DDoS Threat Landscape

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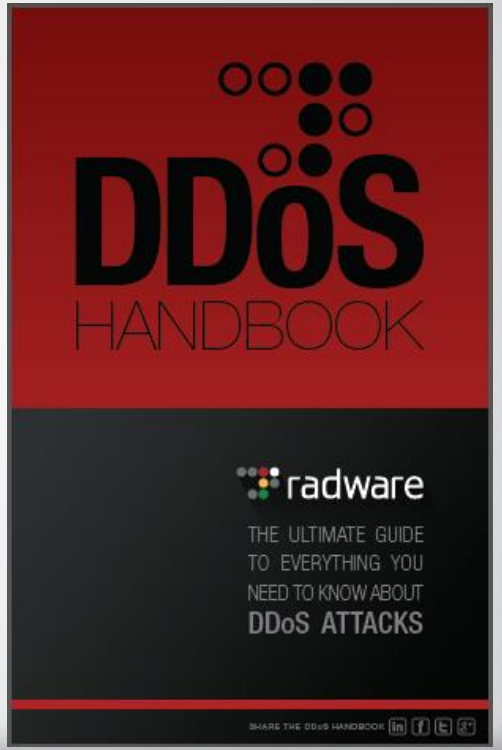
- Attack Methods
- Anonymous Toolkit 2016
- Online Services (Booters / Stressers)
- Strategies for Survival

DDoS Handbook

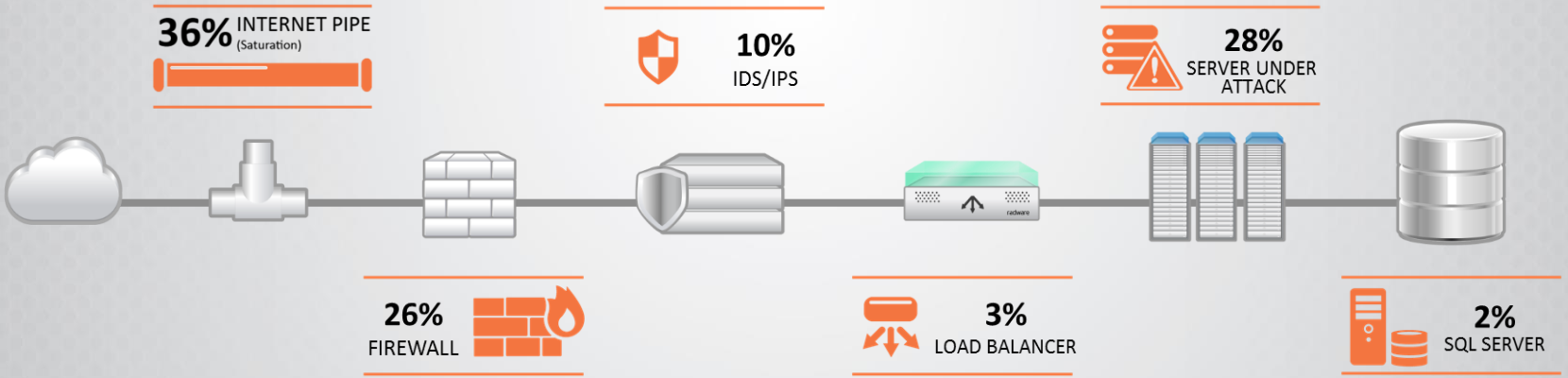
- A history and overview of DDoS
- Review of attack types and tools
- DDoS Mitigation Considerations
- DDoS Dictionary



DDoS Failure Points within the Network

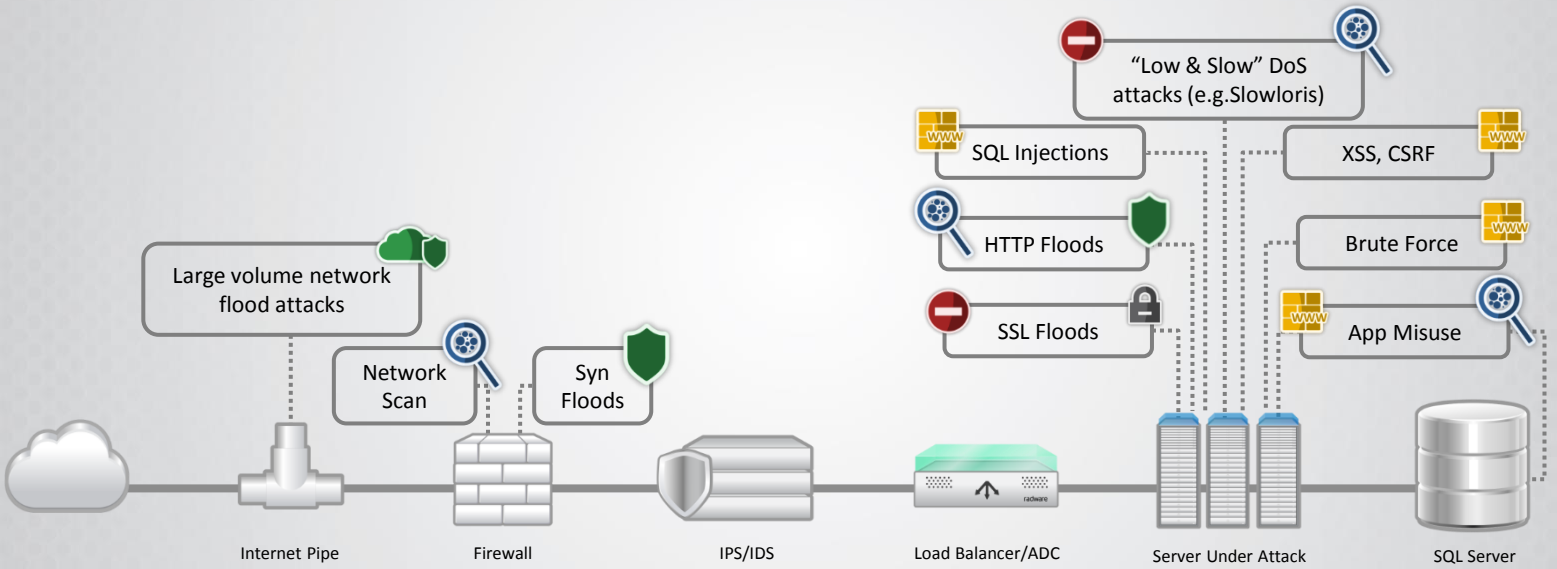
Security Products Now Cause of 36% of Downtime

- Internet Pipe Saturation remains single greatest failure point
- Stateful firewalls jump from 15% to 26%
- Last third take down targeted web/SQL servers



Complexity of Attacks Continues to Grow

Multi-vector attacks target all layers of the infrastructure



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Types of Attacks

Attacks Targeting Network Resources

- UDP
- ICMP
- IGMP
- Reflection
  - DNS, SSDP, NTP, etc

Attacks Targeting Server Resources

- TCP Weaknesses
- SYN Floods
- TCP RST
- TCP PSH+ACK Flood
- Low and Slow
  - Sockstress, Slowloris

Our current research shows an even split between network and application-layer attacks

Types of Attacks (cont.)

Encrypted Attacks

- HTTPS Floods
- THC-SSL-DOS

Attacks Targeting App Resources

- HTTP Flood
- DNS Flood
- Slow HTTP GET Request
- Slow HTTP POST Request
- REGEX
- Hash Collision

UDP Floods

- User Datagram Protocol (UDP)
- Connectionless protocol
- Doesn’t exploit a specific vulnerability
- Typically spoofed source IPs, often packets are sent to random dest ports
- Server has to respond with ICMP unreachables
- Compute resources are consumed
- Network capacity is consumed

ICMP Floods

- Internet Control Message Protocol (ICMP)
- Connectionless protocol
- Doesn’t exploit a specific vulnerability
- Can be any type of ICMP message
- Volumetric in nature
- Target has to try and process all of the requests
- This is why we have ICMP policers on routers ☺
  - The premise holds true for all devices that have to respond

Reflection Attacks

- DNS, SSDP, NTP, etc.
- Most common attacks today
- Leverage the disparity between a request and a reply
- Amplification can be huge
- Source IP of the request is spoofed as the target’s IP
- Target is overwhelmed

TCP Weaknesses

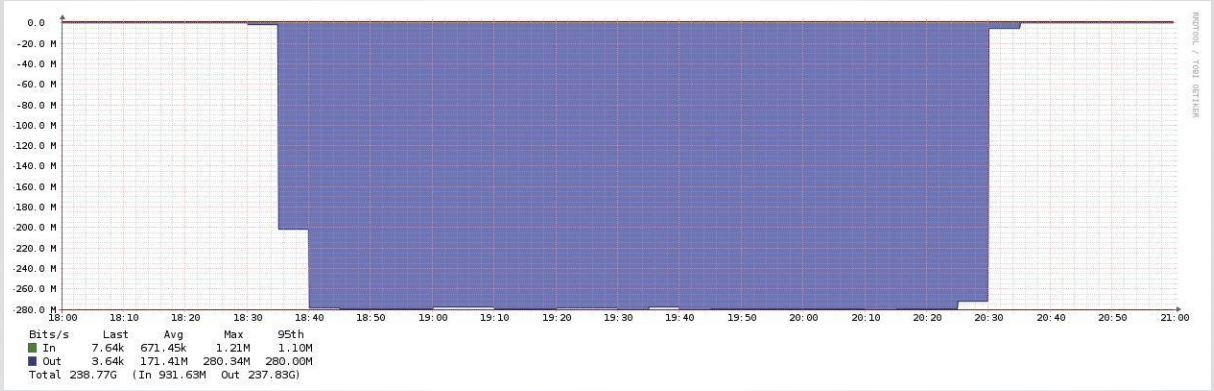
- Protocol exploits
- Misuse of the six control bits, SYN, ACK, RST, PSH, FIN and URG
- TCP requires a 3-way negotiation in order for a session to be established
  - SYN, SYN-ACK, ACK
  - Each request creates a half-open connection
- Attacks will often send packets in the wrong order to consume resources on the target while it tries to interpret what's happening

SYN Floods

- One of the most common vectors
- Attacker floods the target with SYN packets from spoofed source IPs
- Target opens a thread and assigns buffers to prepare for each connection
- Target sends a SYN-ACK back to the spoofed requestor
- No response, so target sends more SYN-ACKs until it times out
- Server is unable to timeout old sessions before new ones can be handled

SYN Flood Impact on Firewall

Bandwidth



CPU Impact

HTTP GET Flood

- Most common application layer attack
- Multiple machines continually download the content from a target
- Target server exhausts resources trying to deliver the content and handle the connections
- Slow HTTP GET attack also exists

Low and Slow Attacks

- Common Application Layer attack
- Essentially holding open connections
- Can be launched from a single machine
- Slowloris
  - Opens connections and sends a partial request
  - Eventually sends more of the request but not complete request
  - Connections stay open and max concurrent connections is exhausted

THC-SSL-DOS

- Developed by hacking group The Hackers Choice (THC)
- Low and Slow + Encrypted
- Initiates a regular SSL handshake
- Immediately requests the renegotiation of the encryption key
- Continues process until exhaustion
- How will you see this if it’s an encrypted attack?
  - Low and slow, so difficult to distinguish from real traffic!
- Single PC can take down a server

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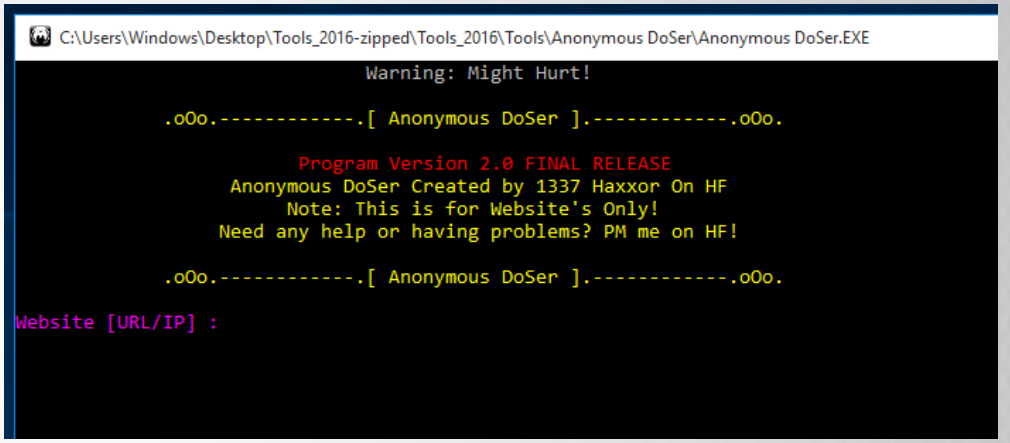
Anonymous Tools for 2016

- Anonymous DoSer
- Anonymous Ping Attack
- BlackOut
- BlackBurn
- ByteDoS
- FireFlood
- Generic DDoS
- GoodBye
- HOIC
- LOIC
- XOIC
- Pringle DDoS
- rDoS
- Unknown DoSer

Anonymous DoSer

- TCP SYN Flood
- Launched from a client



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8212	156.279154	192.168.1.159	192.168.1.115	TCP	66 6875 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256…
8213	156.330850	192.168.1.159	192.168.1.115	TCP	66 6876 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256…
8214	156.381746	192.168.1.159	192.168.1.115	TCP	66 6877 → 80 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=8192 Len=0 MSS=1460 WS=256…
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Anonymous Ping Attack

- ICMP Ping tool


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9328 349.873082    192.168.1.159        192.168.1.115        ICMP      142 Echo (ping) request  id=0x0001, seq=5/1280, ttl=128 …
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Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.1.159, Dst: 192.168.1.115
Internet Control Message Protocol
   Type: 8 (Echo (ping) request)
   Code: 0
   Checksum: 0xeae8 [correct]
   Identifier (BE): 1 (0x0001)
   Identifier (LE): 256 (0x0100)
   Sequence number (BE): 5 (0x0005)
   Sequence number (LE): 1280 (0x0500)
> [No response seen]
> Data (100 bytes)
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Black Out

- TCP
- UDP
  - (QUIC)
- ICMP
- HTTP
  - “GET /”

- Customizable text in payload

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30 0…  10.0.0.3          10.0.0.5          QUIC      116 Payload (Encrypted), CID: 97, Seq: 116

▷ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.3, Dst: 10.0.0.5
◢ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 61333 (61333), Dst Port: 80 (80)
    Source Port: 61333
    Destination Port: 80
    Length: 82
  ▷ Checksum: 0xf089 [validation disabled]
    [Stream index: 21]
◢ QUIC (Quick UDP Internet Connections)
  ▷ Public Flags: 0x44
    CID: 97
    Sequence: 116
    Payload: 61202d20546865204d6f726520646174612020c2054686520...

0000  00 0c 29 12 a4 e1 00 0c  29 06 39 fe 08 00 45 00   ..)..... ).9...E.
0010  00 66 04 95 00 00 80 11  21 eb 0a 00 00 03 0a 00   .f...... !.......
0020  00 05 ef 95 00 50 00 52  f0 89 44 61 74 61 20 2d   .....P.R ..Data -
0030  20 54 68 65 20 4d 6f 72  65 20 64 61 74 61 20 2c    The Mor e data ,
0040  20 54 68 65 20 4d 6f 72  65 20 0d 0a 45 66 66 65    The Mor e ..Effe
0050  63 74 69 76 65 21 20 20  20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20   ctive!
0060  20 20 20 20 20 7c 20 7e  20 53 61 54 61 58 20 7e        | ~  SaTaX ~
0070  20 7c 0d 0a                                        |..
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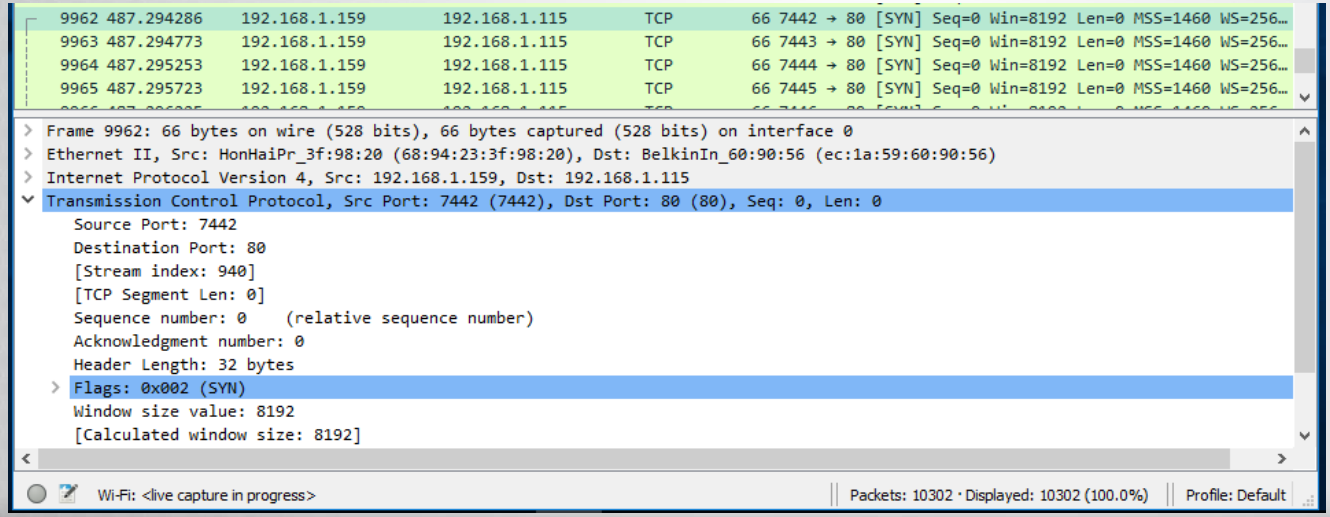
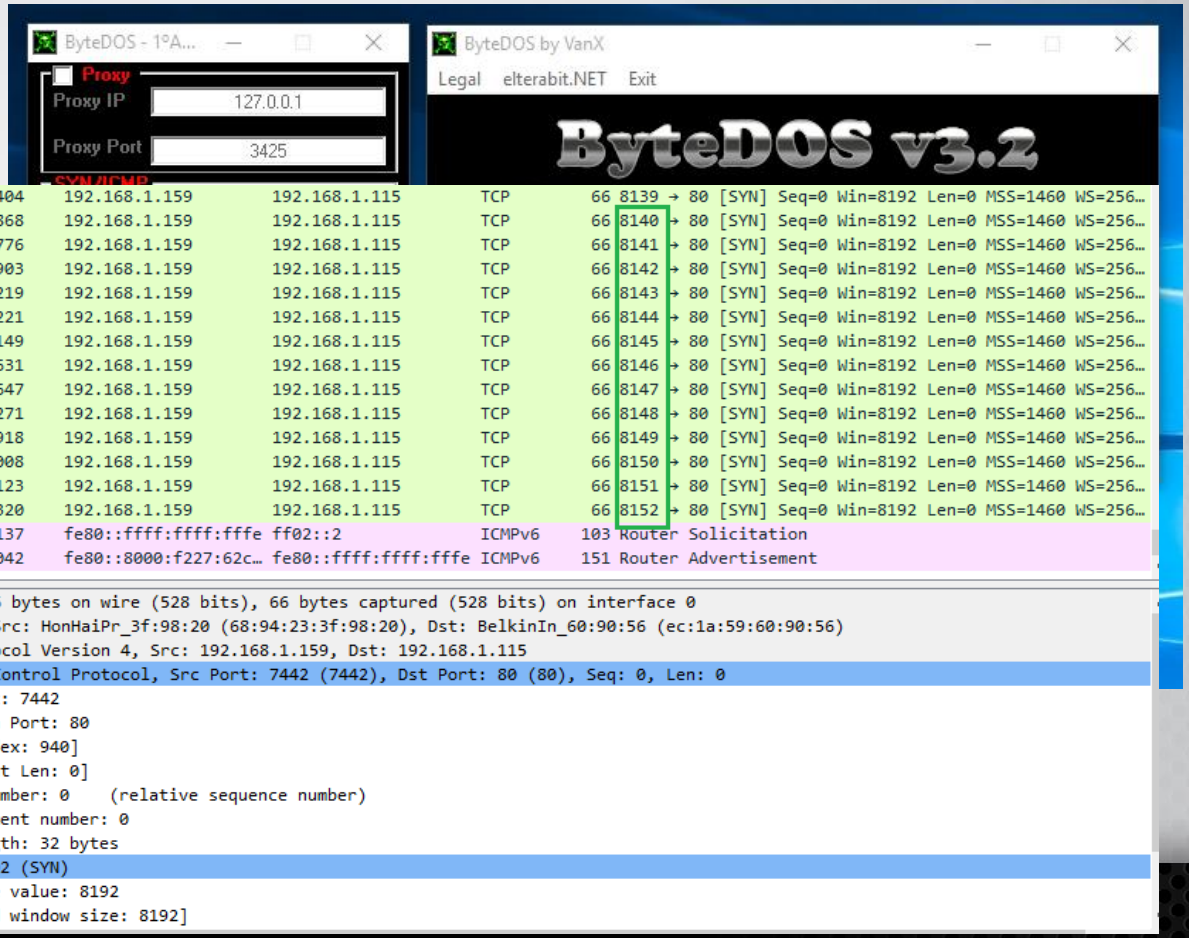
BBHH (Black Burn)

- SYN Flood
- Few options



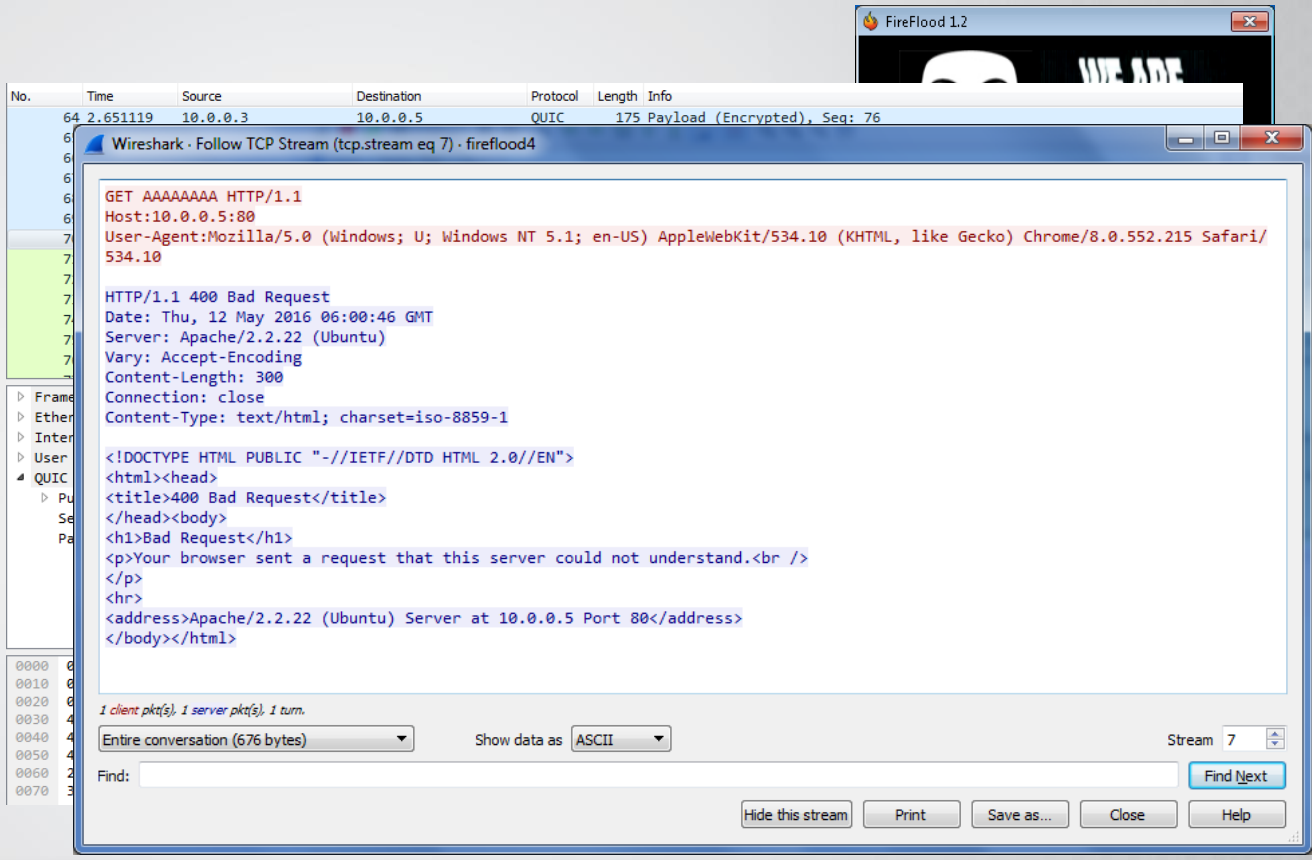
ByteDoS

- SYN Flood
- ICMP Flood
- DNS Resolution



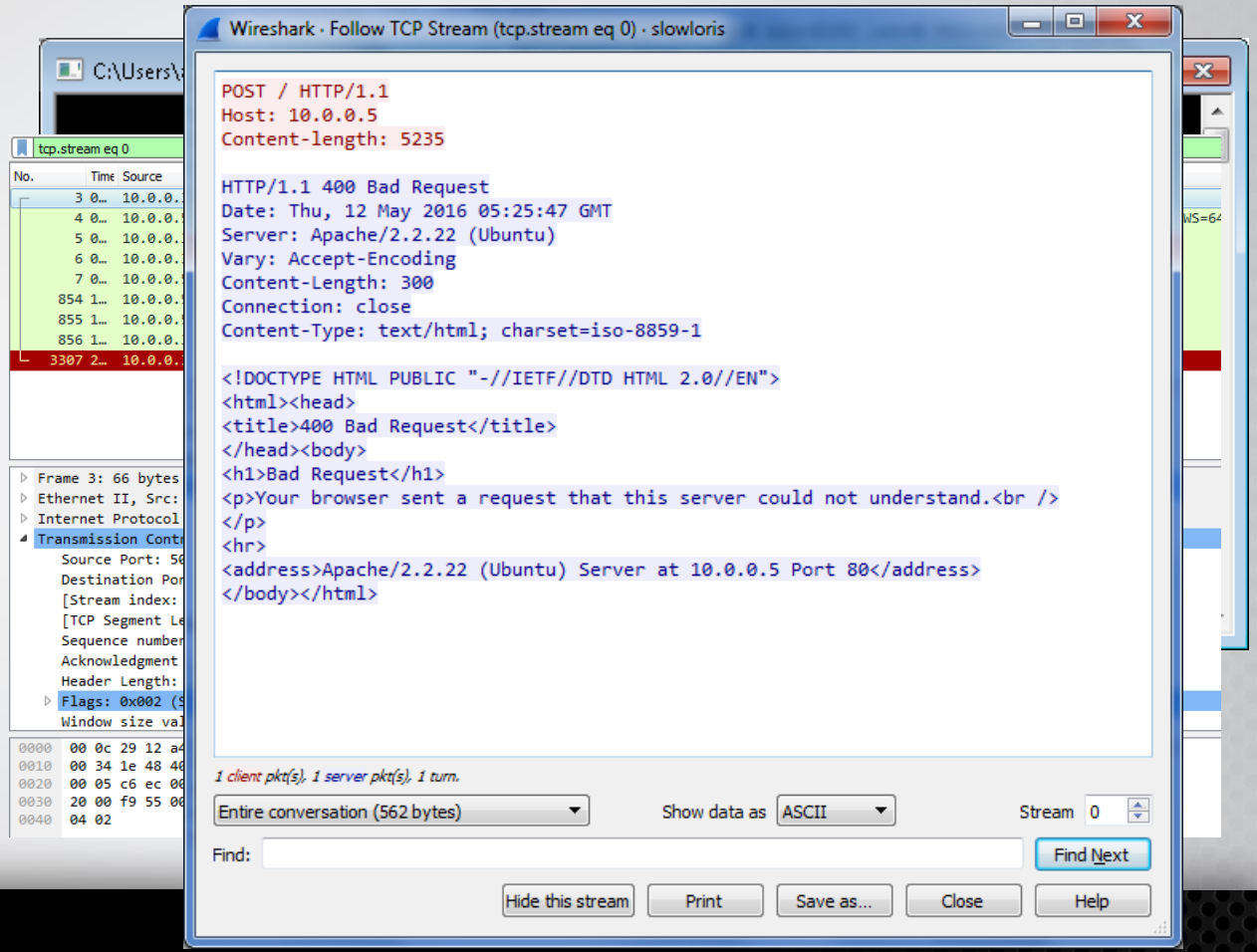
FireFlood

- Targets web servers
- Starts with QUIC
- Switches to HTTP GET
- Embeds some browser info



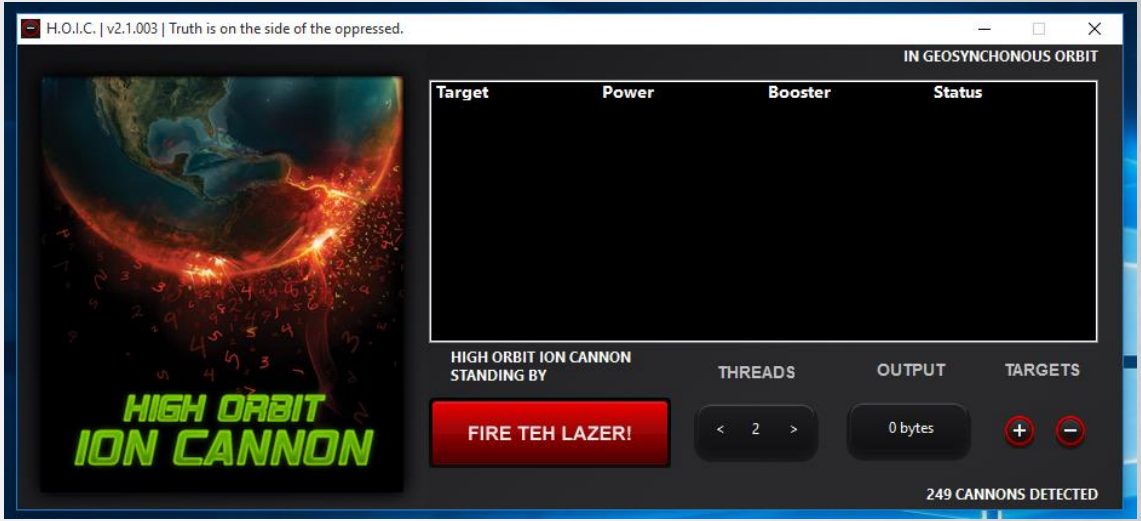
Generic DDoS

- Slowloris attack
- You set the duration
- Meaningless POST
- Server replies
- Connections consumed



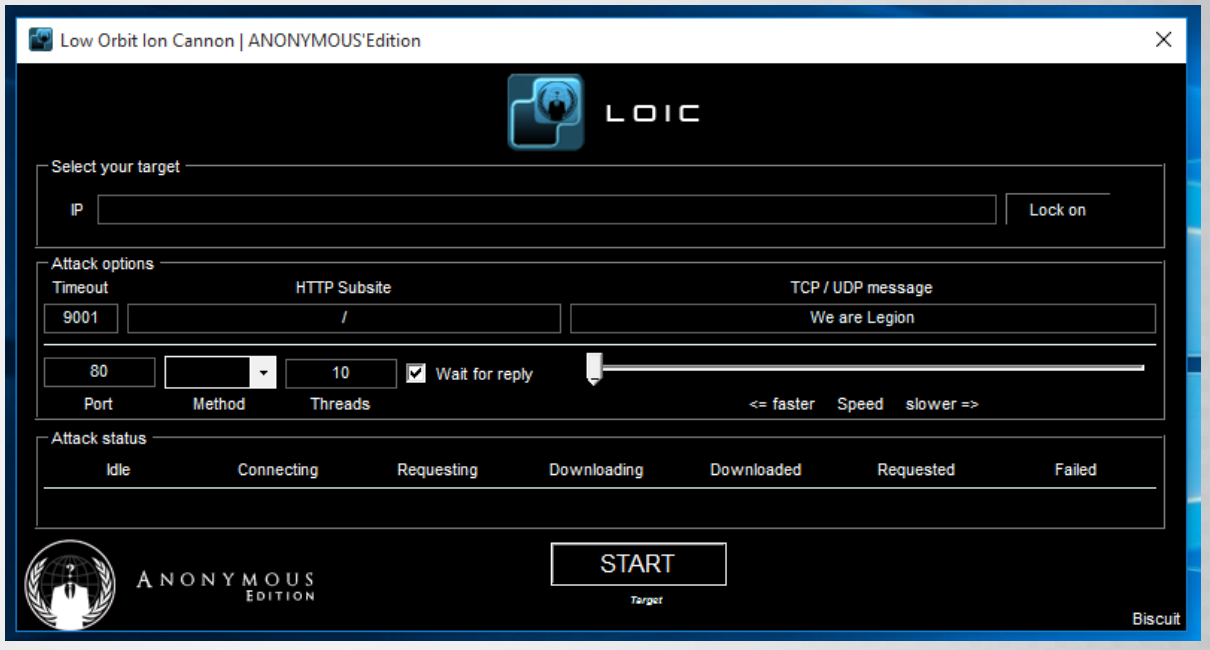
HOIC

- Sends HTTP Post and GET requests
- Allows booster scripts to enhance attacks, feeding source data into attack payload
- Very common, highly available



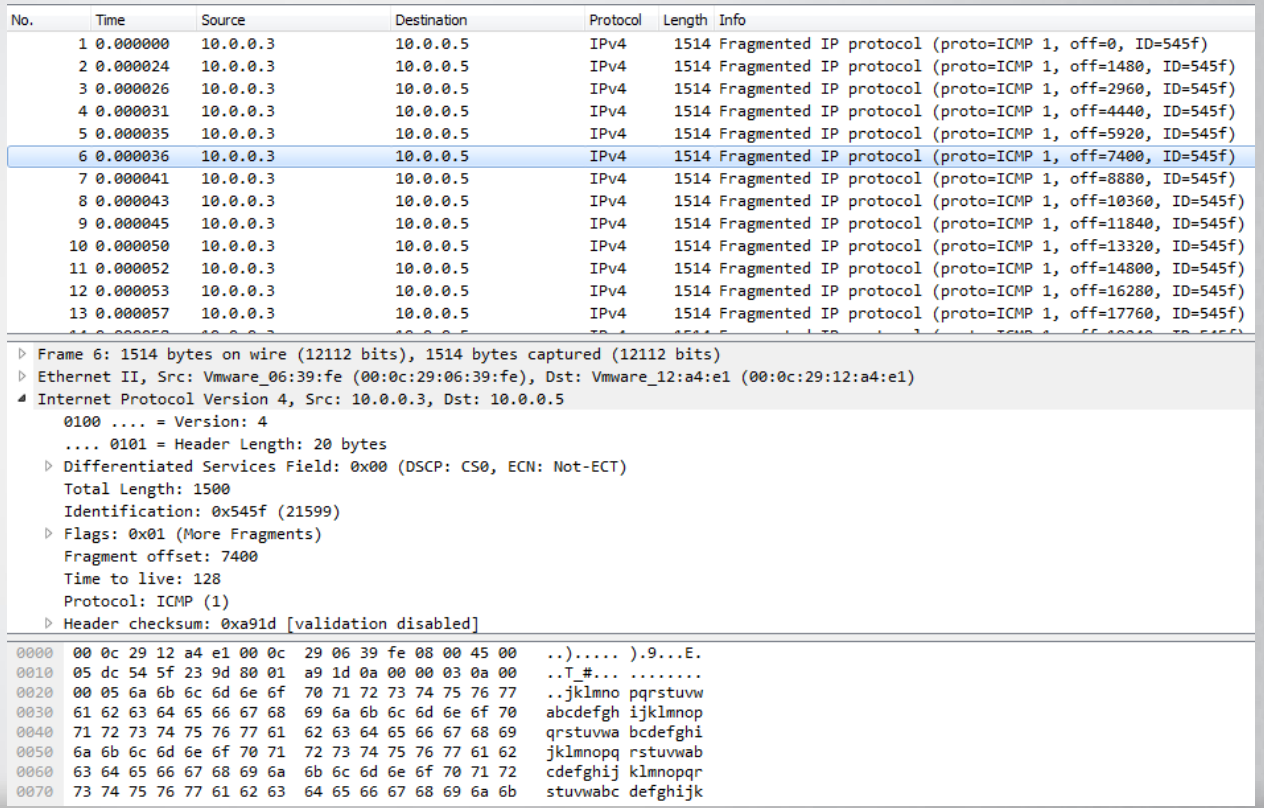
LOIC

- Early flooding tool used by Anonymous
- TCP, UDP, HTTP Floods
- Hivemind feature allowing centralized control via IRC
- Does not obscure source IP



Pringle DDoS

- Ping tool
- Plays music!
- Otherwise not overly interesting



No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
1	0.000000	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=0, ID=545f)
2	0.000024	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=1480, ID=545f)
3	0.000026	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=2960, ID=545f)
4	0.000031	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=4440, ID=545f)
5	0.000035	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=5920, ID=545f)
6	0.000036	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=7400, ID=545f)
7	0.000041	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=8880, ID=545f)
8	0.000043	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=10360, ID=545f)
9	0.000045	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=11840, ID=545f)
10	0.000050	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=13320, ID=545f)
11	0.000052	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=14800, ID=545f)
12	0.000053	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=16280, ID=545f)
13	0.000057	10.0.0.3	10.0.0.5	IPv4	1514	Fragmented IP protocol (proto=ICMP 1, off=17760, ID=545f)

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▷ Frame 6: 1514 bytes on wire (12112 bits), 1514 bytes captured (12112 bits)
▷ Ethernet II, Src: Vmware_06:39:fe (00:0c:29:06:39:fe), Dst: Vmware_12:a4:e1 (00:0c:29:12:a4:e1)
◢ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 10.0.0.3, Dst: 10.0.0.5
    0100 .... = Version: 4
    .... 0101 = Header Length: 20 bytes
  ▷ Differentiated Services Field: 0x00 (DSCP: CS0, ECN: Not-ECT)
    Total Length: 1500
    Identification: 0x545f (21599)
  ▷ Flags: 0x01 (More Fragments)
    Fragment offset: 7400
    Time to live: 128
    Protocol: ICMP (1)
  ▷ Header checksum: 0xa91d [validation disabled]
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0000  00 0c 29 12 a4 e1 00 0c  29 06 39 fe 08 00 45 00   ..)..... ).9...E.
0010  05 dc 54 5f 23 9d 80 01  a9 1d 0a 00 00 03 0a 00   ..T_#... ........
0020  00 05 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f  70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77   ..jklmno pqrstuvw
0030  61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68  69 6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70   abcdefgh ijklmnop
0040  71 72 73 74 75 76 77 61  62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69   qrstuvwa bcdefghi
0050  6a 6b 6c 6d 6e 6f 70 71  72 73 74 75 76 77 61 62   jklmnopq rstuvwab
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Attack OS Distros

- Parrot OS
  - Popular OS for hacker, like Kali Linux
  - DNS
  - NTP
  - SNMP
  - SSDP
- Kali
- Cyborg
- BlackArch

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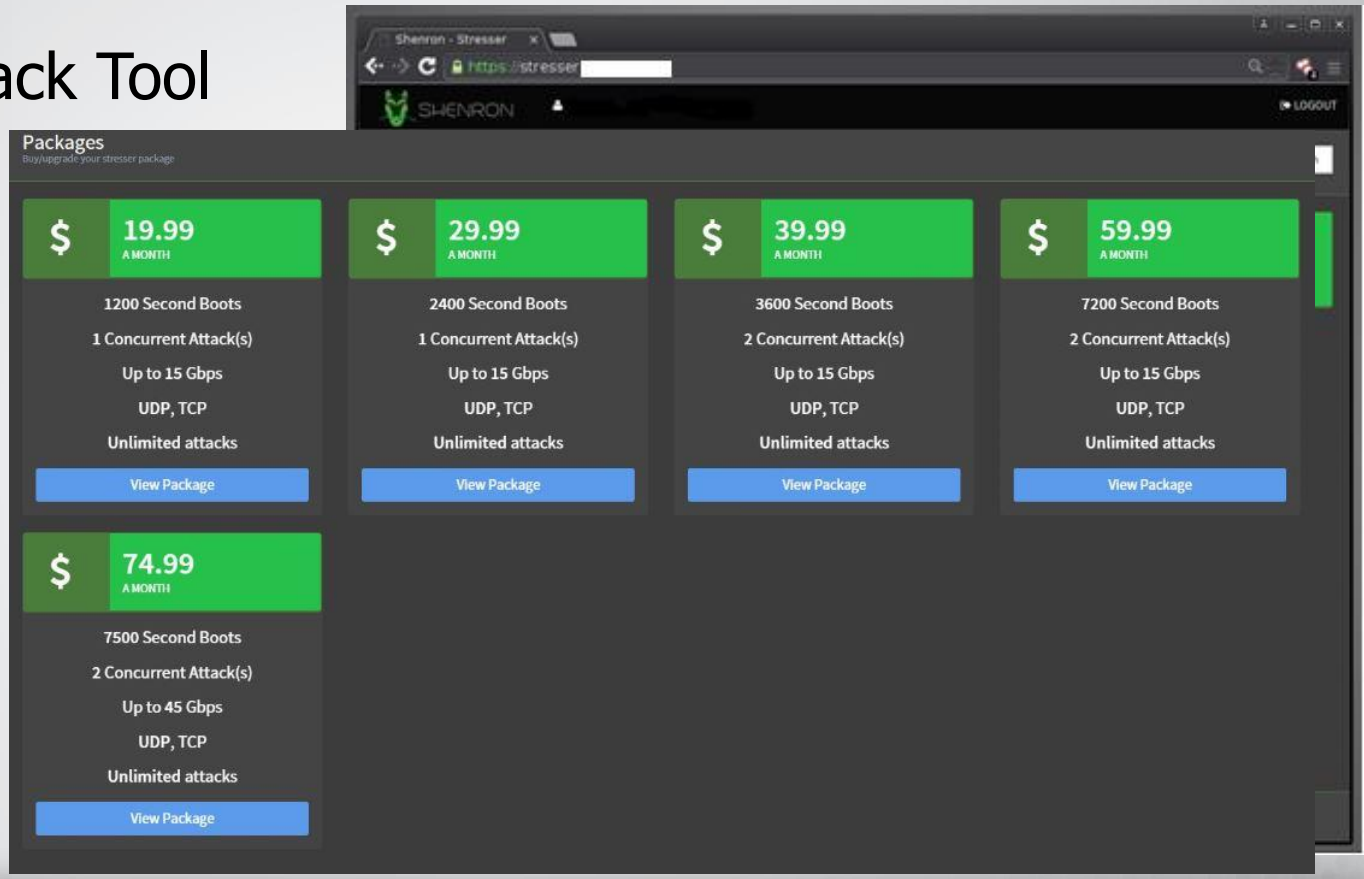
Shenron Attack Tool

- Lizard Squad‘s public stresser services
- $19.99 => 15GB attack for 1200 second
  - DNS
  - SNMP
  - SYN

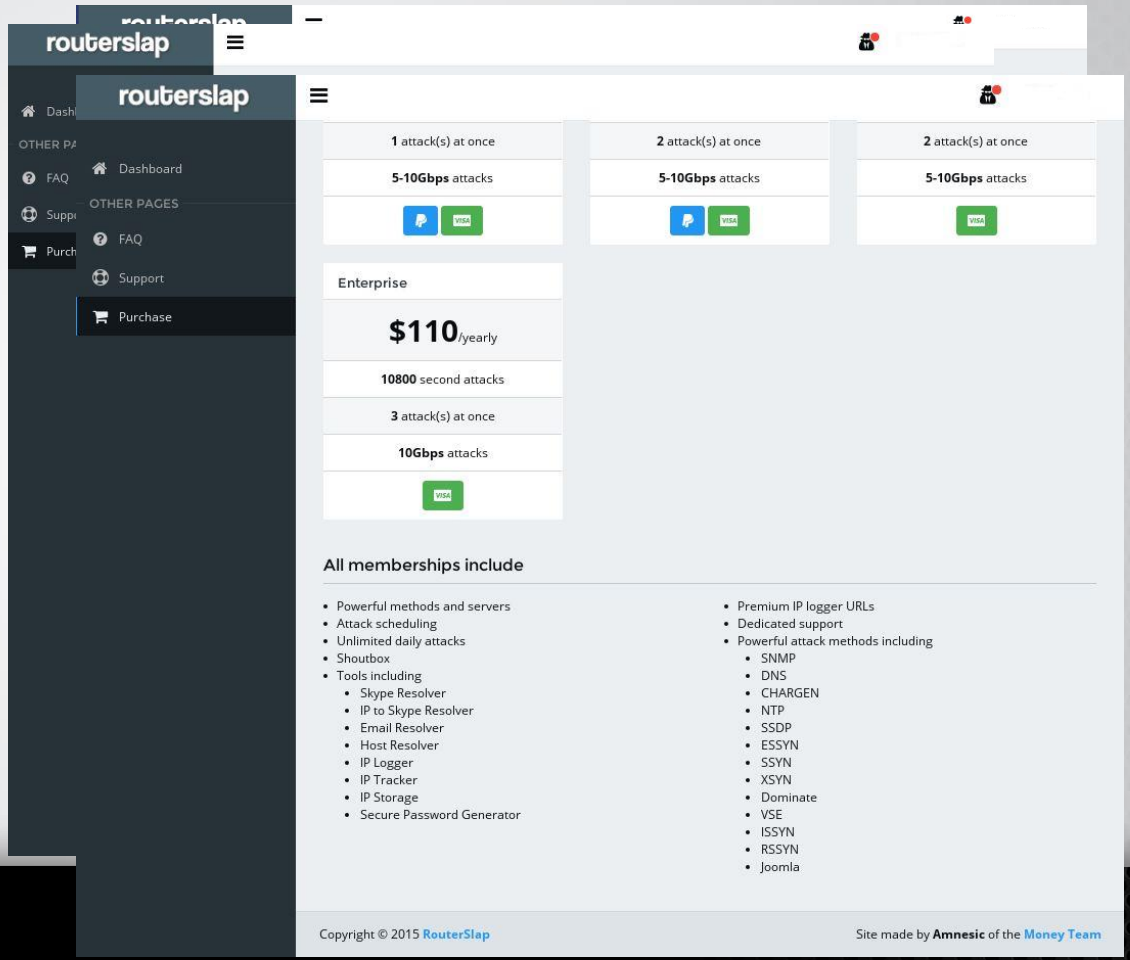


VDoS Attack Tool

- One of the most popular tools
- $19.99 will gain access to 216 Gbps Attack Network
- DNS, NTP, ESSYN, xSYN, TS3, TCP-ACK, Dominate, VSE, SNMP, PPS, Portmap and TCP-Amp

RouterSlap

- RouterSlap!
- For $6 you can get a 10-minute attack that is 5-10G
- SNMP, DNS, CHARGEN, NTP, SSDP, ESSYN, SSYN, ZXYN, Dominate, VSE, ISSYN, RSSYN, Joomla
- Attack scheduling
- Unlimited daily attacks



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Lessons Learned - Successful Attack Mitigation

Proactive Preparation and Planning is Key

Need for a Attack Mitigation solution with the **widest coverage** to **protect from multi-vector attacks,** including protection from network and application based DDoS attacks.

Consider a **hybrid solution** that integrates on-premise detection and mitigation with cloud-based protection - to block volumetric attacks.

Monitor security alerts and examine triggers carefully. Tune existing polices and protections to prevent false positives and accurate detection.

A **cyber-security emergency response plan** that includes an emergency response team and process in place. Identify areas where helped is needed from a third party.

A **single point of contact is crucial** when under attack - it will help to divert internet traffic and deploy mitigation solutions.

Thank You

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