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Common Misconceptions About The Modern Day DDoS Attack

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Number of years Arbor has been delivering innovative security and network visibility technologies & products

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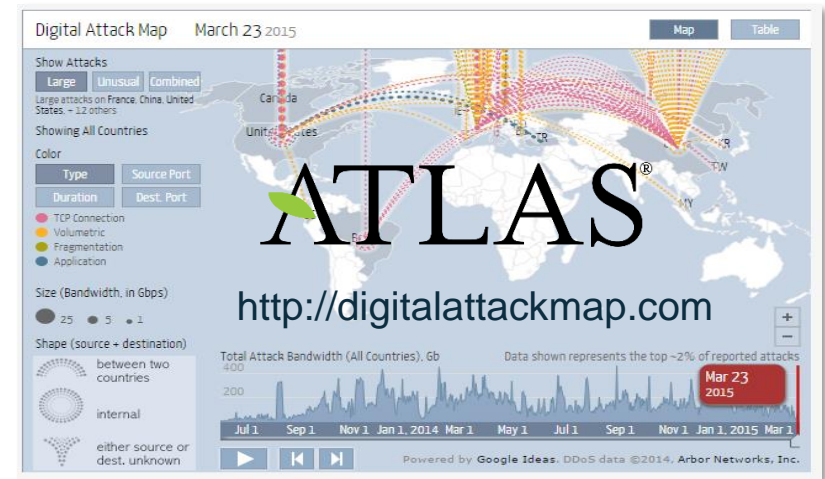
Arbor market position in Carrier, Enterprise and Mobile DDoS equipment market segments – [Infonetics Research Dec, 2015]

100%

Percentage of world's Tier 1 service providers who are Arbor customers

120 Tbps

Amount of global traffic monitored by the ATLAS



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The Cyber Reflection

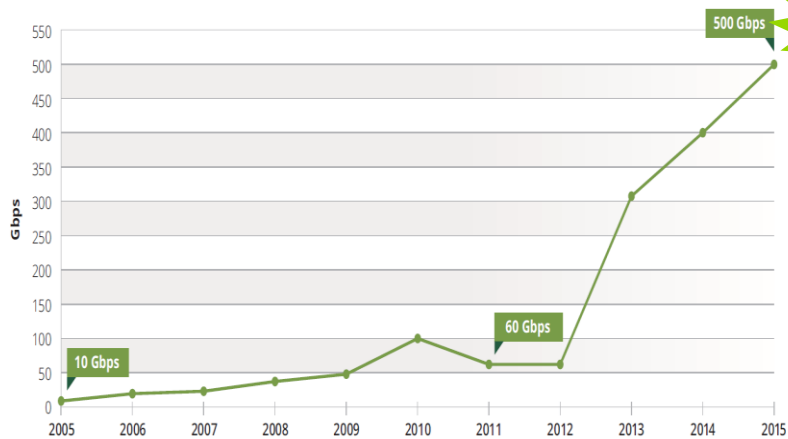
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DDoS Attack Trends

Fact: DDoS Attacks Increasing in Size, Frequency & Complexity

Survey Peak Attack Size Year Over Year



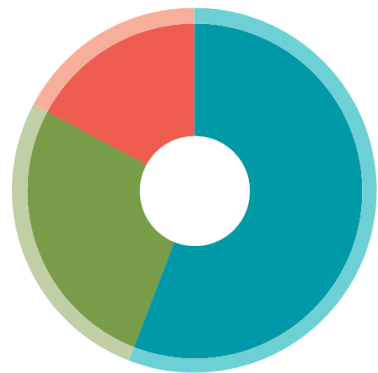
600+

Attack Frequency (per month)



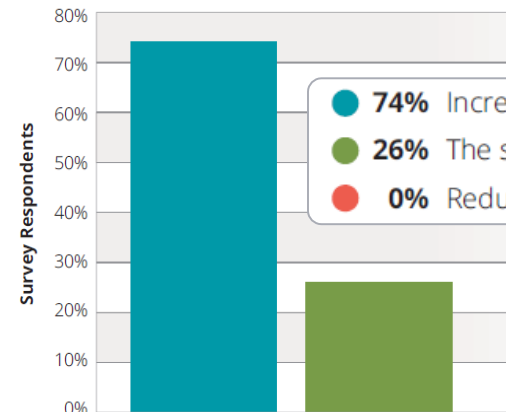
- 12.2% More than 500
- 13.0% 100-500
- 12.2% 51-100
- 6.5% 21-50
- 10.6% 11-20
- 30.9% 1-10
- 14.6% Less than 1 per month

Multi-Vector DDoS Attacks



- 56% Yes
- 27% Do not know
- 17% No

Demand for DDoS Detection/Mitigation Services



- 74% Increasing demand from customers
- 26% The same demand from customers
- 0% Reduced demand from customers

*Source: Arbor Networks 11th Annual Worldwide Infrastructure Security Report

Ability & Motivations

i Fact: It's never been easier to launch a DDoS attack

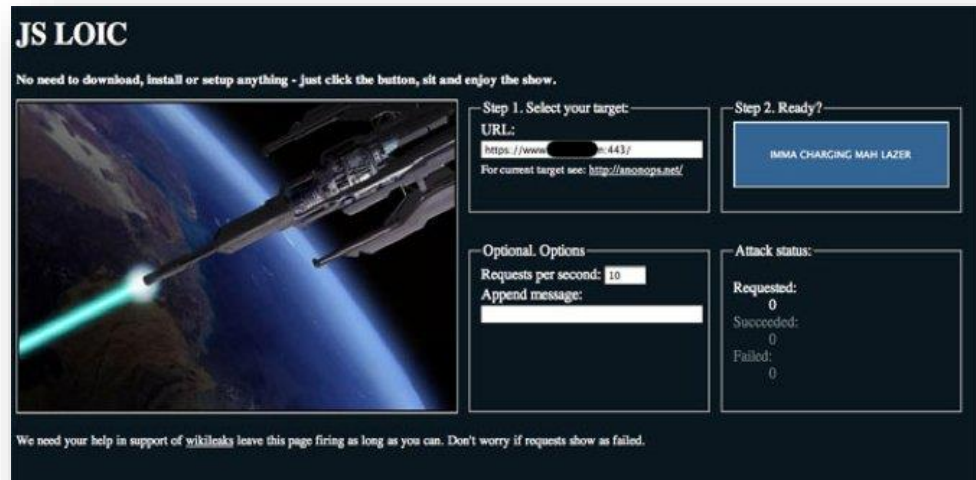
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Cost of DDoS Service

Impact to Victim



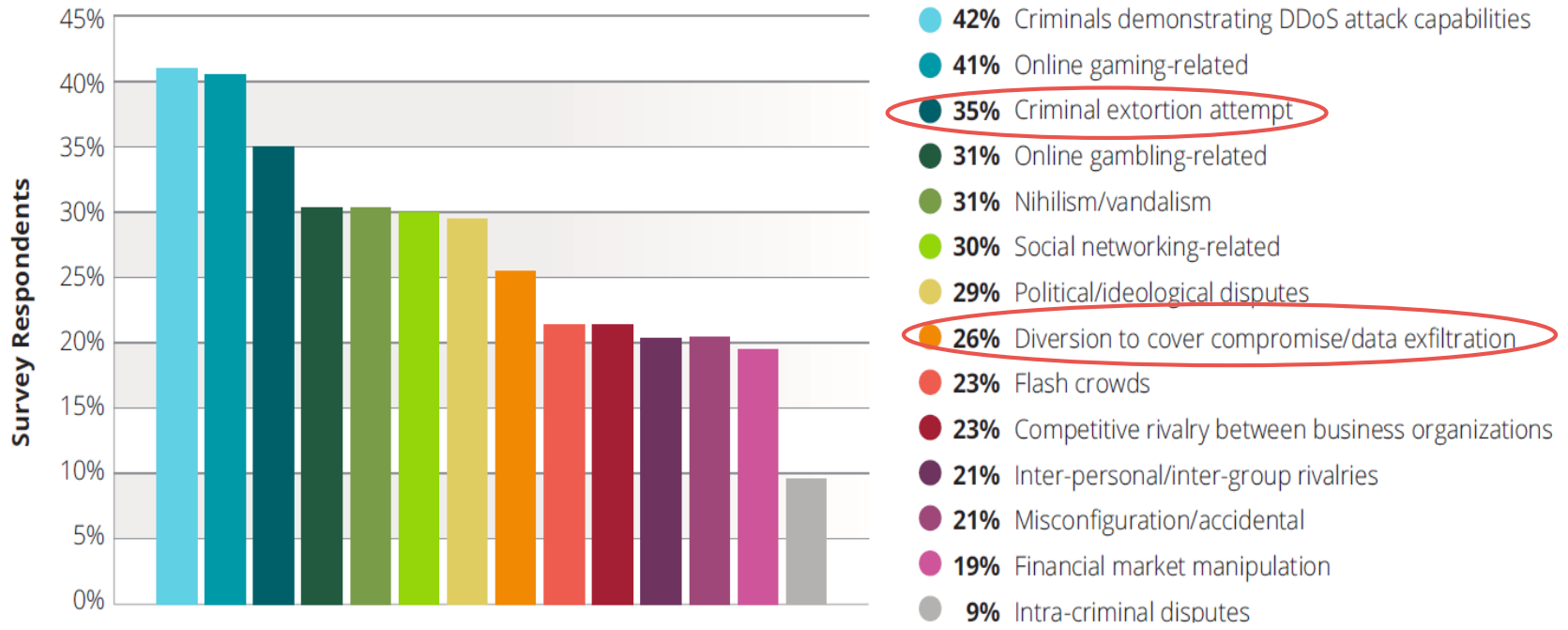
Buy DDoS - Professional DDoS Service



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DDoS Attack Motivations



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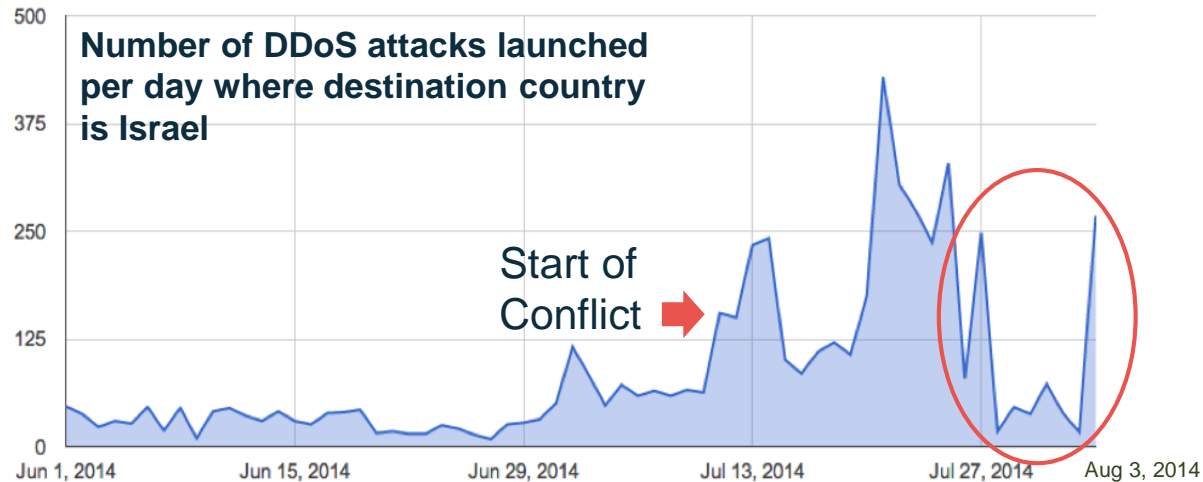
Examples of The Cyber Reflection

Every Physical Geo-Political Event...



Has a Cyber Reflection...

The Gaza Strip Conflict



- **July 27th:** [Reuters] “UN Security Council Calls For Cease-Fire As Muslims Start Celebrating Eid al-Fitr” – there is a noticeable reduction in physical and DDoS attacks.
- **July 29th:** [Jewish Daily Forward] “The Palestinian Authority announced that it had brokered a 24-hour humanitarian cease-fire with all Palestinian factions with the possibility of extending it an additional 48 hours.”
- **August 1st:** [NY Times] “Gaza fighting intensifies as cease fire falls apart”
- **August 3rd:** Notice that the number of attacks rises again sharply. From July 28th through August 2nd, there were a total of **192** attacks. On August 3rd there were **268**.

Flint, Michigan Water Contamination



- Michigan.gov website was attacked on Saturday, Jan. 16
- Hurley Medical Center confirmed on Thursday, Jan 21 it was the victim of a "cyber attack" a day after Anonymous hacktivists threatened action over Flint's water crisis.



Ferguson, MO & Cleveland, OH 2014



Anonymous - #OpFerguson

- Attack and threats against Ferguson law enforcement and town government websites.

Tamir Rice shooting

- Madness C2 started ordering attacks against Cleveland city websites
 - C2 appears to be associated with Anonymous
- ATLAS also reported NTP amplification attack (Peaked at 5Gbps)

FIFA World Cup Brazil



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#OpWorldCup ·



- Over 60 World Cup related websites were attacked.

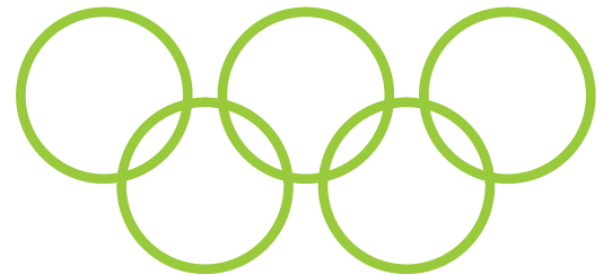
- Also threatened to take down sponsor sites.

2016 Rio Summer Olympics



People protest against the Olympic event and the interim government of Michel Temer, on the day of the inauguration at Maracana stadium of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 05 August 2016. EPA/Leonardo Muñoz

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Hours before it stages its Opening Ceremony, Rio's troubled Olympics faced a big street demonstration on Friday when a few



2016 Rio Summer Olympics



Anonymous Brasil

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Agora você também pode nos ajudar com os passos abaixo e bem vindo a esse projeto. Este programa foi desenvolvido para o sistema windows, lembrando que é necessário o uso de vpn, pois já estamos na rede tor.

- mensagem de que ele está ativo.
- 4 - Abra o arquivo opolympddos.rar, e depois abra ddos.exe
- 5 - Clique nos botões com o endereço do site para "Atacar". Uma janela do CMD será aberta.
- 6 - Quanto mais vezes clicar no botão, mais janelas de ataque serão abertas.
- 7 - Divirta-se indo jantar/viajar/trabalhar enquanto seu computador faz todo trabalho de forma anônima e segura.



"the more you click on the button, the more attack windows will be launched..." "have fun going to dinner, travel, work while your computer does all the work safely and anonymously..."

- 1 - Acesse [https://www.torproject.org/dist/torbrowser-install-6.0.2_pt-br.exe](https://www.torproject.org/dist/torbrowser-installer-6.0.2/torbrowser-install-6.0.2_pt-br.exe) e instale o navegador TOR
- 2 - Acesse <http://www.megafileupload.com/megafileupload.com/anonymous-brasil/olimpddos.rar> e baixe o arquivo opolympddos.rar (link atualizado)
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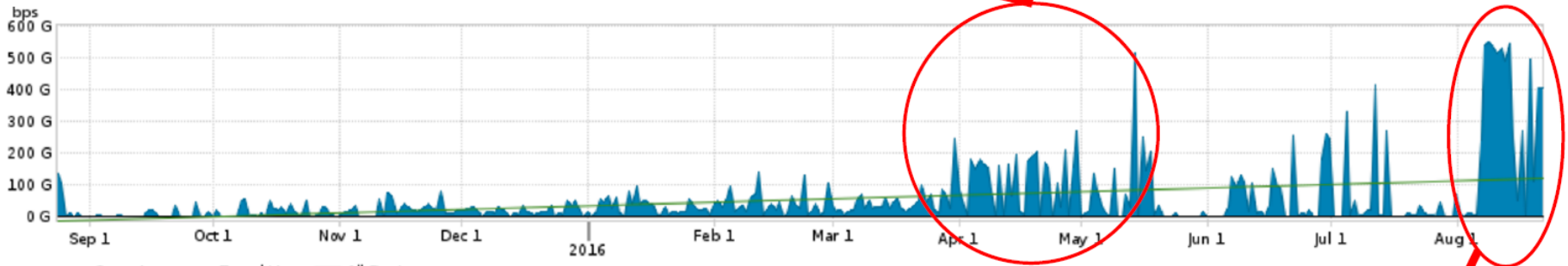
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Attack Volume

2015 | 2016

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IoT Botnet (observed) initial DDoS activity



- Pre-Olympics probing attacks using IoT botnet (200 Gbps)
- Sustained 500+Gbps attack from Opening to Closing Ceremonies (GRE, non reflection/amplification)
- Targets include Brazilian ISPs, banks, government institutions and sponsors

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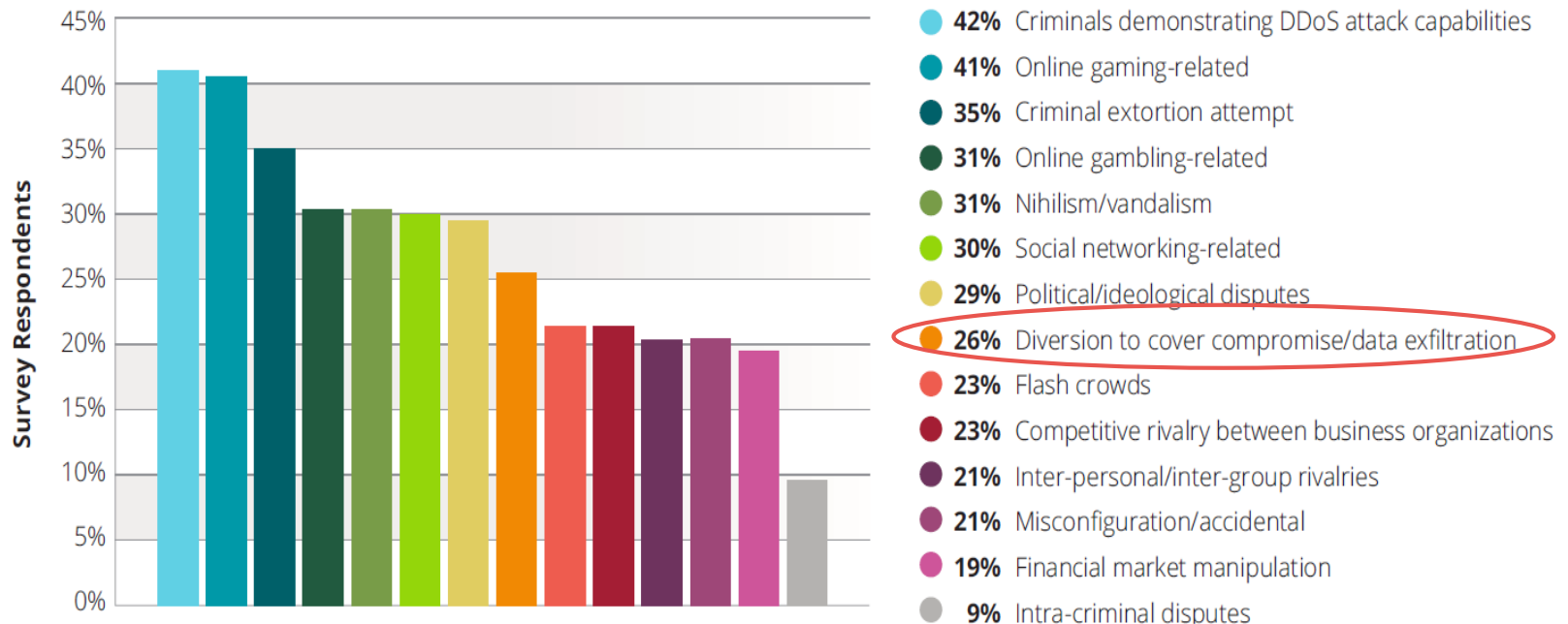
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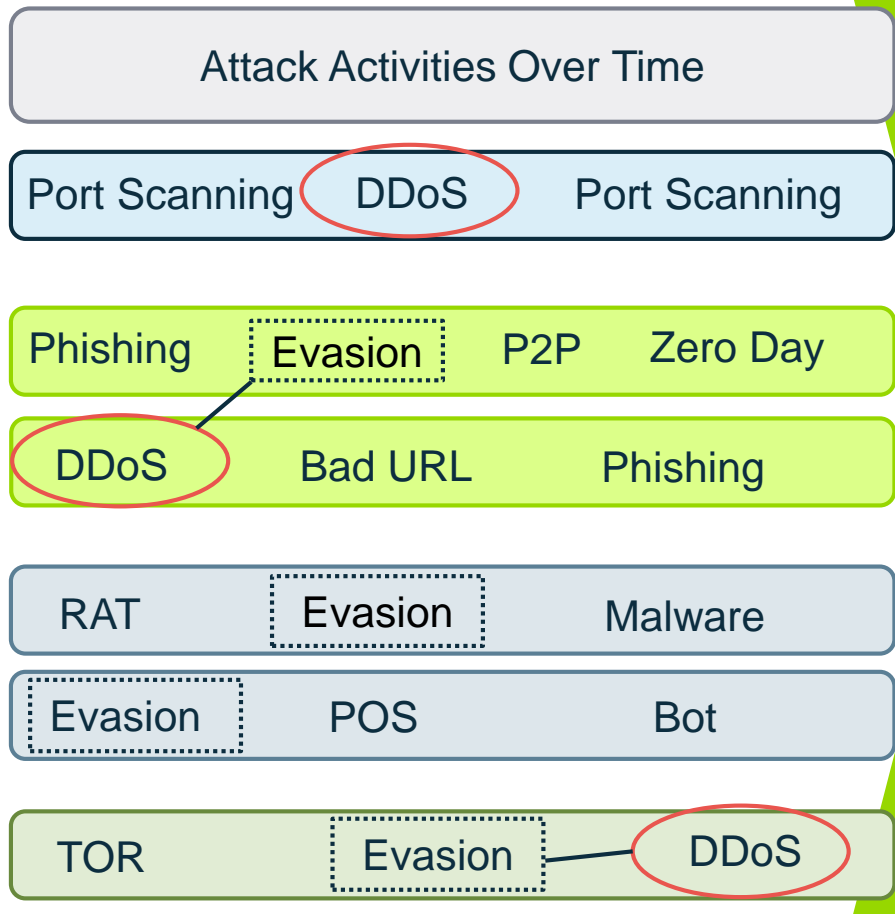
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Recon
- INITIAL COMP**
Weaponization
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Installation
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Exploitation
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- EXTRACT DATA**
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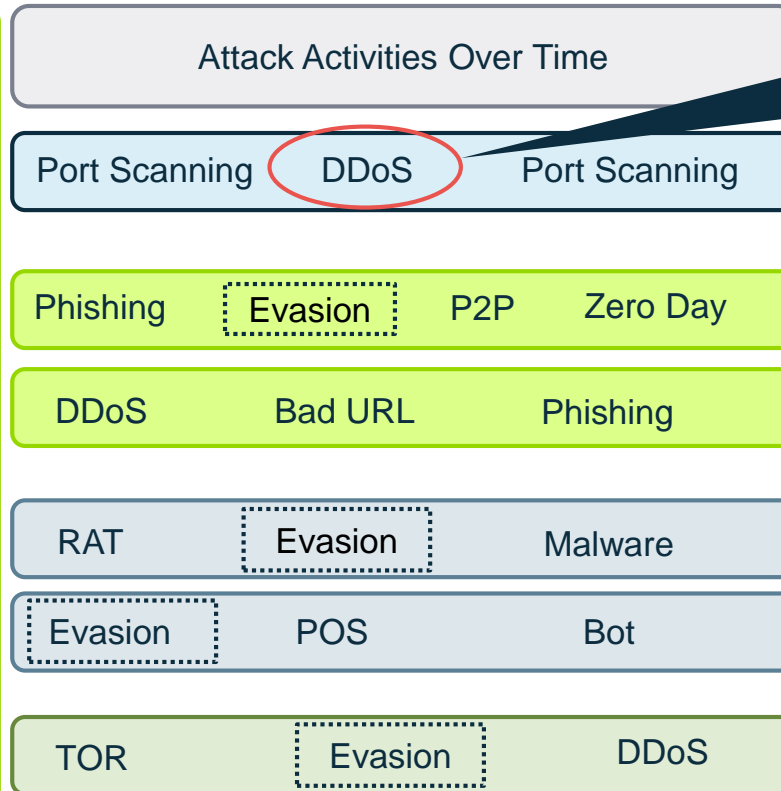
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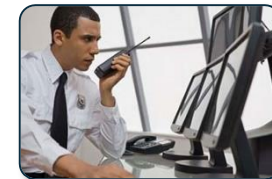
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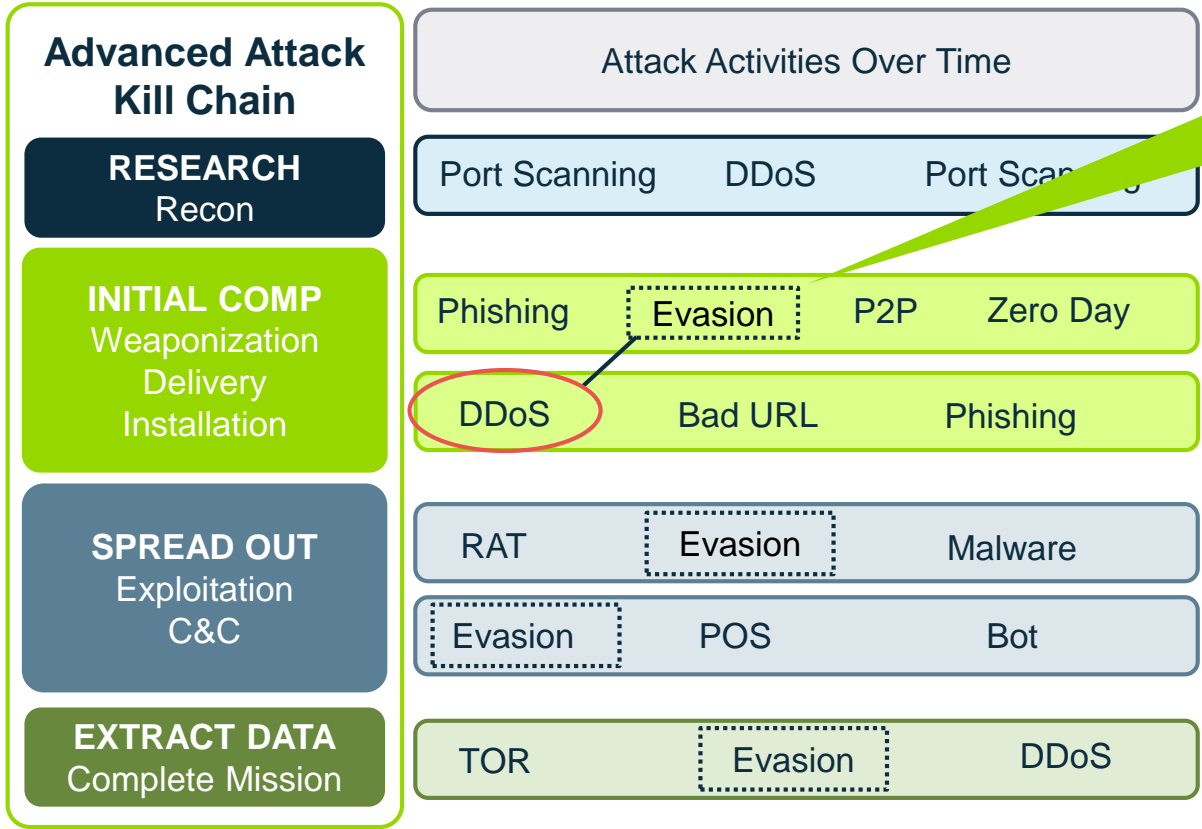
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Sizing up your security posture...in preparation for later weaponization/data exfiltration stage



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Evasion / Diversion Tactic:
Overwhelming your security forensics making it harder to find indicators of compromise / breach



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Attack Activities Over Time

Port Scanning DDoS Port Scanning

Phishing Evasion P2P Zero Day

DDoS Bad URL Phishing

RAT Evasion Malware

Evasion POS Bot

TOR Evasion DDoS



Diversion: Analogous to setting alarms off at one end of building while thief slips out the other with all the loot.

DDoS as Smokescreen

Hackers hid Carphone Warehouse breach with DDoS smokescreen – report

Crims aim to cause just enough chaos to get in and out



Distributed Denial of Service attack: Miscreants apparently used it as a smokescreen

11 Aug 2015 at 11:22, John Leyden

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Hackers reportedly swamped Carphone Warehouse with junk traffic as a smokescreen, before breaking into systems and stealing the personal details of 2.4m customers.

Up to 90,000 customers may also have had their encrypted credit card details accessed, the UK-based mobile phone reseller admitted at the weekend. Customers with accounts at OneStopPhoneShop.com, e2save.com and mobile.co.uk are understood to have been potentially affected by the data breach.

What type of attack was this?

According to the BBC, this was a DDoS - a distributed denial of service attack - where a website is overwhelmed by bot traffic, and breaks down. TalkTalk has not revealed how the personal data of its customers was actually stolen, but speculations suggest that the DDoS was used to distract security professionals, while the hackers compromised the personal data on the site through a different loophole.

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Joint Statement

Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) Cyber-Attacks, Risk Mitigation, and Additional Resources

PURPOSE

The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC) members¹ (“members”) are issuing this statement to notify financial institutions of the risks associated with the continued distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks on public websites. The statement also outlines the steps that institutions are expected to take to address these attacks, and provides resources to help institutions mitigate the risks posed by such attacks.

BACKGROUND

In the latter half of 2012, an increased number of DDoS attacks were launched against financial institutions by politically motivated groups. These DDoS attacks continued periodically and increased in sophistication and intensity. These attacks caused slow website response times, intermittently prevented customers from accessing institutions’ public websites, and adversely affected back-office operations. In other cases, DDoS attacks served as a diversionary tactic by criminals attempting to commit fraud using stolen customer or bank employee credentials to initiate fraudulent wire or automated clearinghouse transfers.

Examples of Combo DDoS & Advanced Threats Tools in the Wild

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

The screenshot shows the SpyEye Admin Panel interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons for 'Tasks Statistic', 'Bots Monitoring', 'Full Statistic', and 'Create task for Loader'. Below these are 'Update Bot', 'VIRTEST', 'Plugins', and 'FTP backconnect'. A 'Plugins controlling' section is highlighted with a red box, showing a table of active plugins:

Plugin for use	Count	[Global actions]
customconnector	39 / 39 / 131	[Stop] [Start]
ddos	39 / 39 / 131	[Stop] [Start]
ftpbc	39 / 39 / 131	[Stop] [Start]
webfakes	39 / 39 / 131	[Stop] [Start]

Below the table is a list of servers with columns for 'hSock', 'ID', 'IP Wan/La...', 'Computer ...', 'OS', 'RAM', 'Language/Country', and 'A. C.'. A context menu is open over the table, showing options like 'Select all servers Ctrl+A', 'Visit web site', 'Open Web Page', 'Ping server(s)', 'Update From Url', 'Mass Download', 'ShellExecute', 'DDoS Functions', 'Http flood', 'Syn flood', and 'UDP flood'.

The screenshot shows the Zeus variant interface. At the top, there is a 'Peace mission' window with a table of hosts:

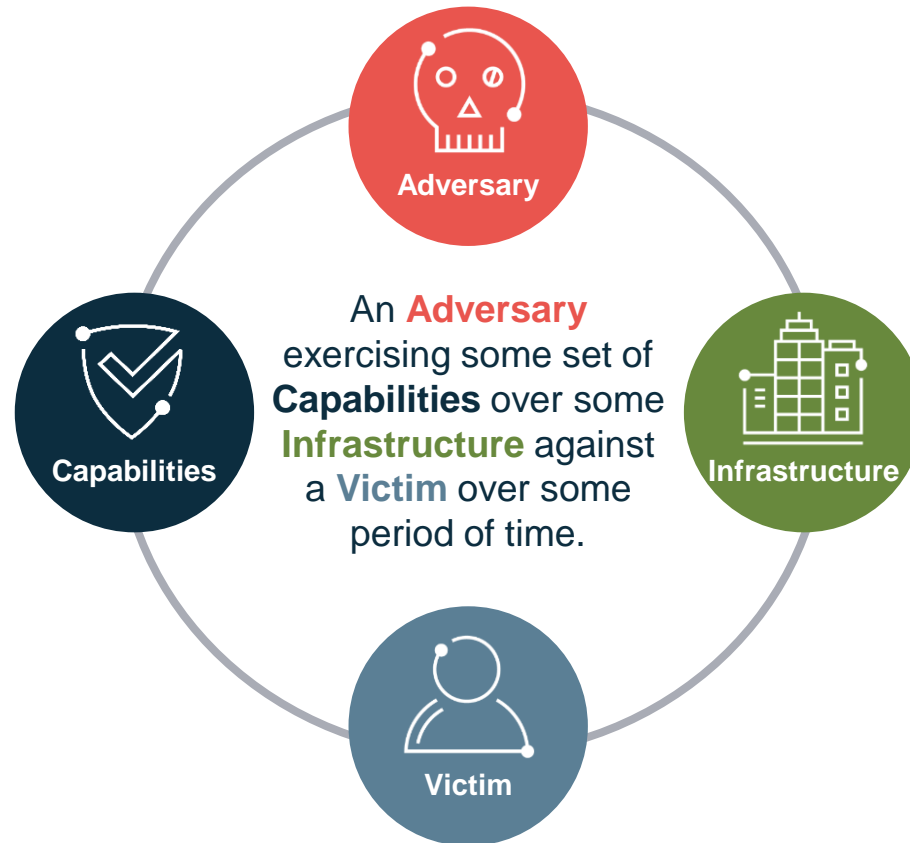
Host IP Address	Physical Location	On line Time	Computer Name	Operation System	Memory/Cores	Version	Bemark	
192.168.0.4	局域网对方...	18:21 / 5	HTTP-F...	Microsoft Wind...	Intel(R) Pentium(R) D...	2GB / 2000	Beta 1.00	上传

Below this is a 'Gray Pigeon Remote Access Trojan (RAR)' window with an 'Enable' button. The main Zeus interface is shown below, with a sidebar menu containing 'Main', 'Bots', 'Data', 'Files', 'OS', 'Script', 'Grabber', 'Jabber', 'Ddos', 'Bank', 'Module', 'Info', 'Options', 'User', 'Users', 'Logout', 'IBank', and 'Statistics'. The 'Ddos' option is circled in red. The central panel has a search bar and various controls for bot management.

The Game Has Changed

i Fact:

- Advanced threats have evolved from independent DDoS attacks and malware to **attack campaigns**.
- Attack campaigns are organized human to human campaigns, using multiple tools and techniques - DDoS is a common attack tool.



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Misconception: Firewall / IPS Will Stop DDoS Attacks

i Fact:

Firewalls and IPS (load balancers, WAF etc.) are not designed to stop DDoS attacks.

- DDoS attacks use legitimate packets and do not violate protocols rules – thus many go undetected by firewalls and IPS.
- Because firewalls and IPS (load balancers, WAF) are required to track state, they are vulnerable to some DDoS attacks (e.g. HTTP/TCP SYN floods) – and routinely fail during attacks.

Firewalls and IPS Affected by DDoS Attacks

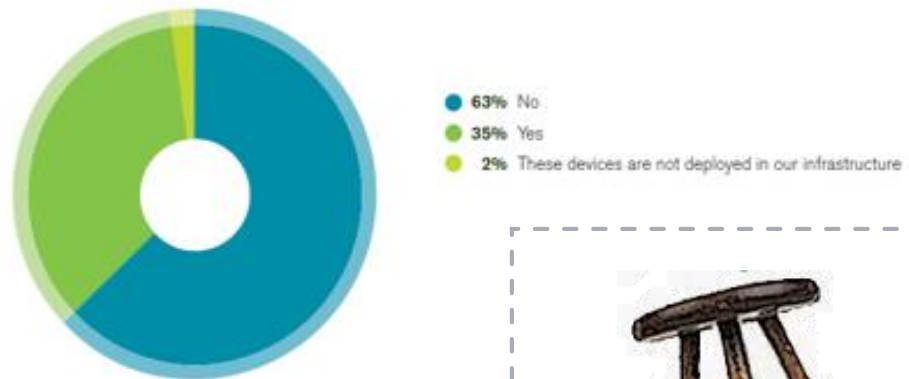


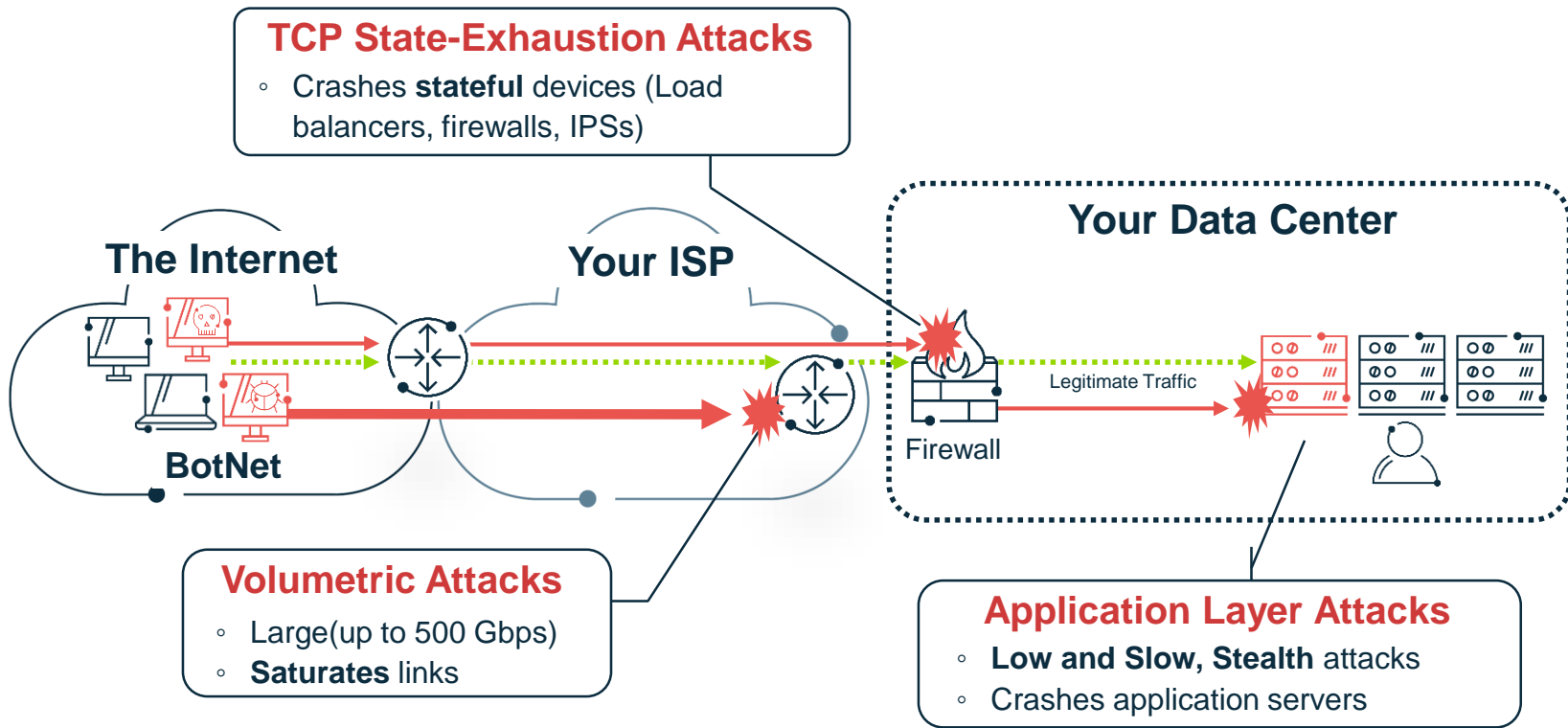
Figure 92 Source: Arbor Networks, Inc.

**Completing
the Security
Triad:**



The Modern Day DDoS Attack Is Complex

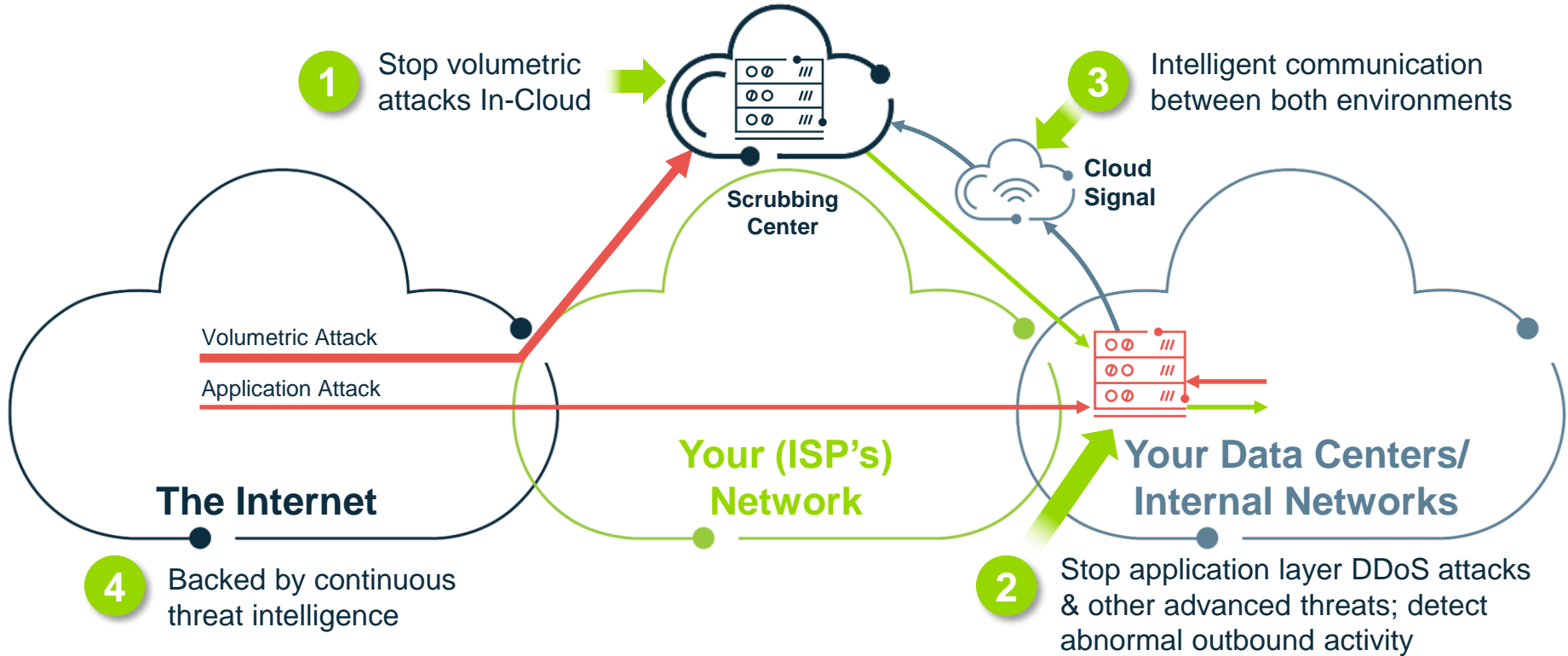
Dynamic, multi-vector combination



Industry Best Practices exist to stop **all** of these attacks

Stopping Modern Day DDoS Attacks

Layered DDoS Attack Protection



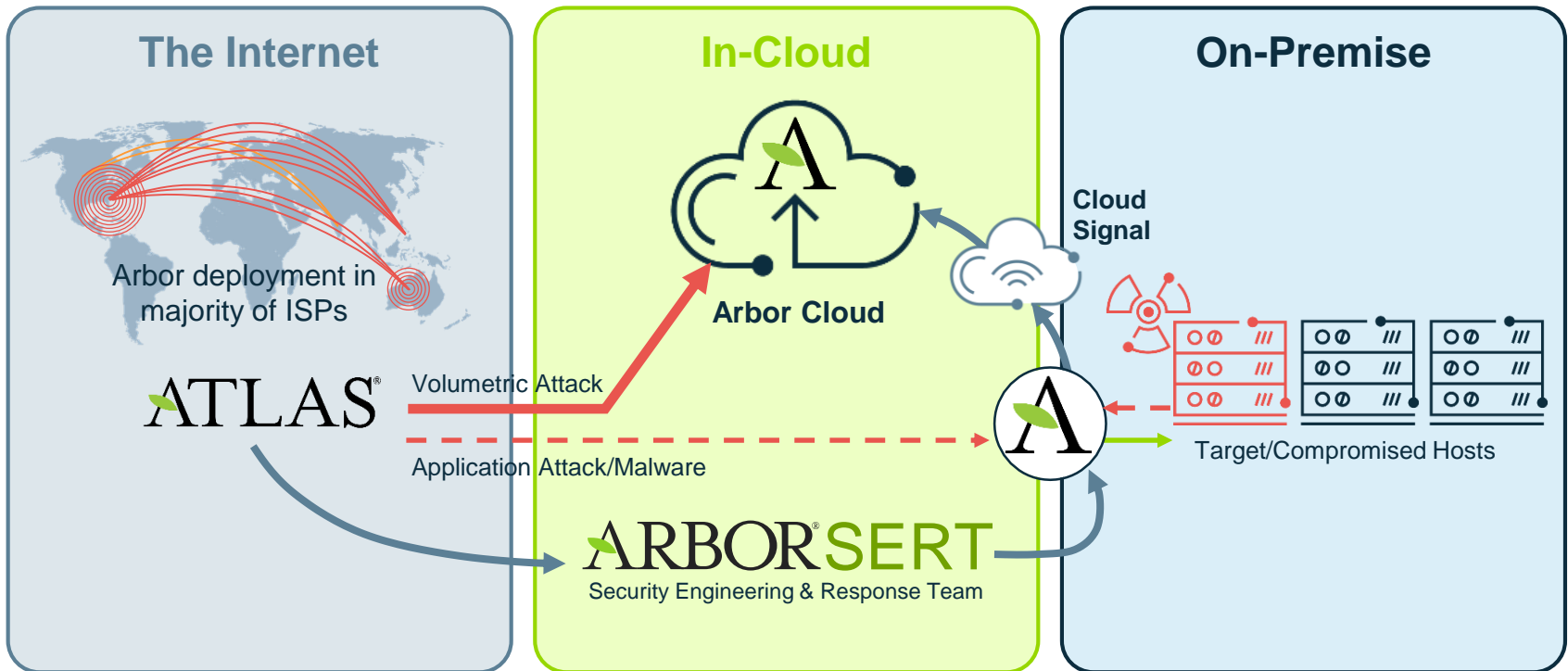
Backed by Continuous Threat Intelligence

A Recommended Industry Best Practice:



Arbor's DDoS Protection Solution

Comprehensive DDoS Protection Products & Services



Armed with Global Visibility & Actionable Threat Intelligence

Closing Statements

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 to your organization and put the proper business continuity plans in place.

Q&A / Thank You

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