

Google collects Android location data even when location services are turned off

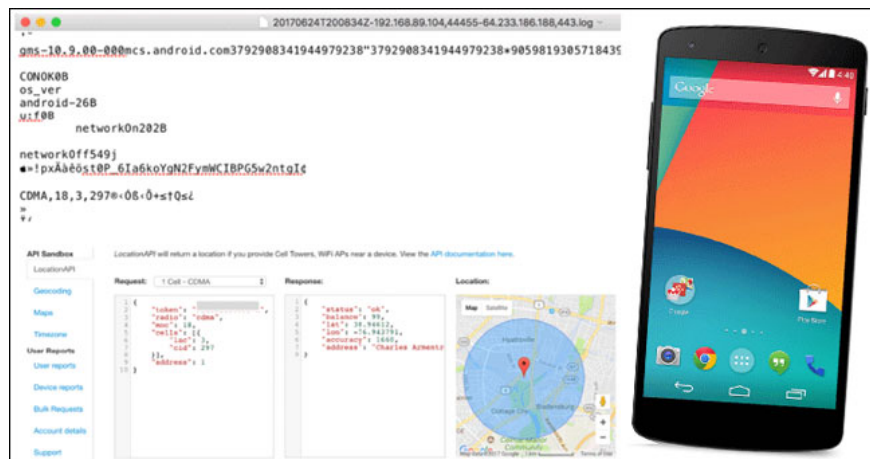
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According to a survey conducted by Quartz, Google began collecting Android user data earlier this year (ie about the past 11 months) - even if the location service is completely disabled.

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The survey found that Android smartphones collected the addresses of nearby cell towers and these data were used for Cell Tower Triangulation - a technique widely used to determine the location of equipment. Use data from 3 or more towers nearby.



Every time your Android device is within range of the new mobile tower, it will collect the tower's address and send data to Google when the device is connected to Wi-Fi or mobile data.

When Quartz contacted the technology giant about the status of sharing this location, a Google spokesperson replied: *We are beginning to study the use of Cell ID code as additional signals to improve speed, message distribution and performance.*

Although it is not yet known whether the incident is exactly as Google said, the fact is that its mobile operating system is collecting location data and violating user privacy.

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