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## Building an Android Scale Incident Response Process

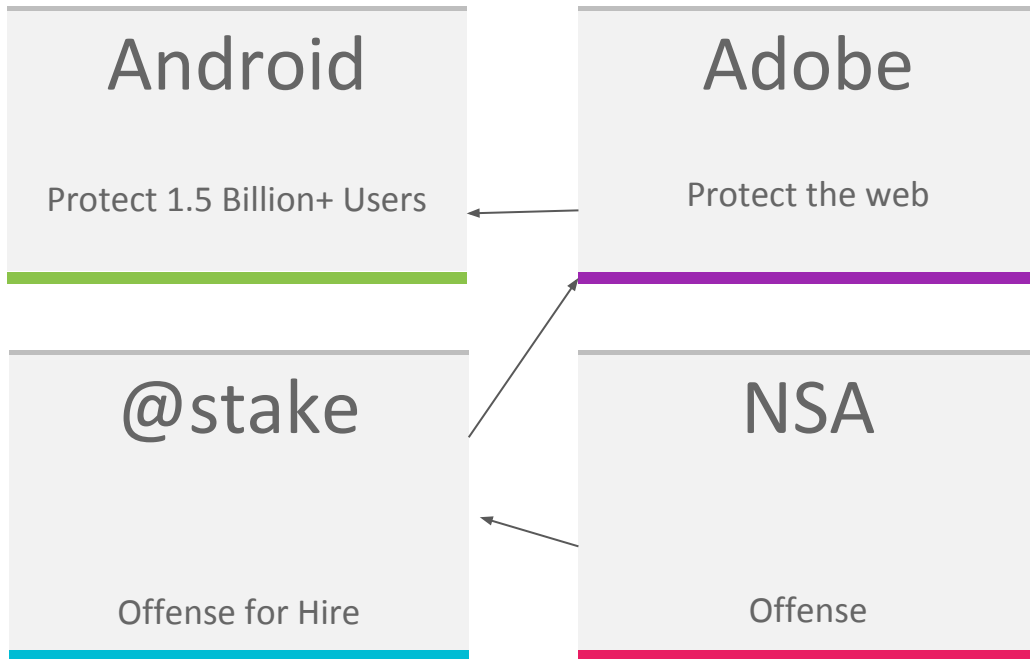
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# Who am I?





Describe strategies we've developed for incident response

Share thought process and lessons learned

Include Android-specific considerations (case studies)

# The Incident Response Process



## Establish Situational Awareness

Environment

Actors + Actions

Risks



## Take Action

Accept Risk

Eliminate Risk

Manage the Risk

Data

# The Android Ecosystem



1.5B+

Android  
30DA Users

300M+

Users added  
in 2015

600+

New devices  
launched in 2015

50B+

App downloads  
in 2015



## The Good



### Ecosystem

Security Team

OEMs

Product Engineering + QA

Carriers

PR / Communications

SOCs

Operations + Support

App Developers

Executives

Legal

## The Bad

### Attackers

Attackers

Malware Authors

Thiefs

Opportunists

Network MITM

## The Ugly

### Complex Actors

Consumers

Enterprises

Press

Researchers

Governments

Security Companies



# Threats



Malware

Vulnerabilities

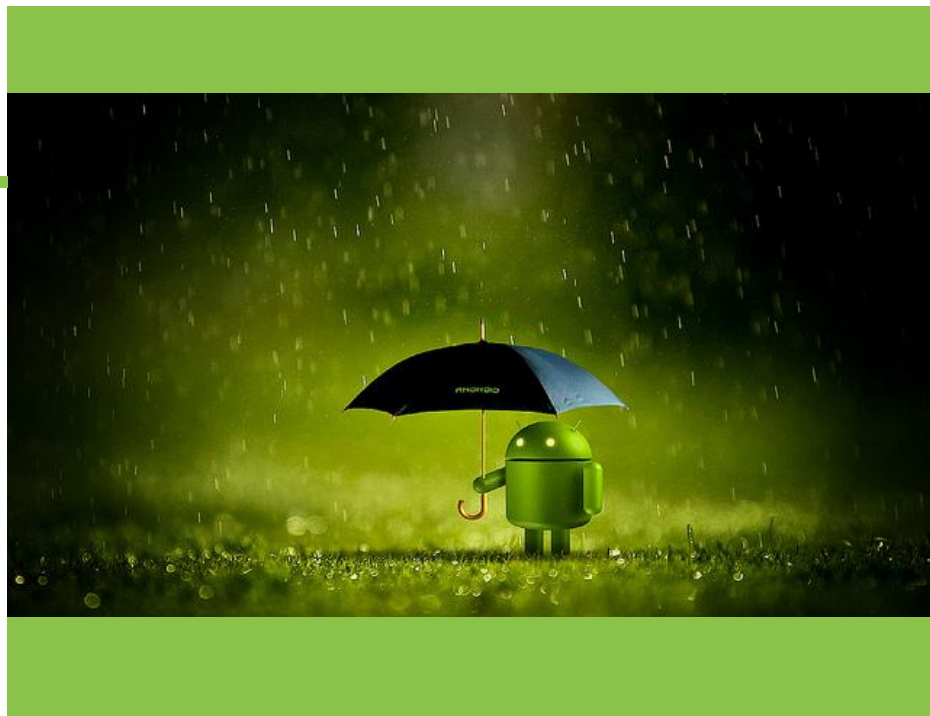
Local Exploits

Hardware / Physical Attacks

Remote Exploits

Network Traffic Interception

Supply chain compromise





# Data Sources



Google Play



Safebrowsing for Chrome



Verify Apps

Android Safety Net

Android Device Manager



Billions of new pieces of data including apps, developers, app behavior, relationships, and third-party analyses are added every day.

# Organization



## Platform

Build Features

## Attack

Find Bugs

## App Review

Improve App Safety

## Respond

Fix bugs

## Review

Trust, but Verify

## SafetyNet

Endpoint Protection



Google

# Responses



Google Public  
Statement

Google Play Update

Google Service Update  
(Verify Apps, SafetyNet)

Patch to AOSP

Warn users

Joint statement with partners

Major 3rd Party App Patch

Publish Research

Change an API

Patch a Google app

Publish a best practice

3rd Party Apps (Google Play)

Ecosystem Wide patch delivery

3rd Party App Upgrade

Release a major update

Nexus Update

Warn developers

And many more...



## Frequency

How often is the threat realized?

## Velocity

How quickly is a threat realized?

## Impact

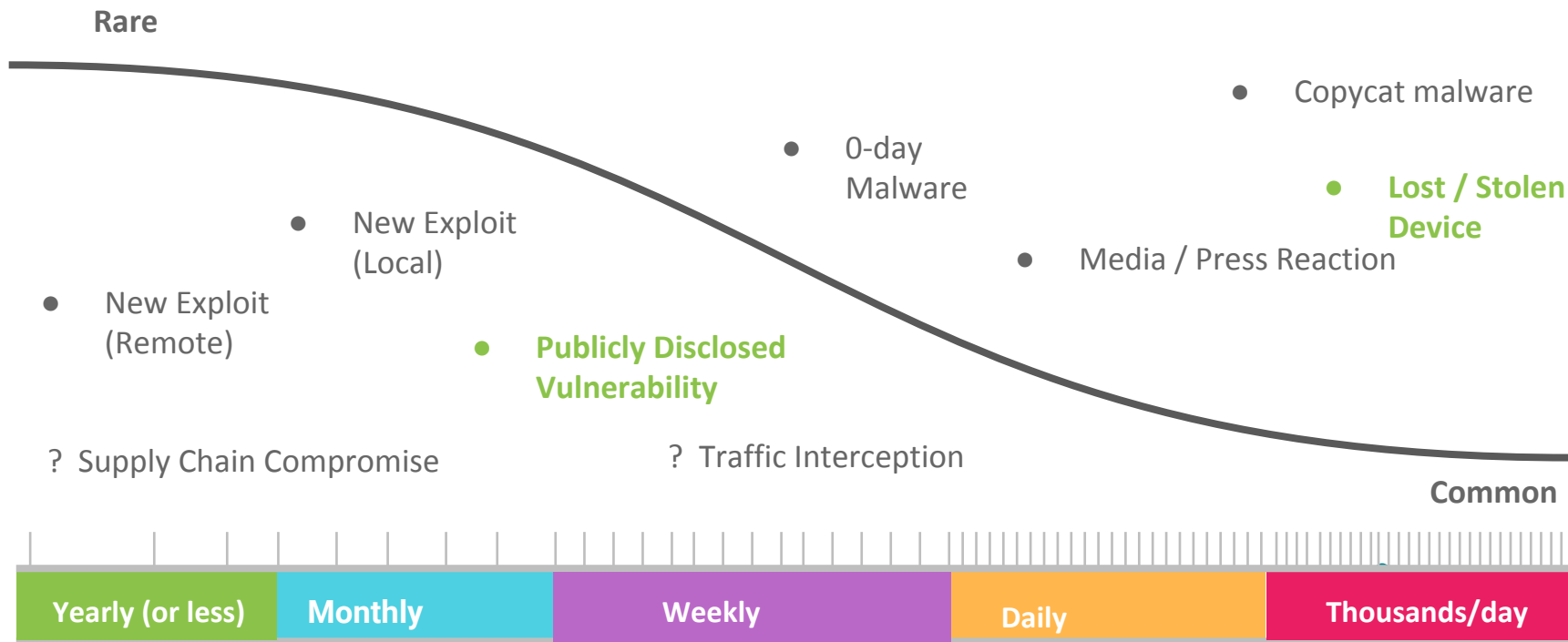
What happens if a threat is realized?

## Scope

What portion of the ecosystem is at risk?

# Incident Frequency

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Change the attacker economics

Move the target





“Smart phone thefts rose to 3.1 million in 2013”

Source: [Consumer Reports](#)





## React

Device Manager

“Find my phone”

“Lock my phone”

“Wipe my phone”

2.5 Million Monthly Users of Device Manager “Find my Phone”

## Prevent

Lockscreen

Encryption

Factory Reset Protection

Lockscreen usage up 50% between 2014 and 2015 Nexus devices

Encryption and FRP Enabled by default



Smart phone thefts declined from 3.1 in 2013 to  
2.1 million in 2014

Source: [Consumer Reports](#)



# nexus

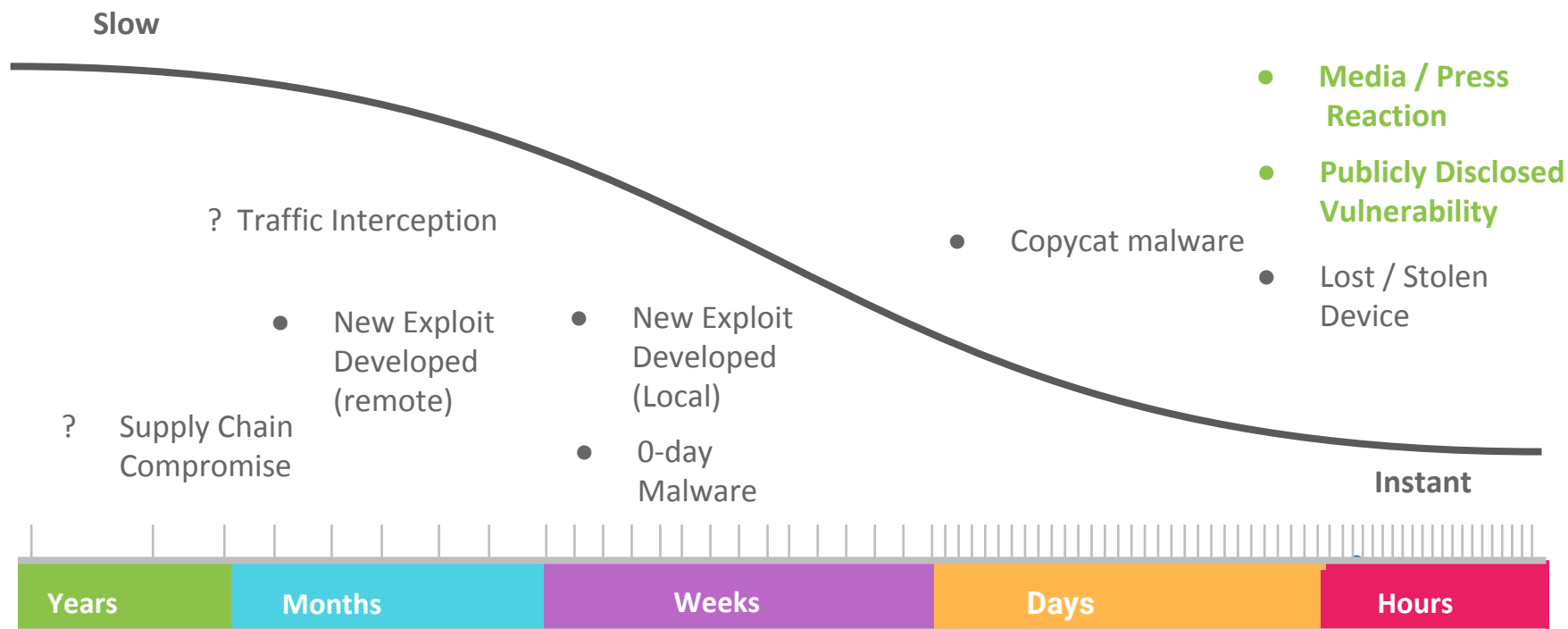
[g.co/AndroidSecurityRewards](https://g.co/AndroidSecurityRewards)

\$200,000 paid in 2015

Up to \$38,000  
per security issue

# Incident Velocity

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Centralize your response

Batching and Cadence

Quality and Automation



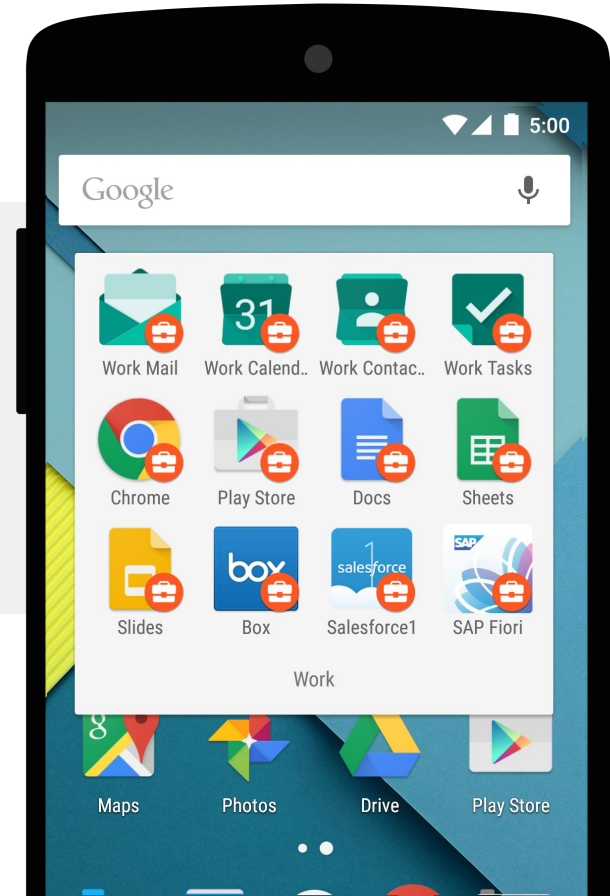


# nexus

Monthly Security  
Updates

Monthly Security  
Bulletins

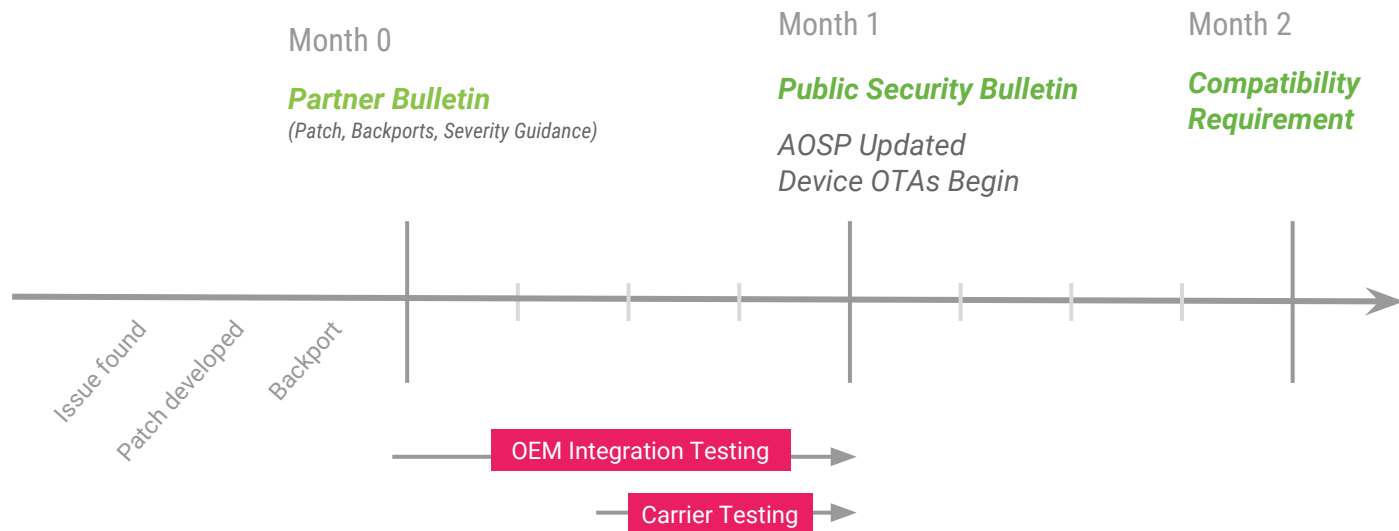
3 years from  
device availability







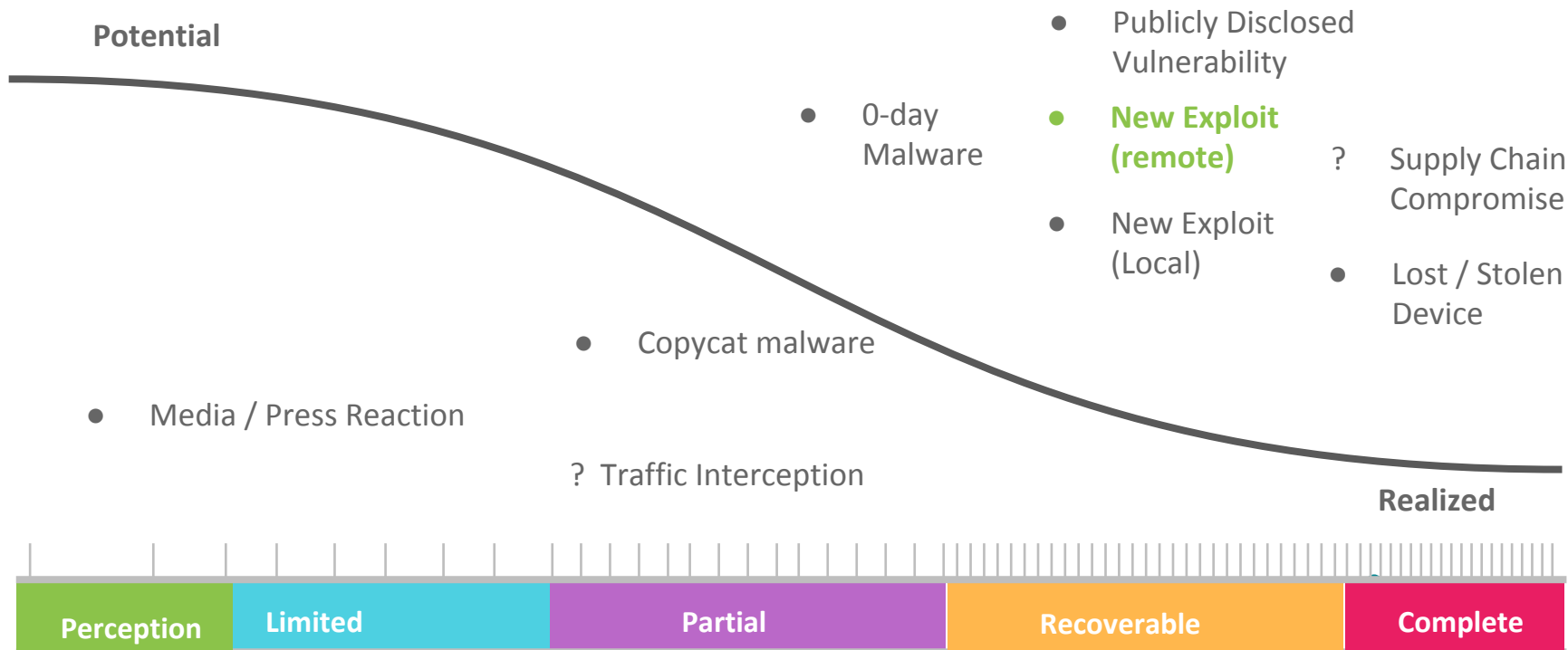
# Android Security Monthly Process



Other Remediations: SafetyNet, Google Play, Verify Apps

# Incident Impact

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Provide a safer path

Isolate high risk components

Focus on recovery






SecurityProvider :  
GmsCore\_OpenSSL

SafetyNetApi.attest

# Developer Security Warnings



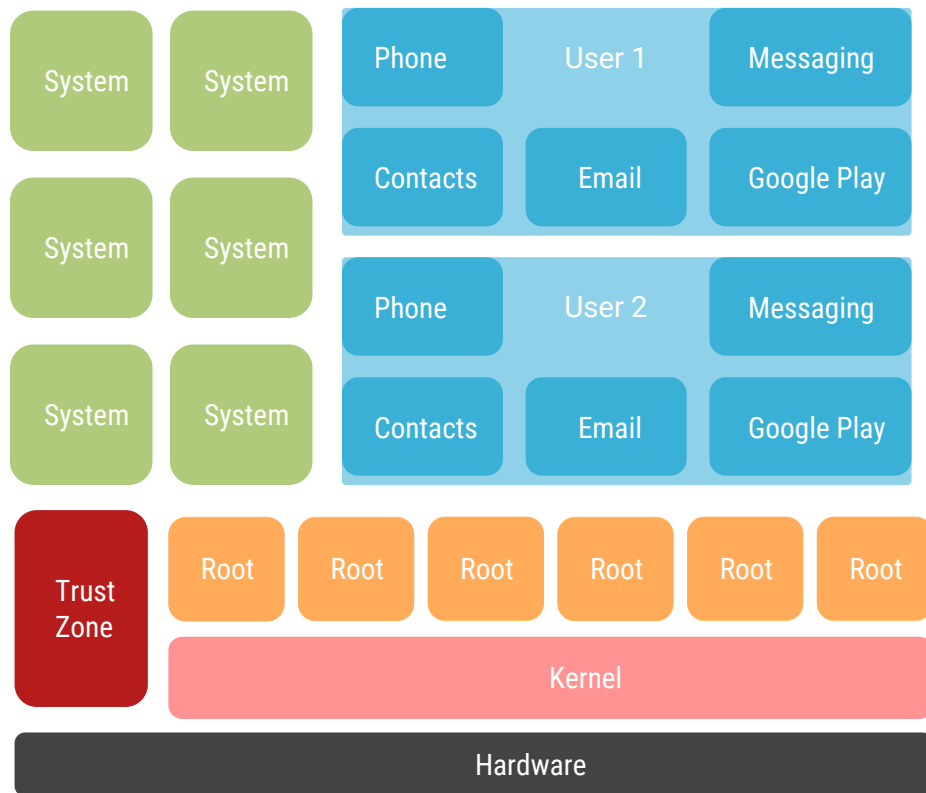
The screenshot shows the Google Play Developer Console interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: All applications, Game services, Reports, Settings, Alerts (highlighted), and Announcements. The main content area is titled 'ALERTS' and 'CURRENT ALERTS'. It contains a table with one alert for 'My App'. The alert text states that the app is using a vulnerable version of Apache Cordova and provides a link to the Google Help Center. It also mentions that the alert affects APK version 5 and provides a link to the APK page. The alert date is Feb 4, 7:08 PM, and there is a 'Dismiss' link. At the bottom, a note indicates that alerts can be received by email and provides a link to manage email preferences.

APPLICATION / GAME SERVICE	WHAT HAPPENED?	ALERT DATE
 My App	<b>Security alert</b> Your app is using a version of Apache Cordova containing one or more security vulnerabilities. Please see <a href="#">this Google Help Center article</a> for details, including the deadline for fixing the app.  Affects APK version 5. <a href="#">Go to APK page</a>	Feb 4, 7:08 PM <a href="#">Dismiss</a>

You can receive your alerts by email as soon as a problem occurs.  
Manage your [email preferences](#) for alerts.

85% Reduction in Installs of Vulnerable Apps in 2015

# Isolation at every level





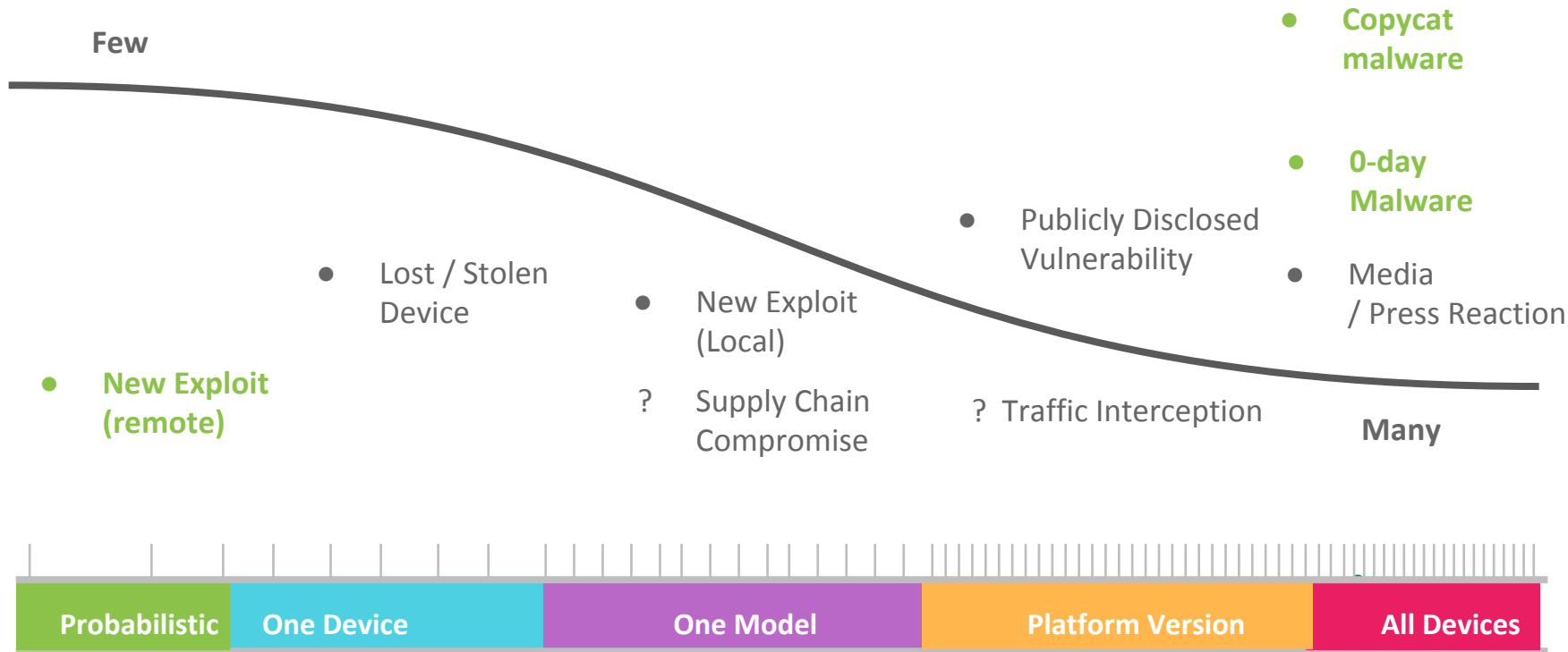
Verified Boot + SafetyNet =





# Incident Scope

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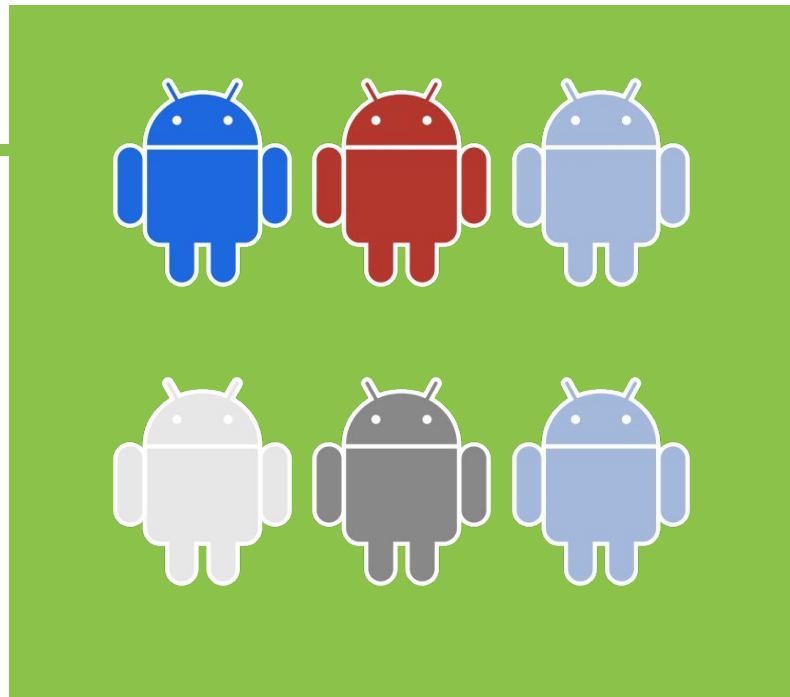
# Reduce Incident Scope



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Add Speed Bumps

Embrace diversity





Google Play

Unknown  
Sources  
Warning

Install  
Confirmation

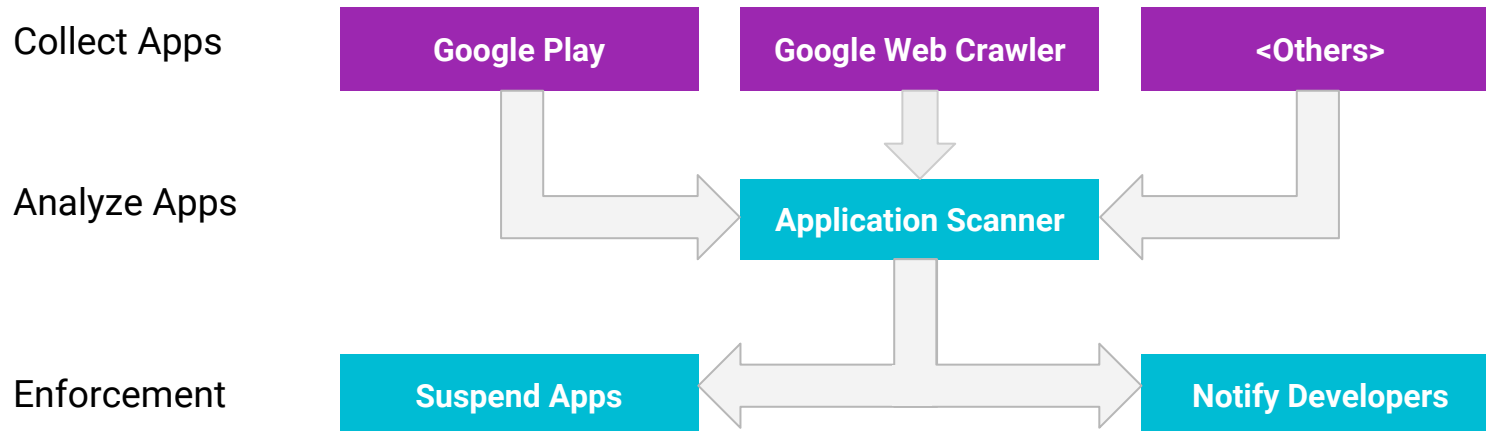
Verify Apps  
Consent

Verify Apps  
Warning

Runtime  
Security Checks

Sandbox &  
permissions

# Application Review



# Application scanner details



Static analysis



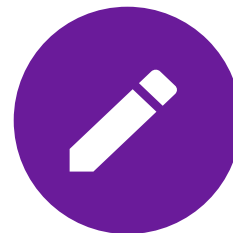
Dynamic analysis



Machine learning

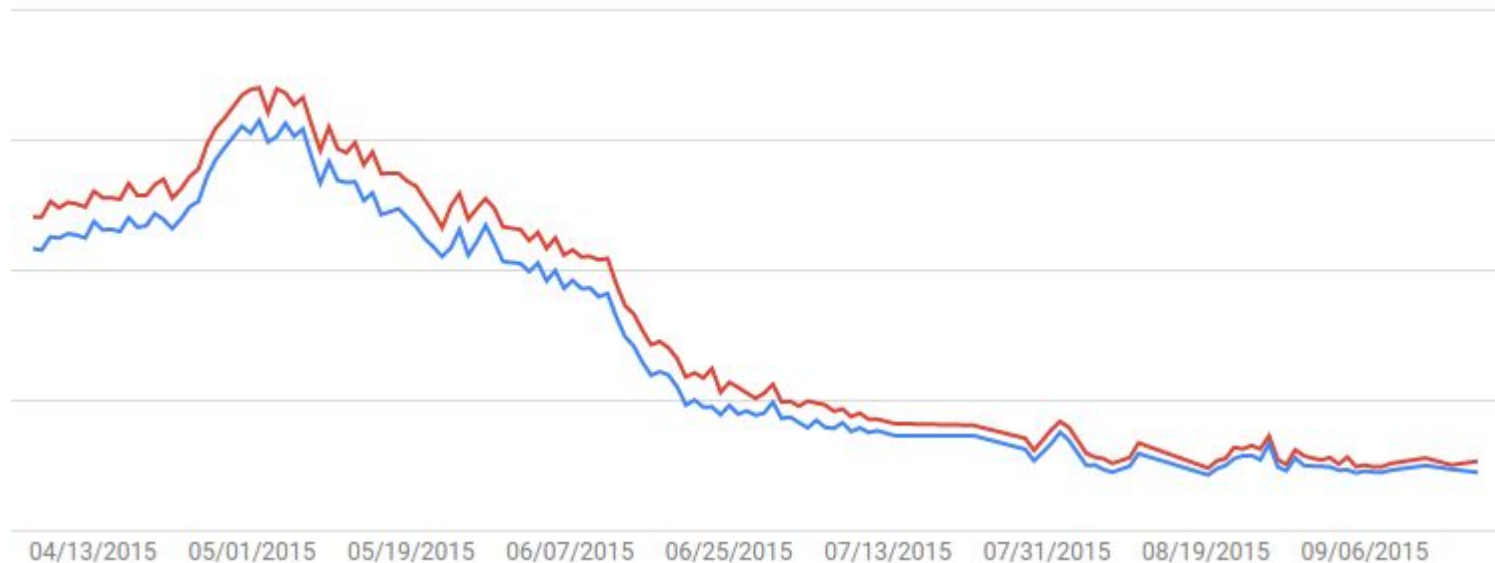


Intelligence-  
based discovery



Signature-based  
discovery

# 80% Reduction of Russian Bank Phishing Trojans



Infected devices in Russia  
Infected devices worldwide



## Intentional

ASLR

Update Frequently

## Natural

OEM

SOC

Hardware Architecture

Build Time Changes



# Predicting “real” scope is hard



Vulnerability	Initial Claim Headline	Unique APKs	Peak exploitation after public release (per install)	Exploitation before public release (absolute)
Master Key	99% of devices vulnerable	1231	< 8 in a million	0
FakeID	82% of Android users at risk	258	<1 in a million	0
Stagefright	95% of devices vulnerable	N/A	None confirmed	N/A

Source: Google Safety Net Data; Masterkey data collected from 11/15/2012 to 8/15/2013 and previously published at VirusBulletin 2013. Fake ID data collected data collected from 11/15/2012 to 12/11/2014 and previously published at the RSA Conference 2015. Stagefright data current through February 2016.

To recap

# Strategy Lenses



## Frequency

Use economics  
Change the target

## Velocity

Centralize  
Batch and Cadence  
Automate

## Impact

Another Path  
Isolation  
Recovery

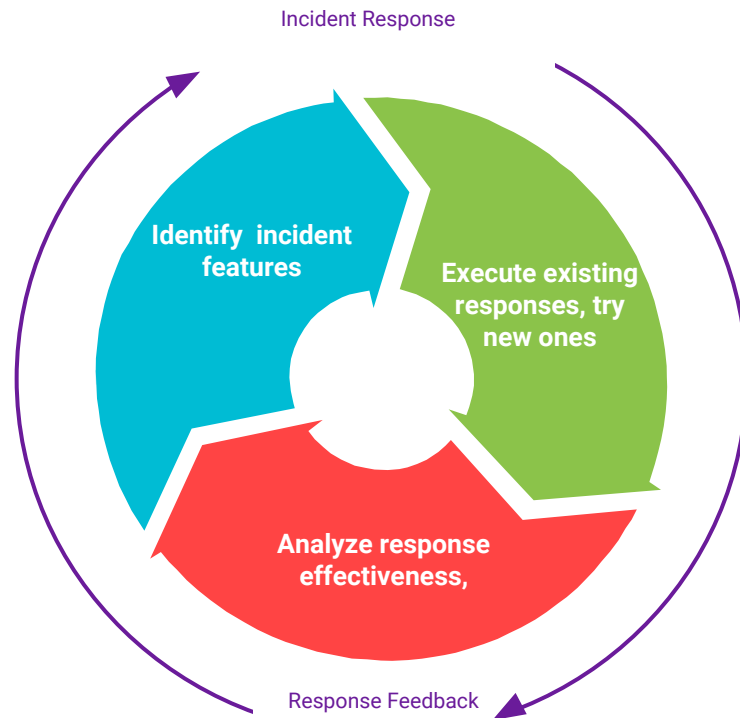
## Scope

Speed Bumps  
Diversity

# Key Learnings



- Use data as your source of truth (not stories!)
- Look for new responses ( think offensively!)
- Try not to get lost in the details (this is hard!)





# Thank You!

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