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According to Evgeni Kaspersky, 10 years from now, Android will be the basis of the domestic operating system.

Over time, Android directions can become the mainstream of Kaspersky Lab antivirus software developer. According to the forecast of Evgeni Kaspersky, in the next 10 years, the world IT market will be divided into two major segments: the enterprise market and the household market. In particular, if the main operating system for the enterprise market is still Windows, for the home market, users will move massively to devices running alternative operating systems, most commonly Android.

Kaspersky Lab 's mobile product development manager *Victor Dronov* announced that **Kaspersky Mobile Security** for Android will include four components: Anti-Theft, filtering unwanted calls and SMS, privacy and antivirus protection.

Anti-theft function used in case of losing the phone. Then, the location of the phone is determined by the GPS transceiver system in the phone. With an SMS with a password, you can wipe the data in the phone remotely and automatically lock the phone when changing the SIM card. The number of new SIM cards is sent to the real owner of the phone via SMS and email.

Thanks to call and SMS filters, you can ban calls and SMS from unwanted phone numbers. In addition, you can filter SMS messages by keyword. The privacy protection feature allows you to assign each contact a unique feature when switching the device to hidden mode. In addition to the stealth of the contacts themselves, you can hide the outsider from the call logs and the contact list. According to *Evgeni Kaspersky*, this function will be of interest to entrepreneurs.

New security software for Android will be provided as part of the new version of **Kaspersky Mobile Security 9**, along with versions for 3 other mobile platforms: Symbian, Windows Mobile and Blackberry. Versions for Android and Blackberry in Kaspersky Mobile Security 9 first appeared: Previously, this software package is only for Symbian and Windows Mobile.

Victor Dronov announced that **Mobile Security** for Android will be accessible on Kaspersky Lab's site from February 15, 2011 and in the Android Market application store, it will appear later. According to Dronov, when buying on the Kaspersky Lab site, the new version of Mobile Security in Russia costs 720 rubles (~ 475,000 dong). The price of the application for Android has not been disclosed but Kaspersky Lab promises to have many interesting surprises for users.

Mobile Security for Android functions more modestly than Symbian and Windows Mobile versions - which have more encryption and control capabilities. The Blackberry version is the poorest. Of the six components available in Symbian and Windows Mobile, only the two components that meet with Blackberry are anti-theft and unwanted call and SMS filtering.

Regarding products for iOS and Windows Phone, Victor Dronov confirms that Kaspersky Lab is researching the ability to create applications for these platforms but is not going to have products soon. The emergence of malicious programs with Android coincides with the attack of devices running this platform into the world mobile market. According to data from Kaspersky Lab in 2010, there were 20 trojans created for Android devices.

Kaspersky Lab's development is not the first but may be one of the most multifunctional security solutions for the Android platform. Reportedly, every part of free antivirus software for Android released by Kaspersky Lab's competitor Doctor Web. Symantec is selling Norton Security version for Android from Summer 2010.

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