

Hack In The Box



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Smartphone Privacy: How Your Smartphone Tracks Your Entire Life

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What's Inside?

A hand is holding a silver iPhone. The phone's back is visible, showing the Apple logo and the dual-camera system. The background is blurred, suggesting an indoor setting with other people. Overlaid on the image are several semi-transparent dark grey boxes containing white text. The text lists various types of data stored on the phone, categorized into two main groups: account and application data, and system and user data.

Account passwords and tokens
Web and application passwords
Messages (including iMessage)
Health data (Apple Health)
Payment data (Apple Pay)

Call logs
Emails and chats
Wi-Fi passwords
Documents, settings and databases
Web browsing history, tabs, searches
Pictures and videos
Geolocation history, routes and places

Apple and Law Enforcement

How Apple Serves LE Requests

- Law enforcement can obtain evidence via government information requests
- **The process is fully transparent** (by extent allowable by law)
- Annual stats published and available to general public:

<https://www.apple.com/legal/privacy/transparency/requests-2017-H2-en.pdf>

- Guidelines:

<https://www.apple.com/privacy/docs/legal-process-guidelines-us.pdf>

<https://www.apple.com/legal/privacy/law-enforcement-guidelines-outside-us.pdf>



Apple and Law Enforcement

How LE Requests Work

- **Account Preservation Request** followed by **Account Information Request**
- All requests are handled in compliance with [Apple's privacy policy](#)
- Serving government requests, Apple provides information in a proprietary format
- Investigators receive encrypted information. Decryption key is provided, but no tools to decrypt data
- The decryption process is complicated
- Many experts use third-party tools or services such as Kleopatra, GPG, Cellebrite, or [BlackBag](#)

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LE Requests: Pros and Contras

- Government requests don't need the user's authentication credentials
- If login and password unavailable, a government request may be the only way to obtain information
- Authentication credentials aside, government requests have many significant drawbacks compared to in-house cloud acquisition



Apple and Law Enforcement

The Ugly Side of LE Requests

- Lots of legal paperwork
- **Account Preservation Request** must be submitted ahead of acquisition
- The process is lengthy
 - Up to two months
- Apple provides data in binary format, encrypted
 - Decryption key is provided, but no decryption tools
 - Third-party tools and services add extra costs and delays
- Apple will NOT deliver **messages** or **passwords** (iCloud Keychain)
 - Additional encryption with a different encryption key



Apple and GDPR

What Is There...

- All major data is there
- Pictures included
- Browsing history, files, iCloud Mail
- 7 days to process request
- Delivers snapshot taken on Day 1 of the request



15 apps and services

Downloadable in files of 25GB or less













- Apple ID account and device information
- Maps Report an Issue
- Marketing subscriptions, downloads, and other activity
- iCloud Photos
- iCloud Contacts
- AppleCare
- Apple Online and Retail Stores
- iCloud Drive
- App Store, iTunes Store, iBooks Store, Apple Music
- Game Center
- iCloud Bookmarks
- iCloud Mail
- iCloud Calendars and Reminders
- iCloud Notes
- Other data

This process can take up to seven days. To ensure the security of your data, we use this time to verify that the request was made by you. We will notify you when your data is ready. You can check the status of your request at any time by visiting privacy.apple.com/account.

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And What Is Not

- **Certain things are missing**
- **Apple Pay** – never synced with iCloud
- **Screen Time** – why?
- **Messages** – additional encryption
 - We can decrypt it
- **Passwords** – iCloud Keychain has additional encryption
 - We can decrypt it

	App Store, iTunes Store, iBooks Store and Apple Music activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Apple ID account and device information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Apple Online Store and Retail Store activity	Show more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	AppleCare support history, repair requests and more	Show more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Game Center activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Bookmarks and Reading List	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Calendars and Reminders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Contacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Notes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Maps Report an Issue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Marketing subscriptions, downloads and other activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The following items may be large and take a long time to download:

Deselect all

	iCloud Drive files and documents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	iCloud Photos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Apple Health

- **Activity** – how much you move
- **Nutrition** – breakdown of your diet
- **Sleep** – your sleep habits
- **Mindfulness**

Additional data categories

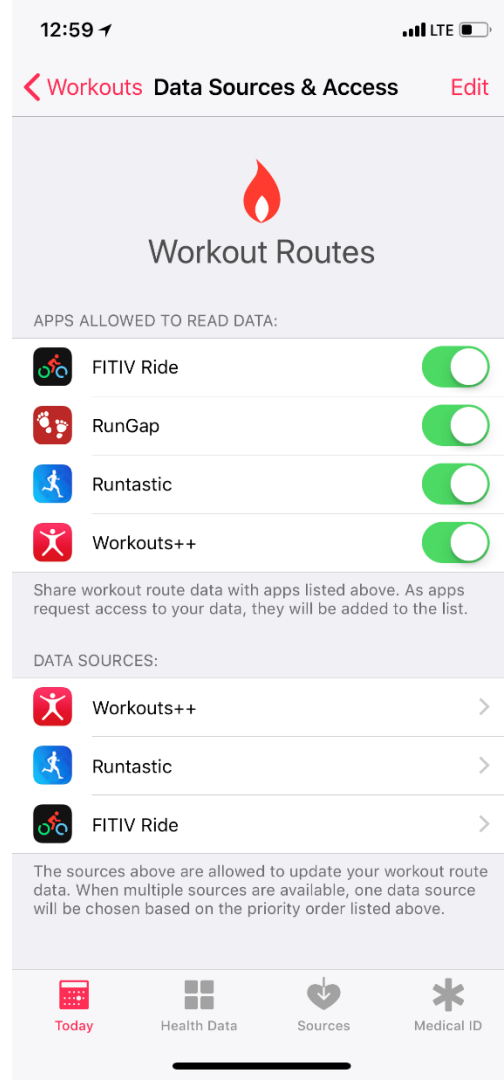
- **Body Measurements** – height and weight
- **Health Records** - CDA + Health Records
- **Heart** – blood pressure, heart rate
- **Reproductive Health** – sexual activity and menstruation cycles
- **Results** – various medical test results (e.g. sugar level)
- **Vitals** – blood pressure, body temperature, heart rate, breathing rate
- **Medical ID** – essential medical data



Apple Health

Where Apple Health Gets Data From

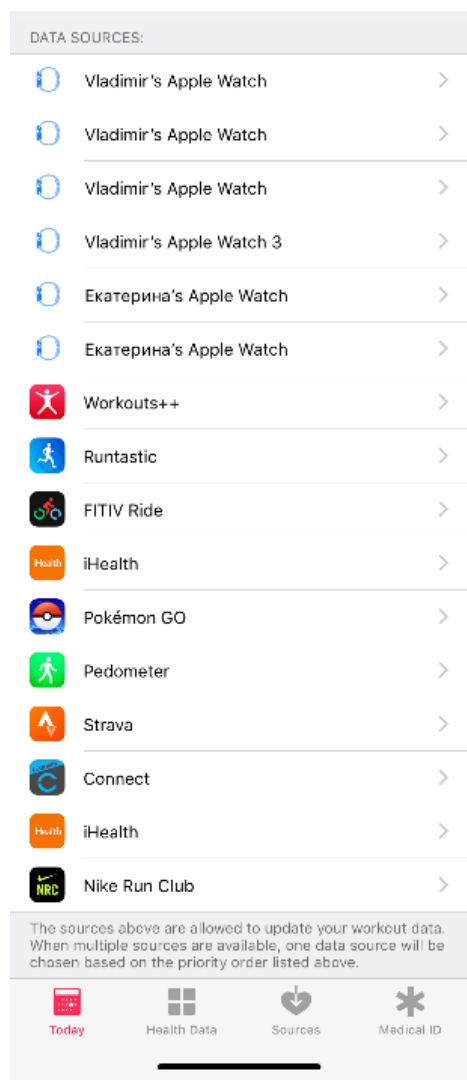
- Data received from HealthKit devices (iPhone, Apple Watch, compatible fitness trackers etc.)
 - Automatic data submission
 - Pulse, blood pressure
 - Data for Mindfulness, Heart and Activity
 - Apple Watch collects Sleep data; **no automatic mode** (third-party apps can be used)
- Third-party apps (Nike+, Strava, Workouts++)
 - All data categories supported
 - Each data category has a list of “Recommended” third-party apps for collecting that type of data
 - Third-party apps must be activated in categories tracked in Health > Sources



Apple Health

How Apple Health Data Is Stored

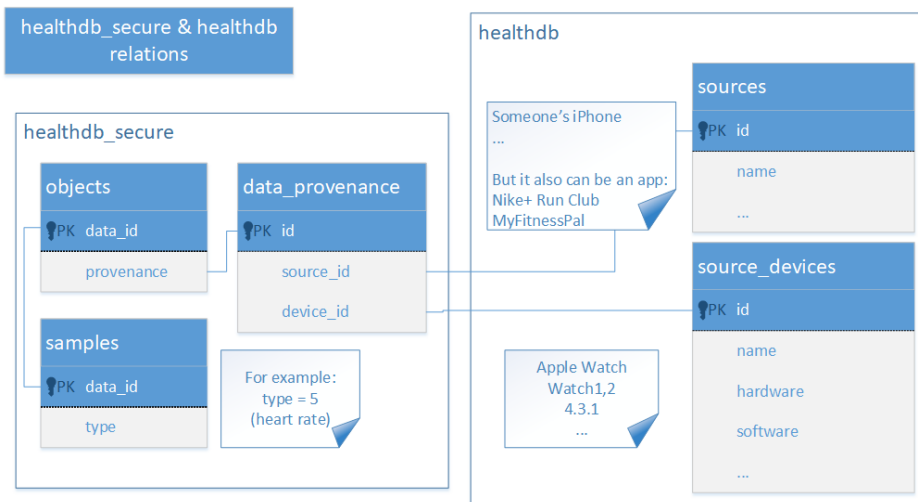
- Main data stored at `/private/var/mobile/Library/Health/`
- Two linked SQLite databases: `healthdb.sqlite` and `healthdb_secure.sqlite`
- Training geodata: `healthdb_secure.hfd` (encrypted)



Apple Health

Database Structures

- healthdb.sqlite mainly contains information about data sources
- healthdb_secure.sqlite stores basic health information with frequent links to the first DB



Prior work

A Forensic Exploration of iOS Health Data (Heather Mahalik)

<https://www.sans.org/summit-archives/file/summit-archive-1528385073.pdf>

Apple Health

DB Browser for SQLite - /Users/ElcomSoft/Desktop/HEALTH/BACKUP/Health/healthdb_secure.sqlite

New Database Open Database Write Changes Revert Changes

Database Structure Browse Data Edit Pragmas Execute SQL

Table: activity_caches New Record Delete Record

	data_id	cache_index	sequence	energy_burned	brisk_minutes
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
1	292677	467078400	1	0.0	0.0
2	293589	467164800	1	96.703	2.0
3	295450	467251200	1	362.162	13.0
4	297960	467337600	1	744.940999999...	6.0
5	300118	467424000	1	299.626	5.0
6	302603	467510400	1	595.441000000...	50.0
7	305651	467596800	1	609.899	65.0
8	308281	467683200	1	677.719000000...	51.0
9	310418	467769600	1	571.236000000...	53.0
10	312428	467856000	1	614.98	53.0
11	314222	467942400	1	354.232999999...	23.0
12	315929	468028800	1	274.581	13.0
13	319036	468115200	1	564.264	56.0
14	323472	468201600	1	661.092	57.0
15	326236	468288000	1	247.135	11.0

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DB Schema

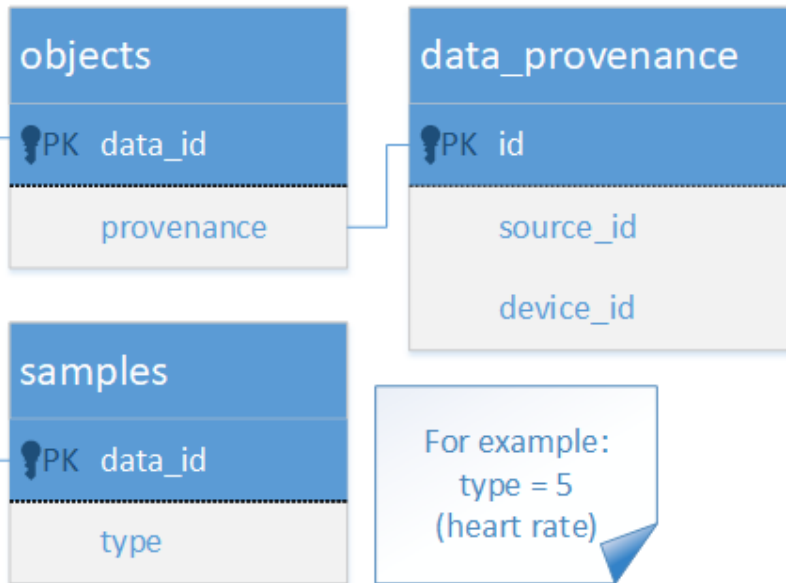
Name	Type	Schema
Tables (44)		
account_owner_samples	CREATE TABLE ac...	
achievements	CREATE TABLE ac...	
activity_caches	CREATE TABLE ac...	
allergy_record_samples	CREATE TABLE all...	
binary_samples	CREATE TABLE bi...	
category_samples	CREATE TABLE ca...	
cda_documents	CREATE TABLE c...	
clinical_accounts	CREATE TABLE cli...	
clinical_authorization_sessions	CREATE TABLE cli...	
clinical_credentials	CREATE TABLE cli...	
clinical_deleted_accounts	CREATE TABLE cli...	
clinical_gateways	CREATE TABLE cli...	
condition_record_samples	CREATE TABLE c...	
correlations	CREATE TABLE c...	
data_provenances	CREATE TABLE d...	
data_series	CREATE TABLE d...	
devices	CREATE TABLE d...	
diagnostic_test_report_samples	CREATE TABLE di...	
diagnostic_test_result_samples	CREATE TABLE di...	
external_sync_ids	CREATE TABLE ex...	
fhir_resources	CREATE TABLE fh...	
fhir_resources_last_seen	CREATE TABLE fh...	
fitness_friend_achievements	CREATE TABLE fit...	
fitness_friend_activity_snapshots	CREATE TABLE fit...	
fitness_friend_workouts	CREATE TABLE fit...	
key_value_secure	CREATE TABLE ke...	

SQL Log Plot DB Schema

UTF-8

healthdb_secure & healthdb relations

healthdb_secure



healthdb

Someone's iPhone
...

But it also can be an app:
Nike+ Run Club
MyFitnessPal

sources

PK id

name
...

source_devices

PK id

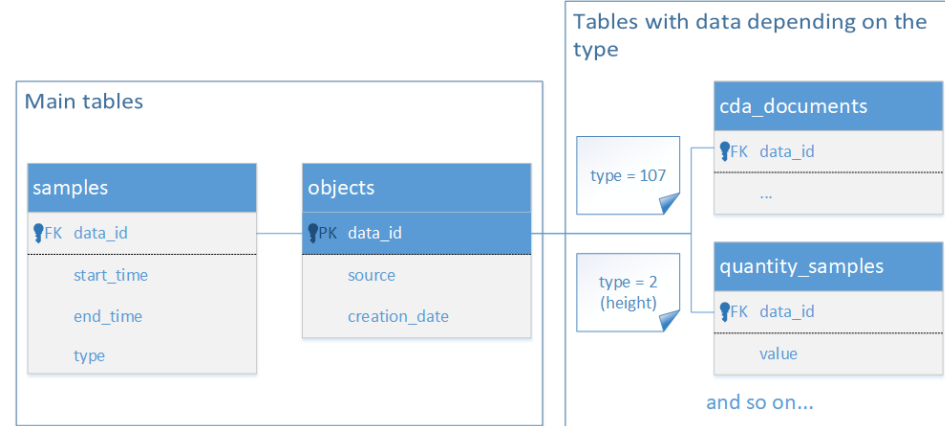
name
hardware
software
...

Apple Watch
Watch1,2
4.3.1
...

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healthdb_secure

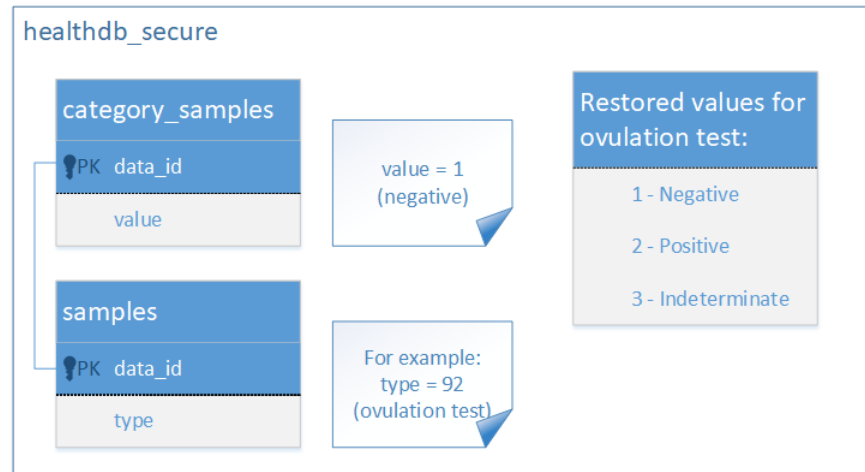
- **objects**: information on “samples” including ID and source
- Samples contain information including timestamp, type, numerical data (e.g. “10 steps”) or category data (“test result positive”), and ID
- Samples are linked with “samples” table via ID
- Data values may be stored in various tables, e.g. **quantity_samples** or **cda_documents**



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Category Samples

- Category samples contain non-numerical data
- Corresponds to list view selection in the app
- category_samples table stores these values
- Restoring category_samples values to meaningful data is essential for understanding Apple Health data



Researching healthdb_secure

Table	Description
objects	Sample's uuid and source
samples	id, event type and time
quantity_samples	Source of numeric values
category_samples	Non-numerical category samples (e.g. "positive" or "negative" test result)
correlations	Keeps references to data instances, allowing to corellate quantitative data with activities
key_value_secure	Information about the user
metadata_values, metadata_keys	Sample metadata. Could be a note, time zone etc.
workouts,workout_events	Cumulative information about the workout: length, calories burned, distance walked, workout type etc.
fitness_friend_activity_snapshots	Data received via "share with friends & family". The contact is linked via an extra file ActivitySharing/contacts.dat. This file contains information about the contact (name, phone number and e-mail)
cda_documents	Binary data of a corresponding CDA document
data_provenance	Allows linking data sample with data source (device, app etc.)
unit_strings	Metric type (lb/kg etc.) from quantity_samples

Known healthdb tables

Table	Description
authorization	Authentication and sync data
cloud_sync_stores	Last sync data
key_value	App-specific values (e.g. if emergency sos mode is active)
source_devices	Information about devices the data was synced from
sources	Information on received data (source, modification date)
subscription_data_anchors	Data about synchronization
sync_stores	List of synchronization sources

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Accessing Apple Health Data

- Export from Health app (XML)
- Local backup (encrypted only)
- File system acquisition (requires jailbreaking)
- GDPR request
- Government/LE request
- Cloud extraction

Apple Health

Extracting Apple Health Data: The Easy Way

- Apple Health is available via logical acquisition
- **No Apple Health data in unencrypted backups!**
 - Unlike keychain, which is still present in unencrypted backups, protected with a hardware key
- Set a known password before making a backup
- Make local backup with iTunes
- Decrypt backup, access Apple Health data
- View with forensic software (or analyse databases manually)

Apple Health

Extracting Apple Health Data: The Complex Way

- Apple Health is available via file system acquisition
- **Jailbreak required**
 - At this time, jailbreak is available for all versions of iOS from 8 to 11.3.1
- Jailbreak, use ssh (or forensic software)
- Obtain TAR image
- View with forensic software (or analyse databases manually)
- *Needed only if backup is password-protected*

Apple Health

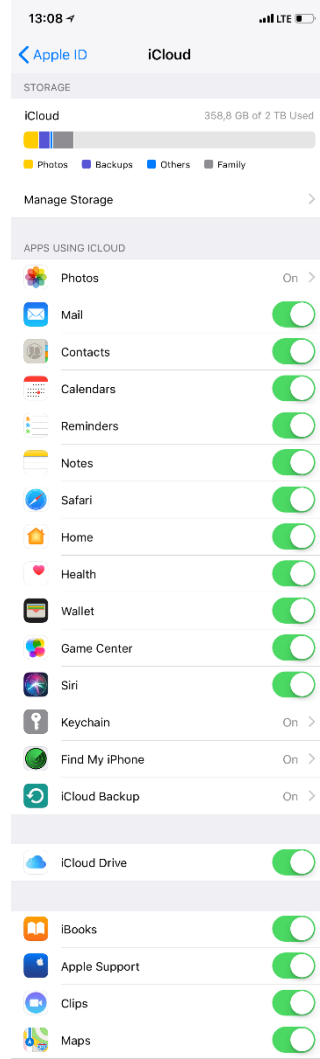
Extracting Apple Health Data: GDPR

- EU users can access their Health data by pulling a GDPR request
- Registering GDPR request: **privacy.apple.com**
- **Apple ID, password, 2FA required**
- Takes up to 7 days to receive the data
- Multiple binary and text formats

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Apple Health and Cloud

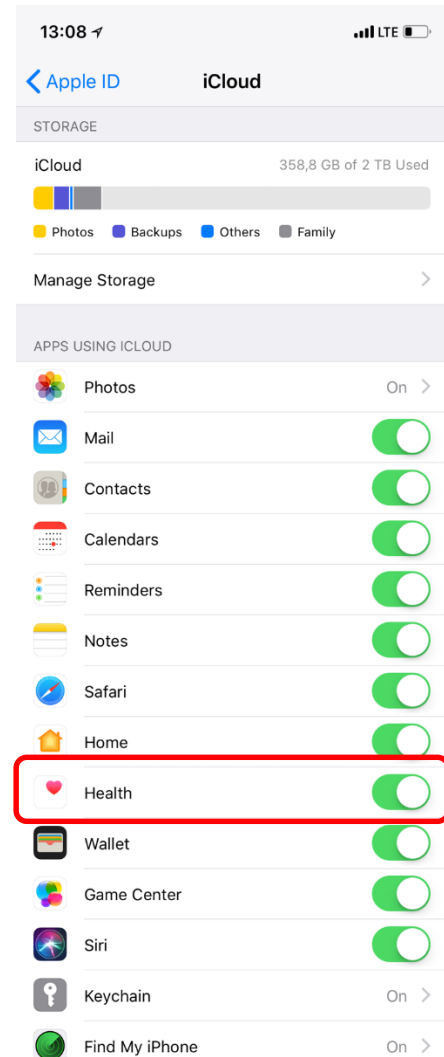
- Native Apple Health data is synced with iCloud to all registered devices
- Third-party apps operate through HealthKit
- Some third-party app data is not shared with Apple Health
- Certain apps use proprietary cloud sync (Strava, Endomondo)
- **Medical ID** data is unique per device and **does not sync**
- **CDA records** do not sync (to the best of our knowledge)



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Apple Health and iCloud

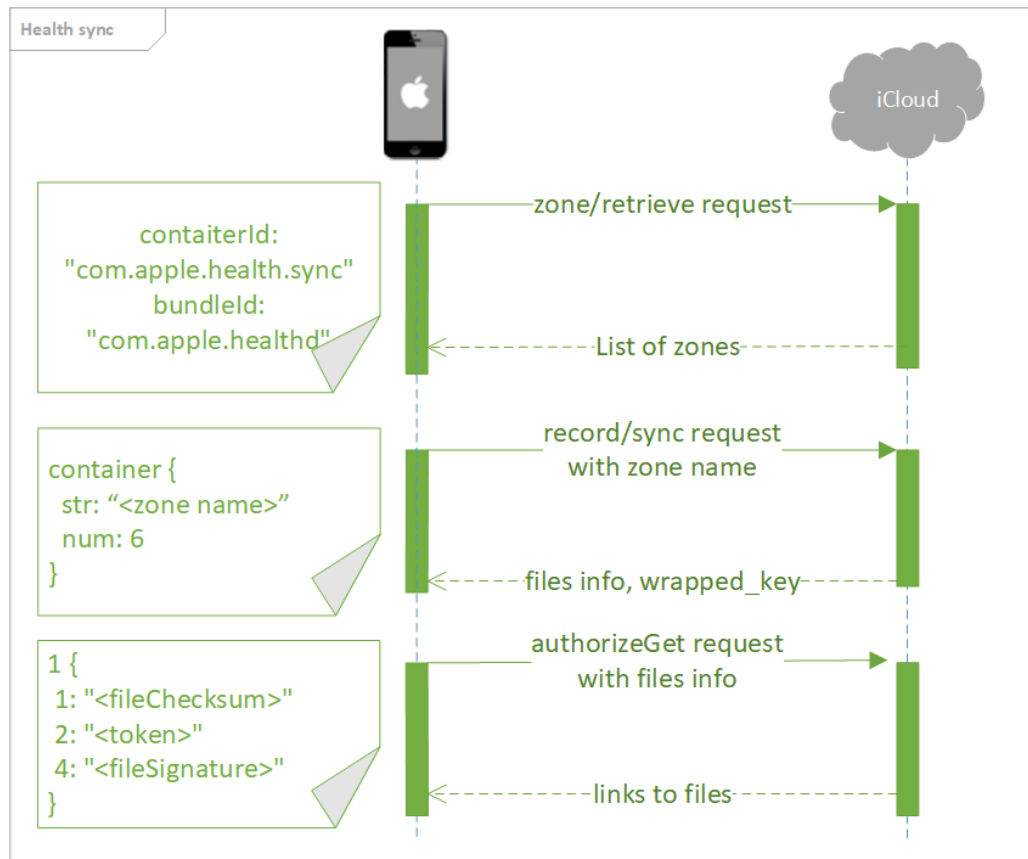
- Apple Health data **can** be obtained from iCloud
- May contain significantly more information compared to what is available on device
- Technically, Apple Health belongs to “synced data” as opposed to “cloud backups”
 - This results in significantly more reliable extraction
 - Loose expiration rules of iCloud tokens compared to backups



Apple Health

Accessing Health Data

- Receive encrypted file chunks
- Request zone list
- Request zone sync
- Request file links
- Download files



Apple Health

Request Zone List

```
containerId: "com.apple.health.sync"  
bundleId: "com.apple.healthd"
```

- All zones start with PrimarySyncCircle
- Followed by zone UUID, e.g. 1AA8B4D0-9B73-4D88-A740-BFE04DD8A5AC
- New zones created with logging in or on subsequent logins
- Zones are periodically merged

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Request Zone Sync

- Request / Result:

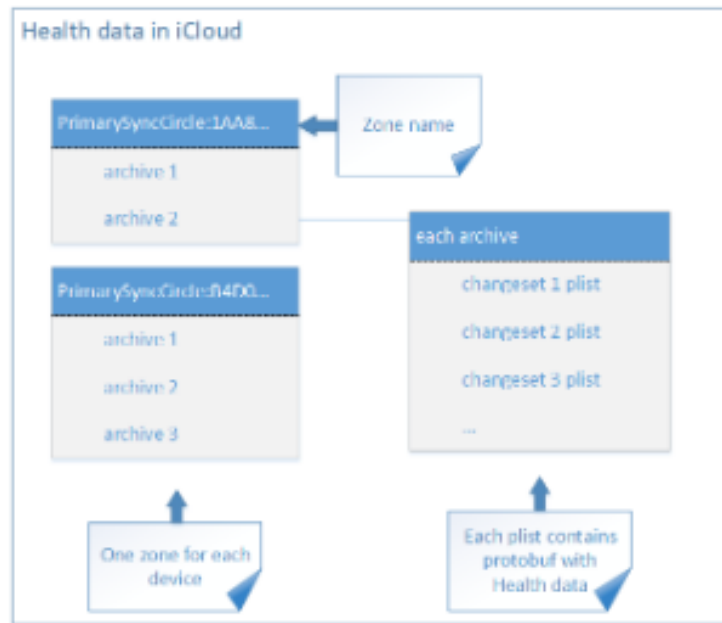
```
container {  
  str: "PrimarySyncCircle:AF64D6  
29-3688-4062-9503-BE97B45D5BC2"  
  num: 6  
}
```

```
propertyName {  
  name: "ChangeSet"  
}  
propertyValue {  
  valueType: 6  
  authInfo {  
    owner1Dsid: "8888888888"  
    fileChecksum: "\001\233\254\2671GQ\316\324mM\243\031\254\322|\017\364\233N  
f"  
    structSize: 13465  
    token: "B3B9SvMwRNXBK6fGaX6vOuVLwfbWA1H5QwEAAAMR7kM"  
    url: "https://p29-content.icloud.com:443"  
    owner2Dsid: "8888888888"  
    wrapped_key {  
      name: "\003_\242\000\335\266\255\312\0304\226e\344\333\235\227\226a\266\32  
3H\364\021DM3\341\020~B\3370\346\016\017\357\375C[\346\301\311\356\261"  
    }  
    fileSignature: "\001\310\273\331\332\326a\337\202Xd\035e`p\277\321\226\211\  
222\312"  
    downloadTokenExpiration: 1529588220  
  }  
}
```

Apple Health


Download Files

- Files from the list are downloaded by chunks
- Downloaded chunks must be decrypted
- record/sync request returns encrypted key (wrapped_key)
- Key is decrypted
- We've got a key for unwrapping encryption keys that accompany each chunk
- These keys are unwrapped with wrapped_key and are used to decrypt the chunks
- Decrypted chunks are merged into files



Apple Health

Sounds too simple?

- Synced data is received in protobuf structures
- Received structures are serialized objects described in HealthDaemon header files 
- There are several types of Protobuf structures

```
@interface HDCodableObject : PBConvertible <HDDecoding, NSCopying> {
    double _creationDate; //proto index 4
    long long _externalSyncObjectCode; //proto index 5
    HDCodableMetadataDictionary* _metadataDictionary; //proto index 2
    NSString* _sourceBundleIdentifier;
    NSData* _uuid; //proto index 1
    SCD_Struct_HD20 _has;
}

@interface HDCodableSample : PBConvertible <HDDecoding, NSCopying> {
    long long _dataType; //proto index 2
    double _endDate; //proto index 4
    double _startDate; //proto index 3
    HDCodableObject* _object; //proto index 1
    SCD_Struct_HD48 _has;
}

@interface HDCodableCategorySample : PBConvertible <HDDecoding, NSCopying> {
    long long _value; //proto index 2
    HDCodableSample* _sample; //proto index 1
    SCD_Struct_HD16 _has;
}
```

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Accessing Health Data in iCloud

We can download **synced data**, which includes Apple Health

What can go wrong:

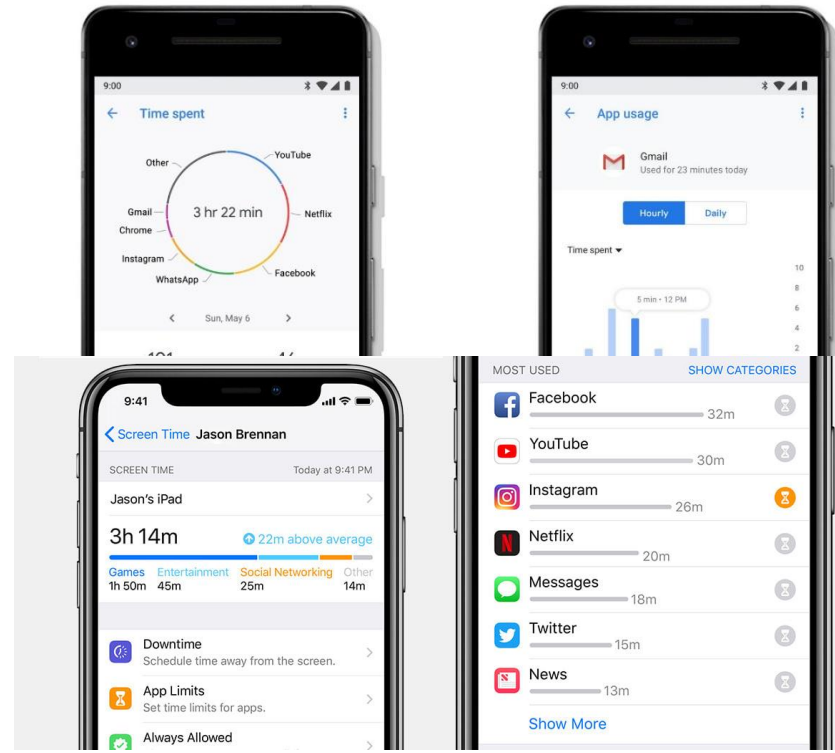
- Two-factor authentication may be an issue
- Access to secondary authentication factor is required (unless using authentication token)



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Your Smartphone Knows More About Your Life

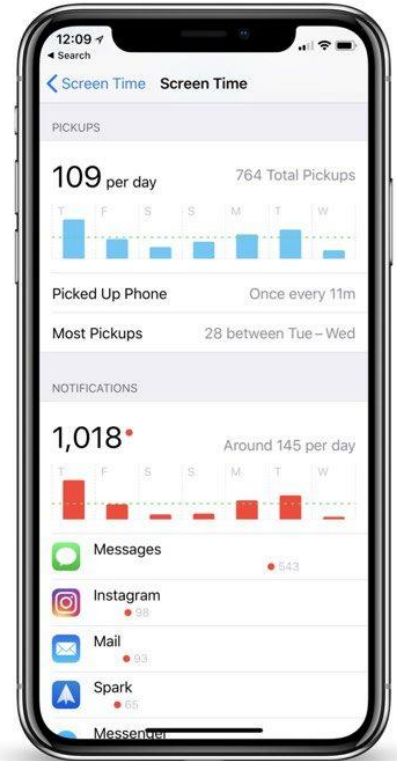
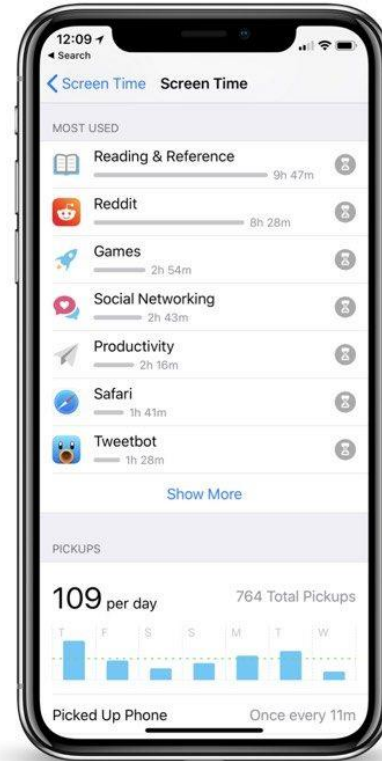
- Both Apple and Google introduced user-accessible usage stats
- Details application usage and categories
- Time spent in Games, Entertainment, Social Networking and other activities
- Daily, hourly and weekly statistics



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iOS 12 Screen Time: Statistics

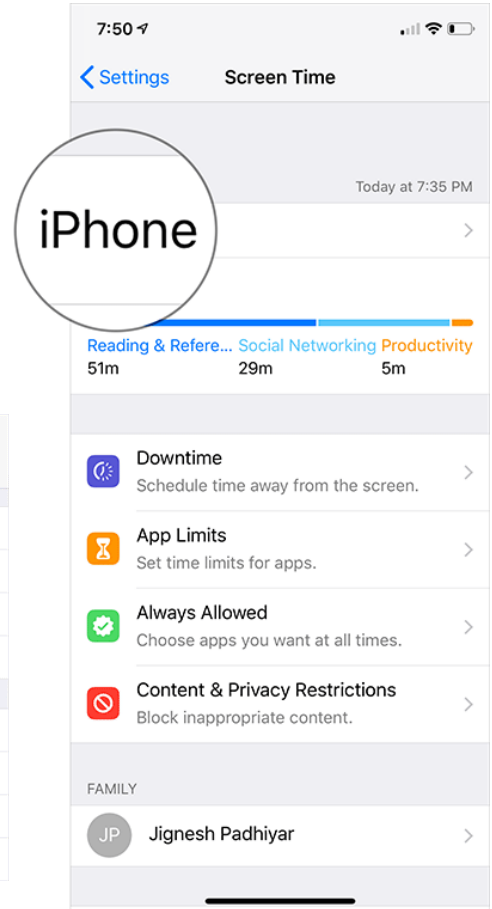
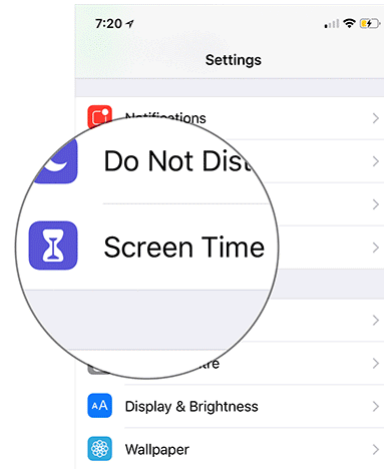
- Daily and weekly reports
- Per category statistics and enforceable time limits
- Per app tracking
- Track how many times you picked up your phone



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iOS 12 Screen Time: Restrictions

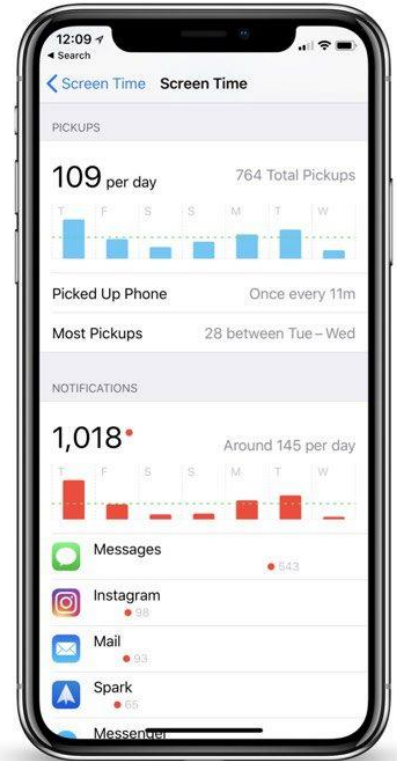
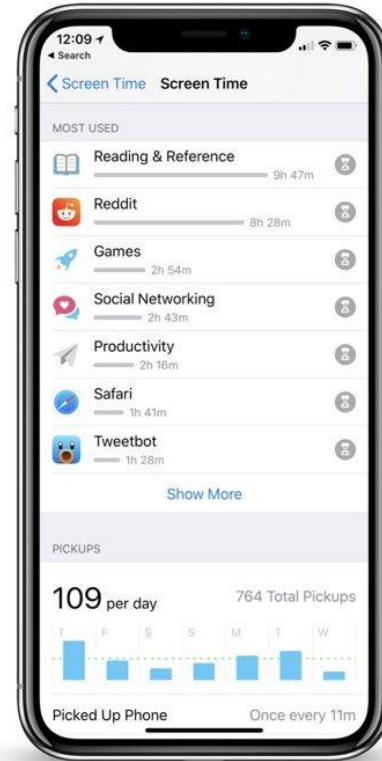
- Track or restrict time spent on Gaming, Entertainment, Social Networking, Reading & Reference and other activities
- Track and restrict individual applications
- Set downtime and app limits
- Content and privacy restrictions
- Screen Time Passcode



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iOS 12 Screen Time: Statistics

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- Per category statistics and enforceable time limits
- Per app tracking
- Track how many times you picked up your phone



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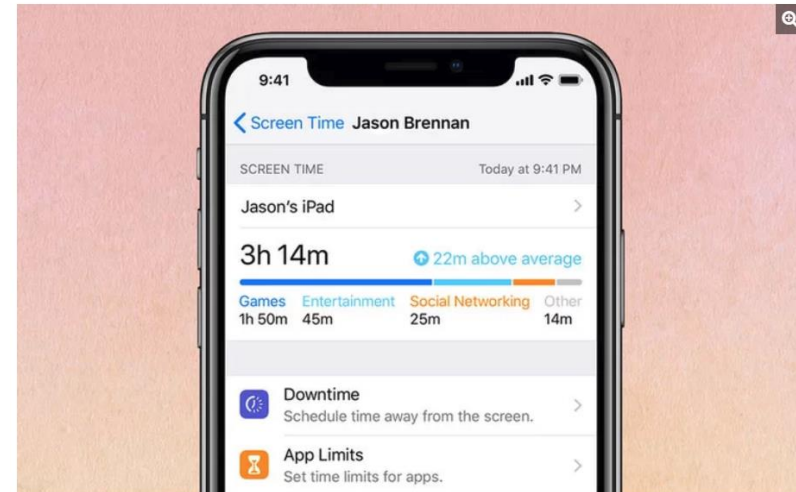
iOS 12 Screen Time: iCloud Sync

- See how you use apps across multiple devices
- Downtime and App Limits sync through iCloud
- Restrictions and limits automatically applied to all devices
- Usage data syncs to all devices on the same Apple ID
 - So that you can't cheat the system
 - Unless you're 7 years old

7-Year-Old Hacks Apple's Screen Time Restrictions

by [JESUS DIAZ](#) Sep 26, 2018, 10:02 AM

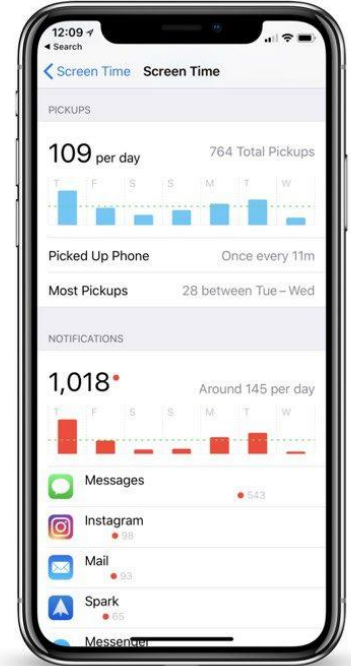
[Reddit user PropellerGuy](#)'s 7-year-old son has [cracked a way to bypass Screen Time](#), the new Apple iOS 12 feature that — among other things — is supposed to allow parents to set limitations to the time kids can spend in their tablets and phones.



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iOS 12 Screen Time: knowledge.db

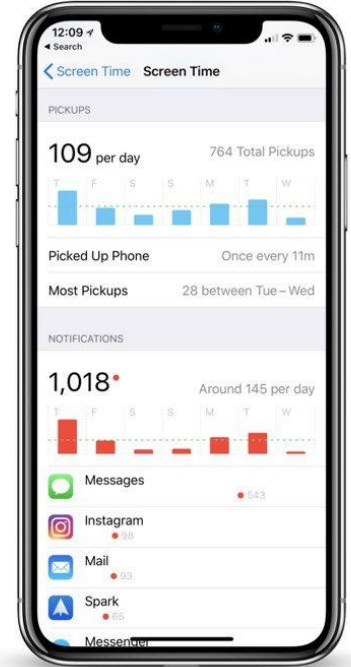
- **Screen Time** is based on information collected in **knowledgeC.db** database
`/private/var/mobile/Library/CoreDuet/Knowledge/KnowledgeC.db`
- **SQLite** format
- `knowledgeC.db` available since iOS 9



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iOS 12 Screen Time: Conclusion






- **Apple knows how you use your devices in great detail**
- **They store it on their servers:**
- Statistics and reporting
 - With iCloud sync
- Loosely enforceable restrictions
 - With iCloud sync

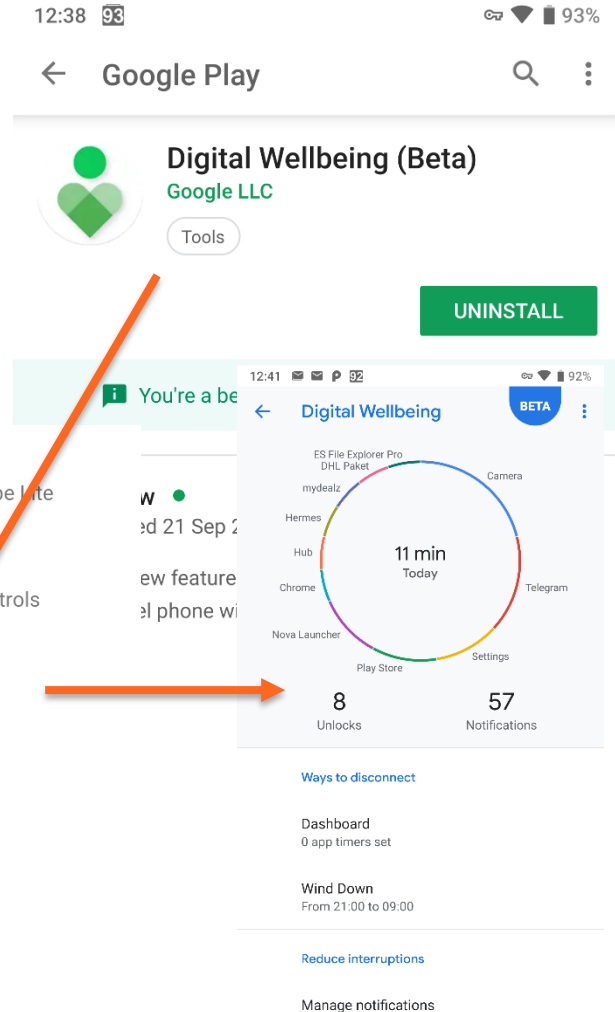


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Google: Digital Wellbeing

- Available in Android Pie
- Currently in beta, only on Pixels
- Must be downloaded from Google Play
- Accessible via Settings
- Daily overview
 - Unlocks
 - Notifications
 - Pie chart: app usage time

-  Accounts
BlackBerry Hub+ Account, Google, Skype Lite
-  Accessibility
Screen readers, display, interaction controls
-  Digital Wellbeing
Screen time, app timers, Wind Down
-  Google
Services & preferences
-  System
Languages, time, backup, updates

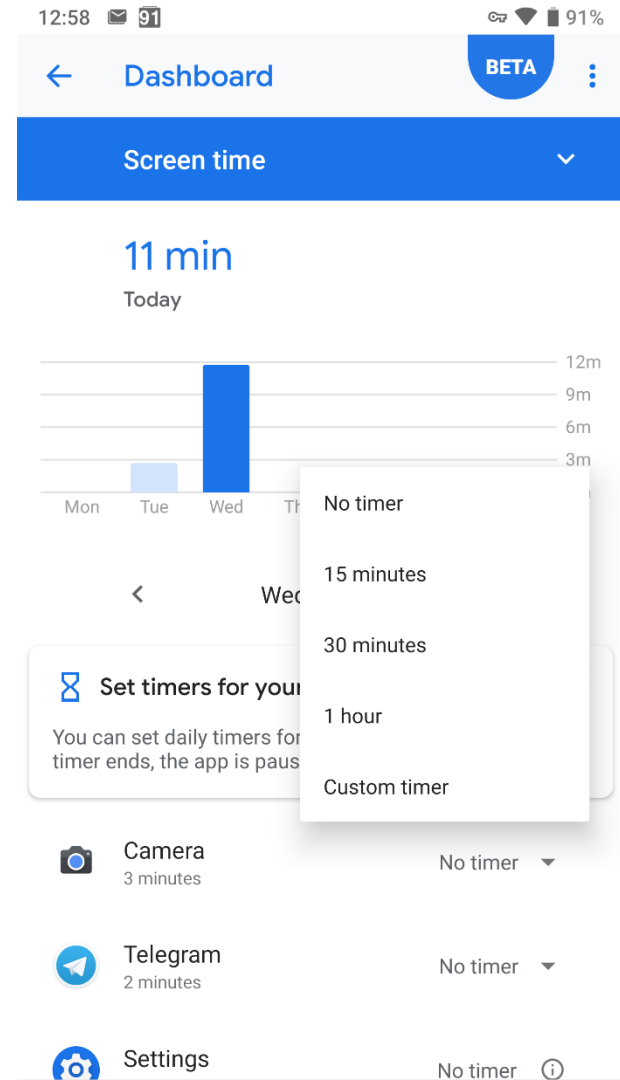


The image shows two screenshots related to the Digital Wellbeing app. The top screenshot is from the Google Play Store, displaying the app's page for 'Digital Wellbeing (Beta)' by Google LLC. It includes an 'UNINSTALL' button and a 'Tools' button. The bottom screenshot shows the app's settings interface, featuring a pie chart of app usage time for the day. The pie chart shows 11 minutes of usage, with the largest segment being 'Unlocks' (8 minutes) and 'Notifications' (57 minutes). Other apps shown include ES File Explorer Pro, DHL Paket, mydealz, Camera, Hermes, Hub, Chrome, Nova Launcher, Play Store, and Settings. Below the pie chart, there are sections for 'Ways to disconnect' (Dashboard with 0 app timers set, Wind Down from 21:00 to 09:00), 'Reduce interruptions' (Manage notifications), and 'Ways to disconnect' (Dashboard with 0 app timers set, Wind Down from 21:00 to 09:00).

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Digital Wellbeing: What's Reported

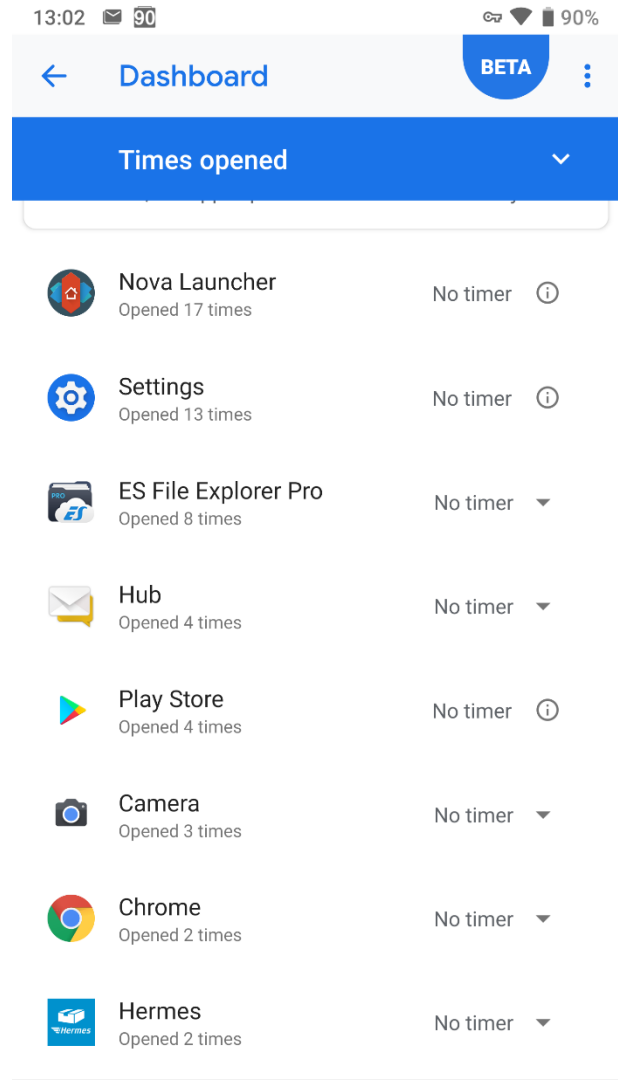
- **Per app screen time**
 - How much time you spent in each app
- Daily reports
- Custom timers
 - Per app only
 - No categories!
 - Enforced on this device only
 - No cloud sync!



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Digital Wellbeing: What's Reported

- Per app times opened
 - How frequently you used each app
- Daily reports
- Custom timers: screen time only (no limit on how many times the app can be launched)
 - Per app only
 - No categories!
 - Enforced on this device only
 - No cloud sync!



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Apple Screen Time vs. Google Digital Wellbeing

- Apple Screen Time
 - Per app and per category statistics
 - Daily and weekly reports
 - iCloud sync to all user's devices
 - Both usage and restrictions
 - Downtime
 - Restrictions passcode
 - No notification stats
- Google Digital Wellbeing
 - Per app statistics only
 - Daily reports
 - No sync with Google Account
 - Nothing gets synced
 - Wind Down
 - No restrictions passcode
 - Statistics on number of notifications

Google Dashboard

- Apple syncs Screen Time
- Google does not sync Digital Wellbeing
 - Android 9 runs in less than 0.1% of devices anyway
- Does Google know less about its users?
- *No!*
- **Google Dashboard** has significantly more information than Screen Time and Digital Wellbeing combined

See and manage the data in your Google Account

Your data includes the things you do, like searches, and the things you create, like email.

Need a copy? [Download your data](#)



Popular Google services

Gmail 75,375 conversations	Maps Home: Helgoländer Ufer 7A, Berlin	Search activity ON
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Your Google services

[EXPAND ALL](#)

Account Email: aoleg78@gmail.com	Analytics 1 account	Android 40 devices
Books 3 books in your library	Calendar 2 calendars	Chrome Last sync: today at 09:14
Contacts 239 contacts	Drive 100+ files	Gmail 75,375 conversations
Google Play 1,743 apps	Maps Home: Helgoländer Ufer 7A, Berlin	Package tracking Real-time updates: ON
Payments 1 payment profile	Photos 649 photos	Search Console 1 site
Tasks 1 task list	Voice 14 calls	YouTube 1 video

Your activity data

This data is used to make Google services more useful to you

Device Information ON	Location History ON	Search activity ON
Voice & Audio Activity ON	YouTube Search History ON	YouTube Watch History ON

Smartphone Privacy

Your Smartphone Tracks Your Location

- Precise
- Energy-efficient
- Constantly running unless explicitly disabled
- Sometimes running even if explicitly disabled

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-45183041>

<https://www.macrumors.com/2018/08/13/google-location-history-disabled-still-stores-data/>



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Who Tracks Your Location?

- Google (iOS, Android, desktop – Chrome, Google services in any browser)
- Apple (iOS, macOS)
- Facebook (on all platforms)
- Countless third-party apps and services
 - Even if location is disabled
 - Yes, it is possible



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Why Google, Apple and FB track your Location?

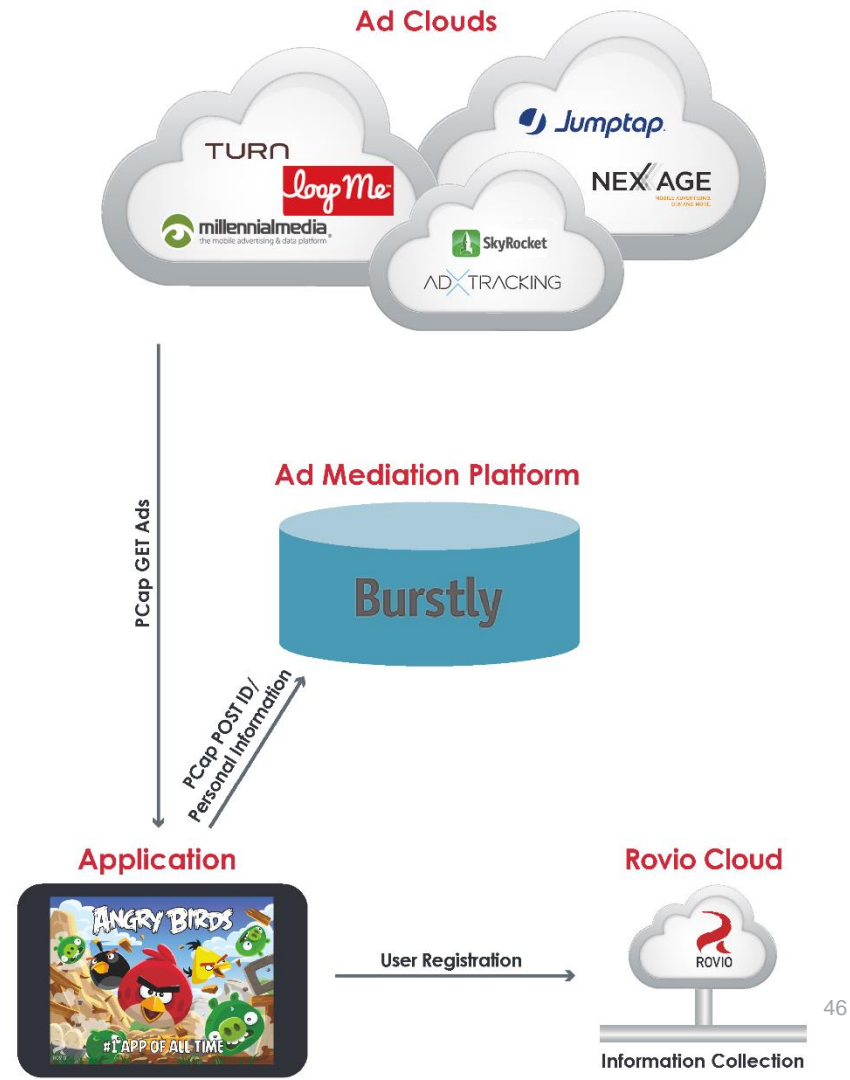
- **To serve you better**
 - Google/Apple Maps, navigation
 - FB: local groups & events
 - Much more relevant search results
 - Find My Phone / Find My Device
 - Convenience: know how busy that restaurant is at this time of day or even **right now**
 - Indoor navigation (with beacons)
- **To sell ads**
 - Google's main source of income
 - Location-based ads
 - Facebook: major advertisement network
- **To sell your data**
 - Apple & Google do not sell location data
 - Facebook does



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Third-Party Apps Tracking

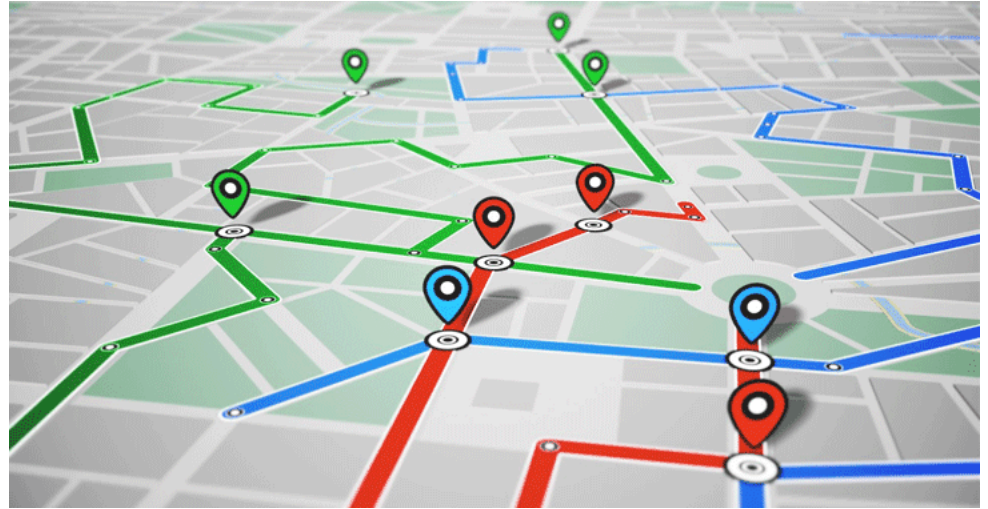
- **Collecting location, contacts, phone usage patterns and much more**
- To serve you better:
 - You really thought that game was free?
- To sell your data:
 - Multiple brokers buy this sort of data
 - Location data collected from everywhere
 - Including Wi-Fi networks and reverse BSSID lookup
 - Even IP address used as source of location data



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Where location data is stored?

- Physical devices (iOS, Android, Windows, macOS X, other systems)
- Apple iCloud
- Google account
- Third-party cloud accounts
 - Social networks
 - Health & fitness applications
 - Instant messengers
 - Dating apps
 - Taxi apps
 - Pol/travel apps



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How Apple Stores Location Data

- Location data is stored as:
 - Database records
 - PLIST values
 - JSON values
 - Mixed PLIST/JSON structures as database records
 - Log files (plain text)
- Where?
 - System databases (related to services/daemons)
 - Built-in apps data
 - Temporary/cached data
 - iCloud



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What Apple Collects

- Collected data depends on the source and storage
- These items are always present:
 - **Latitude**
 - **Longitude**
 - **Timestamp** (mainly in UNIX Epoch format)
 - We've seen location records without timestamps
 - We have seen location names/IDs without lat/lon
- These items may be additionally available:
 - **Altitude**
 - **Accuracy** – how accurate the measurement is (can be represented as a circle with a given radius)
 - **Confidence** – how confident the system is about the stated accuracy
 - **Min/Max latitude and longitude** – yet another representation of accuracy. Can be represented as a rectangular area
 - **Speed**
 - **Course** – represents angle of turns in degrees
 - **End Date** – date when device left location
 - **Address** – street address; can be stored as a string or as multiple items

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Routes

- Routes can be tracked on device or in the app
 - Can take speed, course, angle (magnetic compass) values into account
 - Routes stored on device
- Routes can be calculated in forensic software based on individual location records
 - Based on recorded locations
 - Can be calculated based on location records obtained from multiple sources (e.g. Maps, third-party apps, system logs etc.)



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iTunes Backups: Sources of Location Data

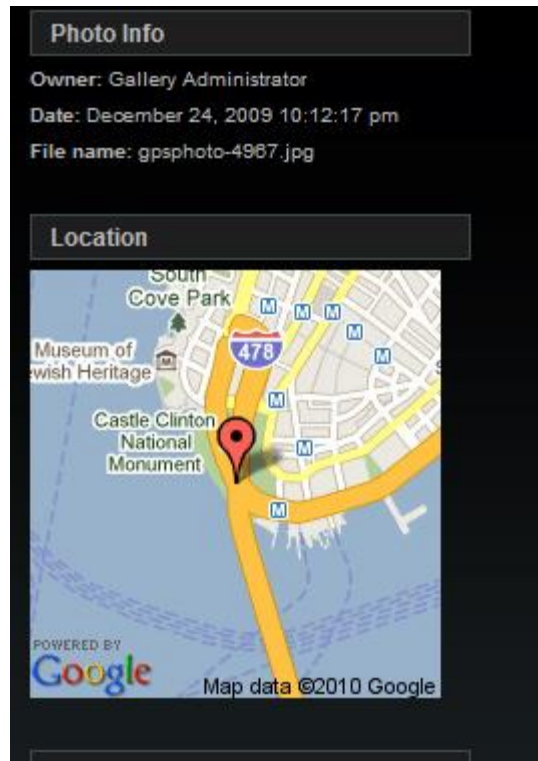
- *Local (iTunes) backups are a major source of evidence*
- *Backups contain location data (not as much as stored on physical device)*
- Apple Maps
- Calendar
- Media (EXIF)
- Wallet
- Multiple third-party apps data and cache
- Location cache
- Frequent / Significant Locations
- Locations cached during media files analysis
- Apple Pay locations



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Media (EXIF)

- Windows, macOS, iOS, Android
- Windows: File Properties > Details > GPS
- macOS: More Info > Latitude and Longitude
- Third-party software can map location data
- Forensic software extracts EXIF tags, parses location data, builds routes



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Wallet

- Stored in folders:
- /HomeDomain/Library/Passes/Cards
- /HomeDomain/Library/Passes/BadUbiquitousPasses
- In .pkpass subfolders
- Look for pass.json files
- Some contain locations



```
{
  "description": "SOURCE to DESTINATION",
  "formatVersion": 1,
  "organizationName": "The Airlines",
  "relevantDate": "2013-02-20T20:40:00+01:00",
  "boardingPass": {
    "transitType": "PKTransitTypeAir"
  },
  "locations": [
    {
      "latitude": 12.11334800,
      "longitude": 13.56972200,
      "relevantText": "AirportName1"
    },
    {
      "latitude": 80.45861100,
      "longitude": 80.10611100,
      "relevantText": "AirportName2"
    }
  ]
}
```

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Third-Party Apps

- Multiple third-party apps and games collect location data
 - Even when you are not using the app
- This data may or may not be available in iTunes backups
- Apps may also cache thousands location points

/private/var/mobile/Containers/Data/Application/<UUID>/Library/Caches/

<UUID>: unique app identifier on this device

- Where to?

Allow "Uber" to access your location even when you are not using the app?

```
{
  "jsonConformingObject": {
    "meta": {
      "location": {
        "course": -1,
        "city": "test",
        "speed": -1,
        "longitude": 3.4,
        "gps_time_ms": 1506351484216,
        "latitude": 1.2,
        "horizontal_accuracy": 65,
        "vertical_accuracy": 10,
        "altitude": 0.1
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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Additional Location Data Exclusive to Physical Extraction

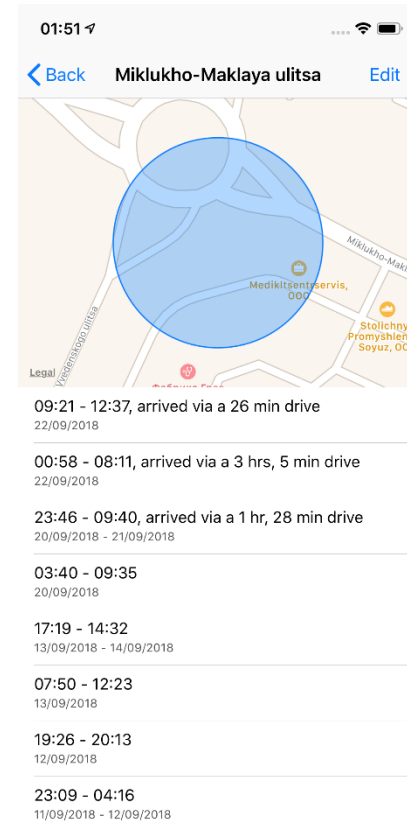
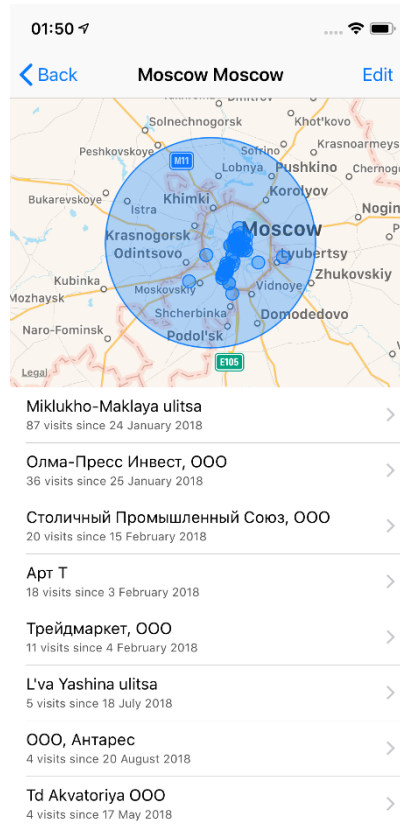
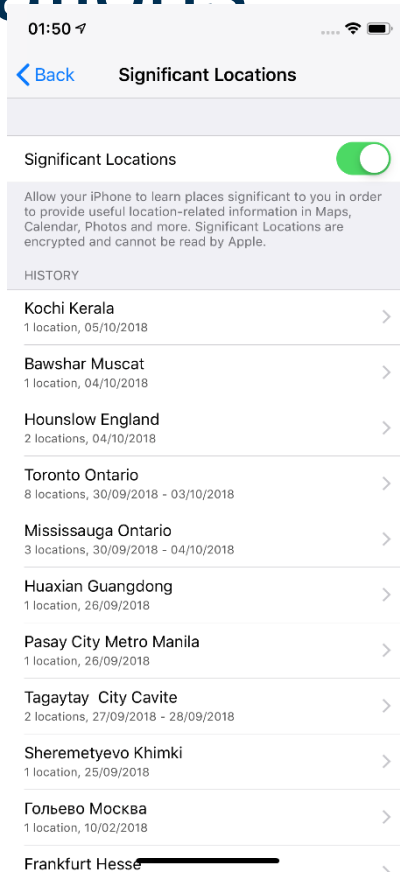
- Physical acquisition extracts full image of the file system
- Gains access to many files not in the backup
 - System logs, cache and temporary files
 - Protected app data
 - Apps with backups disabled
- Automatic sync with iCloud (if iCloud sync is enabled in the Settings)
 - Scheduled sync
 - On device reboot
 - On account change
- Locations cache (3G/LTE, Wi-Fi)
- Frequent/Significant Locations
- Media file analysis cache
- Third-party cache
- Apple Pay locations

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Location Cache (Physical Extraction Only)

- Databases:
 - /private/var/root/Library/Caches/locationd/cache_encryptedA.db
 - /private/var/root/Library/Caches/locationd/cache_encryptedB.db
 - /private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/com.apple.routined/cache_encryptedA.db
 - /private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/com.apple.routined/cache_encryptedB.db
- Tables:
 - Latitude, Longitude, Altitude, Timestamp, HorizontalAccuracy, VerticalAccuracy, Speed, Course, Confidence
 - MinimumLatitude, MinimumLongitude, MaximumLatitude, MaximumLongitude

Smartphone Privacy: significant locations

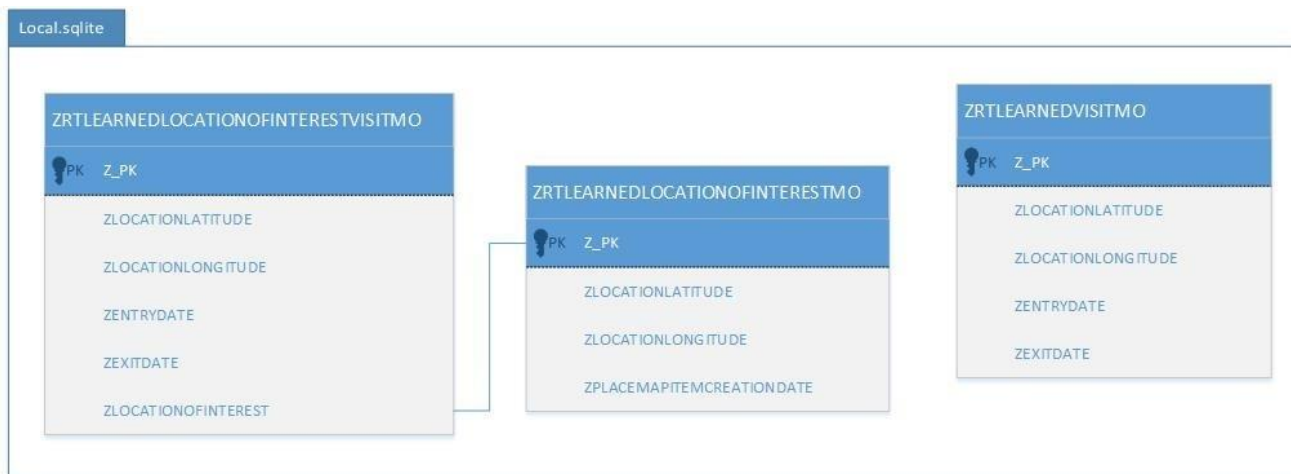


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Significant Locations (Physical Extraction Only)

/private/var/mobile/Library/Caches/com.apple.routined/

- Local.sqlite: *data obtained on this device*
- Cloud.sqlite: *synced significant locations*
- Cache.sqlite: *temporary and unprocessed data*



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Synced Location Data (iCloud)

- System apps syncing location data via iCloud:
 - Apple Maps
 - Health
 - Calendar
 - Wallet
- Sensitive location data with direct sync:
 - Significant Locations: direct device-to-device sync only. Bypasses iCloud
- Wi-Fi connections
 - Reverse BSSID lookup reveals locations
 - Depending on the source, may not connect timestamps (first connect and last disconnect only)
 - Logs contain timestamps

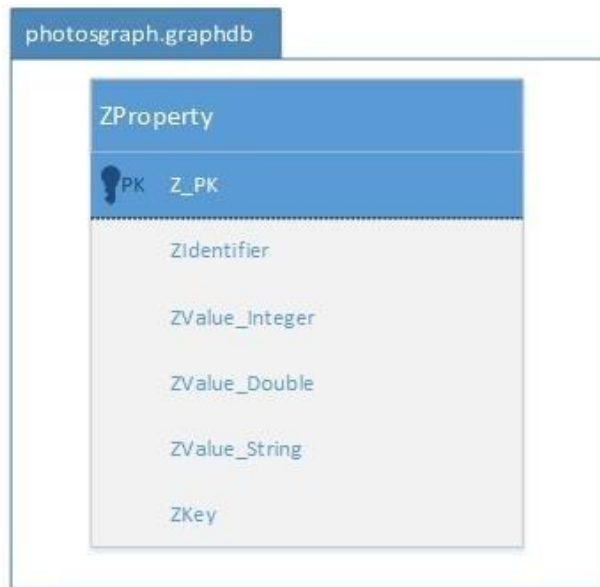
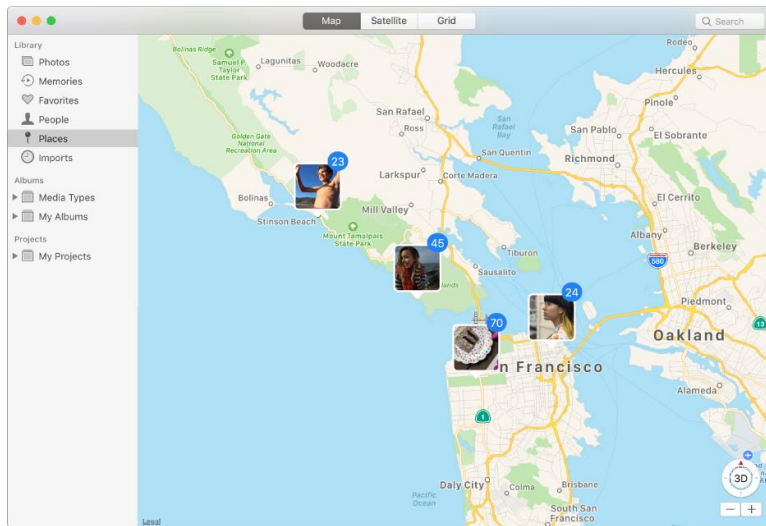


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Locations Cached When Analyzing Media Files

- **photoanalysisd** process analyses media files; assigns tags, discovers faces, extracts EXIF etc
- **photograph** maps extracted EXIF locations

/private/var/mobile/Media/PhotoData/Caches/GraphService/PhotosGraph/photosgraph.graphdb



Vladimir's iPhone X

[Device info](#)

Locations



Sources



Base Station (LTE) (3139)



Calendar (32)



Camera roll (4932)



Google Maps (1165)



Graph Service (851)



Locations cache (37533)



Significant locations (398)

Filter **ON** Hide Date

From: 21.07.2012

Until: 20.09.2018

 Devices

- iPad mini 3 (5)
- iPhone (68)
- iPhone 4S (6)
- iPhone 5 (1)
- iPhone 5s (3)
- iPhone 6 (1134)
- iPhone 6s (11)
- iPhone 7 (1672)
- iPhone X (39)
- iPhone X (GSM) (5)

[Check all.](#) [Uncheck all.](#) Sources

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[Check all.](#) [Uncheck all.](#)[Hide statistics](#)

Get addresses

Show



Locations: 58051

Most recent: 20.09.2018 21:39:34 [55.6392288 37.5383277](#)Oldest: 21.07.2012 11:12:19 [60.7353333 7.1228333](#)

Start date	End date	Location	Address	Source	Device	
20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	55.6392274 37.5383805	N/A	Locations cache	Unknown	
20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	43.6569855 -79.3663677	N/A	Base Station ...	Unknown	
20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	20.09.2018 21:39:02 ...	43.6478675 -79.3725589	N/A	Base Station ...	Unknown	
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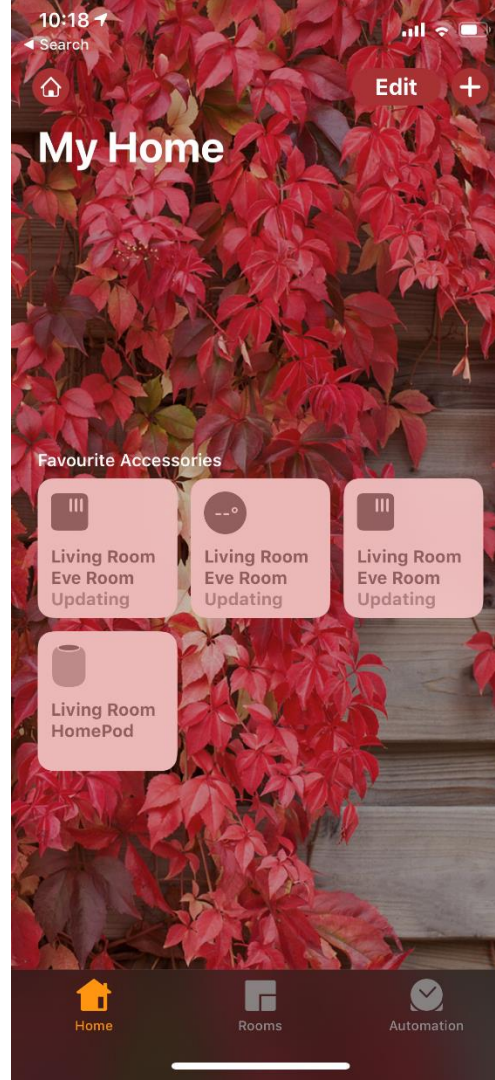
The Future Is...

iCloud: what's next?

More synced data in iCloud

- Home data (HomePod, various sensors, lights, thermostats etc)
- Screen Time (app usage; previously available via full file system acquisition only)
- Voice memos
- Weather & Stocks

Remember Celebgate? ;)



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Google Android

- Android collects significantly more data than iOS
- Google collects significantly more information than Apple
- These statements are not equivalent
 - Android ecosystem is seemingly built for tracking
 - Every other app in Google Play store tracks your location
 - Even with Location disabled
 - Even without Location permission
- All Android apps have Internet access
 - No special permission is needed
 - IP address determines approximate location
 - Allows scanning nearby Wi-Fi networks



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Google Android

- All Android apps can access BSSID of currently connected Wi-Fi, and
- All Android apps can scan nearby Wi-Fi access points
 - Single BSSID reverse lookup determines current location within 20m radius
 - Triangulating multiple BSSID's reveals precise location
 - Multiple free and commercial Wi-Fi Geo-Location databases exist
 - openwlanmap.org



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Google: Sources of Location Data

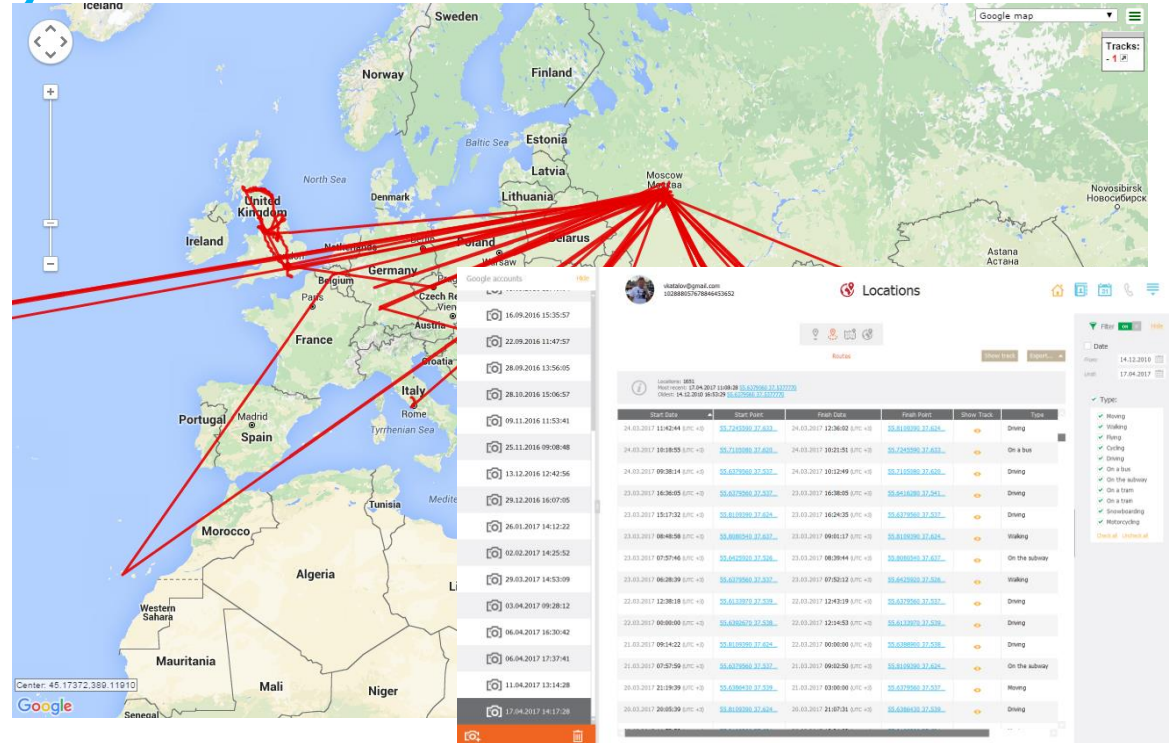
- Location History: Takeout, cloud extraction, online interface
 - Extremely comprehensive
 - **Stored in the cloud (Google Account)**
 - Cloud contains more information than device
- Google Maps and My Places
- Photos: local (extract from device), Takeout (Google Photos)
- System logs: local (root required)
- App data: local (root required), cloud backups (limited)



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Google Location History

- Multiple data points
- Many years worth of data (you will be surprised)
- Collected from all devices on the same Google Account
- Android, iOS, Windows, Mac
- Google services in all Web browsers (if signed in)
- Location + date & time



Smartphone Privacy

Media

- Photos from all user's devices can be uploaded to Google Photos
- Google Photos **not the same as** Google Drive!
- Location data via EXIF

The screenshot displays the Google Photos web interface. On the left, a vertical list of photos is shown with their respective timestamps. The main area features a grid of photos, with one photo of a market stall selected and enlarged. An information overlay is visible on the selected photo, providing detailed EXIF data and account information.

Information

- Id: 6196743649808381826
- Path: C:\Users\V.katalov\AppData\Roaming\EL
- Content URL: [Content](#)
- Type: image/jpeg
- Dimensions: 2264x2448 pixels
- Size: 1.52 MB
- Published: 21.09.2015:05:30.12

Account

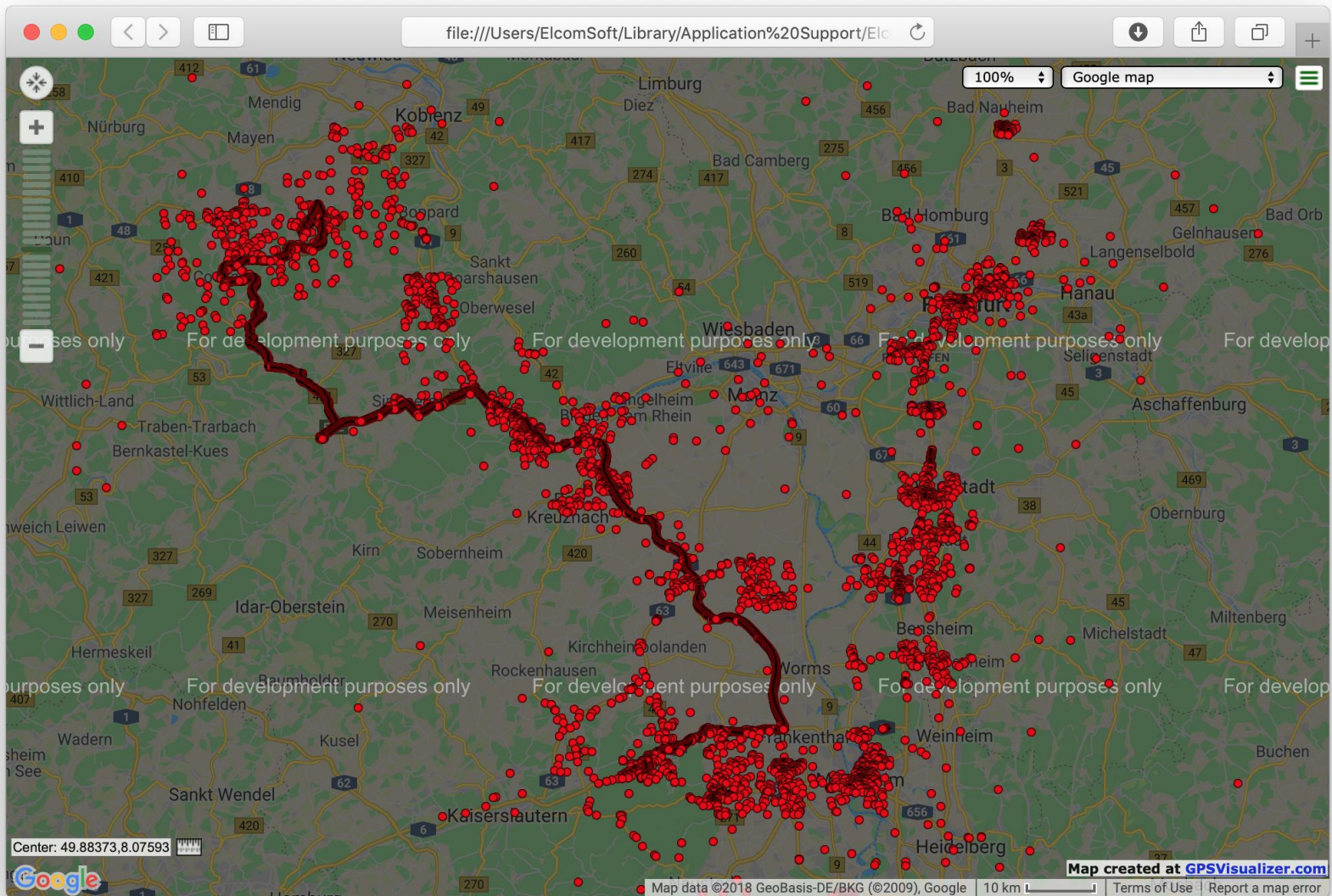
- Id: 102888057678946453652
- Name: Vladimir Katalov
- Email:
- Nickname:
- Url:
- Interactions rank: 3.40282e+38

EXIF

- Make: Apple
- Model: iPhone 6
- Timestamp: 30.08.2015 11:23:26
- Digitized timestamp:
- Original timestamp:
- Geo position: [N 25,0063 E 121,528](#)

Persons:

- Abum
- Id: 1000000446453652
- Name: InstantUpload
- Title: Auto Backup
- Subtitle:
- Icon URL: [Album icon](#)



Smartphone Privacy

Where to get the data from?

- Device (local backup)
- Device (cloud backup) // credentials required!
- Device (physical acquisition) // requires jailbreaking/rooting
- Cloud (synced data) // credentials required!
- Cloud (location services like Apple Find My Phone, Apple Find Friends. Google Find My Device) // credentials required!
- Third-party [cloud] services // credentials required!

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iCloud security overview (HT202303)

End-to-end encrypted data

End-to-end encryption provides the highest level of data security. Your data is protected with a key derived from information unique to your device, combined with your device passcode, which only you know. No one else can access or read this data.

These features and their data are transmitted and stored in iCloud using end-to-end encryption:

- Home data
- Health data
- iCloud Keychain (includes all of your saved accounts and passwords)
- Payment information
- Siri information
- Wi-Fi network information

To use end-to-end encryption, you must have two-factor authentication turned on for your Apple ID. To access your data on a new device, you might have to enter the passcode for an existing or former device.

Messages in iCloud also uses end-to-end encryption. If you have iCloud Backup turned on, your backup includes a copy of the key protecting your Messages. This ensures you can recover your Messages if you lose access to iCloud Keychain and your trusted devices. When you turn off iCloud Backup, a new key is generated on your device to protect future messages and isn't stored by Apple.

Reality

- *Home data: have not checked yet, but seems that not*
- *Health: not always (only if all devices on the account use macOS 11.4 / iOS 12)*
- *iCloud Keychain: yes*
- *Payment information: yes*
- *Siri information: yes*
- *Wi-Fi network information: password only*

Still, most of that data can be downloaded and decrypted with proper tokens

Obtaining the Credentials

How to get cloud password or token?

- Legally (court order)
- Social engineering
- From computer (cached browser passwords)
- From computer (saved token from system or apps)
- Extract macOS keychain
- From other account that was easier to break (Apple / Google / Microsoft)
- Extract from local iTunes backup (with password)
- From password manager (need to crack master password first)
- Password re-use often helps
- From the sticker on monitor or note under the keyboard
- Rubberhose cryptanalysis



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Questions?