Google and Apple release contact tracing app API

Google and Apple delivered their contact tracing app API to public health agencies across the globe. The apps would allow Bluetooth pings between smartphones within six and a half feet of each other. And in theory, these apps would notify you if you had been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. In practice, public health authorities will have to encourage around 60% people in a given state or country to download the app in order to meaningfully conduct contact tracing/exposure notification.

Computerworld executive editor Ken Mingis and PCWorld/Macworld's Michael Simon join Juliet to discuss Apple and Google's unprecedented collaboration, privacy concerns and how state and federal governments will utilize the API.