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# Information Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Google Apps: External Applications

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Prepared for:

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This Information Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for Google Apps (IRVA) Report provides a security  
score  
based upon an audit of your Google domain conducted in \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

The score represents the application risk and vulnerability profile for ACME's Google Apps domain,  
comprised of the statistics, recommendations, and apps that had access  
to the domain during the audit period.

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# Overview

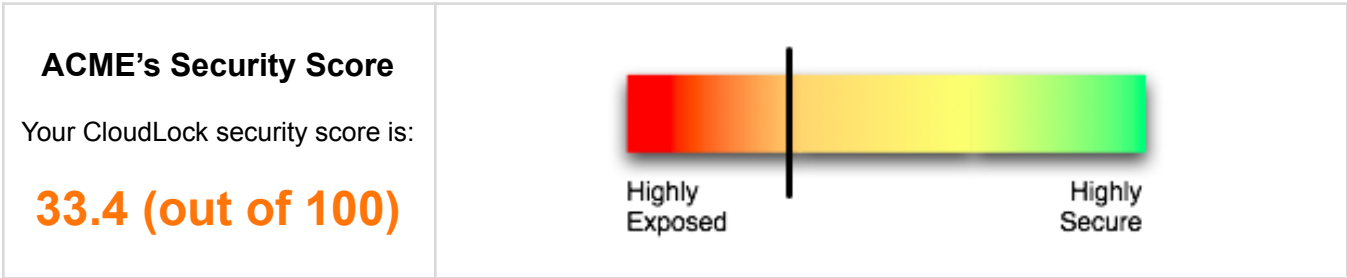
The objectives of this audit report are to:

- Review the overall Security Score for ACME’s Google Apps domain
- Provide metrics and considerations that led to that analysis
- Discuss the general steps involved in mitigating the risk of using third-party applications, while maintaining a high level of functionality for end users.

Security risks related to third party applications, whether the result of intentional exploit by an external vendor or misuse/misunderstanding by internal users, could potentially result in a security incident, such as an inappropriate use or disclosure of PII, PCI, or intellectual property.

These security risks may be assessed in terms of their *capacity* for harm (based upon the amount of data loss or damage which would result from an exploit) as well as their *likelihood* of inflicting that harm (based upon the intended use of the application, the number of users who are running it, and the overall trustworthiness of the application vendor).

CloudLock was used to scan the Google Apps domain for ACME.com, and found the following apps statistics across the environment:



**ACME's Security Score Breakdown**

<p><b>23,721</b></p> <p>Total App Installs</p>	<p><b>508</b></p> <p>Total Unique Apps</p>	<p><b>120</b></p> <p>Total Apps with Domain Admin Access</p>
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**What are our primary risk factors?**

- **Number of applications:** ACME’s Google Apps domain contains a high number of unique applications, comprising a very large number of installations; from a risk perspective, this reflects a wide range of potential exposure points
- **Apps with Admin access:** Over one hundred applications have domain admin access; this is statistically high, and represents a significant risk. Although these are “core” apps (e.g., Android login services, Chrome, and Google itself), it may be prudent to designate SuperAdmin access only to accounts used for administrative work, and separate daily email and work for those users from their administrative access and role.

### How can we address them?

- **Evaluate and classify apps in use:** Ensure that privileged users (Google Admins) are using sanctioned productivity apps
- **Create an Acceptable Application Policy:** Since OAUTH is end-user controlled, and cannot be disabled, consider how you are informing end users of what is or is not an appropriate vendor and/or application, and socialize that policy within the organization.
- **Remove unneeded or inappropriate apps:** Based upon your classifications and (if implemented) AAP, determine which 3rd-party apps should not have access and remove them. Observed apps such as these may warrant investigation for productivity purposes, and for safeguarding the ACME Google Apps environment:

Business Productivity Tools	Social & Communication Tools	Gaming / Entertainment
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## Application Risk Assessment

Application risk is directly related to the scope of access being provided to each app that is running within the ACME environment. While any application may have multiple access types, risk correlates to a number of factors, and should be reviewed in the following contexts:

- **Application Purpose** -- Is the app appropriate for accomplishing business needs?
- **Permission Type** -- Does the application only request permissions it clearly needs to operate?
- **Vendor Trustworthiness** -- Who developed the application? Are they a reputable source? Have they provided a clear privacy policy? Are they externally or self-certified (SSAE-16, TRUSTe, etc.)?
- **Usage and Roles** -- Is the application being used by users, admins, or both?

Application Access Type refers to the level of access that a third party has in a Google Apps domain.

For example, an application might request permission to view and update a user's contact list. This permission request is formally part of the application's authentication request that is presented to any user who enables that application and allows it to use his or her Google Apps credentials, and will be reflected within Apps Firewall under the "Access Scope" list.

In general, applications should be reviewed for both *breadth* of access (that is, how many "access scopes" are requested) as well as *appropriateness* of access (in other words, do the requested scopes make sense in terms of the application's stated purpose). A full technical description of all of the Google APIs available to applications can be found at:

<https://developers.google.com/gdata/docs/directory>

For the purpose of this audit, the following application access types have been highlighted:

Category	What this means	Exposure Rating
<b>Google Drive</b>	Google Drive access permits an application to create, view, copy, and edit the contents of files stored in your Drive environment.	High
<b>Calendar</b>	Calendar access provides an application with the ability to create new events, edit or delete existing events, and search for events based upon specific criteria.	Low
<b>Gmail</b>	Applications with GMail access can read some or all content stored within GMail; applications granted Settings API access may modify user-level Google Mail settings for any of the users within your domain.	High
<b>Contacts</b>	Contacts API access allows an application to create new contacts, edit or delete existing contacts, and query for contacts that match particular criteria.	High
<b>Google Docs</b>	Applications granted Google Docs API permissions may create, retrieve, update, and delete Google Docs (including but not limited to text documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and drawings), files, and collections. It also provides some advanced features like resource archives, Optical Character Recognition, translation, and revision history.	High
<b>Full Account Access</b>	Full Account Access is the most permissive authorization scope available, allowing complete control over all aspects of an account, identical to what an interactive user could accomplish.	High
<b>Userinfo Email</b>	Applications with access to user information and profiles may retrieve and update profile information for users in a Google Apps domain, and perform operations on behalf of the domain administrator, such as modifying user profile photographs or executing bulk query and update requests. Note that profiles may never be created or deleted with this API.	Med
<b>Sites</b>	The Sites API allows client applications to access, publish, and modify content within a Google Site, as well as to upload and download files to Sites, including Sites created by the API itself.	Low
<b>Google+</b>	The Google+ API allows client applications to access, publish, and modify content with the Google+ application	Med

# Risk Statistics and Metrics

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# General Recommendations

When analyzing third party applications, both in general terms and as related specifically to ACME, the

follow recommendations provide a framework for analyzing and responding to risk while maintaining functionality and flexibility for end-users:

## 1. Review Applications and their access types

- Applications that have full account access, drive/docs, gmail and/or contacts access should be vetted to determine security of the application
- Remove non productive apps, or those apps that may gain access to the Google Apps environment unnecessarily. e.g.: apps such as these may be candidates for review:

Top apps for users:

### Top Apps Deployed (by User / by Admin)

App Name	Users	App Name	Admins
www.google.com	13038	www.google.com	13
sfg.google.com	3935	Android Login Service	8
Android Login Service	1637	sfg.google.com	7
Google Chrome	1029	Google Chrome	6
Android	809	Android	5
Android Calendar	801	Android Calendar	5
Google Apps Sync for Microsoft Outlook®	187	Google Apps Sync for Microsoft Outlook®	5
www.linkedin.com	180	Google Play Movies	5
Google Drive on iOS	159	Chrome Remote Desktop	4
Google Play Movies	148	Google Drive on iOS	3
BeejiveIM	117	Gmail iOS App	3
Gmail iOS App	115	script.google.com	3
YouTube Android	69	Google APIs Explorer	3
www.tripit.com	65	Global Communications and Collaboration	3
anonymized.app.com	64	Google Drive	2
Google Drive	59	Google Apps Sync	2
twitter.com	46	Quickoffice	2
Android Login V1	44	sites.google.com	2
Google Tasks Chrome Extension	42	Google APIs Explorer	2
www.wayn.com	40	Save to Google Drive	2
Chrome To Phone	38	docs.google.com	2
www.scheduleonce.com	35	anonymized.app.com	2
Chrome Remote Desktop	33		
Picasa	25		
Google Apps Migration for Microsoft Outlook	20		
Google Apps Sync	18		
Microsoft	16		
Checker Plus for Gmail	15		
Chrome Remote Desktop	13		

Scratchpad	13	
GDrive	12	
IM+	12	
Quickoffice	11	
Android Phone	10	
attachments.me	10	
anonymized.app.com	10	

Privileged users should not pass their administrative credentials to any 3rd Party Apps without vetting the security of the app itself. Resources online including CloudLock, the Chrome Web Store or other ratings systems can be used to determine the security of the application.

## **2. Remove redundancy, and promote known-good applications**

If there are applications that provide a redundant service, consolidate the application use to reduce the exposure level. Promote sanctioned applications, and remove non-approved applications from the domain.

## **3. Notify users who are running inappropriate or risk apps, and/or revoke those apps**

Identify users who have authorized applications that are deemed insecure, inappropriate, or are otherwise not approved for use within the domain. Via CloudLock, inform them that such 3rd-party applications should not be used within the domain, and provide information on how to revoke access.

## Appendix: List of Discovered Applications

App Name	Users	Admins	Access
anonymized.app.com	1	0	Google Calendar
anonymized.app.com	1	0	Google Docs
Activism	1	0	Userinfo Profile,Userinfo Email
anonymized.app.com	1	0	Google Docs
Affixa	2	0	Gmail Settings APIs,Gmail
Alto	1	0	Gmail,Userinfo Email
Analytics Tiles Pro	1	0	Userinfo Email,Google Analytics
Android	809	5	Paths Notifications Api,Google Voice,Personal Derived Data API
Android Calendar	801	5	Google Calendar
Android First Party Default Client	2	0	Google Calendar
Android Login Service	1637	8	Full Account Access
Android Login V1	44	1	Full Account Access
Android Phone	10	1	Full Account Access
animoto.com	1	0	YouTube
anonymous	1	0	Gmail
Anytodo	1	0	Tasks
api.cloudsponge.com	3	0	Contacts
app.gantter.com	1	0	Google Calendar,Google Docs,Contacts
appservicer.com	2	0	Google Sites
Asana	4	0	Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile,Contacts
Astro Test	3	0	Drive API,Google Docs
attachments.me	10	0	Gmail
Attachments.me for Google Drive	7	0	Google Docs
Awesome Screenshot	2	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email
Backup Box	1	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile,Google Docs
badoo.com	4	0	Contacts
Balsamiq Mockups	1	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
BeejiveIM	117	1	Userinfo Email,Google Talk
beta.unroll.me	1	0	Gmail,Contacts
bolinfest.com	1	0	Google Calendar
Cacoo	1	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
Cacoo for Hangouts	1	0	Google+ You
calendar.comcast.net	1	0	Userinfo Email,Contacts
carpoolworld	1	0	Userinfo Email
chameleon.teknision.com	2	0	Gmail
Checker Plus for Gmail	15	0	Contacts
Checker Plus for Google Drive	1	0	Drive API
Chrome Remote Desktop	33	4	Chrome Remote Desktop Directory,Userinfo Email,Google Talk
Chrome Remote Desktop	13	0	Chrome Remote Desktop Directory,Userinfo Email,Google Talk
Chrome to Mobile	8	1	Google Cloud Print,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
Chrome To Phone	38	1	unknown



Chrome to phone for China	2	0	Userinfo Email
Cirrus gDrive	1	0	Drive API
Clarity regression	1	0	Google Docs
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Cloud Printer App for Mac	2	0	Google Cloud Print,Userinfo Email
Codecademy	2	0	Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
codejob	1	0	Userinfo Email
Codenvy	1	0	Google App Engine Admin Console
connect.kunlun.tw	1	0	Contacts
connex.io - automating your address book	1	0	Contacts
convio.net	1	0	Contacts
cs12.salesforce.com	1	0	Google Docs
cs3.salesforce.com	6	0	Google Docs
CSDN.NET	2	0	Userinfo Email
CtoCloud Application	1	0	Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile,Google Calendar,Google Docs,Contacts
cube.bitizr.com	2	0	Google Calendar,Google Docs,Contacts
dailybooth.com	1	0	Contacts
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docs.google.com	2	2	Google Docs
docs.latexlab.org	1	0	Google Docs
Documents by Readdle	1	0	Drive API,Userinfo Email
DocuSign	1	0	GDrive Files,Drive API,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
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doodle.com	1	0	Google Calendar,Contacts
draw.io	1	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
Drive 2	1	0	Drive API,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
Drive Notepad	3	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile
Dropbox	8	0	Contacts
dev.api.ACME.com	2	0	Google Calendar
emailgame.baydin.com	1	0	Gmail,Google Calendar,Contacts
ES File Explorer	1	0	Userinfo Profile,Google Docs
Evernote	3	1	Contacts
evite.com	4	0	Contacts
Feed It Forward 2011	1	0	Contacts
feedly	8	0	Google Reader
File Manager	1	0	Google Docs
findbigmail.com	1	0	Gmail
Floorplanner	6	0	GDrive Files
FolderSync	1	0	Drive API
Form+	1	0	GDrive Files,Userinfo Email,Userinfo Profile,Google Docs,Google URL Shortener
foursquare.com	3	0	Contacts
Fox To Phone	3	0	unknown
FZTesting	1	0	Gmail,Google Calendar,Google Docs,Google Sites,Contacts
ga-api-javascript-samples.googlec	1	1	Google Analytics



















