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THE STAKES HAVE CHANGED

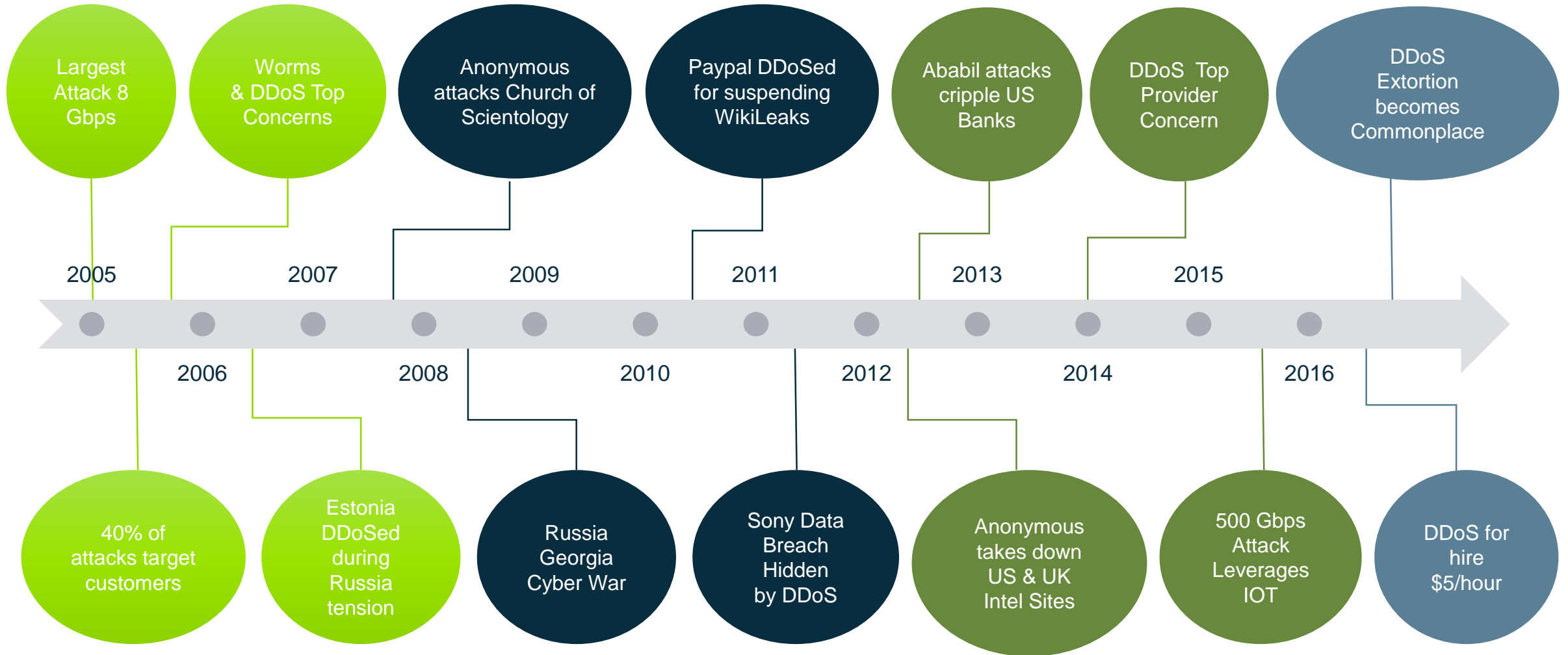
The Changing Security Landscape

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20 Years of DDoS Attacks



The Long History of DDoS...

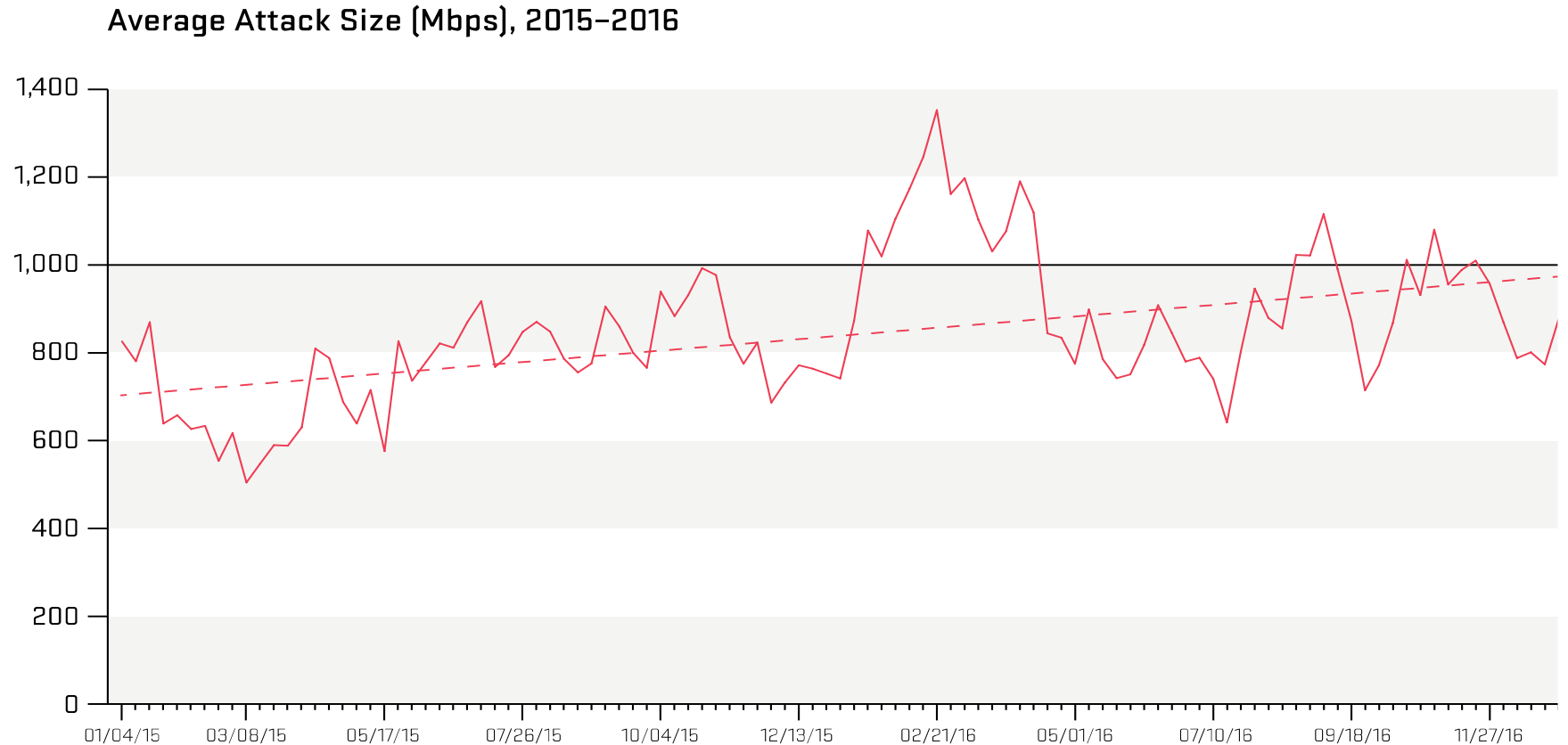


DDoS: Size

558 attacks over
100 Gbps, as
opposed to 223 in
2015

87 attacks over
200 Gbps, as
opposed to 16 in
2015

Average attack
size increased by
23%, trending
towards **1.2 Gbps**

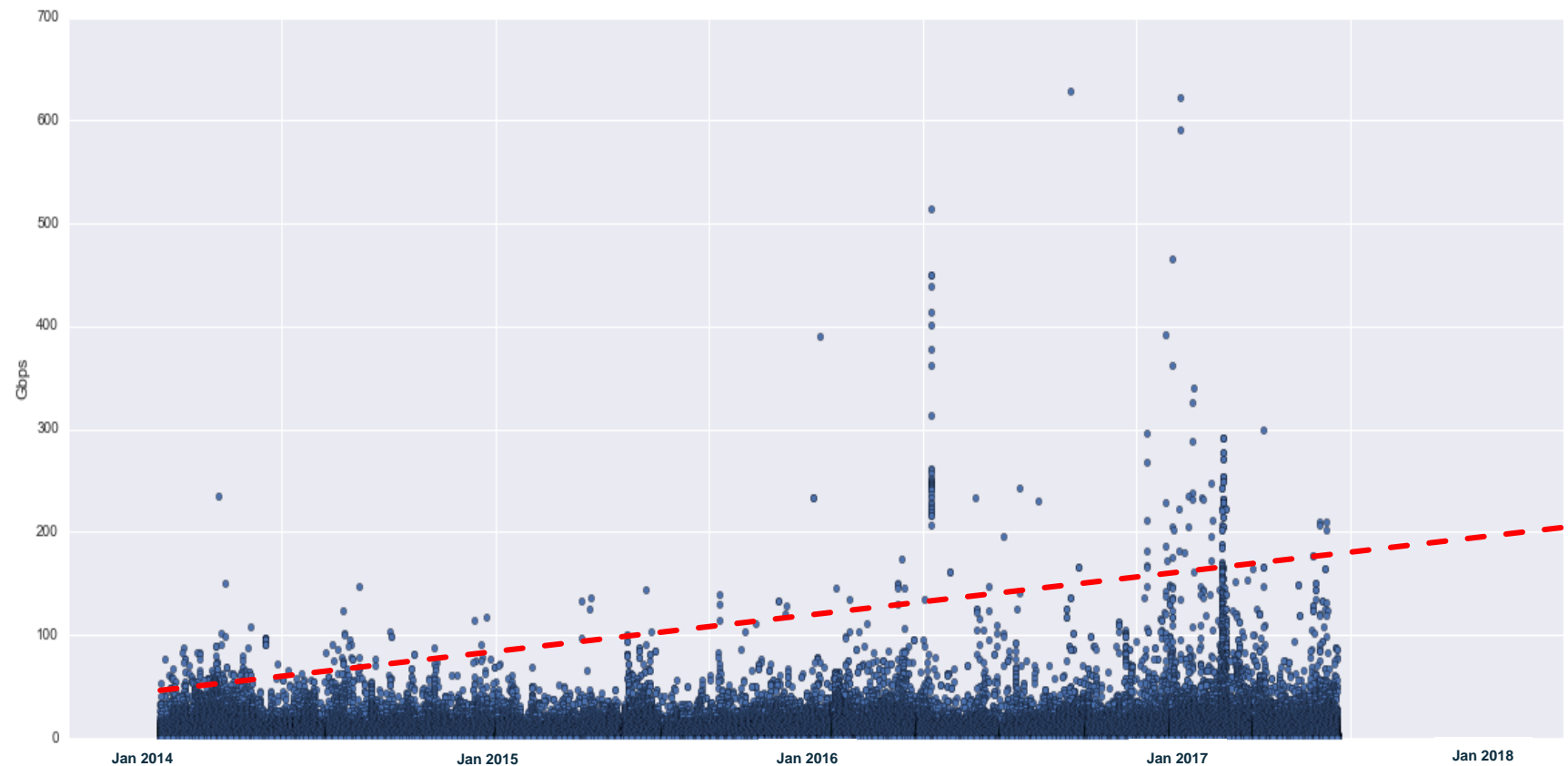


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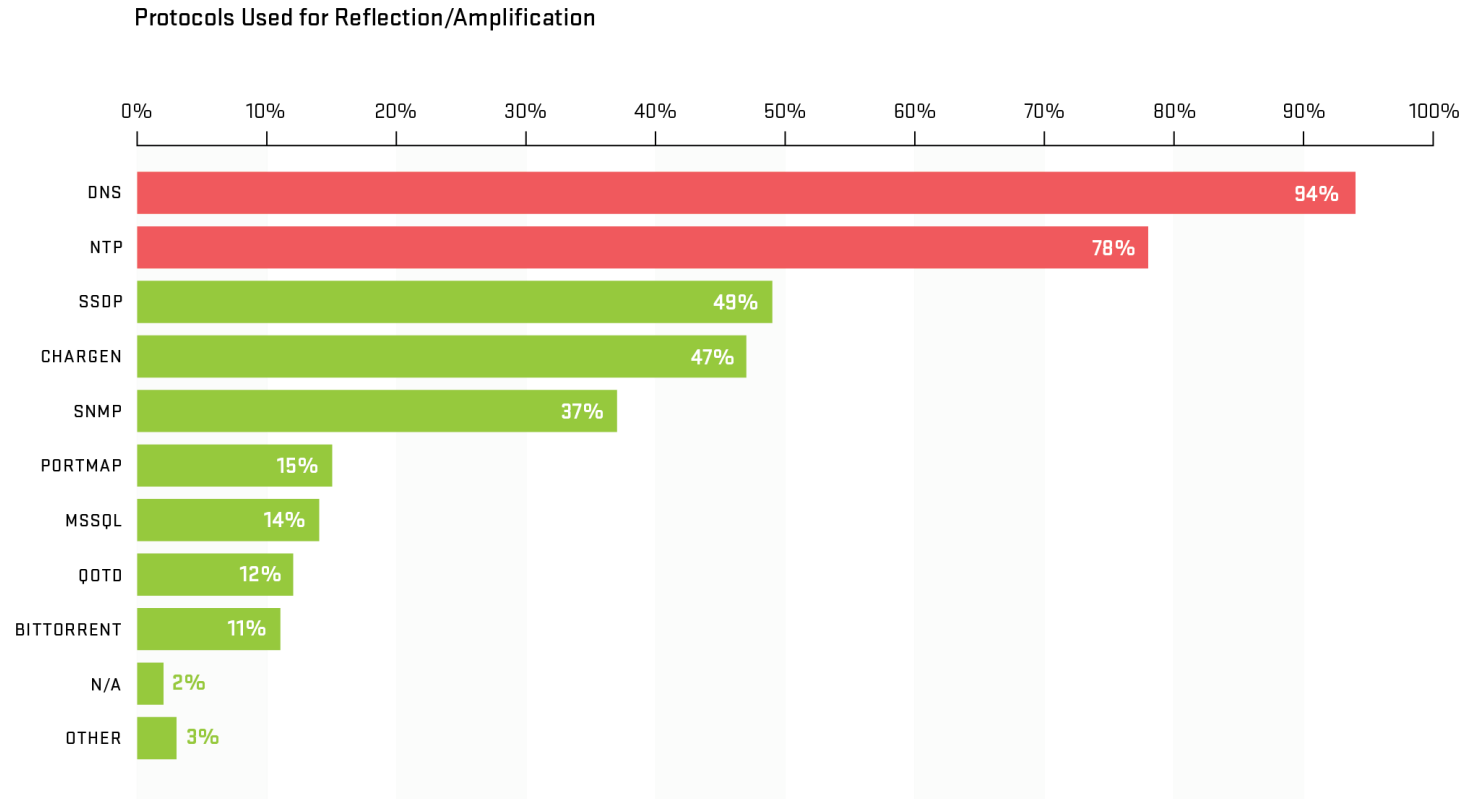
**APAC attacks
between 2014 to
2017**

**Lot more attacks
over 200 Gbps**



DDoS : The Reflection Problem

NOT gone away
18,500 DNS attacks / Week
498Gbps Attack using NTP
Multiple > 400Gbps



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DDoS : Frequency

21% of Data-Centers see more than 50 Attacks per month

45% of Enterprise see more than 10 attacks per month

33% of Mobile Operators see more than 20 attacks per month at SGI

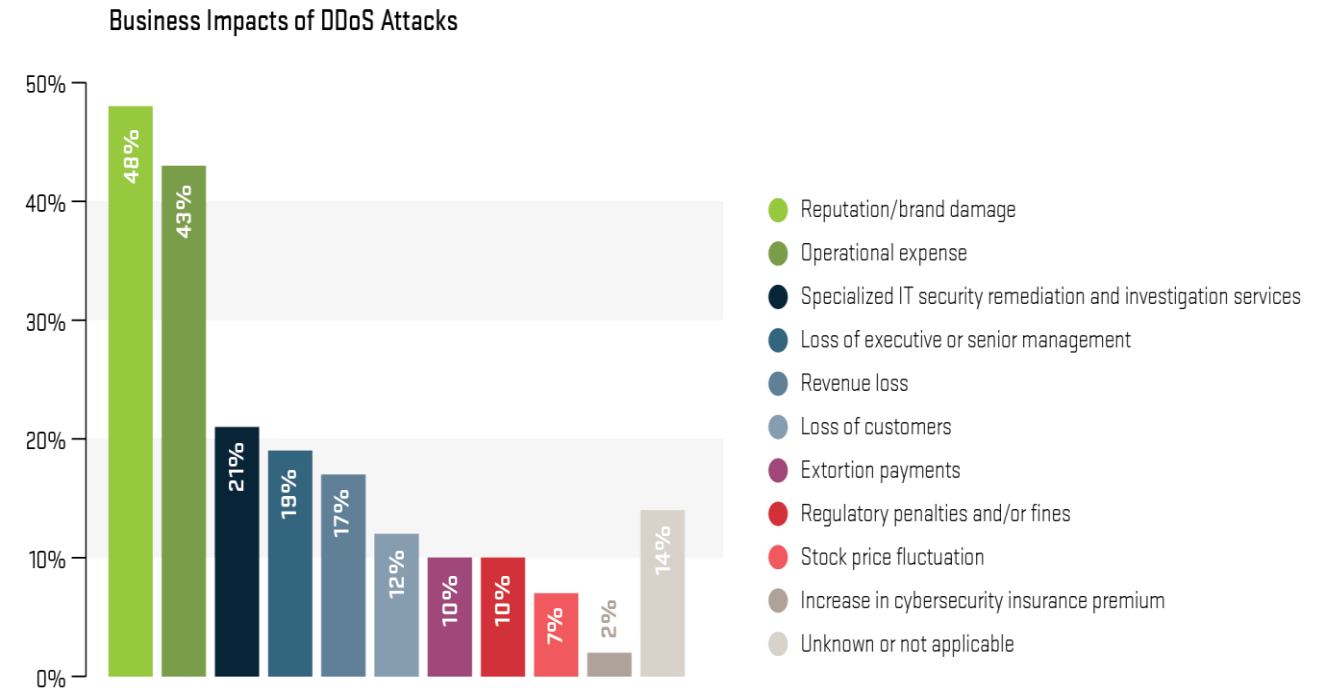


DDoS : Frequency

23% of Data-Centers estimate cost of DDOS attack > \$100K

59% of Enterprises estimate downtime cost > \$500/min

Two-Thirds of Enterprises factor DDoS into risk assessment process



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DDoS : Complexity

95%

67%

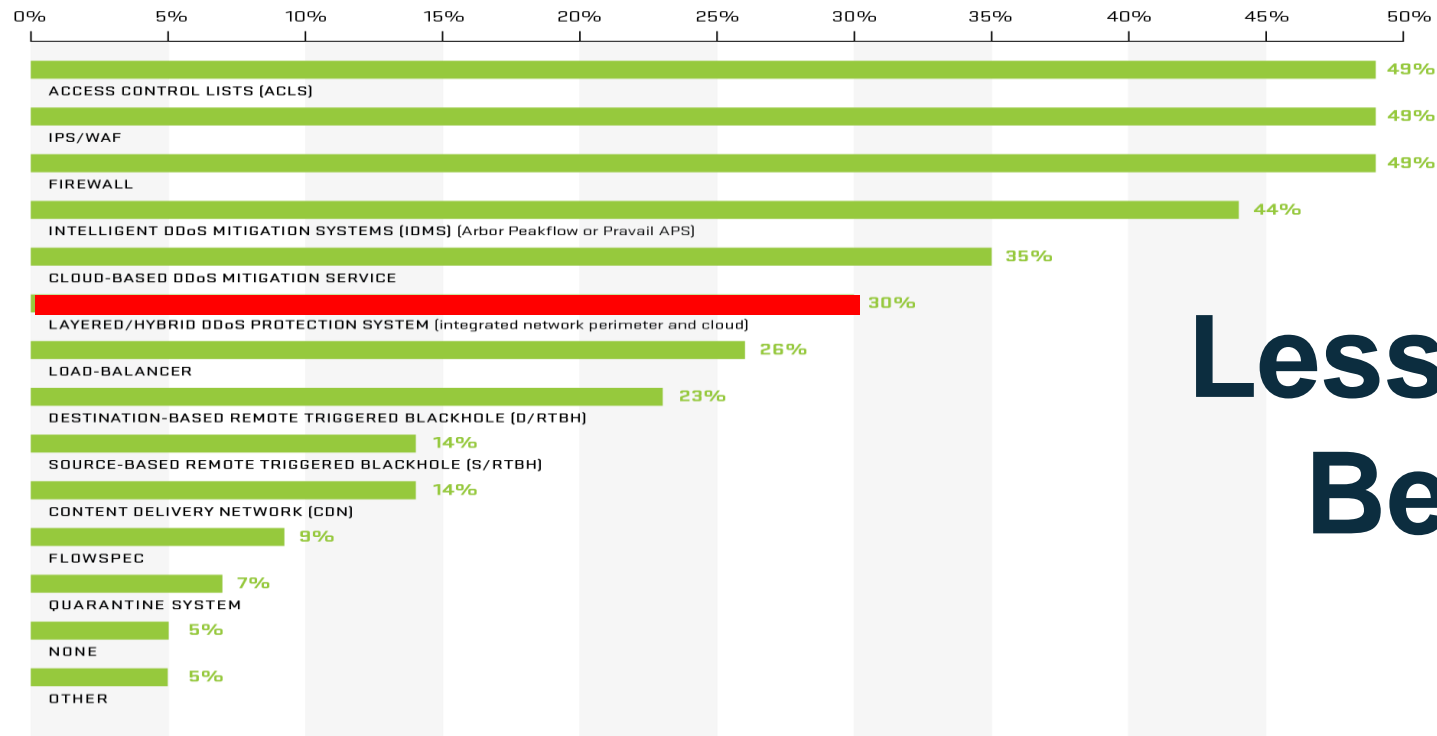


Application-Layer
Attacks

Multi-Vector
Attacks

DDoS : Dealing With It

DDoS Mitigation Techniques



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Less than **1/3** Use
Best-Practice

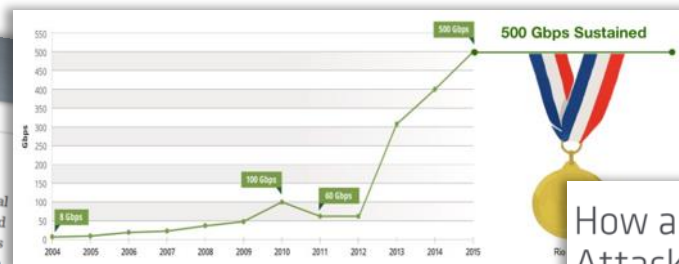
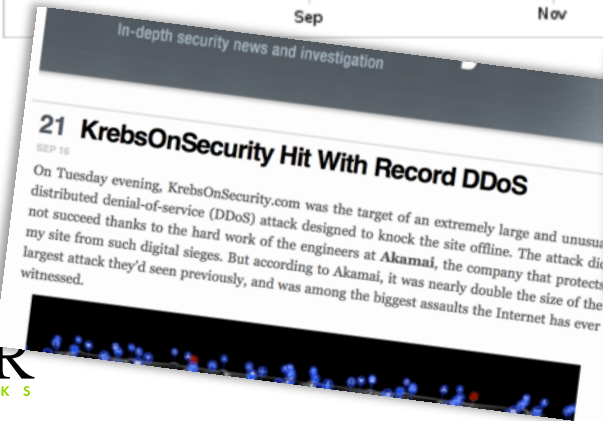
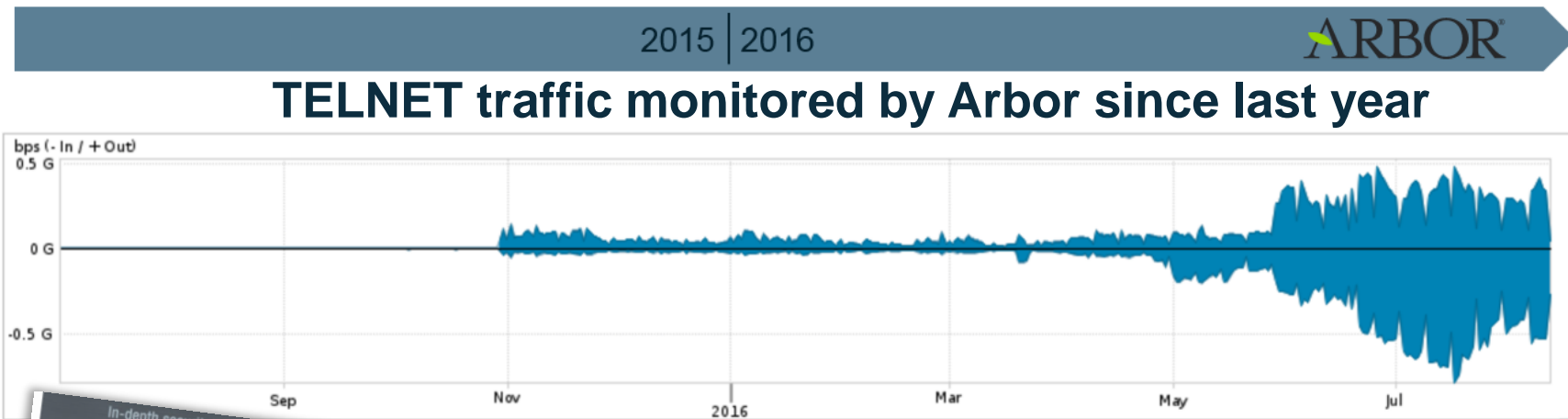
Uptick in DDoS attacks

		Accommodation	Education	Finance	Healthcare	Information	Manufacturing	Public	Retail
Pattern	Denial of Service	4	228	445	3	508	10	617	180
	Privilege Misuse	5	7	48	125	23	13	7,417	9
	Lost and Stolen Assets	5	13	10	92	4	2	5,519	4
	Everything Else	8	106	20	40	32	213	88	8
	Point of Sale	182		3	4	1			9
	Miscellaneous Errors	2	24	14	114	13	3	2,246	16
	Web App Attacks	4	25	376	32	73	4	148	28
	Crimeware	5	32	30	54	63	261	5,102	14
	Payment Card Skimmers	6		53			1	1	57
	Cyber-Espionage		22	5	2	4	115	112	3

...and its only. JUST. BEGINNING.

Example of malware infection method: Cameras and DVRs logging data using hard-coded Telnet passwords. **A 20+ year old problem...**

Most of the devices are embedded with Linux BusyBox, there's no easy fix other than disconnecting the devices. **GOOD LUCK!**



How a Massive 540 Gb/sec DDoS Attack Failed to Spoil the Rio Olympics

Internet of Things

For The First Time, Hackers Have Used A Refrigerator To Attack Businesses



Julie Bort

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Security researchers at Proofpoint have uncovered the very first wide-scale hack that involved television sets and at least one refrigerator.

Yes, a fridge.

This is being hailed as the first home appliance "botnet" and the first cyberattack from the Internet of Things.

A botnet is a series of computers that seem to be ordinary



Yanko Design

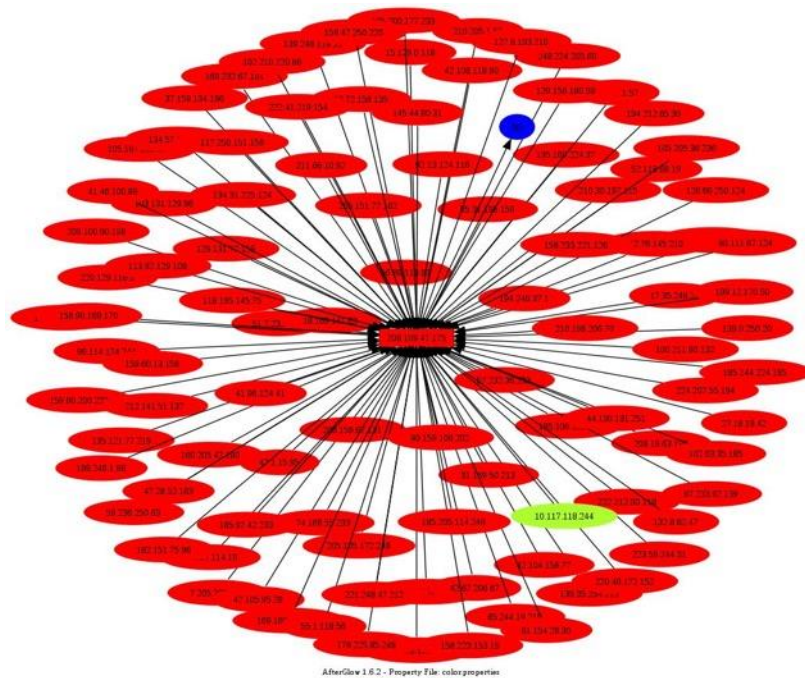


Internet of Things

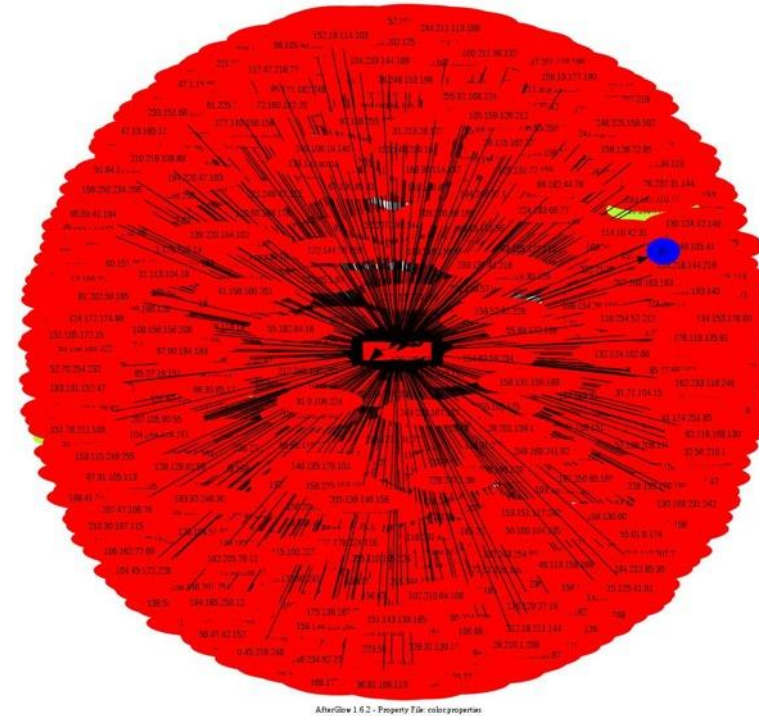
- More and more low-cost devices being pushed to the web.
- Safety and security taking a back seat.
- Devices that won't or can't be patched.
- Enslaved in bot armies through password guessing.
- We need to think about these devices as populations with yield.
- LizardStressor is sourced predominately from web cams.

DDoS Scale Like Never Before...

LEGACY BOTNET
10'S OF THOUSANDS
OF HOSTS



IoT BOTNET
100'S OF THOUSANDS
TO MILLIONS OF HOSTS



Ability

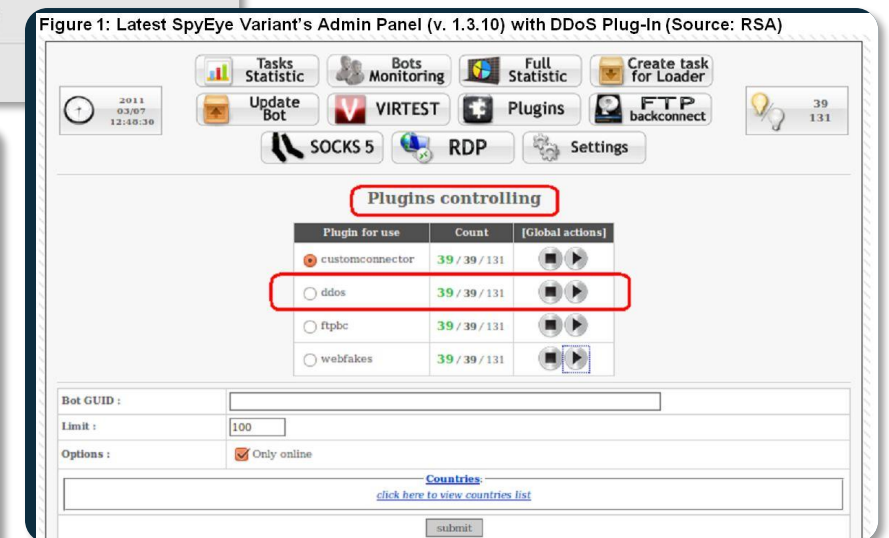
i Fact: It's Never Been Easier to Launch a DDoS Attack. DDoS attack tools and DDoS for Hire Services add to the weaponization of DDoS.

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Cost of DDoS
Service

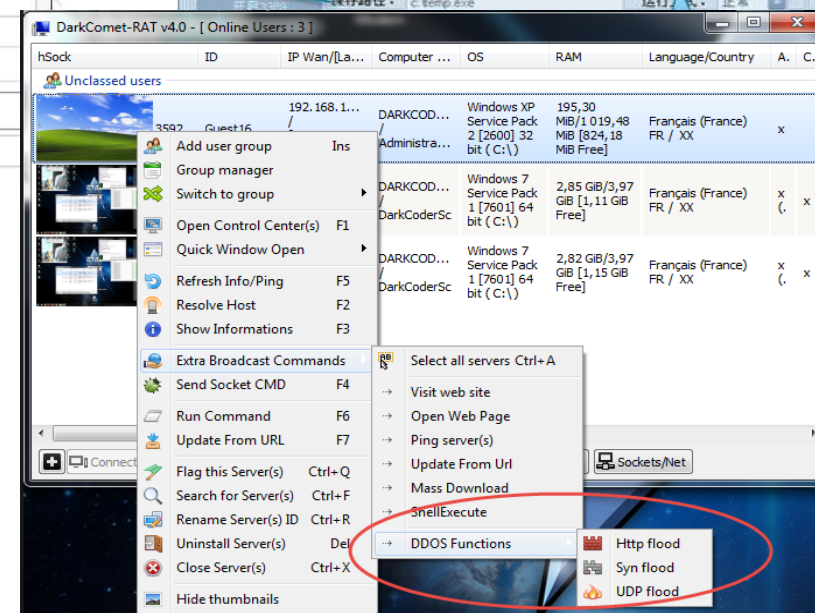
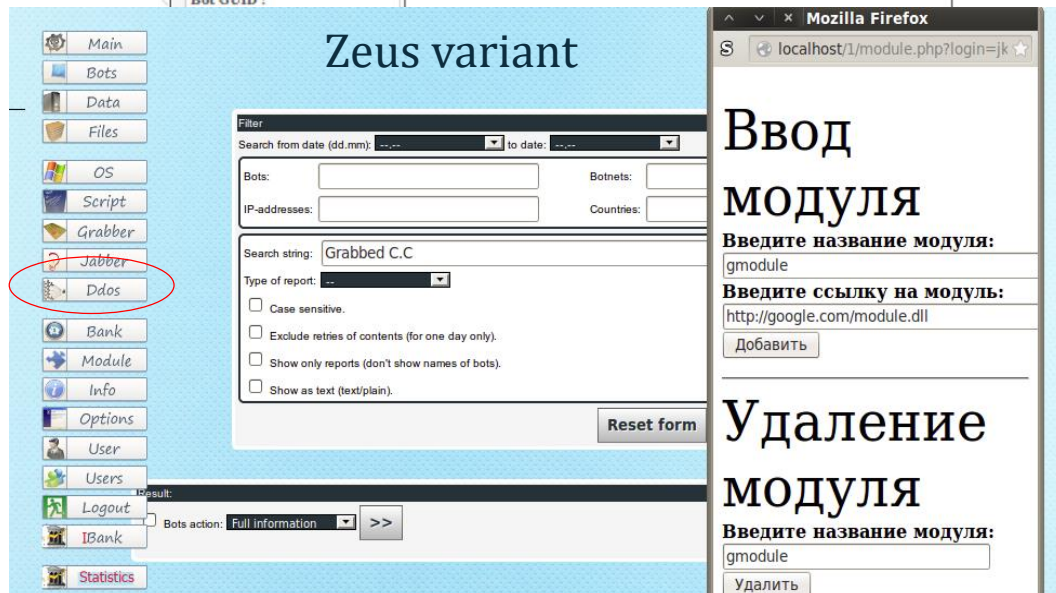
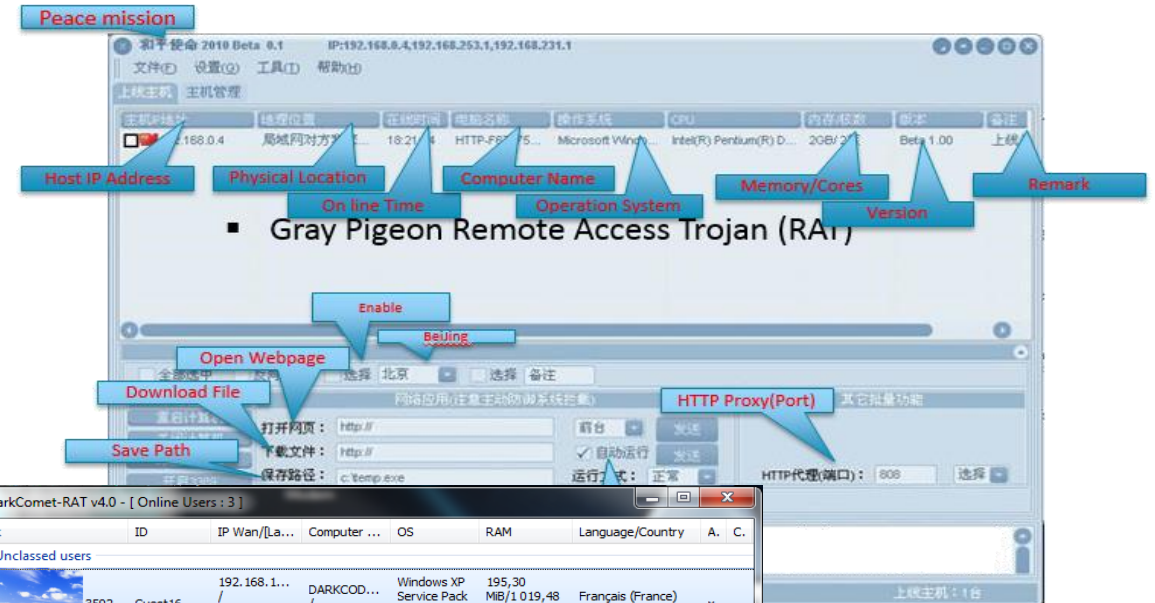
Impact to Victim
Service

*DDoS Attacks Are
The Great Equalizer...*

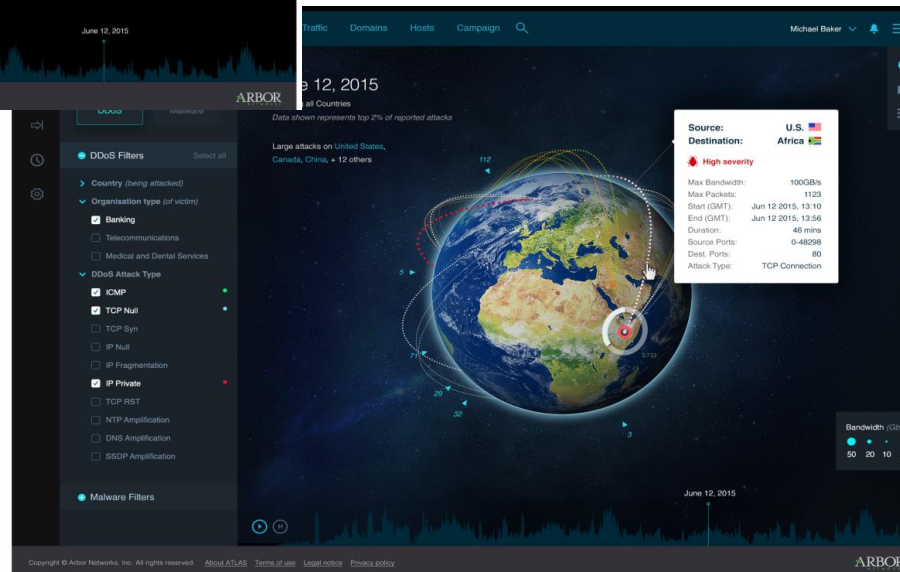
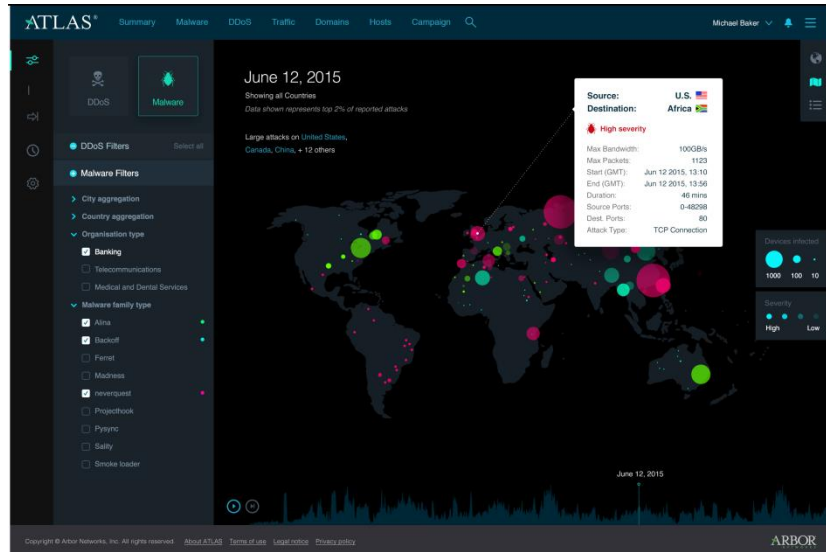


Examples of Combo DDoS & Advanced Threat Tools

Figure 1: Latest SpyEye Variant's Admin Panel (v. 1.3.10) with DDoS Plug-In (Source: RSA)



Arbor DAM (Digital Attack Map)

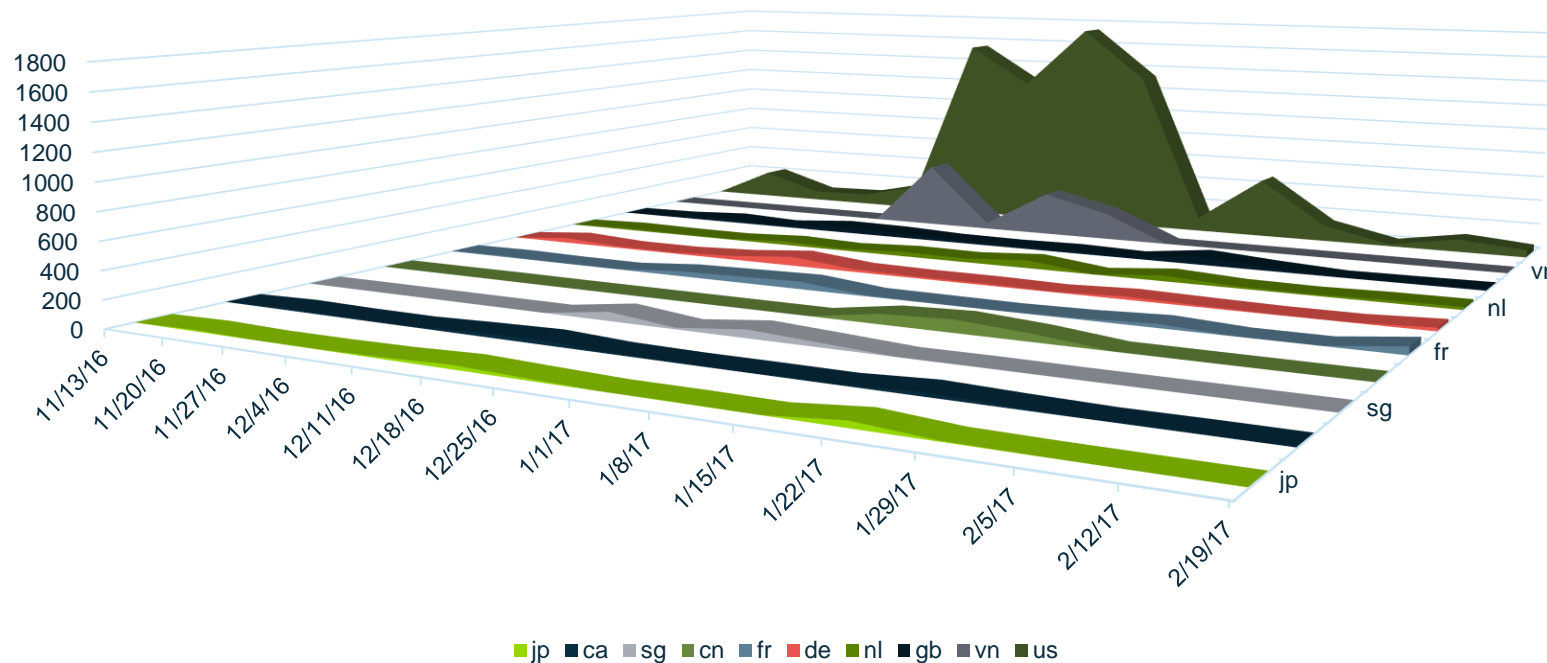


- New Arbor DAM
- More visualisation options
- Additional datasets within ATLAS

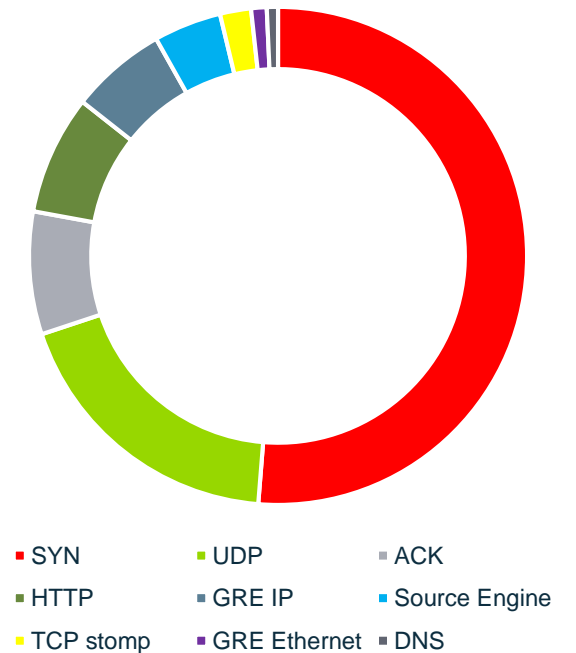
Unique IoT Insight

- Not one but two networks of honeypots looking at IoT threats!
 - Can see new behaviors, sources, reverse binaries, etc.
- Infiltration of multiple IoT Botnets for DDoS monitoring
 - Monitored 11412 attacks over 3 month period

Attack Destinations Over Time



Mirai Attack Types



Knowledge & Preparation Are the Keys to Protection

Without the proper knowledge of...

1. DDoS Attack Trends (i.e. Ease, motivations, attack types, relationship with data breach)
2. Best Practices in DDoS Mitigation (i.e. Products, People and Processes)
3. Impact to Your Business (i.e. Downtime, loss revenue, mitigation costs etc.)

...You cannot accurately calculate the risk of a DDoS Attack.



10 Best Practices in DDoS Defense

1



- Factor network availability into the design of online services or applications; continuously stress-test.

2



- Develop a DDoS Attack Mitigation Process
- Continuously stress-test & refine.

3



- Utilize flow telemetry (e.g. NetFlow) collection & analysis for attack detection, classification & trace back.

4



Deploy multi-layered DDoS protection which includes:

- On-premises Intelligent DDoS Mitigation Systems (e.g. Arbor APS / TMS products)
- Overlay cloud-based DDoS protection services (i.e. Arbor Cloud or ISP/MSSP)
- Network infrastructure-based techniques such as S/RTBH & Flowspec at all network edges

5



- Scan for misconfigured, abusable services running on servers, routers, switches, home CPE devices, etc. (i.e. TCP 23/2323). Alert users running abusable services – possibly blocking until they are remediated.

10 Best Practices in DDoS Defense (cont'd)

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NTP Services

- Check [Open NTP Project](#) for abusible NTP services on your networks.
- Disallow Level 6/7 NTP queries from the Internet.

7



DNS Recursors

- Check [Open Resolve Project](#) for abusible open DNS recursors on your networks. Ensure only authorized users can query recursive DNS servers.

8



- Ensure SNMP is blocked on public-facing infrastructure/servers.

9



- Employ Anti-spoofing mechanisms such as Unicast Reverse-Path Forwarding, ACLs, DHCP Snooping & IP Source Guard, Cable IP Source Verify, etc. on all edges of ISP and enterprise networks.

10



- Participate in the global operational security community and share threat intelligence and defense best practices.

Q&A / Thank You

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