

DDoS and What the Average Person Can Do About It



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DDoS

What is it?
Who is doing it?
Why are they doing it?
How is it done?
Where do you fit in?

DDoS

What is it

Distributed

- Describes the attacker or source computers.

Denial of Service

- Denies the resource to the users or customers
- Affects the Availability of the resource
(Website, internet access or other services)

State of the DDoS

NETSCOUT

Worldwide Infrastructure Security Report

<https://www.netscout.com/report/>

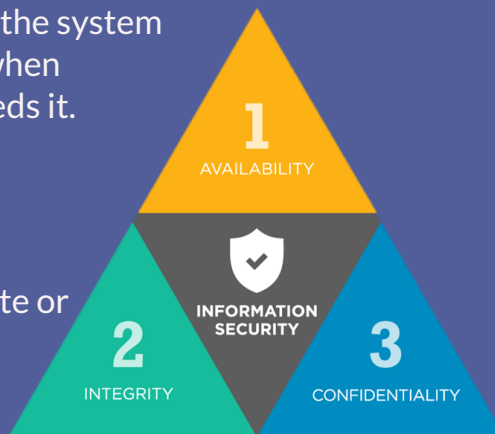
1.7 TBPS attacks (Increase of 273%)
Cloud and CDN services

Availability?

CIA Triad

Making sure the system is available when someone needs it.

Insuring accurate or unchanged info



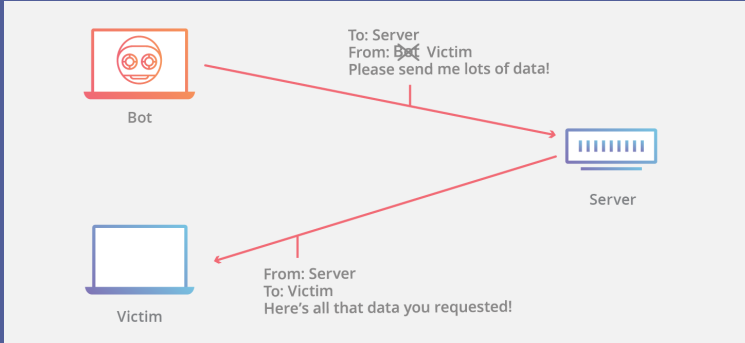
Keeping things secret

Who is doing it?

- Attackers
- Script kiddies
- Hired thugs

Who are they really?

- Botnets are distributed hijacked IOT connected devices
- Spoofed IP addresses



Why?

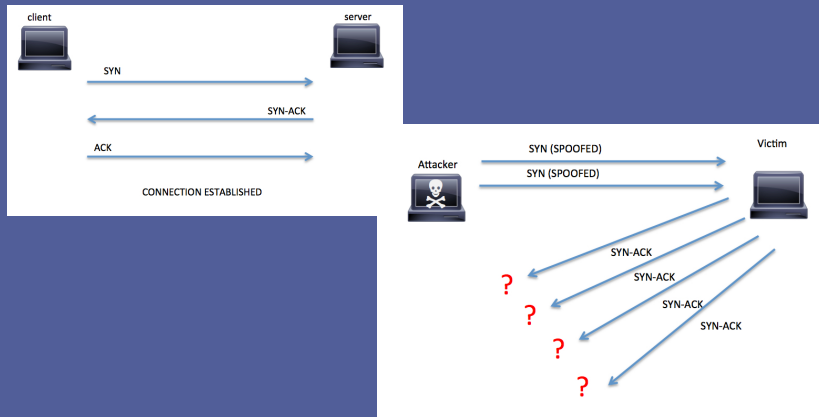
- Extortion
- Vandalism
- Distraction



HOW is it done?

Low Bandwidth Attacks

TCP Attack Flood: TCP SYN, TCP FIN, TCP RST, TCP Flags



(Wireshark Example of good TCP connections)
PCAPs/http.cap

(Wireshark pcap example of syn attack)
PCAPs/SynFloodSample.pcap

Defensive Countermeasures

When an attack hits

- More bandwidth
- Work with ISP to block the traffic
(very difficult when the sources are distributed)
- Stateless packet filtering
Hardware appliance (Not Firewall or IPS)
Proxy / Cloud / CDN redirect service



Where do you fit in

Proactive Countermeasures

Take steps to not become part of a bot net

- Patch your devices
- Enable firewalls
- Change Default passwords
- Be vigilant against phishing attacks
- Update your anti-virus and anti-maleware

Notes:

Sources

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