

# Mobile Application Security Assessment

Google News - Daily Headlines

04/11/2025 - Product Version - 5.124.0.720979906

SCOPE VERIFIED:

Google News - Daily Headlines

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Google News - Daily  
Headlines

## Test Results

All the requirements were met.

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PACKAGE NAME	com.google.android.apps.magazines
TITLE	Google News - Daily Headlines
DEVELOPER	Google LLC
SHA-256 HASH	815fe56f3b9c41ef3f32c28fd0afbda8f6278f43a1fa406b98c87df58d8d8570
SIZE	27.01MB
VERSION CODE	2022203915
VERSION NAME	5.124.0.720979906
DEVICE	Google Pixel 4a
API LEVEL	30
ASSURANCE LEVEL	AL2 - Lab Tested
SPECIFICATION VERSION	1.0

## Test Background

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) has been around for over 20 years and has helped provide a much more secure experience for both web and mobile users. More recently, it published the Mobile Application Security Verification Standard (MASVS), which aims to define a common standard for secure mobile applications. With the App Defense Alliance, Google has brought together application developers and independent security labs in an effort to improve the security of mobile application security and highlight those apps that meet the standard. The security labs verify the applications against specific MASVS requirements and work with developers to address any issues.

OWASP also publishes the Mobile Security Testing Guide (MSTG), which details how the application should be tested, and provides information to developers on how to write more secure applications. The following section is taken directly from the MSTG to highlight current security best practices, as well as link to additional resources for application developers.

The scope of this work was limited to the specific requirements of the Application Defense Alliance described below and should not be read as a holistic security evaluation or comprehensive penetration test.

## Passed Requirements

CATEGORY	STATUS
<b>Storage</b>	
The application securely stores sensitive data in external storage	Pass
The application prevents leakage of sensitive data	Pass
<b>Crypto</b>	
The application employs current strong cryptography and uses it according to industry best practices	Pass
The application performs key management according to industry best practices	Pass
<b>Auth</b>	
The application uses secure authentication and authorization protocols and follows the relevant best practices	Pass
<b>Network</b>	
The application secures all network traffic according to the current best practices	Pass
<b>Platform</b>	
The application uses IPC mechanisms securely	Pass
The application uses WebViews securely	Pass
The application uses the user interface securely	Pass

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**Code**

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The application requires an up-to-date platform version

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The application only uses software components without known vulnerabilities

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The application validates and sanitizes all untrusted inputs

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**Resilience**

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The application implements anti-tampering mechanisms

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The application implements anti-static analysis mechanisms

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The application implements anti-dynamic analysis mechanisms

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**Privacy**

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The application minimizes access to sensitive data and resources

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The application is transparent about data collection and usage

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The application offers user control over their data

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