

Home Digital Voice Assistants: use cases and vulnerabilities



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PEOPLE WITHOUT SMART SPEAKERS

Only **4%** of them
would be willing to buy one.

The reasons are:

- "pointlessness" (**67%**)
- security of personal data (**59%**).



OWNERS OF A VOICE ASSISTANT

Have fewer privacy concerns and rely
on companies to safeguard their
personal data.

53% see it as "real innovation" that
will "revolutionise everyday life".

How does a voice assistant work?



Use technologies like voice recognition, speech synthesis, and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to provide services to the users.



Rely on a cloud-based architecture, since data has to be sent back and forth to centralized data centers.



Is constantly listening. Does not store the audio data and does not perform any operations until a specific wake word has been heard.

Voice assistants have interesting capabilities such as:

- * Answer to questions asked by users.
- * Play music from streaming music services.
- * Set timers or alarms.
- * Play games.



- * Make calls or send messages.
- * Make purchases.
- * Provide information about the weather.
- * Control other smart devices



Report Structure



00 INTRODUCTION METHODOLOGY

01 ABOUT DIGITAL VOICE ASSISTANCE

- 1.1 What is Voice Assistance
- 1.2 How does Voice Assistance work?
- 1.3 Third party features

02 USE CASES: HOW PEOPLE REALLY USE VOICE ASSISTANCE

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- 2.2 Timers and alarms
- 2.3 Search and source of information
- 2.4 Smart Home

- 2.5 Usage by children
- 2.6. TBA

03 DIGITAL VOICE ASSISTANTS: ATTACK SURFACE & VULNERABILITIES

- 3.1 Security and Privacy Concerns
- 3.2 Accidental Recordings
- 3.3 TBA

04 VOICE-BASED REMOTE ATTACKS

- 4.1 Voice squatting attack
- 4.2 Voice Masquerading Attack

05 CONCLUSION REFERENCES

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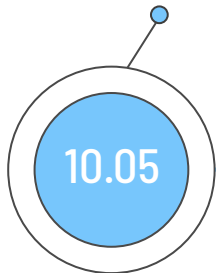
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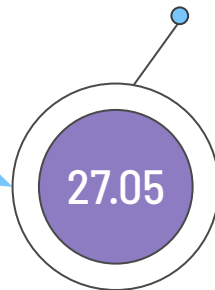
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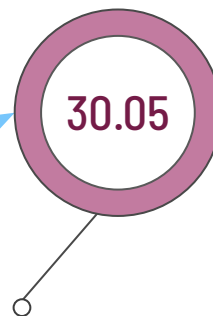
Use cases and study how people
really use their VA are mainly finished



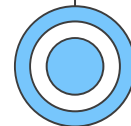
The **vulnerabilities** found till 05.05 are
done. **Additional security problems**
are studied if were found



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