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# Mobile Apps: New Frontier of Cybercrime – Final Part

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### What can users do to prevent threats from entering their devices?

**Maximize the security features installed on your mobile devices**

Smartphone users should properly configure location and security settings of the device. For added protection, use the PIN (numeric) and password lock features of the smartphones. Other devices have fingerprint lock, which is also a great option, as it ensures the identity of the user.

**Think before you download**

Consider downloading exclusively from official app stores like the *Android Market*. Not all the apps are guaranteed as secured but the Android Market is still your best bet, security-wise.

**Scrutinize permissions asked by apps**

Based on several malicious apps we have analyzed in the past, we noted that malicious apps ask for access to a long list of information stored in your device. Requesting that much access may be a signal that it's really acting as a backdoor. Be careful in accepting requests for personal or device information.

Users should properly configure their smartphones location and security settings. For added protection, use the PIN (numeric) and password lock features of your smartphones. Other devices have fingerprint lock, which is also a great option, as it ensures that you are the only one who can access your smartphone.

**Treat your mobile device like your PC**

Today's smartphones act like mini-PCs. They are designed to handle multiple tasks, like web browsing. Just the same, they are also open to the same threats. Think twice before browsing the Internet via smartphones.

**Invest and install an effective mobile security app**

Cybercriminals are crafty. They are in constant search for security loopholes to exploit.

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