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Introduction to Mobile Device Security

- ▶ Mobile device ubiquity
 - Comparable to laptops in terms of internal hardware specifications, available applications (“apps”), and data/network connectivity
- ▶ Limited enterprise control
 - Prioritization of features, visuals and social network interoperability over security and manageability
- ▶ We need to fill in the gaps
 - MOS and MDM platforms have matured in the past two years to provide a greater level of security configurability and integrability, but still lack some important capabilities
 - Lack of MOS security functionality creates implications across the entire mobility ecosystem, including limiting capabilities of MDM suites
 - SCAP may be a way to supplement existing security measures and provide additional reporting and continuous monitoring capabilities

Policy & Configuration Guidance Landscape

- ▶ Our team analyzed current national- and DoD-level security configuration policies and guidance as well as industry configuration recommendations
 - Configuration guides such as the Defense Information Systems Agency's (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guides (STIGs), Security Requirements Guides (SRGs) and Interim Security Configuration Guides (ISCGs) provide a basis for achieving consistent and secure configuration implementation across the DoD
 - Perhaps most importantly (to us) they are expressed in XCCDF
- ▶ Guidance currently exists for:
 - Android 2.2 (Dell) STIG Bundle
 - BlackBerry STIG Bundle
 - Apple iOS ISCG Bundle
 - Windows Mobile 6.5 STIG Bundle, Windows 7 Tablet
 - General Mobile Device STIG and Draft Mobile OS SRG

Source: http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/net_perimeter/wireless/smartphone.html

Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

- ▶ RIM BlackBerry OS
 - BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES) and BlackBerry together provide thousands of mature configuration capabilities
 - MDM vendors typically do not provide much support for BlackBerry devices
- ▶ Fixmo Sentinel and Sentinel Server Compliance Checker (SCC)
 - Originated from NSA's AutoBerry and AutoBES technology
 - Pre-configured with STIG definitions and references when testing a device/server configuration (though not SCAP-based)



Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

► Apple iOS

- Provides enterprise features out-of-the-box through the Apple MDM API
- An administrator can deploy one or more *configuration profiles* to manage iOS devices
- iOS has a special *restrictions profile* which can disable certain device functionality, such as the camera, screen capture, or app store
- Disablement of Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and other capabilities are not available through the Apple MDM API and iOS does not provide capabilities/APIs to supplement

► NSA security guide & associated SCAP content*

* Available at http://www.nsa.gov/ia/mitigation_guidance/security_configuration_guides/operating_systems.shtml

Supported configurable settings

Accounts

- Exchange ActiveSync
- IMAP/POP Email
- Wi-Fi
- VPN
- LDAP
- CardDAV
- CalDAV
- Subscribed calendars

Passcode policies

- Require passcode on device
- Allow simple value
- Require alphanumeric value
- Minimum passcode length
- Minimum number of complex characters
- Maximum passcode age
- Time before auto-lock
- Passcode history
- Grace period for device lock
- Maximum number of failed attempts

Security and privacy

- Allow diagnostic data to be sent to Apple
- Allow user to accept untrusted certificates
- Force encrypted backups

Other settings

- Credentials
- Web clips
- SCEP settings
- APN settings

Device functionality

- Allow installing apps
- Allow Siri
- Allow use of camera
- Allow FaceTime
- Allow screen capture
- Allow automatic syncing while roaming
- Allow voice dialing
- Allow In-App Purchase
- Require store password for all purchases
- Allow multiplayer gaming
- Allow adding Game Center friends

Applications

- Allow use of YouTube
- Allow use of iTunes Store
- Allow use of Safari
- Set Safari security preferences

iCloud

- Allow backup
- Allow document sync and key-value sync
- Allow Photo Stream

Content ratings

- Allow explicit music and podcasts
- Set ratings region
- Set allowed content ratings

Source: http://images.apple.com/ipad/business/docs/iOS_MDM.pdf

Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

- ▶ Google Android
 - Open-source mobile OS maintained by the Open Handset Alliance
- ▶ Unique to the competition for a variety of reasons
 - Google is not in the business* of manufacturing or selling hardware or mobile devices, as are Apple and BlackBerry
 - Various manufacturers—such as Motorola Mobility, Samsung and HTC—each distribute their own set of Android-based devices that can potentially run very different versions of the OS
 - When discussing Android, it is important to differentiate between “Vanilla” Android (or the stock Google kernel and associated software) from the different vendor-released “flavors”



** This may be changing with the Nexus devices unveiled at Google I/O*

Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

► “Vanilla” Android Security APIs

- Standard set of device security settings which can be managed by an organization
- The Device Administration API provides 16 configurable security settings and 3 actionable commands (force password reset, wipe device/restore to factory defaults, and lock device)
- Additionally, apps can be installed and granted special permissions that allow administrative access to other hardware components not covered by the Device Administration API, such as enabling/disabling Bluetooth and Wi-Fi, and configuring use of Near-Field Communications (NFC)

► Policies supported by the Android-native Device Administration API

- Password enabled
- Minimum password length
- Alphanumeric password required
- Complex password required
- Minimum letters required in password
- Minimum lowercase letters required in password
- Minimum non-letter characters required in password
- Minimum numerical digits required in password
- Minimum symbols required in password
- Minimum uppercase letters required in password
- Password expiration timeout
- Password history restriction
- Maximum failed password attempts
- Maximum inactivity time lock
- Require storage encryption
- Disable camera

Sources: <http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/admin/device-admin.html#policies>
<http://developer.android.com/guide/topics/security/security.html#permissions>

Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

- ▶ More on Android “flavors”...
 - Large amount of variance between devices and OEMs/handset vendors
 - Device manufacturers put their own “spin” on the OS/device builds and have been known to strip out (or replace) some vanilla Android functionality to save on resource usage and increase battery life
- ▶ The differences between devices makes it difficult for an organization to trust that each device is running at a known security configuration baseline
 - For example, if Android deployments are highly diverse, and the MDM administrator issues a configuration that disables the camera, there will likely be devices that will not implement the policy

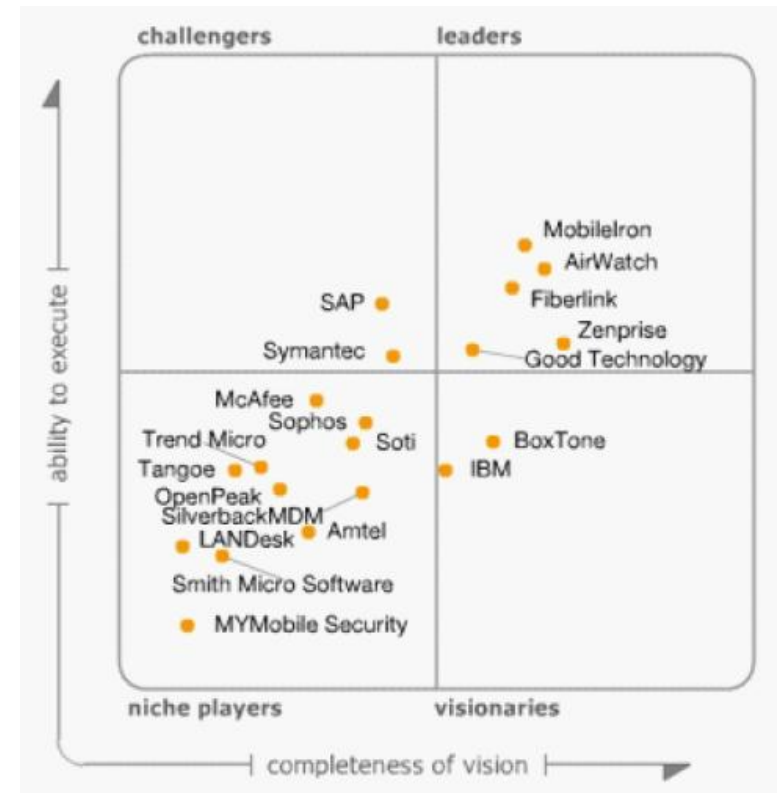
Mobile Operating System (MOS) Security

- ▶ Filling in the gaps – Enhanced APIs
 - Samsung Approved For Enterprise (SAFE)
 - Three Laws of Mobility (3LM)
- ▶ How they work
 - Support extremely granular and powerful system-level security hooks for device and application management
 - APIs lie dormant on the device and activate when the device is associated and enrolled with a compatible MDM
- ▶ Supported devices
 - 3LM works with various OEMs, such as parent company Motorola Mobility, HTC, Sony Ericsson, Sharp and Pantech
 - The SAFE API is available on certain Samsung devices
- ▶ Using the APIs
 - 3LM provides its own MDM server (3LM Device Manager)
 - Both Samsung and 3LM are working with third-party niche MDM vendors (e.g., AirWatch, BoxTone, MobileIron) to include support for their Enhanced APIs



Mobile Device Management (MDM) Suites

- ▶ The MDM market has ballooned tremendously over the past year, with well over 100 participating vendors
- ▶ Only a handful of vendors truly differentiate their products with unique capabilities and security features
- ▶ Mobile OSs provides limited capabilities, so MDMs are challenged to find ways that make their product stand out



Gartner's 2012 Magic Quadrant for Mobile Device Management (MDM) Software

Source: http://www.gartner.com/DisplayDocument?doc_cd=230508

Mobile Device Management (MDM) Suites

► Push Notification Services (PNS)

- Push technology allows an MDM server to initiate communication with a client and deliver commands rather than having to wait for the client to “check in”
- Mobile devices are heavily reliant on access to these Internet-hosted services
- Apple iOS and Google Android employ Apple Push Notification Service (APNs) and Cloud to Device Messaging (C2DM), respectively, to enable push notifications for system services and mobile apps
- All MDMs require these services in some capacity and, although feasible alternatives exist to C2DM for modified Android builds, over-the-air (OTA) device management of Apple iOS *must* make use of APNs

Mobile Device Management (MDM) Suites

- ▶ Android “MDM” support through Exchange ActiveSync (EAS)
 - EAS provides mobile device users with synchronized access to organizational e-mail, calendars and contacts
 - Well-documented protocol and implementation guidance from Microsoft
 - Many MDMs manage Androids *through the use of* EAS
- ▶ Concerns
 - No guarantee of compliance as the EAS protocol simply requires a client to acknowledge receipt of the policy
 - Each vendor implements EAS differently
 - Only products identified in the Microsoft Exchange ActiveSync Logo Program can be trusted to conform to the EAS protocol (and no Android devices currently qualify)



Sources: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh285606\(v=exchg.140\)](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/hh285606(v=exchg.140))
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<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/gg187968.aspx>

MDM-based approach to Mobile Security Automation

- ▶ One of our project's goals is to “demonstrate the ability to leverage configuration guidance, as expressed in SCAP, to extract configuration compliance data of mobile devices from MDM(s)”
- ▶ Why MDMs?
 - Doesn't involve development of applications to specific mobile OSs
 - MDMs can support multiple MOS platforms
 - Central repository of device configuration data
 - “Low hanging fruit”

MDM-based approach to Mobile Security Automation

▶ Approach

- Analyzed MDMs and how they stored information – found a commonality in that many have SQL backend databases
- Can query using the *sql57_tests* from the independent definitions schema

▶ Initial Hurdles

- Lack of *sql57* support from ovaldi and other scanners
- Tailoring the SQL query to target a specific device
- Do we really need to develop another tool?

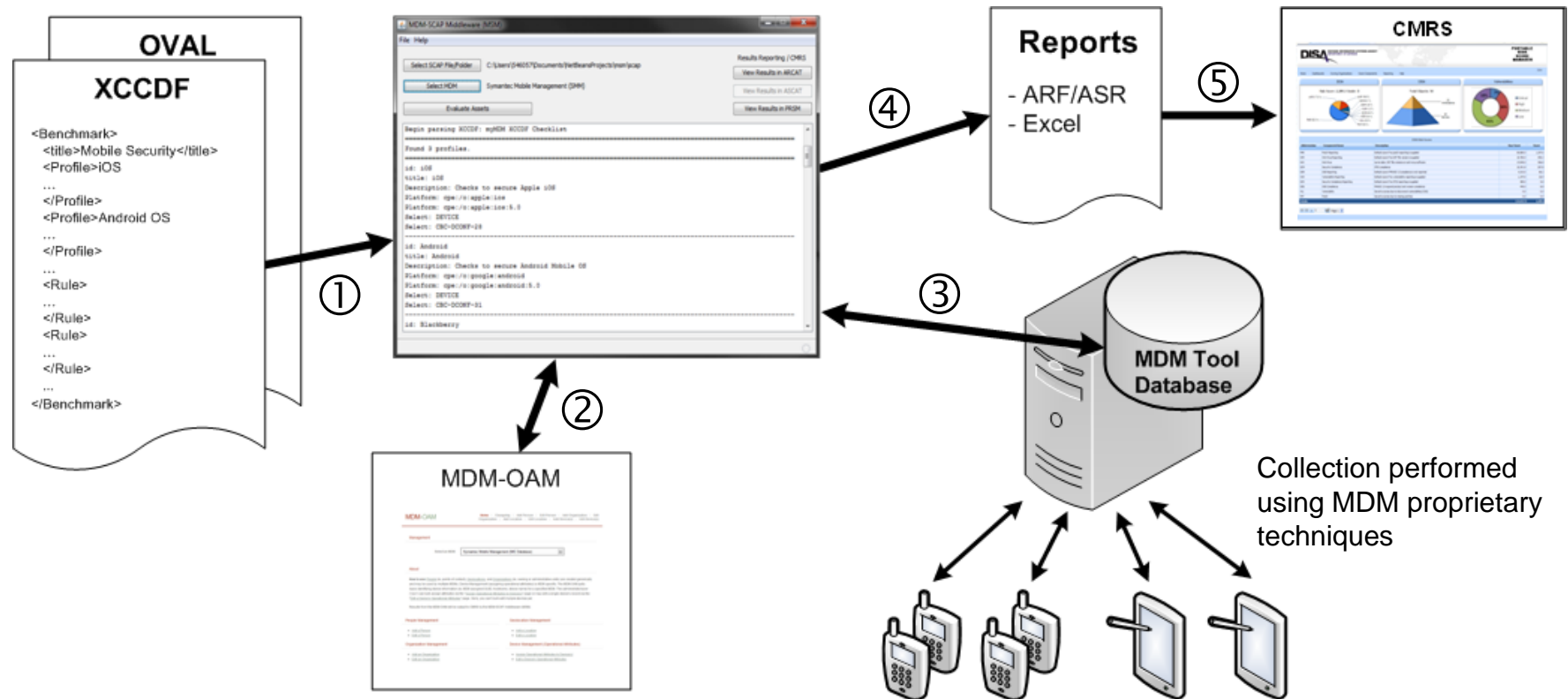
▶ Strictly a “proof-of-concept”

- Prove its possible, capture requirements and lessons learned, and influence vendors/industry to adopt/implement SCAP support into their products

▶ The MDM-SCAP Middleware (MSM)

- Java-based
- Ingests SCAP content, evaluates assets, and outputs results to Excel and (DoD) ARF/ASR
- Currently supports 2 MDMs

MDM-based approach to Mobile Security Automation



- ① Mobile device configurations and policies, expressed in SCAP content (XCCDF, OVAL, CPE), instruct the middleware on how to evaluate the security of MDM-managed mobile devices
- ② Additional device attributes (metadata) are tagged through an external interface
- ③ Middleware uses OVAL's sql57 independent definitions to query MDM database for asset information
- ④ Reports are generated from the middleware as an Excel document or in DoD ARF/ASR format
- ⑤ Results are ingested into DISA's Continuous Monitoring and Risk Scoring (CMRS) System

MDM-based approach to Mobile Security Automation

► Issues

- Level of effort: database analysis, cooperation from MDM vendors
- Adaptability: OVAL content scaffold can be reapplied to other MDMs, but the queries are still MDM-specific. Could be better to develop a schema and let vendors determine how to implement the configuration tests
- Remote / multiple device scanning: how to target an individual device? With SQL, that's a WHERE clause and the MSM has to modify the query

► What we'd like to see

- MDMs able to read and interpret SCAP content, scan MDM-managed devices
- Output in a standard format (ARF, ASR, OVAL Results)

MDM-based approach to Mobile Security Automation

► In other words, we'd like to turn this...

```
<ind-def:sql57_object id="oval:com.bah.smmd:obj:1" version="1">
  <ind-def:engine>sqlserver</ind-def:engine>
  <ind-def:version operation="equals">2008</ind-def:version>
  <ind-def:connection_string>jdbc:sqlserver://127.0.0.1\SQLServer:1433;databaseName=
  MDMDatabase;user=username;password=password</ind-def:connection_string>
  <ind-def:sql>SELECT [AllowCamera] FROM [DeviceConfiguration]
  WHERE [guid] = 'device_guid'</ind-def:sql>
</ind-def:sql57_object>
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► Into this...

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<android-def:camera_object id="oval:com.bah.smmd:obj:1" version="1">
</android-def:camera_object>

<android-def:camera_state id="oval:com.bah.smmd:ste:1" version="1">
  <android-def:current_status>disabled</android-def:current_status>
</android-def:camera_state>
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Development of OVAL Schemas for Mobile Devices

- ▶ Discussion points
 - What configurations should be included in the OVAL Schemas?
 - ▶ For Android, just “vanilla” device configurations, additional APIs (3LM/SAFE), or other hardware/software configurations that may be monitored/enforced by an agent?
 - ▶ Is there interest in other(s)? For iOS, should the Mac OS plist definitions be extended? How different will Windows 8 RT (ARM) be from Windows 8?
 - Where should device compliance assessments be performed?
 - ▶ On a device, with scarce resources, traversing networks, and potential bandwidth/connectivity issues?
 - ▶ Off device, but obtain configuration from the device or MDM?
 - ▶ On an MDM, but keeping in mind concurrency and trust issues – when was it last updated/synced and is the policy actually being enforced?