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Recording Audio by Placing or Answering Phone Calls

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Threat Category: Malicious or privacy-invasive application

ID: APP-41

Threat Description: An attacker who can place or answer calls without the device user's knowledge could remotely record audio from within the vicinity of the device without directly accessing the device microphone.

Threat Origin

An investigation of Chrysaor Malware on Android [1](#)

Exploit Examples

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CVE Examples

Possible Countermeasures

Mobile Device User

To prevent data collection using the device microphone, install a protective cover over the device which reliably blocks sound from being picked up when features requiring use of the microphone are not in use. Alternatively, turn off the device or do not take it into areas in which audio collection is a main concern.

To reduce the potential for such an exploit for which a security patch is available, ensure OS security updates are installed in a timely fashion.

Enterprise

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References

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