Runtime analysis of mobile devices for malware detection. Research proposal.

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1 Introduction.

Mobile devices and technology are exploding, where the number of mobile devices is expected to exceed the number of people on Earth by 2014¹. Mobile security has become a serious concern due to the sensitive information mobile devices contain and the critical systems mobile devices control. In the military, the GPS locations and identities of deployed military members can be obtained. In manufacturing, computer-aided manufacturing tools can be controlled with a mobile device, allowing an attacker to silently alter the manufacturing process, as I have studied [1]. In healthcare, patients can rely on glucose monitors on mobile devices, allowing an attacker to send false reports and harm patients. Low malware detection rates are an open research problem. A study of thousands of real Android malware samples in 2011 show that industry antimalware software detect 79.6% of the malware in the best case and 20.2% in the worst case [2].

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