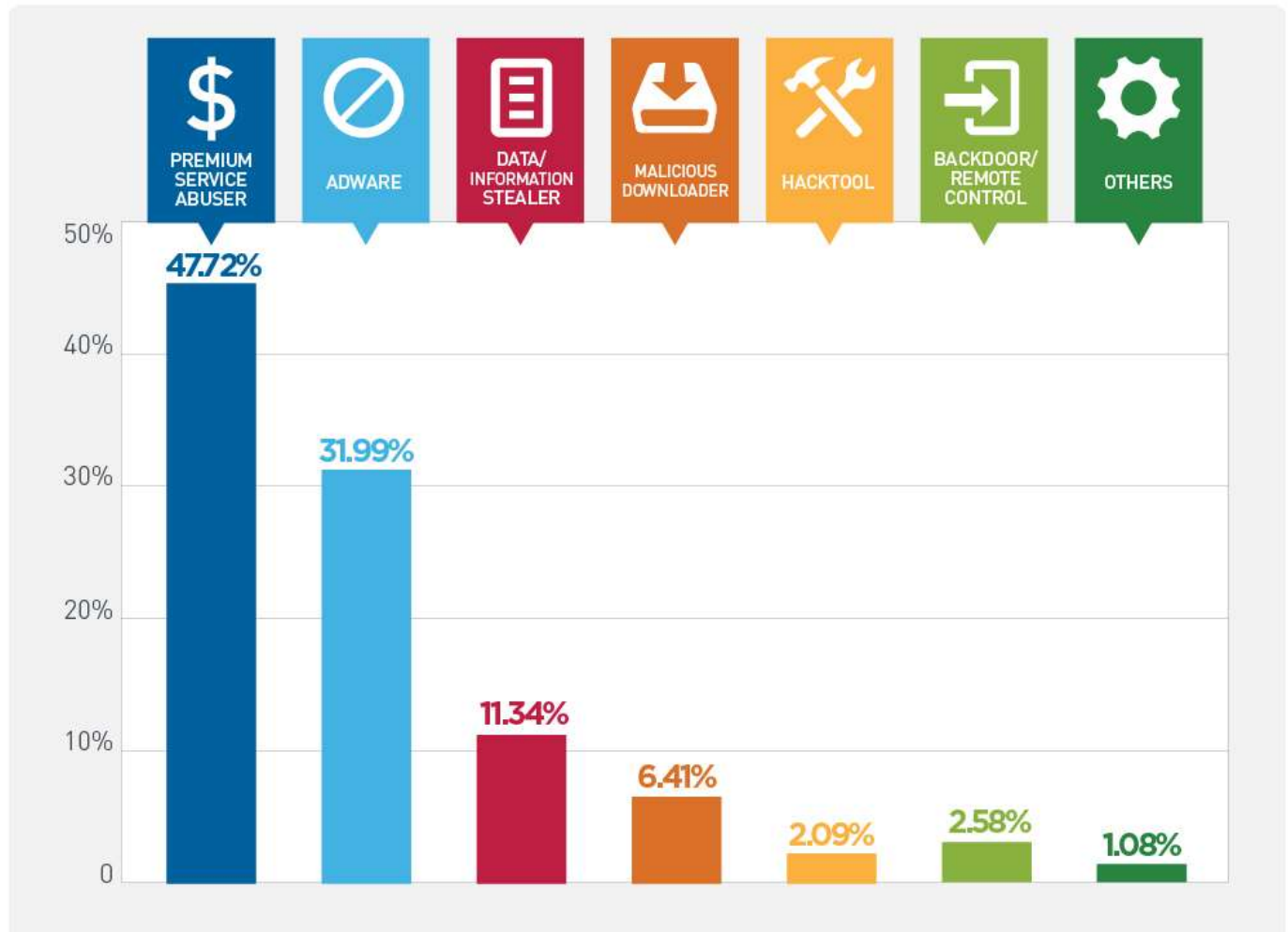


The Android threat volume has reached the halfway mark to our predicted 1M threats

Distribution of Android Threat Types, Q1 2013

Premium service abusers register users to **overpriced services**

Adware aggressively push ads and may even **collect personal information**

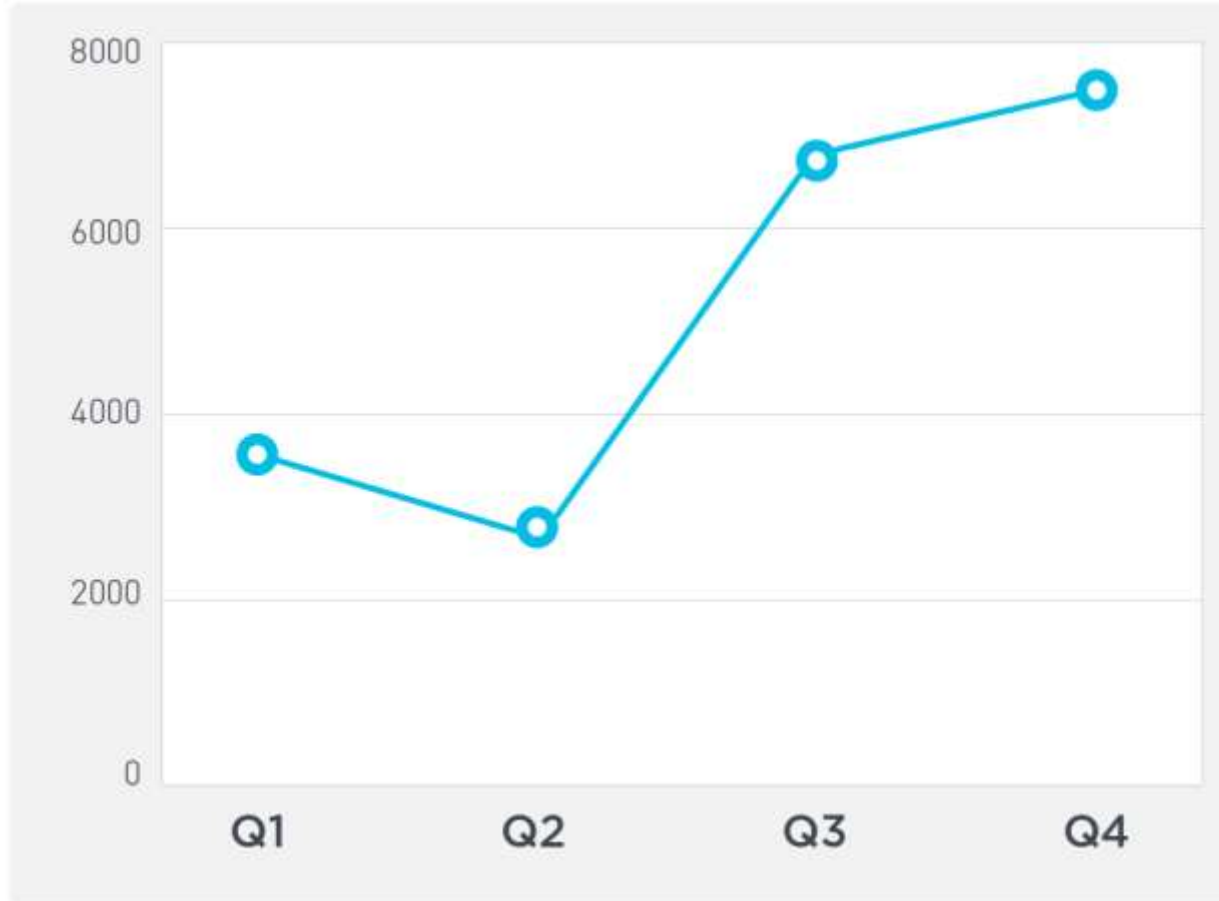


**Malicious apps are just one piece of
the puzzle.**

Malicious Domains: What Goes In

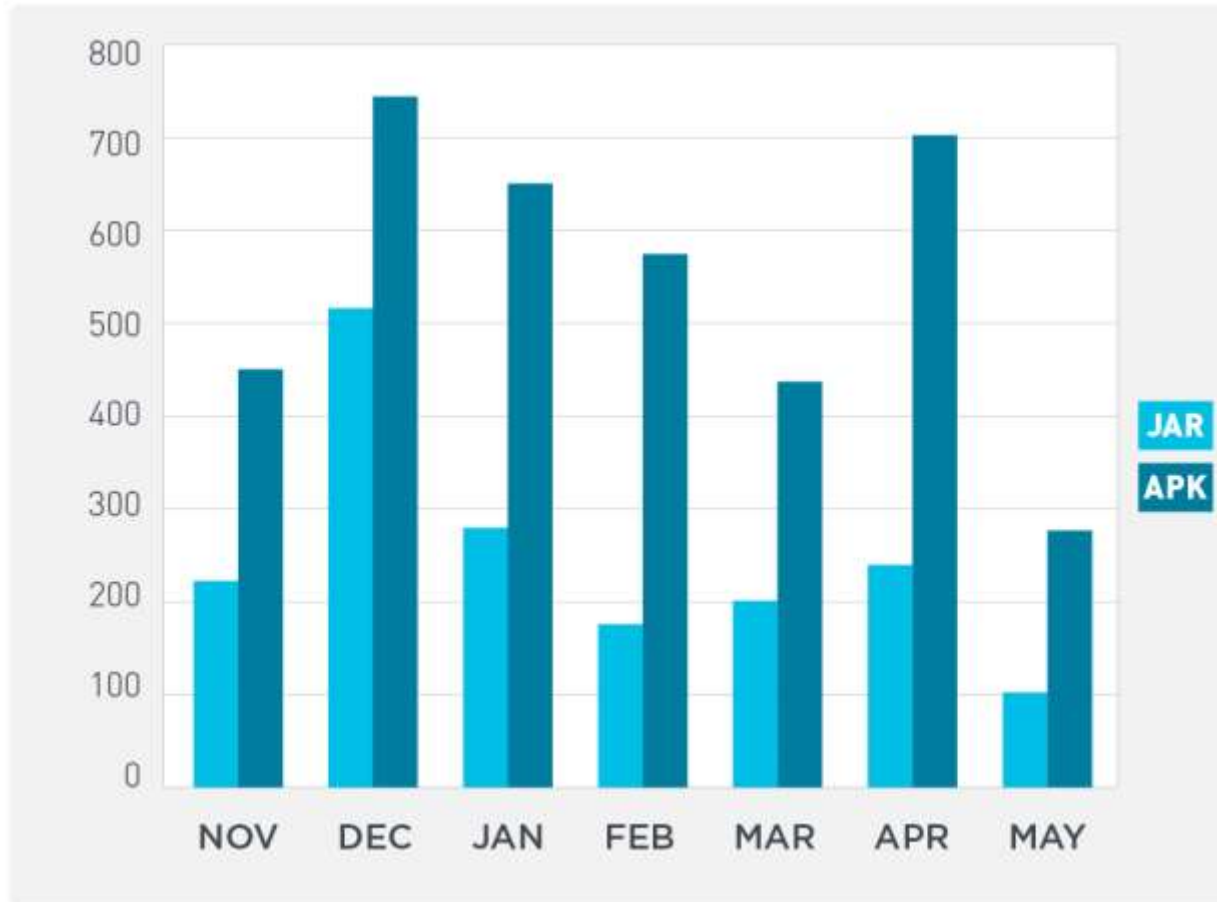


Malicious Domains in 2012



- ▶ Malicious domain count related to Android apps in 2012

Number of Visited Download Sites



The Role of Social Engineering

- ▶ Majority of the monitored URLs contain keywords related to browser updates, gaming apps, and Android rooters.
 - ▶ “Flash Player” was one of the top keywords used
- ▶ Forums, blog posts, and emails are also used to spread bad apps



— The Great Migration: From China to Russia

▶ China

- ▶ third-party app stores became popular, partly due to limited access to Google Play
- ▶ possible lack of resources required to maintain effective levels of monitoring and testing
- ▶ stricter rules about domain registration was implemented in 2010

▶ Russia

- ▶ lax laws concerning domain registration
- ▶ lax premium SMS regulations

Perils of Popularity

- ▶ Cut the Rope
- ▶ 17 domains

- ▶ Asphalt 6:Adrenaline
- ▶ 9 domains

- ▶ Where's My Water?
- ▶ 8 domains



as of July 2012
Image Source: Google Play

A Sequence of Redirections

[Iron Man 3 для android. скачать игру железный человек. игры ...](#)
Translate this page

На данной странице вы можете скачать Iron man 3 для Android.

[Iron Man 3 - The Official Game - Android Apps on Google Play](#)
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.gameloft.android...>

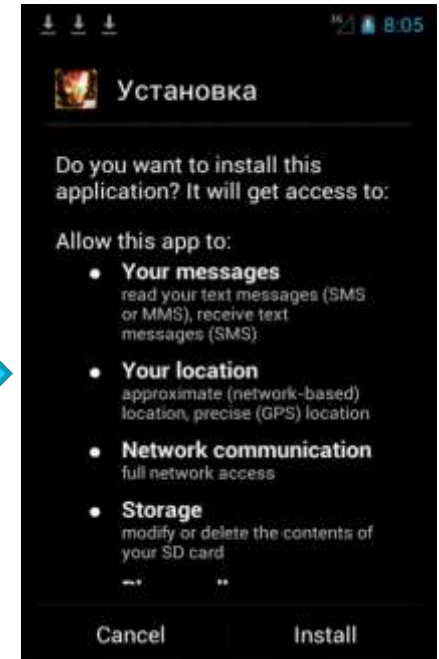
★★★★★ 140,742 votes - Free - Android

Become billionaire Tony Stark as Iron Man in the official game of the 3rd movie

Become billionaire Tony Stark as Iron Man in this free, fast-paced, endless runner ...



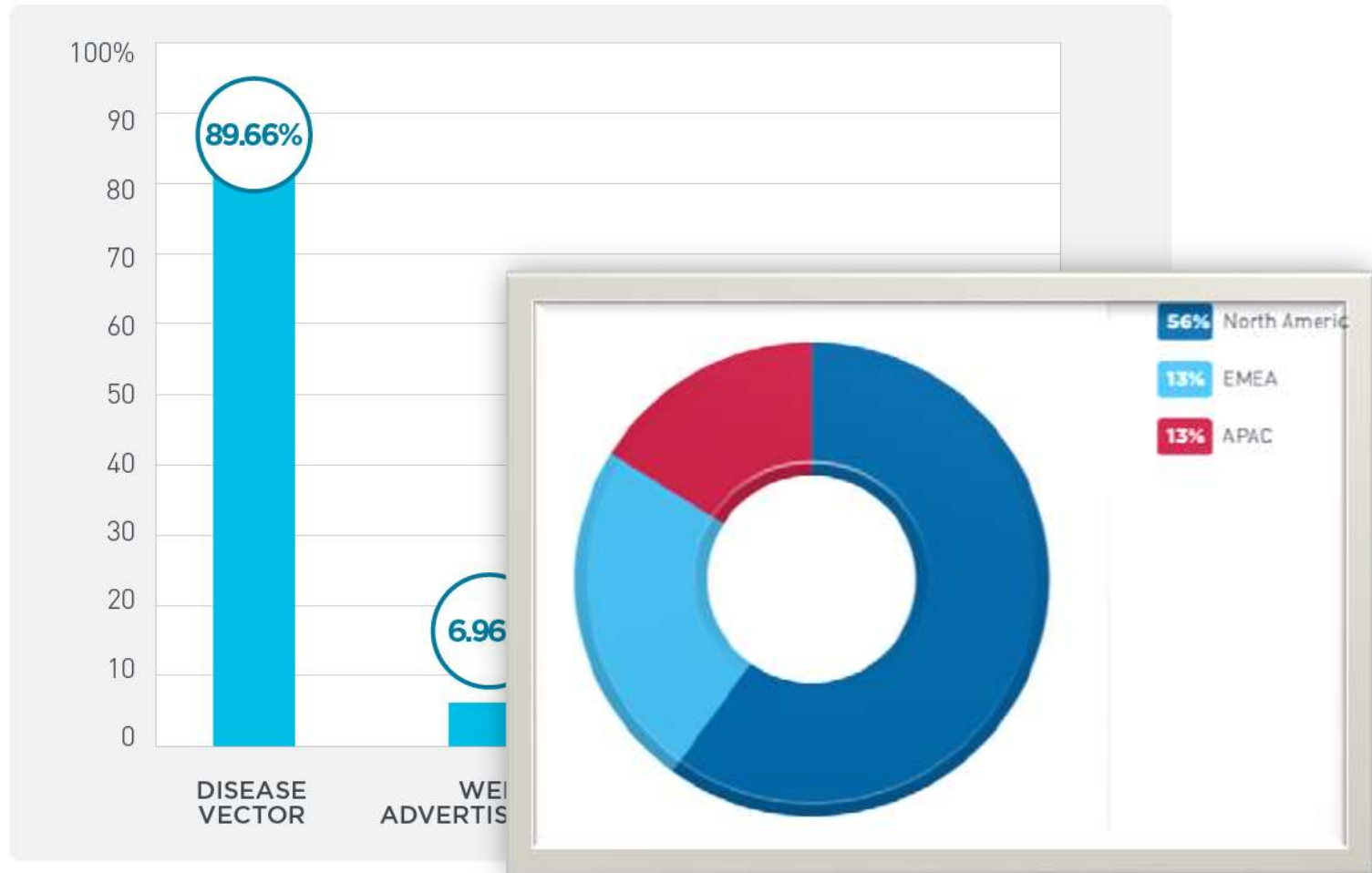
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- ▶ Users visit a website to download an app. Clicking the “download” button redirects them (unknowingly) to a different URL where the malicious app is hosted

Classification of Embedded URLs in Malicious Apps



- ▶ 90% of embedded URLs are categorized as “disease vectors.”

Implication of Malicious URLs



Threats are transitioning from PC to mobile with help from malicious URLs

— Backdoors and Remote Servers

- ▶ **ANDROIDOS_ADVINST**
 - ▶ polls its C&C server every four hours for new instructions
 - ▶ pushes several pieces of sensitive information including the device's phone number and its serial number (IMEI) up to the server

- ▶ **ANDROIDOS_CHULI.A**
 - ▶ used to attack Tibetan and Uyghur minorities
 - ▶ receives commands through SMS messages
 - ▶ opens a backdoor and sends stolen information to one remote location URL

Botnets on Your Mobile



One-Click Billing Fraud Goes Mobile 2

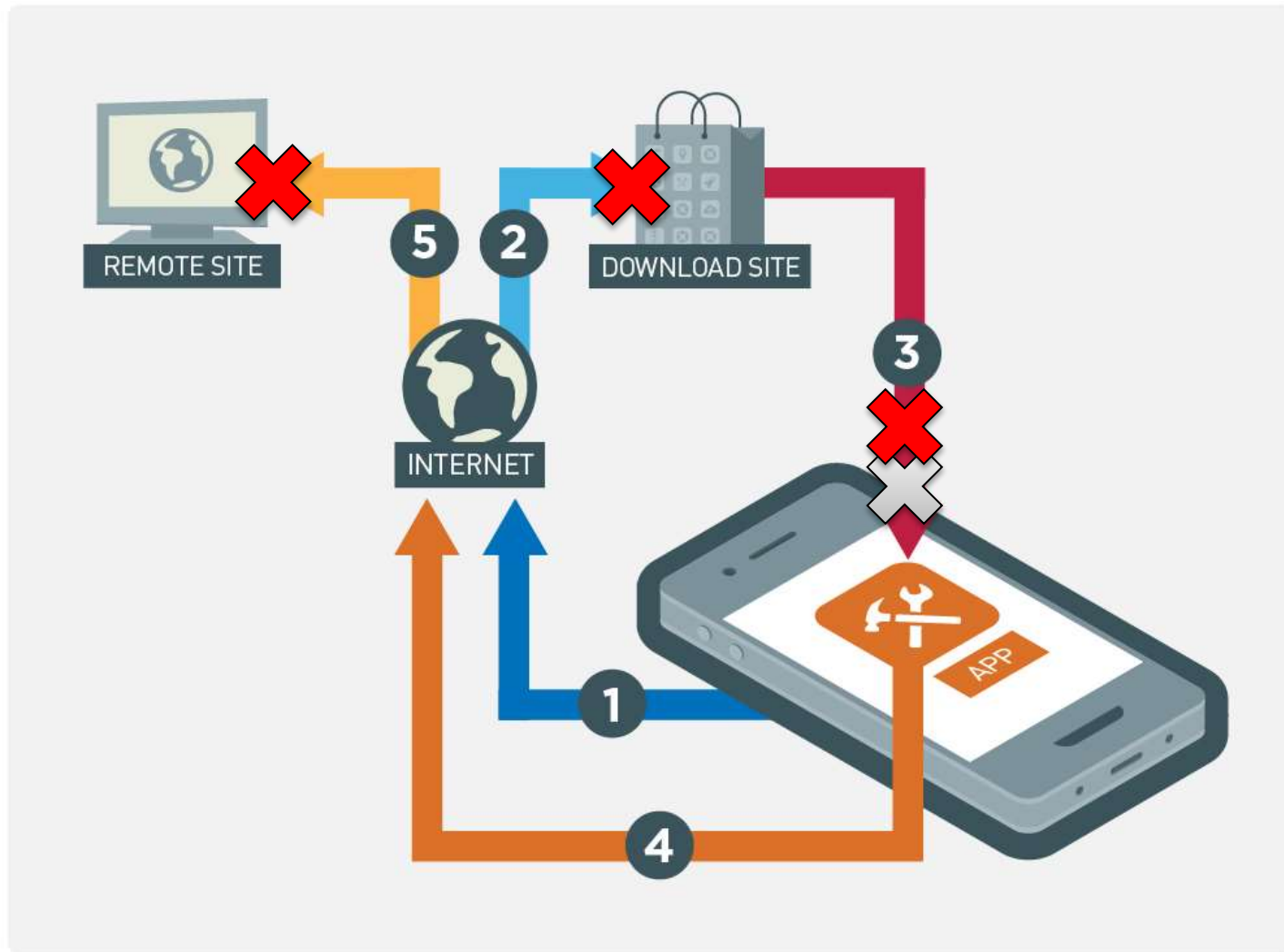


- ▶ Users are asked to download a malicious app after visiting a blog site. This app asks users to pay a certain amount

Addressing Malicious URLs



Addressing the Issue at the Exposure Layer





next big thing
IN REVIEW

— Next “Big” Things

- ▶ Continuous growth web attacks
- ▶ More financial-related fraud
- ▶ Shortened URLs and DDNS
- ▶ Traffic monetization
- ▶ Privacy loss and identity theft
- ▶ Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs) on Android

Thank you

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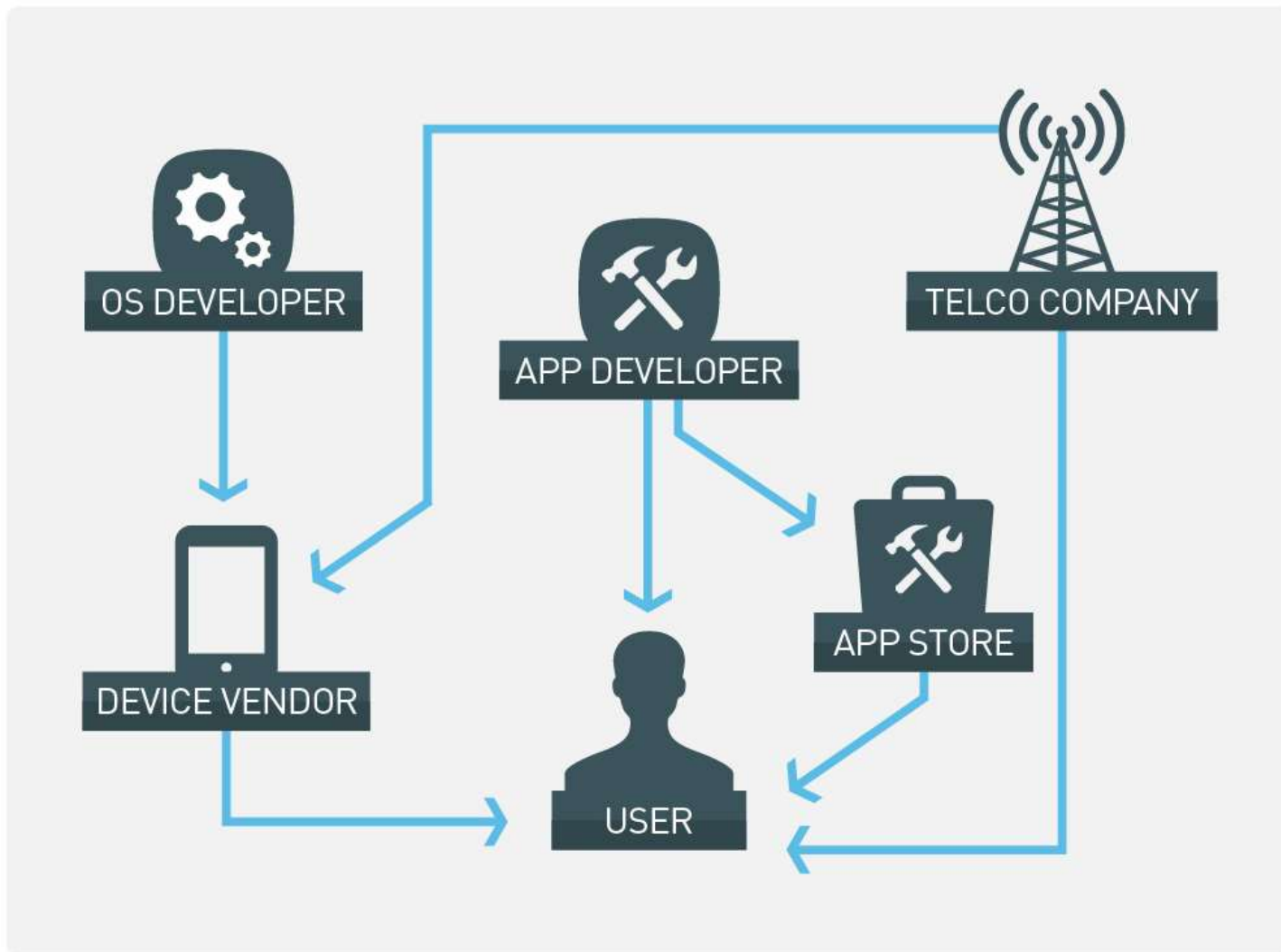
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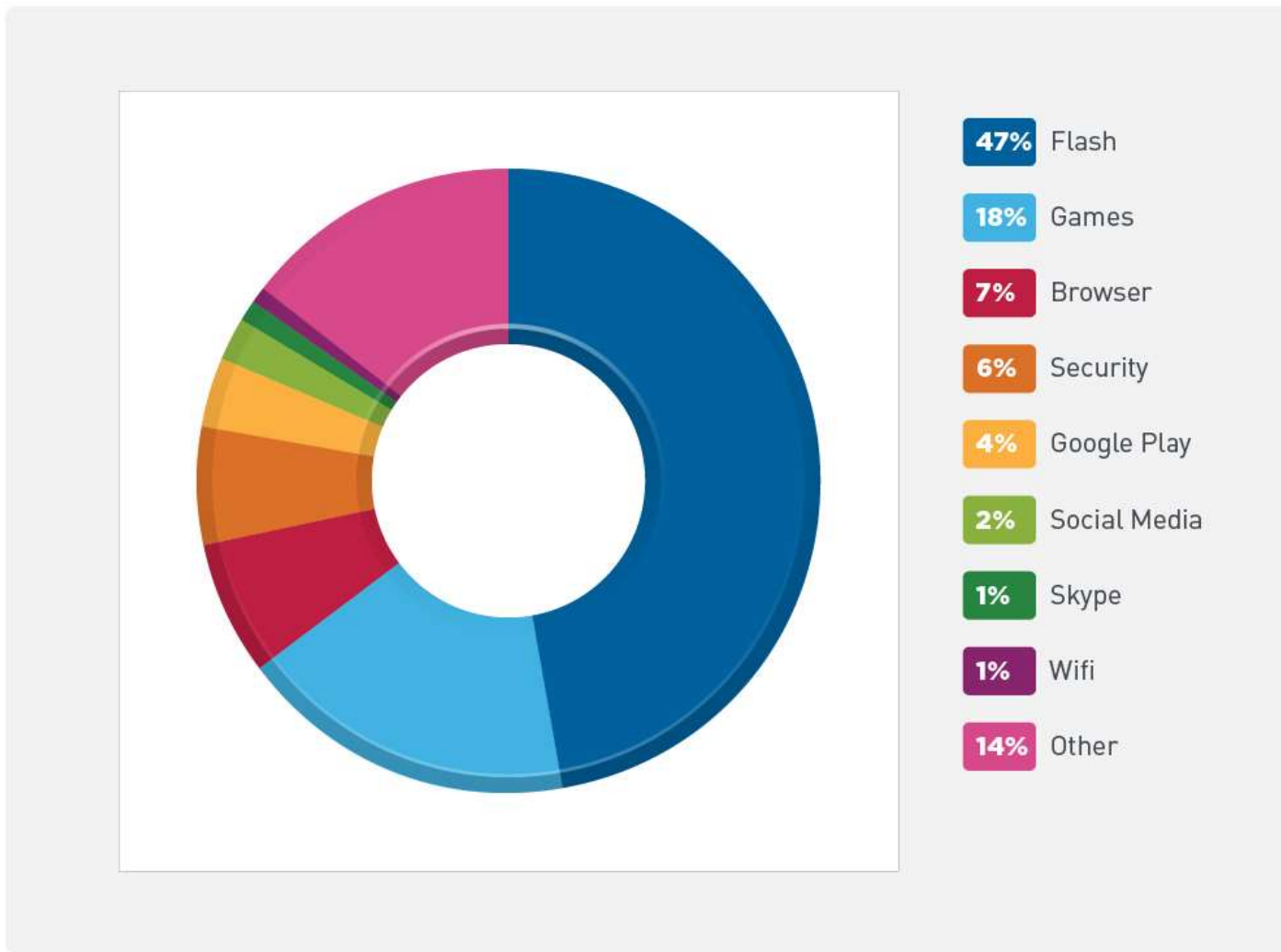
Backup Slides



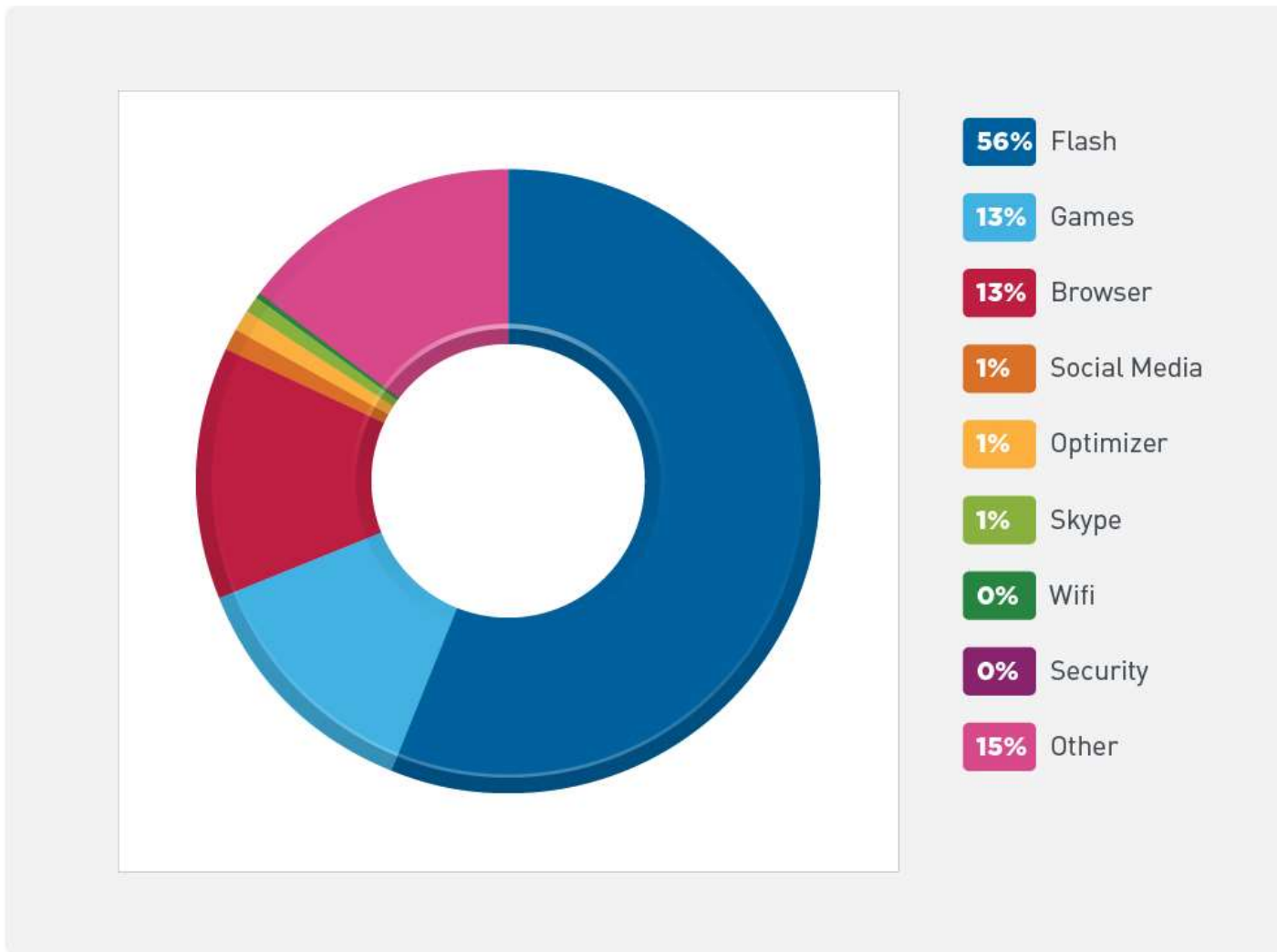
Solutions Within The Mobile Eco-system



Most Downloaded Android App Types



Most Downloaded J2ME App Types



A photograph of three business professionals in a meeting, overlaid with a binary code background. A yellow banner is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the main text. The background features vertical columns of 0s and 1s in a light grey color.

90% OF CONTENT CREATED IN THE LAST 2
YEARS OF DATA/DAY!

A background image showing a group of business professionals in a meeting. A man in a suit is smiling and looking towards the right. A woman is partially visible in the foreground on the right. The background is overlaid with a grid of binary code (0s and 1s).

Identify trends

Understand customer behavior

**INFORMATION HAS BECOME YOUR
MOST STRATEGIC ASSET**

Analyze opportunities

Discover efficiencies