

# 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 2014<sup>1</sup>. 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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<sup>1</sup><http://blogs.cisco.com/sp/the-future-of-monetizing-mobility/>

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