
iPad/iPhone Security Awareness

for individuals and business

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What's the threat?

- Threats to the device (data at rest)
 - Physical Theft
 - Remote Access
 - Remote Code Execution (malware)
- Threats to the comms channel (data in motion)
 - Wi-Fi attacks
 - GSM attacks
 - Email sniffing
 - Web traffic sniffing and MITM

What can a user do?

- Secure the data at rest
 - Use a PIN code and set lockscreen timeout
 - Stored data Encryption (iOS 4+)
 - Enable remote-wipe capability (iOS 4.2+)
- Secure the data in motion
 - Don't use untrusted Wi-Fi, or at least...
 - Use secure VPNs.
 - Turn on secure SSL email

What can the Enterprise do?

- Centralized security configuration and provisioning
 - 3rd party iDevice management
 - AirWatch
 - Sybase Afaria
 - McAfee Mobility Management
 - many more...
- Limit access to network corporate network resources to managed devices only
- Employ secure VPNs to protect data, end-to-end

A note on Jailbreaking

- Def'n – **Jailbreaking**: Unlocking of the phone to allow non-official software to run
- Why do people do it? Primarily to pirate software
- Usually accomplished by exploiting an iOS vulnerability
- Risks
 - Allows all non approved software (incl. malware) to run
 - Opens 'backdoor' with default password which enables a remote hacker to subvert the phone
- Def'n - **Irony**: Hacking your phone makes it easier to get your phone hacked