

Why are apps from official Apple app store less secure than those from unapproved app stores?



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Users have learned over the last few years that Apple's "walled garden" approach to third party apps isn't quite as protective of their sensitive data as it might sound. More surprising, perhaps, is another revelation: that the popular unauthorized apps outside those walls tend to respect privacy better than the approved ones inside.

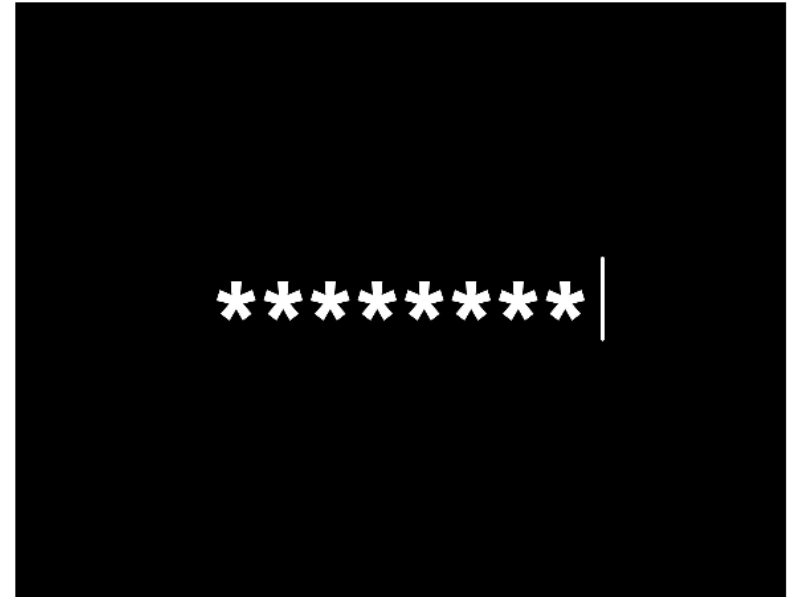
As the scandal swirled this past week over [news that the iPhone app Path uploads users' entire contact lists](#) without permission, I came upon a study (PDF [here](#)) released last year by a group of researchers at the University of California at Santa Barbara and the International Security Systems Lab that



A screenshot of the ContactPrivacy feature in the unofficial Cydia iOS app platform.

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