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I read a few articles today that said "75% of Android devices can be remotely unlocked by Google" and I immediately thought "wait, that doesn't sound right." The articles relied on some inaccurate assumptions.

Here are the facts, which can be independently confirmed via the source code that has been published in AOSP:

Google has no ability to facilitate unlocking any device that has been protected with a PIN, Password, or fingerprint. This is the case whether or not the device is encrypted, and for all versions of Android.

Google also does not have any mechanism to facilitate access to devices that have been encrypted (whether encrypted by the user, as has been available since Android 3.0 for all Android devices, or encrypted by default, as has been available since Android 5.0 on select devices).

There are some devices (far fewer than 75%, although we don't have an exact number) that have been configured to use a "pattern" to unlock. Until Android L, "pattern" unlock did provide a recovery option with the Google account. This recovery feature was discontinued with Android L.

Also, the lost pattern recovery feature never applied to PIN or Password so if you are on an earlier model device and don't want to use the pattern recovery feature, you can switch to a PIN or Password and it will be disabled.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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