

Android Enterprise

Best Practices for Managed Google Play



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Overview

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Key Benefits

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Built-in Security

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Deployment
Flexibility

3

Curated Apps

4

Updates &
Configuration

Managing Security

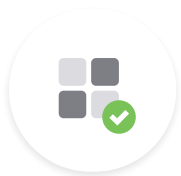
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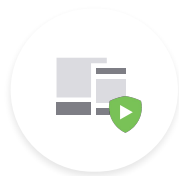
Google Play Protect

Security protections for Android
and Google Play, for everyone.

Built into every device with Google Play.
Always updating to provide
the latest protections by Google.



50B apps **scanned**
/ day



2B devices **protected**



500K apps rigorously
analyzed / day

Managed Play Store

Security

Protection against PHAs

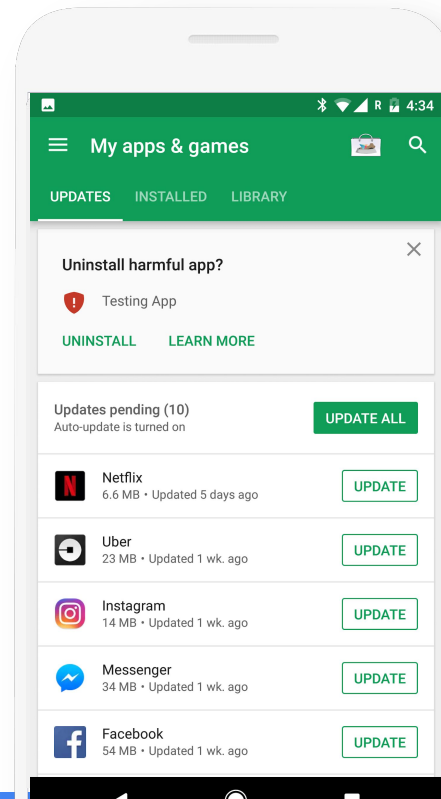
Malware scanning during application upload and device installation
(9x increased risk without Play Protect)

EMM enforceable

Enforce Verify apps to be enabled through managed configuration in Google Play

Unknown Sources Control

Ensure applications only come from trusted sources (EMMs enforce this by default)



Flexibility

Flexible options to manage identity

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Mapping Identities to your devices

Determine which setup best suits your needs

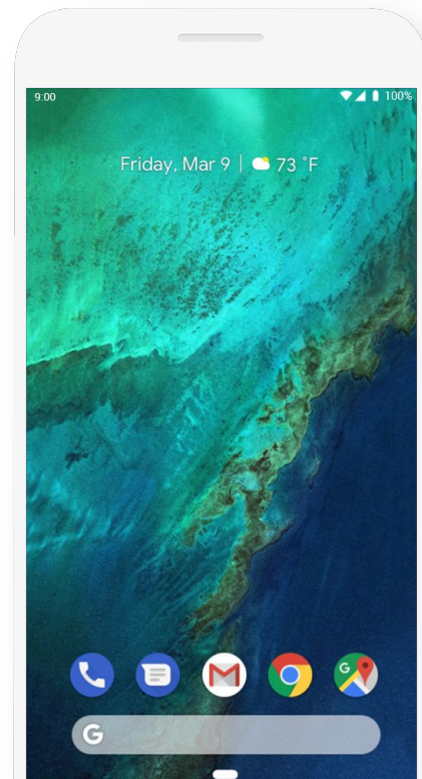
Managed Google Play Accounts

Default and preferred option for most customers



Managed Google Accounts

Ideal for G-Suite customers



Managed Google Play Accounts

Easy Registration

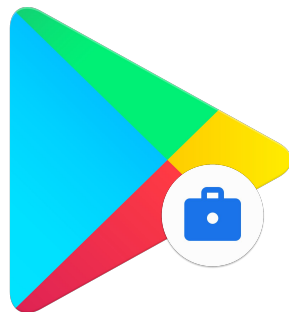
No need to supply a domain or create/maintain a user directory

Auto account enrollment at enrollment

No need for SSO, double log in. User never signs in to Play

EMM Support

Support multiple EMMs in the same org



Deploying Managed Google Play Accounts

01

Create Your Enterprise

EMMs provide easy registration link to create your Enterprise organization

02

Enroll Devices

EMMs will auto-create user identities and add them to the device at provisioning time

03

Manage Applications

Choose which applications you want to make available to your organization

Managed Google Accounts

Individual Google Accounts Required

Organization needs employees to have access to other Google services such as G-Suite or Managed Chrome

Visibility to end user

These Google accounts are visible to the end user throughout their Android and web experiences

Direct Customer Control of Identity

Organization need to directly control identity lifecycle either through sync or other manual or automated means

Employee accounts must have passwords

Employees will be able to use Google accounts throughout their Android and web experiences, and if desired, password sync is allowed between Google and Active Directory



Deploying Managed Google Play Accounts

01

Register with Google

Verify ownership of your domain with Google

02

Create User Directory

Create a User directory or map existing LDAP with Google

Manage account life cycles including resetting passwords and account retirement

03

Configure SSO

Enable your preferred SSO sign-on flow for end users to authenticate when adding accounts

04

Register with EMM

Register your organization with an EMM (note: only one EMM per domain allowed)

05

Enroll Devices

Users sign in with credentials for their individual Google accounts

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Curating Apps

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Curation

Basic Function Whitelist

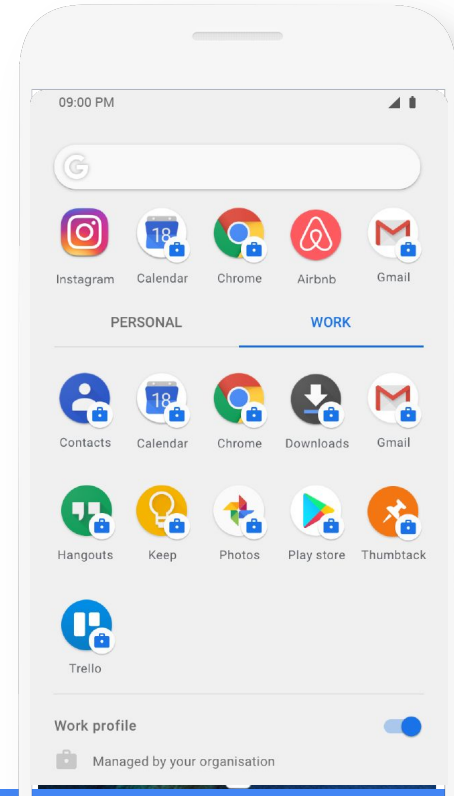
Devices only have Google mandated apps and EMM DPC at initial provisioning

Approve apps for users

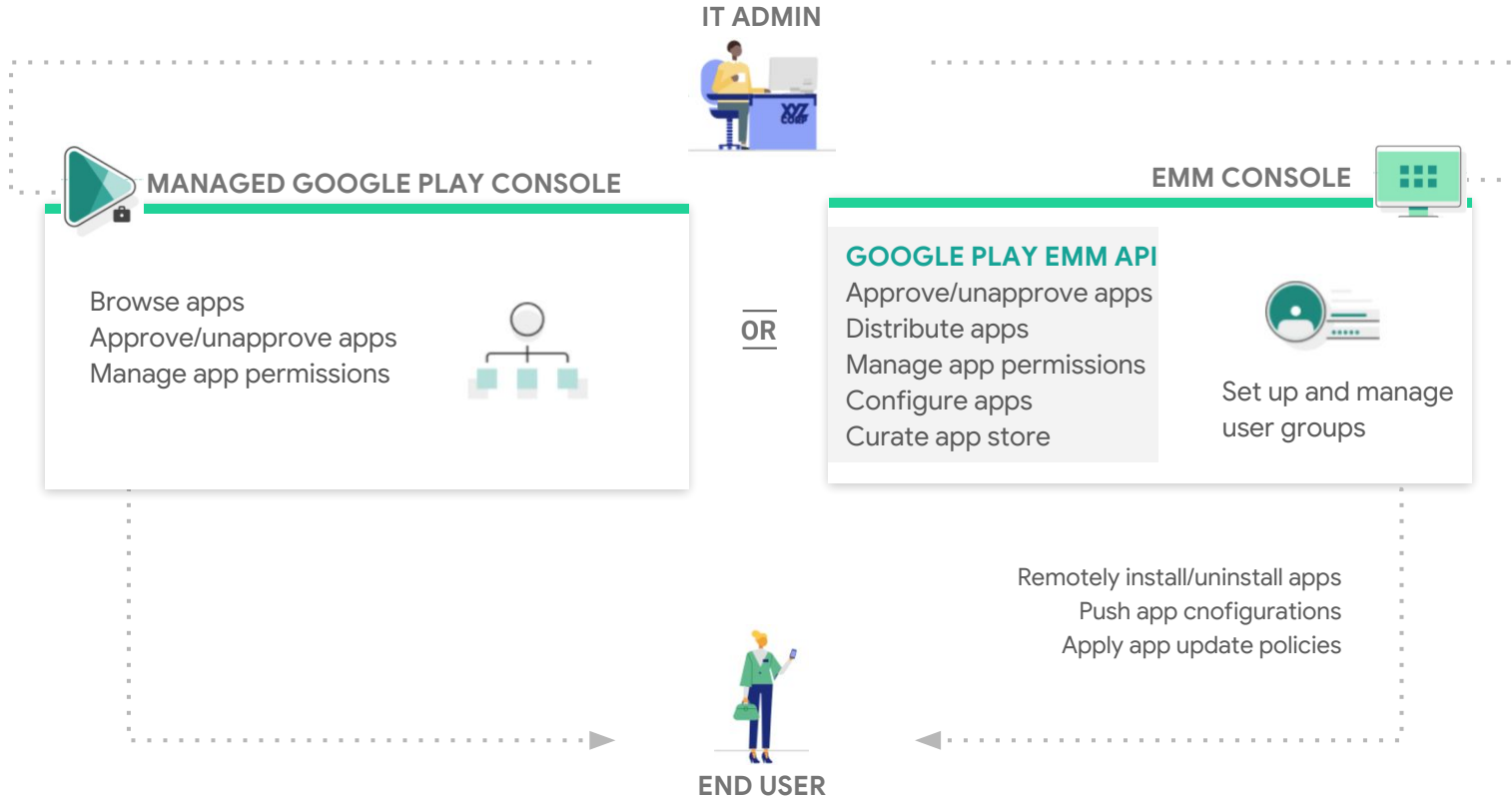
Most EMMs have integrated Managed Play Store into EMM admin consoles OR go directly to Managed Play Store at play.google.com/work

Managing application permissions

Set policies for desired permissions on behalf of end users



Managed Google Play Architecture



App Availability

Control what apps are available to users

IT Admins can
approve/unapprove
apps at any time

via Managed Play Console:

IT Admins can search and
approve apps to deploy to their
organization

Separately, admins sign into
EMM console to assign apps

via EMM

IT admins search, approve and
assign apps directly within
EMM console using iFrame

App Visibility

Control what apps are visible to users

IT Admins can
determine which apps
are browsable via
Google Play app

Curated Layout

Group applications into
meaningful buckets to assist
users in discovering
applications

Silent Install

Push applications to be
installed silently without user
interaction

NEW Set install priority for
initial provisioning to ensure
key apps are installed first

Private Apps

Distribute internal applications

Leverage Google Play's framework to rapidly deploy private apps to your organization

Hosting options

Self-hosted allows enterprises to host their APK on their own infrastructure

Google-hosted private apps are uploaded to Google Play and distributed using Google's infrastructure

Enterprise Only

Ensure your private applications are only distributed to your organization

Private Apps

The screenshot shows the Google Play Console interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation links: All applications, Dashboard, Statistics, Android vitals, Development tools, Release management, Store presence (expanded), Store listing, Store listing experiments, Pricing & distribution (highlighted), Content rating, In-app products, and Translation service. The main content area is titled 'Pricing & distribution' and shows settings for the app 'Hello World' (Published). It has two sections: 'Designed for Families' and 'Managed Google Play'. In the 'Managed Google Play' section, the option 'Privately target this app to a list of organizations.' is checked and highlighted with a red box. Below this is a 'CHOOSE ORGANIZATIONS' button. Text indicates the app is privately targeted to 3 organizations.

Google Play Console

← All applications

Dashboard

Statistics

Android vitals

Development tools

Release management

Store presence

Store listing

Store listing experiments

Pricing & distribution

Content rating

In-app products

Translation service

≡ Pricing & distribution

Hello World
Published

Designed for Families

☐ Opt in to Designed for Families

Designed for Families is a developer program for apps and games designed specifically for children and family audiences. [Learn More](#)

To enable opt-in, ensure that you complete the following steps.

- Add a privacy policy on the Store Listing page.
- Update your content rating information.
- Confirm the ads declaration on the Pricing and Distribution page.

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☒ Turn on advanced managed Google Play features

Organizations and schools use managed Google Play to choose the apps available to their staff and students. Free apps are already available through managed Google Play. To license your paid app for organizations to purchase, or to target your app to specific organizations, turn on advanced managed Google Play features. [Learn more](#)

☒ Privately target this app to a list of organizations.

CHOOSE ORGANIZATIONS

This app is privately targeted to 3 organizations.

You can also target alpha or beta releases of your app to organizations. [Manage alpha or beta releases](#) or [Learn more](#)

Choose organizations

This app is privately targeted to 3 organizations.

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Enterprise 2 ☐

Enterprise 3 ☐

Target an organization by adding the organization ID. ⓘ

Organization id

Name (optional)

ADD

CANCEL

DONE

Updating Apps

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App Updates

Control how apps update

Set policies to automatically update applications

Auto-update policy

Set policies to enable apps to update automatically in the background

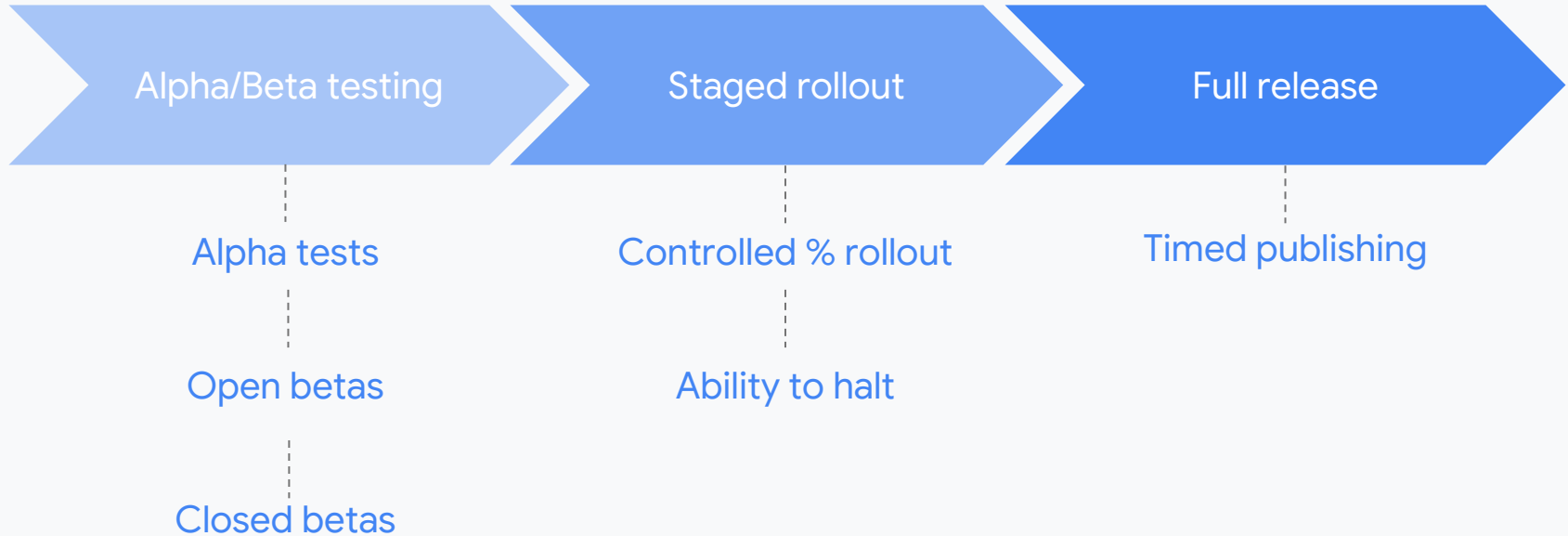
Optionally set criteria for when apps can update (such as WiFi state, charging state)

Push Updates

EMMs can push a policy to set a min version for a given app

Helps when responding to key vulnerability in an older app version

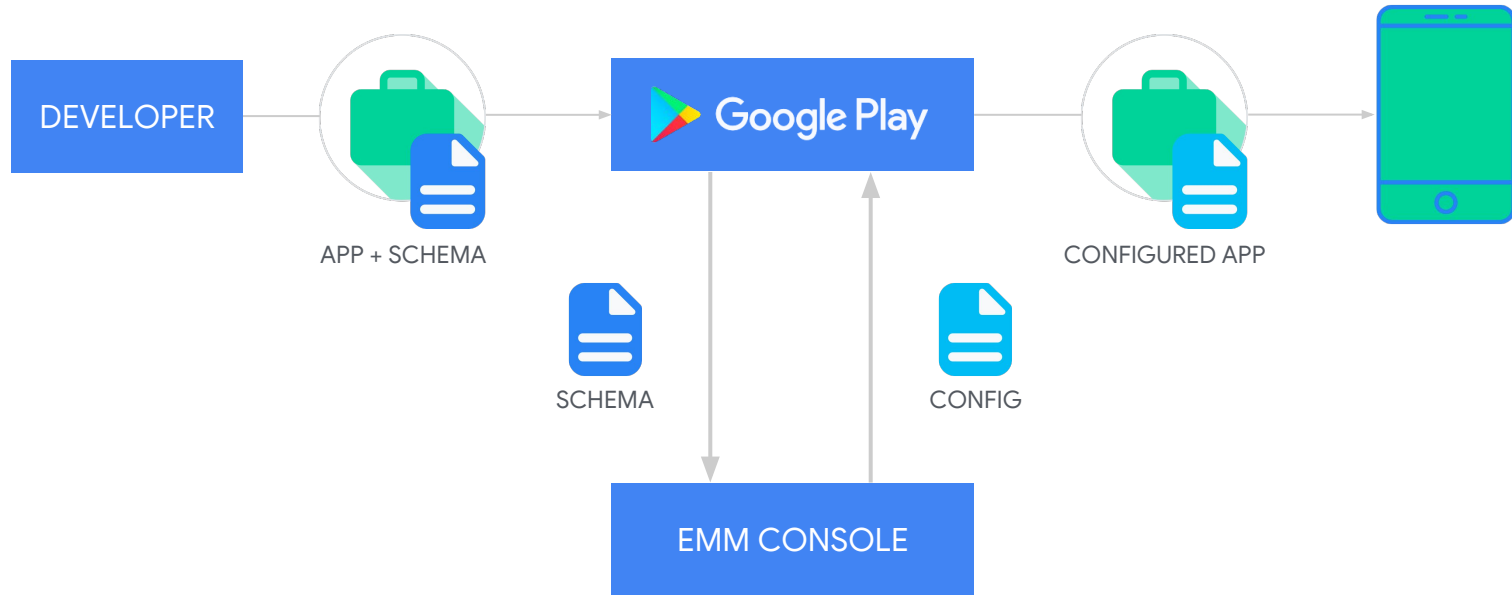
Private App Updates



Supporting Managed Configuration

Managed Configuration

Configuring apps to work out of the box



Managed Configuration for Private Apps

One active schema per app

Design your schema carefully, updating can be tricky

Apps in Alpha/Beta channel will receive configurations using Production channel schema