

# Mobile Security

Tackling the Risks of Mobile Proliferation

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# The Mobility Landscape and Ecosystem



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# The mobility landscape

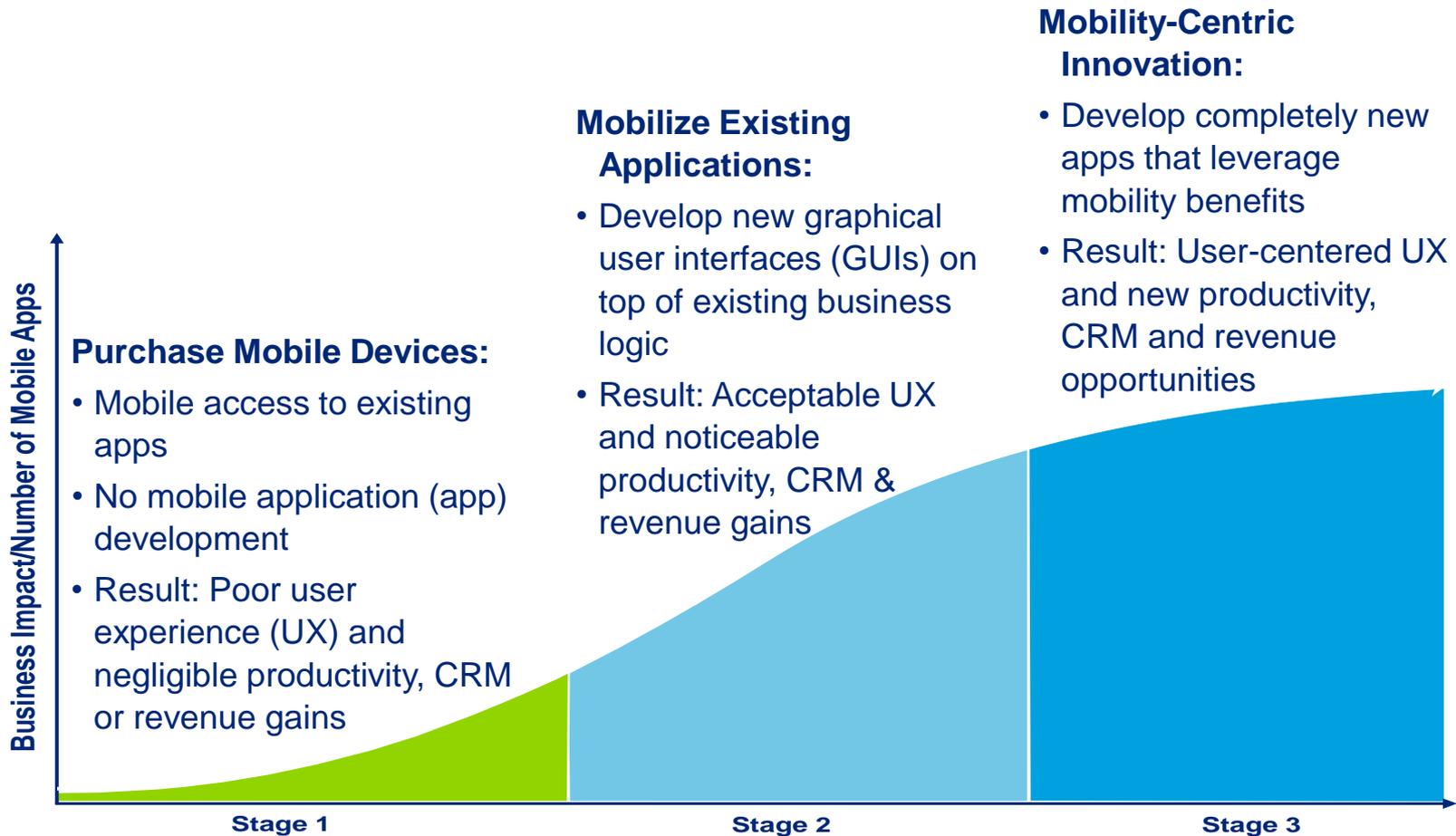
Mobile computing is expected to continue its exponential growth rate over the next five years across all age groups, income groups, industries, and geographies.

## Mobility Growth

- There will be 1 billion smartphone customers by 2016, with 257 million smartphones and 126 million tablets in the U.S. (*Forrester*)
- 75% of Fortune 500 companies are taking steps to deploy HTML5 mobile apps (*IBM Worklight*)
- Mobile CRM apps to grow 500% by 2014 (*Gartner*)
- Mobile 4G connections to grow from 203 million in 2013 to 1.5 billion by 2018 (*Cisco*)
- By 2016 over 30% of BYOD strategies will leverage personal applications, data and social connections, for enterprise purposes (*Gartner*)

***Mobility and mobility services are not only gaining ground among consumers but also among enterprises.***

# 3 stages of mobility adoption

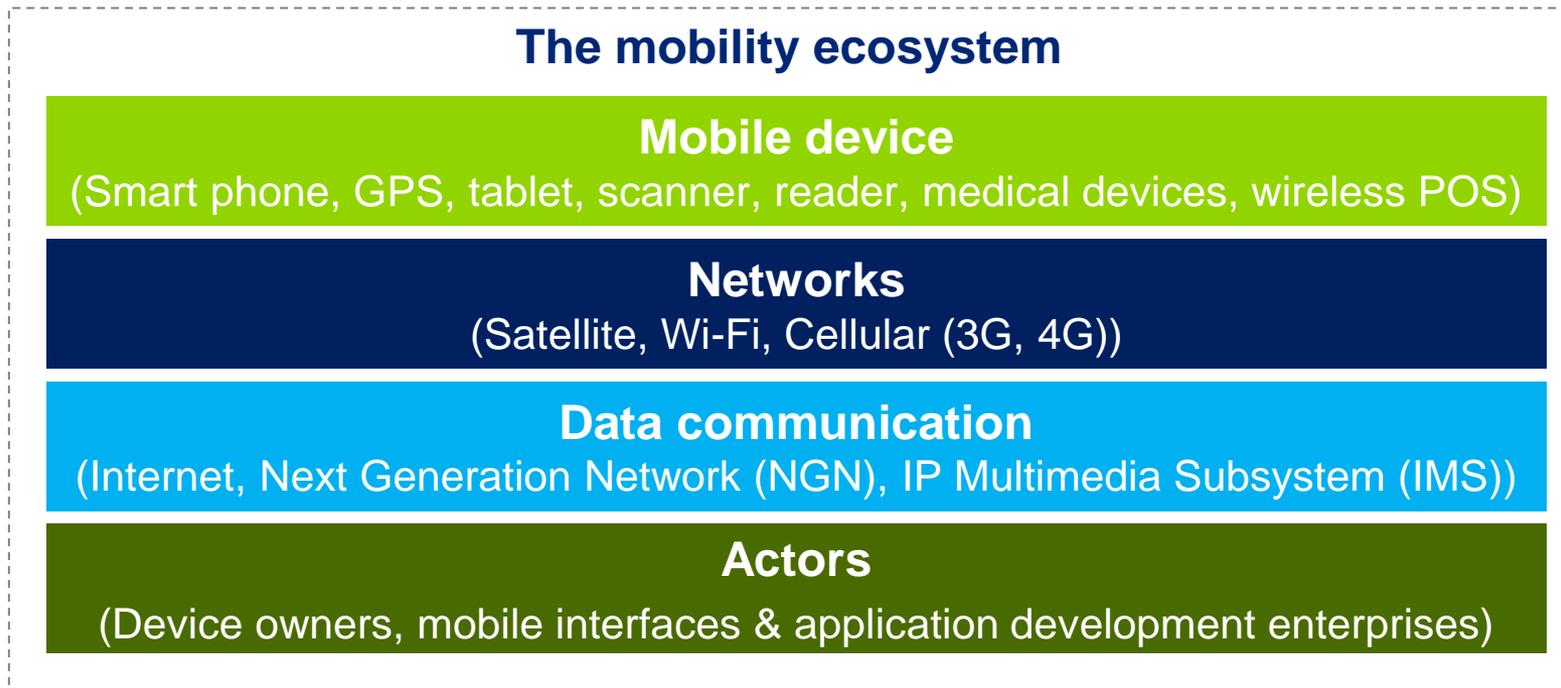


*Though mobility offers a wide range of products and services, it has its own set of security vulnerabilities due to the changing threat landscape.*

# The mobility ecosystem

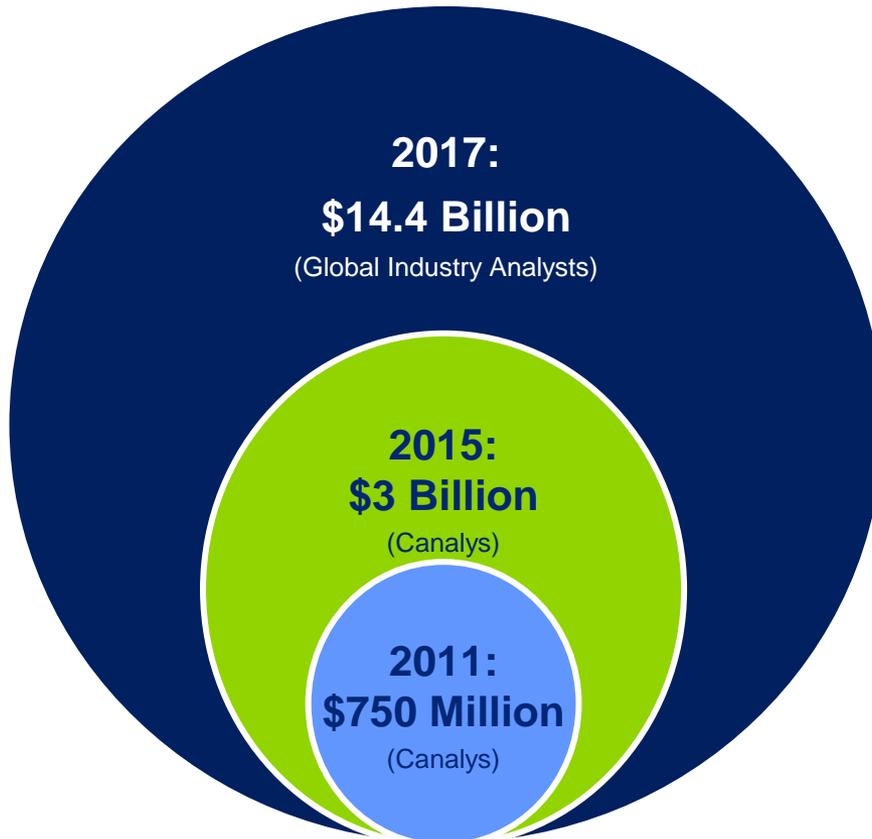
Today's mobile ecosystem is a complex, rapidly developing environment consisting of different types of mobile devices, data communication channels, connectivity methods and various ecosystem actors. Fundamentally, the ecosystem can be viewed as being segmented in to four (4) primary components -

- mobile devices, used by actors, who connect to various networks in order to transmit data to other devices/systems.



# Enterprise mobile security spending

Estimated global spending on mobile security products



## Products Purchased:

- Mobile Device Management
- Mobile Anti-Malware
- Messaging Security
- Web Threat Security
- Identity Management

<sup>1</sup>Note: Please refer Appendix for statistic references

*Global corporate spending on mobile security products is poised to reach record levels by 2017.*

# Mobility Security Risks

# Drivers

## Mobile Security Drivers

**Co-mingling of business and personal use of mobile devices**

**Enterprises are no longer able to enforce the single brand restrictions of the past**

**Employee and customer facing mobile applications will potentially access critical corporate systems**

**Enterprise mobile needs integration with the broader mobile ecosystem**

## Enterprise Impact

An expanding “gray area” between enterprise mobile device management/acceptable use and personal use activities.

Single device/vendor solutions are no longer viable.

Mobile devices are increasingly a gateway into corporate applications and data

An effective enterprise mobile security strategy will need detailed planning

# Mobile security: Threat overlay on mobility ecosystem

## Cyber Threat Landscape: Wireless

| Mobile Security Controls            | Topology References |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
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|                                     | 1                   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| C1. Wireless Intrusion Detection    |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C2. Device Encryption               |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C3. Device Vulnerability Scanning   |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C4. Wireless Network Control        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C5. Wireless Network Encryption     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C6. Public Key Infrastructure       |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C7. Mobile Content Filtering        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C8. Device Email Encryption         |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C9. Mobile VPN Access               |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C10. Mobile App Code Signing        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C11. Mobile Application Restriction |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C12. App Testing/Validation         |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C13. Device Anti-Virus Software     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C14. Wireless Service Agreement     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C15. Remote Device Wipe             |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C16. Mobile Device "Locking"        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C17. Firmware Patch Management      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| C18. Mobile App Patch Management    |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |

**Key Point #1**  
The mobile device attack surface is narrow from a network security perspective but very deep in terms of services and attack vectors targeting the user

**Key Point #2**  
Vendor mobile "app-store" validation processes have limitations and users install applications with little due-diligence or verification

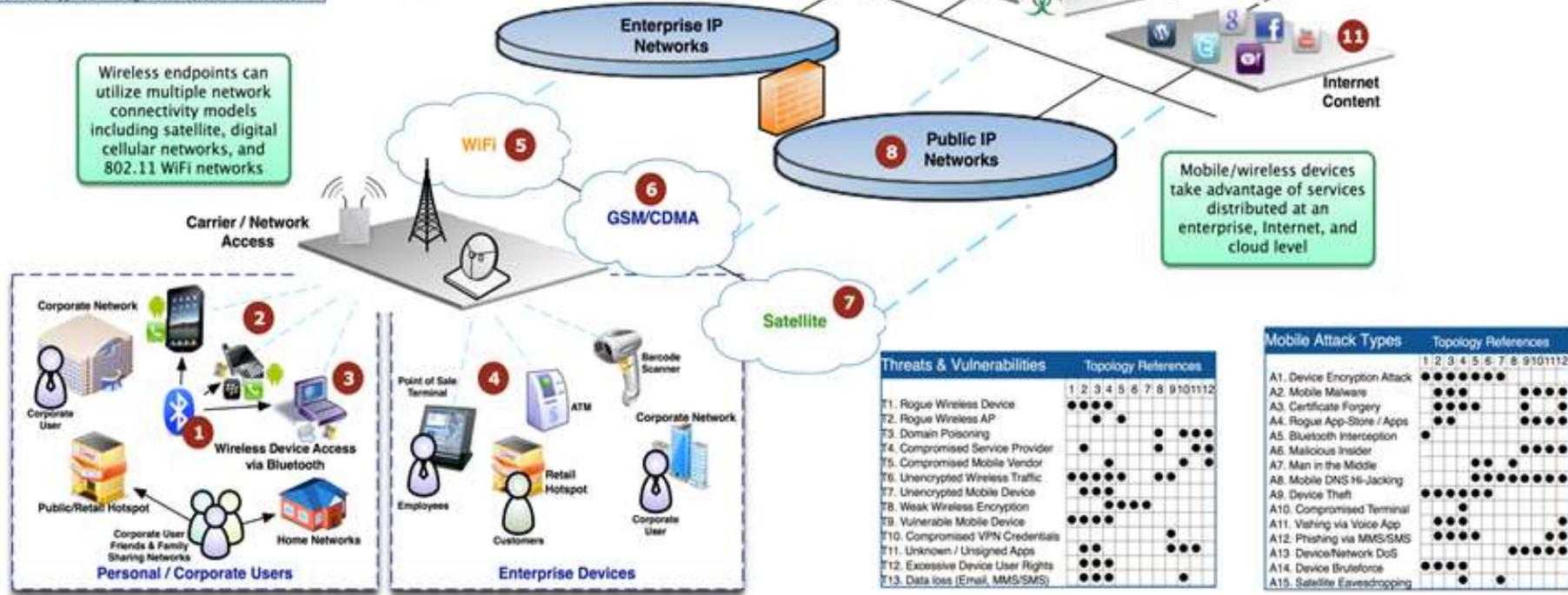
**Key Point #3**  
Users & executives are driving decisions on devices and applications ahead of IT teams' capabilities to provide secure, manageable solutions

Software delivery can be, but is not always, managed by an enterprise. Firmware is owned by the provider

Mobile and wireless devices are designed to treat public IP networks and private enterprise networks as ubiquitous

Wireless endpoints can utilize multiple network connectivity models including satellite, digital cellular networks, and 802.11 WiFi networks

Mobile/wireless devices take advantage of services distributed at an enterprise, internet, and cloud level



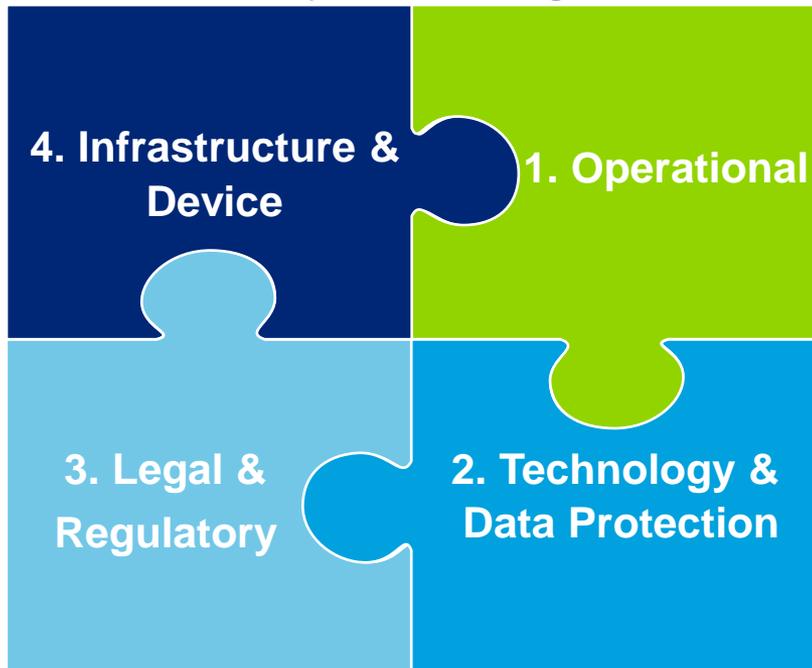
| Threats & Vulnerabilities         | Topology References |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
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| T1. Rogue Wireless Device         |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T2. Rogue Wireless AP             |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T3. Domain Poisoning              |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T4. Compromised Service Provider  |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T5. Compromised Mobile Vendor     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T6. Unencrypted Wireless Traffic  |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T7. Unencrypted Mobile Device     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T8. Weak Wireless Encryption      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T9. Vulnerable Mobile Device      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T10. Compromised VPN Credentials  |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T11. Unknown / Unsigned Apps      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T12. Excessive Device User Rights |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| T13. Data loss (Email, MMS/SMS)   |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |

| Mobile Attack Types          | Topology References |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
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| A1. Device Encryption Attack |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A2. Mobile Malware           |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A3. Certificate Forgery      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A4. Rogue App-Store / Apps   |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A5. Bluetooth Interception   |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A6. Malicious Insider        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A7. Man in the Middle        |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A8. Mobile DNS Hijacking     |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A9. Device Theft             |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A10. Compromised Terminal    |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A11. Vishing via Voice App   |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A12. Phishing via MMS/SMS    |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A13. Device/Network DoS      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A14. Device Brute-force      |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| A15. Satellite Eavesdropping |                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |

# Mobility risk categories

Enabling mobility is a balance of technology, return on investment and risk. These need to be aligned with business needs and strategies. When considering developing mobile solutions, or fine tuning an existing solution, it is necessary to gain an understanding of the risks associated with mobility. These risks fall into four main categories:

## Mobility risk categories



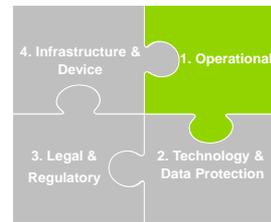
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What makes mobile devices valuable from a business perspective – portability, usability and connectivity to the internet and corporate infrastructure – also presents significant risk.

New risks have been introduced at the device, application and infrastructure levels requiring changes in corporate security policy and strategy.

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# 1. Operational



Mobility poses unique risks and existing security and IT support resources and infrastructure cannot be extended to cover mobile devices and applications without significant investment - in developing new skills, technical capabilities, operational processes and deployment of a 'mobility infrastructure,'

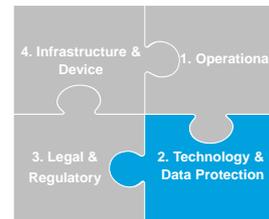
**A. Executives, users and customers are driving mobility decisions; operational risk considerations are not driving mobile security strategy**

**B. Security controls can negatively impact usability, causing friction with employees and slowing adoption**

**C. Increasing support demands may in turn outpace resource skill sets and technical capabilities**

**D. Varied mobile OS implementations make it difficult to deploy a singular security solution**

**E. Existing operational processes may not be efficiently designed or "mobile-ready" which can hinder expected productivity**



## 2. Technology and Data Protection

Mobile devices are valuable from a business perspective due to internet connectivity, access to corporate infrastructure as well as mobile/cloud based applications. These benefits also result in greater potential exposure for the enterprise – with risks introduced at the device, application and infrastructure levels.

**A. End users may have the ability to modify device security parameters thus weakening the security controls**

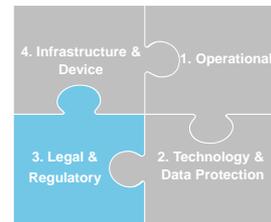
**B. Devices and memory cards are not encrypted by default or configured appropriately thus leading to potential data leakage/loss**

**C. With use of cloud based applications, data protection becomes increasingly complex**

**D. Many organizations are not able to enforce mobile OS patching and updating which may result in vulnerable devices**

**E. Users often install unapproved applications or applications containing malware which poses information security risks**

# 3. Legal & Regulatory



Security requirements may be complex, particularly if the organization operates in regulated industries. Employment labor laws, HIPAA requirements, privacy requirements, e-discovery requirements, etc. may impact the overall mobile strategy.

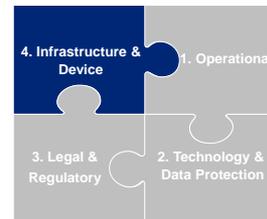
**A. Employees using corporate devices for personal purposes and vice versa may give rise to significant data privacy issues**

**B. The “bring your own device” trend raises ethical and legal questions around monitoring, device wiping, etc., upon employee termination**

**C. Corporate usage of mobile devices by hourly employees can/will raise concerns around overtime labor law considerations**

**D. Regulatory requirements to address e-discovery, monitoring, data archiving etc., can be complex and difficult to implement**

**E. Data ownership and liability for corporate and employee owned devices used for business purposes is yet to determined**



## 4. Infrastructure and Device

The diversity of device options and underlying operating system/application platforms introduces a myriad of security risks and challenges.

**A. Mobile device attacks and varying attack vectors increases the overall risk exposure (extending the enterprise risk profile)**

**B. Multiple choices in the devices, OS platforms, apps, etc., requires companies to employ diverse technologies expanding the attack surface**

**C. Third party apps installed on corporate devices may contain vulnerabilities caused by developer mistakes or re-packaged malware**

**D. Securing of mobile transmissions and channels is complex given a varied protocol landscape & the newer communication channels**

**E. Mobile devices are easily lost or stolen in comparison with other IT assets (e.g. laptops) and remote wipe efforts frequently fail**

# Strategies for Tackling Mobile Risks



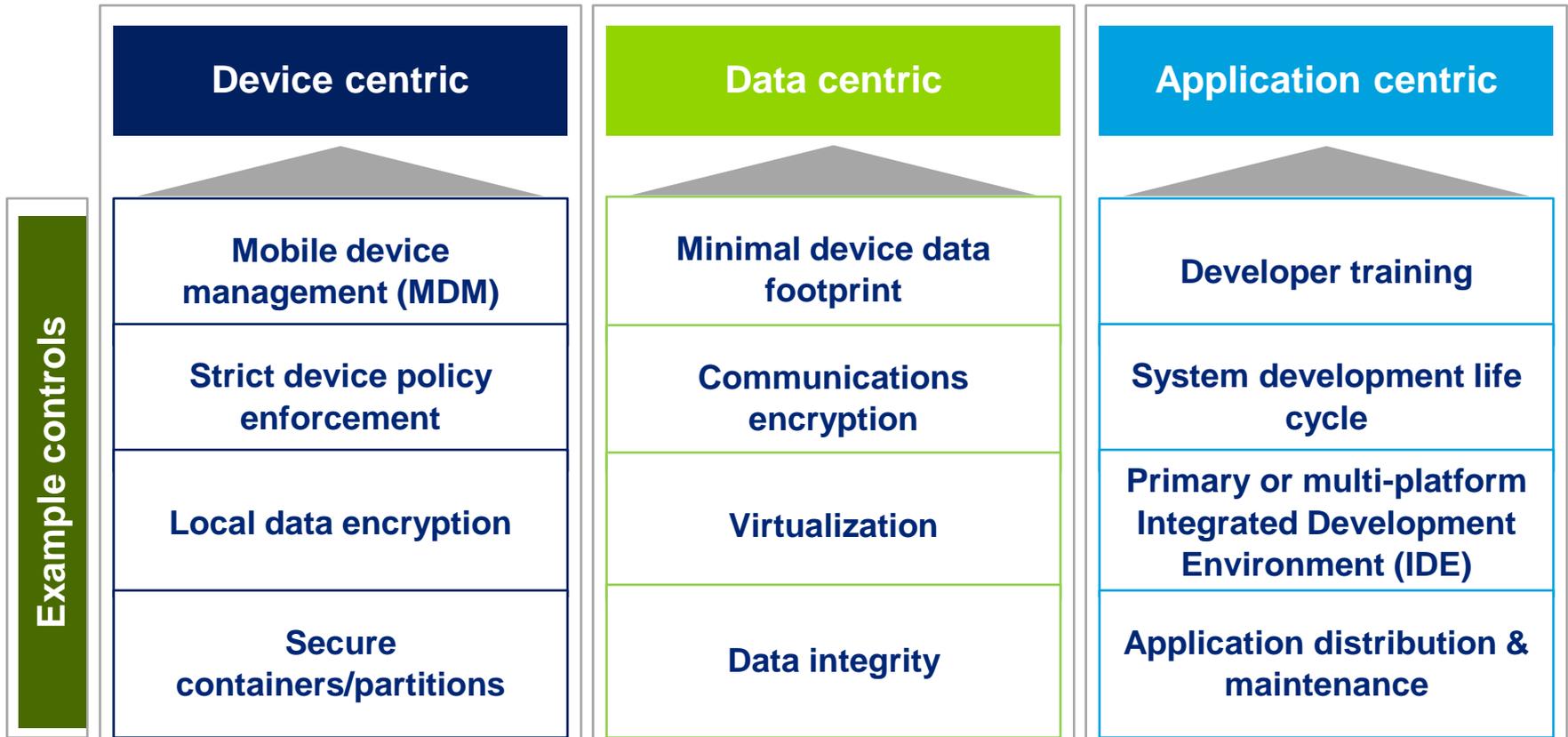
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# Strategies for tackling mobile risks

## Defining a mobile security approach

After gaining an understanding of the key risks that affect your business, the next step is determining and defining your approach to mobile security. When determining the right approach, it is important to understand *your specific use cases* and incorporate *your key business drivers and objectives*.



# Deployment decisions

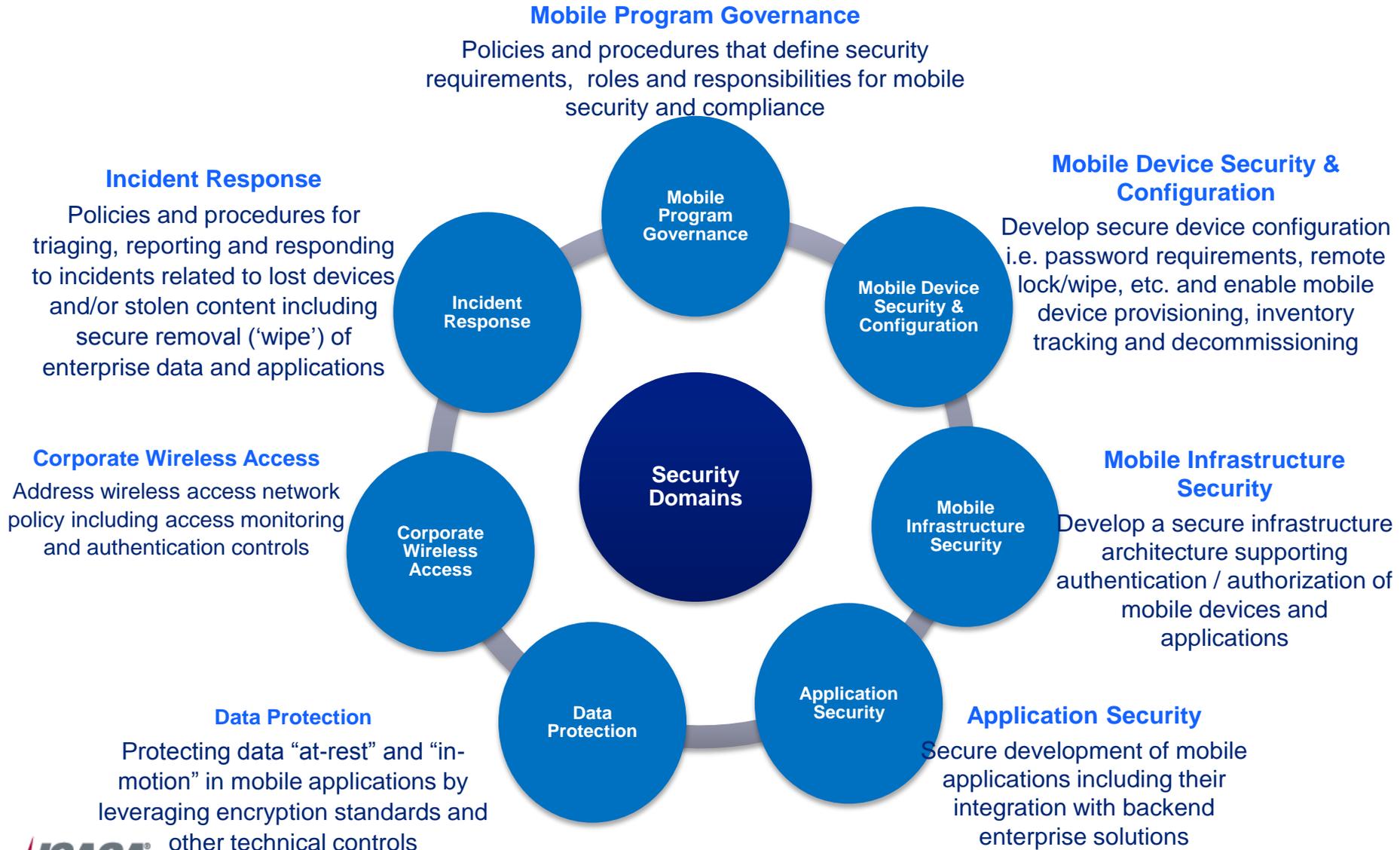
## Key decision points that drive strategy and the resulting architecture

|                             |     |                        |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Bring-Your-Own              | vs. | Corporate Provided     |
| Manage Security In-House    | vs. | Outsource Security     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Tools | vs. | Native Platform Tools  |
| Application Management      | vs. | Application Guidance   |
| Full Data Access            | vs. | Restricted Data Access |

# Mobile deployment threats and considerations

- The mobile device attack surface is narrow but deep
- Mobile malware going to grow up
- An application store is not a security model
- You will lose devices, you will lose data
- Who owns the device? Who owns the data?
- IT has less control in a mobile world
- Tighter controls vs. usability
- Lack of a formal strategy invites chaos

# Mobile security audit approach



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# Audit framework – sample controls

| Scope Areas                                       | Example Key Control Areas   |
|---|---|
| <b>Mobile Program Governance</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile strategy</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities for mobile operations and security</li> <li>• Mobile use/acceptable use policy</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Mobile Device Security &amp; Configuration</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Device provisioning, tracking/inventory and decommissioning</li> <li>• Secure configuration requirements and standards</li> <li>• Patch management, anti-virus/anti-malware/mobile OS security</li> </ul>        |
| <b>Mobile Infrastructure Security</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile infrastructure architecture</li> <li>• Mobile device configuration policy management</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Mobile Application Security</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third party mobile application security requirements</li> <li>• Secure development of enterprise mobile applications</li> <li>• Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing</li> </ul>                      |
| <b>Data Protection</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permissible data storage (as defined by acceptable use policy)</li> <li>• Encryption policies and controls</li> <li>• Secure data transmission</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Corporate Wireless Access</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wireless network access policy</li> <li>• Access monitoring</li> <li>• Authentication controls</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Incident Response</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logging and monitoring within mobility infrastructure</li> <li>• Process and procedures for responding to a lost mobile device</li> <li>• Secure removal ('wipe') of enterprise data and applications</li> </ul> |

# Mobile device and App management

The following slides, outline some of the tools and technologies that you may encounter when auditing for mobile security. To successfully identify mobile security risks, it is important to understand these technologies and their relationship with the boarder ecosystem.

| Technology                          | Key Features   | Example Vendors  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Microsoft Exchange ActiveSync (EAS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over-the-air sync on mobile devices to existing Exchange Server infrastructure for email, contacts, calendar data, and more.</li> <li>Basic device management capabilities including allowing/blocking devices, and enforcing password requirements.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EAS is a native tool included with Microsoft Exchange Server. If an organization has an existing Exchange infrastructure they have access to EAS and its capabilities.</li> </ul> |
| Mobile Device Management (MDM)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure enrollment of mobile devices to be managed.</li> <li>Wireless configuration and updating of device settings.</li> <li>Monitoring and enforcing compliance with corporate policies.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good Technology</li> <li>MobileIron</li> <li>AirWatch</li> <li>Zenprise</li> <li>Many others</li> </ul>   |
| Mobile Application Management (MAM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secure mobile application distribution.</li> <li>Monitoring and enforcing compliance with app policies.</li> <li>Reporting on approved/rogue apps.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apperian</li> <li>Zenprise*</li> <li>MobileIron*</li> <li>AirWatch*</li> </ul>  |

Note: Products listed for the above technology product vendors are their respective property.

\* MAM functionality included with primary MDM offering

# Secure containers and mobile virtualization

| Technology                 | Key Features  | Example Vendors   |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Secure Container Solutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secure area on device for housing enterprise data and applications</li><li>• Container content is encrypted and separated from rest of device</li><li>• Allows more granular control of enterprise data (e.g. remote wipe container only)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good Technology</li><li>• Sky Technology</li></ul>                      |
| Mobile Virtualization      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows multiple mobile operating systems to run simultaneously on a single device</li><li>• Personal and corporate content is separated with each running in its own virtual device</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VMWare</li><li>• Open Kernel Labs</li><li>• Red Bend Software</li></ul> |

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# Key takeaways

1. Understand the **specific mobility use cases**
2. Understand key **mobility risks** that affect the organization and its constituents
3. Incorporate key **business drivers** and objectives
4. Audit **security controls** for both policy and technology
5. **Enable, not disable** adoption of new innovations (it's not stopping here...)