

# Lecture #7

# Securing Mobile Apps

Mobile Applications  
Fall 2024

# Android Security Strategy

- Google Play Protect
  - Defend against Internet-borne threats.
  - User experience that offers security CCC (comprehension, control, confidence).
- Platform Engineering
  - Feature dev.
  - OS hardening, leverage HW.
- SDLC - Security Development Life Cycle
  - Vulnerability management.
  - Full cycle.

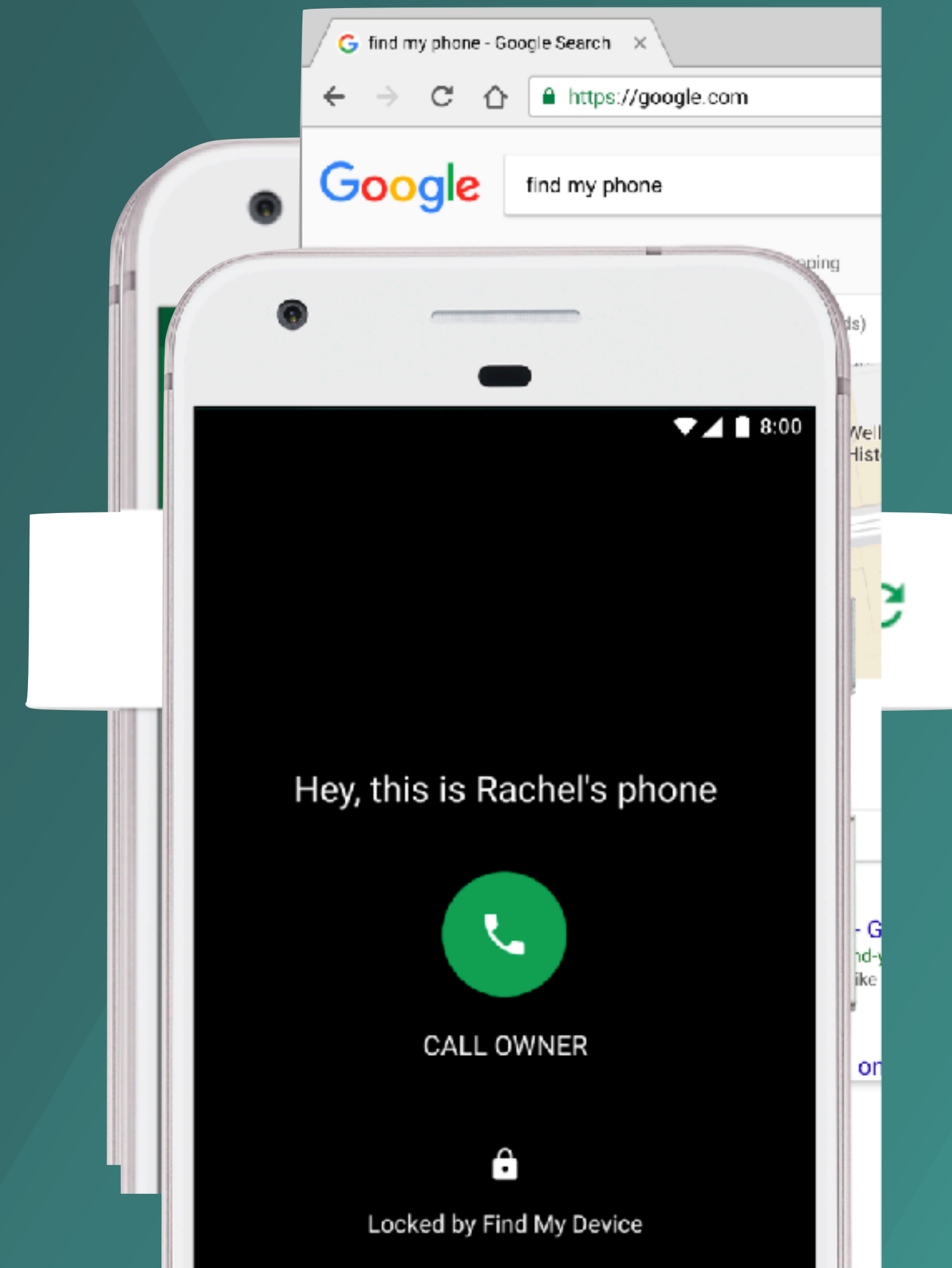


<https://www.android.com/security-center/>

# Google Play Protect



- Keeping your device safe, 24/7
- Scanning and verifying over 100 billion apps every day
- Securing your device, even if it's lost
- Helping you surf on the safe side



<https://www.android.com/play-protect/>

# Platform Engineering

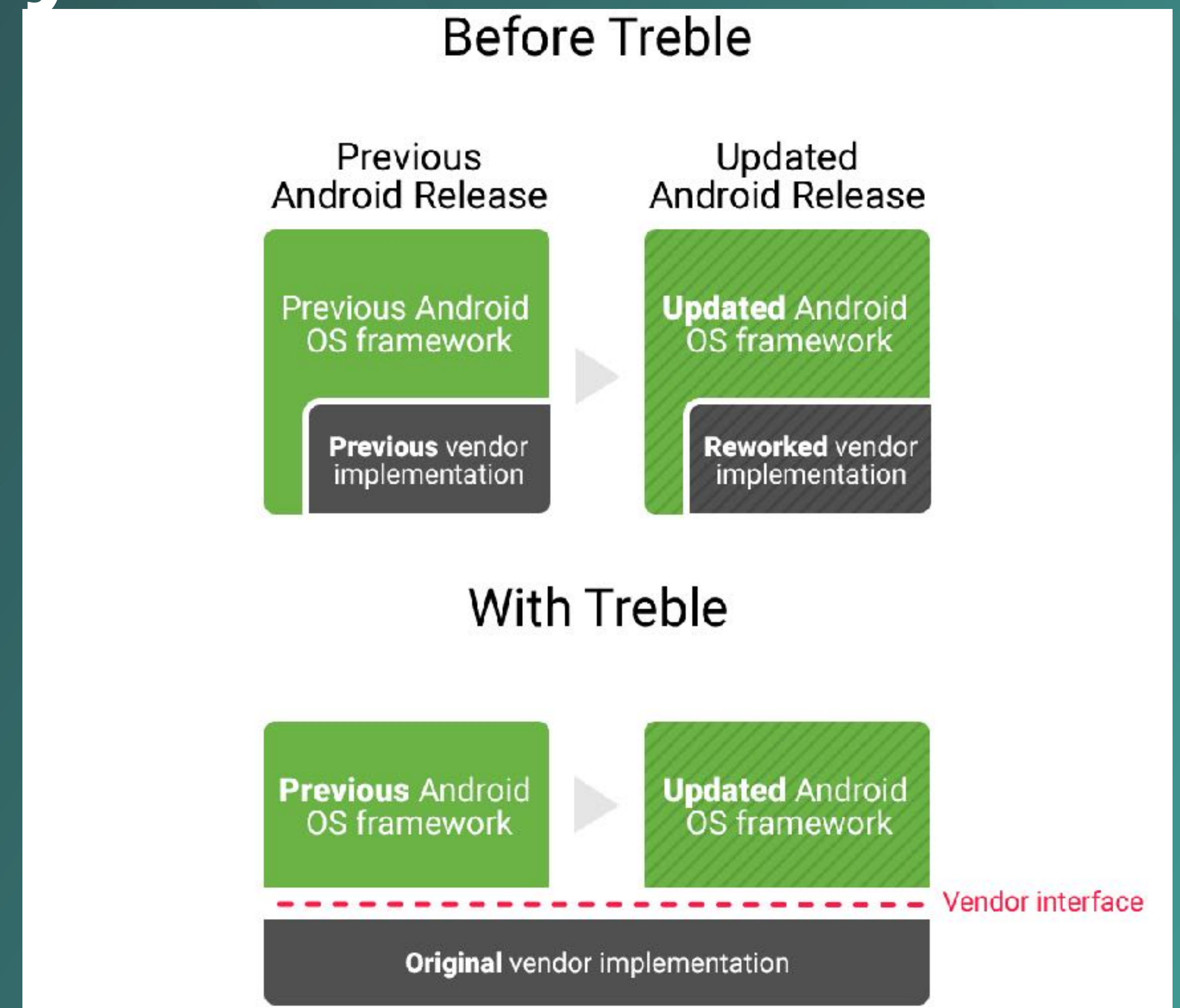
- SELinux
  - Allows users and administrators more control over access control.
  - Access can be constrained, as which users and applications can access which resources.
  - Adds finer granularity to access controls.
- Control Flow Integrity
  - Protecting against code reuse attacks.
  - Implementing in the Linux kernel.
- Verify Boot
  - Ensure all executed code comes from a trusted source.



<https://source.android.com/security/>

# Security Development Lifecycle

- Testing infrastructure.
- Security patching program.
- HAL interface definition language (HIDL)
- Treble: A modular base for Android



# Security for Android Developers



- Store data safely.



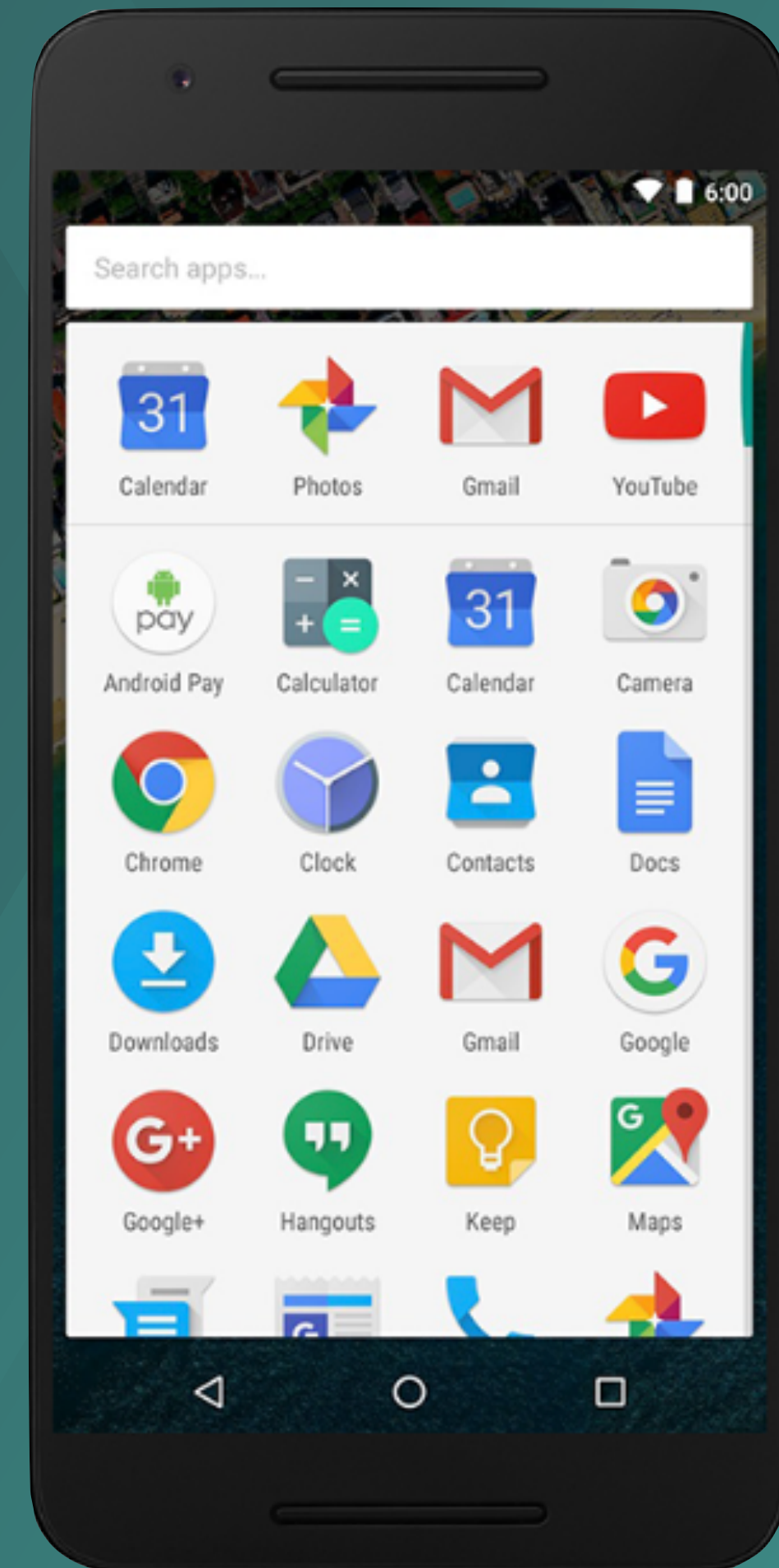
- Enforce secure communication.



- Update security provider.



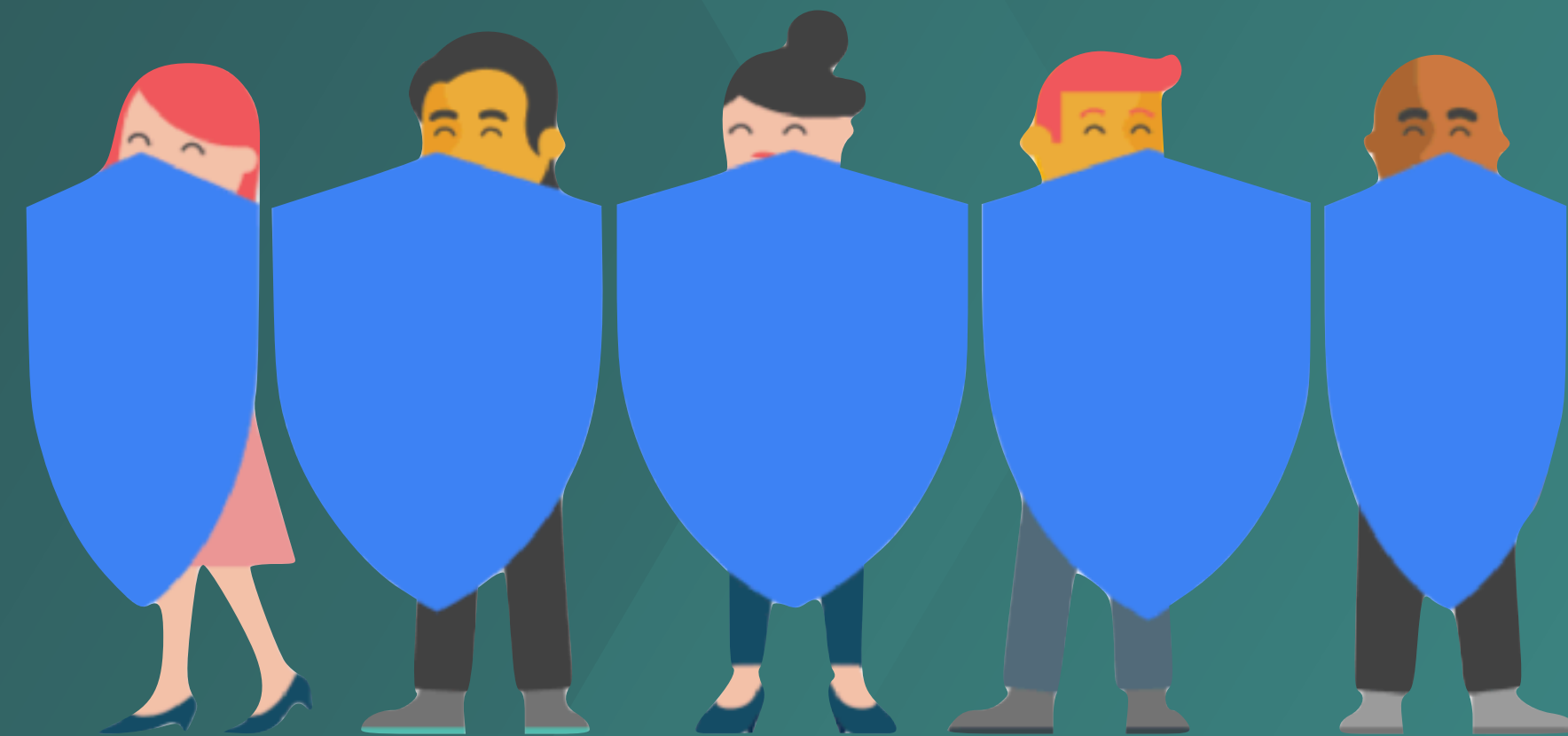
- Pay attention to permissions.



# Store Data Safely



- Minimize the use of APIs that access sensitive or personal user data.
- Consider using hash or non-reversible form of the data to represent the user's sensitive details.



# Store Data Safely

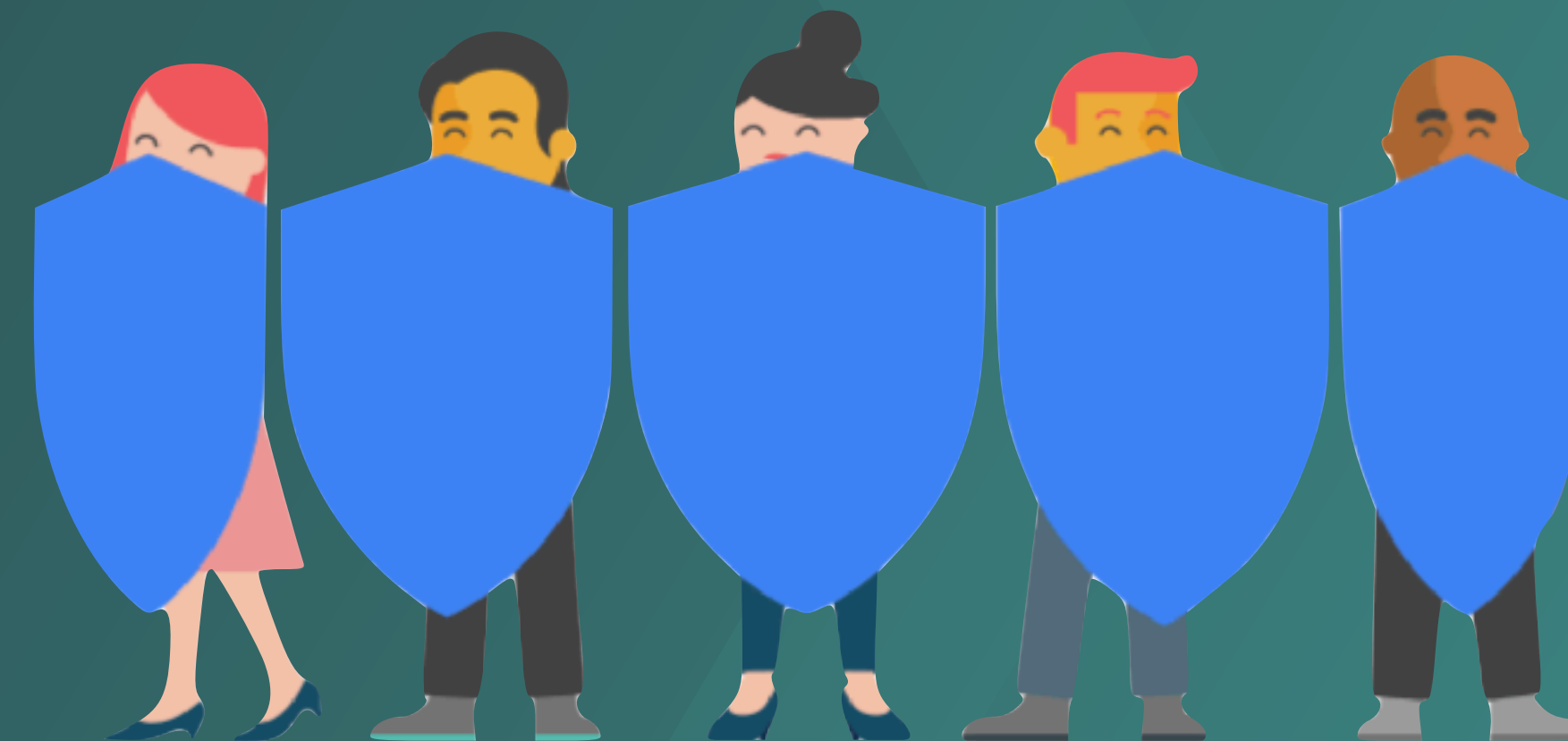


✓ Internal storage.

✗ `MODE_WORLD_WRITEABLE`  
✗ `MODE_WORLD_READABLE`

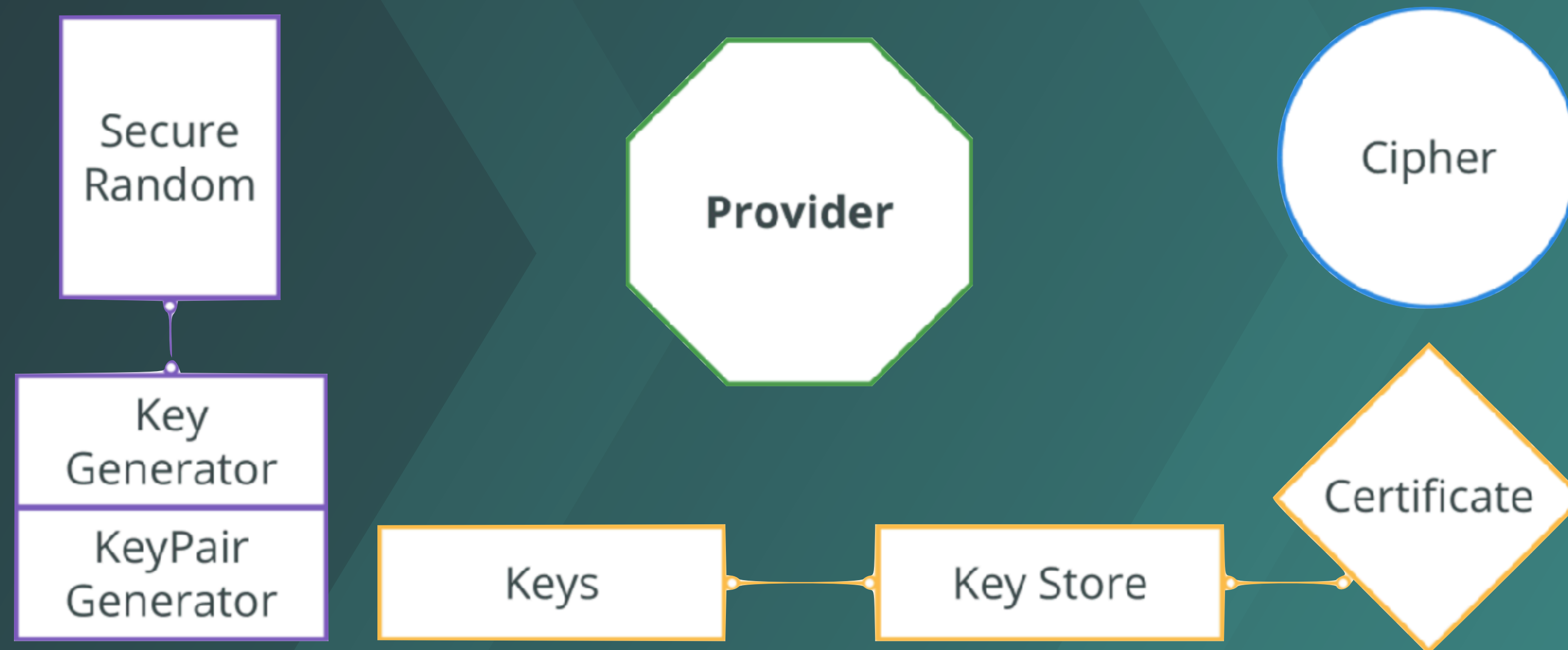
✗ External storage.

✓ Content providers.





# Encrypt Content



# Choose a Key

## Key Storage

```
private val keyStore: KeyStore = createAndroidKeyStore()
private fun createAndroidKeyStore(): KeyStore {
    val keyStore = KeyStore.getInstance("AndroidKeyStore")
    keyStore.load(null) //loads parameters
    return keyStore
}
```

## Key Generation

```
fun createAndroidKeyStoreAsymmetricKey(alias: String): KeyPair {
    val generator = KeyPairGenerator.getInstance("RSA", "AndroidKeyStore")
    if (SystemService.hasMarshmallow()) {
        initGeneratorWithKeyGenParameterSpec(generator, alias)
    } else {
        initGeneratorWithKeyPairGeneratorSpec(generator, alias)
    }
    // Generates Key with given spec and saves it to the KeyStore
    return generator.generateKeyPair()
}
```

# Choose a Key

## Key Initialization

```
@TargetApi(Build.VERSION_CODES.M)
private fun initGeneratorWithKeyGenParameterSpec(
    generator: KeyPairGenerator,
    alias: String) {
    val builder = KeyGenParameterSpec.Builder(
        alias, KeyProperties.PURPOSE_ENCRYPT or KeyProperties.PURPOSE_DECRYPT)
        .setBlockModes(KeyProperties.BLOCK_MODE_ECB)
        .setEncryptionPaddings(KeyProperties.ENCRYPTION_PADDING_RSA_PKCS1)
    generator.initialize(builder.build())
}
```

## Key Management

```
fun getAndroidKeyStoreAsymmetricKeyPair(alias: String): KeyPair? {
    val privateKey = keyStore.getKey(alias, null) as PrivateKey?
    val publicKey = keyStore.getCertificate(alias)?.publicKey
    return if (privateKey != null && publicKey != null) {
        KeyPair(publicKey, privateKey)
    } else { null }
}

fun removeAndroidKeyStoreKey(alias: String) = keyStore.deleteEntry(alias)
```

# Encrypt & Decrypt

```
companion object {  
    var TRANSFORMATION_ASYMMETRIC = "RSA/ECB/PKCS1Padding"  
}
```

```
val cipher: Cipher = Cipher.getInstance(transformation)
```

```
fun encrypt(data: String, key: Key?): String {  
    cipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, key)  
    val bytes = cipher.doFinal(data.toByteArray())  
    return Base64.encodeToString(bytes, Base64.DEFAULT)  
}
```

```
fun decrypt(data: String, key: Key?): String {  
    cipher.init(Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE, key)  
    val encryptedData = Base64.decode(data, Base64.DEFAULT)  
    val decodedData = cipher.doFinal(encryptedData)  
    return String(decodedData)  
}
```

## Algorithm

AES/CBC/NoPadding

AES/CBC/PKCS7Padding

AES/CTR/NoPadding

AES/ECB/NoPadding

AES/ECB/PKCS7Padding

AES/GCM/NoPadding

RSA/ECB/NoPadding

API 18+

RSA/ECB/PKCS1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-1AndMGF1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-224AndMGF1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-256AndMGF1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-384AndMGF1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-512AndMGF1Padding

RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-512AndMGF1Padding

API 23+

# Encrypt & Decrypt Example

```
var message = "Hello Word"
```

```
// Creates Android Key Store and provides manage functions
```

```
private val keyStoreWrapper = KeyStoreWrapper(context)
```

```
// Create and Save asymmetric key
```

```
keyStoreWrapper.createAndroidKeyStoreAsymmetricKey("MASTER_KEY")
```

```
aB9Ce9d5oM0/yloLQik0z8RovWHLmoQf3ovlCiz+D9+0/y7ZDfx6SpPYsKFIK3df079DNVIGVXIW  
63CIUrrc7zLPMCCHCnzoeNJMqj2z0mFclluXzr5mCDJYfU/63yPeUpCPuo3y1SfXPPPNYJKhz2pq  
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vGnpzMYN/rYwt/cer8nreURscXN7o3IR8ZtPkA==
```

```
// Encrypt message with the key, using public key
```

```
var encryptedData = cipherWrapper.encrypt(message, masterKey?.public)
```

```
// Decrypt message with the key, using private key
```

```
var decryptedData = cipherWrapper.decrypt(data, masterKey?.private)
```

# Lock Screen

```
private val keyguardManager: KeyguardManager

keyguardManager =
    context.getSystemService(Context.KEYGUARD_SERVICE)

fun isDeviceSecure(): Boolean =
    if (hasMarshmallow()) keyguardManager.isDeviceSecure
    else keyguardManager.isKeyguardSecure

fun hasMarshmallow() =
    Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.M
```



# Prevent the app from starting

```
private var deviceSecurityAlert: AlertDialog? = null

override fun onStart() {
    super.onStart()
    if (!isDeviceSecure()) {
        deviceSecurityAlert = showDeviceSecurityAlert()
    }
}

// Used to block application if no lock screen is setup.
fun showDeviceSecurityAlert(): AlertDialog {
    return AlertDialog.Builder(context)
        .setTitle(R.string.lock_title)
        .setMessage(R.string.lock_body)
        .setPositiveButton(R.string.lock_settings, { _, _ ->
context.openLockScreenSettings() })
        .setNegativeButton(R.string.lock_exit, { _, _ -> System.exit(0) })
        .setCancelable(BuildConfig.DEBUG)
        .show()
}
```

## Lock Screen

Secure lock screen hasn't set up. To continue working with this app, please got to Settings and set a lock screen method.

EXIT SETTINGS



# Jetpack Security

- Based on Google Tink ([github.com/google/tink](https://github.com/google/tink)).
- Provides abstractions for encrypting Files and SharedPreferences objects.
- Strong security that balances great encryption and good performance.
- Maximum security.



# Setup

```
dependencies {  
    implementation "androidx.security:security-crypto:1.0.0"  
  
    // For Identity Credential APIs  
    implementation "androidx.security:security-identity-credential:1.0.0-alpha03"  
}
```

# Read Files

```
val mainKey = MasterKey.Builder(applicationContext)
    .setKeyScheme(MasterKey.KeyScheme.AES256_GCM).build()
```

```
val fileToRead = "my_sensitive_data.txt"
```

```
val encryptedFile = EncryptedFile.Builder(applicationContext, File(DIRECTORY, fileToRead),
    mainKey, EncryptedFile.FileEncryptionScheme.AES256_GCM_HKDF_4KB).build()
```

```
val inputStream = encryptedFile.openFileInput()
```

```
val byteArrayOutputStream = ByteArrayOutputStream()
```

```
var nextByte: Int = inputStream.read()
```

```
while (nextByte != -1) {
    byteArrayOutputStream.write(nextByte)
    nextByte = inputStream.read()
}
```

```
val plaintext: ByteArray = byteArrayOutputStream.toByteArray()
```

# Write Files

```
val mainKey = MasterKey.Builder(applicationContext)
    .setKeyScheme(MasterKey.KeyScheme.AES256_GCM)
    .build()

val fileToWrite = "my_sensitive_data.txt"
val encryptedFile = EncryptedFile.Builder(
    applicationContext,
    File(DIRECTORY, fileToWrite),
    mainKey,
    EncryptedFile.FileEncryptionScheme.AES256_GCM_HKDF_4KB
).build()

val fileContent = "MY SUPER-SECRET INFORMATION"
    .toByteArray(StandardCharsets.UTF_8)

encryptedFile.openFileOutput().apply {
    write(fileContent)
    flush()
    close()
}
```

# Edit shared preferences

```
val sharedPrefsFile: String = FILE_NAME
val sharedPreferences: SharedPreferences = EncryptedSharedPreferences.create(
    applicationContext,
    sharedPrefsFile,
    mainKey,
    EncryptedSharedPreferences.PrefKeyEncryptionScheme.AES256_SIV,
    EncryptedSharedPreferences.PrefValueEncryptionScheme.AES256_GCM
)

with (sharedPreferences.edit()) {
    // Edit the user's shared preferences...
    apply()
}
```

# BiometricPrompt

DEMO

```
// Create BiometricPrompt instance in onCreate
```

```
val biometricPrompt = BiometricPrompt(  
    this, // Activity  
    ContextCompat.getMainExecutor(this),  
    authenticationCallback  
)
```

```
private val authenticationCallback = object : AuthenticationCallback() {  
    override fun onAuthenticationSucceeded(  
        result: AuthenticationResult  
    ) {  
        super.onAuthenticationSucceeded(result)  
        // Unlocked -- do work here.  
    }  
    override fun onAuthenticationError(  
        errorCode: Int, errString: CharSequence  
    ) {  
        super.onAuthenticationError(errorCode, errString)  
        // Handle error.  
    }  
}
```

```
// To use
```

```
val promptInfo = PromptInfo.Builder()  
    .setTitle("Unlock?")  
    .setDescription("Would you like to unlock this key?")  
    .setDeviceCredentialAllowed(true)  
    .build()  
biometricPrompt.authenticate(promptInfo)
```



# Secure Communication

```
// Load CAs from an InputStream
// (could be from a resource or ByteArrayInputStream or ...)
val cf: CertificateFactory = CertificateFactory.getInstance("X.509")
// From https://www.washington.edu/itconnect/security/ca/load-der.crt
val caInput: InputStream = BufferedInputStream(FileInputStream("load-der.crt"))
val ca: X509Certificate = caInput.use {
    cf.generateCertificate(it) as X509Certificate
}
val urlConnection: URLConnection =
    url.openConnection()
// Create a KeyStore containing our trusted CAs
val keyStoreType = KeyStore.getDefaultType()
val keyStore = KeyStore.getInstance(keyStoreType).apply {
    load(inputStream, System.out)
    setCertificateEntry("ca", ca)
}
// Create a TrustManager that trusts the CAs in our KeyStore
val tmfAlgorithm: String = TrustManagerFactory.getDefaultAlgorithm()
val tmf: TrustManagerFactory = TrustManagerFactory.getInstance(tmfAlgorithm).apply {
    init(keyStore)
}
```



```
// Create an SSLContext that uses our TrustManager
val context: SSLContext = SSLContext.getInstance("TLS").apply {
```

<https://developer.android.com/training/articles/security-ssl>

# SSL

```
// Open SSLSocket directly to gmail.com
val socket: SSLSocket = SSLSocketFactory.getDefault().run {
    createSocket("gmail.com", 443) as SSLSocket
}
val session = socket.session

// Verify that the certificate hostname is for mail.google.com
HttpsURLConnection.getDefaultHostnameVerifier().run {
    if (!verify("mail.google.com", session)) {
        throw SSLHandshakeException("Expected mail.google.com, found ${session.peerPrincipal} ")
    }
}

// At this point SSLSocket performed certificate verification and
// we have performed hostname verification, so it is safe to proceed.

// ... use socket ...

socket.close()
```







# Permissions

- Only use the permissions necessary for your app to work.
- Pay attention to permissions required by libraries.
- Be transparent.
- Make system accesses explicit.

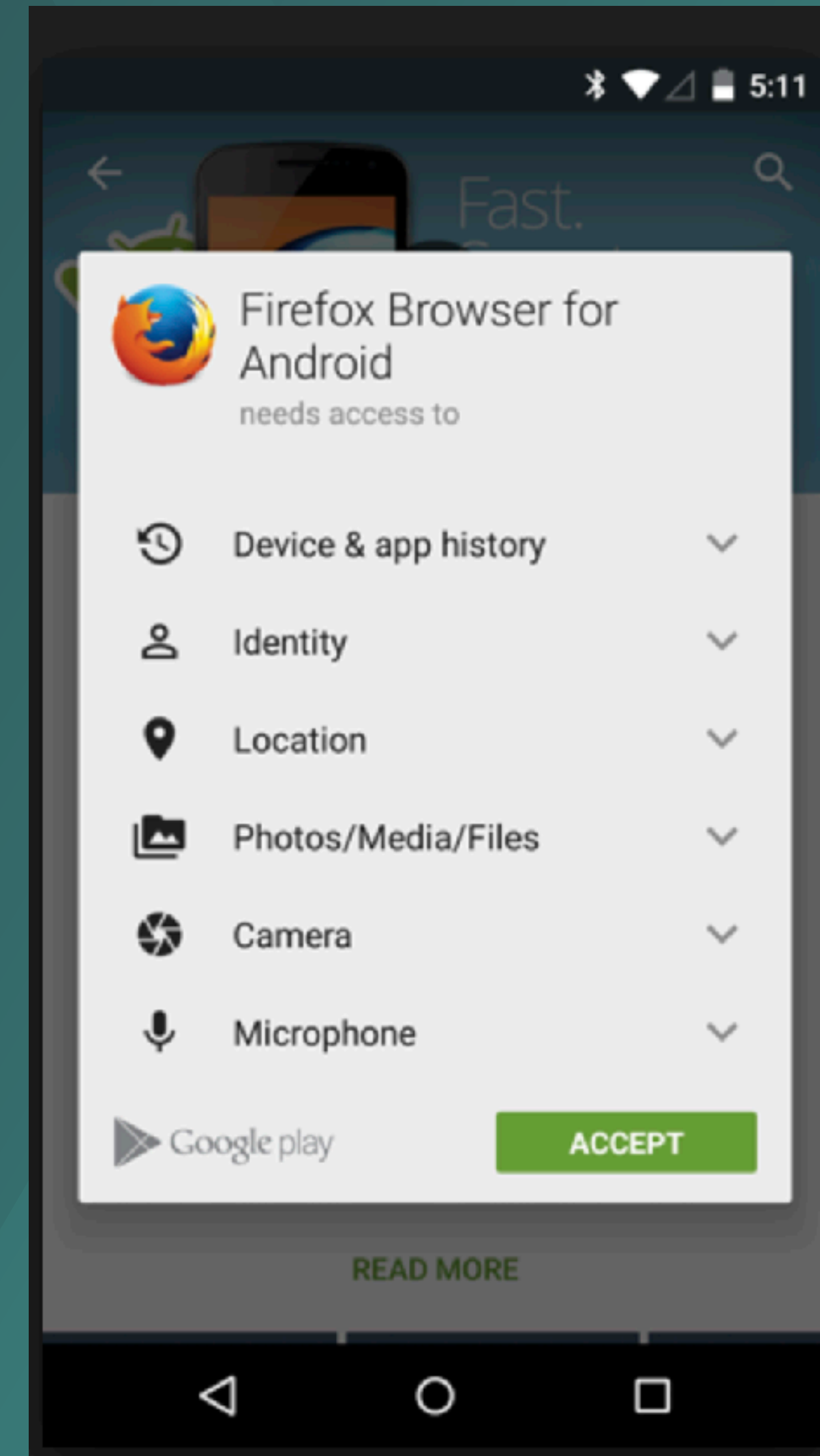
```
<manifest ...  
  package="com.example.snazzyapp">  
  
  <uses-permission  
    android:name=  
      "android.permission.SEND_SMS"/>  
    <!-- other permissions go here -->  
  
  <application ...>  
    ...  
  </application>  
</manifest>
```



# Permissions

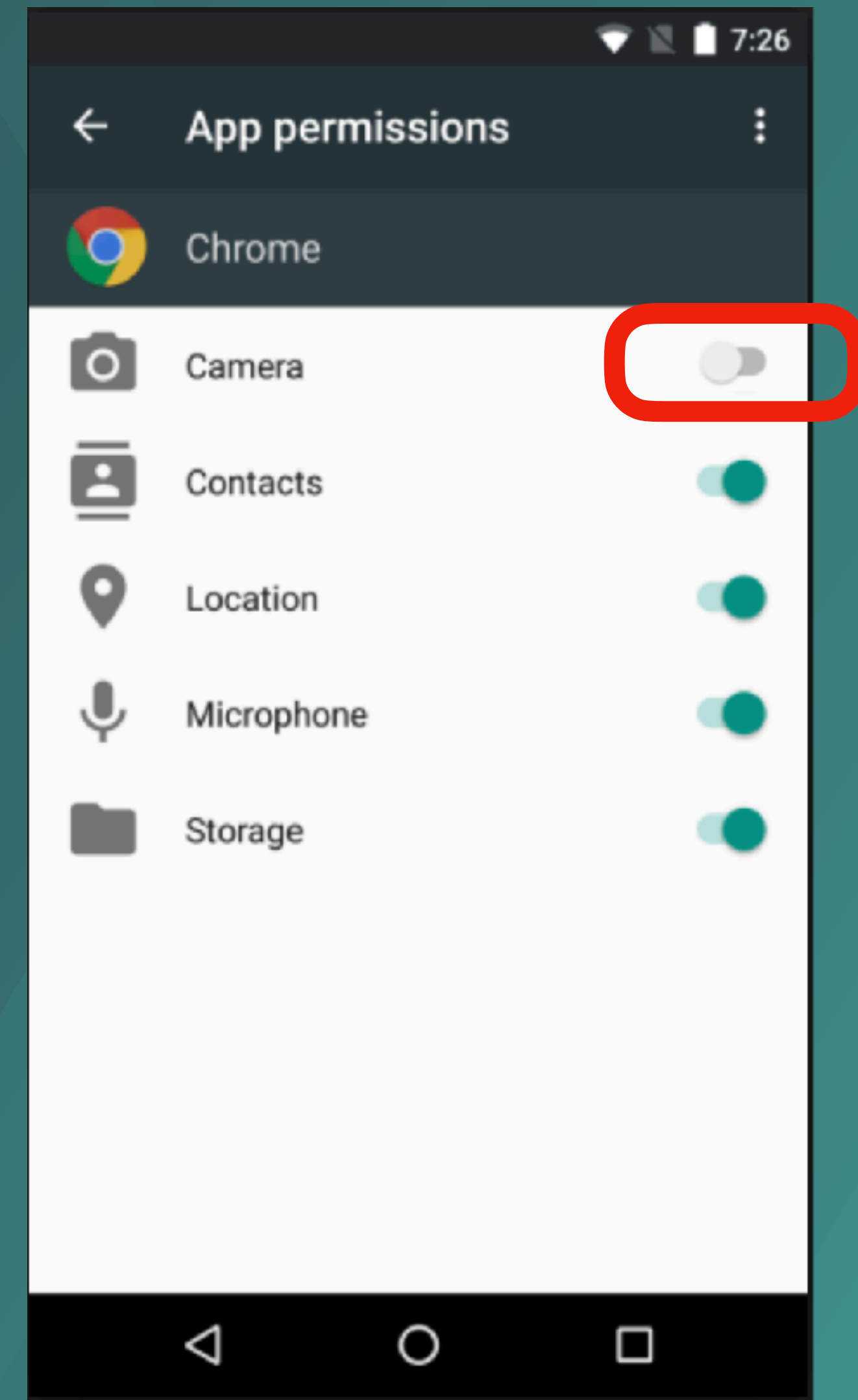
**Before:** Android 6.0

```
<manifest ...  
  package="com.mozilla.firefox">  
  ...  
  <uses-permission  
    android:name=  
      "android.permission.CAMERA"/>  
  <uses-permission  
    android:name=  
      "android.permission.MICROPHONE"/>  
  ...  
  <application ... >  
  ...  
</application>  
</manifest>
```



# After: Android 6.0

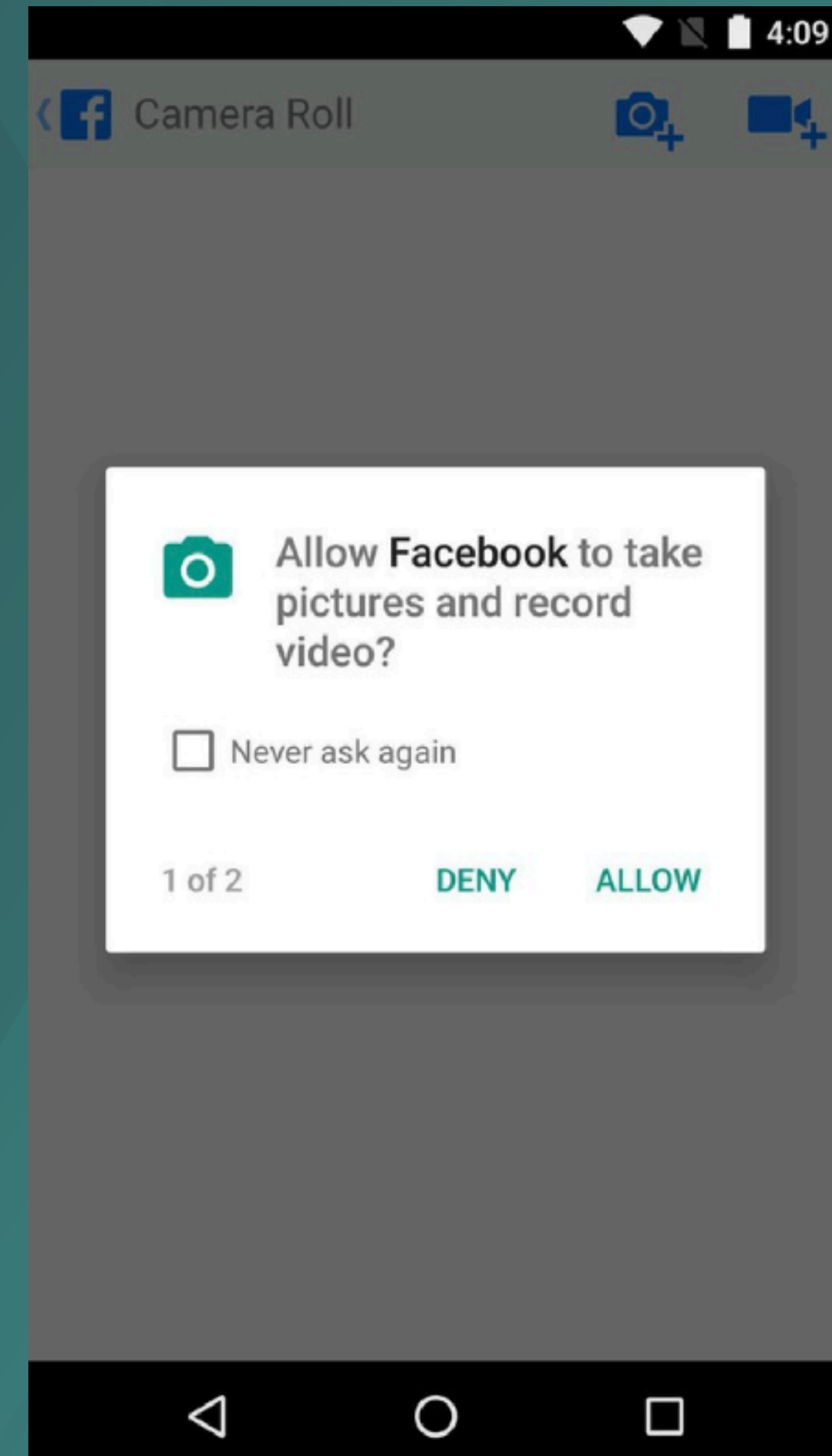
```
if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(  
    thisActivity,  
    Manifest.permission.CAMERA)  
    != PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {  
    // Permission is not granted  
}
```



```

if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(
    thisActivity,
    Manifest.permission.CAMERA)
    != PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
// Should we show an explanation?
if (ActivityCompat.
    shouldShowRequestPermissionRationale(
        thisActivity,
        Manifest.permission.CAMERA)) {
// Show an explanation to the user *asynchronously*
// -- don't block this thread waiting for user's
// response! After the user sees the explanation,
// try again to request the permission.
} else {
// No explanation needed,
// we can request the permission.
ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(thisActivity,
    arrayOf(Manifest.permission.CAMERA),
    MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_CAMERA)
// MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_CAMERA is an
// app-defined int constant.
// The callback method gets the result of the request.
}
}
}

```



<https://developer.android.com/training/permissions/requesting>

# Permissions Request Response

```
override fun onRequestPermissionsResult(requestCode: Int,  
    permissions: Array<String>, grantResults: IntArray) {  
    when (requestCode) {  
        MY_PERMISSIONS_REQUEST_CAMERA -> {  
            // If request is cancelled, the result arrays are empty.  
            if ((grantResults.isNotEmpty() &&  
                grantResults[0] == PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED)) {  
                // permission was granted, yay!  
                // Do the camera-related task you need to do.  
            } else {  
                // permission denied, boo!  
                // Disable the functionality that depends on this permission.  
            }  
            return  
        }  
        // Add other 'when' lines to check for other  
        // permissions this app might request.  
        else -> {  
            // Ignore all other requests.  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Dangerous Permissions

DEMO

Permission Group	Permissions
CALENDAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• READ_CALENDAR</li><li>• WRITE_CALENDAR</li></ul>
CALL_LOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• READ_CALL_LOG</li><li>• WRITE_CALL_LOG</li><li>• PROCESS_OUTGOING_CALLS</li></ul>
CAMERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAMERA</li></ul>
CONTACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• READ_CONTACTS</li><li>• WRITE_CONTACTS</li><li>• GET_ACCOUNTS</li></ul>
LOCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION</li><li>• ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION</li></ul>
MICROPHONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RECORD_AUDIO</li></ul>
PHONE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• READ_PHONE_STATE</li><li>• READ_PHONE_NUMBERS</li><li>• CALL_PHONE</li><li>• ANSWER_PHONE_CALLS</li><li>• ADD_VOICEMAIL</li></ul>

# OAuth2

- Industry-standard protocol for authorization.
- Focuses on client developer simplicity.
- Specific authorization flows for:
  - Web applications.
  - Desktop applications.
  - Mobile phones.
  - Others, eg: living room devices.



# Request an Auth Token

```
<manifest ... >  
<uses-permission  
  android:name=  
    "android.permission.ACCOUNT_MANAGER" />  
<uses-permission  
  android:name=  
    "android.permission.INTERNET" />  
...  
</manifest>
```





# Get the Auth Token

```
AccountManager am = AccountManager.get(this);
Bundle options = new Bundle();

am.getAuthToken(
    myAccount, // Account retrieved using getAccountsByType()
    "Manage your tasks", // Auth scope
    options, // Authenticator-specific options
    this, // Your activity
    new OnTokenAcquired(), // Callback called when a token
                          // is successfully acquired
    new Handler(new OnError())); // Callback called if an error occurs
```

# Get the Auth Token

```
AccountManager am = AccountManager.get(this);
Bundle options = new Bundle();

am.getAuthToken(
    myAccount, // Account retrieved using getAccountsByType()
    "Manage your tasks", // Auth scope
    options, // Authenticator-specific options
    this, // Your activity
    new OnTokenAcquired(), // Callback called when a token
        // is successfully acquired
    new Handler(new OnError())); // Callback called if an error occurs
```

```
private class OnTokenAcquired
    implements AccountManagerCallback<Bundle> {
    @Override
    public void run(AccountManagerFuture<Bundle> result) {
        // Get the result of the operation from the AccountManagerFuture
        Bundle bundle = result.getResult();

        // The token is a named value in the bundle. The name of the value
        // is stored in the constant AccountManager.KEY_AUTHTOKEN
        token = bundle.getString(AccountManager.KEY_AUTHTOKEN);
        ...
    }
}
```

# Using the Auth Token

DEMO

```
URL url = new URL(
    "https://www.googleapis.com/tasks/v1/users/@me/lists?key=" + your_api_key);
URLConnection conn = (HttpURLConnection) url.openConnection();
conn.addRequestProperty("client_id", your client id);
conn.addRequestProperty("client_secret", your client secret);
conn.setRequestProperty("Authorization", "OAuth " + token);
```

# JWT (JSON Web Token)

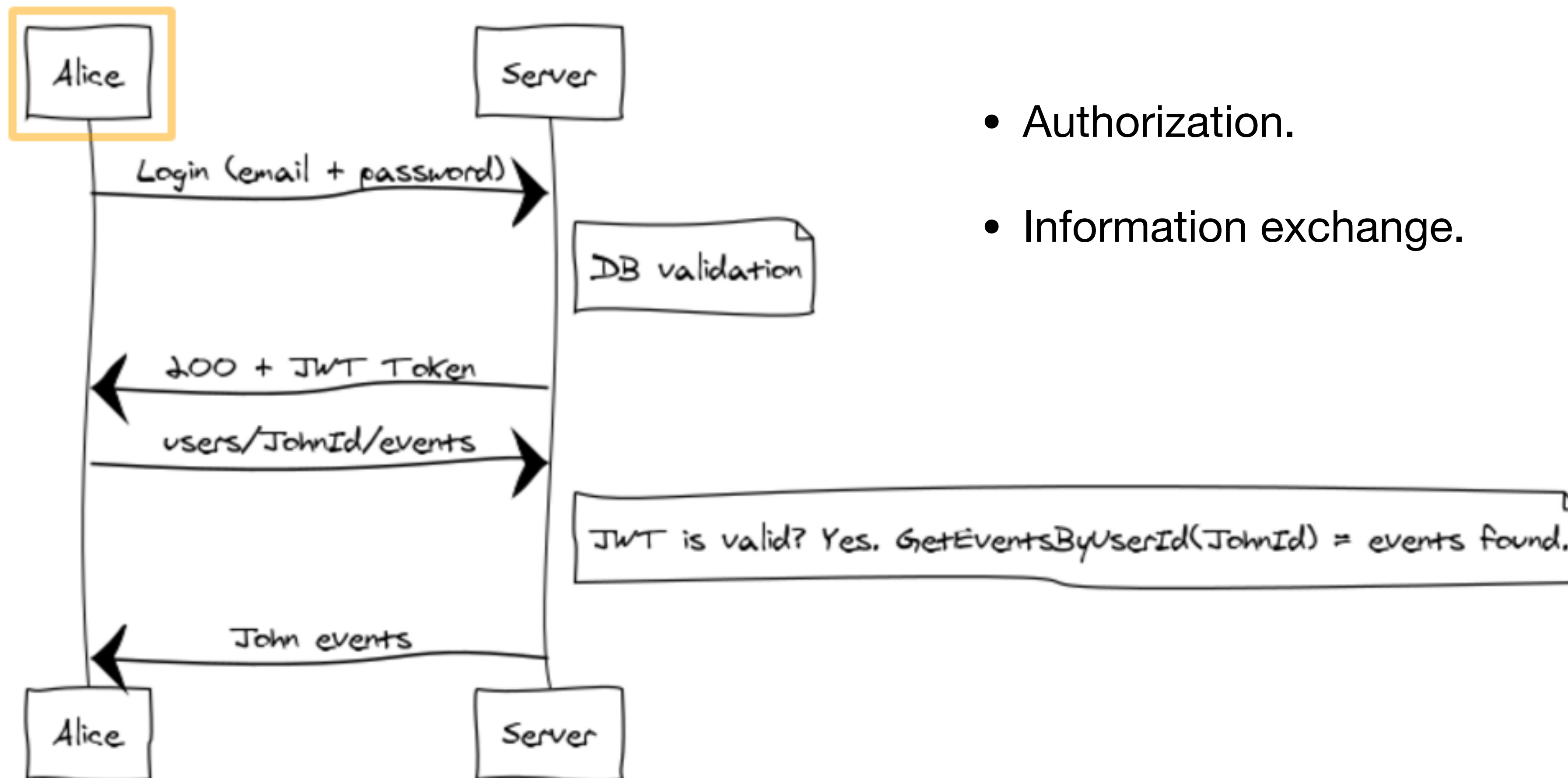
- Open standard, part of RFC 7519.
- Compact.
- Self-contained.
- Secure transmission.
- JSON objects.



# JWT - Usage

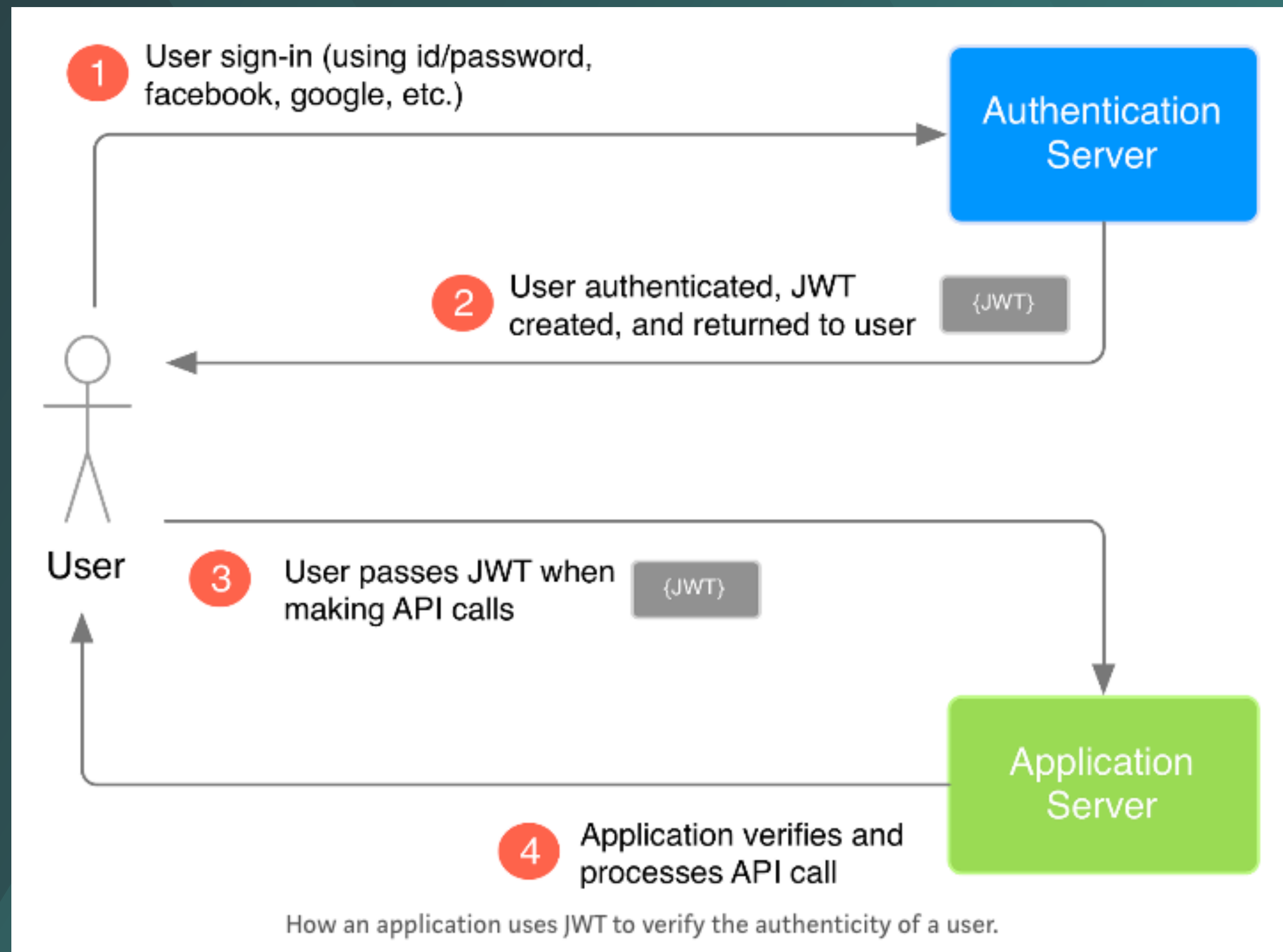


## Authentication Sequence



- Authorization.
- Information exchange.

# JWT - Separate Server



# JWT - Model

DEMO

## Header:

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "HS256"  
}
```

## Payload:

```
{  
  "userId": "b08f86af-35da-48f2-8fab-cef3904660bd"  
}
```

## Signature:

```
// signature algorithm  
data = base64urlEncode(header) + "." + base64urlEncode(payload)  
hashedData = hash(data, secret)  
signature = base64urlEncode(hashedData)
```

# Lecture outcomes

- Encrypt/Decrypt user's data.
- Establish secure connections.
- Understand security permissions.
- Using OAuth2.
- Using JWT.

