

Smartphone App Security Risk Assessment

Applications

- Mobile device applications
- Smartphone security
- Expert reviews for applications

Advantages

- Allows users to make safer decisions on downloadable applications
- Grants user access to set permission control limits on applications
- Intelligent dynamic learning that predicts app risk
- Utilizes crowdsourcing from expert and non-expert users
- Recommendations generated by a unique algorithm that ranks expert and non-expert reviews
- Increases expert framework through voting algorithm

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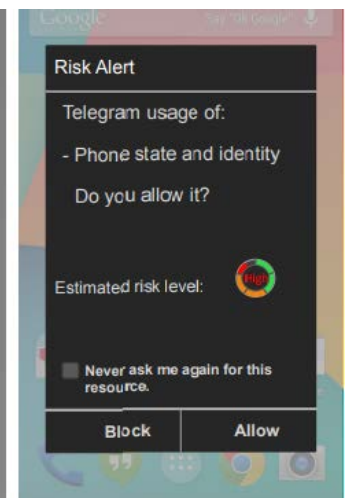
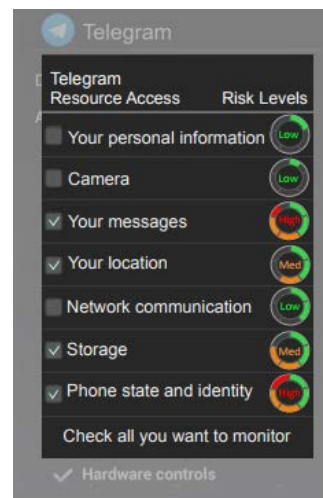
Technology Summary

Dynamic Learning:

App risk is assessed by monitoring app permission usages over time and between users. Security risks can then be presented before installing an app or when an app begins to act suspiciously.

Crowdsourcing:

Researchers at VCU have produced a system to recommend safety features for mobile apps by crowdsourcing information from expert and non-expert users. Users will be able to maintain security control of each third party downloadable app by choosing settings based on recommendations.



Technology Status

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Related Publications:

[Rashidi 2014](#) [Rashidi 2015a](#)
[Rashidi 2015b](#) [Rashidi 2016](#)

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