Android: Malware's #1 Target

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McAfee's Q2 2011 threat report points out Android-based malware is "the most popular target for mobile malware developers," vastly outnumbering attacks on other mobile operating systems.

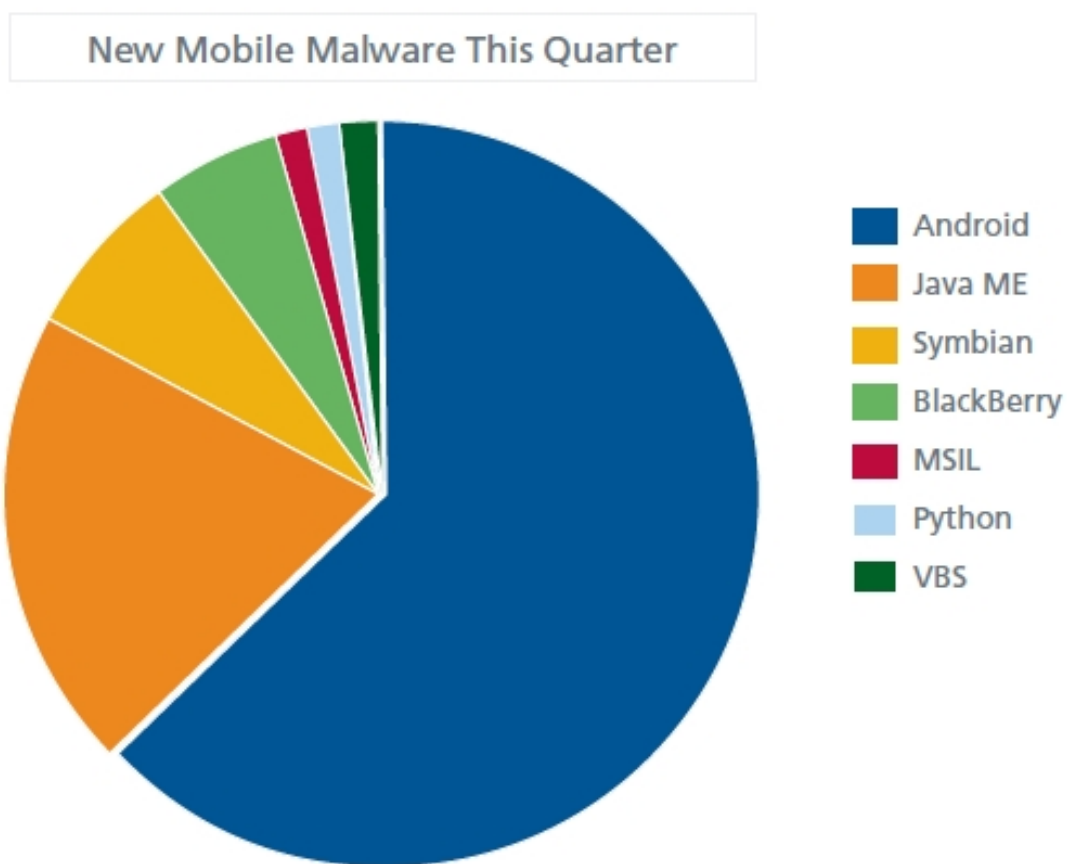Malware attacks on Android outnumber the second placing OS (Java Micro Edition) by over 300%.

Image: McAfee

It's interesting to note iOS device malware attacks are so minimal McAffee fails to even report their number.

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Mobile malware numbers in general are steadily on the rise-- with threats targetting exploits, employing botnet functionality and using rootkit features for stealth and permanence.

The most popular means to distribute malware remains malicious modified apps, including corrupt versions of legitimate apps.

McAfee says the following malware files are the most common-- Jmsonez, Smsmecap.A, DroidKungFu and DrdDreamLite.

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