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## **How Apps Could Be Sneaking Malware onto Your Phone**

In a report, technical support site BleepingComputer detailed a growing trend in mobile malware that involves the use of a tool known as a "dropper," which hides code within an app. While contained within an app, droppers are benign, making it hard for Google to detect them in the Play Store with its standard security tests. Once they're on your device, however, droppers will attack with malware in multiple stages over time. This makes them similar to Trojan horses. Sometimes hackers will include an additional aspect of mischief, like adding a timer to space out malware deployments.