 Trusted Access to Information in a Diverse Services Environment — A High-Value Mobile Application Enabler

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About the Speaker

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About the Talk

As the number of mobile phone users continues to increase dramatically, the number of mobile application service providers is also rapidly growing. To be able to offer new and innovative services that have high end-user value, mobile application service providers (MASPs) will need access to sensitive and/or confidential wireless subscriber information (e.g., medical records, financial data, location information, equipment IDs) that owners of the information will be unwilling to provide without a “guarantee” that the end-user (subscriber) has authorized use or release of the information. Therefore, there is a need for a trusted, neutral, third party that can broker and authorize access to this information. A mechanism that can enable new and innovative applications that provide substantial benefits to end-users while also protecting the end-user’s privacy interests would help allay many fears that are arising in both the press and the government.

I will present some motivating examples in the form of several mobile phone applications, requirements, and an architecture for a solution to this problem, in form of a system we call TASER — Trusted Access to Sensitive End-user information Repositories. This system provides mediated access to sensitive or confidential information and allows end-users to authorize use of that information through a variety of “opt-in” mechanisms that are currently employed today for various mobile application services and promotions.

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