

Move Over Antennagate: Now We Have "AppGate"

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Researchers from Duke University, Penn State University and Intel Labs created a tool called **Taintdroid** to monitor smartphone applications and their behaviour.

The researchers looked at 30 randomly selected applications and **found 66% used sensitive data suspiciously.**

TaintDroid revealed 15 of 30 will send users' geographic location to remote advertisement servers. None of the fifteen applications mentions such data collection practice in the user license agreements, if present at all.

The study also found 7 of the 30 send a unique phone (hardware) identifier, and, **in some cases, the phone number and SIM card serial number to developers.**

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