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"Ten million people every single year pointed out. "If you reset it for full identity? I don't know.

Siciliano says that while you might iPhone, based on what his investigation "I will never ever sell or let go a phone. I won't donate it. I'll take out the hard drive and I will destroy it."
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"I bought Androids, iPhones, and Blackberries. I did this with McAfee and we found people's entire digital lives," said Siciliano.

Before he explains what he found, you should understand he this cyber technique was not using some CIA specialized scanning software. He just used regular tools that are available on the Internet to look for this data on these devices and he found everything. Everything in people's personal information, their pdf, word documents, text files, excel files, home videos, photos, and a lot of pornography. Actually, we found their entire digital lives, enough information to steal their identities, even though many sellers had tried their best to wipe their phones clean.

"I'll delete the cache and make sure I take the SIM card out." Removing the SIM card and the SD card from the phone is vital. Both are critical storage areas. But, they're not the only virtual file drawers in Smartphones.

"The devices themselves generally have their own storage," said Siciliano. The cell phone manufacturers will tell you to go to your settings menu and remove factory settings to clear your personal information, which Siciliano says works pretty well with BlackBerry's and iPhones.

But when you reset the Android phones, the Motorola Droids, even when a factory reset is done, we still found data... enough data to easily pull off identity theft.

"Ten million people every single year have their identity stolen," Siciliano pointed out. "If you resell it for fifty bucks, is it potentially worth $500 to sell your identity? I don't know."

Siciliano says that while you might be ok cashing in on your BlackBerry or iPhone, based on what his investigation found, he won't be your competition.

"I will never ever sell or let go any second-hand device on eBay or Craigslist. I won't donate it. I'll take out the hard drive. I'll destroy it. I'll take that mobile phone and I will destroy it."