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# Agenda

## 1 | Mobile security in the modern era

How the ever-evolving digital landscape is changing the face of mobile security

## 2 | Understanding mobiles

How mobile devices are being used today and the security measures that come built-in to modern OSes

## 3 | Attack vectors & exploits

Common techniques used by malicious actors to target and compromise mobile devices

## 4 | Addressing mobile security

Prioritising and implementing the right security strategies to protect iOS and Android devices



# Mobile security in the modern era

# Work is increasing on mobile

## Rise of Remote Work

**46%**  
Remote users

The State of Security 2022, Splunk



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## Ubiquitous Connectivity

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Public Wi-Fi hotspots

Global public Wi-Fi hotspots 2016-2022, Statista

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# Work is increasing on mobile

Reduced Oversight

**61%**

of workers allowed friends or family to use work devices

2021 Mobile Security Index, Verizon

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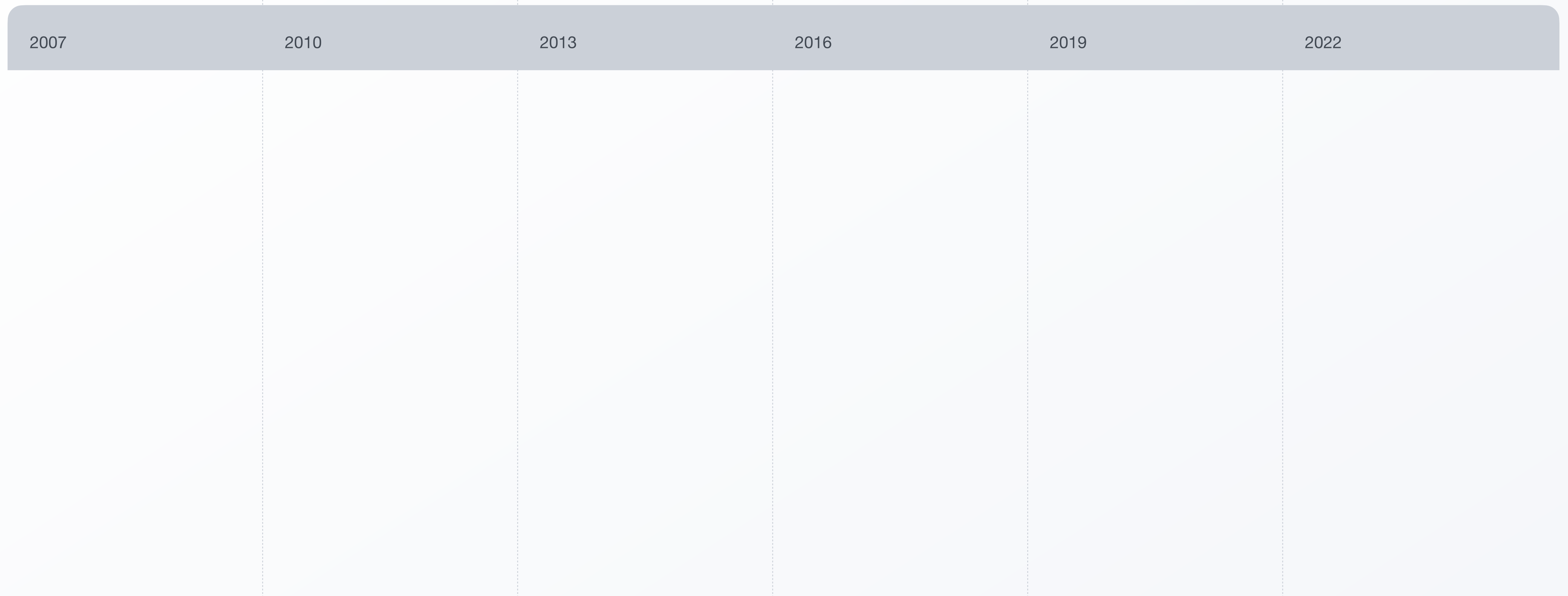
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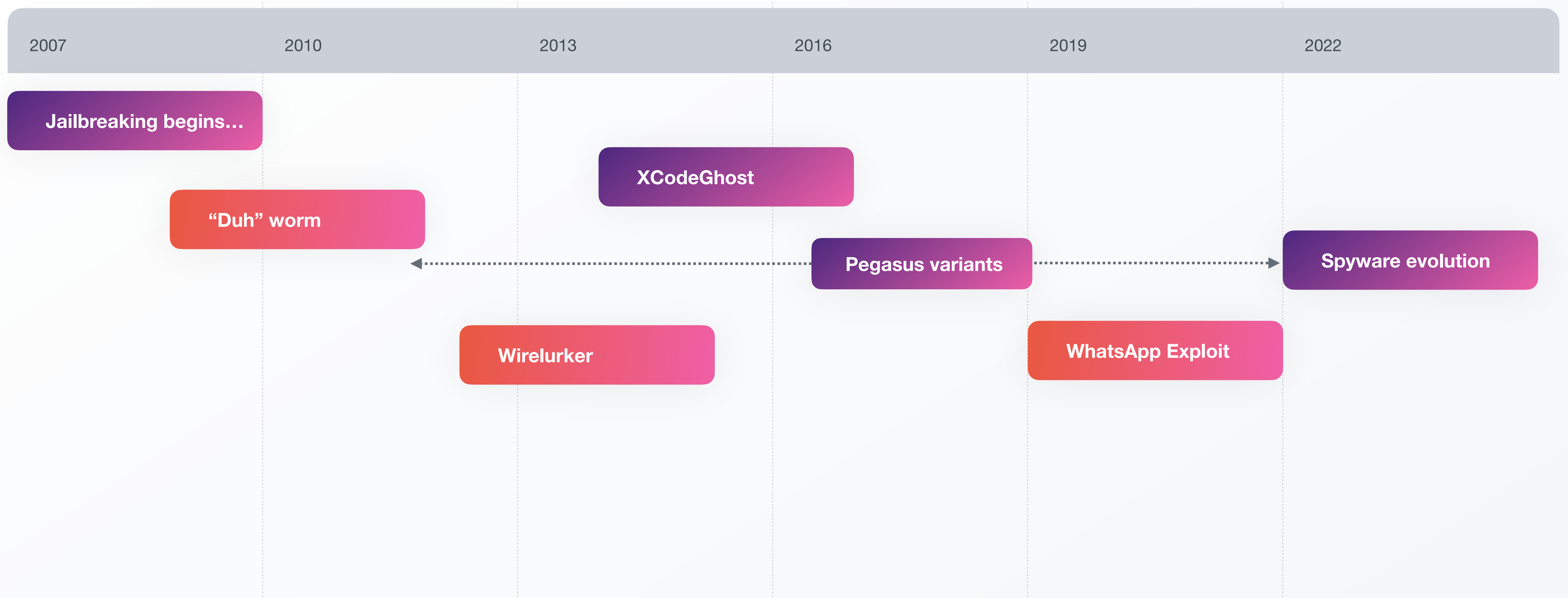
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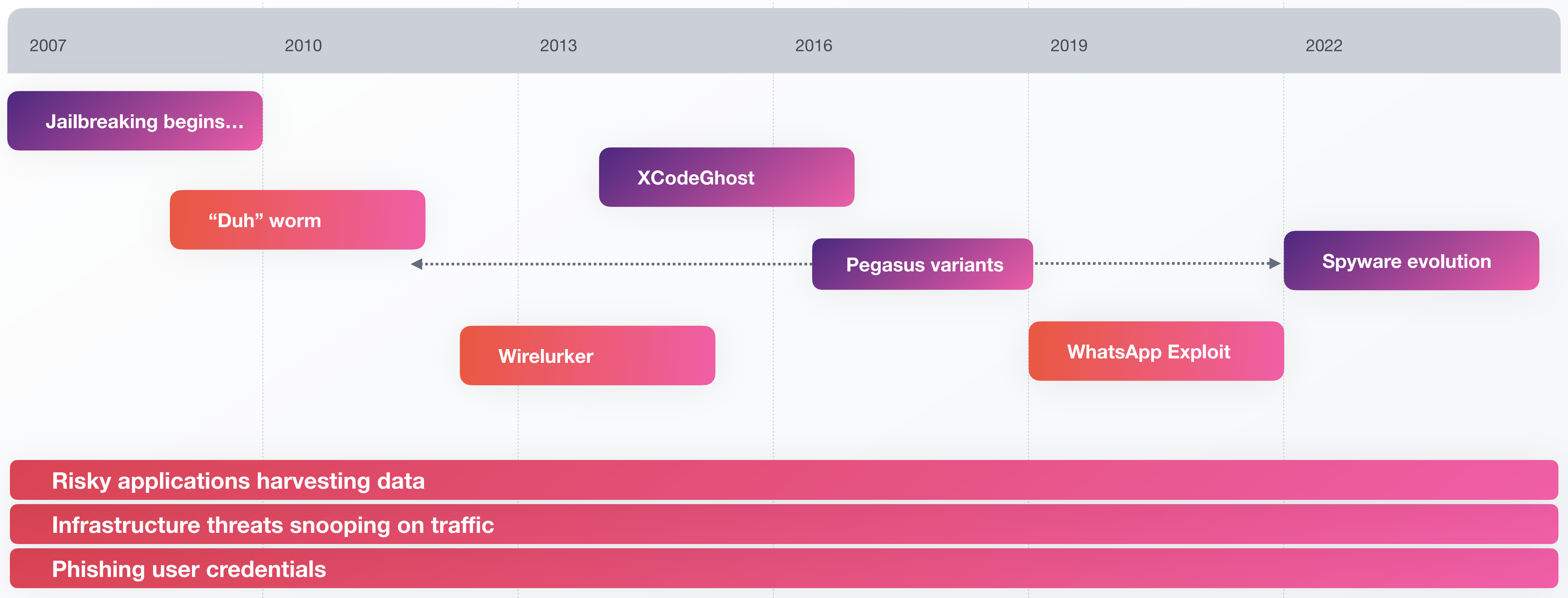
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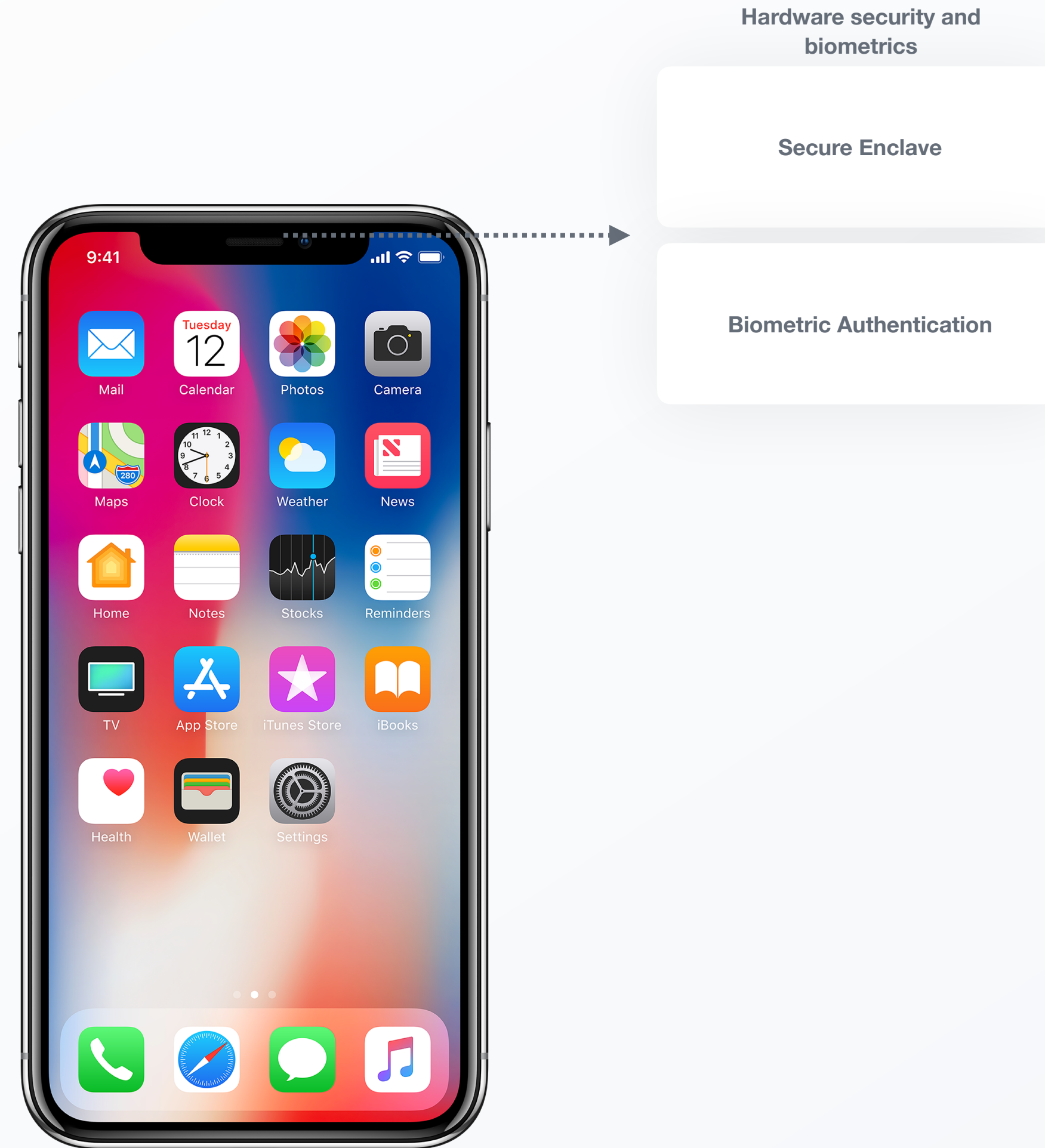


# Understanding mobiles

# iOS security features



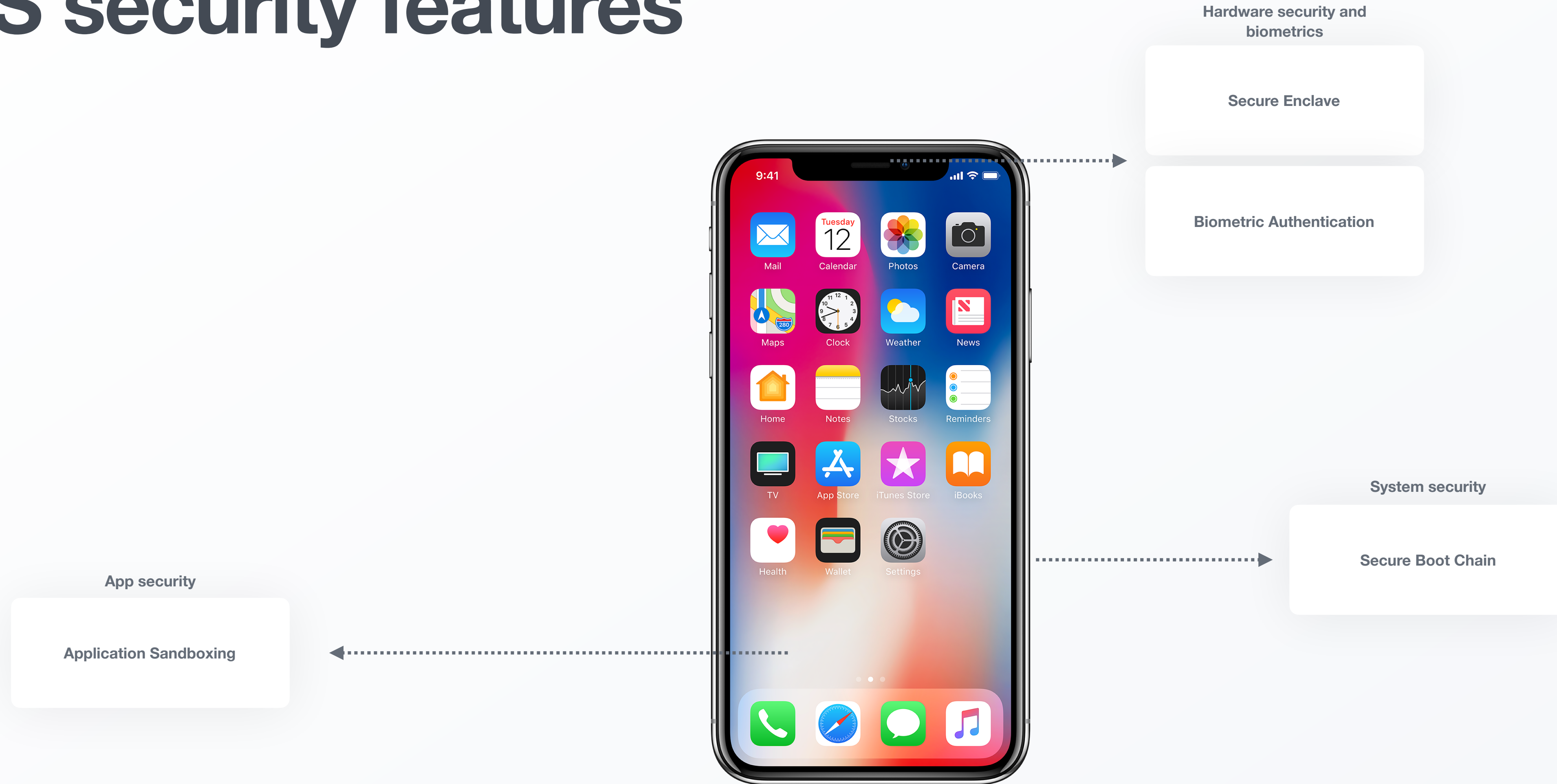
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# How does Android deviate from this?

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**App Store  
Ecosystem**

**Fragmentation**

**Permissions  
Model**

**Open Source**

**Customisability**

# Attack vectors & exploits

# Common attack vectors



## ON-DEVICE RISK

OS vulnerabilities, Risky Configurations

## APP RISK

Malicious, Leaky, and Vulnerable apps

## INFRASTRUCTURE RISK

MitM, SSL strip, Protocol attacks

## CONTENT RISK

Phishing, Data Exfiltration, C2

## Device Threats

Jailbreak / Rooted Devices	High
Vulnerable OS	High
Risky iOS Profile	Med
Dangerous Certificates	Med
Out-of-date OS	Low

## Configuration Vulnerabilities

Android security patches ...	High
Device Encryption Disabled	Med
Lock Screen Disabled	Med
Device Admin Apps Installed	Med
Third-Party App Store Installed	Low
Developer Mode Enabled	Low
Unknown App Sources Enabled	Low
USB App Verification Disabled	Low
USB Debugging Enabled	Low

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## Malware

Malicious apps	High
Sideloaded apps	High
Vulnerable apps	Med
Potentially Unwanted apps	Med

## Data Leaks

App Data Leak: Credit Card	High
Web Data Leak: Credit Card	
App Data Leak: Password	Med
Web Data Leak: Password	
App Data Leak: Email	Low
Web Data Leak: Email	
App Data Leak: Location	Low
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### Infrastructure Threats

Adversary-in-the-Middle

High

Risky Hotspot

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### Web / Content Threats

Mobile Phishing	High
Malware Network Traffic	High
Cryptojacking	Med
Spam Websites	Med
3rd Party App Downloads	Low

# Zero-day vulnerabilities

*“An unknown security flaw in software that is exploited by attackers before the developer has a chance to fix it”*





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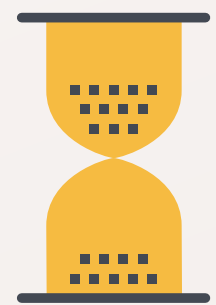
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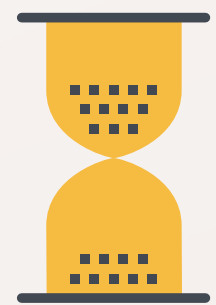
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Apple's new **Rapid Security Response** updates **significantly shorten** the mean time to patch (**MTTP**) for high-risk vulnerabilities

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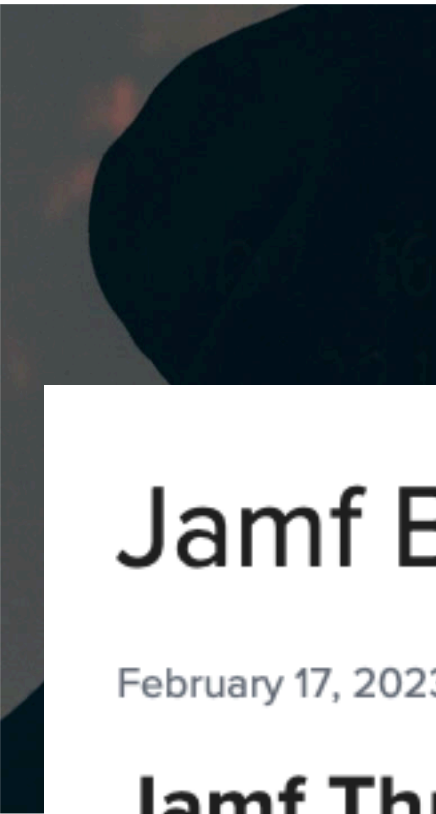
## Jamf Blog

April 17, 2023 by Jamf Threat Labs

### Threat advisory: Mobile spyware continues to evolve

Jamf Threat Labs

Jamf Threat Labs examines two sophisticated spyware attacks and provides recommendations for organizations to defend users from increasingly complex threats.



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April 19, 2023 by Jamf Threat Labs

### The web of connections with iOS 16.4.1

Jamf Threat Labs

In this blog, Jamf Threat Labs analyzes CVE-2023-28206, iOS 16.4.1 patches and CitizenLab's findings on QuaDream's exploits.



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### Jamf Threat Labs analyzes the exploited in-the-wild WebKit vulnerability CVE-2022-42856

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Jamf Threat Labs investigated a WebKit vulnerability that was exploited in the wild. Attackers can exploit CVE-2022-42856 to control code execution within WebKit, giving them the ability to read/write files. This blog explores what the vulnerability looked like in the code and the patches Apple applied.



# Uncovering iOS spyware

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- System logs
- Kernel logs
- Certificates
- Crash info
- Software metadata

# Uncovering iOS spyware



Process: libtouchregd

com.apple.CrashReporter.plist:

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1 {  
2     "urgentSubmissionCount": 5,  
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4 }
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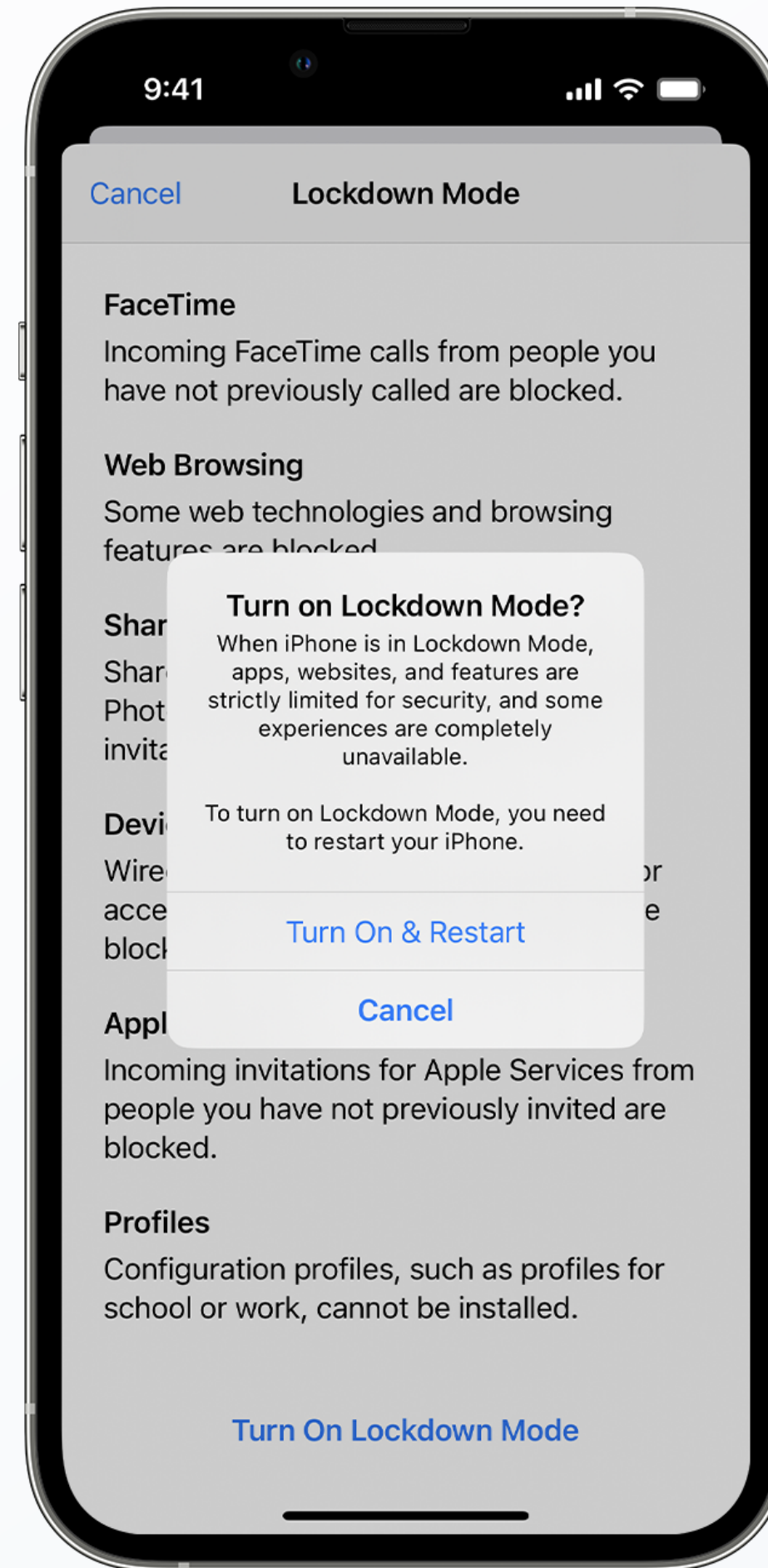
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New IOC: /private/var/containers/appconduitd\_helper ⚠

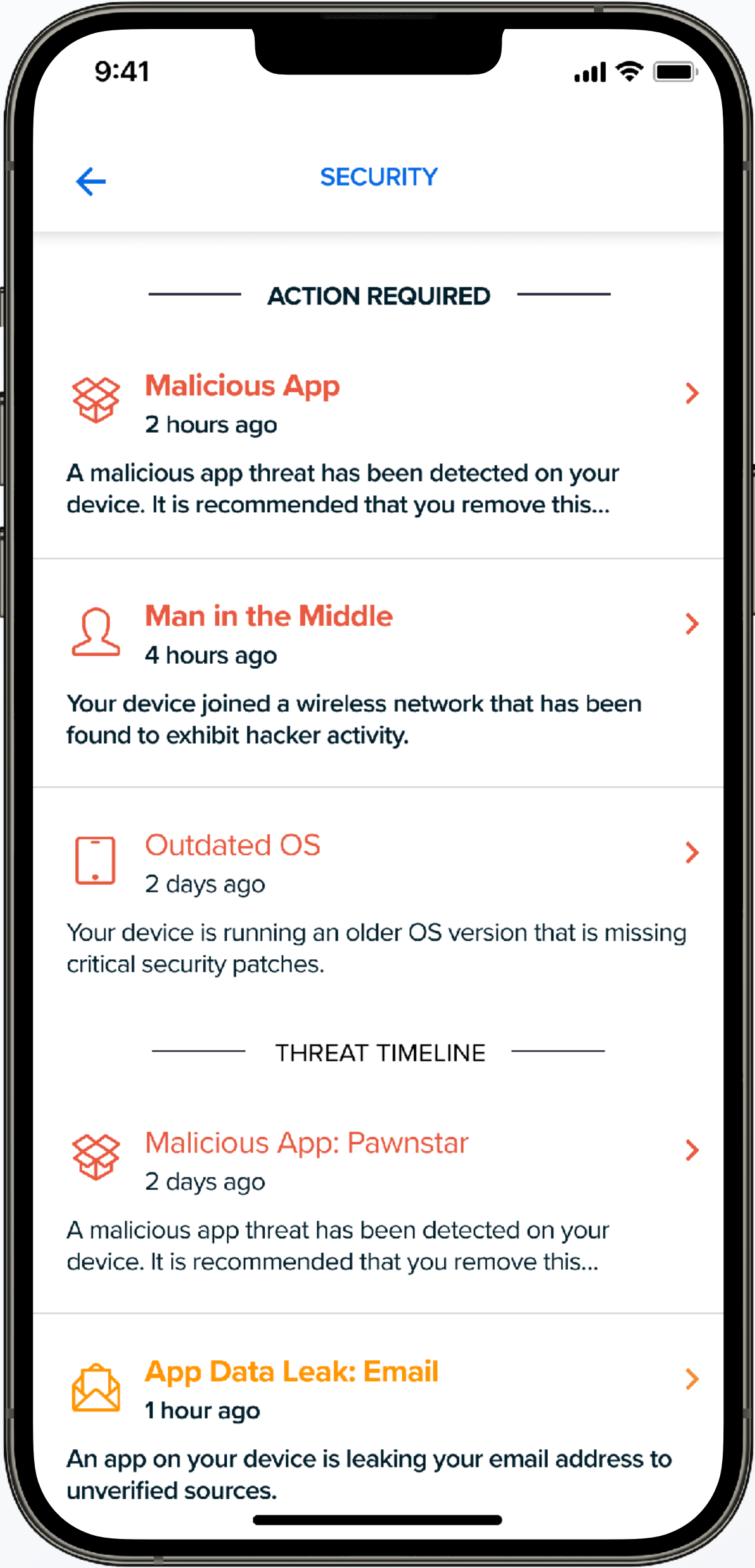
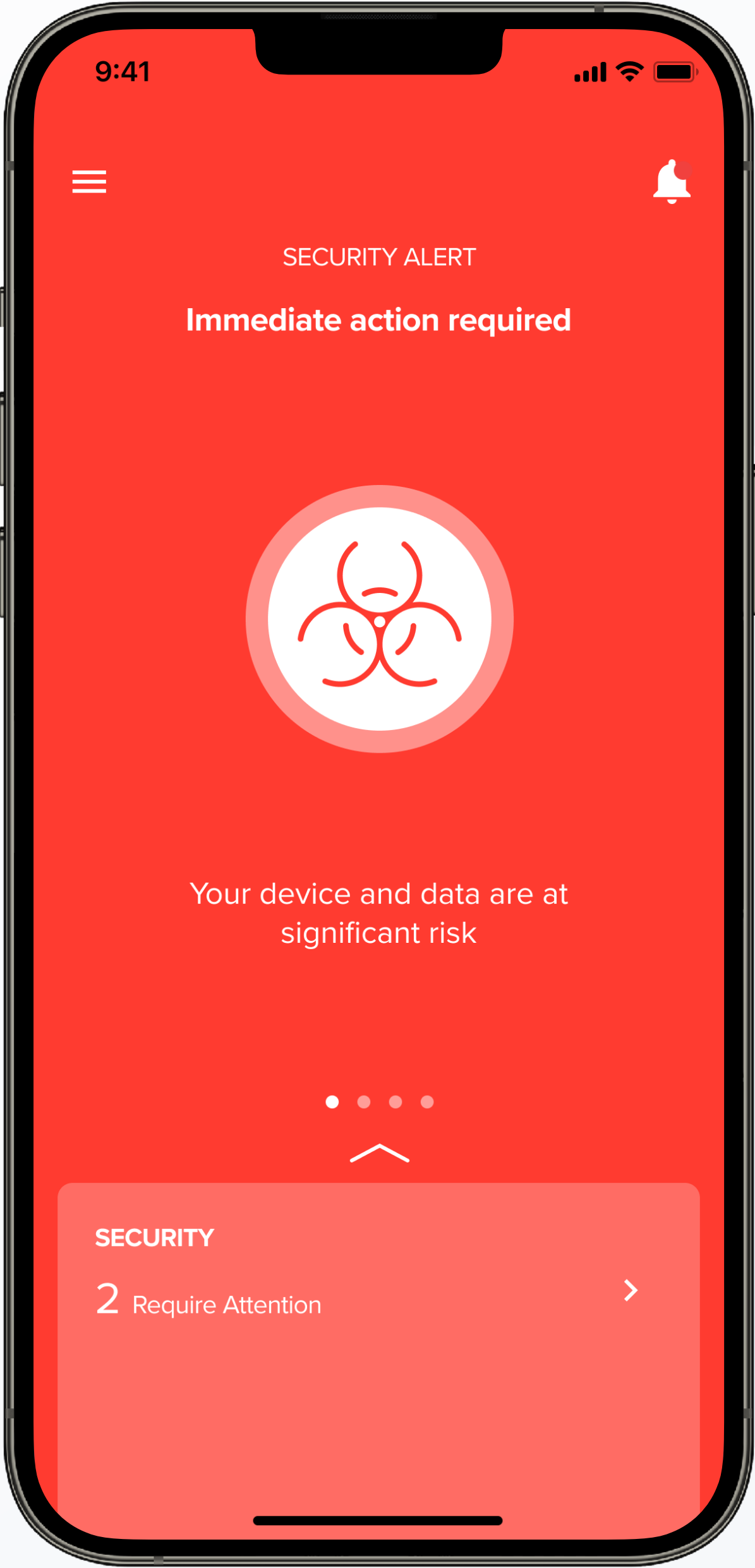
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[https://www.jamf.com/  
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# Addressing mobile security

# Mobile endpoint security



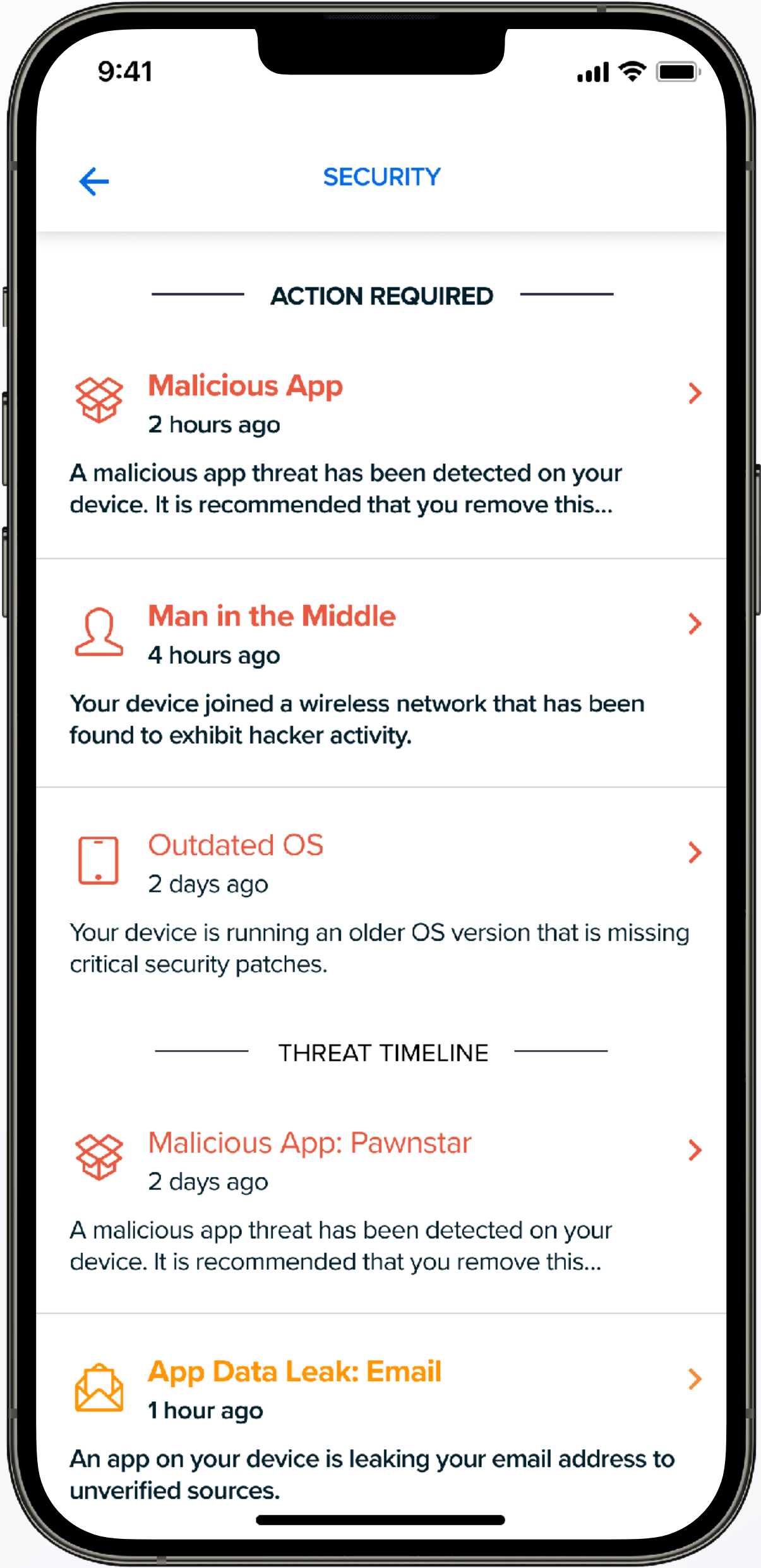
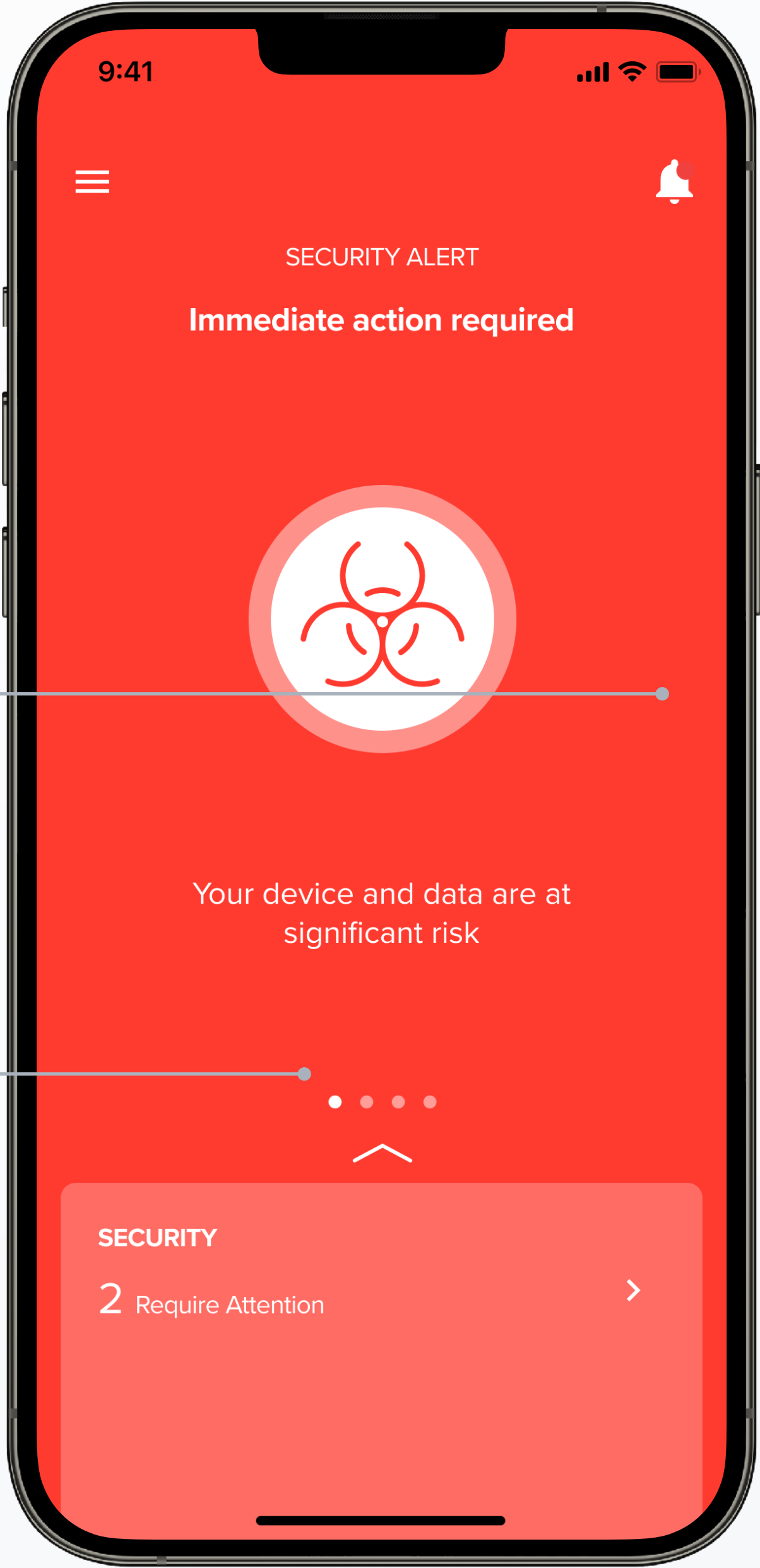
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Device Security

**Secure mobile devices against malware as well as highlighting device based vulnerabilities**

Network Security

**Protect end users against malicious domains, phishing, data leaks and other network-based threats**



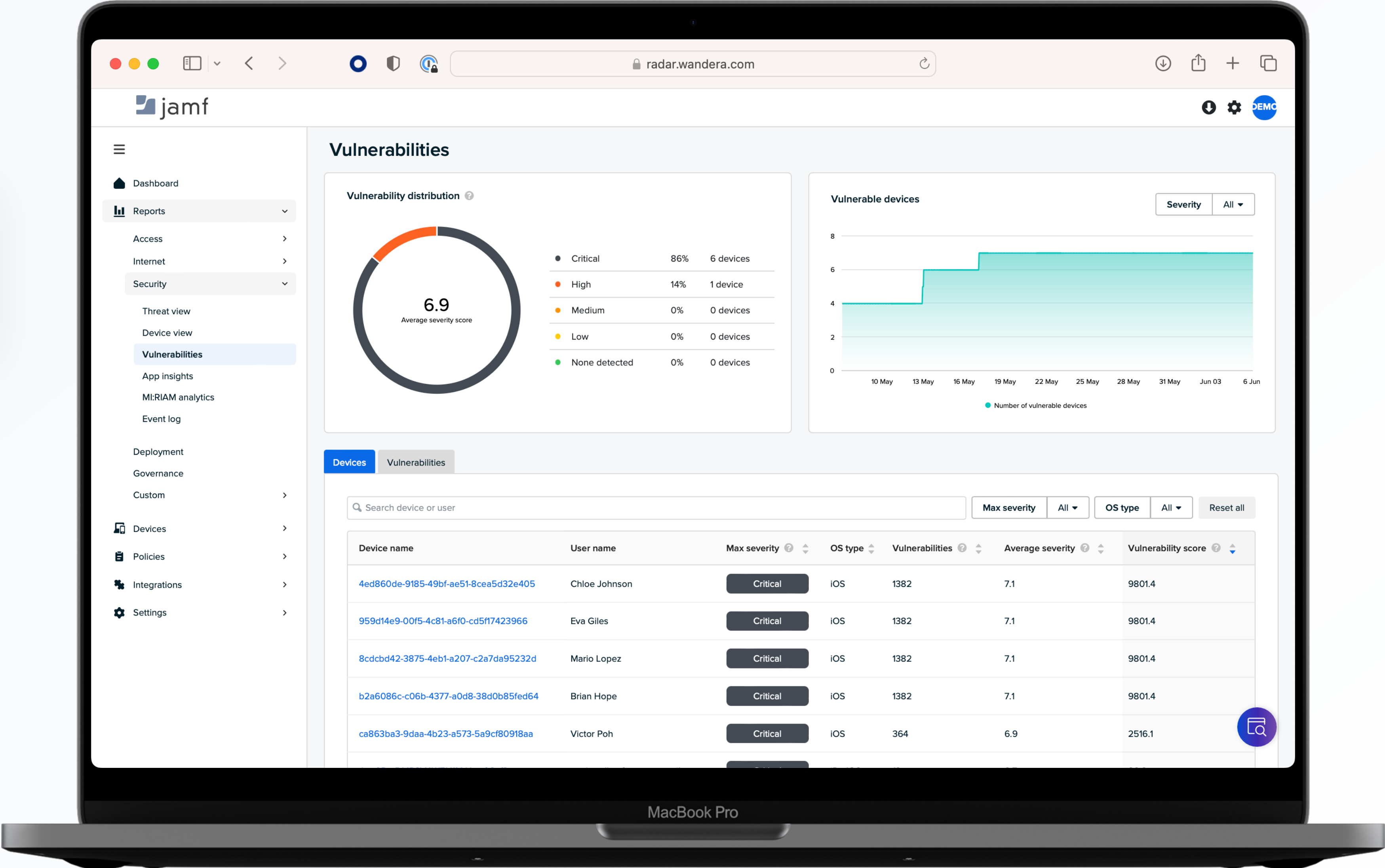
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Visibility




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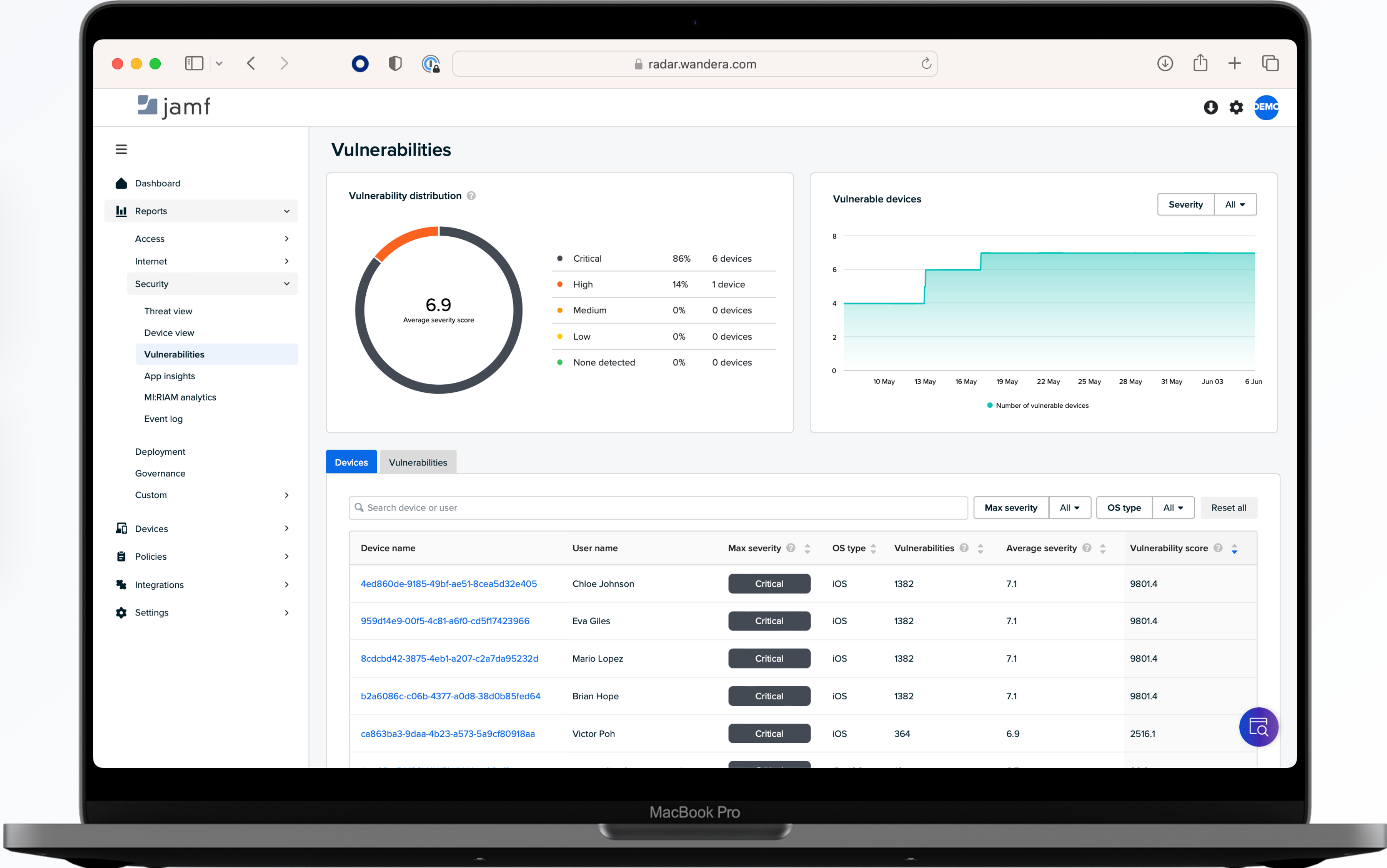
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Risk-based  
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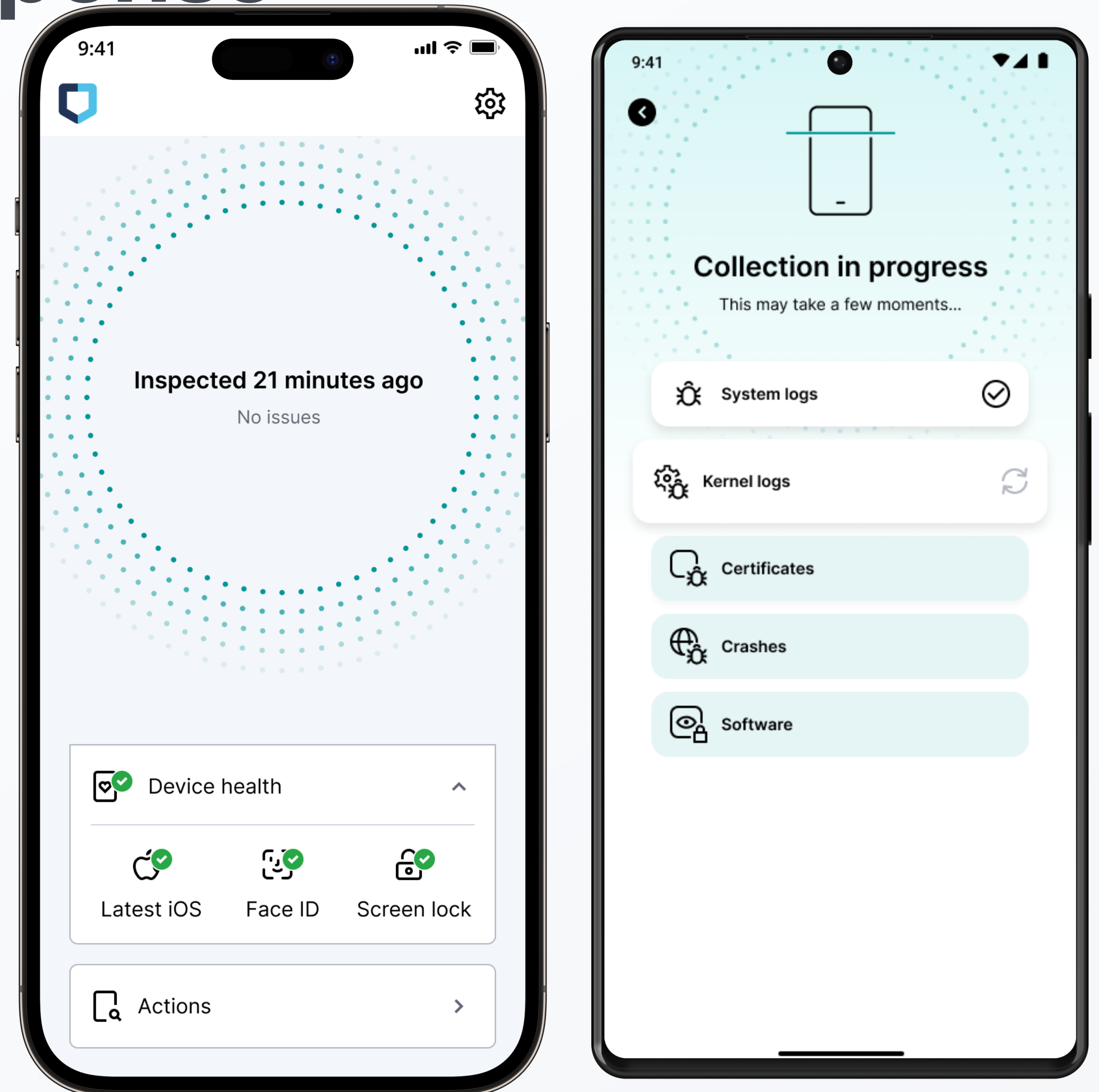


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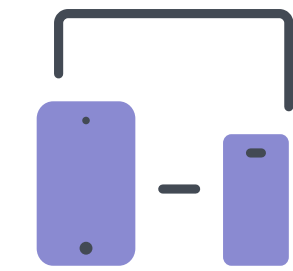
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## Device Management



Automation &  
Remediation



Enrolled  
Devices

## Identity & Access



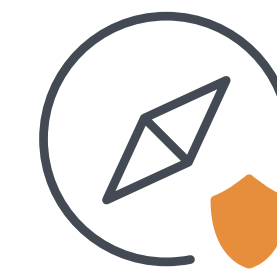
Zero Trust  
Access



Verified  
Identities

# Trusted Access

## Endpoint Security



Prevented  
Threats



Protected  
Endpoints

# Trusted Access

only **Authorized Users**

on **Enrolled Devices**

that are **Secure & Compliant**

can **Access Sensitive Data**

**Trusted  
Access**

**Thank You!**