

# PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE

#### Emerging Issues – Securing Information on Smart Devices

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### iOS Security Features

#### **Data protection**

Hardware Encryption: Every iPad device has a dedicated AES 256-bit crypto engine built in that is used to encrypt data on the device.

**File Data Protection:** Apple uses a technology called "Data Protection" to further protect data stored in flash memory on the device.

**Encrypted Backups:** When an iPad device is backed up to iTunes, it can be encrypted to prevent access to information stored in the backup.

**Effaceable Storage:** The "Erase all content and settings" option in the Settings menu destroys all the keys in Effaceable Storage, making all user data on the device cryptographically inaccessible.

### iOS Security Features

#### Network protection

**Wi-Fi protection:** iOS devices supports industry-standard Wi-Fi protocols, including WPA<sub>2</sub> Enterprise, to provide authenticated access to wireless corporate networks. WPA<sub>2</sub> Enterprise uses AES encryption.

**Internet protection:** Native internet Applications such as Safari, Calendar, Mail, etc. automatically use SSL/TLS to enable an encrypted communication between the device and networks.

**Built-In VPN:** iOS features a built-in VPN client to securely connect to Cisco IPSec, L<sub>2</sub>TP, and PPTP VPN servers right out of the box

## iOS Security Features

#### Application protection

**Mandatory Code Signing:** iOS requires that all executable code be signed. Built-in apps like Mail, are signed by Apple. Third-party apps must be signed using a certificate from the iOS Developer Program.

**Application Sandbox:** All third-party apps are "sandboxed," so they are restricted from accessing files stored by other apps or from making changes to the device.

**System Software Personalization:** All iOS devices prevents the installation of unauthorized operating system and prevents iOS from being downgraded to a less secure version.

### • Step 1: Define the smart device use policy. Consider the following:

- Corporate devices Vs. employee devices
- Separation of personal Vs. corporate data on device
- Personal use or only corporate use? Can you play Angry Bird on your device?
- Agreement with employee to abide with corporate security policies (e.g. remote wipe, or record of their phone calls may be viewed by corporate)
- Would confidential data be allowed on smart devices and how it will be monitored and controlled?
- What type of smart devices will be allowed? Apple only? Android only? Or limit by operating systems?
- How are you going to manage the backup?
- Would you want the device to connect to corporate network?
- Which apps would you like to deploy? Corporate apps? Own Marketplace?

- Step 2: Design the smart device IT architecture. Consider the following:
  - Cloud based solution vs. internally deployed
  - Hosted vs. self supported
  - Number of devices supported and scalability
  - Changes to the current IT architecture

- Step 3: Define the smart device security policy and security architecture. Consider the following:
  - Password Policy control
  - Encryption requirements
  - Port Control (WiFi, bluetooth, camera)
  - Remote lock/unlock/wipe
  - Asset tracking
  - Device configuration (VPN, Email, WiFi)
  - Delivery and control of applications to the device
  - Blacklisting/Whitelisting
  - Audit and Monitoring

- Step 4: Deploy the IT and security architecture and provision the device.
  - Provide emails of device owners to SM
  - SM sends a self-registry link to users
  - Users enter the registry information and obtain credentials
  - SM downloads the security policies on the device
  - Device is ready for use

- Step 5: Enable Email, Calendar and Contact information on the device.
- For ActiveSync/Lotus Notes users
  - Combine ActiveSync/Lotus Notes capabilities with selected solution to implement email policies
  - Is the corporate anti-virus updated for mobile virus checks? Or should virus scan be performed by middle-server?

- Step 6: Enable deployment of corporate mobile applications on the device
  - Typically browser-based apps are enabled
  - Whitelisting/blacklisting policies are deployed?
  - Authentication protocols?

- Step 7: Allow the device to access corporate network
  - Remote Access Policy?
  - VPN connection?
  - Encryption policy?
  - Authentication protocols?

- Step 8: Manage regulatory compliance and governance requirements
  - HIPAA
  - SOX
  - PCI
  - ITIL

- Step 9: Manage reports and dashboard
  - Executive and detailed dashboard
  - Customize reports

- Step 10: Manage monitoring and provide audit support
  - Real time vs. offline analysis
  - Audit support for smart devices