



# 2011 Infrastructure Security Report

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# **2011 Infrastructure Security Survey**



- Survey conducted in October through November 2011
- 114 total respondents across different market segments
- 54% service providers, 15% T1 providers
- "Other" includes VOIP, wholesale internet, DDoS mitigation, database repository payment and credit sites



# **Survey Demographics**



### Geographic distribution

- 41% EMEA
- 28% US and Canada
- 11% Latin America
- 20% APAC
- 77% of respondents network, security, operations engineers, analysts or architects
- 23% of respondents management or executives



# **Key Findings in the Survey**

- Any Internet Operator Can Be a Target for DDoS
  - Ideologically-motivated 'Hacktivism' and On-line vandalism DDoS attacks are the most commonly identified attack motivations
- Size and Scope of Attacks Continue to Grow at an Alarming Pace
  - High-bandwidth DDoS attacks are the 'new normal' as over 40% of respondents report attacks greater than 1 Gbps and 13% report attacks greater than 10Gbps
  - Increased sophistication and complexity of layer-7 DDoS attacks, multivector DDoS attacks becoming more common
- First-Ever Reports of IPv6 DDoS Attacks 'in the Wild' on Production Networks



# **Key Findings**

- Attackers Are Going Where the Money Is
  - Rarity of IPv6-enabled attacks indicative of low IPv6 market penetration and lack of critical mass
- Continued Uncertainty Around Visibility & Security of Mobile/Fixed Wireless Networks
- Mobile Handsets and Devices Directly Impacted by DDoS Attacks
- Trust Issues Abound Across International Boundaries



### **Threats and Concerns**



# **DDoS** Threats are Top of Mind



#### Threat concerns over next 12 months

- 4 of the top 6 threats seen over the last 12 months are DDoS related
- The top 4 perceived threats for the next 12 months are DDoS related
- DDoS threat awareness is high



58%

56%

56%

48%

46%

44%

35%

25%

25%

19%

## **Trust Issues across International Boundaries**



- National origins of equipment and geographical traffic sources are still being scrutinized closely
- 75% of respondents consider traffic from some geographical origins a bigger threat and 33% have concerns over vendor origins



DDoS Attacks over the last 12 Months



# **DDoS Attack Frequency over last 12 Months**



- 91% of respondents see at least 1 DDoS attack per month up from 76% in 2010
- 44% of respondents see 10 or more attacks per month up from 35% in 2010



# **Top DDoS Motivations**



- Top two attack motivation categories are fueled by personal beliefs and inclinations of attackers
- Exponential increase in risk of being attacked

## Large Attacks are Now Commonplace



- Aggregate attack sizes have leveled off but remain at levels capable of overwhelming most Internet operators
- 13% of respondents report attacks above 10 Gbps
- 40% of respondents report attacks above 1 Gbps
- Largest pps attack reported is 35 Mpps keeping pace with 2010

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# **Application Layer and Multi-vector DDoS**





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- A higher percentage of attacks reported on HTTP and IRC relative to 2010
  HTTP (87% vs 84%) and on IRC (11% vs 0%) relative to 2010
- Lower percent of attacks on DNS, SMTP, HTTPS and VOIP
  DNS (67% vs 76%), SMTP (25% vs 40%), HTTPS (24% vs 35%) and VOIP (19% vs 38%)
- SSL based attacks reported included TCP and UDP floods against port 443, port scanning attempts and Slowloris

# Fragility of Stateful Devices in the IDC

- Over 40% of respondents reported an inline firewall and/or IPS failing due to a DDoS attack.
- This is slightly lower number than 2010
  - May be due to increased deployment of mitigation devices protecting firewalls





- 96% of respondents use load balancers within their IDCs
- 43% of respondents reported a stateful Load Balancer (or ADC) going down due to a DDoS attack

# **Primary Targets of DDoS Attacks in IDC**



- Miscreant attacks against IDCs are generally focused on a specific customer
- In previous years, the attacks were equally against IDC services and IDC customers. In 2011, the attacks were targeted primarily against specific customers.
- IDC infrastructure is usually not the target of attacks.



## **Impact of DDoS Attacks on IDCs**



- Operational expenses continues to be the #1 business impact from DDoS in IDCs – it increased from 50% to 60% in 2011
- Direct revenue loss and customer churn also increased in 2011

- 20% of respondents see over 50 attacks per month
- In 2010, only 15% of respondents experienced over 50 attacks per month



### **Mobile Security**



#### **Mobile Services are Pushing Technology Adoption**





- 27% of survey respondents offered mobile services
  - Ranging from 1M to over 100M subs
  - Range of subs shifted up, reflecting growth in Mobile
- LTE availability accelerating
  - LTE offered by 28.6%, up from 9% last year
  - <u>Another</u> 52% plan to have LTE deployed by 2014
- IPv6 goes ahead
  - 50% plan to introduce IPv6 within next 12 months.
  - 9.6% already have it.



# **Mobile Providers Investing in Visibility**



- And in traffic / threat visibility at the Gi:
  - Only 6% now have limited visibility.
  - Down from 50% last year.
  - 28% have better visibility that on their fixed line networks.

- Big swing in traffic / threat visibility reported for the Mobile Packet Core:
  - Only 10% now have limited visibility.
  - Down from 59% last year.
  - 35% have better visibility than on their fixed line networks.



## **Mobile Provider Subscriber Security Posture**



- Mobile respondents feel they have greater visibility into their network
  - Swing from 'none' to 0-5% in percentage of compromised hosts
  - Operators know there is a growing problem
- Firewalls lead the way for security with 74% of respondents using them
- Increase in use of other best practices such as iACLs, OOB management and IDMS
  - 11.8% growth in the use of IDMS from 2010



# **Mobile Infrastructure DDoS Attacks**

#### 50% are seeing attacks regularly

- 16.6% have seen outages due to DDoS
- Big split in number of reported attacks per month
- Attacks against mobile packet core and wireless infrastructure reported

#### Broad range of attack targets

- Subscribers & Services still top
- NAT gateway lower than anecdotal information.
- Outbound attacks down from 50% in 2010 to 36% in 2011
  - 29% say they don't know
  - This shows that visibility down to the host level is not as good as it could be





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# **Mobile Infrastructure DDoS Attacks**



- 50% see application layer attacks on their networks
  - Broad spread of attack types similar to what we see elsewhere
  - DNS is the most common target target with the most widespread damage potential
  - Surprise that HTTP was not top as last year, especially given general trends

IPv6



# **IPv6 Rollout and Growth**



- Two thirds of respondents have deployed IPv6 in their networks
  - Majority of those who deployed IPv6 are using IPv6 for internal addressing of their network infrastructure
- Two thirds of those who have not deployed IPv6 plan to do so in near term
- Traffic and volume remain low with varied forecasts for growth
- One respondent provided following answer indicating overall mood:

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- "depends of what youtube and company are doing ;)"

## **IPv6 DDoS Attacks**



- First report of an IPv6 DDoS attack in the history of the WISR
- Low frequency of attacks reflect low adoption of IPv6 for critical services







# **Thank You**