The importance of mobile security

Protecting your connected devices is essential to safeguard employee and customer data

Today’s mobile transformation offers opportunities

Today’s businesses continue to gain more productivity and flexibility through mobile devices. Faster mobile speeds, driven by 5G and the adoption of cloud and mobile-first solutions, enable employees to connect and work from almost anywhere. In fact, more than half of all internet traffic worldwide is driven through mobile devices and the expectation for mobile-optimized experiences is growing.

Benefits of a mobile security solution

Security – Mobile Threat Defense provides cloud-based mobile threat protection that’s always on and continuously updated without interrupting users. Combined with Unified Endpoint Management, it allows businesses to take immediate action on a device if it experiences a threat while keeping company data protected.

Productivity - Embrace flexible and diverse mobility programs to support your business, including Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), kiosk, monitoring, and rugged applications. Benefit from centralizing and automating mobile security and management tasks.

Privacy by design – Protect employee privacy and maintain regulatory compliance while safeguarding corporate assets.

Phishing – Protecting mobile endpoints guards against one of the major points of entry for cyberattacks. This helps keep your business out of the headlines and helps maintain your customers’ trust.
Ripe for attack

Today’s dependence on mobility leads to vast amounts of data being accessed through a web of interconnected business and personal devices. This is a perfect storm for hackers. Organizations, therefore, must assume that every device with access to sensitive information is vulnerable to attack unless proven otherwise.

Users experience on mobile devices also make them more vulnerable to attack. Mobile phishing through SMS, social media, messaging platforms, and other vectors is one of the largest threats. Cyber criminals are savvy in the many ways they exploit how mobile users interact with messaging and other communication on their devices. As a result, attacks on mobile devices continue to increase.

The mobile security gap

Enterprises strive to have well-structured security measures for PCs to provide protection against app-based, device, network, and web threats. Yet, although mobile devices have just as much access to sensitive data thanks to cloud-first platforms, most organizations take limited action to protect them. The Mobile Threat Defense (MTD) market is in the early stages of adoption compared with other endpoint security markets such as the Endpoint Protection Platform (EPP) market, but it continues to grow, predominantly in regulated and high-security sectors. Gartner estimates that the MTD market reached $350 million in 2020⁴, whereas 2020 EPP market revenue was estimated at $8.2 billion⁵ – a difference of over 20:1.

Mobile Device Management or Unified Endpoint Management (MDM/UEM) systems offer management capabilities that can provide some level of protection. However, an MDM/UEM alone may leave the critical data on those devices vulnerable to risks associated with unsecured web content, malicious and/or risky apps, and always-on cellular or insecure Wi-Fi connections. A dedicated mobile security solution can help close these dangerous security gaps that traditional tools do not cover.
What can you do to protect your business?

You can incorporate mobile security into your end-to-end cybersecurity strategy by:

1. Aligning mobile security with your overall security architecture and platform.
2. Including mobile threat detection for every smartphone and tablet.
3. Utilizing tools to centrally manage your mobile security.

An effective mobile security solution can help with three of the top enterprise mobile security concerns:

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<td>Phishing links can be delivered in virtually any SMS, mobile app, QR code, and personal email with the aim of stealing credentials or downloading malware.</td>
<td>Most mobile management platforms monitor mobile status at discrete intervals, with limited ability to address the device's risk profile.</td>
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<td>Continually assesses the risk profile of devices, and dynamically changes Zero Trust access controls to provide conditional access that helps protect your data.</td>
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Mobile security built for business

How it works
Lookout Mobile Endpoint Security helps protect organizations from threats on iOS, Android, and Chrome OS devices. Its cloud-based platform and lightweight mobile application helps optimize battery life, processor load, and the user experience. The Lookout security graph combines industry-leading artificial intelligence (AI), driven by the largest mobile threat dataset, to detect emerging threats with high fidelity. By analyzing threat intelligence data both from supported devices and external sources, Lookout recognizes the malicious and suspicious behaviors that indicate breaches, while also protecting user privacy.

Centralize device management and administration
Mobile security and management should no longer be viewed as separate functions. AT&T Cybersecurity integrates Lookout Mobile Endpoint Security with MDM/UEM, partnering with the industry’s most innovative endpoint management vendors. This integration allows for automated remediation of threats identified on mobile devices before they can impact your business.

Evolve your mobile security approach
AT&T Business can help elevate your mobile endpoint security posture to deliver the comprehensive protection today’s environment demands.

Mobile Endpoint Security maturity model

Have you assessed your mobile security?
Do you know what company data can be accessed via mobile and how this could be different from laptops/desktops?

Are you effectively protecting against phishing?
Are you protecting all endpoints?
Is your mobile protection integrated into your overall security?

Do you have near-real-time visibility into threats and vulnerabilities?
Do you have access to threat intelligence?
Can you apply conditional access policies?

Basic
• Mobile device management
• Wipe, lock, locate
• No threat detection/security

Operational
• Mobile security strategy
• Secure BYOD devices
• Integration with MDM
• Secure devices from device, app, and network threats

Integrated
• Visibility across mobile ecosystem
• Protect against mobile phishing attacks
• Integration with MDM, UEM, MAM, and SIEM*
• Zero Trust for mobile apps

Comprehensive
• Utilizes conditional access
• Visibility and near-real-time analysis
• Full access to threat intelligence
• Threat hunting
• Integrated threat detection and automated threat response
• Continuous assessment and learning

* MAM - Mobile Application Management; SIEM - Security Information and Event Management

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