

Are Hong Kong networks ready to withstand evolving DDoS Attack?

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2018



Key player in
DDoS Mitigation Global Market
2017



Global DDoS Mitigation
Entrepreneurial Company of the
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The Forrester Wave™
DDoS Mitigation Solutions 2017

10+

Years experience
fighting DDoS

15

Global
DDoS Scrubbing Centers

2.24

Tbps
Scrubbing Capacity

24x7

Security
Operation Center



ThreatExchange 



IS 655990



Global Scrubbing Network

15 PoPs




Nexusguard PoP



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- 2019 DDoS Attack Landscape
 - Challenges for Network Operators

Agenda



DDoS Attack Landscape

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DDoS Evolution over the last Decade

DDoS Attack

2008

2018

Size

Avg **1 Gbps**
Max **40 Gbps**

Avg **300 Gbps**
Max **1.35 Tbps**

300X BIGGER

Duration

6 - 8 Hours

~19 Days

60X LONGER

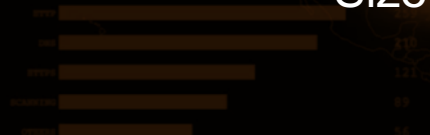
Sophistication

1~2 Vectors

>10 Vectors

10X MORE COMPLEX

Service



Attack events

TIMESTAMP	ATTACKER ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	IP	LOCATION	ATTACK TYPE
2014-10-03 02:19:00	N/A	N/A	Dark IP	Hong Kong	Volumetric - TCP - SYN
2014-10-03 02:20:00	N/A	N/A	Dark IP	Hong Kong	Volumetric - TCP - SYN
2014-10-03 14:25:16	Leasitvivo B.V.	Amsterdam, NL	95.211.180.2	Hong Kong	Volumetric - Other
2014-10-03 17:42:00	N/A	N/A	Dark IP	Hong Kong	Volumetric - TCP - SYN
2014-10-03 17:51:00	N/A	N/A	Dark IP	Hong Kong	Volumetric - TCP - SYN

DDoS Attack Summary (2019 Q2)

Total Attacks

vs.
Q2 2018 17.73% ▲

vs.
Q1 2019 14.69% ▼

Attack Sizes

Maximum

117.9 Gbps

vs.
Q2 2018 67.16% ▼

vs.
Q1 2019 18.91% ▼

Average

0.969 Gbps

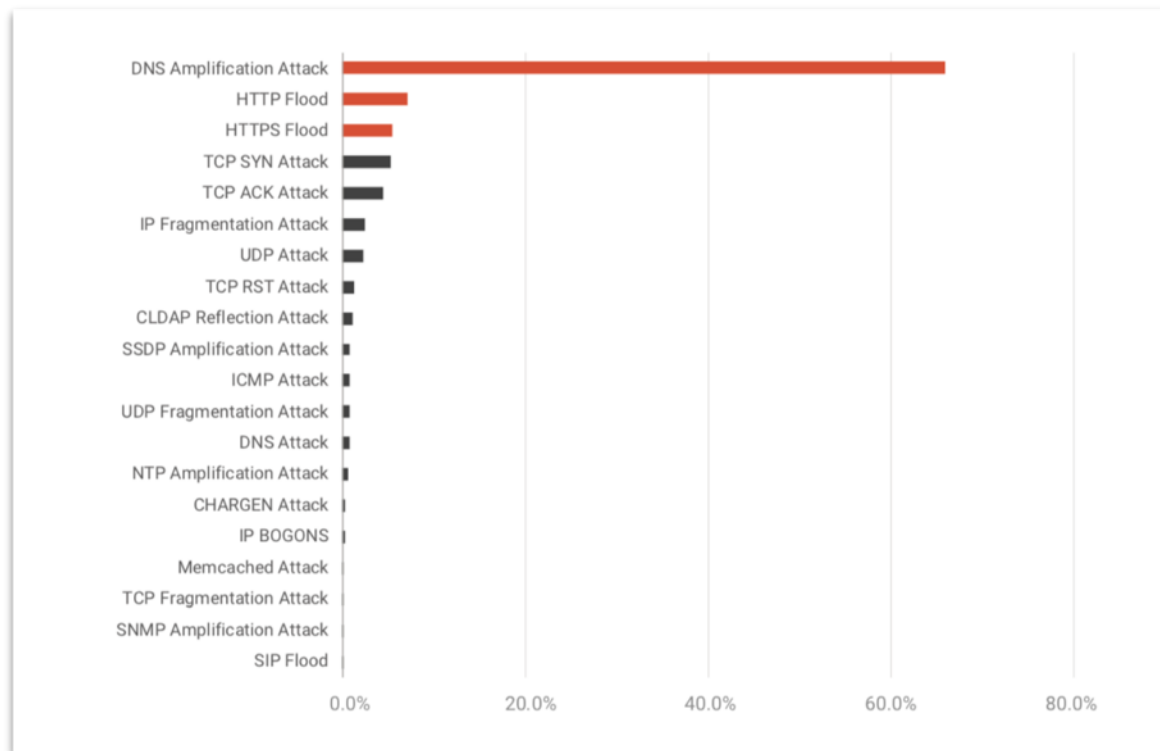
vs.
Q2 2018 96.33% ▼

vs.
Q1 2019 17.71% ▲

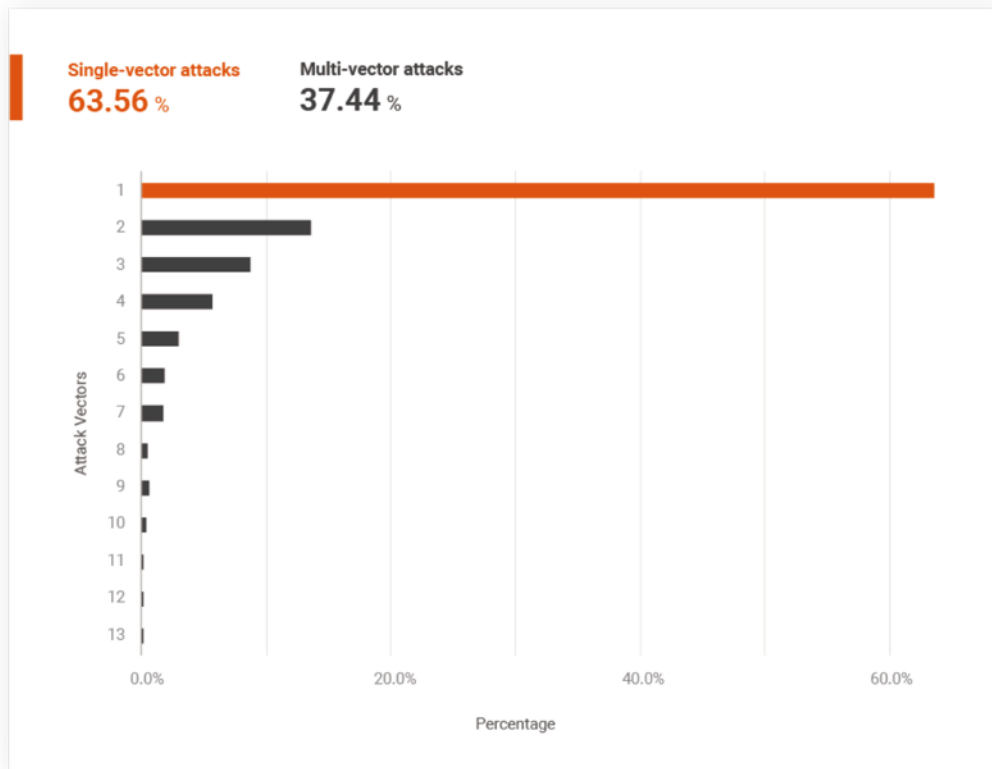
DDoS Attack Type

	DNS Amplification	HTTP	HTTPS	Application	Amplification
vs. Q2 2018	1040.41% ▲	281.51% ▲	363.33% ▲	313.14% ▲	314.93% ▲
vs. Q1 2019	31.01% ▲	12.78% ▼	36.00% ▼	24.64% ▼	15.87% ▼

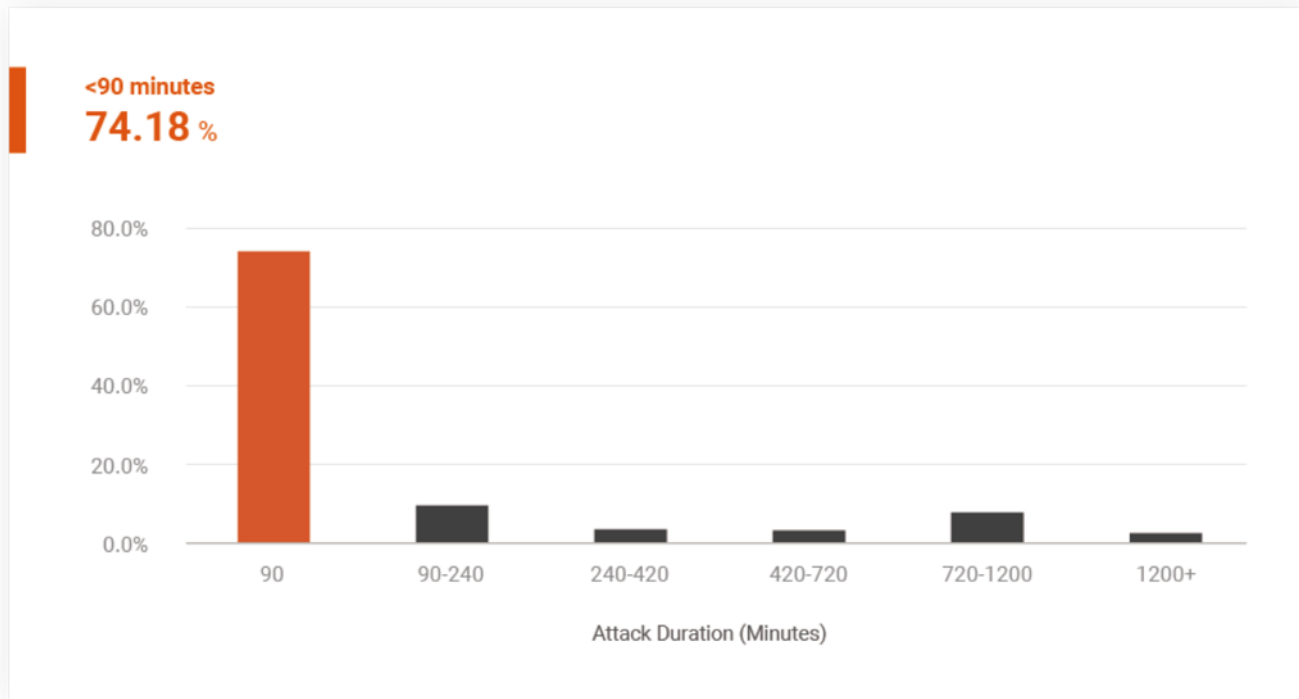
Attack Vectors Distribution (2019 Q2)



Quantity of Attack Vectors (2019 Q2)



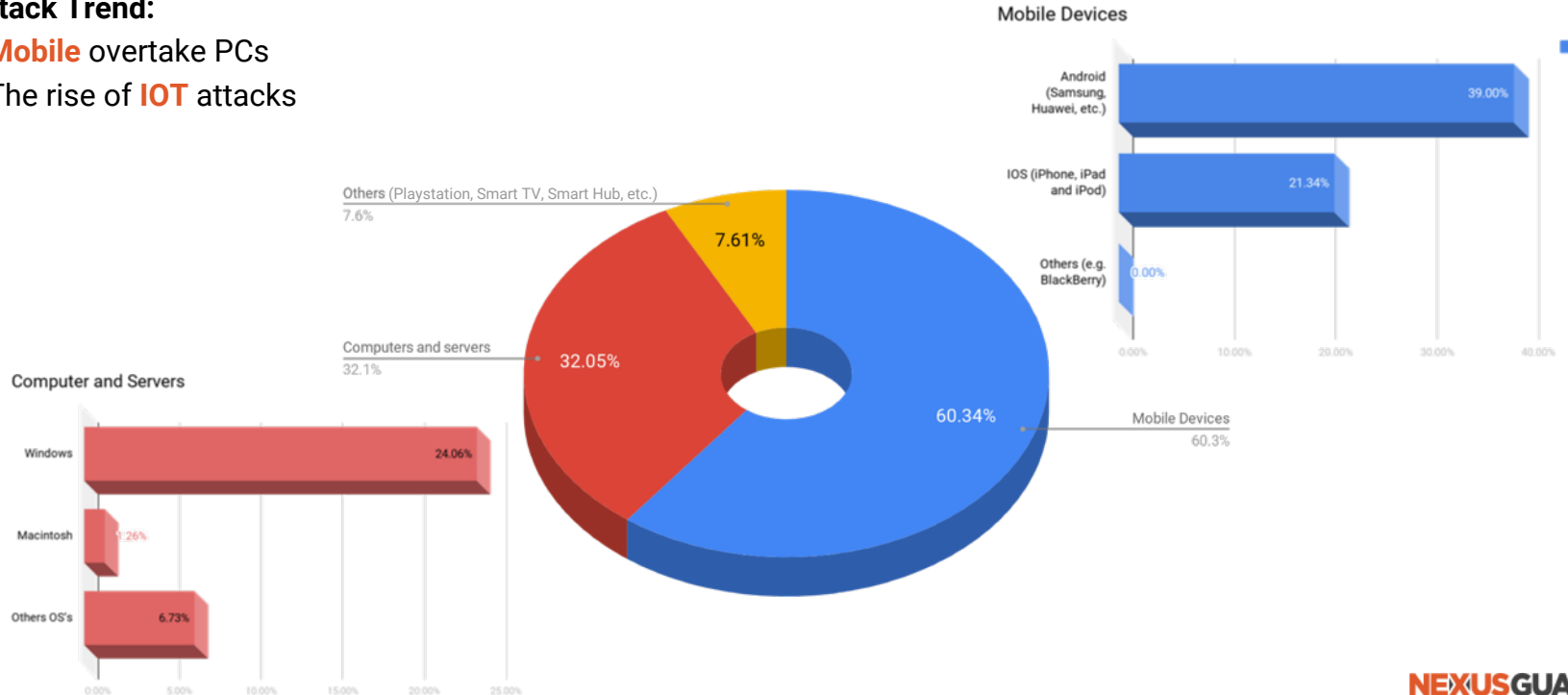
Attack Durations (2019 Q2)



DDoS Attack Source (Q1 2019)

Attack Trend:

- **Mobile** overtake PCs
- The rise of **IOT** attacks

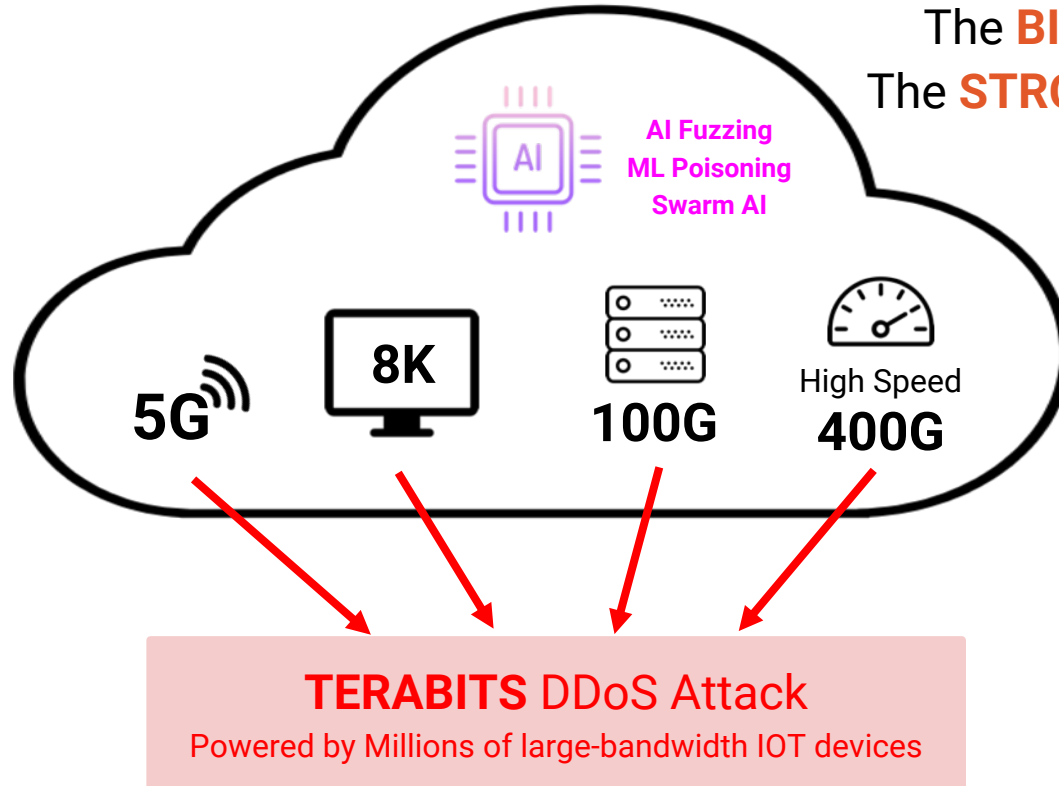


DDoS Challenges for Network Operators

Larger, Longer, more Complex and SMARTER attack

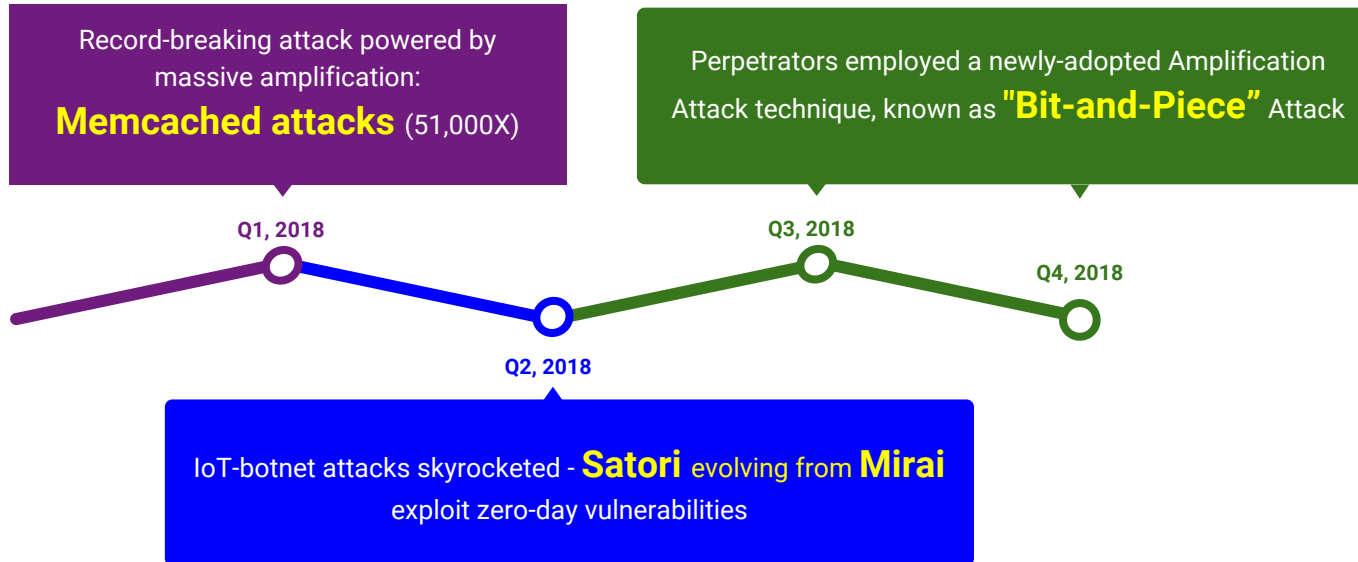
The Rise of Terabits DDoS Attacks

The **BIGGER** the pipe
The **STRONGER** the threat



Significant DDoS Attacks events (2018)

37,728 attacks





New Type: “Bits-and-Pieces” Attack

In our quarterly threats report, we identified a new, sneaky attack technique whereby attackers launch attack towards a diverse pool of IP addresses across hundreds of IP prefixes (Distributed-IP: at least 159 ASN, 527 class C networks) with small-sized junk traffic.

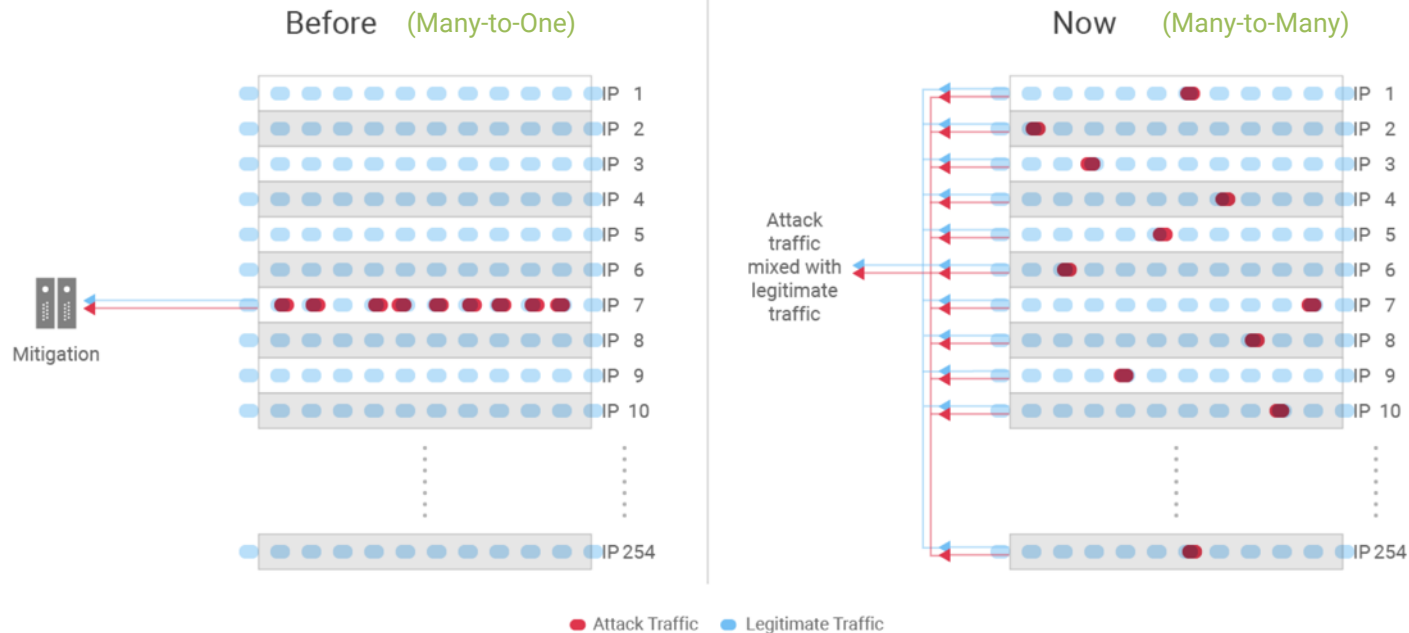
As a result, both the maximum and average attack sizes fell significantly from the same period a year ago.

What is “Bits-and-Pieces” Attack?

Blackholing is no longer the solution

If attacker targeted at only a few IPs or domains, **blackholing** could be a way out.

But unfortunately, Blackholing entire IP prefix, especially those with legitimate traffic, would affect large portions of internet services.



Our Observation of “Bits-and-Pieces” Attack

Attack Summary

Targeted ASNs	159
Attack Types	SSDP amplification attack DNS amplification attack NTP amplification attack CHARGEN amplification attack
Targeted Geolocations	Attacks tended to target resources physically located within the same geolocation
Total IP Prefixes (Class C) under attack	527

Compare to Classical DDoS Attack

	Bit-and-piece	Classical DDoS Attack
No. of targeted IP addresses per IP prefix	49-252 IP addresses	1-3 IP addresses
Attack duration	5.12 - 1439.67 mins	2 - 8692mins
Attack size per IP	2.5Mbps - 300.1 Mbps	50 Mbps - 359Gbps
Attack size per IP prefix	285.4Mbps - 5.32 Gbps	50 Mbps - 359Gbps

Evolved “Bits-and-Pieces” Attack in Q2

No. of targeted ASNs	84	
Attack types	CHARGEN (58.76%) DNS Amplification Attack (23.26%), SSDP Amplification Attack (17.80.%), NTP Amplification Attack (0.18%)	
Targeted geolocations	Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, France, Gabon, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Korea, Republic of, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States	
Total IP prefixes under attack (Class C)	No. of Prefix	315
	Total	460

DDoS challenges for Network Operators

- Given their large attack surfaces and high profiles, carrier/ASN-level networks are attractive targets for DDoS attacks.
- But the legacy methods and/or hardware put together to mitigate the ever-growing, more complex DDoS attacks (e.g. bit-and-piece, among many emerging attacks) are not effective.
- Network Operators ought to step up efforts to ensure a clean, reliable Internet for customers in a win-win situation for the service provider and customers.


CleanPipe as a Platform approach

Benefits

- Protect both the CSP's own network as well as their downstream customers.
- Eliminate service outages and bandwidth loss due to attacks.
- Save the team a great deal of time/resources figuring out the root cause of outage.
- Generate incremental service revenues and annuities from customers.

- Mobile and IOT based DDoS attacks will continue to grow
- Cloud and Service Providers become the prime targets
- The rise of Terabits attacks
- Cleanpipe-as-a-Platform (CaaP)

Key Takeaways



Are you ready
for the **Next-Gen**
massive DDoS
Attack?

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